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#### ORTHONORMAL BASES FOR P-ADIC CONTINUOUS AND

#### CONTINUOUSLY DIFFERENTIABLE FUNCTIONS

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Abstract. In this paper we adapt the well-known Mahler and van der Put base of the Banach space of continuous functions to the case of the n-times continuously differentiable functions in one and several variables.

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#### 1. Introduction

Let K be an algebraic extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , the field of p-adic numbers. As usual, we write  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  for the ring of p-adic integers and  $C(\mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$  for the Banach space of continuous functions from  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  to K. We have the following well-known bases for  $C(\mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$ : on one hand, we have the Mahler base  $\binom{x}{n}$   $(n \in \mathbb{N})$ , consisting of polynomials of degree n and on the other hand we have the van der Put base  $\{e_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  consisting of locally constant functions  $e_n$  defined as follows:  $e_0(x) = 1$  and for n > 0,  $e_n$  is the characteristic function of the ball  $\{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p \mid |\alpha - n| < 1/n\}$ . For every  $f \in C(\mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$  we have the following uniformly convergent series

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n {x \choose n}$$
 where  $a_n = \sum_{j=0}^{n} (-1)^{n-j} {n \choose j} f(j)$ 

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n e_n(x)$$
 where  $b_0 = f(0)$  and  $b_n = f(n) - f(n_-)$ .

Here  $n_-$  is defined as follows. For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , we have a Hensel expansion  $n = n_0 + n_1 p + ... + n_s p^s$  with  $n_s \neq 0$ . Then  $n_- = n_0 + n_1 p + ... + n_{s-1} p^{s-1}$ . We further put  $\gamma_0 = 1, \gamma_n = n - n_- = n_s p^s, \delta_0 = 1, \delta_n = p^s$  and  $n_{\sim} = n - \delta_n$ . Remark that  $|\delta_n| = |\gamma_n|$ .

In the sequel, we will also use the following notation, for  $m, x \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ ,  $x = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} a_j p^j : m \triangleleft x$ 

if  $m = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{i} a_j p^j$  for some  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We sometimes refer to the relation  $\triangleleft$  between m and x

as "m is an initial part of x" or "x starts with m". Let  $f: \mathbb{Z}_p \to K$ . The (first) difference quotient  $\phi_1 f: \nabla^2 \mathbb{Z}_p \to K$  is defined by  $\phi_1 f(x,y) = \frac{f(y) - f(x)}{y - x}$ , where  $\nabla^2 \mathbb{Z}_p = \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{(x,x) \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}_p\}$ . f is called continuously differentiable (or strictly differentiable, or uniformly differentiable) at  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  if  $\lim_{(x,y)\to(a,a)} \phi_1 f(x,y)$  exists. We will also say that f is  $C^1$  at a. In a similar way, we may define  $C^n$ -functions as follows: for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define  $\nabla^{n+1} \mathbb{Z}_p = \{(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{n+1} \mid x_i \neq x_i\}$ 

 $C^n$ -functions as follows: for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define  $\nabla^{n+1} \mathbb{Z}_p = \{(x_1, ..., x_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{n+1} \mid x_i \neq x_j \text{ if } i \neq j\}$  and the n-th difference quotient  $\phi_n f : \nabla^{n+1} \mathbb{Z}_p \to K$  by  $\phi_0 f = f$  and

$$\phi_n f(x_1, x_2, ..., x_{n+1}) = \frac{\phi_{n-1} f(x_2, x_3, ..., x_{n+1}) - \phi_{n-1} f(x_1, x_3, ..., x_{n+1})}{x_2 - x_1}$$

. A function f is called a  $C^n$ -function if  $\phi_n f$  can be extended to a continuous function  $\overline{\phi_n f}$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_p^{n+1}$ . Recall from [4],[5] that  $\overline{\phi_n f}(x,x,...,x) = \frac{f^{(n)}(x)}{n!}$ , for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ . The set of all  $C^n$ -functions from  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  to K will be denoted by  $C^n(\mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$ . For any  $C^n$ -function f, we define  $||f||_n = \max\{||\phi_j f||_s \mid 0 \le j \le n\}$  where  $||\cdot||_s$  is the sup norm. (For  $f: X \to K, ||f||_s = \max_{x \in X} |f(x)|$ )  $||\cdot||_n$  is a norm on  $C^n$ , making  $C^n$  into a Banach space.

## 2. Generalization of the Mahler base for $C(\mathbf{Z}_p \to \mathbf{Q}_p)$

One can construct other orthonormal bases of  $C(\mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$  by generalizing the procedure used to define the Mahler base as did Y. Amice. In general, we have the following characterization of the polynomial sequences  $e_n \in K[x], n \geq 0$  such that  $deg(e_n) = n$  and which are orthonormal bases of the space  $C(B \to K)$ , where  $B = \{x \in K \mid |x| \leq 1\}$ .

**Theorem**: Let  $(e_n)_{n\geq 0}$  be a sequence of polynomials in K[x] of degree n. They form an orthonormal base of  $C(B\to K)$  if and only if  $||e_n||_s = 1$  and  $||e_n||_G = |\text{coeff } x^n| = |\pi|^{-(n-s(n))/(q-1)}$  where  $\pi$  is a uniformizing parameter of K, q the cardinality of the residue class field of K and s(n) the sum of the digits of n in base q. By the way, for a polynomial

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i x^i, ||f||_G = \max_{i \le n} |a_i|.$$

Given an orthonormal base, we can construct other orthonormal bases by taking a certain linear combination of the given base as will be stated in the following theorem.

**Theorem**: Let  $e_n(n \in \mathbb{N})$  be an orthonormal base of  $C(\mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$  and put  $p_n = \mathbb{N}$ 

 $\sum_{i=0}^{n} a_{n,j} e_{j} \text{ where } a_{n,j} \in K \text{ and } a_{n,n} \neq 0. \text{ The } p_{n}(n \in \mathbb{N}) \text{ form an orthonormal base for }$ 

 $C(\mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$  if and only if  $|a_{n,j}| \le 1$  for all  $j \le n$  and  $|a_{n,n}| = 1$ .

We can generalize the Mahler base also by changing the degree of the polynomials as follows.

Theorem: The polynomials  $q_n(x) = \binom{px}{pn} (n \in \mathbb{N})$  form an orthonormal base for  $C(\mathbb{Z}_p \to \mathbb{Q}_p)$  and every continuous function  $f: \mathbb{Z}_p \to \mathbb{Q}_p$  can be written as a uniformly convergent series  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{pn} \binom{px}{pn}$ 

with 
$$a_{pn} = \sum_{k=0}^{n} (-1)^{n-k} \begin{pmatrix} pn \\ pk \end{pmatrix} \alpha_{n-k}^{(p)} f(k)$$

and 
$$\alpha_0^{(p)} = 1$$
,  $\alpha_m^{(p)} = \sum_{\substack{l_1 \dots l_r \\ 1 \le l_i \le m \\ \Sigma l_i = m}} (-1)^{r+m} \binom{pm}{pl_1 \dots pl_r}$ 

If we mix the Mahler and van der Put base together, we obtain a new orthonormal base.

**Theorem:** The sequence  $q_n(x) = \binom{x}{n} . e_n(x) (n \in \mathbb{N})$  forms an orthonormal base for  $C(\mathbb{Z}_p \to \mathbb{Q}_p)$ . Moreover, every continuous function  $f: \mathbb{Z}_p \to \mathbb{Q}_p$  can be written as a uniformly convergent series  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i \binom{x}{i} e_i(x)$ 

with 
$$a_i = \sum_{j \neq i} \alpha_{i,j} f(j)$$
  
and  $\alpha_{i,i} = 1$ ,  $\alpha_{i,j} = \sum_{j=k_0 \neq k_1 \neq \dots \neq k_n = i} (-1)^n \binom{i}{k_{n-1}} \binom{k_{n-1}}{k_{n-2}} \cdots \binom{k_1}{j}$ 

#### 3. Differentiable functions

For  $C^n$ -functions the polynomials  $\binom{x}{i}$   $(i \in \mathbb{N})$  still remain a base, we only have to add the factor  $\gamma_i \gamma_{[i/2]} ... \gamma_{[i/n]}$  where  $\gamma_i = i - i_-$  and  $[\alpha]$  denotes the integer part of  $\alpha$ , to obtain the orthonormal base  $\gamma_i \gamma_{[i/2]} ... \gamma_{[i/n]} \binom{x}{i}$ . The proof is based on the following lemma in case n = 2.

Lemma Let f be a continuous function with interpolation coefficients  $a_n$ . Then f is a  $C^2$ -function if and only if  $\left|\frac{a_{i+j+k+2}}{(k+1)(j+k+2)}\right| \to 0$  as i+j+k approach infinity.

Corollary If f is a  $C^2$ -function, then  $||\phi_2 f||_s = \sup_n \left| \frac{a_n}{\gamma_n \gamma_{[n/2]}} \right|$ 

A similar property does not hold for the van der Put base.

In case n = 1, we know that  $\{ \gamma_i e_i(x) \mid i \in \mathbb{N} \} \cup \{ (x - i).e_i(x) \mid i \in \mathbb{N} \}$  is an orthonormal base for  $C^1(\mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$ . Therefore every continuously differentiable function f can be written

under the form  $f(x) = \sum a_n e_n(x) + \sum b_n(x-n)e_n(x)$  where  $a_0 = f(0)$ ,  $a_n = f(n) - f(n_-) - (n-n_-) \cdot f'(n_-)$ ,  $b_0 = f'(0)$  and  $b_n = f'(n) - f'(n_-)$ . For details we refer to [6]. The case n = 2, can be treated as follows.

Theorem: Let 
$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n e_n(x) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n(x-n) e_n(x) \in C^1(\mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$$
.

$$f \in C^2(\mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$$
 if and only if  $\lim_{n \to a} \frac{a_n}{\gamma_n^2}$  and  $\lim_{n \to a} \frac{b_n}{\gamma_n}$  exist for all  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , and  $\lim_{n \to a} \frac{b_n}{\gamma_n} = 2\lim_{n \to a} \frac{a_n}{\gamma_n^2}$ 

**Theorem :**  $\{\gamma_n^2 e_n(x), \gamma_n(x-n)e_n(x), (x-n)^2 e_n(x) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an orthonormal base for  $C^2(\mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$  and for every  $f \in C^2(\mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$  we have

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n e_n(x) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n(x-n)e_n(x) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \frac{(x-n)^2}{2} e_n(x) \text{ with}$$

$$a_0 = f(0)$$

$$a_n = f(n) - f(n_-) - (n-n_-) \cdot f'(n_-) - \frac{(n-n_-)^2}{2} f''(n_-) \qquad \text{for } n \neq 0$$

$$b_0 = f'(0)$$

$$b_n = f'(n) - f'(n_-) - (n-n_-) \cdot f''(n_-) \qquad \text{for } n \neq 0$$

$$c_0 = f''(0)$$

$$c_n = f''(n) - f''(n_-) \qquad \text{for } n \neq 0$$

The construction of this orthonormal base, which is very technical, is based on the use of an antiderivation map  $P_n: C^{n-1}(\mathbb{Z}_p \to K) \to C^n(\mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$  defined by  $P_n f(x) =$ 

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{f^{(j)}(x_m)}{(j+1)!} (x_{m+1} - x_m)^{j+1} \text{ with } x_m = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{m} a_j p^j \text{ if } x = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{+\infty} a_j p^j \text{ and on the two following lemmas.}$$

**Lemma:** For  $(t_1, ..., t_k) \in \nabla^k X = \{(x_1, x_2, ..., x_k) \mid x_i \neq x_j \text{ if } i \neq j \}$  with  $t_1 = x, t_i = y$  and  $t_k = z$ , we have

$$\phi_2 f(x,y,z) = \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \mu_j \phi_2 f(t_{j-1} t_j, t_{j+1}) \text{ with } \mu_j = \begin{cases} \frac{(t_{j+1} - t_{j-1})(t_j - t_k)}{(z-x)(y-z)} & \text{for } j \geq i \\ \frac{(t_{j+1} - t_{j-1})(t_j - t_1)}{(z-x)(y-z)} & \text{for } j \leq i \end{cases}$$

Moreover, 
$$\sum_{i=2}^{k-1} \mu_i = 1$$

**Lemma:** Let S be a ball in K and  $f \in C(\mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$ .

Suppose that  $\phi_2 f(n, n - \delta_n, n + p^k \delta_n) \in S$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0, k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\phi_2 f(x, y, z) \in S$  for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}_p, x \neq y, x \neq z, y \neq z$ 

#### 4. Several variables

We can also construct the Mahler and van der Put base for functions of several variables. This brings us to the following results.

**Theorem**: The family  $max\{\gamma_n, \gamma_m\}$ .  $\binom{x}{n}$ .  $\binom{y}{m}$   $(n, m \in \mathbb{N})$  forms an orthonormal base for  $C^1(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$ .

The proof is based on

**Theorem:** 
$$f(x,y) = \sum_{n,m} a_{n,m} \binom{x}{n} \binom{y}{m}$$
 is a  $C^1$ -function if and only if  $\left| \frac{a_{i+j+1,k}}{j+1} \right| \to 0$ 

and 
$$\left|\frac{a_{i,j+k+1}}{k+1}\right| \to 0$$
 as  $i+j+k$  approach infinity or equivalently  $\left|\frac{a_{n,m}}{\gamma_n}\right| \to 0$  and  $\left|\frac{a_{n,m}}{\gamma_m}\right| \to 0$ 

as n + m approach infinity.

Starting with the van der Put base  $e_n(n \in \mathbb{N})$  of  $C(\mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$ , we get

**Theorem:** The family 
$$e_n(x)e_m(y), (x-n)e_n(x)e_m(y), (y-m)e_n(x)e_m(y)$$

 $(n,m\in \mathbb{N})$  forms an orthogonal base for  $C^1(\mathbb{Z}_p\times\mathbb{Z}_p\to K)$  and every  $C^1$ -function f can

be written as 
$$f(x,y) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_{i,j} e_i(x) e_j(y) + b_{i,j}(x-i) e_i(x) e_j(y) + c_{i,j}(y-j) e_i(x) e_j(y)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} a_{0,0} &= f(0,0) \\ a_{n,0} &= f(n,0) - f(n_{-},0) - \gamma_n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(n_{-},0) & \text{for } n \neq 0 \\ a_{0,m} &= f(0,m) - f(0,m_{-}) - \gamma_m \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0,m_{-}) & \text{for } m \neq 0 \\ a_{n,m} &= f(n,m) - f(n_{-},m) - f(n,m_{-}) + f(n_{-},m_{-}) - \gamma_n \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(n_{-},m) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(n_{-},m_{-})\right) \\ &- \gamma_m \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(n,m_{-}) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(n_{-},m_{-})\right) & \text{for } n \neq 0 \text{ and } m \neq 0 \\ b_{0,0} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0,0) \\ b_{n,0} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(n,0) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(n_{-},0) & \text{for } n \neq 0 \\ b_{0,m} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0,m) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0,m_{-}) & \text{for } m \neq 0 \\ b_{n,m} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(n,m) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(n_{-},m) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(n_{-},m_{-}) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(n_{-},m_{-}) & \text{for } n \neq 0 \text{ and } m \neq 0 \\ c_{0,0} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0,0) \\ c_{n,0} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0,0) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0,m_{-}) & \text{for } n \neq 0 \\ c_{0,m} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0,m) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0,m_{-}) & \text{for } m \neq 0 \\ c_{n,m} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(n,m) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(n_{-},m) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(n_{-},m_{-}) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(n_{-},m_{-}) & \text{for } n \neq 0 \text{ and } m \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Remark:** To obtain an orthonormal base, the  $e_i(x)e_j(y)$  should be multiplied by

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 $\max\{\gamma_i, \gamma_j\}$ ; the  $(x-i)e_i(x)e_j(y)$  by  $\max\left\{\frac{1}{p\gamma_i}, 1, \frac{\gamma_j}{p\gamma_i}\right\}$  in case  $i \neq 0$  and by  $\gamma_j$  in case i = 0 and analogous for  $(y-j)e_i(x)e_j(y)$ .

Generalization: The sequence  $(x-i)^k(y-j)^l e_i(x) e_j(y)$  with  $0 \le k+l \le n, i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  forms an orthogonal base for  $C^n(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$  whereby every  $C^n$ -function f

can be written as 
$$f(x,y)=\sum_{i,j=0}^{\infty}\sum_{k+l=0}^{n}a_{i,j}^{k,l}\frac{(x-i)^{k}}{k!}\frac{(y-j)^{l}}{l!}e_{i}(x)e_{j}(y)$$
 with

$$a_{i,j}^{k,l} = \frac{\partial^{k+l} f}{\partial x^k \partial y^l}(i,j) - \sum_{\alpha=0}^{n-k-l} \frac{\partial^{k+l+\alpha} f}{\partial x^{k+\alpha} \partial y^l}(i_-,j) \frac{\gamma_i^{\alpha}}{\alpha!} - \sum_{\beta=0}^{n-k-l} \frac{\partial^{k+l+\beta} f}{\partial x^k \partial y^{l+\beta}}(i,j_-) \frac{\gamma_j^{\beta}}{\beta!} + \sum_{\alpha+\beta=0}^{n-k-l} \frac{\partial^{k+l+\alpha+\beta} f}{\partial x^{k+\alpha} \partial y^{l+\beta}}(i_-,j_-) \frac{\gamma_i^{\alpha} \gamma_j^{\beta}}{\alpha!\beta!} \qquad \text{for } i \neq 0 \text{ and } j \neq 0$$

$$a_{i,0}^{k,l} = \frac{\partial^{k+l} f}{\partial x^k \partial y^l}(i,0) - \sum_{\alpha=0}^{n-k-l} \frac{\partial^{k+l+\alpha} f}{\partial x^{k+\alpha} \partial y^l}(i_-,0) \frac{\gamma_i^{\alpha}}{\alpha!} \qquad \text{for } i \neq 0$$

$$a_{0,j}^{k,l} = \frac{\partial^{k+l} f}{\partial x^k \partial y^l}(0,j) - \sum_{\beta=0}^{n-k-l} \frac{\partial^{k+l+\beta} f}{\partial x^k \partial y^{l+\beta}}(0,j_-) \frac{\gamma_j^{\beta}}{\beta!} \qquad \text{for } j \neq 0$$

and 
$$a_{0,0}^{k,l} = \frac{\partial^{k+l} f}{\partial x^k \partial y^l}(0,0)$$

The previous theorems show that  $C^n(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$  is not the complete tensor product of  $C^n(\mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$  with  $C^n(\mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$  as one may expect, considering the case  $C(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$ . Therefore we define a finer structure for functions of two variables.

Definition:

$$\phi_{0,0}f(x_0, y_0) = f(x_0, y_0)$$

$$\phi_{1,0}f(x_0, x_1, y_0) = \frac{f(x_0, y_0) - f(x_1, y_0)}{x_0 - x_1} \qquad \text{for } x_0 \neq x$$

$$\phi_{0,1}f(x_0, y_0, y_1) = \frac{f(x_0, y_0) - f(x_0, y_1)}{y_0 - y_1} \qquad \text{for } y_0 \neq y_1$$

$$\begin{split} & \stackrel{:}{\phi_{i,j}} f(x_0, x_1, ..., x_i, y_0, y_1, ..., y_j) \\ & = \frac{\phi_{i-1,j} f(x_0, ..., x_{i-2}, x_{i-1}, y_0, ..., y_j) - \phi_{i-1,j} f(x_0, ..., x_{i-2}, x_i, y_0, ..., y_j)}{x_{i-1} - x_i} \\ & = \frac{\phi_{i,j-1} f(x_0, ..., x_i, y_0, ..., y_{j-2}, y_{j-1}) - \phi_{i,j-1} f(x_0, ..., x_i, y_0, ..., y_{j-2}, y_j)}{y_{i-1} - y_i} \end{split}$$

for  $(x_0, x_1, ..., x_i, y_0, y_1, ..., y_j) \in \nabla^{i+1} \mathbb{Z}_p \times \nabla^{j+1} \mathbb{Z}_p$  is the differencequotient of order i in the first variable and order j in the second variable of the function f from  $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p$  to K. **Definition:**  $f: \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p \to K$  is m times strictly differentiable in his first variable and n times strictly differentiable in his second variable (for short: a  $C^{m,n}$ -function) if and

only if  $\phi_{m,n}f$  can be extended to a continuous function  $\overline{\phi_{m,n}f}$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_p^{m+n+2}$ . The set of all  $C^{m,n}$ -functions  $f: \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p \to K$  is denoted  $C^{m,n}(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$ . For  $f: \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p \to K$ , set  $||f||_{m,n} = \max_{\substack{0 \le i \le m \\ 0 \le i \le n}} ||\phi_{i,j}f||_s$ .

For these functions, we get the following equivalent of the Mahler base.

**Theorem:** The family  $\gamma_i \gamma_{[i/2]} \cdots \gamma_{[i/m]} \gamma_j \gamma_{[j/2]} \cdots \gamma_{[j/n]} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y \\ j \end{pmatrix}$   $(i, j \in \mathbb{N})$  forms an orthonormal base for  $C^{m,n}(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$ 

Since it can be easily seen that there is an isometry between the complete tensor product  $C^m(\mathbf{Z}_p \to K) \hat{\otimes} C^n(\mathbf{Z}_p \to K)$  and  $C^{m,n}(\mathbf{Z}_p \times \mathbf{Z}_p \to K)$ , the van der Put base for  $C^{m,n}$ -functions is given as follows.

**Theorem:** The family  $\gamma_i^{m-k}(x-i)^k \gamma_j^{n-l}(y-j)^l e_i(x) e_j(y)$  with  $0 \le k \le m, 0 \le l \le n$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  forms an orthonormal base for  $C^{n,n}(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p \to K)$  whereby every  $C^{m,n}$ .

function 
$$f$$
 can be written as  $f(x,y) = \sum_{i,j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{m} \sum_{l=0}^{n} a_{i,j}^{k,l} \frac{(x-i)^k}{k!} \frac{(y-j)^l}{l!} e_i(x) e_j(y)$  with

$$\begin{split} a_{i,j}^{k,l} &= \frac{\partial^{k+l} f}{\partial x^k \partial y^l}(i,j) - \sum_{\alpha=0}^{m-k} \frac{\partial^{k+l+\alpha} f}{\partial x^{k+\alpha} \partial y^l}(i_{-},j) \frac{\gamma_i^{\alpha}}{\alpha!} - \sum_{\beta=0}^{n-l} \frac{\partial^{k+l+\beta} f}{\partial x^k \partial y^{l+\beta}}(i,j_{-}) \frac{\gamma_j^{\beta}}{\beta!} \\ &+ \sum_{\alpha=0}^{m-k} \sum_{\beta=0}^{n-l} \frac{\partial^{k+l+\alpha+\beta} f}{\partial x^{k+\alpha} \partial y^{l+\beta}}(i_{-},j_{-}) \frac{\gamma_i^{\alpha} \gamma_j^{\beta}}{\alpha! \beta!} \qquad \text{for } i \neq 0 \text{ and } j \neq 0 \\ a_{i,0}^{k,l} &= \frac{\partial^{k+l} f}{\partial x^k \partial y^l}(i,0) - \sum_{\alpha=0}^{m-k} \frac{\partial^{k+l+\alpha} f}{\partial x^{k+\alpha} \partial y^l}(i_{-},0) \frac{\gamma_i^{\alpha}}{\alpha!} \qquad \text{for } i \neq 0 \\ a_{0,j}^{k,l} &= \frac{\partial^{k+l} f}{\partial x^k \partial y^l}(0,j) - \sum_{\beta=0}^{n-l} \frac{\partial^{k+l+\beta} f}{\partial x^k \partial y^{l+\beta}}(0,j_{-}) \frac{\gamma_j^{\beta}}{\beta!} \qquad \text{for } j \neq 0 \end{split}$$

and  $a_{0,0}^{k,l} = \frac{\partial^{k+l} f}{\partial x^k \partial u^l}(0,0)$ 

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