

We give an essentially self-contained proof of the fact that a certain p -adic power series

$$\Psi = \Psi_p(T) \in T + T^{p-1}\mathbb{Z}[[T^{p-1}]] ,$$

which trivializes the addition law of the formal group of Witt p -covectors is p -adically entire and assumes values in \mathbb{Z}_p all over \mathbb{Q}_p . We also carefully examine its valuation and Newton polygons. For any perfectoid field extension $(K, |\cdot|)$ of $(\mathbb{Q}_p, |\cdot|_p)$ contained in $(\mathbb{C}_p, |\cdot|_p)$, and any pseudo-uniformizer $\varpi = (\varpi^{(i)})_{i \geq 0}$ of K^b , we consider the element

$$\pi = \pi(\varpi) := \sum_{i \geq 0} \varpi^{(i)} p^i + \sum_{i < 0} (\varpi^{(0)})^{p^{-i}} p^i \in K .$$

We use the isomorphism between the Witt and the Cartier (hyperexponential) group over $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$, which we extend to their p -divisible closures, and the properties of Ψ_p , to show that the map $x \mapsto \exp \pi x$, a priori only defined for $v_p(x) > \frac{1}{p-1} - v_p(\pi)$, extends to a continuous additive character

$$\Psi_\varpi : \mathbb{Q}_p \rightarrow 1 + K^{\circ\circ} .$$

A similar character for the cyclotomic p -extension of \mathbb{Q}_p appears in Colmez' work. I will also give the numerical computation of the first coefficients of Ψ_p , for small p .