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## The Equation $y' = fy$ in $C_p$ when $f$ is Quasi-Invertible.

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**SUMMARY** - Let  $K$  be a complete algebraically closed extension of  $C_p$ . Let  $D$  be a clopen bounded infraconnected set in  $K$ , let  $H(D)$  be the Banach algebra of the analytic elements on  $D$ , let  $f \in H(D)$  and let  $S(f)$  be the space of the solutions of the equation  $y' = fy$  in  $H(D)$ . We construct such a set  $D$  provided with a  $T$ -filter  $\mathcal{F}$  such that there exists a quasi-invertible  $f \in H(D)$  such that  $S(f)$  has non zero elements  $g$  which approach zero along  $\mathcal{F}$ . In extending this construction we show that for every  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ , we can make a set  $D$  and an  $f \in H(D)$  such that  $S(f)$  has dimension  $t$ . That answers questions suggested in previous articles.

### I. Introduction and theorems.

Let  $K$  be an ultrametric complete algebraically closed field, of characteristic zero and residue characteristic  $p \neq 0$ .

Let  $D$  be an infraconnected bounded clopen set in  $K$  and let  $H(D)$  be the Banach algebra of the Analytic Elements on  $D$  (i.e.,  $H(D)$  is the completion of the algebra  $R(D)$  for the uniform convergence norm on  $D$ ) [ $E_1, E_2, E_3, K_1, K_2, R$ ].

Recall that a set  $D$  in  $K$  is said to be infraconnected if for every  $a \in D$  the mapping  $x \rightarrow |x - a|$  has an image whose adherence in  $\mathbb{R}$  is an interval; then  $H(D)$  has no idempotent different from 0 and 1 and only if  $D$  is infraconnected [ $E_2$ ]. On the other hand, an open set  $D$  is infraconnected if and only if  $f' = 0$  implies  $f = ct$  for every  $f \in H(D)$  [ $E_6$ ]. Let  $f \in H(D)$ ; we denote by  $\mathcal{E}(f)$  the differential equation  $y' = fy$  (where  $y \in H(D)$ ) and by  $S(f)$  the space of the solutions of  $\mathcal{E}(f)$ .

In [ $E_7$ ] we saw that  $S(f)$  has dimension 1 as soon as it contains

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a  $g$  invertible in  $H(D)$ . If  $H(D)$  has no divisor of zero,  $S(f)$  doesn't have dimension greater than one.

In [E<sub>8</sub>] we saw that if the residue characteristic of  $K$  is zero, then  $S(f)$  never has dimension greater than one.

But when the residue characteristic  $p$  is different from zero, in [E<sub>9</sub>] we saw that there does exist infraconnected clopen bounded sets with a  $T$ -filter  $\mathcal{F}$ [E<sub>4</sub>] and an element  $f$  annulled by  $\mathcal{F}$  such that the solutions of  $\mathcal{S}(f)$  are also annulled by  $\mathcal{F}$ . Thanks to such  $T$ -filters, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we could construct infraconnected clopen bounded sets  $D$  with  $f \in H(D)$  such that  $S(f)$  has dimension  $n$ , and we even constructed sets  $D$  with  $f \in H(D)$  such that  $S(f)$  is isomorphic to the space of the sequences of limit zero.

Thus [E<sub>8</sub>] suggested that a situation where the solutions of  $\mathcal{S}(f)$  were not invertible in  $H(D)$  should be associated to a non quasi-invertible element  $f$ , and so should be spaces  $S(f)$  of dimension greater than one.

(Recall that  $f$  is said to be quasi-invertible in  $H(D)$  if it factorizes in the form  $P(x)g(x)$  where  $P$  is a polynomial the zeros of which are in  $D$  and  $g$  is an invertible element of  $H(D)$ ) [E<sub>1</sub>, E<sub>2</sub>, E<sub>3</sub>, E<sub>4</sub>].

Here we will prove this connection does not hold in constructing an infraconnected clopen bounded set  $D$  with a  $T$ -filter  $\mathcal{F}$  and a quasi-invertible element  $f \in H(D)$  such that  $\mathcal{S}(f)$  has solutions strictly annulled by  $\mathcal{F}$ .

Next, for every fixed integer  $t$ , an extension of that construction will provide us with a set  $D$  and a quasi-invertible  $f \in H(D)$  such that  $\dim S(f) = t$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *There exist an infraconnected clopen bounded set  $D$  with a  $T$ -filter  $\mathcal{F}$  and quasi-invertible elements  $f \in H(D)$  such that  $\mathcal{S}(f)$  has solutions strictly annulled by  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $S(f)$  has dimension 1.*

More precisely, we will concretely construct such a set  $D$  and  $f \in H(D)$  in Proposition B.

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ . There exist an infraconnected clopen bounded set  $D$  and quasi-invertible elements  $f \in H(D)$  such that  $\dim(S(f)) = t$ .*

Theorem 2 will also be proven by a concrete construction.

**REMARK.** We are not able to construct an infraconnected clopen bounded set  $D$  with a quasi-invertible  $f \in H(D)$  such that  $S(f)$  has infinite dimension. By then, the following conjecture seems to be likely.

**CONJECTURE.** *If  $f$  is quasi-invertible,  $S(f)$  has finite dimension.*

The following Proposition A will demonstrate Theorem 1 by showing how to obtain the set  $D$ , the  $T$ -filter  $\mathcal{F}$ , and the element  $f$ .

**PROPOSITION A.** *Let  $(b_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $d^-(0, 1)$  such that  $|b_m| < |b_{m+1}|$ , and let  $(p_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of integers in the form  $p^{q_m}$  where  $q_m$  is a sequence of integers satisfying*

$$(1) \quad \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} q_m = +\infty,$$

$$(2) \quad |p_1| > |p_m| \quad \text{whenever } m \geq 2,$$

$$(3) \quad \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{b_m}{b_{m+1}} \right|^{p_{m+1}} = 0.$$

Let  $R$  be  $\geq 1$ , and let  $D = d(0, R) \setminus \left( \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} d^-(b_m, |b_m|) \right)$ . For each  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$  let

$$h_m = \prod_{j=1}^m \frac{1}{(1 - x/b_j)^{p_j}} \in R(D).$$

Then the sequence  $(h_m)$  converges in  $H(D)$  to a limit  $h$  that is strictly annulled by the increasing  $T$ -filter  $\mathcal{F}$  of center 0 of diameter 1, and  $h \in S(\mathcal{F})$ .

The series  $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} p_j/(b_m - x)$  converges in  $H(D)$  to a limit  $f$  quasi-invertible in  $H(D)$  and  $h$  is a solution of  $\mathcal{S}(f)$ .

## II. The proof of Proposition A

The proof of proposition will use the following Lemma B.

**LEMMA B.** *Let  $q$  and  $n$  be two integers such that  $C < n \leq p^q$ . Then  $|C_{(p^q)}^n| \leq p^{-q}/|n|$ .*

**PROOF.** If  $n$  is a multiple of some  $p^h$ , then  $p^q - n$  is obviously multiple of  $p^h$ . Let  $b$  the bijection from  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  onto  $\{(p^q - n + 1), \dots, p^q\}$  defined by  $b(j) = p^q - j + 1$ . By the last sentence, when  $j$  is divisible by  $p^h$ ,  $b(j+1)$  is also divisible by  $p^h$  hence  $|b(j+1)| \leq |j|$  therefore  $|(p_q - 1)(p_q - 2) \dots (p^q - n + 1)| \leq |(n-1)!|$  and finally  $|C_{p^q}^h| \leq p^{-q}/|n|$ .

PROOF OF PROPOSITION A. Since  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} |b_m/b_{m+1}|^{p_{m+1}} = 0$  we have  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (p^{q_{m+1}} \log |b_{m+1}/b_m|) = +\infty$ . Thus we can easily define a sequence of integers  $l_m$  such that  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (q_m - l_m) = +\infty$  and  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (p^{l_{m+1}} \log |b_{m+1}/b_m|) = +\infty$ . We put  $t_m = p^{l_m}$ ,  $\omega_m = |p_m/t_m|$ ,  $\varepsilon_m = |b_{m-1}/b_m|^{t_m}$ . Then we have  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \omega_m = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \varepsilon_m = 0$ .

As the holes of  $D$  are in the form  $d^-(b_m, |b_m|)$  it is easily seen that

$$(4) \quad \left\| \frac{1}{1-x/b_j} \right\|_D \leq 1.$$

Let us consider  $|h_{m+1}(x) - h_m(x)|$  when  $|x| \geq |b_m|$ . We have

$$(5) \quad |h_m(x)| \leq \prod_{j=1}^{m-1} \frac{1}{|1-x/b_j|}^{p_j} \leq \varepsilon_m$$

and in the same way  $|h_{m+1}(x)| \leq \varepsilon_m$  hence

$$(6) \quad |h_{m+1}(x) - h_m(x)| \leq \varepsilon_m.$$

Now let us consider  $h_{m+1}(x) - h_m(x)$  when  $|x| < |b_m|$  and let us put

$$u(x) = \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{x}{b_{m+1}}\right)^{p_{m+1}}} - 1 = - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{p_{m+1}} \binom{p_{m+1}}{j} \left(-\frac{x}{b_{m+1}}\right)^j}{\left(1 - \frac{x}{b_{m+1}}\right)^{p_{m+1}}}.$$

Then it is clear that  $|u(x)| \leq \max_{1 \leq j \leq p_m} \left| \binom{p_{m+1}}{j} \cdot \left| \frac{b_m}{b_{m+1}} \right|^j \right|$  and then for  $1 \leq j \leq t_{m+1}$ , as  $|j| \geq |t_{m+1}|$ , we obtain  $\left| \binom{p_{m+1}}{j} \right| \leq \left| \frac{p_{m+1}}{t_{m+1}} \right|$  by Lemma B.

Now for  $j > t_{m+1}$  we see that  $\left| \frac{b_m}{b_{m+1}} \right|^j \leq \left| \frac{b_m}{b_{m+1}} \right|^{t_{m+1}} = \varepsilon_m$  and then

every term  $\binom{p_{m+1}}{j} \left(-\frac{x}{b_{m+1}}\right)^j$  is upper bounded by  $\max(\omega_{m+1}, \varepsilon_m)$  and

therefore  $|u(x)| \leq \max(\omega_{m+1}, \varepsilon_m)$  whenever  $x \in D \cap d(0, |b_m|)$ .

Finally by (6) we see that  $\|h_{m+1} - h_m\|_D \leq \max(\omega_{m+1}, \varepsilon_m)$  hence the sequence  $h_m$  converges in  $H(D)$  to the convergent infinite product

$$h(x) = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1 - x/b_j)^{p_j}}.$$

By (3) and by the definition of  $D$  it is easily seen that the increasing filter  $\mathcal{F}$  of center 0, of diameter 1, is a  $T$ -filter and it is the only one  $T$ -filter on  $D[E_4]$ .

On the other hand, by (5) we have  $|h(x)| \leq \varepsilon_m$  whenever  $x \in D \setminus d^-(0, |b_m|)$  and therefore  $h$  is clearly annulled by  $\mathcal{F}$ , and it is strictly annulled by  $\mathcal{F}$  (because  $\mathcal{F}$  is the only  $T$ -filter on  $D$ ), and  $h(x) = 0$  whenever  $x \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{F})$  hence  $h \in \mathfrak{J}_0(\mathcal{F})$ .

Now let us consider the series  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} p_j/(b_j - x)$ . Since  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} |p^m| = 0$ , by (4) we see that series series converge to a limit  $f \in H(D)$ . Moreover, it is easily seen that  $\lim_{\substack{|x| \rightarrow 1^- \\ x \in D}} |p_j/(b_j - x)| = |p_j|$  for every  $j \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , hence, by (2), we have  $\lim_{\substack{|x| \rightarrow 1^- \\ x \in D}} |f(x)| = p_1$ , hence  $f$  is not annulled by  $\mathcal{F}$ .

Since  $\mathcal{F}$  is the only  $T$ -filter,  $f$  is then quasi-invertible.

At last, we shortly verify that  $h$  is solution of  $\mathcal{E}(f)$ .

By Corollary of  $[E_6]$  we know that  $h' \in H(D)$  and the sequence  $h'_m$  converges to  $h'$  in  $H(D)'$ . On the other hand, it is easily seen that

$$h'_m = \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{p_j}{(1 - x/b_j)^{p_j}} \right) h_m = h_m \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{p_j}{b_j - x}$$

hence

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} h'_m = h \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{p_j}{b_j - x} \right) = hf$$

and therefore  $h$  is a solution of  $\mathcal{E}(f)$ , and that ends the proof of Proposition A.

### III. The proof of Theorem 2.

**LEMMA C.** *Let  $q, n$  be integers such that  $0 < n < q$ . Then  $|q!/n!| \leq p^{1-(q-n)/p}$ .*

PROOF.  $q!/n!$  has  $q-n$  consecutive factors. It is easily seen among these  $q-n$  factors, the number of them that are multiple of  $p$ , is at least  $\text{Int}((q-n)/p)$  and therefore  $v(q!/n!) \geq \text{Int}((q-n)/p) > (q-n)/p - 1$  and that ends the proof of Lemma C.

LEMMA D. Let  $R \in [p^{-1/p}, 1[$ , let  $\varepsilon \in ]0, 1/p[$  and let  $\varphi(x) = \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} a_n x^n$  be a Laurent series convergent for  $|x|=R$ , such that  $\sup |a_n| R^n = |a_q| R^q$  with  $q < 0$ . Then  $\varphi$  does not satisfy the inequality

$$(1) \quad \left| \frac{\varphi'(x)}{\varphi(x)} - 1 \right| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } x \in C(0, R).$$

PROOF. We suppose  $\varphi$  satisfies (1) and we put  $M = |a_q| R^q$ . By (1) it is easily seen that

$$(2) \quad |na_n - a_{n-1}| R^{n-1} \leq \varepsilon M \quad \text{for every } n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

If  $q = -1$ , relation (2) gives  $|-a_{-1}|/R \leq \varepsilon |a_{-1}|/R$  hence  $\varphi = 0$ . We will suppose  $q < -1$  and we will prove that (3)  $|a_n| = |a_q (-n-1)! / (-q-1)!|$  for  $n = q+1, q+2, \dots, -2, -1$ . Indeed, suppose it has been proven up to the range  $t$  with  $q \leq t < -1$  and let us prove it at the range  $t+1$ . By (2) we have

$$(3) \quad |(t+1)a_{t+1} - a_t| R^t \leq \varepsilon |a_q| R^q \quad \text{hence} \quad |(t+1)a_{t+1} - a_t| \leq \frac{\varepsilon |a_q|}{R^{t-q}}$$

hence by (3)

$$(4) \quad |(t+1)a_{t+1} - a_t| \leq \frac{\varepsilon |a_t| |(-q-1)!|}{R^{t-q} |(-t-1)!|}.$$

Now by Lemma C we know that  $|(-q)! / (-t)!| \leq p^{1-(t-q)/p}$ . Since  $R \geq p^{-1/p}$ , we see that  $R^{t-q} \geq p^{-(t-q)/p}$ ; hence  $|(-q)! / (-t)!| \leq p R^{t-q}$  and therefore  $\varepsilon |(-q)! / (-t)!| \leq R^{t-q}$ . Then by relation (4) we have

$$(5) \quad |(t+1)a_{t+1} - a_t| < |a_t| \quad \text{hence} \quad |(t+1)a_{t+1}| = |a_t|,$$

and therefore

$$|a_{t+1}| = \left| \frac{a_t}{t+1} \right| = \frac{|a_q| |(-t-2)!|}{|(-(t+1))!|}$$

so that relation (3) is proven at the range  $t+1$ . It is then proven for every  $n$  up to  $-1$ . Then relation (2) for  $n=0$  gives us  $|a_{-1}| R^{-1} \leq \varepsilon |a_q| R^q$ , hence by (3) we have  $|a_q| / |(-q-1)!| \leq \varepsilon R^{q+1} |a_q|$  and therefore

$$(6) \quad \varepsilon |(-q-1)!| R^{q+1} \geq 1$$

but we know that  $R^{q+1}|(-q-1)!| \leq p^{-(q+1)/p} p^{1+(q+1)/p} < 1/\varepsilon$  hence (6) is impossible.

Lemma D is then proven.

The following lemma was given in [S<sub>5</sub>], in constructing the «Produits Bicroulants» (twice collapsing meromorphic products).

**LEMMA E.** *Let  $\rho, R', R'', R \in R_+$  with  $0 < R' < R'' < R$ . There exist sequences  $(b'_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $(b''_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $\Gamma(0, R', R'')$  with  $|b'_n| > |b'_{n+1}|$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |b'_n| = R'$ ,  $|b''_n| < |b''_{n+1}|$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |b''_n| = R''$ , such that, if we denote by*

$D$  the set  $d(0, R) \setminus \left[ \left( \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} d^-(b'_n, \rho) \right) \cup \left( \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} d^-(b''_n, \rho) \right) \right]$  the algebra  $H(D)$

has an element  $\varphi \in H(D)$  satisfying  $\lim_{\substack{|x| \rightarrow R' \\ x \in D}} \varphi(x) = 1$  and  $\lim_{\substack{|x| \rightarrow R'' \\ x \in D}} \varphi(x) = 0$ .

**PROOF OF THEOREM 2.** Let  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_t$  be points in  $d(0, 1)$  such that  $\omega_1 = 0$ ,  $|\omega_i - \omega_j| = 1$  whenever  $i \neq j$ . Let  $r \in ]0, 1[$  and let  $(b_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $d^-(0, t)$  such that  $|b_m| < |b_{m+1}|$  and  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} |b_m| = r$  and let  $(q_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of integers such that  $q_1 < q_m$  for all  $m > 1$ ,  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} q_m = +\infty$  and  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{j=1}^{m-1} |b_j/b_m|^{(p^{q_j})} = 0$ . Let  $T_m = d^-(b_m, |b_m|)$ , let  $p_m = p^{q_m}$  and let  $A = d^-(0, r) \setminus \left( \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} T_m \right)$ .

It is easily seen that  $A$  admits a  $T$ -sequence  $(T_m, q_m)$  [S<sub>1</sub>]. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the increasing  $T$ -filter of center 0, of diameter  $r$  on  $A$ . First we will construct an infraconnected clopen set included in  $d(0, 1)$ , of diameter 1, satisfying the following conditions:

- (1)  $\Omega \cap d^-(0, r) = A$ .
- (2)  $\Omega$  has an increasing  $T$ -filter  $\mathcal{F}$  of center 0, of diameter 1.
- (3)  $\Omega$  has a decreasing  $T$ -filter  $\mathcal{G}$  of center 0, of diameter  $R \in ]r, 1[$ .
- (4) The only  $T$ -filters of  $\Omega$  are  $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}$ .
- (5) There exists  $\varphi$  and  $\psi \in H(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}$  such that

$$\varphi(x) = 1, \quad \psi(x) = 0 \quad \text{for } x \in \Omega \cap d(0, R)$$

and

$$\varphi(x) = 0, \quad \psi(x) = 1 \quad \text{for } x \in \Omega \setminus d^-(0, 1).$$

Let  $\rho \in ]0, f[$ . By Lemma E there exist sequences  $(\beta'_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and

$(\beta'_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $\Gamma(0, R, 1)$  such that

$$R < |\beta'_{n+1}| < |\beta'_n|, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta'_n = R,$$

$$|\beta''_n| < |\beta''_{n+1}| < 1, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\beta''_n| = 1$$

and such that the set

$$A = d(0, 1) \setminus \left[ \left( \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} d^-(\beta'_n, \rho) \right) \cup \left( \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} d^-(\beta''_n, \rho) \right) \right],$$

defines an algebra  $H(A)$  that contains elements  $\varphi$  satisfying  $\varphi(x) = 1$  for  $|x| \leq R$ ,  $\varphi(x) = 0$  for  $|x| = 1$ . Let us put  $\psi = 1 - \varphi$  and let  $\Omega$  be the set  $A \cup (A \setminus d^-(0, r))$ .

$\Omega$  has clearly three  $T$ -filter:

the filter  $\mathcal{T}$  on  $A$

the increasing filter  $\mathcal{F}$  of center 0, of diameter 1 that strictly annuls  $\varphi$ .

the decreasing filter  $\mathcal{G}$  of center 0, of diameter  $R$  that strictly annuls  $\psi$ .

It is easily seen these three  $T$ -filters are the only  $T$ -filters on  $\Omega$ , and  $\Omega$ ,  $\varphi$ ,  $\psi$  are then defined.

Let  $f(x) = \left( \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} p^m / (1 - x/b_m) \right)$  and let  $f_1(x) = \varphi(x)f(x) + \psi(x)$ .

Then  $f_1(x) = f(x)$  when  $x \in \Omega \cap d(0, R)$  and  $f_1(x) = 1$  when  $x \in \Omega \setminus d^-(0, 1)$ . We can deduce that  $f_1$  is a quasi-invertible element in  $H(\Omega)$ . Indeed, by Proposition B,  $f$  is not annulled by  $\mathcal{T}$  and by  $\mathcal{G}$ , hence  $f_1$  is not annulled by  $\mathcal{T}$  and by  $\mathcal{G}$  either; on the other hand, as  $f_1(x) = 1$  when  $|x| = 1$ ,  $f_1$  is not annulled by  $\mathcal{F}$ ; hence  $f_1$  is not annulled by any one of the three  $T$ -filters on  $\Omega$  so that it is quasi-invertible in  $H(\Omega)$ .

By Proposition B  $\mathcal{E}(f_1)$  has a solution  $g_1 = \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} 1/(1 - x/b_m)^{p_m}$ .

Now, for each  $y = 2, \dots, t$  let  $\Omega_j = \omega_j + \Omega = \{x + \omega_j | x \in \Omega\}$  and let  $f_j \in H(\Omega_j)$  defined by  $f_j(x + \omega_j) = f_1(x)$ . In  $\Omega_j$  the equation  $\mathcal{E}(f_j)$  has a solution  $g_j$  defined by  $g_j(x + \omega_j) = g_1(x)$ . Let  $D = \prod_{j=1}^t \Omega_j$  and let  $f(x) = \prod_{j=1}^t f_j(x) \in H(D)$ . Obviously,  $f(x) = f_j(x)$  when  $|x - \omega_j| < 1$  and  $f(x) = 1$  when  $|\xi - \omega_l| = 1$  for every  $l = 1, \dots, t$ . Each one of the  $f_j$  is quasi-invertible in  $H(D)$  so that  $f$  is also quasi-invertible.

Now each  $g_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq t$ ) is a solution of  $\mathcal{S}(f)$ . Indeed, when  $|x - \omega_j| < 1$  we have  $g'_j(x) = f_j(x)g_j(x) = f(x)g_j(x)$  and when  $|x - \omega_j| = 1$ ,  $g_j(x) = 0$ .

On the other hand, the  $g_j$  clearly have supports two by two disjointed, hence they are linearly independent, and that shows  $\mathcal{S}(f)$  has dimension  $\geq t$ .

We will end the proof in showing that  $\{g_1, \dots, g_t\}$  generates  $\mathcal{S}(f)$ .

Log will denote the real logarithm function of base  $p$ . Let  $v$  be the valuation defined in  $K$  by  $v(x) = -\log|x|$  when  $x \neq 0$  and  $v(0) = +\infty$ . When  $A$  is an infraconnected set containing 0, and  $f \in H(A)$  we put

$$v(f, \mu) = \lim_{\substack{v(x) \rightarrow \mu \\ v(x) \neq \mu \\ x \in D}} v(f(x)) [E_2, E_3, E_4].$$

For each  $j = 1, \dots, t$ , let  $D_j = d^-(\omega_j, 1) \cap D$  and  $B_j = d^-(\omega_j, R)$ ; let  $D' = D \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^t D_j$ . By definition of  $f$  we see that  $f(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in D'$  and  $d^-(\alpha, 1) \subset D'$  for every  $\alpha \in D'$ . Then it is well known that the equation  $y' = y$  has no solution  $y$  in  $H(d^-(\alpha, 1))$  but the zero solution. Let  $h \in \mathcal{S}(f)$ . For every  $\alpha \in D'$ , the restriction of  $h$  to  $d^-(\alpha, 1)$  is a solution of the equation  $y' = y$  that belongs to  $H(d^-(\alpha, 1))$  hence we see that  $h(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in D'$ . Since  $D'$  is equal to  $d(0, 1) \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^t d^-(\omega_j, 1)$  we see that

$$(6) \quad v(h, 0) = +\infty.$$

Now let us consider  $h(x)$  when  $x \in B_1$ .

Since  $D_1 = \Omega \cap d^-(0, 1)$  the three  $T$ -filters  $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}$  of  $\Omega$  are secant to  $D_1$  and they are the only  $T$ -filters on  $D_1$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}$  is the only one  $T$ -filter on  $B_1$  because  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  are not secant to  $d(0, R)$ . The algebra  $H(B_1)$  has no divisor of zero. Consider the restriction  $\tilde{f}_1$  of  $f$  to  $D_1$  and the restriction  $\hat{f}_1$  to  $B_1$ . In  $H(B_1)$  the space  $\mathcal{S}(\hat{f}_1)$  has dimension one by Theorem 3 of [E7], hence there exists  $\lambda_1 \in k$  such that  $h(x) = \lambda_1 g_1(x)$  whenever  $x \in B_1$ .

Since  $g_1 \in \mathcal{J}_0(\mathcal{F})$ , that implies  $h(x) = 0$  whenever  $x \in \Gamma(0, r, R)$  hence  $v(h, -\log R) = +\infty$ . We will deduce that  $v(h, \mu) = +\infty$  whenever  $\mu \in [0, -\log R]$ .

Indeed, suppose this is not true. Then  $h$  is strictly annulled by an increasing  $T$ -filter of center 0, of diameter  $> R$ , hence  $h$  is strictly an-

nulled by  $\mathcal{F}$ . Since  $\lim_{\substack{|x| \rightarrow 1^- \\ x \in D}} \varphi(x) = \lim_{\substack{|x| \rightarrow 1^- \\ x \in D}} \psi(x) = 1$ , there exists  $s \in ]R, 1[$  such that

$$(7) \quad \left| \frac{h'(x)}{h(x)} - 1 \right| \leq \frac{1}{p^2} \quad \text{for } x \in D \cap \Gamma(0, s, 1).$$

On the other hand, it is easily seen that  $h(x)$  is equal to a Laurent series in each annulus  $\Gamma(0, |b_n'', |b_{n+1}''|)$  and for every  $s < 1$  there exist intervals  $[r', r''] \subset ]s, 1[$  such that the function  $v(h, \mu)$  is strictly decreasing in  $[-\log r'', -\log r']$  and such that  $h(x)$  is equal to a Laurent series  $\sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} a_n x^n$ . Let  $\rho \in ]r', r''[$ , since  $v(h, \mu)$  is strictly decreasing in  $[-\log r'', -\log r']$  there exists  $q < 0$  such that  $|a_q| \rho^q = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |a_n| \rho^n$ . Then  $h$  satisfies the hypothesis of Lemma D and relation (7) is impossible. But then  $v(h, \mu) = +\infty$  for every  $\mu \in [0, -\log r]$ . It follows that  $h(x) = 0$  for every  $x \in \Gamma(0, R, 1)$  because if there existed a point  $\alpha \in \Gamma(0, R, 1)$  with  $h(\alpha) \neq 0$ ,  $\alpha$  should be the center of an increasing  $T$ -filter that would annull  $h$  but the unique  $T$ -filter of center  $\alpha$  is  $\mathcal{F}$  and we have just seen that  $\mathcal{F}$  does not annull  $h$ .

Thus we have now proven that  $h(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in B_1$  such that  $r \leq |x| < 1$ . Since  $g_1(x) = 0$  whenever  $x \in \Gamma(0, r, 1)$ , the relation  $h(x) = \lambda_1 g_1(x)$  is then true in all  $B_1$ . In the same way, for each  $j = 2, \dots, t$ , we can show there exists  $\lambda_j \in K$  such that  $h(x) = \lambda_j g_j(x)$  for every  $x \in B_j$  and then  $h(x) = \sum_{j=1}^t \lambda_j g_j(x)$  is true in  $\bigcup_{j=1}^t B_j$ , and of course in  $D'$ , hence it is true in all  $D$ . That finishes proving  $\{g_1, \dots, g_t\}$  is a base of  $S(f)$ .

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