

Top p reasons why \mathbb{Q}_p is better than \mathbb{R}

(case p = 7)

- 7. You don't need a negative sign: $-1 = 6 \cdot (1 + 7 + 7^2 + \cdots)$
- 6. Geometry is more fun when all triangles are isosceles
- 5. \mathbb{R} is useless for understanding multiplicative characters of \mathbb{Q}
- 4. The unit ball in \mathbb{Q}_7 is a ring and \mathbb{Z} is dense in it
- 3. You don't need a whole semester to study convergent series in Q₇
- 2. Can *you* prove the Weil conjectures using \mathbb{R} -valued cohomology?¹
- 1. $Gal(\mathbb{\bar{R}}/\mathbb{R})$ is boring

¹Deligne used Q₇

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