## CERTAIN GEOMETRIC SEQUENCES CONVERGE

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ABSTRACT. Let  $(\mathbb{C}, +)$  be the additive group of complex numbers. First, we prove that for every  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with |z| > 1, there exists a metrizable group topology  $\tau(z)$ on  $(\mathbb{C}, +)$  such that  $\tau(z)$  is coarser than the Euclidean topology and the sequence  $\{z^n : n \in N\}$  converges to 0 in the topological group  $(\mathbb{C}, +, \tau(z))$ . Second, let z be in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$  with |z| > 1, and for each  $k \in N$ , let  $I'_k(z)$  be the set of all complex numbers of a form  $\alpha_1 z^{k_1} + \alpha_2 z^{k_2} + \cdots + \alpha_n z^{k_n}$ , where  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $k_i \in N$   $(i = 1, 2, \cdots, n)$ ,  $k \leq k_1 < k_2 < \cdots < k_n$  and  $n \in N$ . We prove that  $\inf\{|w| : w \in I'_k(z) \setminus \{0\}\} \to \infty$  $(k \to \infty)$  if and only if z is an algebraic integer with degree 2. In this case, we can easily define a metrizable group topology  $\tau$  on  $(\mathbb{C}, +)$  such that the sequence  $\{z^n : n \in N\}$  converges to 0 in the topological group  $(\mathbb{C}, +, \tau)$ .

1. Let  $(\mathbb{C}, +)$  be the additive group of complex numbers and  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$  the subgroup of real numbers. Hattori asked the following problem in his lecture [2].

**Problem.** For a real number r, does there exist a metrizable group topology  $\tau(r)$  on  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$  such that  $\tau(r)$  is coarser than the usual topology and the sequence  $\{r^n : n \in N\}$  converges to 0 in the topological group  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \tau(r))$ ?

Obviously, the answer is positive for all real number r with |r| < 1 and is negative for r = 1. Hattori [1] showed that the answer is positive for r = 2 and his proof can apply to all integers r with  $|r| \ge 2$  (see Section 3 below). The problem, however, has been still unsolved for general r > 1. The purpose of this paper is to settle the problem by proving the result stated in the abstract.

Throughout the paper, let  $\mathbb{Z}$  denote the set of integers and N the set of positive integers. As usual, we write  $-A = \{-z : z \in A\}, A + B = \{w + z : w \in A, z \in B\}$  and  $w + A = \{w + z : z \in A\}$  for  $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  and  $w \in \mathbb{C}$ .

The following lemma was proved in the paper [3, Lemma 1].

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**Lemma 1.** Let  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with |z| > 1 and assume that there exists a family  $\{I_k : k \in N\}$  of subsets of  $\mathbb{C}$  satisfying the following conditions (1)-(5):

- (1)  $\forall k \in N \ (0 \in I_k),$
- (2)  $\forall k \in N \ (-I_k = I_k \text{ and } I_{k+1} + I_{k+1} \subseteq I_k),$
- (3)  $\forall k \in N \ \forall w \in I_k \ \exists m \in N \ (w + I_m \subseteq I_k),$
- (4)  $\inf\{|w|: w \in I_k \setminus \{0\}\} \to +\infty \ (k \to \infty), and$
- (5)  $\forall k \in N \ \exists m \in N \ \forall n \in N \ (m \le n \Rightarrow z^n \in I_k).$

Then, there exists a metrizable group topology  $\tau(z)$  on  $(\mathbb{C}, +)$  such that  $\tau(z)$  is coarser than the Euclidean topology and the sequence  $\{z^n : n \in N\}$  converges to 0 in the topological group  $(\mathbb{C}, +, \tau(z))$ .

**2.** In this section, we prove that for every  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with |z| > 1, there exists a metrizable group topology  $\tau(z)$  on  $(\mathbb{C}, +)$  such that  $\tau(z)$  is coarser than the Euclidean topology and the sequence  $\{z^n : n \in N\}$  converges to 0 in the topological group  $(\mathbb{C}, +, \tau(z))$ .

**Lemma 2.** Let  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with |z| > 1. For each positive integers  $\varepsilon, \delta, n \in N$ , there exists  $p = p(\varepsilon, \delta, n) \in N$  satisfying the following condition (6):

(6) For each  $m \leq n$ ,  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $|a_i| \leq \delta$  and  $k_i \in N$   $(i = 1, 2, \dots, m)$ , if  $k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_m$ ,  $p \leq k_m$  and  $a_j z^{k_j} + a_{j+1} z^{k_{j+1}} + \dots + a_m z^{k_m} \neq 0$  for each  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ , then  $|a_1 z^{k_1} + a_2 z^{k_2} + \dots + a_m z^{k_m}| \geq \varepsilon$ .

*Proof.* To prove this by induction on n, we first consider the case of n = 1. For each  $\varepsilon \in N$ , there is  $p \in N$  such that  $|z|^p \geq \varepsilon$ . If  $p \leq k_1$  and  $a_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $a_1 \neq 0$ , then  $|a_1 z^{k_1}| \geq |z|^{k_1} \geq |z|^p \geq \varepsilon$ . Thus, p satisfies (6) for each  $\delta \in N$  and n = 1. Next, we assume that the existence of  $p(\varepsilon, \delta, n - 1)$  has been proved for all  $\varepsilon \in N$  and all  $\delta \in N$ . We now fix  $\varepsilon \in N$  and  $\delta \in N$  and show that there exists  $p(\varepsilon, \delta, n)$ . By inductive hypothesis, we have  $p' = p(\varepsilon + \delta, \delta, n - 1)$ . Let S be the set of all complex numbers u which can be written as a form

$$u = b_1 + b_2 z^{\ell_1} + \dots + b_m z^{\ell_{m-1}},$$

where  $m \leq n, b_i \in \mathbb{Z}, |b_i| \leq \delta$   $(i = 1, 2, \dots, m), \ell_i \in N$   $(i = 1, \dots, m-1)$  and  $\ell_1 < \dots < \ell_{m-1} < p'$ . Since S is a finite set, we have  $s = \min\{|u| : u \in S, u \neq 0\} > 0$ . Choose  $p'' \in N$  such that  $|z|^{p''} \cdot s \geq \varepsilon$ , and define p = p' + p''. We show that p satisfies the condition (6). Let  $m \leq n, a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $|a_i| \leq \delta$  and  $k_i \in N$   $(i = 1, 2, \dots, m)$ , and suppose that  $k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_m, p \leq k_m$  and

(7) 
$$a_j z^{k_j} + a_{j+1} z^{k_{j+1}} + \dots + a_m z^{k_m} \neq 0$$
 for each  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ .

Let  $w = a_1 z^{k_1} + a_2 z^{k_2} + \dots + a_m z^{k_m}$ . To show that  $|w| \ge \varepsilon$ , we write  $w = z^{k_1}(a_1+u)$ , where  $u = a_2 z^{k_2-k_1} + \dots + a_m z^{k_m-k_1}$ . Note that  $u \ne 0$  and  $a_1 + u \ne 0$  by (7). We distinguish two cases: If  $k_m - k_1 < p'$ , then  $a_1 + u \in S$  and  $k_1 > k_m - p' \ge p''$ , because  $k_m \ge p = p' + p''$ . Thus,  $|w| = |z|^{k_1} \cdot |a_1 + u| > |z|^{p''} \cdot s \ge \varepsilon$ . If  $k_m - k_1 \ge p'$ , then  $|u| \ge \varepsilon + \delta$  by the definition of p' and (7). Since  $|a_1| \le \delta$ , it follows that  $|a_1 + u| \ge \varepsilon$ . Hence,  $|w| = |z|^{k_1} \cdot |a_1 + u| \ge |z|^{k_1} \cdot \varepsilon \ge \varepsilon$ .  $\Box$ 

We now prove the main theorem announced in the abstract. For a set A, #(A) denotes the cardinality of A.

**Theorem 1.** For every  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with |z| > 1, there exists a metrizable group topology  $\tau(z)$  on  $(\mathbb{C}, +)$  such that  $\tau(z)$  is coarser than the Euclidean topology and the sequence  $\{z^n : n \in N\}$  converges to 0 in the topological group  $(\mathbb{C}, +, \tau(z))$ .

*Proof.* Let  $p_1 = 1$  and define  $p_j = \max\{p_{j-1}, p(j, 2^j, 2(2^j - 1))\}$  for each  $j \in N$  with  $j \geq 2$ . Let  $N_j = \{k \in N : p_j \leq k < p_{j+1}\}$  for each  $j \in N$ . For each  $k \in N$ , let  $I_k$  be the set of all complex numbers w which can be written as a form

$$w = a_1 z^{k_1} + a_2 z^{k_2} + \dots + a_n z^{k_n}$$

such that

- (8)  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}, k_i \in N \ (j = 1, 2, \dots, n), k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_n \text{ and } n \in N,$
- (9)  $\{k_1, k_2, \cdots, k_n\} \subseteq \bigcup_{j>k} N_j,$
- (10)  $\forall j \in N \ (\#(\{k_1, k_2, \cdots, k_n\} \cap N_j) \leq 2^{j-k+1})$ , and
- (11)  $\forall j \in N \ \forall i \in \{1, 2, \cdots, n\} \ (k_i \in N_j \Rightarrow |a_i| \le 2^{j-k+1}).$

It suffices to show that the family  $\mathbb{I} = \{I_k : k \in N\}$  satisfies (1)-(5) in Lemma 1. It is not difficult to prove that  $\mathbb{I}$  satisfies (1), (2) and (5). To prove that  $\mathbb{I}$  satisfies (3) and (4), let  $k \in N$  and let  $w \in I_k$ . Then, w can be written as a form  $w = a_1 z^{k_1} + a_2 z^{k_2} + \cdots + a_n z^{k_n}$  satisfying (8)-(11). Choose  $s \in N$  with  $s > \max\{j \in N : \{k_1, k_2, \cdots, k_n\} \cap N_j \neq \emptyset\}$ . Then,  $w + I_{s+1} \subseteq I_k$ , which means that  $\mathbb{I}$  satisfies (3). Finally, we show that  $|w| \ge k$  if  $w \ne 0$ . Let  $m = \min\{\ell \in N : \ell \le n \text{ and } w = a_1 z^{k_1} + a_2 z^{k_2} + \cdots + a_\ell z^{k_\ell}\}$ . Then,

$$w = a_1 z^{k_1} + a_2 z^{k_2} + \dots + a_m z^{k_m}$$

and  $a_j z^{k_j} + a_{j+1} z^{k_{j+1}} + \dots + a_m z^{k_m} \neq 0$  for each  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ . Let  $t = \max\{j \in N : \{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m\} \cap N_j \neq \emptyset\}$ ; then  $t \geq k$  by (9). Since  $k_m \in N_t$ ,  $k_m \geq p_t \geq p(t, 2^t, 2(2^t - 1))$ . By (9) and (10),

$$m \leq \sum_{i=k}^{t} 2^{i-k+1} = 2(2^{t-k+1}-1) \leq 2(2^{t}-1).$$

Moreover, by (11),  $|a_i| \leq 2^{t-k+1} \leq 2^t$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Hence, it follows from Lemma 2 that  $|w| \geq t \geq k$ . Now, we have proved that  $\inf\{|w| : w \in I_k \setminus \{0\}\} \geq k$ , which implies that I satisfies (4).  $\Box$ 

Remark 1. Hattori kindly informed the authors that the space  $(\mathbb{C}, \tau(z))$  is not a Baire space. In fact, the set  $U_n = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| > n\}$  is dense and open in  $(\mathbb{C}, \tau(z))$  for each  $n \in N$ , but  $\bigcap_{n \in N} U_n = \emptyset$ . Hence, the space  $(\mathbb{C}, \tau(z))$  cannot be completely metrizable.

The following corollary, which settles Hattori's problem, immediately follows from the above theorem.

**Corollary 3.** For every  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  with |r| > 1, there exists a metrizable group topology  $\tau(r)$  on  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$  such that  $\tau(r)$  is coarser than the usual topology and the sequence  $\{r^n : n \in N\}$  converges to 0 in the topological group  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \tau(r))$ .

**3.** Let  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with |z| > 1. For each  $k \in N$ , define  $I'_k(z)$  to be the set of all complex numbers w which can be written as a form

$$w = \alpha_1 z^{k_1} + \alpha_2 z^{k_2} + \dots + \alpha_n z^{k_n},$$

where  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $k_i \in N$   $(i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$ ,  $k \leq k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_n$  and  $n \in N$ . Then, it is natural to ask if the family  $\mathbb{I}'(z) = \{I'_k(z) : k \in N\}$  satisfies (1)-(5) in Lemma 1. However, the answer is negative; more precisely,  $\mathbb{I}'(z)$  always satisfies (1)-(3) and (5), but it does not necessarily satisfy (4). In particular, if  $\mathbb{I}'(z)$  satisfies (4) then the topology obtained by simply taking the family  $\mathcal{B}(z) = \{u + U_k : u \in \mathbb{C}, k \in N\}$ as a base, where  $U_k = \bigcup_{w \in I'_k(z)} \{u \in \mathbb{C} : |u - w| < 1/2^k\}$  for each  $k \in N$ , is called the simple topology induced by z and is denoted by  $\tau'(z)$ .

First, we show that for a real number r with |r| > 1,  $\mathbb{I}'(r)$  satisfies (4) if and only if  $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $I'_k(r)$  is no other than the set of all integral multiples of  $r^k$ , i.e.,  $I'_k(r) = \{\alpha r^k : \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , for each  $k \in N$ . This implies that  $\inf\{|w| : w \in I'_k(r), w \neq 0\} = r^k \to +\infty$ , and hence,  $\mathbb{I}'(r)$  satisfies (4). This is essentially Hattori's proof in [1] that the problem has the positive answer for r = 2. Conversely, the following fact shows that  $\mathbb{I}'(r)$  does not satisfy (4) if  $r \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$  and |r| > 1.

**Fact.** Let  $r \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$  with |r| > 1. Then, the set  $I'_k(r)$  defined above is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$  for each  $k \in N$ .

*Proof.* Since every integral multiple of an element of  $I'_k(r)$  is in  $I'_k(r)$ , it suffices to show that

(12) 
$$\inf\{|w|: w \in I'_k(r), w \neq 0\} = 0$$

for each  $k \in N$ . We distinguish two cases. First, we assume that r is a rational number, i.e., r = a/b for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We may assume that the fraction a/b is irreducible. To prove (12), let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then, we can find even numbers  $m, n \in N$  such that  $k \leq m < n$  and  $a^m/b^n < \varepsilon$ . Since a/b is irreducible,  $b^{n-m}$  and  $a^{n-m}$  are mutually prime, which implies that there are  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\alpha b^{n-m} + \beta a^{n-m} = 1$ . Now, we have  $0 < \alpha r^m + \beta r^n < \varepsilon$ , because

$$\alpha r^m + \beta r^n = \alpha \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m + \beta \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \left(\frac{a^m}{b^n}\right) (\alpha b^{n-m} + \beta a^{n-m}).$$

Since  $\alpha r^m + \beta r^n \in I'_k(r) \setminus \{0\}$ , (12) is proved.

Next, we assume that r is an irrational number. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Choose  $m \in N$  with  $|r|^k/m < \varepsilon$  and let  $M = \{1, 2, \dots, m+1\}$ . Consider the set  $A = \{ir - \lfloor ir \rfloor : i \in M\}$ , where  $\lfloor ir \rfloor$  is the greatest integer not greater than ir. Since r is irrational,  $ir - \lfloor ir \rfloor \neq jr - \lfloor jr \rfloor$  for  $i \neq j$ . Hence, A contains m + 1 many distinct elements between 0 and 1. This means that

$$0 < |(ir - \lfloor ir 
floor) - (jr - \lfloor jr 
floor)| < 1/m$$

for some  $i, j \in M$  with  $i \neq j$ . Let  $\alpha = i - j$  and  $\beta = \lfloor ir \rfloor - \lfloor jr \rfloor$ . Then,  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$ and  $0 < |\alpha r - \beta| < 1/m$ . Hence,  $0 < |\alpha r^{k+1} - \beta r^k| = |r|^k |\alpha r - \beta| < |r|^k/m < \varepsilon$ . Since  $\alpha r^{k+1} - \beta r^k \in I'_k(r) \setminus \{0\}$ , we have (12).  $\Box$ 

Second, we determine a complex number z such that I'(z) satisfy (4) by proving the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.** Let  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$  with |z| > 1. Then,  $\mathbb{I}'(z)$  satisfies (4) if and only if z is an algebraic integer with degree 2, i.e.,  $z^2 + \alpha z + \beta = 0$  for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

To prove Theorem 2, we need some notations and a lemma. As usual, let  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  denote the set of all polynomials with integral coefficients and  $r\mathbb{Z} = \{rn : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  for each  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ . Further, let  $\mathbb{Z}_0[x]$  be the subset of  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  consisting of all polynomials such that the coefficient of the term with the maximum degree is 1. For a set A, #A denotes the cardinality of A.

**Lemma 4.** Let  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$  with |z| > 1. Assume that z is not an algebraic integer with degree 2. Then, there exists  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  such that 0 < |f(z)| < 1.

(For the proof, see [4, Lemma 2, P.130–131].)

Let  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$  be an algebraic integer with degree 2. Then, z is contained in the imaginary quadratic field  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$ , where m is a negative square free integer. As is well known, the ring  $\mathfrak{a}_K$  of algebraic integers in K is a lattice, i.e., a free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module of rank 2 whose basis are 1 and u, where  $u = (1 + \sqrt{m})/2$  if  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $u = \sqrt{m}$  if  $m \equiv 2$  or 3 (mod 4).

Proof of Theorem 2. Let  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$  with |z| > 1. If z is an algebraic integer with degree 2, then  $f(z) \in \mathfrak{a}_K$  for each  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ , where  $\mathfrak{a}_K$  is defined as above. Since  $\mathfrak{a}_K$  is a lattice, we have  $\alpha = \min\{|f(z)| : f(z) \neq 0, f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]\} > 0$ . For each  $w \in I'_k(z) \setminus \{0\}, w$  can be written as  $w = z^k f(z)$  for some  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ , and thus,

$$|w| = |z|^k |f(z)| \ge |z|^k \alpha.$$

Hence,  $\inf\{|w| : w \in I'_k(z) \setminus \{0\}\} = |z|^k \alpha$ , which implies that  $\mathbb{I}'(z)$  satisfies (4). Conversely, assume that z is not an algebraic integer with degree 2. By Lemma 4, there is  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  such that 0 < |f(z)| < 1. Let  $k \in N$  be fixed. Then,  $z^k f(z)^n \in I'_k(z) \setminus \{0\}$  for each  $n \in N$ . Since  $|z^k f(z)^n| = |z|^k |f(z)|^n \to 0 \ (n \to \infty)$ , we have

$$\inf\{|w|: w \in I'_k(z) \setminus \{0\}\} = 0.$$

Hence,  $\mathbb{I}'(z)$  fails to satisfy (4), which completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 5.** Assume that either  $z \in \mathbb{Z}$  or z is an imaginary algebraic integer with degree 2, and that |z| > 1. Then, there exists a metrizable group topology  $\tau$  on  $(\mathbb{C}, +)$  such that  $\tau$  is coarser than the Euclidean topology and the sequence  $\{\alpha^n z^n : n \in N\}$  coverges to 0 in the topological group  $(\mathbb{C}, +, \tau)$  for each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Proof.** By Theorem 2,  $\mathbb{I}'(z)$  satisfies (4). Hence, the simple topology  $\tau'(z)$  induced by z is a required topology; infact,  $\{\alpha^n z^n : n \in N\}$  converges to 0 in  $(\mathbb{C}, +, \tau'(z))$ for each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ , because  $\alpha^n z^n \in I'_k(z)$  whenever  $n \geq k$ , for every  $k, n \in N$ .  $\Box$ 

Remark 2. It is open whether, for every two  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $z_1 \neq z_2$  and  $|z_i| > 1$ (i = 1, 2), there is a metrizable group topology  $\tau$  on  $(\mathbb{C}, +)$  such that  $\tau$  is coarser than the Euclidean topology and both  $\{z_1^n : n \in N\}$  and  $\{z_2^n : n \in N\}$  converge to 0 in  $(\mathbb{C}, +, \tau)$ . In particular, the following question asked by Hattori [2] still remains open: Does there exist a metrizable group topology  $\tau$  on  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$  such that  $\tau$  is coarser than the Euclidean topology and both  $\{2^n : n \in N\}$  and  $\{3^n : n \in N\}$  converge to 0 in the topological group  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \tau)$ ? Remark 3. Theorem 2 enables us to construct the simple topology  $\tau'(z)$  by a geometrical method. To show this, let  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$  be a complex number, with |z| > 1, such that  $\mathbb{I}'(z)$  satisfies (4). Then, z is an algebraic integer with degree 2 by Theorem 2. Let  $\mathfrak{a}_K$  be the same as the one defined before the proof of Theorem 2. Let  $k \in N$  be fixed for a while. Since  $I'_k(z)$  is a subgroup of  $\mathfrak{a}_K$ ,  $I'_k(z)$  is also a lattice, and hence, the quotient topological group  $T_k = \mathbb{C}/I'_k(z)$  is homeomorphic to the torus. Let  $h_k : \mathbb{C} \to T_k$  be the natural homomorphism. If we define  $h_k : \mathbb{C} \to T_k$  for each  $k \in N$ , then we have a continuous homomorphism

$$h: \mathbb{C} \to T = \prod_{k \in N} T_k$$

such that  $h_k = \pi_k \circ h$  for each  $k \in N$ , where  $\pi_k : T \to T_k$  is the projection. Let  $\rho(z)$  be the relative topology on  $h[\mathbb{C}]$  induced by the product topology on T. Since  $z^n \in I'_k(z)$  for each  $k \leq n$ , the sequence  $\{h(z^n) : n \in N\}$  converges to h(0) with respect to the topology  $\rho(z)$ . Now, observe that condition (4) implies that h is a monomorphism. Moreover, it is not difficult to see that the map  $h : (\mathbb{C}, \tau'(z)) \to (h[\mathbb{C}], \rho(z))$  is a homeomorphism. Hence, we can consider that  $\rho(z) = \tau'(z)$ .

For an integer  $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $I'_k(r)$  coincides with the set of all integral multiples of  $r^k$ , i.e.,  $I'_k(r) = r^k\mathbb{Z}$  for each  $k \in N$ . If |r| > 1, then the topology  $\tau'_{\mathbb{R}}(r)$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  generated by a base  $\{s + V_k : s \in \mathbb{R}, k \in N\}$ , where  $V_k = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |x - r^k n| < 1/2^k\}$ , is also a metrizable group topology on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $\tau'_{\mathbb{R}}(r)$  is coarser than the Euclidean topology and the sequence  $\{r^n : n \in N\}$  converges to 0 in the topological group  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \tau'_{\mathbb{R}}(r))$ . The topology  $\tau'_{\mathbb{R}}(r)$  was first studied by Hattori [1] for r = 2. Similarly to the above,  $\tau'_{\mathbb{R}}(r)$  is obtained as a relative topology induced by the product topology on the product of countably many circles  $\{\mathbb{R}/r^k\mathbb{Z} : k \in N\}$ .

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