

Systems of additive equations over p -adic field

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Abstract. Consider the system of additive equations

$$\begin{aligned}a_1x_1^k + \cdots + a_sx_s^k &= 0 \\ b_1x_1^n + \cdots + b_sx_s^n &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

where k and n are distinct positive integers and all the coefficients are integers. We present bounds on s , in terms of k and n , which guarantee that this system has a nontrivial p -adic integral solution for each prime p , regardless of the values of the coefficients.

