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p-adic equations for power sums

For odd primes p and positive integers k, define  $S_k = \sum_{r=1}^{p-1} r^{-k}$ . Applying the p-adic logarithm to the identity  $\prod_{r=1}^{p-1} (1 - \frac{p}{r}) = 1$ , we obtain  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p^k \frac{S_k}{k} = 0$ , where the convergence is p-adic. (This means that the equation holds modulo  $p^m$  for arbitrarily large m.) In this talk I will give some other p-adic equations for the power sums  $S_k$ . For example,  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p^k (-1)^{k-1} B_{k-1} S_k = 0$ , where  $B_n$  is the nth Bernoulli number.