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ABSTRACT. Let p be a prime and let

$$E_p(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k! t^k$$

denote the Euler's factorial series. We will present recent results on lower bounds for the p-adic absolute value of the expression $dE_p(p^a) - c$, where $a, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$. The proofs are based on the fact that the same Padé polynomials which p-adically converge to $E_p(t)$, approach the Hardy integral

$$\mathcal{H}(t) = \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-s}}{1 - ts} ds$$

on the Archimedean side. Furthermore, we will discuss on an interconnection between E(t) and $\mathcal{H}(t)$ via continued fractions.

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