

**ERRATA:**  
**ON THE ARITHMETIC DIMENSION OF TRIANGLE GROUPS**

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This note gives errata for the article *On the arithmetic dimension of triangle groups* [1]. The authors thank Cherng-tiao Perng.

- (1) Lemma 1.9: the cardinality signs are missing, so it should read

$$\begin{aligned} \text{adim}(a, b, c) &= \#\{k \in (\mathbb{Z}/2m\mathbb{Z})^\times / H : \sigma_k(\beta) > 0\} \\ &= \#\{k \in (\mathbb{Z}/2m\mathbb{Z})^\times / H : \kappa(a, b, c; k) < 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

- (2) Lemma 3.4: there is a typo in the inequality, and the statement should read:  $\kappa(a, b, c; k) \geq 0$  if and only if (3.5) holds. In the proof, we let  $f(z) = \kappa(a, b, c; k)$  and considered when  $f(z) \geq 0$ . The remaining statements using Lemma 3.4 (Corollary 3.6, Proposition 4.6, Theorem 5.2) use the corrected Lemma 3.4; before (3.8) the inequality should be switched to  $> 0$ ; the rest of the paper remains unchanged.
- (3) Proof of Lemma 3.4, “The discriminant simplifies as”: This should read

$$\sqrt{t^2 - 4n} = \sqrt{4 \cos^2 \frac{k_a \pi}{a} \cos^2 \frac{k_b \pi}{b} - 4 \cos^2 \frac{k_a \pi}{a} - 4 \cos^2 \frac{k_b \pi}{b} + 4}$$

(so the final  $-4$  should be  $+4$ ), as shown on the next line.

- (4) Proof of Proposition 4.6, “In particular  $1 \leq 3q/a$ ”: Should be “In particular,  $1 < 3q/a$ .”
- (5) Beginning of section 5: should be “section”, not “chapter”.
- (6) Line 2 of Algorithm 1: Typo, should be  $\max(48, 2r)$  (according to Lemma 4.10).
- (7) Line 5 of Algorithm 3: “for” should be **for**, and it is missing **do**. This step just initializes `divisors` to be an array of 1s.
- (8) Line 5 of Algorithm 4: should be  $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}, r)$ .
- (9) Theorem 5.2: To be more precise, this theorem proves the correctness of `FIND_ARITHMETIC`.
- (10) Proof of Theorem 5.2: The middle paragraph is a bit muddled. Here is a revised version that hopefully makes the logic clear.

We have from Lemma 3.4 that for every  $(a, b, c)$  and every  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  with  $k \in (\mathbb{Z}/2m\mathbb{Z})^\times$ , if  $\kappa(a, b, c; k) > 0$  then

$$c < \frac{k_c}{|k_a/a + k_b/b - 1|} \leq \frac{k}{|k_a/a + k_b/b - 1|} = \frac{kab}{|k_a b + k_b a - ab|}.$$

Suppose  $(a, b, c)$  is  $r$ -arithmetic, and consider the set of primes  $q < c/2$  with  $q \nmid m$ . As in the proof of Lemma 4.3, these primes are distinct in  $(\mathbb{Z}/2m\mathbb{Z})^\times / H$ , so there at most  $r - 1$  of them for which  $\kappa(a, b, c; q) < 0$ ; so among any  $r$  of them, there is at least one with  $\kappa(a, b, c; q) > 0$ . Putting

these observations together, we find that in any set of  $r$  primes with  $q \nmid ab$ , there is a prime  $q$  in the set where at least one of the following holds:

$$\text{either } q \mid c \text{ or } c < 2q \text{ or } c < \left\lceil \frac{qab}{|q_a b + q_b a - ab|} \right\rceil.$$

To finish, suppose  $(a, b, c)$  is  $r$ -arithmetic,  $c > 2 * \text{maxNDP}$ , and  $c > \text{bound}$ , where  $\text{bound}$  is in the keyset of  $\text{boundToPrimes}$ . Let

$$B = \{q : q \in \text{boundToPrimes}[\text{bound}'] \text{ and } \text{bound}' \leq \text{bound}\}.$$

Then there exist at most  $r - 1$  primes  $q \in B$  that do not divide  $c$ . The algorithm partitions  $B$  into  $r$  sets, and lets each  $\text{divisor}$  in  $\text{divisors}$  be the product of primes in one such set. Hence,  $c$  must be a multiple of at least one  $\text{divisor}$  in  $\text{divisors}$ . Therefore, the algorithm checks all possible  $r$ -arithmetic triples  $(a, b, c)$ .

#### REFERENCES

- [1] Steve Nugent and John Voight, *On the arithmetic dimension of triangle groups*, Math. Comp. **86** (2017), no. 306, 1979–2004.