

CORRIGENDA AND COMMENTS ON CHAPTER 2

Correction 1 (Page 6). *Just before Equation 11, “A moments reflection ...” should be “A moment’s reflection ...”*

Correction 2 (Page 12).

$$\mathbb{T} = \prod_{i=0}^p \mathbb{T}_i$$

should be

$$\mathbb{T} = \sum_{i=0}^p \mathbb{T}_i$$

Comment 1 (Page 27). *Starting with Equation 13 and throughout the remainder of the chapter, it should be noted that in formulas of this type one needs either the characteristic of the field R to be zero, or that the characteristic of R not be a divisor of $|H|$.*

Comment 2 (Page 30). *In Example 2.5 (c), in the trivial case $m = 1$, $S_\epsilon = S_1$ and so $S_\epsilon S_1 = S_1$. Thus one must assume $m \geq 2$.*

Correction 3 (Page 33). *In the second line of the equation in Problem 1,*

$$\dots = \lambda(S^{-1}S)_{i1} = \lambda\delta_{i1}$$

should be

$$\dots = \lambda_1(S^{-1}S)_{i1} = \lambda_1\delta_{i1}$$

Correction 4 (Page 52). *The lower limit of the sum is missing in the equation:*

$$\varkappa(e_\omega^*) = \frac{1}{|S_m|} \sum_{\sigma \in S_m} \epsilon(\sigma) \prod_{t=1}^m \left(\sum b_{it} f_i(e_{\omega\sigma^{-1}(t)}) \right)$$

It should be:

$$\varkappa(e_\omega^*) = \frac{1}{|S_m|} \sum_{\sigma \in S_m} \epsilon(\sigma) \prod_{t=1}^m \left(\sum_{i=1}^n b_{it} f_i(e_{\omega\sigma^{-1}(t)}) \right)$$

Correction 5 (Page 54). *In the last line of Equation 29:*

$$= \delta_{\alpha\beta} \sum_{\sigma \in H_\alpha} \chi(\sigma)$$

the subscript α of H_α is almost cut off, presumably by the page number.

Correction 6 (Page 59). *In the first set of equations in Exercise 9, the product symbol is missing from last line. It should be:*

$$= \sum_{\omega \in G_{n,n}} \frac{1}{\nu(\omega)} \prod_{t=1}^n \lambda_{\omega(t)} |\text{per} U[\omega|1, \dots, n]|^2$$

Correction 7 (Page 63). *In line 10,*

$$\left(\begin{matrix} m \\ \otimes \\ 1 \end{matrix} V^* \right)^*$$

should be

$$\left(\begin{matrix} m \\ \otimes \\ 1 \end{matrix} V \right)^*$$

Comment 3 (Page 64). *The third equality:*

$$= \frac{1}{|H|} \sum_{\sigma \in H} \chi(\sigma) \varphi(f_1, \dots, f_m) (v_{\sigma^{-1}(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes v_{\sigma^{-1}(m)})$$

seems unnecessary, and the next equality seems to follow from the definitions.

Correction 8 (Page 69). *In the fourth line of the proof of part (d) of Theorem 4.2, “. . . are invariant subspaces of $\otimes_1^m \mathbb{T} \dots$ ” should be “. . . are invariant subspaces of $\otimes_1^m \mathbb{V} \dots$ ”*

Correction 9 (Page 70). *In the second line, $= (\text{Su}^\otimes, \mathbb{S}(\otimes_1^m \mathbb{T}) \text{Sv}^\otimes)$ should be $= (\text{Su}^\otimes, (\otimes_1^m \mathbb{T}) \text{Sv}^\otimes)$.*

Correction 10 (Page 78). *In the first line,*

$$\text{tr } C_m(A) = \sum_{\alpha \in Q_{m,n}} \prod_{t=1}^n \lambda_t^{m_t(\alpha)}$$

should be

$$\text{tr } C_m(A) = \sum_{\alpha \in Q_{m,n}} \prod_{t=1}^n \lambda_t^{m_t(\alpha)}$$

Correction 11 (Page 79). *In Example 4.4 (f), A needs to be invertible.*

Correction 12 (Page 85). *In Theorem 4.5 (c), per Exercise 22, the characteristic of R must be zero.*

Correction 13 (Page 87). *In the proof of Theorem 4.5 (b) in line 9, the upper limit of the sum is incorrect in: $y_i = \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}x_j$; it should be $y_i = \sum_{j=1}^m c_{ij}x_j$.*

Correction 14 (Page 89). *In the first line, in the equality $z_\theta^* = z^*$ the stars are clipped at the top.*

Comment 4 (Page 92). *In example 4.6 (d) it is stated “It clearly suffices to prove this for $T_2 > 0$.” Try as I might, I can’t find an easy (or any) proof of this in general. If it happens to be the case that both T_1 and T_2 are diagonal with respect to the same orthonormal basis, then the result follows by restricting both operators to the subspace spanned by the eigenvectors of T_2 corresponding to non-zero eigenvalues. But there’s no reason to suppose that such a basis exists.*

Correction 15 (Page 92). *In the last line “equivalently $K(T_1) \geq K(T_2) \geq 0$ ” should be “... $K(T_1) \geq K(T_2) > 0$ ” according to the assumption discussed in the previous comment.*

Correction 16 (Page 94). *In line 10, “...since $m < r < n$ ” should be “...since $m < r \leq n$.”*

Correction 17 (Page 95). *In lines 2 and 3, $c_1 = \dots = c_m = c$ and $c_{m+1} = \dots = c_r = c$ should be, respectively, $c_1 = \dots = c_{m+1} = c$ and $c_{m+2} = \dots = c_r = c$.*

Correction 18 (Page 99). *In Exercise 9, one needs to assume that $\text{char}(R) \neq 2$ in order to use Equation (7) of Section 2.3. In the characteristic 2 case, if $v_i = v_j$, just note that if σ is a permutation such that $\sigma(i) = k$ and $\sigma(j) = l$, there is permutation σ' such that $\sigma'(i) = l$, $\sigma'(j) = k$ and $\sigma'(p) = \sigma(p)$ otherwise. Then $v_{\sigma(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes v_{\sigma(m)} = v_{\sigma'(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes v_{\sigma'(m)}$, and so $v_{\sigma(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes v_{\sigma(m)} + v_{\sigma'(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes v_{\sigma'(m)} = 0$. Pairing all permutations in S_m this way yields the result.*

Comment 5 (Page 100). *In Exercise 11, it is stated, “Hence $d_\chi^H(X) = 0$ whenever $\text{get}(X) = 0$ implies $d_\chi^H(X)$ is divisible by $\det(X)$.” another statement I can’t easily figure out. Anyway, there’s no need to go through these manipulations of multivariable polynomials. The following proof works as well:*

Suppose first that H is a proper subgroup of S_n . Then there exists a transposition $(pq) \notin S_n$. Let X be a matrix defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} X_{kk} &= 1, k = 1, \dots, n; \\ X_{pq} &= X_{qp} = 1; \\ X_{kl} &= 0 \text{ otherwise.} \end{aligned}$$

Since rows p and q of \mathbf{X} are equal, $\det(\mathbf{X}) = 0$. Now compute $d_\chi^H(\mathbf{X})$. If $k \neq p, q$ and $\sigma(k) \neq k$, $X_{k\sigma(k)} = 0$; hence

$$\prod_1^n \chi(\sigma) X_{j\sigma(j)} = 0$$

So only permutations σ satisfying $\sigma(k) = k$ for $k \neq p, q$ contribute to the value of $d_\chi^H(\mathbf{X})$. But there are only two such permutations: the identity and (pq) , and the latter is not in H by hypothesis. So $d_\chi^H(\mathbf{X}) = X_{11} \cdots X_{nn} = 1 \neq 0 = \det(\mathbf{X})$. So the conclusion is that if $d_\chi^H(\mathbf{X}) = 0$ whenever \mathbf{X} is singular, then $H = S_n$. But then by Exercise 13 of Section 2, $\chi \equiv 1$ or $\chi = \epsilon$ (the sign function). In the first case, $d_\chi^H(\mathbf{X}) = \text{per}(\mathbf{X})$; if \mathbf{X} is the matrix with a 1 in every entry, \mathbf{X} is singular but $\text{per}(\mathbf{X}) = 1$. So $\chi = \epsilon$ and d_χ^H is the determinant.

Correction 19 (Page 103). In Exercise 21, the reader should be asked to, “Show that there exists a non-zero $f \in \mathcal{V}^* \dots$ ”

Correction 20 (Page 105). Two corrections to Exercise 26. First, the hypothesis $\rho(\mathbf{T}) > m$ is needed to Apply Theorem 4.6. Second, the hint should read, “The transformation $iK(\mathbf{T}) \dots$ ”

Comment 6 (Pages 107, 108). In Exercise 31, on Page 107, the decomposition

$$U^*AU = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & * & \dots & * \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & * & * \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \lambda_p & * & * \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is essentially the Schur Decomposition; calling the right side of this equation \mathbf{T} , the Schur Decomposition of \mathbf{A} is $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{U}^*$. On Page 108, I still haven't been able to figure out the statement, “Since $\mathbf{S}\mathbf{S}^*$ is non-singular, it follows that $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}^* = 0$.”