

UPDATES FOR “NUMBER THEORY AND GEOMETRY”

Dear Readers,

Here is a list of updates (known typos, errors and omissions, expanded paragraphs, etc.), with the text as it appeared in the first edition, followed by the corrected text (as it will/should appear in a revised edition).

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- (1) **Page 11. Example 1.4.1.** The line L is $y = x + 1$.
 - **(Old text)** With a little bit of basic plane geometry, we find an equation for $L : y = x - 1$ (see Exercise 1.8.8).
 - **(New text)** With a little bit of basic plane geometry, we find an equation for $L : y = x + 1$ (see Exercise 1.8.8).
- (2) **Page 24. Exercise 1.8.6.** In part (3), it should specify that the result is for a non-zero complex number α .
 - **(Old text)** Show that any complex number α can be written uniquely as...
 - **(New text)** Show that any non-zero complex number α can be written uniquely as...
- (3) **Page 38. Proof of Theorem 2.3.14.** There are a couple of issues with the second paragraph of the proof, which should read like this instead:
 - **(New text)** Next, let us show the induction step. Let us assume that the theorem is true for sets with more than k elements, and let S be a set with more than $k + 1$ elements. Let $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k, S_{k+1}$ be $k + 1$ subsets of S , such that $\bigcup_{i=1}^{k+1} S_i = S$. If the set S_{k+1} has more than one element, then we are done. Otherwise, suppose that S_{k+1} contains only one element of S , or $S_{k+1} = \emptyset$. Then, the union $S' = \bigcup_{i=1}^k S_i$ contains at least $k + 1$ elements (since S contains $k + 2$ elements, and the missing subset S_{k+1} contains ≤ 1 elements, so S' contains $\geq k + 2 - 1 = k + 1$ elements). Hence, using our induction hypothesis on the set S' , we conclude that one of S_1, \dots, S_k contains at least two elements.
- (4) **Page 40. Line 5**
 - **(Old text)** Since $r \in S$, there must be...
 - **(New text)** Since $r_1 \in S$, there must be...

(5) **Page 71. Theorem 3.3.11**

- (Old text) Let $m > 0$ and $a \geq 0$ be fixed integers...
- (New text) Let $m > 0$ and $a > 0$ be fixed integers...

(6) **Page 74. Conjecture 3.4.7** The statement should be for $k \geq 1$.

- (Old text) Let $k \geq 0$ be an integer,...
- (New text) Let $k \geq 1$ be an integer,...

(7) **Page 75. Conjecture 3.4.10.** The statement of the Bateman-Horn conjecture needs two additional assumptions:

- Each factor $f_i(x)$ should have a positive leading coefficient, i.e., if $f_i(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$, then $a_n \geq 1$.
- The values of $f(x)$ on \mathbb{Z} must not all share a common prime factor.

(8) **Page 81. Exercise 3.5.22**

- (Old text) Show that if $a > 0$ and...
- (New text) Show that if $a > 1$ and ...

(9) **Page 114. Exercise 4.7.26**

- (Old text) ...let $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $1 \leq k \leq p$...
- (New text) ...let $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $1 \leq k < p$...

(10) **Page 150. Exercise 5.6.6 part (3)**

- (Old text) (Hint: if $a * H$ and $b * H$ are two...
- (New text) (Hint: if $g_1 * H$ and $g_2 * H$ are two...

(11) **Page 231. Exercise 8.10.10 part (b)**

- (Old text) ..., then $p = 2$ and $a = 1$.
- (New text) ..., then $p = 2$ and $a \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$.

(12) **Page 388. Corollary 13.3.4.** In part (2) of the statement, d should be t .

- (Old text) If $|\alpha - s/t| < |\alpha - p_k/q_k|$ for some $k \geq 1$, then $d > q_k$.
- (New text) If $|\alpha - s/t| < |\alpha - p_k/q_k|$ for some $k \geq 1$, then $t > q_k$.

(13) **Page 391. Exercise 13.4.14.** Here e should also be d , because otherwise $\overline{\alpha + \beta}$ is not defined with the definition we have given for conjugation in the statement.

- (Old text) ... $\alpha = u + v\sqrt{d}$ and $\beta = x + y\sqrt{e}$, where $u, v, x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$ and d, e are non-zero integers that are not perfect squares.
- (New text) ... $\alpha = u + v\sqrt{d}$ and $\beta = x + y\sqrt{d}$, where $u, v, x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$.

- (14) **Page 391. Exercise 13.4.20.** Here d should be $n^2 + 2n$.
- **(Old text)** Let d be a positive integer such that $d = n^2 + 1$, for some integer $n > 1$.
 - **(New text)** Let d be a positive integer such that $d = n^2 + 2n$, for some integer $n > 1$.
- (15) **Page 407. Proof of 14.3.17.** A $+$ should be a \cdot in the last line of the previous to last displayed equation, because they are elements living in the group $U = (U, \cdot)$ where the operation is multiplication.
- **(Old text)** $\psi((a \bmod 2, n)) + \psi((b \bmod 2, m))$.
 - **(New text)** $\psi((a \bmod 2, n)) \cdot \psi((b \bmod 2, m))$.