

**ERRATA:**  
**SMALL ISOSPECTRAL AND NONISOMETRIC ORBIFOLDS OF  
DIMENSION 2 AND 3**

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This note gives some errata for the article *Small isospectral and nonisometric orbifolds of dimension 2 and 3* [2]. The authors thank Aurel Page and Alex Bartel.

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- (1) Proposition 2.5 can be strengthened as follows.

**Proposition 2.5.**

- (a) [Vignéras [3, Corollaire 5]] *Suppose that for all  $g \in G$ , the weight of  $g^G$  over  $\Gamma$  is equal to the weight of  $g^G$  over  $\Gamma'$ . Then  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  are representation equivalent.*
- (b) [Gordon–Mao [1, Theorem A]] *Suppose that  $G = \mathrm{SO}(d, 1)$  for  $d \geq 1$  and that  $\Gamma, \Gamma' \leq G$  are cocompact. Then the converse to (a) holds:  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  are representation equivalent if and only if for all  $g \in G$ , the weight of  $g^G$  over  $\Gamma$  is equal to the weight of  $g^G$  over  $\Gamma'$ .*

*Proof.* Part (a) of Proposition 2.5 is proven by Vignéras as a direct consequence of the Selberg trace formula.

For part (b), we refer to Gordon–Mao [1, Theorem A, Lemma 1.1]. Our hypothesis that  $G = \mathrm{SO}(d, 1)$  implies that the quotients  $\Gamma \backslash G/K$  and  $\Gamma' \backslash G/K$  for  $K = \mathrm{SO}(d)$  are compact, hyperbolic orbifolds. The rest of their proof can be applied verbatim, restoring the hypothesis that the groups are representation equivalent.  $\square$

- (2) Remark 2.6: To clarify, change first sentence to “In fact, in dimension 2, a converse to Theorem 2.1 holds”. The relevant converse in Proposition 2.5 is above, part (b).
- (3) End of the proof of Theorem 6.4: Expand to “else employ Theorem 2.19 to exhibit a selectivity obstruction which precludes the possibility that the groups are representation equivalent: by Proposition 2.5(b), there is a conjugacy class corresponding to the selective order that embeds in one group and not the other.”
- (4) Before (4.14), “Lemma lem:neq5”: should be Lemma 4.13.
- (5) Theorem D, Example 6.3: The example is not a manifold. In Lemma 5.1, we characterized when there are no torsion elements in a group  $\Gamma^1$  coming from norm 1 units, but this example concerns a larger group  $\Gamma^+$ . We would have needed to check in addition that for every totally positive unit  $u \in \mathrm{nrd}(\Gamma)$  that  $F(\sqrt{-u})$  does not embed in  $B$ . In fact, there is such an

embedding for the example, and consequently there are nontrivial 2-torsion elements in  $\Gamma$ . (Such a nontrivial 2-torsion element can be given explicitly.)

Theorem D did not claim to find the smallest example, so the infraction is minor—in particular, the other results in the paper are unaffected, and the 2-manifold example remains correct.

We can find an example to replace Theorem D which is only a bit bigger as follows. Let  $F = \mathbb{Q}(t)$  be the quintic field with discriminant  $-43535$  and defining polynomial  $x^5 - x^4 + 3x^3 - 3x + 1$ . Let  $B = \left( \frac{3t^3 - 2, -13}{F} \right)$ , so that  $B$  is ramified at the three real places of  $F$  and the prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p} = (t^4 - t^3 + 3t^2 - t - 2)$  of norm 13. The algebra  $B$  contains two conjugacy classes of maximal orders, does not admit an embedding of a quadratic cyclotomic extension of  $F$  and obviously exhibits no selectivity as selectivity can only occur in quaternion algebras unramified at all finite primes. Thus the hyperbolic 3-manifolds associated to two non-conjugate maximal orders will be isospectral. The volume of these isospectral manifolds is  $51.024566\dots$ . So in Theorem D,  $39.2406\dots$  should be replaced with this larger volume.

Consequently, the remarks on Theorem D at the end of the paper must also be adjusted upwards, but they remain as daunting as they were before.

- (6) Theorem 6.4: This should read as in the statement of Theorem C, namely, “The smallest volume of a *representation equivalent*-nonisometric pair”.

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