ERRATA AND ADDENDA

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the printed page numbers of the pdf file at the above website, not the pdf page numbers.

- p. 2, various places. It is implicitly assumed that the dot product $\alpha \cdot v$ is defined via
an isomorphism $V \cong K^n$.

- p. 3, lines 1–7. This discussion has some inaccuracies. What is true (and not too hard
to prove) is that over $\mathbb{R}$ we can take $W = X$. Over an arbitrary field $K$, there exists a
linear subspace $W$ whose dimension equals $\text{rank}(\mathcal{A})$, such that $\text{codim}(H \cap W) = 1$ for
all $H \in \mathcal{A}$. We then define $\mathcal{A}_W := \{H \cap W : H \in \mathcal{A}\}$.

- p. 4, Example 1.2, line 2. It is incorrect to call this argument the sweep hyperplane
method.

- p. 4, lines 13–14. Naturally it should be assumed that $H_1, \ldots, H_p$ are distinct.

- p. 4, Example 1.2, line 2. Change “L line” to “line L”.

- p. 4, Example 1.2, line 2. Change $\mathcal{A}_K$ to $\mathcal{A}_k$.

- p. 7, second figure. The line $y = 0$ is missing.

- p. 8, line 12–. Though “maximal” is used in a standard way, for the sake of clarity one
can define a maximal chain to be a chain that is contained in no larger chain. Thus in
a finite poset every maximal chain is saturated, but not conversely.

- p. 8, line 8–. Replace $x < y$ by $x \leq y$ (since later the notation $\text{rk}(x, x)$ is used).
• p. 10, line 10. Add at the end of the line: “The following result is known as the Möbius inversion formula.”

• p. 10, end of proof. Should be \( \zeta g = f \iff g = \mu f \)

• p. 11, line 3. Change \( r(y) \) to \( \text{rk}(y) \).

• p. 12, Exercise 7. The term “face” is defined in Definition 2.4 on page 19.

• p. 12, Exercise 7(e). Change the difficulty rating to [3].

• p. 14, line 9–. Change \( H \in \mathcal{R}(A') \) to \( H \in A' \).

• p. 14, Lemma 2.2, lines 1–2. Replace “real arrangements” with “arrangements over a field \( K \)”.

• p. 16, line 5. Change “Cross-Cut” to “Crosscut”.

• p. 16, Theorem 2.2. Perhaps it should be remarked that \( N_0 = 0 \) unless \( \#L = 1 \) (i.e., \( 0 = \hat{1} \)) and \( X = \emptyset \).

• p. 18, line 6– to 1–. Replace these six lines by the following.

In the latter case, let \( \mathcal{B} \subseteq A \) be central and \( H_0 \in \mathcal{B} \). Set \( \hat{\mathcal{B}} = (\mathcal{B} - \{H_0\})^{H_0} \), a subarrangement of \( A^{H_0} = A'' \). Suppose that \( \hat{\mathcal{B}} = \{H_1, \ldots, H_k\} \). Let

\[
c_i = \#\{H \in A : H \cap H_0 = H_i\}.
\]

Consider the contribution to the sum \( \sum_{H_0 \in \mathcal{B} \subseteq A} (-1)^{\#\mathcal{B} \cdot \text{rank}(\mathcal{B})} \) from all subarrangements \( \mathcal{C} \subseteq A \) satisfying \( \hat{\mathcal{C}} = \hat{\mathcal{B}} \). Note that \( \text{rank}(\mathcal{C}) = 1 + \text{rank}(\hat{\mathcal{C}}) = 1 + \text{rank}(\hat{\mathcal{B}}) \). The sum is given by

\[
\sum_{H_0 \in \mathcal{C} \subseteq A \atop \hat{\mathcal{C}} = \hat{\mathcal{B}}} (-1)^{\#\mathcal{C} \cdot \text{rank}(\mathcal{C})} = t^{n-(1+\text{rank}(\hat{\mathcal{B}}))} \sum_{i_1=1}^{c_1} \cdots \sum_{i_k=1}^{c_k} (-1)^{i_1+\cdots+i_k+1} \binom{c_1}{i_1} \cdots \binom{c_k}{i_k}
\]

\[
= -t^{n-1-\text{rank}(\hat{\mathcal{B}})} (-1)^k
= -t^{n-1-\text{rank}(\hat{\mathcal{B}})} (-1)^{\#\hat{\mathcal{B}}}.
\]

Thus

\[
\sum_{H_0 \in \mathcal{B} \subseteq A \atop \mathcal{B} \text{ central}} (-1)^{\#\mathcal{B} \cdot \text{rank}(\mathcal{B})} = - \sum_{\hat{\mathcal{B}} \subseteq A' \atop \hat{\mathcal{B}} \text{ central}} t^{n-1-\text{rank}(\hat{\mathcal{B}})} (-1)^{\#\hat{\mathcal{B}}}
\]

\[
= -\chi_{A'}(t),
\]

and the proof follows. \( \square \)
• p. 22, line 3. $(1)^k$ should be $(-1)^k$

• p. 24, lines 3– to 2–. Change “by first choosing the size $i = \#\kappa([n])$ of its image in $\binom{n}{i}$ ways” with “by first choosing the size $i = \#\kappa([n])$ of its image, then choosing its image $\kappa([n])$ itself in $\binom{n}{i}$ ways”.

• p. 25, line 7–. Change the second $=$ to $-$.

• p. 27, line 4. Change $L(A)$ to $L(A_G)$.

• p. 27, line 9. Insert after “sublattice” the following parenthetical statement.

\[\text{(i.e., it is not true that if } \sigma, \tau \in L_G \text{ then } \sigma \land \tau \in L_G \text{ and } \sigma \lor \tau \in L_G, \text{ where } \land \text{ and } \lor \text{ are computed in } \Pi_n)\]

• p. 27, line 10. Insert after “[why?]” the following sentence:

In other words, if $\sigma, \tau \in L_G$ then $\sigma \lor \tau \in L_G$, where $\lor$ is computed in $\Pi_n$.

• p. 28, line 9–. Change $\sigma$ to $\bar{\sigma}$.

• p. 30, Exercise 4, line 3. Chang $r(A)$ to $r(A_G)$.

• p. 30, Exercise 7, line 1. Change “the the” to “the”.

• p. 30, Exercise 9. Change the difficulty level to [4–]. In fact, the stronger result $c_i^2 \geq c_{i-1} c_{i+1}$ is now known to be true.

• p. 32, line 5–. Change “diagam” to “diagram”.

• p. 35, proof of Proposition 3.6, last line. Change $B'$ to $B$.

• p. 36, Definition 3.9. In order for condition (1) to make sense, it should be assumed that $L$ is graded. Let us point out, moreover, that a finite lattice satisfying condition (2) is automatically graded.

• p. 36, line 14–. Change $\lor I$ to $\lor I$.

• p. 36, line 6–. Delete “$y \in S$ but”.

• p. 37, line 5. Change second $S \cup T$ to $S \cap T$.

• p. 37, line 8. Change $L_A$ to $L(A)$.

• p. 38, line equation (26). Change $\chi_M$ to $\chi_{MA}$.

• p. 41, lines 7– to 6–. Change “of the affine matroid $M$ of Figure 1” to “of a certain affine matroid $M$”.

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• p. 42, line 6. Change $i - 1$ to $i + 1$.

• p. 42, Lemma 4.4. It should be assumed that $\hat{0} < \hat{1}$. Otherwise we need to add a term $c_0$ to the formula for $\mu(\hat{0}, \hat{1})$.

• p. 43, line 9. Change second $x_1$ to $x_2$.

• p. 43, proof of Theorem 4.11. The proof assumes that $n > 0$, i.e., $\hat{0} < \hat{1}$. Of course the case $n = 0$ is trivial.

• p. 44, equation (27). Change $n$ to $n - 1$.

• p. 44, line 12. Change $\cdots$ to $\vdots$.

• p. 44, line 12–. Change $\lambda(x_i) > \lambda(x_{i+1})$ to $\lambda(x_{i-1}, x_i) > \lambda(x_i, x_{i+1})$.

• p. 45, line 12. Insert after "with" the phrase "the edge ordering $\mathcal{O}$ (in large numbers) and".

• p. 46, line 2. Replace $>$ with $\geq$.

• p. 46, line 5. Change "increasing" to "strictly increasing".

• p. 46, line 7. Change $\lambda(C)$ to $\tilde{\lambda}(C)$.

• p. 46, line 22. Change $\hat{0} := y_0$ to $\hat{0} = y_0$.

• p. 47, Example 4.9(c), line 3. Change "and" to "with".

• p. 47, Example 4.9(e), line 4. Change $F_n(q)$ to $F^n_q$.

• p. 48, line 1. Change $L$ to $B_n(q)$ (twice).

• p. 49, line 11. change $B_2 - b, \ldots, B_3$ to $B_2 - b, B_3$.

• p. 49, line 12. Change $B_i$ to $B_k$.

• Theorem 4.13, line 1. Although the meaning should be clear, to avoid any ambiguity the first sentence should be changed to "Let $L$ be a geometric lattice of rank $n$, and let $z$ be a modular element of $L$.”

• Theorem 4.13. The characteristic polynomial of a (finite) graded poset $P$ with $\hat{0}$ needs to be defined. Suppose that $P$ has rank $n$, so that every maximal chain of $P$ has length $n$. Define

$$\chi_P(t) = \sum_{x \in P} \mu(\hat{0}, x) t^{n-\text{rk}(x)}.$$ 

• p. 50, line 4. Change $x^n - ax^{n-1} + \cdots$ with $t^n - at^{n-1} + \cdots$. 

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• p. 50, equation (33). Change $\sum_{y \land z = 0}$ to $\sum_{y : y \land z = 0}$.
• p. 52, line 3–. Change $xA$ to $cA$.
• p. 53, lines 5–6. Should be displayed so $=$ signs are aligned.
• p. 53, Definition 4.13, line 3. Change $L_A$ to $L(A)$.
• p. 54, line 8–. Change $B_1 \subset B_2 \cdots$ to $B_1 \subset B_2 \subset \cdots$.
• p. 54, line 7–. Change “atoms covered by $\pi_i$” to “atoms less than or equal to $\pi_i$”.
• p. 54, line 1–. Change $B_n(t)$ to $B_n$.
• p. 55, line 10. Change $p_i(H)$ to $(p_1(H), \ldots, p_n(H))$.
• p. 55, line 16–. Change $L_A$ to $L(A)$.
• p. 59, (22)(b). Change “internal activity 0” to “internal activity 1”.
• p. 61, line 4–. Change $v_i, a_i \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ to “$v_i \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ and $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$”.
• p. 62, second line of proof. Change $F_q$ to $F_q$.
• p. 63, line 4. Change $\mathbb{F}_1^n$ to $\mathbb{F}_q^n$.
• p. 72, line 10. Change “intervals” to “interval”.
• p. 78, Lemma 5.6, line 2. Change $\sigma(x) = \sigma(y)$ to $\sigma(x) = y$.
• p. 84, Exercise 19(a). Change $\sum_{k=1}^n$ to $\sum_{k=0}^n$.
• p. 86, Exercise 27(b). Change the rating to [3–]. A solution was found by Seunghyun Seo.
• p. 90, line 7. Change $(c_1, \ldots, c_n)$ to $(c_1, \ldots, c_n)$.
• p. 90, line 12–. Change “is easy” to “it is easy”.
• p. 90, line 3–. Change $\text{sep}(R_0, u)$ to $\text{sep}(R_0, R_u)$.
• p. 92, Definition 6.15, line 2. Change “rearrangement” to “rearrangement”.
• p. 94, line 1–. Change “parking function” to “parking functions”.
• p. 95, line 17–. Change “connect it the roots” to “connect it to the roots”.
• p. 98, line 5. Change “((bb))” to “((bb))”.
• p. 101, line 5–. Change $x_{d+1}$ to $x_{d-1}$.
• p. 104, entry (6,2) of $V$. Change $a_1a_2a_3$ to $a_1a_2a_3$.

• p. 104, entry (7,2) of $V$. Change $a_1a_3$ to $a_2a_3$.