

## ERRATA

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- page 5, line 9–. Insert “a” after “is”.
- page 23, line 6. Insert “a” after “is”.
- page 24, line 2. Change  $c_i$  to  $c_1$ .
- page 34, line 15. It should be stated that for this second way,  $d + 1$  cannot be inserted at the end even though  $d \notin D(w)$ .
- page 38, line 18. Change “does” to “do”.
- page 40, line 15. The intent of the parenthetical comment was to write the summation as

$$\sum_{g(4) \geq g(6)} \sum_{g(6) \geq g(3)} \dots \sum_{g(5) \geq 0} q^{g(4) + \dots + g(5)}.$$

We are actually first summing on  $g(5) \geq 0$ , then  $g(1) \geq g(5)$ , etc.

- page 40, line 4–. Insert  $\sum_{m \geq 0}$  before  $\sum_{w \in \mathfrak{S}_d}$ .
- page 43, line 4. Change “relection” to “reflection”.
- page 43, line 14. Change  $i \geq 0$  to  $i \geq 1$ .
- page 45, line 1. Change  $w$  to  $T(w)$ .
- page 47, line 11. Change  $n \geq 2$  to  $n \geq 1$ .
- page 49, lines 20–22. The two sentence beginning “Figure 1.10 ...” and “Let  $f(n)$  denote ...” should be interchanged, since  $f(n)$  is used in the first of these sentences but defined in the second.
- page 50 , line 4. Change “tree” to “trees”.
- page 53, line 1–. Change  $n$  to  $n - 1$ .
- page 54, line 8. Change “number” to “numbers”.

- page 62, equation (1.78). Change  $j \in \mathcal{S}_i$  to  $j \in S_i$ .
- page 62, line 13–. Change  $\mathcal{S}_j$  to  $S_i$ .
- page 65, line 7. Change proposition to Proposition.
- page 66, line 13. Change  $F(0, q)$  to  $F(x, 0)$ .
- page 68, line 17–. Change “ $k$  of the  $\gamma_i$ ’s” to “ $k$   $\gamma_i$ ’s”.
- page 71, line 2–. Change “then then” to “then the”.
- page 76, line 2. Change “ $x$  to  $-x$ ” to “ $t$  to  $-x$ ”.
- page 77, line 5–. Change “ $f(0), f(0)$ ” to “ $f(0), f(1)$ ”.
- page 85, Theorem 1.10.4, line 3. Change  $\text{GL}(n, q)$  to  $\text{GL}(m, q)$ .
- page 85, Theorem 1.10.4, line 4. Change  $|\lambda(f)| \cdot \deg(f)$  to  $m = |\lambda(f)| \cdot \deg(f)$
- page 88, line 13–. Change  $v_{ij}$  to  $v_{1j}$ .
- page 98, line 7. Change “in the monograph” to “is the monograph”.
- page 109, Exercise 35(b,c,d). For the history of these results, see MathOverflow 63561.
- page 112, Exercise 54(a), line 1. Change  $A(2n+1, n+1)$  to  $A(2n+1, n)$ .
- page 112, Exercise 55, line 2. Delete “, respectively”, since  $\text{maj}(w^r)$  is expressed in terms of both  $\text{des}(w)$  and  $\text{maj}(w)$ .
- page 113, Exercise 1.58(a), line 2. Change “and” to “can”.
- page 115, Exercise 70(b), line 3. Change  $(1, 0)$  to  $(0, 1)$ , and change “i.e,” to “i.e.,”.
- page 120, Exercise 94, second bullet. Change “Then” to “The”.
- page 121, Exercise 96(c), line 3. Change 4.4.1.1 to 4.1.1.
- page 123, Exercise 116(b), line 2. Change distribuion to distribution.

- page 126, line 2. Change  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$  to “ $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$ , excluding  $(i, j) = (1, n)$ .”
- page 126, Exercise 128(d), line 7. Change  $\frac{2}{1+x}$  to  $\frac{2x}{1+x}$ .
- page 126, Exercise 129(a), line 3. Add  $\sum_{k \geq 0}$  after  $\sum_{n \geq 1}$ .
- page 132, Exercise 160(c), lines 2,3. Change  $\xi$  to  $\zeta$ .
- page 136, line 1-. Change  $q^{n-1}$  to  $q^{k-1}$ .
- page 137, Exercise 184(a), line 5. Change “polynomials  $f(x) = \beta$  for  $0 \neq \beta \in \mathbb{F}_q$ ” to “polynomial  $f(x) = 1$ ”.
- page 139, Exercise 193, line 2. Change  $\gamma_n$  to  $\gamma(n)$ .
- page 140, Exercise 199, line 4. The condition (only relevant in characteristic 2) should be that  $A = -A^t$  and  $A$  has 0’s on the main diagonal. Some people will take this to be the definition of “skew-symmetric,” while others will call these matrices “alternating.”
- page 140, Exercise 198(b), last displayed equation. Change  $(q^{2m-1})$  to  $(q^{2m-1} - 1)$  (twice).
- page 148, Exercise 56, line 3. Change  $=$  to  $\subseteq$ .
- page 150, Exercise 22(b), line 6. Change  $x^{2i+1}$  to  $x^{2i-1}$ .
- page 156, line 2. Change *Combinatorica* to *Combinatoria*.
- page 163, Exercise 80. For the convoluted history of this result, see R. Gilbert, A Fine rediscovery, *Amer. Math. Monthly* **122** (2015), 322–331. In particular, the result is actually first due to N. J. Fine in 1959.
- page 166, Exercise 91(d), line 4. Replace this line with

$$1 + \sum_{n \geq 1} (-1)^n (x^n - x^{-n-1}) q^{\binom{n}{2}}.$$

- page 166, Exercise 92. This identity is actually due to I. Gessel and D. Stanton, *Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.* **277** (1983), 173–201 (equations (7.13) and (7.15)).

- page 169, Exercise 109(a), line 4. Change “is bijection” to “is a bijection”.
- page 171, line 4. The index entries for these four names is missing.
- page 173, Exercise 129. Change the parts **a** and **b** to **b** and **c**.
- page 173, Exercise 134, line 2. Change the period after Petersen to a comma.
- page 181, Exercise 164, line 1. Change  $x = 0$  to  $y = 0$ .
- page 182 Insert after “ $x + p_2x^2 + \dots$ .” the following sentence:  
Then we need to show that  $p_{2n} \in I := \langle p_2, \dots, p_{2n-1} \rangle$ , the ideal of the polynomial ring  $K[a_2, a_3, \dots]$  generated by  $p_1, \dots, p_{2n-1}$ .  
The sentence after this one should begin a new paragraph.
- page 183, Exercise 168. The parts **b.**, **c.**, **d.**, **e.**, **f.** should be **d.**, **f.**, **g.**, **i.**, **j.**, respectively.
- page 186, Exercise 164. Change the parts **a** and **b** to **b** and **c**.
- page 186, Exercise 185, line 6. Insert  $\prod_{d \geq 1}$  after =.
- page 190, Exercise 1.190(b), line 3. Replace this line with  
$$\omega^*(n, q) = q^n - q^m - q^{m-1} - q^{m-2} - \dots - q^{\lfloor n/3 \rfloor} + O(q^{\lfloor n/3 \rfloor - 1}).$$
- page 195, line 9-. Change “example” to “examples”.
- page 196, equation (2.5). Change  $Y \supseteq T$  to  $Y \supseteq \emptyset$  or to just  $Y$ .
- page 198, line 2. This line should read:  
function  $f_{=}$  satisfies  $f_{=}(T) = f_{=}(T')$  whenever  $\#T = \#T'$ . Thus also  $f_{\geq}(T)$
- page 199, line 11-. Change “ $i$  set” to “ $i$ -set”.
- page 199, line 3-. Change  $S - T$  to  $S_n - T$ .
- page 200, line 8. Change  $j \geq i$  to  $j \leq i$ .

- page 203, line 6. Insert ) before }.
- page 203, line 13. Change “nonattacking” to “nonattacking”.
- page 203, line 4-. Change “is” to “in”.
- page 205, line 2-. Change  $n - k - 1$  to  $n - k + 1$ .
- page 206, line 9. Change “suggest” to “suggests”.
- page 207, line 4-. Change  $x - s_1$  to  $x + s_1$ .
- page 208, line 10-. Change “ $a_3$ ’s” to “ $a_3$  3’s”.
- page 210, line 9. Insert “one for 121,” after “one for 112,”.
- page 210, line 9-. Insert = between  $d(n)$  and  $\#D_n$ .
- page 212, line 9-. Change  $T \subseteq S$  to  $Y \subseteq S$ .
- page 216, line 5-. Insert ) after  $x_{\gamma_i}$ .
- page 217, l. 14-. Change  $v$  to  $(x, y)$ .
- page 217, l. 12-. Change  $v$  to  $(x, y)$ .
- page 222, Exercise 10(b), lines 1 and 2. Change  $E(n)/n!$  to  $E(n)/n^n$  (twice).
- page 227, line 3-. On the left-hand side of the formula, remove one  $\sum_{i \geq 0}$  and change  $y^i$  to  $t^i$ .
- page 229, Exercise 29(a), line 4. Change “partitions” to “compositions”.
- page 235, Exercise 10(b), line 9. Change  $E(n)/n!$  to  $E(n)/n^n$ .
- page 237, Exercise 19. Change  $\binom{2n-k}{k}$  to  $\frac{2n}{2n-k} \binom{2n-k}{k}$ .
- page 237, line 2-. Change second  $a_{n-k+1}$  to  $a_{n-k+2}$ .
- page 248, line 5-. Change “an” to “a”.
- page 249, Proposition 3.3.2, line 1. Change “condtions” to “conditions”.

- page 251, line 1–. Change  $\mathcal{I}$  to  $S$ .
- page 252, line 3. Insert “simple” before “matroids”.
- page 253, line 9–. In the definition of finitary distributive lattice, add the condition that  $L$  has finitely many elements of each rank. (Thus for instance the distributive lattice of all finite subsets of an infinite set is locally finite with  $\hat{0}$  but not finitary.)
- page 277, line 12–. Change  $\dim(W \cup W')$  to  $\dim(W + W')$ .
- page 283, lines 8– to 6–. Delete the sentence “Let  $\Lambda_t = \{s \in L(\mathcal{A}) : s \leq t\}$ , the principal order ideal generated by  $t$ .”
- page 284, line 3–. Delete “real” at the end of the line.
- page 284, line 2–. Insert “over  $K$ ” after “arrangements”.
- page 285, line 9. Delete “ $\#\mathcal{B}_1 = \#\mathcal{B} - 1$  and”.
- page 285, line 11. Under the second  $\Sigma$ , change  $\mathcal{B}_1 \in \mathcal{A}''$  to  $\mathcal{B}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{A}''$
- page 291, line 10–. Change “sketch that” to “reference for”.
- page 303, Theorem 3.15.8. To be completely accurate, one should assume that  $P \neq \emptyset$ .
- page 308, line 9. Change “an” to “and”.
- page 313, Figure 3.33. The poset  $P_5$  is drawn incorrectly.
- page 315, line 7. Change  $a_s - a_{s+1}$  to  $a_s - a_{s-1}$  (twice after the brace).
- page 317, after (3.80). The phrase “(since intervals of Eulerian posets are Eulerian)” is unnecessary since the formulas under consideration hold for any graded poset with  $\hat{0}$  and  $\hat{1}$ .
- page 319, line 12–. Change  $Q_1 * Q_2 * \cdots * Q_r$  to  $R_1 * R_2 * \cdots * R_r$  (since  $Q_i$  already has been given another meaning).
- page 319, line 11–. Change the first  $Q_i$  to  $R_i$ .
- page 332, line 1–. Change  $\gamma_{j-1}$  to  $\gamma_{j-1}^2$ .

- page 332, bottom of page. Add the following paragraph:  
The proof that  $(\gamma_j^*)^2 = 1$  is completely analogous. It also follows from the fact that  $\gamma_j^2 = 1$ , since we can assume without loss of generality that  $j = p - 1$  and then apply the automorphism of  $G$  that sends each  $\tau_k$  to  $\tau_{p-k}$ .
- page 334, line 4. Change  $z\delta$  to  $z\delta_{p-1}$ .
- page 336, line 11. Change  $\varphi: \widehat{KP} \rightarrow \widehat{KP}$  to  $\varphi: KP \rightarrow \widehat{KP}$ .
- page 337, lines 14– to 11–. The sentence “For the algebraically minded . . . formal power series.” is not correct. We first need to consider non-commutative *polynomials* (not power series) and then pass to suitable completions.
- page 342, line 6. Change  $(1 - q)^2$  to  $(1 - q)$  (in the denominator).
- page 345, line 4. Change  $p_{s-1} + p_s$  to  $p_{j-1} + p_j$ .
- page 345, line 13. Change  $A$  to **A** (boldface).
- p. 356, Exercise 15(g), line 3. Change 9655 to 11586.
- page 356, Exercise 16(b). Change the difficulty rating to [3] (or maybe [3+]). See M. Guay-Paquet, A. H. Morales, and E. Rowland, DMTCS proc. **AS** (FPSAC 2013 Paris) (2013), 253–264.
- page 360, Exercise 38. This exercise is incorrect for  $1 < k < m$ , where  $m$  is the maximum size of an antichain of  $P$ . A counterexample is given by  $k = 2$  and  $L = J(P)$ , where  $P = \mathbf{1} + (\mathbf{1} \oplus (\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1}))$ . It is true that  $\#P_k = \#R_k$ , even for modular lattices. See Exercise 3.101(d).
- page 360, Exercise 41(c,d). It is assumed that  $L$  is distributive.
- page 364, Exercise 55(b). The rating should be changed to [3–]. An exceptionally elegant proof was given by G. Stachowiak, *Order* **5** (1988), 257–259. Another elegant proof was given by B. Iriarte, [arXiv:1405.4880](https://arxiv.org/abs/1405.4880). Iriarte proves the more general result that if  $G$  is the comparability graph of a poset  $P$ , then the number of linear extensions of  $(G, \mathfrak{o})$  is maximized when  $\mathfrak{o}$  respects the order  $P$ .

- page 374, Exercise 95. The stated identity is actually valid for the *dual* Möbius algebra, where one uses the join operation rather than the meet. The correct identity using the text definition of Möbius algebra is

$$\sum_{t \in L} \mu(t, \hat{1})t = \left( \sum_{u \geq z} \mu(u, \hat{1})u \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{v \vee z = \hat{1}} \mu(v, \hat{1})v \right).$$

- page 375, Exercise 98, line 3. Change  $\leq$  to  $\geq$ .
- page 378, Exercise 114(a). The answer should be

$$(x - 1)(x - 2) \cdots (x - n).$$

- page 379, Exercise 115(c), line 1. Change “0,1” to 0. (There are  $\binom{n}{2}$  hyperplanes.)
- page 379, Exercise 116. The subscripts should not be in boldface.
- page 387, Exercise 3.139. The right-hand side of the displayed formula should be  $2x(1 + x)^{n-2}/(1 - x)^n$ .
- page 390, Exercise 158(a), line 4. Change **a.** at beginning of line to **i.**
- page 390, Exercise 158(a), line 5. Change **b.** at beginning of line to **ii.**
- page 390, Exercise 158(c). Delete one of the periods at the end of the line.
- page 390, Exercise 158(d), line 2. Change “thats” to “that”.
- page 403, Exercise 189. NOTE. The result is also true for  $d$  odd, but the proof is quite a bit easier.
- page 404, Exercise 198. It should be mentioned that butterfly posets are also called “ladder posets,” since there is an index entry for “poset, ladder.”
- page 405, line 8–. The notation  $f_{00}$  is not defined until the next sentence.
- page 406, line 1–. Change  $\text{des}(w)$  to  $\text{asc}(w)$ .



- page 407, line 1. Change  $\text{des}(w)$  to  $\text{asc}(w)$ , and change “descents” to “ascents”.
- page 407, line 3. Change  $z \sum_{n \geq 1}$  to  $\sum_{n \geq 1}$  (twice).
- page 407, line 5. Change  $(x - 1)^{n-1}$  to  $(z - 1)^{n-1}$ .
- page 407, Exercise 205(b), line 2. Change 44605 to 44606 (private communication from Patrick Byrnes, 21 February 2012). Byrnes originally assumed that a vertex  $v$  could be covered by at most one singleton (element covering only  $v$ ), but there is exactly one example up to rank 9 where this property need not hold. Byrnes also computes that there are 29,199,636 1-differential posets up to rank 10.
- page 408, Exercise 211, line 3. Change the numerator  $r^2 + (r + 1)q - q^2$  to  $r^2 + r(r + 1)q - rq^2$ .
- page 408, Exercise 215(c). Change the difficulty rating [5] to [3].
- page 415, Exercise 36(b). This example is incorrect. For instance,  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $\{1, 2, 4, 5\}$  have no meet.
- page 431, line 2-. Change **23** to **33**.
- page 449, Exercise 163(a), line 3. Change  $2e_P(p - 1) - (p - 1)e(p)$  to  $(2e_P(p - 1) - (p - 1)e(P))/p!$ .
- page 458, Exercise 185. Part **f.** should be **k.**, and **g.** should be **l.**
- page 459, line 5-. Should be  $\beta_P(4, 5, 6) = -1$ .
- page 465, line 7-. Change “degree  $j$ ” to “degree  $j - 1$ ”.
- page 468, Proposition 4.2.2, line 5. Change the period after  $E_f$  to a comma.
- page 469, line 6-. Change  $\sum_{n \geq 0} f(n)$  to  $\sum_{n \geq 0} f(n)x^n$ .
- page 511, line 18-. Change  $(v, b_i)$  to  $(v, i)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ .
- page 522, Figure 4.29. The vertex labels should be 0 and 1, not 00 and 10.

- page 528, Exercise 4.2, line 3. Change “over” to “in”.
- page 530, Exercise 4.12. Change  $0.00010203050813213455 \cdots$  to  $0.0001010203050813213455 \cdots$ , and change 1, 2, 3 to 1, 1, 2, 3.
- page 530, Exercise 4.14, line 2. Insert “relatively prime” after “choose  $a, b$ ”.
- page 531, Exercise 22, line 1. Change  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  to  $0 \neq \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ .
- page 532, Exercise 25(e), line 3. Change  $N_1(m)$  to  $N_1(2^m - 1)$ .
- page 532, Exercise 25(e), line 5. Change  $N_1(m)$  to  $N_1(q^m - 1)$  and  $N_{-1}(m)$  to  $N_{-1}(q^m - 1)$ .
- page 532, Exercise 25(e), line 8. Change  $N_1(m)$  to  $N(2^m - 1)$ .
- page 532, Exercise 25(e), line 10. Change  $N_1(m)$  to  $N_1(2^m - 1)$ .
- page 533, line 2. Change  $N_1(m)$  to  $N_1(2^m - 1)$ .
- page 533, line 5. Change  $N_1(m)$  to  $N_1(2^m - 1)$ .
- page 533, line 7. Change  $N_1(m)$  to  $N_1(3^m - 1)$ .
- page 533, line 8. Change  $N_2(m)$  to  $N_2(3^m - 1)$ .
- page 533, line 10. Change  $N_1(m)$  to  $N_1(3^m - 1)$ .
- page 533, line 11. Change  $N_2(m)$  to  $N_2(3^m - 1)$ .
- page 539, Exercise 47, line 1–. Change 1.1.8.6 to 1.8.6.
- page 542, line 4. Change  $n \times n$  to  $(n + 1) \times (n + 1)$ .
- page 542, line 10. Delete ) after  $u_6$ .
- page 546, Exercise 4.75(d). Change the difficulty rating to [3–]. A combinatorial proof (though not a simple bijection) was found by Jacob Scott, private communication dated September 2, 2012.

- page 548, Exercise 2(a), line 6. The assertion “Clearly, we can write  $f(x) = P(x)/Q(x)$  for some relatively prime integer polynomials  $P$  and  $Q$ .” is not so clear. One must show that if  $F(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[[x]]$  and  $F(x) = R(x)/S(x)$  where  $R, S \in \mathbb{C}[x]$ , then one can write  $F(x) = P(x)/Q(x)$  where  $P, Q \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ . This statement does have a fairly simple proof, which we leave as an exercise.
- page 549, line 1–. Change  $x^{m^2}$  to  $x^{n^2}$ .
- page 552, Exercise 14. The smallest known pair  $(a, b)$  seems to be

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 106276436867 = 31 \cdot 3128272157 \\ b &= 35256392432 = 2^4 \cdot 2203524527 \end{aligned}$$

due to M. Vsemirnov, *J. Integer Seq.* **7** (2004), article 04.3.7.

- page 557, line 4–. Change  $x^\ell$  to  $x^l$ .
- page 558, line 1. Delete comma after *Wochenschrift*.
- page 558, Exercise 43. The sequence  $t(3), t(4), \dots$  is known as *Alcuin’s sequence*, after Alcuin of York (730s or 740s – 19 May 804). For a survey see D. J. Bindner and M. Erickson, *Amer. Math. Monthly* **119** (2012), 115–121.
- page 560, Exercise 46(b), line 1. Delete the first “many”.
- page 560, Exercise 46(b), line 2. Change  $f(n+1), f(n+2), \dots, f(n+d)$  to “ $(f(n+1), f(n+2), \dots, f(n+d))$  for fixed  $d$ ”.
- page 564, Exercise 58(f), line 1. Change “order polynomials” to “Ehrhart polynomials”.
- page 567, Exercise 75(c), line 1. Delete “directed”.
- page 569, Exercise 80, displayed equation, line 1. Change  $v'_iy$  to  $v_iy$ .
- page 570, Exercise 82(e,f). For the paper of J. Schneider, see *Electronic J. Combinatorics* **21** (2014), P1.43; arXiv:1206.6174.
- page 571, line 3. Change “chose” to “chosen”.

- page 578. The following item is missing: First edition—Supplementary Exercise 1.7 = Second edition—Exercise 1.114(b).
- page 579. The following three items are missing: First edition—Supplementary Exercise 3.19 = Second edition—Exercise 3.44; First edition—Supplementary Exercise 3.10 = Second edition—Exercise 3.63; and First edition—Supplementary Exercise 3.17 = Second edition—Exercise 3.189.