

CORRECTIONS TO “MATRIX GROUPS FOR UNDERGRADUATES”

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- (Page 12) Equation 1.3 is only true for $\mathbb{K} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$.
- (Page 29) Exchange f 's and g 's in the labelling of the horizontal arrows on the commutative diagram in the middle of the page, and also in the commutative diagram at the bottom of the page.
- (Page 37, line 7) Replace “ $X = (x_1, \dots, x_2)$ ” with “ $X = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ”.
- (Page 38, 3rd from last line) Replace “ $O(n)$ ” with “ $O(2n)$ ”.
- (Page 42, middle of the proof) The sentence, “We showed in the proof of Proposition 3.11 that inner products are determined by norms, so f also preserves inner products,” is misleading because it tempts one to improperly assume that f is already known to be linear. Instead of Proposition 3.11, use this:

$$2\langle X, Y \rangle = |X|^2 + |Y|^2 - |X - Y|^2 = \text{dist}(X, 0)^2 + \text{dist}(Y, 0)^2 - \text{dist}(X, Y)^2.$$

- (Page 49, 3rd from last line) Replace “ $\mathcal{O}_n(\mathbb{K})$ ” with “ $\mathcal{O}_d(\mathbb{K})$ ”.
- (Page 62, Corollary 4.26) Replace “is” with “its”.
- (Page 65, Ex. 4.12) Replace “ $i < j$ ” with “ $i > j$ ”.
- (Page 66, Ex. 4.22) Replace “ $a \neq 0$ ” with “ $a > 0$ ”.
- (Page 66, Ex. 4.24) Replace “irrational multiple of 2π ” with “irrational number”.
- (Page 69, last line of proof) Replace “ $\gamma(t) \cdot \beta'(t)$ ” with “ $\gamma'(t) \cdot \beta(t)$ ”.
- (Page 70, Proposition 5.6) Replace “ $4n^4$ ” with “ $4n^2$ ”.
- (Page 82, last paragraph) Ignore this 3-line paragraph about the sup norm. It not used in the book, and it is not correct.
- (Page 88, middle of the proof) Replace “ $f(t) \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} e^{tA}$ ” with “ $f(t) \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \det(e^{tA})$ ”
- (Page 91, Ex. 6.13) Replace “is” with “in”.

- (Page 101, Example 7.10) Replace “irrational multiple of 2π ” with “irrational number”.
- (Page 110, Ex. 7.6) Replace each occurrence of “ G^0 ” with “ G_0 ”.
- (Page 117, 4th line) Switch the order of the first two elements in the basis for $su(2)$.
- (Page 118, line 19) Replace “isomorphims” with “isomorphisms”.
- (Page 120) Each occurrence of the row-vector (a, b, c) should instead be written as a column-vector.
- (Page 124, second line) Replace “isometry G ” with “isometry of G ”.
- (Page 124, Theorem 8.15) Add the hypothesis that H is closed.
- (Page 128, first line of proof) Replace “by Exercise 4.15” with “by Proposition 4.29”.
- (Page 133, Ex. 8.12.1) Replace “ $\gamma'(t) = 0$ ” with “ $\gamma'(0) = 0$ ”.
- (Page 135, line 7) Replace “an elements of” with “an element of”.
- (Page 139, middle of page) The sentence “...the idea generalizes to any dimension” is a bit misleading, since the dimension 2 proof that is provided lacks one ingredient which is required in the general proof. For general dimension, after picking v_1, \dots, v_l , choose v_{l+1} so that the orthogonal distance from v_{l+1} to $\text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_l\}$ is non-zero but minimal.
- (Page 150, Case 1 of proof) The proof fails to address the possibility that the denominator of $Z = \frac{v+\bar{v}}{|v+\bar{v}|}$ vanishes. In this case, the components of v are imaginary, so one should instead define $Z = \frac{iv}{|iv|}$.
- (Page 154) Each occurrence of the row-vector (a, b, c) should instead be written as a column-vector.
- (Page 157, Definition 9.27) Replace the inadequate definition of regular given in the text with this:

Definition 9.27 1. *The element $x \in T \subset G$ is called regular if:*

 - (1) *(for $G = U(n)$) its angles are all distinct.*
 - (2) *(for $G = SU(n)$) its angles are all distinct, including the final summed angle.*
 - (3) *(for $G = Sp(n)$) its angles are all distinct and none equals 0 or π .*
 - (4) *(for $G = SO(2n + 1)$) no angle equals plus or minus another angle.*
 - (5) *(for $G = SO(2n)$) no angle equals plus or minus another angle, and at most one lies in $\{0, \pi\}$.*
- (Page 160, paragraph after Thm 9.34) Remove this paragraph, which incorrectly claims that simply connected Lie groups are isomorphic to matrix groups.