

CORRIGENDUM TO:  
“ON THE STRENGTH OF RAMSEY’S THEOREM FOR PAIRS”

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Several proofs given in [2] contain significant errors or gaps, although to our knowledge all results claimed there are provable. The needed corrections are described below. All references are to [2] unless otherwise stated, and we adopt the notation and terminology of that paper.

1. Lemma 7.10 asserts that the principles  $D_2^2$  and  $SRT_2^2$  are equivalent over  $RCA_0$ . However, the proof that  $D_2^2$  implies  $SRT_2^2$  has a hidden application of  $B\Sigma_2^0$  and thus is actually carried out in  $RCA_0 + B\Sigma_2^0$ . The problem is that, in the construction of  $H$  by adding one element at a time, each element  $c$  added to  $H$  must form a pair of the appropriate color with all previously chosen elements. To get the existence of such a  $c$  one seems to need  $B\Sigma_2^0$ . This gap was recently closed by Chong, Lempp, and Yang, who showed in [3], Theorem 1.4, that, in  $RCA_0$ ,  $D_2^2$  implies  $B\Sigma_2^0$ , and hence  $D_2^2$  implies  $SRT_2^2$ .

2. Lemma 7.11 asserts that  $RT_2^2$  is equivalent to  $SRT_2^2$  & COH over  $RCA_0$ . However, the proof given there that  $RT_2^2$  implies COH in  $RCA_0$  is seriously flawed. This was pointed out by Joseph Mileti and later by Jeffrey Hirst. A proof that  $RT_2^2$  implies COH in  $RCA_0 + I\Sigma_2$  can easily be extracted from the proof of Theorem 12.5. Mileti, and simultaneously Lempp and Jockusch, observed that it is possible to eliminate the use of  $I\Sigma_2$  by effectively bounding in terms of  $k$  the number of changes in the characteristic function of  $A$  when it is restricted to  $A_k$ , so that proving that this number is finite requires only  $\Sigma_1$ -induction. Thus, it is provable in  $RCA_0$  that  $RT_2^2$  implies COH, and hence that  $RT_2^2$  is equivalent to  $SRT_2^2$  & COH.

3. Joseph Mileti pointed out a gap in the proof of the claim at the bottom of page 50 that a certain computable 2-coloring of pairs  $C$  is “jump universal” in the sense that for every  $C$ -homogeneous set  $A$  and every computable coloring  $\tilde{C}$ , there exists an infinite  $\tilde{C}$ -homogeneous set  $B$  with  $B' \leq_T A'$ . The proof provided works only when  $\tilde{C}$  is stable. However, this assumption can be eliminated by using the density of the Turing degrees under  $\ll$  (see [6], Theorem 6.5) to stabilize  $\tilde{C}$ . Namely, by Theorem 12.5 let  $C$  be a computable coloring such that every infinite homogeneous set has jump of degree  $\gg \mathbf{0}'$ , and let  $A$  be an infinite homogeneous set for  $C$ . Let  $\mathbf{d}$  be the degree of  $A'$ , so that  $\mathbf{d} \gg \mathbf{0}'$ . Let  $\tilde{C}$  be any computable 2-coloring of pairs. We must show that  $\tilde{C}$  has an infinite homogeneous set with jump of degree at most  $\mathbf{d}$ . Let  $\mathbf{c}$  be a degree with  $\mathbf{d} \gg \mathbf{c} \gg \mathbf{0}'$ , and let  $\mathbf{a}$  be a degree with  $\mathbf{a}' = \mathbf{c}$ . Since

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