

CORRECTION AND SUPPLEMENT TO "ON CLOSED  
GEODESICS OF LENS SPACES"\*)

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Statement of Theorem 3 contains some errors. Sentence "Another geodesic is closed geodesic of length  $2\pi$  and of multiplicity 1." in the lines 23-24 and 28-29 on page 410 should be replaced by "All closed geodesics of length  $2\pi/q$  are obtained as above. Other geodesics through these points are closed geodesics of length  $2\pi$  (resp.  $\pi$ ) in case of (i) (resp. (ii)) and of multiplicity 1."

Nevertheless arguments in the lines 4-14 on page 410 are valid when  $q$  is a prime or  $\cos(2\pi p_1/q) = \dots = \cos(2\pi p_n/q)$  holds. So Corollaries 1, 2 to Theorem 3 remain true. Thus Theorem 3 determines closed geodesics of length  $2\pi/q$ .

Now we shall determine all closed geodesics of lens spaces. Generally closed geodesics of a lens space of constant curvature 1 are of length  $2\pi k/q$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, q$ : if  $q$  is odd and  $k = 1, 2, \dots, q/2$ : if  $q$  is even). First let us introduce the equivalence relation  $\sim^{(k)}$  in  $\{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$ . Let  $s_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) be an integer such that  $s_i p_i \equiv k \pmod{q}$ . Note that  $s_i$  is determined modulo  $q$ . Then we define  $p_i \sim^{(k)} p_j$  if and only if  $\cos(2\pi p_i s_j/q) = \cos(2\pi k/q)$ . As is easily seen, this is an equivalence relation. Let  $\{p_1 = p_{j_1}, \dots, p_{j_{m_1}}; \dots; p_{j_{m_b+1}+1}, \dots, p_{j_{m_b}} = p_{j_n}\}$  be a partition of  $\{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$  with respect to this equivalence relation. Now a point  $p = \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is said to be  $\sim^{(k)}$ -adapted if there exists an  $s \in \{m_1, \dots, m_b\}$  and  $x_{2j-1} = x_{2j} = 0$  holds for  $p_j \in \{p_1, \dots, p_n\} - \{p_{j_{m_{s-1}+1}}, \dots, p_{j_{m_s}}\}$ . Now we have

**THEOREM 3'.** *Let  $k = 1, \dots, q - 1$  if  $q$  is odd and  $k = 1, \dots, q/2 - 1$  if  $q$  is even. Then through every  $\sim^{(k)}$ -adapted point there exists a unique closed geodesic of length  $2\pi k/q$  with initial direction  $\varphi_*(x_2, -x_1, \dots, x_{2n}, -x_{2n-1})$ . This closed geodesic is of multiplicity 1 if and only if the base point is never  $\sim^{(k_i)}$ -adapted for all divisors  $k_i (< k)$  of  $k$ . Every closed geodesic of length  $2\pi k/q$  may be obtained as above. Closed geodesics other than stated above are of length  $2\pi$  (resp.  $\pi$ ) if  $q$  is odd (resp. even) and*

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of multiplicity 1.

Finally we shall add one more corollary to this theorem.

**COROLLARY 3.** *A lens space of constant curvature 1 with fundamental group of order  $q$  is homogeneous if and only if through every point there exists a closed geodesic of length  $2\pi/q$ .*

**PROOF.** “only if” part is trivial. We consider the “if” part. From the assumption, equivalence class of  $\overset{(1)}{\sim}$  is  $\{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$ . Since  $p_1$  and consequently  $s_1$  is equal to 1, we have  $\cos(2\pi p_i/q) = \cos(2\pi/q)$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ). This means that the lens space has the homogeneous riemannian metric of constant curvature.

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