

Correction of a proof in the paper “Approximate roots, toric resolutions and deformations of a plane branch”

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Abstract. We correct the proof of Theorem 3.8 in [GP2].

The proof of Theorem 3.8 in [GP2] is not correct from the sentence starting at line 5 to the end of line 14 of page 995. The correction is done by the replacing this part by the following:

If $\alpha(x)F_1^{\eta_1} \cdots F_{j-1}^{\eta_{j-1}}$ with $\text{ord}_x \alpha(x) = \eta_0 \geq 0$, is a term appearing in the (F_1, \dots, F_j) -expansions of F_{j+1} , different from $F_j^{N_j}$ and $\alpha_0^{(j)}(x)F_1^{\eta_1^{(j)}} \cdots F_{j-1}^{\eta_{j-1}^{(j)}}$, then the straight line condition implies that

$$(1/E_j)N_j\bar{B}_j < (1/E_j)(\eta_0\bar{B}_0 + \cdots + \eta_{j-1}\bar{B}_{j-1}). \quad (1)$$

The inequality (1) is strict since $\sum_{i=0}^{j-1} \eta_i \bar{B}_i \neq \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} \eta_i^{(j)} \bar{B}_i$ by the numerical properties of the semigroup Γ generated by $\bar{B}_0, \dots, \bar{B}_G$, see Lemma 1.15.

We re-embed the germ $(C, 0)$ defined by $F = 0$, in $(\mathbf{C}^{G+1}, 0)$ by setting

$$u_0 = x, \quad u_1 = F_1, \quad \dots, \quad u_G = F_G. \quad (2)$$

We also set the weight of u_i equal to \bar{B}_i , for $i = 0, \dots, G$. The equations defining the embedding of $(C, 0)$ are obtained by making the replacement (2) in the (F_1, \dots, F_j) -expansion of F_{j+1} for $j = 1, \dots, G$. The inequalities of the form (1) together with $N_j\bar{B}_j = \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} \eta_i^{(j)} \bar{B}_i$ for $j = 1, \dots, G$ and $N_j\bar{B}_j < \bar{B}_{j+1}$ for $j = 1, \dots, G - 1$, are precisely the weight conditions on the equations of defining the embedding $(C, 0) \subset (\mathbf{C}^{G+1}, 0)$ indicated in Proposition 39 of [GP]. By the proof of Theorem 6.1 in [G-T] or by Theorem 2, page 1867 in [GP] one toric modification of \mathbf{C}^{G+1} provides a simultaneous embedded resolution of both the

monomial curve $(C^\Gamma, 0)$ parametrized by $u_i = t^{\bar{B}_i}$, $i = 0, \dots, G$ and the germ $(C, 0) \subset (\mathbf{C}^{G+1}, 0)$. In addition, the strict transforms of both curves intersect the exceptional divisor at exactly one point. In particular, this implies that the normalization of $(C, 0)$ is smooth, and the germ $(C, 0)$ is irreducible hence F is irreducible. \square

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