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In the paper [1] whose title is included in the above title, an error in one estimate was found, although the main results still remain valid. In fact, line 6 of p. 292 is incorrect, and the corrected line should read

$$=cM^{k-3}|y|^{k^*}\frac{432c^2}{M^4}\sum_{m=3}^{k-4}\sum_{n=3}^{k-m-1}\frac{k|3n-k+m-1|}{mn(m-1)(n-1)(k-m-n+1)^2}.$$

As a consequence, we have that

$$(1) |kQ_k| \le cM^{k-3}|y|^{k^*} \frac{432c^2}{M^4} \sum_{m=3}^{k-4} \sum_{n=3}^{k-m-1} \frac{k|3n-k+m-1|}{(m-1)^2(n-1)^2(k-m-n+1)^2}.$$

Theorem 1.1 and Corollary 1.2 of [1] remain true under this correction. To confirm this, it is sufficient to show the inequality at the bottom of [1, p. 292]:

(2)
$$|kQ_k| \le \frac{c}{18\tau} M^{k-3} |y|^{k^*} \times 6\tau \le \frac{c}{3} M^{k-3} |y|^{k^*}.$$

In fact, changing the original inequality in [1, line 6 of p. 292] to (1) affects only the proof of (2).

From here on out, we prove (2) assuming (1).

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Lemma 1. For $k \ge 7$, the following inequality holds:

$$\max_{\substack{3 \le m \le k-4\\3 \le n \le k-m-1}} (k|3n-k+m-1|) < 2(k-1)^2.$$

Proof. In fact,

$$\max_{\substack{3 \le m \le k-4 \\ 3 \le n \le k-m-1}} |3n-k+m-1| = \max_{(m,n)=(3,3),(3,k-4),(k-4,3)} |3n-k+m-1|$$
$$= \max\{|-k+11|, 4, |2k-10|\} \le 2(k-5).$$

In particular, we have

$$\max_{\substack{3 \le m \le k-4 \\ 3 \le n \le k-m-1}} (k|3n-k+m-1|) \le 2k(k-5) < 2(k-1)^2,$$

proving the assertion.

We set p := m-1, q := n-1 and l := k-1. Using (1), Lemma 1 and $432c^2/M^4 \le 1/(36\tau)$ (cf. [1, (1.14)]), we have that

$$\begin{split} |kQ_k| &\leq \frac{c}{36\tau} M^{k-3} |y|^{k^*} \sum_{m=3}^{k-4} \sum_{n=3}^{k-m-1} \frac{2(k-1)^2}{(m-1)^2 (n-1)^2 (k-m-n+1)^2} \\ &= \frac{c}{18\tau} M^{k-3} |y|^{k^*} \sum_{p=2}^{l-4} \sum_{q=2}^{l-p-2} \frac{l^2}{p^2 q^2 (l-p-q)^2} \\ &\leq \frac{c}{18\tau} M^{k-3} |y|^{k^*} \sum_{p=2}^{l-2} \sum_{q=2}^{l-p-2} \frac{l^2}{p^2 q^2 (l-p-q)^2}. \end{split}$$

Thus, for $k \ge 7$, it holds that

$$|kQ_k| \le \frac{c}{18\tau} M^{k-3} |y|^{k^*} \sum_{p=2}^{l-2} \sum_{q=2}^{l-p-2} \frac{l^2}{p^2 q^2 (l-p-q)^2}.$$

To get (2), we need the following assertion, which is a refinement of [1, Lemma A.2]:

Lemma 2. For any integer $k \ge 4$, the following inequalities hold:

(4)
$$\sum_{p=2}^{k-2} \sum_{q=2}^{k-p-2} \frac{k^2}{p^2 q^2 (k-p-q)^2} \le \frac{6}{k} \int_{1/k}^{1-1/k} \frac{du}{u^2 (1-u)^2} \le 6\tau,$$

where τ is a positive constant satisfying [1, (A.3)].

Proof. The proof of [1, Lemma A.2] becomes a proof of the inequality (4) simply by replacing the upper limit "k-5" of the sum with "k-2".

By (3) and (4), we have the desired inequality (2). Finally we note the following typographical errors:

- In line 6 of p. 293, "=" should be replaced by "≤".
- In the third line from the bottom of p. 294,

$$\int_{1/k}^{a-1/k} \frac{du}{u^2(a-u)^2}$$

should be

$$\int_{1/k}^{a-1/k} \frac{a^3 du}{u^2(a-u)^2}.$$

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