

ERRATA FOR “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 Σ_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,

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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 $\mathbf{a}' \gg \mathbf{0}'$, there is an infinite set R of degree at most \mathbf{a} which is sufficiently cohesive that the restriction of \tilde{C} to R is stable. (To see this, note by Theorem 2.1 of [5] there is a p -cohesive set of degree \mathbf{a} , and replace the primitive recursive sets by a suitable uniformly computable family which yields stability.) Relativizing the proofs of the results in Section 3 to \mathbf{a} and using that $\mathbf{d} \gg \mathbf{a}'$ shows that there is an infinite set H which is homogeneous for the restricted coloring (and hence for \tilde{C}) such that H has degree at most \mathbf{d} . These same remarks suffice to prove Corollary 12.6. The upshot of these remarks is that if $\mathbf{d} \gg \mathbf{0}'$, then every computable 2-coloring of pairs has an infinite homogeneous set H whose jump has degree at most \mathbf{d} . Another proof of this may be found in [4], Theorem 3.4(ii), where it is shown that, for any uniformly Δ_2^0 family of noncomputable sets $\{C_i\}_{i \in \omega}$, H may be chosen to satisfy in addition $(\forall i)[C_i \not\leq_T H]$.

4. In the penultimate paragraph on page 52, it is claimed that it can be shown by the methods of Avigad and also by those of Hajek that every countable model of $\text{RCA}_0 + \text{I}\Sigma_n$ is an ω -submodel of some countable model of $\text{RCA}_0 + \text{I}\Sigma_n + \text{WKL}_0$. However, Avigad [1] has pointed out that it seems to be necessary to combine his methods with those of Hajek to get this result. Also in [1] there are interesting comments on our paper and related matters as well as a solution to Question 13.3 and a partial solution to Question 13.4.

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