

## ERRATA

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- page 6, line 10. Change  $p(p-1)^\ell$  to  $p(p-1)^{\ell-1}$ .
- page 9, Exercise 13. While this exercise is correct, it is not so interesting because no such graphs exist! It is a nice exercise to find a proof. See MathOverflow 431083.
- page 16, line 1–. Change this line to

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{i} \frac{(n-2i)^{\ell+1}}{n-i} - (-n)^\ell \right].$$

The expression after the  $=$  sign can be written in the simpler form

$$\frac{1}{n2^n} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (n-2i)^{\ell+1}.$$

- page 19, line 3. Change  $u, v$  to  $u+v$ .
- page 30, line 2. The right-hand side is missing a factor  $1+x$ . It should be

$$(1+x) \left( (I_{p-1} - (x+1)\mathbf{M}[v])^{-1} T[v] \right)_u.$$

- page 36, Lemma 4.6. It should be noted that we set  $U_{-1} = 0$  and  $D_{n+1} = 0$ .
- page 49, line 17–. It should be assumed that  $m \geq 3$  in the statement that  $G$  is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{S}_m$ .

- page 70, proof of Theorem 6.14. It was not shown before that  $M(n)$  is rank-symmetric, though this is immediate from the last line on page 68.
- page 83, Theorem 7.7, line 2. We should take  $X$  to have  $t$  elements, not  $n$ , since  $n$  is used for the number of colors. In the proof on page 84 it is correctly assumed that  $\#X = t$ .
- page 94, line 3–. Change  $\sum_{i=0}^{i(i-1)} h_i(4)q^i$  to  $\sum_{j=0}^{i(i-1)} h_j(4)q^j$ .
- page 95, line 5. Change  $r$  to “at most  $r - 1$ ”.
- page 95, line 8. Change “at most  $r$ ” to “at most  $r - 1$ ”.
- page 105, lines 15– to 14–. The letter  $n$  is used in two different ways. We should let  $\lambda \vdash m$ , for instance.
- page 139, line 1–. Change the  $(1, 1)$  entry of  $\mathbf{L}(G)$  from 4 to 5.
- page 150, line 3–. Change  $kn^{n-k-1}$  to  $kp^{p-k-1}$ .
- page 151, line 8–. Change  $e_2$  to  $v_2$ .
- page 151, line 6–. Change  $e_j$  to  $e_i$ .
- page 151, line 5– (third bullet). This line is superfluous.
- page 161, Exercise 5. In parts (d) and (e), we should assume that  $G$  is connected.
- page 173, line 18. Change  $V_q = 1$  to  $V_q = -1$ .
- page 174, line 11–. Change  $V_q = 1$  to  $V_q = -1$ .
- page 187, line 6–. We neglected to define (though hopefully the definition is obvious) the *dimension* of  $\Delta$  to be the maximum dimension of a face of  $\Delta$ .
- page 193, line 14–. Change  $1 \leq k \leq n$  to  $1 \leq k \leq j$ .
- page 194, line 10. Change “the set of” to “the set  $Y$  of”.
- page 194, line 12. Change “ $X =$ ” to “ $Y =$ ”.

- page 194, line 1–. Change 13 to 12.
- page 196, line 2. Change 312 to 321.
- page 196, line 11. Insert “*ce*,” after “*cd*.”
- page 198, Example 12.14(a). The  $f$ -vector should be  $(4, 3)$ , not  $(3, 2)$ . Hence line 3 becomes

$$(x - 1)^2 + 4(x - 1) + 3 = x^2 + 2x,$$

and the  $h$ -vector is  $(1, 2, 0)$ .

- page 204, line 7. Earlier there should have been defined the *Hilbert function* of  $K[\Delta]$  by

$$H(K[\Delta], i) = \dim_K K[\Delta]_i.$$

- page 204, Theorem 12.20, line 3. Insert “if” after “only”.
- page 204, lines 9– and 7–. Change  $j - 1$  to  $j$ .
- page 205, line 1. Change  $k$  to  $j$  (three times).
- page 210, line 18–. Change  $d$  to  $h_i$  (twice). Also, the notation  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{h_i}$  for both the concatenation of the sequences  $b_j$  and the list of these sequences is confusing. It would be better to either delete the first  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_{h_i}$  or to introduce new notation for concatenation, such as  $\text{concat}(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{h_i})$ .
- page 213, Exercise 2, line 3. Change  $F_{i_1}$  to  $F_{i-1}$ .
- page 239, line 7–. Change a. to (a).
- page 239, Exercise 6(a). It should be stated that a club is allowed to be empty (no members).
- page 239, line 3–. Change b. to (b).