

Erratum to: On the gluing formula for the analytic torsion

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In this note, we want to correct a mistake in the proof of [1, Theorem 2.2] which does not affect the statement of the theorem, though. In [1, (2.7)], we incorrectly state an isomorphism of complexes, thus we need to modify the corresponding argument, by first replacing the last six lines on p. 1098, beginning with “we also have . . .”, with the following text.

“We also have a \mathbb{Z}_2 -equivariant short exact sequence of complexes

$$0 \rightarrow C^\bullet(W^u/W_{Y_1}^u, F) \otimes \mathbb{C}^- \xrightarrow{\gamma} C^\bullet(\tilde{W}^u, \tilde{F}) \xrightarrow{\gamma} C^\bullet(W^u, F) \otimes \mathbb{C}^+ \rightarrow 0, \quad (2.7)$$

given by

$$\gamma(b^* \otimes 1_{\mathbb{C}^-}) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \left((j_1^{-1}|_{X_1})^* b^* - (j_2^{-1}|_{X_2})^* b^* \right), \quad \gamma(a^*) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \left(j_1^* a^*|_{X_1} + j_2^* a^*|_{X_2} \right) \otimes 1_{\mathbb{C}^+}, \quad (2.8)$$

with $X_i = j_i(X)$, which induces a \mathbb{Z}_2 -equivariant short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H^\bullet(X, Y_1, F) \otimes \mathbb{C}^- \xrightarrow{\gamma} H^\bullet(\tilde{X}, \tilde{F}) \xrightarrow{\gamma} H^\bullet(X, F) \otimes \mathbb{C}^+ \rightarrow 0.” \quad (2.9)$$

Then replace [1, (2.11)] by

$$\gamma(a^*) = \sqrt{2} a^* \otimes 1_{\mathbb{C}^+}, \quad (2.11)$$

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and [1, (2.15)] by

$$\begin{aligned} \log \left(\|\mu\|_{\det(H^\bullet(\tilde{X}, \tilde{F}), \mathbb{Z}_2)}^{M, \nabla f} \right) (g) &= -\frac{1}{2} \log(2) \sum_{x \in B \cap Y_1} (-1)^{\text{ind}(x)} \text{rk}(F) \\ &\quad + \log \|\gamma_1^{-1} \mu_1\|_{\det H^\bullet(X, F)}^{M, \nabla f} + \chi(g) \log \|\gamma_2^{-1} \mu_2\|_{\det H^\bullet(X, Y_1, F)}^{M, \nabla f}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

Finally, replace the bottom of p. 1100 from [1, (2.20)] on by:
 “for $\sigma_1 \in H^\bullet(\tilde{X}, \tilde{F})^+, \sigma_2 \in H^\bullet(X, Y_1, F)$,

$$\begin{aligned} P_\infty \circ \tilde{\phi}_1 \circ P_\infty^{-1}(\sigma_1)|_{C_\bullet(W^u, F^*)} &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\sigma_1 + \phi^* \sigma_1)|_{C_\bullet(W^u, F^*)} = \gamma \sigma|_{C_\bullet(W^u, F^*)}, \tag{2.20} \\ (P_\infty \circ \tilde{\phi}_2 \circ P_\infty^{-1} \circ \gamma)(\sigma_2 \otimes 1_{C^-})|_{C_\bullet(W^u/W_{Y_1}^u, \tilde{F}^*)} &= \sigma_2|_{C_\bullet(W^u/W_{Y_1}^u, \tilde{F}^*)}. \end{aligned}$$

Set

$$\tau_\pm = \gamma_\pm \circ P_\infty \circ \tilde{\phi} \circ P_\infty^{-1} : H^\bullet(\tilde{X}, \tilde{F})^\pm \rightarrow H^\bullet(\tilde{X}, \tilde{F})^\pm, \tag{2.21}$$

with $\gamma_+ = \gamma_1, \gamma_- = \gamma_2$. By (2.20), we get

$$\tau_\pm = \text{Id.}'' \tag{2.22}$$

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