## Corrections to the paper "On values of a polynomial at arithmetic progressions with equal products"

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We wish to make the following changes and corrections in the above paper.

From lines 24–26 on page 70, we delete the definition of  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\beta_1, \ldots, \beta_{\mu})$ , the assumption that  $\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_{\mu}$  are all the automorphisms of K and the notation that  $\sigma_q(\beta) = \beta^{(q)}$  for  $\beta \in K$  and  $1 \leq q \leq \mu$ .

We replace K by  $\mathbb{Q}(\beta_1, \ldots, \beta_\mu)$  on page 71, line 8. We replace lines 11–19 (and part of line 20 to the period) on page 72 by the following:

"We prove that every element of S has  $\mu$  distinct conjugates. Let  $1 \leq i \leq s$  be given. We observe that

(\*) 
$$[\mathbb{Q}(t_{i,j}):\mathbb{Q}] = [\mathbb{Q}(u_{i,j'}):\mathbb{Q}] = \mu \quad \text{for } 1 \le j \le l \text{ and } 1 \le j' \le m.$$

Hence  $[\mathbb{Q}(t_{i,j}):\mathbb{Q}(v_i)] = \mu/[\mathbb{Q}(v_i):\mathbb{Q}]$  for  $1 \leq j \leq l$ . On the other hand, we see from (10) that for any  $1 \leq j \leq l$ ,  $t_{i,j}$  satisfies the polynomial equation  $F(X) - v_i = 0$  over  $\mathbb{Q}(v_i)$  where the degree of F is l. Hence  $[\mathbb{Q}(t_{i,j}):\mathbb{Q}(v_i)]$  divides l. Thus  $\frac{\mu}{[\mathbb{Q}(v_i):\mathbb{Q}]} \mid l$ . Similarly we derive from (11) that  $\frac{\mu}{[\mathbb{Q}(v_i):\mathbb{Q}]} \mid m$ . Since  $\gcd(l, m) = 1$ , we get

$$(**) \qquad \qquad [\mathbb{Q}(v_i):\mathbb{Q}] = \mu.$$

Hence every element of S has  $\mu$  distinct conjugates."

We delete "By subtracting  $(10) \dots$ , we derive that" from lines 26–27 of page 72.

Finally, we explain the proof of (12). Let  $1 \le i \le k$  be given. By subtracting (10) with X = x from (11) with Y = y and using (8) we have

$$(x - t_{i,1}) \dots (x - t_{i,l}) = (y - u_{i,1}) \dots (y - u_{i,m}).$$

From (10), (11), (\*) and (\*\*) we observe that  $\mathbb{Q}(v_i) = \mathbb{Q}(t_{i,j}) = \mathbb{Q}(u_{i,j'})$  for  $1 \leq j \leq l$  and  $1 \leq j' \leq m$ . Thus taking the norm over  $\mathbb{Q}(v_i)$  of the above equation we derive (12).

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