

Corrigenda to:  
“Optimal domains for the kernel operator  
associated with Sobolev’s inequality”

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The notation and references used are from the original paper, which we reference here as [CR]. On p. 133 of [CR], the statement that “[ $T, X$ ] =  $L^1(\nu_X)$ , without any restrictions on  $X$ ”, is incorrect. However, it is correct if  $X$  has absolutely continuous (briefly, a.c.) norm. The source of this inaccuracy is that  $X_b$  (i.e. the closure of the simple functions in  $X$ ) fails to be a rearrangement invariant (briefly, r.i.) space in the sense of [2] because it may fail the Fatou property, that is, if  $0 \leq f_n \uparrow f$  a.e. with  $f_n \in X$  and  $\sup_n \|f_n\|_X < \infty$ , then  $f \in X$  and  $\|f_n\|_X \rightarrow \|f\|_X$  (equivalently, the unit ball of  $X$  is closed with respect to convergence in measure). The requirement of this property in [2] (which we adopted in [CR]) is not assumed by other authors, [13], [16]. We now describe how this oversight affects the results of [CR].

If  $X_b$  does inherit the Fatou property from  $X$ , then the statement and proof of Proposition 3.3(c) in [CR] are correct. Under the assumptions of Section 3 of [CR] (namely,  $X$  is r.i. in the sense of [2] and  $X \neq L^\infty([0, 1])$ ), this condition on  $X_b$  is equivalent to  $X$  having a.c. norm; see [2, Theorem II.5.5]. So, we have the following correct version of

PROPOSITION 3.3(c). *If  $X$  is a r.i. space with a.c. norm, then  $L^1(\nu_X)$  is weakly sequentially complete.*

Using this modified version of Proposition 3.3(c), “the same proofs” of Propositions 3.4(a) and 3.5 as given in [CR] remain valid and yield the following correct statements.

PROPOSITION 3.4(a). *Let  $X \neq L^\infty([0, 1])$  and  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a measurable function.*

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The following two statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $f \in L^1(\nu_X)$ .
- (ii) The function  $fF_X: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  is Pettis  $\lambda$ -integrable.

The following three statements are equivalent:

- (iii)  $\int_0^1 |f| dx' \nu_X < \infty$  for every  $x' \in X'$ .
  - (iv) For every  $g \in X'$  which is non-negative and decreasing,
- $$(12) \quad \int_0^1 |f(s)| s^{(1/n)-1} \int_0^s g(t) dt ds < \infty.$$
- (v)  $f \in [T, X]$ .

If, in addition,  $X$  has a.c. norm, then all five statements are equivalent.

Concerning the other proposition mentioned above we have

PROPOSITION 3.5. *Let  $X$  be a r.i. space. Then  $L^1(\nu_X) \subseteq [T, X]$  with equality whenever  $X$  has a.c. norm.*

The above corrections affect the rest of [CR] as follows.

- The first sentence of Remark 3.7 should now be: *The extended operator  $T = I_{\nu_X}$  is never compact on either  $L^1(\nu_X)$  (by Proposition 3.6) or on its optimal domain  $[T, X]$  (by Proposition 3.5).*

- The last sentence in the proof of Proposition 5.1 should read: *Accordingly, (12) is satisfied and so  $f \in [T, X]$  by Proposition 3.4(a).*

- The second and third sentences in the proof of Proposition 5.5 should now be: *Hence, (12) is satisfied and so  $f \in [T, X]$ . Conversely, if  $M_X \subset [T, X]$ , then (12) yields  $\int_0^1 |f(s)| Wg(s) ds < \infty$  for each  $f \in M_X$  and every  $0 \leq g \in X'$  decreasing, hence for all  $g \in X'$ .*

- The proof of Corollary 5.8 is incorrect (since it relies on the equality  $[T, X] = L^1(\nu_X)$ ). However, its statement is correct and will be proved elsewhere. Note that Corollary 5.8 is not used anywhere in [CR].

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