

## Corrections, clarifications, and up-dates to “An Introduction to $K$ -theory for $C^*$ -algebras”

### Necessary corrections:

**Page 5, l. 5:** Replace ”one and only one  $*$ -homomorphism ...” by ”one and only one unital  $*$ -homomorphism ...”.

**Page 7, item (ii):** Replace “ $X$  is compact” by “ $X$  is compact and metrizable”.

**Page 7, item (iv):** This statement has to be modified when  $X$  and  $Y$  are not compact and when  $\varphi$  is not unital. In the first statement, one must insert the word ”proper” in front of ”continuous function” two places. (A continuous function  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  is said to be *proper* if the preimage,  $f^{-1}(K)$ , of any compact subset  $K$  of  $X$  is compact.) In the second statement one must require that the image of  $\varphi$  is not a proper ideal of  $C_0(X)$ .

**Page 11, l. -9:** Replace “for all  $x, y$  in  $A$ , and...” with “for all  $x, y$  in  $\tilde{A}$ , and...”.

**Page 14, Exercise 1.14:** Replace “if and only if” with “if”.

**Page 19, l. 12:** Replace “*retract*” by “*deformation retract*”.

**Page 20, l. 4:** Replace “each bounded subset  $\Omega$  of  $A$ ” by “each bounded subset  $\Omega$  of  $A^+$ ”.

**Page 41, l. -2:** Replace “a collection of maps  $\varphi \mapsto F(\varphi)$ ” by “a map  $\varphi \mapsto F(\varphi)$ ”

**Page 46, 3.3.1:** One should assume that the  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  is unital; at least in the last section, where  $K_0(\tau)$  is defined.

**Page 53, l. 9:** Change “Example 3.3.5” to “Example 3.3.4”.

**Page 55, Exercise 3.4 (iii):** Delete “over  $C(X)$ ” from “rectangular matrices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r$  over  $C(X)$  such that...”

**Page 74, l. 15:** Replace “Use (iii) to show...” with “Use (iv) to show...”.

**Page 83, l. 14:** After “for each pair of *commuting* elements  $a, b$  in  $A^+$ ” add “, and such that  $\tau$  extends (possibly in a non-canonical way) to a continuous function  $\tau: M_2(A)^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  with the same properties.”

**Page 84, l. 6-7:** Replace “every unital, stably finite, separable, exact  $C^*$ -algebra admits a faithful trace.” by “every unital, stably finite, exact  $C^*$ -algebra admits a tracial state.”

**Page 94, Proposition 6.2.4 (iii):** This statement should read:

$$\text{Ker}(\mu_n) = \{a \in A_n : \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|\varphi_{m,n}(a)\| = 0\}.$$

**Page 100, l. -4:** Replace "By Proposition 6.4.2 (iii)" by "By Proposition 6.4.2 (ii)".

**Page 102, l. -2:** Replace " $K_0(\varphi_{n,1}) : K_0(A_n) \rightarrow K_0(M_n(A))$ " with " $K_0(\varphi_{n,1}) : K_0(A) \rightarrow K_0(M_n(A))$ ".

**Page 103, l. 4:** Replace "... =  $K_0(g') = g$ ," with "... =  $K_0(\kappa_n)(g') = g$ ,".

**Page 103, l. 12–13:** Replace "[31, Section 3.3]" with "[31, Section 3.4]".

**Page 152, Exercise 8.18 (iv):** Replace "a" by "c" in the second sentence "Show that there is an invertible element  $b$  in  $A$  with  $[b]_1 = [a]_1$  in  $K_1(A)$ ."

**Page 155, l. 11:** Replace "and  $p$  in  $\mathcal{U}_{2(n_1+n_2)}(\tilde{I})$  by" with "and  $p$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{2(n_1+n_2)}(\tilde{I})$  by".

**Page 167, l. -11:** Replace "an isomorphism" with "injective" in "Moreover,  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism if and only if  $v$ ..."

**Page 169, Eq. (9.13):** Move the minus sign appearing in the matrix so that the equation reads:

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} a & -(1 - aa^*)^{1/2} \\ (1 - a^*a)^{1/2} & a^* \end{pmatrix}$$

**Page 188, l. 14:** Correct "The inclusion  $\text{GL}_n(\widetilde{SA}) \subseteq \mathcal{U}_n(\widetilde{SA})$  is a  $\pi_0$ -equivalence..." to "The inclusion  $\mathcal{U}_n(\widetilde{SA}) \subseteq \text{GL}_n(\widetilde{SA})$  is a  $\pi_0$ -equivalence..."

**Page 188, l. 15:** Replace " $\mathcal{U}_n(\widetilde{SA}) \subseteq \text{Inv}_0(n)$  is also..." with " $\text{GL}_n(\widetilde{SA}) \subseteq \text{Inv}_0(n)$  is also..." .

**Page 195, l. -9:** Replace two occurrences of " $1_A$ " with " $1_B$ ".

**Page 196, l. 9-10:** Correct "the inclusion  $\mathcal{P}_n(A) \subseteq \text{GI}_n(A)$  is a  $\pi_0$ -equivalence:" to "the inclusion  $\text{GI}_n(A) \subseteq \mathcal{P}_n(A)$  is a  $\pi_0$ -equivalence:".

**Page 203, l. 6:** Replace "retract" by "deformation retract".

**Page 203, l. 14–15:** It is not true that

$$\{u \in C([0, 1], \mathcal{V}(A)) : u(0) = u(1) = 1\} = \{u \in \mathcal{U}_\infty(\widetilde{SA}) : s(u) = 1\},$$

but  $\{u \in \mathcal{U}_\infty(\widetilde{SA}) : s(u) = 1\}$  is a dense subset of  $\{u \in C([0, 1], \mathcal{V}(A)) : u(0) = u(1) = 1\}$ , and this inclusion is a  $\pi_0$ -equivalence (which justifies the claim in line 17). (Use density and the fact that if  $u, v$  are elements of either set and if  $\|u - v\| < 1$ , then  $u \sim_h v$  in the respective set, to show that the inclusion is a  $\pi_0$ -equivalence.)

**Page 213, l. -7:** Remove the equation

$$s\left(v(t) \begin{pmatrix} z(t)^* & 0 \\ 0 & z(t) \end{pmatrix}\right) = 1_{2n}.$$

(This equation does not make sense because we are not working in a  $C^*$ -algebra with an adjoined unit, and the equation is not needed for anything.)

**Page 217, last line of Exercise 12.5:** Replace “ $\gamma_0 = \delta_0 \circ \beta_B$ ” with “ $\gamma_0 = K_1(\iota) \circ \beta_B$ ”, and “ $\gamma_1 = \delta_1 \circ \theta_B$ ” with “ $\gamma_1 = K_0(\iota) \circ \theta_B$ ”.

**Page 220, Eq. (13.1):** Replace two occurrences of the interval “[0,  $2\pi$ ]” by “[0, 1]”.

### Clarifications and minor corrections:

**Page 2, l. -1:** Insert “(a quotient of)” in front of “ $A$  as a vector space...”.

**Page 3, l. 2:** After “... to this inner product.” add the following text “(It requires extra work to make  $\varphi$  injective, and this is often done by taking the infinite direct sum of all such Hilbert spaces, one Hilbert space for each positive linear functional on  $A$ ).”

**Page 9, l. -2:** Remove one “the”.

**Page 17:** After line 7 add “because the unitary on the left-hand side has spectrum  $\{-1, 1\} \subsetneq \mathbb{T}$ .”

**Page 22, l. 10:** Replace this line by “ $|\alpha| = 1$ , that  $u$  is unitary, and that  $q = upu^*$ .”

**Page 35, l. -4:** After “Let  $(S, +)$  be an Abelian semigroup” add “, not necessarily with a neutral element. (We have chosen to work in this generality although the semigroups we shall consider actually do have a neutral element).”

**Page 36, l. 9:** After “It is called the *Grothendieck map*.” add “If  $S$  has a neutral element 0, then  $\gamma_S$  is given by the simpler formula  $\gamma_S(x) = \langle x, 0 \rangle$ .”

**Page 56, Exercise 3.8:** The given formulae for  $p$  is correct, but the example below is better. Replace the first sentence of the exercise with the following: "Show that an element  $p$  in  $M_2(\mathbb{C})$  is a one-dimensional projection if and only if

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} (1+x)/2 & (y+iz)/2 \\ (y-iz)/2 & (1-x)/2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  satisfy  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ ."

**Page 67, l. -11:** To see the second last equality, use Lemma 4.3.1 (ii).

**Page 68, l. 8:** Most standard text books on algebraic topology contain the *Five Lemma*; see for example (14.7) in M. J. Greenberg and J. R. Harper *Algebraic topology*, Addison-Wesley, 1981.

**Page 137, l. 16:** After "Lemma 2.1.3 (ii)" add "(or Corollary 2.1.4)".

**Page 140, l. 13:** Replace Lemma 8.2.3 (i) by the slightly more precise: "there is a unitary  $u$  in  $\mathcal{U}_n(\tilde{A})$  for some  $n$  such that  $g = [u]_1$  and  $\tilde{\varphi}(u) \sim_h 1$  in  $\mathcal{U}_n(\tilde{B})$ ,"

**Page 177, l. -13:** Before "Each element  $g$  in ..." add "The two unitaries  $u$  and  $v$  referred to in the theorem do exist as we shall proceed to show."

**Page 177, l. -10:** After "Lemma 2.1.3 (ii)" add "(or Corollary 2.1.4)".

**Page 198, l. 18:** Use the Whitehead Lemma (Lemma 2.1.5) and its proof to see the last homotopy.