

**ERRATUM TO: DISCONTINUOUS GROUPS IN POSITIVE  
CHARACTERISTIC AND AUTOMORPHISMS OF MUMFORD  
CURVES [MATH. ANN. 320 (2001), NO. 1, 55–85].**

The following corrections only affect use of methods from the paper in later work, not the paper itself.

**Correction 1.** The statement of Remark (6.12) for  $p = 2$  is not correct if  $g = 4$ . The following should be added: *if  $g = 4$  or  $g = 9$ , then  $F(g) = 12(g - 1)$ , so if  $\mu = \frac{1}{12}$  in such a case, then the corresponding  $N$  attains the bound. Inspection of the cases in §5 and §6 of the paper reveal that this only happens for case (A1) with  $t_1 = 0, t_2 = 2, n = 3$ , and then  $p = 2$  and  $N \cong E_2 *_{E_1} D_3$ .*

Correction 1 implies that the following should be added to the statement of the main theorem in [2]: *However, if  $p = 2$  and  $g = 4$ , there is one more one-parameter family of curves that attains the maximal number  $F(g) = 36$  automorphisms, namely a family of  $D_3 \times D_3$ -covers of  $\mathbf{P}^1$  (Indeed, the group  $N$  of the correction admits only one surjective homomorphism onto a group of order 36, namely  $N \rightarrow D_3 \times D_3$ , with free kernel  $\Gamma$  of rank four).*

Correction 1 also has the following effect on [1]. *In the main theorem, the statement “ $p > 3$ ” should be left out.* Indeed, in the proof of proposition 1.2 of that source, the second sentence should be completed as follows: *except if  $p = 2$  and  $N \cong D_3 *_{\mathbf{Z}/2} D_2$ , which gives rise to the branch type (4, 3), and the statement of that proposition should be corrected accordingly.* However, the equation in proposition A is not valid in characteristic two.

**Correction 2.** *In Proposition 2, the statement that  $p \neq 2, 5$  should be left out.* The reason is that  $A_5 \cong PSL(2, 4) \cong PSL(2, 5)$  does occur in the list of theorem (2.9) in those characteristics.

This has the following effect on [1]. *In the main theorem, the condition “ $p \neq 5$ ” should be left out in case (b).*

Andreas Schweizer has pointed out that certain Drinfeld modular curves give counterexamples to the original statements in [2] and [1]: over  $\mathbf{F}_2(T)$ , the Drinfeld modular curves  $X(T(T + 1))$ ,  $X(T^2 + T + 1)$  and  $X(T^2)$  have respective genera 4, 6 and 5 and automorphism groups  $D_3 \times D_3$ ,  $A_5$  and a group of order 48. They are now covered by the corrections.

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