

## Corrigenda to ‘A shorter model theory’, Wilfrid Hodges

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**p. viii** Last line, replace ‘qmw’ by ‘qmul’.

**p. 66 Exercise 2** The elimination set needs to include equations too.

**p. 76 end of proof** The final  $B$  should be  $C$ .

**p. 84 l. 12**  $\Theta_{n,r}$  should be  $\Theta_{n,k}$ .

**p. 84 formula (3.7)** The second  $\wedge$  should be a  $\vee$ .

**p. 121 ll. 3–18** These should read:

‘is finite and non-empty. We prove the claim by induction on  $i$ . When  $i = 0$  it is trivially true. Assuming it is true for  $i$ , we prove it for  $i + 1$  as follows.

Let  $(a_0, \dots, a_{i-1})$  be some tuple in  $U_i$ , and consider the non-empty set  $W$  of all elements  $a$  of  $A$  such that

$$A \models \exists x_{i+1} \dots x_{n-1} \theta(a_0, \dots, a_{i-1}, a, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{n-1}, \bar{b}).$$

Since  $W$  is a definable subset of  $A$  and  $A$  is a minimal structure, there are two possibilities: either  $W$  is finite, or  $(\text{dom } A) \setminus W$  is finite. In the first case suppose  $W$  has exactly  $k$  elements. Then take  $\psi_{i+1}$  to be the formula

$$\psi_i \wedge \exists_{=k} x_i \exists x_{i+1} \dots x_{n-1} \theta(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \wedge \exists x_{i+1} \dots x_{n-1} \theta(\bar{x}, \bar{y}).$$

In the second case, since the field of algebraic elements of  $A$  is infinite,  $W$  must meet it, say in some element  $a$ . Then  $a$  satisfies some nontrivial polynomial equation, say  $p(x) = 0$ . We take  $\psi_{i+1}$  to be the formula

$$\psi_i \wedge (p(x_i) = 0) \wedge \exists x_{i+1} \dots x_{n-1} \theta(\bar{x}, \bar{y}).$$

This proves the claim.

When  $i = n$ , the claim gives us a formula  $\psi(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  (namely  $\psi_n(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \wedge \theta(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ ) such that just finitely many’ (etc. as before).

**p. 123 Last paragraph** This should read:

‘A good route into Ehud Hrushovski’s model-theoretic proof of the function field case of the Mordell-Lang conjecture (from diophantine geometry) is the following book:

Bouscaren, E. (ed.). Model Theory and Algebraic Geometry, An introduction to E. Hrushovski's proof of the geometric Mordell-Lang-conjecture. Lecture Notes in Mathematics 1696. Berlin, Springer-Verlag, 1998.

One of the central lemmas used in Hrushovski's argument is well worth studying for its own sake; it gives a model-theoretic axiomatisation of the Zariski topology: ' (etc. as before).

**p. 129 Exercise 9** For ' $\phi(B)$ ' read ' $|\phi(B)|$ '.

**p. 138 l. 1f** For ' $C$ ' read ' $C'$ '.

**p. 143 Proof of Corollary 5.4.3** Delete last sentence.

**p. 145f** Transpose the diagrams on these two pages.

**p. 154 l. -7** For ' $[Y]^{k-1}$ ' read ' $[Y]^k$ '.

**p. 189 l. 4** For ' $A_\delta$ ' read ' $A_\lambda$ '.

**p. 208 Exercise 14** In the middle of the exercise,  $\wedge$  should be  $\vee$ .

**p. 209 ll. 7–9** The Wilkie reference should be:

'Wilkie, A. Model completeness results for expansions of the ordered field of real numbers by restricted Pfaffian functions and the exponential function. Journal of the American Mathematical Society 9 (1996) 1051–1094.'

**p. 212 l. 3** For '0-big' read '1-big'.

**p. 252 (1.4)** The second arrow should point to the left.

**p. 279 ll. 4,7** Transpose  $b_0$  and  $b_1$ .

**p. 293 l. -1** For 'Theorem 6.4.3' read 'Theorem 5.3.3'.

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