ERRATUM TO "UNIFORM APPROXIMATE FUNCTIONAL EQUATION FOR PRINCIPAL L-FUNCTIONS"

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In [H] the auxiliary function $F(s, \pi_{\infty})$ was defined by (3.2) as the square-root of a certain quotient of exponential and gamma functions. While the quotient is holomorphic in the half plane $\Re s > -1/(m^2 + 1)$, it was erroneously concluded and used in the paper that the same holds for $F(s, \pi_{\infty})$. I am indebted to Florin Spinu for bringing this problem to my attention. In this note I correct the error, so that all the theorems and corollaries of the paper hold true in their original form.

The above-mentioned difficulty can be resolved by defining $F(s, \pi_{\infty})$ slightly differently as

$$F(s,\pi_{\infty}) = \frac{1}{2} C^{-s/2} N^{s} \frac{L\left(\frac{1}{2} + s, \pi_{\infty}\right) L\left(\frac{1}{2}, \tilde{\pi}_{\infty}\right)}{L\left(\frac{1}{2} - s, \tilde{\pi}_{\infty}\right) L\left(\frac{1}{2}, \pi_{\infty}\right)} + \frac{1}{2} C^{s/2}.$$

Here C is the analytic conductor of π at the central point as given by (2.4) in [H]. This new auxiliary function is holomorphic in $\Re s > -1/(m^2+1)$, and has the same features as the original choice to make the argument work out properly: it is of moderate growth in vertical strips, satisfies the functional equation (3.3) and the symmetry (3.5) in [H], and $F(0, \pi_{\infty}) = 1$.

In fact, only a few small adjustments need to be made in the rest of the paper. First, the new notation turns (3.14) into

$$2C^{-s/2}F(s,\pi_{\infty}) - 1 \ll_{\sigma} (1+|s|)^{md\sigma}, \quad \Re s = \sigma.$$

Correspondingly, (3.22) should read

$$\pi^{mds} \frac{L\left(\frac{1}{2} + s, \pi_{\infty}\right)}{L\left(\frac{1}{2} - s, \tilde{\pi}_{\infty}\right)} \ll_{\sigma, m, d} \left(\frac{\pi^{md}C}{N}\right)^{\sigma} |s|^{md\sigma}, \quad \Re s = \sigma.$$

Second, all 4 occurrences of $C^{-it/2}F(it,\pi_{\infty})$ on page 931 should be replaced by $2C^{-it/2}F(it,\pi_{\infty}) - 1$. Correspondingly, (4.8) becomes

$$i\Re\sum_{j=1}^{md}\left\{\frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}\left(\frac{1}{4}+\frac{\mu_j}{2}+\frac{it}{2}\right)-\log\left(\frac{1}{4}+\frac{\mu_j}{2}\right)\right\}.$$

Finally, I take the opportunity to record a misprint in [H]. Formula (2.3) should read

$$L(s,\pi_{\infty}) = \prod_{j=1}^{md} \pi^{-(s+\mu_j)/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{s+\mu_j}{2}\right), \quad L(s,\tilde{\pi}_{\infty}) = \prod_{j=1}^{md} \pi^{-(s+\overline{\mu}_j)/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{s+\overline{\mu}_j}{2}\right).$$

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