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**ABSTRACT.** In this note, we aim to correct some of the results presented in [1]. Namely, the statements of Proposition 2.1, Corollary 2.2, Corollary 2.3, Theorem 2.4 and Theorem 2.6, concerning only the monoids  $\mathcal{OP}_n$  and  $\mathcal{POP}_n$ , have to exclude transformations of rank two. All other results of [1], as well as those mentioned above but for the monoids  $\mathcal{OR}_n$  and  $\mathcal{POR}_n$ , do not require correction.

We begin this note by briefly recalling some notions and by establishing some notations. Let  $n$  be a positive integer and let  $\Omega_n = \{1 < \dots < n\}$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{PT}_n$  the monoid (under composition) of all partial transformations on  $\Omega_n$ , by  $\mathcal{T}_n$  the submonoid of  $\mathcal{PT}_n$  of all full transformations on  $\Omega_n$  and by  $\mathcal{I}_n$  the inverse submonoid of  $\mathcal{PT}_n$  of all partial permutations on  $\Omega_n$ . Let  $s = (a_1, \dots, a_t)$  be a sequence of  $t$  ( $t \geq 0$ ) elements from the chain  $\Omega_n$ . We say that  $s$  is *cyclic* [*anti-cyclic*] if there exists no more than one index  $i \in \{1, \dots, t\}$  such that  $a_i > a_{i+1}$  [ $a_i < a_{i+1}$ ], where  $a_{t+1}$  denotes  $a_1$ . Given a partial transformation  $\alpha \in \mathcal{PT}_n$  such that  $\text{Dom}(\alpha) = \{a_1 < \dots < a_t\}$ , with  $t \geq 0$ , we say that  $\alpha$  is *preserves orientation* [*reverses orientation*] if the sequence of its images  $(a_1\alpha, \dots, a_t\alpha)$  is cyclic [*anti-cyclic*]. We denote by  $\mathcal{POP}_n$  the submonoid of  $\mathcal{PT}_n$  of all partial transformations that preserve orientation and by  $\mathcal{POR}_n$  the submonoid of  $\mathcal{PT}_n$  of all partial transformations that preserve or reverse orientation. Let  $\mathcal{OP}_n = \mathcal{POP}_n \cap \mathcal{T}_n$ ,  $\mathcal{OR}_n = \mathcal{POR}_n \cap \mathcal{T}_n$ ,  $\mathcal{POPI}_n = \mathcal{POP}_n \cap \mathcal{I}_n$  and  $\mathcal{PORI}_n = \mathcal{POR}_n \cap \mathcal{I}_n$ .

Concerning the monoids  $\mathcal{OP}_n$  and  $\mathcal{POP}_n$ , Corollary 2.2, Corollary 2.3, Theorem 2.4 and Theorem 2.6 of [1] depend on Proposition 2.1(1) of [1], which is,

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although in other words, a transcription of Theorem 3 of [2]. This last result, in turn, rewrites Proposition 1.1 of [3], which was presented without proof.

Although the statement of Theorem 3 of [2] does not mention any restriction on the rank of the transformation  $\alpha \in \mathcal{T}_n$  taken, in the proof the authors considered that  $\alpha$  has rank greater than two. In fact, there are transformations of rank two which do not preserve orientation and, simultaneously, which satisfy the condition (for  $\mathcal{OP}_n$ ) of Theorem 3 of [2]. For example,  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ , with  $n = 4$ . On the other hand, clearly all transformations of rank one preserve orientation, so Theorem 3 of [2] is only valid for transformations of rank other than two. We should note, however, that the statement of Proposition 1.1 of [3] does not lack the same restriction.

As a consequence of the foregoing, for the monoids  $\mathcal{OP}_n$  and  $\mathcal{POP}_n$ , the statements of the mentioned results of [1] must comply with the same restriction as Theorem 3 of [2], i.e. they should be stated as follows.

**Proposition 2.1.** (1) *Let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{T}_n$  be such that  $|\text{Im}(\alpha)| \neq 2$ . Then,  $\alpha \in \mathcal{OP}_n$  if and only if, for every triple  $(a_1, a_2, a_3)$  of elements of  $\Omega_n$ ,  $(a_1, a_2, a_3)$  and  $(a_1\alpha, a_2\alpha, a_3\alpha)$  are both cyclic or both anti-cyclic.*

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{T}_n$  be such that  $|\text{Im}(\alpha)| \neq 2$ . Then,  $\alpha \in \mathcal{OP}_n$  if and only if, for every cyclic triple  $(a_1, a_2, a_3)$  of elements of  $\Omega_n$ ,  $(a_1\alpha, a_2\alpha, a_3\alpha)$  is also cyclic.*

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{T}_n$  be such that  $|\text{Im}(\alpha)| \neq 2$ . Then,  $\alpha \in \mathcal{OP}_n$  if and only if, for every non-decreasing triple  $(a_1, a_2, a_3)$  of elements of  $\Omega_n$ , the triple  $(a_1\alpha, a_2\alpha, a_3\alpha)$  is cyclic.*

Recall that the *width* of a partial transformation is the number of elements in its domain.

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{T}_n$  be such that  $|\text{Im}(\alpha)| \neq 2$ . Then,  $\alpha \in \mathcal{OP}_n$  if and only if every restriction of  $\alpha$  of width three belongs to  $\mathcal{POP}_n$ .*

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{PT}_n$  be such that  $|\text{Im}(\alpha)| \neq 2$ . Then,  $\alpha \in \mathcal{POP}_n$  if and only if every restriction of  $\alpha$  of width three belongs to  $\mathcal{POP}_n$ .*

Now, let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{PT}_n$  be such that  $|\text{Im}(\alpha)| = 2$ . Suppose that  $\text{Dom}(\alpha) = \{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k\}$  for some  $2 \leq k \leq n$ . Then, it is clear that  $\alpha \in \mathcal{POP}_n$  if and only if  $\alpha$  admits as kernel classes  $\{i_r, i_{r+1}, \dots, i_s\}$  and  $\{i_1, \dots, i_{r-1}, i_{s+1}, \dots, i_k\}$  for some  $1 \leq r \leq s \leq k$  (and  $s - r + 1 < k$ ).

We finish this note by observing that Theorem 2.7 of [1] does not require the same restriction (even for  $\mathcal{POPI}_n$ ), since all partial permutations of rank two preserve orientation.

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