

GROUPS WITH NO NONTRIVIAL LINEAR REPRESENTATIONS:
CORRIGENDA

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Professor B.A.F. Wehrfritz has kindly drawn my attention to some errors in the above paper [1].

Principally, there is an invalid assertion of complete irreducibility used in Theorem 2.1 and its corollary. Thus the expression “1-dimensional \bar{k} -representation” should be replaced by “Abelian k -representation” in both statements. This amended conclusion is still adequate for subsequent results. In particular, the “if” direction of Theorem 2.3 (a) may be proved as follows. One needs the existence of a nontrivial locally finite quotient. When G is perfect, this is immediate from the stated fact that G is soluble-by-locally finite. Otherwise, G admits a nontrivial Abelian, counter-rational quotient, which, when embedded in a divisible group, again leads to a nontrivial locally finite quotient. Likewise, the statement of Corollary 2.4 is unaffected: (ii) implies (iii) from (2.3)(β) and the proof of (2.3)(b).

In Proposition A.1, (ii) should be amended to read either
“ $\mathcal{C} \subseteq (\text{counter})^2 - \mathcal{C}$ if \mathcal{C} is closed under the formation of quotients”

or

“ $\mathcal{C} \subseteq (\text{counter})^2 - \mathcal{C}$ only if \mathcal{C} is closed under the formation of simple quotients”,
while (iv) should be deleted. Incidentally, another derivation of (v) may be found in [3], where it is also noted that the class of counter- \mathcal{C} groups is always extension-closed if \mathcal{C} is closed under the formation of quotients. (In fact, $\mathcal{C} \subseteq (\text{counter})^2 - \mathcal{C}$ suffices.) The class of counter-finite groups also arise in a significant way in [2].

Example 1.9 cannot be sustained, because a linear group with unipotent generators need not be unipotent. However, the relationship between strongly torsion generated groups and counter-linearity seems worth investigating.

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