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The following is a haphazard list of errors I found in “noncommutative geometry@n, volume 1 : the tools” by Lieven Le Bruyn.

All page numbers given below are to be understood as page numbers in the printed book (thus, page 1 is the first page of the Introduction, and not the first page of the PDF file).

11. Errata

- **Page 7:** Add a whitespace before “This” in “relations.This”.
- **Page 11:** In the formula “ $\sigma_l(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_l) = \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_l} \lambda_{i_1} \lambda_{i_2} \dots \lambda_{i_l}$ ”, replace “ λ_i ” by “ λ_n ”.
Also, it makes sense to define $\sigma_l(A) := \sigma_l(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$; this notation will be used just a few lines below.
- **Page 18, Theorem 1.3:** Replace “is a regular” by “be a regular”.
- **Page 18, proof of Theorem 1.3:** Replace “functions on \mathbb{C}^m ” by “functions on \mathbb{C}^n ”.
- **Page 18, proof of Theorem 1.3:** Replace “ $f' \in \mathbb{C}[\sigma_1(X), \dots, \sigma_n(X)]$ ” by “ $f' \in \mathbb{C}[\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]$, and thus $f' \circ \pi \in \mathbb{C}[\sigma_1(X), \dots, \sigma_n(X)]$ ”.
- **Page 18, proof of Theorem 1.3:** Replace “Moreover, f and f' ” by “Moreover, f and $f' \circ \pi$ ”.
- **Page 18:** Replace “ $A \in A$ ” by “ $A \in M_n$ ”.
- **Page 19:** “defined by mapping $\lambda_{j+1}, \dots, \lambda_j$ to zero” \rightarrow “defined by mapping $\lambda_{j+1}, \dots, \lambda_n$ to zero”.
- **Page 19:** In the last displayed formula on this page, replace “ $n - i$ ” by “ $j - i$ ” (in “ $\sum_{i=1}^j (-1)^i \phi(\sigma_i) \phi(s_{n-i})$ ”).
- **Page 20:** “with diagonal entries $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_1)$ ” \rightarrow “with diagonal entries $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ ”.

- **Page 20, Theorem 1.4:** In the upper right corner of the matrix, replace “ x_{nm} ” by “ x_{1n} ”.
- **Page 26:** The displayed formula “ $\sigma.(v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_m) = v_{\sigma(1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{\sigma(m)}$ ” does **not** define a left action of S_m on $V_n^{\otimes m}$. It should be replaced either by the formula “ $(v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_m).\sigma = v_{\sigma(1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{\sigma(m)}$ ” defining a **right** action of S_m on $V_n^{\otimes m}$, or by the formula “ $\sigma.(v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_m) = v_{\sigma^{-1}(1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{\sigma^{-1}(m)}$ ” defining a left action of S_m on $V_n^{\otimes m}$. (In either case, I’m afraid it might be necessary to make some more replacements further on.)
- **Page 27, proof of Theorem 1.5:** In the proof of part (2), replace “ $End(V_n^{\otimes m}) \simeq M_{nm}$ ” by “ $End(V_n^{\otimes m}) \simeq M_n^m$ ”.
- **Page 27, proof of Theorem 1.5:** In the proof of part (2), replace “ $End_{S_m}(V_m^{\otimes m})$ ” by “ $End_{S_m}(V_n^{\otimes m})$ ”.
- **Page 27:** In the displayed formula preceding Proposition 1.1, you write: “ $\prod_i f_i(v_{\sigma(i)})$ ”. This should be “ $\prod_i f_i(v_{\sigma(i)})$ ”.
- **Page 27, Proposition 1.1:** Add a tensor sign between “ \cdots ” and “ f_m ” in “ $f_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes f_m \otimes v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_m$ ”.
The same mistake appears in the displayed formula preceding Proposition 1.1. It also appears one line above this formula.
Furthermore, the displayed formula preceding Proposition 1.1 has another similar mistake: a tensor sign is missing between “ \cdots ” and “ $v_{\sigma(m)}$ ” in “ $v_{\sigma(1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{\sigma(m)}$ ”.
- **Page 30:** In the first displayed formula on this page, replace “ t_{d_1} ” by “ $t_{d_1}(1)$ ”.
- **Page 30:** In the long displayed formula that follows the words “then we get an expression”, replace “ $t_{d_1}^{s_{d_1}(1)}$ ” by “ $t_{d_1}(1)^{s_{d_1}(1)}$ ”.
- **Page 31:** Replace “to obtain an $n \times n$ matrix with coefficients in $M_n(\mathbb{C}[M_n^m])$ ” by “to obtain an $n \times n$ matrix in $M_n(\mathbb{C}[M_n^m])$ ” (or by “to obtain an $n \times n$ matrix with entries in $\mathbb{C}[M_n^m]$ ”).
- **Page 32:** Replace “ $X_i : M_n^m = M_n \oplus \cdots \oplus M_n^m \rightarrow M_n$ ” by “ $X_i : M_n^m = M_n \oplus \cdots \oplus M_n \rightarrow M_n$ ” (there was one “ m ” exponent too much).
- **Page 33, proof of Proposition 1.3:** You write: “By theorem 1.6 we can therefore write

$$tr(fX_{m+1}) = \sum_{\underbrace{g_{i_1 \dots i_l}}_{\in \mathbb{N}_n^m}} tr(X_{i_1} \cdots X_{i_l} X_{m+1}) \quad (1)$$

”. I would suggest being a bit more precise here: First, replace the “ Σ ” sign by “ $\sum_{i_1, \dots, i_l \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}}$ ”. Secondly, it is worth explaining why $\text{tr}(fX_{m+1})$ can be represented in the form (1): Namely, theorem 1.6 shows that $\text{tr}(fX_{m+1})$ can be represented as a polynomial in the invariants $\text{tr}(X_{i_1} \dots X_{i_l})$ (where $i_1, \dots, i_l \in \{1, 2, \dots, m+1\}$). In other words, $\text{tr}(fX_{m+1})$ is a linear combination of products of the form $\text{tr}(X_{a_1} \dots X_{a_l}) \text{tr}(X_{b_1} \dots X_{b_m}) \dots \text{tr}(X_{h_1} \dots X_{h_s})$. Furthermore, in each such product, the matrix X_{m+1} occurs exactly once (since $\text{tr}(fX_{m+1})$ is linear in X_{m+1}); thus, we can push the unique factor in which X_{m+1} occurs to the end of the product and also push the X_{m+1} to the end of this factor. As a result, the product rewrites in the form $\underbrace{g_{i_1 \dots i_l}}_{\in \mathbb{N}_n^m} \text{tr}(X_{i_1} \dots X_{i_l} X_{m+1})$ for some $i_1, \dots, i_l \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$. Altogether, we obtain a representation in the form (1).

- **Page 34, Proposition 1.4:** Replace “ $l \leq 2^n - 1$ ” by “ $l \leq 2^n - 2$ ”. (I am not saying that “ $l \leq 2^n - 1$ ” is false; but your proof yields the better bound “ $l \leq 2^n - 2$ ”.)
- **Page 34, proof of Proposition 1.4:** Replace “ $R = \mathbb{T}_+ / \mathbb{N}_+ \cdot \mathbb{T}_+$ ” by “ $R = \mathbb{T}_+ / \mathbb{N}_+ \cdot \mathbb{T}$ ”. (With your definition “ $R = \mathbb{T}_+ / \mathbb{N}_+ \cdot \mathbb{T}_+$ ”, your claim that “for any $x \in R$ we have that $x^n = 0$ ” would be unfounded, because the last term c_n on the left hand side of the equation “ $t^n + c_1 t^{n-1} + \dots + c_n = 0$ ” does not lie in $\mathbb{N}_+ \cdot \mathbb{T}_+$.)
- **Page 34, proof of Proposition 1.4:** Replace “degree at most $2^n - 1$ ” by “degree at most $2^n - 2$ ”.
- **Page 35, Theorem 1.8:** Replace “of length $l \leq 2^n$ ” by “of length $l \leq 2^n - 1$ ”.
- **Page 35, proof of Theorem 1.8:** Replace “of degree at most $2^n - 1$ ” by “of degree at most $2^n - 2$ ”.
- **Page 35, proof of Theorem 1.8:** Replace “of degree at most 2^n .” by “of degree at most $2^n - 1$ ”.
- **Page 35, proof of Theorem 1.8:** Replace “by all $\text{tr}(S')$ ” by “by $\text{tr}(S')$ ”.
- **Page 35, proof of Theorem 1.8:** Replace “ $\mathbb{N}_+ = \mathbb{N}_n^m \text{tr}(\mathbb{T}_+)$ ” by “ $\mathbb{N}_+ = \mathbb{N}_n^m \text{tr}(\mathbb{T}'_+)$ ”.
- **Page 36, Example 1.4:** Replace “ $\det(X_i) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\text{tr}(X_i)^2 - \text{tr}(X_i^2) \right)$ ” by “ $\det(X_i) = \frac{1}{2} \left((\text{tr}(X_i))^2 - \text{tr}(X_i^2) \right)$ ”.
- **Page 37:** On the first line of this page, replace “tableaux” by “tableau”.

- **Page 37:** Replace “define different subgroups” by “sometimes define different subgroups”. (It is easy to find two distinct tableaux of shape $(2, 2)$ which define the same P_λ and the same Q_λ .)
- **Page 37:** In the definition of c_λ , replace “ $c_\lambda = a_\lambda \cdot b_\sigma$ ” by “ $c_\lambda = a_\lambda \cdot b_\lambda$ ”.
- **Page 37, Theorem 1.9:** “representations” \rightarrow “representation”.
- **Page 37, proof of Theorem 1.9:** “consider the tableaux” \rightarrow “consider the tableau”.
- **Page 37, proof of Theorem 1.9:** “there is an element $p_1 \in T_\lambda$ ” should be “there is an element $p_1 \in P_\lambda$ ”.
- **Page 37, proof of Theorem 1.9:** “ $q' \in \sigma \cdot Q_\lambda \cdot \sigma^{-1}$ ” should be “ $q' \in \sigma \cdot Q_\lambda \cdot \sigma^{-1}$ ”.

- **Page 39:** Do you count $t(1)$ among the generators of \mathbb{N}^∞ or not? (I suspect you don't, but I am not fully sure.)

Also, I think your map $t : \mathbb{T}^\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^\infty$ is not surjective, in spite of you using the \rightarrow arrow when defining it. In fact, its image is \mathbb{N}_+^∞ .

- **Page 41:** You again define an action of S_d on $V^{\otimes d}$ by “ $\sigma \cdot (v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_d) = v_{\sigma(1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{\sigma(d)}$ ” (as on page 26). Again, this does not define a valid left action of S_d on $V^{\otimes d}$.
- **Page 41:** Replace “endomorphism $\sum a_\sigma \lambda_\sigma \in \text{End}(V^{\otimes m})$ ” by “endomorphism $\sum a_\sigma \lambda_\sigma \in \text{End}(V^{\otimes d})$ ”.
- **Page 42:** Replace “Then, the subgroup Q_λ of S_d which preserves each row of λ (or equivalently, each column of λ^*) is” by “Then, the subgroup Q_λ of S_d which preserves each row of λ^* (or equivalently, each column of λ) is”.
- **Page 42:** You say that “we have proved” Theorem 1.10. But is this so? I see that you have proved the “if” direction of Theorem 1.10 (since you have shown that any Young symmetrizer c_λ corresponding to a partition λ with at least $n + 1$ rows acts as zero on $V^{\otimes d}$). But the “only if” direction does not seem to follow from what you have done.

Also, have you shown that the Young symmetrizers c_λ relative to partitions λ with at least $n + 1$ rows actually span an ideal of $\mathbb{C}S_d$?

(The “only if” direction can be derived from Corollary 6.6 in William Fulton, Joe Harris, *Representation Theory: A First Course*, Springer 2004. However, this requires some nontrivial representation theory. The claim that the Young symmetrizers c_λ relative to partitions λ with at least $n + 1$ rows actually span an ideal of $\mathbb{C}S_d$ can be derived from the “if” and “only if” directions.)

- **Page 43, Theorem 1.10:** Replace “with a least” by “with at least”.