

Corrigendum: "Consecutive Large Gaps in Sequences Defined by Multiplicative Constraints"

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We correct a misprint on page 175 of [1] about the asymptotic size of $\Phi(M)$ as $M \to \infty$, assuming the Lang–Trotter conjecture. Using this mistake Wu [2], in his review of [1], gave a careful derivation of how this contradicts the statement of Theorem 3 in the paper. Let us assume the notation used in [1]. By the Lang–Trotter conjecture we know that $\pi_0(x) \sim C_E \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\log x}$ for some positive constant C_E depending only on *E*. Consequently we see that if p_j is the *j*-th prime in B_f , then

$$p_j \sim \frac{4}{C_E^2} j^2 \log^2 j.$$

Taking logarithms it suffices to determine the asymptotic behavior of $\Phi(M)$ from the equation

$$\sum_{j=\pi(\Phi(M))+1}^{\pi(\Phi(M))+2\Phi(M)}\log p_j = \frac{\eta}{2}\log M.$$

By partial summation we see that $\sum_{p \le x, p \in B_f} \log p \sim C_E \sqrt{x}$. Combining these facts and using $\pi(\Phi(M)) = o(\Phi(M))$, we see that

$$\sum_{j=\pi(\Phi(M))+1}^{\pi(\Phi(M))+2\Phi(M)} \log p_j \sim C_E \sqrt{p_{\pi(\Phi(M))+2\Phi(M)}} \sim 4\Phi(M) \log \Phi(M) \sim \frac{\eta}{2} \log M.$$

Therefore the corrected form of the asymptotic size of $\Phi(M)$ is found to be

$$\Phi(M) \sim \frac{\eta \log M}{8 \log \log M},$$

which is independent of the elliptic curve *E*. This correction does not effect the statements of theorems in the paper.

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