

ERRATUM TO "REGULAR OVERRINGS OF REGULAR LOCAL RINGS"

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Theorem 3.1 is incorrect for $i > 1$. It is not necessarily true, as stated in line (-6) on p. 293 of the proof, that $(Q^2)' \cap R = (Q')^2 \cap R$. The correct theorem is as follows.

THEOREM. *Let (R, M) be an n -dimensional regular local ring, $n > 1$. Let x, x_1, \dots, x_i be an R -sequence and $T = R[x_1/x, \dots, x_i/x]$. Then T is an n -dimensional regular domain if and only if one of the following holds:*

- (a) *the elements x, x_1, \dots, x_i form a subset of a minimal basis for M ,*
- (b) *(1) $x \in M^2$ and the elements x_1, \dots, x_i form a subset of a minimal basis for M ,*
(2) if P is the contraction in R of a rank $n - 1$ maximal ideal of T containing x then either the elements x, x_1, \dots, x_i form a subset of a minimal basis for P_P in R_P or x_1, \dots, x_i form such a subset and $x \in P^{(2)}$.

The proof is an easy modification of that in the paper. If T is regular and (a) does not hold, then x must be in M^2 as was shown. This means that x_1, \dots, x_i form a subset of a minimal basis for M . Otherwise the generators of $\ker \phi$ would be linearly dependent mod $(M, t_1, \dots, t_i)^2$. Conversely, if (b)(1) holds and T_N is not regular for some rank n maximal ideal N then, as was shown, x_i is in Q^2 . This is a contradiction because it can be easily shown (as in Lemma 4.2) that $x_i \notin Q^2$.

The statement of Corollary 3.6 must be changed accordingly, but none of the main results of the paper (§4–§6) are affected.

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