Hard equality constrained integer knapsacks: Erratum

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Abstract

This is an erratum to our paper published in *Mathematics of Operations Research* **29**(3), 2004, 724–738.

In Theorem 1 of our paper, we claimed the following lower bound $f(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$ on the Frobenius number of the set of elements $\{a_1, \ldots, a_n\}$:

$$f(\boldsymbol{p}, \boldsymbol{r}, M) = \frac{(M^2 p_j p_k + M(p_j r_k + p_k r_j) + r_j r_k)(1 - \frac{2}{M + (r_j/p_j)})}{p_k r_j - p_j r_k} - 1.$$

Due to a calculation mistake in the final stages of the proof, the last term is not correct. The correct expression should be:

$$f(\boldsymbol{p}, \boldsymbol{r}, M) = \frac{(M^2 p_j p_k + M(p_j r_k + p_k r_j) + r_j r_k)(1 - \frac{2}{M + (r_j/p_j)})}{p_k r_j - p_j r_k} - (M + \frac{r_j}{p_j}).$$

Also, in the proof of Claim 1, which is a part of proof of Theorem 1, there is an error in the reasoning used to prove the necessary conditions of that claim. The claim, however is still correct. A full corrected version of the paper is available from the home page of the first author: http://www.cwi.nl/~aardal

We apologize to the readers for the inconvenience.