

*CORRIGENDUM :*  
**SOME IHX-TYPE RELATIONS ON TRIVALENT GRAPHS  
 AND SYMPLECTIC REPRESENTATION THEORY**

MATHEMATICAL RESEARCH LETTERS, 5 (1998), 391 – 402.

STAVROS GAROUFALIDIS AND HIROAKI NAKAMURA

We correct the statement of Theorem 1 of [GN] as follows.

**Theorem 1.** *There exists a surjective homomorphism of graded algebras*

$$\mathcal{C}(\phi)/(IH_0^{bis}, loop) \longrightarrow (\Lambda U/([2^2]_{\mathfrak{sp}}))^{\mathfrak{sp}}$$

which multiplies degrees by 2. It gives also an isomorphism in the range of  $3m \leq g$ .

Recall that  $\mathcal{C}(\phi)$  is the commutative graded algebra freely generated by the trivalent graphs, and ‘loop’ denotes the ideal generated by graphs containing a 1-loop. The ideal  $IH_0^{bis}$  of  $\mathcal{C}(\phi)$  is the correct substitute for  $IH_0$  in loc. cit. and is, by definition, generated by the relations of type:

$$(*) \quad \Gamma_{\square} - \Gamma_{\square} = \frac{1}{2g+2} \left( \Gamma_{\square} + \Gamma_{\square} + \frac{1}{2g+1} \Gamma_{\square} - \Gamma_{\square} - \Gamma_{\square} - \frac{1}{2g+1} \Gamma_{\square} \right),$$

where  $\Gamma_{\square}$  are graphs differing from each other only in parts where certain 4 *distinct* edges are connected as illustrated in the boxes. According to this correction, Corollary 2.2 and Proposition 2.3(c) of loc.cit. should also be modified: in Corollary 2.2  $IH_0$  should be replaced by  $IH_0^{bis}$ , while it turns out that a simple stable structure of  $(\Lambda U/([2^2]_{\mathfrak{sp}}))^{\mathfrak{sp}}$  as in Proposition 2.3(c) will not be easy to detect (cf. [KM], see also [A]).

The above correction is obtained from adding an extra argument to the last part of §3.3, where we should have identified precisely the images of  $\alpha_{\Gamma_I} - \alpha_{\Gamma_H}$  for  $IH_0$ -related pairs under the projection  $Im(\bar{f}_{IH}) \wedge (\Lambda U)^{2m-2} \rightarrow Im(f') \wedge (\Lambda U)^{2m-2}$ . This can be done by examining explicitly the action of the Casimir operator  $C$  of  $\mathfrak{sp}_{2g}$  on the elements of type  $\sum_e \text{sgn}(e)(x_a \wedge x_b \wedge x_e) \wedge (x_c \wedge x_d \wedge x_{-e})$ ; we interpret the projection  $Im(\bar{f}_{IH}) \rightarrow [2^2]_{\mathfrak{sp}}$  as the linear map  $\frac{1}{2g+1}((g+1)C^2 - gC)$ .

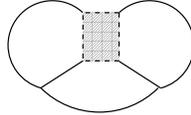
In [KM] §12, N.Kawazumi and S.Morita presented a remarkable relation

$$(**) \quad (\Gamma_{\bigoplus})^2 = 2(2g+1)\{(g+1)\Gamma_{\bigoplus} - (g+2)\Gamma_{\bigoplus}\},$$

in the cohomology ring  $H^*(M_g, \mathbb{Q})$ , and Theorem 1.1 of [KM] tells us that this relation holds also at the level of the graded algebra  $(\Lambda U/([2^2]_{\mathfrak{sp}}))^{\mathfrak{sp}}$  in the stable range of  $3m \leq g$ . One can check  $(**)$  by the relation  $(*)$  of Theorem 1 with the dotted squares of  $\Gamma_{\square}$ 's respectively applied to the shaded part of the following graph:

---

Received by the editors June 22, 2005.



### Acknowledgements

We thank Shigeyuki Morita and Nariya Kawazumi for pointing out our inaccuracy of Theorem 1 of the original version [GN] with showing recent preprints [M1-2],[KM]. Their theory developed in the papers [M1], [KM] were quite helpful for our above correction of Theorem 1.

A detailed proof of Theorem 1 and some generalizations have recently been worked out by Hiroki Akazawa. See [A].

### References

- [A] H.Akazawa, *Symplectic invariants arising from a Grassmann quotient and trivalent graphs*, Math. J. Okayama Univeristy **47** (2005), 99–118.
- [GN] S.Garoufalidis, H.Nakamura, *Some IHX-type relations on trivalent graphs and symplectic representation theory*, Math. Research Letters, **5** (1998), 391–402.
- [KM] N.Kawazumi, S.Morita, *The primary approximation to the cohomology of the moduli space of curves and cocycles for the Mumford-Morita-Miller classes*, Univ. of Tokyo Preprint, UTMS 2001-13.
- [M1] S.Morita, *Generators for the tautological algebra of the moduli space of curves*, Topology **42** (2003), 787–819.
- [M2] S.Morita, *Structure of the mapping class groups of surfaces: a survey and a prospect*, in “Proceedings of the Kirbyfest”, Geometry and Topology Monographs **2** (1999), 349–406.

STAVROS GAROUFALIDIS: SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS, GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,  
ATLANTA, GA 30332-0160, USA

*E-mail address:* stavros@math.gatech.edu

HIROAKI NAKAMURA: DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS, OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY,  
OKAYAMA 700-8530, JAPAN

*E-mail address:* h-naka@math.okayama-u.ac.jp