

Corrigendum to “Classification of homotopy Dold manifolds”, New York J. Math. 9 (2003), 271-293

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The proof of Lemma 6.1, page 286, in the original paper [16], should be changed to the following:

Lemma 0.1. *Let $X = D^m \times P(r, s)$, $r, s > 1$, $\dim X = n+1$. If $x \in L_{n+1}((\mathbb{Z}/2)^{\omega^X})$ is realized by a normal map $F : M \rightarrow X$ such that $F|_{\partial M} : \partial M \rightarrow \partial X$ is a CAT homeomorphism, then $\partial(x) = 0$.*

Proof. Let $X_1 = D^{m-1} \times P(r, s)$, then $\pi_1(X_1) = \pi_1(X)$, and $\omega^{X_1} = \omega^X$.

Realize the element $-x$ by a normal map $f : N \rightarrow X_1 \times I$, such that

$$f|_{\partial_- N} : \partial_- N \rightarrow X_1 \times 0 \cup \partial X_1 \times I$$

is a CAT homeomorphism (CAT = PL or TOP). By definition of ∂ , the obstruction to splitting the homotopy CAT structure $f|_{\partial_+ N} : \partial_+ N \rightarrow X_1 \times 1$ along the submanifold $Y_1 = D^{m-1} \times P(r-1, s)$ is equal to $-\partial x$. Consider the connected sum of the normal maps F and f along the component of boundaries ∂M and $\partial_+ N$ (refer to Browder [2], page 40, 41) to give a normal map

$$F \amalg f : (M \amalg N, \partial_- N \cup \partial M \# \partial_+ N) \rightarrow (X \amalg (X_1 \times I), (X_1 \times 0 \cup \partial X_1 \times I) \cup (\partial X \# (X_1 \times 1))).$$

According to the construction of surgery obstructions the map $F \amalg f$ is a simple homotopy equivalence, and considered as an element of the group $L_{n+1}((\mathbb{Z}/2)^{\omega^X})$, is equal to zero ($= x + (-x)$); but $\pi_1(X \amalg (X_1 \times I)) \neq \mathbb{Z}/2$. However, by Wall([25]; Th. 9.4), one can change $F \amalg f$ using simultaneous surgeries along 1-cycles in the manifolds $M \amalg N$ and $X \amalg (X_1 \times I)$, without changing the boundaries, which make the fundamental groups equal to $\mathbb{Z}/2$. We obtain as a result of these surgeries a normal map

$$F_2 : (M_2, \partial_- N \cup \partial M \# \partial_+ N) \rightarrow (X_2, (X_1 \times 0 \cup \partial X_1 \times I) \cup (\partial X \# (X_1 \times 1))).$$

Since on one component of the boundary the map F_2 splits, it follows from a generalization of ([13]; Lemma 1, Section 1.2.2) that F_2 splits on the other component of the boundary too. Therefore $\partial(x) = 0$. $\square$

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In the statements 3 (i) and 3(ii) of Theorem (7.6), the factor $\mathbb{Z}/2$ should not be there.

The rest of the paper remains unchanged.

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