

**Corrections to “A quantitative version of Runge’s
theorem on diophantine equations”**

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Let $F(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}[x, y]$ be a polynomial of degree m in x , n in y , and whose coefficients do not exceed h in absolute value. Runge’s theorem asserts that if F satisfies certain conditions, which are outlined in [3], then the diophantine equation

$$(1) \quad F(x, y) = 0$$

has only finitely many integer solutions in x and y , and furthermore that there is a computable number $C = C(m, n, h)$ such that all integer solutions (x, y) of (1) satisfy $\max(|x|, |y|) < C$.

In [3] it was shown more precisely that under the hypotheses of Runge’s theorem, all integer solutions (x, y) of (1) satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} |x| &\leq B(h, n)^{2mn^3(n+1)}(2h(m+1)(n+1))^{12mn^4}, \\ |y| &\leq B(h, n)^{2m^2n^2(n+1)}(2h(m+1)(n+1))^{12m^2n^3}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(2) \quad B(h, n) = 4.8(8e^{-3}n^{4+2.74 \log n}e^{1.22n}h^2)^n$$

for $n, h \geq 1$.

The quantity in (2) comes from the main result of [1], which is a quantitative version of Eisenstein’s theorem on the growth of the denominators of the coefficients of a power series representing an algebraic function. In [2] it was shown that the quantity in (2) appearing in [1] is incorrect, and that a correct value, which incorporates a dependency on $m = \deg_x F$, is

$$B(h, m, n) = 4.8(8e^{-3}n^{4+2.74 \log n}e^{1.22n}h^2(1+m)^2)^n.$$

Thus, the quantitative version of Runge’s theorem in [3] becomes valid once the value $B(h, n)$ is replaced by $B(h, m, n)$.

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