

**COMMENTS ON:
THE ALGEBRA AND GEOMETRY OF STEINER AND OTHER
QUADRATICALLY PARAMETRIZABLE SURFACES**

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1. ERRATA

The following typos appear in the published paper, [CSS].

- (p. 270) The derivative, equation (34), should read

$$\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x} = [x_2(x_3^2 + x_4^2) - 2x_1x_4^2, x_1(x_3^2 + x_4^2), \\ 2x_1x_2x_3 - 4x_3(x_3^2 + x_4^2), 2x_1x_2x_4 - 2x_1^2x_4 - 4(x_3^2 + x_4^2)x_4].$$

This corrects the lower right 2×2 block of the Hessian, equation (35), to

$$\begin{array}{cc} 2x_1x_2 - 12x_3^2 - 4x_4^2 & -8x_3x_4 \\ -8x_3x_4 & 2x_1x_2 - 2x_1^2 - 12x_4^2 - 4x_3^2 \end{array} \Bigg|.$$

- (p. 273) Below equation (58) should read “As in the case of Σ_7 and Σ_8 ”
- (p. 279) **Theorem 7.** should read “*The order of Σ is $4 - \nu_\Sigma$.*”
- (p. 281) Above equation (105) should read “Since $\mathcal{P}(\Sigma) \not\subseteq \mathbb{M}_2$, $e \neq 0$.”
- (p. 284) Step (2) in Section **6.** should read “ $\det\{\lambda\mathbf{M} + \mu\mathbf{N}\}$.”

2. UPDATES

The references mention unpublished notes of A. Schwartz and C. Stanton — a version from 1988 is available from me, on request. Another pre-1996 source on this topic, with some details on the matrix calculations leading to the classification theorem, is [C₁], which I made available online in 2018.

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Since publication, the following related article has come to our attention: [D]. The topic of projections of the real Veronese variety has more recently been considered in [C₃]. Also see my web page on Steiner surfaces, currently at this address: [C₂].

3. CITATIONS

Our article is cited in these academic papers: [A₁], [A₂], [A₃], [ABB], [AMT], [AS₁], [AS₂], [BJKL], [BCF], [BEG], [CFRV], [EGL₁], [EGL₂], [GS], [G], [HJS], [H], [HW₁], [HK], [HW₂], [HW₃], [LG], [PA], [PO], [POS], [PR], [PT], [P], [RJ], [S], [SPS], [WG], [WC], [WCD], [Zanella], [Z₁], [Z₂], [Z₃], as well as these books: [F], [KI], and this computer technical manual: [T].

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Our construction relies on projective geometry and is grounded on the pencil of quadrics circumscribed to a tetrahedron formed by vertices of the control net and an additional point which is required for the Steiner surface to be a non-degenerate quadric. Read full text view PDF. Post comment. Comments. There are no comments yet. POST REPLY. — [4] Coffman, A., Schwartz, A.J., Stanton, C.: The algebra and geometry of Steiner and other quadratically parametrizable surfaces. *Computer Aided Geometric Design* 13(3), 257–286 (1996). [5] Degen, W.: The types of triangular B-spline surfaces. *The algebra and geometry of Steiner and other quadratically parametrizable surfaces. Computer Aided Geometric Design*, 13:257–286. [zbMATH CrossRef MathSciNet Google Scholar](#). 8. Degen, W. (1996). The types of triangular B-spline surfaces. In Mullineux, G., editor, *The Mathematics of Surfaces IV*, volume 38 of *The Institute of Mathematics and its Applications Conference*, pages 153–171. *A Treatise on the Analytic Geometry of Three Dimensions*. Longman, Greens and co., fifth edition. Revised by Reginald A. P. Rogers. [Google Scholar](#). 15. Sederberg, T. W. and Chen, F. (1995). Implicitization using moving curves and surfaces. *Computer Graphics Siggraph 1995*, 18:301–308. [Google Scholar](#). Copyright information. Quadratically parameterizable rational surfaces are classified in [3]. A well-known example is Steiner's Roman surface, a non-orientable quartic surface with three double lines, which is parameterized as follows: $V = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^3 : v_1(x)\}$. *Lectures on modern convex optimization*. SIAM, 2001. [2] E. Brieskorn, H. Knörrer. *The algebra and geometry of Steiner and other quadratically parametrizable surfaces. Computer Aided Geometric Design*, 13:257–286, 1996. [4] J. Harris. *Algebraic geometry: a first course*. Springer, 1992. [5] J. W. Helton, J. Nie. [9] Coffman, A., Schwartz, A.J. and Stanton, Ch., *The algebra and geometry of Steiner and other quadratically parametrizable surfaces*, *Comput. Aided Geom. Design* 13, 257–286 (1996). [10] Degen, W.L.F., *The types of triangular B-spline surfaces*, in *The Mathematics of Surfaces VI* (G. Mullineux, ed.), *The IMA Conference Series No. 58*, Clarendon Press Oxford, 153–170 (1996). [23] Vaisman, I., *Analytical Geometry*, *Series on University Mathematics Volume 8*, World Scientific (1997). [24] Varady, T., *Survey and new results in n-sided patch generation*, in *The Mathematics of Surfaces II*, (R. Martin, ed.), Oxford Univ. Press, Oxford, 203–235 (1987). [Aryantalar](#).