

CORRECTION TO “ON THE MONODROMY GROUPS  
ATTACHED TO CERTAIN FAMILIES OF  
EXPONENTIAL SUMS”

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In the proof of Proposition 1 on p. 42 of [1], replace lines –15 to –11 on that page (beginning “Consider the  $d$ -dimensional . . .”) by the following text.

Therefore  $d\tau|_K \simeq (\rho|_K) \otimes \chi$ . Taking determinants, we see that the character  $\alpha := \det(\rho)/\det(d\tau_2)$  of  $\pi_1$  has  $\alpha|_K = \chi^{-\deg(\rho)}$ . Again by the vanishing of  $H^2$ , any  $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}_\ell^\times$ -valued character of  $\pi_1$  has a  $\deg(\rho)$ 'th root. Twisting  $\tau_2$  by a  $\deg(\rho)$ 'th root of  $\alpha$ , we obtain a representation  $\tau$  of  $\pi_1$ , whose restriction to  $K$  differs from  $\tau_0$  by a character of order  $\deg(\rho)$ . Shrinking . . .

REFERENCES

- [1] N. Katz, *On the monodromy groups attached to certain families of exponential sums*, Duke Math. J. **54** (1987), 41–56.

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