Erratum: Geometry and topology of the quasiplane Szekeres model [Phys. Rev. D 78, 064038 (2008)]

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The paper [1] contains an error. The identification of subspaces postulated in its Sec. VIII cannot be made because it would introduce a discontinuity in the metric. That erroneous statement resulted from a computational error for which I find no justification.

In consequence of this error the conclusions of Secs. IX and XI are invalidated as well, namely:

(i) Re Sec. IX—Shell crossings cannot be avoided in the way described there. When the flat surfaces of constant t and z have the topology of infinite planes, shell crossings necessarily occur, except in the special case when the quasiplane spacetime becomes plane symmetric, as proved in Ref. [2].

(ii) Re Sec. XI—The finite volume constructed there does not exist when the identifications from Sec. VIII are impossible. Thus, the problem of identifying the volume that contains the active gravitational mass $M(z)$ can be approached only in the way described in Sec. XII.

Sections II–VII, X, and XII of Ref. [1] remain correct. The abstract, the introductory Sec. I, and the concluding Sec. XIII need to be suitably modified.

The error pointed out here was noticed by Charles Hellaby.

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