Erratum: High-NA aberration retrieval with the Extended Nijboer-Zernike vector diffraction theory

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In the paper "High-NA aberration retrieval with the Extended Nijboer-Zernike vector diffraction theory" by S. van Haver, J.J.M. Braat, P. Dirksen and A.J.E.M. Janssen, published in J. Europ. Opt. Soc. Rap. Public. **1**, 06004 (2006), some regrettable notation errors are present in Eq.(10), page 06004-3. The expression gives the azimuthal Fourier components $\Psi_{an}^m(r, f)$ of the analytically calculated intensity distribution in the focal region of a high-numerical-aperture focused beam as a function of the radial and axial coordinates, r and f, respectively. On line 4 of Eq.(10) in this publication, the upper index of the coefficient β was erroneously given as m but should have been -m. On line 10 of the same equation, the lower indices of $\Psi_{\nu;0,2}^{(m+2)*}$ should be changed into $\Psi_{\nu;2,0}^{(m+2)*}$; on line 14, the lower indices of $\Psi_{\nu;0,2}^{(-m+2)}$ should become $\Psi_{\nu;2,0}^{(-m+2)}$. The correct version of Eq.(10) for $\Psi_{an}^m(r, f)$ is reproduced in full below,

$$\begin{split} \Psi_{an}^{m}(r,f) &= \frac{\beta_{0}^{0}}{2} \sum_{\nu} \left\{ \\ \beta_{\nu}^{m*}(2-\epsilon_{\nu,m}) \left[\Psi_{\nu;0,0}^{m*} + s_{0}^{2} \left\{ \left(\Psi_{\nu;1,1}^{m*} + \Psi_{\nu;-1,-1}^{m*} \right) + \frac{s_{0}^{2}}{2} \left(\Psi_{\nu;2,2}^{m*} + \Psi_{\nu;-2,-2}^{m*} \right) \right. \\ \left. - 2\mathrm{Im}(ab^{*}) \left[\left(\Psi_{\nu;1,1}^{m*} - \Psi_{\nu;-1,-1}^{m*} \right) + \frac{s_{0}^{2}}{2} \left(\Psi_{\nu;2,2}^{m*} - \Psi_{\nu;-2,-2}^{m*} \right) \right] \right\} \right] \\ \left. + \beta_{\nu}^{-m}(2-\epsilon_{\nu,m}) \left[\Psi_{\nu;0,0}^{-m} + s_{0}^{2} \left\{ \left(\Psi_{\nu;1,1}^{-m} + \Psi_{\nu;-1,-1}^{-m} \right) + \frac{s_{0}^{2}}{2} \left(\Psi_{\nu;2,2}^{-m} + \Psi_{\nu;-2,-2}^{-m} \right) \right. \\ \left. - 2\mathrm{Im}(ab^{*}) \left[\left(\Psi_{\nu;1,1}^{-m} - \Psi_{\nu;-1,-1}^{-m} \right) + \frac{s_{0}^{2}}{2} \left(\Psi_{\nu;2,2}^{-m} - \Psi_{\nu;-2,-2}^{-m} \right) \right] \right\} \right] \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} + \beta_{\nu}^{(m-2)*} & \left[\left\{ |a|^{2} - |b|^{2} \right\} + 2i \operatorname{Re}(ab^{*}) \right] \times \\ & s_{0}^{2} \left\{ \Psi_{\nu;0,2}^{(m-2)*} + (1 - \epsilon_{\nu,m-2}) \left[\Psi_{\nu;-2,0}^{(m-2)*} - 2\Psi_{\nu;-1,+1}^{(m-2)*} \right] \right\} \\ + \beta_{\nu}^{(m+2)*} & \left[\left\{ |a|^{2} - |b|^{2} \right\} - 2i \operatorname{Re}(ab^{*}) \right] \times \\ & s_{0}^{2} \left\{ (1 - \epsilon_{\nu,m+2}) \Psi_{\nu;2,0}^{(m+2)*} + \Psi_{\nu;0,-2}^{(m+2)*} - 2\Psi_{\nu;+1,-1}^{(m+2)*} \right\} \\ + \beta_{\nu}^{(-m-2)} & \left[\left\{ |a|^{2} - |b|^{2} \right\} - 2i \operatorname{Re}(ab^{*}) \right] \times \\ & s_{0}^{2} \left\{ \Psi_{\nu;0,2}^{(-m-2)} + (1 - \epsilon_{\nu,m+2}) \left[\Psi_{\nu;-2,0}^{(-m-2)} - 2\Psi_{\nu;-1,+1}^{(-m-2)} \right] \right\} \\ + \beta_{\nu}^{(-m+2)} & \left[\left\{ |a|^{2} - |b|^{2} \right\} + 2i \operatorname{Re}(ab^{*}) \right] \times \\ & s_{0}^{2} \left\{ (1 - \epsilon_{\nu,m-2}) \Psi_{\nu;2,0}^{(-m+2)} + \Psi_{\nu;0,-2}^{(-m+2)} - 2\Psi_{\nu;+1,-1}^{(-m+2)} \right\} \right\} . \end{split}$$

The numerical results described in the paper were not affected by the notational errors in Eq.(10) as it was shown in Fig. 5 of the paper by the perfect convergence to their original values of the retrieved β -coefficients, down to machine precision. The errors in question were not present in the computational program that was used for the retrieval of the coefficients.