Erratum: Rules and Rule-Making in the Five Largest Wikipedias

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This Erratum provides a correction to one figure and a descriptive sentence from our publication “Rules and rule-making in the five largest Wikipedias” (Hwang and Shaw 2022).

In preparing the dataset release for this work, we discovered a data processing error that affected in Figure 4 on page 6 of the paper. The bold red line in the original figure — describing the “grand median” of the revision sizes (in bytes) across language editions over time — rises and then slopes downward; however, the line should consistently slope downwards. We provide a corrected version of the figure here.

The same error also impacts a sentence on page 6 of the paper describing the figure. The original text reads: “As the projects age, the latency increases and the byte size rises at first and then declines.” The corrected version of the text should read: “As the projects age, the latency increases and the byte size decreases.”

These changes do not otherwise impact the findings, interpretation, or contributions of the published work.

Corrected version of Figure 4. The figure shows annual medians of diff sizes/lags pooled from monthly median of average rule page diff sizes (red, in bytes) and lags (black, in seconds) between revisions per language edition. Each language edition is represented by a dashed line; the bold line is the median trend across language editions.

References