

**CORRECTION TO MY PAPER  
”CHARACTERIZATION OF THE IDENTITY  
FUNCTION  
WITH AN EQUATION FUNCTION”**

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The above mentioned paper was published in the same journal [52 \(2021\) 195–216](#). The Conjecture 1 on page 196 is not correct. We would like to correct this as follows:

**Conjecture 1.** *Assume that an arithmetical function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $D \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfy the following equation*

$$f(n^2 + Dnm + m^2) = f^2(n) + Df(n)f(m) + f^2(m) \quad \text{for every } n, m \in \mathbb{N}.$$

*Then one of the following assertions holds:*

- $f(n) = 0$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,
- $f(n) = \frac{1}{D+2}$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,
- $f(n) = n$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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