Corrigendum to "IsoplotR: A free and open toolbox for geochronology"

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Whilst writing a detailed manual for the IsoplotR package, I found two mistakes in the accompanying paper. Fortunately, neither of these mistakes was incorporated in the actual computer code, so IsoplotR users need not worry about their results.

In Section 4, the number of degrees of freedom for a weighted regression is reported as df = k(n-1). This should be df = (k-1)(n-2). Thus, for bivariate regression, df = n-2 and for trivariate regression, df = 2n-4.

In Section 13, the 230 Th–U age equation and isochron equation incorporate an incorrect detrital 230 Th correction. Equation 14 should be replaced with

$$\frac{A[^{230}Th] - A[^{230}Th]_{\circ}e^{-\lambda_{230}t}}{A[^{238}U]} = 1 - e^{\lambda_{230}t} - \left(\frac{A[^{234}U]}{A[^{238}U]} - 1\right) \left(\frac{\lambda_{230}}{\lambda_{234} - \lambda_{230}}\right) \left(1 - e^{[\lambda_{234} - \lambda_{230}]t}\right)$$
(14)

and Equation 15 with

$$\left(\frac{A[^{230}Th]}{A[^{232}Th]}\right)_{i} = \left(\frac{A[^{230}Th]}{A[^{232}Th]}\right)_{\circ} e^{-\lambda_{230}t} + \left(\frac{A[^{238}U]}{A[^{232}Th]}\right)_{i} \left(1 - e^{-\lambda_{230}t}\right) \tag{15}$$

I apologise for any confusion caused by these mistakes.