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The discussion on page 9 including figures 3 and 4 needs to be corrected. The last paragraph ('In the present system...') of section 2.2.2 should be replaced by the following.

'When the system becomes gapless, a monopole (charge q = 1) and an antimonopole (q = -1) are created in pairs. Because of the T-symmetry, the distribution of monopole charges is symmetric with respect to k = G/2. Hence for the simplest case, two monopole-antimonopole pairs are created at  $k = \pm k_0 + G/2$  ( $k_0 \neq 0$ ) simultaneously when  $m = m_1$ , and the system becomes gapless. When m is increased further, the monopoles and antimonopoles move in the k space, while the distribution of the monopole charges remains symmetric with respect to G/2. This system can open a gap again only when all the monopoles and antimonopoles annihilate in pairs. This occurs at  $m = m_2$  as shown in figure 6. Thus the overall feature of the phase transition is schematically expressed as in figure 7.

Correspondingly, figures 3 and 4 should be replaced by figure 6 and figure 7 respectively. These corrections do not affect the main conclusions of the article.

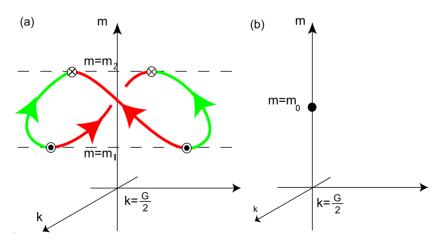
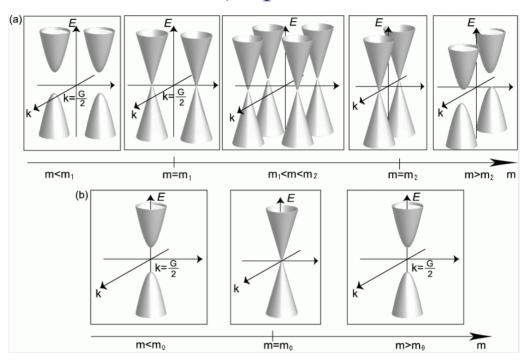


Figure 6. Location of the the gapless points by changing the external parameter *m* in (a) I-asymmetric systems and (b) I-symmetric systems. In (a) the green and the red denotes trajectories of the monopole and antimonopole, respectively.



**Figure 7.** Phase transition in 3D between the quantum spin Hall (QSH) and insulating phases for (a) I-asymmetric and (b) I-symmetric cases. In the case (b) all the states are doubly degenerate.