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## Errata Corrige

**pag. 16, row 7:** the string

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>> fplot(fun, lims, tol, n, 'LineStyle', P1, P2, ...)
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should be

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>> fplot(fun, lims, tol, n, LineSpec)
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**pag. 27, row -19:** the instruction “v=rand(n)” should be “v=rand(n,1)”

**pag. 37, row -10:** “Exercise 1.3” should be “Exercise 1.4”

**pag. 38, row 4:** the instruction “v=roots(poly(c))” should be “v=roots(poly(v))”

**pag. 38, row -14:** the formula

$$\pi = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 16^{-m} \left( \frac{4}{8m+1} - \frac{2}{8m+4} + \frac{1}{8m+5} + \frac{1}{8m+6} \right)$$

should be

$$\pi = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 16^{-m} \left( \frac{4}{8m+1} - \frac{2}{8m+4} - \frac{1}{8m+5} - \frac{1}{8m+6} \right)$$

**pag. 46, row -11:** the phrase “In the case of zeros with multiplicity  $m$  larger than 1, the order of convergence of Newton’s method downgrades to 1”

should be

”In the case of zeros with multiplicity  $m$  larger than 1, i.e.  $f'(\alpha) = \dots = f^{(m-1)}(\alpha) = 0$ , Newton’s method still converges, provided that  $x^{(0)}$  is suitably chosen and  $f'(x) \neq 0, \forall x \in I(\alpha) \setminus \{\alpha\}$ . However, in this case, the order of convergence downgrades to 1”.

**pag. 51, row 13:** “x0=[-1,-1]” should be “x0=[-1;-1]”

**pag. 53, row -2:** the assumption “2.  $\phi$  is differentiable in  $[a, b]$ ” should be “2.  $\phi$  is continuously differentiable in  $[a, b]$ ”

**pag. 55, row 4:** the assumption “assume that  $\phi$  is differentiable twice” should be “assume that  $\phi$  is continuously differentiable twice”

**pag. 75, row 1:** “ $(n - 1)/2$ ” should be “ $(n + 1)/2$ ”

**pag. 79, row 13:** the instruction “ $\mathbf{r(n+1)=r(n+1)/prod([1:n+2]);}$ ” should be “ $\mathbf{r(n+1)=r(n+1)/prod([1:n+1]);}$ ”

**pag. 84, row -5:** “ $t_i = i\pi/100$ ” should be “ $t_i = 2i\pi/100$ ”

**pag. 89, row 10:** the phrase “The optimal parameters” should be “The optional parameters”

**pag. 91, row 13:** formula

$$\max_{x \in I} |f^{(r)}(x) - s_3^{(r)}(x)| \leq C_r H^{4-r} \max_{x \in I} |f^{(4)}(x)|, \quad r = 0, 1, 2, 3,$$

should be

$$\max_{x \in I} |f^{(r)}(x) - s_3^{(r)}(x)| \leq C_r H^{4-r} \max_{x \in I} |f^{(4)}(x)|, \quad r = 0, 1, 2$$

and

$$\max_{x \in I \setminus \{x_0, \dots, x_n\}} |f^{(3)}(x) - s_3^{(3)}(x)| \leq C_3 H \max_{x \in I} |f^{(4)}(x)|,$$

**pag. 91, row -1:** “ $\mathbf{x=\cos(t); y=\sin(t);}$ ” should be “ $\mathbf{x=\sin(t); y=\cos(t);}$ ”

**pag. 93, row -10:** the formula

$$\Phi(b_0, b_1) = \sum_{i=0}^n [y_i^2 + b_0^2 + b_1^2 x_i^2 + 2b_0 b_1 x_i - 2b_0 y_i - 2b_1 x_i y_i^2]$$

should be

$$\Phi(b_0, b_1) = \sum_{i=0}^n [y_i^2 + b_0^2 + b_1^2 x_i^2 + 2b_0 b_1 x_i - 2b_0 y_i - 2b_1 x_i y_i]$$

**pag. 98, row -9:** “November 2002” should be “November 2001”

**pag. 99, row 1,2:** “Compute the associated cubic interpolating spline on 4 subintervals of the temperature interval  $[4, 20]$ .” should be “Compute the associated cubic interpolating spline on the temperature interval  $[4, 20]$  subdivided in 4 subintervals.”

**pag. 111, row 2:** “ $-1/25(10\pi - 3 + 3e^{2\pi})/e^{2\pi}$ ” should be “ $-(10\pi - 3 + 3e^{2\pi})/(25e^{2\pi})$ ”

**pag. 133, row 6:** The item “2. diagonally dominant matrices” should be “2. strictly diagonally dominant matrices”

**pag. 135:** algorithm (5.19)

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for  $k = 1, \dots, n$ 
  for  $i = k + 1, \dots, n$ 
    find  $\bar{r}$  such that  $|a_{\bar{r}k}^{(k)}| = \max_{r=k, \dots, n} |a_{rk}^{(k)}|$ ,
    exchange row  $k$  with row  $\bar{r}$ ,
    
$$l_{ik} = \frac{a_{ik}^{(k)}}{a_{kk}^{(k)}}$$

    for  $j = k + 1, \dots, n$ 
      
$$a_{ij}^{(k+1)} = a_{ij}^{(k)} - l_{ik}a_{kj}^{(k)}$$


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should be

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for  $k = 1, \dots, n$ 
  find  $\bar{r}$  such that  $|a_{\bar{r}k}^{(k)}| = \max_{r=k, \dots, n} |a_{rk}^{(k)}|$ ,
  exchange row  $k$  with row  $\bar{r}$ ,
  for  $i = k + 1, \dots, n$ 
    
$$l_{ik} = \frac{a_{ik}^{(k)}}{a_{kk}^{(k)}}$$

    for  $j = k + 1, \dots, n$ 
      
$$a_{ij}^{(k+1)} = a_{ij}^{(k)} - l_{ik}a_{kj}^{(k)}$$


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**pag. 161, row 8:** “see section 5.3” should be “see Remark 5.3”

**pag. 162, row 15:** “end of Section 8.17” should be “end of Section 8.1.2”

**pag. 166, row -5:** “ $c_{ij} = i + j - 1$ ” should be “ $c_{ij} = i + j$ ”

**pag. 167:** equation (6.3)

$$U^*AV = \Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_p) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n},$$

should be

$$U^H AV = \Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_p) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n},$$

**pag. 176, row 6:** ”after 11 iterations” should be ”after 19 iterations”

**pag. 180, row 12:** “at each  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ” should be “at each  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ ”

**pag. 181, row -5:** “eigenvalues of modulus larger than A” should be “eigenvalues of A of larger modulus”

**pag. 184, row 12:** “ $\gamma, \vartheta \in \mathbb{R}$ ” should be “ $\gamma \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \vartheta \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ ”

**pag. 184, row -5:** ”the largest negative eigenvalue of” should be ” the negative eigenvalue of largest modulus of”

**pag. 191, row -12:** “each *node*  $t_n$  ( $0 \leq n \leq N_h - 1$ )” should be “each *node*  $t_n = t_0 + nh$  ( $1 \leq n \leq N_h$ )”

**pag. 194, row -10:** “More in general, the local truncation error ...” should be “More in general, up to the factor  $1/h$ , the local truncation error ...”

**pag. 198, row 9:** “and expresses the error associated” should be “and, up to the factor  $1/h$ , it expresses the error associated”

**pag. 200, row 2-3:** “... is *zero-stable* if  $\exists h_0 > 0, \exists C > 0$  such that  $\forall h \in (0, h_0], \forall \varepsilon > 0$  sufficiently small, if  $|\rho_n| \leq \varepsilon, 0 \leq n \leq N_h, \dots$ ” should be

“... is *zero-stable* if  $\exists h_0 > 0, \exists C > 0, \exists \varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that  $\forall h \in (0, h_0], \forall \varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_0],$  if  $|\rho_n| \leq \varepsilon, 0 \leq n \leq N_h, \dots$ ”

**pag. 207, row 6:** “if  $-1 \leq \lambda < 0$ ” should be “if  $-1 < \lambda < 0$ ”

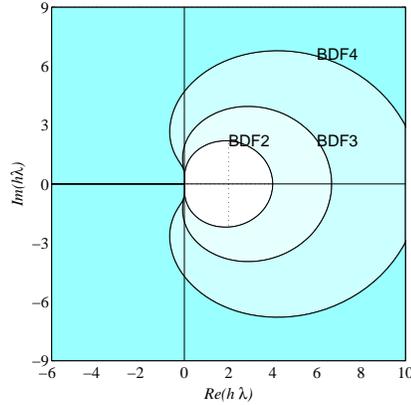
**pag. 207, row 9:** formula

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |z_n - u_n| = \frac{\rho}{|\lambda|}$$

should be

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |z_n - u_n| = \frac{|\rho|}{|\lambda|}$$

**pag. 215:** The right picture of figure 7.13 is



and its caption is: “In this case the regions are unlimited and span outside the closed lines.”

**pag. 222, row 7:** “with  $h = 0.01$ ” should be “with  $h = 0.001$ ”

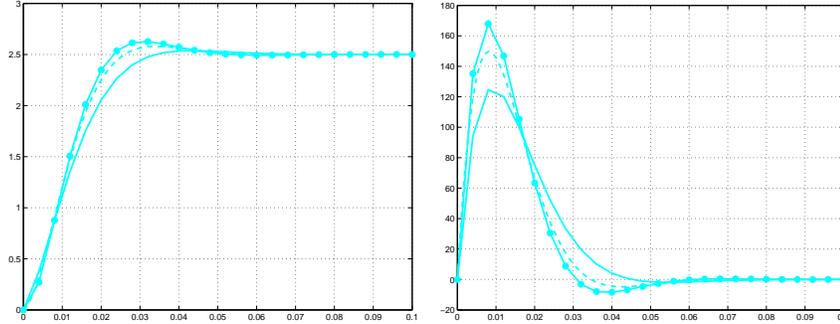
**pag. 222, row 17-18:**

“and  $\lambda$  can be set equal to  $-141.4214$ . Then a condition for absolute stability is to take  $h < 2/|\lambda| = 0.0282$ .”

should be

“and  $\lambda_{1,2} = -100 \pm 100i$ . Then the condition for absolute stability is to take  $h < -2\text{Re}(\lambda_i)/|\lambda_i|^2 = 0.01$ .”

**pag. 222:** Fig. 7.16 should be



**pag. 223, row -19:** “ $\zeta > (\theta + 1/2)^{2/4}$ ” should be “ $\zeta > (\theta + 1/2)^2/4$ ”

**pag. 224, row -3:** “ $h = 0.04$ ” should be “ $h = 0.004$ ”

**pag. 225, row 10:** “equal to  $2\mathbf{x}^T$ ” should be “equal to  $2\mathbf{x}$ ”

**pag. 226, row -4:** “only 2000 steps” should be “only 1000 steps”

**pag. 226, row -2:** “ $r = 0.0966$ ” should be “ $r = 0.0928$ ”

**pag. 229, row :** formula (7.63) and (7.64) should be, respectively:

$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_e}{dt^2} = 4\pi^2 \left( \frac{M_m}{M_s} \frac{\mathbf{x}_m - \mathbf{x}_e}{|\mathbf{x}_m - \mathbf{x}_e|^3} - \frac{\mathbf{x}_e}{|\mathbf{x}_e|^3} \right).$$

$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_m}{dt^2} = 4\pi^2 \left( \frac{M_e}{M_s} \frac{\mathbf{x}_e - \mathbf{x}_m}{|\mathbf{x}_e - \mathbf{x}_m|^3} - \frac{\mathbf{x}_m}{|\mathbf{x}_m|^3} \right).$$

**pag. 230, row 11:** “with a tolerance of  $1e-6$ ” should be “with a tolerance of  $1e-3$ ”

**pag. 244, row -7:** “ $\varphi_0(x) = (a + h - x)/h$ ” should be “ $\varphi_0(x) = (x_1 - x)/(x_1 - a)$ ”

**pag. 244, row -6:** “ $\varphi_{N+1}(x) = (x - b + h)/h$ ” should be “ $\varphi_{N+1}(x) = (x - x_N)/(b - x_N)$ ”

**pag. 244-245:** the last formula of pag. 244 and the first two formulas of pag. 245:

“we find that for all  $j = 1, \dots, N$

$$\begin{aligned}
& u_{j-1} \int_{I_{j-1}} \varphi'_{j-1}(x) \varphi'_j(x) dx + u_j \int_{I_{j-1} \cup I_j} \varphi'_j(x) \varphi'_j(x) dx \\
& + u_{j+1} \int_{I_j} \varphi'_{j+1}(x) \varphi'_j(x) dx = \int_{I_{j-1} \cup I_j} f(x) \varphi_j(x) dx + B_{1,j} + B_{N,j},
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$B_{1,j} = \begin{cases} -\alpha \int_{I_0} \varphi'_0(x) \varphi'_1(x) dx = -\frac{\alpha}{x_1 - a} & \text{if } j = 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

while

$$B_{N,j} = \begin{cases} -\beta \int_{I_N} \varphi'_{N+1}(x) \varphi'_j(x) dx = -\frac{\beta}{b - x_N} & \text{if } j = N, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

should be

“we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
& u_1 \int_{I_0 \cup I_1} \varphi'_1(x) \varphi'_1(x) dx + u_2 \int_{I_1} \varphi'_2(x) \varphi'_1(x) dx \\
& = \int_{I_0 \cup I_1} f(x) \varphi_1(x) dx + \frac{\alpha}{x_1 - a}, \\
& u_{j-1} \int_{I_{j-1}} \varphi'_{j-1}(x) \varphi'_j(x) dx + u_j \int_{I_{j-1} \cup I_j} \varphi'_j(x) \varphi'_j(x) dx \\
& + u_{j+1} \int_{I_j} \varphi'_{j+1}(x) \varphi'_j(x) dx = \int_{I_{j-1} \cup I_j} f(x) \varphi_j(x) dx, \quad j = 2, \dots, N-1, \\
& u_{N-1} \int_{I_{N-1}} \varphi'_{N-1}(x) \varphi'_N(x) dx + u_N \int_{I_{N-1} \cup I_N} \varphi'_N(x) \varphi'_N(x) dx \\
& = \int_{I_{N-1} \cup I_N} f(x) \varphi_N(x) dx + \frac{\beta}{b - x_N}.”
\end{aligned}$$

**pag. 245, row 8-9:**

“Consequently, we obtain for  $j = 1, \dots, N$

$$-u_{j-1} + 2u_j - u_{j+1} = h \int_{I_{j-1} \cup I_j} f(x) \varphi_j(x) dx + B_{1,j} + B_{N,j}.”$$

should be

“Consequently, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 2u_1 - u_2 &= h \int_{I_0 \cup I_1} f(x) \varphi_1(x) dx + \frac{\alpha}{x_1 - a}, \\ -u_{j-1} + 2u_j - u_{j+1} &= h \int_{I_{j-1} \cup I_j} f(x) \varphi_j(x) dx, \quad j = 2, \dots, N-1, \\ -u_{N-1} + 2u_N &= h \int_{I_{N-1} \cup I_N} f(x) \varphi_N(x) dx + \frac{\beta}{b - x_N}. \end{aligned}$$

**pag. 247, row -1:** “from the top to the bottom” should be “from the bottom to the top”

**pag. 248, row -4,-3:** “Consequently, (8.26) becomes

$$(\mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \mathbf{v}_{N_y}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{v}_{N_y}) / h_x^2$$

should be

“Consequently, (8.26) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} &= \frac{1}{h_x^2} \sum_{k=1}^{N_y-1} \mathbf{v}_k^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{v}_k \\ &+ \frac{1}{h_y^2} \left( \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_{N_y}^T \mathbf{v}_{N_y} + \sum_{k=1}^{N_y-1} (\mathbf{v}_k - \mathbf{v}_{k+1})^T (\mathbf{v}_k - \mathbf{v}_{k+1}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

**pag. 249, row 16:** “ $\Omega = (a, c) \times (b, d)$ ” should be “ $\Omega = (a, b) \times (c, d)$ ”. Note that program `poissonfd.m` changes in the same way. The correct version of the file `poissonfd.m` is posted on [mox.polimi.it/qs](http://mox.polimi.it/qs) inside the updated file `Programs.tar.gz`

**pag. 253, row -2:** “ $j = 1, \dots, N-1$ ” should be “ $j = 1, \dots, N$ ”

**pag. 253, row -8:** “ $u(x, 0) = u_0(t)$ ” should be “ $u(x, 0) = u^0(t)$ ”

**pag. 253, row -1:** “ $u_0(t) = u_N(t) = 0$ ” should be “ $u_0(t) = u_{N+1}(t) = 0$ ”

**pag. 254, row 2:** “ $u_j(0) = u_0(x_j), \quad j = 0, \dots, N$ ” should be “ $u_j(0) = u^0(x_j), \quad j = 0, \dots, N+1$ ”

**pag. 254, row 6:** “ $\mathbf{u}(0) = \mathbf{u}_0$ ” should be “ $\mathbf{u}(0) = \mathbf{u}^0$ ”

**pag. 254, row 7:** “ $\mathbf{u}(t) = (u_1(t), \dots, u_{N-1}(t))^T$ ” should be “ $\mathbf{u}(t) = (u_1(t), \dots, u_N(t))^T$ ”

**pag. 254, row 8:** “ $\mathbf{f}(t) = (f_1(t), \dots, f_{N-1}(t))^T$ ” should be “ $\mathbf{f}(t) =$

$(f_1(t), \dots, f_N(t))^T$

**pag. 254, row 8:** “ $\mathbf{u}_0(t) = (u_0(x_1), \dots, u_0(x_{N-1}))^T$ ” should be “ $\mathbf{u}^0(t) = (u^0(x_1), \dots, u^0(x_N))^T$ ”

**pag. 254, row 10:** “ $u_0(x_0) = u_0(x_N) = 0$ ” should be “ $u^0(x_0) = u^0(x_{N+1}) = 0$ ”

**pag. 254, row 17:** “ $\mathbf{u}^0 = \mathbf{u}_0$ ” should be “ $\mathbf{u}^0$  given”

**pag. 254, row -13:** “I is the identity matrix of order  $N - 1$ ” should be “I is the identity matrix of order  $N$ ”

**pag. 255, row 5:** “ $\lambda_j = 2 - 2 \cos(j\pi/N)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, N - 1$ ” should be “ $\lambda_j = 2 - 2 \cos(j\pi/(N + 1))$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, N$ ”

**pag. 255, row -14:** “on the square domain  $\Omega = (a, b) \times (c, d)$ ” should be “on the domain  $\Omega = (a, b)$ ”

**pag. 255, row -13:** “the vector  $\mathbf{xspan}=[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ ,  $\mathbf{yspan}=[\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d}]$ ” should be “the vector  $\mathbf{xspan}=[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}]$ ”

**pag. 255, row -10:** “ $f(t, x_1(t), x_2(t))$ ” should be “ $f(t, x(t))$ ”

**pag. 255, row -9:** “ $u_0(x_1, x_2)$ ” should be “ $u^0(x)$ ”

**pag. 264, row 3:** “ $A \in \mathbb{R}^{(N-1) \times (N-1)}$ ” should be “ $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ ”

**pag. 264, row 5:** “ $\lambda_j = 2(1 - \cos(j\theta))$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, N - 1$ ,” should be “ $\lambda_j = 2(1 - \cos(j\theta))$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, N$ ,”

**pag. 264, row 7:** “ $\mathbf{q}_j = (\sin(j\theta), \sin(2j\theta), \dots, \sin((N-1)j\theta))^T$ ,” should be “ $\mathbf{q}_j = (\sin(j\theta), \sin(2j\theta), \dots, \sin(Nj\theta))^T$ ,”

**pag. 264, row 8:** “ $\theta = \pi/N$ ” should be “ $\theta = \pi/(N + 1)$ ”

**pag. 265, row 9:** “conductivity is  $k = 0.2$  cal/sec·cm·C.” should be “conductivity is  $k = 0.2$  cal/(sec·cm·C).”

**pag. 265, row 10:** “Denote by  $Q = 5$  cal/cm<sup>3</sup>·sec” should be “Denote by  $Q = 5$  cal/(cm<sup>3</sup>·sec)”

**pag. 277, row 21:** “price2002” should be “price2001”

**pag. 277, row 22:** “November 2002” should be “November 2001”

**pag. 281, row 15:** “ $c \cdot \frac{1}{30} f^{(4)}(\xi_3) h^4$ .” should be “ $c \cdot \frac{1}{6} f^{(4)}(\xi_3) h^3$ .”

**pag. 281, row -3:** “this number is 51” should be “this number is 71”

**pag. 283, row 2:**

$$f_1^{(4)}(x) = \frac{24}{(1 + (x - \pi)^2)^5 (2x - 2\pi)^4} - \frac{72}{(1 + (x - \pi)^2)^4 (2x - 2\pi)^2} + \frac{24}{(1 + (x - \pi)^2)^3},$$

should be  $f_1^{(4)}(x) = 24 \frac{1 - 10(x - \pi)^2 + 5(x - \pi)^4}{(1 + (x - \pi)^2)^5}$ ,

**pag. 283, row 5:** “ $M_1 \simeq 25$ ” should be “ $M_1 \simeq 23$ ”

**pag. 283, row 6:** “ $M_2 \simeq 93$ ” should be “ $M_2 \simeq 18$ ”

**pag. 283, row 21:** “with  $H < 0.25$ ” should be “ with  $H < 0.0625$ ”

**pag. 284, row -3, -2:** “it is actually a polynomial of degree 3” should be “it is actually a polynomial of degree 2”

**pag. 301, row 2:** “ $\phi=0$ ” should be “ $\phi=\pi/180$ ”

**Some Matlab programs have been corrected. They are posted on the page <http://mox.polimi.it/qs> inside the updated files Programs.tar.gz and Programs.zip.**