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**Errata**

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**pag. 30:** Hint for the solution of Exercise n. 4: Note that  $I + B = 2I - (I - B)$

**pag. 34, row 5:** “correspondance” has to be replaced by “correspondence”

**pag. 75, row -5:** “ $i \neq j$ ” has to be replaced by “ $i \leq j$ ”

**pag. 78, row 1:** “*If A is a matrix diagonally dominant...*” has to be replaced by “*If A is a matrix strictly diagonally dominant...*”

**pag. 86, row 5:** “(that is,  $\tilde{Q}^{-1} = \tilde{Q}^T$ )” has to be replaced by “(that is,  $\tilde{Q}^T \tilde{Q} = I_n$ , being  $I_n$  the identity matrix of size  $n$ )”

**pag. 140:** After formula (4.29) add:  
 “where in this case  $K_2(P^{-1}A) = \lambda_1/\lambda_n$ .”

**pag. 141, row 1:** “The matrix  $R_\alpha$  is symmetric positive definite” has to be replaced by “The matrix  $R_\alpha$  is symmetric”

**pag. 155:** After formula (4.49) add:  
 “where  $K_2(A) = \lambda_1/\lambda_n$  and  $\lambda_1$  ( $\lambda_n$ , resp.) is the maximum (minimum, resp.) eigenvalue of  $A$ .”

**pag. 255, row -9,-8:** the phrase “Assuming that  $f \in C^1(\mathcal{I})$  and that  $f'(\alpha) \neq 0$  (i.e.,  $\alpha$  is a simple root of  $f$ ),” has to be replaced by  
 “Assuming that  $f \in C^1(\mathcal{J})$  and that  $f'(x) \neq 0, \forall x \in \mathcal{J} \setminus \{\alpha\}$ ”

**pag. 255, row -2,-1:** the phrase "... by a higher order of convergence, Newton's method being of order 2"

has to be replaced by

"... by a higher order of convergence when  $\alpha$  is a simple root of  $f$  (i.e.  $f'(\alpha) \neq 0$ ). As a matter of fact, in this case the Newton's method is of order 2"

**pag. 262, row 7,8:** the phrase "...  $\phi$ , which is continuous and differentiable in a neighborhood  $\mathcal{J}$  of  $\alpha$ ."

has to be replaced by

"... $\phi$ , which is continuous and continuously differentiable in a neighborhood  $\mathcal{J}$  of  $\alpha$ ."

**pag. 262, row 11,12:** " $x^{(n)}$ " has to be replaced by " $x^{(k)}$ "

" $x^{(n+1)}$ " has to be replaced by " $x^{(k+1)}$ "

**pag. 264, row 4:** "then the method (6.16) is no longer second-order convergent." has to be replaced by

"(i.e.,  $f'(\alpha) = 0, \dots, f^{(m-1)}(\alpha) = 0$ ), then the Newton method (6.16) still converges, under the condition that  $x^{(0)}$  is properly chosen and  $f'(x) \neq 0 \forall x \in \mathcal{J} \setminus \{\alpha\}$ , but now it is only first-order convergent."

**pag. 283, exercise 6:** " Analyze the convergence of the fixed-point method  $x^{(k+1)} = \phi_j(x^{(k)})$  for computing the zeros  $\alpha_1 = -1$  and  $\alpha_2 = 2$  of the function  $f(x) = x^2 - x - 2$ , when the following iteration functions are used:  $\phi_1(x) = x^2 - 2$ ,  $\phi_2(x) = \sqrt{2+x}$   $\phi_3(x) = -\sqrt{2+x}$  and  $\phi_4(x) = 1 + 2/x$ ,  $x \neq 0$ .

[*Solution:* the method is non convergent with  $\phi_1$ , it converges only to  $\alpha_2$ , with  $\phi_2$  and  $\phi_4$ , while it converges only to  $\alpha_1$  with  $\phi_3$ ]."

has to be replaced by :

"Analyze the behaviour (about either consistency and convergence) of the fixed-point method  $x^{(k+1)} = \phi_j(x^{(k)})$  for computing the zeros  $\alpha_1 = -1$  and  $\alpha_2 = 2$  of the function  $f(x) = x^2 - x - 2$ , when the following iteration functions are used:  $\phi_1(x) = x^2 - 2$ ,  $\phi_2(x) = \sqrt{2+x}$ ,  $\phi_3(x) = -\sqrt{2+x}$  e  $\phi_4(x) = 1 + 2/x$ ,  $x \neq 0$ .

[*Solution:* the method with  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_4$  is consistent in order to compute both roots of  $f$ , but with  $\phi_2$  it is consistent only in correspondence of  $\alpha_2$ , while with  $\phi_3$  only in correspondence of  $\alpha_1$ . The choice  $\phi_1$  is not convergent, the choices  $\phi_2$  and  $\phi_3$  are convergent, while  $\phi_4$  is convergent only to  $\alpha_2$ .]

**pag. 304, row -19:** “fmins” has to be replaced by “fminsearch”

**pag. 304, row -10:** “fmins” has to be replaced by “fminsearch”

**pag. 321, row 6:** “fmins” has to be replaced by “fminsearch”

**pag. 324, row 13:** “fmins” has to be replaced by “fminsearch”

**pag. 393, row 15:** “(9.26) immediately follows.” has to be replaced by “(9.26) immediately follows, recalling that  $\gamma_n = n + 2$ .”

**pag. 401, row -12:** “ $\int_0^\pi (e^{x/2} + \cos 4x)dx = 2(e^\pi - 1) \simeq 7.621$ ,”

has to be replaced by

“ $\int_0^\pi (e^{x/2} + \cos 4x)dx = 2(e^{\pi/2} - 1) \simeq 7.621$ ,”

**pag. 447, row -1:**

“ $\Pi_N^F f(x_j) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{f}_k e^{ikjh} e^{-ijh\frac{N}{2}} = \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} f(x_l) \left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{-ik(l-j)h} \right] = f(x_j)$ .”

has to be replaced by

“ $\Pi_N^F f(x_j) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{f}_k e^{ikjh} e^{-ijh\frac{N}{2}} = \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} f(x_l) \left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{-ik(l-j)h} e^{i\pi(l-j)} \right] = f(x_j)$ .”

**pag. 448, formula (10.55):**

“ $f(x_j) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{f}_k e^{ik(j-\frac{N}{2})h} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{f}_k W_N^{-(j-\frac{N}{2})k}$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, N-1$ .”

has to be replaced by

“ $f(x_j) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{f}_k e^{ij(k-\frac{N}{2})h} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{f}_k W_N^{-(k-\frac{N}{2})j}$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, N-1$ .”

**pag. 448, row 9:**

“ $C_{jk} = W_N^{-(j-\frac{N}{2})k}$ ,  $j, k = 0, \dots, N-1$ .”

has to be replaced by

“ $C_{jk} = W_N^{-(k-\frac{N}{2})j}$ ,  $j, k = 0, \dots, N-1$ .”

**pag. 449:** Program 89 correctly works, nevertheless the variables  $j$  and  $k$  could be exchanged in order they assume the meaning assigned in the definition of matrix  $C$  at pag. 448. The new version reads:

```
function fv = idft(N,fc)
%IDFT Inverse discrete Fourier transform.
% FV=IDFT(N,F) computes the coefficients of the
% inverse discrete Fourier transform of a function F.
h = 2*pi/N; wn = exp(-i*h);
for j=0:N-1
    s = 0;
    for k=0:N-1
        s = s + fc(k+1)*wn^(-j*(k-N/2));
    end
    fv (j+1) = s;
end
return
```

**pag. 477, exercise 5:** “Compute weights and nodes of the following quadrature formulae

$$\int_a^b w(x)f(x)dx = \sum_{i=0}^n \omega_i f(x_i),$$

in such a way that the order is maximum, setting

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(x) &= \sqrt{x}, & a &= 0, \quad b = 1, \quad n = 1; \\ \omega(x) &= 2x^2 + 1, & a &= -1, \quad b = 1, \quad n = 0; \\ \omega(x) &= \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 0 \end{cases} & a &= -1, \quad b = 1, \quad n = 1. \end{aligned}$$

[Solution: for  $\omega(x) = \sqrt{x}$ , the nodes  $x_1 = \frac{5}{9} + \frac{2}{9}\sqrt{10/7}$ ,  $x_2 = \frac{5}{9} - \frac{2}{9}\sqrt{10/7}$  are obtained, from which the weights can be computed (order 3); for  $\omega(x) = 2x^2 + 1$ , we get  $x_1 = 3/5$  and  $\omega_1 = 5/3$  (order 1); for  $\omega(x) =$

$2x^2 + 1$ , we have  $x_1 = \frac{1}{22} + \frac{1}{22}\sqrt{155}$ ,  $x_2 = \frac{1}{22} - \frac{1}{22}\sqrt{155}$  (order 3).]”  
has to be replaced by

“Compute weights  $\alpha_i$  and nodes  $x_i$  of the following quadrature formulae

$$\int_a^b w(x)f(x)dx = \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha_i f(x_i),$$

in such a way that the order is maximum, setting

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(A)} \quad w(x) &= \sqrt{x}, & a &= 0, \quad b = 1, \quad n = 1; \\ \text{(B)} \quad w(x) &= 2x^2 + 1, & a &= 0, \quad b = 1, \quad n = 0; \\ \text{(C)} \quad w(x) &= \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 0 \end{cases} & a &= -1, \quad b = 1, \quad n = 1. \end{aligned}$$

[*Solution:* case (A): the nodes  $x_0 = \frac{5}{9} + \frac{2}{9}\sqrt{10/7}$ ,  $x_1 = \frac{5}{9} - \frac{2}{9}\sqrt{10/7}$  are obtained, from which the weights  $\alpha_i$  can be computed (order 3); case (B) we get  $x_0 = 3/5$  and  $\alpha_0 = 5/3$  (order 1); case (C) we get  $x_0 = \frac{1}{22} + \frac{1}{22}\sqrt{155}$ ,  $x_1 = \frac{1}{22} - \frac{1}{22}\sqrt{155}$  (order 3).]”

**pag. 484,485:** The definition 11.4 (Zero-stability of one-step methods) has to be replaced by

**Definition 11.4 (Zero-stability of one-step methods)** The numerical method (11.11) for the approximation of problem (11.1) is *zero-stable* if

$\exists h_0 > 0$ ,  $\exists C > 0$  and  $\exists \varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that  $\forall h \in (0, h_0]$  and  $\forall \varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_0]$ , if  $|\delta_n| \leq \varepsilon$ ,  $0 \leq n \leq N_h$ , then

$$|z_n^{(h)} - u_n^{(h)}| \leq C\varepsilon, \quad 0 \leq n \leq N_h,$$

where  $z_n^{(h)}$  and  $u_n^{(h)}$  are respectively the solutions of the problems

$$\begin{cases} z_{n+1}^{(h)} = z_n^{(h)} + h \left[ \Phi(t_n, z_n^{(h)}, f(t_n, z_n^{(h)}); h) + \delta_{n+1} \right], & n = 0, \dots, N_h - 1 \\ z_0^{(h)} = y_0 + \delta_0, \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} u_{n+1}^{(h)} = u_n^{(h)} + h\Phi(t_n, u_n^{(h)}, f(t_n, u_n^{(h)}); h), & n = 0, \dots, N_h - 1 \\ u_0^{(h)} = y_0. \end{cases}$$

**pag. 489, row -9:** “fot” has to be replaced by “for”

**pag. 498, row -2:** The phrase “Notice that the LTE is exactly  $\mathcal{L}[y(t_n); h]$ .” has to be replaced by “Notice that the LTE is exactly  $\frac{1}{h}\mathcal{L}[y(t_n); h]$ .”

**pag. 499, row 2,3:** The rows “Consequently, if the MS method has order  $q$  and  $y \in C^{q+1}(I)$ , we obtain

$$\tau_{n+1}(h) = C_{q+1}h^{q+1}y^{(q+1)}(t_{n-p}) + \mathcal{O}(h^{q+2}).”$$

have to be replaced by

“Consequently, if

$$C_0 = C_1 = \dots = C_q = 0, \quad (0.1)$$

then

$$\mathcal{L}[y(t_n); h] = h\tau_{n+1}(h) = C_{q+1}h^{q+1}y^{(q+1)}(t_{n-p}) + \mathcal{O}(h^{q+2}).$$

In view of Definition 11.9, the MS method is of order  $q$ . Note that conditions (0.1) give rise to algebraic conditions on the MS coefficients  $\{a_j, b_j\}$ , as we will see in Theorem 11.3 (pag. 503). It is worth noticing that a different choice of the origin about which the terms  $w(t - jh)$  and  $w'(t - jh)$  are expanded would yield an a-priori different set of constants  $\{C_k\}$ . However, as pointed out in [Lam91, pp.48–49] the first non-vanishing coefficient  $C_{q+1}$  is invariant (whereas the other coefficients  $C_{q+j}$ ,  $j \geq 2$ , are not).”

**pag. 505:** The first three rows of Definition 11.13 have to be replaced by:

The multistep method (11.45) is zero-stable if

$\exists h_0 > 0$ ,  $\exists C > 0$  and  $\exists \varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that  $\forall h \in (0, h_0]$ ,  $\forall \varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_0]$ , if  $|\delta_n| \leq \varepsilon$ ,  $0 \leq n \leq N_h$ , then

**pag. 509, row 8,9:**

$$u_n = \sum_{j=1}^{k'} \left( \sum_{s=0}^{m_j-1} \gamma_{sj} n^s \right) [r_j(h\lambda)]^n, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

where  $r_j(h\lambda)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, k'$ ,

have to be replaced by

$$u_n = \sum_{j=0}^{k'} \left( \sum_{s=0}^{m_j-1} \gamma_{sj} n^s \right) [r_j(h\lambda)]^n, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

where  $r_j(h\lambda)$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, k'$ ,

**pag. 511, formula (11.66):** Formula (11.66) has to be replaced by

$$\exists h_0 > 0, \exists C > 0 : \forall h \leq h_0 \quad |u_n| \leq C(|u_0| + \dots + |u_p|), \quad \forall n \geq p + 1.$$

**pag. 521, row 3:** The phrase “ $u_{n+1}$ , assuming” has to be replaced by “ $u_{n+1}^*$ , obtained assuming”

**pag. 521, row 9:** The formula

$$u_{n+1} = y_n + hF(t_n, y_n, h; f) = y_n + h(b_1 K_1 + b_2 K_2)$$

has to be replaced by

$$u_{n+1}^* = y_n + hF(t_n, y_n, h; f) = y_n + h(b_1 K_1 + b_2 K_2)$$

**pag. 521, row 17:** The formula

$$u_{n+1} = y_n + hf_n(b_1 + b_2) + h^2 c_2 b_2 (f_{n,t} + f_n f_{n,y}) + \mathcal{O}(h^3)$$

has to be replaced by

$$u_{n+1}^* = y_n + hf_n(b_1 + b_2) + h^2 c_2 b_2 (f_{n,t} + f_n f_{n,y}) + \mathcal{O}(h^3)$$

**pag. 522:** Starting from formula (11.74) and up to formula (11.76) (included),

“ $u_{n+1}$ ” has to be replaced by “ $u_{n+1}^*$ ”,

“ $\widehat{u}_{n+1}$ ” has to be replaced by “ $\widehat{u}_{n+1}^*$ ”.

**pag. 522:** After formula

$$y_{n+1} - u_{n+1}^* \simeq \frac{u_{n+1}^* - \widehat{u}_{n+1}^*}{(2^{p+1} - 1)} = \mathcal{E}$$

add the following phrase:

In practice, since both  $u_{n+1}^*$  and  $\widehat{u}_{n+1}^*$  are unknowns, we evaluate

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{u_{n+1} - \widehat{u}_{n+1}}{(2^{p+1} - 1)},$$

$u_{n+1}$  and  $\widehat{u}_{n+1}$  being the numerical solutions obtained with stepsize  $h$  and  $2h$ , respectively.

**pag. 585, row -1:** The word “endspores” has to be replaced by “endospores”

**pag. 593, row 1:** the phrase ”(see Exercise 3)” has to be replaced by : ”(see Exercise 3 of Chapter 4. Note that  $h^2 A_{\text{fd}}$  coincides with the matrix  $A$  of Exercise 3 of Chapter 4 with  $\alpha = 2$ )”

**pag. 595, row 11-15:** The phrase “Thus, its Cholesky decomposition  $K = H^T H$  where  $H$  is upper triangular (see Section 3.4.2) can be carried out at  $t = 0$ . Consequently, at each time step the following two linear triangular systems, each of size equal to  $N_h$ , must be solved, with a computational cost of  $N_h^2/2$  flops”

has to be replaced by

“Moreover,  $K$  is independent of  $k$  and then it can be factorized once at  $t = 0$ . For the one-dimensional case that we are handling, this factorization is based on the Thomas method (see Section 3.7.2) and it requires a number of operation proportional to  $N_h$ . In the multidimensional case the use of the Cholesky factorization  $K = H^T H$ ,  $H$  being an upper triangular matrix (see Section 3.4.2), will be more convenient. Consequently, at each time step the following two linear triangular systems, each of size equal to  $N_h$ , must be solved:”

**pag. 611, row 4,5:** In Table 13.1:

“ $\mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2/\Delta t + \Delta t + \Delta x)$ ” has to be replaced by “ $\mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2/\Delta t + \Delta t + \Delta x^2)$ ”

“ $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2 + \Delta x^2)$ ” has to be replaced by “ $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2 + \Delta x^2 + \Delta t \Delta x^2)$ ”

**pag. 611, row -13:** the phrase ”and so is the artificial viscosity” has to be dropped.

**pag. 612, row 6:**

$$\tau_j^n = \frac{u(x_j, t^{n+1}) - u(x_j, t^n)}{\Delta t} - a \frac{u(x_{j+1}, t^n) - u(x_{j-1}, t^n)}{2\Delta x}$$



has to be replaced by

$$\tau_j^n = \frac{u(x_j, t^{n+1}) - u(x_j, t^n)}{\Delta t} + a \frac{u(x_{j+1}, t^n) - u(x_{j-1}, t^n)}{2\Delta x}$$

**pag. 612, row 12:** “for suitable integers  $p$  and  $q$ ” has to be replaced by “for suitable positive  $p$  and  $q$ ”

**pag. 619, row 13,14:** formulas “ $l = 10\Delta x$ ” and “ $l = 4\Delta x$ ” have to be replaced by “ $l = 20\Delta x$ ” and “ $l = 8\Delta x$ ”, respectively.

**pag. 632, row 1:** “Computed solutions using the NM...” has to be replaced by “Computed solutions using the NW...”

**pag. 638:** “Erdős P. (1961) Problems and Results on the Theory of Interpolation. *Acta Math. Acad. Sci. Hungar.* 44: 235-244.”

has to be replaced by

“Erdős P. (1961) Problems and Results on the Theory of Interpolation. II. *Acta Math. Acad. Sci. Hungar.* 12: 235-244.”