Erratalist for 4th Edition of A Primer on Scientific Programming with Python

Hans Petter Langtangen

Sep 14, 2014

Page 4. The one-line program to be written in a text editor must have t**2 and not t^2 .

Page 95. In the program c2f.py, the print statement has a wrong formatting of the F(C) value: %.51f must read %5.1f, i.e., the same formatting as used for the C value.

Page 99. Heading in Section 3.1.5 should be Function argument or global variable? (or instead of of).

Page 130. In Exercise 3.6, Equation (3.10), the sum must be $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1}$.

Page 158. The terminal output for the integral $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin x \, dx$ should read 1, not 0.583009.

Page 189. In the mymod.py module, an import sys is needed in the test block before print add1(float(sys.argv[1])).

Page 189. The last code showing the test block of the interest module needs two corrections: division by 365 if the expression for years and an f in the print statement:

```
if __name__ == '__main__':
import sys
p = float(sys.argv[1])
years = days(1, 2, p)/365.0
print 'With p=%.2f it takes %.1 years to double' % (p, years)
```

Page 273. In the first code block, x3 = mat(x).transpose() should be x3 = mat(x1).transpose().

Page 426. The argument in the rase ValueError call, after if $c*d \le 0$, needs a final % other.

Page 447. The title of the chapter should be Random numbers and simple games.

Page 845-846. To successfully execute the c2f.py program, cmd must be python c2f.y 21 or ./c2f.py 21 (if c2f.py is an executable file) unless . is in the user's PATH variable.

Page 846. 2. Under *Split file or folder name*, the name user in the text should be replaced by /home/hpl according to the interactive session.