

Corrections to Numerical Solutions of Differential Equations Notes

1/ Page 7: At the bottom of the page. $\int_0^x g(t) dt = \int_0^x \lambda dt = \lambda x$

2/ Page 12: Do NOT confuse the f in $\Delta_h(t) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}$ with the f in $Y'(x) = f(x, Y)$. \rightarrow Central Difference

3/ Page 13: $Y(x_{n+1}) = Y(x_n) + \int_{x_n}^{x_{n+1}} f(x, Y(x)) dx$ The plus sign is missing in the notes.

4/ Page 19: $Y_{n+1} = Y_n + \frac{h}{2} [f(x_n, Y_n) + f(x_{n+h}, Y_n + hf(x_n, Y_n))]$
 $x_{n+1} = x_n + h$
 The h outside the $[]$ brackets is missing in the notes. (Heun formula).

5/ Page 22: i) In the Predator-Prey Model, Y_1 is the prey population and Y_2 is the predator population.

ii) Competitive Exclusion: $\frac{dY_1}{dx} = AY_1 - BY_1^2 - CY_1Y_2$

6/ Page 24: Both Y_{i-1} and y_{i-1} should have plus signs, in the left hand side.

i) $\frac{Y_{i+1} - 2Y_i + Y_{i-1}}{h^2} = p_i \frac{Y_{i+1} - Y_{i-1}}{2h} + q_i Y_i + r_i + O(h^3)$ and

ii) $\frac{Y_{i+1} - 2Y_i + Y_{i-1}}{h^2} = p_i \frac{Y_{i+1} - Y_{i-1}}{2h} + q_i Y_i + r_i$ Plus signs before Y_{i-1} and y_{i-1} in the L.H.S.

7/ Page 25: $\frac{Y_{i+1} - 2Y_i + Y_{i-1}}{h^2} = f(x_i, Y_i, \frac{Y_{i+1} - Y_{i-1}}{2h})$

Again, in the left hand side, Y_{i-1} carries a plus sign.