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Posted by davidf on Mon, 15 Dec 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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Oh, *ODE*! Sorry, I had misread this as *SOB*. No. You
are right. It should be included. :-)

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I think so, although they rarely admit it. :-)

Cheers,

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on which the dependent variables are changing.
(see Num. Rec. in C p. 734ff)

However, I would appreaciate if all routines from Num.Rec.
were in IDL since the Num.Rec. book would make an
excellent reference to the numerical routines available
in IDL. I think a lot of people (like me) were using
Num.Rec. in C or Fortran for the numerics when they coded
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