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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,

David

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ODE = ordinary differential equations.  
stiffness occurs with sets of ODEs when there are two or more very different scales of the independent variable on which the dependent variables are changing.  
(see Num. Rec. in C p. 734ff)

However, I would appreciate 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 in these languages.

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