GammaLib - Change request #1054

Remove superfluous comments

01/04/2014 01:24 PM - Deil Christoph

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Description

GammaLib has thousands of comments like this:

```
// Free table
delete table;

// Return
return;
```

I suggest to remove those, following the advice of Bjarne Stroustrup who writes in Section 9.7 of his book on C++ (
http://www.stroustrup.com/4th.html):

"Once something has been stated clearly in the language, it should not be mentioned a second time in a comment."

Jürgen, as in #1053 I'm happy to make a pull request for you to review, but I wanted to ask first if you agree before going through and removing those lines.
As in the change proposed in #1053, the advantage is that 1000s of superfluous lines are removed from the GammaLib code files and don't have to be read by future developers / users.

History

#1 - 01/05/2014 11:57 PM - Knödlseder Jürgen

This is also a question of taste. When you read Donald Knuth (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Literate_programming) you would even add more of that ...

Comments also help to structure the code (at least if your editor is highlighting the code). I agree that some comments are not very informative, but then the action should be rather to make the comments more informative and not to remove them.

#2 - 01/06/2014 12:07 AM - Deil Christoph

// But
but

// why
why

// repeat
repeat

// the
the

// exact thing
exact thing

// twice ?
twice ?

:-)

#3 - 01/06/2014 12:08 AM - Deil Christoph

It's just a suggestion ... feel free to reject and close.

#4 - 01/06/2014 11:20 AM - Knödlseder Jürgen

- Status changed from New to Rejected

... I take the freedom wink.png