# User Guide for Code to solve systems of ODEs using Runge-Kutta method On systems running Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

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#### Abstract

This is only the guide to use our code for the purpose said in the title, for more theoretical details, please see [1] and [2]. For reference to the Fortran programming language, you may want to visit [3].

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## 1 Preparation

To use our code, which was written in Fortran, we need the following things on a system running Ubuntu:

- 1. A text editor: You can use any text editor, but in this guide, we will use gedit, the default text editor in Ubuntu 16.04 LTS.
- 2. gcc, gfortran and gnuplot: if new versions of those were not already installed, one way to install them is to open **Terminal** and type

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sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install gcc
sudo apt-get install gfortran
sudo apt-get install gnuplot
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#### 2 The source files

We wrote multiple source files with different purposes:

- rkfts.f90: Fortran source code for Runge-Kutta method using fixed time step
- rkats.f90: Fortran source code for Runge-Kutta method using adaptive time step
- data\_plot.plt and data\_plot\_dependency.plt :gnuplot commands to plot the results
- customf.f90: source code for module containing the specific equation you want to solve, how to modify it will be discussed later.
- The other \*.f90: Fortran source code for modules containing the example equations to solve, we included modules for: Curtiss-Hirschfelder equation, Brusselator equation, Van der Pol equation,...

# 3 Specifying equation by modifying the source files

As mentioned before, there are module files containing the example equations, you may want to take a look at those and [3] for reference. This section will explain about what you need to specify in the module file. For example, a module file look like this

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Figure 1: Module file of the Van der Pol equation

As commented in the file, line 3, 4, 4 contain the information about "number of unknowns", "initial conditions", "beginning and ending time points". The information in Figure 1 means that we are considering a equation with 2 unknown variables, the beginning and ending time points are  $t_0 = 0$  and  $t_e = 2$  respectively, the initial condition is f(0, y) = (2, -0.66).

Where  $y = y_1, y_2$  is the vector of unknown variables and

$$f(t,y) = \left[ y_2(t), \frac{(1 - y_1(t))^2 y_2(t) - y_1(t)}{10^{-6}} \right]$$

More ever, we may also need to modify the time step in rkfts.f90 or the error tolerance in rkats.f90, for more details about this, refer to [1] and [2].

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Figure 2: rkfts.f90

Figure 3: rkats.f90

# 4 Using the code

• Step 1: Decide which equation you want to solve and whether you want to solve it using Runge-Kutta method with fixed time step or adaptive time step. Put the file containing the module specifies that equation and the file corresponding to the method of your choice together with data\_plot.plt and data\_plot\_dependency.plt in a same folder.

For example: You want to solve the Van der Pol equation specified in vfp.f90 using Runge-Kutta method with adaptive time step, you need to put rkats.f90, vdp.f90, data\_plot.plt and data\_plot\_dependency.plt in the same folder. From now on, we will use this example for sake of convenience.

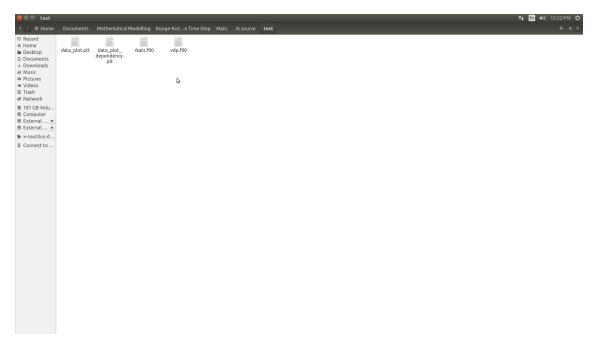


Figure 4: Put the needed files in the same folder

#### • Step 2: Open the folder in Terminal

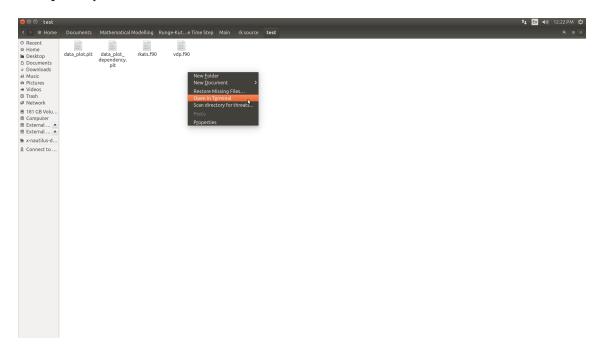


Figure 5: Right click at the empty space and select  ${\tt Open}\,$  in  ${\tt Terminal}\,$ 

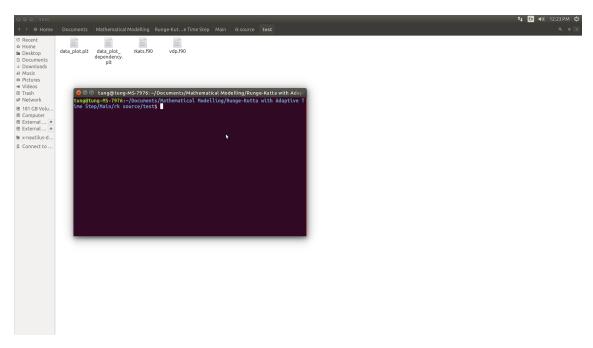


Figure 6: The folder is now opened in Terminal

• Step 3: Open rkats.f90 in a text editor and make sure that it use the module for your equation of choice (vdp.f90 for the Van der Pol equation in this example) by modifying the second line: from use [something] to use vdp

Figure 7: The result look like this

• Step 4: Type gfortran vdp.f90 rkats.f90 -o main.out to make the output file named main.out, of course you can choose other names as well.

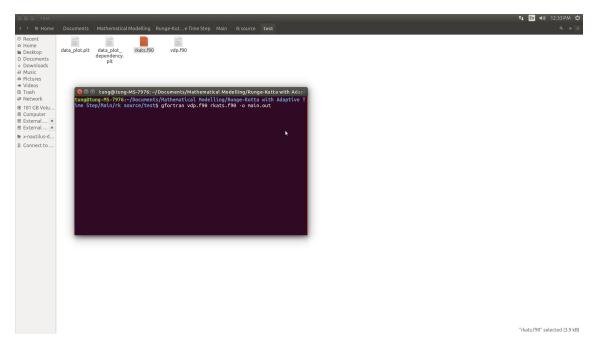


Figure 8: Typing the command in the Terminal

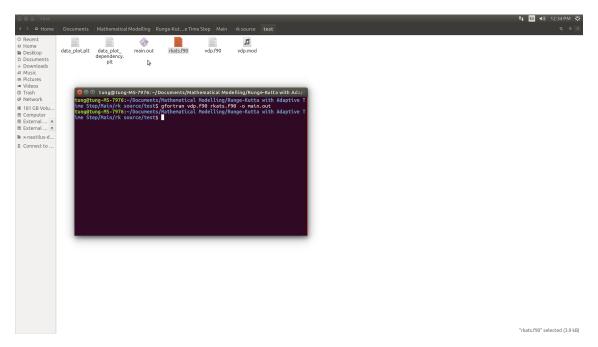


Figure 9: Completing the command will result in some new files

• Step 5: Type ./main.out to run the file main.out

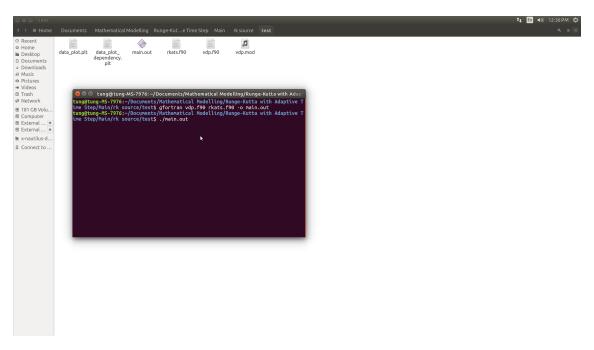


Figure 10: Typing the command in the Terminal

The command will run the program to solve the equation. The numerical result will be save into the file data.txt and the plots of the size of the step h at time t (only appear if you use adaptive time step method), the solutions of the unknown variables of the equation will appear, those plots would be saved in the same folder with the other file in the form of \*.pdf and \*.tex files. Additionally, several other files created by gnuplot are needed to compile the newly created \*.tex files.

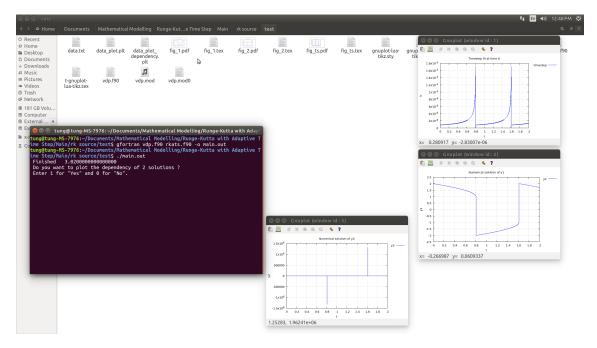


Figure 11: The result look like this

If the equation has more than one unknown variable (like in this example), the program will also ask whether if you want to plot the dependency between the solutions of those variables. This will be discussed in the next step.

• Step 6\*: Plot the dependency between the solutions of variables. To do this, you just need to follow the instructions in the **Terminal**. Suppose you want to plot the dependency of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ , type 1 in the **Terminal** to confirm your intention, then type in 1 and 2 respectively for the next 2 line.

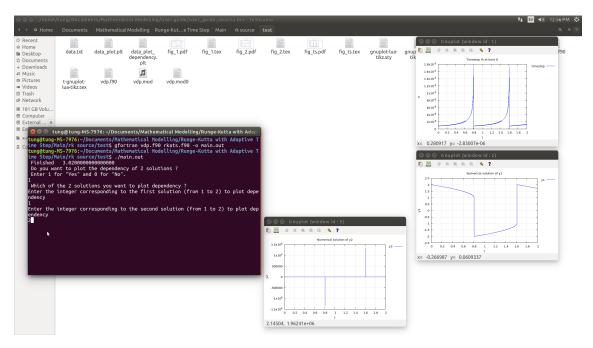


Figure 12: Typing the integers correspond to your choices in the Terminal

The result will be a new plot of the dependency, like before, additional files of the plot will appear.

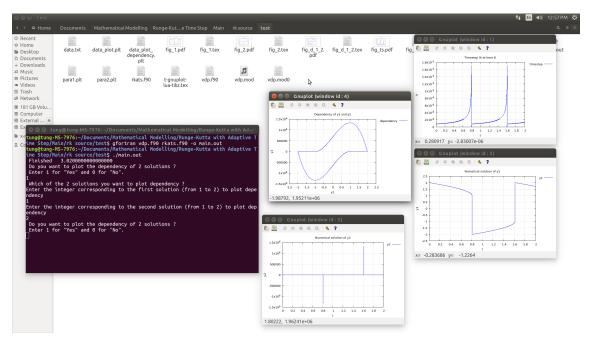


Figure 13: The result look like this

Now, if you want to continue plotting dependency (maybe if the equation you want to solve has more than 2 variables), type 1, or if you want to stop, type 0.

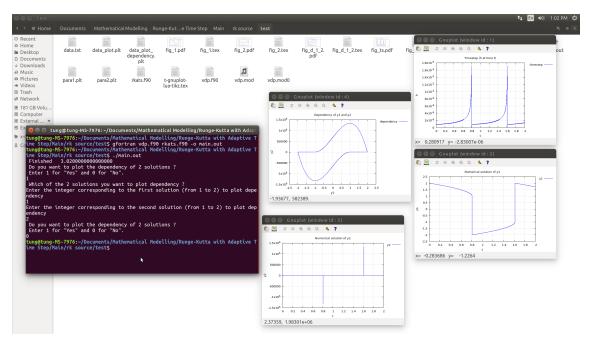


Figure 14: The program is stopped

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