

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

December 16, 2016

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].

Contents

1	Preparation	2
2	The source files	2
3	Specifying equation by modifying the source files	2
4	Using the code	4

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

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install gcc
sudo apt-get install gfortran
sudo apt-get install gnuplot
```

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

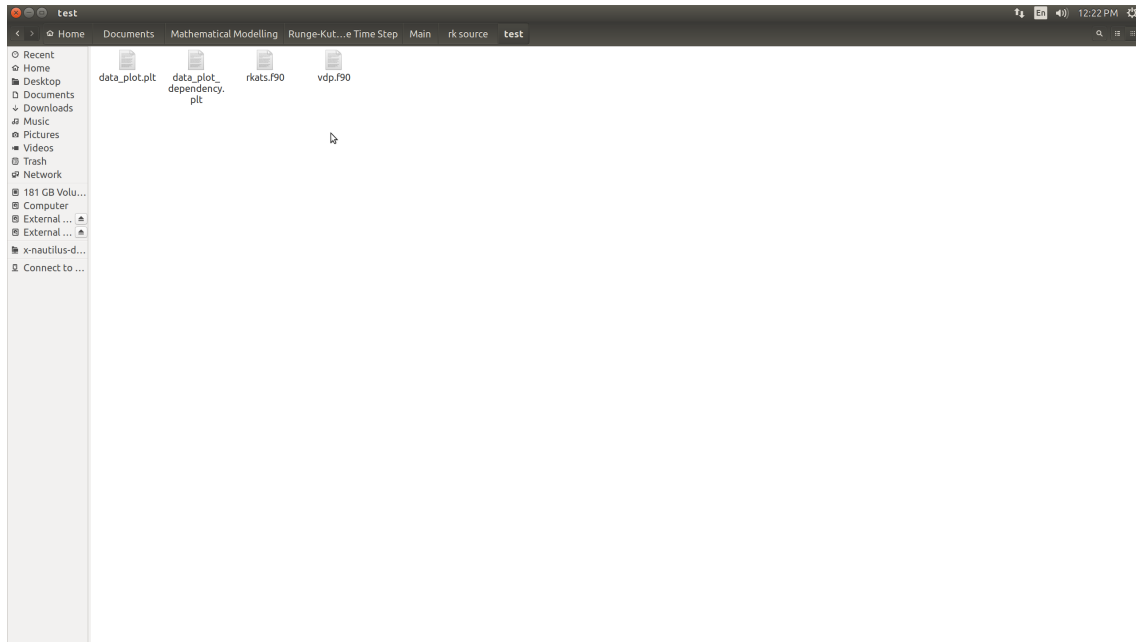


Figure 4: Put the needed files in the same folder

- **Step 2:** Open the folder in **Terminal**

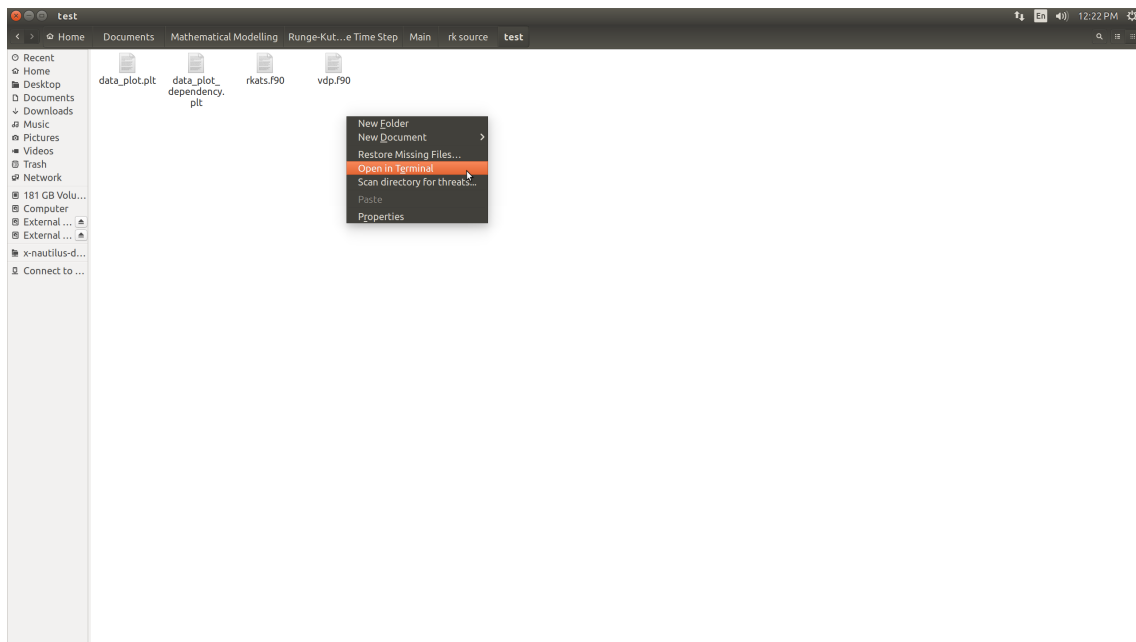


Figure 5: Right click at the empty space and select **Open in Terminal**

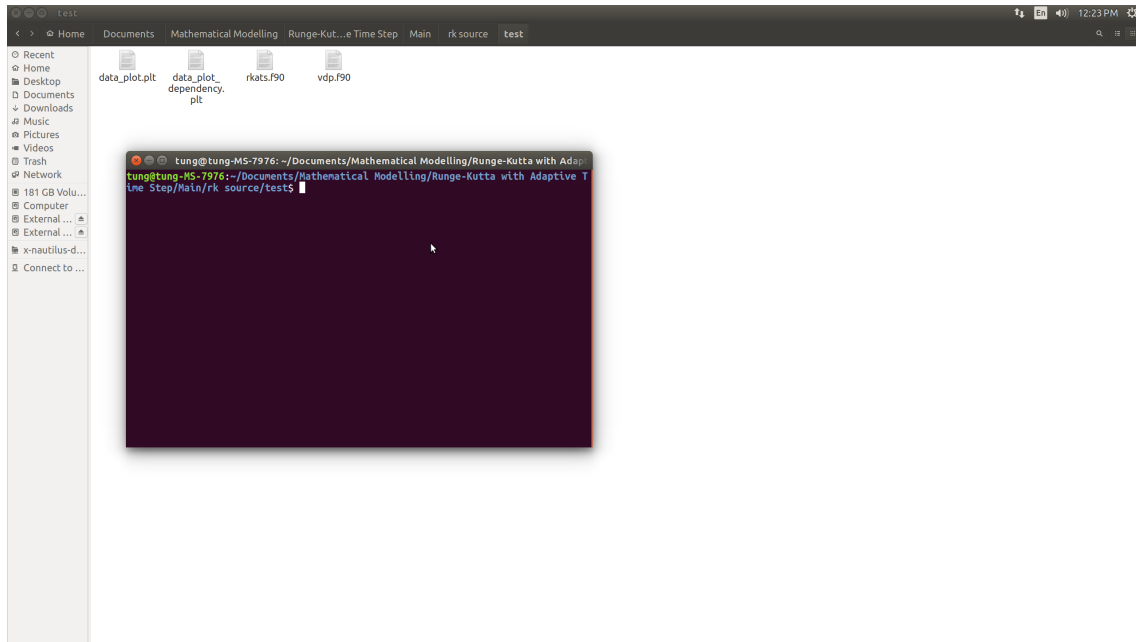


Figure 6: The folder is now opened in Terminal

- **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`

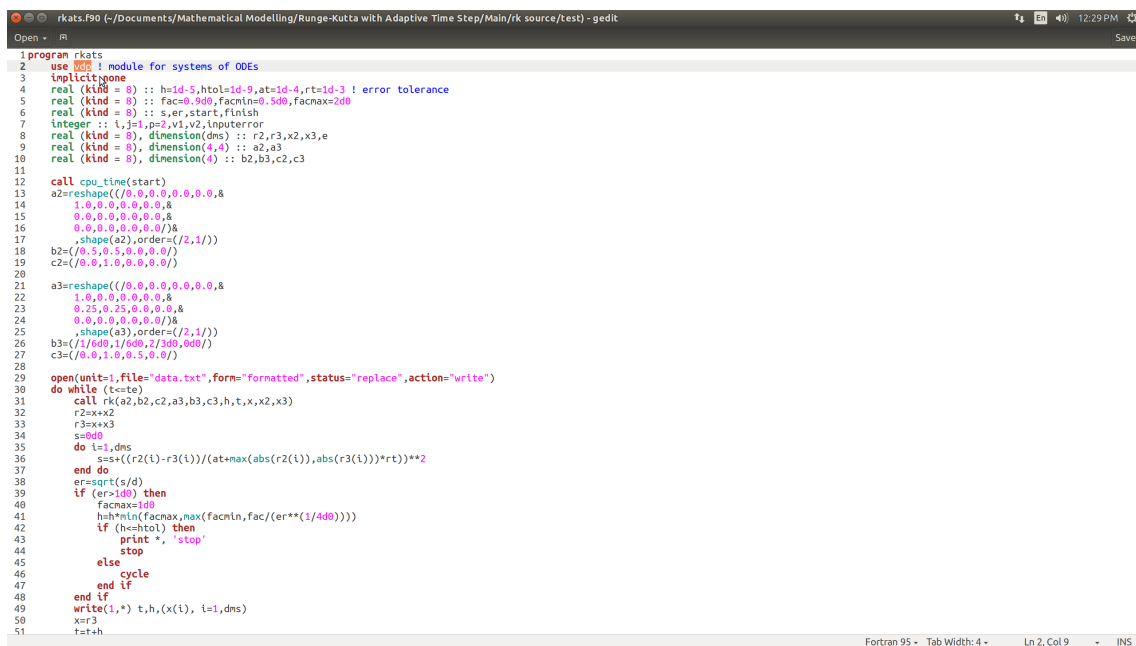


Figure 7: The result look like this

- **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.

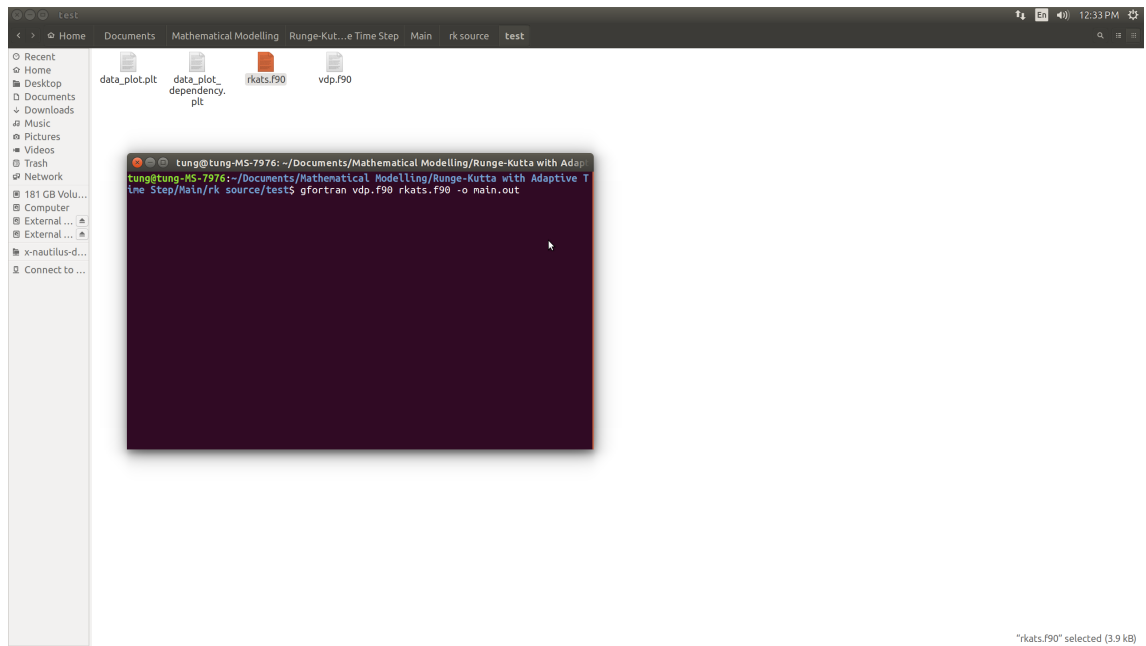


Figure 8: Typing the command in the Terminal

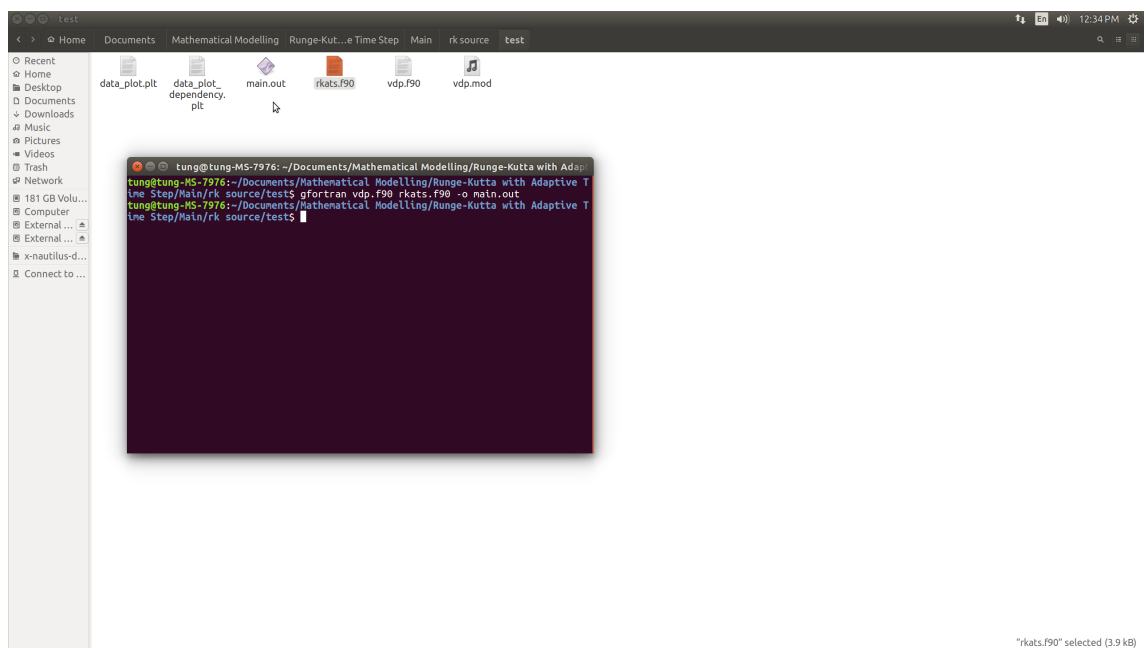


Figure 9: Completing the command will result in some new files

- **Step 5:** Type `./main.out` to run the file main.out

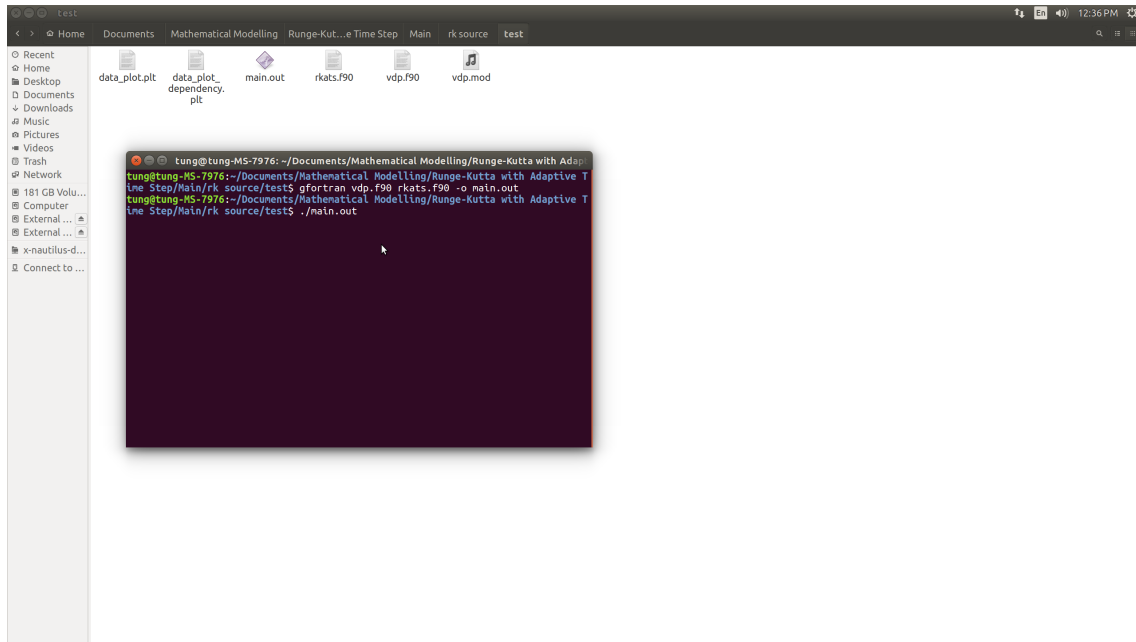


Figure 10: Typing the command in the Terminal

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.

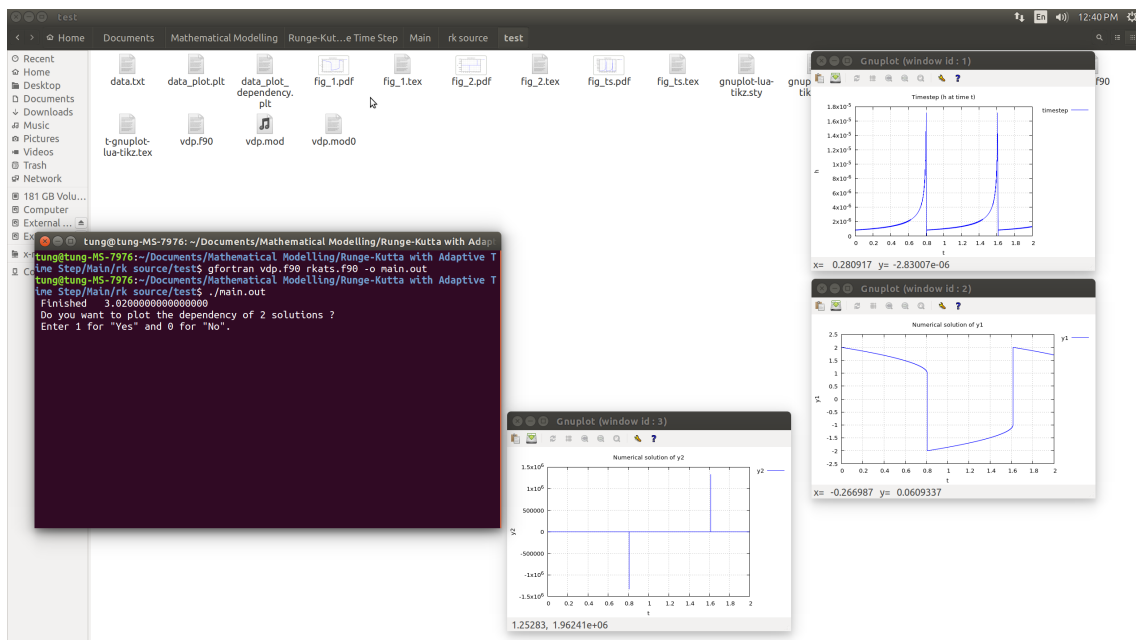


Figure 11: The result look like this

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 1 and 2 respectively for the next 2 line.

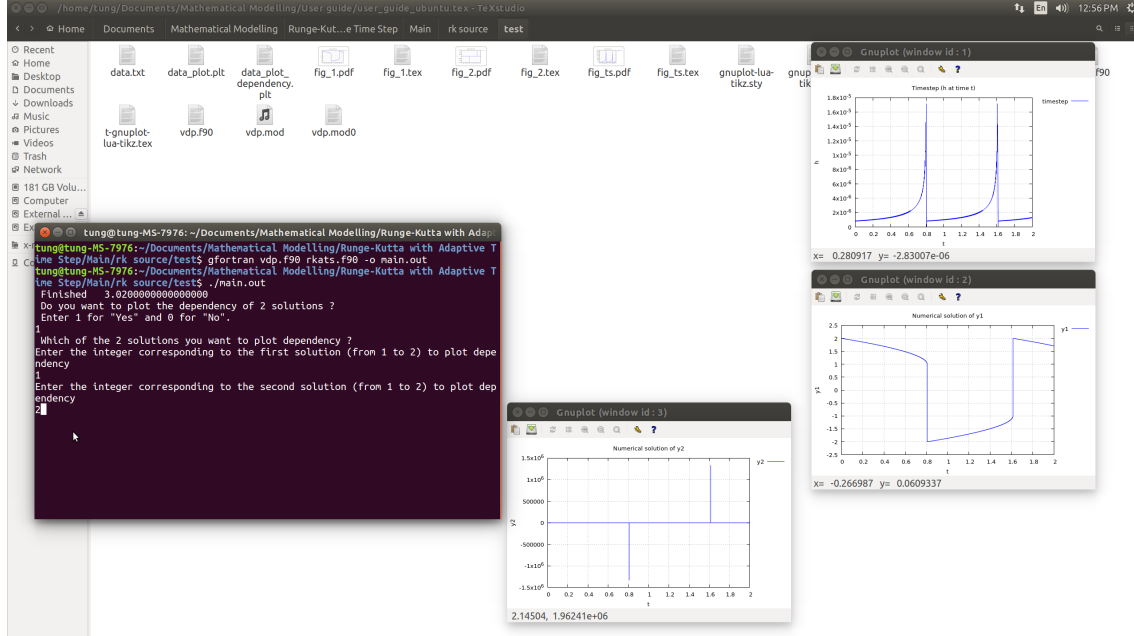


Figure 12: Typing the integers correspond to your choices in the Terminal

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

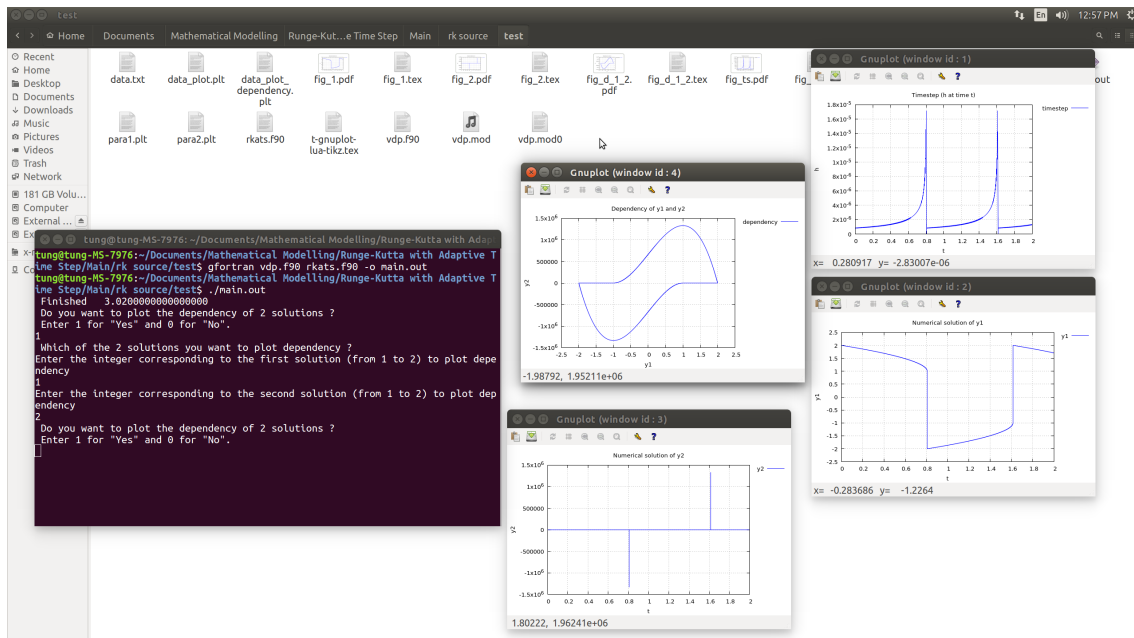


Figure 13: The result look like this

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.

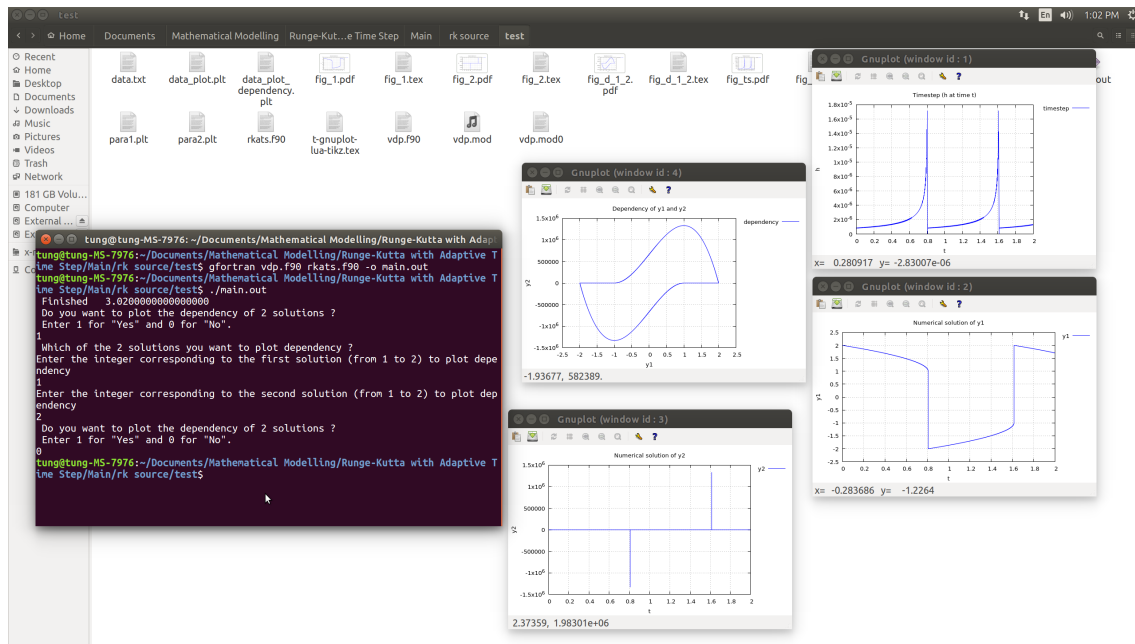


Figure 14: The program is stopped

References

- [1] Tan Trung Nguyen, Frederique Laurent, Rodney Fox, Marc Massot. *Solution of population balance equations in applications with fine particles: mathematical modeling and numerical schemes*. Journal of Computational Physics, Elsevier, 2016, 325
- [2] Nguyen Quan Ba Hong, Doan Tran Nguyen Tung, Nguyen An Thinh, *Runge Kutta methods for Ordinary Differential Equations*, 2016.
- [3] <http://fortranwiki.org/fortran/show/HomePage>