
RSKtools for Matlab access to RBR data

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Introduction

RSKtools provides some convenience functions for common data extraction (e.g. extracting profiles from a continuous dataset) and visualisation (plotting individual profiles). From this version on, we are expanding on our post-processing functions. For plans for future additions, see the Future plans section.

Installing

The latest stable version of RSKtools can be found at <http://www.rbr-global.com/support/matlab-tools>.

- Unzip the archive (to ~/matlab/RSKtools, for instance)
- Add the folder to your path inside matlab (addpath ~/matlab/RSKtools or some nifty GUI thing)
- type help RSKtools to get an overview and take a look at the examples.

Examples of use

To work with an RSK file using RSKtools, a connection to the database must be made. This is done using the RSKopen() function. Note that RSKopen doesn't actually read the data, but reads a /thumbnail/ of the data which is up to 4000 points long. The structure returned after opening an RSK looks something like:

```
file = 'sample.rsk';
rsk = RSKopen(file)

rsk =
    dbInfo: [1x1 struct]
instrumentChannels: [7x1 struct]
    channels: [7x1 struct]
    epochs: [1x1 struct]
    schedules: [1x1 struct]
```

```
deployments: [1x1 struct]
instruments: [1x1 struct]
appSettings: [1x1 struct]
    ranging: [7x1 struct]
    continuous: [1x1 struct]
    parameters: [1x1 struct]
parameterKeys: [23x1 struct]
thumbnailData: [1x1 struct]
    region: [762x1 struct]
    regionCast: [508x1 struct]
    profiles: [1x1 struct]
    log: {[7.3688e+05] 'sample.rsk opened using
RSKtools v1...']}
```

Note the structure element called `thumbnailData`. In order to read the actual data, we use the `RSKreaddata()` function, which if given with one argument (the variable name of the RSK object) will read the entire data set. Because RSK files can store a large amount of data, it may be preferable to read a subset of the data, specified using a start and end time (in Matlab `datenum` format, which is defined as the number of days since January 0, 0000).

```
t1 = datenum(2014, 05, 03);
t2 = datenum(2014, 05, 04);
rsk = RSKreaddata(rsk, 't1', t1, 't2', t2);
```

Note that the data structure can be found in the object at

```
rsk.data

ans =
    tstamp: [22346x1 double]
    values: [22346x7 double]
```

In this example, because the instrument is a "CTD"-type instrument, we can derive a new channel called `Salinity` and its data will be added to all the appropriate places (using the Practical Salinity Scale). The salinity calculation is performed by the [TEOS-10](http://teos-10.org/software.htm) package, which can be obtained from <http://teos-10.org/software.htm>.

```
rsk = RSKderivesalinity(rsk);
rsk.channels.longName

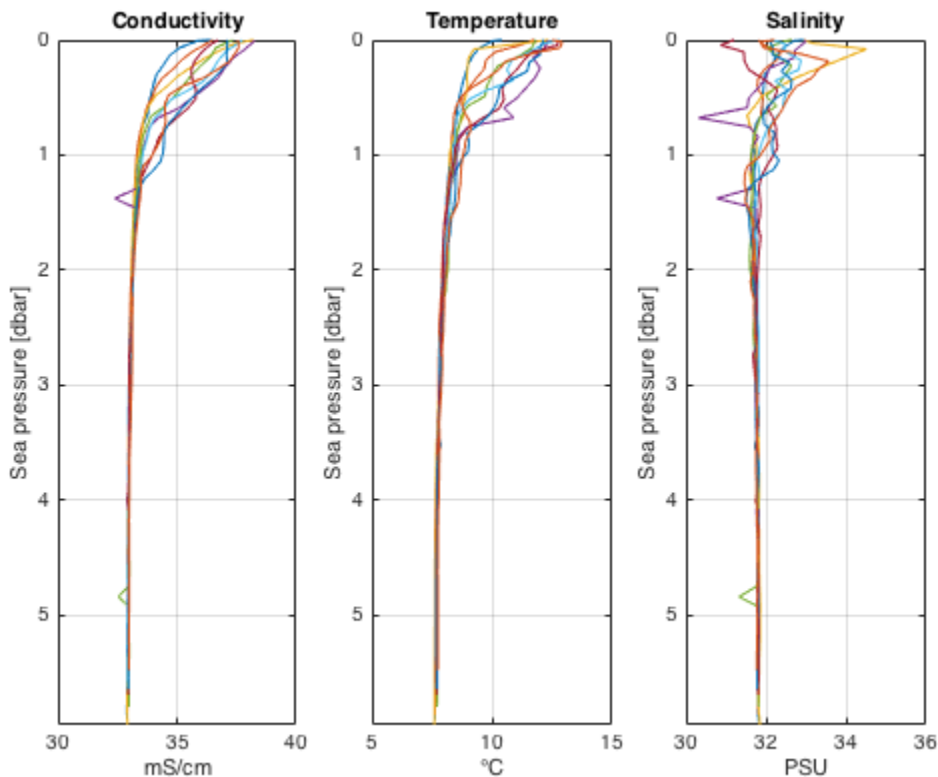
ans =
Conductivity
ans =
Temperature
ans =
Pressure
ans =
Dissolved O##
ans =
Turbidity
ans =
PAR
ans =
Chlorophyll
ans =
Salinity
```

Working with profiles

Profiling loggers with recent versions of firmware contain the ability to automatically detect and log profile "events". These are denoted as "downcasts" and "upcasts", and the function `RSKreadprofiles()` can be used to extract individual profiles from the raw data, based on the previously identified events. Following this, quick plots of the profiles can be made using the `RSKplotprofiles()` function.

If profiles have not been detected by the logger or Ruskin. The function `RSKfindprofiles()` can be used. The `pressureThreshold` which determines the pressure reversal required to trigger a new profile and the `conductivityThreshold` determines if the logger is out of the water can be adjusted for short or fresh water profiles.

```
% load the second to tenth profiles in both directions (upcast and  
downcast)  
rsk = RSKreadprofiles(rsk, 'profile', 2:10, 'direction', 'both');  
rsk = RSKderivesalinity(rsk);  
  
% plot the upcasts of Conductivity, Temperature and Salinity  
handles = RSKplotprofiles(rsk, 'channel',  
    {'conductivity', 'temperature', 'salinity'}, 'direction', 'up');
```



Customizing plots

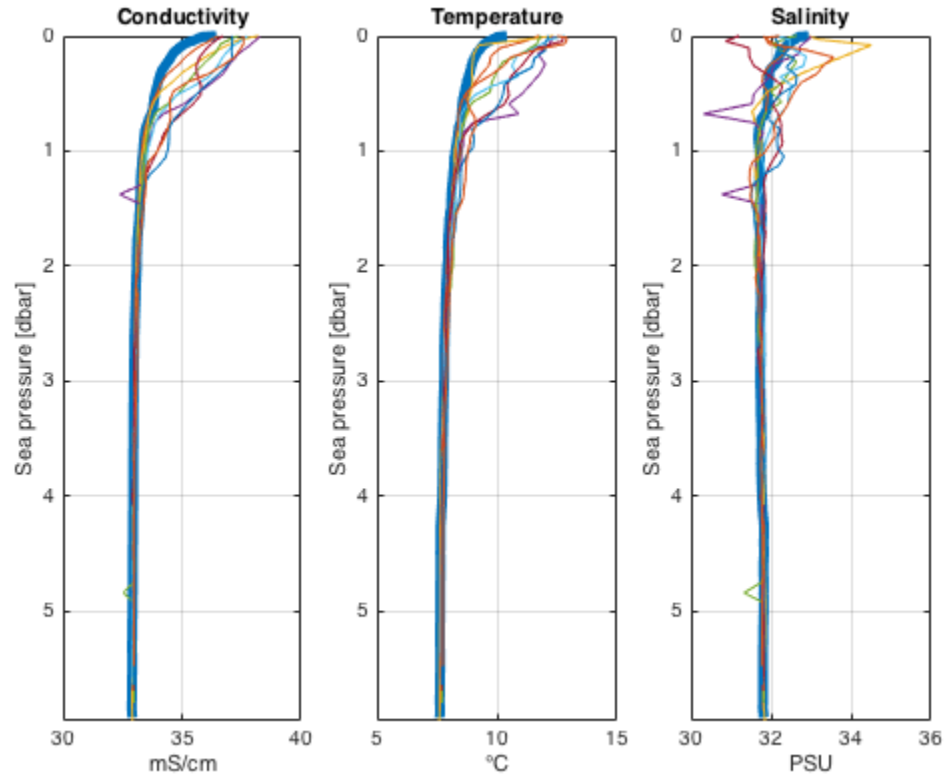
All plotting functions return a handle which enables the access to the lines in the plot. The output is a matrix containing a columns for each channel subplot and a row for each profile.

handles

```
% To increase the linewidth of the first profiles in all subplots  
(set(handles(1,:),{'linewidth'},{5}));
```

```
handles =  
9x3 Line array:
```

Line	Line	Line
Line	Line	Line
Line	Line	Line
Line	Line	Line
Line	Line	Line
Line	Line	Line
Line	Line	Line
Line	Line	Line
Line	Line	Line



See RSKtools_vignette2

A second vignette is available for information on getting started with post-processing functions

Future plans

- Function to write metadata, log and data to a file.

- Wave processing functions.
- A TS plotting function.

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