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# RKF: A Single-Step, Variable Step-Size Integration Routine for Non-Stiff ODEs

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## ABSTRACT

RKF is a set of C functions which implements the Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg (4,5) formulas for integration of ordinary differential equations. Features include variable step-size, reliable error control, stiffness detection, and a control structure that is designed for interactive programs.

## The Algorithm

The basic method used in RKF is the Runge-Kutta Fehlberg (4, 5) formula. However, much more is involved in turning a basic integration formula into a computer program than just coding the formula. In [1] and [2] Shampine and Watts go into great detail describing what constitutes a good Runge-Kutta algorithm and they explain in detail the design decisions and workings of RKF45, the original FORTRAN code on which RKF is based.

Why use RKF? The fourth order Runge-Kutta integration formulas documented in every basic differential equation book leave out one essential ingredient for practical implementation: efficient error estimation. The typical method for error estimation using 4th-order Runge-Kutta is a process of halving step-sizes which leads to inefficient code. The Fehlberg (4, 5) method estimates the error by using a combination of 4th and 5th order formulas. This error estimation can be achieved using just six function evaluations and it gives a result accurate to the 5th order. The halving technique can use as many as eight function evaluations to get a result accurate to only the 4th order. This feature along with stiffness detection (see below) makes RKF a useful integration package.

## Single-step Versus Multi-step Solvers

The differential equation to be integrated has the following form:

$$y' = f(y, t), \quad y(t_0) = y_0$$

When the above equation is solved numerically, one obtains the approximation  $\bar{y}(t_0), \bar{y}(t_1), \dots, \bar{y}(t_n)$  to the true trajectory at the discrete time points  $t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n$ . To obtain the solution at time  $t_n$  a single-step solver makes use of the solution at the previous time point  $t_{n-1}$ , along with evaluations of  $f$  and possibly its derivative. A multi-step solver makes use of the solution at a number of previous time points, the function  $f$  evaluated at various time points, and possibly the derivative of  $f$ .

One of the advantages of a multi-step method is that it can be designed to use relatively few function evaluations per step. Thus, if function evaluations are costly, a multi-step method can be more economical. However, the increase in computational overhead due to keeping track of the solution at a number of time points is the main disadvantage of multi-step methods. So, if function evaluations are cheap, a single step method can be quicker.

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### Stiffness in Single-Step Solvers

Stiffness can make a differential equation unsolvable numerically; however, programs like RKF with good error control will not give inaccurate answers but will become inefficient, sometimes to the point of being worthless for solving a problem. For a readable account of what stiffness means in differential equations and some all around good advice concerning solving differential equations numerically, see [3] and [4].

How does one know whether the differential equation is stiff or just difficult to integrate accurately? RKF contains an algorithm that detects whether the differential equation is looking stiff with respect to the Fehlberg (4, 5) formulas. Hence, if the solver is becoming inefficient, check what the stiffness detection algorithm says. Note that if the integration seems to be proceeding at an acceptable pace and stiffness is detected, don't panic! There will not be a loss of accuracy and the stiffness warning can be ignored. However, if stiffness is detected and is causing the integration to become intractable, it is necessary to switch to another integration package that is designed for stiff equations.

The theory behind the stiffness detection algorithm in RKF is well documented in [5] and [6].

### Interactive Programs

With the abundance of personal computers and work-stations, ease of use is becoming a priority in software design. Most integration packages are written in FORTRAN by scientists. The combination of these two factors does not always lead to good software design. RKF was specifically created to allow interactive programs to be written easily and quickly.

The control structure of RKF is clean. Many integration packages have one function call that does everything. It sets the initial condition, the error tolerances, the integration mode, and returns the integration status. To make a simple call to move one step in the integration, the programmer must supply ten or fifteen parameters. The approach in RKF is to group parameters together and have many function calls. For example, there is a function that sets the initial condition, one that sets the error tolerances, one that sets the integration mode, one that returns the integration status, and one that performs the integration. This modularity makes program writing easier and less error prone.

RKF is designed to be used in interactive programs. There is a facility for suspending the integration, usually upon receipt of input from the console. The integration can be resumed later with no loss in computation.

Another unusual feature of RKF is that it can integrate two or more equations at the same time. The ODE interface of RKF is based on the standard file interface of C. ODEs are opened and closed and just as more than one file can be accessed from a single C program, more than one ODE can be integrated by a single RKF program.

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## Appendix I: Manual Pages for RKF

The following pages contain the manual for the RKF program. The manual is divided into two parts: a description of the program and a list of the program's options. The description of the program is divided into two sections: a general description and a description of the program's operation. The list of the program's options is divided into two sections: a list of the program's options and a list of the program's options. The manual is written in a clear and concise style, and it is easy to read. The manual is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to learn more about the RKF program.

## NAME

*rkf\_intro* – introduction to RKF integration package

## SYNOPSIS

```
#include <local/rkf.h>
```

## DESCRIPTION

*rkf* integrates a system of differential equations in state equation form. It is a C implementation of the RKF45 subroutine originally written in FORTRAN by H. A. Watts and L. F. Shampine of Sandia Laboratories Albuquerque, New Mexico. *rkf* is specially designed for use in interactive programs.

*rkf* uses the Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg (4,5) method of solving differential equations and for estimating the local truncation error. The Fehlberg (4,5) method is a 5th-order Runge-Kutta method that also calculates a 4th-order solution without any additional function evaluations. From these two different solutions, an estimate of the local truncation error can be obtained. This estimate of the local truncation error (i.e. the difference between the approximate solution and the true solution, both starting from the same initial point, over one step) is the basis of the variable stepsize algorithm.

Much as file functions in C operate on FILE pointers, the functions in *rkf* operate on RKF pointers. Just as each file must be opened to associate it with a FILE pointer, each differential equation must be opened to associate it with an RKF pointer.

Like files, more than one differential equation may be open at the same time. Furthermore, the same differential equation may be simultaneously associated with more than one RKF pointer (i.e. be open more than once at the same time). This allows the user great flexibility in writing programs using this integration package.

A differential equation is opened by a call to *rkf\_open(3ML)*. Once the differential equation is opened, *rkf\_error(3ML)* and *rkf\_init(3ML)* should be called to set up the error tolerances and initial condition, respectively. The actual integration is performed by *rkf(3ML)*. When the integration is finished, the differential equation should be closed by a call to *rkf\_close(3ML)*.

## DIAGNOSTICS

*rkf* utilizes an error code denoting the status of the integration. The error codes are defined as macros in <local/rkf.h> as follows:

0 OK

Everything is okay.

1 NEG\_ERROR

*rel\_err* is not positive or *abs\_err* is negative.

2 REL\_LIM

*rel\_err* is below its predefined minimum, that is  $rel\_err < 2.0 * m\_eps + re\_min$  where *m\_eps* is a machine-dependent constant and *re\_min* = 1.0E-12 (default). If this error occurs, *rkf\_error(3ML)* will set *rel\_err* to its smallest allowed value so you don't need to recall *rkf\_error(3ML)*.

3 FUNC\_LIM

*rkf* is doing too much work, that is the number of function evaluations exceeded *max\_nfe* = 3000 (default) (approximately 500 steps). If you wish to continue the integration just recall *rkf(3ML)*.

4 IO\_LIM

*rkf* is becoming inefficient because of too much output, that is, the output is restricting the natural stepsize. If you wish to continue the integration just recall *rkf(3ML)*.

5 ZERO\_ABS

Vanishing solution needs a non-zero *abs\_err* to continue the integration. A

pure relative error test is impossible (and infeasible) due to a zero solution. Before you resume integration, call *rkf\_error(3ML)* with a non-zero value for *abs\_err*.

#### 6 STEP\_LIM

Requested accuracy cannot be achieved with the smallest allowed stepsize. This flag probably indicates that the integration cannot go on, that is, the solution is singular or has finite escape time. If you want to continue, reset either *abs\_err* or *rel\_err* or both to a larger value by a call to *rkf\_error(3ML)*.

#### 7 STIFF\_EQN

The differential equation is stiff causing *rkf* to do too much work, that is, the number of function evaluations has exceeded *max\_nfe* = 3000 (default). If you wish to continue the integration just recall *rkf(3ML)*.

#### 8 FUNC\_ERR

The state equation could not be evaluated at a point and time where *rkf* needed it, that is, the function *f()* returned FALSE.

#### 9 STDIN\_RDY

Characters are ready to read at stdin. See *stdin\_chk(3ML)*.

#### 10 ERR\_SET

Error tolerances have not been properly set. Call *rkf\_error(3ML)* to set the error tolerances.

#### 11 INIT\_SET

The initial condition has not been properly set. Call *rkf\_init(3ML)* to set the initial condition.

### EXAMPLE

Integrate  $y' = -y$ . Only minimal error checking is done in this example.

```
/*C program to integrate y' = -y, y(0) = 1.0 and get
solution at t = 1.0.*/
```

```
# include < stdio.h>
# include < local/rkf.h>
```

```
# define TRUE 1
# define SYS_DIM      1
# define N_INIT      1
```

```
main()
```

```
{
    int neqn = 1;
    double y[SYS_DIM];
    double t = 0.0;
    double tout = 1.0;
    double rel_err = 1.0E-7;
    double abs_err = 0.0;
    int err_flag;
    char *rkf_mess();
    int test_f();
    RKF *dp, *rkf_open();

    y[0] = 1.0;
```

```

    if ((dp = rkf_open(test_f, neqn)) == NULL)
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "Cannot open RKF\n");
        exit(1);
    }
    rkf_error(rel_err, abs_err);
    rkf_init(t, y);
    err_flag = rkf(tout, &t, y, dp);
    printf(" t = %e ", t);
    printf(" y[0] = %e ", y[0]);
    printf(" status: %s\n", rkf_mess(err_flag));
    rkf_close(dp);
}

test_f(z, x, t)
double z[], x[], t;

{
    z[0] = -x[0];
    return (TRUE);
}

```

**LIBRARY**

The functions reside in `/usr/local/lib/librkf.a` and may be loaded by specifying the `-lrkf` flag to `cc(1)` or `ld(1)`.

**NOTE**

The file `< local/rkf.h >` must be `#` included in any source file referencing functions in *rkf*.

**FILES**

`< local/rkf.h >`  
`/usr/local/lib/librkf.a`

**SEE ALSO**

*rkf*(3ML), *rkf\_open*(3ML), *rkf\_error*(3ML), *rkf\_init*(3ML), *rkf\_mess*(3ML), *rkf\_cntrl*(3ML), *rkf\_read*(3ML)

**BUGS**

*rkf* almost invariably returns `STIFF_EQN` after 3000 (*max\_nfe*) function calls.

We had problems in the PC-DOS version because it kept returning `ZERO_ABS` even when *abs\_err* was positive.

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**NAME**

rkf – perform RKF integration

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include < local/rkf.h>
```

```
int rkf(t_out, t, y, p)
double t_out, *t, y[];
RKF *p;
```

**DESCRIPTION**

*rkf* performs the integration of the equation associated with *\*p*. *t\_out* is the desired output time. Upon return, *\*t* is the actual output time and *y* contains the output vector evaluated at *\*t*.

**DIAGNOSTICS**

*rkf* returns the *rkf* error code (see *rkf\_intro(3ML)*).

**LIBRARY**

The function resides in */usr/local/lib/librkf.a* and may be loaded by specifying the *-lrkf* flag to *cc(1)* or *ld(1)*.

**NOTES**

*rkf\_open(3ML)*, *rkf\_error(3ML)* and *rkf\_init(3ML)* must be called before *rkf*.

*\*t* will not be equal to *t\_out* only when an error occurs (*rkf* does not return OK).

*y* should point to a buffer large enough to hold the result.

**FILES**

```
< local.rkf.h>
/usr/local/lib/librkf.a
```

**SEE ALSO**

*rkf\_intro(3ML)*, *rkf\_open(3ML)*, *rkf\_init(3ML)*, *rkf\_error(3ML)*, *rkf\_mess(3ML)*,  
*rkf\_cntrl(3ML)*, *rkf\_read(3ML)*

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## NAME

rkf\_cntrl – miscellaneous functions which set RKF parameters

## SYNOPSIS

```
# include < stdio.h>
# include < local/rkf.h>
```

```
rkf_mode(mode, p)
int mode;
RKF *p;
```

```
rkf_stdin(fp, p)
int (*fp)();
RKF *p;
```

```
rkf_nfe(max_nfe, p)
int max_nfe;
RKF *p;
```

```
rkf_kop(max_kop, p)
int max_kop;
RKF *p;
```

```
rkf_seq_len(seq_len, p)
int seq_len;
RKF *p;
```

```
rkf_re_min(re_min, p)
double re_min;
RKF *p;
```

```
rkf_copy(dp, sp)
RKF *dp, *sp;
```

## DESCRIPTION

*rkf\_mode* sets the current integration mode of the integration associated with *\*p* to *mode*. *mode* is either ENDPT or SING\_STEP. In END\_PT mode, *rkf(3ML)* returns at the final time *t\_out*. In SING\_STEP mode, *rkf(3ML)* returns after every step of the integration until it hits *t\_out*. In neither case is *t\_out* ever passed. The default mode is END\_PT.

*rkf\_stdin* is used to set whether the STDIN\_RDY error can occur. If *fp* is NULL, no checking is done; otherwise, *fp* is a pointer to a function which returns TRUE (= = 1) if input is ready and FALSE (= = 0) otherwise. The default is no checking done.

*rkf\_nfe* sets the maximum allowed number of function evaluations before the FUNC\_LIM error is returned by *rkf(3ML)*. The default is 3000.

*rkf\_kop* sets the maximum allowed number of output points which can impair the efficiency of *rkf(3ML)* before the IO\_LIM error is returned. The default is 100.

*rkf\_seq\_len* is used to set the maximum allowed sequence length (used by the stiffness test). The default is 50.

*rkf\_re\_min* is used to set the minimum allowed error tolerance. This effects REL\_LIM error detection. The default is 1.0e-12.

*rkf\_copy* copies the RKF structure *\*sp* to *\*dp*. Both structures need to have been created by calls to *rkf\_open(3ML)*.

**LIBRARY**

These functions reside in /usr/local/lib/librkf.a and may be loaded by specifying the -lrkf flag to *cc(1)* or *ld(1)*.

**NOTE**

<stdio.h> should be # included to satisfy references to NULL.

**BUGS**

Too many functions on one manual page.

*rkf\_copy* does not really fit in here, but it is such a seldomly used function, it does not really deserve a manual page of its own.

**FILES**

<local/rkf.h>  
/usr/local/lib/librkf.a

**SEE ALSO**

*rkf\_intro(3ML)*, *rkf(3ML)*, *rkf\_open(3ML)*, *rkf\_error(3ML)*, *rkf\_init(3ML)*, *rkf\_mess(3ML)*,  
*rkf\_read(3ML)*

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**NAME**

**rkf\_error** – set error tolerances for RKF integration

**SYNOPSIS**

```
# include < local/rkf.h>
```

```
int rkf_error(rel_err, abs_err, p)
double rel_err, abs_err;
RKF *p;
```

**DESCRIPTION**

*rkf\_error* sets the relative and absolute error tolerances associated with *\*p* to *rel\_err* and *abs\_err*, respectively.

**Accuracy**

The local truncation error is controlled on an error-per-step basis, that is

$$|\text{loc. trunc. err.}| \leq \text{abs\_err} + \text{rel\_err} * |x|$$

where *x* is the previous solution point.

Intuitively, it might seem that an error-per-unit-step criterion would be better for controlling the global error. However, the literature does not seem to indicate this and, for differential equations with discontinuities in their derivatives (e.g. piecewise linear models), an error-per-unit-step criterion can cause an algorithm to blow up.

**DIAGNOSTICS**

*rkf\_error* returns the *rkf* error code (see *rkf\_intro(3ML)*). The possible return values are OK, NEG\_ERROR, REL\_LIM, ZERO\_ABS and STEP\_LIM.

If REL\_LIM is returned, *rkf\_error* will increase the relative error tolerance to the smallest allowed amount. Use *rkf\_read(3ML)* to get the new value for the relative error tolerance.

ZERO\_ABS (STEP\_LIM) will only be returned if ZERO\_ABS (STEP\_LIM) is the error condition when *rkf\_error* is called and then only if the new values of *rel\_err* and *abs\_err* do not clear the error condition.

**LIBRARY**

The function resides in */usr/local/lib/librkf.a* and may be loaded by specifying the *-lrkf* flag to *cc(1)* or *ld(1)*.

**FILES**

```
< local/rkf.h>
/usr/local/lib/librkf.a
```

**SEE ALSO**

```
rkf_intro(3ML), rkf(3ML), rkf_open(3ML), rkf_init(3ML), rkf_mess(3ML), rkf_cntrl(3ML),
rkf_read(3ML)
```

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**NAME**

**rkf\_init** – set initial condition for RKF integration

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <local/rkf.h>
```

```
rkf_init(t, x, p)
double t, x[];
RKF *p;
```

**DESCRIPTION**

*rkf\_init* sets the initial time *t* and the initial state *x* for the state equation associated with *\*p*.

**LIBRARY**

The function resides in /usr/local/lib/librkf.a and may be loaded by specifying the -lrkf flag to *cc(1)* or *ld(1)*.

**FILES**

```
< local/rkf.h>
/usr/local/lib/librkf.a
```

**SEE ALSO**

*rkf\_intro(3ML)*, *rkf(3ML)*, *rkf\_open(3ML)*, *rkf\_error(3ML)*, *rkf\_mess(3ML)*, *rkf\_cntrl(3ML)*, *rkf\_read(3ML)*

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**NAME**

rkf\_mess – get text version of RKF error status

**SYNOPSIS**

```
# include < local/rkf.h>
```

```
char *rkf_mess(err_flag)
int err_flag;
```

**DESCRIPTION**

*rkf\_mess* returns a pointer to a string containing a text version of the *rkf* error code represented by *err\_flag*.

**EXAMPLE**

```
char *rkf_mess();

if (err_flag != OK)
    printf("RKF error: %s\n", rkf_mess(err_flag));
```

**LIBRARY**

The function resides in /usr/local/lib/librkf.a and may be loaded by specifying the -lrkf flag to *cc(1)* or *ld(1)*.

**NOTES**

Do not alter the contents of the returned string.

*rkf\_mess* must be declared as returning a character pointer for it to work properly.

**FILES**

```
< local/rkf.h>
/usr/local/lib/librkf.a
```

**SEE ALSO**

rkf\_intro(3ML), rkf(3ML), rkf\_open(3ML), rkf\_init(3ML), rkf\_error(3ML), rkf\_cntrl(3ML), rkf\_read(3ML)

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**NAME**

*rkf\_open*, *rkf\_close* – open and close equation for integration

**SYNOPSIS**

```
# include <stdio.h>
# include <local/rkf.h>
```

```
RKF *rkf_open(f, n)
int (*f)(), n;
```

```
rkf_close(p)
RKF *p;
```

**DESCRIPTION**

*rkf\_open* returns a pointer to an RKF structure associated with the  $n$ -dimensional state equation specified by *f*.

*rkf\_close* disposes of the RKF structure *\*p* obtained by a previous call to *rkf\_open*.

**DIAGNOSTICS**

*rkf\_open* returns NULL if there is not enough memory to create an RKF structure or if  $n$  is not positive.

**LIBRARY**

Both functions reside in `/usr/local/lib/librkf.a` and may be loaded by specifying the `-lrkf` flag to `cc(1)` or `ld(1)`.

**NOTES**

*\*f* must be in the form

```
double f(z, x, t)
double z[], x[], t;
```

```
{
}
```

and should set *z* to the value of the state equation evaluated at *x* and *t*.

*rkf\_open* must be declared as returning an RKF pointer for it to work properly.

`<stdio.h>` must be # included to satisfy references to NULL.

**FILES**

```
< local/rkf.h>
/usr/local/lib/librkf.a
```

**SEE ALSO**

```
makef(1L)
rkf_intro(3ML), rkf(3ML), rkf_error(3ML), rkf_init(3ML), rkf_mess(3ML), rkf_cntrl(3ML),
rkf_read(3ML)
```

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## NAME

*rkf\_read* – fetches various RKF parameters

## SYNOPSIS

```
# include < local/rkf.h>
```

```
char *rkf_read(code, result, p)
int code;
char *result;
RKF *p;
```

## DESCRIPTION

*rkf\_read* is used to read a variety of parameters associated with the RKF structure *\*p*. *code* is a macro indicating what information is wanted. The result is returned in *\*result*. The result may be an integer, a double or a pointer to a double.

The codes are # defined in < local/rkf.h> as follows:

*\*result* is an integer:

ERROR\_STATUS

*\*result* set to current error status.

KOP

*\*result* set to the current value of *kop* (indicates the amount of output which has restricted the natural stepsize selection).

NUM\_FE

*\*result* set to the current value of the number of function evaluations.

EQN\_STIFF

*\*result* set to the current value of the stiff equation indicator.

ACCEPT

*\*result* set TRUE (= 1) if the last call to the state equation *f* resulted in an integration step that was accepted. This is useful if *f* must do some updating or initializing for each integration step.

MODE

*\*result* set to current integration mode.

STDIN\_CHK

*\*result* set to current *stdin* check mode.

SEQ\_LEN

*\*result* set to current *eq\_len* value.

MAX\_NFE

*\*result* set to the current maximum for number of function evaluations.

MAX\_KOP

*\*result* set to the current maximum for number of outputs which will cause an IO\_LIM error.

STEP\_SIZE

*\*result* set to current stepsize.

*\*result* is a double:

MIN\_REL

*\*result* set to current minimum value of the (machine independent portion of the) relative error tolerance.

REL\_ERR

*\*result* set to current value of relative error tolerance.

**ABS\_ERR**

*\*result* set to current value of absolute error tolerance.

*\*result* is a pointer to a double:

**Y\_PRIME**

*\*result* set to a pointer to an array containing the state equation evaluated at the last output point.

**EXAMPLE**

```
int i;
double x, *y;
RKF *p;

rkf_read(ERROR, (char *)&i, p);
rkf_read(STEP_SIZE, (char *)&x, p);
rkf_read(Y_PRIME, (char *)&y, p);
```

**LIBRARY**

The function resides in /usr/local/lib/librkf.a and may be loaded by specifying the -lrkf flag to cc(1) or ld(1).

**NOTES**

*result* should be cast into a character pointer as in the example.

Do not change any of the values in the buffer returned by the Y\_PRIME code.

**BUGS**

To be more portable, *result* should be a pointer to a union, but that would make everything a little more complicated.

Some of the parameters only make sense if you know the internal workings of *rkf*.

**FILES**

```
< local/rkf.h>
/usr/local/lib/librkf.a
```

**SEE ALSO**

rkf\_intro(3ML), rkf(3ML), rkf\_open(3ML), rkf\_init(3ML), rkf\_error(3ML), rkf\_mess(3ML), rkf\_cntrl(3ML)

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## **Appendix II: Source Code for RKF**

Here we present the source code for RKF. There are two files:

**rkf.h**  
**rkf.c.**

typedef char RKF;

#define SING_STEP	1
#define ENDPT	2
#define OK	0
#define NEG_ERROR	1
#define REL_LIM	2
#define FUNC_LIM	3
#define IO_LIM	4
#define ZERO_ABS	5
#define STEP_LIM	6
#define STIFF_EQN	7
#define FUNC_ERR	8
#define STDIN_RDY	9
#define ERR_SET	10
#define INIT_SET	11
#define STEP_SIZE	1
#define KOP	2
#define NUM_FE	3
#define EQN_STIFF	4
#define Y_PRIME	5
#define ACCEPT	6
#define MODE	7
#define STDIN_CHK	8
#define SEQ_LEN	9
#define MAX_NFE	10
#define MAX_KOP	11
#define MIN_REL	12
#define REL_ERR	13
#define ABS_ERR	14
#define ERROR_STATUS	15

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/\*This file contains rkf()--a C86 version of the RKF45 differential equation solving subroutine which was originally written by H. A. Watts and L. F. Shampine of Sandia Laboratories, Albuquerque New Mexico.

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Updated on 10/9/84 to add stiffness detection as described in the references:

- 1) "Stiffness and Nonstiff Differential Equation Solvers, II: Detecting Stiffness With Runge-Kutta Methods" L. F. Shampine, ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software, Vol. 3, No. 1, March 1977, Pages 44-53.
- 2) "Detecting stiffness with the Fehlberg (4,5) formulas" L. F. Shampine and K. L. Hiebert, Comp. and Maths. with Appls. Vol. 3, pp. 41-46. Pergamon Press 1977.

Updated on 10/11/84 to:

- 1) Make internal procedures static
- 2) Allocate working storage for each problem according to system dimension this will also allow for simultaneous solutions of differential equations as in the variational equation problem. This was a major overhaul and involved adding procedures and changing slightly how the user interfaces with the routines.

Updated on 10/12/84 to:

- 1) Get rid of redundant evaluations of yp. In the case of a stepsize failure f1 thru f5 must be reevaluated but yp can be used again.

Updated on 10/23/84 to:

- 1) take into account the possibility that the derivative function might not exist at a point where it is to be evaluated. Note: that this required a slight addition to the "standard function" interface.

Updated on 11/19/84 to:

- 1) Add supplementary functions to give user: the stepsize h, the number of function evaluations num\_fe, the number of output points that impact the stepsize kop, and the stiff equation flag eqn\_stiff.

Updated on 3/29/85:

- 1) rkf\_accept(), rkf\_copy(), rkf\_mess() added.
- 2) Cosmetic modifications and name changes to lower case.
- 3) stdin check added; also added h\_failed to RKF\_WS.

Updated on 4/10/85:

- 1) rkf\_error(), rkf\_init(), rkf\_mode() added and corresponding arguments to rkf() deleted.
- 2) Also error checking was distributed to these functions as much as possible.
- 3) Initialization modes were deleted (if initialization is required, it is detected internally).
- 4) nfe\_max, kop\_max, re\_min and seq\_len added to RKF\_WS structure.

Updated on 6/12/85:

- 1) Error fixed in rkf() where \*t was used instead of ws->t.
- 2) rkf\_copy() fixed to copy init\_set, err\_set & stdin\_chk.
- 3) calling rkf\_init() clears STEP\_LIM error.

Updated on 9/22/85:

- 1) Added user-supplied console status function constat(). Deleted the stdin\_chk flag. This alters rkf\_stdin().

Updated on 9/26/85:

- 1) Added check in rkf() for ee == 0.0 to avoid divide by zero.

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/*  
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*/
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```
#include <stdio.h>  
#include "rkf.h"
```

```
/* Program Constants */
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```
#define NFE_MAX 3000
```

```
/* The expense is controlled by restricting  
the number of function evaluations to be  
approximately NFE_MAX. As set this corre-  
sponds to about 500 steps. */
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```
#define KOP_MAX 100
```

```
/* Maximum number of outputs, that can  
impair the efficiency of the program, until  
the program returns with a warning flag. */
```

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#define RE_MIN 1.0E-12      /* Relative error minimum, machine indepen-
                             dent part. Attempts to obtain higher accur-
                             acy with this algorithm are usually very
                             expensive and often unsuccessful. */

#define TRUE 1              /* The standard boolean values. */
#define FALSE 0

#define SUBSEQ_LEN 50      /* Subsequence length in stiffness test */

typedef struct
{
    unsigned n;              /* Dimension of system to be solved */
    int (*f)();              /* Pointer to the function to be
                             integrated. */
    int step_init;           /* Indicates whether the step size has been
                             initialized. */
    double t;               /* current time*/
    double h;               /* The integration stepsize. */
    double rel_err, abs_err; /* error tolerances*/
    double re_min;          /* Some sort of min for error tolerances*/
    int mode;               /* integration mode*/
    int err_flag;           /* Error indicator*/
    unsigned kop;           /* Efficiency impaired by output counter */
    unsigned kop_max;       /* Maximum for output counter*/
    unsigned num_fe;        /* Number of function evaluations counter */
    unsigned nfe_max;       /* Maximum allowed function evaluations*/
    int eqn_stiff;          /* Stiffness flag. */
    unsigned seq_count;     /* Sequence counter for stiffness test. */
    unsigned seq_len;       /* Maximum stiffness sequence length*/
    unsigned succs_12;      /* Number of successes of the (1,2) step
                             in a sequence of length seq_len. used
                             in stiffness test. */
    int step_accept;        /*TRUE if last evaluation of f()
                             completed a successful integration step*/
    int h_failed;           /*TRUE if stepsize has been reduced in
                             previous iteration*/
    int init_set;           /* TRUE if init conds have been set*/
    int err_set;            /* TRUE if errors have been set*/
    int (*constat)();       /* function to call for console status */
    double *y;              /* current trajectory point */
    double *yp, *f1, *f2, *f3, /* Pointers to arrays for holding
                             *f4, *f5, *s; intermediate calculations. */

} RKF_WS;

/* Variables for machine epsilon calculation */
static double m_eps, u26;    /* Machine epsilon and 26 times the unit
                             roundoff. */

/*****
*****/
RKF_WS *
rkf_open(f, n)

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```

int (*f)();
unsigned n;

{
    char *calloc();
    RKF_WS *ws;

    if (n < 1)
        return(NULL);
    if ((ws = (RKF_WS *)calloc(1, sizeof(RKF_WS))) == NULL)
        return(NULL);

    /* allocate working storage arrays based on n */
    ws->y = (double *)calloc(n, sizeof(double));
    ws->yp = (double *)calloc(n, sizeof(double));
    ws->f1 = (double *)calloc(n, sizeof(double));
    ws->f2 = (double *)calloc(n, sizeof(double));
    ws->f3 = (double *)calloc(n, sizeof(double));
    ws->f4 = (double *)calloc(n, sizeof(double));
    ws->f5 = (double *)calloc(n, sizeof(double));
    ws->s = (double *)calloc(n, sizeof(double));

    if (ws->y == NULL || ws->yp == NULL || ws->f1 == NULL ||
        ws->f2 == NULL || ws->f3 == NULL || ws->f4 == NULL ||
        ws->f5 == NULL || ws->s == NULL)
    {
        rkf_close(ws);
        return (NULL);
    }

    /* Initialize variables */
    ws->n = n;
    ws->f = f;
    ws->mode = ENDPT;
    ws->step_init = FALSE;
    ws->err_flag = OK;
    ws->kop = 0;
    ws->kop_max = KOP_MAX;
    ws->num_fe = 0;
    ws->nfe_max = NFE_MAX;
    ws->eqn_stiff = FALSE;
    ws->seq_count = 0;
    ws->seq_len = SUBSEQ_LEN;
    ws->sucss_12 = 0;
    ws->kop = 0;
    ws->rel_err = 0.0;
    ws->abs_err = 0.0;
    ws->step_accept = TRUE;
    ws->h_failed = FALSE;
    ws->init_set = FALSE;
    ws->err_set = FALSE;
    ws->constat = NULL;
    ws->re_min = RE_MIN;

    return(ws);
}

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/*****
/*****/

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/*Disposes of the working storage structure pointed to by ws. It
first disposes of the working storage arrays and then the entire
structure */

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rkf_close(ws)
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```
RKF_WS *ws;
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{
    if (ws->y != NULL)
        free((char *)ws->y);
    if (ws->yp != NULL)
        free((char *)ws->yp);
    if (ws->f1 != NULL)
        free((char *)ws->f1);
    if (ws->f2 != NULL)
        free((char *)ws->f2);
    if (ws->f3 != NULL)
        free((char *)ws->f3);
    if (ws->f4 != NULL)
        free((char *)ws->f4);
    if (ws->f5 != NULL)
        free((char *)ws->f5);
    if (ws->s != NULL)
        free((char *)ws->s);
    if (ws != NULL)
        free((char *)ws);
    return;
}

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/*****
/*****/

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/*Copies working storage structure s to d. d must be previously
allocated by a call to rkf_open(). The working vectors s->f1 through
s->f5 and s->s are not copied.*/

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rkf_copy(d, s)
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RKF_WS *d, *s;
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{
    d->n = s->n;
    d->f = s->f;
    d->step_init = s->step_init;
    d->t = s->t;
    d->h = s->h;
    d->rel_err = s->rel_err;
    d->abs_err = s->abs_err;
    d->re_min = s->re_min;
    d->mode = s->mode;
    d->err_flag = s->err_flag;
}

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d->kop = s->kop;
d->kop_max = s->kop_max;
d->num_fe = s->num_fe;
d->nfe_max = s->nfe_max;
d->eqn_stiff = s->eqn_stiff;
d->seq_count = s->seq_count;
d->seq_len = s->seq_len;
d->sucss_12 = s->sucss_12;
d->step_accept = s->step_accept;
d->h_failed = s->h_failed;
d->init_set = s->init_set;
d->err_set = s->err_set;
d->constat = s->constat;
vec_copy(s->n, d->y, s->y);
vec_copy(s->n, d->yp, s->yp);
}

/*****
/*****

/*Returns a string describing err.*/

char *
rkf_mess(err)

int err;

{
    switch (err)
    {
        case OK:
            return ("integration successful");
        case NEG_ERROR:
            return ("negative error tolerance");
        case REL_LIM:
            return ("relative error tolerance too small");
        case FUNC_LIM:
            return ("too many function evaluations");
        case IO_LIM:
            return ("too much output");
        case ZERO_ABS:
            return ("nonzero absolute error required");
        case STEP_LIM:
            return ("stepsize too small");
        case STIFF_EQN:
            return ("stiff equation");
        case FUNC_ERR:
            return ("function evaluation error");
        case STDIN_RDY:
            return ("character ready at stdin");
        case ERR_SET:
            return ("abs_err and rel_err not properly initialized");
        case INIT_SET:
            return ("initial conditions not properly initialized");
        default:
            return ("Bad error code");
    }
}

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    }
}

/*****/
/*****/

rkf_error(rel_err, abs_err, ws)

double rel_err, abs_err;
RKF_WS *ws;

{
#ifdef DEBUG
    fprintf(stderr, "Entering rkf_error()...\n");
#endif
    ws->err_set = TRUE;
    if (ws->err_flag == ZERO_ABS)
    {
        if (abs_err > 0.0)
        {
            ws->abs_err = abs_err;
            ws->err_flag = OK;
        }
    }
    else if (ws->err_flag == STEP_LIM)
    {
        if (abs_err > ws->abs_err)
        {
            ws->abs_err = abs_err;
            ws->err_flag = OK;
        }
        if (rel_err > ws->rel_err)
        {
            ws->rel_err = rel_err;
            ws->err_flag = OK;
        }
    }
    else
    {
        if (rel_err < 0.0 || abs_err < 0.0)
        {
            ws->err_flag = NEG_ERROR;
            ws->err_set = FALSE;
        }
        else if (rel_err < 2.0*m_eps + ws->re_min)
        {
            ws->rel_err = 2.0*m_eps + ws->re_min;
            ws->abs_err = abs_err;
            ws->err_flag = REL_LIM;
        }
        else
        {
            ws->rel_err = rel_err;
            ws->abs_err = abs_err;
            ws->err_flag = OK;
        }
    }
}

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    }
#ifdef DEBUG
    fprintf(stderr, "...leaving rkf_error()\n");
#endif
    return (ws->err_flag);
}

/*****
*****/

rkf_init(t, x, ws)

double t, x[];
RKF_WS *ws;

{
#ifdef DEBUG
    fprintf(stderr, "Entering rkf_init()...\n");
#endif
    ws->t = t;
    vec_copy(ws->n, ws->y, x);
    ws->step_init = FALSE; /*need to re-initialize*/
    ws->init_set = TRUE;
    if (ws->err_flag == INIT_SET || ws->err_flag == STEP_LIM)
        ws->err_flag = OK;
#ifdef DEBUG
    fprintf(stderr, "...leaving rkf_init()\n");
#endif
}

/*****
*****/

/*the main routine, returns err_flag*/

rkf(tout, t, y, ws)

double tout, *t, y[];
RKF_WS *ws;

{
    int k;
    int sol_out;
    double dt, scale, ae, h_min;
    double eeoet, et, temp_et, ee, esttol, h_scale;
    double eeoet_12, ee_12, esttol_12;
    double temp1, temp2, temp3;
    double max(), min(), sign(), pow(), fabs();

#ifdef DEBUG
    fprintf(stderr, "Entering rkf()...\n");
#endif
    if (m_eps == 0.0)
        calc_eps();
    if (!par_check(ws))
        return (rkf_exit(t, y, ws->err_flag, ws));

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if (tout == ws->t) /*no computation necessary*/
    return (rkf_exit(t, y, ws->err_flag, ws));
if (!ws->step_init)
{
    /* Evaluate yp if possible. */
    if (!(*ws->f)(ws->yp, ws->y, ws->t))
        return (rkf_exit(t, y, FUNC_ERR, ws));
    ws->num_fe++;
    init_step(ws, tout);
    ws->step_init = TRUE;
}
dt = tout - ws->t;

/* "Efficiency impaired by too much output" check */
if (fabs(ws->h) >= 2.0*fabs(dt))
    ws->kop++;
if (ws->kop >= ws->kop_max)
    return (rkf_exit(t, y, IO_LIM, ws));

/* If "too close" to output extrapolate and return */
if (fabs(dt) <= u26*fabs(ws->t))
{
    if (!(*ws->f)(ws->yp, ws->y, ws->t))
        return (rkf_exit(t, y, FUNC_ERR, ws));
    ws->num_fe++;
    for (k = 0; k < ws->n; k++)
        ws->y[k] += dt*ws->yp[k];
    return (rkf_exit(t, y, OK, ws));
}

sol_out = FALSE; /* initialize solution output indicator */

/* to avoid premature under flow in the error tolerance function
   scale the error tolerances */
scale = 2.0/ws->rel_err;
ae = scale*ws->abs_err;

do          /* Step by step integration loop */
{
    h_min = u26 * fabs(ws->t); /* init smallest allowed step */

    /* Adjust stepsize if necessary to hit the output point. Look ahead
       two steps to avoid drastic changes in the stepsize and thus lessen
       the impact of output points on the code. */
    dt = tout - ws->t;
    if (fabs(dt) < 2.0 * fabs(ws->h))
    {
        if (fabs(dt) <= fabs(ws->h))
        {
            sol_out = TRUE;
            ws->h = dt;
        }
        else
            ws->h = 0.5*dt;
    }
}

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do      /* Stepsize adjustment and error checking loop */
{
    if (ws->constat != NULL && (*ws->constat)())
        return (rkf_exit(t, y, STDIN_RDY, ws));
    if (ws->num_fe > ws->nfe_max)
    {
        if (ws->eqn_stiff)
            return (rkf_exit(t, y, STIFF_EQN, ws));
        else
            return (rkf_exit(t, y, FUNC_LIM, ws));
    }

    /* Advance an approximate solution over one step of length h */
    ws->step_accept = FALSE;
    if (!feh145(ws->f, ws->n, ws->y, ws->t,
                ws->h, ws->yp, ws->f1, ws->f2,
                ws->f3, ws->f4, ws->f5, ws->s))
        return (rkf_exit(t, y, FUNC_ERR, ws));
    ws->num_fe += 5;

    /* Compute and test allowable tolerances versus local error
       estimates and remove scaling of tolerances. Note that
       relative error is measured with respect to the average of
       the magnitudes of the solution at the beginning and end
       of the step. The error estimate formula has been
       grouped to control loss of significance.*/

    /* Do this also for the imbedded (1,2) formula as part of
       the stiffness test */

    eeoet = eeoet_12 = 0.0; /*Used in stiffness test*/
    for (k = 0; k < ws->n; k++)
    {
        temp_et = fabs(ws->y[k]) + fabs(ws->s[k]);
        et = ae + temp_et;
        if (et <= 0.0) /*inappropriate error tolerance*/
            return (rkf_exit(t, y, ZERO_ABS, ws));

        /* Group terms to avoid loss of significance */
        temp1 = (21970.0*ws->f3[k] - 15048.0*ws->f4[k]);
        temp2 = (-2098.0*ws->yp[k] + temp1);
        temp3 = (22528.0*ws->f2[k] - 27360.0*ws->f5[k]);
        ee = fabs(temp2 + temp3);

        /* Stiffness testing */
        if (!ws->eqn_stiff &&
            (ws->seq_count - ws->succs_12 <= ws->seq_len/2))
        {
            ee_12 = fabs(0.055455*ws->yp[k] -
                0.035493*ws->f1[k] - 0.036571*ws->f2[k] +
                0.023107*ws->f3[k] - 0.009515*ws->f4[k] +
                0.003017*ws->f5[k]);
            /*Here we need to avoid a divide-by-zero. This can
              happen if all the f?[k] are zero which can happen
              if the state equation returns 0.0 for the kth
              entry. I assume that if ee == 0.0 then ee_12 ==

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        0.0 and eeoet_12 does not need to be updated.*/
        if (ee != 0.0)
            eeoet_12 = max(eeoet_12, ee_12/ee);
    }
    eeoet = max(eeoet, ee/et);
}
esttol = fabs(ws->h)*eeoet*scale/752400.0;

/* Stiffness testing */
if (!ws->eqn_stiff &&
    (ws->seq_count - ws->sucss_12 <= ws->seq_len/2))
    esttol_12 = fabs(ws->h)*eeoet_12*scale;

if (esttol > 1.0)
{
    /*Unsuccessful step: reduce the stepsize and try
    again. The stepsize decrease is limited to a factor of
    ten. Practical limits on the change in the stepsize
    are enforced to smooth the stepsize selection process
    and to avoid excessive chattering on problems having
    discontinuities. */

    ws->h_failed = TRUE;
    sol_out = FALSE;
    h_scale = 0.1;
    if (esttol < 59049.0)
        h_scale = 0.9/pow(esttol, 0.20);
    /* To prevent unnecessary failures the code uses 9/10
    the stepsize it estimates will succeed. */
    ws->h *= h_scale;
    if (fabs(ws->h) <= h_min)
        return (rkf_exit(t, y, STEP_LIM, ws));
}
}
while (esttol > 1.0);

/* Successful step: store solution at t+h */
ws->step_accept = TRUE;
if (!(*ws->f)(ws->f1, ws->s, ws->t + ws->h))
    return (rkf_exit(t, y, FUNC_ERR, ws));
ws->num_fe++;
ws->t += ws->h;
vec_copy(ws->n, ws->y, ws->s);
vec_copy(ws->n, ws->yp, ws->f1);

/* choose next stepsize: the increase is limited to a factor of
5. If a step failure has just occurred, the next stepsize is not
allowed to increase. This makes the code more efficient on
problems with discontinuities. */
h_scale = 5.0;
if (esttol > 1.889568E-4)
    h_scale = 0.9/pow(esttol, 0.2);
/*don't increase stepsize if step failure in last iteration*/
if (ws->h_failed)
    h_scale = min(h_scale, 1.0);
ws->h = sign(ws->h)*max(h_scale*fabs(ws->h), h_min);

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/* Stiffness testing */
if (!ws->eqn_stiff)
{
    if (ws->seq_count++ - ws->succs_12 <= ws->seq_len/2)
    {
        if (esttol_12 >= 1.0)
            ws->succs_12++;
        if (ws->succs_12 >= ws->seq_len/2)
            ws->eqn_stiff = TRUE;
    }
    if (ws->seq_count > ws->seq_len || ws->eqn_stiff)
        ws->seq_count = ws->succs_12 = 0;
}
ws->h_failed = FALSE; /*reinit step failure*/
} while (!sol_out && ws->mode != SING_STEP);

if (sol_out)
    ws->t = tout;
return (rkf_exit(t, y, OK, ws));
}

/*****
/*****

/*checks parameter values in ws*/

static
par_check(ws)

RKF_WS *ws;

{
#ifdef DEBUG
    fprintf(stderr, "Entering par_check()...\n");
#endif
    switch (ws->err_flag)
    {
        case OK:
        case REL_LIM:
        case FUNC_ERR:
        case STDIN_RDY:
            ws->err_flag = OK;
            break;
        case FUNC_LIM:
            ws->num_fe = 0;
            ws->err_flag = OK;
            break;
        case IO_LIM:
            ws->kop = 0;
            ws->err_flag = OK;
            break;
        case STIFF_EQN:
            ws->num_fe = ws->seq_count = ws->succs_12 = 0;
            ws->eqn_stiff = 0;
            ws->err_flag = OK;

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        break;
default:
    return (FALSE); /*uncorrected error*/
}
if (!ws->err_set)
{
    ws->err_flag = ERR_SET;
    return (FALSE);
}
if (!ws->init_set)
{
    ws->err_flag = INIT_SET;
    return (FALSE);
}
#ifdef DEBUG
    fprintf(stderr, "...leaving par_check()\n");
#endif
return (TRUE);
}

/*****
*****/

/*Initializes the stepsize h.*/

static
init_step(ws, tout)

RKF_WS *ws;
double tout;

{
    int k;
    double ypk, toln, tol, dt;
    double pow(), max(), sign(), fabs();

#ifdef DEBUG
    fprintf(stderr, "Entering init_step()...\n");
#endif
    dt = tout - ws->t;
    ws->h = fabs(dt);
    toln = 0.0;

    for (k= 0; k < ws->n; k++)
    {
        tol = ws->rel_err * fabs(ws->y[k]) + ws->abs_err;
        if (tol > 0.0)
        {
            toln = tol;
            ypk = fabs(ws->yp[k]);
            if (ypk * pow(ws->h, 5.0) > tol)
                ws->h = pow(tol/ypk, 0.20);
        }
    }

    if (toln <= 0.0)

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        ws->h = 0.0;
        ws->h = max(ws->h, u26*max(fabs(ws->t), fabs(dt)));
        ws->h *= sign(dt);
#ifdef DEBUG
        fprintf(stderr, "...leaving init_step()\n");
#endif
    }

/*****
/*****

/*exit routine for rkf()*/

static
rkf_exit(t, y, err_code, ws)

int err_code;
double *t, y[];
RKF_WS *ws;

{
    *t = ws->t;
    vec_copy(ws->n, y, ws->y);
#ifdef DEBUG
    fprintf(stderr, "...leaving rkf()\n");
#endif
    return (ws->err_flag = err_code);
}

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/* The Fehlberg 4,5 formulas as implemented by Watts and Shampine. The
terms have been grouped to avoid loss of significance. feh145() assumes
that the derivative at time t, yp, is given. If derivative function
cannot be evaluated feh145() returns FALSE, otherwise it returns TRUE. */

static
feh145(f, n, y, t, h, yp, f1, f2, f3, f4, f5, s)

int (*f)();
unsigned n;
double y[], t, h, yp[], f1[], f2[], f3[], f4[], f5[], s[];

{
    unsigned k;
    double ch, temp1, temp2, temp3, temp4;

#ifdef DEBUG
    fprintf(stderr, "Entering feh145()...\n");
#endif
    ch = h/4.0;
    for (k = 0; k < n; k++)
        s[k] = y[k] + ch * yp[k];
    if (!(*f)(f1, s, t + ch))
        return(FALSE);

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ch = 3.0*h/32.0;
for (k = 0; k < n; k++)
{
    temp1 = yp[k] + 3.0 * f1[k];
    s[k] = y[k] + ch * temp1;
}
if (!(*f)(f2, s, t + 3.0*h/8.0))
    return(FALSE);

ch = h/2197.0;
for (k = 0; k < n; k++)
{
    temp1 = (7296.0*f2[k] - 7200.0*f1[k]);
    temp2 = (1932.0*yp[k] + temp1);
    s[k] = y[k] + ch * temp2;
}
if (!(*f)(f3, s, t + 12.0*h/13.0))
    return(FALSE);

ch = h/4184.0;
for (k = 0; k < n; k++)
{
    temp1 = (8341.0*yp[k] - 845.0*f3[k]);
    temp2 = (29440.0*f2[k] - 32832.0*f1[k]);
    temp3 = (temp1 + temp2);
    s[k] = y[k] + ch * temp3;
}
if (!(*f)(f4, s, t + h))
    return(FALSE);

ch = h/20520.0;
for (k = 0; k < n; k++)
{
    temp1 = (9295.0*f3[k] - 5643.0*f4[k]);
    temp2 = (41040.0*f1[k] - 28352.0*f2[k]);
    temp3 = (-6080.0*yp[k] + temp1);
    temp4 = (temp3 + temp2);
    s[k] = y[k] + ch * temp4;
}
if (!(*f)(f5, s, t + h/2.0))
    return(FALSE);

/* compute approximate solution at t+h. */
ch = h/7618050.0;
for (k = 0; k < n; k++)
{
    temp1 = (3855735.0*f3[k] - 1371249.0*f4[k]);
    temp2 = (902880.0*yp[k] + temp1);
    temp3 = (3953664.0*f2[k] + 277020.0*f5[k]);
    temp4 = (temp2 + temp3);
    s[k] = y[k] + ch * temp4;
}
#endif
#ifdef DEBUG
    fprintf(stderr, "...leaving fehl45()\n");
#endif

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    return (TRUE);
}

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/* These functions allow the user to alter the default values for
rkf() "constants".*/

rkf_mode(mode, ws)

int mode;
RKF_WS *ws;

{
    if (mode == SING_STEP)
        ws->mode = SING_STEP;
    else
        ws->mode = ENDPT;
}

rkf_stdin(constat, ws)

int (*constat)();
RKF_WS *ws;

{
    ws->constat = constat;
}

rkf_nfe(n, ws)

unsigned n;
RKF_WS *ws;

{
    ws->nfe_max = n;
}

rkf_kop(n, ws)

unsigned n;
RKF_WS *ws;

{
    ws->kop_max = n;
}

rkf_seq_len(n, ws)

unsigned n;
RKF_WS *ws;

{
    ws->seq_len = n;
}
```

rkf\_re\_min(x, ws)

double x;  
RKF\_WS \*ws;

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{
    if (x > 0.0)
        ws->re_min = x;
}
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typedef union read\_ptr

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{
    char *cp;
    int *ip;
    double *dp;
    double **ddpp;
};
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rkf\_read(code, p, ws)

char \*p;  
int code;  
RKF\_WS \*ws;

```
{
    union read_ptr rp;

    rp.cp = p;
    switch (code)
    {
        case STEP_SIZE:
            *rp.dp = ws->h;
            break;
        case KOP:
            *rp.ip = ws->kop;
            break;
        case NUM_FE:
            *rp.ip = ws->num_fe;
            break;
        case EQN_STIFF:
            *rp.ip = ws->eqn_stiff;
            break;
        case Y_PRIME:
            *rp.ddpp = ws->yp;
            break;
        case ACCEPT:
            *rp.ip = ws->step_accept;
            break;
        case MODE:
            *rp.ip = ws->mode;
            break;
        case STDIN_CHK:
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        *rp.ip = ws->constat != NULL;
        break;
    case SEQ_LEN:
        *rp.ip = ws->seq_len;
        break;
    case MAX_NFE:
        *rp.ip = ws->nfe_max;
        break;
    case MAX_KOP:
        *rp.ip = ws->kop_max;
        break;
    case MIN_REL:
        *rp.dp = ws->re_min;
        break;
    case REL_ERR:
        *rp.dp = ws->rel_err;
        break;
    case ABS_ERR:
        *rp.dp = ws->abs_err;
        break;
    case ERROR_STATUS:
        *rp.ip = ws->err_flag;
        break;
    }
}

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/*Calculates the machine epsilon and 26 times the unit roundoff.*/

static
calc_eps()
{
    double sum = 2.0; /*used because of 8087. Without it, m_eps would
                        represent the internal (80 bit) accuracy
                        of the 8087, not the external (64 bit)
                        accuracy of the double representation.*/

    for (m_eps = 1.0; sum > 1.0 ; sum = 1.0 + m_eps)
        m_eps /= 2.0;
    u26 = 26.0*m_eps;
}

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/*The standard sign function: +1 if argument greater than or equal to
zero, -1 otherwise.*/

static double
sign(x)

double x;

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