

spmd_numint.m

spmd - single program, multiple data

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(More) References:

<http://se.mathworks.com/help/distcomp/examples/numerical-estimation-of-pi-using-message-passing.html>

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<http://se.mathworks.com/help/distcomp/introduction-to-parallel-solutions.html?refresh=true#brjw1fx-3>

Some explanations taken from the references

- An spmd block runs on the workers of the existing parallel pool. If no pool exists, spmd will start a new parallel pool, unless the automatic starting of pools is disabled in your parallel preferences. If there is no parallel pool and spmd cannot start one, the code runs serially in the client session.
- The objects created are called composite objects, they "behave" like cell arrays.

AA{n} returns the values of AA from worker n.

AA(n) returns a container of the content of AA from worker n

Open pool.

```
p = gcp; numlabs=p.NumWorkers
```

Or if you want to set the value to numlabs:

```
nlabs=2; % laptop
%nlabs=8; % Triton
parpool(nlabs)
```

Numerical integration example

$$f(x) = \int_0^1 \frac{4}{1+x^2} dx = \arctan(1) = \pi$$

Function (handle) to integrate:

```
f=@(x) 4 ./ (1+x.^2);
```

Define the variables `a` and `b` on all the workers, but let their values depend on `labindex` so that the intervals `[a, b]` correspond to the subintervals shown in the figure. We then verify that the intervals are correct. Note that the code in the body of the `spmd` statement is executed in parallel on all the workers in the parallel pool.

```
spmd
  a = (labindex - 1)/nlabs;
  b = labindex/nlabs;
  fprintf('Subinterval: [%-4g, %-4g]\n', a, b)
end
```

Starting parallel pool (parpool) using the 'local' profile ... connected to 2 workers.

```
Lab 1:
  Subinterval: [0    , 0.5 ]
Lab 2:
  Subinterval: [0.5  , 1    ]
```

```
spmd
  myIntegral = integral(f, a, b)
end
```

```
Lab 1:
  myIntegral =
    1.8546
Lab 2:
  myIntegral =
    1.2870
```

```
myIntegral
```

```
myIntegral =
  Lab 1: class = double, size = [1 1]
  Lab 2: class = double, size = [1 1]
```

Sum myIntegral over all labs:

```
spmd
  % piApprox = gplus(myIntegral)
  piApprox = gplus(myIntegral,1)
end
```

Lab 1:

```
piApprox =  
    3.1416
```

Lab 2:

```
piApprox =  
    []
```

```
format long  
piApprox{1} % In the former case both (all) get the value
```

```
ans =  
    3.141592653589793
```

```
piApprox{2} % In the latter case this (the rest) get [].
```

```
ans =  
    []
```

```
delete(gcp)
```

GOP - GlobalOperation

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Exercises, developments:

- Integrate other functions on other intervals
- Use lower order methods (trapez, Simpson) on subintervals-> gain accuracy/efficiency from parallelism.