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# **Description**

A simplified, efficient, interface to MPI for HPC clusters. It is a derivation and rethinking of the Rmpi package that embraces the prevalent parallel programming style on HPC clusters. Beyond the interface, a collection of functions for global work with distributed data is included. It is based on S4 classes and methods.

# **Details**

This package requires an MPI library (OpenMPI, MPICH2, or LAM/MPI). Standard installation in an R session with

> install.packages("pbdMPI")

should work in most cases.

On HPC clusters, it is strongly recommended that you check with your HPC cluster documentation for specific requirements, such as module software environments. Some module examples relevant to R and MPI are

\$ module load openmpi

\$ module load openblas

\$ module load flexiblas

\$ module load r

possibly giving specific versions and possibly with some upper case letters. Although module software environments are widely used, the specific module names and their dependence structure are not standard across cluster installations. The command

\$ module avail

usually lists the available software modules on your cluster.

To install on the Unix command line after downloading the source file, use R CMD INSTALL.

If the MPI library is not found, after checking that you are loading the correct module environments, the following arguments can be used to specify its non-standard location on your system

Argument	Default
-with-mpi-type	OPENMPI
-with-mpi-include	\${MPI_ROOT}/include
-with-mpi-libpath	\${MPI_ROOT}/lib

-with-mpi \${MPI\_ROOT}

where \${MPI\_ROOT} is the path to the MPI root. See the package source file pbdMPI/configure for details.

Loading library(pbdMPI) sets a few global variables, including the environment .pbd\_env, where many defaults are set, and initializes MPI. In most cases, the defaults should not be modified. Rather, the parameters of the functions that use them should be changed. **All codes must end with** finalize() to cleanly exit MPI.

Most functions are assumed to run as Single Program, Multiple Data (SPMD), i.e. in batch mode. SPMD is based on cooperation between parallel copies of a single program, which is more scalable than a manager-workers approach that is natural in interactive programming. Interactivity with an HPC cluster is more efficiently handled by a client-server approach, such as that enabled by the remoter package.

On most clusters, codes run with mpirun or mpiexec and Rscript, such as > mpiexec -np 2 Rscript some\_code.r

where some\_code.r contains the entire SPMD program. The MPI Standard 4.0 recommends mpiexec over mpirun. Some MPI implementations may have minor differences between the two but under OpenMPI 5.0 they are synonyms that produce the same behavior.

The package source files provide several examples based on **pbdMPI**, such as

Directory Examples pbdMPI/inst/examples/test\_spmd/ main SPMD functions pbdMPI/inst/examples/test\_rmpi/ analogues to Rmpi pbdMPI/inst/examples/test\_parallel/ analogues to parallel pbdMPI/inst/examples/test\_performance/ performance tests pbdMPI/inst/examples/test\_s4/ S4 extension pbdMPI/inst/examples/test\_cs/ client/server examples pbdMPI/inst/examples/test\_long\_vector/ long vector examples

where test\_long\_vector needs a recompile with setting #define MPI\_LONG\_DEBUG 1 in pbdMPI/src/pkg\_constant.h.

The current version is mainly written and tested under OpenMPI environments on Linux systems (CentOS 7, RHEL 8, Xubuntu). Also, it is tested on macOS with Homebrew-installed OpenMPI and under MPICH2 environments on Windows systems, although the primary target systems are HPC clusters running Linux OS.

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#### References

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# See Also

```
allgather(), allreduce(), bcast(), gather(), reduce(), scatter().
```

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
### On command line, run each demo with 2 processors by
### (Use Rscript.exe on Windows systems)
# mpiexec -np 2 Rscript -e "demo(allgather, 'pbdMPI', ask=F, echo=F)"
# mpiexec -np 2 Rscript -e "demo(allreduce, 'pbdMPI', ask=F, echo=F)"
# mpiexec -np 2 Rscript -e "demo(bcast,'pbdMPI',ask=F,echo=F)"
# mpiexec -np 2 Rscript -e "demo(gather,'pbdMPI',ask=F,echo=F)"
# mpiexec -np 2 Rscript -e "demo(reduce, 'pbdMPI', ask=F, echo=F)"
# mpiexec -np 2 Rscript -e "demo(scatter,'pbdMPI',ask=F,echo=F)"
# execmpi("demo(allgather, 'pbdMPI', ask=F, echo=F)", nranks = 2L)
# execmpi("demo(allreduce, 'pbdMPI', ask=F, echo=F)", nranks = 2L)
# execmpi("demo(bcast, 'pbdMPI', ask=F, echo=F)", nranks = 2L)
# execmpi("demo(gather, 'pbdMPI', ask=F, echo=F)", nranks = 2L)
# execmpi("demo(reduce, 'pbdMPI', ask=F, echo=F)", nranks = 2L)
# execmpi("demo(scatter, 'pbdMPI', ask=F, echo=F)", nranks = 2L)
## End(Not run)
```

allgather-methods

All Ranks Gather Objects from Every Rank

# Description

This method lets all ranks gather objects from every rank in the same communicator. The default return is a list of length equal to comm.size(comm).

#### **Usage**

# Arguments

X	an object to be gathered from all ranks.
x.buffer	a buffer to hold the return object which probably has 'size of x' times 'comm. size(comm)' with the same type as $x$ .
x.count	a vector of length 'comm.size(comm)' containing all object lengths.
displs	c(0L, cumsum(x.count)) by default.
comm	a communicator number.
unlist	apply unlist function to the gathered list before return.

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#### **Details**

The arguments x.buffer, x.count, and displs can be left unspecified or NULL and are computed for you.

If x.buffer is specified, its type should be one of integer, double, or raw according to the type of x. Serialization and unserialization is avoided for atomic vectors if they are all the same size and x.buffer is specified, or if different sizes and both x.buffer and x.count are specified. A single vector instead of a list is returned in these cases.

Class array objects are gathered without serialization.

Complex objects can be gathered as serialization and unserialization is used on objects that are not of class "array" or atomic vectors.

The allgather is efficient due to the underlying MPI parallel communication and recursive doubling gathering algorithm that results in a sublinear (log2(comm.size(comm))) number of communication steps. Also, serialization is applied only locally and in parallel.

See methods{"allgather"} for S4 dispatch cases and the source code for further details.

#### Value

A list of length comm.size(comm), containing the gathered objects from each rank, is returned to all ranks by default. An exception is for atomic vectors, when x.buffer is specified, where a list is never formed and a single vector is returned. In other cases, the unlist = TRUE parameter simply applies the unlist() function to this list before returning.

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# References

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#### See Also

```
gather(), allreduce(), reduce().
```

```
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r

spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
.comm.size <- comm.size()
.comm.rank <- comm.rank()

### Examples
N <- 5</pre>
```

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```
x <- (1:N) + N * .comm.rank
y <- allgather(matrix(x, nrow = 1))
comm.print(y)

y <- allgather(x, double(N * .comm.size))
comm.print(y)

### Finish
finalize()
"
pbdMPI::execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)</pre>
```

allreduce-method

All Ranks Receive a Reduction of Objects from Every Rank

# **Description**

This method lets all ranks receive a reduction of objects from every rank in the same communicator based on a given operation. The default return is an object like the input and the default operation is the sum.

#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

x an object to be reduced from all ranks.

x.buffer for atomic vectors, a buffer to hold the return object which has the same size and

the same type as x.

op the reduction operation to apply to x across all comm ranks. The default is nor-

mally sum.

comm a communicator number.

# **Details**

All ranks are presumed to have x of the same size and type.

Normally, x. buffer is NULL or unspecified, and is computed for you. If specified for atomic vectors, the type should be one of integer, double, or raw and be the same type as x.

The allgather is efficient due to the underlying MPI parallel communication and recursive doubling reduction algorithm that results in a sublinear (log2(comm.size(comm))) number of reduction and communication steps.

See methods{"allreduce"} for S4 dispatch cases and the source code for further details.

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# Value

The reduced object of the same type as x is returned to all ranks by default.

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#### References

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#### See Also

```
allgather(), gather(), reduce().
```

```
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r
spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
.comm.size <- comm.size()</pre>
.comm.rank <- comm.rank()</pre>
### Examples.
N <- 5
x \leftarrow (1:N) + N * .comm.rank
y \leftarrow allreduce(matrix(x, nrow = 1), op = \"sum\")
comm.print(y)
y <- allreduce(x, double(N), op = \"prod\")</pre>
comm.print(y)
comm.set.seed(1234, diff = TRUE)
x <- as.logical(round(runif(N)))</pre>
y \leftarrow allreduce(x, logical(N), op = \"land\")
comm.print(y)
### Finish.
finalize()
pbdMPI::execmpi(spmd.code = spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
```

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alltoall All to All

# **Description**

These functions make calls to MPI\_Alltoall() and MPI\_Alltoallv().

### Usage

### **Arguments**

x.send an object to send.
x.recv an object to receive
send.count send counter
recv.count recv counter
sdispls send dis pls
rdispls recv dis pls
comm a communicator number.

#### **Details**

These are very low level functions. Use with cautions. Neigher S4 method nor long vector is supported.

# Value

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# References

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#### See Also

```
allgather(), allgatherv().
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript --vanilla [...].r
spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
.comm.size <- comm.size()</pre>
.comm.rank <- comm.rank()</pre>
### Examples.
n <- as.integer(2)</pre>
x <- 1:(.comm.size * n)</pre>
comm.cat(\"Original x:\n\", quiet = TRUE)
comm.print(x, all.rank = TRUE)
x <- as.integer(x)</pre>
y <- spmd.alltoall.integer(x, integer(length(x)), n, n)</pre>
comm.cat(\''\nAlltoall y:\n'', quiet = TRUE)
comm.print(y, all.rank = TRUE)
### Finish.
finalize()
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
## End(Not run)
```

apply and lapply

Parallel Apply and Lapply Functions

# **Description**

The functions are parallel versions of apply and lapply functions.

# Usage

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#### **Arguments**

X a matrix or array in pbdApply() or a list in pbdLapply() and pbdSapply().

MARGIN MARGIN as in the apply().

FUN as in the apply().

... optional arguments to FUN.

simplify as in the sapply().
USE.NAMES as in the sapply().

pbd.mode mode of distributed data X.

rank.source a rank of source where X broadcast from.

comm a communicator number.
bcast if bcast to all ranks.
barrier if barrier for all ranks.

#### Details

All functions are majorly called in manager/workers mode (pbd.model = "mw"), and just work the same as their serial version.

If pbd.mode = "mw", the X in rank.source (manager) will be distributed to the workers, then FUN will be applied to the new data, and results gathered to rank.source. "In SPMD, the manager is one of workers." . . . is also scatter() from rank.source.

If pbd.mode = "spmd", the same copy of X is expected on all ranks, and the original apply(), lapply(), or sapply() will operate on part of X. An explicit allgather() or gather() will be needed to aggregate the results.

If pbd.mode = "dist", different X are expected on all ranks, i.e. 'distinct or distributed' X, and original apply(), lapply(), or sapply() will operate on the distinct X. An explicit allgather() or gather() will be needed to aggregate the results.

In SPMD, it is better to split data into pieces, so that X is a local piece of a global matrix. If the "apply" dimension is local, the base apply() function can be used.

#### Value

A list or a matrix will be returned.

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#### References

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```
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r
spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
.comm.size <- comm.size()</pre>
.comm.rank <- comm.rank()</pre>
### Example for pbdApply.
N <- 100
x \leftarrow matrix((1:N) + N * .comm.rank, ncol = 10)
y \leftarrow pbdApply(x, 1, sum, pbd.mode = \"mw\")
comm.print(y)
y \leftarrow pbdApply(x, 1, sum, pbd.mode = \"spmd\")
comm.print(y)
y \leftarrow pbdApply(x, 1, sum, pbd.mode = \"dist\")
comm.print(y)
### Example for pbdApply for 3D array.
N <- 60
x \leftarrow array((1:N) + N * .comm.rank, c(3, 4, 5))
dimnames(x) \leftarrow list(lat = paste(\"lat\", 1:3, sep = \"\"),
                      lon = paste(\"lon\", 1:4, sep = \"\"),
                      time = paste(\"time\", 1:5, sep = \"\"))
comm.print(x[,, 1:2])
y \leftarrow pbdApply(x, c(1, 2), sum, pbd.mode = \"mw\")
comm.print(y)
y \leftarrow pbdApply(x, c(1, 2), sum, pbd.mode = \"spmd\")
comm.print(y)
y \leftarrow pbdApply(x, c(1, 2), sum, pbd.mode = \"dist\")
comm.print(y)
### Example for pbdLapply.
```

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```
N <- 100
x <- split((1:N) + N * .comm.rank, rep(1:10, each = 10))
y <- pbdLapply(x, sum, pbd.mode = \"mw\")
comm.print(unlist(y))

y <- pbdLapply(x, sum, pbd.mode = \"spmd\")
comm.print(unlist(y))

y <- pbdLapply(x, sum, pbd.mode = \"dist\")
comm.print(unlist(y))

### Finish.
finalize()
"
pbdMPI::execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)</pre>
```

bcast-method

A Rank Broadcast an Object to Every Rank

# **Description**

This method lets a rank broadcast an object to every rank in the same communicator. The default return is the object.

# Usage

# Arguments

x an object to be broadcast from all ranks.
rank.source a rank of source where x broadcast from.
comm a communicator number.

# **Details**

The same copy of x is sent to all ranks.

See methods{"bcast"} for S4 dispatch cases and the source code for further details.

# Value

Every rank has x returned.

### Author(s)

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# References

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#### See Also

```
scatter().
```

# **Examples**

```
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r

spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))

### Examples.
x <- matrix(1:5, nrow = 1)
y <- bcast(x)
comm.print(y)

### Finish.
finalize()
"
pbdMPI::execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)</pre>
```

comm.chunk

comm.chunk

# **Description**

Given a total number of items, N, comm.chunk splits the number into chunks. Tailored especially for situations in SPMD style programming, potentially returning different results to each rank. Optionally, results for all ranks can be returned to all.

# Usage

```
comm.chunk(
   N,
   form = "number",
   type = "balance",
   lo.side = "right",
   rng = FALSE,
   all.rank = FALSE,
   p = NULL,
   rank = NULL,
   comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm,
   ...
)
```

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The number of items to split into chunks.

# Arguments N

Output a chunk as a single "number", as a "vector" of items from 1:N, or as a "seq" three parameters 'c(from, to, by)' of the base 'seq()' function (replaced

deprecated "iopair" for offset and length in a file). Forms "ldim" and "bldim" are available only with type "equal" and are intended for setting "ddmatrix" (see

package pbdDMAT) slots.

type Is the primary load and location balance specification. The choices are: "bal-

ance" the chunks so they differ by no more than 1 item (used most frequently and default); "cycle" is the same as "balance" in terms of load but differs on location in that chunks are not contiguous, rather are assigned in a cycled way to ranks (note that "balance" and "cycle" are the same if 'form' is "number"); "equal" maximizes the number of same size chunks resulting in one or more smaller or even zero size chunks carrying the leftover (required by pbdDMAT

block-cyclic layouts).

lo.side If exact balance is not possible, put the smaller chunks on the "left" (low ranks)

or on the "right" (high ranks).

rng If TRUE, set up different L'Ecuyere random number generator streams. Switch

to stream i with comm.set.stream(i), where i is a global index. If form = "vector" random streams are set up for each index in the vector and only those needed by each rank are kept. If form = "number", each rank will use a different stream, set by default (so comm.set.stream does not need to be used). Additional ... parameter seed, passed to comm.set.seed, can be set for

reproducibility.

all.rank FALSE returns only the chunk for rank r. TRUE returns a vector of length

p (when form="number"), and a list of length p (when form="vector") each

containing the output for the corresponding rank.

p The number of chunks (processors). Normally, it is NOT specified and defaults

to NULL, which assigns comm.size(comm).

rank The rank of returned chunk. Normally, it is NOT specified and defaults to

NULL, which assigns comm.rank(comm)). Note that ranks are numbered from

0 to p-1, whereas the list elements for all.rank=TRUE are numbered 1 to p.

comm The communicator that determines MPI rank numbers.

... If rng = TRUE, then a seed parameter should be provided for comm.set.seed.

#### **Details**

Various chunking options are possible when the number does not split evenly into equal chunks. The output form can be a number, a vector of items, or a few other special forms intended for pbdR components.

# Value

A numeric value from 0:N or a vector giving a subset of 1:N (depending on form) for the rank. If all.rank is TRUE, a vector or a list of vectors, respectively.

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# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
## Note that the p and rank parameters are provided by comm.size() and
## comm.rank(), respectively, when running SPMD in parallel. Normally, they
## are not specified unless testing in serial mode (as in this example).
library(pbdIO)

comm.chunk(16, all.rank = TRUE, p = 5)
comm.chunk(16, type = "equal", all.rank = TRUE, p = 5)
comm.chunk(16, type = "equal", lo.side = "left", all.rank = TRUE, p = 5)
comm.chunk(16, p = 5, rank = 0)
comm.chunk(16, p = 5, lo.side = "left", rank = 0)

## End(Not run)
```

communicator

Communicator Functions

# Description

The functions provide controls to communicators.

# Usage

```
barrier(comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
comm.is.null(comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
comm.rank(comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
comm.localrank(comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
comm.size(comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
comm.dup(comm, newcomm)
comm.free(comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
init(set.seed = TRUE)
finalize(mpi.finalize = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$mpi.finalize)
is.finalized()
comm.abort(errorcode = 1, comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
comm.split(comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm, color = 0L, key = 0L,
           newcomm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$newcomm)
comm.disconnect(comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
comm.connect(port.name, info = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$info,
             rank.root = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$rank.root,
             comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm,
             newcomm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$newcomm)
comm.accept(port.name, info = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$info,
            rank.root = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$rank.root,
            comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm,
            newcomm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$newcomm)
```

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```
port.open(info = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$info)
port.close(port.name)
serv.publish(port.name, serv.name = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$serv.name,
             info = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$info)
serv.unpublish(port.name, serv.name = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$serv.name,
               info = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$info)
serv.lookup(serv.name = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$serv.name,
            info = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$info)
intercomm.merge(intercomm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$intercomm,
                high = 0L, comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
intercomm.create(local.comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm,
                 local.leader = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$rank.source,
                 peer.comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$intercomm,
                 remote.leader = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$rank.dest,
                 tag = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$tag,
                 newintercomm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$newcomm)
comm.c2f(comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
```

# **Arguments**

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{comm} & \text{a communicator number.} \\ \\ \text{mpi.finalize} & \text{if MPI should be shutdown.} \\ \end{array}$ 

set.seed if a random seed preset.

port.name a port name with default maximum length 1024 characters for OpenMPI.

info a info number. rank.root a root rank.

newcomm a new communicator number.
color control of subset assignment.
key control of rank assigment.

serv.name a service name.

errorcode an error code to abort MPI.
intercomm a intercommunicator number.

high used to order the groups within comm.

local.comm a local communicator number.

local.leader the leader number of local communicator.

peer.comm a peer communicator number.

remote.leader the remote leader number of peer communicator.

newintercomm a new intercommunicator number.

tag a tag number.

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#### **Details**

```
Another functions are direct calls to MPI library.
```

barrier() blocks all processors until everyone call this.

comm.is.null() returns -1 if the array of communicators is not allocated, i.e. init() is not called yet. It returns 1 if the communicator is not initialized, i.e. NULL. It returns 0 if the communicator is initialized.

comm.rank() returns the processor's rank for the given comm.

comm. size() returns the total processes for the given comm.

comm.dup() duplicate a newcomm from comm.

comm.free() free a comm.

init() initializes a MPI world, and set two global variables .comm.size and .comm.rank in .GlobalEnv. A random seed will be preset by default (Sys.getpid() + Sys.time()) to the package rlecuyer.

finalize() frees memory and finishes a MPI world if mpi.finalize = TRUE. is.finalized() checks if MPI is already finalized.

comm.abort() aborts MPI.

comm.split() create a newcomm by color and key.

comm.disconnect() frees a comm.

comm.connect() connects a newcomm.

comm.accept() accepts a newcomm.

port.open() opens a port and returns the port name.

port.close() closes a port by name.

serv.publish() publishs a service via port.name.

serv.unpublish() unpublishs a service via port.name.

serv.lookup() lookup the serv.name and returns the port name.

intercomm.merge() merges the intercomm to intracommunicator.

intercomm.create() creates a new intercomm from two peer intracommunicators.

comm.c2f() returns an integer for Fortran MPI support.

# Value

Most function return an invisible state of MPI call.

# Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <a href="wccsnow@gmail.com">wccsnow@gmail.com</a>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

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# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r
spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
.comm.size <- comm.size()</pre>
.comm.rank <- comm.rank()</pre>
### Examples .
comm.print(.comm.size)
comm.print(.comm.rank, all.rank = TRUE)
comm.print(comm.rank(), rank.print = 1)
comm.print(comm.c2f())
### Finish.
finalize()
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
## End(Not run)
```

gather-methods

A Rank Gathers Objects from Every Rank

# **Description**

This method lets one rank gather objects from every rank in the same communicator. The default return is a list of length equal to comm size.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

X	an object to be gathered from all ranks.
x.buffer	a buffer to hold the return object which probably has 'size of x' times 'comm. size(comm)' with the same type of $x$ .
x.count	a vector of length 'comm.size(comm)' containing all object lengths.
displs	c(OL, cumsum(x.count)) by default.
rank.dest	a rank of destination where all x gather to.
comm	a communicator number.
unlist	apply unlist function to the gathered list before return.

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#### **Details**

The arguments x.buffer, x.count, and displs can be left unspecified or NULL and are computed for you.

If x.buffer is specified, its type should be one of integer, double, or raw according to the type of x. Serialization and unserialization is avoided for atomic vectors if they are all the same size and x.buffer is specified, or if different sizes and both x.buffer and x.count are specified. A single vector instead of a list is returned in these cases.

Class array objects are gathered without serialization.

Complex objects can be gathered as serialization and unserialization is used on objects that are not of class "array" or atomic vectors.

The gather is efficient due to the underlying MPI parallel communication and recursive doubling gathering algorithm that results in a sublinear (log2(comm.size(comm))) number of communication steps. Also, serialization is applied only locally and in parallel.

See methods{"gather"} for S4 dispatch cases and the source code for further details.

# Value

Only rank.dest (by default rank 0) receives the gathered object. All other ranks receive NULL. See allgather() for a description of the gathered object.

#### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

# References

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### See Also

```
allgather(), allreduce(), reduce().
```

```
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r

spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
.comm.size <- comm.size()
.comm.rank <- comm.rank()

### Examples.
N <- 5
x <- (1:N) + N * .comm.rank
y <- gather(matrix(x, nrow = 1))
comm.print(y)</pre>
```

```
y <- gather(x, double(N * .comm.size))
comm.print(y)
### Finish.
finalize()
"
pbdMPI::execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)</pre>
```

```
Get Configures Used at Compiling Time
```

Functions to Get MPI and/or pbdMPI Configures Used at Compiling Time

# **Description**

These functions are designed to get MPI and/or pbdMPI configures that were usually needed at the time of pbdMPI installation. In particular, to configure, link, and compile with 'libmpi\*.so' or so.

# Usage

```
get.conf(arg, arch = '', package = "pbdMPI", return = FALSE)
get.lib(arg, arch, package = "pbdPROF")
get.sysenv(flag)
```

# Arguments

arg an argument to be searched in the configuration file

arch system architecture

package pakge name

return to return (or print if FALSE) the search results or not

flag a system flag that is typically used in windows environment set.

# **Details**

get.conf() and get.lib() are typically used by 'pbd\*/configure.ac', 'pbd\*/src/Makevars.in', and/or 'pbd\*/src/Makevar.win' to find the default configurations from 'pbd\*/etc\${R\_ARCH}/Makconf'. get.sysenv() is only called by 'pbdMPI/src/Makevars.win' to obtain possible MPI dynamic/static library from the environment variable 'MPI\_ROOT' preset by users.

#### Value

Typically, there are no return values, but the values are cat() to scrrn or stdin.

#### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

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# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(pbdMPI)
if(Sys.info()["sysname"] != "Windows"){
  get.conf("MPI_INCLUDE_PATH"); cat("\n")
  get.conf("MPI_LIBPATH"); cat("\n")
  get.conf("MPI_LIBNAME"); cat("\n")
  get.conf("MPI_LIBS"); cat("\n")
} else{
  get.conf("MPI_INCLUDE", "/i386"); cat("\n")
  get.conf("MPI_LIB", "/i386"); cat("\n")
  get.conf("MPI_LIB", "/x64"); cat("\n")
  get.conf("MPI_LIB", "/x64"); cat("\n")
}

## End(Not run)
```

get job id

Divide Job ID by Ranks

# Description

This function obtains job id which can be used to divide jobs.

# Usage

# Arguments

n total number of jobs. method a way to divide jobs.

all indicate if return all id for each processor.

comm a communicator number.

reduced indicate if return should be a reduced representation.

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#### **Details**

n is total number of jobs needed to be divided into all processors (comm.size(comm), i.e. 1:n will be split according to the rank of processor (comm.rank(comm)) and method. Job id will be returned. Currently, three possible methods are provided.

"block" will use return id's which are nearly equal size blocks. For example, 7 jobs in 4 processors will have jid=1 for rank 0, jid=2, 3 for rank 1, jid=4, 5 for rank 2, and jid=6, 7 for rank 3.

"block0" will use return id's which are nearly equal size blocks, in the opposite direction of "block". For example, 7 jobs in 4 processors will have jid=1,2 for rank 0, jid=3,4 for rank 1, jid=5,6 for rank 2, and jid=7 for rank 3.

"cycle" will use return id's which are nearly equal size in cycle. For example, 7 jobs in 4 processors will have jid=1,5 for rank 0, jid=2,6 for rank 1, jid=3,7 for rank 2, and jid=4 for rank 3.

#### Value

get.jid() returns a vector containing job id for each individual processor if all = FALSE. While it returns a list containing all job id for all processor if all = TRUE. The list has length equal to comm.size.

#### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

# References

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# See Also

```
task.pull() and comm.chunk().
```

```
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r

spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))

### Examples.
comm.cat(\">>> block\n\", quiet = TRUE)
jid <- get.jid(7, method = \"block\")
comm.print(jid, all.rank = TRUE)

comm.cat(\">>> cycle\n\", quiet = TRUE)
jid <- get.jid(7, method = \"cycle\")
comm.print(jid, all.rank = TRUE)</pre>
```

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```
comm.cat(\">>> block (all)\n\", quiet = TRUE)
alljid <- get.jid(7, method = \"block\", all = TRUE)
comm.print(alljid)

comm.cat(\">>> cycle (all)\n\", quiet = TRUE)
alljid <- get.jid(7, method = \"cycle\", all = TRUE)
comm.print(alljid)

### Finish.
finalize()
"
pbdMPI::execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)</pre>
```

global all pairs

Global All Pairs

# **Description**

This function provide global all pairs.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

N number of elements for matching, (i, j) for all  $1 \le i, j \le N$ .

diag if matching the same elements, (i, i) for all i.

symmetric if matching upper triangular elements. TRUE for i >= j only, otherwise for all

(i, j).

comm a communicator number.

# **Details**

The function generates all combinations of N elements.

#### Value

The function returns a gbd matrix in row blocks with 2 columns named i and j. The number of rows is dependent on the options diag and symmetric. If diag = TRUE and symmetric = FALSE, then this case has the maximum number of rows,  $N^2$ .

### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

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# See Also

```
comm.dist().
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r

spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))

### Examples.
id.matrix <- comm.allpairs(comm.size() + 1)
comm.print(id.matrix, all.rank = TRUE)

### Finish.
finalize()
"
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)

### End(Not run)</pre>
```

global any and all

Global Any and All Functions

# **Description**

These functions are global any and all applying on distributed data for all ranks.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

x a vector.

na.rm if NA removed or not.
comm a communicator number.

lazy.check if TRUE, then allreduce is used to check all ranks, otherwise, allgather is

used.

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# **Details**

These functions will apply any() and all() locally, and apply allgather() to get all local results from other ranks, then apply any() and all() on all local results.

comm.allcommon() is to check if x is exactly the same across all ranks. This is a vectorized operation on x where the input and output have the same length of vector, while comm.any() and comm.all() return a scaler.

Note that lazy.check = TRUE is faster as number of cores is large, but it may cause some inconsistence in some cases. lazy.check = FALSE is much slower, but it provides more accurate checking.

#### Value

The global check values (TRUE, FALSE, NA) are returned to all ranks.

#### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

#### References

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```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r
spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
### Examples.
if(comm.rank() == 0){
  a \leftarrow c(T, F, NA)
} else{
  a <- T
comm.any(a)
comm.all(a)
comm.any(a, na.rm = TRUE)
comm.all(a, na.rm = TRUE)
comm.allcommon(1:3)
if(comm.rank() == 0){
  a <- 1:3
} else{
  a <- 3:1
}
```

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```
comm.allcommon.integer(a)

### Finish.
finalize()
"
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
## End(Not run)
```

global as.gbd

Global As GBD Function

# **Description**

This function redistributes a regular matrix existed in rank.soure and turns it in a gbd matrix in row blocks.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

X a regular matrix in rank. source and to be redistributed as a gbd.

balance.method a balance method.

rank. source a rank of source where elements of x scatter from.

comm a communicator number.

# **Details**

X matrix in rank. source will be redistributed as a gbd matrix in row blocks.

This function will first set NULL to X if it is not located in rank. source, then called comm.load.balance() to redistributed the one located in rank. source to all other ranks.

# Value

A X. gbd will be returned.

#### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

# References

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# See Also

```
comm.load.balance(), comm.read.table() and comm.write.table().
```

# **Examples**

```
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r

spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))

### Examples.
X <- matrix(1:15, ncol = 3)
X.gbd <- comm.as.gbd(X)
comm.print(X.gbd, all.rank = TRUE)

### Finish.
finalize()
"
pbdMPI::execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)</pre>
```

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Global Balance Functions

# **Description**

These functions are global balance methods for gbd data.frame (or matrix) distributed in row blocks.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

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#### **Details**

A typical use is to balance an input dataset X.gbd from comm.read.table(). Since by default, a two dimension data.frame is distributed in row blocks, but each processor (rank) may not (or closely) have the same number of rows. These functions redistribute the data.frame (and maybe matrix) according to the specified way in bal.info.

Currently, there are three balance methods are supported, block (uniform distributed but favor higher ranks), block@ (as block but favor lower ranks), and block.cyclic (as block cyclic with one big block in one cycle).

#### Value

comm.balance.info() returns a list containing balance information based on the input X.gbd and balance.method.

```
comm.load.balance() returns a new gbd data.frame (or matrix).
```

comm.unload.balance() also returns the new gbd data.frame back to the original X.gbd.

# Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

#### References

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# See Also

```
comm.read.table(), comm.write.table(), and comm.as.gbd().
```

```
### Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r

spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))

### Get two gbd row-block data.frame.
da.block <- iris[get.jid(nrow(iris), method = \"block\"),]
da.block0 <- iris[get.jid(nrow(iris), method = \"block\"),]
### Load balance one and unload it.
bal.info <- comm.balance.info(da.block0)
da.new <- comm.load.balance(da.block0)
da.org <- comm.unload.balance(da.new, bal.info)

### Check if all are equal.
comm.print(c(sum(da.new != da.block), sum(da.org != da.block0)),</pre>
```

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```
all.rank = TRUE)
### Finish.
finalize()
"
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
## End(Not run)
```

global base

Global Base Functions

# **Description**

These functions are global base functions applying on distributed data for all ranks.

# Usage

```
comm.length(x, comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
comm.sum(..., na.rm = TRUE, comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
comm.mean(x, na.rm = TRUE, comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
comm.var(x, na.rm = TRUE, comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
comm.sd(x, na.rm = TRUE, comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
```

# Arguments

```
x a vector.
... as in sum().
na.rm logical, if remove NA and NaN.
comm a communicator number.
```

# **Details**

These functions will apply globally length(), sum(), mean(), var(), and sd().

#### Value

The global values are returned to all ranks.

# Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

# References

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# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r
spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
if(comm.size() != 2){
  comm.cat(\"2 processors are requried.\n\", quiet = TRUE)
  finalize()
}
### Examples.
a <- 1:(comm.rank() + 1)
b <- comm.length(a)</pre>
comm.print(b)
b <- comm.sum(a)
comm.print(b)
b <- comm.mean(a)</pre>
comm.print(b)
b <- comm.var(a)</pre>
comm.print(b)
b <- comm.sd(a)
comm.print(b)
### Finish.
finalize()
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
## End(Not run)
```

global distance function

Global Distance for Distributed Matrices

# **Description**

These functions globally compute distance for all ranks.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

```
X.gbd a gbd matrix.
method as in dist().
diag as in dist().
upper as in dist().
p as in dist().
comm a communicator number.
```

return. type returning type for the distance.

#### **Details**

The distance function is implemented for a distributed matrix.

The return type common is only useful when the number of rows of the matrix is small since the returning matrix is N \* N for every rank where N is the total number of rows of X. gbd of all ranks.

The return type gbd returns a gbd matrix (distributed across all ranks, and the gbd matrix has 3 columns, named "i", "j", and "value", where (i, j) is the global indices of the i-th and j-th rows of X.gbd, and value is the corresponding distance. The (i, j) is ordered as a distance matrix.

#### Value

A full distance matrix is returned from the common return type. Suppose N.gbd is total rows of X.gbd, then the distance will have N.gbd \* (N.gbd - 1) / 2 elements and the distance matrix will have N.gbd^2 elements.

A gbd distance matrix with 3 columns is returned from the gbd return type.

#### Warning

The distance or distance matrix could be huge.

# Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

#### References

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#### See Also

```
comm.allpairs() and comm.pairwise().
```

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# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r
spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
### Examples.
comm.set.seed(123456, diff = TRUE)
X.gbd <- matrix(runif(6), ncol = 3)</pre>
dist.X.common <- comm.dist(X.gbd)</pre>
dist.X.gbd <- comm.dist(X.gbd, return.type = \"gbd\")</pre>
### Verify.
dist.X <- dist(do.call(\"rbind\", allgather(X.gbd)))</pre>
comm.print(all(dist.X == dist.X.common))
### Verify 2.
dist.X.df <- do.call(\"rbind\", allgather(dist.X.gbd))</pre>
comm.print(all(dist.X == dist.X.df[, 3]))
comm.print(dist.X)
comm.print(dist.X.df)
### Finish.
finalize()
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
## End(Not run)
```

global match.arg

Global Argument Matching

#### **Description**

A binding for match.arg() that uses comm.stop() rather so that the error message (if there is one) is managed according to the rules of .pbd\_env\$SPMD.CT.

# Usage

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#### **Arguments**

```
arg, choices, several.ok
see match.arg()
... ignored.

all.rank if all ranks print (default = FALSE).

rank.print rank for printing if not all ranks print (default = 0).

comm communicator for printing (default = 1).

mpi.finalize if MPI should be shutdown.

quit if quit R when errors happen.
```

# Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

# References

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global pairwise Global Pairwise Evaluations

# **Description**

This function provides global pairwise evaluations.

# Usage

```
comm.pairwise(X, pairid.gbd = NULL,
   FUN = function(x, y, ...){ return(as.vector(dist(rbind(x, y), ...))) },
   ..., diag = FALSE, symmetric = TRUE, comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
```

# **Arguments**

x a common matrix across ranks, or a gbd matrix. (See details.)
pairid.gbd a pair-wise id in a gbd format. (See details.)
FUN a function to be evaluated for given pairs.
... extra variables for FUN.
diag if matching the same elements, (i, i) for all i.

symmetric if matching upper triangular elements. TRUE for i >= j only, otherwise for all

(i, j).

comm a communicator number.

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#### **Details**

This function evaluates the objective function FUN(X[i,], X[j,]) (usually distance of two elements) on any given pair (i, j) of a matrix X.

The input X should be in common across all ranks if pairid.gbd is provided, e.g. from comm.pairwise(). i.e. X is exactly the same in every ranks, but pairid.gbd is different and in gbd format indicating the row pair (i, j) should be evaluated. The returning gbd matrix is ordered and indexed by pairid.gbd.

Note that checking consistence of X across all ranks is not implemented within this function since that drops performance and may be not accurate.

The input X should be a gbd format in row major blocks (i.e. X.gbd) if pairid.gbd is NULL. A internal pair indices will be built implicitly for evaluation. The returning gbd matrix is ordered and indexed by X.gbd.

#### Value

This function returns a common matrix with 3 columns named i, j, and value. Each value is the returned value and computed by FUN(X[i,], X[j,]) where (i, j) is the global index as ordered in a distance matrix for i-th row and j-th columns.

#### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

#### References

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#### See Also

```
comm.pairwise(), and comm.dist().
```

```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r

spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))

### Examples.
comm.set.seed(123456, diff = FALSE)
X <- matrix(rnorm(10), ncol = 2)
id.matrix <- comm.allpairs(nrow(X))

### Method original.
dist.org <- dist(X)</pre>
```

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```
### Method 1.
dist.common <- comm.pairwise(X, pairid.gbd = id.matrix)</pre>
### Method 2.
# if(comm.rank() != 0){
\# X <- matrix(0, nrow = 0, ncol = 4)
# }
X.gbd <- comm.as.gbd(X)</pre>
                             ### The other way.
dist.gbd <- comm.pairwise(X.gbd)</pre>
### Verify.
d.org <- as.vector(dist.org)</pre>
d.1 \leftarrow do.call(\"c\", allgather(dist.common[, 3]))
d.2 <- do.call(\"c\", allgather(dist.gbd[, 3]))</pre>
comm.print(all(d.org == d.1))
comm.print(all(d.org == d.2))
### Finish.
finalize()
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
## End(Not run)
```

global print and cat Global Print and Cat Functions

# **Description**

The functions globally print or cat a variable from specified processors, by default messages is shown on screen.

# Usage

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#### **Arguments**

a variable to be printed. Х variables to be cat. if all ranks print (default = FALSE). all.rank rank.print rank for printing if not all ranks print (default = 0). comm communicator for printing (default = 1). quiet FALSE for printing rank number. sep argument as in the cat() function. sep fill fill argument as in the cat() function. labels labels argument as in the cat() function. append labels argument as in the cat() function. flush if flush con. barrier if barrier con. con stdout() is the default to print message.

#### **Details**

**Warning:** These two functions use barrier() to make sure the well printing process on screen, so should be called by all processors to avoid a deadlock. A typical misuse is called inside a condition check, such as if(.comm.rank == 0) comm.cat(...).

rank.print can be a integer vector containing the ranks of processors which print messages.

## Value

A print() or cat() is called for the specified processors and the messages of the input variables is shown on screen by default.

#### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

### References

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```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r

spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))</pre>
```

```
### Example.
comm.print(comm.rank(), rank.print = 1)

### Finish.
finalize()
"
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)

## End(Not run)
```

```
global range, max, and min

Global Range, Max, and Min Functions
```

## **Description**

These functions are global range, max and min applying on distributed data for all ranks.

### Usage

```
comm.range(..., na.rm = FALSE, comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
comm.max(..., na.rm = FALSE, comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
comm.min(..., na.rm = FALSE, comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
```

### **Arguments**

```
... an 'numeric' objects.

na.rm if NA removed or not.

comm a communicator number.
```

# **Details**

These functions will apply range(), max() and min() locally, and apply allgather to get all local results from other ranks, then apply range(), max() and min() on all local results.

# Value

The global values (range, max, or min) are returned to all ranks.

## Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

### References

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### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r
spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
if(comm.size() != 2){
  comm.cat(\"2 processors are requried.\n\", quiet = TRUE)
  finalize()
}
### Examples.
a <- 1:(comm.rank() + 1)
b <- comm.range(a)</pre>
comm.print(b)
b <- comm.max(a)
comm.print(b)
b <- comm.min(a)
comm.print(b)
### Finish.
finalize()
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
## End(Not run)
```

global reading

Global Reading Functions

### **Description**

These functions are global reading from specified file.

## Usage

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#### Arguments

```
file
                 as in read.table().
header
                 as in read.table().
                 as in read.table().
sep
                 as in read.table().
quote
dec
                 as in read.table().
                 as in read.table().
na.strings
colClasses
                 as in read. table().
nrows
                 as in read.table().
skip
                 as in read.table().
check.names
                 as in read.table().
fill
                 as in read. table().
strip.white
                 as in read. table().
blank.lines.skip
                 as in read.table().
comment.char
                 as in read.table().
allowEscapes
                 as in read.table().
flush
                 as in read.table().
fileEncoding
                 as in read.table().
                 as in read.table().
encoding
                 as in read.csv*().
read.method
                 either "gbd" or "common".
balance.method balance method for read.method = "gbd" as nrows = -1 and skip = 0 are set.
                 a communicator number.
comm
```

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#### **Details**

These functions will apply read. table() locally and sequentially from rank 0, 1, 2, ...

By default, rank 0 reads the file only, then scatter to other ranks for small datasets (.pbd\_env\$SPMD.IO\$max.read.size) in read.method = "gbd". (bcast to others in read.method = "common".)

As dataset size increases, the reading is performed from each ranks and read portion of rows in "gbd" format as described in **pbdDEMO** vignettes and used in **pmclust**.

comm.load.balance() is called for "gbd" method as as nrows = -1 and skip = 0 are set. Note that the default method "block" is the better way for performance in general that distributes equally and leaves residuals on higher ranks evenly. "block0" is the other way around. "block.cyclic" is only useful for converting to ddmatrix as in **pbdDMAT**.

### Value

A distributed data.frame is returned.

All factors are disable and read as characters or as what data should be.

#### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

#### References

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## See Also

```
comm.load.balance() and comm.write.table()
```

```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r

spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))

### Check.
if(comm.size() != 2){
   comm.stop(\"2 processors are requried.\")
}

### Manually distributed iris.
da <- iris[get.jid(nrow(iris)),]

### Dump data.
comm.write.table(da, file = \"iris.txt\", quote = FALSE, sep = \"\\t\",</pre>
```

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global Rprof

A Rprof Function for SPMD Routines

## **Description**

A Rprof function for use with parallel codes executed in the batch SPMD style.

# Usage

```
comm.Rprof(filename = "Rprof.out", append = FALSE, interval = 0.02,
    memory.profiling = FALSE, gc.profiling = FALSE,
    line.profiling = FALSE, numfiles = 100L, bufsize = 10000L,
    all.rank = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$Rprof.all.rank,
    rank.Rprof = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$rank.source,
    comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
```

# **Arguments**

```
filename as in Rprof().

append as in Rprof().

interval as in Rprof().

memory.profiling as in Rprof().

gc.profiling as in Rprof().

line.profiling as in Rprof().

numfiles as in Rprof().

bufsize as in Rprof().
```

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```
all.rank if calling Rprof on all ranks (default = FALSE).
```

rank.Rprof rank for calling Rprof if all.rank = FALSE (default = 0).

comm a communicator number.

#### **Details**

```
as in Rprof().
```

### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

#### References

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global sort

Global Quick Sort for Distributed Vectors or Matrices

### **Description**

This function globally sorts distributed data for all ranks.

#### Usage

## Arguments

x a vector.

decreasing logical. Should the sort order be increasing or decreasing?

na.last for controlling the treatment of NAs. If TRUE, missing values in the data are put

last; if FALSE, they are put first; if NA, they are removed.

comm a communicator number.

status a status number.

#### **Details**

The distributed quick sort is implemented for this functions.

## Value

The returns are the same size of x but in global sorting order.

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## Warning

All ranks may not have a NULL x.

### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

#### References

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```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r
spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
.comm.size <- comm.size()</pre>
.comm.rank <- comm.rank()</pre>
### Examples.
comm.set.seed(123456, diff = TRUE)
x \leftarrow c(rnorm(5 + .comm.rank * 2), NA)
\# x \leftarrow sample(1:5, 5 + .comm.rank * 2, replace = TRUE)
comm.end.seed()
if(.comm.rank == 1){}
  x \leftarrow NULL ### Test for NULL or 0 vector
y <- allgather(x)
comm.print(y)
y <- comm.sort(x)</pre>
y <- allgather(y)</pre>
comm.print(y)
### Finish.
finalize()
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
## End(Not run)
```

```
global stop and warning
```

Global Stop and Warning Functions

#### **Description**

These functions are global stop and warning applying on distributed data for all ranks, and are called by experts only. These functions may lead to potential performance degradation and system termination.

## Usage

```
comm.stop(..., call. = TRUE, domain = NULL,
          all.rank = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$print.all.rank,
          rank.print = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$rank.source,
          comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm,
          mpi.finalize = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$mpi.finalize,
          quit = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$quit)
comm.warning(..., call. = TRUE, immediate. = FALSE, domain = NULL,
             all.rank = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$print.all.rank,
             rank.print = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$rank.source,
             comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
comm.warnings(...,
              all.rank = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$print.all.rank,
              rank.print = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$rank.source,
              comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
comm.stopifnot(..., call. = TRUE, domain = NULL,
               all.rank = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$print.all.rank,
               rank.print = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$rank.source,
               comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm,
               mpi.finalize = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$mpi.finalize,
               quit = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$quit)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
variables to be cat.

call. see stop() and warnings().

immediate. see stop() and warnings().

domain see stop() and warnings().

all.rank if all ranks print (default = FALSE).

rank.print rank for printing if not all ranks print (default = 0).

comm communicator for printing (default = 1).
```

```
mpi.finalize if MPI should be shutdown.
quit if quit R when errors happen.
```

### **Details**

These functions will respectively apply stop(), warning(), warnings(), and stopifnot() locally.

### Value

comm.stop() and comm.stopifnot() terminate all ranks, comm.warning() returns messages, and comm.warnings() print the message.

### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

#### References

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```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r
spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
if(comm.size() != 2){
 comm.cat(\"2 processors are requried.\n\", quiet = TRUE)
 finalize()
}
### Examples.
comm.warning(\"test warning.\n\")
comm.warnings()
comm.stop(\"test stop.\n\")
comm.stopifnot(1 == 2)
### Finish.
finalize()
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
## End(Not run)
```

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global timer

A Timing Function for SPMD Routines

# **Description**

A timing function for use with parallel codes executed in the batch SPMD style.

### Usage

```
comm.timer(timed, comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
```

## Arguments

timed expression to be timed.

comm a communicator number.

#### **Details**

Finds the min, mean, and max execution time across all independent processes executing the operation timed.

## Author(s)

Drew Schmidt.

### References

Programming with Big Data in R Website: https://pbdr.org/

```
global which, which.max, and which.min Global\ Which\ Functions
```

## **Description**

These functions are global which, which max and which min applying on distributed data for all ranks.

## Usage

## **Arguments**

X	a 'logical' vector or array as in which(), or an 'numeric' objects in which.max() and which.min().
arr.ind	logical, as in which().
useNames	logical, as in which().
comm	a communicator number.

### **Details**

These functions will apply which(), which.max() and which.min() locally, and apply allgather() to get all local results from other ranks.

#### Value

```
The global values (which(), which.max(), or which.min()) are returned to all ranks. comm.which() returns with two columns, 'rank id' and 'index of TRUE'. comm.which.max() and comm.which.min() return with three values, 'the _smallest_ rank id', 'index of the _first_ maximum or minimum', and 'max/min value of x'.
```

## Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

#### References

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### See Also

```
comm.read.table()
```

```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r

spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))

if(comm.size() != 2){
    comm.cat(\"2 processors are requried.\n\", quiet = TRUE)
    finalize()
}

### Examples.
a <- 1:(comm.rank() + 1)</pre>
```

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```
b <- comm.which(a == 2)
comm.print(b)
b <- comm.which.max(a)
comm.print(b)
b <- comm.which.min(a)
comm.print(b)

### Finish.
finalize()
"
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

global writing

**Global Writing Functions** 

# **Description**

These functions are global writing applying on distributed data for all ranks.

### Usage

## Arguments

```
as in write() or write.table().
Х
file
                 as in write() or write.table().
                 as in write*().
ncolumns
append
                 as in write*().
sep
                 as in write*().
                 as in write*().
quote
eol
                 as in write*().
                 as in write*().
na
                 as in write*().
dec
```

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```
row.names as in write*().

col.names as in write*().

qmethod as in write*().

fileEncoding as in write*().

... as in write*().

comm a communicator number.
```

### **Details**

These functions will apply write\*() locally and sequentially from rank 0, 1, 2, ... By default, rank 0 makes the file, and rest of ranks append the data.

### Value

A file will be returned.

### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

### References

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## See Also

```
comm.load.balance() and comm.read.table()
```

```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r

spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
if(comm.size() != 2){
    comm.cat(\"2 processors are requried.\n\", quiet = TRUE)
    finalize()
}

### Examples.
comm.write((1:5) + comm.rank(), file = \"test.txt\")

### Finish.
finalize()</pre>
```

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```
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
## End(Not run)
```

info

Info Functions

## **Description**

The functions call MPI info functions.

## Usage

```
info.create(info = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$info)
info.set(info = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$info, key, value)
info.free(info = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$info)
info.c2f(info = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$info)
```

# **Arguments**

info a info number.

key a character string to be set.

value a character string to be set associate with key.

## **Details**

These functions are for internal functions. Potentially, they set information for initialization of manager and workers.

## Value

An invisible state of MPI call is returned.

### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

## References

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### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r
spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
.comm.size <- comm.size()</pre>
.comm.rank <- comm.rank()</pre>
### Examples.
info.create(0L)
info.set(0L, \"file\", \"appschema\")
info.free(0L)
### Finish.
finalize()
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
## End(Not run)
```

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A Rank Receives (Nonblocking) an Object from the Other Rank

# **Description**

This method lets a rank receive (nonblocking) an object from the other rank in the same communicator. The default return is the object sent from the other rank.

# Usage

```
irecv(x.buffer = NULL, rank.source = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$rank.source,
    tag = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$tag, comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm,
    request = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$request,
    status = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$status)
```

## **Arguments**

x.buffer a buffer to store x sent from the other rank.

rank.source a source rank where x sent from

tag a tag number.

comm a communicator number.

request a request number. status a status number.

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### **Details**

A corresponding send()/isend() should be evoked at the corresponding rank rank.source.

**Warning:** irecv() is not safe for R since R is not a thread safe package that a dynamic returning object requires certain blocking or barrier at some where. Current, the default method is equivalent to the default method of recv().

#### Value

An object is returned by default.

#### Methods

```
For calling spmd.irecv.*():
signature(x = "ANY")
signature(x = "integer")
signature(x = "numeric")
signature(x = "raw")
```

#### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

### References

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#### See Also

```
recv(), send(), isend().
```

```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r

spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
.comm.size <- comm.size()
.comm.rank <- comm.rank()

### Examples.
N <- 5
x <- (1:N) + N * .comm.rank
if(.comm.rank == 0){
    y <- send(matrix(x, nrow = 1))
} else if(.comm.rank == 1){</pre>
```

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```
y <- irecv()
}
comm.print(y, rank.print = 1)
### Finish.
finalize()
"
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

is.comm.null

Check if a MPI\_COMM\_NULL

# Description

The functions check MPI\_COMM\_NULL.

# Usage

```
is.comm.null(comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm)
```

## **Arguments**

comm

a comm number.

#### **Details**

These functions are for internal uses.

### Value

TRUE if input comm is MPI\_COMM\_NULL, otherwise FALSE.

# Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

## References

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### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r

spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
.comm.size <- comm.size()
.comm.rank <- comm.rank()

### Examples.
is.comm.null(0L)
is.comm.null(1L)

### Finish.
finalize()
"
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

isend-method

A Rank Send (Nonblocking) an Object to the Other Rank

### **Description**

This method lets a rank send (nonblocking) a object to the other rank in the same communicator. The default return is NULL.

### Usage

```
isend(x, rank.dest = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$rank.dest,
    tag = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$tag,
    comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm,
    request = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$request,
    check.type = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$check.type)
```

# Arguments

x an object to be sent from a rank.

rank.dest a rank of destination where x send to.

tag a tag number.

comm a communicator number.

request a request number.

check.type if checking data type first for handshaking.

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### **Details**

A corresponding recv() or irecv() should be evoked at the corresponding rank rank.dest. See details of send() for the arugments check.type.

### Value

A NULL is returned by default.

#### Methods

```
For calling spmd.isend.*():

signature(x = "ANY")

signature(x = "integer")

signature(x = "numeric")

signature(x = "raw")
```

### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

#### References

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#### See Also

```
send(), recv(), irecv().
```

```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r
spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
.comm.size <- comm.size()</pre>
.comm.rank <- comm.rank()</pre>
### Examples.
N <- 5
x \leftarrow (1:N) + N * .comm.rank
if(.comm.rank == 0){
  y \leftarrow isend(matrix(x, nrow = 1))
} else if(.comm.rank == 1){
  y <- recv()
}
```

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```
comm.print(y, rank.print = 1)
### Finish.
finalize()
"
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
## End(Not run)
```

MPI array pointers

Set or Get MPI Array Pointers in R

# **Description**

The function set/get a point address in R where the point point to a structure containing MPI arrays.

# Usage

```
arrange.mpi.apts()
```

#### **Details**

Since Rmpi/pbdMPI pre-allocate memory to store comm, status, datatype, info, request, this function provides a variable in R to let different APIs share the same memory address.

If the package loads first, then this sets '.\_\_MPI\_APTS\_\_' in the .GlobalEnv of R. If the package does not load before other MPI APIs, then this gives a structure pointer to external memory according to '.\_\_MPI\_APTS\_\_', i.e. allocated by other MPI APIs.

pbdMPI/R/arrange.mpi.apts provides the R code, and  $pbdMPI/src/pkg_*.*$  provides the details of this call.

#### Value

```
".__MPI_APTS__" is set in .GlobalEnv of R.
```

### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

#### References

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```
## Not run:
### See source code for the details.
## End(Not run)
```

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Functions for Get/Print MPI\_COMM Pointer (Address)

## **Description**

These functions are designed to get or print MPI\_COMM pointer and its address when the SPMD code in R be a foreign application of other applications.

## Usage

```
get.mpi.comm.ptr(comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm, show.msg = FALSE)
addr.mpi.comm.ptr(comm.ptr)
```

#### **Arguments**

comm.ptr a communicator number.
a communicator pointer.

show.msg if showing message for debug only.

#### **Details**

get.mpi.comm.ptr() returns an R external pointer that points to the address of the comm. addr.mpi.comm.ptr() takes the R external points, and prints the address of the comm. This function is mainly for debugging.

## Value

```
get.mpi.comm.ptr() returns an R external pointer.
addr.mpi.comm.ptr() prints the comm pointer address and the address of MPI_COMM_WORLD.
```

### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

### References

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```
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 22processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r

spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))</pre>
```

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```
ptr1 <- get.mpi.comm.ptr(1, show.msg = TRUE)
addr.mpi.comm.ptr(ptr1)

comm.split(color = as.integer(comm.rank()/2), key = comm.rank())

ptr1.new <- get.mpi.comm.ptr(1, show.msg = TRUE)
addr.mpi.comm.ptr(ptr1.new)

### Finish.
finalize()
"
pbdMPI::execmpi(spmd.code = spmd.code, nranks = 2L)</pre>
```

probe

Probe Functions

# Description

The functions call MPI probe functions.

## Usage

## **Arguments**

rank. source a source rank where an object sent from.

tag a tag number.

comm a communicator number.

status a status number.

## **Details**

These functions are for internal functions. Potentially, they set/get probe for receiving data.

#### Value

An invisible state of MPI call is returned.

#### Author(s)

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#### References

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### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
### See source code of spmd.recv.default() for an example.
## End(Not run)
```

recv-method

A Rank Receives (Blocking) an Object from the Other Rank

# Description

This method lets a rank receive (blocking) an object from the other rank in the same communicator. The default return is the object sent from the other rank.

### Usage

```
recv(x.buffer = NULL, rank.source = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$rank.source,
    tag = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$tag, comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm,
    status = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$status,
    check.type = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$check.type)
```

## **Arguments**

x.buffer a buffer to store x sent from the other rank.

rank. source a source rank where x sent from

tag a tag number.

comm a communicator number.

status a status number.

check.type if checking data type first for handshaking.

#### **Details**

A corresponding send() should be evoked at the corresponding rank rank.source.

These are high level S4 methods. By default, check.type is TRUE and an additional send()/recv() will make a handshaking call first, then deliver the data next. i.e. an integer vector of length two (type and length) will be deliver first between send() and recv() to ensure a buffer (of right type and right size/length) is properly allocated at the rank.dest side.

Currently, four data types are considered: integer, double, raw/byte, and default/raw.object. The default method will make a serialize() call first to convert the general R object into a raw vector before sending it away. After the raw vector is received at the rank.dest side, the vector will be unserialize() back to the R object format.

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check.type set as FALSE will stop the additional handhsaking call, but the buffer should be prepared carefully by the user self. This is typically for the advanced users and more specifically calls are needed. i.e. calling those spmd.send.integer with spmd.recv.integer correspondingly.

check.type also needs to be set as FALSE for more efficient calls such as isend()/recv() or send()/irecv(). Currently, no check types are implemented in those mixed calls.

#### Value

An object is returned by default and the buffer will be overwritten implicitely.

#### Methods

```
For calling spmd.recv.*():

signature(x = "ANY")

signature(x = "integer")

signature(x = "numeric")

signature(x = "raw")
```

#### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

### References

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#### See Also

```
irecv(), send(), isend().
```

```
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r

spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
.comm.size <- comm.size()
.comm.rank <- comm.rank()

### Examples.
N <- 5
x <- (1:N) + N * .comm.rank
if(.comm.rank == 0){
    y <- send(matrix(x, nrow = 1))
} else if(.comm.rank == 1){
    y <- recv()</pre>
```

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```
}
comm.print(y, rank.print = 1)
### Finish.
finalize()
"
pbdMPI::execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
```

reduce-method

A Rank Receive a Reduction of Objects from Every Rank

## **Description**

This method lets a rank receive a reduction of objects from every rank in the same communicator based on a given operation. The default return is an object as the input.

# Usage

#### **Arguments**

x an object to be gathered from all ranks.

x. buffer a buffer to hold the return object which probably has x with the same type of x.

op a reduction operation applied on combine all x. rank.dest a rank of destination where all x reduce to.

comm a communicator number.

#### **Details**

By default, the object is reduced to .pbd\_envSPMD.CTrank.source, i.e.  $rank\ OL$ .

All x on all ranks are likely presumed to have the same size and type.

x.buffer can be NULL or unspecified. If specified, the type should be either integer or double specified correctly according to the type of x.

See methods{"reduce"} for S4 dispatch cases and the source code for further details.

## Value

The reduced object of the same type as x is returned by default.

#### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

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#### See Also

```
allgather(), gather(), reduce().
```

### **Examples**

```
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r
spmd.code <- "
### Initial.
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
init()
.comm.size <- comm.size()</pre>
.comm.rank <- comm.rank()</pre>
### Examples.
N <- 5
x \leftarrow (1:N) + N * .comm.rank
y \leftarrow reduce(matrix(x, nrow = 1), op = \"sum\")
comm.print(y)
y <- reduce(x, double(N), op = \"prod\")</pre>
comm.print(y)
x <- as.logical(round(runif(N)))</pre>
y \leftarrow reduce(x, logical(N), op = \"land\")
comm.print(y)
### Finish.
finalize()
pbdMPI::execmpi(spmd.code = spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
```

scatter-method

A Rank Scatter Objects to Every Rank

# Description

This method lets a rank scatter objects to every rank in the same communicator. The default input is a list of length equal to 'comm size' and the default return is an element of the list.

### Usage

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# **Arguments**

X	an object of length 'comm size' to be scattered to all ranks.
x.buffer	a buffer to hold the return object which probably has 'size of element of $x$ ' with the same type of the element of $x$ .
x.count	a vector of length 'comm size' containing all object lengths.
displs	c(0L, cumsum(x.count)) by default.
rank.source	a rank of source where elements of x scatter from.
comm	a communicator number.

### **Details**

All elements of x are likely presumed to have the same size and type.

x.buffer, x.count, and displs can be NULL or unspecified. If specified, the type should be one of integer, double, or raw specified correctly according to the type of x.

If x.count is specified, then the spmd.scatterv.\*() is called.

#### Value

An element of x is returned according to the rank id.

#### Methods

```
For calling spmd.scatter.*():

signature(x = "ANY", x.buffer = "missing", x.count = "missing")

signature(x = "integer", x.buffer = "integer", x.count = "missing")

signature(x = "numeric", x.buffer = "numeric", x.count = "missing")

signature(x = "raw", x.buffer = "raw", x.count = "missing")

For calling spmd.scatterv.*():

signature(x = "ANY", x.buffer = "missing", x.count = "integer")

signature(x = "ANY", x.buffer = "ANY", x.count = "integer")

signature(x = "integer", x.buffer = "integer", x.count = "integer")

signature(x = "numeric", x.buffer = "numeric", x.count = "integer")

signature(x = "raw", x.buffer = "raw", x.count = "integer")
```

### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

### References

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### See Also

```
bcast().
```

### **Examples**

```
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r
spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
.comm.size <- comm.size()</pre>
.comm.rank <- comm.rank()</pre>
### Examples.
N <- 5
x <- split(1:(N * .comm.size), rep(1:.comm.size, N))</pre>
y <- scatter(lapply(x, matrix, nrow = 1))</pre>
comm.print(y)
y <- scatter(x, double(N))</pre>
comm.print(y)
### Finish.
finalize()
pbdMPI::execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
```

seed for RNG

Parallel random number generation with reproducible results

### **Description**

These functions control the parallel-capable L'Ecuyer-CMRG pseudo-random number generator (RNG) on clusters and in multicore parallel applications for reproducible results. Reproducibility is possible across different node and core configurations by associating the RNG streams with an application vector.

## Usage

```
comm.set.seed(
  seed = NULL,
  diff = TRUE,
  state = NULL,
  streams = NULL,
  comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm
)
comm.set.stream(
  name = NULL,
```

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```
reset = FALSE,
state = NULL,
comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm
)
comm.get.streams(
  comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm,
  seed = FALSE
)
```

### **Arguments**

seed	In comm.set.seed, a single value interpreted as an integer. In comm.get.streams, a logical if TRUE, return includes the current local .Random.seed.
diff	Logical indicating if the parallel instances should have different random streams.
state	In function comm.set.seed: This parameter is deprecated. In function comm.set.stream: If non-NULLit restarts a stream from a previously saved state <- comm.set.stream(). A stream state is a list with one named element, which is the 6-element L'Ecuyer-CMRG .Random.seed, probably captured earlier with state <- comm.set.stream()). The stream name, if different from a provided parameter name, has precedence, but a warning is produced. Further, the requesting rank must own the stream.
streams	An vector of sequential integers specifying the streams to be prepared on the current rank. Typically, this is used by 'comm.chunk()' to prepare correct streams for each rank, which are aligned with the vector being chunk-ed.
name	Stream number that is coercible to character, indicating to start or continue generating from that stream.
reset	If true, reset the requested stream back to its beginning.

#### Details

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This implementation uses the function nextRNGStream in package parallel to set up streams appropriate for working on a cluster system with MPI. The main difference from parallel is that it adds a reproducibility capability with vector-based streams that works across different numbers of nodes or cores by associating streams with an application vector.

The communicator that determines MPI rank numbers.

Vector-based streams are best set up with the higher level function comm.chunk instead of using comm.set.stream directly. comm.chunk will set up only the streams that each rank needs and provides the stream numbers necessary to switch between them with comm.set.stream.

The function uses parallel's nextRNGStream() and sets up the parallel stream seeds in the .pbd\_env\$RNG environment, which are then managed with comm.set.stream. There is only one communication broadcast in this implementation that ensures all ranks have the same seed as rank 0. Subsequently, each rank maintains only its own streams.

When rank-based streams are set up, comm.chunk with form = "number" and rng = TRUE parameters, streams are different for each rank and switching is not needed. Vector-based streams are obtained with form = "vector" and rng = TRUE parameters. In this latter case, the vector returned to each rank contains the stream numbers (and vector components) that the rank owns. Switch with

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comm. set.stream(v), where v is one of the stream numbers. Switching back and forth is allowed, with each stream continuing where it left off.

## RNG Notes R sessions connected by MPI begin like other R sessions as discussed in Random. On first use of random number generation, each rank computes its own seed from a combination of clock time and process id (unless it reads a previously saved workspace, which is not recommended). Because of asynchronous execution, imperfectly synchronized node clocks, and likely different process ids, this almost guarantees unique seeds and most likely results in independent streams. However, this is not reproducible and not guaranteed. Both reproducibility and guarantee are brought by the use of the L'Ecuyer-CMRG generator implementation in nextRNGStream and the use of comm.set.seed and comm.set.stream adaptation for parallel computing on cluster systems.

At a high level, the L'Ecuyer-CMRG pseudo-random number generator can take jumps (advance the seed) in its stream (about 2^191 long) so that distant substreams can be assigned. The nextRNGStream implementation takes jumps of 2^127 (about 1.7e38) to provide up to 2^64 (about 1.8e19) independent streams. See https://stat.ethz.ch/R-manual/R-devel/library/parallel/doc/parallel.pdf for more details.

In situations that require the same stream on all ranks, a simple set.seed from base R and the default RNG will suffice. comm.set.seed will also accomplish this with the diff = FALSE parameter if switching between same and different streams is needed.

#### Value

comm.set.seed engages the L'Ecuyer-CMRG RNG and invisibly returns the previous RNG in use (Output of RNGkind()[1]). Capturing it, enables the restoration of the previous RNG with RNGkind. See examples of use in demo/seed\_rank.r and demo/seed\_vec.r.

comm. set. stream invisibly returns the current stream number as character.

comm.get.streams returns the current stream name and other stream names available to the rank as a character string. Optionally, the local .Random.seed is included. This function is a debugging aid for distributed random streams.

All three functions manage and use the environment .pbd\_env\$RNG.

## Author(s)

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#### References

Pierre L'Ecuyer, Simard, R., Chen, E.J., and Kelton, W.D. (2002) An Object-Oriented Random-Number Package with Many Long Streams and Substreams. Operations Research, 50(6), 1073-1075.

https://www.iro.umontreal.ca/~lecuyer/myftp/papers/streams00.pdf Programming with Big Data in R Website: https://pbdr.org/

### See Also

comm.chunk()

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## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r
spmd.code <- "
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
comm.print(RNGkind())
comm.print(runif(5), all.rank = TRUE)
set.seed(1357)
comm.print(runif(5), all.rank = TRUE)
old.kind = comm.set.seed(1357)
comm.print(RNGkind())
comm.print(runif(5), all.rank = TRUE)
comm.set.stream(reset = TRUE)
comm.print(runif(5), all.rank = TRUE)
comm.set.seed(1357, diff = TRUE)
comm.print(runif(5), all.rank = TRUE)
state <- comm.set.stream() ### save each rank's stream state</pre>
comm.print(runif(5), all.rank = TRUE)
comm.set.stream(state = state) ### set current RNG to state
comm.print(runif(5), all.rank = TRUE)
RNGkind(old.kind)
set.seed(1357)
comm.print(RNGkind())
comm.print(runif(5), all.rank = TRUE)
### Finish.
finalize()
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
## End(Not run)
```

send-method

A Rank Send (blocking) an Object to the Other Rank

## **Description**

This method lets a rank send (blocking) an object to the other rank in the same communicator. The default return is NULL.

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## Usage

```
send(x, rank.dest = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$rank.dest,
    tag = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$tag,
    comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm,
    check.type = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$check.type)
```

### **Arguments**

x an object to be sent from a rank.

rank.dest a rank of destination where x send to.

tag a tag number.

comm a communicator number.

check.type if checking data type first for handshaking.

#### **Details**

A corresponding recv() should be evoked at the corresponding rank rank.dest.

These are high level S4 methods. By default, check.type is TRUE and an additional send()/recv() will make a handshaking call first, then deliver the data next. i.e. an integer vector of length two (type and length) will be deliver first between send() and recv() to ensure a buffer (of right type and right size/length) is properly allocated at the rank.dest side.

Currently, four data types are considered: integer, double, raw/byte, and default/raw.object. The default method will make a serialize() call first to convert the general R object into a raw vector before sending it away. After the raw vector is received at the rank.dest side, the vector will be unserialize() back to the R object format.

check.type set as FALSE will stop the additional handhsaking call, but the buffer should be prepared carefully by the user self. This is typically for the advanced users and more specifically calls are needed. i.e. calling those spmd.send.integer with spmd.recv.integer correspondingly.

check.type also needs to be set as FALSE for more efficient calls such as isend()/recv() or send()/irecv(). Currently, no check types are implemented in those mixed calls.

### Value

A NULL is returned by default.

### Methods

```
For calling spmd.send.*():

signature(x = "ANY")

signature(x = "integer")

signature(x = "numeric")

signature(x = "raw")
```

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### Author(s)

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#### References

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## See Also

```
isend(), recv(), irecv().
```

## **Examples**

```
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r
spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
.comm.size <- comm.size()</pre>
.comm.rank <- comm.rank()</pre>
### Examples.
N <- 5
x \leftarrow (1:N) + N * .comm.rank
if(.comm.rank == 0){
  y \leftarrow send(matrix(x, nrow = 1))
} else if(.comm.rank == 1){
  y <- recv()
comm.print(y, rank.print = 1)
### Finish.
finalize()
pbdMPI::execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
```

sendrecv-method

Send and Receive an Object to and from Other Ranks

## **Description**

This method lets a rank send an object to the other rank and receive an object from another rank in the same communicator. The default return is x.

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## Usage

### **Arguments**

an object to be sent from a rank. Х x.buffer a buffer to store x sent from the other rank. a rank of destination where x send to. rank.dest send.tag a send tag number. rank.source a source rank where x sent from. a receive tag number. recv.tag a communicator number. comm status a status number.

## Details

A corresponding sendrecv() should be evoked at the corresponding ranks rank.dest and rank.source. rank.dest and rank.source can be as.integer(NULL) to create a silent sendrecv operation which is more efficient than setting rank.dest and rank.source to be equal.

#### Value

A x is returned by default.

#### Methods

```
For calling spmd.sendrecv.*():

signature(x = "ANY", x.buffer = "ANY")

signature(x = "integer", x.buffer = "integer")

signature(x = "numeric", x.buffer = "numeric")

signature(x = "raw", x.buffer = "raw")
```

#### Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

### References

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#### See Also

```
sendrecv.replace().
```

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r
spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
.comm.size <- comm.size()</pre>
.comm.rank <- comm.rank()</pre>
### Examples.
N <- 5
x \leftarrow (1:N) + N * .comm.size
y <- sendrecv(matrix(x, nrow = 1))</pre>
comm.print(y, rank.print = 1)
### Finish.
finalize()
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
## End(Not run)
```

sendrecv.replace-method

Send and Receive an Object to and from Other Ranks

### **Description**

This method lets a rank send an object to the other rank and receive an object from another rank in the same communicator. The default return is x.

## Usage

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```
recv.tag = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$tag,
comm = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$comm, status = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$status)
```

# Arguments

```
x an object to be sent from a rank.
rank.dest a rank of destination where x send to.
send.tag a send tag number.
rank.source a source rank where x sent from.
recv.tag a receive tag number.
comm a communicator number.
```

status a status number.

#### **Details**

A corresponding sendrecv.replace() should be evoked at the corresponding ranks rank.dest and rank.source.

rank.dest and rank.source can be as.integer(NULL) to create a silent sendrecy operation which is more efficient than setting rank.dest and rank.source to be equal.

**Warning:** sendrecv.replace() is not safe for R since R is not a thread safe package that a dynamic returning object requires certain blocking or barrier at some where. The replaced object or memory address 'MUST' return correctly. This is almost equivalent to sendrecv().

## Value

A x is returned by default.

#### Methods

```
For calling spmd.sendrecv.replace.*():
signature(x = "ANY")
signature(x = "integer")
signature(x = "numeric")
signature(x = "raw")
```

# Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

#### References

```
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```

# See Also

```
sendrecv().
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r
spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
.comm.size <- comm.size()</pre>
.comm.rank <- comm.rank()</pre>
### Examples.
N <- 5
x \leftarrow (1:N) + N * .comm.size
x <- sendrecv.replace(matrix(x, nrow = 1))</pre>
comm.print(x, rank.print = 1)
### Finish.
finalize()
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
## End(Not run)
```

Set global pbd options

Set Global pbdR Options

# **Description**

This is an advanced function to set pbdR options.

#### Usage

```
pbd_opt(..., bytext = "", envir = .GlobalEnv)
```

# Arguments

in argument format option = value to set .pbd\_env\$option <- value inside
the envir.

bytext in text format "option = value" to set .pbd\_env\$option <- value inside the
envir.

by default the global environment is used.</pre>

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## **Details**

... allows multiple options in envir\$.pbd\_env, but only in a simple way.

bytext allows to assign options by text in envir\$.pbd\_env, but can assign advanced objects. For example, "option\$suboption <- value" will set envir\$.pbd\_env\$option\$suboption <- value.

# Value

No value is returned.

## Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com> and Drew Schmidt.

#### References

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## See Also

```
.pbd_env, SPMD.CT(), SPMD.OP(), SPMD.IO(), SPMD.TP(), and .mpiopt_init().
```

```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 4 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 4 Rscript demo.r
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
### Examples.
ls(.pbd_env)
pbd_opt(ICTXT = c(2, 2))
pbd_opt(bytext = "grid.new <- list(); grid.new$ICTXT <- c(4, 4)")</pre>
pbd_opt(BLDIM = c(16, 16), bytext = "grid.new$BLDIM = c(8, 8)")
ls(.pbd_env)
.pbd_env$ICTXT
.pbd_env$BLDIM
.pbd_env$grid.new
### Finish.
finalize()
## End(Not run)
```

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Functions to Obtain source and tag

# **Description**

The functions extract MPI\_ANY\_SOURCE, MPI\_ANY\_TAG, MPI\_status.source and MPI\_status.tag.

## Usage

```
anysource()
anytag()
get.sourcetag(status = .pbd_env$SPMD.CT$status)
```

## **Arguments**

status

a status number.

#### **Details**

These functions are for internal uses.

## Value

Corresponding status will be returned.

## Author(s)

Wei-Chen Chen <wccsnow@gmail.com>, George Ostrouchov, Drew Schmidt, Pragneshkumar Patel, and Hao Yu.

# References

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```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r

spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
.comm.size <- comm.size()
.comm.rank <- comm.rank()
if(.comm.size < 2)
    comm.stop(\"At least two processors are requried.\")
### Examples.</pre>
```

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Default control in pbdMPI.

# **Description**

These variables provide default values for most functions in the package.

# **Format**

The environment .pbd\_env contains several objects with parameters for communicators and methods.

#### **Details**

The elements of .pbd\_env\$SPMD.CT are default values for various controls

Elements	Default	Meaning
comm	0L	communicator index
intercomm	2L	inter communicator index
info	0L	info index
newcomm	1L	new communicator index
ор	"sum"	the operation
port.name	"spmdport"	the operation
print.all.rank	FALSE	whether all ranks print message
print.quiet	<b>FALSE</b>	whether rank is added to print/cat
rank.root	0L	the rank of root
rank.source	0L	the rank of source
rank.dest	1L	the rank of destination

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request	0L	the request index
serv.name	"spmdserv"	the service name
status	0L	the status index
tag	0L	the tag number
unlist	FALSE	whether to unlist a return
divide.method	"block"	default method for jid
mpi.finalize	TRUE	shutdown MPI on finalize()
quit	TRUE	quit when errors occur
msg.flush	TRUE	flush each comm.cat/comm.print
msg.barrier	TRUE	include barrier in comm.cat/comm.print
Rprof.all.rank	FALSE	call Rprof on all ranks
lazy.check	TRUE	use lazy check on all ranks

The elements of .pbd\_env\$SPMD.OP list the implemented operations for reduce() and allreduce(). Currently, implemented operations are "sum", "prod", "max", "min", "land", "band", "lor", "bor", "lxor", "bxor".

The elements of .SPMD.IO are default values for functions in comm\_read.r and comm\_balance.r.

Elements	Default	Meaning
max.read.size	5.2e6	max of reading size (5 MB)
max.test.lines	500	max of testing lines
read.method	"gbd"	default reading method
balance.method	"block"	default load balance method

where balance.method is only used for "gbd" reading method when nrows = -1 and skip = 0 are set.

The elements of .pbd\_env\$SPMD.TP are default values for task pull settings

Elements	Default	Meaning
bcast	<b>FALSE</b>	whether to bcast() objects to all ranks
barrier	TRUE	if call barrier() for all ranks
try	TRUE	if use try() in works
try.silent	<b>FALSE</b>	if silent the try() message
See task.pull() for details.		

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SPMD Control Functions
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Sets of controls in pbdMPI.

## **Description**

These sets of controls are used to provide default values in this package. The values are not supposed to be changed in general.

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## See Also

.pbd\_env.

Task Pull

Functions for Task Pull Parallelism

# **Description**

These functions are designed for SPMD but assume that rank 0 is a manager and the rest are workers.

## Usage

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# Arguments

jids all job ids (a vector of positive integers).

FUN a function to be evaluated by workers.

... extra parameters for FUN.

rank.manager rank of the manager from where jid is sent.

comm a communicator number.
bcast if bcast to all ranks.
barrier if barrier for all ranks.

try wheter to use try() to avoid crashes. CAUTION: try = FALSE is not safe and

can crash all MPI/R jobs.

try.silent turn off error messages from try().

#### **Details**

All of these functions are designed to emulate a manager/workers paradigm in an SPMD environment. If your chunk workloads are known and similar, consider a direct SPMD solution.

FUN is a user defined function which has jid as its first argument and other variables are given in ....

The manager will be queried by workers whenever a worker finishes a job to see if more jobs are available.

#### Value

A list with length comm.size() - 1 will be returned to the manager and NULL to the workers. Each element of the list contains the returns ret of their FUN results.

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# See Also

```
get.jid().
```

```
## Not run:
### Under command mode, run the demo with 2 processors by
### (Use Rscript.exe for windows system)
# mpiexec -np 2 Rscript -e "demo(task_pull,'pbdMPI',ask=F,echo=F)"
### Or
# execmpi("demo(task_pull,'pbdMPI',ask=F,echo=F)", nranks = 2L)
```

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```
## End(Not run)
```

## **Description**

This function basically saves code in a spmd.file and executes MPI via R's system call e.g. system("mpiexec -np 1 Rscript spmd.file").

# Usage

```
execmpi(spmd.code = NULL, spmd.file = NULL,
    mpicmd = NULL, nranks = 1L, rscmd = NULL, verbose = TRUE,
    disable.current.mpi = TRUE, mpiopt = NULL, rsopt = NULL)
runmpi(spmd.code = NULL, spmd.file = NULL,
    mpicmd = NULL, nranks = 1L, rscmd = NULL, verbose = TRUE,
    disable.current.mpi = TRUE, mpiopt = NULL, rsopt = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

spmd.code	SPMD code to be run via mpicmd and Rscript.
spmd.file	a file contains SPMD code to be run via mpicmd and Rscript.
mpicmd	MPI executable command. If NULL, system default will be searched.
nranks	number of processes to run the SPMD code envoked by mpicmd.
rscmd	Rscript executable command. If NULL, system default will be searched.
verbose	print SPMD code outputs and MPI messages.
disable.curren	t.mpi
	force to finalize the current MPI comm if any, for unix-alike system only.
mpiopt	MPI options appended after -np nranksoversubscribe .
rsopt	Rscript options appended after Rscript.

# **Details**

When the spmd.code is NULL: The code should be already saved in the file named spmd.file for using.

When the spmd.code is not NULL: The spmd.code will be dumped to a temp file (spmd.file) via the call writeLines(spmd.code, conn) where conn <- file(spmd.file, open = "wt"). The file will be closed after the dumping.

When spmd.file is ready (either dumped from spmd.code or provided by the user), the steps below will be followed: If spmd.file = NULL, then a temporary file will be generated and used to dump spmd.code.

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For Unix-alike systems, the command cmd <- paste(mpicmd, "-np", nranks, mpiopt, rscmd, rscmd spmd.file, ">", log.file, " 2>&1 & echo \"PID=\$!\" &") is executed via system(cmd, intern = TRUE, wait = FALSE, ignore.stdout = TRUE, ignore.stderr = TRUE). The log.file is a temporary file to save the outputs from the spmd.code. The results saved to the log.file will be read back in and cat and return to R.

For OPENMPI, the "-oversubscribe" is added before mpiopt as mpiopt <- paste("--oversubscribe", mpiopt, sep = "") and is passed to cmd thereon.

For Windows, the cmd will be paste(mpicmd, "-np", nranks, mpiopt, rscmd, rsopt spmd.file) and is executed via system(cmd, intern = TRUE, wait = FALSE, ignore.stdout = TRUE, ignore.stderr = TRUE).

#### Value

Basically, only the PID of the MPI job (in background) will be returned in Linux-alike systems. For Windows, the MPI job is always wait until it is complete.

#### Note

For Unix-alike systems, in new R and MPI, the pbdMPI::execmpi(...) may carry the current MPI comm into system(cmd, ...) calls. Because the comm has been established/loaded by the init() call because of ::, the mpiexec inside the system(cmd, ...) calls will be confused with the exist comm.

Consider that pbdMPI::execmpi(...) is typically called in interactive mode (or actually only done for CRAN check in most case), an argument disable.current.mpi = TRUE is added/needed to finalize the existing comm first before system(cmd, ...) be executed.

This function is NOT recommended for running SPMD programs. The recommended way is to run under shell command.

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#### References

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# See Also

```
pbdCS::pbdRscript().
```

```
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r

spmd.file <- tempfile()
cat("
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
allreduce(2)</pre>
```

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```
finalize()
", file = spmd.file)
pbdMPI::execmpi(spmd.file = spmd.file, nranks = 2L)
```

wait

Wait Functions

# Description

The functions call MPI wait functions.

# Usage

# Arguments

request a request number.
status a status number.
count a count number.

# **Details**

These functions are for internal uses. Potentially, they wait after some nonblocking MPI calls.

# Value

An invisible state of MPI call is returned.

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# References

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```
## Not run:
### Save code in a file "demo.r" and run with 2 processors by
### SHELL> mpiexec -np 2 Rscript demo.r
spmd.code <- "
### Initialize
suppressMessages(library(pbdMPI, quietly = TRUE))
.comm.size <- comm.size()</pre>
.comm.rank <- comm.rank()</pre>
### Examples.
N <- 5
x \leftarrow (1:N) + N * .comm.rank
if(.comm.rank == 0){
 isend(list(x))
if(.comm.rank == 1){
  y <- irecv(list(x))</pre>
wait()
comm.print(y, rank.print = 1L)
### Finish.
finalize()
# execmpi(spmd.code, nranks = 2L)
## End(Not run)
```

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