A Quick Guide for the **pbdPROF** Package (Ver. 0.2-0)

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Part I

Installation

This document is written to explain the main functions of **pbdPROF** (Chen *et al.*, 2013), version 0.2-0. Every effort will be made to ensure future versions are consistent with these instructions, but features in later versions may not be explained in this document.

Information about the functionality of this package, and any changes in future versions can be found on website: "Programming with Big Data in R" at http://r-pbd.org/.

1 Introduction

The goal of **pbdPROF** is to utilize external MPI profiling libraries to profile parallel R code and understand hidden MPI communications between processors. The number of communications, sizes of messages, times, and types of functions calls all affect program performance, and so having these measurements can greatly aid in debugging and algorithm design.

An MPI profiling libraries is able to hijack calls to MPI functions and then capture the profiling information (such as that described above), all without disturbing the execution of the original program.

The current main features of **pbdPROF** include:

- 1. the support of several profiling libraries
- 2. provide linking information to pbdR (Ostrouchov et al., 2012) and other MPI-using R packages
- 3. output profiling information associated with MPI calls
- 4. parse and summarize profiling information

1.1 Supported MPI Profilers

As of version 0.2-0 of **pbdPROF**, the officially supported MPI profilers are

- **fpmpi** (Gropp, 2000), and
- mpiP (Vetter and McCracken, 2001)

with plans to eventually support additional profilers, including TAU (Shende and Malony, 2006).

1.2 Choice of Profiler

The **pbdPROF** package currently uses the **fpmpi** library by default. More explicitly, a source copy of **fpmpi** is located at pbdPROF/src/fpmpi of the **pbdPROF** source. Although we bundle **pbdPROF** with **fpmpi**, it is not the best MPI profiler (though it may be sufficient for your needs). The results from other libraries, such as **mpiP**, are much more thorough and may lead to much deeper insights. Additionally, **fpmpi** does not handle profiler output file naming nearly as well as the others (see Section 3). However, **fpmpi** is the easiest to install.

If fpmpi is used, a static library will be built and placed in pbdPROF/lib/libfpmpi.a of the pbdPROF install directory. However, external profiling libraries such as mpiP, TAU, or even fpmpi can be also linked with pbdPROF by passing a suitable --configure-args argument during an installation via R CMD INSTALL. We will explain this procedure in depth in Section 2.3 using an external fpmpi and mpiP as an example, TAU will be added in next release.

While it is possible to link with other profiling libraries, at the time of writing (for version 0.2-0), we only support **fpmpi** and **mpiP**. We anticipate full of **TAU** for the next version of this package.

2 Installation

In this section, we will describe the various ways that one can build **pbdPROF** and link it with MPI-using R packages. For installation troubleshooting, see Appendix A.

2.1 System Requirements

The **pbdPROF** package requires an MPI installation, such as OpenMPI or MPICH2. Additionally, the package is basically useless without some kind of MPI-using R package, such as **pbdMPI** (Chen *et al.*, 2012a) or **Rmpi** (Yu, 2002). For information regarding how to install MPI or **pbdMPI**, please see the **pbdMPI** vignette (Chen *et al.*, 2012b) or the pbdR website http://r-pbd.org/install.

2.2 The Big Picture

Before pressing on, let us stop to take a moment and understand the "big picture" here. The following sections will contain *more than sufficient* detail, to the point where it would be easy to lose sight of the proverbial forest for the trees.

For the remainder of this document, we will be providing information for two fairly distinct groups of people: R-level MPI package developers, and C/Fortran-level MPI package developers. If you are in the former category, then the use of this package is a bit simpler for you. All you need to do is get **pbdPROF** installed and reinstall your MPI-using package of choice (**pbdMPI**, **Rmpi**, etc. ...). Each package that directly uses MPI (packages produced by developers in the latter category) will have to explicitly support **pbdPROF** (or the reader will have to get his/her hands dirty in another developer's makefiles — an unpleasant business). It is worth nothing here that there are instructions in this document for how a developer of the second kind could explicitly add **pbdPROF** support to his/her package.

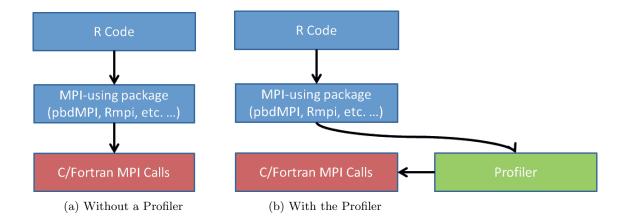
So why the need to reinstall things? It boils down to how the profilers actually work. Under normal circumstances, a user writes some R code from an MPI-using package (e.g., allreduce(x) from pbdMPI, mpi.allreduce(x, type=2) from Rmpi, etc. ...).

This then makes a call to some C or Fortran code which directly interfaces with MPI. You can see this pictures in Figure 1a. When you use a profiler, you instead hijack the calls to MPI from the C/Fortran code so that some metadata can be stored about MPI usage.

This process is represented in Figure 1b. Hopefully it should be clear what, and when, something should be reinstalled. For the sake of completion, we summarize the possibilities below:

To enable MPI profiling:

1. install **pbdPROF**



- 2. reinstall an MPI-using package and link it with **pbdPROF**
- 3. write and execute your MPI-using R code as normal
- 4. use the **pbdPROF** utilities **read.prof()**, **plot()**, etc. for interpreting profiling results

To disable MPI profiling:

 reinstall any MPI-using package that was linked it with pbdPROF, and this time do not link with pbdPROF

2.3 Installing pbdPROF with fpmpi

We can install **pbdPROF** using the internal **fpmpi** library via

Shell Command

```
R CMD INSTALL pbdPROF_0.1-0.tar.gz
```

By default, this compiles pbdPROF/src/fpmpi/* of the pbdPROF source, generates a static library libfpmpi.a, and installs the library to pbdPROF/lib/ of the pbdPROF install. No shared library is generated or needed, so the directory pbdPROF/libs/ is empty, i.e., there is no need to build pbdPROF.so. The linking argument is saved in Makeconf and installed to pbdPROF/etc/ for later use by other packages, such as pbdMPI or Rmpi.

However, if we choose, we can link with an external fpmpi library, via

Shell Command

```
R CMD INSTALL pbdPROF_0.1-0.tar.gz \
--configure-args="--with-fpmpi='/path_to_fpmpi/lib/libfpmpi.a'"
```

or

Shell Command

```
R CMD INSTALL pbdPROF_0.1-0.tar.gz \
--configure-args="--with-fpmpi='-L/path_to_fpmpi/lib -lfpmpi'"
```

Or the conventional method in R console

Shell Command

Or

Shell Command

Since fpmpi only builds a static library libfpmpi.a, there is no difference between these two installations of pbdPROF. This only provides the linking arguments, either /path_to_fpmpi/lib/libfpmpi.a or -L/path_to_fpmpi/lib -lfpmpi, which is saved in Makeconf and installed to pbdPROF/etc/ for later use by other packages, such as pbdMPI or Rmpi.

2.3.1 Linking pbdMPI with pbdPROF

Reinstall **pbdMPI** via

Shell Command

```
R CMD INSTALL pbdMPI_1.0-0.tar.gz --configure-args="--enable-pbdPROF"
```

Package developers who are directly interfacing with MPI functions (via C or Fortran) should note that pbdMPI/R/get_conf.r and pbdMPI/R/get_lib.r are utilized in pbdMPI/configure.ac (used to generate pbdMPI/configure) to determine an appropriate linking flag PROF_LDFLAGS based on preset flags in pbdPROF/etc/Makeconf.

If the internal library is used in **pbdPROF**, then the path to **pbdPROF**/lib/libfpmpi.a is set in the flag PKG_LIBS of **pbdMPI/src/Makevars.in**. If the external library is used in **pbdPROF**, then the linking arguments either <code>/path_to_fpmpi/lib/libfpmpi.a</code> or <code>-L/path_to_fpmpi/lib</code> <code>-lfpmpi</code> is set in the flag PKG_LIBS of <code>pbdMPI/src/Makevars.in</code>. Therefore, the **pbdMPI** can be intercepted by the **fpmpi** library when MPI function calls are evoked.

No mater which library is used, internal or external, the PROF_LDFLAGS in pbdMPI/etc/Makefile provides the linking information to the profiling library. It is also used in PKG_LIBS, which will be exported to other pbdR packages at installation via the flag SPMD_LDFLAGS. Therefore there is no need for additional flags in R CMD INSTALL when reinstalling packages for profiling.

2.3.2 Linking pbdBASE with pbdPROF

For further profiling, such as pbdBASE (Schmidt et al., 2012), one may reinstall the package, via

Shell Command

```
R CMD INSTALL pbdBASE_0.2-2.tar.gz
```

There is no need to provide any flag since **pbdMPI/etc/Makefile** has the information and installation of **pbdBASE** already considers it. Note that since both packages (**pbdMPI** and **pbdBASE**) have MPI-using C/Fortran functions involved, it is necessary to link with **pbdPROF** in order to profile communications evoked by the package.

2.3.3 Linking Rmpi with pbdPROF

Reinstall **Rmpi** via

Shell Command

```
wget https://github.com/snoweye/Rmpi_PROF/archive/master.zip
unzip master.zip
mv Rmpi_PROF-master Rmpi
find ./Rmpi -type f -perm 777 -print -exec chmod 644 {} \;
find ./Rmpi -type d -perm 777 -print -exec chmod 755 {} \;
chmod 755 ./Rmpi/configure
chmod 755 ./Rmpi/cleanup
chmod 755 ./Rmpi/inst/*.sh
R CMD build --no-resave-data Rmpi
R CMD INSTALL Rmpi_0.6-6.tar.gz --configure-args="--enable-pbdPROF"
```

Note that 0.6-6 is not an official release of **Rmpi**. It is a modified version of 0.6-3 and it is currently available at https://github.com/snoweye/Rmpi_PROF. The authors of **Rmpi** have plans to eventually incorporate these changes, but this can be used as a temporary measure.

2.4 Installing pbdPROF with mpiP

We have to install **mpiP** externally from its source code to use it in **pbdPROF**. We can install **pbdPROF** using the external **mpiP** library via

Shell Command

```
R CMD INSTALL pbdPROF_0.2-0.tar.gz
--configure-args="--with-mpiP='/path/to/your/mpiP/lib/libmpiP.a' "
```

Or

Shell Command

```
R CMD INSTALL pbdPROF_0.2-0.tar.gz
--configure-args="--with-mpiP='-L/path/to/your/mpiP/lib lmpiP' "
```

Or the conventional method in R console

Shell Command

```
install.packages("pbdPROF",
    configure.args=c("--with-mpiP=/path/to/your/mpiP/lib/libmpiP.a"))
```

Or

Shell Command

pbdPROF/libs/ is empty, i.e., there is no need to build pbdPROF.so. The linking argument is saved in Makeconf and installed to pbdPROF/etc/ for later use by other packages, such as pbdMPI or Rmpi. Since mpiP has external dependency libfpmpi.a on libunwind so while installing mpiP you are suggested to use the below command while configuring mpiP. This only provides the linking arguments, either

```
./configure --disable-libunwind CPPFLAGS="-fPIC -I/usr/lib/openmpi/include" LDFLAGS="-L/usr/lib/openmpi/lib -lmpi"
```

since one has changed the linking so need to reinstall packages depend on CodepbdPROF

2.4.1 Linking pbdMPI with pbdPROF

Reinstall **pbdMPI** via

Shell Command

```
R CMD INSTALL pbdMPI_1.0-0.tar.gz --configure-args="--enable-pbdPROF"
```

Package developers who are directly interfacing with MPI functions (via C or Fortran) should note that pbdMPI/R/get_conf.r and pbdMPI/R/get_lib.r are utilized in pbdMPI/configure.ac (used to generate pbdMPI/configure) to determine an appropriate linking flag PROF_LDFLAGS based on preset flags in pbdPROF/etc/Makeconf.

If your pbdMPI is correctly installed with all correct linking you will have the screenshot just similar to below output during installation of **pbdMPI** or else you might get error

No mater which library is used, internal or external, the PROF_LDFLAGS in pbdMPI/etc/Makefile provides the linking information to the profiling library. It is also used in PKG_LIBS, which will be exported to other pbdR packages at installation via the flag SPMD_LDFLAGS. Therefore there is no need for additional flags in R CMD INSTALL when reinstalling packages for profiling.

2.4.2 Linking pbdBASE with pbdPROF

For further profiling, such as pbdBASE (Schmidt et al., 2012), one may reinstall the package, via

Shell Command

```
R CMD INSTALL pbdBASE_0.2-2.tar.gz
```

There is no need to provide any flag since **pbdMPI/etc/Makefile** has the information and installation of **pbdBASE** already considers it. Note that since both packages (**pbdMPI** and **pbdBASE**) have MPI-using

C/Fortran functions involved, it is necessary to link with **pbdPROF** in order to profile communications evoked by the package.

2.4.3 Linking Rmpi with pbdPROF

Reinstall Rmpi via

Shell Command

```
wget https://github.com/snoweye/Rmpi_PROF/archive/master.zip
unzip master.zip
mv Rmpi_PROF-master Rmpi
find ./Rmpi -type f -perm 777 -print -exec chmod 644 {} \;
find ./Rmpi -type d -perm 777 -print -exec chmod 755 {} \;
chmod 755 ./Rmpi/configure
chmod 755 ./Rmpi/cleanup
chmod 755 ./Rmpi/inst/*.sh
R CMD build --no-resave-data Rmpi
R CMD INSTALL Rmpi_0.6-4.tar.gz --configure-args="--enable-pbdPROF"
```

Note that 0.6-4 is not an official release of **Rmpi**. It is a modified version of 0.6-3 and it is currently available at https://github.com/snoweye/Rmpi_PROF. The authors of **Rmpi** have plans to eventually incorporate these changes, but this can be used as a temporary measure.

3 Testing pbdPROF Installation

Here, we provide two simple R scripts, one for **pbdMPI** and one for **Rmpi**, to test the installation and profiling capabilities of **pbdPROF**. Assuming all went well, then a profiler output file will be produced (in the directory where you executed the above command). The name of the file depends on how **pbdPROF** was built:

- fpmpi: the profiler output file will always be called fpmpi_profile.txt.
- mpiP: the profiler output file will be named according to the scheme R.ncores.PID.1.mpiP, where ncores is the actual number of cores used, and PID is the job PID that was used.

Here again, **mpiP** has several advantages over **fpmpi**. For one, **fpmpi** will always overwrite old profiler output in the same directory. Additionally, **fpmpi** profiler outputs give no context to the calling command, whereas **mpiP** gives the calling command (and whence, which R script was used to generate the profiler output) on the second line of the profiler output.

If you followed the instructions found in Section 2, but no profiler output is produced, then please see the troubleshooting guide, Appendix A.

For the remainder, we will be using **fpmpi** in examples.

3.1 Test with pbdMPI

Below we provide sample scripts to test that the installation of **pbdPROF** was successful. For **pbdMPI**, use:

Test script for pbdMPI

```
### Save this in a file: prof_pbdMPI.r
library(pbdMPI, quiet = TRUE)
init()

set.seed(comm.rank())
x <- allreduce(rnorm(100), op = "sum")

finalize()</pre>
```

and run this code by

```
R Script
```

```
mpiexec -np 2 Rscript prof_pbdMPI.r
```

The **fpmpi** profiling output from the file **fpmpi_profile.txt** may contain:

```
Details for each MPI routine
                Average of sums over all processes
                                              % by message length
                             (max over
                                              processes [rank])
                                                       K
                                                                М
MPI_Allreduce:
       Calls
                                      2 [
                                           0] 05000000500000000000000000
       Time
                    3.61e-05
                                3.72e-05 [
                                           0] 07000000300000000000000000
                :
       Data Sent :
                    804
                                    804 [
                                           0]
                                           0] 0*000000.0000000000000000
       SyncTime
               :
                    0.00149
                                0.00287 [
       By bin
                : 1-4 [1,1]
                             [
                               2.5e-05, 2.72e-05] [ 4.1e-05,
                                                             1.1e-05,
                : 513-1024
                             [1,1]
                                          1e-05,
                                                   1e-05] [
                                  [
                   7.61e-05]
```

In this R script, one MPI C function MPI_Allreduce is called twice and 804 bytes are sent that a hundred of double precision (8 bytes) for 100 normal random variables, and one integer (4 bytes) for checking data type to call the corresponding S4 method.

3.2 Test with Rmpi

For **Rmpi**, use:

Test script for pbdMPI

```
### Save this in a file: prof_Rmpi.r
library(Rmpi, quiet = TRUE)
mpi.comm.dup(0, 1)

set.seed(mpi.comm.rank())
x <- mpi.allreduce(rnorm(100), type = 2, op = "sum")

mpi.quit()</pre>
```

and run this code by

```
R Script
```

```
mpiexec -np 2 Rscript prof_Rmpi.r
```

The **fpmpi** profiling output from the file **fpmpi_profile.txt** may contain:

```
Details for each MPI routine
                 Average of sums over all processes
                                                % by message length
                              (max over
                                                0....1...1....1.
                                                          K
                                                                  Μ
                               processes [rank])
MPI_Allreduce:
                                             0] 000000000*00000000000000000
       Calls
                                        1 Γ
                                             1] 000000000*000000000000000000
                                 4.41e-05 [
       Time
                    4.01e-05
       Data Sent :
                         800
                                      800 [
                                             01
       SyncTime
                     0.00103
                                  0.00204 [
                                             :
                                    [
                                         3.6e-05, 4.41e-05] [ 2.79e-05,
       By bin
                 : 513-1024
                              [1,1]
.00204]
MPI_Comm_dup:
       Calls
                           1
       Time
                     5.81e-05
       SyncTime
                     0.000211
```

Two MPI C functions MPI_Allreduce and MPI_Comm_dup are called one time for each.

Part II

Profiling

In this part, we will profile some much more substantive examples. This assumes that **pbdPROF** has been correctly configured and installed. Make sure you can produce profiler outputs as described in Section 3 before proceeding. If not, please see Appendix A.

4 Profiling with fpmpi

4.1 Demo of pbdMPI

The allreduce.r script is originally in pbdMPI/demo/ and can be profiled by

```
R Script

[mpiexec -np 2 Rscript -e "demo(allreduce,'pbdMPI',ask=F,echo=F)"]
```

which will provide an output file fpmpi_profile.txt. Part of output is listed in the next as

```
Processes:
Execute time:
                1.176
Timing Stats: [seconds] [min/max]
                                         [min rank/max rank]
wall-clock: 1.176 sec 1.171488 / 1.180277
                                               0 / 1
user: 0.378 sec 0.360000 / 0.396000
                                        0 / 1
sys: 0.07 sec 0.040000 / 0.100000
                                        1 / 0
Average of sums over all processes
Routine
                        Calls
                                    Time Msg Length
                                                        %Time by message length
```

```
0...................................
MPI_Allreduce
                           0.000118
                                       \mathtt{MPI}_{-}\mathtt{Barrier}
                      21
                           0.0054
Details for each MPI routine
Average of sums over all processes
% by message length
(max over
             0......1....1....1....
processes [rank])
                      K
MPI_Allreduce:
       :
Calls
Time
Data Sent : 188 188 [
SyncTime : 0.000312 0.000453 [
                           188 [ 0]
                                 0] 07.002000000000000000000000
By bin : 1-4 [5,5] [ 7.01e-05, 7.01e-05] [ 0.000117, 0.000343]
: 5-8 [1,1] [ 7.87e-06, 9.06e-06] [ 9.06e-06, 9.06e-06]
: 33-64
          [4,4] [ 3.91e-05, 4.03e-05] [ 4.51e-05,
MPI_Barrier:
Calls :
                21
Time
             0.0054
```

Two MPI C functions MPI_Allreduce and MPI_Barrier are evoked inside this R code. The MPI_Allreduce is called 10 times, span 0.000118 seconds, and 188 bytes are sent. The MPI_Barrier is called 21 times and span 0.0054 seconds.

4.2 Demo of pbdDMAT

The svd.r is originally in pbdDMA/demo/ (Schmidt et al., 2012) and can be profiled by

```
R Script
```

```
mpiexec -np 2 Rscript -e "demo(svd,'pbdDMAT',ask=F,echo=F)"
```

which will provide an output file fpmpi_profile.txt. Part of output is listed in the next as

```
Processes: 2
Execute time: 1.774
Timing Stats: [seconds] [min/max] [min rank/max rank]
wall-clock: 1.774 sec 1.766181 / 1.781962 1 / 0
user: 0.962 sec 0.956000 / 0.968000 1 / 0
sys: 0.046 sec 0.044000 / 0.048000
                                   0 / 1
Average of sums over all processes
                               Time Msg Length %Time by message length
Routine
                    Calls
0........1.....1.....
      M
            :
                                          72 0640000000000000000000000000
MPI_Allreduce
                      12
                           0.000108
MPI_Barrier
                        8
                            0.000784
Details for each MPI routine
Average of sums over all processes
% by message length
               (max over
processes [rank])
                        K
MPI_Allreduce:
```

```
Calls
                         12 [
                              Time
          0.000108
                    0.000113 [
                              0] 064000000000000000000000000
Data Sent :
              72
                         72 [
                              0]
SyncTime
       : 0.000143
                     By bin
       : 1-4 [6,6] [ 5.44e-05, 6.91e-05] [ 6.91e-05, 8.89e-05]
: 5-8
      [6,6]
          [ 4.36e-05, 4.79e-05] [ 5.72e-05, 7.08e-05]
MPI_Barrier:
Calls
Time
          0.000784
```

Two MPI C functions MPI_Allreduce and MPI_Barrier are evoked inside this R code. The MPI_Allreduce is called 12 times, span 0.000108 seconds, and 72 bytes are sent. The MPI_Barrier is called 8 times and span 0.000784 seconds.

4.3 Demo of Rmpi

The masterSlavePI.r is originally in Rmpi/demo/ and can be profiled by

```
R Script

mpiexec -np 4 Rscript -e "demo(masterslavePI,'Rmpi',ask=F,echo=F)"
```

which will provide an output file fpmpi_profile.txt. Part of output is listed in the next as

```
Processes:
             1
Execute time:
             0.05362
Timing Stats: [seconds] [min/max]
                                  [min rank/max rank]
wall-clock: 0.05362 sec 0.053622 / 0.053622
                                        0 / 0
user: 0.236 sec 0.236000 / 0.236000
                                 0 / 0
sys: 0.052 sec 0.052000 / 0.052000
                                  0 / 0
Average of sums over all processes
                              Time Msg Length
                                              %Time by message length
Routine
                    Calls
М
MPI_Reduce
                           6.51e-05
                                          Details for each MPI routine
Average of sums over all processes
\% by message length
(max over
               0...................................
processes [rank])
                        K
MPI_Reduce:
                                  Calls
                            1 [
           6.51e-05
                      6.51e-05 [
                                  Data Sent :
                            8 [
                                  01
        : 5-8 [1,1]
                    [ 6.51e-05, 6.51e-05]
By bin
```

One MPI C function MPI_Reduce is evoked inside this R code. The MPI_Reduce is called only 1 time, span 6.51e - 05 seconds, and 8 bytes are sent. Note that there is only one processor (master in comm=0) profiled by **fpmpi**, and the other three processors (slaves in comm=1) are not.

5 Profiling with mpiP

5.1 Demo of pbdMPI

The allreduce.r is originally in **pbMPI/demo** and can be profiled by

R Script

```
mpiexec -np 2 Rscript -e "demo(allreduce,'pbdMPI',ask=F,echo=F)"
```

which will produce an output file allreduce.r.mpiP part of file is listed below

```
@ Collector Rank : 0
                   : 24033
@ Collector PID
@ Final Output Dir
@ MPI Task Assignment
______
@--- MPI Time (seconds) ------
______
Task AppTime MPITime MPI%

    0.153
    0.00207
    1.35

    0.155
    0.0284
    18.35

    0.308
    0.0305
    9.90

1
@--- Callsites: 6 ------
______
ID Lev File/Address Line Parent_Funct

1     0 0x7f335d1108c3 [unknown]

2     0 0x7f335d110acb [unknown]

3     0 0x7f335d1107f3 [unknown]

4     0 0x7f2ded6f68c3 [unknown]
                                         MPI_Call
                                       Allreduce
                                       Barrier
                                       Allreduce
                                       Allreduce
                  [unknown]
[unknown]
5 0 0x7f2ded6f6acb
6 0 0x7f2ded6f67f3
______
@--- Aggregate Time (top twenty, descending, milliseconds) ------
______
                   Time App% MPI%
28.1 9.13 92.21
1.63 0.53 5.36
0.322 0.10 1.06
0.217 0.07 0.71
                                      0.00
0.00
Call
              Site
               5
Barrier
Barrier
                2
Allreduce
                3
                                       0.00
               6
                                       0.00
Allreduce
                1 0.117 0.04 0.38 0.00
4 0.083 0.03 0.27 0.00
Allreduce
Allreduce
______
@--- Aggregate Sent Message Size (top twenty, descending, bytes) ------
______
                     Count Total Avrg Sent%
                     4 160
4 160
6 28
6 28
                                      40 42.55
40 42.55
Allreduce
                1
                 4
Allreduce
                             28 4.67 7.45
28 4.67 7.45
Allreduce
                 3
Allreduce
                 6
```

The above statistics shows various criteria for the program run. The "MPI Time" shows running time per process while executing the allreduce.r. There are four columns:

- Task which is the rank of the processor,
- AppTime which is the application level runtime having values 0.153 and 0.155 seconds for the first (0) and second (1) ranks, respectively,
- MPITime which is the MPI level runtime of code having values 0.00207 seconds for the first rank and 0.0284 seconds for the second rank, and
- MPI% which is the percentage of MPITime in AppTime having values 1.35% and 18.35% for rank 0 processor and rank 1, respectively.

The * shows the sums of total ranks in respective columns.

The "Callsites" division shows 6 MPI calls in these two processors are evoked. One Barrier and two types of Allreduce (one for integer and one for double) for each processor. The general allreduce() function in **pbdMPI** is a S4 method which checks data type first (matrix, array, integer, or double) using MPI_Allreduce, then bases on the data type to evoke the corresponding S3 function using the other call to MPI_Allreduce. The Barrier is mainly evoked from comm.cat() and comm.print() in **pbdMPI**.

Furthermore, the **mpiP** library provides deeper analyses of each MPI Calls like "Aggregate Time" and "Aggregate Sent Message Size". In "Aggregate Time" division, the Call column shows information of MPI calls, Barrier called twice and Allreduce called four times. Note that for longer runs, only top twenty records are reported. The Barrier calls at the site 5 (ID 5 in the "Callsites" division) ran for 28.1 milliseconds of which 9.13% is application level aggregate time percentage and 92.21% is MPI level aggregate time percentage. Similarly, in "Aggregate Sent Message Size" division, per bytes information of each MPI call is elaborated. For example, for Allreduce at the site 1 has the count value of 4 while total message size is 160 bytes, on average 40 bytes are there. Also, the sent percentage is 42.55% for Allreduce at the site 1.

5.2 Demo of pbdDMAT

The svd.r is originally in pbdDMA/demo/ (Schmidt et al., 2012) and can be profiled by

```
R Script
```

```
mpiexec -np 2 Rscript -e "demo(svd,'pbdDMAT',ask=F,echo=F)"
```

which will provide an output file svd.r.mpiP. Part of output is listed in the next as

```
@ Collector Rank
                         : 0
@ Collector PID
                         : 25363
@ Final Output Dir
@ Report generation
                         : Single collector task
@ MPI Task Assignment
                         : 0
@ MPI Task Assignment
                          : 1
  -- MPI Time (seconds) -------
Task
      AppTime
              MPITime
                          MPI%
              0.000527
0
      0.768
                          0.07
1
      0.784
               0.00195
                          0.25
       1.55
               0.00248
                          0.16
```

The above statistics shows various criteria the code has been profiled for the program svd.r. The interpretation is similar to that of allreduce.r above. However, these MPI_Allreduce functions are mainly called by functions of ScaLAPACK (Blackford et al., 1997) via pbdBASE (Schmidt et al., 2012) and pbdSLAP (Chen et al., 2012c).

5.3 Demo of Rmpi

The masterSlavePI.r is originally in Rmpi/demo/ and can be profiled by

```
R Script
```

```
mpiexec -np 4 Rscript -e "demo(masterslavePI,'Rmpi',ask=F,echo=F)"
```

which will provide an output file masterSlavePI.r.mpiP. Part of output is listed in the next as

```
@ Collector Rank
                   : 0
                    : 25839
@ Collector PID
@ Final Output Dir
@ Report generation
                    : Single collector task
@ MPI Task Assignment
                    : 0
@--- MPI Time (seconds) ------
Task AppTime MPITime
                    MPI%
0
   0.0303 0.00125
                    4.12
    0.0303 0.00125
                    4.12
```

ID Lev File/Add			Line Parent		MPI_Call				
1 0 0x7f8cdbc			[unknov			Comm_free			
2 0 0x7f8cdbc			[unknot			Intercomm_merge			
3 0 0x7f8cdbc			[unknov			Reduce			
4 0 0x7f8cdbc			[unknot	wn] 		Comm_:	ree 		
@ Aggregate	Time (to	op tw	enty, desc	ending,	millisecon	ds)			
Call	S	ite	Time	App%	MPI%	COV			
Intercomm_merge)	2	1.06	3.52		0.00			
Reduce		3	0.102	0.34	8.19	0.00			
Comm_free		4	0.053	0.18	4.25	0.00			
Comm_free		1	0.026	0.09	2.09	0.00			
@ Aggregate	Sent Me	ssage	Size (top	twenty		g, byte	es)		
Call	S:	 ite	Count	 То		vrg Se	 ent%		
Reduce		3	1	8		8 100.00			
@ Callsite 7	Time sta	 tisti	cs (all, m	 illisec	onds): 4				
 Name		 Rank	Count	 Max	Mean	Min	 App%	MPI%	
Comm free	1			0.026	0.026	0.026	11.	2.09	
Comm_free	1	*	_	0.026	0.026	0.026	0.09	2.09	
	-		-	0.020	0.020	0.020		2.00	
Comm_free	4	0	1	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.18	4.25	
Comm_free	4	*	1	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.18	4.25	
Intercomm_merge	e 2	0	1	1.06	1.06	1.06	3.52	85.47	
Intercomm_merge		*	1	1.06	1.06	1.06	3.52	85.47	
Reduce	3	0	1	0.102	0.102	0.102	0.34	8.19	
Reduce	3	*	1	0.102	0.102	0.102		8.19	
@ Callsite N	lessage	Sent 	statistics	(all,	sent bytes)				
Name	Site	Rank	Count	Ma	x Mean	L	Min	Sum	
Reduce	3	0	1		8 8	3	8	8	
neduce	O	•	-				-		

The above statistics shows various criteria the code has been profiled for the program masterSlavePI.r. Three main MPI calls are used in this program: MPI_Intercomm_merge, MPI_Reduce and MPI_Comm_free since Rmpi uses the master/workers framework.

6 Visualizing Profiler Outputs

Several useful plotting methods have been provided in the **pbdPROF** package for visualizing fpmpi and mpiP profiler outputs.

In addition, the data is stored in a fairly simple format, so it should be simple enough to create your own plots if these do not suffice.

6.1 Visualizing fpmpi Profiler Output

An example parsed fpmpi dataset is included in the **pbdPROF** package, called **fpmpi_example**. It contains the profiler output of the fpmpi library example **prof_test**, located in the example subtree of the library source. The example was run with 4 processors, and the parsed profiler output is as follows:

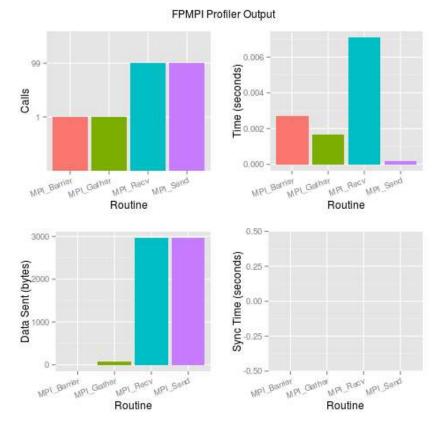
```
An fpmpi profiler object:
$Routine
[1] "MPI_Allreduce" "MPI_Recv" "MPI_Send" "MPI_Barrier"

$Calls
[1] 1 1 1 2

$Time
[1] 8.46e-06 4.05e-06 1.91e-06 1.75e-05

$Data.Sent
[1] 40 40 40 0

$SyncTime
[1] 3.46e-06 0.00e+00 0.00e+00 0.00e+00
```



fpmpi Plots

The package includes some default plots which can easily be produced, either by plot() or autoplot() calls. Figure 1 shows the plots which can be produced from the following script.

```
1 > library(pbdPROF)
2 > x <- fpmpi_example
3 > plot(x)
```

6.2 Visualizing mpiP Profiler Output

An example parsed mpiP dataset is included in the **pbdPROF** package, called **mpip_example**. It contains the profiler output of the mpiP library example 11-p2p-mess-size.exe, located in the testing subtree of the library source. The example was run with 4 processors, and the parsed profiler output is as follows:

```
An mpip profiler object:
[[1]]
  Task AppTime MPITime MPI.
1
     0 0.0192 0.00753 39.28
        0.0195 0.00740 37.98
2
        0.0194 0.00765 39.35
3
4
        0.0194 0.00368 18.95
5
        0.0775 0.02630 33.88
[[2]]
   ID Lev File.Address Line_Parent_Funct
                                                   MPI_Call
        0
                 4225651
                                   [unknown]
                                                        Recv
2
                 4226678
                                   [unknown]
    2
         0
                                                        Recv
3
    3
        0
                 4225914
                                   [unknown]
                                                        Recv
4
    4
        0
                 4226382
                                   [unknown]
                                                        Recv
5
    5
        0
                 4226540
                                   [unknown]
                                                     Barrier
6
    6
        0
                 4226080
                                   [unknown]
                                                       Irecv
7
    7
        0
                 4225924
                                   [unknown]
                                                     Barrier
8
    8
                 4226816
                                   [unknown]
                                                        Recv
9
    9
        0
                 4226530
                                   [unknown]
                                                       Irecv
10 10
                 4225661
        0
                                   [unknown]
                                                     Barrier
11 11
                 4226236
        0
                                   [unknown]
                                                        Recv
12 12
                 4226090
        0
                                   [unknown]
                                                     Barrier
13 13
        0
                 4225988
                                   [unknown]
                                                     Barrier
14 14
         0
                 4225807
                                   [unknown]
                                                      Ibsend
15
  15
                 4225526
                                   [unknown] Buffer_attach
         0
16 16
        0
                 4225762
                                   [unknown] Buffer_attach
17 17
        0
                 4226631
                                   [unknown]
                                                        Send
                 4226446
18 18
         0
                                   [unknown]
                                                     Barrier
19 19
        0
                 4226335
                                   [unknown]
                                                      Issend
20 20
         0
                 4225836
                                   [unknown]
                                                        Wait
21 21
                 4226033
                                   [unknown]
                                                      Irsend
22 22
        0
                 4226769
                                   [unknown]
                                                       Ssend
23 23
                 4225563
                                   [unknown]
                                                       Bsend
        0
24 24
                 4225817
                                   [unknown]
                                                     Barrier
        0
25 25
                                                       Rsend
                 4226483
                                   [unknown]
        0
26 26
        0
                 4226189
                                   [unknown]
                                                       Isend
27
   27
        0
                 4225855
                                   [unknown] Buffer_detach
28 28
                 4225592
                                   [unknown]
         0
                                              Buffer_detach
29 29
                 4225573
                                   [unknown]
                                                     Barrier
[[3]]
             Call Site
                         Time App.
                                      MPI.
                                             COV
```

```
1
        Barrier 10 6.930 8.94 26.37 1.41
2
        Barrier 24 6.420 8.28 24.45 0.85
3
        Barrier 7 5.140 6.63 19.56 1.41
           Recv 1 2.440 3.15 9.29 0.97
 Buffer_attach 15 2.250 2.91 8.59 0.99
5
                29 1.730 2.23 6.57 1.37
6
       Barrier
        Barrier 12 0.205 0.26 0.78 0.12
7
                18 0.191 0.25 0.73 0.01
8
        Barrier
                 2 0.128 0.17 0.49 0.29
3 0.114 0.15 0.43 1.14
9
         Recv
10
          Recv
11
          Wait
                 20 0.090 0.12 0.34 0.00
12
         Bsend 23 0.084 0.11 0.32 0.71
13
        Barrier 5 0.071 0.09 0.27 1.25
         Recv 11 0.065 0.08 0.25 0.72
14
          Ssend 22 0.062 0.08 0.24 0.64
15
16 Buffer_detach 28 0.054 0.07 0.21 0.84
17
         Rsend 25 0.053 0.07 0.20 0.45
18
         Irecv
                 6 0.047 0.06 0.18 0.75
                14 0.038 0.05 0.14 0.22
19
         Ibsend
                 8 0.033 0.04 0.13 0.04
          Recv
20
[[4]]
  Call Site Count Total Avrg Sent.
1 Ssend 22
             2 32800 16400 22.22
2 Send
        17
                2 28700 14300 19.44
3 Rsend 25
               2 24600 12300 16.67
               2 20500 10200 13.89
4 Issend 19
5 Isend 26
               2 16400 8190 11.11
6 Irsend 21
               2 12300 6140 8.33
7 Ibsend 14
               2 8190 4100 5.56
8 Bsend 23
                2 4100 2050 2.78
[[5]]
          Name Site Rank Count Max
                                          Min App. MPI.
                                     Mean
        Barrier 5 0 1 0.004 0.0040 0.004 0.02 0.05
                            1 0.067 0.0670 0.067 0.34 0.88
2
        Barrier
                  5
                       2
        Barrier
                            2 0.067 0.0355 0.004 0.09 0.27
3
                 5
                      *
                     0
        Barrier
                           1 5.130 5.1300 5.130 26.77 68.15
4
                  7
                     2
        Barrier
                 7
                           1 0.004 0.0040 0.004 0.02 0.05
5
6
                 7
                     *
                           2 5.130 2.5700 0.004 6.63 19.56
        Barrier
7
        Barrier 10 0
                           1 0.017 0.0170 0.017 0.09 0.23
8
       Barrier 10 2
                          1 6.910 6.9100 6.910 35.53 90.30
9
        Barrier 10
                           2 6.910 3.4600 0.017 8.94 26.37
                           1 0.111 0.1110 0.111 0.58 1.47
10
        Barrier 12 0
        Barrier 12
                           1 0.094 0.0940 0.094 0.48 1.23
11
                      2
        Barrier 12
                    *
                           2 0.111 0.1020 0.094 0.26 0.78
12
                           1 0.005 0.0050 0.005 0.03 0.07
        Barrier 13
13
                      1
        Barrier 13
                            1 0.006 0.0060 0.006 0.03 0.16
14
                      3
15
        Barrier 13
                           2 0.006 0.0055 0.005
                                                0.01 0.04
                      *
                     1
                          1 0.096 0.0960 0.096 0.49
16
        Barrier 18
                                                     1.30
                    3
                          1 0.095 0.0950 0.095 0.49 2.58
17
        Barrier 18
18
        Barrier 18 *
                           2 0.096 0.0955 0.095 0.25 0.73
                          1 5.140 5.1400 5.140 26.38 69.45
19
        Barrier 24 1
20
        Barrier 24 3 1 1.280 1.2800 1.280 6.60 34.82
21
        Barrier 24 *
                           2 5.140 3.2100 1.280 8.28 24.45
        Barrier 29 1 1 0.025 0.0250 0.025 0.13 0.34
Barrier 29 3 1 1.700 1.7000 1.700 8.76 46.25
22
23
```

24	Barrier	29	*	2		0.8630	0.025	2.23	6.57
25	Bsend	23	1	1	0.021	0.0210	0.021	0.11	0.28
26	Bsend	23	3	1	0.063	0.0630	0.063	0.32	1.71
27	Bsend	23	*	2	0.063	0.0420	0.021	0.11	0.32
28	Buffer_attach	15	1	1	1.920	1.9200	1.920	9.83	25.89
29	Buffer_attach	15	3	1	0.338	0.3380	0.338	1.74	9.19
30	Buffer_attach	15	*	2	1.920	1.1300	0.338	2.91	8.59
31	Buffer_attach	16	1	1	0.005	0.0050	0.005	0.03	0.07
32	Buffer_attach	16	3 *	1 2	0.005	0.0050	0.005	0.03	0.14
	Buffer_attach Buffer_detach	16	1	1		0.0050	0.005	0.01	0.04
34	Buffer_detach	27 27	3	1	0.002	0.0020	0.002	0.01	0.03 0.08
36	Buffer_detach	27	*	2	0.003	0.0030	0.003	0.02	0.08
37	Buffer_detach	28	1	1	0.003	0.0023	0.002	0.01	0.02
38	Buffer_detach	28	3	1	0.011	0.0110	0.011	0.00	1.17
39	Buffer_detach	28	*	2	0.043	0.0430	0.043	0.22	0.21
40	Ibsend	14	1	1	0.016	0.0160	0.011	0.08	0.21
41	Ibsend	14	3	1	0.022	0.0220	0.022	0.11	0.60
42	Ibsend	14	*	2	0.022	0.0190	0.016	0.05	0.14
43	Irecv	6	0	1	0.011	0.0110	0.011	0.06	0.15
44	Irecv	6	2	1	0.036	0.0360	0.036	0.19	0.47
45	Irecv	6	*	2	0.036	0.0235	0.011	0.06	0.18
46	Irecv	9	0	1	0.003	0.0030	0.003	0.02	0.04
47	Irecv	9	2	1	0.002	0.0020	0.002	0.01	0.03
48	Irecv	9	*	2	0.003	0.0025	0.002	0.01	0.02
49	Irsend	21	1	1	0.010	0.0100	0.010	0.05	0.14
50	Irsend	21	3	1	0.009	0.0090	0.009	0.05	0.24
51	Irsend	21	*	2	0.010	0.0095	0.009	0.02	0.07
52	Isend	26	1	1	0.007	0.0070	0.007	0.04	0.09
53	Isend	26	3	1	0.007	0.0070	0.007	0.04	0.19
54	Isend	26	*	2	0.007	0.0070	0.007	0.02	0.05
55	Issend	19	1	1	0.008	0.0080	0.008	0.04	0.11
56	Issend	19	3	1	0.008	0.0080	0.008	0.04	0.22
57	Issend	19	*	2	0.008	0.0080	0.008	0.02	0.06
58	Recv	1	0	1	2.060	2.0600	2.060	10.74	27.33
59	Recv	1	2	1	0.380	0.3800	0.380	1.95	4.97
60	Recv	1	*	2	2.060	1.2200	0.380	3.15	9.29
61	Recv	2	0	1	0.051	0.0510	0.051	0.27	0.68
62	Recv	2	2	1	0.077	0.0770	0.077	0.40	1.01
63	Recv	2	*	2	0.077	0.0640	0.051	0.17	0.49
64	Recv	3	0	1		0.1030	0.103	0.54	1.37
65	Recv	3	2	1	0.011	0.0110	0.011	0.06	0.14
66	Recv	3	*	2	0.103	0.0570	0.011	0.15	0.43
67	Recv	4	0	1		0.0080	0.008	0.04	0.11
68	Recv	4	2	1	0.005	0.0050	0.005	0.03	0.07
69	Recv	4	*	2	0.008	0.0065	0.005	0.02	0.05
70	Recv	8	0	1	0.016	0.0160	0.016	0.08	0.21
71	Recv	8	2	1	0.017	0.0170	0.017	0.09	0.22
72	Recv	8	*	2	0.017	0.0165	0.016	0.04	0.13
73	Recv	11	0	1	0.016	0.0160	0.016	0.08	0.21
74	Recv	11	2	1	0.049	0.0490	0.049	0.25	0.64
75 76	Recv Rsend	11 25	* 1	2	0.049	0.0325	0.016	0.08 0.18	0.25 0.47
77	Rsend	25 25	1 3	1	0.035	0.0350	0.035	0.18	0.47
78	Rsend	25 25	*	2	0.018	0.0180	0.018	0.09	0.49
79	Send	25 17	1	1		0.0265	0.018	0.07	0.20
80	Send	17	3	1				0.07	0.19
1 30	pend	± 1	3	1	0.017	0.0110	0.011	0.03	0.40

```
81
                                       Send
                                                              17
                                                                                                   2 0.017 0.0155 0.014 0.04 0.12
 82
                                    Ssend
                                                                                               1 0.045 0.0450 0.045 0.23 0.61
 83
                                    Ssend
                                                                                               1 0.017 0.0170 0.017 0.09 0.46
 84
                                    Ssend
                                                              22 *
                                                                                               2 0.045 0.0310 0.017 0.08 0.24

      20
      1
      1
      0.045
      0.0450
      0.045
      0.23
      0.61

      20
      3
      1
      0.045
      0.0450
      0.045
      0.23
      1.22

 85
                                       Wait
 86
                                       Wait
                                                              20 *
 87
                                       Wait
                                                                                                   2 0.045 0.0450 0.045 0.12 0.34
  [[6]]
                 Name Site Rank Count
                                                                                       Max
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                                                                                                                               Min
                                                                                                                                                    Sum
 1
             Bsend
                                  23 1 1 2048
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            Bsend
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                                  23 *
 3
           Bsend
                                                                         2 2048 2048 2048 4096

      3
      Bsend
      23
      *
      2
      2048
      2048
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      4096

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      Ibsend
      14
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      7
      Irsend
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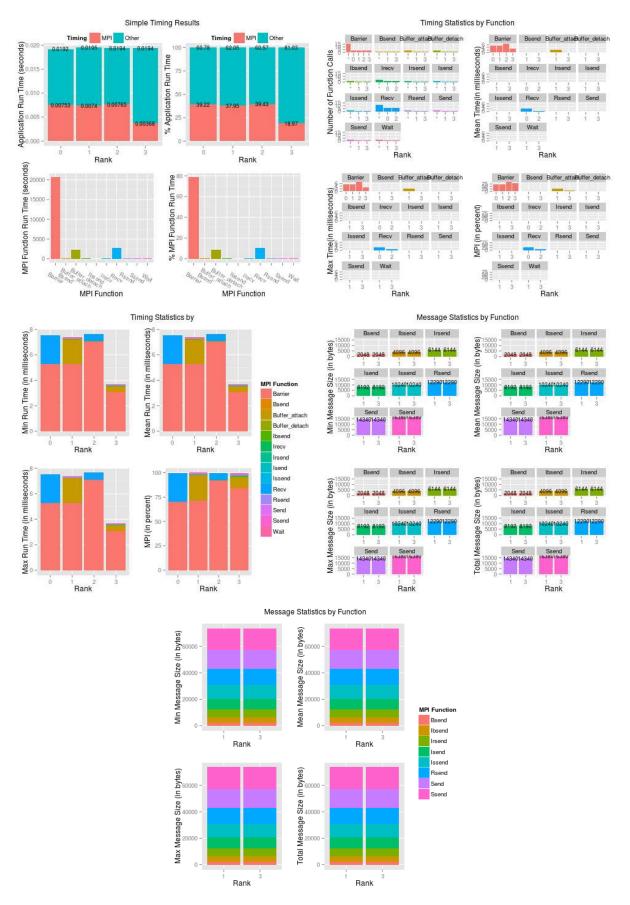
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As with fpmpi, both plot() and autoplot() methods are available. For mpiP, there are several different sets of plots available.

Figure 2 shows the 5 different sets of plots which can be produced via the following script.



mpiP Plots

Part III

Appendix

A pbdPROF Troubleshooting

A.1 Installation

Problem 1: If you have downloaded the package from github and tried to using R CMD INSTALL pbdPROF and you see an error similar to this

Solution: You have to make the configure executable which means giving it permission , which can done by

```
chmod +x configure
```

after changing the folder to package's main directory.

Problem 2: If you are using **fpmpi** (Gropp, 2000) externally and during it's installation you get an error similar to this

```
error :checking for library containing MPI_Init... (cached) no configure: error: Could not find MPI library
```

Solution: You probably need to specify the path to MPI library using this in command line in the fpmpi main directory

```
./configure CPPFLAGS="-fPIC -I/usr/lib/openmpi/include"
LDFLAGS="-L/usr/lib/openmpi/lib -lmpi"
```

Problem 3: If you are using mpiP externally and during it's installation you get an error similar to this

```
libmpiP.a(wrappers.o): relocation R_X86_64_32 against '.rodata.str1.1' can not
  be used when making a shared object; recompile with -fPIC
libmpiP.a: could not read symbols: Bad value collect2: error: ld returned 1
  exit status
```

Solution: You probably need to specify the path to MPI library using this in command line when installing \mathbf{mpiP}

```
./configure CPPFLAGS="-fPIC -I/usr/lib/openmpi/include"
LDFLAGS="-L/usr/lib/openmpi/lib -lmpi"
```

Problem 4: If you are using **mpiP** externally and during **pbdMPI** installation you get an error similar to this

```
Error : .onLoad failed in loadNamespace() for 'pbdMPI', details:
   call: dyn.load(file, DLLpath = DLLpath, ...)
   error: unable to load shared object 'pbdMPI.so':
   pbdMPI/libs/pbdMPI.so: undefined symbol: _Ux86_64_getcontext
```

Solution: You probably need to disable some external library prerequisite by **mpiP**, using this in command line when installing **mpiP**

```
R Script
```

```
./configure --disable-libunwind CPPFLAGS="-fPIC -I/usr/lib/openmpi/include" LDFLAGS="-L/usr/lib/openmpi/lib -lmpi"
```

A.2 Running

Problem 5: No profiler output is produced.

Solution: If no profiler output is produced, then it is almost certainly the case that **pbdPROF** and/or the MPI-using R package (e.g., **pbdMPI**, **Rmpi**, etc.) was/were not set up and installed correctly. Please refer to Section 2 and the relevant package's installation documentation and reinstall.

Problem 6: While running **Rmpi** code for profiling, if you encounter the error below:

```
error: mpiexec was unable to launch the specified application as it could not access or execute an executable:

Executable: /path/to/R/package_installation_directory/2.15/Rmpi/Rslaves.sh

Node: "Your_node"

while attempting to start process rank 0.
```

Solution: You need to make executable of the shell scripts in the inst/ directory of **Rmpi** main directory using the following command from command line in inst/ directory:

```
R Script
```

```
chmod +x *.sh
```

Problem 7: While running Rmpi code for profiling, if you encounter the error below:

```
[G:12221] [[39704,0],0] ORTE_ERROR_LOG: Not found in file
../../../../orte/mca/plm/base/plm_base_launch_support.c at line 758

mpiexec was unable to start the specified application as it encountered an error.

More information may be available above.
```

Solution:

- 1. You need to check whether your **Rmpi** is working without the **pbdPROF**. If yes try running your **Rmpi** code on single process only.
- 2. If above does not help, then you may need .Rprofile in Rmpi/inst/ to run your code from inst/directory.
- 3. If still your code does not run, you need to update your OpenMPI version to the latest one. You can check your OpenMpi version http://www.open-mpi.org/software/ompi/ through

```
ompi_info
```

4. If further you came to this far and luck is not with you somehow (pun intended), there might some configuration problem in your machine.

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