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Preface

This preface introduces the *Arm** *Allinea Studio / Arm Forge Trials Package Documentation*. It contains the following:

• About this book on page 7.

About this book

This book describes how to get started with the Arm® Allinea Studio/Arm® Forge Trials package. It introduces you to the Arm High Performance Computing (HPC) tools, and shows you how to use them to compile, run, analyze, and optimize some example code.

Using this book

This book is organized into the following chapters:

Chapter 1 Package and Requirements

Describes the package contents and the software requirements it needs.

Chapter 2 Tutorial

This tutorial takes you through the steps to compile, run, fix the bug, analyze, and optimize the trial examples.

Chapter 3 Support and Further Resources

Describes the resources that are available for further support.

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```
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```

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Chapter 1 Package and Requirements

Describes the package contents and the software requirements it needs.

It contains the following sections:

- 1.1 Package Contents on page 1-10.
- 1.2 Software requirements on page 1-11.

1.1 Package Contents

Lists the components of the Arm Allinea Studio/Arm Forge Trials package.

The package contains:

README.txt

The README file:

- Lists the components of the Arm Allinea Studio/Arm Forge Trials package.
- States the user support statement.
- States the Non-Confidential Proprietary Notice.
- · license_terms

Contains the legal notices:

- license agreement.txt
- redistributables.txt
- supplementary terms.txt
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- /doc/

Contains HTML (/html/index.html) and PDF versions of the trials package documentation.

- /src/
 - /C/

Contains the C example source file and Makefile:

- o mmult.c
- Makefile
- /F90/

Contains the Fortran example source file and Makefile:

- mmult.F90
- ∘ Makefile
- /Py/

Contains the Python example file (with associated C and Fortran source files and Makefiles) and Makefile:

- Makefile
- o mmult.py
- · /C/
 - ∘ mmult.c
 - ∘ Makefile
- F90
 - ∘ mmult.F90
 - ∘ Makefile

1.2 Software requirements

De	escribes the software requirements for the Arm Allinea Studio/Arm Forge Trials package.
	Note
Tł	nis package is for Linux platforms only.
•	You have <i>downloaded</i> and <i>installed</i> the tools you are trialing. You place the trial license in the correct location for the tools:
•	 For Arm Compiler for Linux: If you install to the default location, copy the trial license into the /opt/arm/licenses directory. Alternatively, if you choose an installation location, copy the trial license into the licenses directory of your chosen installation directory. For Arm Forge and Arm Performance Reports: Copy the trial license into the licenses directory where the tool is installed. An Message Passing Interface (MPI) environment is configured. If you are unsure if you have an MPI environment configured, ask your System Administrator.
•	If you do not have an MPI environment configured, and you are using the Arm Compiler for Linux, see the build recipes on how to build <i>OpenMPI</i> , <i>MPICH</i> , and <i>MVAPICH</i> . You have installed a Basic Linear Algebra Subprogram (BLAS) library.
•	On Arm-based platforms, you can use the <i>Arm Performance Libraries</i> that ship with the Arm Compiler for Linux. You have loaded the environment module for the tools you are using. (Python example only) You have installed Python and its associated libraries: — Python 3.6 is installed. — <i>MPI4Py 3.0.2</i> , <i>NumPy 1.16.4</i> , and <i>SciPy 1.3.0</i> modules are installed.
	Note
	If you are using the Arm Compiler for Linux, see the build recipe on how to build <i>Numpy</i> .

Chapter 2 **Tutorial**

This tutorial takes you through the steps to compile, run, fix the bug, analyze, and optimize the trial examples.

It contains the following sections:

- 2.1 The algorithm on page 2-13.
- 2.2 Compile and Run the Code on page 2-14.
- 2.3 Fix the bug on page 2-15.
- 2.4 Analyze the behavior on page 2-20.
- 2.5 Optimize the code on page 2-24.

2.1 The algorithm

Describes the algorithm used in the Arm Allinea Studio/Arm Forge Trials package tutorial.

The application in this tutorial performs the following calculation:

$$C = A * B + C$$

A, B, and C are double-precision square matrices. In this first version, the algorithm is written in parallel using MPI and includes one master process and several worker processes. The application performs the following tasks:

- The master process initializes matrices A, B, and C.
- The master process sends the entire matrix B, along with slices of A and C, to the worker processes.
- The master and worker processes perform the matrix multiplication function on the domain that has been given to the processes, and each process computes a slice of C.
- The master process retrieves all slices of C and puts the results into matrix C.
- The master process writes the results of C in a file.

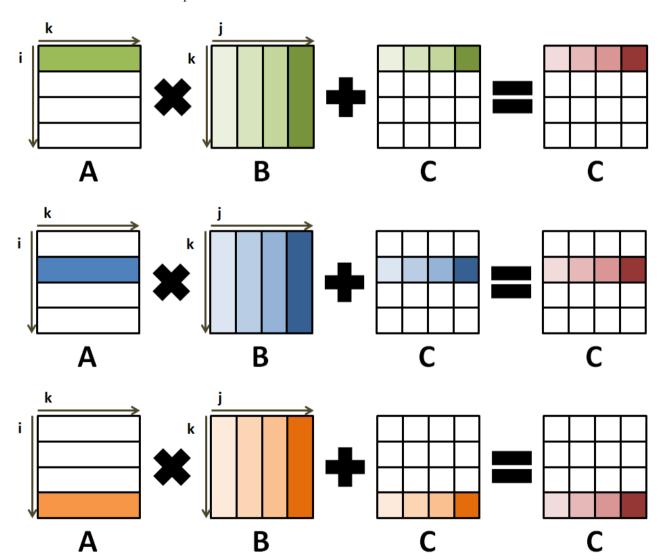


Figure 2-1 Description of the parallel algorithm

The figure shows how all processes contribute in parallel to the creation of the result in matrix C.

This package includes C/C++, Fortran, and Python versions of this application.

2.2 Compile and Run the Code

Instructions to compile and run the example code used in the Arm Allinea Studio/Arm Forge Trials tutorial.

Prerequisites

You must install all the necessary tools as described in Software requirements on page 1-11

Procedure

1. Compile the code. To compile all versions of the application, run make in the src directory:

cd sro

The compiler command and compilation options can be set in file:make.def. The Makefile in the src directory uses these settings.

_____ Note _____

Alternatively, the C/C++ and Fortran source files can be compiled separately in the C and F90 directories.

However, the Python example relies on C and F90 kernels that must be compiled using the Makefile provided in the Py directory.

- 2. Run the application. To run the C, Fortran, or Python application, navigate to the C, F90, or Py directory that contains the compiled binary. To run the application using eight processes, use:
 - For the C and F90 versions:

mpirun -n 8 ./mmult

• For the Py version:

```
mpirun -n 8 python ./mmult.py
```

Additional arguments can be added to change the size of the matrices, for example 512x512:

• For the C and F90 versions:

mpirun -n 8 ./mmult 512

For the Py version:

mpirun -n 8 python ./mmult -s 512

------ Note ------

By default, the Py version runs the C kernel. To run the F90 kernel, use:

mpirun -n 8 python ./mmult -k F90

The application crashes with a 'Segmentation fault'. This is expected behavior. Each example source file provided in this trials package, has an intentional bug.

Next Steps

To fix the bug, you must debug the code. *Fix the bug* on page 2-15 shows you how to debug the code using Arm DDT, and then how to fix the bug.

2.3 Fix the bug

This topic describes how to identify and fix the bug in each of the example source files with Arm DDT.

Prerequisites

- You must install all the necessary tools as described in *Software requirements* on page 1-11.
- You must complete the instructions in *Compile and Run the Code* on page 2-14.

Procedure

1. Recompile the application with the -g debugging flag.

To make debugging simpler, Arm recommends that you compile without using compiler optimizations. To disable optimizations, add the -00 option to the CFLAGS variable. In the following examples, the options used on the command line by the Makefile can be set in src/make.def.

```
CFLAGS = -00 -g
```

Remove the initial executable with:

```
make clean
```

And recompile with:

In Fortran, the compiler might display a warning. To display more information at runtime, compile using the "-fcheck=bounds" flag with GCC, or "-Mbounds" using the Arm Compiler for Linux.

- 2. Navigate to the C, F90, or Py directory containing the application for the version you want to debug.
- 3. Debug the application with ddt mpirun using express launch. For example:

```
ddt mpirun -n 8 ./mmult
ddt mpirun -n 8 python ./mmult.py
```

If your MPI environment does not support express launch, run the ddt command:

```
ddt -n 8 ./mmult
ddt -n 8 python ./mmult.py

Note
```

-n 8 tells the debugger to debug using 8 processes. However, the application crashes at any scale.

Arm DDT starts and displays the **Run** window. If you run the application on a remote system, ensure that you enable X forwarding. To learn more about using X forwarding with Arm Forge, see the *Connecting to a remote system* topic in the Arm Forge user guide.

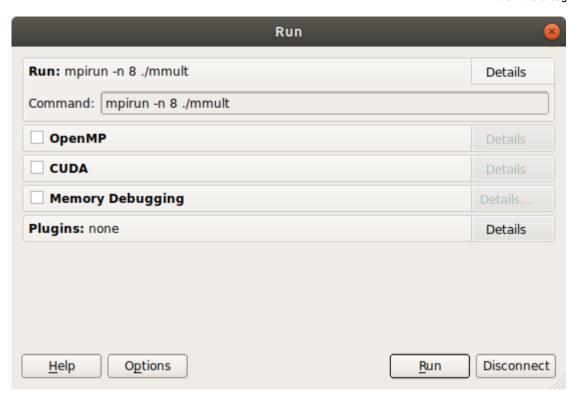


Figure 2-2 Arm DDT run window

This window displays the debugging session settings.

4. To continue, click Run.

This displays the main debugger window.

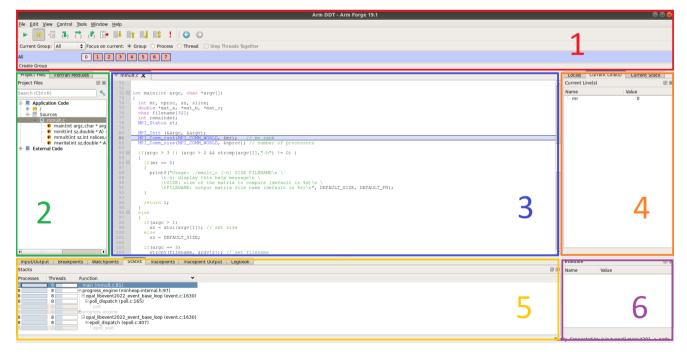


Figure 2-3 Arm DDT main window

The interface displays the following:

- Section 1: Commands to play, pause or stop the application and select the processes or threads to inspect
- Section 2: Project source files
- Section 3: Source code view
- Section 4: Current line and program variables
- Section 5: Stack view and breakpoint, tracepoint, and watchpoint settings
- Section 6: Evaluate window for arbitrary expressions



At this stage, the C and F90 versions display the source code of the application.

If Arm DDT does not display the source code, recompile the source file and ensure that the -g debugging flag is included on the compile line. For complete instructions on how to compile the examples, see *Compile and Run the Code* on page 2-14.

If you still experience a problem, contact Arm support.

For the Py version, no source code displays when the debugger attaches. This is expected when running in the Python interpreter. The C or F90 source code of the kernel displays when the application crashes, if you compile the kernels with -g.

5. To visualize where the application crashes, click **Play** (in the top-left corner):



Figure 2-4 Arm DDT Play button

The debugger stops where the application crashes.

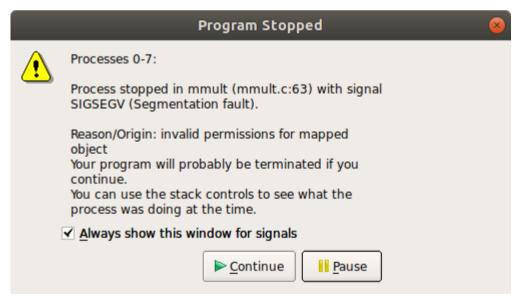


Figure 2-5 Arm DDT segmentation fault message

6. Click Pause.

The source code viewer highlights the line of code where the crash occurs.

In C:

```
res += A[i*sz+k]*B[k*sz*j];
```

In F90:

```
res=A(k,i)*B(j,k+res)
```

This problem is caused by an error in the expression to compute the index of array B, and this results in an out of bound memory access. The bug can be fixed with:

In C:

```
res += A[i*sz+k]*B[k*sz+j];
In F90:
res=A(k,i)*B(j,k)+res
```

_____ Note _____

To automatically detect an out of bound memory access with Arm DDT, select the **Memory debugging** box in the **Run** window. Navigate to memory debugging **Details** and enable **Add guard pages to detect out of bound heap accesses**.

For more information, see *Memory debugging* in the Arm Forge user guide.

- 7. Save the source file: select **File > Save Source File**.
- 8. Recompile the source file: select **File > Build**.

By default, Build runs make in the current directory.

------ Note ------

To change the Build options, select Configure Build and set the configuration settings.

9. To run the executable with the fix, select **File > Restart session**.

You are prompted to restart the application. Click Yes.

10. Play the application in the debugger again.

The application runs without any issues until every process in the program has terminated, and outputs the following when running 8 processes:

```
0: Size of the matrices: 64x643: Receiving matrices...
6: Receiving matrices...
2: Receiving matrices...
4: Receiving matrices...
7: Receiving matrices...
1: Receiving matrices...
5: Receiving matrices...
0: Initializing matrices...
0: Sending matrices...
1: Processing...
2: Processing...
3: Processing...
4: Processing...
5: Processing...
6: Processing...
7: Processing...
0: Processing..
1: Sending result matrix...
3: Sending result matrix...
5: Sending result matrix...
   Sending result matrix...
2: Sending result matrix...
   Sending result matrix...
   Sending result matrix...
   Receiving result matrix...
0: Writing results...
0: Done.
```

When fixed, the application writes the results in the working directory to a file called res_C.mat, res_F90.mat, or res_Py.mat (depending on the version you used). Ensure that your working directory is writable.

_____ Note _____

To run Arm DDT in non-interactive mode, use ddt --offline mpirun:

ddt --offline mpirun -n 8 ./mmult

The debugger runs in the background of the application and outputs a debugging report:

firefox mmult_8p_1n_YYYY-MM-DD_HH-MM.txt

YYY-MM-DD_HH-MM corresponds to a timestamp of the report creation date. For more information, see *Offline debugging* in the Arm Forge user guide.

Related references

Chapter 3 Support and Further Resources on page 3-29

2.4 Analyze the behavior

Describes how to analyze the behavior of the example code used in the Arm Allinea Studio/Arm Forge Trials tutorial, and how to check if there is any performance issue with Arm Performance Reports.

Prerequisites

- You must install all the necessary tools as described in *Software requirements* on page 1-11
- You must complete the instructions in *Compile and Run the Code* on page 2-14 and *Fix the bug* on page 2-15.

Procedure

1. Run the application with eight processes on a large test case, for example 3072x3072 matrices:

```
perf-report mpirun -n 8 ./mmult 3072

or

perf-report mpirun -n 8 python ./mmult.py -s 3072
```

If your MPI environment does not support express launch, run the following command instead:

```
perf-report -n 8 ./mmult 3072

or

perf-report -n 8 python ./mmult.py -s 3072
```

When the execution terminates, Arm Performance Reports creates two files:

- mmult_8p_1n_YYYY-MM-DD_HH-MM.txt
- mmult_8p_1n_YYYY-MM-DD_HH-MM.html

YYY-MM-DD_HH-MM corresponds to a timestamp of the report creation date. The two files contain the same data, in two different formats.

2. To visualize the results, open the HTML file in your web browser (either locally or remotely if you have X forwarding enabled). For example, to use Firefox:

```
firefox mmult_8p_1n_YYYY-MM-DD_HH-MM.txt
```

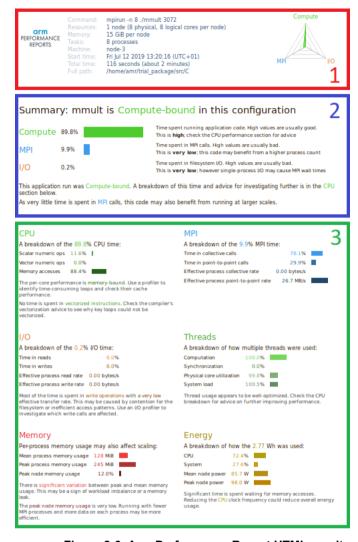


Figure 2-6 Arm Performance Report HTML results

The report shows different sections:

- Section 1: Describes the system settings (including the number of physical and logical cores), the
 job configuration (including the number of processes and number of nodes) and the execution
 time.
- Section 2: Shows the amount of time spent in computations (CPU), communications (MPI), and IO
- Section 3: Shows a breakdown of:
 - The CPU, MPI, and IO time.
 - How multiple threads were used.
 - How the energy was used.

The details of the report will be different and relevant to your system configuration, but the report should indicate that the application is CPU bound. The CPU breakdown section gives more information about the type of instruction run:

CPU

A breakdown of the 89.8% CPU time:

Scalar numeric ops 11.6%

Vector numeric ops 0.0%

Memory accesses 88.4%

The per-core performance is memory-bound. Use a profiler to identify time-consuming loops and check their cache performance.

No time is spent in vectorized instructions. Check the compiler's vectorization advice to see why key loops could not be vectorized.

Figure 2-7 Arm Performance Report CPU metrics with no compiler optimizations

The compiler does not perform vectorization. As the report suggests, you can change the behavior by changing your compiler options.

3. To enable the -Ofast compiler optimization, edit src/make.def:

CFLAGS = -0fast -g

Note

On non-x86 architectures, the CPU metrics are different. Instead, the tool reports these metrics:

- Cycles per instructions
- Amount of L2 (or L3) cache accesses
- Amount of processor back-end/front-end stalls

Keep these numbers low for better performance.

4. Remove the previous executable, recompile, and run Arm Performance Reports again:

```
make clean
make
perf-report mpirun -n 8 ./mmult 3072
```

The new report shows a performance improvement because the code has been vectorized by the compiler.

CPU

A breakdown of the 82.6% CPU time:

Scalar numeric ops 1.2%

Vector numeric ops 5.6%

Memory accesses 93.2%



The per-core performance is memory-bound. Use a profiler to identify time-consuming loops and check their cache performance.

Figure 2-8 Arm Performance Report CPU metrics with compiler optimizations

2.5 Optimize the code

Describes how to profile and optimize the example code used in the Arm Allinea Studio/Arm Forge Trials tutorial using Arm Performance Reports and Arm MAP. Arm Performance Reports can identify high memory accesses, and Arm MAP can identify the time-consuming loops in the example code.

Prerequisites

- You must install all the necessary tools as described in *Software requirements* on page 1-11
- You must complete the instructions in *Compile and Run the Code* on page 2-14, *Fix the bug* on page 2-15, and *Analyze the behavior* on page 2-20.
- Ensure the code has been compiled with the -g debugging flag.

Procedure

1. To profile the code with multiple processes and the 3072x3072 test case, use map --profile mpirun. For example:

```
map --profile mpirun -n 8 ./mmult 3072

or

map --profile mpirun -n 8 python ./mmult.py -s 3072
```

If express launch is not supported for your MPI environment, run map --profile:

```
map --profile -n 8 ./mmult 3072
map --profile -n 8 python ./mmult.py -s 3072
```

The --profile option runs the profiler in non-interactive mode. When the execution terminates, a profile file is created by Arm MAP:

```
mmult 8p 1n YYYY-MM-DD HH-MM.map
```

YYY-MM-DD_HH-MM corresponds to a timestamp of the report creation date.

2. To view the results, run the interactive mode:

map mmult_8p_1n_YYYY-MM-DD_HH-MM.map	
Arm MAP starts.	
Note	
If you are running remotely, make sure X forwarding is enabled.	

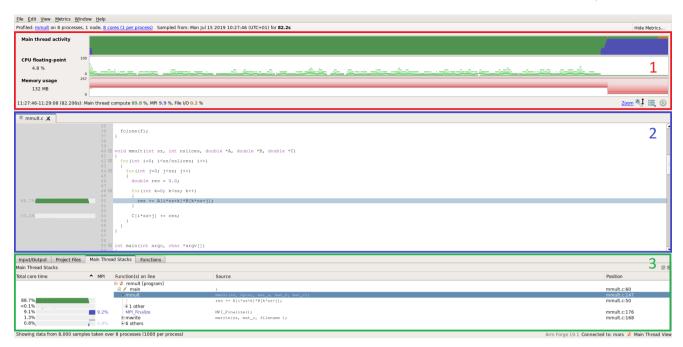


Figure 2-9 Arm MAP main window

The profile consists of three sections:

- Section 1: The metrics view describes the activity of the processes and threads over time. The colors indicate CPU (green), MPI (blue), or IO (orange) activity. If Python is used, the time spent in the Python interpreter is reported in pink.
- Section 2: The source code view shows annotations about the time spent on each line, and the type of activity performed (CPU, MPI, or IO).
- Section 3: The stack/function view shows aggregated data per call stack or function.

Depending on your system configuration, the details might vary in your results. The profiler indicates that most of the time is spent in one line of the mmult function (or when using the Py version, the corresponding calls in the C of F90 version):

- In C: res += A[i*sz+k]*B[k*sz+j];
- In F90: res=A(k,i)*B(j,k)+res

Select this line of code. The CPU breakdown window appears on the right and shows the following results:

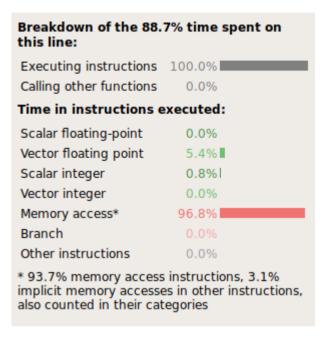


Figure 2-10 Arm MAP line breakdown without optimized memory accesses

The results indicate inefficient memory accesses. The loop nest performs strided accesses to array B. In addition to this, a dependency on intermediate results prevents the compiler vectorizing properly.

```
_____ Note _____
```

On non-x86 architectures, the CPU breakdown is not available. To visualize the high amount of cycles per instructions, L2 (or L3) cache misses, and stalled back-end cycles when the mmult function is being executed, instead go to "Metrics" and "CPU instruction".

3. Replace the following code in C:

```
for(int i=0; i<sz/nslices; i++)
{
    for(int j=0; j<sz; j++)
    {
        double res = 0.0;
        for(int k=0; k<sz; k++)
        {
            res += A[i*sz+k]*B[k*sz+j];
        }
        C[i*sz+j] += res;
    }
}</pre>
```

with:

And in F90:

```
do i=0,sz/nslices-1
do j=0,sz-1
    res=0.0
    do k=0,sz-1
    res=A(k,i)*B(j,k)+res
    end do
    C(j,i)=res+C(j,i)
```

```
end do
end do

with:

do i=0,sz/nslices-1
    do k=0,sz-1
        do j=0,sz-1
        C(j,i)=A(k,i)*B(j,k)+C(j,i)
    end do
end do
end do
end do
```

4. Remove the previous executable, recompile, and run Arm MAP again:

```
make clean
make
map --profile -n 8 ./mmult 3072
```

The profiling results show significant performance improvement because of the optimization.

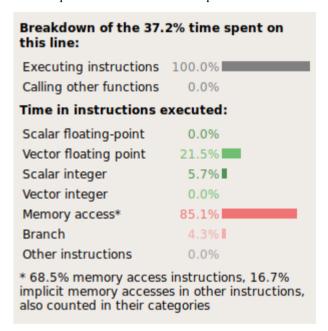


Figure 2-11 Arm MAP line breakdown with optimized memory accesses

Next Steps

To go further and use an optimized version of the matrix multiplication:

• In the C version, call CBLAS instead of mmult:

```
#include <cblas.h>
...
cblas_dgemm(CblasRowMajor, CblasNoTrans, CblasNoTrans, size/nproc, sz, sz, 1.0, mat_a,
sz, mat_b, sz, 1.0, mat_c, sz);
```

• In the F90 version, call BLAS instead of mmult:

```
call DGEMM('N','N', sz, sz/nproc, sz, 1.0D0, &
    mat_b, sz, &
    mat_a, sz, 1.0D0, &
    mat_c, sz)
```

Make sure you edit make.def to include the BLAS header and link to your BLAS library, for instance with OpenBLAS:

```
CFLAGS = -Ofast -g -I/opt/openblas/include
LFLAGS = -L/opt/openblas/lib -lopenblas
```

In the Py version, the call to SciPy's DGEMM can be run with the following command:

mpirun -n 8 python ./mmult.py -k Py -s 3072

Support and Further Resources

Describes the resources that are available for further support.

It contains the following section:

• 3.1 Further Resources on page 3-30.

3.1 Further Resources

Describes the useful resources that are available to support you in using the Arm Allinea Studio tools.

Arm® Forge resources

- Arm DDT Get started
- Arm MAP Get started
- Arm Forge User Guide
- Arm Forge tutorial videos

For more information, see the *Arm Forge* web page.

Arm® Performance Reports resources

- Arm Performance Reports Running with an example program
- Arm Performance Reports User Guide
- Arm Performance Reports tutorial videos

For more information, see the Arm Performance Reports web page.

Arm® Fortran Compiler resources

- Arm Fortran Compiler Get started
- Arm Fortran Compiler Reference Guide
- Troubleshoot your application with Arm Fortran Compiler

For more information, see the *Arm Fortran Compiler* web page.

Arm® C/C++ Compiler resources

- Arm C/C++ Compiler Get started
- Arm C/C++ Compiler Reference Guide
- Troubleshoot your application with Arm C/C++ Compiler

For more information, see the *Arm C/C++ Compiler* web page.

Arm® Performance Libraries resources

- Arm Performance Libraries Get Started guide
- Arm Performance Libraries Reference Guide

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Other resources

- HPC tools documentation
- Arm HPC Tools webinars
- Application porting and tuning guides
- Arm HPC tools
- Arm HPC Ecosystem

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