

# spmd basic examples

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## spmd - Single Program Multiple data

In contrast to parfor-loops, each worker executing an spmd-statement is assigned a unique value of `labindex` that let's you address the worker explicitly.

- An spmd block runs on the workers of the existing parallel pool. If no pool exists, spmd will start a new parallel pool, unless the automatic starting of pools is disabled in your parallel preferences. If there is no parallel pool and spmd cannot start one, the code runs serially in the client session.
- There are two forms of indexing a Composite, comparable to indexing a cell array:

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

`AA(n)` returns a cell array of the content of `AA` from worker `n`

## First example

```
n=4; % Triton
```

```
n=2; % laptop  
myPool = parpool(n);
```

```
spmd  
    x = labindex  
end
```

Lab 1:

```
x =  
    1
```

Lab 2:

```
x =  
    2
```

```
x
```

```
x =
```

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

## Sum over workers:

```
spmd
    s = gplus(x);
    % s = gplus(x, 1);    % Return result (sum) in s{1} only
end
s
```

```
s =

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

```
[s{1},s{2}]
```

```
ans =

     3     3
```

## Catenate: gcat

```
spmd
    y1 = gcat(x, 1); % Concatenate along rows.
    y2 = gcat(x, 2); % Concatenate along columns.
end
y1{1}
```

```
ans =

     1
     2
```

```
y2{1}
```

```
ans =

     1     2
```

## Values from workers to client

```
v=[x{1} x{2}]
```

```
v =  
    1    2
```

```
class(v)
```

```
ans = double
```

```
class(x)
```

```
ans = Composite
```

## More generally

```
V=cell(1,2)
```

```
V =  
    []    []
```

```
V(1:2)=x(1:2)
```

```
V =  
    [1]    [2]
```

```
class(V)
```

```
ans = cell
```

```
class(x)
```

```
ans = Composite
```

## Another example

spmd(3) % This is one way of choosing nr. of workers

```
spmd(2)    % 2 is default for laptop, thus is not needed  
if labindex==1  
    R=rand(3,3); % On worker #1  
else  
    R=magic(4);  % On workers #2 (and #3)  
end
```

```
end
```

```
R
```

```
R =
```

```
Lab 1: class = double, size = [3 3]  
Lab 2: class = double, size = [4 4]
```

Values computed inside the `spmd`-statement's body are returned in the form of **Composite object** on the client. It contains references to the values stored in the remote workers. These values can be retrieved using cell-array indexing, as noted above.

```
R{1:2}
```

```
ans =
```

```
0.3246    0.6497    0.8691  
0.6618    0.1471    0.2843  
0.6349    0.1767    0.8364
```

```
ans =
```

```
16     2     3    13  
 5    11    10     8  
 9     7     6    12  
 4    14    15     1
```

The values are retained until the pool is closed. As shown above, the values can be brought to the client as a cell array:

```
RR=cell(2,1);  
RR(:)=R(:)
```

```
RR =
```

```
[3×3 double]  
[4×4 double]
```

```
% After the pool is closed, composite objects disappear, the cell arrays  
% (like RR) remain.
```

```
delete(gcp)
```

`R{:}` % Leads to error.

```
RR{:}
```

```
ans =
```

```
    0.3246    0.6497    0.8691  
    0.6618    0.1471    0.2843  
    0.6349    0.1767    0.8364
```

```
ans =
```

```
    16     2     3    13  
     5    11    10     8  
     9     7     6    12  
     4    14    15     1
```

## spmd can do mpm -- Multiple programs possible

```
flist={@cos,@sin}
```

```
flist =  
    @cos    @sin
```

```
data1=(-pi:0.1:0)';  
data2=(0:0.1:pi)';  
datalist={data1,data2};
```

```
spmd  
    y= flist{labindex}(datalist{labindex});  
end
```

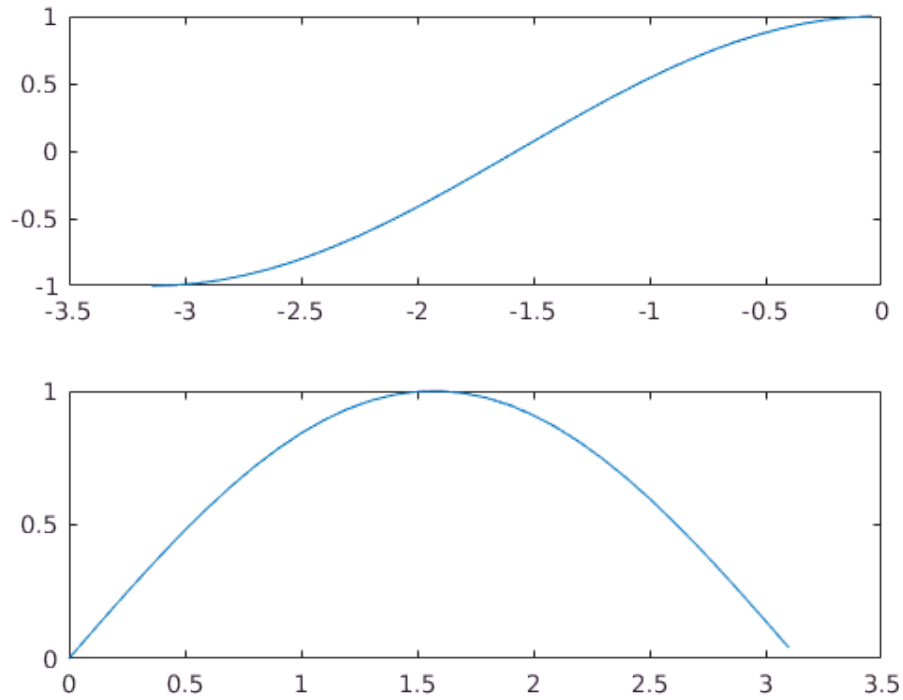
```
Starting parallel pool (parpool) using the 'local' profile ... connected to 2 workers.
```

```
y{1}
```

```
ans =
```

```
-1.0000  
-0.9950  
-0.9801  
-0.9553  
-0.9211  
-0.8776  
-0.8253  
-0.7648  
-0.6967  
-0.6216
```

```
subplot(2,1,1)
plot(data1,y{1})
subplot(2,1,2)
plot(data2,y{2})
```



```
shg
% One way of piecewise plotting.
%
```

NOTE: Instead of cos and sin one can have extensive programs.

```
delete(gcf)
```