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BiocParallel-package   *Bioconductor facilities for parallel evaluation*

Description

This package provides modified versions and novel implementation of functions for parallel evaluation, tailored to use with Bioconductor objects.

Details

This package uses code from the [parallel](#) package,

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BatchJobsParam-class   *Enable parallelization on batch systems*

Description

This class is used to parameterize scheduler options on managed high-performance computing clusters.

Usage

```
BatchJobsParam(workers, catch.errors = TRUE, cleanup = TRUE,
    work.dir = getwd(), stop.on.error = FALSE, seed = NULL,
    resources = NULL, conffile = NULL, cluster.functions = NULL,
    progressbar = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

workers	integer(1)Number of workers on with Multicore and SSH backend which defaults here to all workers available. On managed HPC workers defaults to NA but can be set to control chunking of jobs. See argument n.chunks in [chunk](#) and [submitJobs](#) for more information.
catch.errors	logical(1)Flag to determine in apply-like functions (see e.g. [bplapply](#)) whether to quit with an error as soon as one application fails or encapsulation of function calls in [try](#) blocks which triggers a resume mechanism (see [bpresume](#)). Defaults to TRUE.
cleanup	logical(1)BatchJobs creates temporary directories in the work.dir. If cleanup is set to TRUE (default), the directories are removed from the file systems automatically. Set this to FALSE whenever it might become necessary to utilize any special functionality provided by BatchJobs. To retrieve the registry, call [loadRegistry](#) on the temporary directory.
work.dir	character(1)Directory to store temporary files. Note that this must be shared across computational nodes if you use a distributed computing backend. Default ist the current working directory of R, see [getwd](#).
stop.on.error	logical(1)Stop all jobs as soon as one jobs fails (stop.on.error == TRUE) or wait for all jobs to terminate. Default is FALSE.
seed	integer(1L)Set an initial seed for the RNG. See [makeRegistry](#) for more information. Default is NULL where a random seed is chosen upon initialization.
resources	list()List of job specific resources passed to [submitJobs](#). Default is NULL where the resources defined in the configuration are used.
conffile	character(1)URI to a custom BatchJobs configuration file used for execution. Default is NULL which relies on BatchJobs to handle configuration files.
cluster.functions	
	ClusterFunctionsSpecify a specific cluster backend using on of the constructors provided by BatchJobs, see [ClusterFunctions](#). Default is NULL where the default cluster functions defined in the configuration are used.

| progressbar | logical(1) Suppress the progress bar used in BatchJobs and be less verbose. Default is FALSE. |
| ... | Addition arguments, currently not handled. |

BatchJobsParam constructor

Return an object with specified values. The object may be saved to disk or reused within a session.

Methods

The following generics are implemented and perform as documented on the corresponding help page: bpworkers, bpstart, bpstop, bpisup, bpbackend, bpbackend<-

Author(s)

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See Also

getClass("BiocParallelParam") for additional parameter classes.

register for registering parameter classes for use in parallel evaluation.

Examples

```
p <- BatchJobsParam(progressbar=FALSE)
bplapply(1:10, sqrt, BPPARAM=p)

## Not run:
register(BatchJobsParam(catch.errors = FALSE), default=TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

BiocParallelParam-class
                            Virtual classes (for developer reference)

Description

These classes are primarily relevant to developers.

BiocParallelParam is a virtual class on which all parameter classes extend. It has no slots.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
getClass("BiocParallelParam")
```

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bpaggregate   *Apply a function on subsets of data frames*

Description

This is a parallel version of aggregate.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature formula,BiocParallelParam
bpaggregate(x, data, FUN, ..., BPPARAM=bpparam())

## S4 method for signature data.frame,BiocParallelParam
bpaggregate(x, by, FUN, ..., simplify=TRUE, BPPARAM=bpparam())

## S4 method for signature ANY,missing
bpaggregate(x, ..., BPPARAM=bpparam())
```

Arguments

x	A data frame or a formula.
by	A list of factors. Data frame x will be split accoring to the factors.
data	A data frame.
FUN	Function to apply.
...	Additional arguments for FUN.
simplify	If set to TRUE, the return values of FUN will be simplified using simplify2array.
BPPARAM	An optional BiocParallelParam instance determining the parallel back-end to be used during evaluation.

Value

See aggregate.

Author(s)

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bpcontrols   *Control (start, stop, query) back-end Params*

Description

Use functions on this page to start, stop, and query the 'back-ends' that perform a parallel evaluation.

Usage

```
bpworkers(x, ...)

bpstart(x, ...)
bpstop(x, ...)
bpisup(x, ...)

bpbackend(x, ...)
bpbackend(x, ...) <- value
```

Arguments

x   An instance of a BiocParallelParam class, e.g., MulticoreParam, SnowParam, DoparParam.

                x can be missing, in which case the default back-end (see register) is used.

...   Additional arguments, perhaps used by methods.

value   Replace value for back-end.

Details

bpworkers reports the number of workers in the back-end as a scalar integer with value >= 0.

bpstart starts the back-end, if necessary. For instance, MulticoreParam back-ends do not need to be started, but SnowParam back-ends do. bp* functions like bplapply will automatically start the back-end if necessary.

bpstop stops the back-end, if necessary and possible.

bpisup tests whether the back-end is available for processing, returning a scalar logical value.

bpbackend retrieves an object representing the back end, if possible. Not all back-ends can be retrieved; see showMethods("backend").

bpbackend<- updates the back end, and is only meant for developer use.

Value

bpworkers returns a scalar integer >= 0.

bpisup returns a scalar logical.

bpstart, bpstop return an updated x, invisibly.

bpbackend, bpbackend<- return or accept back end-specific objects.

Author(s)

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See Also

[BiocParallelParam](#) for possible values of x.

Examples

```
bpworkers(SerialParam())

## Not run:
  p <- SnowParam(2L)
  bpworkers(p)            # 2 local nodes, communicating via sockets
  bpstart(p)              # start cluster
  bplapply(1:10, sqrt, BPPARAM=p)
  bpstop(p)               # stop cluster

  p <- SnowParam(4L)
  bplapply(1:10, sqrt, BPPARAM=p)  # automatically start / stop cluster

## End(Not run)
```

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bplapply   *Parallel lapply-like functionality*

Description

bplapply applies FUN to each element of X. Any type of object X is allowed, provided length, [, and [[methods are available. The return value is a list of length equal to X, as with [lapply](#).

Usage

```
bplapply(X, FUN, ..., BPRESUME = getOption("BiocParallel.BPRESUME", FALSE),
    BPPARAM=bpparam())

## S4 method for signature ANY,ANY
bplapply(X, FUN, ..., BPRESUME = getOption("BiocParallel.BPRESUME", FALSE),
    BPPARAM=bpparam())

## S4 method for signature ANY,missing
bplapply(X, FUN, ..., BPRESUME = getOption("BiocParallel.BPRESUME", FALSE),
    BPPARAM=bpparam())

## S4 method for signature ANY,BiocParallelParam
bplapply(X, FUN, ..., BPRESUME = getOption("BiocParallel.BPRESUME", FALSE),
    BPPARAM=bpparam())
```

Arguments

X	Any object for which methods `length`, `[`, and `[[` are implemented.
FUN	The `function` to be applied to each element of X.
...	Additional arguments for FUN, as in `lapply`
BPRESUME	Flag to determine if a previous partially successful run should be resumed. See `bpresume` for details.
BPPARAM	An optional `BiocParallelParam` instance determining the parallel back-end to be used during evaluation, or a `list` of BiocParallelParam instances, to be applied in sequence for nested calls to bplapply.

Details

See showMethods{bplapply} for additional methods, e.g., method?bplapply("MulticoreParam").

Value

See `lapply`.

Author(s)

Martin Morgan mailto:mtmorgan@fhcrc.org. Original code as attributed in `mclapply`.

See Also

`bpvec` for parallel, vectorized calculations.

`BiocParallelParam` for possible values of BPPARAM.

Examples

```
showMethods("bplapply")

## ten tasks (1:10) so ten calls to FUN default registered parallel
## back-end. Compare with bpvec.
system.time(result <- bplapply(1:10, function(v) {
    message("working") ## 10 tasks
    sqrt(v)
}))
result
```

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bpmapply | *Parallel mapply-like functionality*

Description

bpmapply applies FUN to first elements of . . . , the second elements and so on. Any type of object in . . . is allowed, provided length, [, and [[methods are available. The return value is a list of length equal to the length of all objects provided, as with mapply.

Usage

```
bpmapply(FUN, ..., MoreArgs=NULL, SIMPLIFY=TRUE, USE.NAMES=TRUE,
    BPRESUME=getOption("BiocParallel.BPRESUME", FALSE),
    BPPARAM=bpparam())

## S4 method for signature ANY,ANY
bpmapply(FUN, ..., MoreArgs=NULL, SIMPLIFY=TRUE, USE.NAMES=TRUE,
    BPRESUME=getOption("BiocParallel.BPRESUME", FALSE),
    BPPARAM=bpparam())
## S4 method for signature ANY,missing
bpmapply(FUN, ..., MoreArgs=NULL, SIMPLIFY=TRUE, USE.NAMES=TRUE,
    BPRESUME=getOption("BiocParallel.BPRESUME", FALSE),
    BPPARAM=bpparam())
## S4 method for signature ANY,BiocParallelParam
bpmapply(FUN, ..., MoreArgs=NULL, SIMPLIFY=TRUE, USE.NAMES=TRUE,
    BPRESUME=getOption("BiocParallel.BPRESUME", FALSE),
    BPPARAM=bpparam())
```

Arguments

FUN	The function to be applied to each element passed via . . . .
...	Objects for which methods length, [, and [[are implemented. All objects must have the same length or shorter objects will be replicated to have length equal to the longest.
MoreArgs	List of additional arguments to FUN.
SIMPLIFY	If TRUE the result will be simplified using simplify2array.
USE.NAMES	If TRUE the result will be named.
BPRESUME	Flag to determine if a previous partially successful run should be resumed. See bpresume for details.
BPPARAM	An optional BiocParallelParam instance determining the parallel back-end to be used during evaluation.

Details

See showMethods{bplapply} for additional methods, e.g., method?bplapply("MulticoreParam").

Value

See [lapply](#).

Author(s)

Michel Lang . Original code as attributed in [mclapply](#).

See Also

[bpvec](#) for parallel, vectorized calculations.

[BiocParallelParam](#) for possible values of BPPARAM.

Examples

```
showMethods("bpmapply")

## ten tasks (1:10) so ten calls to FUN default registered parallel
## back-end. Compare with bpvec.
result <- bpmapply(function(greet, who) {
    paste(Sys.getpid(), greet, who)
}, c("morning", "night"), c("sun", "moon"))
cat(paste(result, collapse="\n"), "\n")
```

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bpresume   *Resume computation with partial results*

Description

Resume partial successful calls to [bplapply](#) or [bpmapply](#)

Usage

```
    bplasterror()
    bpresume(expr)
```

Arguments

expr   expression A expression which calls either bplapply or bpmapply.

Usage

The resume mechanism is triggered if the argument catch.errors of the [BiocParallelParam](#) class is set to TRUE. The methods [bplapply](#) and [bpmapply](#) then store the current state of computation. Recalling the call directory with argument BPRESUME set to TRUE will then only compute the missing parts of the previous call and merge the results.

Alternatively, if the call to [bplapply](#) and [bpmapply](#) is inside a function not accessible directly by the user, the last call can be embedded into bpresume which sets an option accordingly to enable the resume feature down in the call stack.

The function bplasterror returns a LastError object containing the partial results and errors to investigate.

Note that nested calls of the apply functions can cause troubles in some scenarios.

Author(s)

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bpschedule   *Schedule back-end Params*

Description

Use functions on this page to influence scheduling of parallel processing.

Usage

```
bpschedule(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x   An instance of a BiocParallelParam class, e.g., MulticoreParam, SnowParam, DoparParam.

                x can be missing, in which case the default back-end (see register) is used.

...   Additional arguments, perhaps used by methods.

Details

bpschedule returns a logical(1) indicating whether the parallel evaluation should occur at this point.

Value

bpschedule returns a scalar logical.

Author(s)

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See Also

BiocParallelParam for possible values of x.

Examples

```
bpschedule(SnowParam())  # TRUE
bpschedule(MulticoreParam(2)) # FALSE on windows

p <- MulticoreParam(recursive=FALSE)
bpschedule(p)                             # TRUE
bplapply(1:2, function(i, p) {
    bpschedule(p)                         # FALSE
}, p = p, BPPARAM=p)
```

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bpvec   *Parallel, vectorized evaluation*

Description

bpvec applies FUN to subsets of X. Any type of object X is allowed, provided length, [, and c
methods are available. The return value is a vector of length equal to X, as with FUN(X).

Usage

```
bpvec(X, FUN, ..., AGGREGATE=c, BPPARAM=bpparam())

## S4 method for signature ANY,ANY
bpvec(X, FUN, ..., AGGREGATE=c, BPPARAM=bpparam())

## S4 method for signature ANY,BiocParallelParam
bpvec(X, FUN, ..., AGGREGATE=c, BPPARAM=bpparam())

## S4 method for signature ANY,missing
bpvec(X, FUN, ..., AGGREGATE=c, BPPARAM=bpparam())
```

Arguments

X	Any object for which methods length, [, and c are implemented.
FUN	The function to be applied to subsets of X.
...	Additional arguments for FUN.
AGGREGATE	A function taking any number of arguments ... called to reduce results (elements of the ... argument of AGGREGATE from parallel jobs. The default, c, concatenates objects and is appropriate for vectors; rbind might be appropriate for data frames.
BPPARAM	A optional [BiocParallelParam](#) instance determining the parallel back-end to be used during evaluation.

Details

When BPPARAM is an instance of a class derived from BiocParallelParam for which no other method applies, this method creates a vector of indexes and uses these in conjunction with bplapply to arrange for parallel evaluation.

When BPPARAM is a class for which no method is defined (e.g., SerialParam), FUN(X) is used.

See showMethods{bpvec} for additional methods, e.g., method?bpvec("MulticoreParam").

Value

The result should be identical to FUN(X, ...) (assuming that AGGREGATE is set appropriately).

Author(s)

Martin Morgan mailto:mtmorgan@fhcrc.org. Original code as attributed in pvec.

See Also

bplapply for parallel lapply.

BiocParallelParam for possible values of BPPARAM.

Examples

```
showMethods("bpvec")

## ten tasks (1:10), called with as many back-end elements are specified
## by BPPARAM.  Compare with bplapply
system.time(result <- bpvec(1:10, function(v) {
    message("working") ## 10 tasks
    sqrt(v)
}))
result
```

| bpvectorize | *Transform vectorized functions into parallelized, vectorized function* |

Description

This transforms a vectorized function into a parallel, vectorized function. Any function FUN can be used, provided its parallelized argument (by default, the first argument) has a length and [method defined, and the return value of FUN can be concatenated with c.

Usage

```
bpvectorize(FUN, ..., BPPARAM=bpparam())

## S4 method for signature ANY,ANY
bpvectorize(FUN, ..., BPPARAM=bpparam())

## S4 method for signature ANY,missing
bpvectorize(FUN, ..., BPPARAM=bpparam())
```

Arguments

FUN   A function whose first argument has a length and can be subset [, and whose evaluation would benefit by splitting the argument into subsets, each one of which is independently transformed by FUN. The return value of FUN must support concatenation with c.

...   Additional arguments to parallization, unused.

BPPARAM   An optional BiocParallelParam instance determining the parallel back-end to be used during evaluation.

Details

The result of bpvectorize is a function with signature . . . ; arguments to the returned function are the original arguments FUN. BPPARAM is used for parallel evaluation.

When BPPARAM is a class for which no method is defined (e.g., SerialParam), FUN(X) is used.

See showMethods{bpvectorize} for additional methods, if any.

Value

A function taking the same arguments as FUN, but evaluated using bpvec for parallel evaluation across available cores.

Author(s)

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See Also

bpvec

Examples

```
psqrt <- bpvectorize(sqrt) ## default parallelization
psqrt(1:10)
```

DoparParam-class *Enable parallel evaluation using registered dopar backend*

Description

This class is used to dispatch parallel operations to the dopar backend registered with the foreach package.

Usage

```
DoparParam(catch.errors = TRUE)
```

Arguments

catch.errors   logical(1)Flag to determine in apply-like functions (see e.g. bplapply) whether to quit with an error as soon as one application fails or encapsulation of function calls in try blocks which triggers a resume mechanism (see bpresume). Defaults to TRUE.

DoparParam constructor

Return a proxy object that dispatches parallel evaluation to the registered foreach parallel backend.

There are no options to the constructor. All configuration should be done through the normal interface to the foreach parallel backends.

Methods

The following generics are implemented and perform as documented on the corresponding help page (e.g., ?bpisup): bpworkers, bpstart, bpstop, bpisup, bpbackend, bpbackend<-, bpvec.

Author(s)

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See Also

getClass("BiocParallelParam") for additional parameter classes.

register for registering parameter classes for use in parallel evaluation.

foreach-package for the parallel backend infrastructure used by this param class.

Examples

```
# First register a parallel backend with foreach
library(doParallel)
cl <- makeCluster(2)
registerDoParallel(cl)
```

```
p <- DoparParam()
bplapply(1:10, sqrt, BPPARAM=p)
bpvec(1:10, sqrt, BPPARAM=p)

stopCluster(cl)
## Not run:
register(DoparParam(), default=TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

MulticoreParam-class   *Enable multi-core parallel evaluation*

Description

This class is used to parameterize single computer multicore parallel evaluation on non-Windows
computers. multicoreWorkers() chooses the number of workers based on operating system (Win-
dows only supports 1 core), global user preference (options(mc.cores=...)), or number of de-
tected cores (detectCores()).

Usage

```
MulticoreParam(workers = multicoreWorkers(), catch.errors = TRUE,
    setSeed = TRUE, recursive = TRUE, cleanup = TRUE,
    cleanupSignal = tools::SIGTERM, verbose = FALSE, ...)
multicoreWorkers()
```

Arguments

workers	integer(1)Number of workers on with Multicore and SSH backend which de-faults here to all workers available. On managed HPC workers defaults to NA but can be set to control chunking of jobs. See argument n.chunks in [chunk](#) and [submitJobs](#) for more information.
catch.errors	logical(1)Flag to determine in apply-like functions (see e.g. [bplapply](#)) whether to quit with an error as soon as one application fails or encapsulation of func-tion calls in [try](#) blocks which triggers a resume mechanism (see [bpresume](#)). Defaults to TRUE.
setSeed	logical(1), as described in parallel::mcparallel argument mc.set.seed.
recursive	logical(1) indicating whether recursive calls are evaluated in parallel; see parallel::mclapply argument mc.allow.recursive.
cleanup	logical(1) indicating whether forked children will be terminated before bplapply returns, as for parallel::mclapply argument cleanup. If TRUE, then the sig-nal sent to the child is cleanupSignal.
cleanupSignal	integer(1) the signal sent to forked processes when cleanup=TRUE.
verbose	logical(1) when TRUE echo stdout of forked processes. This is the comple-ment of parallel::mclapply's argument mc.silent.
...	Additional arguments passed to [mclapply](#)

MulticoreParam constructor

Return an object with specified values. The object may be saved to disk or reused within a session.

Methods

The following generics are implemented and perform as documented on the corresponding help page (e.g., ?bpisup): bpworkers, bpstart, bpstop, bpisup, bpschedule, bpbackend.

Author(s)

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See Also

getClass("BiocParallelParam") for additional parameter classes.

register for registering parameter classes for use in parallel evaluation.

Examples

```
p <- MulticoreParam()
bplapply(1:10, sqrt, BPPARAM=p)
bpvec(1:10, sqrt, BPPARAM=p)

## Not run:
register(MulticoreParam(), default=TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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register   *Maintain a global registry of available back-end Params*

Description

Use functions on this page to add to or query a registry of back-ends, including the default for use when no BPPARAM object is provided to functions..

Usage

```
register(BPPARAM, default=TRUE)
registered(bpparamClass)
bpparam(bpparamClass)
```

Arguments

BPPARAM	An instance of a BiocParallelParam class, e.g., [MulticoreParam](), [SnowParam](), [DoparParam]().
default	Make this the default BiocParallelParam for subsequent evaluations? If FALSE, the argument is placed at the lowest priority position.
bpparamClass	When present, the text name of the BiocParallelParam class (e.g., "MulticoreParam") to be retrieved from the registry. When absent, a list of all registered instances is returned.

Details

Registering a back-end provides a configuration for parallel evaluation. Only one instance of a particular BiocParallelParam class present in the registry. Except when default=FALSE, the most recently registered BiocParallelParam instance becomes the default for subsequent parallel evaluation.

bpparam() Select the [BiocParallelParam]() instance to use. For value bpparamClass, consult first global options, e.g., options(MulticoreParam=MulticoreParam()) and then the value of registered(bpparamClass). If bpparamClass is missing, use name <- names(registered())[1].

Value

register returns, invisibly, a list of registered back-ends.

registered returns the back-end of type bpparamClass or, if bpparamClass is missing, a list of all registered back-ends.

bpparam returns the back-end of type bpparamClass or,

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See Also

[BiocParallelParam]() for possible values of BPPARAM.

Examples

```
registered()
bpparam()                              # default: registered()[[1]]
bpparam("SnowParam")                   # registered SnowParam
```

SerialParam-class   *Enable serial evaluation*

Description

This class is used to parameterize serial evaluation, primarily to facilitate easy transition from parallel to serial code.

Usage

```
SerialParam(catch.errors = TRUE)
```

Arguments

catch.errors   logical(1)Flag to determine in apply-like functions (see e.g. bplapply) whether to quit with an error as soon as one application fails or encapsulation of function calls in try blocks which triggers a resume mechanism (see bpresume). Defaults to TRUE.

SerialParam constructor

Return an object to be used for serial evaluation of otherwise parallel functions such as bplapply, bpvec.

Methods

The following generics are implemented and perform as documented on the corresponding help page (e.g., ?bpworkers): bpworkers. bpisup, bpstart, bpstop, are implemented, but do not have any side-effects.

Author(s)

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See Also

getClass("BiocParallelParam") for additional parameter classes.

register for registering parameter classes for use in parallel evaluation.

Examples

```
p <- SerialParam()
simplify2array(bplapply(1:10, sqrt, BPPARAM=p))
bpvec(1:10, sqrt, BPPARAM=p)

## Not run:
register(SerialParam(), default=TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

SnowParam-class   *Enable simple network of workstations (SNOW)-style parallel evalua-*
                               tion

Description

This class is used to parameterize simple network of workstations (SNOW) parallel evaluation on
one or several physical computers.

Usage

```
SnowParam(workers = 0L, type=c("SOCK", "PSOCK", "FORK", "MPI"),
    catch.errors = TRUE, ...)

## invoke as(cl, "SnowParam")
## S4 method for signature SOCKcluster,SnowParam
coerce(from, to)
## S4 method for signature spawnedMPIcluster,SnowParam
coerce(from, to)
```

Arguments

workers	integer(1)Number of workers on with Multicore and SSH backend which de-faults here to all workers available. On managed HPC workers defaults to NA but can be set to control chunking of jobs. See argument n.chunks in [chunk](#) and [submitJobs](#) for more information.
type	character(1) type of cluster to use, as described in [clusterMap](#) argument type. Use MulticoreParam instead of type=FORK.
catch.errors	logical(1) Flag to determine in apply-like functions (see e.g. [bplapply](#)) whether to quit with an error as soon as one application fails or encapsulation of function calls in [try](#) blocks which triggers a resume mechanism (see [bpresume](#)). Defaults to TRUE.
...	Additional arguments passed to [makeCluster](#)
from, to	(N.B. Use as(from, "SnowParam") to coerce from a cluster created with, e.g., parallel::makeCluster). from is a SOCKcluster or derived instance (e.g., from parallel::makeCluster), to be coerced to a SnowParam instance.

SnowParam constructor

Return an object representing a SNOW cluster. The cluster is not created until bpstart is called.

bpstart creates the cluster by invoking makeCluster with arguments spec=workers, type, and
other arguments passed to ... in SnowParam.

Use as(cl, "SnowParam") to coerce a cluster created directly by parallel::param to a SnowParam
instance. Instances created in this way cannot be started or stopped.

Methods

The following generics are implemented and perform as documented on the corresponding help page (e.g., ?bpisup): bpworkers, bpstart, bpstop, bpisup, bpbackend, bpbackend<-, bpvec.

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See Also

getClass("BiocParallelParam") for additional parameter classes.

register for registering parameter classes for use in parallel evaluation.

Examples

```
p <- SnowParam(2L)
bplapply(1:10, sqrt, BPPARAM=p)
bpvec(1:10, sqrt, BPPARAM=p)

## Not run:
register(SnowParam(2L), default=TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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