

*SKaLib: SKaMPI* as a library  
Technical Reference Manual <sup>1</sup>

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## Abstract

*SKaLib* is a library to support the development of benchmarks. It offsprings from the *SKaMPI*-project [2]. *SKaMPI* is a benchmark to measure the performance of MPI-operations [6]. Many mechanisms and function of the *SKaMPI*-benchmark program are also useful when benchmarking other functions than MPI's. The goal of *SKaLib* is to offer the benchmarking mechanisms of *SKaMPI* to a broader range of applications. The mechanisms are: precision adjustable measurement of time, controlled standard error, automatic parameter refinement, and merging results of several benchmarking runs.

This documents fulfills two purposes: on the one hand it should be a manual to use the library *SKaLib* and explains how to benchmark an operation. On the other hand this report complements the *SKaMPI*-user manual [4]. The latter report explains the configurations and the output of *SKaMPI*, whereas this reports gives a detailed description of the internal data structures and operations used in the *SKaMPI*-benchmark.

There is also a scientific section which motivates and describes the algorithms and underlying formulas used by *SKaMPI*.

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

During the *SKaMPI*-project [2] we developed many methods for accurate, reliable and detailed MPI-benchmarking.<sup>1</sup> Today the code of *SKaMPI* is reused in several other projects. This reuse demands for a more detailed description of the *SKaMPI*-internals than given in [3]. Furtheron, we think that *SKaMPI* code reuse can be supported by packaging *SKaMPI*'s functions in a library, with a clearly described interface. Hence, this report is both: a technical reference for *SKaMPI* and a description of "*SKaMPI* as a library (*SKaLib*)". This library consists of four parts: (a) precision adjustable measurement of time (section 3.1), (b) routines for automatic standard error control (section 3.2), (c) automatic parameter refinement (sec. 3.3), and (d) the mechanism to summarize the results of several runs to a single result file (sec. 3.4).

How these mechanisms are applied in *SKaMPI* is show as an example use of *SKaLib* in chapter 4. Main data structures used in the library you can find in chapter 5. Some "typical" extensions to *SKaMPI* such as new sections in the parameter file, new measurements, new patterns, etc. are described in chapter 6. Chapter 7 is an index of all functions used in *SKaMPI*. Here you can lookup a short description of each function.

### A short glossary

Before starting, lets clear some expressions.<sup>2</sup>

**Single measurement:** Calls of a (MPI) routine to be measured in a pattern. (E.g., `MPI_Send-MPI_Recv` at 1 MB message length.) The number of calls depends from the precision requested by the user (see section 3.1 for the calculation of precision).

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<sup>1</sup>For goals of *SKaMPI* look at [4], for example.

<sup>2</sup>In difference to the definition given in [4] we here allow *several* calls to form a single measurement. In this way the precision can be adjusted.

**Measurement:** A measurement is the determination of a value at an exactly defined (set of) parameter(s). The result of a measurement is built of several single measurements. In this benchmark the number of single measurements necessary for one measurement is determined by the accuracy requested, the time allowed, and an upper and lower bound.

**Pattern:** A frame, where similar measurements can be plugged in. In the parallel case patterns are useful for the coordination of a measurement's processes.

**Suite of measurements:** Measurements varied over their *common* parameter. In the report generated by the report generator every subsection represents a suite of measurements. (E.g., `MPI_Send-MPI_Recv` from 0..16 MB message length.)

**Run:** A run of the benchmark is the execution of all selected suites. (The selection is done in the parameter file.) Usually for each run a report is generated.

## Chapter 2

# Using *SKaLib*

### Getting *SKaLib*

*SKaLib* can be downloaded from the *SKaLib* homepage <http://www.ipd.ira.uka.de/~skampi/skalib.html>. It arrives as `skalib.tar.gz`.

### Installing *SKaLib*

This file can be unpacked with the UNIX command `gtar -xvzf skalib.tar.gz` (in case no `gtar` is available on your system, use: `gunzip -c skampi.tar.gz | tar -xf -`) The directory `skalib/` will be created relative to your current directory. It contains all source files and two examples: `skalib-ex` (the sequential example) and the *SKaMPI* benchmark, as an example of a benchmark using MPI, and `skalib-ex.c`

### Compiling *SKaLib*

All steps required to build the *SKaLib* library file are performed by the makefiles `skalib-mpi.mak` and `skalib-seq.mak`. Probably some macros in the makefile have to be adapted to your system. Start the building process for the sequential library with the command `make -f skalib-seq.mak` in the `skampi` directory. Use `make -f skalib-mpi.mak` for the parallel version of the library. In this case you need MPI Ver. 1.0 or higher installed.

To use *SKaLib*, adapt one of this makefiles. (Depending on whether to use MPI or not.)

We resigned from creating a library with the `ar` command in the makefiles, since it is highly system dependent. In principle, it is possible first to build up a library with `ar`, and then to link it with your object file.

## Chapter 3

# Mechanisms of *SKaLib*

This chapter explains mechanisms of *SKaLib*, which are used in *SKaMPI*. One common goal of all mechanisms is to improve the reliability of data and to decrease the influence of disturbances of any kind. As the most basic mechanism, we will talk first about portable measurement of time (sec. 3.1). According to the terminology given at the beginning of this report, the *automatic control of the standard error* (sec. 3.2) combines single measurements to measurements. The *automatic parameter refinement* (sec. 3.3) is used to form suites of measurements out of measurements. To combine the results of several runs to one result file the mechanism *automatic merging of results* (sec. 3.4) is used.

### 3.1 Portable measurement of time

For a benchmarking program the measurement of time is crucial, of course. Portability of time measurement is hindered by the fact, that the resolution of the clock is system dependent. In the following we present a method measuring time with a user defined resolution on all systems, i.e., the resolution of the result is not system dependent.

MPI offers two valuable functions: `MPI_Wtime` for time measurement and `MPI_Wtick` which returns the resolution of the clock. When not using MPI (that is in the sequential case) a portable way to measure time is using the ANSI C function `clock`. This function returns a value of type `clock_t`.<sup>1</sup> The following example illustrates the usage of `clock` and motivates the way *SKaLib* uses it.

```
clock_t
  start_time,
  end_time;
```

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<sup>1</sup>Experience shows, that `MPI_Wtime` has a much better resolution than `clock` on most systems. So we prefer using `MPI_Wtime` when available.

```

double
    time;

start_time = clock();
/* measure something */
end_time = clock();
time = ((double)(end_time - start_time))/((double)CLOCKS_PER_SEC);

```

Of course we need to know the unit of time. Since the result of `clock` is system dependent, we need to divide through the constant `CLOCKS_PER_SEC` which is defined in `time.h`.<sup>2</sup> Because we cannot assume that `CLOCKS_PER_SEC` is defined as an integer value on *all* systems, we cast to `double` before the division.<sup>3</sup> However, the main problem with the above “algorithm” is that we do not know the resolution of `clock`, which not necessarily equals to `CLOCKS_PER_SEC`. This may be a serious issue, because nobody guarantees, that the resolution is fine enough for our measurement (i.e., `end_time - start_time` may be zero). Unlike MPI, ANSI C does not offer a portable function to determine the clock’s resolution.

When not using MPI, the following algorithm is used to determine the resolution of `clock` (routine `clock_resolution` in module `skampi_tools`).

```

clock_t
    start_time,
    end_time;

long int
    i;

for (i = 0, start_time = clock(); ;++i)
{
    end_time = clock();
    if ((end_time - start_time) >=1)
        break;
}

return (((double)(end_time - start_time)) /
        ((double)CLOCKS_PER_SEC));

```

(Interestingly enough, omitting the counting of the index variable `i` let some compilers produce bad code (even without any optimization), always returning zero.) However, so we find the smallest possible difference between two calls of `clock` in “CLOCKS”. This difference divided through `CLOCKS_PER_SEC` is the resolution  $R_{system}$  in seconds.

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<sup>2</sup>In `time.h` also the constant `CLK_TCK` is defined, but its value seems useless on some systems.

<sup>3</sup>This is only done for safety because it is reasonable, that when `CLOCKS_PER_SEC` has no integral type, than `clock_t` should also be no integer. But this is not guaranteed.

In both cases, when using MPI or ANSI C, we would like to have an equal precision on all systems, that is a user definable precision instead of a precision defined by the system. To achieve a user definable resolution we have to repeat measurements.

```

clock_t
    start_time,
    end_time;
double
    time;

    long int
        i;

    for (i = 0, start_time = clock(); i < N; ++i)
    {
        /* something to measure */
    }
    end_time = clock();
    time = (((double)(end_time - start_time)) /
            ((double)CLOCKS_PER_SEC * N));

```

Since we know that the result of  $N$  repeated measurements in the variable `time` has the resolution  $R_{system}$ , we know that the resolution of *one* measurements is  $R_{system}/N$ . This relies on the *assumption* that each of the  $N$  measurements consumes the same time. This assumption is not always valid on multitasking systems.  $N$  can be determined, when the user gives a wished resolution  $R_{user}$ .

$$N := \frac{R_{system}}{R_{user}} \quad (3.1)$$

$1/R_{user}$  is given in the constant `WISHED_RESOLUTION` in the file `skalib_const.h`.  $N$  is stored in the global variable `repetitions` which is set in `init_skalib`.

One problem remains: The time consumed even by  $N$  measurements needs not to be higher than  $R_{system}$ . So again we repeat our  $N$  measurements until `end_time - start_time` is larger than zero.

```

clock_t
    start_time,
    end_time;
double
    time;

    long int
        i,
        a;
    for (a = 0, start_time = clock(); end_time - start_time > 0; ++a)

```

```

{
  for (i = 0; i < N; ++i)
  {
    /* something to measure */
  }
  end_time = clock();
}
time = (((double)(end_time - start_time)) /
        ((double)CLOCKS_PER_SEC * N * a));

```

## 3.2 Automatic control of the standard error

For each measurement, the number  $n$  of repetitions is determined individually to achieve the minimum effort required for the accuracy requested. This is achieved through the *automatic control of the standard error* (ASEC).

A single measurement consists of the data measured through *one* call of the routine to be measured with fixed parameters (e.g., `MPI_Send` with one MB message length). Data gained in this way contains both the *systematic* and the *statistical error*. *Systematic error* occurs due to the measurement overhead including the call of `MPI_Wtime`. It is usually small and can be corrected by subtracting the time for an empty measurement. Additionally, we warm-up the cache by a dummy call of the measurement routine before actually starting to measure.

Individual measurements are repeated in order to control three sources of *statistical error*: finite clock resolution, execution time fluctuations from various sources, and outliers.

Two questions arise: (1) how many repetitions are necessary? Since we do not want to waste expensive supercomputer time, we do not want to perform too many repetitions. And (b) how to combine data of these single measurements to a *measurement's* result?

The first question is handled by the routine `am_control_end`, the second by `am_fill_data`. All routines of this section can be found in module `automeasure.c`.

### 3.2.1 Repetition of measurements

In principle, not all suites of measurements are equally important for the user. Some suites are only used for a rough overview of a function's performance, whereas other suites are very important for tuning an MPI implementation, or to ponder which MPI operation to use. Therefore, the user can give a limiting standard error per suite (variable `standard_error` in the struct `measurement_struct`, see chapter 5) (In the `skampi`-parameter file this variable can be set through the parameter file.) Single measurements are repeated until the standard error of



the performed single measurements falls below the given limit. The standard error is a metric for the reliability of the data, whereas the standard deviation is a metric for the dispersion of the data. The standard error  $\sigma_{\bar{x}}$  is defined as:

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \quad (3.2)$$

where  $n$  is the number of single measurements, the  $x_i$  ( $i = 1 \dots n$ ) are the single measurement's results,  $\bar{x}$  is the mean of the  $x_i$ , and  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation:

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{x} - x_i)^2}{n - 1}} \quad (3.3)$$

The above definition for the standard error (3.2) is not used in `am_control_end`. In `am_control_end` the standard error is calculated on the fly (i.e., after each single measurement with updates of the variables `counter` ( $= n$ ), `result_sum_all` ( $= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ ), `square_result_sum_all` ( $= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$ ), and `mean_value_all` ( $= \bar{x}$ ) using formula (3.4).

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2}{n}}{n \cdot (n - 1)}} \quad (3.4)$$

$\sigma_{\bar{x}}$  is used as an estimator for the standard error of the mean.<sup>4</sup> Here we assume that the error in the  $x_i$  has a Gaussian distribution [5].

To see, why formula (3.4) is equal to the definition (3.2), appendix A presents a short derivation.

Additionally to the standard error limit, the user can enter a time limit `time_meas` in `measurement_t` struct. This time limit guarantees that no new measurement is started, when the time limit is exceeded (even when the standard error is higher than the standard error limit). Note that no running single measurement is aborted, so possibly a measurement may take a little bit more time than the given time limit.

As a third factor to control the number of single measurements a range can be given through `max_rep` and `min_rep`. `max_rep` is used to allocate buffer for the single measurement's results (in `am_init`). So never more than `max_rep` single measurements are performed. So `max_rep` overrides all other variables. Opposed to that `min_rep` does not. There can be less than `min_rep` single measurements, in case the time limit is exceeded. This is done, because, when the user gives a time limit, probably the time limit for *SKaMPI* when started on a parallel machine relies on the `time_meas`. (In the case no time limit given, there are `min_rep` single measurements, even when the standard error is below

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<sup>4</sup>As explained in the next section, we use the mean  $\bar{x}$  to form a measurement's result out of the  $x_i$ .

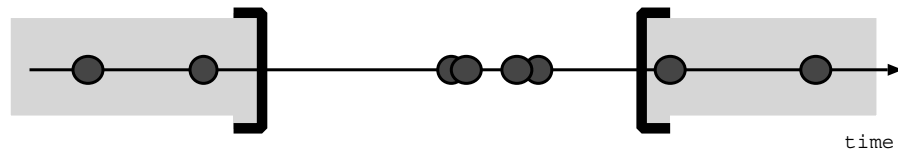


Figure 3.1: Cut upper and lower quantile

the standard error limit at less than `min_rep` single measurements.)

### 3.2.2 Forming a measurement

Assume we have an array<sup>5</sup> with at most `max_rep` results of single measurements. `cut_quartile` in the `measurement_t`-struct defines which results are used to form the result of the measurement. `cut_quartile` gives the size of the upper resp. lower quartile of single measurements which are disregarded. E.g., `cut_quartile==0.25` than the upper quarter and the lower quarter of the results are ignored. (So we only have the middle 50 % of values left. In the example illustrated in figure 3.1 the shaded values are disregarded.)

### 3.2.3 Interface of the ASEC module

ASEC is implemented in the module `automeasure`. The interface of the ASEC mechanism consists of the functions:

`am_init` initializes all data structures of the ASEC module and allocates memory to store results of `size` many single measurements. It returns `TRUE` in case of success, `FALSE` in case of no memory.

`am_control_end` controls whether the measurement `ms` at argument `arg` should be repeated (returning `TRUE`) or not (returning `FALSE`). The parameters are: the current measurement `ms`, the actual argument `arg`, the measured time (`tbm_time`), the node time<sup>6</sup> `node_time`, the `partner` (-process) also involved into this measurement. If there is no other process involved, `partner` is set to `NO_COMMUNICATION`. If it is set to `USE_COMMUNICATOR`, the argument `local_communicator` will be used for communication to more than one other process. The root is process 0. It assumes that `am_init` has been called before.

In the sequential case the parameters `partner`, `node_time`, and `local_communicator` are omitted.

<sup>5</sup>`tbm_buffer` in the source code.

<sup>6</sup>The node time is the time measured on a node and is measured on every node, whereas the `tbm_time` (to be measured time) is the time measured on the root process (process 0).

`am_fill_data` fills the `dummy_time`, the standard error of the dummy time (`du_ti_se`) into the data record `data`, therefore it uses some information about the actual suite of measurements `ms`. It assumes that `am_init` has been called before.

`am_free` frees all allocated resources, assumes that `am_init` has been called before.

All functions require `skalib_init` called before.

### 3.3 Automatic parameter refinement

The automatic parameter refinement (APR) feature is motivated by the observation, that graphs of suites of measurements (time versus varied arguments; its performance graph) are often non continuous; when the underlying implementation of the routine to be measured switches the algorithm, the performance graph has a saltus. Of course we are interested to determine these points exactly. On the other hand, the performance graph is not smooth at many arguments due to several reasons: limited accuracy, disturbed results, etc. . Since we cannot avoid these facts, we are not interested in investing a lot time to measure this noise more exactly than necessary.

So to build a suite of measurements we have to know at which arguments we should call a measurement. The arguments should be chosen to determine salti with an high accuracy, but since computing time is expensive we do not want to invest a lot of time in not “interesting” areas of the performance graph.

#### 3.3.1 Algorithm

Here we present an algorithm fulfilling the above requirement. The description mainly is cited from [2]. Lets assume that we measure function  $t : P \rightarrow R$ , i.e., taking a parameter  $m \in P$  and mapping it to a result in the real numbers  $R$ . Furtheron, we assume that  $P$  are the integers from  $m_{min} \dots m_{max}$ . Furtheron,  $\sigma > 1$  is the `stepwidth` of the `measurements_t` struct.

When using a logarithmic scale, we measure at  $m_{max}$  and at  $m_{min}\sigma^k$  for all  $k$  such that  $m_{min}\sigma^k < m_{max}$ . On a logarithmic scale these values are equidistant. (What also is the case on a linear scale.)

Now the idea is to adaptively subdivide those segments where a linear interpolation would be most inaccurate. Since nonlinear behavior of  $t(m)$  between two measurements can be overlooked, the initial stepwidth  $\sigma$  should not be too large ( $\sigma = \sqrt{2}$  or  $\sigma = 2$  are typical values). Fig. 3.2 shows a line segment between measured points  $(m_b, t_b)$  and  $(m_c, t_c)$  and its two surrounding segments. Either of the surrounding segments can be extrapolated to “predict” the opposite point of the middle segment.

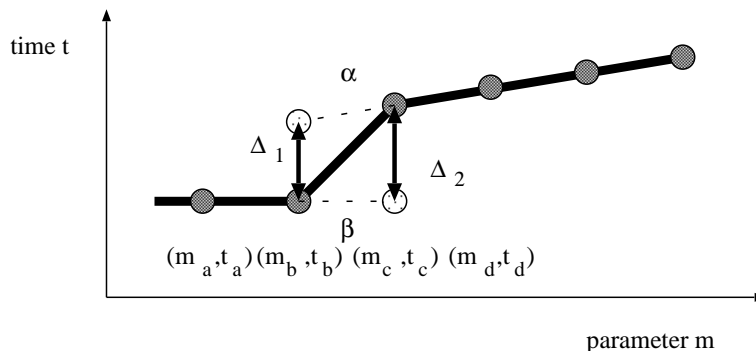


Figure 3.2: Deciding about refining a segment  $(m_b, t_b) - (m_c, t_c)$ .

Let  $\Delta_1$  and  $\Delta_2$  denote the prediction errors. We use

$$K_{m_b, m_c} := \min(|\Delta_1|/t_b, |\Delta_2|/t_c, (m_c - m_b)/m_b) \quad (3.5)$$

as an estimate for the error incurred by not subdividing the middle segment.<sup>7</sup> We keep all segments in a priority queue. If  $m_b$  and  $m_c$  are the abscissae of the segment with largest error, we subdivide it at  $\sqrt{m_b m_c}$ . We stop when the maximum error drops below  $\epsilon$  or a bound on the number of measurements is exceeded. In the latter case, the priority queue will ensure that the maximum error is minimized given the available computational resources.

To see, why this scheme works, lets assume two cases: The algorithm decides to start a measurement between the points  $(m_b, t_b)$  and  $(m_c, t_c)$ . Now, in the first case, assume that the result lies on the line between  $(m_b, t_b)$  and  $(m_c, t_c)$  as shown in figure 3.3. That is, the point lies exactly where we would have assumed it without refinement. When calculating the  $\Delta_1$  and  $\Delta_2$  for the new segments, the  $\min(\Delta_1, \Delta_2) = 0$  (figure 3.3). Hence, no further refinement would be done at this area.

In the other case, the algorithm also decides to start a measurement between the points  $(m_b, t_b)$  and  $(m_c, t_c)$ . But now, opposed to the first case, assume that the result lies somewhere on the line  $\alpha$  or somewhere on line  $\beta$ . Then the situation is, in principle, again the same as shown in figure 3.2. So, further refinement takes place, the point of the saltus is determined with higher accuracy. This happens until the precision, given in `x_min_dist`, is reached.

The APR can be switched of (`x_scale == FIXED_LIN` or `FIXED_LOG`).

Note that the APR works with fixed (`DYN_LIN`) and logarithmic (`DYN_LOG`)

<sup>7</sup>We also considered using the maximum of  $|\Delta_1|/t_b$  and  $|\Delta_2|/t_c$  but this leads to many superfluous measurements near jumps or sharp bends which occur due to changes of communication mechanisms for different message lengths.

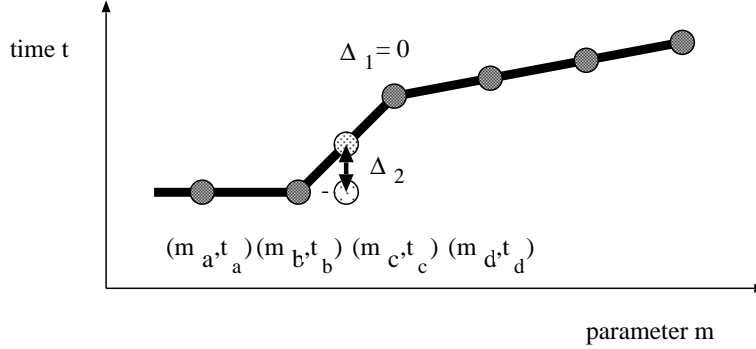


Figure 3.3: Stopping refinement at segment  $(m_b, t_b) - (m_c, t_c)$ .

scale, all calculations (such as segment partitioning) are implemented for both scales.

The analysis of this algorithm shows, that the cost of determining one of the salti  $x_i$  is  $\log_2 \frac{\sigma}{x_{min}}$  (in the worst case). Altogether with the  $\frac{x_s - x_0}{\sigma}$  measurements of phase one we need  $m(\sigma) = \frac{x_s - x_0}{\sigma} + \log_2 \frac{\sigma}{x_{min}} \cdot s$  measurements. In case we know the number of salti  $s$  (through theoretical analysis of the function  $t$  to measure or through a prior run of measurements), we can adjust  $\sigma$  to yield a minimum of  $m$ . Therefore we set  $\frac{dm}{d\sigma} = 0$ , and get  $\sigma = \frac{(x_s - x_0) \cdot \ln 2}{s}$ .

### 3.3.2 Estimation of the maximal error

The error (i.e., the difference between  $t$  and the reconstruction through measurements) can be bounded through  $x_{min} \cdot m_i$ , where  $m_i$  is the slope of the considered linear “piece” of  $t$ . This is because we chose the stepwidth  $\sigma$  larger than  $M$ , the minimum length of a linear “piece” of  $t$ .

A different approach to parameter refinement calculates as a key  $K_{(i,i+1)}$  the second derivative of  $t$  at the points  $x_i$ . Here the normalized discrete numerical approximation

$$K_{m_a, m_c} := \frac{1}{t_b} \cdot \frac{\frac{t_b - t_a}{m_b - m_a} - \frac{t_c - t_b}{m_c - m_b}}{\frac{m_b + m_c}{2} - \frac{m_a + m_b}{2}} \quad (3.6)$$

is used. Note that

$$K_{m_a, m_c} = \frac{2}{t_b} \cdot \frac{(m_c - m_b)(t_b - t_a) - (m_b - m_a)(t_c - t_b)}{(m_b - m_a)(m_c - m_b)(m_c - m_a)} \quad (3.7)$$

Let  $l_i := \max((m_c - m_b), (m_b - m_a), (m_c - m_a))$  during refinement step  $i$ . During refinement  $l_i$  approaches  $x_{min}$  and  $K_{m_a, m_c}$  increases like a function from  $O(1/l^2)$ . That means that the key increases despite further refinements

(and so lower errors). So the key does not correspond to the errors of a segment. As a consequence, a particular area is refined albeit other areas of  $t$  may contain higher errors. This does not happen with the key function defined in equation (3.5), because this key is independent from the segment's length. So, as a advantage, our algorithms lowers the errors at all parts of  $t$  equally.

### 3.3.3 Implementation and Interface

The automatic parameter refinement is implemented in function `measure_suite` in module `autodist.c`. It computes for the suite of measurements `ms` all arguments where to measure, and performs the measurements. The measurements are called through the routine `tbm` (to be measured), which is passed as a function pointer. Since the APR mechanism is independent of the patten used, `tbm` decides which pattern to use, not `measure_suite`. For each possible parameter to vary over (message length, nodes and chunks in the parallel case) we have one extra routine, which can be used for the `tbm` parameter: `call_length`, `call_nodes`, `call_chunks` in the parallel case, and `call_length` also for the sequential case. All these "call routines" are in module `skampi-call`.

## 3.4 Automatic merging of results

The exist situations, where a single run's results are not reliable (mainly because of disturbance of the network or processors by other processes). Of course, it is best to repeat the run, when the source of disturbance disappeared. But that is not always possible. In this case the results of several disturbed runs can form a more reliable result file. The questions is: How to merge several result files into one?

Since merging result files heavily depends on the format of the output file, here the automatic merging of results (AMR) mechanism used by *SKaMPI* is described. For other output file formats the mechanism is still applicable, but the format specific parsing of output files has to be adapted to the other format.

### 3.4.1 Merging results

*SKaMPI* merges a measurement's result depending on the kind of result: For the result of the *times* it is the weighted median. For example we merge three output files: the measurement of a suite of measurements at a fixed argument has in the first result file the result 899 measured with 10 single measurements, the second file has 901 (4 single measurements), and the last file has 910 with 4 single measurements. Then the result is 899. The *standard error* of this measurement is used for the standard error of the merged result. The same holds for the *node times*. This operation is performed by the routine `post_process`

in the module `skampi_post.c`, which takes an array of result data (given in parameter `data_t *result_data`) and gives back the filled structure `new_data`. Note that the global variable `nif` (set in `init_post_proc`) contains the number of input files.

### 3.4.2 Finding results

As described in section 3.3 the APR mechanism determines the arguments of some measurements of a suite of measurements. So when merging suites of measurements from several files, the problem can arise, that not every measurement of one file has its pendants in other files with the same argument. (E.g., the measurement at argument 1020 bytes of suite `MPI_Send-MPI_Recv` of the first file cannot find a measurement at this argument 1020 bytes of suite `MPI_Send-MPI_Recv` in the second file.

This problem is solved through interpolating the missing measurement through its neighboring measurements. In the above example, the measurement at argument 1020 bytes will be “created” through linear interpolation between the neighboring measurements at argument 1008 bytes and 1024 bytes.<sup>8</sup> This interpolation is done in function `interpolate_data` called by function `combine_lists`.

### 3.4.3 Putting it all together

The post processing is performed in function `post_processing`, which gets the name of the first input file as argument.<sup>9</sup> (It assumes, that the following input files are named as `input_file.1`, `input_file.2`, ... .

In pseudocode the way `post_processing` works looks like

```
while not END-OF-FILE first_file
  read a suite of measurements
  for all other file
    search this suite of measurements; read it
  for all measurements in the first suite
    if measurement at this argument is not available in another file
      interpolate this value;
    find median;
    store it in skampi.out
```

Functions depending on the input files’ format are: `find_meas` (finding a certain measurement), `skip_to_next_meas` (skipping to the next measurement), and `read_one_meas` assumes text files as input. Generally the interface

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<sup>8</sup>For this example we will assume these are the neighboring values. Of course, in general there may be others.

<sup>9</sup>Note that the *output* files of a benchmark are the *input* files for the function `post_processing`.

to input files is provided through routines as `read_from_file`, `write_to_file`, `read_header`, and `write_head_of_outfile` (which are all found in `skampi_tools`).



## Chapter 4

# Example: How *SKaLib* is used in *SKaMPI*

This chapter shows how to apply *SKaLib* to two example applications. One example application is the *SKaMPI* benchmarks, so this chapter can also be used as design document for *SKaMPI*. The other example is `skalib-ex` which shows the application of *SKaLib* for a sequential benchmark.

*SKaMPI* and `skalib-ex` use the AMR, APR, and ASEC mechanisms on different levels (or layers). The most internal layer is a *pattern* where ASEC is used; the APR is used at the *autodist*-layer. Finally, AMR is used at the *post processing* level. These layers are described below.

In principle *SKaMPI* and `skalib-ex` differ most in their patterns and their measurement of time. Their functions `main` are similar. Look at `skalib-ex.c` to see a typical function `main` and the declared variables and the included files. In the file `skalib_const.h` are some constants, which may be adapted by the user. (Note that in general recompilation of the library is required that these constants have affect.) Some constants are described in this document, refer to the index entry *constants*.

### 4.1 The Patterns-layer

In the mean of *SKaMPI* a *pattern* is a procedure which has two responsibilities: First, it has to execute the *routine to be measured*. This may be a simple function call or, in the parallel case, a SPMD<sup>1</sup> fragment, which coordinates several processes to perform the routine to be measured. Second, a pattern has

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<sup>1</sup>Single Program Multiple Data: A program, run in several instances simultaneously on a parallel computer, which can perform different branches of its control flow in dependence of its process number.



The above part warms up the cache. But also here you can see the usual pattern: First a call of `am_init` initializes all internal data structures of ASEC. (`am_init` gets the argument `CACHE_WARMUP`, i.e., the number of repetitions.) Then in a while-loop the routine to be measured is called as a callback. (In this example we use the p2p-callback `ms->data.p2p_data.server_op`.) Note that in this loop the time is measured. The loop is controlled by `am_control_end` (with the argument `-1 * CACHE_WARMUP` noting, that no results are stored.) `am_free` frees all internal data structures of ASEC.

Now we measure for real: like above, we perform several single measurements (the number is controlled by `am_control_end` and *not* fixed here) and form a measurement with `am_fill_data`. Everything else is as described above.

```
am_init(ms->max_rep);
do
{
    org_time = (start_time = MPI_Wtime()) - end_time;
    /* measure */
    ms->data.p2p_data.server_op (ms->data.p2p_data.len,
                                ms->data.p2p_data.max_node,
                                ms->data.p2p_data.communicator);

    end_time = MPI_Wtime();
    tbm_time = end_time - start_time;
}while (am_control_end(ms, ms->data.p2p_data.len, tbm_time, org_time,
                      ms->data.p2p_data.max_node, MPI_COMM_NULL));

am_fill_data (ms, ms->data.p2p_data.len, ms->data.p2p_data.dummy_time,
              ms->data.p2p_data.dummy_time_se, ms->data.p2p_data.result);
am_free();
```

In this example we used the point-to-point pattern, but all other patterns have the same scheme of `am_init`, `am_control_end`, `am_fill_data`, and `am_free`.

## 4.2 Autodist-layer

This layer uses the APR mechanism. Remember from section 3.3 that the routine `measure_suite` calls a callback `tbm` with the calculated argument.<sup>2</sup> In principle, `tbm` could be a pattern. In fact, `tbm` is a routine, which depends on the parameter varied over. In *SKaMPI* this routine can be one of the following: `call_length`, `call_nodes`, or `call_chunks`. These functions form an “intermediate” layer and call the appropriate pattern. This intermediate layer does some work for initialization depending on the pattern and parameter varied over. For sake of flexibility this work has been factored out of `measure_suite` ad

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<sup>2</sup>Note that this callback is *not* the callback, called by a pattern.

the patterns. This intermediate layer also initializes the *dummy values*. In this variables the dummy time is stored, i.e., the time of a measurement, induced by the overhead.

### 4.3 Post processing-layer

The idea of the post processing is to minimize the influences of the operating environment to one run of *SKaMPI*. So the post processing deals with the results of several runs of *SKaMPI*. This is the main reason why the post processing is separated into the extra program `pposf.c`. This seems reasonable also for other benchmarks basing on *SKaLib*.

The other solution is to put the post processing in the benchmarks itself. We also realized this for sake of user's convenience.

The post processing is called via the routine `post_processing`, its parameter `input_file_name` stores the filename of the base output name. (This is the name of the first output file; in *SKaMPI* its `skampi.out`. `post_processing` expects output files of older runs to be renamed to `<basename>.1`, `<basename>.2`, ... .

## Chapter 5

# *SKaMPI*'s Main data structures

The main data structures are declared in `skampi.h`. Here you can find the `measurement_t`-struct, which is the central of the whole benchmark. The values, which have to be initialized when calling a measurement (via its pattern), are marked with “IN”, values reached out with “OUT”. The data stored in `measurement_t` is necessary for every suite of measurements, except measurements with the simple-pattern. Since this pattern has no variation, the variables `x_start`, `x_end` and `x_stepwidth` have no sense.

First lets have a look at the variables of the `measurement_t`-structure, which describe this suite of measurement.

```
typedef struct
{
    char *name;      /* name of this measurement IN */
    int pattern;    /* which pattern should be applied IN */
#ifdef SEQ
    MPI_Comm communicator;
#endif /*SEQ*/
}
```

Each suite of measurements has a unique name (in *SKaMPI* this name is defined in the parameter file [4]). This name is stored in `name`. In our context a *pattern* is a unique form, how several processes work together. (*SKaMPI* is developed to benchmark parallel programs, which means several processes may have to cooperate to perform a measured operation.) Technically spoken, `pattern` determines which function is called to measure an operation. If you measure MPI operations, you need a communicator, which defines the participating processes of a measurement.

The following variables describe parameters of the suite of measurements,

i.e, which parameter to vary over (*variation*), parameter range (*x\_start* and *x\_end*), and some more, described more detailed below.

```

int variation; /* NODES, LENGTH, CHUNK */
int x_scale; /* FIXED_LIN, FIXED_LOG, DYN_LIN, DYN_LOG */
int x_start; /* lowest argument, start of the variation */
int x_end; /* max. argument, never succeeded by variation */
double x_stepwidth; /* semantic:
    FIXED_LIN: x stepwidth between to measurements
    all other x_scales: first stepwidth
    */
int x_max_steps;
int x_min_dist; /* semantic:
    FIXED__: no meaning
    DYN_LIN: smallest stepwidth
    DYN_LOG: smallest stepwidth of the first two steps
    */
int x_max_dist; /* semantic:
    FIXED__: no meaning
    DYN__: highest stepwidth */

double
    time_suite, /* max. allowed time for a suite of measurements in minutes IN */
    act_time_suite; /* actual used time for one suite in minutes OUT */

int multiple_of; /* every argument is a mutliple of this value (or 0) IN */

```

The *x\_scale* determines, whether the arguments are chosen with constant distance (*x\_stepwidth*) in the parameter range (*...LIN*), or logarithmic, which means, that measurements are performed a arguments (*stepwidth*<sup>1</sup>, *stepwidth*<sup>2</sup>, *stepwidth*<sup>3</sup> ... until *x\_end* has been reached (*...LOG*). The parameter *x\_scale* is also used to switch on the automatic parameter refinement (refer to sec. 3.3). *DYN...* as a value's prefix turn automatic parameter refinement of; *FIXED\_* off. When automatic parameter refinement is used, *x\_min\_dist* is the smallest distance between two arguments.<sup>1</sup> *x\_max\_steps* gives the maximum number of measurements in this suite of measurements. Note that when not using the automatic parameter refinement, the number of measurements is determined through the range of the argument and the stepwidth. (So the variable is only in use, when automatic parameter refinement is switched on, and the time limit *time\_suite* is set appropriate.) *act\_time\_suite* gives the time actually used by this suite in seconds. *multiple\_of* defines the integer ever argument has to be a multiple of.

The following variables describe the measurements of this suite of measurements.

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<sup>1</sup>*x\_max\_dist* is not used until now.

```

int max_rep; /* max. number of calls of measurements in a pattern IN */
int min_rep; /* min. number of calls of measurements in a pattern IN */

int node_times; /* true iff execution times per node should be stored
IN */

double
standard_error, /* the max. allowed standard error: used to determine
the end of measurements at one arg */
/* time_meas can overrides standard_error, in case that time_meas
exceeded but the standarderror of the measurement has not been
fallen below "standard_error"

time_suite can override x_max_steps and x_end, in case of time
time_suite exceeded, and not all measurements have been done.
*/

time_meas, /* max. allowed time for a measurement in minutes IN */
cut_quantile; /* quantile to cut of the results of a
single measurements IN */

```

`max_rep` and `min_rep` define the range, how often the single measurements of a measurement are repeated. (Note that the actual number of repetition is defined through the given standard error and time limit `time_meas`, refer to section 3.2.) `node_times` is a boolean, in case of `FALSE` the time is only measured by a master process. But possibly a parallel routine may have finished on other processes while still running on the master process. To measure this effect, this variable can be set on true. `cut_quantile` specifies the single measurement's results, which a used to compute the measurement's result (refer to section 3.2).

The variable `result_list`

```

data_list_t *result_list; /* list of results
OUT */

/* default values */
int nodes;

/* routines for allocating and freeing ressources:
memsize = the size in bytes (!) of the memory declared in params.memory
nor = number of repetitions (usually max_rep)
nom = number of measurements (usually x_max_steps)
now = number of processes ind this communicator */

long (*server_init) (int nor, int nom, int nop);
void (*server_free) (void);
#ifdef SEQ
long (*client_init) (int nor, int nom, int nop);

```

```

    void (*client_free) (void);
#endif /*SEQ*/

```

The pattern specific data structures (`data`) store the information, need for *one* measurement by an specific pattern.

All four pattern-specific data structures contain callback functions (here implemented with function pointers). These callbacks hold the functions to be measured. The meaning of the different callbacks is explained in the user manual, section “But what is measured?”.

```

    union          /* patternspecific data_structures IN */
    {
#ifdef SEQ
        p2p_pattern_data_t      p2p_data;
        mw_pattern_data_t      mw_data;
        col_pattern_data_t      col_data;
        simple_pattern_data_t    simple_data;
#else
        simple_pattern_data_t    simple_data;
        seqmeas_pattern_data_t  seqmeas_data;
#endif /*SEQ*/
    }data;
}measurement_t;

```

The specific data for the p2p-pattern is stored in the `p2p_pattern_data_t`-struct.

```

/* bundle of data reached in the p2p_pattern */
typedef struct
{
    /* Pointer to function measured by server */
    MPI_Status (* server_op) (int, int, MPI_Comm);

    /* Pointer to client function */
    MPI_Status (* client_op) (int, int, MPI_Comm);
    /* second int is just dummy, so that client_op has the same type as
       server_op */

    int which_to_measure; /* which node should be used for measurement ?
                           the one with the max. latencie or the one
                           with the min. */

    /* both _node variables are filled in the routine p2p_find_max_min
       of module p2p.c */
    int max_node; /* number of the node with max. latencie */
    int min_node; /* ... with min. latencie */

    int len; /* the actual message length IN */

```



```

int def_nodes;          /* the number of nodes used for this measurement IN */
MPI_Comm communicator; /* Communicator used for measurement IN */

data_t *result;        /* Measured results OUT */

double dummy_time;     /* dummy time for that communicator an pattern */
double dummy_time_se; /* and its standard error */
}p2p_pattern_data_t;

```

The last three items are common to each pattern-data-structs. They are not stored in the `measurements_t`-struct, because they are specific for *one* measurement and not for the suite of measurements.<sup>2</sup>

The master-worker data looks like:

```

/* bundle of data reached in the mw_pattern */
typedef struct
{
    void (* master_receive_ready) (int, int len, MPI_Comm);
    int (* master_dispatch) (int now, int work, int chunks,
int len, MPI_Comm);
    void (* master_worker_stop) (int worker, int len, MPI_Comm);
    int (* worker_receive) (int len, MPI_Comm);
    void (* worker_send) (int len, MPI_Comm);

    MPI_Comm communicator; /* Communicator used for measurement IN */

    int len;                /* message length IN */
    int def_nodes;         /* the number of nodes used for this measurement IN */
    int chunks;            /* Number of work pieces IN */
    data_t *result;        /* Measured results OUT */
    double dummy_time;     /* dummy time for that communicator and pattern IN */
    double dummy_time_se; /* and its standard error IN */
}mw_pattern_data_t;

```

The meaning of the callbacks is explained in the user manual, section “But what is measured?”.

The data for the collective-pattern:

```

typedef struct
{
    /* preparations for the routine_to_measure, only at the server site.
    this function is not measured */
    void (* init_routine_to_measure) (int len, MPI_Comm);

    /* this function is measured */
    void (* routine_to_measure) (int len, MPI_Comm);

```

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<sup>2</sup>According to the definitions given at the beginning of this report, a suite of measurements is a number of similar measurements varied over a parameter.

```

/* preparations for the routine_to_measure on the client site.
   this function is not measured */
void (* init_client_routine) (int len,MPI_Comm);

void (* client_routine) (int len,MPI_Comm);
int len; /* message length */
int def_nodes; /* the number of nodes used for this measurement IN */
MPI_Comm communicator; /* Communicator used for measurement */
data_t *result; /* Measured results */
double dummy_time; /* dummy time for that communicator an pattern */
double dummy_time_se; /* and its standard error */
}col_pattern_data_t;

```

In praxis the `routine_to_measure` and the `client_routine` point to the same function. But to increase flexibility, we left two different function-pointers. The “simple” data:

```

typedef struct
{
    void (* routine_to_measure) (void);
    data_t *result; /* Measured results OUT */
    double dummy_time; /* dummy time for that communicator an pattern IN */
    double dummy_time_se; /* and its standard error IN */
}simple_pattern_data_t;

```

## Chapter 6

# Enhancements of *SKaMPI*

The following sections give hints for some enhancements. All these extensions require a new compilation of *SKaMPI*. This can be done in two ways. First you can use the makefile given with the `mpich` implementation [1] of MPI for application programming. (This is the way I used.) So you can use the different modules, which may ease understandability.

The more portable (but also more time consuming) way is to create one source file from all modules and compile this one. This is just one compiler call, and you do not have to worry about some dependencies, because in every call the whole code of *SKaMPI* is compiled. This is the “**SKaMPI in one sourcefile**”-mechanism (`skosfile`).

Figure 6.1 shows the steps to yield *SKaMPI* in one source file, which can be compiled to *SKaMPI*. After calling `rsplit.pl *.ch`, several source files will be created in the subdirectory `onesourcefile`. Then change in this directory and call the shell-script `sk21f`<sup>1</sup>, which creates `skosfile.c`. This file can be compiled with your local MPI-C-Compiler. (Note that you have to link with the math library (`-lm`)).

### 6.1 New sections of the parameter file

For demonstration how to add a new section, will look to all steps including the `@NEWSECTION`-section. It should be a section containing text.

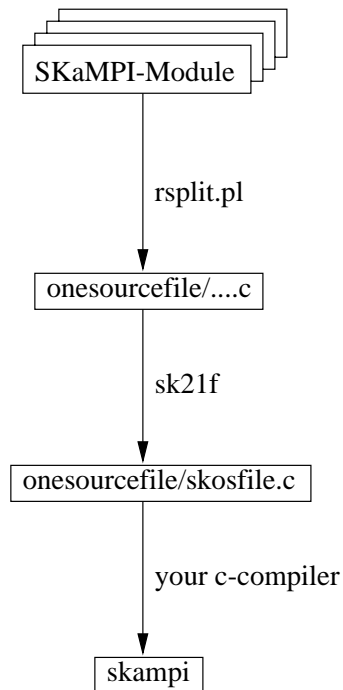
1. Add a new mode name in file `skampi_params.h`. We will name it `NEWSECTION_MODE`.

The new steps-enum may look like this:

```
enum{NO_MODE, USER_MODE, MEM_MODE, STEPS_MODE, NETWORK_MODE, NODE_MODE,
      MACHINE_MODE, COMMENT_MODE, OUTFILE_MODE, LOGFILE_MODE, MAX_REP_MODE,
```

---

<sup>1</sup>`sk21f` means “*SKaMPI* to one file”.

Figure 6.1: Creating *SKaMPI* via one source file

```

MIN_REP_MODE, STANDARD_ERROR_MODE, POST_MODE, MEASUREMENTS_MODE,
ABSOLUTE_MODE, TIME_MEAS_MODE, TIME_SUITE_MODE, CUT_QUANTILE_MODE,
MULTIPLE_OF_MODE
MY_NEW_SECTION};

```

2. Add the new parameter in the `params_t`-struct in `skampi_params.h`. Here we use that it will be a text-section.

```

typedef struct
{
    text_t user;
    text_t out_file;
    text_t log_file;
    text_t machine;
    text_t network;
    text_t node;
    unsigned memory;
    unsigned max_steps_default;
    unsigned max_rep_default;
    unsigned min_rep_default;
    unsigned multiple_of_default;

```

```

    double standard_error_default;
    double time_meas_default;
    double time_suite_default;
    double cut_quantile_default;
    int absolute;
    int post_proc;
    text_t comment;
    text_t measurements;
    text_t my_new_section;
}params_t;

```

3. Add in function `init_params` in module `skampi_params.c` a line assigning a default value the new parameter.

```

params_t *
init_params (params_t *params)
{
    params->user[0] = NULL;
    params->out_file[0] = OUTFILE;
    params->out_file[1] = NULL;
    params->log_file[0] = LOGFILE;
    params->log_file[1] = NULL;
    params->machine[0] = NULL;
    params->network[0] = NULL;
    params->node[0] = NULL;
    params->memory = MEM_DEFAULT;
    params->max_steps_default = MAX_STEPS_DEFAULT;
    params->max_rep_default = MAX_REP_DEFAULT;
    params->min_rep_default = MIN_REP_DEFAULT;
    params->standard_error_default = STANDARD_ERROR_DEFAULT;
    params->time_meas_default = TIME_MEAS_DEFAULT;
    params->time_suite_default = TIME_SUITE_DEFAULT;
    params->cut_quantile_default = CUT_QUANTILE_DEFAULT;
    params->multiple_of_default = MULTIPLE_OF_DEFAULT;
    params->absolute = FALSE; /* as default */
    params->post_proc = TRUE; /* as default */
    params->comment[0] = NULL;
    params->measurements[0] = NULL; /* or all ? */
    params->new_section[0] = "Hello World";
    params->new_section[1] = NULL;

    return (params);
}

```

Look at the last two assignments: Since we have defined `new_section` as a `text_t` (definition in file `skampi_tools.h`) it is an array of strings. Note that this array is NULL-terminated. The constant `TEXT_LINES` describing its size is defined in `skampi_tools.h`.

4. In function `parse_parameter_file` you have to add code converting a line of the parameter file (which is provided in `corrected_line`) into the format of the parameter. We will use the function `insert_in_text`, to add this line at its correct position in the text `new_section`.

```

case NEWSECTION_MODE:
    insert_in_text (corrected_line, &(params->new_section),
                  line_counter);
    break;

```

At this position you may also do some syntax checking. *SKaMPI* usually aborts, if an syntax error occurs.

5. The function `line_mode` is responsible for recognising the sections in the parameter file. (A line of this file is provided in `line`. Here you have to add code, which shouts, when hitting our new section. Then you have to set the mode and to correct the line. This means cutting of the keyword. Our keyword in the parameter file will be `@NEWSECTION`.

```

if ((new_line = strstr(line, "@NEWSECTION")) != NULL)
{
    *mode = NEWSECTION_MODE;
    return (new_line + strlen ("@NEWSECTION"));
}else ...

```

6. Function `read_parameters` is the chief-parameter-parser. It coordinates all other functions. Here we must ensure, that the successfully parsed section is send to all other processes. We do this with MPI-Functions (Ok, not really surprisingly). For sending a text, we have special functions: `send_text` and `receive_text`. Note that the order sending all parameters is important. It has to be the same as receiving the parameters.

```

...
send_text (&(params->node));
...
MPI_Bcast (&(params->absolute), 1, MPI_INT, 0,
          default_communicator);
send_text (&(params->comment));
send_text (&(params->measurements));
...
send_text (&(params->new_section));
}
else /* so not proc. 0 */
{ /* receive params-struct */
    ...

```

```

    recv_text (&(params->node));
    ...
    MPI_Bcast (&(params->absolute), 1, MPI_INT, 0,
              default_communicator);
    recv_text (&(params->comment));
    recv_text (&(params->measurements));
    ...
    recv_text (&(params->new_section));
}

```

If you want to access to the new parameter, you can simply use `params.new_section`, since the `params`-struct is global. If you want to print it in the output file, you can manipulate the function `write_head_of_outfile` in `skampi_tools.c`.

## 6.2 New measurements

When creating a new measurement the first decision is which pattern is to use. (There is no measurement possible, without using a pattern.) The patterns are introduced in the user manual [4]. If you cannot find a suitable pattern, you have to build a new one. Please see section 6.3 for further information.

In this example we want to add new ping-measurement, which uses `MPI_Send` for sending a message to another node. No reply is expected.

1. For this measurement the point-to-point pattern can be used, since only two nodes are involved (sender and receiver). First we have to find out which callback functions we have to provide.<sup>2</sup> In this case we have to code the two callbacks `server_op` and `client_op`. Since the first one is measured, it will contain the call of `MPI_Send`.

```

MPI_Status server_Send (int msglen, int max_node,
                       MPI_Comm communicator)
{
    MPI_Status status;

    MPI_Send (_skampi_buffer, msglen, MPI_CHAR,
              max_node, 0, communicator);
    return (status);
}

```

You may claim, that `status` is never used. That is right, but the p2p-pattern expects this prototype: `MPI_Status server_Send (int msglen,`

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<sup>2</sup>Which callbacks you need depends on the pattern you use. All patterns are described in the user manual, section “But what is measured?”.

`int max_node, MPI_Comm communicator`). (See section “Data structures” for getting the right prototypes the patterns use.) The parameters supply: the message length, the number of the communication partner and the communicator.

Usually the callbacks are grouped together in files `..._test1.c`. So we will add them to the file `p2p_test1.c`. The other callback `client_op` contains the corresponding receive.

```
MPI_Status client_Recv (int msglen, int node,
                        MPI_Comm communicator)
{
    MPI_Status status;

    MPI_Recv (_skampi_buffer, msglen, MPI_CHAR, 0, 0, communicator,
              &status);
    return (status);
}
```

Perhaps you asked, what is up with the address `_skampi_buffer`. This buffer is provided, after the call of with `mem_init_one_buffer`.<sup>3</sup> *SKaMPI* (more exactly: the function `measure_suite`) takes care, that `msglen` will never exceed the size of this buffer.

2. Now we write the initialization function. Here we determine p2p data of the `measurement_t`-struct.

```
void p2p_init_Send (measurement_t *ms, data_t *data)
{
    ms->pattern = P2P;
    ms->server_init = mem_init_one_buffer;
    ms->client_init = mem_init_one_buffer;
    ms->server_free = mem_release;
    ms->client_free = mem_release;
    ms->data.p2p_data.server_op = server_Send;
    ms->data.p2p_data.client_op = client_Recv;
    ms->data.p2p_data.which_to_measure = MEASURE_MAX;
    ms->data.p2p_data.len = DEF_MESSAGE_LEN;
    ms->data.p2p_data.result = data;
    ms->data.p2p_data.communicator = MPI_COMM_WORLD;
}
```

Note that `ms->data.p2p_data.len = DEF_MESSAGE_LEN`<sup>4</sup> only will concern the message length, if you do not vary over message length. If you want to communicate with the node of minimum latency, set `which_to_measure`

<sup>3</sup>This happens through the callback `server_init`, see below and section 6.2.

<sup>4</sup>Constant found in `skalib_const.h`.



```
= MEASURE_MIN;
```

To work with two buffers `_skampi_buffer` and `_skampi_buffer_2` use `mem_init_two_buffers`. The memory is released in all cases with `mem_release`. All memory management functions belong to the module `skampi_mem`. The next section comes up with further information.

To avoid compiler warnings use function prototypes. (The one of the init-function are placed in `p2p_test1.h`.)

3. Now we provide a facility for controlling our new measurement throughout the parameter file. So we have to change the function `initialize_type` in module `skampi_params.c`.

```
case 50: /* or another unused number */
    p2p_init_Send (ms, NULL);
    break;
```

The number you use in the first line here is the type in the parameter file, to identify your measurement. (Note that for sequential measurements (i.e., `SEQ` defined) we reuse the numbers of parallel case, since parallel and sequential measurements never can occur during the same run.) For example this control block in the parameter file can initialize our measurement.

```
MPI_Send
{
    Type = 50;
    Variation = Length;
    Scale = Dynamic_log;
    Max_Repetition = Default_Value;
    Min_Repetition = Default_Value;
    Multiple_of = Default_Value;
    Time_Measurement = Default_Value;
    Time_Suite = Default_Value;
    Node_Times = yes;
    Cut_Quantile = Default_Value;
    Default_Chunks = 0;
    Default_Message_length = 256;
    Start_Argument = 0;
    End_Argument = Max_Value;
    Stepwidth = 1.414213562;
    Max_Steps = Default_Value;
    Min_Distance = 2;
    Max_Distance = 512;
    Standard_error = Default_Value;
}
```

## Message buffer handling

As we saw in the last section, when writing a callback function, we assume that `_skampi_buffer` (or also `_skampi_buffer_2` is set to an valid memory address. To do this we just have to initialize the client/server initialization function pointer of the `measurement_t`-struct to the routines `mem_init_one_buffer` (or `mem_init_one_buffer` respectively). But what is to do, if we need other buffers. (Like perhaps for callback of the master-worker pattern) ? In this case we define in this pointers (for example in the suitable `..._test1.c`-file). Then we declare the in `skampi_mem.c` as `extern`. Then we can write our own memory initialization routine. Note the following facts:

- Our function must have this type: `int mem_init_our_name (int nor, int nom, int nop)`, where `nor` is the number of repetitions<sup>5</sup>, `nom` the number of measurements<sup>6</sup>, is the number of processes involved in this measurements. For the existing memory-initializers it proved useful knowing this numbers.
- We can assume, that `_skib` (*SKaMPI* internal buffer) is already set to allocated memory (done by routine `allocate_memory`). At this location we have `_skib_size` bytes memory.
- We have to return the memory size in bytes, which we dispatched for `_skampi_buffer`. If you do not want to use `_skampi_buffer` at all, you should return the size, which should be the maximum message length.

## 6.3 New patterns

If you want to add a new pattern, you should ask yourself some questions.

- Over which variables should be varied ?<sup>7</sup>
- Does the new pattern has any callback functions and what is the type of them?
- Do I want to use the automatic repetition mechanism of *SKaMPI*?
- Can I use the existing memory-initializers ? (See section 6.2 for further information.)

The following list shows the steps for adding a new pattern.

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<sup>5</sup>That is the size which is declared by `Max_Repetition` in the parameter file.

<sup>6</sup>That is the size which is declared by `Max_Steps` in the parameter file.

<sup>7</sup>New variables to vary over will called "variation" in the following.

1. First you have to declare a new constant. This constant is used in variable `measurement_t->pattern` to indicate, that your pattern should be used. The declaration should be made in `skampi.h`.

```
enum{P2P, MASTER_WORKER, COLLECTIVE, SIMPLE, MY_NEW_PATTERN};
```

If your new pattern has an extra variable to vary over, you can enter this also in this file.

```
enum{NODES, LENGTH, CHUNK, NO_VARIATION, MY_NEW_VARIATION};
```

2. Before implementing the pattern, we should group together the data, which is specific for this pattern (so not included in the `measurement_t`-struct). We can code this new struct also in `skampi.h`.

```
typedef struct
{
    int specific_data;      /* whatever is useful */
    void (* a_callback) (int);
    data_t *result;        /* Measured results OUT */
    double dummy_time;     /* dummy time for measurements
                           in that communicator
                           and pattern IN */
    double dummy_time_se; /* and its standard error IN */
}my_new_pattern_data_t;
```

This is just an example with one callback (implemented as a pointer to a function) returning `void` and getting an `int`. The integer `specific_data` stands for any data declaration you can do here.

The last three declarations must be included in every pattern data struct. (They are used in the calling mechanism of *SKaMPI*.)

3. Patch the `measurement_t`-struct (also found in `skampi.h`): add your new data struct in the data union.

```
union          /* patternspecific data_structures IN */
{
    p2p_pattern_data_t      p2p_data;
    mw_pattern_data_t       mw_data;
    col_pattern_data_t      col_data;
    simple_pattern_data_t   simple_data;
    my_new_pattern_data_t   my_new_data;
}data;
```

4. Now you can implement your new pattern. Usually every pattern is coded in an extra file (say `my_new_pattern.c`), which has to be linked or you have to adapt the script `sk21f`. (See next point.)

However your pattern must have the type like `int my_new_pattern (measurement_t *ms)`. A prototype of your pattern should be placed in a header-file (e.g. `my_new_pattern.h`).

5. If you use the `skosfile`-mechanism, you have to adapt the `sk21f` script.

```

...
cat ../any.h >>skosfile.c
cat ../pqtypes.h >>skosfile.c
cat pq_glob.h >>skosfile.c
cat ../col.h >>skosfile.c
cat ../mw.h >>skosfile.c
cat ../p2p.h >>skosfile.c
cat ../simple.h >>skosfile.c
# new header of pattern
cat ../my_new_pattern.h >>skosfile.c

cat ../mw_test1.h >>skosfile.c
cat ../col_test1.h >>skosfile.c
cat ../p2p_test1.h >>skosfile.c
cat ../simple_test1.h >>skosfile.c
# new header of callbacks
cat ../my_new_pattern_test1.h >>skosfile.c

cat mw_test1_source.c >>skosfile.c
cat col_test1_source.c >>skosfile.c
cat p2p_test1_source.c >>skosfile.c
cat simple_test1_source.c >>skosfile.c
# new source of callbacks
cat my_new_pattern_test1_source.c >>skosfile.c

cat skampi_source.c >>skosfile.c
cat datalist_source.c >>skosfile.c
cat skampi_error_source.c >>skosfile.c
cat skampi_params_source.c >>skosfile.c
...

```

6. If you have an extra variation for your new pattern, you will have to do some extra work. It is explained in the next section.
7. Now look for all functions, which depend on the patterns. Mainly these are `measure` in `skampi.c`. In `skampi_call` you have to look at: `call_length`, `call_nodes`, `fill_dummy_values` and in `skampi_tools.c` `measurement_data_to_string`

. (If you have a new variation, you have a look to adapt any switches of variation here.)

## Implementing a new variation

This section gives some additional tips when implementing a new variation.

In the file `skampi_call.c` we have to create a new `call...`-function. The goal of this function is calling the pattern with the correct value of the variable parameter. (So `call_length` calls the `p2p`-, `mw`- or `col`-pattern with a specific message length.) Another point not forget: Usually we have to control our new variation through the parameter file. So we have to implement a new keyword for the variation-entry. We consider something like this:

```
...
Type = 30;
Variation = My_new_variation;
Scale = Dynamic_log;
...
```

First we have an new keyword, which can easily added to the `keywords-`struct in `skampi_params.c`.

```
...
{"Dynamic_linear", DYN_LIN_SCALE},
{"Dynamic_log", DYN_LOG_SCALE},
{"Max_Value", MAX_VALUE},
{"Default_Value", DEFAULT_VALUE},
{"My_new_variation", MY_NEW_VARIATION_TOKEN},
{NULL, 0}
...
```

Here `MY_NEW_VARIATION_TOKEN` is a new token, which we declare at the beginning of this file. As a last step, we have to change `variation_style`.

```
...
case CHUNKS_VAR:
    ms->variation = CHUNK;
    break;
case NO_VAR:
    ms->variation = NO_VARIATION;
    break;
case MY_NEW_VARIATION_TOKEN:
1  ms->variation = MY_NEW_VARIATION;
    break;
default:
    sprintf (_skampi_msg, "syntax error in line: %d: unknown variation.\n%s\n",
            lineno, (*text)[lineno]);
    ERROR(USER, _skampi_msg);
    output_error (TRUE);
...
```

# Chapter 7

## Index of all functions

### 7.1 Module skampi

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This is the main module. It contains main() and the most global variables.  
(Other specific globals can be found in mw.c.) The debug-switches here are  
valid for all other modules if you use skosfile.

#### 7.1.1 Function main

**Prototype:** int main(int argc, char \*\*argv);

**Purpose:** reads parameters, creates log\_file, output\_file, calls all selected mea-  
surements, logs measurements, calls postprocessing (if wanted).

**Parameters:** standard command line (arc, argv)

**Returns:** 0 if success

**Position:** lines 106 - 134.

**Sideeffects:** sets all global variables

### 7.2 Module autodist

Document created automatically by documeas.pl at Thu Jun 10 09:19:04 1999.  
This module is responsible for the automatic determination of the arguments  
where to measure. Its interface can be found in autodist.h.  
measure\_suite calls the function tbm with the arguments computed and collects  
the results in a list (stored in ms.result\_list).

### 7.2.1 Function `measure_suite`

**Prototype:** `void measure_suite (measurement_t *ms, tbm_t tbm);`

**Purpose:** computes all arguments, where to measure the measurement `ms` and calls it via the routine `tbm` (`to_be_measured`).

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** nothing

**Position:** lines 55 - 475.

**Sideeffects:** sets `ms->x_end` to effective value, if it is initialized to `MAX_ARGUMENT`, exits in case of error.

**Assumes:** `_skampi_myid` set.

### 7.2.2 Function `calculate_key`

**Prototype:** `double calculate_key (measurement_t *ms, PqData pqdata, int log_flag);`

**Purpose:** computes the key for the `x_axis` - segment for inserting it into the Priority-queue. We use the `result_cleaned` (which is a design decision).

**Parameters:** the actual measurement, the `x_axis` segment `pqdata`.

**Returns:** the key

**Position:** lines 491 - 562.

**Assumes:** `MACRO FUN` defined.

## 7.3 Module `automeasure`

Document created automatically by `documeas.pl` at Thu Jun 10 09:26:16 1999. This module offers the routines controlling the repetitions of measurements. Its interface is found in `automeasure.h`. Before using any other routine `am_init` should be called (and `am_free` as last). Called after a measurement `am_control_end` determines if a repetition is necessary. If finished, call `am_fill_data` to store the accumulated data.

### 7.3.1 Function `am_init`

**Prototype:** `int am_init (int size);`

**Purpose:** initializes all private (static) variables allocates memory.

**Parameters:** the size (in bytes) of memory to be allocated.

**Returns:** TRUE iff allocation ok, FALSE otherwise.

**Position:** lines 83 - 106.

**Sideeffects:** changing the mentioned variables.

## 7.4 Module "standard\_error..." given at the beginning of function

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### 7.4.1 Function `am_free`

**Prototype:** `void am_free (void);`

**Purpose:** frees the allocated buffers

**Parameters:** none.

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position:** lines 118 - 127.

**Sideeffects:** memory freed, variables set back to zero.

**Assumes:** `tbm_buffer` has been allocated before.

### 7.4.2 `am_control_end`

**Prototype:** depending whether sequential or MPI version of SKaLib used.  
Please refer to the code.

**Purpose:** controls whether the ms at `arg` should be repeated (returns TRUE) or not (returns FALSE).

**Parameters:** the current measurement `ms`, the actual argument `arg`, the measured time (`tbm_time`), the `node_time`, the partner (`-process`) also involved into this measurement. If there is no other process involved, partner is set to `NO_COMMUNICATION`. If it is set to `USE_COMMUNICATOR`,



the the argument `local_communicator` will be used. (for communication to more than one other processes. The root is process 0).

**Returns:** see above.

**Position:** lines 160 - 343.

**Sideeffects:** on the static variables.

**Assumes:** `_skampi_myid` set. `am_init` has been called before.

### 7.4.3 Function `am_fill_data`

**Prototype:** `void am_fill_data (measurement_t *ms, int arg, double dummy_time, double du_ti_se, data_t *data);`

**Purpose:** fills the data (`dummy_time`, `standard_error` of the dummy time into the actual measured data.

**Parameters:** above

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position:** lines 358 - 476.

**Assumes:** `am_init` has been called before. `_critical_min_time` set.

### 7.4.4 Function `double_cmp`

**Prototype:** `int double_cmp (const void *d1, const void *d2);`

**Purpose:** compares to doubles, used for `qsort`-calls

**Parameters:** two pointers to doubles `d1`, `d2`

**Returns:** 0 iff equal, -1 iff `d1 < d2`, 1 else

**Position:** lines 488 - 493.

## 7.5 Module `col`

Document created automatically by `documeas.pl` at Wed Mar 17 13:17:42 1999.  
This module contains the `collective-pattern`. This pattern is used to measure collective MPI operations. The interface is described in `col.h`.

### 7.5.1 Function `col_pattern`

**Prototype:** void `col_pattern` (`measurement_t *ms`);

**Purpose:** the collective pattern.

**Parameters:** the actual measurement (which could be one of the collective pattern).

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position:** lines 46 - 162.

## 7.6 Module `col_test1`

Document created automatically by `documeas.pl` at Thu Mar 18 08:53:58 1999. This module contains all routines to be measured with the `col-pattern`. These are routines to initialize (`col_init...`) and routines containing the MPI-Functions to be measured.

### 7.6.1 Functions `col_init...`

**Purpose:** the following `col_init...` functions initialize the `ms` with the correct data to measure the specific collective MPI function.

**Parameters:** measurement `ms` and the place to hold the measured results (data).

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position of first:** lines 93 - 107.

### 7.6.2 Functions `measure...`

**Purpose:** call the MPI-Function to be measured. The reason not to call this MPI-Function directly is to achieve a function-header command to all measured functions.

**Parameters:** message length `len`, Communicator `communicator`.

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position of first:** lines 516 - 519.

**Assumes:** `_skampi_buffer` (`_skampi_buffer_2` set correctly, done with `mem_init_one_buffers` or `mem_init_two_buffers`).

## 7.7 Module mw

Document created automatically by documeas.pl at Thu Mar 18 09:08:22 1999.  
This module is simply the master-worker-pattern. This pattern is used to measure all the measurements of the master-worker-pattern. The interface is described in mw.h.

### 7.7.1 Function mw\_pattern

**Prototype:** int mw\_pattern (measurement\_t \*ms);

**Purpose:** executes the master-worker pattern

**Parameters:** the actual measurement

**Returns:** TRUE in case if success

**Position:** lines 43 - 141.

## 7.8 Module mw\_test1

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This module contains all routines to be measured with the master-worker-pattern. These are routines to initialize (mw\_init...) and routines containing the MPI-Functions to be measured.

### 7.8.1 Functions mw\_init...

**Purpose:** initialize the measurement \*ms (address for measrued results is data.)

**Parameters:** above

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position of first:** lines 113 - 131.

### 7.8.2 Functions master\_receive\_ready\_test

**Purpose:** call the MPI-Function to be measured. The reason not to call this MPI-Function directly is to achieve a function-header comman to all measured functions.

**Parameters:** message length len, Communicator commnicator.

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position of first:** lines 311 - 315.

**Assumes:** the buffers set correctly, done with the routines called through `ms->server_init /ms->client_init`

## 7.9 Module p2p

Document created automatically by `documeas.pl` at Wed Mar 17 13:17:44 1999. This module is simply the p2p-pattern. This pattern is used to measure all the measurements of the p2p-pattern. The interface is described in `p2p.h`.

### 7.9.1 Function p2p\_find\_max\_min

**Prototype:** `int p2p_find_max_min (measurement_t *ms);`

**Purpose:** finds nodes with minimum/maximum latency

**Parameters:** am measurement with the p2p pattern.

**Returns:** TRUE in case of success

**Position:** lines 63 - 218.

**Sideeffects:** modifies `ms->data.p2p_data.max_node` and `ms->data.p2p_data.min_node`

**Assumes:** `_skampi_myid` set

### 7.9.2 Function p2p\_pattern

**Prototype:** `int p2p_pattern (measurement_t *ms);`

**Purpose:** the p2p pattern.

**Parameters:** th actual measurement (which could be one of the p2p pattern).

**Returns:** TRUE in case of success.

**Position:** lines 230 - 411.

## 7.10 Module p2p\_test1

Document created automatically by `documeas.pl` at Wed Mar 17 13:17:44 1999. This module contains all routines to be measured with the p2p-pattern. These are routines to initialize (`p2p_init...`) and routines containing the MPI-Functions to be measured.

### 7.10.1 Functions p2p\_init...

**Purpose:** the following p2p\_init... functions initialize the ms with the correct data, to measure the specific point-to-point MPI function.

**Parameters:** measurement ms and the place to hold the measured results (data).

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position of first:** lines 82 - 94.

### 7.10.2 Functions server...

**Purpose:** call the MPI-Function to be measured by the process 0 (sometimes named server). The reason not to call this MPI-Function directly is to achieve a function-header command to all measured functions.

**Parameters:** message length len, number of the node to communicate with, Communicator communicator.

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position of first:** lines 316 - 326.

**Assumes:** \_skampi\_buffer (\_skampi\_buffer\_2 set correctly, done with mem\_init\_one\_buffers or mem\_init\_two\_buffers.

### 7.10.3 Functions client...

**Purpose:** call the MPI-Function to be measured by the processes not 0 (sometimes named clients). The reason not to call this MPI-Function directly is to achieve a function-header command to all measured functions.

**Parameters:** message length len, number of the node to communicate with, Communicator communicator.

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position of first:** lines 446 - 456.

**Assumes:** \_skampi\_buffer (\_skampi\_buffer\_2 set correctly, done with mem\_init\_one\_buffers or mem\_init\_two\_buffers.

## 7.11 Module simple

Document created automatically by documeas.pl at Wed Mar 17 13:17:45 1999.  
This module is simply the simple-pattern. This pattern is used to measure all the measurements of the simple-pattern. The interface is described in simple.h.

### 7.11.1 Function `simple_pattern`

**Prototype:** void `simple_pattern` (`measurement_t *ms`);

**Purpose:** the simple pattern.

**Parameters:** th actual measurement (which could be one of the simple pattern).

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position:** lines 39 - 104.

**Assumes:** none.

## 7.12 Module `simple_test1`

Document created automatically by `documeas.pl` at Wed Mar 17 13:17:45 1999. This module contains all routines to be measured with the `simple-pattern`. These are routines to initialize (`simple_init...`) and routines containing the MPI-Functions to be measured.

### 7.12.1 Functions `simple_init...`

**Purpose:** the following `simple_init...` functions initialize the `ms` with the correct data, to measure the specific simple MPI function.

**Parameters:** measurement `ms` and the place to hold the measured results (data).

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position of first:** lines 52 - 61.

### 7.12.2 Functions `measure...`

**Purpose:** call the MPI-Function to be measured. The reason not to call this MPI-Function directly is to achieve a function-header command to all measured functions.

**Parameters:** message length `len`, Communicator `communicator`.

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position of first:** lines 154 - 156.

**Assumes:** the routines pointed by `ms->server_init` `ms->client_init` are called.

## 7.13 Module datalist

Document created automatically by documeas.pl at Wed Mar 17 13:17:43 1999. This module provides all the basic routines for maintaining double-linked-lists. It is not only applicable for skampi, but some minor changes have been made, to improve usability. So the functions `item_addr` and `item_addr_at_item` have been added for interaction with the priority-queue in module `autodist`. The complete interface can be found (as usual) in the header `datalist.h`. Note that for use in `skampi`, the routine `init_data` needs the number of PEs `skampi` is running on, which is provided in the variable `numprocs`, which is set in `skampi.c`

### 7.13.1 Function `init_list`

**Prototype:** `data_list_t *init_list(data_list_t *l);`

**Purpose:** initializes the data list `l` to the empty list.

**Parameters:** pointer to the list `l`.

**Returns:** the adress of the list, or `NULL` iff no memory available.

**Position:** lines 54 - 68.

### 7.13.2 Function `add`

**Prototype:** `data_list_t *add (data_list_t *l, int mode, signed int pos, data_t *data, int *error);`

**Purpose:** adds data `data` element (`*data`) to the list `*l` at the position `pos` relative to start or list (`mode == START`), or end (`mode == END`), or to last accessed alement (`mode == LAST`).

**Parameters:** (add. to above) `*error`, in which the error code is returned.

**Returns:** pointer to list, or `NULL` in case of error.

**Position:** lines 87 - 197.

### 7.13.3 Function `read_ele`

**Prototype:** `data_t *read_ele (data_list_t *l, int mode, signed int pos,data_t *data, int *error);`

**Purpose:** reads data `data` element (`*data`) of the list `*l` at the position `pos` relative to start or list (`mode == START`), or end (`mode == END`), or to last accessed alement (`mode == LAST`).

**Parameters:** (add. to above) `*error`, in which the error code is returned.

**Returns:** pointer to list, or NULL in case of error.

**Position:** lines 214 - 267.

#### 7.13.4 Function `read_item_ele`

**Prototype:** `data_t *read_item_ele (data_list_t *l, list_item_t *local_ptr, signed int pos, data_t *data, int *error);`

**Purpose:** reads data data element (`*data`) of the list `*l` at the position `pos` relative to the element pointed to with `local_ptr`.

**Parameters:** (add. to above) `*error`, in which the error code is returned.

**Returns:** pointer to list, or NULL in case of error.

**Position:** lines 283 - 321.

#### 7.13.5 Function `item_addr`

**Prototype:** `list_item_t *item_addr (data_list_t *l, int mode, signed int pos, int *error);`

**Purpose:** returns the adress of the data element of the list `*l` at the position `pos` relative to start or list (`mode == START`), or end (`mode == END`), or to last accessed alement (`mode == LAST`).

**Parameters:** (add. to above) `*error`, in which the error code is returned.

**Returns:** pointer to list, or NULL in case of error.

**Position:** lines 338 - 389.

#### 7.13.6 Function `item_addr_at_item`

**Prototype:** `list_item_t *item_addr_at_item (data_list_t *l, list_item_t *local_ptr, signed int pos, int *error);`

**Purpose:** returns the adress of the data element of the list `*l` at the position `pos` relative to the element pointed to with `local_ptr`.

**Parameters:** (add. to above) `*error`, in which the error code is returned.

**Returns:** pointer to list, or NULL in case of error.

**Position:** lines 406 - 441.



### 7.13.7 Function `is_end`

**Prototype:** `intis_end (list_item_t *item);`

**Purpose:** tests if `*item` is the last element of its list

**Parameters:** item of a list `*item`

**Returns:** TRUE iff last element

**Position:** lines 453 - 455.

**Assumes:** `item != NULL`.

### 7.13.8 Function `is_start`

**Prototype:** `intis_start (list_item_t *item);`

**Purpose:** tests if `*item` is the first element of its list

**Parameters:** item of a list `*item`

**Returns:** TRUE iff first element

**Position:** lines 467 - 469.

**Assumes:** `item != NULL`.

### 7.13.9 Function `number_of_elements`

**Prototype:** `int number_of_elements (data_list_t *l);`

**Purpose:** returns number of elements of the list `*l`.

**Parameters:** above

**Returns:** above

**Position:** lines 481 - 486.

**Sideeffects:** none

### 7.13.10 Function `remove_ele`

**Prototype:** `data_list_t *remove_ele (data_list_t *l, int mode, signed int pos);`

**Purpose:** removes data element of the list `*l` at the position `pos` relative to start or list (`mode == START`), or end (`mode == END`), or to last accessed element (`mode == LAST`).

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** pointer to list, or NULL in case of error.

**Position:** lines 502 - 568.

### 7.13.11 Function `free_data_list`

**Prototype:** `void free_data_list (data_list_t *l, int mode);`

**Purpose:** free-es all elements of the datalist \*l and (only if mode == DYNAMIC) also the memory pointed by l. If ths in not wanted (e.g. because l is adress of statically allocated variable) call with mode == STATIC.

**Parameters:** above

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position:** lines 582 - 603.

### 7.13.12 Function `minimum`

**Prototype:** `double minimum (data_list_t *l, int *arg);`

**Purpose:** find the minimum of the list \*l, returns the argument, of the minimal element (refers to cleaned). (needs the structure of the data stored in a list element)

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** above.

**Position:** lines 622 - 642.

### 7.13.13 Function `maximum`

**Prototype:** `double maximum (data_list_t *l,int *arg);`

**Purpose:** find the maximum of the list \*l, returns the argument, of the maximal element (refers to cleaned). (needs the structure of the data stored in a list element)

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** above.

**Position:** lines 656 - 676.

#### 7.13.14 Function variance

**Prototype:** double variance (data\_list\_t \*l);

**Purpose:** returns the variance of the list \*l (needs the structure of the data stored in a list element)

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** above.

**Position:** lines 689 - 707.

#### 7.13.15 Function average\_of\_lists

**Prototype:** data\_list\_t \*average\_of\_lists (data\_list\_t \*\*l);

**Purpose:** creates a new list, where the i-th data element is the average of all i-th elements of the datalists given in the (NULL-terminated!) array of lists l. (needs the structure of the data stored in a list element)

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** new list, NULL in case of error.

**Position:** lines 723 - 782.

#### 7.13.16 Function average

**Prototype:** double average (data\_list\_t \*l);

**Purpose:** returns the average of the list \*l. (refers to cleaned results) (needs the structure of the data stored in a list element)

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** above.

**Position:** lines 802 - 818.

#### 7.13.17 Function write\_to\_file

**Prototype:** int write\_to\_file (data\_list\_t \*l, FILE \*file);

**Purpose:** writes data list \*l to the file \*file.

**Parameters:** above

**Returns:** TRUE iff successful, FALSE otherwise

**Position:** lines 832 - 871.

**Sideeffects:** none

**Assumes:** \*file is valid handle of an open file.

### 7.13.18 Function read\_from\_file

**Prototype:** data\_list\_t \* read\_from\_file (data\_list\_t \*l, FILE \*\*file, int \*error);

**Purpose:** reads data list \*l from the file \*\*file. note: file is \*\* so that reading in file changes the filepointer, useful for reading consecutive lists in one file.

**Parameters:** above

**Returns:** adress of the list read, NULL in case of error.

**Position:** lines 885 - 1029.

**Sideeffects:** none

**Assumes:** \*\*file is valid handle of an open file.

## 7.14 Module skampi\_error

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This module provides the error handling, including the standard error classes and messages.

### 7.14.1 Function output\_error

**Prototype:** void output\_error (int really\_end);

**Purpose:** prints error message (in skampi\_error) to stderr and (only if really\_end == TRUE) aborts the running programm.

**Parameters:**

**Returns:**

**Position:** lines 58 - 71.

## 7.15 Module skampi\_mem

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Here you can find the management of the message-buffers (the memory for storing the results is allocated in automeasure.c and datalist.c resp.).

### 7.15.1 Function `allocate_mem`

**Prototype:** `int allocate_mem (int memsize);`

**Purpose:** allocates the memory for the internal buffer

**Parameters:** the size of memory to allocate (in bytes).

**Returns:** TRUE iff successful, FALSE otherwise.

**Position:** lines 97 - 128.

**Sideeffects:** manipulation of the static variables.

**Assumes:** first call or `free_mem` called before.

### 7.15.2 Function `free_mem`

**Prototype:** `void free_mem (void);`

**Purpose:** free-es all allocated memory.

**Parameters:** none.

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position:** lines 141 - 148.

**Sideeffects:** manipulation of the static variables.

**Assumes:** `allocate_mem` called before and no call of `free_mem` after that call of `allocate_mem`.

### 7.15.3 Function `mem_init_one_buffer`

**Prototype:** `long int mem_init_one_buffer (int nor, int nom, int nop);`

**Purpose:** sets `_skampi_buffer` to `_skib` (i.e. a location of allocated memory.)

**Parameters:** number of repetitions (`nor`), number of measurements (`nom`), number of processes involved in the measurement (`nop`).

**Returns:** the size of memory available at `_skampi_buffer`.

**Position:** lines 163 - 182.

**Sideeffects:** manipulation of `_skampi_buffer`.

**Assumes:** assumes `allocate_mem` called once before with no other `mem_init...` between.

#### 7.15.4 Function `mem_init_two_buffers`

**Prototype:** `long int mem_init_two_buffers (int nor, int nom, int nop);`

**Purpose:** sets `_skampi_buffer` and `_skampi_buffer_2` a location of allocated memory.

**Parameters:** number of repetitions (`nor`), number of measurements (`nom`), number of processes involved in the measurement (`nop`).

**Returns:** the size of memory available at `_skampi_buffer` and `_skampi_buffer_2`.

**Position:** lines 199 - 224.

**Sideeffects:** manipulation of `_skampi_buffer`.

**Assumes:** assumes `allocate_mem` called once before with no other `mem_init...` between.

#### 7.15.5 Function `mem_init_two_buffers_gather`

**Prototype:** `long int mem_init_two_buffers_gather (int nor, int nom, int nop);`

**Purpose:** sets `_skampi_buffer` and `_skampi_buffer_2` a location of allocated memory suitable for the `MPI_Gather` operation. (`_skampi_buffer` for sending, `_skampi_buffer_2` for receiving.)

**Parameters:** number of repetitions (`nor`), number of measurements (`nom`), number of processes involved in the measurement (`nop`).

**Returns:** the size of memory available at `_skampi_buffer` and `_skampi_buffer_2`.

**Position:** lines 243 - 270.

**Sideeffects:** manipulation of `_skampi_buffer`.

**Assumes:** assumes `allocate_mem` called once before with no other `mem_init...` between.

#### 7.15.6 Function `mem_init_two_buffers_alltoall`

**Prototype:** `long int mem_init_two_buffers_alltoall (int nor, int nom, int nop);`

**Purpose:** sets `_skampi_buffer` and `_skampi_buffer_2` a location of allocated memory. The difference to `mem_init_two_buffers` is, that its result is divided by `nop`, because `MPI_Alltoall` need a buffer of the size `message length * nop`.

**Parameters:** number of repetitions (`nor`), number of measurements (`nom`), number of processes involved in the measurement (`nop`).

**Returns:** the size of memory available at `_skampi_buffer` and `_skampi_buffer_2`.

**Position:** lines 290 - 294.

**Sideeffects:** manipulation of `_skampi_buffer`.

**Assumes:** assumes `allocate_mem` called once before with no other `mem_init...` between.

### 7.15.7 Function `mem_init_two_buffers_attach`

**Prototype:** `long int mem_init_two_buffers_attach (int nor, int nom, int nop);`

**Purpose:** sets `_skampi_buffer` and `_skampi_buffer_2` a location of allocated memory. The difference to `mem_init_two_buffers` is, that its result is divided by `nop`, because Bsend of the mw-pattern need a buffer of the size `message length * nop`.

**Parameters:** number of repetitions (`nor`), number of measurements (`nom`), number of processes involved in the measurement (`nop`).

**Returns:** the size of memory available at `_skampi_buffer` and `_skampi_buffer_2`.

**Position:** lines 314 - 355.

**Sideeffects:** manipulation of `_skampi_buffer`.

**Assumes:** assumes `allocate_mem` called once before with no other `mem_init...` between, `default_communicator` set

### 7.15.8 Function `find_mml`

**Prototype:** `long int find_mml (int nor, int nom, int nop);`

**Purpose:** computes the max message length when using `MPI_Bsend`

**Parameters:** number of repetitions (`nor`), number of measurements (`nom`), number of processes involved in the measurement (`nop`).

**Returns:** above

**Position:** lines 369 - 397.

**Assumes:** `_skib_size`, `default_communicator` set

### 7.15.9 Function `mem_init_two_buffers_attach_p2p`

**Prototype:** long int mem\_init\_two\_buffers\_attach\_p2p (int nor, int nom, int nop);

**Purpose:** sets `_skampi_buffer` and `_skampi_buffer_2` a location of allocated memory. The difference to `mem_init_two_buffers` is, that its result is NOT divided by anything (special for p2p pattern)

**Parameters:** number of repetitions (nor), number of measurements (nom), number of processes involved in the measurement (nop).

**Returns:** the size of memory available at `_skampi_buffer` and `_skampi_buffer_2`.

**Position:** lines 416 - 418.

**Sideeffects:** manipulation of `_skampi_buffer`.

**Assumes:** assumes `allocate_mem` called once before with no other `mem_init...` between, `default_communicator` set

### 7.15.10 Function `mem_init_two_buffers_attach_mw`

**Prototype:** long int mem\_init\_two\_buffers\_attach\_mw (int nor, int nom, int nop);

**Purpose:** sets `_skampi_buffer` and `_skampi_buffer_2` a location of allocated memory. The difference to `mem_init_two_buffers` is, that its result is NOT divided by `nop` and `nom` (special for mw pattern)

**Parameters:** number of repetitions (nor), number of measurements (nom), number of processes involved in the measurement (nop).

**Returns:** the size of memory available at `_skampi_buffer` and `_skampi_buffer_2`.

**Position:** lines 437 - 439.

**Sideeffects:** manipulation of `_skampi_buffer`.

**Assumes:** assumes `allocate_mem` called once before with no other `mem_init...` between, `default_communicator` set

### 7.15.11 Function `mem_release_detach`

**Prototype:** void mem\_release\_detach (void);

**Purpose:** 'releases' the `_skampi_buffers`. It must be called after `allocate_mem`. It does NOT free the allocated memory of `_skib`. It is the counterpart of the `mem_init_two_buffers_attach` functions.



**Parameters:** none.

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position:** lines 453 - 467.

### 7.15.12 Function `mem_init_mw_Waitsome`

**Prototype:** `long int mem_init_mw_Waitsome (int nor, int nom, int nop);`

**Purpose:** sets `_skampi_buffer` and the `_mw_...` variable to locations of allocated memory. (Special for `master_dispatch_Waitsome` in `mw_test1.c`.)

**Parameters:** number of repetitions (`nor`), number of measurements (`nom`), number of processes involved in the measurement (`nop`).

**Returns:** the size of memory available at `_skampi_buffer`.

**Position:** lines 484 - 527.

**Sideeffects:** manipulation of the mentioned variables.

**Assumes:** assumes `allocate_mem` called once before with no other `mem_init_...` between.

### 7.15.13 Function `mem_init_mw_Waitany`

**Prototype:** `long int mem_init_mw_Waitany (int nor, int nom, int nop);`

**Purpose:** sets `_skampi_buffer` and the `_mw_...` variable to locations of allocated memory. (Special for `master_dispatch_Waitany` in `mw_test1.c`.)

**Parameters:** number of repetitions (`nor`), number of measurements (`nom`), number of processes involved in the measurement (`nop`).

**Returns:** the size of memory available at `_skampi_buffer`.

**Position:** lines 544 - 582.

**Sideeffects:** manipulation of the mentioned variables.

**Assumes:** assumes `allocate_mem` called once before with no other `mem_init_...` between.

**7.15.14 Function mem\_init\_col\_Waitall**

**Prototype:** long int mem\_init\_col\_Waitall (int nor, int nom, int nop);

**Purpose:** sets `_skampi_buffer` and the `_col...` variable to locations of allocated memory. (Special for `col_init_Gather_Waitall_server` in `col_test1.c`.)

**Parameters:** number of repetitions (nor), number of measurements (nom), number of processes involved in the measurement (nop).

**Returns:** the size of memory available at `_skampi_buffer`.

**Position:** lines 601 - 646.

**Sideeffects:** manipulation of the mentioned variables.

**Assumes:** assumes `allocate_mem` called once before with no other `mem_init...` between.

**7.15.15 Function mem\_release**

**Prototype:** void mem\_release (void);

**Purpose:** 'releases' the `_skampi_buffers`. It must be called after `allocate_mem`. It does NOT free the allocated memory of `_skib`. It is the counterpart of the `mem_init_one_buffer` and the `mem_init_two_buffers` functions.

**Parameters:** none.

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position:** lines 663 - 672.

**7.16 Module skampi\_params**

Document created automatically by `documeas.pl` at Wed Mar 17 13:17:48 1999. This module provides the complete parameter file parser. This means the routines for dividing this file into its several sections (each beginning with an `@`). To parse the MEASUREMENTS-Section, the 'real' parser will be used. The structure of the used "compiler" is from Aho, Sethi, Ullman, *Compilerbau I*, Kap. 2 (i.e. german edition of the dragon-book) Add.Wes., 1988

**7.16.1 Function read\_parameters**

**Prototype:** measurement\_t \*read\_parameters (char \*parameter\_file\_name, params\_t \*params, int \*no\_meas);

**Purpose:** reads the `parameter_file`, fills `params` and returns a filled measurements array, in `*no_meas` the number of measurements is given back returns NULL in case of error

**Parameters:** name of parameter file, the `params`-struct which will be filled the number of measurements (`*no_meas`) (also filled here)

**Returns:** returns to an array of `*no_meas` filled measurements in case of success.

**Position:** lines 237 - 389.

**Sideeffects:** in case of error it aborts the program.

**Assumes:** `_skampi_myid` set.

### 7.16.2 Function `init_params`

**Prototype:** `params_t *init_params (params_t *params);`

**Purpose:** initializes the parameter struct with its default values, the definition of the constants can be found in `skampi_error.h` called by `read_parameters`.

**Parameters:** the parameter array to be filled.

**Returns:**

**Position:** lines 404 - 428.

### 7.16.3 Function `parse_parameter_file`

**Prototype:** `params_t *parse_parameter_file (FILE *parameter_file, params_t *params);`

**Purpose:** parses the `parameter_file` into the struct `*params`.

**Parameters:** above

**Returns:** the filled `params`-struct or in case of error NULL.

**Position:** lines 440 - 683.

### 7.16.4 Function `line_mode`

**Prototype:** `char *line_mode (char *line, int *mode);`

**Purpose:** analyzes `*line` and evtl. sets `*mode` to a new found mode.

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** a pointer to the line (without the keyword).

**Position:** lines 695 - 778.

### 7.16.5 Function `send_text`

**Prototype:** `void send_text (text_t *text);`

**Purpose:** sends a text to all other processes in `default_communicator`, process zero is root.

**Parameters:** the text to send.

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position:** lines 819 - 834.

**Assumes:** brackets `default_communicator` set.

### 7.16.6 Function `recv_text`

**Prototype:** `text_t *recv_text (text_t *text);`

**Purpose:** receives the text which has been send via `send_text`. (process zero in `default_communicator` is root.) Note: the `text_t`-struct has to be allocated, not the memory for all the strings, this is done here.

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** a pointer to the filled text structure.

**Position:** lines 849 - 877.

**Assumes:** `default_communicator` set.

### 7.16.7 Function `read_next_char`

**Prototype:** `int read_next_char (text_t *text);`

**Purpose:** reads next character (not whitespace) from the text `*text` and returns it. Note: a char is treated as an (signed!) int (which is necessary, because EOT an other constants are negative.)

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** returns character, or EOT (ond of text, if there is no further character)

**Position:** lines 895 - 912.

**Sideeffects:** manipulates `pos` and `lineno`.

**Assumes:** `pos` and `lineno` are initialized.

### 7.16.8 Function unread\_next\_char

**Prototype:** char \*unread\_next\_char (int t, text\_t \*text);

**Purpose:** unreads the last character, like ungetc of the standard library.

**Parameters:** the character to unread (t, not used actually, only for similarity to ungetc). Note: a char is treated as an (signed!) int (which is necessary, because EOT and other constants are negative.)

**Returns:** a pointer to the actual character to read in the text \*text.

**Position:** lines 927 - 934.

**Sideeffects:** manipulates pos.

**Assumes:** pos and lineno are initialized.

### 7.16.9 Function init\_symboltable

**Prototype:** void init\_symboltable (void);

**Purpose:** initializes the symboltable with the reserved words. So to add a new reserved word, just add it to the array keywords.

**Parameters:** none

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position:** lines 948 - 953.

**Sideeffects:** manipulates symboltable.

**Assumes:** keywords initialized

### 7.16.10 Function lookup

**Prototype:** int lookup (char \*s);

**Purpose:** looks up the string \*s in the symboltable.

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** the index of \*s if found, 0 otherwise.

**Position:** lines 967 - 975.

**Assumes:** symboltable and lastentry initialized.

### 7.16.11 Function insert

**Prototype:** int insert (char \*s, int tok);

**Purpose:** inserts the string \*s (known as token tok) into the symboltable.

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** the index of \*s in the symboltable.

**Position:** lines 988 - 1011.

**Sideeffects:** increases lastentry.

**Assumes:** symboltable and lastentry initialized.

### 7.16.12 Function lexan

**Prototype:** int lexan(text\_t \*text);

**Purpose:** scans next token in the text.

**Parameters:**

**Returns:** returns next token if found (the ((int)tokenval) the index of its actual value in the symboltable unless: token is INT (then ((int) tokenval) has its value. token is FLOAT (then (tokenval) has its value. token is DONE if EOT reached.

**Position:** lines 1028 - 1101.

**Sideeffects:** through calling read\_next\_char.

**Assumes:** symboltable initialized.

### 7.16.13 Function match

**Prototype:** void match(int t, text\_t \*text);

**Purpose:** compares the lookahead character with the expected (t) and calls the scanner.

**Parameters:** additional: \*text for calling the scanner.

**Returns:** nothing

**Position:** lines 1115 - 1127.

**Sideeffects:** aborts with error message if comparison fails.

#### 7.16.14 Function parse

**Prototype:** void parse (measurement\_t \*ms, text\_t \*text);

**Purpose:** analyses entries of the @MEASUREMENTS-Section of the parameter-file.

**Parameters:** a pointer to an array of measurements. This array has to be big enough. (The size necessary can be obtained with count\_measurements.)  
\*text is a pointer to params.measurements usually.

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position:** lines 1144 - 1151.

**Sideeffects:** measurement called aborts in case of error.

**Assumes:** see above.

#### 7.16.15 Function measurement

**Prototype:** void measurement (measurement\_t \*ms, text\_t \*text);

**Purpose:** fills one measurement\_t-struct with the data parsed.

**Parameters:** the measurement \*ms to be filled, and the \*text which to parse.

**Returns:** nothing

**Position:** lines 1164 - 1307.

**Sideeffects:** aborts in case of error.

#### 7.16.16 Function variation\_style

**Prototype:** void variation\_style (measurement\_t \*ms, text\_t \*text);

**Purpose:** decides which variation style lookahead is.

**Parameters:** the measurement \*ms to be filled, and the \*text which to parse.

**Returns:** nothing

**Position:** lines 1320 - 1344.

**Sideeffects:** aborts in case of error.

**7.16.17 Function `scale_style`**

**Prototype:** `void scale_style (measurement_t *ms, text_t *text);`

**Purpose:** decides which scale style lookahead is.

**Parameters:** the measurement `*ms` to be filled, and the `*text` which to parse.

**Returns:** nothing

**Position:** lines 1357 - 1379.

**Sideeffects:** aborts in case of error.

**7.16.18 Function `int_or_max`**

**Prototype:** `void int_or_max (measurement_t *ms, text_t *text);`

**Purpose:** decides whether lookahead is an int or the keyword `MAX_VALUE`.

**Parameters:** the measurement `*ms` to be filled, and the `*text` which to parse.

**Returns:** nothing

**Position:** lines 1392 - 1409.

**Sideeffects:** aborts in case of error.

**7.16.19 Function `int_or_default`**

**Prototype:** `void int_or_default (int *val, text_t *text);`

**Purpose:** decides whether lookahead is an int or the keyword `DEFAULT_VALUE`.

**Parameters:** the value `val` to be filled, and the `*text` which to parse.

**Returns:** nothing

**Position:** lines 1422 - 1439.

**Sideeffects:** aborts in case of error.

**7.16.20 Function `int_or_float`**

**Prototype:** `void int_or_float (double *val, text_t *text);`

**Purpose:** decides whether lookahead is an int or a float.

**Parameters:** the value `val` to be filled, and the `*text` which to parse.

**Returns:** nothing

**Position:** lines 1451 - 1466.

**Sideeffects:** aborts in case of error.



**7.16.21 Function yes\_or\_no**

**Prototype:** void yes\_or\_no (int \*val, text\_t \*text);

**Purpose:** decides whether lookahead is a "yes" or a "no".

**Parameters:** the value val be filled (1 == yes, 0 == no), and the \*text which to parse.

**Returns:** nothing

**Position:** lines 1479 - 1496.

**Sideeffects:** aborts in case of error.

**7.16.22 Function float\_or\_default**

**Prototype:** void float\_or\_default (double \*val, text\_t \*text);

**Purpose:** decides whether lookahead is a float or the keyword DEFAULT\_VALUE.

**Parameters:** the value val to be filled, and the \*text which to parse.

**Returns:** nothing

**Position:** lines 1509 - 1526.

**Sideeffects:** aborts in case of error.

**7.16.23 Function float\_or\_default\_or\_invalid**

**Prototype:** void float\_or\_default\_or\_invalid (double \*val, text\_t \*text);

**Purpose:** decides whether lookahead is a float or the keyword DEFAULT\_VALUE or the keyword INVALID\_VALUE.

**Parameters:** the value val to be filled, and the \*text which to parse.

**Returns:** nothing

**Position:** lines 1539 - 1559.

**Sideeffects:** aborts in case of error.

### 7.16.24 Function `initialize_type`

**Prototype:** `void initialize_type (measurement_t *ms, int index, text_t *text);`

**Purpose:** initializes the pattern specific data of \*ms. There for the type of an measurement (index) is used.

**Parameters:** additional: \*text, for scanner.

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position:** lines 1575 - 1858.

**Sideeffects:** manipulates \*ms, aborts in case of error.

### 7.16.25 Function `token_to_str`

**Prototype:** `char * token_to_str (int token);`

**Purpose:** converts a token into a string, which is returned. Used for debugging only.

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** above.

**Position:** lines 1872 - 1970.

## 7.17 Module `skampi_post`

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This module contains all routines need for the postprocessing (i.e. merging the output-files of several `skampi`-runs together to one file. This will mainly used by `skampi.c` and `post.c`.

### 7.17.1 Function `post_processing`

**Prototype:** `int post_processing (char *input_file_name);`

**Purpose:** complete postprocessing.

**Parameters:** name of `input_file` (which is the outputfile in `skampi` usually) a pointer to the array of measurements (not needed now, because `measurement_data_to_gpl_command_file` and `measurement_data_to_tex_module` are now implemented in the perl-script `dorep.pl`. `nom`: number of measurements. (some as with `ms`).

**Returns:** TRUE. (return-type is `int` for further errormanagement)

**Position:** lines 88 - 157.

**Sideeffects:** aborts in case of error.

**Assumes:** params-struct is filled when called.

### 7.17.2 Function `init_post_proc`

**Prototype:** `int init_post_proc (char *input_file_name);`

**Purpose:** initializes all static variables of this module and opens all `input_files` (== `output_files` of `skampi`).

**Parameters:** name of `input_file`.

**Returns:** TRUE. (return-type is `int` for further errormanagement)

**Position:** lines 170 - 250.

**Sideeffects:** aborts in case of error.

### 7.17.3 Function `free_post_proc`

**Prototype:** `void free_post_proc (void);`

**Purpose:** free-es all allocated memory for internal use and closes all here opened files

**Parameters:** none.

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position:** lines 264 - 279.

**Sideeffects:** on the internal variables.

**Assumes:** `init_post_proc` run before.

### 7.17.4 Function `free_all_lists`

**Prototype:** `void free_all_lists (void);`

**Purpose:** free-es all data elements of every list. It does NOT free the array of lists (this is done in `free_post_proc`.)

**Parameters:** none.

**Returns:** nothing

**Position:** lines 292 - 298.

**Sideeffects:** on the data stored in the lists.

### 7.17.5 Function `skip_to_next_meas`

**Prototype:** `char *skip_to_next_meas (int index);`

**Purpose:** skips to next measurement of file `input_files[index]` returns name of that measurement

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** name of the measurement found or NULL in case of EOF.

**Position:** lines 311 - 324.

**Sideeffects:** on file pointer `input_files[index]`

**Assumes:** `input_file[index]` open (i.e. `init_post_proc` called before).

### 7.17.6 Function `find_meas`

**Prototype:** `int find_meas (int index, char *search);`

**Purpose:** finds measurement with the name `*search` in `input_file[index]`

**Parameters:** additional: name of measurement to look for.

**Returns:** returns TRUE iff found FALSE otherwise

**Position:** lines 336 - 349.

**Sideeffects:** on file pointer `input_files[index]`

**Assumes:** `input_file[index]` open (i.e. `init_post_proc` called before).

### 7.17.7 Function `read_one_list_of_meas`

**Prototype:** `int read_one_list_of_meas (int index, char *meas);`

**Purpose:** reads measurement with the name `*meas` in `input_file[index]` into the list addressed by `lists[index]`.

**Parameters:** additional: name of measurement to look for.

**Returns:** returns TRUE iff found FALSE otherwise

**Position:** lines 363 - 406.

**Sideeffects:** on file pointer `input_files[index]` and on `lists[index]`

**Assumes:** `input_file[index]` open (i.e. `init_post_proc` called before).

### 7.17.8 Function `read_all_lists_of_next_meas`

**Prototype:** `char *read_all_lists_of_next_meas (void);`

**Purpose:** reads all lists of next measurement (the next means the next in `input_files[0]`) and stores the read data in the lists `**lists`.

**Parameters:** additional: name of measurement to look for.

**Returns:** returns name of that meas iff success

**Position:** lines 421 - 451.

**Sideeffects:** on file pointers `input_files` and on lists.

**Assumes:** `init_post_proc` called before.

### 7.17.9 Function `combine_lists`

**Prototype:** `int combine_lists (data_list_t *result_list);`

**Purpose:** combines all lists of the `**lists`-array to one new `result_list`.

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** TRUE if `result_list` contains really data elements.

**Position:** lines 464 - 574.

**Sideeffects:** if `result_list == NULL` it is allocated and initialized. Aborts in case of error.

**Assumes:** result list is initialized unless it is NULL.

### 7.17.10 Function `all_finished`

**Prototype:** `int all_finished (int *vector);`

**Purpose:** tests if all entries in vector are TRUE.

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** TRUE iff all elements of vector are TRUE, FALSE otherwise.

**Position:** lines 587 - 596.

### 7.17.11 Function `interpolate_data`

**Prototype:** `data_t *interpolate_data (int value, data_t *left, data_t *right, data_t *data);`

**Purpose:** interpolates a complete `data_t`-struct at value (relative to entry arg) between left and right.

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** pointer to the interpolated data-struct.

**Position:** lines 609 - 638.

**Sideeffects:** allocates new data element if `data == NULL`.

### 7.17.12 Function `post_process`

**Prototype:** `data_t *post_process (data_t *new_data, data_t *result_data);`

**Purpose:** this is the founction which really decides how to merge several data-struct (stored in the array `new_data`) to one (`result_data`). It refers to the ...all values (which is certainlay a design decision).

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** a pointer to `result_data`.

**Position:** lines 652 - 673.

**Assumes:** nif set.

### 7.17.13 Function `data_cmp`

**Prototype:** `intdata_cmp (const void *d1,const void *d2);`

**Purpose:** compares the results of two `data_t`-structs, used for `qsort`-calls Since used in function `post_process`, it refers to the `result_all`.

**Parameters:** two pointers to `data_t`-structs `d1`, `d2`

**Returns:** 0 iff equal, -1 iff `d1 < d2`, 1 else

**Position:** lines 686 - 691.

## 7.18 Module `skampi_tools`

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### 7.18.1 Function `write_to_log_file`

**Prototype:** `int write_to_log_file (char *msg);`

**Purpose:** writes the message `msg` to the logfile (which also can be `stdout` or `stderr`. If it is really a file it will be opened and closed.

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** `TRUE` iff successful, `FALSE` in case of error.

**Position:** lines 81 - 115.

**Assumes:** `_skampi_myid` and `log_file_name` set.

### 7.18.2 Function `measurement_data_to_string`

**Prototype:** `char *measurement_data_to_string (measurement_t *ms, char *string);`

**Purpose:** builds a printable string `string` containing most of the data stored in `*ms`.

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** pointer to this string.

**Position:** lines 129 - 255.

**Sideeffects:** uses `_skampi_msg` (as little buffer...)

### 7.18.3 Function `read_header`

**Prototype:** `FILE * read_header (FILE *file, text_t *text);`

**Purpose:** reads header (containing `HEADER_LINES` lines) of the measurement at the current position of the file-pointer into `text`.

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** the manipulated `file_handle`.

**Position:** lines 482 - 501.

**Assumes:** `*file` is a valid file handle of an open file, and its file-pointer really points to a header.

#### 7.18.4 Function `write_header`

**Prototype:** FILE \* write\_header (FILE \*file, text\_t \*text, char \*name);

**Purpose:** writes the header (containing HEADER\_LINES lines) stored in \*text in the file, this header will be named name there.

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** the manipulated file-handle.

**Position:** lines 515 - 533.

#### 7.18.5 Function `write_text_to_file`

**Prototype:** void write\_text\_to\_file (text\_t \*text, char \*s, FILE \*\*file);

**Purpose:** writes text to file \*file in a section s. note: file is \*\* so that writing in file changes the filepointer!

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position:** lines 546 - 556.

#### 7.18.6 Function `insert_in_text`

**Prototype:** text\_t \*insert\_in\_text (char \*line, text\_t \*text, int pos);

**Purpose:** inserts line into array text at position pos. (Note: text is (should) always (be) an NULL-Pointer terminated array.

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** pointer to text, or NULL in case of error.

**Position:** lines 572 - 600.

**Assumes:** text points to array of TEXT\_LINES char \* or is NULL (than allocates).

#### 7.18.7 Function `read_from_text`

**Prototype:** char \*read\_from\_text (char \*line, text\_t \*text, int pos);

**Purpose:** reads the textline at position pos from text and stores it at line.

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** pointer to line.

**Position:** lines 613 - 628.



### 7.18.8 Function `free_text`

**Prototype:** `void free_text (text_t *text, int mode);`

**Purpose:** free-es all memory occupied by the textlines. If `mode == DYNAMIC` it free-es also the pointer-array text. (Call with `mode == STATIC` if not wanted.)

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position:** lines 642 - 651.

### 7.18.9 Function `read_old_log_file`

**Prototype:** `int *read_old_log_file (char *log_file_str, int *work_array, measurement_t *ms, int number_of_measurements);`

**Purpose:** reads the old `log_file` (which is the `log_file` of the previous run), to analyze which measurements run before, and which failed. The results are send from process 0 to all others in `default_communicator`.

**Parameters:** name of the old `log_file` (`log_file_str`), an integer array (`work_array`), which will be filled with control-info. the initialized array of all measurements.

**Returns:** pointer to modified `work_array`.

**Position:** lines 670 - 757.

**Assumes:** `_skampi_myid` and `default_communicator` set.

### 7.18.10 Function `new_name`

**Prototype:** `char *new_name (char *name);`

**Purpose:** returns a new `output_file_name` which is `name.<number>` with number high enough, the the returned name is new.

**Parameters:** the name which to append with the number.

**Returns:** a pointer to the new name.

**Position:** lines 771 - 778.

### 7.18.11 Function `number_of_output_files`

**Prototype:** `int number_of_output_files (char *name);`

**Purpose:** returns max value for files existing in working directory with `<name>.<return_value>` assumed that if `<name>.n` exists than also `<name>.n - 1` exists, unless `n = 1`

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** above. (or NULL in case of error.)

**Position:** lines 793 - 816.

### 7.18.12 Function `output_file_complete`

**Prototype:** `int output_file_complete (FILE *file);`

**Purpose:** tests if file is a complete skampi output file.

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** TRUE iff complete, FALSE otherwise.

**Position:** lines 828 - 845.

### 7.18.13 Function `output_file_postprocessed`

**Prototype:** `int output_file_postprocessed (FILE *file);`

**Purpose:** tests if file is a skampi output file, which was created by postprocessing.

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** TRUE iff postprocessed, FALSE otherwise.

**Position:** lines 858 - 873.

### 7.18.14 Function `create_log_file`

**Prototype:** `void create_log_file (void);`

**Purpose:** creates log file and renames evtl existing log file of previous run.

**Parameters:** none.

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position:** lines 886 - 929.

**Sideeffects:** prints error messages in case of trouble.

**Assumes:** `_skampi_myid` set.

### 7.18.15 Function `create_output_file`

**Prototype:** void `create_output_file` (int \*`new_run`);

**Purpose:** creates new output file and determines if a complete previous run has been performed. (then \*`new_run` is set to TRUE.) The value of `new_run` is sent to all other processes in `default_communicator`.

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position:** lines 943 - 1000.

**Sideeffects:** prints error messages in case of trouble.

**Assumes:** `_skampi_myid` and `default_communicator` set.

### 7.18.16 Function `ExtractVersionNumber`

**Prototype:** char \*`ExtractVersionNumber` ( char \* `PtrTarget`, char \* `PtrSource` );

**Purpose:** extracts from the RCS id string the version number

**Parameters:** Pointer to the target string and pointer to rcsstring

**Returns:** Pointer to target string

**Position:** lines 1013 - 1023.

**Sideeffects:** writes to `targetpointer` the version number

### 7.18.17 Function `write_head_of_outfile`

**Prototype:** void `write_head_of_outfile` (FILE \*\*`file`, char \*`no_runs`);

**Purpose:** writes the head of the outfile (i.e. the machine, node, network, user and absolute -section of the params file.

**Parameters:** a pointer to a filehandle, and a string (`no_runs`), which can contain the number of skampi-runs used for postprocessing. (This option is only used by postprocessing.)

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position:** lines 1039 - 1110.

**Sideeffects:** manipulates file (sets the filepointer ahead).

**Assumes:** `numprocs` set

### 7.18.18 Function `linear_interpolate`

**Prototype:** `double linear_interpolate (double arg_inter, double arg1, double arg2, double res1, double res2);`

**Purpose:** interpolates a double at value between (arg1,res1) and (arg2,res2).

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** pointer to the interpolated data-struct.

**Position:** lines 1123 - 1129.

**Sideeffects:** allocates new data element if data == NULL.

### 7.18.19 Function `double_clock_resolution`

**Prototype:** `double clock_resolution(void);`

**Purpose:** determines the system's clock accessible resolution

**Parameters:** none

**Returns:** resolution

**Position:** lines 1140 - 1160.

**Sideeffects:** none

**Assumes:** nothing

### 7.18.20 Function `init_skalib`

**Prototype:** `*/void init_skalib (measurement_t **measurements_array, int **work_array, int *number_of_measurements);`

**Purpose:** in the parallel case: initializes global variables `numprocs`, `_skampi_myid`, `default_communicator`, `processor_name` in all cases: Fills global variables `repetitions`, `out_file_name`, `log_file_name`, `old_log_file_name`. Reads `PARAMETER_FILE`, the old log file, creates the output file and the new log file. Sets the pointers (!) `measurements_array` and `work_array` (There given as `**`). `measurements_array` is an array of all suites of measurements described in the parameter file. Suite `i` is described in a `measurements_t` struct `(*measurements_array)[i]`. If suite `i` has to be performed `(*work_array)[i]` is set to `TODO`, else to `SKIP`. `*number_of_measurements` is set to the size of these arrays. Also `*new_run` is set to `TRUE` iff this run is not a continuation of an aborted run. Allocates memory (also calls `allocate_mem`).

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position:** lines 1190 - 1322.

**Sideeffects:** aborts in case of errors (IO or memory) prints messages to stdout  
(if define O(A) A).

**Assumes:** mentioned global variables defined, MPI\_Init called

### 7.18.21 Function perform\_measurements

**Prototype:**

**Purpose:** performs measurement stored in measurements\_array (with its tag in  
work\_array set to TODO. Writes results in outfile and remarks in logfile.  
number\_of\_measurements is the size of these arrays.

**Parameters:** above.

**Returns:** nothing.

**Position:** lines 1338 - 1490.

**Sideeffects:** aborts in case of errors (IO or memory) prints messages to stdout  
(if define O(A) A).

**Assumes:** init\_skalib called or equivalent operations performed

## Appendix A

# Derivation of the formula used to calculate the standard error

To show:

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2}{n}}{n \cdot (n-1)}} \quad (\text{A.1})$$

From the definition we know:

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} := \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \quad (\text{A.2})$$

where  $\sigma := \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{x} - x_i)^2}{n-1}}$ , put in (A.2), we yield

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} := \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{x} - x_i)^2}{n \cdot (n-1)}} \quad (\text{A.3})$$

Comparing the right hand sides of (A.1) and (A.3) we see, that we have to show the following equation (for sake of readability we omit the indices of the sums, since they are not manipulated in the following).

$$\sum x_i^2 - \frac{1}{n} \cdot (\sum x_i)^2 = \sum (\bar{x} - x_i)^2 \quad (\text{A.4})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum x_i^2 - \frac{1}{n} \cdot (\sum x_i)^2 = \sum \bar{x}^2 - 2\bar{x} \sum x_i + \sum x_i^2 \quad (\text{A.5})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -\frac{1}{n} \cdot (\sum x_i)^2 = \sum \bar{x}^2 - 2\bar{x} \sum x_i \quad (\text{A.6})$$

To see this, we transform:

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{n} \cdot (\sum x_i)^2 &= \frac{1}{n} \cdot (\sum x_i)^2 - \frac{2}{n} \cdot (\sum x_i)^2 \\ &= n \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot (\sum x_i)^2 - 2 \cdot \frac{\sum x_i}{n} \cdot \sum x_i \\ &= n \cdot \left(\frac{\sum x_i}{n}\right)^2 - 2 \cdot \bar{x} \cdot \sum x_i \\ &= n \cdot \bar{x}^2 - 2 \cdot \bar{x} \cdot \sum x_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{x}^2 - 2 \cdot \bar{x} \cdot \sum x_i \end{aligned} \tag{A.7}$$

q.e.d.

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