





MPI parallelisation: Part 1

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Aims for this module

- First introduction into parallel computing with deal.II
- Parallel distribution of degrees-of-freedom
 - Ownership concepts
- Setup data structures for parallel processing
- Assembly in parallel
- Synchronisation of distributed data
- Visualisation of distributed solutions



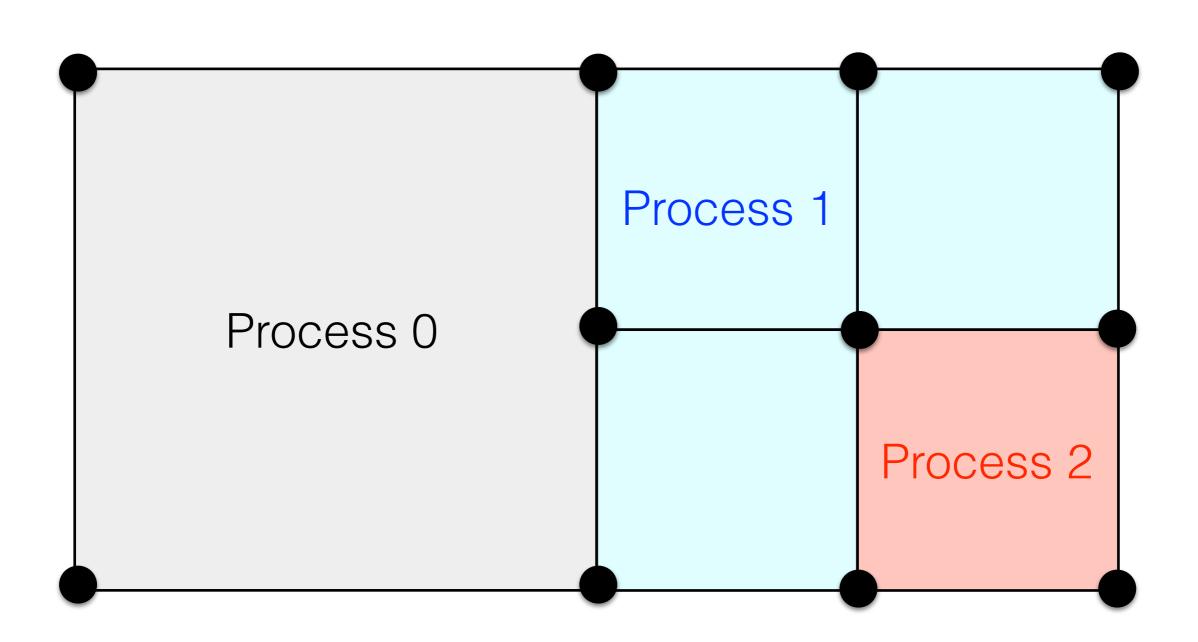


Reference material

- Tutorials
 - https://dealii.org/8.5.1/doxygen/deal.II/step_17.html
 - https://dealii.org/8.5.1/doxygen/deal.II/step_18.html
 - http://www.math.colostate.edu/~bangerth/videos.676.39.html
 - http://www.math.colostate.edu/~bangerth/videos.676.41.html
 - http://www.math.colostate.edu/~bangerth/videos.676.41.25.html
 - http://www.math.colostate.edu/~bangerth/videos.676.41.5.html
 - http://www.math.colostate.edu/~bangerth/videos.676.41.75.html
- Documentation:
 - https://www.dealii.org/developer/doxygen/deal.II/group__distributed.html



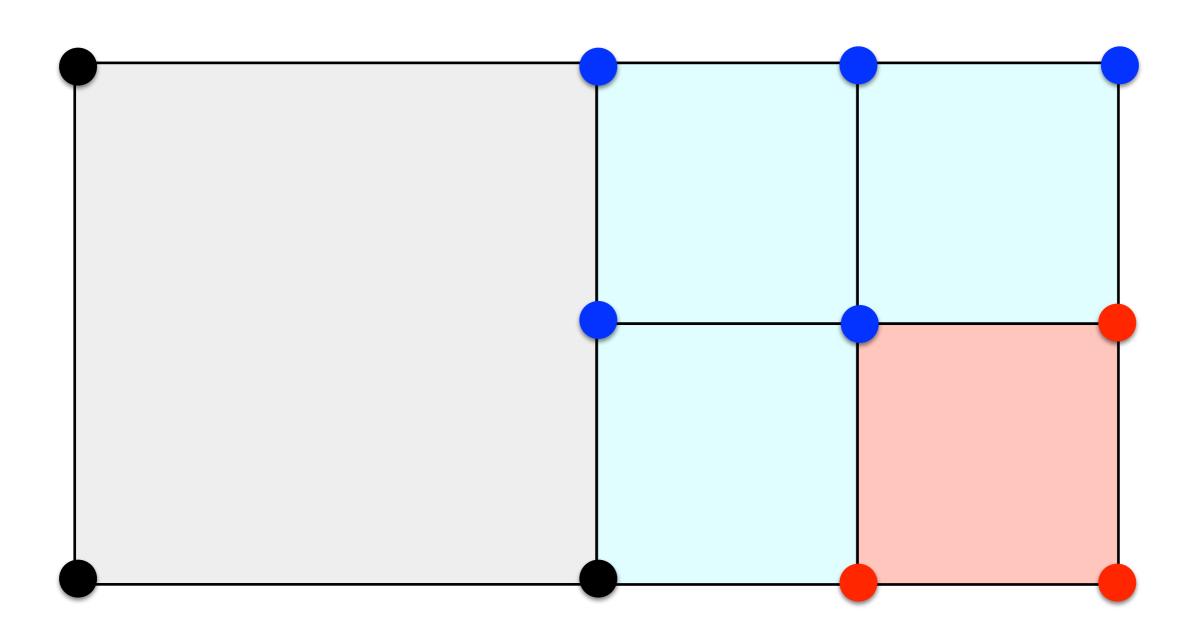
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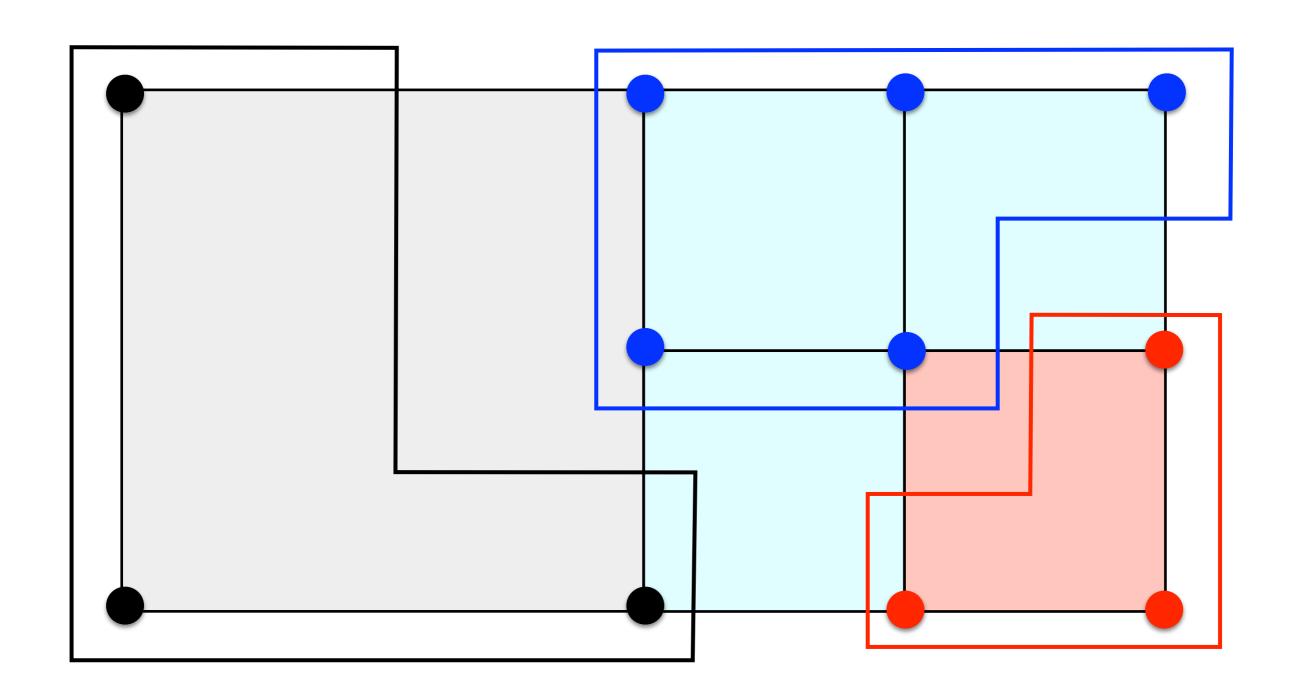
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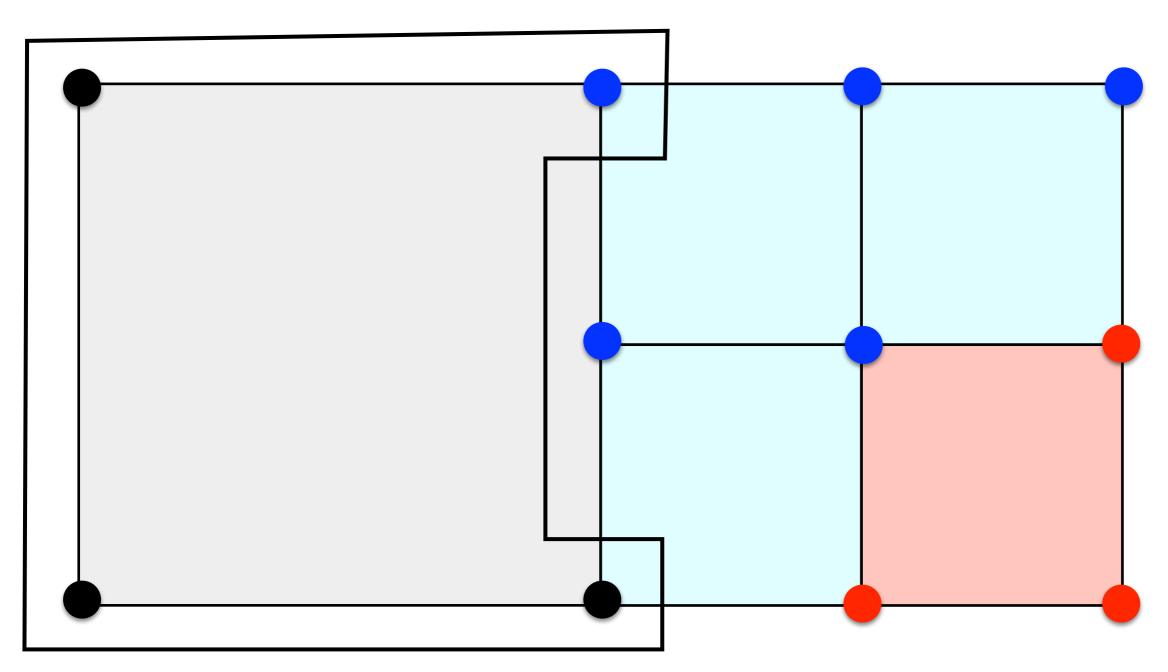
Ownership of distributed DoFs: Locally owned degrees-of-freedom







Locally relevant degrees-of-freedom (process 0)

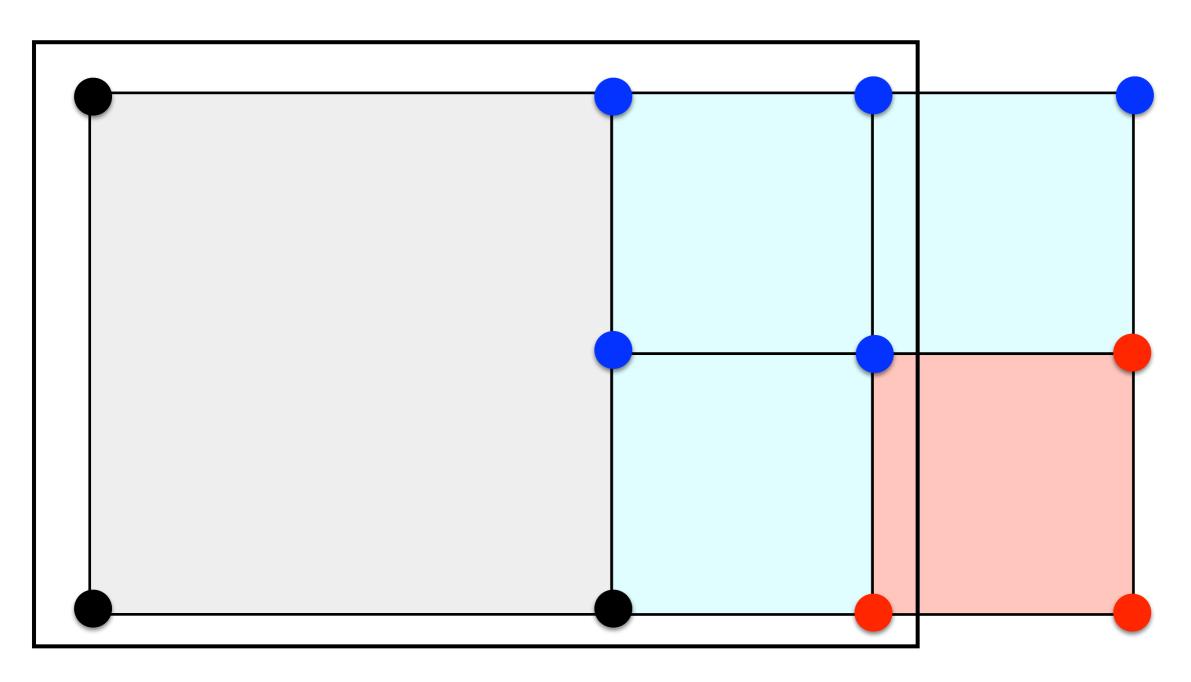


Required for assembly, data output





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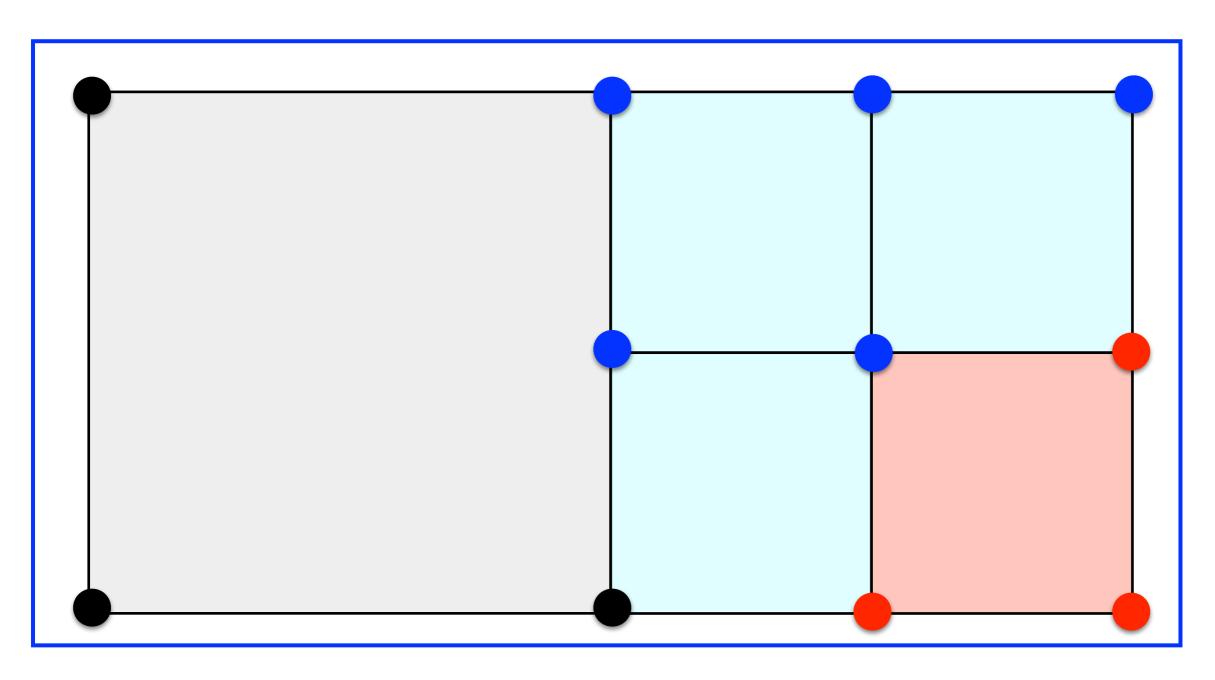


Required for Kelly error estimator





Locally relevant degrees-of-freedom (process 1)

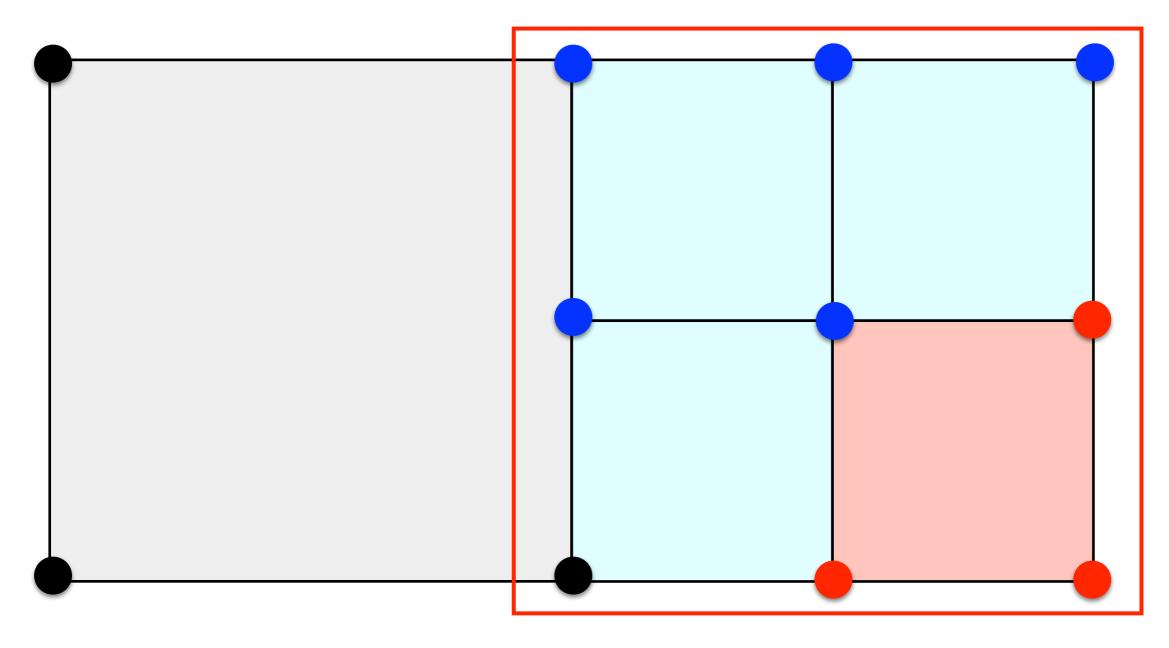


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Locally relevant degrees-of-freedom (process 2)



Required for Kelly error estimator





Changes: New headers

- MPI #include <deal.II/base/mpi.h>
- Parallel shared triangulation
 #include <deal.II/distributed/shared_tria.h>
- Filtered iterator #include <deal.II/grid/filtered_iterator.h>
- IndexSet #include <deal.II/base/index_set.h>
- Trilinos linear algebra
 #include <deal.II/lac/trilinos_*>
- Output filter
 #include <deal.II/base/conditional ostream.h>





Changes: Class definition

- MPI utility objects
 - MPI communicator
 - Number of processes, number of "this" process
 - Stream output assistant (filter)
- Triangulation type
- Sparse linear algebra objects
- IndexSets
 - Locally owned
 - Locally relevant





Changes: System setup

- Must determine the set of locally owned and locally relevant DoFs
 - Locally owned = those assigned to a particular MPI process
 - Locally relevant = those assigned to other processors, but are required to perform some action on the current process
- Distribution of sparsity pattern
 - Tell the locally defined sparsity pattern which entries require data exchange / may be written into by other processes
- Can interrogate information about problem distribution as viewed from other processors





Changes: Assembly

- Cell loop: Only cells owned by the MPI process
 - Can use filtered iterators
 - Can check within the cell loop cell->locally owned();
- All assembled data is initially localised to a process
- Final synchronisation of data between MPI processes
 - Accumulation of values on DoFs written into by more than one process

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[matrix/vector].compress(VectorOperations::add);
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Only once (outside of cell loop)





Changes: Linear solver

- Solver templated on Vector type
- Preconditioner type





Changes: Mesh refinement

- Kelly error estimator needs to know solution values on cells that are not owned by this current MPI process
- Need to provide view of solution with values for all locally owned and locally relevant DoFs





Changes: Postprocessing

- Write out portion of solution from each processor
 - deal.II writes these outputs on a per-cell basis
 - Need to provide view of solution with values for all locally owned and locally relevant DoFs





Changes: Main function

Setup MPI environment
 Utilities::MPI::MPI_InitFinalize
 mpi initialization(argc, argv, 1);