Assignment 1

Foundations of HPC 2021-2022

Section 1

Ring

In order to solve the exercise I provide two different implementation: one it uses only blocking operations while the other one uses non-blocking operations.

Implementation

In the blocking implementation I have divided the cores in two subset based on the parity of ranks. The odd processors send to right and left, and after they receive from left and right. Instead, the even processors first receive from left and right and after send to right and left. In this way the program avoid deadlock. Obviously, when the cardinality of the processors is an odd number I had to modify the behaviour of the processor with rank 0. In this case, the processor 0 send to left and receive from right, and after send to right and receive from left. The execution in the two cases is shown in figure 1.

The implementation that use only non-blocking operations is simpler: each processor send and receive from e to its neighbours. Then, there is a barrier in order to prevent a processor from update its message before it has received it. This barrier implicitly makes the execution "blocking", however as seen in the next section, this implementation is slightly faster then the other one.

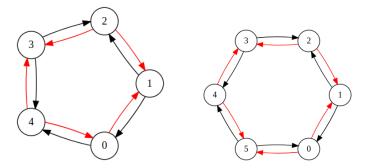


Figure 1: The blocking implementation with odd and even numbers of processors. In black there are the first operation executed while in red the second one.

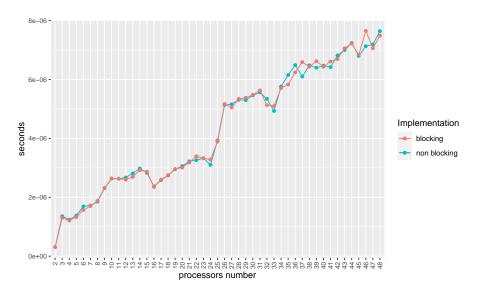


Figure 2: Walltime of the ring as a function of the number of processors

Runtime analysis

Since each processor send and receive 4n message, where n is the total number of processors, the runtime is expected to grow linearly on n. Meanwhile, the total number of messages exchanged between processors grows as $O(n^2)$.

The runtime is calculated as the time of the slowest core. In addition, to obtain significant data, I have taken the mean over 100000 repetition. The figure 3 show the time as a function of the number of processors used, i.e the number of vertices of the ring. As we expected, the time grows linearly. Even if there is some noisy, we can notice the existence of a great step between 23 and 24 processors due to the fact of using two nodes.

Matrix-Matrix sum

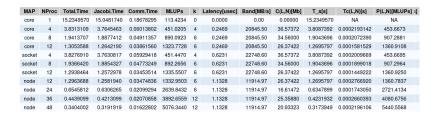


Figure 3: Walltime of the ring as a function of the number of processors

Section 2

OpenMPI

IntelMPI

Section 3