Laplace Exercise

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Our Foundation Exercise: Laplace Solver

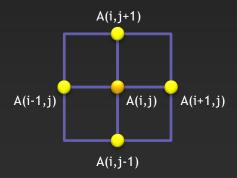
- I've been using this for MPI, OpenMP and now OpenACC. It is a great simulation problem, not rigged for MPI.
- In this most basic form, it solves the Laplace equation: $abla^2 f(x,y) = 0$
- The Laplace Equation applies to many physical problems, including:
 - Electrostatics
 - Fluid Flow
 - Temperature
- For temperature, it is the Steady State Heat Equation:





Exercise Foundation: Jacobi Iteration

- The Laplace equation on a grid states that each grid point is the average of it's neighbors.
- We can iteratively converge to that state by repeatedly computing new values at each point from the average of neighboring points.
- We just keep doing this until the difference from one pass to the next is small enough for us to tolerate.



$$A_{k+1}(i,j) = \frac{A_k(i-1,j) + A_k(i+1,j) + A_k(i,j-1) + A_k(i,j+1)}{4}$$



Serial Code Implementation



Serial C Code (kernel)

```
while ( dt > MAX_TEMP_ERROR && iteration <= max_iterations ) {</pre>
                                                                                                               Done?
     for(i = 1; i <= ROWS; i++) {
          for(j = 1; j \le COLUMNS; j++) {
                Temperature[i][j] = 0.25 * (Temperature_last[i+1][j] + Temperature_last[i-1][j] +
                                                                                                               Calculate
                                             Temperature_last[i][j+1] + Temperature_last[i][j-1]);
     dt = 0.0:
                                                                                                              Update
     for(i = 1; i <= ROWS; i++){
                                                                                                              temp
          for(j = 1; j \leftarrow COLUMNS; j++){
                                                                                                              array and
                dt = fmax( fabs(Temperature[i][j]-Temperature_last[i][j]), dt);
                                                                                                              find max
                Temperature_last[i][j] = Temperature[i][j];
                                                                                                              change
     if((iteration % 100) == 0) {
                                                                                                               Output
          track_progress(iteration);
     iteration++:
```



Serial C Code Subroutines

```
void initialize(){
    int i,j;
    for(i = 0; i <= ROWS+1; i++){
        for (j = 0; j \le COLUMNS+1; j++){
            Temperature_last[i][j] = 0.0;
    // these boundary conditions never change throughout run
    // set left side to 0 and right to a linear increase
    for(i = 0; i <= ROWS+1; i++) {
        Temperature_last[i][0] = 0.0;
        Temperature_last[i][COLUMNS+1] = (100.0/ROWS)*i;
    // set top to 0 and bottom to linear increase
    for(j = 0; j \leftarrow COLUMNS+1; j++) {
        Temperature_last[0][j] = 0.0;
        Temperature_last[ROWS+1][j] = (100.0/COLUMNS)*j;
```

```
void track_progress(int iteration) {
  int i;
  printf("-- Iteration: %d --\n", iteration);
  for(i = ROWS-5; i <= ROWS; i++) {
     printf("[%d,%d]: %5.2f ", i, i,Temperature[i][i]);
  }
  printf("\n");
}</pre>
```

BCs could run from 0 to ROWS+1 or from 1 to ROWS. We chose the former.



Whole C Code

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <sys/time.h>
// size of plate
#define COLUMNS
                   1000
#define ROWS
                   1000
// largest permitted change in temp (This value takes about 3400 steps)
#define MAX_TEMP_ERROR 0.01
double Temperature[ROWS+2][COLUMNS+2];
                                            // temperature grid
double Temperature_last[ROWS+2][COLUMNS+2]; // temperature grid from last iteration
// helper routines
void initialize();
void track_progress(int iter);
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    int i, j;
                                                          // grid indexes
                                                          // number of iterations
    int max_iterations;
    int iteration=1;
                                                          // current iteration
    double dt=100:
                                                          // largest change in t
    struct timeval start_time, stop_time, elapsed_time; // timers
    printf("Maximum iterations [100-4000]?\n");
    scanf("%d", &max_iterations);
    gettimeofday(&start_time,NULL); // Unix timer
    initialize();
                                    // initialize Temp_last including boundary conditions
    // do until error is minimal or until max steps
    while ( dt > MAX_TEMP_ERROR && iteration <= max_iterations ) {</pre>
        // main calculation: average my four neighbors
        for(i = 1; i \le ROWS; i++) {
            for(j = 1; j \leftarrow COLUMNS; j++) {
                Temperature[i][j] = 0.25 * (Temperature_last[i+1][j] + Temperature_last[i-1][j] +
                                             Temperature_last[i][j+1] + Temperature_last[i][j-1]);
        dt = 0.0; // reset largest temperature change
        // copy grid to old grid for next iteration and find latest dt
        for(i = 1; i \le ROWS; i++){
            for(j = 1; j \le COLUMNS; j++){
              dt = fmax( fabs(Temperature[i][j]-Temperature_last[i][j]), dt);
              Temperature_last[i][j] = Temperature[i][j];
        // periodically print test values
        if((iteration % 100) == 0) {
            track_progress(iteration);
        iteration++;
```

```
gettimeofday(&stop_time,NULL);
    timersub(&stop_time, &start_time, &elapsed_time); // Unix time subtract routine
    printf("\nMax error at iteration %d was %f\n", iteration-1, dt);
    printf("Total time was %f seconds.\n", elapsed_time.tv_sec+elapsed_time.tv_usec/1000000.0);
// initialize plate and boundary conditions
// Temp_last is used to to start first iteration
void initialize(){
    int i,j;
    for(i = 0; i \le ROWS+1; i++){
        for (j = 0; j \le COLUMNS+1; j++){
            Temperature_last[i][j] = 0.0;
    // these boundary conditions never change throughout run
    // set left side to 0 and right to a linear increase
    for(i = 0; i \le ROWS+1; i++) {
        Temperature_last[i][0] = 0.0;
        Temperature_last[i][COLUMNS+1] = (100.0/ROWS)*i;
    // set top to 0 and bottom to linear increase
    for(j = 0; j \leftarrow COLUMNS+1; j++) {
        Temperature_last[0][i] = 0.0;
        Temperature_last[ROWS+1][j] = (100.0/COLUMNS)*j;
// print diagonal in bottom right corner where most action is
void track_progress(int iteration) {
    int i;
    printf("-----\n", iteration number: %d -----\n", iteration);
    for(i = ROWS-5; i <= ROWS; i++) {
        printf("[%d,%d]: %5.2f ", i, i, Temperature[i][i]);
    printf("\n");
```



Serial Fortran Code (kernel)

```
do while ( dt > max_temp_error .and. iteration <= max_iterations)</pre>
                                                                                                       Done?
  do j=1,columns
     do i=1.rows
        temperature(i,j)=0.25*(temperature_last(i+1,j)+temperature_last(i-1,j)+ &
                                                                                                       Calculate
                               temperature_last(i,j+1)+temperature_last(i,j-1) )
    enddo
  enddo
 dt=0.0
                                                                                                       Update
  do j=1,columns
     do i=1, rows
                                                                                                       temp
        dt = max( abs(temperature(i,j) - temperature_last(i,j)), dt )
                                                                                                       array and
        temperature_last(i,j) = temperature(i,j)
                                                                                                       find max
     enddo
                                                                                                       change
  enddo
  if( mod(iteration, 100).eq.0 ) then
                                                                                                       Output
     call track_progress(temperature, iteration)
  endif
  iteration = iteration+1
```

enddo



Serial Fortran Code Subroutines

```
subroutine initialize( temperature_last )
     implicit none
                               :: columns=1000
      integer, parameter
                                    :: rows=1000
      integer, parameter
     integer
                                    :: i,j
     double precision, dimension(0:rows+1,0:columns+1) :: temperature_last
     temperature_last = 0.0
      !these boundary conditions never change throughout run
      !set left side to 0 and right to linear increase
     do i=0, rows+1
        temperature_last(i,0) = 0.0
        temperature_last(i,columns+1) = (100.0/rows) * i
     enddo
      !set top to 0 and bottom to linear increase
     do i=0.columns+1
        temperature_last(0,j) = 0.0
        temperature_last(rows+1,j) = ((100.0)/columns) * j
     enddo
end subroutine initialize
```



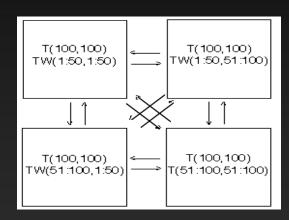
Whole Fortran Code

```
program serial
      implicit none
      !Size of plate
                                     :: columns=1000
      integer, parameter
      integer, parameter
                                     :: rows=1000
      double precision, parameter :: max temp error=0.01
                                     :: i. i. max iterations. iteration=1
      integer
      double precision
                                     :: dt=100.0
      real
                                     :: start_time, stop_time
      double precision, dimension(0:rows+1.0:columns+1) :: temperature, temperature last
      print*, 'Maximum iterations [100-4000]?'
      read*. max iterations
      call cpu time(start time)
                                     !Fortran timer
      call initialize(temperature last)
      !do until error is minimal or until maximum steps
      do while ( dt > max temp error .and. iteration <= max iterations)
         do i=1.columns
            do i=1.rows
               temperature(i,i)=0.25*(temperature last(i+1,i)+temperature last(i-1,i)+ &
                                      temperature_last(i,j+1)+temperature_last(i,j-1) )
           enddo
         enddo
         dt=0.0
         !copy grid to old grid for next iteration and find max change
         do j=1,columns
            do i=1.rows
               dt = max( abs(temperature(i,j) - temperature_last(i,j)), dt )
               temperature_last(i,j) = temperature(i,j)
         enddo
         !periodically print test values
         if( mod(iteration, 100).eq.0 ) then
           call track_progress(temperature, iteration)
         endif
         iteration = iteration+1
      enddo
      call cpu_time(stop_time)
      print*, 'Max error at iteration', iteration-1, 'was',dt
      print*. 'Total time was '.stop time-start time. ' seconds.'
end program serial
```

```
! initialize plate and boundery conditions
! temp_last is used to to start first iteration
subroutine initialize( temperature_last )
     implicit none
     integer, parameter
                                    :: columns=1000
     integer, parameter
                                    :: rows=1000
     integer
                                    :: i,j
     double precision, dimension(0:rows+1,0:columns+1) :: temperature_last
     temperature_last = 0.0
     !these boundary conditions never change throughout run
     !set left side to 0 and right to linear increase
     do i=0,rows+1
        temperature_last(i,0) = 0.0
        temperature_last(i,columns+1) = (100.0/rows) * i
     enddo
     !set top to 0 and bottom to linear increase
     do j=0,columns+1
        temperature_last(0,j) = 0.0
        temperature_last(rows+1,j) = ((100.0)/columns) * j
end subroutine initialize
!print diagonal in bottom corner where most action is
subroutine track_progress(temperature, iteration)
     implicit none
     integer, parameter
                                    :: columns=1000
                                    :: rows=1000
     integer, parameter
     integer
                                    :: i,iteration
     double precision, dimension(0:rows+1,0:columns+1) :: temperature
     print *, '------ Iteration number: ', iteration, ' ------
     do i=5,0,-1
        write (*,'("("i4,",",i4,"):",f6.2," ")',advance='no'), &
                  rows-i,columns-i,temperature(rows-i,columns-i)
     enddo
     print *
end subroutine track_progress
```



First Things First: Domain Decomposition

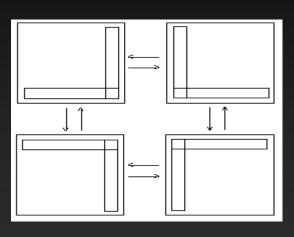


- All processors have entire T array.
- Each processor works on TW part of T.
- After every iteration, all processors broadcast their TW to all other processors.
- Increased memory. NOT SCALABLE!
- Global (message passing) variables are ALWAYS bad!



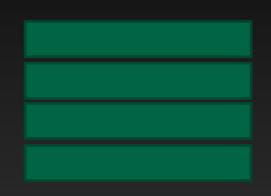
Try Again: Domain Decomposition II

- Each processor has sub-grid.
- Communicate boundary values only.
- Reduces memory.
- Reduces communications.
- Have to keep track of neighbors in two directions.
- But not too bad.





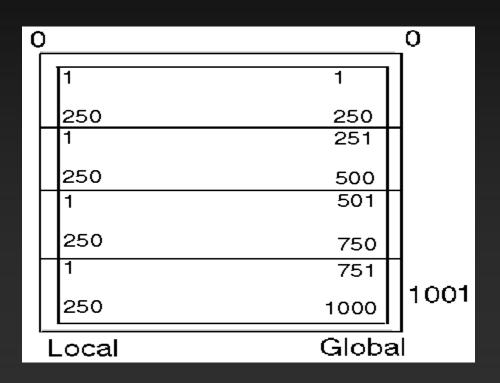
Simplest: Domain Decomposition III



- Only have to keep track of up/down neighbors, and no corner case.
- Scales, as below. How would we handle 5 PEs with the "square decomposition"?



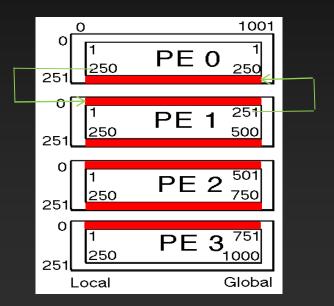
Simplest Decomposition for C Code





Simplest Decomposition for C Code

In the parallel case, we will break this up into 4 processors. There is only one set of boundary values. But when we distribute the data, each processor needs to have an extra row for data distribution, these are commonly called the "ghost cells".



The program has a local view of data. The programmer has to have a global view of data. The ghost cells don't exist in the global dataset. They are only copies from the "real" data in the adjacent PE.



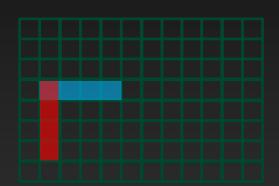
Sending Multiple Elements

- For the first time we want to send multiple elements. In this case, a whole row or column of data. That is exactly what the count parameter is for.
- The common use of the count parameter is to point the Send or Receive routine at the first element of an array, and then the count will proceed to strip off as many elements as you specify.
- This implies (and demands) that the elements are contiguous in memory. That will be true for one dimension of an array, but the other dimension(s) will have a stride.
- In C this is true for our rows. In Fortran this is true for our columns. This will give us a strong preference for the problem orientation in each language. Then we don't have to worry about strides in the strips that we send.
- However, it is very often necessary to send messages that are not contiguous data. Using defined data types, we can send other array dimensions, or even blocks or surfaces. We will talk about that capability in the Advanced talk.



Sending Multiple Elements

This last index is the one contiguous in memory. C: int A[8][12]; MPI_Send(&A[3][1], 4, MPI_INT, pe, tag, MPI_COMM_WORLD); This first index is the one contiguous in memory.





Array Ordering

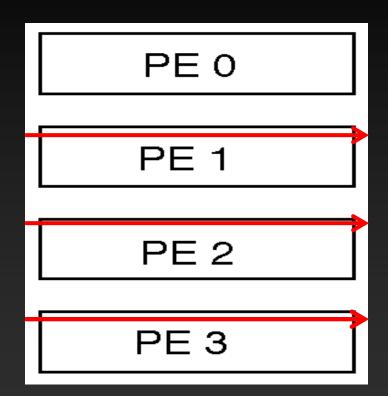
- Once again, we will make this issue less critical from the MPI perspective once we learn about user defined datatypes in the advanced talk, but...
- this is extremely important to understand for general performance reasons. Notice how the C code iterates over the last (j) variable in the inner loop while the Fortran uses the first (i) in our serial code? This would kill our performance if it was the other way around. And I mean in the serial code. Go ahead and try...

```
do j=1,columns
do i=1,rows
temperature(i,j)= 0.25 * (temperature_last(i+1,j)+temperature_last(i-1,j) + &
temperature_last(i,j+1)+temperature_last(i,j-1) )
enddo
enddo
```

Sending Multiple Elements

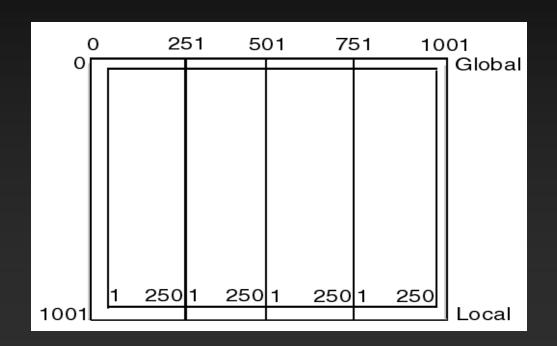
```
if ( mype != 0 ){
    up = mype - 1
    MPI_Send( t, COLUMNS, MPI_FLOAT, up, UP_TAG, comm);
}

Alternatively
up = mype - 1
if ( mype == 0 ) up = MPI_PROC_NULL;
MPI_Send( t, COLUMNS, MPI_FLOAT, up, UP_TAG, comm);
```





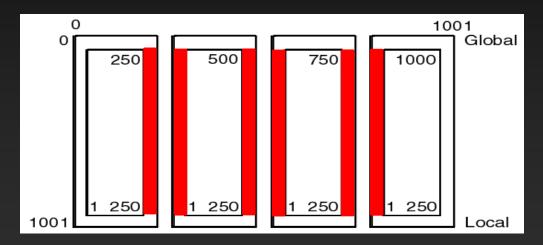
Simplest Decomposition for Fortran Code





Simplest Decomposition for Fortran Code

Then we send strips to ghost zones like this:

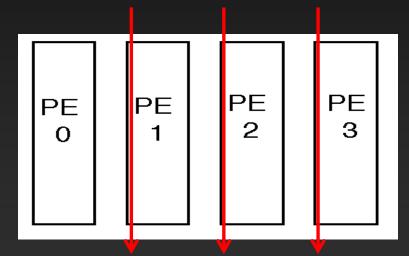


Same ghost cell structure as the C code, we have just swapped rows and columns.



Sending Multiple Elements in Fortran

```
if( mype.ne.0 ) then
   left = mype - 1
   call MPI_Send( t, ROWS, MPI_REAL, left, L_TAG, comm, ierr)
endif
Alternatively
left = mype - 1
if( mype.eq.0 ) left = MPI_PROC_NULL
call MPI_Send( t, ROWS, MPI_REAL, left, L_TAG, comm, ierr)
endif
Note: You may also MPI_Recv from MPI_PROC_NULL
```





Main Loop Structure

```
for (iter=1; iter < NITER; iter++) {
   Do averaging
   Copy Temperature into Temperature_last</pre>
```

Send real values down

Temperature or Temperature_last?

Send real values up

Receive values from above into ghost zone

Receive values from below into ghost zone

Temperature or Temperature_last?

Find the max change

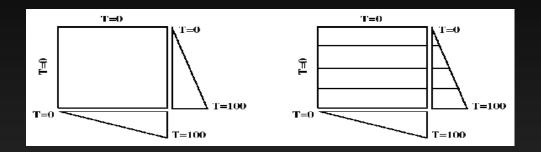
Synchronize?

Compute
Phase
(almost unchanged)

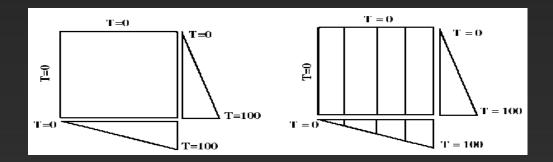
Communicate
Phase
(all new)



Boundary Conditions



Both C and Fortran will need to set proper boundary conditions based upon the PE number.





Two ways to approach this exercise.

- Start from the serial code
- Start from the template ("hint") code

Starting files in Exercises/MPI:

```
laplace_serial.c laplace_serial.f90
laplace_template.c laplace_template.f90
```

You can peek at my answer in /Solutions

laplace_mpi.c

laplace_mpi.f90



MPI Template for C

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
   int i, j;
   int max_iterations;
   int iteration=1;
   // the usual MPI startup routines
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
   // verify only NPES PEs are being used
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
   // PE 0 asks for input
// bcast max iterations to other PEs
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
   if (my_PE_num==0) gettimeofday(&start_time,NULL);
   initialize(npes, my_PE_num);
   while ( dt_global > MAX_TEMP_ERROR && iteration <= max_iterations ) {</pre>
      // main calculation: average my four neighbors
       for(i = 1; i <= ROWS; i++) {
          for(j = 1; j <= COLUMNS; j++) {
              Temperature[i][j] = 0.25 * (Temperature_last[i+1][j] + Temperature_last[i-1][j] +
                                      Temperature_last[i][j+1] + Temperature_last[i][j-1]);
      // COMMUNICATION PHASE: send and receive ghost rows for next iteration
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
      dt = 0.0;
```



MPI Template for Fortran

```
program mpi
     implicit none
     include
               'mpif.h'
     !Size of plate
     integer, parameter
                                 :: columns_global=1000
                                 :: rows=1000
     integer, parameter
     double precision, dimension(0:rows+1,0:columns+1) :: temperature, temperature_last
     !usual mpi startup routines
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
     !It is nice to verify that proper number of PEs are running
!Only one PE should prompt user
     if(mype == 0) then
        print*, 'Maximum iterations [100-4000]?'
        read*. max iterations
     endif
     !Other PEs need to recieve this information
call cpu_time(start_time)
     call initialize(temperature_last, npes, mype)
     !do until global error is minimal or until maximum steps
     do while ( dt_global > max_temp_error .and. iteration <= max_iterations)</pre>
        do j=1,columns
           do i=1.rows
             temperature(i,j)=0.25*(temperature_last(i+1,j)+temperature_last(i-1,j)+ &
                                  temperature_last(i,j+1)+temperature_last(i,j-1) )
           enddo
        enddo
```



Some ways you might go wrong...

You have two main data structures

- Temperature
- Temperature_last

Each has

- Boundary Conditions (unchanged through entire run)
- •Ghost zones (changing every timestep)

Each iteration

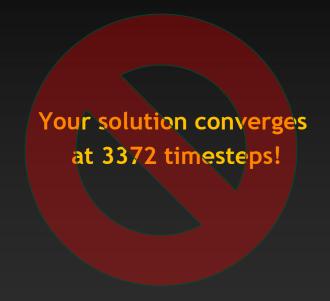
- Copying/calculating Temperature to/from Temperature_last
- Sending/receiving into/from ghost zones and data

It is easy to mix these things up. I suggest you step through at least the initialization and first time step for each of the above combinations of elements.

There are multiple reasonable solutions. Each will deal with the above slightly differently.

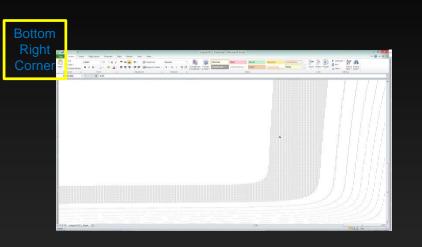


How do you know you are correct?





How do you know you are correct?



PE 2

PE 3

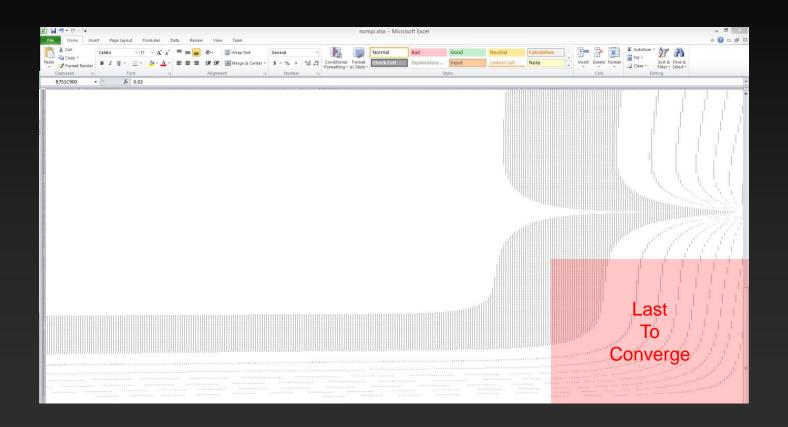
Working MPI Solution

MPI Routines Disabled

Both converge at 3372 steps!



All the action is here.

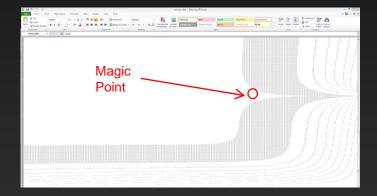




Check for yourself.

```
void output(int my_pe, int iteration) {
 FILE* fp;
 char filename[50];
 sprintf(filename, "output%d.txt", iteration);
  for (int pe = 0; pe<4; pe++){
    if (my_pe==pe){
     fp = fopen(filename, "a");
      for(int y = 1; y \le ROWS; y++){
        for(int x = 1; x \le COLUMNS; x ++)
          fprintf(fp, "%5.2f ",Temperature[y][x]);
        fprintf(fp,"\n");
     fflush(fp);
     fclose(fp);
   MPI_Barrier(MPI_COMM_WORLD);
```

- Human Readable
- 1M entries
- Visualize. I used Excel (terrible idea).



- If about 1.0, probably good
- Otherwise (like 0.02 here) probably not



A Quick Note About Our Pace Before We Start

This exercise is doable during the exercise session time allotted if all goes well.

That has been our historical standard.

However some of you may need a little more time. That is fine.

We will not "spoil" the exercise during the Laplace Exercise Review tomorrow.

Those of you that need additional time can use your accounts through next week.

Please take advantage of that. If you complete this exercise, you understand MPI.



Laplace Exercise

1. You copied a directory called Exercises/MPI into your home directory. Go there and you will see the files:

```
laplace_template.c and laplace_serial.c
or
laplace_template.f90 and laplace_serial.f90
```

2. The templates are "hint" files with sections marked >>>> in the source code where you might add statements so that the code will run on 4 PEs. You can start from either these or from the serial code, whichever you prefer. A useful Web reference for this exercise is the Message Passing Interface Standard at:
http://www.mpich.org/static/docs/latest/www3/

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```

- 3. To compile the program as it becomes an MPI code, execute:

 mpicc laplace_your_mpi.c

 mpif90 laplace_your_mpi.f90
- 4. In an interactive session (with at least 4 Pes: "interact -n 4"), you can just run these as:

 mpirun -n 4 a.out
- 5. You can check your program against one possible solution in the Solutions directory: laplace_mpi.c or laplace_mpi.f90

