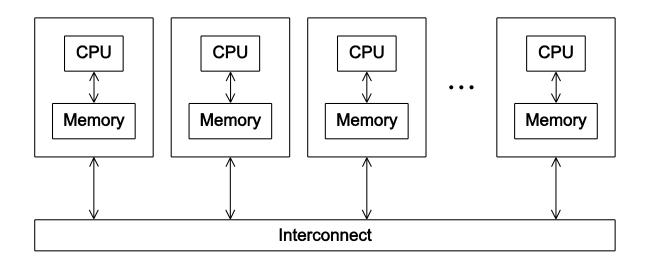
Distributed Memory Programming with MPI

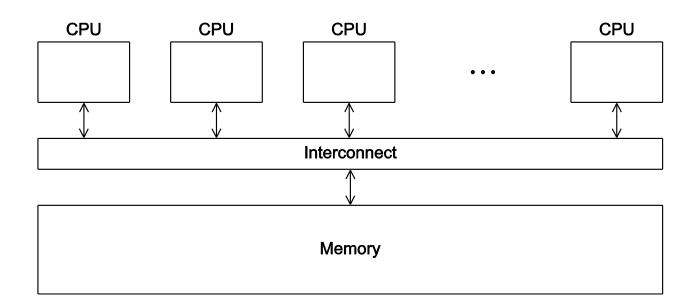
Part 1

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A distributed memory system



A shared memory system



Identifying MPI processes

■ Common practice to identify processes by nonnegative integer ranks.

■ p processes are numbered 0, 1, 2, .. p-1

```
MPI Init(NULL, NULL);
/* Get the number of processes */
MPI Comm size(MPI COMM WORLD, &comm sz);
/* Get my rank among all the processes */
MPI Comm rank (MPI COMM WORLD, &my rank);
if (my rank != 0) {
  /* Create message */
  sprintf(greeting, "Greetings from process %d of %d!",
          my rank, comm sz);
  /* Send message to process 0 */
  MPI Send(greeting, strlen(greeting)+1, MPI CHAR, 0, 0,
           MPI COMM WORLD);
} else {
  /* Print my message */
  printf("Greetings from process %d of %d!\n", my rank, comm sz);
  for (int q = 1; q < comm sz; q++) {
    /* Receive message from process q */
    MPI Recv(greeting, MAX STRING, MPI CHAR, q,
             0, MPI COMM WORLD, MPI STATUS IGNORE);
    /* Print message from process q */
    printf("%s\n", greeting);
/* Shut down MPI */
MPI Finalize();
```

Compilation

wrapper script to compile source file mpicc -g -Wall -o mpi_hello mpi hello.c produce create this executable file name debugging (as opposed to default a.out) information turns on all warnings

Execution

Older versions of MPI used mpirun, some still do, but mpiexec is preferred

mpiexec -n <number of processes> <executable>

mpiexec -n 1 ./mpi_hello

run with 1 process

mpiexec -n 4 ./mpi_hello

run with 4 processes

MPI Programs

- Written in C.
 - Has main.
 - Uses stdio.h, string.h, etc.
- Need to add mpi.h header file.
- Identifiers defined by MPI start with "MPI_".
- First letter following underscore is uppercase.
 - For function names and MPI-defined types.
 - Helps to avoid confusion.

MPI Components

- MPI_Init
 - Tells MPI to do all the necessary setup.

- MPI_Finalize
 - Tells MPI we're done, so clean up anything allocated for this program.

```
int MPI_Finalize(void);
```

Basic Outline

```
#include <mpi.h>
...
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
...
/* No MPI calls before this */
MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
...
MPI_Finalize();
/* No MPI calls after this */
...
return 0;
}
```

Communicators

- A collection of processes that can send messages to each other.
- MPI_Init defines a communicator that consists of all the processes created when the program is started.
- Called MPI_COMM_WORLD.





```
int MPI_Comm_size(
    MPI_Comm comm /* input */,
    int* comm_size /* output */)
```

number of processes in the communicator

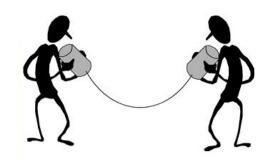
```
int MPI_Comm_rank(
    MPI_Comm comm /* input */,
    int* my_rank /* output */)
```

my rank (the process making this call)

SPMD

- Single-Program Multiple-Data
- We compile <u>one</u> program.
- Process 0 does something different.
 - Receives messages and prints them while the other processes do the work.
- The if-else construct makes our program SPMD.

Communication



Data types

MPI datatype	C datatype
MPI_CHAR	signed char
MPI_SHORT	signed short int
MPI_INT	signed int
MPI_LONG	signed long int
MPI_LONG_LONG	signed long long int
MPI_UNSIGNED_CHAR	unsigned char
MPI_UNSIGNED_SHORT	unsigned short int
MPI_UNSIGNED	unsigned int
MPI_UNSIGNED_LONG	unsigned long int
MPI_FLOAT	float
MPI_DOUBLE	double
MPI_LONG_DOUBLE	long double
MPI_BYTE	
MPI_PACKED	

Communication

```
int MPI Recv(
                 msg buf /* output */,
    void*
                 msg size /* input */,
    int
    MPI Datatype msg type /* input */,
                 source /* input */,
    int
                        /* input */,
    int
                 tag
                         /* input */,
    MPI Comm
                 comm
    MPI Status* status p /* output */)
```

Message matching

```
MPI_Send(send_buf_p, send_buf_sz, send_type, dest, send_tag,
        send_comm);
                MPI_Send
                src = q
MPI_Recv(recv_buf_p, recv_buf_sz, recv_type, src, recv_tag
         recv_comm, &status);
```

Receiving messages

- A receiver can get a message without knowing:
 - the amount of data in the message,
 - the sender of the message,
 - or the tag of the message.



status_p argument





MPI_Status* status;

status.MPI_SOURCE status.MPI_TAG

MPI_SOURCE
MPI_TAG
MPI_ERROR

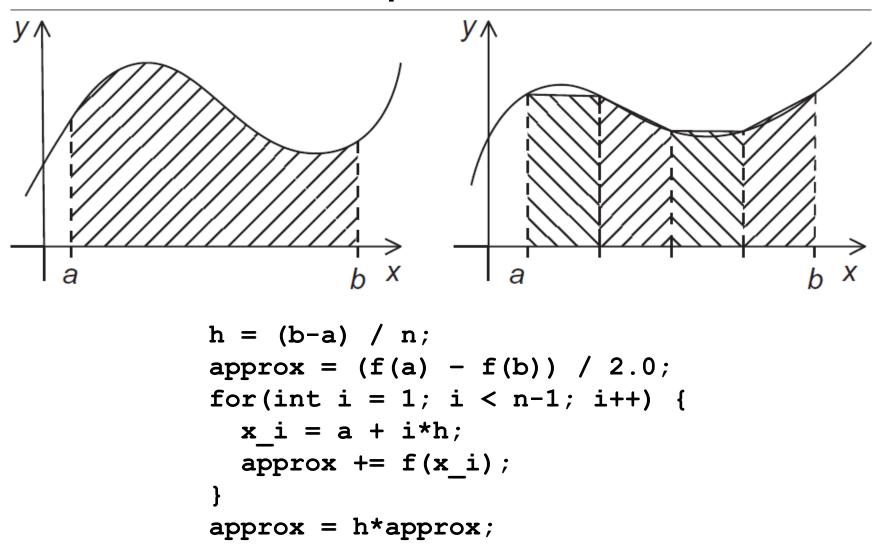
How much data am I receiving?



Issues with send and receive

- Exact behavior is determined by the MPI implementation.
- MPI_Send may behave differently with regard to buffer size, cutoffs and blocking.
- MPI_Recv always blocks until a matching message is received.
- Know your implementation; don't make assumptions!

The trapezoidal rule



The Trapezoidal Rule

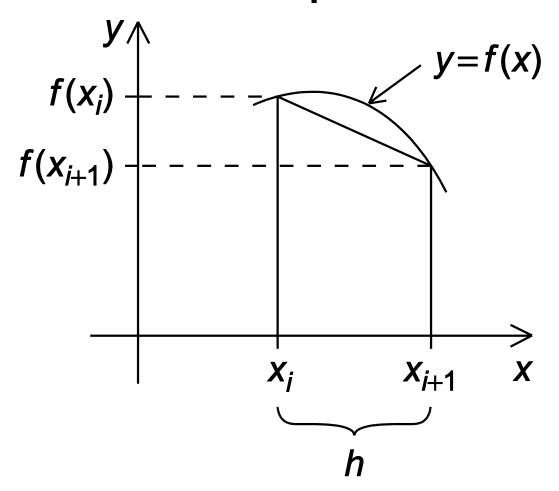
Area of one trapezoid
$$=\frac{h}{2}[f(x_i)+f(x_{i+1})]$$

$$h = \frac{b-a}{n}$$

$$x_0 = a$$
, $x_1 = a + h$, $x_2 = a + 2h$, ..., $x_{n-1} = a + (n-1)h$, $x_n = b$

Sum of trapezoid areas = $h[f(x_0)/2 + f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \cdots + f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)/2]$

One trapezoid



Parallelizing the Trapezoidal Rule

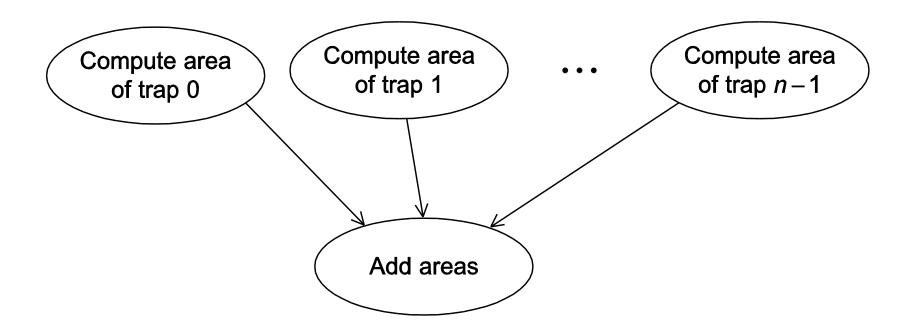
- 1. Partition problem solution into tasks.
- 2. Identify communication channels between tasks.
- 3. Aggregate tasks into composite tasks.
- 4. Map composite tasks to cores.

Parallel pseudo-code

```
Get a, b, n;
      h = (b-a)/n;
3
      local n = n/comm sz;
4
      local_a = a + my_rank*local_n*h;
5
      local b = local a + local n*h;
6
      local_integral = Trap(local_a, local_b, local_n, h);
7
      if (mv rank != 0)
8
         Send local_integral to process 0;
9
      else /* my\_rank == 0 */
10
         total integral = local integral;
         for (proc = 1; proc < comm_sz; proc++) {</pre>
11
12
             Receive local integral from proc;
13
             total integral += local integral;
14
15
16
         (mv rank == 0)
17
         print result;
```

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Tasks and communications for Trapezoidal Rule



Dealing with output

```
int main(void) {
        greeting[MAX STRING]; /* String storing message */
 char
                       /* Number of processes */
       comm sz;
 int
                      /* My process rank
       my rank;
 int
/* Start up MPI */
 MPI Init(NULL, NULL);
/* Get the number of processes */
 MPI Comm size(MPI COMM WORLD, &comm sz);
/* Get my rank among all the processes */
 MPI Comm rank(MPI COMM WORLD, &my_rank);
                                                              Each process just
 printf("Hello from %d out of %d\n", my rank, comm sz);
                                                              prints a message.
/* Shut down MPI */
 MPI Finalize();
return 0;
} /* main */
```

Input

- Most MPI implementations only allow process 0 in MPI_COMM_WORLD access to stdin.
- Process 0 must read the data (scanf) and send to the other processes.

```
MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &my_rank);
MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &comm_sz);
Get_data(my_rank, comm_sz, &a, &b, &n);
h = (b-a)/n;
. . .
```

Dealing with input

```
void Get input(int my rank, int comm sz, double* a p, double* b p,
   int*n p) {
 int dest:
 if (my rank == 0) {
   printf("Enter a, b, and n\n");
   scanf("%lf %lf %d", a p, b p, n p);
   for (dest = 1; dest < comm sz; dest++) {
    MPI Send(a p, 1, MPI DOUBLE, dest, 0, MPI COMM WORLD);
    MPI Send(b p, 1, MPI DOUBLE, dest, 0, MPI COMM WORLD);
    MPI Send(n p, 1, MPI INT, dest, 0, MPI COMM WORLD);
 } else { /* my rank != 0 */
   MPI Recv(a p, 1, MPI DOUBLE, 0, 0, MPI COMM WORLD,
      MPI STATUS IGNORE);
   MPI Recv(b p, 1, MPI DOUBLE, 0, 0, MPI COMM WORLD,
      MPI STATUS IGNORE);
   MPI Recv(n p, 1, MPI INT, 0, 0, MPI COMM WORLD,
      MPI STATUS IGNORE);
} /* Get input */
```

Broadcast

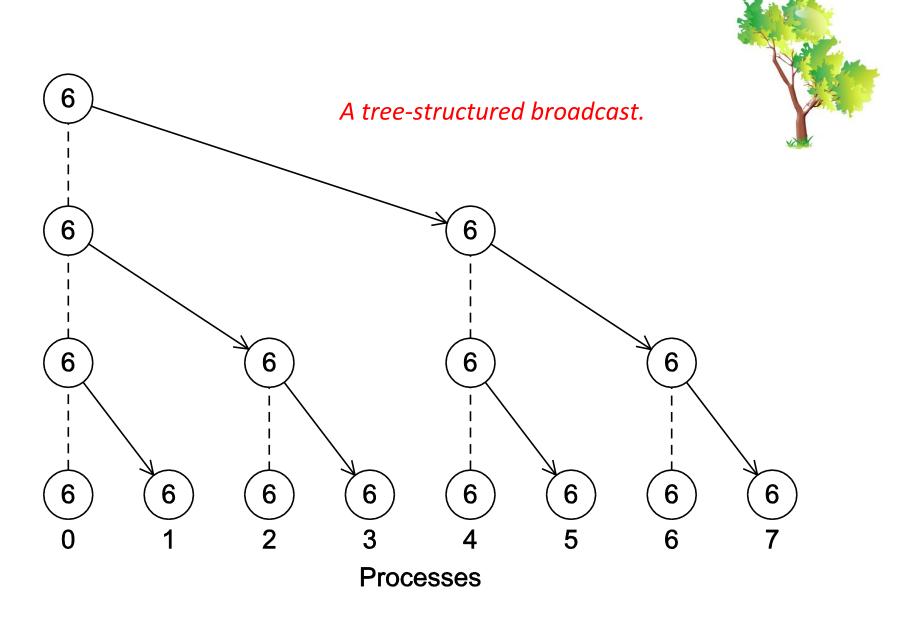
 Data belonging to a single process is sent to all of the processes in the communicator.

Comments on Broadcast

- All collective operations must be called by all processes in the communicator
- MPI_Bcast is called by both the sender (called the root process) and the processes that are to receive the broadcast
 - MPI Bcast is not a "multi-send"
 - "root" argument is the rank of the sender; this tells MPI which process originates the broadcast and which receive

Recall our Simple Broadcast

```
void Get input(int my rank, int comm sz, double* a p, double* b p,
   int*n p) {
 int dest:
 if (my rank == 0) {
   printf("Enter a, b, and n\n");
   scanf("%lf %lf %d", a p, b p, n p);
   for (dest = 1; dest < comm sz; dest++) {
    MPI Send(a p, 1, MPI DOUBLE, dest, 0, MPI COMM WORLD);
    MPI Send(b p, 1, MPI DOUBLE, dest, 0, MPI COMM WORLD);
    MPI Send(n p, 1, MPI INT, dest, 0, MPI COMM WORLD);
 } else { /* my_rank != 0 */
   MPI Recv(a p, 1, MPI DOUBLE, 0, 0, MPI COMM WORLD,
      MPI STATUS IGNORE);
   MPI Recv(b p, 1, MPI DOUBLE, 0, 0, MPI COMM WORLD,
      MPI STATUS IGNORE);
   MPI_Recv(n_p, 1, MPI_INT, 0, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD,
      MPI STATUS IGNORE);
} /* Get input */
```



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A version of Get_input that uses MPI Bcast

```
void Get input(
     int my rank /*in */,
     int comm_sz /* in */,
     double * a_p /* out */,
     double* b_p /* out */,
     int * n_p /* out */) {
  if (my_rank == 0) {
     printf("Enter a, b, and n\n");
     scanf("%lf %lf %d", a_p, b_p, n_p);
  MPI_Bcast(a_p, 1, MPI_DOUBLE, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
  MPI Bcast(b p, 1, MPI DOUBLE, 0, MPI COMM WORLD);
  MPI Bcast(n p, 1, MPI INT, 0, MPI COMM WORLD);
 /* Get_input */
```

MPI_Bcast for Input

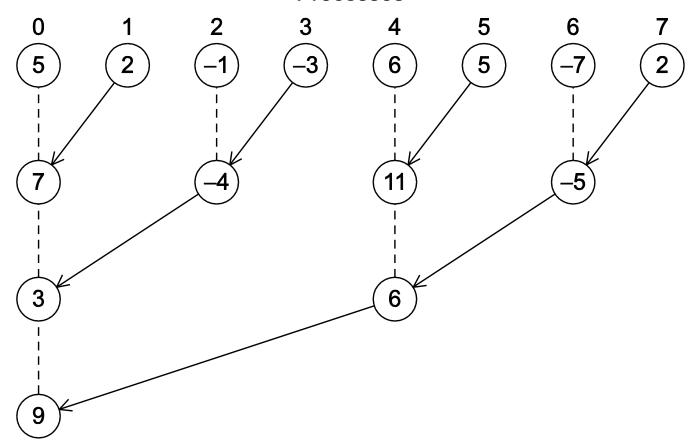
```
void Get_input(int my_rank, int comm_sz, double* a_p, double* b_p,
    int* n_p) {

if (my_rank == 0) {
    printf("Enter a, b, and n\n");
    scanf("%lf %lf %d", a_p, b_p, n_p);
}

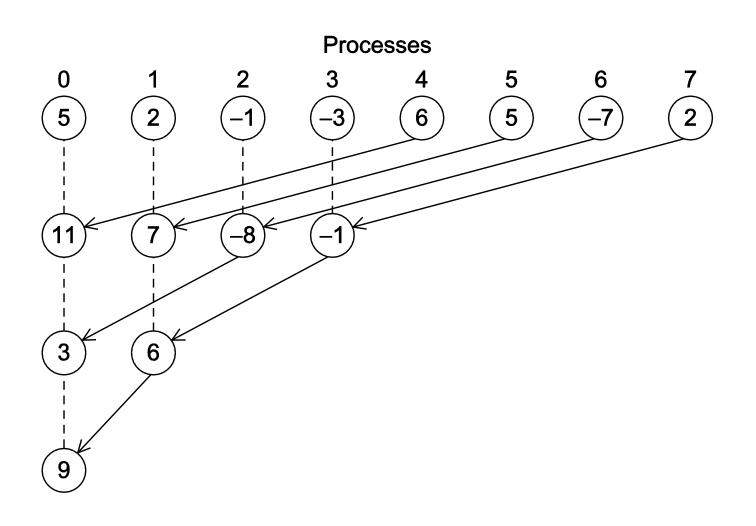
MPI_Bcast(a_p, 1, MPI_DOUBLE, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
MPI_Bcast(b_p, 1, MPI_DOUBLE, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
MPI_Bcast(n_p, 1, MPI_INT, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
} /* Get_input */
```

A tree-structured global sum





An alternative tree-structured global sum



MPI_Reduce

Predefined reduction operators in MPI

Operation Value	Meaning
MPI_MAX	Maximum
MPI_MIN	Minimum
MPI_SUM	Sum
MPI_PROD	Product
MPI_LAND	Logical and
MPI_BAND	Bitwise and
MPI_LOR	Logical or
MPI_BOR	Bitwise or
MPI_LXOR	Logical exclusive or
MPI_BXOR	Bitwise exclusive or
MPI_MAXLOC	Maximum and location of maximum
MPI_MINLOC	Minimum and location of minimum

- All the processes in the communicator must call the same collective function.
- For example, a program that attempts to match a call to MPI_Reduce on one process with a call to MPI_Recv on another process is erroneous, and, in all likelihood, the program will hang or crash.

- The arguments passed by each process to an MPI collective communication must be "compatible."
- For example, if one process passes in 0 as the dest_process and another passes in 1, then the outcome of a call to MPI_Reduce is erroneous, and, once again, the program is likely to hang or crash.

- The output_data_p argument is only used on dest_process.
- However, all of the processes still need to pass in an actual argument corresponding to output_data_p, even if it's just NULL.

- Point-to-point communications are matched on the basis of tags and communicators.
- Collective communications don't use tags.
- They're matched solely on the basis of the communicator and the order in which they're called.

Example

Time	Process 0	Process 1	Process 2		
0	a = 1; c = 2	a = 1; c = 2	a = 1; c = 2		
1	MPI_Reduce(&a, &b,)	MPI_Reduce(&c, &d,)	MPI_Reduce(&a, &b,)		
2	MPI_Reduce(&c, &d,)	MPI_Reduce(&a, &b,)	MPI_Reduce(&c, &d,)		

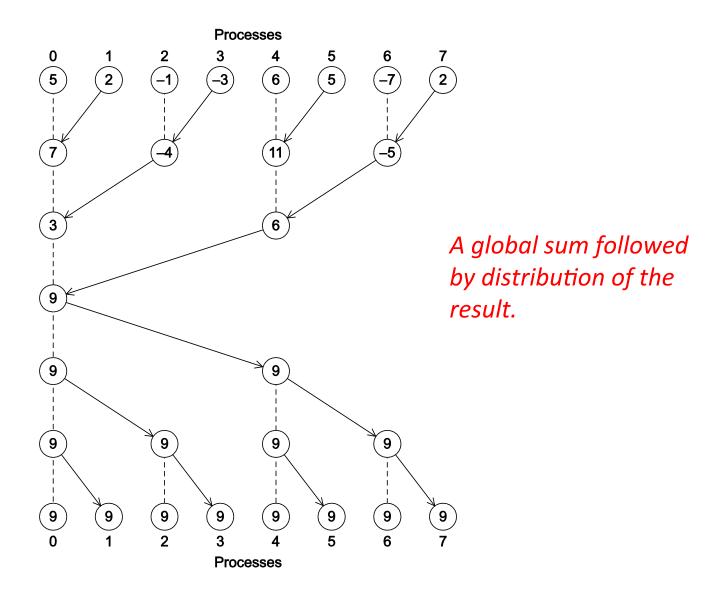
Multiple calls to MPI_Reduce

Example

- Suppose that each process calls MPI_Reduce with operator MPI_SUM, and destination process 0.
- At first glance, it might seem that after the two calls to MPI_Reduce, the value of b will be 3, and the value of d will be 6.
- However, the names of the memory locations are irrelevant to the matching of the calls to MPI_Reduce.
- The order of the calls will determine the matching so the value stored in b will be 1+2+1 = 4, and the value stored in d will be 2+1+2 = 5.

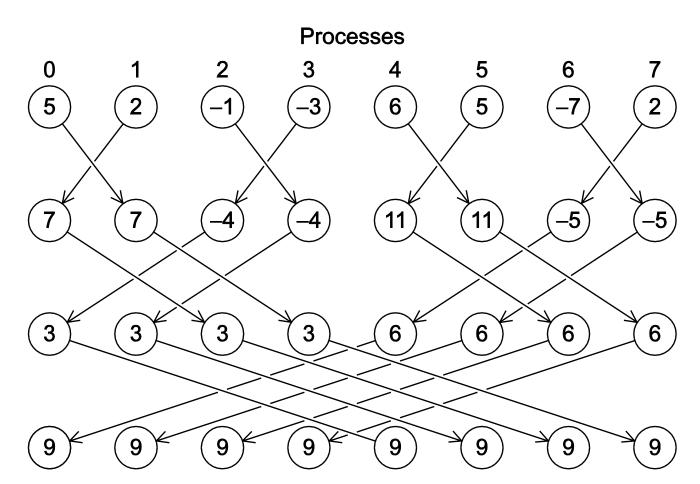
MPI_Allreduce

 Useful in a situation in which all of the processes need the result of a global sum in order to complete some larger computation.



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A butterfly-structured global sum.

More MPI

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MPI So Far

- Communicators
- Blocking Point-to-Point
 - MPI Send
 - MPI Recv
- Collective Communications
 - MPI_Bcast
 - MPI Barrier
 - MPI_Reduce
 - MPI_Allreduce

Non-blocking Send

Identical to MPI_Send but added argument for getting handle to MPI_Request struct.

Non-blocking Receive

Identical to MPI_Read but replaces MPI_Status argument with MPI_Request struct. Status is now retrieved in the MPI_Wait.

Blocking Wait

```
int MPI_Wait(
    MPI_Request request /* input */,
    MPI_Status &status /* output */)

    Same status that would have been returned from
    MPI Recv, not as useful in MPI Send.
```

Non-blocking Test

```
int MPI Test(
  MPI Request request /* input */,
                &flag /* output */
  int
  MPI Status /&status /* output */)
       Flag returns 1 if completed, otherwise 0.
MPI Testall(incount, requests,
  flaq, statuses)
MPI Testsome (incount, requests,
```

outcount, indices, statuses)

MPI Testany (incount, requests,

index, flag, status)

Serial implementation of vector addition

```
void Vector_sum(double x[], double y[], double z[], int n) {
  int i;

for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
    z[i] = x[i] + y[i];
} /* Vector_sum */</pre>
```

Parallel implementation of vector addition

```
void Parallel_vector_sum(
    double local_x[] /* in */,
    double local_y[] /* in */,
    double local_z[] /* out */,
    int local_n /* in */) {
    int local_i;

    for (local_i = 0; local_i < local_n; local_i++)
        local_z[local_i] = local_x[local_i] + local_y[local_i];
} /* Parallel_vector_sum */</pre>
```

Scatter

 MPI_Scatter can be used in a function that reads in an entire vector on process 0 but only sends the needed components to each of the other processes.

Reading and distributing a vector

```
void Read_vector(
     double
            local a[] /* out */,
          local n /*in */.
     int
                         /* in */.
     int
             vec_name[] /* in */,
     char
            my_rank /*in */,
     int
     MPI_Comm comm /* in */) {
  double * a = NULL;
  int i;
  if (my_rank == 0) {
     a = malloc(n*sizeof(double));
     printf("Enter the vector %s\n", vec name);
     for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
        scanf("%lf", &a[i]);
     MPI Scatter(a, local n, MPI DOUBLE, local a, local n, MPI DOUBLE,
           0, comm);
     free(a);
  } else {
     MPI Scatter(a, local n, MPI DOUBLE, local a, local n, MPI DOUBLE,
           0. \text{comm});
  /* Read_vector */
```

Gather

 Collect all of the components of the vector onto process 0, and then process 0 can process all of the components.

```
int MPI Gather(
                 send_buf_p /* in */,
     void*
                 send_count /* in */,
     int
                 send_type /* in */,
     MPI_Datatype
     void*
                 recv_buf_p /* out */,
     int
                 recv_count /* in */,
                 recv_type /* in */,
     MPI_Datatype
     int
                 dest_proc /* in */,
                 comm /* in */):
     MPI Comm
```

Print a distributed vector (1)

Print a distributed vector (2)

Allgather

- Concatenates the contents of each process' send_buf_p and stores this in each process' recv_buf_p.
- As usual, recv_count is the amount of data being received from each process.

Matrix-vector multiplication

$$A = (a_{ij})$$
 is an $m \times n$ matrix

 \mathbf{x} is a vector with n components

y = Ax is a vector with m components

$$y_i = a_{i0}x_0 + a_{i1}x_1 + a_{i2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{i,n-1}x_{n-1}$$

i-th component of y

Dot product of the ith row of A with x.

Matrix-vector multiplication

a00	<i>a</i> ₀₁	• • •	$a_{0,n-1}$		У0
a_{10}	a_{11}		$a_{1,n-1}$	x_0	<i>y</i> ₁
:	:		:	<i>x</i> ₁	:
a_{i0}	a_{i1}	• • • •	$a_{i,n-1}$: -	$y_i = a_{i0}x_0 + a_{i1}x_1 + \cdots + a_{i,n-1}x_{n-1}$
:	:		::	x_{n-1}	:

Multiply a matrix by a vector

```
/* For each row of A */
for (i = 0; i < m; i++) {
    /* Form dot product of ith row with x */
    y[i] = 0.0;

for (j = 0; j < n; j++)
    y[i] += A[i][j]*x[j];
}</pre>
```

Serial pseudo-code

C style arrays

Serial matrix-vector multiplication

```
void Mat_vect_mult(
     double A[] /* in */,
     double x[] /* in */,
     double y[] /* out */,
     int m /*in */,
     int n /* in */) {
  int i, j;
  for (i = 0; i < m; i++) {
     y[i] = 0.0;
     for (j = 0; j < n; j++)
        y[i] += A[i*n+j]*x[j];
  /* Mat_vect_mult */
```

An MPI matrix-vector multiplication function (1)

An MPI matrix-vector multiplication function (2)



PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Elapsed parallel time

 Returns the number of seconds that have elapsed since some time in the past.

Run-times of serial and parallel matrix-vector multiplication

	Order of Matrix					
comm_sz	1024	2048	4096	8192	16,384	
1	4.1	16.0	64.0	270	1100	
2	2.3	8.5	33.0	140	560	
4	2.0	5.1	18.0	70	280	
8	1.7	3.3	9.8	36	140	
16	1.7	2.6	5.9	19	71	

(Seconds)

Speedups of Parallel Matrix-Vector Multiplication

	Order of Matrix					
comm_sz	1024	2048	4096	8192	16,384	
1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	
2	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	
4	2.1	3.1	3.6	3.9	3.9	
8	2.4	4.8	6.5	7.5	7.9	
16	2.4	6.2	10.8	14.2	15.5	

Efficiencies of Parallel Matrix-Vector Multiplication

	Order of Matrix					
comm_sz	1024	2048	4096	8192	16,384	
1	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
2	0.89	0.94	0.97	0.96	0.98	
4	0.51	0.78	0.89	0.96	0.98	
8	0.30	0.61	0.82	0.94	0.98	
16	0.15	0.39	0.68	0.89	0.97	

Scalability

- A program is scalable if the problem size can be increased at a rate so that the efficiency doesn't decrease as the number of processes increase.
- Programs that can maintain a constant efficiency without increasing the problem size are sometimes said to be strongly scalable.
- Programs that can maintain a constant efficiency if the problem size increases at the same rate as the number of processes are sometimes said to be weakly scalable.