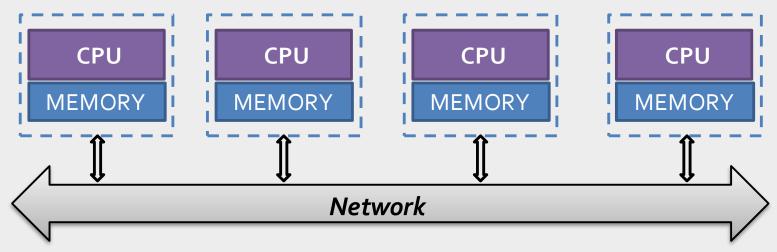
Background

Parallel Computer Memory Architectures

Distributed Memory

Shared Memory

Hybrid Shared-Distributed Memory



MPP (massively parallel processor)

Could we design PP with OpenMP for Distributed Memory Systems?



Shared vs Distributed Memory

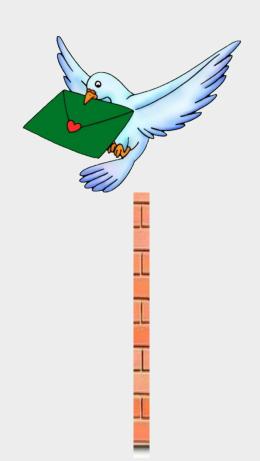




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Parallel Programming with MPI

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MPI Overview

M P I = Message Passing Interface:

- is a *specification* for the developers and users of message passing libraries.
- By itself, it is NOT a library but rather the specification of what such a library should be.
- MPI's goals are high performance, scalability, and portability
- Most MPI implementations consist of a specific set of routines
- All parallelism is explicit: the programmer is responsible for identifying parallelism correctly and implementing parallel algorithms using MPI constructs.
- Usually MPI programs are designed with SPMD-pattern.



MPI Overview

- There are many implementations of MPI (MPICH, LAM/MPI, WMPI, Intel MPI, Open MPI, MPJ, Mvapich)
- There are implementations of mpi-libraries for different programming languages such as Fortran, C/C++, python and Java

Brief history:

1992: The beginning of MPI design.

Nov 1993: draft MPI standard presented.

May 1994: Final version of MPI-1.0 released

Jun 1995: MPI-1.1 Jul 1997: MPI-1.2

Sep 2008: version MPI-2.1 released

Sep 2009: MPI-2.2

Sep 2012: The MPI-3.0 standard was approved.

June 2015: MPI-3.1 was approved.

• Documentation for all versions of the MPI standard is available at:

http://www.mpi-forum.org/docs/.



MPI Concepts

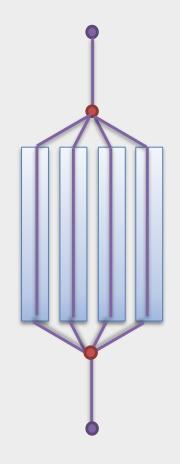
- There is **NO** shared memory (no shared variables)
- Each process has its own address space
- Each process has its own Rank
- All interprocess communications are performed through sending/receiving messages

The basic concepts of MPI standard:

- Data types
- Communication operations
- Communication contexts and process groups
- Process topologies



General MPI Program Structure



- Programs that make MPI library calls required MPI include file
- Initialization of MPI environment (parallel code starts here).
 Could appear only once in a program.
- Each process has its own address space for calculations.
 Message passing calls are used for inter-process communication.
- *Termination* of MPI environment (parallel code ends here). Could appear only once in a program.

Data Types

MPI predefines its elementary data types:

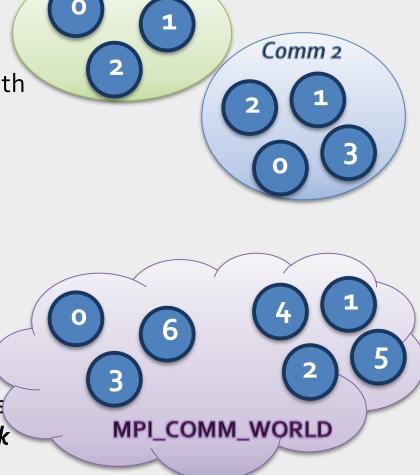
- MPI_BYTE and MPI_PACKED do not correspond to standard C or Fortran types
- Programmers may also create their own data types

MPI_Datatype	C Datatype
MPI_BYTE	
MPI_CHAR	signed char
MPI_DOUBLE	Double
MPI_FLOAT	Float
MPI_INT	Int
MPI_LONG	Long
MPI_LONG_DOUBLE	long double
MPI_PACKED	
MPI_SHORT	short
MPI_UNSIGNED_CHAR	unsigned char
MPI_UNSIGNED	unsigned int
MPI_UNSIGNED_LONG	unsigned long
MPI_UNSIGNED_SHORT	unsigned short



Communicators Overview

- Communicator objects connect groups of processes in the MPI session
- Communicators are used to define which collection of processes may communicate with each other
- Most MPI routines require specifying a communicator as an argument
- MPI_COMM_WORLD is the predefined communicator that includes all of your MPI processes
- Within a communicator, every process has its unique, integer identifier which is called *Rank*



Comm 1



Initialization of MPI environment

• Initialization of the parallel code :

```
int MPI_Init ( int *agrc, char ***argv )
```

• This function shows whether MPI_Init has been called:

```
MPI_Initialized (&flag)
```

Definition of the total number of MPI processes in the specified communicator:

```
int MPI_Comm_size ( MPI_Comm comm, int *size )
```

• Definition of the rank of the called MPI process within specified communicator:

```
int MPI_Comm_rank ( MPI_Comm comm, int *rank )
```

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Termination of MPI environment

Termination of the parallel code:

```
int MPI_Finalize (void)
```

Time in Seconds since a fixed point in the past :

```
double MPI_Wtime(void)
```

Definition of the Program Execution's Time

```
double t_1, t_2, dt;
t_1 = MPI_Wtime();
...
t_2 = MPI_Wtime();
dt = t2 - t1;
```

General Scheme of MPI Programs

```
MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &ProcRank);

if ( ProcRank == 0 )
   DoManagerProcess();
else
   DoWorkerProcesses();
```

or

SPMD-pattern



Message passing

All inter-process communications are performed through sending/receiving messages

The communication operations

Point-to-Point

Collective

- typically involve message passing between two specific processes
- basic point-to-point communication operations are 'send' and 'receive'
- particularly useful in patterned or irregular communications

- must involve **all** processes within the scope of a communicator
- types of collective operations: synchronization, data movement, collective computation
- used only with MPI predefined data types



Point to Point Communications

Two main operations:

Send message of type with count length from buffer buf to process with dest Rank:

Receive message of type with count length to buffer buf from process with source Rank:

- **▶Buffer:** Application address space that references the data that is to be sent or received.
- **Count:** Indicates the number of data elements of a particular type.
- ➤ Data Type: MPI predefined elementary data types or derived data types.
- ➤ **Destination**: Specified as the rank of the *receiving* process
- ➤ Source: Specified as the rank of the *sending* process. This may be set to the wild card *MPI_ANY_SOURCE* to receive a message from *any task*.
- ➤ Tag: Unique identifier of a message. The wild card MPI_ANY_TAG (just for 'receive') is used to receive any message regardless of its tag.
- **▶Communicator:** Indicates the communication context (*MPI_COMM_WORLD* is usually used).
- >Status: indicates the source of the message and the tag of the message. (just for receive)



1st MPI-program

```
#include "mpi.h"
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
  int ProcNum, ProcRank, RecvRank;
 MPI Status Status:
 MPI Init(&argc, &argv);
 MPI Comm size (MPI COMM WORLD, & ProcNum);
 MPI Comm rank (MPI COMM WORLD, & ProcRank);
  if ( ProcRank == 0 ) { // Process with Rank=0
     printf ("\n Hello from process %3d", ProcRank);
     for (int i=1; i < ProcNum; i++) {
        MPI Recv(&RecvRank, 1, MPI INT, MPI ANY SOURCE,
                           MPI ANY TAG, MPI COMM WORLD, &Status);
        printf("\n Hello from process %3d", RecvRank);
  else
                                  // All other processes
   MPI_Send(&ProcRank, 1, MPI INT, 0, 0, MPI COMM WORLD);
 MPI Finalize();
                                  // terminate parallel block
  return 0;
```

Receive Messages

```
int MPI_Recv( *buf, count, type, source, tag, comm, *status)

Message characteristics
```

- The buffer memory should be sufficient to receive the message
- Elements' types of sending and receiving messages must be identical
- When memory is insufficient, some parts of the message will be lost
- The Status parameter is a pointer to a predefined structure MPI_Status that helps to determine:
 - o status.MPI SOURCE-source of the message
 - o status.MPI TAG tag of the message
 - length of the received message by calling a routine:



Receive Messages

For instance:

```
MPI_Status status;
int count;
MPI_Recv( ... , MPI_INT, ... , &status );
MPI_Get_count( &status, MPI_INT, &count );

/* ... in a variable count is the length of message */
```



Do we need to define a message length after it's been received?

To get into the **status** parameter information about the structure of the expected message:

- The function returns a filled structure MPI_Status
- After that it's possible to find out the message length by MPI_Get_count calls



Point to Point Communications

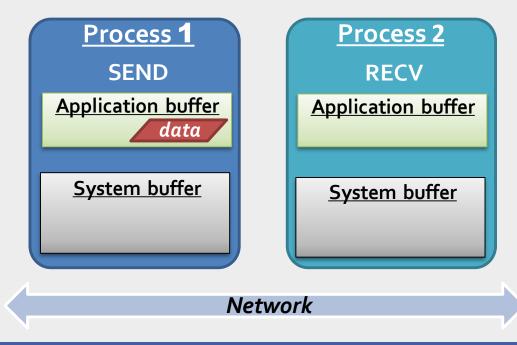
There are different types of send and receive routines used for different purposes:

- Blocking communications
- "Ready" send
- Non-blocking communications
- Combined send/receive



Consider the following two cases:

- 1. A send operation occurs 5 seconds before the receive is ready:
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- 2. Multiple sends arrive at the same receiving task which can only accept one send at a time:
 - what happens to the messages that are "backing up"?

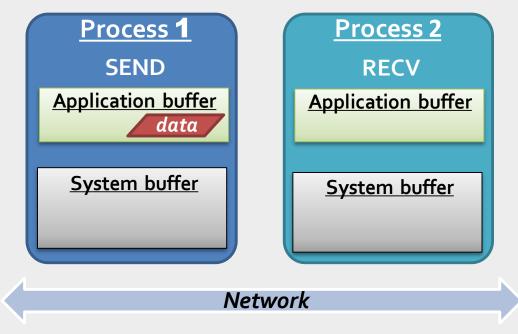


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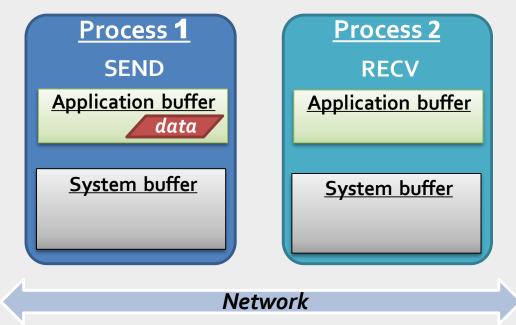
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AppB1 -> NW ->

-> SysB2 -> AppB2



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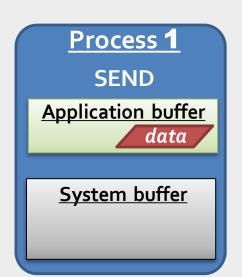
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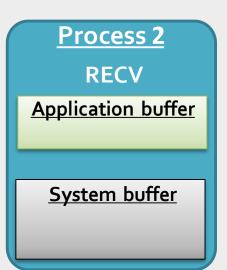
System buffer space is:

- managed entirely by the MPI-lib
- a finite resource
- often mysterious and not well documented
- Able to exist on the sending side, the receiving side, or both.

Application buffer:

 User managed address space (i.e. your program variables)





Network



With **blocking** operation the process blocks until some *condition* is achieved.

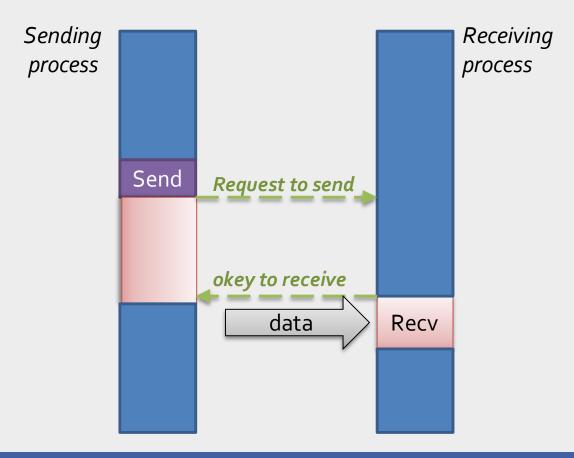
This *condition* depends on type of blocking operation and the library implementation.

So far we have discussed **blocking** communication:

- MPI_Send: does not complete until buffer is empty (or available for reuse).
- MPI_Recv: receive a message and block until the requested data is available in the application buffer in the receiving task
- MPI_Probe: performs a blocking test for a message.



 MPI_Ssend – synchronous blocking send: Send a message and block until the application buffer in the sending task is free for reuse and the destination process has started to receive the message



```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    int rank, size, I, tag = 0;
   int buffer[10];
   MPI Status status;
   /* MPI Initialization*/
   if (rank == 0) {
       for (i=0; i<10; i++)
           buffer[i] = i;
       MPI Ssend (buffer, 10, MPI INT, 1, tag, MPI COMM WORLD);
   if (rank == 1) {
        for (i=0; i<10; i++)
            buffer[i] = -1;
       MPI Recv(buffer, 10, MPI INT, 0, tag, ..., &status);
        for (i=0; i<10; i++) {
            if (buffer[i] != i)
                printf("Error: buffer[%d] = %d but is expected to
                            be %d\n", i, buffer[i], i);
        fflush (stdout);
   MPI Finalize();
   return 0;
```

- MPI_Bsend buffered blocking send: permits the programmer to allocate the required amount of buffer space into which data can be copied until it is delivered.
- Routine returns after the data has been copied from application buffer space to the allocated send buffer.
- Must be used with the MPI_Buffer_attach routine:

```
int MPI_Buffer_attach(void *buf, int size),
> buf - initial buffer address
> size - buffer size, in bytes
```

After message has sent the buffer should be removed:

```
int MPI_Buffer_detach(void *buf, int *size)
```



```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
   int *buffer;
   int myrank, buffsize = 1, TAG = 0;
  MPI Status status;
  MPI Init(&argc, &argv);
  MPI Comm rank (MPI COMM WORLD, &myrank);
   if (myrank == 0) {
     buffer = (int *) malloc(buffsize + MPI BSEND OVERHEAD);
     MPI Buffer attach (buffer, buffsize + MPI BSEND OVERHEAD);
     buffer = (int *) 10;
     MPI Bsend(&buffer, buffsize, MPI INT, 1, TAG, ...);
     MPI Buffer detach (&buffer, &buffsize);
   else {
     MPI Recv (&buffer, buffsize, MPI INT, 0, TAG, ..., &status);
      printf("received: %i\n", buffer);
  MPI Finalize();
   return 0;
```

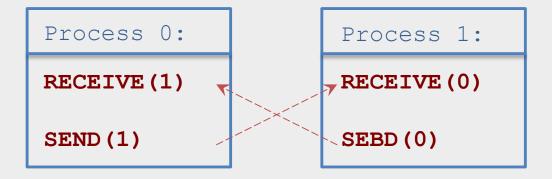
Let's consider

```
/*
int j, i = (rank+1)*5;
 if (rank==0)
 MPI Recv (&j, 1, MPI INT, 1, message2, MPI COMM WORLD, &status);
 MPI Send(&i,1,MPI INT,1,message1,MPI COMM WORLD);
 if (rank==1)
 MPI Recv(&j,1,MPI INT,0,message1,MPI COMM WORLD,&status);
 MPI Send(&i,1,MPI INT,0,message2,MPI COMM WORLD);
```

What's the result?



Deadlocks



Process 0:

SEND(1)

RECEIVE(1)

Process 1:

RECEIVE(0)

Avoiding Deadlocks

1. Order the operations more carefully:

```
Process 0:

MPI_Recv(1)

MPI_Send(1)
```

```
Process 1:

MPI_Send(0)

MPI_Recv(0)
```

2. Use non-blocking operations:

```
MPI_Irecv(1)
MPI_Send (1)
```

```
MPI_Send(0)
MPI_Recv(0)
```

3. Supply receive buffer at same time as send, with MPI_Sendrecv:

```
Process 0:

MPI_Sendrecv(1)
```

```
Process 1:

MPI_Sendrecv(0)
```

- Return straight away and allow the sub-program to continue to perform other work
- Avoids many common dead-lock situations
- You can mix non-blocking and blocking routines

```
int MPI_Isend( buf, count, type, dest, tag, comm, request)
```

- buf send buffer that must not be written to until one
 has checked that the operation is over

```
int MPI_Irecv( buf, count, type, dest, tag, comm, request)
```

- buf receive buffer guaranteed to contain the data only
 after one has checked that the operation is over



Other non-blocking operations:

```
int MPI Issend (void *buf, int count, MPI Datatype type,
      int dest, int tag, MPI Comm comm, MPI Request *request)
int MPI Ibsend (void *buf, int count, MPI Datatype type,
      int dest, int tag, MPI Comm comm, MPI Request *request)
int MPI Irsend (void *buf, int count, MPI Datatype type,
      int dest, int tag, MPI Comm comm, MPI Request *request)
int MPI Iprobe (int source, int msgtag, MPI Comm comm,
                                  int *flaq, MPI Status *status);
```

 Non-blocking operations are generally accompanied by a checkstatus operation, which indicates whether the semantics of a previously initiated transfer may be violated or not:

- A call to MPI_Test is non-blocking. It allows one to schedule alternative activities while periodically checking for completion
- Additional completion Test-operations:

```
MPI_Testall - Tests for the completion of all previously initiated communications

MPI_Testany - Tests for completion of any previously initiated communication

MPI_Testsome - Tests for one or more given communications to complete
```

How MPI Test works: Sending process Calculations Calculations Calculations Receiving process Calculations Receiving data Calculations Calculations

MPI_Test commonly using:

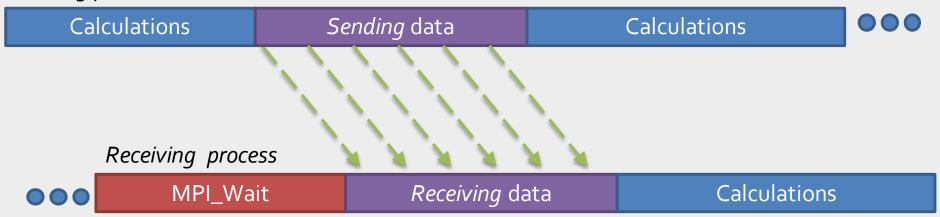
```
MPI_Isend(buf,count,type,dest,tag,comm,&request);
...
do {
    ...
    MPI_Test(&request,&flag,&status);
} while (!flag);
```

Blocking check-status operation:

```
int MPI_Wait( MPI_Request *request, MPI_status *status)
```

How MPI_Wait works:

Sending process



- A call to MPI_WAIT returns when the operation identified by request is comlete
- After function's returns request is set to MPI_REQUEST_NULL



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Non-Blocking Operations

Additional completion Wait-operations:

Non-Blocking Operations

```
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
  int numtasks, rank, next, prev, buf[2], tag 1 = 1, tag 2 = 2;
 MPI Request reqs[4];
 MPI Status stats[4];
 /* MPI Initialization */
 prev = rank - 1;
 next = rank + 1;
 if (rank == 0) prev = numtasks - 1;
  if (rank == (numtasks - 1)) next = 0;
 MPI Irecv(&buf[0], 1, MPI INT, prev, tag 1, comm, &reqs[0]);
 MPI Irecv(&buf[1], 1, MPI INT, next, tag 2, comm, &reqs[1]);
 MPI Isend(&rank, 1, MPI INT, prev, tag 2, comm, &regs[2]);
 MPI Isend(&rank, 1, MPI INT, next, tag 1, comm, &regs[3]);
 MPI Waitall(4, reqs, stats);
 printf("Node %d: all ok!\n", rank);
 MPI Finalize();
```

Combined Send/Receive

 Send a message and post a receive before blocking. Will block until the sending application buffer is free for reuse and until the receiving application buffer contains the received message



Combined Send/Receive

```
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
 int numtasks, rank, next, prev, buf[2], tag 1 = 1, tag 2 = 2;
 MPI Request rbuf [2];
 MPI Status status 1, status 2;
/* MPI Initialization*/
 prev = rank - 1;
 next = rank + 1;
 if (rank == 0) prev = numtasks - 1;
 if (rank == (numtasks - 1)) next = 0;
 MPI_Sendrecv(&sbuf[0], 1, MPI FLOAT, prev, tag 2, &rbuf[0], 1,
             MPI FLOAT, next, tag2, MPI COMM WORLD, &status 1);
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             MPI FLOAT, prev, tag1, MPI COMM WORLD, &status 2);
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```



A simple calculation problem

$$x: x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | x_4 | x_{n-1} | x_n$$

Calculate the sum of vector's elements:
$$S = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i$$

How can it be solved with MPI?

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To solve this problem with MPI it is required to:

- pass whole vector to processes
- pick out a part of the data (depending on process Rank) in each process
- perform a summation of the data block in each process
- collect values of calculated partial sums in one of the processes
- add the values of partial sums to get the total result



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- 2) pick out a part of the data (depending on process Rank)
- 3) perform a summation of the data block in each process

count = N/ProcNum;	For instance	N=12 Pr	ocNum=4	⇒ count=3
from idx = count * ProcRank;			ocivilii-4	7 (655/10)
to idx = count * (ProcRank + 1)	;	ProcRank	from_idx	to_idx
<pre>if (ProcRank == ProcNum-1)</pre>		0	0	3
to_idx = N;		1	3	6
<pre>for (i = from_idx; i<to_idx; i+<="" pre=""></to_idx;></pre>	+)		6	
ProcSum = ProcSum + x[i];	2	O	9
		3	9	12



Some simple calculation problem

Calculate the sum of vector's elements: $S = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$

- 4) collect values of calculated partial sums in one of the processes
- 5) add the values of partial sums to get the total result

```
if ( ProcRank == 0 ) { // One process collects partial sums
    TotalSum = ProcSum;
    for ( i = 1; i < ProcNum; i++ ) {
            MPI_Recv(&ProcSum, 1, MPI_DOUBLE, i, MPI_ANY_TAG,

            MPI_COMM_WORLD, &Status);
            TotalSum = TotalSum + ProcSum;
    }
}
else    // Each process sends its partial sum
    MPI_Send(&ProcSum, 1, MPI_DOUBLE, 0, some_tag, MPI_COMM_WORLD);</pre>
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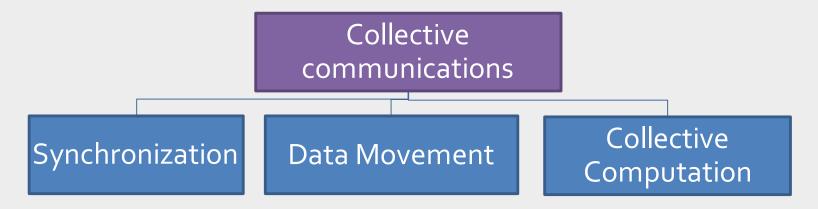
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Are there any disadvantages?



- Collective communication routines must involve **all** processes within the scope of a *communicator*.
- Unexpected behavior, including program failure, might occur if even one task in the communicator doesn't participate.



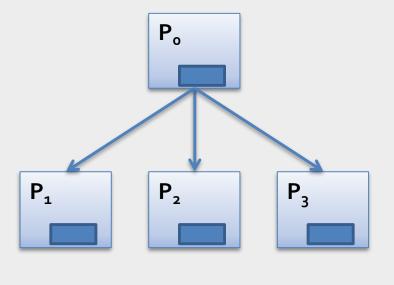
- Can only be used with MPI predefined datatypes.
- With MPI-3, collective operations can be blocking or non-blocking.
- Collective communication routines do not take message tag arguments.

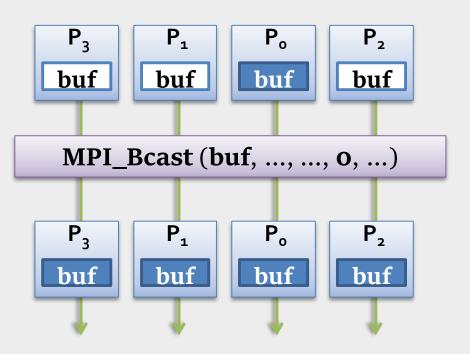


• Data movement operation 'broadcast':

```
int MPI_Bcast (&buffer, count, datatype, root, comm);
```

 Broadcasts (sends) a message from the process with rank "root" to all other processes in the group.





Calculate the sum of vector's elements:

The solution with MPI:

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$$

1) pass whole vector to processes:

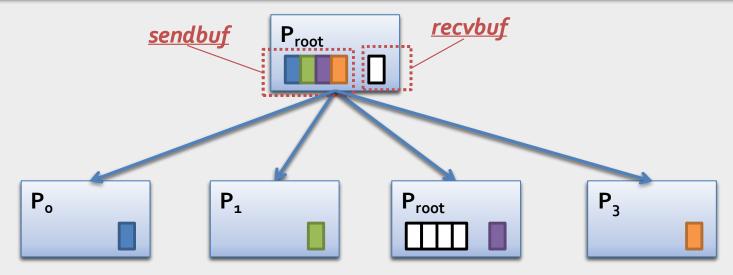
```
MPI_Comm_size (MPI_COMM_WORLD, &ProcNum);

MPI_Bcast (&x, N, MPI_DOUBLE, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
```

Does each process need a whole vector?



 Data movement operation 'scatter' distributes distinct messages from a 'root' to each process in the communicator.



MPI_Scatterv is used with variable data size



Calculate the sum of vector's elements:

The solution with MPI:

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- 1) pass whole vector to processes
- pick out a part of the data (depending on process Rank)



- 1) split the data into equal blocks
- 2) pass these blocks to processes

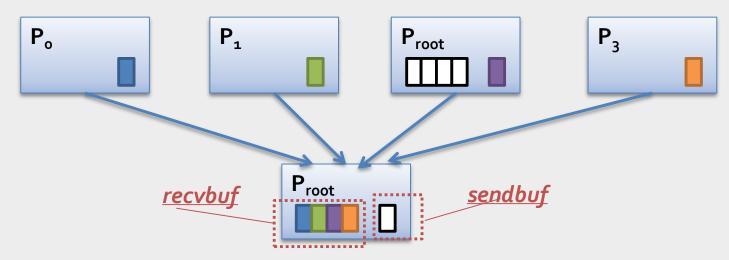


3) perform a summation of the data block in each process

```
for (i = 0; i < Block_SIZE; i++)
    ProcSum = ProcSum + vec_Part[i];</pre>
```



 Data movement operation 'gather' gathers distinct messages from each process in the communicator to a single destination process.



MPI_Gatherv is used with variable data size



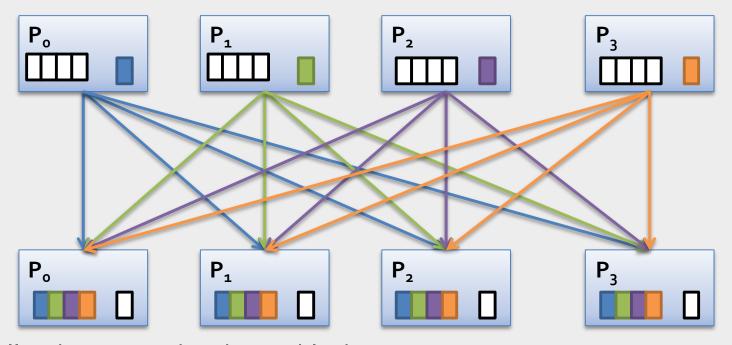
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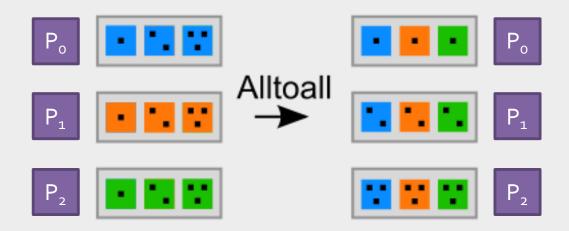
 Data movement operation 'all-gather': Concatenation of data to all process in a group.



MPI_Allgatherv is used with variable data size



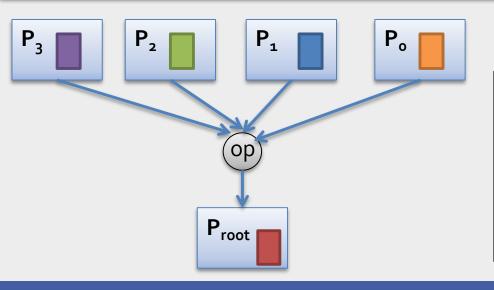
 Data movement operation 'all-to-all' sends data from all to all processes

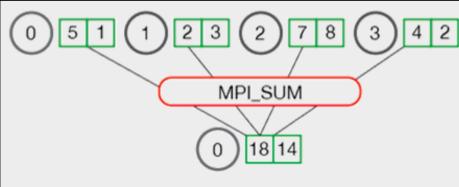


MPI_Alltoallv is used with variable data size



 Collective computation operation 'reduction' applies a reduction operation on all process in the group and places the result in one process







The predefined MPI reduction operations		
MPI_MAX	maximum	
MPI_MIN	minimum	
MPI_SUM	sum	
MPI_PROD	product	
MPI_LAND	logical AND	
MPI_BAND	bit-wise AND	
MPI_LOR	logical OR	
MPI_BOR	bit-wise OR	
MPI_LXOR	logical XOR	
MPI_BXOR	bit-wise XOR	
MPI_MAXLOC	max value and location	
MPI_MINLOC	min value and location	

• Users can also define their own reduction functions by using the MPI_Op_create routine



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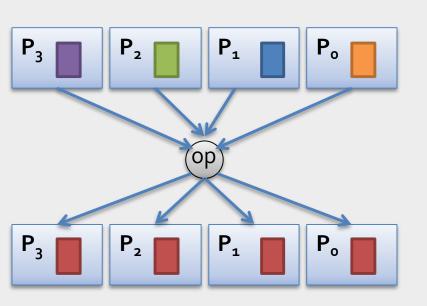
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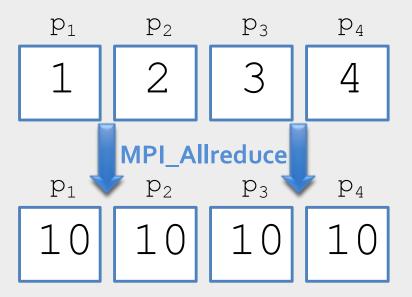
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MPI_Reduce (&ProcSum,&TotalSum,1,MPI_FLOAT,MPI_SUM,o,MPI_COMM_WORLD)

 Collective computation operation + data movement 'all-reduce' combines values from all processes and distribute the result back to all processes

int MPI_AllReduce (&sendbuf, &recvbuf, count, datatype, op, comm)







Collective computation operation + data movement 'reduce-scatter'

• First it does an element-wise reduction on a vector across all processors.

• Next, the result vector is split into disjoint segments and distributed across

the processors

int MPI_Reduce_	_scatter (&sendbuf,
	&recvbuf, recvcounts,
	datatype, op, comm)

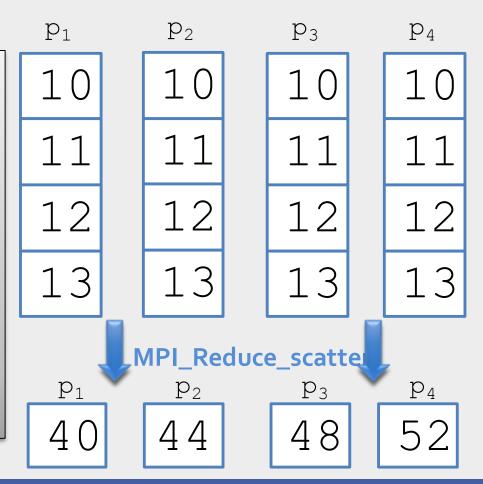
sendbuf: address of send buffer **recvbuf**: address of receive buffer

recvcounts: integer array specifying the number of elements in result

distributed to each process

datatype: data type of send buffer

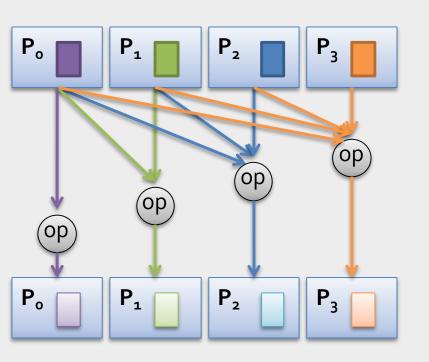
op: reduce operation

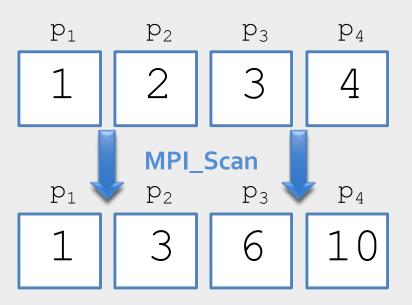


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Collective computation operation 'scan' computes the scan (partial reductions) of data on a collection of processes

int MPI_Scan (&sendbuf, &recvbuf, count, datatype, op, comm)





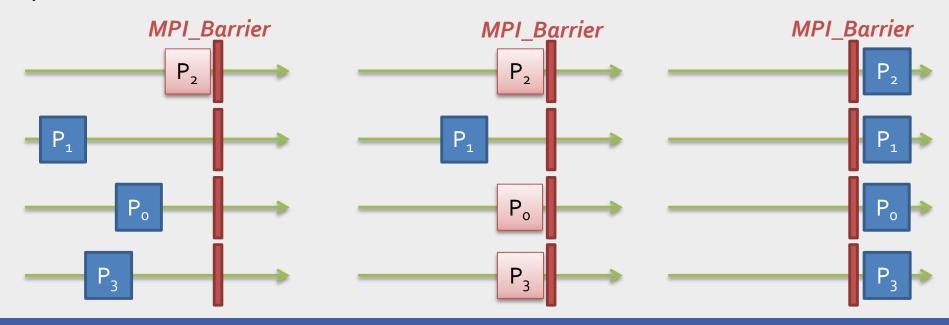
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• Synchronization:

```
int MPI_Barrier (comm);
```

- Creates a barrier synchronization in a communicator
- Each process, when reaching the MPI_Barrier call, is blocked until all processors in the communicator reach the same MPI_Barrier call



Transferring heterogeneous data

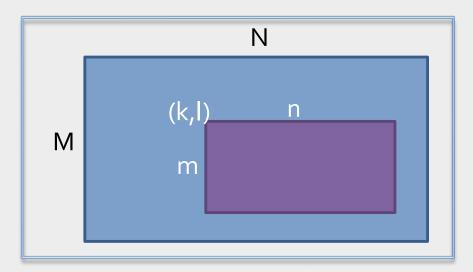
 Up to here, we consider the MPI-message as a buffer containing a sequence of identical basic data types.

But often it needs to transfer efficiently heterogeneous and

noncontiquous data

For instance (1):

 We need to send noncontiguous data (e.g., a sub-block of a matrix)



For instance (2):

 We need to pass messages that contain values with different datatypes

```
int i;
double d;
char c;
```



Transferring heterogeneous data

• <u>1st Way:</u> Send each element separately (one after another):

```
MPI_Send(i, 1, MPI_INT, tgRank, msgTag_1, comm);
MPI_Send(d, 1, MPI_DOUBLE, tgRank, msgTag_2, comm);
MPI_Send(c, 1, MPI_CHAR, tgRank, msgTag_3, comm);
```

- And receive each element one after another
- Advantages:
 - Simple to implement
- Disadvantages:
 - Sending a large number of messages
 - Losing performance
 - Deadlock could arise



Transferring heterogeneous data

<u>2nd Way:</u> Using programing language features to buffer values before passing message

```
p = &buffer;
for (i=0; i<n; ++i)
  for (j=0; j<m; ++j)
    *(p++) = a[i + k][j + l];

MPI_Send(p, n*m, MPI_DOUBLE, dest, tag, MPI_COMM_WORLD);</pre>
```

- Disadvantages:
 - Memory and copying data Overhead
 - Only one datatype is sent
 - Makes code less readable



Transferring heterogeneous data. Pack/Unpack

- 3rd Way: pack noncontiguous data into a contiguous buffer at the sender site and unpack it at the receiver site
- Packing the message in the send buffer

```
MPI_Pack (inbuf, incount, datatype, outbuf, buflen, pos, comm)
```

inbuf: input buffer start **out incount:**number of in-data items **bu**

datatype: datatype of each input

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data item

outbuf: output buffer start

buflen: output buffer size

pos: current position in buffer

Example of sender site:

```
int bufPos = 0;
MPI_Pack(i, 1, MPI_INT, buf, bufLen, &bufPos, comm);
MPI_Pack(d, 1, MPI_DOUBLE,buf, bufLen, &bufPos, comm);
MPI_Pack(c, 1, MPI_CHAR, buf, bufLen, &bufPos, comm);
```

MPI_Send(buf, bufPos, MPI_PACKED, tgRank, msgTag, comm);



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Pack/Unpack Data

• Unpacking a message into the receive buffer:

MPI_Unpack(inbuf, insize, pos, outbuf, outcount, datatype, comm)

inbuf: input buffer start
insize:size of input buffer

pos: current position in buffer

outbuf: output buffer start

outcount: number of items to be unpacked

datatype: datatype of each output data item

• Example of receiver site

```
int bufPos = 0;
MPI_Recv(buf, bufSize, MPI_PACKED, srcRank, mTag, comm, &status);
MPI_Unpack(buf, bufLen, &bufPos, &i, 1, MPI_INT, comm);
MPI_Unpack(buf, bufLen, &bufPos, &d, 1, MPI_DOUBLE, comm);
MPI_Unpack(buf, bufLen, &bufPos, &c, 1, MPI_CHAR, comm);
```



Pack/Unpack Data

 The following call allows the user to find out how much space is needed to pack a message and, thus, manage space allocation for buffers.

```
int MPI_Pack_size(incount, datatype, comm, size)
incount: count argument to packing call
datatype: datatype argument to packing call
size: upper bound on size of packed message, in bytes
```

Sample:

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- More general communication buffers are specified by replacing the basic data types that have been used so far with derived data types that are constructed from basic data types using the constructors
- These methods of constructing derived data types can be applied recursively
- A derived data type is an opaque object that specifies two things:
 - a sequence of basic data types
 - a sequence of integer (byte) displacements



```
TypeMap = {(type<sub>0</sub>, disp<sub>0</sub>), (type<sub>1</sub>, disp<sub>1</sub>), ..., (type<sub>n-1</sub>, disp<sub>n-1</sub>)}
```

 Using the derived type in the message passing functions can be regarded as the template that helps interpret the data



General usage of MPI derived data types:

- Construction derived data type
 - MPI_Type_contiguous
 - MPI_Type_vector
 - MPI_Type_indexed
 - MPI_Type_struct
- Commit new datatype to the system
 - MPI_Type_commit
- Send and receive messages with new type
- Free the datatype
 - MPI_Type_free



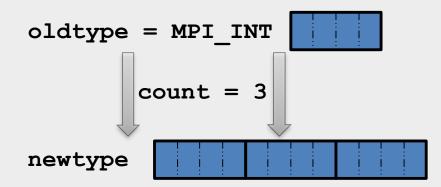
- Contiguous constructor is the simplest constructor.
- Produces a new data type by making count copies of an existing data type.

```
int MPI_Type_contiguous(count, oldtype, &newtype);

- count — replication count

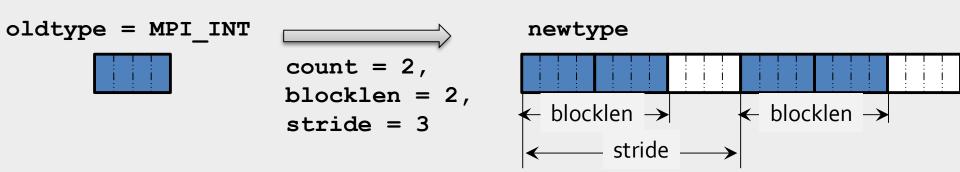
- oldtype — old datatype

- newtype — new datatype.
```



```
int main() {
   int rank;
   struct { int x;
        int y;
        int z;
   } point;
   MPI Datatype ptype;
   MPI Init(&argc, &argv); MPI Comm rank (MPI COMM WORLD, &rank);
   MPI Type contiguous(3,MPI INT,&ptype);
   MPI Type commit(&ptype);
   if (rank==3) {
         point.x = 45; point.y = 36; point.z = 0;
         MPI Send(&point, 1, ptype, 1, mTag, MPI COMM WORLD);
   else if (rank==1) {
         MPI Recv (&point, 1, ptype, 3, mTag, MPI COMM WORLD, &status);
         printf("Proc №%d received point with coords (%d;%d;%d)
       \n", rank, point.x, point.y, point.z);
MPI Finalize();
```

• **Vector** constructor is a more general constructor that allows replication of a data type into locations that consist of equally spaced blocks.





```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
   int rank, i, j;
   double x[4][8];
   MPI Datatype coltype;
   MPI Type vector (4,1,8,MPI DOUBLE, &coltype);
   MPI Type commit(&coltype);
   if(rank==3){
      for (i=0; i<4; ++i)
          for (j=0; j<8; ++j)
             x[i][j] = pow(10.0, i+1) + j;
      MPI Send(&x[0][7],1,coltype,1,mTag,MPI COMM WORLD);
   else if(rank==1) {
      MPI Recv (&x[0][2], 1, coltype, 3, mTag, MPI COMM WORLD, &status);
      for (i=0; i<4; ++i)
          printf("Proc N 8d: my x[8d][2]= 81f n", rank, i, x[i][2]);
MPI Finalize();
```

 Indexed constructor allows replication of an old datatype into a sequence of blocks, where each block can contain a different number of copies and have a different displacement.

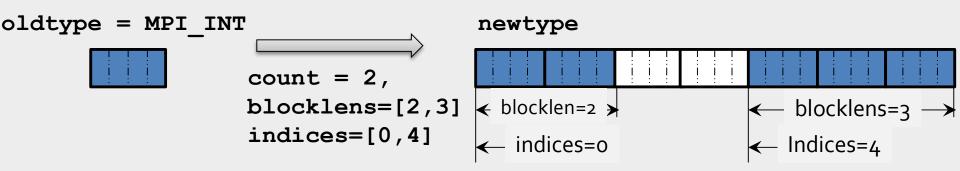
```
int MPI_Type_indexed (count, blocklens[], indices[], oldtype, *newtype)
```

count: number of blocks,

blocklens: number of elements in each block,

indices: displacement of each block (in multiples of old_type),

oldtype: old datatype, **newtype:** new datatype.



```
#define SIZE 100
float a[ SIZE ][ SIZE ];
int pos[SIZE]
int len[SIZE];
MPI Datatype upper;
for( i=0; i<SIZE; i++ ) { /* xxxxxx */
    pos[i] = SIZE*i + i; /* .xxxxx */
    len[i] = SIZE - i; /* ..xxxx */
                   /* ...xxx */
MPI_Type_indexed(
                          /* number of arrays*/
  SIZE,
                          /* leangths of arrays*/
  len,
                          /* positions of each array */
  pos,
  MPI_FLOAT, /* data type*/
  &upper);
MPI_Type_commit( &upper );
MPI_Recv(a, 1, upper, ....);
```

• **Struct** constructor is the most general type constructor. The new data type is formed according to completely defined map of the component data types.

```
MPI_Type_struct(count, blocklens[], indices[], oldtypes[], newtype)
```

count: number of blocks,

blocklens: number of elements in each block,indices: byte displacement of each block,oldtypes: type of elements in each block,

newtype: new datatype.

```
#include <stddef.h>
struct { int i;
          double d[3];
           long [[8];
           char c:
} MyStruct;
MyStruct st;
MPI Datatype myStructType;
int len[5] = \{ 1, 3, 8, 1, 1 \};
MPI Aint pos[5] = {offsetof(MyStruct,i), offsetof(MyStruct,d),
                     offsetof(MyStruct,I), offsetof(MyStruct,c),
                      sizeof(MyStruct);
MPI Datatype typ[5] = {MPI INT, MPI DOUBLE, MPI LONG, MPI CHAR, MPI UB};
MPI_Type_struct( 5, len, pos, typ, &myStructType );
MPI_Type_commit( &myStructType );
MPI_Send( st, 1, myStructType, ... );
```