

Tutorial Session : N-body solver with MPI

In this task you will implement an N-body solver describing a system of positively charged inertialess particles with MPI parallelization. The provided skeleton code

- seeds N particles on a unit circle

$$\mathbf{x}_i = (x_i, y_i) = \left(\cos \frac{2\pi i}{N}, \sin \frac{2\pi i}{N} \right), \quad i = 0, \dots, N-1;$$

distributing them over P ranks such that each rank takes N/P particles (assume N is divisible by P);

- performs multiple time steps calling functions `Step()` and `PrintStat()`;
- writes the particle positions to files `init.dat` and `final.dat`.

a) Implement `Step()` which computes the forces and advances the particles

$$\mathbf{f}_i = \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq i}}^{N-1} \frac{\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j}{|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j|^3},$$

$$\mathbf{x}_i^{t+1} = \mathbf{x}_i^t + \Delta t \mathbf{f}_i^t,$$

where $|\mathbf{x}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and Δt is a given time step.

Each rank can make $\mathcal{O}(P)$ MPI calls¹ and use $\mathcal{O}(N/P)$ bytes of memory. Your solution will be given more points for overlapping communication and computation. You may use `make` to build the executable, `make run` to run it on 2 processors and `make plot` to create `image.png` with particle positions as shown in Figure 1.

¹Notation $p = \mathcal{O}(q)$ means that $p < Mq$ for a large enough constant M .

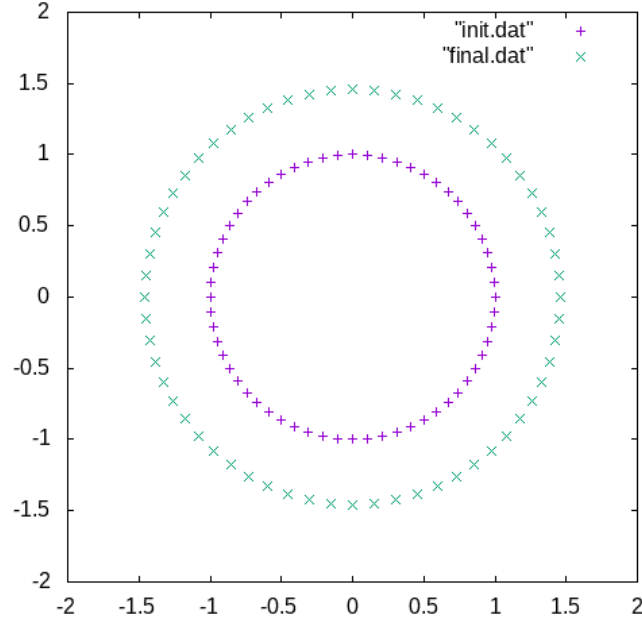


Figure 1: Expected output `image.png` produced by `make plot`.

- b) Implement `PrintStat()` which computes and prints the mean and variance of the radial distance $r_i = |\mathbf{x}_i|$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} r_i,$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} r_i^2 - \mu^2.$$

Expected output after 10 time steps:

mean=1	var=0
mean=1.0672	var=6.6613e-16
mean=1.1261	var=6.6613e-16
mean=1.1791	var=0
mean=1.2274	var=-8.8818e-16
mean=1.272	var=8.8818e-16
mean=1.3135	var=-2.2204e-16
mean=1.3524	var=4.4409e-16
mean=1.3891	var=4.4409e-16
mean=1.4239	var=1.3323e-15
mean=1.4571	var=0

The values may depend on P and the implementation but the absolute difference should be below 10^{-3} for the mean and 10^{-14} for the variance.