

CMDA 3634 Fall 2018 Class Exercise L12: computing pi in parallel

Overview: In this exercise you will take a serial code for approximately computing pi and add MPI function calls so that all MPI processes collaborate to compute pi.

Monte-Carlo algorithm: randomly choose points in the unit square and at each point check to see if it is in the circle of radius 0.5 centered at $x=0.5$, $y=0.5$. Explanation: [here](#).

Serial implementation: we will work together to write a serial implementation.

Source code: the instructor will upload the serial implementation to the course github repo (<https://github.com/tcew/CMDA3634FA18>). You should perform the “git pull” operation in your local clone of the course repo. The example code will be in: L12/spi.c

Class Exercise (30 points): make the pi calculator parallel using MPI.

1. (10pts) Follow these instructions to get started:
 - a. Make a sub-directory called L12 in your private github repo.
 - b. Copy the spi.c source file from the course repo to your L12 sub-directory as mpi.c
 - c. Use the git command to add/commit/push the L12 sub-directory to your private github repo.
 - d. Check the github website that the sub-directory shows up online.
2. (20pts) In this exercise all the processes will perform the Monte Carlo algorithm, but we will collect all the Ninsides from all ranks on rank 0 to improve the estimate for pi.

Complete these steps before the end of class:

- a. Add calls to appropriate MPI functions to initialize and finalize the MPI session.
- b. Find the rank of each MPI process.
- c. Find the number (size) of MPI processes.
- d. Use srand48 to set the random number seed to be the MPI process rank.
- e. Add code to:
 - i. Make each rank send its value of Ninside to rank 0
 - ii. Make rank 0 receive the values of Ninside from all other ranks and combine them to improve its own estimate of pi.
- f. Run with 4 MPI processes, does it converge faster than with one process ?
- g. Raise your hand so we can confirm your findings.
- h. Use the git command to add/commit/push the mpi.c file to your online repo.
- i. Check that your modified mpi.c code appears online.