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MPI Programming Exercises 2: RMA and  
MPI-IO

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# 1 Notes

- To complete these exercises, submit a document containing results for each question and a separate tarball of the all code used to obtain the results. Details of how to compile and run the code must be provided in a “README” file. You *must* use a makefile to compile the code. The code should compile on `seagull`
- Use C to implement all exercises

# 2 Exercises

1. Update your version of the Poisson solver which uses a 2D processor decomposition to use active target RMA operations for 2D ghost/halo exchange instead of MPI message passing operations
  - Implement two versions of the 2D ghost exchange routine:
    - [20%] A version which uses `MPI_Win_fence` based synchronization along with `MPI_Put` and `MPI_Get`
    - [30%] A version which uses general active target synchronization: `MPI_Win_start`, `MPI_Win_complete`, `MPI_Win_post` and `MPI_Win_wait` along with `MPI_Put` and `MPI_Get`
  - [10%] Demonstrate that your answers using RMA operations match the answers of your non-RMA version
2. The  $20 \times 20$  matrix in Figure 1 is shown as a  $4 \times 4$  block matrix consisting of blocks of dimension  $5 \times 5$ . The binary file `mat-d20-b5-p4.bin` contains this matrix in the following format:
  - The binary file first stores the dimension of the matrix in integer format.
  - Then, in double precision format: the first block column is stored followed by the second block column and so on
  - In each block column the first  $5 \times 5$  block is stored followed by the second  $5 \times 5$  block and so on

Let the vector  $x$  be  $x = \{4, 5, 6, 7, 7, 5, 7, 7, 7, 4, 3, 6, 3, 7, 3, 6, 4, 1, 7, 6\}$ . This vector is stored in the binary file `x-d20.txt.bin`. The binary file first stores the length (20) of the vector in integer format. Then it lists the vector entries in double precision format.

- [20%] Use MPI-IO calls to read the data in the matrix file across 4 processes, where rank 0 reads in the first block column, rank 1 reads in the second block column, and so on. Then use MPI-IO commands to read in the  $x$  vector across 4 process so that the sub-vector assigned to each process has the same dimension as the  $5 \times 5$  blocks.
- [20%] Using the distributed matrix ( $A$ ) and vector ( $x$ ) you have just read in, write mpi code to calculate the distributed matrix vector product  $Ax$ . The code should run on 4 processors where, as described above, each processor owns a block column of the matrix. Demonstrate that your matrix vector product gives the correct answer by carrying out the matrix vector product in a separate software package such as matlab or python.

Figure 1: Matrix  $A$  of dimension  $20 \times 20$  divided into square block submatrices of dimension 5

$$A = \left( \begin{array}{cccc} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 & 3 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 4 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right)$$