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MPI: Intro, Point-to-Point

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Outline

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Distributed Memory Programming

Intro to MPI

MPI: Point to Point communication

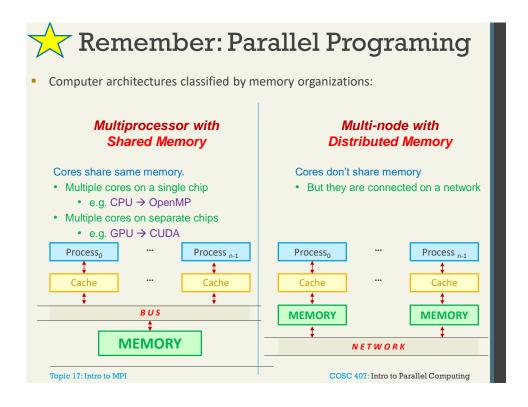
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MPI: Collective communication

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- Several models, including:
 - Hadoop
- Uses MapReduce that implements split-apply-combine strategy
 - 1) Data is distributed using Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS)
 - 2) A certain operation is applied to each data element (this is mapping).
 - 3) Reduction can then be applied over the results.
- Has good fault tolerance (system doesn't crash when a fault is present)
- Suffers from low performance
- Spark
- Was developed to overcome the efficiency problems of Hadoop.
- May be used in the same scenarios as Hadoop.

May be used to develop <u>ANY</u> parallel code that runs on multiple machines

MPI
(Message Passing Interface)

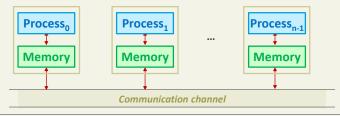
- For example, for implementing dataflow type parallel programs such as Spark, but MPI might not be the best choice then.
 - More than one study shows that MPI/OpenMP outperforms Spark in terms of processing speed, but Spark shows better data management.
 - source:1 J. L.Reyes-Ortiz (2015), Big Data Analytics in the Cloud: Spark on Hadoop vs MPI/OpenMP on Beowulf source:2 D Kumar (2017), Performance Evaluation of Apache Spark Vs MPI: A Practical Case Study on Twitter Santiment Apache.

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Basics of Message Passing: Overview

- We have *n processes* (or *nodes*), each has a *unique ID* (*rank*)
- The nodes are interconnected by *channels* through which nodes can send messages to each other.
 - The nodes do not share memory (usually!)
 - A communicator defines the collection of processes that can communicate with each other.
- Each node can **send** and **receive**.
 - This can be simple point-to-point send/receive operation, or collective communication

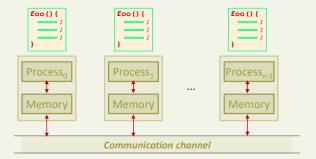


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- Most message passing programs use SPMD (Single-Program Multiple-Data) model
 - That is, the **same** program runs on all nodes



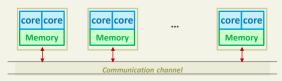
You then *decide* what each process does based on its *rank* using an *if-else* statement.

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Concepts and Ideas

- What is a message?
 - A message is data. It can be as simple as a single value (e.g. float) or as a complicated structure (e.g. array).
- Can Message Passing run on single machine?
 - Yes! While the aim is run processes on separate compute nodes (this is why we use distributed model, right?), processes, however, could be configured to run on a single machine, timesharing its resources.
- Can we use both Message Passing and OpenMP?
 - Yes! This is called *hybrid programming* in which each node can run several threads to process the data.
 - but for simplicity we will not discuss this in this course.



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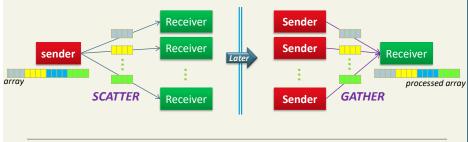
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Scope of Communication

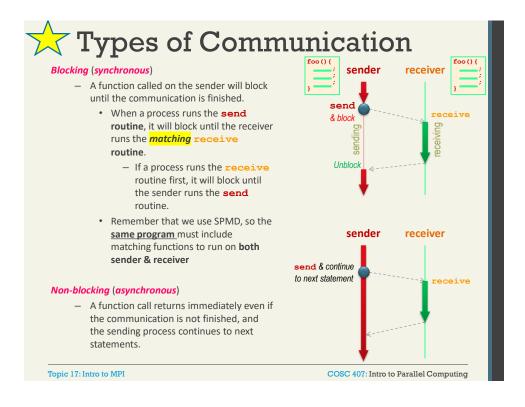
- Point-to-point
 - involves one sender and one receiver.

message sender Receiver

- **Collective**
 - Several processes are involved
 - Example: a process scatters data to other processes, then later we aggregate scattered data after they have been processed.



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Intro to MPI: Overview

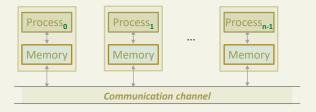
- Efforts started in 1991. Version 1.0 was released in in 1994.
 We are now at version 4.1.2 (as of Nov. 2021)
- Developed by MPI forum
 - first effort involved 80 people from 40 organizations in *industry* (major vendors of concurrent computers), *academia* and *government*.
- MPI provides a set of clearly defined routines that can be used to build high-performance parallel programs
- MPI 1.0 had no standard for shared memory concept, but later versions supported shared memory communication
 - i.e. nodes in MPI 2.0+ can use shared memory to communicate
 - this is outside the scope of this course.

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MPI: A Distributed Memory System

- nodes are connected by a channel (e.g., a network)
- One root machine spawns programs on other machines in its MPI COMMUNICATION WORLD.
 - Again, remember that all nodes run the same program (SPMD).
- Processes are independent and don't share memory. They can only communicate through messages over the network.
 - Important to have good network bandwidth and throughput
- n processes are numbered 0, 1, 2, .. n-1



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Why MPI?

- Scalable
 - Can be scaled up to many, many nodes.
- It has a massive library of routines that provide a powerful way to express parallel programs
 - Usually we use less than a dozen of them for a given program
- Relatively easy to use.
 - As long as you know the basics of parallelism
- Has several implementations that are freely available to programmers.
 - MPICH (most common, great online support)
 - OpenMPI (also well-known with good support)
 - etc.

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- MPI identifiers: start with by MPI followed by letters for:
 - Functions: First Letter upper case then lower case letters
 - e.g. MPI_Send
 - Constants: ALL upper case
 - e.g., Derived data types (see below): MPI FLOAT

MPI Derived Data Types

- Many MPI functions require the type of data to be sent between the different node.
 - Why? Because different nodes might have a different CPU architectures and hence might have different data representation.
- The data type needs to be sent as a parameter. However, C doesn't allow
 passing a type as a parameter. Therefore, MPI defines a few constants
 MPI_INT, MPI_FLOAT, etc to represent int, float, etc types.

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MPI Derived Datatypes

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	

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```
Program Structure
                                     Remember: this same program
 #include <stdio.h>
                                        is executed by all nodes
 #include <mpi.h>
 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
                                            Has a main method
     int my rank, comm sz;
                                      Initialise MPI computation
     MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
     MPI Comm rank(MPI COMM WORLD, &my rank); //get my rank
     MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &comm_sz); //get # of nodes
     doSomething();
                           //e.g. send/receive/process data/...etc
     MPI_Finalize();
                             Terminate MPI computation
     return 0;
 }
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```

MPI Components

MPI has of 100+ routines defined in mpi.h, but we will focus only on the most common ones.

MPI Init Initialise MPI computation MPI Finalize Terminate MPI computation

Get number of processes MPI Comm size MPI Comm rank Get current process id

 MPI Send, MPI Recv Blocking send / receive — MPI_Isend, MPI_Irecv Non-blocking send / receive

- Handling errors:
 - Almost all MPI functions return an int error code. Use the constant MPI SUCCESS, i.e. no error, to check for errors.

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MPI Components, cont'd

MPI_Init(&argc, &argv)

- Tells MPI to do all the necessary setup.
 - e.g. allocate storage for message buffers, decide which process gets which rank, etc.
 - Part of this is to define a communicator that consists of all the processes created when the program is started.
 - Called MPI COMM WORLD
- The arguments
 - &argc is a pointer to the number of arguments argc in main ()
 - &argv are pointers argument vector argv in main ().
 - When our program doesn't use these arguments, just pass NULL for both.

MPI_Finalize

we're done! MPI cleans up anything allocated for this program.

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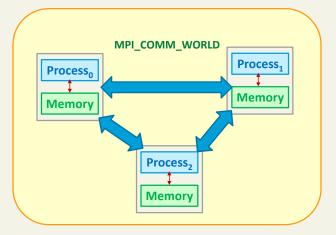
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MPI Components, cont'd

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MPI_COMM_WORLD

 The default communicator, which groups all the processes when the program started.



We can create other communicators (i.e. groups of nodes), but this is outside the scope of this course.

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```
Compile

Source file

mpicc -o mpi_program mpi_program.c

create this executable file
wrapper script to compile

Execute

mpiexec -n 1 ./mpi_program

run with 1 process

mpiexec -n 4 ./mpi_program

run with 4 processes
```

Hello World: MPI Version 1

```
#include <stdio.h>
 #include <mpi.h>
 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
     int my_rank, comm_sz;
                                       // Number of processes, my process rank
     MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
                                       // initialize communicator
     MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD,&my_rank);
                                                          // get my rank
     MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD,&comm_sz);
                                                          // get # of processes
     printf("Greetings from process %d/%d\n",my_rank, comm_sz);
     MPI_Finalize();
                                                                // we're done
     return 0;
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```

Compilation and Execution

```
mpiexec -n 1 ./mpi_hello

run with 1 process

Possible outputs
Greetings from process 0 of 4
Greetings from process 2 of 4
Greetings from process 2 of 4
Greetings from process 3 of 4

Greetings from process 3 of 4

Arbitrary output

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```

Communication

- Point-to-point involves two processes: sender and receiver.
 - Example MPI functions: MPI_Send and MPI_Recv
- In order to send a message, we need to specify a few parameters such as:
 - Which process is the sender?
 - Data sent:
 - Location: Where is the data on the sending process?
 - *Type*: What is the type of that data?
 - Size: How much data to send?
 - Which process is the **receiver**?
 - Data received:
 - Location: Where should the data be left on the receiving process?
 - Type: What is the type of received data?
 - Size: How much data to receive?

See code on the next next slide.

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Ex.2: Simple Point-to-Point

- Let's start with a simple program where
 - all processes send a greeting message to Process0
 - Process0 displays the received messages along with its own message.

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Ex.2: Simple Point-to-Point

```
const int LEN = 100;
 int main() {
    char msg[LEN];
                                                // String storing message
    int comm_sz, my_rank;
    MPI_Init(NULL, NULL);
    MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &comm_sz); // get communicator size
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &my_rank); // get my rank
    if (my_rank != 0) { //Everyone EXCEPT Process 0
       //Create and send message to process 0
       sprintf(msg, "Greetings from process %d of %d!", my_rank, comm_sz);
       MPI_Send(msg,LEN,MPI_CHAR,0,0,MPI_COMM_WORLD);
                             //ONLY Process 0
       printf("Hi from process %dof%d!\n",my_rank,comm_sz); // Print my message
       for (int q = 1; q < comm_sz; q++) { // Print others' messages</pre>
         MPI_Recv(msg,LEN,MPI_CHAR,q,0,MPI_COMM_WORLD,MPI_STATUS_IGNORE);
         printf("%s\n", msg);
    MPI_Finalize();
    return 0;
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```

Ex.2: Simple Point-to-Point

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```
msg, LEN, MPI_CHAR, /* in: message info */
MPI Send(
                                       /* in: destination process ID*/
                                        /* in: tag */
                                     /* in: in which communicator?*/
             MPI_COMM_WORLD);
MPI_Recv( msg, LEN, MPI_CHAR, /* in: message info */
                                        /* in: from which source ID? */
             q,
                                        /* in: with which tag? */
                                        /* in: in which communicator?*/
             MPI COMM WORLD
             MPI_STATUS_IGNORE); /* out:don't need sender's info */
 Use MPI_ANY_SOURCE to
  receive from all sources
     Use MPI ANY TAG to
      receive from any tag
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```

MPI_Send and MPI_Recv Syntax

```
int MPI Send(
                  msg_p, /* in: address of input data */
  void*
                                  /* in: size of msg in terms of datatype. */
                  msg_size,
  int
                                  /* in: MPI_INT, MPI_FLOAT, etc */
  MPI_Datatype
                  datatype,
                  dest_process, /* in: where to send msg? */
  int
                  tag, /* in: tag */
  int
  MPI_Comm
                               /* in: which communicator? */ );
                  comm
int MPI_Recv(
                  msg_p, /* out: address of output data */
  void*
                               /* in: size of msg received. */
/* in: MPI_INT, MPI_FLOAT, etc */
                  msg_size,
  MPI_Datatype
                  datatype,
                  source_process,/* in: from whom I am receiving msg? */
  int
                  tag, /* in: tag */
comm /* in: which o
                  comm /* in: which communicator? */
status_p /* in: status*/ );
  MPI_Comm
  MPI_Status*
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```

Ex.2: Simple Point-to-Point

```
mpiexec -n 1 ./mpi_hello

Greetings from process 0 of 1!
```

```
mpiexec -n 4 ./mpi_hello

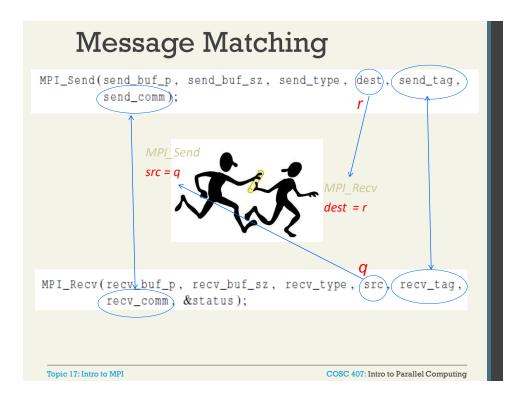
Greetings from process 0 of 4!

Greetings from process 1 of 4!

Greetings from process 2 of 4!

Greetings from process 3 of 4!
```

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Wildcard Arguments

- A receiver can get a message without specifying the following:
 - the sender of the message
 - Use MPI ANY SOURCE wildcard constant for the source.
 - the message tag
 - Use MPI_ANY_TAG wildcard constant
 - the amount of data in the message
 - · Can be obtained later (see next slide)

- This is useful when one process is receiving from many processes without knowing the order of the messages.
- Senders cannot use wildcard arguments!
 - Senders must specify a target process rank and non-negative tag.

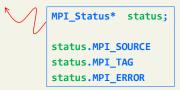
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Aside: Sender's STATUS

You can use the status argument to know info about the sender

- MIP_Status members know:
 - The source
 - The tag
 - An error status
 - · Use for error handling



Use MPI_Get_count function to know about the size of the received message.
 Example for character message

```
int* count;
MPI_Get_count(&status, MPI_CHAR, &count);
```

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Issues with Send and Receive

- MPI Send() EITHER
 - puts the message into a buffer and returns,
 - or it blocks until it starts transmission and then it returns.

After it returns, we don't know if the message is sent successfully.

- MPI_Receive always blocks until it receives a matching message.
 - The process may wait forever if no matching message is received.
 - After it returns, we know message is received and placed into a buffer.
- Exact behavior is determined by the MPI implementation.
 - Know your implementation; don't make assumptions!

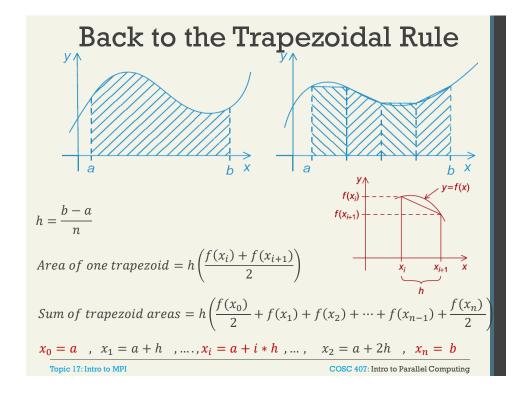
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Scope of Communication (again)

- Blocking communication:
 - The functions do not return (block) until the communication is finished.
 - Examples: MPI_Send() and MPI_Receive()
 - MPI_Receive() blocks until it receives a matching message
 - MPI_Send() blocks until its message is either sent or at least placed in a system buffer.
- Non-blocking communication:
 - The function return immediately even if the communication is not finished (if the OS allows for them to work in the background), and then the program continues to the next statements
 - Example, MPI_Isend() and MPI_Irecv(): there is no guarantee that send_buffer is sent, or receive_buffer is filled with received data.
 - When to use? to improve efficiency when you want your process to do some computation while the data is being sent/received.
 - There are ways to know if the send/receive has finished.
 - Not going to focus on this type in this course.

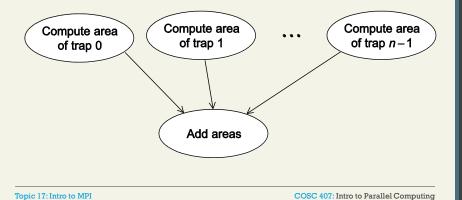
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Area Under a Curve Serial algorithm

Parallelizing the Trapezoidal Rule

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



Trap Rule (Parallel pseudo-code)

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```
//1) each process determines its interval of integration
Get a, b, n;
h = (b-a)/n;
my_n = n / comm_sz;
my_a = a + my_rank * my_n * h;
my_b = my_a + my_n * h;
//2) each process computes its own results (partial result) over its integral
my_sum = Trap(my_a, my_b, my_n, h);
//3) everyone sends partial results to process 0 which aggregates them
if(my_rank != 0) //Everyone except process 0
    Send my_sum to process 0;
else {
                       //Only process 0
    total_sum = my_sum;
    for(source = 1; source < comm_sz; source++){</pre>
         other sum = receive partial results from other processors
         total sum += other sum;
if(m_rank == 0)
    print total sum;
```

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Version 1: Trap Rule double a = 0.0, b = 3.0, n = 1024; int my_rank, comm_sz, my_n, source; Problem: values of a, b, and n double h, my_a, my_b, my_sum, total_sum; are hardwired (we will see later //initialize, get rank and comm_sz MPI_Init(NULL, NULL); how to read them from the user) MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &my_rank); MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &comm_sz); //break down the problem to subproblems h = (b-a) / n; // the same for all processes // the same for all processes $my_n = n / comm_sz;$ my_a = a + my_rank * my_n * h; // unique to each process $my_b = my_a + my_n * h;$ // unique to each process $my_sum=$ $Trap(my_a,my_b,my_n,h);$ // find partial result from one process if (my_rank != 0) { // send my partial result to process 0 MPI_Send(&my_sum, 1, MPI_DOUBLE, 0, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD); } else { // process 0 combines the partial results total_sum = my_sum; for (source = 1; source < comm_sz; source++) {</pre> MPI_Recv(&my_sum,1,MPI_DOUBLE, source,0,MPI_COMM_WORLD,MPI_STATUS_IGNORE); total_sum += my_sum; } if (my_rank == 0) printf("%.15e\n", total_sum); MPI_Finalize(); return 0; Topic 17: Intro to MPI COSC 407: Intro to Parallel Computing

Version 1: Trap Rule, cont'd

```
//Serial function for estimating a definite integral
double Trap(double a , double b , int n, double h ) {
    double estimate, x;
    int i;
    estimate = (f(a) + f(b))/2.0;
    for (i = 1; i <= n-1; i++) {
        x = a + i*h;
        estimate += f(x);
    }
    estimate = estimate*h;
    return estimate;
}
//assume function below is what we want to integrate - it could be any other function double f(double x) {return x*x;}</pre>
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```



Printing Output

Most MPI implementations allow ALL processes in MPI COMM WORLD full access to stdout and stderr

```
int main(void) {
   int my_rank, comm_sz;
  MPI_Init(NULL, NULL);
                                                Each process just prints a
  MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &comm_sz);
                                                message on stdout
   MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &my_rank);
   printf("Proc %d of %d > Does anyone have a toothpick?\n",
         my_rank, comm_sz);
   MPI Finalize();
   return 0;
                                                   unpredictable order
```

Q. Can you think of a way to control the order of the output?

(assume all outputs are directed to one machine)

```
Proc 0 of 6 > Does anyone have a toothpick?
Proc 1 of 6 > \text{Does anyone have a toothpick}?
Proc 4 of 6 > Does anyone have a toothpick?
Proc 2 of 6 >  Does anyone have a toothpick?
Proc 3 of 6 >  Does anyone have a toothpick?
Proc 5 of 6 > \text{Does anyone have a toothpick}?
```

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💢 Reading Input

- Most MPI implementations ONLY allow process 0 in MPI COMM WORLD access to stdin.
 - How to read input? Process 0 must read the data (scanf) and send to the other processes.

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Trap Rule: V.2 (Reading Input) int main(){ MPI_Init(NULL, NULL); MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &my_rank); MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &comm_sz); read_input(my_rank, comm_sz, &a, &b, &n); //partition problem h = (b-a) / n;... etc. (the same as before) void read_input(int my_rank,int comm_sz,double* a_p,double* b_p,int* n_p){ if (my_rank==0){ //only Process 0 reads input printf("Enter a, b, and n\n"); scanf("%lf %lf %d", a_p, b_p, n_p); for (dest = 1; dest < comm_sz; dest++) {</pre> 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 { //all other processes receive data from process 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); Topic 17: Intro to MPI COSC 407: Intro to Parallel Computing

Trap Rule: V.2 (Main Method) int main() { int my_rank, comm_sz, n, my_n, source; double a, b, h, my_a, my_b, my_sum, total_sum; //initialize, get rank and comm_sz MPI_Init(NULL, NULL); MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &my_rank); MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &comm_sz); read_input(my_rank, comm_sz, &a, &b, &n); //break down the problem to subproblems // the same for all processes h = (b-a) / n;// the same for all processes my_n = n / comm_sz; //unique to each process my_a = a + my_rank * my_n * h; my b = my a + my n * h;//unique to each process my_sum = Trap(my_a, my_b, my_n, h); //find partial result from one process if (my_rank != 0) { //send my partial result to process 0 MPI_Send(&my_sum, 1, MPI_DOUBLE, 0, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD); //process 0 combines the partial results total_sum = my_sum; for (source = 1; source < comm_sz; source++) {</pre> MPI Recv(&my sum,1,MPI DOUBLE, source,0,MPI COMM WORLD,MPI STATUS IGNORE); total_sum += my_sum; if (my_rank == 0) printf("%.15e\n", total_sum); MPI_Finalize(); return 0: COSC 407: Intro to Parallel Computing Topic 17: Intro to MPI



🔀 Before Developing an MPI Program

- You need to come up with a high-level algorithm that involves the process of sending/receiving data. For example:
 - · P0 reads data,
 - · P0 sends to everyone,
 - · Everyone performs an operation and sends back to PO
 - P0 collects results and display them.
- You also need to think about a few parameters:
 - Which process is sending?
 - Sending the data (message):
 - Which data (and what type) is being sent?
 - How much data is there? and how much is being sent?
 - e.g. are we sending a whole array, or part of it?
 - Which process(es) is(are) receiving?
 - Receiving the data:
 - · Where should the data be saved on the receiving process?
 - What amount of data (and what type) is being received?

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Conclusion

Today:

Distributed Memory Programming

Intro to MPI

MPI: Point to Point communication

Example: Area under the curve in MPI

Dealing with I/O

Next Lecture:

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