5.9.3 Signed Characters and Reductions

The types MPI_SIGNED_CHAR and MPI_UNSIGNED_CHAR can be used in reduction operations. MPI_CHAR, MPI_WCHAR, and MPI_CHARACTER (which represent[s] printable characters) cannot be used in reduction operations. In a heterogeneous environment, MPI_CHAR[and MPI_WCHAR], MPI_WCHAR, and MPI_CHARACTER will be translated so as to preserve the printable character, whereas MPI_SIGNED_CHAR and MPI_UNSIGNED_CHAR will be translated so as to preserve the integer value.

Advice to users. The types MPI_CHAR, MPI_WCHAR, and MPI_CHARACTER are intended for characters, and so will be translated to preserve the printable representation, rather than the integer value, if sent between machines with different character codes. The types MPI_SIGNED_CHAR and MPI_UNSIGNED_CHAR should be used in C if the integer value should be preserved. (*End of advice to users.*)

5.9.4 MINLOC and MAXLOC

The operator MPI_MINLOC is used to compute a global minimum and also an index attached to the minimum value. MPI_MAXLOC similarly computes a global maximum and index. One application of these is to compute a global minimum (maximum) and the rank of the process containing this value.

The operation that defines MPI_MAXLOC is:

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} u\\i\end{array}\right)\circ\left(\begin{array}{c} v\\j\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{c} w\\k\end{array}\right)$$

where

$$w = \max(u, v)$$

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