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Lecture Topic:
Multi-Core Processors:
MPI 1.0 Overview (Part-IV)

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Lecture Outline

- MPI advanced point-to-point communication
- MPI Communication modes
- Grouping Data for Communication Derived Data Types
- Conclusions

Source: Reference: [4], [11], [12], [14], [25], [26]

MPI Basic Datatypes

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MPI Basic Datatypes - C

MPI Datatype	C datatype
MPI_CHAR	Signed char
MPI_SHORT	Signed short int
MPI_INT	Signed int
MPI_LONG	Signed 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	

MPI Derived Datatypes

Message type

- A message contains a number of elements of some particular datatype
- MPI datatypes:
 - Basic types
 - Derived Data types (Vectors; Structs; Others)
- Derived types can be built up from basic types
- C types are different from Fortran types

MPI Derived Types - MPI Type Struct

Background :

- How to distribute a float value 'a; a float value 'b; and integer 'n' to other process ?
- -How to distribute struct in which values a, b, and n are stored to other process?
- Efficient handle of Memory Management (Contiguous Memory)

```
typedef strucut {
    float a;
    float b;
    int a;
    INPUT_TYPE;
    Source : Reference : [11], [12], [25], [26]
```

MPI Derived Types - MPI Type Struct

Question:

What happens to distribute **struct** using MPI_Bcast to other process?

❖It won't work! and Compiler Should scream at you

❖MPI provides MPI_Datatype

♦ (How to define variables?) For example Select a=2.0; b=3.0; n=2040.

The first element is a float.
The second element is a float
The thrid element is integer

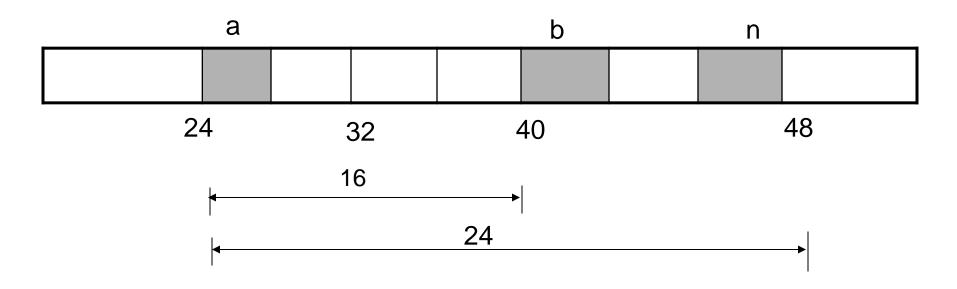
The first element has address &a
The second element has address &b
The third element has integer &c

Variable	Address	Contents			
а	24	2.0			
b	40	3.0			
n	48	2040			

MPI Derived Types -MPI_Type_Struct

- ❖Only address (&a) is provided
- ❖MPI uses the concept of relative addresses or displacements of 'b' and 'n' from 'a'
- ❖Only address (&a) is provided

Construct Memory layout with displacements



MPI Derived Types - MPI Type Struct

Information can be provided to Communication subsystems

- There are three elements to be transmitted
 - The first element is a float.
 - The second element is a float.
 - The third element is integer

❖Displacement Information

- The first element is displayed 0 bytes from the beginning of the message
- The second element is displayed 16 bytes from the beginning of the message
- The third element is displayed 24 bytes from the beginning of the message..

MPI Derived Types - MPI_Type_Struct

General MPI datatype or derived datatype

It is sequence of pairs {(t_o, d_o), (t₁,d₁);,,,, t_{n-1}, d_{n-1})}; .

where each t_i is a basic MPI datatype and each d_i is a displacement in bytes.

Building Derived Datatype:

To incorporate a, b, and n into single message

Build general derived datatypes: Use int MPI_Type_struct (.....)

MPI Derived Types - MPI Type Struct

```
Void Build_derived_type(
 float *
                                                           /* in.... */.
                         a_ptr
                                                          /* in ....*/,
  float *
                         b_ptr
  int *
                                                          /* in.....*/,
                         n_ptr
                                                           /*out */ )
  MPI_Datatype mesg_mpi_t_ptr
  /* Pointer to new MPI type */
/* The number of elements in each "block" of the new type is 1 */
 Int block_lengths[3];
```

MPI Derived Types - MPI Type Struct

```
/* Displacement of each element from start of new type. The "d _1's", */
/* MPI_Aint ("address int") is an MPI_defined C type. Usually an int or
    a long int */
MPI_Aint displacements[3];
/* MPI types of the elements, The "t l's," */
MPI_Datatype tylelist[3];
/* Use for calculating displacements
MPI Ainit start Addres:
MPI_Aint address; .
Block_lengths[0] = block_lengths[1]=block_lengths[2] =1;
```

MPI Derived Types - MPI_Type_Struct

```
/* Build a derived datatype consisting of
                                                       */
/* two floats and an int
typelist[0] = MPI_FLOAT;
typelist[1] = MPI_FLOAT;
typelist[2] = MPI_INT;
/* First element ,a is at displacement 0 */
displacement[0] = 0;
/* Calculate other displacements relative to a
MPI_Address (a_ptr, &start_address);
```

MPI Derived Types - MPI Type Struct

```
/* Find Address of b and displacement from a
MPI_Address (b_ptr, &address);
displacement[1] = address - start_address;
/* Find Address of n and displacement from a
MPI_Address (n_ptr, &address);
displacement[2] = address - start_address;
/* Build the derived datatype */
MPI_type_struct(3, block_lengths,
                                         displacements,
                                                             typelist,
    mesg_mpi_t_ptr);
```

MPI Derived Types - MPI Type Struct

```
/* Commit - Using for Communication
MPI_Type_Commit (mesg_mpi_t_ptr);
} /* Build_derived_type */
Void Get data3 (
 float *
                                                         /* out.... */,
                       a_ptr
 float *
                                                          /* out....*/,
                       b_ptr
 int *
                                                          /* in.....*/,
                       n_ptr
                                       /* MPI type corresponding */
 MPI_Datatype mesg_mpi_t;
                                       /* to a, b and n
```

MPI Derived Types -MPI Type Struct

```
If (my_rank == 0)
  printf("Enter a, b, and n \ n");
  scanf (" %f %f %d", a_ptr, b_ptr, n_ptr);

Build_derived_datatype(a_ptr, b_ptr, n_ptr, &mesg_mpi_t);
  MPI_Bcast(a_ptr,1, mesg_mpi_t, Root, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
}/* Get_data3 */
```

MPI Derived Data types

Committing a datatype

- Once a datatype has been constructed, it needs to be committed before it is used.
- This is done using MPI Type Commit
- ❖ Fortran

MPI_Type_Commit (datatype, ierror) integer datatype, ierror

Source : Reference : [11], [12], [25], [26]

MPI Derived Types: MPI Type Struct

Build general derived datatypes

```
      Int MPI_Type_Struct (
      /* in.... */,

      Int count /* in.... */,
      /* in .... */,

      Int block_lengths [] /* in .... */,
      /* in .... */,

      MPI_Aint displacements [] /* in.... */,
      /* in.... */,

      MPI_Datatype typelist [] /* in.... */,
      /* out... */,

      MPI_Datatype* new_mpi_t
      /* out... */,
```

MPI Derived Data types

Constructing a Struct Datatype

Fortran:

```
MPI_Type_Struct (count, array_of_blocklengths, array_of_types, newtype, ierror)
```

Contiguous Data

The simplest derived datatype consists of a number of contiguous items of the same datatype

⇔ C:

int MPI_Type_contiguous (int count, MPI_Datatype oldtype,MPI_Datatype *newtype);

Fortran:

MPI_Type_contiguous (count, oldtype, newtype) integer count, oldtype, newtype

MPI Derived Data types

Example 1: Write a C-program to read 5th row of a square matrix of size (10 X10) from the process with Rank 0 and send the message to process with Rank 1 without using MPI Derived Datatypes library calls. Assume that the entries of matrix are single precision float values.

- •The simplest derived datatype consists of a number of contiguous items of the same datatype
- Recall that C Stores in row-major order

Input:

float A[10][10]

								7		
0	22	14	61	43	15	34	21	8 8 83 27	7	32
1	22	34	2	8	17	58	9	8	4	93
2	32	8	81	52	47	63	7	83	65	23
3	17	29	28	72	24	19	61	27	45	18
4	14	4	31	2	67	71	8	9	7	11
5	26	24	21	9	17	14	9	8	4	66
6	53	8	81	2	9	43	7	83	8	13
7	63	24	31	73	4	79	31	33	5	56
8	81	4	31	2	13	55	8	9 8 83 33 9 58	45	21
9	48	54	55	71	83	96	39	58	74	34

MPI Derived Data types

```
int Count=10;
  int Count; Destination, Destination_tag, Source, Source_tag;
     /*......Sending the 5<sup>th</sup> row of two-dimensional array .....*/
  If (my_rank == 0)
                                                      Data is contiguous
     /*.....Get the row and send to the process with rank = 1 .... */
     Destination = 1; Destination_tag =0;
 MPI_Send(&A[5][0], Count, MPI_FLOAT,
            Destination, Destination_tag, MPI_COMM_WORLD);}
else ( */ .....My Rank =1 ......*/) {
    Source = 0; Source_tag =0;
    /* ......Process with rank 1 receives the data .....*/
MPI_Recv(&A[5][0], Count, MPI_FLOAT,
            source, source_tag, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
```

Example 2: Write a C-program to read 5th row of a square matrix of size (10 X10) from the process with Rank 0 and send the same values to process with Rank 1 using MPI Derived Datatypes (Use MPI_Type_contiguous library calls) Assume that the entries of matrix single precision float values.

- •The simplest derived
 datatype consists of
 a number of contiguous
 items of the same
 datatype
- Recall that C Stores in row-major order

Input:

float A[10][10]

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	22	14	61	43	15	34	21	8 8 83 27	7	32
1	22	34	2	8	17	58	9	8	4	93
2	32	8	81	52	47	63	7	83	65	23
3	17	29	28	72	24	19	61	27	45	18
4	14	4	31	2	67	71	8	9	7	11
5	26	24	21	9	17	14	9	8	4	66
6	53	8	81	2	9	43	7	83	8	13
7	63	24	31	73	4	79	31	33	5	56
8	81	4	31	2	13	55	8	9	45	21
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```
int count=10;
float A[10][10], B[10,10];
MPI_Datatype input_row_mpi_t;
MPI_Type_contiguous(count, MPI_FLOAT, &input_row_mpi_t);
MPI_Type_Commit(&input_row_mpi_t)
If (my rank == 0)
 MPI_Send (&A[5][0], Count, input_row_mpi_t, 1, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
 else ( */ .....My Rank =1 ......*/)
 MPI_Recv (&B[5][0], Count, input_row_mpi_t, 0,0, MPI_COMM_WORLD,
        &status);
MPI_Type_free( &input_row_mpi_t);
```

Example 3: Write a C-program to send structure from process with Rank 0 to process with Rank 1 using MPI Derived Datatypes (MPI_Type_contiguous).

```
int count=4:
                                                         typedef struct {
MPI_Datatype particle_type;
                                                          double x,y,z;
MPI_Type_contiguous( 4, MPI_DOUBLE, &particle_type);
                                                          double mass
MPI_Type_Commit ( &particle_type)
                                                         } PARTICLE_T
                                                         Variable Def
                                                         PARTCILE T particle type
If (my_rank == 0)
     MPI_Send (partcile, count, particle_type, 1, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
 else
    MPI_Recv (particle count, particle_type, 0,0, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
MPI_Type_free( &particle_type);
```

Example 4: Write a C-program to read 5th column of a square matrix of size (10 X10) from the process with Rank 0 and send the same values to process with Rank 1 using MPI Derived Datatypes (Use MPI_Type_vector library calls) Assume that the entries of matrix are single precision float values.

- •The simplest derived datatype consists of a number of contiguous items of the same datatype
- Recall that C Stores in row-major order

Input:

float A[10][10]

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	22	14	61	43	15	34	21	8	7	32
1	22 22	34	2	8	17	58	9	8	4	93
2	32	8	81	52	47	63	7	83	65	23
3	17 14	29	28	72	24	19	61	27	45	18
4	14	4		2	67	71	8	9	7	11
	26	24	21	9	17	14	9	8	4	66
6	53	8	81	2	9	43	7	83	8	13
7	63	24	31	73	4	79	31	33	5	56
	81	4	31	2	13	55	8	9	45	21
9	48	54	55	71	83	96	39	58	74	34

```
int MPI_Type_vector(
                                                          /* in */,
               int
                                       count,
                                       block_length[] /* in */,
               int
                                                         /* in */,
                                      stride
               int
                                      element_type /* in */,
               MPI_Datatype
               MPI_Datatype*
                                                         /* out */)
                                      new_mpi_t
  /* ...column_mpi_t is declared to have MPI_Datatype */
  MPI_Type_vector (10,1,10, MPI_FLOAT, &column_mpi_t);
  MPI_Type_Commit(&column_mpi_t)
If (my rank == 0)
    MPI_Send ( &A[0][5], 1, coulmn_mpi_t, 1, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
 else
   MPI_Recv (&A[0][5], 1, column_mpi_t, 0,0, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
MPI_Type_free( &column_mpi_t);
```

MPI_INT

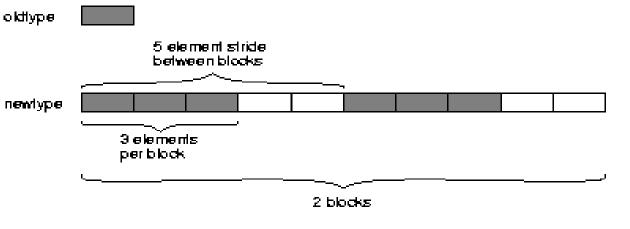
MPI_DOUBLE

Vector Datatype

Count = 2;

Stride = 5;

block length = 3;



Struct Datatype

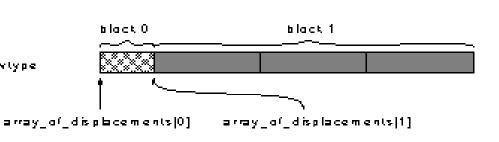
Count = 2;

Array_of_blocklengths[0] =1

Array_of_types[0] = MPI_INT; "ENTYPE

Array_of_blocklengths[1] =3

Array_of_types[1] = MPI_DOUBLE;



Constructing a Vector Datatype

⇔ C

int MPI_Type_vector (int count, int blocklength, int stride, MPI_Datatype oldtype, MPI_Datatype *newtype);

❖ Fortran

MPI_Type_vector (count, blocklength, stride, oldtype, newtype, ierror)

Extent of a Datatype

⇔ C

int MPI_Type_extent (MPI_Datatype datatype, int *extent);

❖ Fortran

MPI_Type_extent(datatype, extent, ierror)

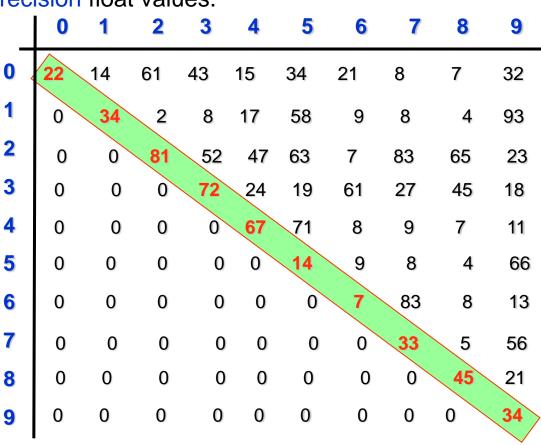
integer datatype, extent, ierror

Example 4: Write a C-program to send upper triangular portion of a square matrix **A** of size (10 X10) from the process with Rank 0 to the process with Rank 1 using MPI Derived Datatypes (Use MPI_Type_indexed calls) Assume that the entries of matrix are single precision float values.

- •The simplest derived
 datatype consists of
 a number of contiguous
 items of the same
 datatype
- Recall that C Stores in row-major order

Input:

float A[10][10]



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Building a derived type consisting of copies of oldtype with a variety of block lengths and displacements.

```
⋄ C:
      int MPI_Type_indexed
             int
                                   count,
                                   block_lengths[],
            int
            int
                                   displacements[],
                                    oldtype,
             MPI_Datatype
            MPI Datatype*
                                    newtype_t
```

```
float A[n][n],
float U [n,n];
Int displacements [n]; block_lenghts[n];
MPI_Datatype index_mpi_t;
for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {Block_lengths[i] = n-1; Displacements[i] = (n+1)*1; }
MPI_Type_indexed(n, block_lenghts, displacements, MPI_FLOAT, &index_mpi_t);
MPI_Type_Commit ( &index_mpi_t);
If (my rank == 0)
 MPI_Send (A, 1, index_mpi_t, 1, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
else ( */ .....My Rank == 1 ......*/)
  MPI_Recv ( U, 1, index_mpi_t, 1, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
MPI_Type_free( &index_mpi_t);
```

- Is send_mpi_t be identical to recv_mpi_t?
- What about send_count and recv_count?

General MPI datatype or derived datatype

It is sequence of pairs {(t_o, d_o), (t₁,d₁);,,,, t_{n-1}, d_{n-1})}; .
where each t_i is a basic MPI datatype and each d_i is a displacement in bytes.

The sequence of basic type $\{(t_0, t_1, ..., t_{n-1})\}$, is called **type Signature**.

- It is sequence of types specified by a derived datatype
- Fundamental rule for type matching in MPI is that the type signatures specified by the sender and the receiver must be compatible.
- Carry the Communication using MPI_Send & MPI_Recv
- Collective communications: the type signatures specified by all the processes must be identical

Source Reference : [11], [12], [25], [26]

Communication using MPI_Send & MPI_Recv

The type signature specified by arguments passed to MPI_Send is $\{(t_o, t_1, ..., t_{n-1})\},$

And the type signature specified by the arguments to MPI_Recv is $\{(d_o,d_1,,,,d_{m-1})\},$

Then *n* must be less than or equal to *m* and t_i must equal for i=0,...,m-1

Example 5: Write a C-program to send the fist column of a square matrix A of size (10 X10) from the process with *Rank 0* and to the process with *Rank 1* using MPI Derived Datatypes and the concepts of MPI Type Matching. Assume that the entries of matrix are single precision float values.

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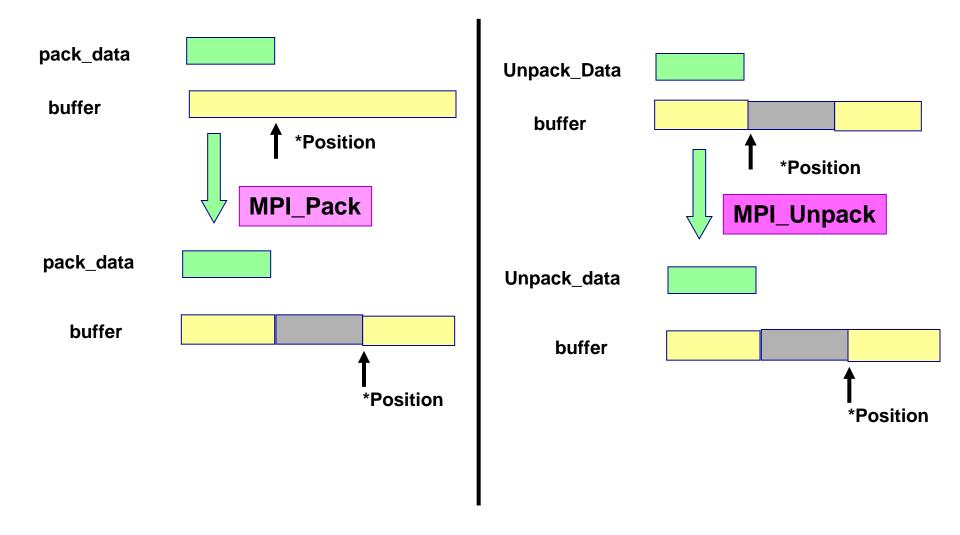
Create Column_mpi_t : A column of 10 X 10 array of floats
Type : ((MPI_FLOAT,0), (MPI_FLOAT, 10*sizeof(float)),,
(MPI_FLOAT, 20*sizeof(float)), (MPI_FLOAT, 90*sizeof(float)))
and its type signature is (repeated 10 times
(MPI_FLOAT, MPI_FLOAT, MPI_FLOAT, MPI_FLOAT,MPI_FLOAT)

- MPI_Send to send a message consisting of one copy of column_mpi_t
- MPI_Recv provided the type signature specified by the receive consists of at least 10 floats

MPI: Derived Data types Constructors: Pack/Unpack

- Alternative approach to grouping data is provided by the MPI functions MPI_Pack and MPI_Unpack.
 - MPI_Pack allows one to explicitly store noncontiguous data in contiguous locations
 - MPI_Unpack can be used to copy data from a contiguous buffer into noncontiguous memory locations

MPI: Derived Data types Constructors: Pack/Unpack



MPI: Derived Data types Constructors

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<u>Deciding Which Method to Use: Performance Issues</u>

- Handing non-contiguous data;
- Test of 1000 element vector of doubles with stride of 24 doubles.
 - "MPI_Type_vector" and "MPI_Type_struct(.*,*)";
 - "User packs and unpacks by hand
- Performance very dependent on implementation; should improve with time
- Collect many small messages into a single large message;
- Use of collective when many copies bcast /gather

Derived Datatype Constructors : Pack/Unpack

(Contd...)

Int MPI_Pack (

```
Void*
                                        /* in
                   pack_data
                                                */,
                   in count
                                        /* in
int
                                        /* in */,
MPI_Datatype
                  datatype
                                        /* in */,
void*
                  buffer
                                        /* in */,
                   buffer_size
int
int*
                   position
                                        */ in/out */,
MPI Comm
                                        */ in */ )
                   comm
```

- MPI_Pack can be used to explicitly store data in a userdefined buffer
- MPI_Unpack can be used to extract data from a buffer that was constructed using MPI_Pack

Other Derived Datatype Constructors

<u>Deciding Which Method to Use: Performance Issues</u>

- Overheads- Calling Derived datatype (Creation of functions & Calls to MPI_Pack /MPI_Unpack
- Data to be sent Consecutive entries of an array; data may have same type and stored at regular intervals in memory (Use either derived data types or MPI_Pack /Un_pack
- Data to be sent data my have same type & stored in irregularly spaced locations in memory- Use MPI_Type_indexed
- Performance Issues:
 - "Sending heterogeneous data
 - Collect many small messages into a single large message;

MPI Process Topologies

General Topology Functions

MPI_Topo_test: Determine whether comm has a topology and its type.

MPI supports

- Cartesian Topology Management
- Graph Topology Management

❖ Illustrate Basics & Example:

MPI implementation of matrix-matrix multiplication on 9 process

- ❖ Objective: Create a communicator whose underlying group consists of the processes in the first row of our virtual grid
 - Assume that that MPI_COMM_WORLD consists of p processes where $q^2 = p$ (condition is necessary) and first row of the process consist of the processes with ranks $0, 1, \ldots, q-1$
 - To create new communicator, the following steps are required
 - Make a list of the processes in the new communicator
 - Get the group underlying MPI_COMM_WORLD
 - Create the new group
 - Create the new communicator

3X3 grid processes		
0	1	2
3	4	5
6	7	8

```
The following code can be executed
     MPI_Group group_world;
     MPI_Group first_row_group;
     MPI Comm first row comm;
     int
                 proc, q;
     int*
                  process_ranks;
  /*......Make a list of the processes in the new communicator ......*/
     process_ranks = (int *) malloc (q*sizeof(int) );
     for (proc = 0; proc < q; proc++) process_ranks[proc] = proc;
  /*.....Get the group underlying MPI_COMM_WORLD .... */
     MPI_Comm_group(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &group_world);
  /* ......Create the new group .....*/
   MPI_Group_incl(group_wrold, q ,porcess_ranks, &first_row_group);
  /* ......Create the new communicator ...*/
MPI_Comm_create (MPI_COMM_WORLD, first_row_group, &first_row_world);
```

```
        → int MPI_Comm_group(
        /* in.....*/,

        MPI_Comm
        comm
        /* in.....*/,

        MPI_Group*
        group
        /* out .....*/)
```

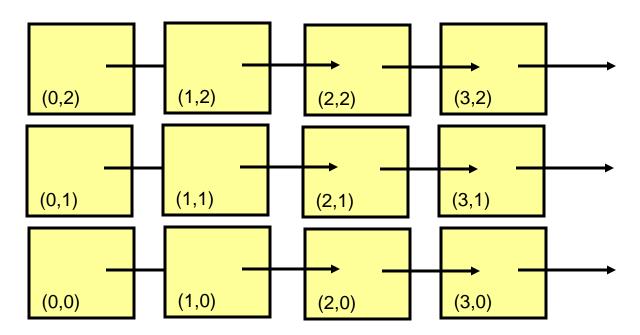
MPI_Comm_group: Returns the group underlying the communicator *comm*

MPI_Group_incl: It creates a new group from a list of processes in existing group, old_group. The number of processes in the new group is new_group_size.

MPI_Comm_create: Associates a context with the group new_group and creates the communicator new_comm. All of the process in new_group belong to the group underlying old_comm.

- MPI_Comm_group and MPI_Group_incl are both local operations
- ❖ MPI_Comm_create is a collective operation
- ❖ If several communicators are being created, they must be created in the same order on all the processes.

- A two dimensional Cartesian Decomposition
- MPI provides a collection of routines for defining, examining, and manipulating Cartesian topologies



For example, the second process from the left and the third from the bottom is labeled as (1,2)

- Creates a Cartesian decomposition of the processes with the number of dimensions given by the number_of_dims argument.
- ❖ Each element of the decomposition (rectangles in the figure) is labeled by a coordinate tuple indicating the position of the element in each of the coordinate directions.
- It is collective operation

```
int MPI_Cart_create (
                                                               /* in.....*/,
    MPI_Comm
                           old_comm
                                                               /* in.... */,
   int
                           number of dims
                                                               /* in .....*/,
   int
                           dim_sizes []
                                                               /* in.....*/,
   int
                           wrap_around[ ]
                                                                /* in.....*/,
   int
                           reorder
   MPI_Comm*
                                                                /* out...*/ )
                           Cart_Comm
Number_of_dims = 2; dim_sizes[1]= 4; dim_sizes[2]=3;
Wrap_around[1] = .false.; wrap_around[1] = .true.;
```

```
int MPI_Cart_get (
                                                                   /* in.....*/,
  MPI_Comm
                            comm
                                                                    /* in.... */,
  int
                            max_dims
                                                                    /* out .....*/.
                            dims []
  int
                                                                    /* out.....*/,
  int
                            periods[ ]
                                                                    /* out.....*/)
  int
                            coords[]
  printf ("( %d : %d ) \n", coords[0], coord[1] );
```

- Print the coordinates of the calling process in the communicator 'comm'
- Returns both values of the dims[], and periods[],argument used in MPI_Cart_create

returns the rank in the Cartesian communicator comm of the process with Cartesian coordinates.

```
        → int MPI_Cart_coords(

        MPI_Comm
        comm
        /* in.....*/,

        int
        rank
        /* in.....*/,

        int
        number_of_dims
        /* in .....*/,

        int*
        coords[]
        /* out...*/)
```

returns the coordinates of the process with rank 'rank' in the Cartesian communicator comm. It is the inverse to MPI_Cart_rank.

It partitions the process in cart_comm into a collection of disjoint communicators whose union is cart_comm.

```
        int MPI_Comm_split(
        /* in.....*/,

        MPI_Comm
        comm
        /* in.....*/,

        int
        split_key
        /* in.....*/,

        int
        rank_key
        /* in .....*/,

        MPI_comm*
        new_comm
        /* out...*/)
```

It creates a new communicator for each value of split_key. Process with same split_key form a new group.

❖ Several communicators can be created simultaneously using MPI_Comm_split

MPI Communicators

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Two types of Communicators

Intra-communicators:Collection of processes that can send messages to each other in engage in collective communication operations

Inter-communicators: Used for sending messages between processes belonging to disjoint intra-communicators

- Why should we bother about inter-communicators?
- A minimal (intra) communicator is composed of
 - a group (is an ordered collection of processes. If a group consists
 of p process, each process in the group is assigned a unique rank)
 - a context (is a system defined object that uniquely identifies a communicator)

Source: Reference: [11], [12], [25], [26]

MPI Communicators

MPI Communicators: Remarks

- Two distinct communicators will have different contexts, even if they have identical underlying groups
- ❖ A context can be thought of as a system-defined tag that is associated with a group in communicator.
- Contexts are used to ensure that messages are received correctly.

3X3 grid processes			
0	1	2	
3	4	5	
6	7	8	

Example: MPI implementation of matrix-matrix multiplication on 9 process (virtual grid = 3 X 3 square grid)

Group:

- Create a communicator for each row of the grid.
- Second row communicator -Processes {3,4,5} from MPI_COMM_WORLD
- Second row communicator –Process {0,1,2} is same as {3,4,5}

MPI Communicators

MPI Communicators: Remarks

Example :MPI implementation of matrix-matrix multiplication on 9 process

Contexts

- Define Context to be an int
- Each process can define list of available contexts
- When new communicator is created, the processes participating in the creation could "negotiate" the choice of a context that is available to each process.

Remarks

- 1. Construction of communicators, groups, and contexts are purely hypothetical
- 2. Vendor implementation of each object is system dependent
- 3. Vendor system an use something very different

Conclusions

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Any questions?