CISC 372: Parallel Computing Exam 1 Review

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C: Pointers

- a pointer is the address of a memory location
- pointers are first-class objects in C
- there are pointer types
- a pointer can be assigned using =
- a pointer can be passed as an argument in a function call
- ▶ a pointer can be returned by a function
- there are operations which consume pointers and return pointers
- a pointer is just like any other kind of data

Pointer types

- declaration
 - ightharpoonup if T(x) declares x to have type T
 - ▶ then T(*p) declares p to have type pointer-to-T
- declaration examples
 - ► double *p
 - ightharpoonup T(x) = double x
 - ightharpoonup T(*p) = double *p
 - p has type pointer-to-double
 - unsigned long int *p
 - ightharpoonup T(x) = unsigned long int x
 - T(*p) = unsigned long int *p
 - p has type pointer-to-unsigned-long-int

Pointer operations

There are two basic operations on pointers:

- ▶ address-of (&)
 - given a variable, returns the address of that variable
 - \triangleright if x has type T then &x has type pointer-to-T
 - example

```
▶ int x:
  int *p = &x: // address of x
```

- dereference (*)
 - given a pointer, returns the value stored at that address
 - ▶ if p has type pointer-to-T then *p has type T
 - example

```
ightharpoonup int x = 5:
   int *p = &x;
   int y = 2 * (*p); // 10
```

Pointer operations, cont

> *p can also be used on the left-hand side of an assignment

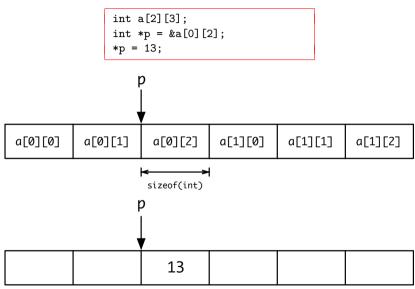
```
double x = 3.1415;
double *p = &x;
*p = 2.71828;
printf("%lf", x); // 2.71828
```

Pointers into arrays

> you can also take the address of array elements

```
float a[10];
float *p = &a[5];
*p = 17;
             sizeof(float)
```

Pointer into 2d-array



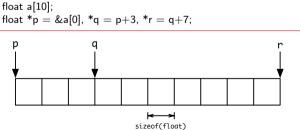
Pointer arithmetic

if all of the following hold

- p is an expression of type pointer-to-T
- ▶ *i* is an expression of integer type
- ► T is a complete type (size of T is known!!)

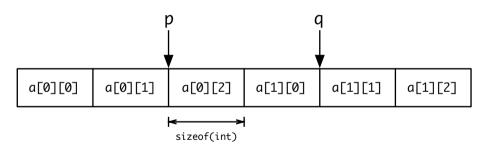
then

- ▶ p+i is an expression of type pointer-to-T
- it points to the address that is i T's past p
- ▶ if sizeof(T) is n bytes, then p+i is i*n bytes after p



Pointer arithmetic within a 2d-array

```
int a[2][3];
int *p = &a[0][2];
int *q = p+2; // q == &a[1][1]
```



The real meaning of the index operator [..]

The meaning of x[y]:

- x[y] is syntactic sugar for *(x+y)
- \triangleright if p is a pointer-to-T, then p[i] means *(p+i)
 - recall: this can be used to read or write to location p+i

Example: index operator and pointers

```
#include <stdio.h>
/* assigns val to p[i], ..., p[i+n-1] */
void set_range(int *p, int n, int val) {
  for (int i=0; i<n; i++) p[i] = val;
/* prints p[0], ..., p[n-1] */
void print(int *p, int n) {
  for (int i=0; i<n; i++) printf("%d ", p[i]);</pre>
  printf("\n");
int main() {
  int a[10]:
  set_range(&a[0], 10, 0); // a[0..9]=0
  print(&a[0], 10);
  set_range(&a[3], 5, 8); // a[3..7]=8
  print(&a[0], 10);
```

```
basie:c siegel$ cc ptr1.c
basie:c siegel$ ./a.out
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0008888800
basie:c
```

C's array-pointer "pun"

In most contexts.

- any expression of type array-of-T is automatically converted to an expression of type pointer-to-T
- pointing to the first (i.e., 0-th) element of the array
- ▶ i.e. a and &a[0] denote the same thing
 - the pointer to element 0 of array a

```
#include <assert.h>
int main() {
  int a[10]:
  int *p;
  p = a; // same as p=&a[0]
  assert(a[3] == *(p+3));
  assert(a[3] == *(a+3));
```

Exceptions: sizeof and a few other places

C's array pointer pun, cont.

- any formal parameter in a function header of type array-of-T is converted to type pointer-to-T
- example: the following all mean exactly the same thing:

```
▶ int f(double *a):
▶ int f(double a[]);
▶ int f(double a[1000]);
    the 1000 is simply ignored
    no reason to do this, unless it is as documentation
```

one difference: an array can not occur on left side of =

```
▶ int a[10]:
  int b[10]:
  int *p;
  p = a; // yes
  p = b; // yes
  a = p; // no!
  a = b: // no!
```

Allocating sequences of data

Multiple ways:

- 1. double a[10];
 - in the file scope
 - ▶ allocates an array that persists for the entire life of the program
 - can be accessed in any scope
 - length must be a constant expression
 - cannot be used if length is unknown at compile time
- 2. double a[n];
 - in a local scope
 - allocates an array that persists until the end of that scope is reached
 - can be accessed in that scope and sub-scopes, and through pointers
 - length can be any integer expression
- 3. malloc and free
 - dynamic memory allocation
 - memory allocated in the heap
 - programmer controls when allocation and deallocation occur
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Heap allocation: malloc and free

- malloc and free are functions defined in stdlib
- malloc
 - consumes argument of integer type
 - the number of bytes to allocate
 - allocates that many bytes in the heap
 - returns void*
 - address of first byte allocated
 - typically, this is converted immediately into a non-void pointer type
 - example
 - int *p = (int*)malloc(10*sizeof(int));
 - allocates space for 10 ints and returns pointer to beginning of that region
- ▶ free
 - consumes a void* pointer previously produced by malloc
 - deallocates the object

Heap allocation: example

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <assert.h>
#include <stdio.h>
void print(int *p, int n) {
 for (int i=0; i<n; i++) printf("%d ", p[i]);
 printf("\n");
int main(int argc, char * argv[]) {
 int n = atoi(argv[1]); // converts first command-line arg to int
 int * p = (int*)malloc(n*sizeof(int));
 assert(p); // check that malloc succeeded
 for (int i=0; i< n; i++) p[i] = i;
 print(p, n);
 free(p);
```

```
basie:c siegel$ cc malloc1.c
basie:c siegel$ ./a.out 10
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
basie:c siegel$
```

Structures

The following defines a new type named struct Show:

```
struct Show {
  int channel; // this is an int field
  char * name; // this is a string field
  double cost; // this is a double field
};
```

```
struct Show show:
show.channel = 10:
show.name = "The 372 Show";
show.cost = 100000.00:
```

- struct Show is a type just like any other type
- can be used to declare variables, as function parameter type, can be returned by a function, ...

Structures, cont.

It may be convenient to give the new type a shorter name:

```
typedef struct _show {
  int channel; // this is an int field
  char * name; // this is a string field
 double cost; // this is a double field
} Show:
```

- now you can just use Show instead of struct _show
- note: you can use the same name for the struct and the new type
 - ► typedef struct X { ...} X;

Structures and pointers

- structures are often manipulated using pointers
- functions consuming a structure typically consume a pointer to the structure
- functions returning structures typically return a pointer to a structure

```
int getChannel(Show * show) {
 return (*show).channel:
void setChannel(Show * show, int c) {
  (*show).channel = c;
```

- this pattern is so popular that C provides a shortcut
 - s->x is syntactic sugar for (*s).x

Structures and pointers, cont.

OK:

```
int getChannel(Show * show) {
 return (*show).channel;
void setChannel(Show * show, int c) {
  (*show).channel = c;
```

Better.

```
int getChannel(Show * show) {
 return show->channel:
void setChannel(Show * show, int c) {
  show->channel = c;
```

Arrays of structures

- one can create an array of structures, or
- one can create an array of pointers to structures.

Each has advantages (and disadvantages).

```
Show *shows[n]; // array of pointer to Show
for (int i=0; i<n; i++) {
  Show * s = (Show*)malloc(sizeof(Show)):
  s->channel = i;
  shows[i] = s;
```

MPI Program Model

- an MPI program consists of multiple processes
- each process has its own memory (no shared memory)
- think of each process as a program running on its own computer
- the computers can have different architectures
- the programs do not even have to be written in the same language
 - MPI officially supports C and Fortran
- however, in most cases:
 - programmer writes one generic program
 - compiles this
 - at run-time, specifies number of processes
 - run-time system
 - instantiates that number of processes
 - distributes them where they need to go
 - a process can obtain its unique ID ("rank")
 - by branching on rank, each process can execute different code

Cyclic Distribution

Generalize

Given any number of tasks.

Given p processes.

Distribute the tasks cyclically:

- ightharpoonup proc 0: 0, p, 2p, ...
- ightharpoonup proc 1: 1, p + 1, 2p + 1, ...
- ightharpoonup proc 2: 2, p + 2, 2p + 2, ...
- etc.

I.e., proc i gets tasks t, where t%p = i.

See sat1.c. Makefile.

- good for most embarrassingly parallel problems
- generally effective when longer tasks tend to occur next to each other
- ▶ for problems that require nearest-neighbor communication: don't use this

MPI Send

```
MPI_Send(buf, count, datatype, dest, tag, comm)
             address of send buffer (void*)
        buf
             number of elements in buffer (int)
     count
             data type of elements in buffer (MPI_Datatype)
  datatype
      dest rank of destination process (int)
             integer to attach to message envelope (int)
        tag
             communicator (MPI_Comm)
       comm
   message envelope
      source rank
      destination rank
      ► tag
      communicator
```

tag can be used by receiver to select which message to receive

MPI Recv

```
MPI_Recv(buf, count, datatype, source, tag, comm, status)
             address of send buffer (void*)
        buf
             number of elements in buffer (int)
     count
             data type of elements in buffer (MPI_Datatype)
  datatype
             rank of source process (int)
    source
             tag of message to receive (int)
        tag
             communicator (MPI_Comm)
       comm
             pointer to status object (MPI_Status*)
    status
```

- count must be at least as large as count of incoming message
- status: object to store envelope information on received message source, tag, count
- why would you need to know source and tag?

Using "wildcards" in MPI Recv

```
MPI_Recv(buf, count, datatype, source, tag, comm, status)
```

- source argument can be MPI_ANY_SOURCE
 - special constant defined by MPI
 - means "receive message from any source"
 - use with care
 - introduce nondeterminism into the parallel program
 - program can produce different results on different executions
 - sometimes this is necessary (dynamic load-balancing)
 - do not use unless necessary for algorithm
- tag argument can be MPI_ANY_TAG
 - "receive message with any tag"
 - this one does not introduce nondeterminism.
- can use neither, either, or both in one receive operation

Getting the status

status is a C struct

- getting the rank of the source
 - ► status.MPI_SOURCE
- getting the tag of the message
 - status.MPI_TAG
- getting the error code
 - ► status.MPI_ERROR
- getting the size ("count") of the message
 - not simply a field in the struct
 - need to use function MPI_Get_count

Example: status.c

```
#include<string.h>
#include<stdio h>
#include<mpi.h>
int main() {
  char message[100];
  int rank:
  MPI_Status status:
  MPI_Init(NULL, NULL);
  MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank);
  if (rank == 0) {
    strcpv(message, "Hello, from proc 0!"):
    MPI_Send(message, strlen(message)+1, MPI_CHAR, 1, 99, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
  } else if (rank == 1) {
    MPI_Recv(message, 100, MPI_CHAR, 0, MPI_ANY_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
    printf("Proc 1 received: \"%s\"\n", message);
    printf("source=%d tag=%d \n", status.MPI_SOURCE, status.MPI_TAG);
  MPI Finalize():
```

status.c output

Note that in C, a string is a sequence of char ending with the "null terminating char" '\0'. The number of characters in the string is therefore strlen(message) + 1 = 19 + 1 = 20.

```
> mpiexec status.exec
Proc 1 received: "Hello, from proc 0!"
source=0 tag=99
```

MPI Get count

```
MPI_Get_count(status, datatype, count)
```

```
pointer to status object (MPI_Status*)
  status
           data type of elements received (MPI_Datatype)
datatype
           pointer to variable in which to return result (int*)
   count
```

- should only be called after status has been filled in by receive
- datatype should be same as used in receive
- sets count to the number of elements received
- note
 - count specified in receive statement and message count can differ
 - receive buffer must be big enough to hold incoming message
 - memory in receive buffer after message count will not be altered

Example: getting the count: count.c

The following lines are added to proc 1:

```
int count;
MPI_Get_count(&status, MPI_CHAR, &count);
printf("source=%d tag=%d count=%d\n",
       status.MPI_SOURCE, status.MPI_TAG, count);
```

This sets count to the actual number of characters (MPI_CHAR) received.

```
> mpiexec -n 4 ./count.exec
Proc 1 received: "Hello, from proc 0!"
source=0 tag=99 count=20
```

Note the null terminating character is counted.

Point-to-point

MPI_STATUS_IGNORE is

- A. a type
- B. a function
- C. a constant
- D. a variable
- E. a type qualifier

Point-to-point semantics

Each of the following program fragments attempts to have two processes exchange data. In each case, state which of the following is true:

- A. the fragment will definitely deadlock
- B. the fragment will definitely not deadlock
- C. the fragment may or may not deadlock

```
if (rank == 0) {
  MPI_Send(&myNumber, 1, MPI_INT, 1, 9, comm);
  MPI_Recv(&otherNumber, 1, MPI_INT, 1, 9, comm, &status);
} else if (rank == 1) {
  MPI Send(&mvNumber, 1, MPI INT, 0, 9, comm);
  MPI_Recv(&otherNumber, 1, MPI_INT, 0, 9, comm, &status);
```

Point-to-point semantics

```
if (rank == 0) {
  MPI Recv(&otherNumber, 1, MPI_INT, 1, 9, comm, &status);
  MPI_Send(&myNumber, 1, MPI_INT, 1, 9, comm);
} else if (rank == 1) {
  MPI_Recv(&otherNumber, 1, MPI_INT, 0, 9, comm, &status);
  MPI_Send(&myNumber, 1, MPI_INT, 0, 9, comm);
```

- A. the fragment will definitely deadlock
- B. the fragment will definitely not deadlock
- C. the fragment may or may not deadlock

Point-to-point semantics

```
if (rank == 0) {
  MPI_Send(&myNumber, 1, MPI_INT, 1, 9, comm);
  MPI_Recv(&otherNumber, 1, MPI_INT, 1, 9, comm, &status);
} else if (rank == 1) {
  MPI_Recv(&otherNumber, 1, MPI_INT, 0, 9, comm, &status);
  MPI_Send(&myNumber, 1, MPI_INT, 0, 9, comm);
```

- A. the fragment will definitely deadlock
- B. the fragment will definitely not deadlock
- C. the fragment may or may not deadlock

Point-to-point semantics

```
if (rank == 0) {
  MPI_Sendrecv(&myNumber, 1, MPI_INT, 1, 9,
               &otherNumber, 1, MPI_INT, 1, 9, comm, &status);
} else if (rank == 1) {
  MPI_Sendrecv(&myNumber, 1, MPI_INT, 0, 9,
               &otherNumber, 1, MPI_INT, 0, 9, comm, &status);
```

- A. the fragment will definitely deadlock
- B. the fragment will definitely not deadlock
- C. the fragment may or may not deadlock

Point-to-point semantics

```
if (rank == 0) {
  MPI_Send(&myNumber, 1, MPI_INT, 1, 3, comm);
  MPI_Recv(&otherNumber, 1, MPI_INT, 1, 4, comm, &status);
} else if (rank == 1) {
  MPI_Send(&myNumber, 1, MPI_INT, 0, 4, comm);
  MPI_Recv(&otherNumber, 1, MPI_INT, 0, 3, comm, &status);
```

- A. the fragment will definitely deadlock
- B. the fragment will definitely not deadlock
- C. the fragment may or may not deadlock

Point-to-point semantics

In a correct MPI program, the length of the receive buffer used in an MPI_Recv...

- A. must be exactly equal to the length of the incoming message
- B. must be greater than or equal to the length of the incoming message
- C. may be any number; if the length of the buffer is less than the length of the incoming message, the message will be truncated
- D. must be at least one greater than the length of the incoming message
- E. must be less than or equal to the length of the incoming message

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
 int rank, x, y; MPI_Init( &argc, &argv ); MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank);
 if (rank == 0) {
   x = 10: v = 11:
   MPI_Send(&x, 1, MPI_INT, 1, 9, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
   MPI_Send(&y, 1, MPI_INT, 2, 9, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
 } else if (rank == 1) {
   MPI Recv(&x. 1. MPI INT. MPI ANY SOURCE. 9. MPI COMM WORLD. MPI STATUS IGNORE):
   MPI_Recv(&y, 1, MPI_INT, MPI_ANY_SOURCE, 9, MPI_COMM_WORLD, MPI_STATUS_IGNORE);
   printf("%d %d\n", x, y); fflush(stdout);
 } else if (rank == 2) {
   x=20:
   MPI_Recv(&v, 1, MPI_INT, 0, 9, MPI_COMM_WORLD, MPI_STATUS_IGNORE);
   MPI_Send(&x, 1, MPI_INT, 1, 9, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
 MPI_Finalize():
 A. the program will never deadlock and the output will always be 10 20
```

- B. the program will never deadlock and the output may be 10 20 or 20 10
- C. it is possible for the program to deadlock; when it does not deadlock it will output 10 20
- D. the program will always deadlock

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E. it is possible for the program to deadlock, it is possible for it to output 10 20, and it is possible for it to output 20 10

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Collective operations

- example: want to print the total number of solutions found
- each process can count its solutions
- then we need to add up these numbers across all processes
- this obviously requires communication
- an example of a collective operation
 - a communication operation involving all processes in a communicator
- to carry out a collective operation in MPI:
 - each process calls the same function
 - some arguments will be the same for all processes
 - some will differ
- ▶ non-interference: collective communication and p2p communication in two separate universes
- synchronization: no synchronization implied by collectives except what is logically necessary

Collectives

A program contains a call to MPI_Bcast with data type MPI_DOUBLE used on every process. Which of the following must be true if the program is correct:

- A. the count argument used on a non-root process must be exactly equal to the count on the root
- B. the count arguments used on non-root processes can differ, as long as they are all greater than or equal to the count on the root
- C. the count on all the non-root processes must be the same number, but that number may be larger than the count used on the root
- D. the count on all the non-root processes must be the same number, but that number may be at least one larger than the count used on the root
- E. the count values on the non-root processes can be any numbers; if they are smaller than the count on the root, the message will just be truncated.

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
 int rank, x, y; MPI_Init( &argc, &argv ); MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank);
 if (rank == 0) {
   x = 10: v = 11:
   MPI_Send(&x, 1, MPI_INT, 1, 10, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
   MPI_Send(&y, 1, MPI_INT, 2, 9, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
 } else if (rank == 1) {
   MPI Recv(&x. 1. MPI INT. MPI ANY SOURCE, 11. MPI COMM WORLD, MPI STATUS IGNORE):
   MPI_Recv(&y, 1, MPI_INT, MPI_ANY_SOURCE, 10, MPI_COMM_WORLD, MPI_STATUS_IGNORE);
   printf("%d %d\n", x, y); fflush(stdout);
 } else if (rank == 2) {
   x = 20:
   MPI_Recv(&v. 1, MPI_INT, 0, 9, MPI_COMM_WORLD, MPI_STATUS_IGNORE);
   MPI_Send(&x, 1, MPI_INT, 1, 11, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
 MPI_Finalize():
 A. the program will never deadlock and the output will always be 20 10
```

- B. the program will never deadlock and the output may be 10 20 or 20 10
- C. it is possible for the program to deadlock, but when it does not, it will output 20 10
- D. the program will always deadlock

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E. it is possible for the program to deadlock, it is possible for it to output 10, 20, and it is possible for it to output 20, 10

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Applications

Consider a diffusion1d program. Suppose that the length of the global temperature array is 100 (including boundary values), and the program is executed with 10 processes. What is the *maximum* number of ghost cells stored on any one process?

- A. 0
- B. 1
- **C**. 2
- D. 10
- E. 100

Applications

Consider a row-distributed diffusion2d program. Suppose that the dimensions of the global temperature matrix is 100×100 (including boundaries), and the program is executed with 10 processes. What is the *maximum* number of ghost cells stored on any one process?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 10
- D. 100
- E. 200

Collectives

Suppose every process in a communicator calls MPI_Allreduce (correctly) with MPI_SUM as the reduction operation. Does this necessarily induce a barrier? (Y/N)

- A. Yes
- B. No

Collectives

Suppose every process in a communicator calls MPI_Bcast (correctly). Does this necessarily induce a barrier? (Y/N)

- A. Yes
- B. No

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
 int rank, x, y; MPI_Init( &argc, &argv ); MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank);
 if (rank == 0) {
   x = 10: v = 11:
   MPI_Send(&x, 1, MPI_INT, 1, 10, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
   MPI_Send(&y, 1, MPI_INT, 2, 9, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
 } else if (rank == 1) {
   MPI Recv(&x. 1. MPI INT. MPI ANY SOURCE, 10. MPI COMM WORLD, MPI STATUS IGNORE):
   MPI_Recv(&y, 1, MPI_INT, MPI_ANY_SOURCE, 11, MPI_COMM_WORLD, MPI_STATUS_IGNORE);
   printf("%d %d\n", x, y); fflush(stdout);
 } else if (rank == 2) {
   x = 20:
   MPI_Recv(&v. 1, MPI_INT, 0, 9, MPI_COMM_WORLD, MPI_STATUS_IGNORE);
   MPI_Send(&x, 1, MPI_INT, 1, 11, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
 MPI_Finalize():
 A. the program will never deadlock and the output will always be 10 20
```

- B. the program will never deadlock and the output may be 10 20 or 20 10

C. it is possible for the program to deadlock, but when it does not, it will output 10 20

- D. the program will always deadlock
- E. it is possible for the program to deadlock, it is possible for it to output 10, 20, and it is possible for it to output 20, 10 S.E. Siegel

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Distribution

For the following, suppose an array of length n (indexed from 0 to n-1) is block-distributed over p processes (with ranks $0, \ldots, p-1$) using the standard block-distribution scheme.

What is the formula first(i) for the global index of the first element on process i?

$$first(i) = floor(in/p)$$

What is the formula for the rank i of the process controlling the element with global index j?

$$owner(j) = floor((p(j+1)-1)/n)$$

What is the formula for the local index k of the element with global index j?

$$j - first(owner(j))$$

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<mpi.h>
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
  int rank, x=1:
  MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank);
  if (rank == 0) {
   MPI_Send(&x, 1, MPI_INT, 1, 9, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
 } else if (rank == 1) {
   MPI_Recv(&x, 1, MPI_INT, MPI_ANY_SOURCE, 9, MPI_COMM_WORLD, MPI_STATUS_IGNORE);
   printf("Message received.\n");
```

- A. When run with 2 or more processes, the program will never deadlock and will output "Message received.".
- B. When run with more than 2 processes, the program may or may not deadlock; if it does not deadlock it will output "Message received.".
- C. When run with more than 2 processes, the program will deadlock.
- ${\sf D}.$ When run with 1 process, the program will always terminate normally without printing anything.
- E. The program is incorrect.