CMPE 300 Programming Project Report

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Introduction

In this project, we are taking a grayscale image represented with pixel values ranging from 0 to 255 and apply two operations to it: smoothening and thresholding. Throughout this document, these operations will be mentioned as "Smoothening Stage" and "Thresholding Stage".

<u>Smoothening operation:</u> convolution of each point with a 9x9 matrix of values 1/9. <u>Thresholding operation:</u> convolution of each point with 4 different filters. These filters exist in project description.

Program Interface

This project follows the standard C project compilation steps. It contains a Makefile which allows us to compile the program just with:

```
$ make
```

After compilation, there will be a executable named 'main' (ELF 64-bit LSB executable for Ubuntu 16.04, Mach-O 64-bit executable for Mac OS X Sierra, tested on both). You can run the program with:

```
$ mpiexec -n <n of processors>  <in file> <out file> <threshold>
```

A working example of compiling and running the program:

```
$ make
$ mpiexec -n 21 ./main input.txt output.txt 10
```

This will run the program with 21 processors (1 master and 20 slave) concurrently, read the image input from input.txt and generate a 10-value thresholded version of the image with name 'output.txt'.

Program will not run forever, when all slaves are completed, they send message regarding the situation, and master terminates them, then at last, itself.

Input and Output

Before you run the program, you should supply an **input.txt** in the same directory you are running the program, no other modifications are needed. For instance, supplied image is the first one below:







Original Image

Smooth Image

Thresholded Image (10)





Thresholded Image (25)

Thresholded Image (40)

First, program generates the second image above, which is the smoothened version of the first one, then generates the third one by using the second one.

Program Structure

This program utilises MPI(Message Passing Interface) for using concurrency to process files given. Program execution starts in main () method, then according to their ranks, logic in main decided whether a process is master or slave, and it sends them to their respective methods called master () and slave ().

Below is the subsections of the structures/concepts that is used throughout the program. They will be referencing each other by the name of the subsection and all subsections has a #(hash) character at the beginning.

Master Process

- 1. Convert the given image input to a 2D matrix
- 2. Split it into slices to send to all slaves. If there are 20 slaves, it shall split input into 20 slices.
- 3. In an infinite loop, wait for messages from any source, and if there is a message, act accordingly:
 - 1. It's a debug message: print it.
 - 2. It's a other message type: (see **Tag Types** section)

Slave Process

- 1. Receive serialised slice from the master (see **Serialisation** section).
- 2. In an infinite loop, do:
 - 1. If there is a message, process it according to its tag type (see **Tag Types** section):
 - 1. FINISH SMOOTHING TAG: Slave goes into standby mode (see Standby section).
 - 2. START THRESHOLDING TAG: Slave goes out of standby mode and starts thresholding.
 - 3. FINISH THRESHOLDING TAG: Slave terminates.
 - 4. DEMAND_DATA_*: Another slave wants information from this slave. It should first fulfil that other slave's demand, so it does.
 - 2. If there is no message, this slave does its own job. There are two stages: SMOOTHING and THRESHOLDING. If slave is in standby state, it simply skips the iteration and uses 'continue' statement to return to the beginning of the infinite loop.

Standby

Think that we are in the smoothing stage, and the slave with rank 4 finishes its smoothing job. Naturally, 3 and slave 5 would want point data from the slave 4. If we kill slave 4 right away after it finishes its process, slaves 3 and 5 would not be able to get data from slave 4. Instruction flow of slave will be explained in **Slave Process** section further.

Serialisation

When we want to send 2d arrays as messages, we need to first turn them into a flatten 1d array since we can only send one integer pointer across processes.

Slice Types

It matters whether slice is at the top or middle or bottom because if it's at the top, for example, for smoothing, slave will not process the topmost row, whereas a middle slave will process it hence we have 3 types of slices to send out to slaves:

```
- SLICE_TYPE_TOP
- SLICE_TYPE_MIDDLE
- SLICE_TYPE_BOTTOM
```

It's been done like this because slave should not know about how to act based on its rank. This logic should be encapsulated and only be decided by the master process.

Tag Types

```
SLICE TAG:
```

Master sends slave its slice data. Slice is a 2d matrix being sent in serialised format(see **Serialisation** section)

```
SLICE SIZE TAG:
```

Master sends the slice size to slave since slave will be receiving the data accordingly.

```
SLICE TYPE TAG:
```

Type of the slice. We are sending this to slave in order to tell it how to act according to its position.

```
DEMAND DATA FROM UPPER SLICE TAG:
```

When a slave demands data from a upper slice, it sends a message with this tag. Slave sends the message containing X-position, which means that "I want the data of the points at index X from your bottom-most row.

```
DEMAND DATA FROM LOWER SLICE TAG:
```

When a slave demands data from a lower slice, it sends a message with this tag. Message means that "I want the data of the points at index X from your top-most row.

```
DEBUG_MESSAGE_1_TAG: (see Debugging section)
DEBUG_MESSAGE_2_TAG: (see Debugging section)
DEBUG_MESSAGE_3_TAG: (see Debugging section)
DEBUG_MESSAGE_4_TAG: (see Debugging section)
```

SMOOTHING DONE TAG:

When a slave finished smoothing, it notifies the master first by sending a message with this tag. It's important that we don't terminate the slave, or switch its job immediately, but first notify the master about it. This behaviour will be explained further (see **Master** and **Slave** sections)

```
FINISH SMOOTHING TAG:
```

When all slaves notified master with SMOOTHING_DONE_TAG, master takes action to tell all slaves to finish their smoothing jobs. "Tell" here means sending message with FINISH_SMOOTHING_TAG to all slaves (this has been done with MPI_Isend() asynchronously since master does not necessarily needs to wait for each send).

This does not tell them to start thresholding stage though, for convenience. This lets slaves get into standby (see **Standby** section).

```
START THRESHOLDING TAG:
```

After all slaves finished their smoothing, informed the master (with SMOOTHING_DONE_TAG) and received FINISH_SMOOTHING_TAG from master, they receive START_THRESHODING_TAG from master. This also means that every other slave finished their smoothing as well, meaning they all have their smoothened slices hence they can give its data whenever its needed.

```
THRESHOLDING DONE TAG:
```

After slaves finish their thresholding, they inform master about that. Slave sends the size of its serialised thresholded slice array with this message, and also sends a following message after this one.

```
FOLLOWING THRESHOLDING DONE TAG:
```

Master fills its master_thresholded_matrix with the slice it received from the slave which has sent the message with this tag. The master_thresholded_matrix will be gradually filled from the serialised arrays it received from slaves. This master_thresholded_matrix is the output of the program

```
FINISH THRESHOLDING TAG:
```

After a slave finishes its thresholding stage, it sends a message with this tag to Master process. BUT slave does not die right away, it just goes to standby. (see **Standby** section).

Debugging

When it comes to printing data to print for debugging, slaves cannot synchronously do this. This way also considered a bad-practice since it depends on a race-condition, so in this project, I implemented a debugging system like this:

- When a slave wants to print information, it uses one of four methods: debug_1, debug_2, debug_3, debug_4. Their explanations are in the debug.h file, so I will not go into details here, but only inform you about the debug concept that is implemented. These methods simply sends *blocking* message to master, and master prints it.
- Master always listens to debug messages when it does not have anything else to do such as sending FINISH_SMOOTHING_TAG and similar tag to slaves. Any other work that master has to do has precedence over debugging messages. This way, we eliminate the race conditions that would be caused because of slaves' stdouts.

Examples

You can try running the program with different thresholds. Threshold of value 10 gives the best-looking binary image result, but you can also try with 25, 40 or any other value like this:

```
$ mpiexec -n 21 ./main input.txt output.txt 10
$ mpiexec -n 21 ./main input.txt output.txt 25
$ mpiexec -n 21 ./main input.txt output.txt 40
```

Improvements and Extensions

Program can be improved further in terms of switching job from smoothing to thresholding;

Current architecture:

All slaves work on smoothing, after finishing they tell it to master and when its time master tells them to start thresholding.

Why?

Suppose slave A is already in its thresholding stage and it demands row data from slave B. If slave B haven't finished its smoothing stage yet, it's possible that slave B does not have its smoothened matrix data that slave A demands.

A better approach:

Current architecture is safe, but it can be optimised to provide a more asynchronous solution. Suppose slave A is already in its thresholding stage and demands row data from slave B. If slave B does not have that row data yet, slave A should wait in a blocking MPI_Recv call. When slave B receives the message which informs it that slave A demands data from it but it does not have the data, slave B should just ignore the message and continue its smoothing job. Eventually, slave B will have the data slave A wants and this way, we can use "concurrency" in a better way.

This approach promotes "concurrency" over "parallelism", which I think is the whole point of this project.

Difficulties Encountered

Getting used to MPI is hard, because its complexity grows as the number communication channels between slices increase.

An absolute difficulty was debugging the program. There are lots of messages being passed both master-to-slave and slave-to-slave, and it was hard to keep track of every one of them. After segmentation fauts, I used valgrind, a free software for debugging general-purpose C programs, which also works for MPI; and it helped.

Passing multi-dimensional arrays with C and MPI is not straightforward. To do this, I had to implement a serialisation and descrialisation mechanism, which was hard when you think about all memory allocation & deallocation problems.

Conclusion

This project was a very good example for teaching how to work with multi-threading systems. It's not only a parallel application, but a concurrently working, collaborative one. MPI has a very nice api to work with, and it also has great documentation.

Appendix

tag_types.h

```
#ifndef TAG_TYPES_H_
#define TAG_TYPES_H_
#define DIETAG 1
#define SLICE_TAG 2
#define SLICE_SIZE_TAG 3
#define SLICE TYPE TAG 4
#define DEMAND DATA FROM UPPER SLICE TAG 5
#define DEMAND DATA FROM LOWER SLICE TAG 6
#define POINT_DATA_TAG 7
#define DEBUG_MESSAGE_1_TAG 8
#define DEBUG MESSAGE_2_TAG 9
#define DEBUG MESSAGE 3 TAG 10
#define DEBUG_MESSAGE_4_TAG 11
#define DEBUG_MESSAGE_FOLLOWUP_TAG 12
#define SMOOTHING DONE TAG 13
#define FOLLOWING SMOOTHING DONE TAG 14
#define THRESHOLDING DONE TAG 15
#define FOLLOWING THRESHOLDING DONE TAG 16
#define FINISH SMOOTHING TAG 17
#define START THRESHOLDING TAG 18
#define FINISH THRESHOLDING TAG 19
#endif
debug.h
#ifndef DEBUG H
#define DEBUG_H_
/****************************
* Debug without any parameter.
***********************
void debug 1(char *message, int *rank);
/**********************************
* Debug with 1 integer parameter. Mesage should contain one "%d"
* inside, just like printf.
*******************
void debug_2(char *message, int *arg1, int *rank);
/*****************************
* Debug with 2 integer parameters.
void debug 3(char *message, int *arg1, int *arg2, int *rank);
/***************************
* Debug with 3 integer parameters.
void debug 4(char *message, int *arg1, int *arg2, int *arg3, int *rank);
#endif // DEBUG H
debug.c
#include "debug.h"
#include "mpi.h"
#include <string.h>
#include "tag types.h"
void debug 1(char *message, int *rank) {
 MPI Send(message, strlen(message), MPI CHAR, 0, DEBUG MESSAGE 1 TAG, MPI COMM WORLD);
void debug_2(char *message, int *arg1, int *rank) {
 MPI_Send(message, strlen(message), MPI_CHAR, 0, DEBUG MESSAGE 2 TAG, MPI COMM WORLD);
 MPI_Send(arg1, 1, MPI_INT, 0, DEBUG_MESSAGE_FOLLOWUP_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
```

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void debug 3(char *message, int *arg1, int *arg2, int *rank) {
 MPI_Send(message, strlen(message), MPI_CHAR, 0, DEBUG_MESSAGE_3_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
 MPI_Send(arg1, 1, MPI_INT, 0, DEBUG_MESSAGE_FOLLOWUP_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD); MPI_Send(arg2, 1, MPI_INT, 0, DEBUG_MESSAGE_FOLLOWUP_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
void debug_4(char *message, int *arg1, int *arg2, int *arg3, int *rank) {
 MPI Send message, strlen(message), MPI CHAR, 0, DEBUG MESSAGE 4 TAG, MPI COMM WORLD);
 MPI_Send(arg1, 1, MPI_INT, 0, DEBUG_MESSAGE_FOLLOWUP_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
MPI_Send(arg2, 1, MPI_INT, 0, DEBUG_MESSAGE_FOLLOWUP_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
 MPI Send(arg3, 1, MPI INT, 0, DEBUG MESSAGE FOLLOWUP TAG, MPI COMM WORLD);
util.h
#ifndef UTIL H
#define UTIL_H_
#include "util.h"
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "tag_types.h"
#include <stdbool.h>
/* There are 3 types of slices: */
#define SLICE_TYPE_TOP 1 /* Meaning slice is at the very top. */
#define SLICE TYPE MIDDLE 2 /* Meaning slice is neither at the top or bottom. */
#define SLICE TYPE BOTTOM 3 /* Meaning slice is at the very bottom. */
/* There are 2 stages to work on for each slave: */
#define STAGE SMOOTHING 1
#define STAGE THRESHOLDING 2
/*****************************
^{\star} Given slice type and dimensions, decides what start and
* end points of matrix we are going to work on.
void util_decide_starting_position(
 int slice_type, /* Type of the slice. It can take 3 values, which are defined above
this file. \bar{*}/
                     /* Row count of slice matrix. */
 int row_count,
                     /* Column count of slice matrix. */
 int col_count,
 int stage,
                     /* Stage can be whether SMOOTHING or THRESHOLDING. */
 int is_slice_alone, /* Stage can be whether SMOOTHING or THRESHOLDING. */
 int* start x, /* X dimension of starting point. */
                   /* Y dimension of starting point. */
/* Y dimension of ending point. */
/* Y dimension of ending point. */
 int* start_y,
 int* end_x,
int* end y
);
/*************************
 * Given dimensions, allocates a matrix.
*******************************
int** util_alloc_matrix(
 int row_count, /* Row count of matrix to return. */
 int col_count /* Row count of matrix to return. */
/************************
* When any other slice demands data of 3 points from you, you simply
* give them. This method gives information of 3 points of its slice
 * matrix: (x_index - 1, x_index, x_index + 1).
^{\star} Tag is used to determine whether information is demanded from top
 * or bottom. If bottom, this method also needs to know end y.
 *************
int* util_prepare_points_for_demander(int** slice_matrix, int x_index, int tag, int
end y, int stage);
```

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/**************************
 ^{\star} Special row is the row of which took data from another slice.
 * Think of a slice;
 ^{\star} if row is the bottom row of this particular slice, it's called the low row.
 * else if it's the top row, it's high row.
 * Else, it's neither of them.
 ^{\star} We need this because... well, reasons. Read the implementation.
int util determine special row(int slice type, bool is low row, bool is high row);
#endif
util.c
#include "util.h"
void util_decide_starting_position(
 int slice_type,
  int row count,
 int col_count,
 int stage,
 int is slice alone,
  int* start x,
  int* start y,
  int* end x_{i}
  int* end_y
) {
  if(stage == STAGE SMOOTHING) {
    *start_x = 1;
    *end x = col count - 1;
    if(slice_type == SLICE_TYPE_MIDDLE) {
      *start_y = 0;
*end_y = row_count;
    } else if(slice_type == SLICE_TYPE_TOP) {
      *start_y = 1;
      *end y = row count;
    } else if(slice_type == SLICE_TYPE_BOTTOM) {
      *start_y = 0;
      *end y = row count - 1;
    } else {
     printf("Wrong slice type: %d", slice type);
      exit(0);
  } else if(stage == STAGE THRESHOLDING) {
    *start_x = 2;
    *end x = col count - 2;
    if(slice_type == SLICE_TYPE_MIDDLE) {
      *start_y = 0;
      *end_y = row_count;
    } else if(slice_type == SLICE_TYPE_TOP) {
      *start y = 2;
      *end_y = row_count;
    } else if(slice_type == SLICE_TYPE_BOTTOM) {
      *start_y = 0;
      *end_y = row_count - 2;
    } else
     printf("Wrong slice type: %d", slice type);
     exit(0);
  } else {
    printf("Wrong stage type: %d", stage);
  if(is_slice_alone == 1) {
    if(stage == STAGE_SMOOTHING) {
      *start_y = 1;
*end_y = row_count - 1;
    } else if(stage == STAGE THRESHOLDING) {
      *start_y = 2;
*end_y = row_count - 2;
```

```
int** util_alloc_matrix(int row_count, int col_count) {
 // Allocating space for our smoothened slice
  int** result = (int**)malloc(col_count * sizeof(int*));
  for(int col = 0; col < col count; col++) {</pre>
    *(result + col) = (int*) malloc(row_count * sizeof(int));
    for(int row = 0; row < row_count; row++) {</pre>
      *(*(result + col) + row) = 0;
    }
  return result;
}
int* util_prepare_points_for_demander(int** slice_matrix, int x_index, int tag, int
end y, int stage) {
 int y_index;
  ^{\star} Determining y-index based on demand type of data.
   * Slaves can demand data from either higher or lower rows.
  if(tag == DEMAND DATA FROM UPPER SLICE TAG) {
   y index = end y - 1;
  } else if(tag == DEMAND DATA FROM LOWER SLICE TAG) {
   y index = 0;
  } else {
   printf("[!] Wrong tag: %d\n", tag);
    exit(0);
  /* Writing point data to send */
  int* points;
  if(stage == STAGE SMOOTHING) {
   points = malloc(sizeof(int) * 3);
    for(int i = x_index - 1; i <= x_index + 1; i++) {</pre>
      *(points + \overline{i} - x index + 1) = *(*(slice matrix + y index) + i);
  } else {
   points = malloc(sizeof(int) * 3);
    for(int i = x_index - 1; i <= x_index + 1; i++) {
      *(points + i - x index + 1) = *(*(slice matrix + i) + y index);
  }
  /* printf("Sending %d %d %d\n", *points, *(points + 1), *(points + 2)); */
  return points;
}
int util_determine_special_row(int slice_type, bool is_low_row, bool is_high_row) {
  int special row;
  if(slice type == SLICE TYPE TOP) {
    if(is_low_row) {
      special_row = 3;
    } else {
      special_row = 0;
  } else if(slice_type == SLICE_TYPE_MIDDLE) {
   if(is high row) {
     special row = 1;
    } else if (is low row) {
     special_row = 3;
    } else {
      special_row = 0;
  } else if(slice_type == SLICE TYPE BOTTOM) {
    if(is high row) {
     special_row = 1;
    } else {
      special row = 0;
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```
} else {
   printf("Wrong slice type: %d", slice type);
   exit(0);
 return special_row;
slice.h
#ifndef SLICE H
#define SLICE H
/************************
* Given an array, forms a row count to col count matrix based on it,
*************************
int** deserialize slice(int* slice, int row count, int col count);
/******************************
 * Splits image into given sizes and returns serialized version
  of the slice in given index.
 int* extract slice(int** image, int image size, int image slice size, int index);
/************************
* Given a slice matrix, serializes it into an array.
************************
int* serialize_slice(int** slice, int row_count, int col_count);
#endif // SLICE H
slice.c
#include "slice.h"
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int* extract slice(int** image, int image size, int image slice size, int index) {
 // We are keeping slice as contiguous mamory because it'll be passed via MPI
 int* slice = malloc(sizeof(int) * image_slice_size * image_size);
for(int row = index * image_slice_size; row < (index + 1) * image_slice_size; row++) {</pre>
   for(int col = 0; col < image_size; col++) {</pre>
     *(slice + col + row * image size - index*image size*image slice size) = *(*(image +
col) + row);
  }
 return slice;
int** deserialize slice(int* slice, int row count, int col count) {
 // Allocating space for new slice
 int** new slice = (int**)malloc(row count * sizeof(int*));
 for(int row = 0; row < row_count; row++) {</pre>
   *(new slice + row) = (int*)malloc(col count * sizeof(int));
 // Filling new slice matrix
 for(int row = 0; row < row_count; row++) {</pre>
   for (int col = 0; col < \overline{\text{col}} count; col++) {
     *(*(new slice + row) + \overline{col}) = *(slice + row * col count + col);
   }
 }
 free (slice);
 return new slice;
int* serialize slice(int** slice, int row_count, int col_count) {
 int* flat slice = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int) * row count * col count);
 for (int row = 0; row < row count; row++) {
   for(int col = 0; col < col count; col++) {</pre>
     int num = *(*(slice + col) + row);
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*(flat slice + col count * row + col) = num;
   }
  }
  return flat slice;
main.c
/* Student Name: Yiğit Özkavcı
 * Student Number: 2013400111
 * Compile Status: Compiling
 * Program Status: Working
 * Notes:
 * You can compile the code on any unix/linux platform with typing:
 * $ make
 * Then run with:
 * $ mpiexec -n <n_of_processors> <program> <in_file> <out_file> <threshold>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include "mpi.h"
#include <stdbool.h>
#include "string.h"
#include "tag_types.h"
#include "debug.h"
#include "slice.h"
#include "util.h"
const int horizontal_ld[3][3] = { { -1, -1, -1 }, { 2, 2, 2 }, { -1, -1, -1 } }; const int vertical_ld[3][3] = { { -1, 2, -1 }, { -1, 2, -1 }, { -1, 2, -1 } }; const int obl_plus45_ld[3][3] = { { -1, -1, 2 }, { -1, 2, -1 }, { 2, -1, -1 } };
const int obl_minus45_ld[3][3] = { { 2, -1, -1 }, { -1, 2, -1 }, { -1, -1, 2} };
#define IMAGE SIZE 200
int THRESHOLD;
char* INPUT FILENAME;
char* OUTPUT FILENAME;
/****************************
 * Reads the input and makes a matrix out of it.
 *************************
int** image from input() {
  int** image = (int**)malloc(sizeof(int*) * IMAGE_SIZE);
  for(int i = 0; i < IMAGE SIZE; i++) {</pre>
    *(image + i) = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int) * IMAGE_SIZE);
  FILE* file = fopen(INPUT FILENAME, "r");
  for(int i = 0; i < IMAGE SIZE; i++) {</pre>
    for (int j = 0; j < IMAGE SIZE; j++) {
      int val;
      fscanf(file, "%d", &val);
      *(*(image + j) + i) = val;
  fclose(file);
  return image;
/***************************
 * In order to threshold a point, we need 3 rows.
 * row 1: starting address of row 1
 * row 2: starting address of row 2
 * row_3: starting address of row 3
 ****
```

int threshold_point(int* row_1, int* row_2, int* row_3, int* rank) {

int res $[4] = \{ 0, 0, 0, 0 \};$

```
for(int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
   res[0] += *(row_1 + i) * horizontal_ld[0][i] + *(row_2 + i) * horizontal_ld[1][i] +
*(row 3 + i) * horizontal ld[2][i];
   res[1] += *(row_1 + i) * vertical_ld[0][i] + *(row_2 + i) * vertical_ld[1][i] +
*(row_3 + i) * vertical_ld[2][i];
   res[2] += *(row_1 + i) * obl_plus45_ld[0][i] + *(row_2 + i) * obl_plus45_ld[1][i] +
*(row 3 + i) * obl_plus45_ld[2][i];
   res[3] += *(row_1 + i) * obl_minus45_ld[0][i] + *(row_2 + i) * obl_minus45_ld[1][i] +
*(row_3 + i) * obl_minus45_ld[2][i];
 /* bool over threshold = false; */
 for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
   if(res[i] > THRESHOLD) {
    return 255;
 }
 return 0;
/*************************
^{\star} In order to smoothen a point, we need 3 rows.
* row_1: starting address of row 1
* row_2: starting address of row 2
* row 3: starting address of row 3
int smoothen point(int* row 1, int* row 2, int* row 3, int* rank) {
 double smoother val = (1.\overline{0})/9;
 int total = 0;
 for(int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
  total += *(row_1 + i) + *(row_2 + i) + *(row_3 + i);
 return (int) (total * smoother_val);
/*************************
* Demands data of three points from either top or bottom slice.
**************************
bool demand point data(int* curr x, int rank, int* received vals, char type, bool*
is demanded) {
 MPI Status status;
 int send_tag;
 int remote rank;
 if(type == 'u') {
   send tag = DEMAND DATA FROM UPPER SLICE TAG;
   remote rank = rank - 1;
 } else if(type == 'l') {
   send tag = DEMAND DATA FROM LOWER SLICE TAG;
   remote_rank = rank + 1;
   debug 1("[!] WRONG TYPE FOR demanding point data", &rank);
   return false;
 int message exists = 0;
 if(*is demanded == false) {
   MPI Send(
                   // initial address of send buffer (choice)
    curr x,
     1,
                   // number of elements in send buffer (integer)
                   // type of elements in send buffer (handle)
     MPI INT,
     MPI COMM WORLD // communicator
```

```
*is demanded = true;
  while(1) {
    MPI_Iprobe(MPI_ANY_SOURCE, MPI_ANY_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &message exists, &status);
    if(!message_exists || status.MPI_SOURCE == rank) continue;
    if(status.MPI_SOURCE == remote_rank && status.MPI_TAG == (50 + rank)) {
    } else {
      return false;
    }
  /* Only receive messages that are explicit for me. */
  MPI Recv(
   received_vals, /* address of receive buffer */
                    /* number of elements in receive buffer (integer) */
                   /\star type of elements in receive buffer (handle) \star/
   MPI INT,
                  /* rank of source (integer) */
/* receive tag (integer) */
    remote rank,
    (50 + rank),
   MPI_COMM_WORLD, /* communicator */
                   /* status */
    &status
  );
  return true;
bool is_debug_tag(int tag) {
  return (tag == DEBUG MESSAGE 1 TAG) ||
         (tag == DEBUG MESSAGE 2 TAG) ||
         (tag == DEBUG MESSAGE 3 TAG) ||
         (tag == DEBUG_MESSAGE_4_TAG);
/*************************
 * Master process
 *************************************
void master() {
  int proc size, rank;
 MPI_Status status;
  MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &proc_size);
  int** image = image from input();
  int image_slice_size = IMAGE_SIZE * IMAGE_SIZE / (proc size - 1);
  int image slice type;
  // Giving slaves their slices of image
  int is slave alone = (proc size == 2) ? 1 : 0;
  for(rank = 1; rank < proc_size; rank++) {</pre>
    MPI_Send(&is_slave_alone, 1, MPI_INT, rank, SLICE_SIZE_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
    int* image_slice = extract_slice(image, IMAGE_SIZE, image_slice_size/IMAGE_SIZE, rank
- 1);
    MPI_Send(&image_slice_size, 1, MPI_INT, rank, SLICE_SIZE_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
    *(image_slice + image_slice_size) = IMAGE_SIZE;
    MPI Send(image slice, image slice size + 1, MPI INT, rank, SLICE TAG,
MPI COMM WORLD);
    if(is slave alone) {
      image_slice_type = SLICE_TYPE_MIDDLE;
    } else {
      if(rank == 1) {
       image_slice_type = SLICE_TYPE_TOP;
      } else if(rank == proc_size - 1) {
       image_slice_type = SLICE_TYPE_BOTTOM;
      } else {
        image_slice_type = SLICE_TYPE_MIDDLE;
    MPI Send(&image slice type, 1, MPI INT, rank, SLICE TYPE TAG, MPI COMM WORLD);
  for(int i = 0; i < IMAGE SIZE; i++) {</pre>
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free(*(image + i));
}
free(image);

// Listening for debug messages and printing them
int job_to_finish = 1;
int smoothing_job_to_finish = 1;
int message_exists;
int smoothing_finished_count = 0;
int thresholding_finished_count = 0;
bool thresholding_jobs_sent = false;

/* Allocating space for the new smoothened and thresholded image. */
int** master_smoothened_image = util_alloc_matrix(IMAGE_SIZE, IMAGE_SIZE);
int** master_thresholded_image = util_alloc_matrix(IMAGE_SIZE, IMAGE_SIZE);
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/**************************
  * What happens here is this:
  * Master has 2 main jobs that it needs to perform infinitely:
    - If receives a debug message, prints it.
  * - If a slave informs master about job complete, it master takes act accordingly.
      - If slave completes a SMOOTHING stage, master increases
        smoothing finished count. If this count equals to slave count, this
        means that master needs to transmit stage of all slaves from
        SMOOTHING to THRESHOLDING.
      - If a slave completes a THRESHOLDING stage, master increases
        thresholding finished count. If this count equals to slave count, this
        means that master needs to send JOB DONE to all slaves, which kills
        their processes.
  **********************
   if(job to finish == proc size) {
     printf("Thresholding is finished for all slaves.\n");
     FILE *f;
     f = fopen("smoothened.txt", "w");
     for(int row = 0; row < IMAGE SIZE; row++) {</pre>
       for (int col = 0; col < IMAGE SIZE; col++) {
         fprintf(f, "%d ", *(*(master_smoothened_image + col) + row));
       fprintf(f, "\n");
     fprintf(f, "\n");
     f = fopen(OUTPUT FILENAME, "w");
     for(int row = 0; row < IMAGE SIZE; row++) {</pre>
       for(int col = 0; col < IMAGE SIZE; col++) {</pre>
         fprintf(f, "%d ", *(*(master_thresholded_image + col) + row));
       fprintf(f, "\n");
     fprintf(f, "\n");
     break;
   } else if(smoothing job to finish == proc size && !thresholding jobs sent) {
     printf("All smoothing jobs are finished. Sending START THRESHOLDING TAG to all\n");
     int temp;
     MPI_Request request;
     for (int i = 1; i < proc size; i++) {
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MPI Isend(&temp, 1, MPI INT, i, START THRESHOLDING TAG, MPI COMM WORLD,
&request);
       thresholding_jobs_sent = true;
     } else {
      MPI Iprobe(MPI ANY SOURCE, MPI ANY TAG, MPI COMM WORLD, &message exists, &status);
       if(!message exists && thresholding finished count == proc size - 1) {
         MPI_Request request;
         MPI Isend(&temp, 1, MPI INT, job to finish, FINISH THRESHOLDING TAG,
MPI COMM WORLD, &request);
         job to finish++;
         continue;
       } else if(!message exists && smoothing finished count == proc size - 1 &&!
thresholding_jobs_sent) {
         int temp;
         MPI Request request;
         MPI_Isend(&temp, 1, MPI_INT, smoothing_job_to_finish, FINISH_SMOOTHING_TAG,
MPI COMM WORLD, &request);
         smoothing job to finish++;
         continue;
       }
     }
    int sender, arg1, arg2, arg3, message_length, message exists;
    MPI Iprobe (MPI ANY SOURCE, MPI ANY TAG, MPI COMM WORLD, &message exists, &status);
    sender = status.MPI SOURCE;
    if(message exists) {
       if(is debug tag(status.MPI TAG)) {
         int msg length;
         MPI_Get_count(&status, MPI_CHAR, &msg_length);
char* message = malloc(msg_length * sizeof(char));
         MPI Recv(message, msg length, MPI CHAR, sender, MPI ANY TAG, MPI COMM WORLD,
&status);
         MPI Get count(&status, MPI CHAR, &message length);
         *(message + message length) = '\0';
         printf("[%d] ", sender);
         if(status.MPI_TAG == DEBUG_MESSAGE_1_TAG) {
           printf("%s", message);
         } else if(status.MPI_TAG == DEBUG_MESSAGE_2_TAG) {
           MPI Recv(&arg1, 1, MPI INT, sender, DEBUG MESSAGE FOLLOWUP TAG, MPI COMM WORLD,
&status);
           printf(message, arg1);
         } else if(status.MPI_TAG == DEBUG_MESSAGE_3_TAG) {
           MPI_Recv(&arg1, 1, MPI_INT, sender, MPI_ANY_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status); MPI_Recv(&arg2, 1, MPI_INT, sender, MPI_ANY_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
           printf(message, arg1, arg2);
         } else if(status.MPI TAG == DEBUG MESSAGE 4 TAG) {
           MPI_Recv(&arg1, 1, MPI_INT, sender, MPI_ANY_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
MPI_Recv(&arg2, 1, MPI_INT, sender, MPI_ANY_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
MPI_Recv(&arg3, 1, MPI_INT, sender, MPI_ANY_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
           printf(message, arg1, arg2, arg3);
         printf("\n");
         free(message);
       } else if(status.MPI TAG == SMOOTHING DONE TAG) {
         /* Receiving slice array length from slave */
         int slice arr length;
         MPI_Recv(&slice_arr_length, 1, MPI_INT, sender, SMOOTHING_DONE_TAG,
MPI COMM WORLD, &status);
         /* Receiving deserialized slice array from slave */
         int* slice_arr = malloc(sizeof(int) * slice_arr_length);
MPI_Recv(slice_arr, slice_arr_length, MPI_INT, sender,
FOLLOWING SMOOTHING DONE TAG, MPI COMM WORLD, &status);
         /* Putting that serialized slice array to master smoothened image. */
         int slice row count = IMAGE SIZE / (proc size -\overline{1});
         int slice_col_count = IMAGE_SIZE;
         for(int row = 0; row < slice_row_count; row++) {</pre>
           for(int col = 0; col < slice col count; col++) {</pre>
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```
int slice row offset = (sender - 1) * slice row count;
            int arr val = *(slice_arr + row * slice_col_count + col);
            *(*(master smoothened image + col) + row + slice row offset) = arr val;
        }
        smoothing finished count++;
      } else if(status.MPI_TAG == THRESHOLDING_DONE_TAG) {
        /* Receiving slice array length from slave */
        int slice_arr_length;
        MPI Recv(&slice arr length, 1, MPI INT, sender, THRESHOLDING DONE TAG,
MPI COMM WORLD, &status);
        /* Receiving deserialized slice array from slave */
        int* slice_arr = malloc(sizeof(int) * slice_arr_length);
MPI_Recv(slice_arr, slice_arr_length, MPI_INT, sender,
FOLLOWING_THRESHOLDING_DONE_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
        /* Putting that serialized slice array to master_thresholded_image. */
        int slice row count = IMAGE SIZE / (proc size -1);
        int slice_col_count = IMAGE_SIZE;
        for (int row = 0; row < slice row count; row++) {
          for(int col = 0; col < slice col count; col++) {</pre>
            int slice_row_offset = (sender - 1) * slice_row_count;
int arr_val = *(slice_arr + row * slice_col_count + col);
            *(*(master thresholded image + col) + row + slice row offset) = arr val;
        thresholding finished count++;
   }
  }
}
/*************************
* Manages the process of point smoothing. Takes the whole slice
* matrix, the current position and a special case indicator. Special
* case is where we need a row information from another slave.
* For this, we are sending a message using `demand_point_data` method.
* SLICE POSITIONING
* HIGH slice HIGH row *
* HIGH slice MIDDLE row *
* HIGH slice LOW row *
* MIDDLE slice HIGH row
* MIDDLE slice MIDDLE row
* MIDDLE slice LOW row
* BOTTOM slice HIGH row *
* BOTTOM slice MIDDLE row
* BOTTOM slice LOW row *
*******************
void process rows for smoothing(
  int** slice matrix,
                        /* Matrix that this slave is responsible of. */
                         /\star Current X position that this slave
  int curr x,
                            is processing. */
  int curr_y,
                         /* Current Y position that this slave is
                            processing. */
                         /* Row that we want from other slaves. This can
  int special row,
                            be 1, 3 or 0 (if there is no need). */
  bool* is demanded,
                         /* This boolean keeps track of whether a slave
                            already sent its message demanding point
                            data. This is just to prevent deadlock. */
```

```
bool* should continue, /* Continue here is the actual `continue`
                           statement. Indicates whether caller method
                           should use continue afterwards. */
 int* total,
                        /* Result of smoothing process. */
 int* rank
                        /* Rank of the slave calling this method */
) {
  /* Validation */
  if(special_row != 0 && special_row != 1 && special_row != 3) {
   debug 1 ("WRONG SPECIAL WRONG IS PASSED!", rank);
   exit(0);
  int *row 1, *row 2, *row 3; /* These rows will be used for smoothing. */
 bool demand_result; /* Here, this variable is very important. `demand_point_data`
                        returns false if some other slave requested data from us
                        while we want to demand data. So we return from that
                        stage and fulfill that slave's demand. */
 bool used_demand = (special_row != 0); /* If special row is 1 or 3, we should
                                             demand some data from other slaves. */
 if(special_row == 1) {
   row 1 = malloc(sizeof(int) * 3);
   demand_result = demand_point_data(&curr_x, *rank, row_1, 'u', is_demanded);
   row 3 = *(slice_matrix + curr_y + 1) + curr_x - 1;
  } else if(special row == 3) {
   row 3 = malloc(\overline{sizeof(int)} * 3);
   demand_result = demand_point_data(&curr_x, *rank, row_3, '1', is_demanded);
   row 1 = *(slice matrix + curr y - 1) + curr x - 1;
  } else {
   row 1 = *(slice_matrix + curr_y - 1) + curr_x - 1;
   row 3 = *(slice matrix + curr y + 1) + curr x - 1;
 row_2 = *(slice_matrix + curr_y) + curr_x - 1;
  if(used demand && demand result == false) {
   *should continue = true;
  } else {
    *should continue = false;
    *is demanded = false;
  *total = smoothen_point(row_1, row_2, row_3, rank);
  if(special_row == 1) {
   free (row 1);
  } else if(special_row == 3) {
   free(row_3);
/************************
* This is the worst code I have written in my life. Don't ever
* touch this function, here is what it does:
 * It takes the current position and smoothened slice, and processes them
 * for thresholding.
 *************************
void process rows for thresholding (
 int** smoothened slice, /* Matrix that this slave is responsible of. */
                        /* Current X position that this slave
 int curr x,
                           is processing. */
 int curr_y,
                        /* Current Y position that this slave is
                           processing. */
```

```
/\star Row that we want from other slaves. This can
  int special row,
                             be 1, 3 or 0 (if there is no need). */
  bool* is demanded,
                          /* This boolean keeps track of whether a slave
                              already sent its message demanding point
                              data. This is just to prevent deadlock. */
  bool* should_continue, /* Continue here is the actual `continue`
                              statement. Indicates whether caller method
                              should use continue afterwards. */
  int* total,
                          /* Result of smoothing process. */
  int* rank
                          /* Rank of the slave calling this method */
) {
  /* Validation */
  if(special_row != 0 && special_row != 1 && special_row != 3) {
   debug_1("WRONG SPECIAL WRONG IS PASSED!", rank);
    exit(0);
  }
  int *received; /* These rows will be used for smoothing. */
  int *row 1 = malloc(sizeof(int) * 3);
  int *row_2 = malloc(sizeof(int) * 3);
  int *row_3 = malloc(sizeof(int) * 3);
  bool demand_result; /* Here, this variable is very important. `demand_point_data`
                          returns false if some other slave requested data from us
                          while we want to demand data. So we return from that
                          stage and fulfill that slave's demand. */
  bool used demand = (special row != 0); /* If special row is 1 or 3, we should
                                                 demand some data from other slaves. */
  if(special\_row == 1) { /* All rows takes first address from demand result */}
    received = malloc(sizeof(int) * 3);
    demand_result = demand_point_data(&curr_x, *rank, received, 'u', is_demanded);
    *(row \overline{1} + 0) = *(received + \overline{0});
    *(row_2 + 0) = *(received + 1);
    *(row 3 + 0) = *(received + 2);
    *(row 1 + 1) = *(*(smoothened slice + curr_x - 1) + curr_y);
    *(row 2 + 1) = *(*(smoothened_slice + curr_x) + curr_y);
    *(row 3 + 1) = *(*(smoothened slice + curr x + 1) + curr y);
    *(row 1 + 2) = *(*(smoothened slice + curr x - 1) + curr y + 1);
    *(row 2 + 2) = *(*(smoothened slice + curr x) + curr y + 1);
    *(row_3 + 2) = *(*(smoothened_slice + curr_x + 1) + curr_y + 1);
  } else if(special_row == 3) { /* All rows takes last address from demand result */
    received = malloc(sizeof(int) * 3);
    demand_result = demand_point_data(&curr_x, *rank, received, 'l', is_demanded);
    *(row_1 + 0) = *(*(smoothened_slice + curr_x - 1) + curr_y - 1);
*(row_2 + 0) = *(*(smoothened_slice + curr_x) + curr_y - 1);
    *(row 3 + 0) = *(*(smoothened slice + curr x + 1) + curr y - 1);
    *(row_1 + 1) = *(*(smoothened_slice + curr_x - 1) + curr_y);
    *(row^2 + 1) = *(*(smoothened slice + curr x) + curr y);
    *(row_3 + 1) = *(*(smoothened_slice + curr_x + 1) + curr_y);
    *(row_1 + 2) = *(received + 0);
    *(row 2 + 2) = *(received + 1);
    *(row^{-3} + 2) = *(received + 2);
  } else {
    *(row 1 + 0) = *(*(smoothened_slice + curr_x - 1) + curr_y - 1);
    *(row_2 + 0) = *(*(smoothened_slice + curr_x) + curr_y - 1);
    *(row 3 + 0) = *(*(smoothened slice + curr x + 1) + curr y - 1);
    *(row 1 + 1) = *(*(smoothened slice + curr x - 1) + curr y);
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*(row 2 + 1) = *(*(smoothened slice + curr x) + curr y);
    *(row 3 + 1) = *(*(smoothened slice + curr x + 1) + curr y);
   *(row_1 + 2) = *(*(smoothened_slice + curr_x - 1) + curr_y + 1);
   *(row_2 + 2) = *(*(smoothened_slice + curr_x) + curr_y + 1);
    *(row^3 + 2) = *(*(smoothened_slice + curr_x + 1) + curr_y + 1);
  *total = threshold point(row 1, row 2, row 3, rank);
  if(used demand && demand result == false) {
   *should continue = true;
  } else {
   *should continue = false;
    *is demanded = false;
}
/***********************
 * Slave process
 void slave() {
 MPI Status status;
 int rank, slice_size, slice_type, row_count, col_count;
                   // Slice that this slave is going to work on. It's an array.
 int** slice_matrix; // We are receiving slice as an array but then deserializing it to
matrix.
 int i am alone;
  // Setting rank
 MPI Comm rank (MPI COMM WORLD, &rank);
  // Receiving information that if I am alone or not
 MPI_Recv(&i_am_alone, 1, MPI INT, 0, MPI ANY TAG, MPI COMM WORLD, &status);
  // Receiving slice size
 MPI Recv(&slice size, 1, MPI INT, 0, MPI ANY TAG, MPI COMM WORLD, &status);
  // Receiving slice on our allocated slice space.
 //
 // Assume a 6x6 image seperated into 3 slices:
 // 1 slice has 12 points and we are sending 13 integers being first 12 is
 // slice data, and 13th is column count which is 6 since image is 6x6.
 slice = (int*) malloc((slice size + 1) * sizeof(int)); // Allocating space for slave's
slice
 MPI Recv(slice, slice size + 1, MPI INT, 0, MPI ANY TAG, MPI COMM WORLD, &status);
 col count = *(slice + slice size);
 row count = slice size/col count;
  // Receiving type of slice which indicates whether it's at the top, bottom or middle
 MPI_Recv(&slice_type, 1, MPI_INT, 0, MPI_ANY_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
  slice matrix = deserialize slice(slice, row count, col count);
  int** smoothened slice = util alloc matrix(row count, col count);
 int** thresholded_slice = util_alloc_matrix(row_count, col_count);
  // Starting smoothing process. After smoothing each point, slave is checking whether
  // there is a message from other slaves
 int start_x, start_y;
                                        // Starting point of slice processing
                                        // Ending point of slice processing (exclusive)
 int end_x, end_y;
  int stage = STAGE SMOOTHING;
 util_decide_starting_position(slice_type, row_count, col_count, stage, i_am_alone,
&start x, &start y, &end x, &end y);
 // Starting smoothing job
 int curr_x = start_x, curr_y = start_y; // Current point of slice processing
 bool job finished = false;
  int message exists;
 bool is demanded = false;
 bool someone need me;
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bool should continue;
  for(;;) {
    ^{\prime \star} If any of other slave wants demands a point, they send messages.
     * Here, we check whether another slave demands point data from us. */
    MPI Iprobe(MPI_ANY_SOURCE, MPI_ANY_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &message_exists, &status);
    someone need me = status.MPI TAG == DEMAND DATA FROM UPPER SLICE TAG
                       || status.MPI TAG == DEMAND DATA FROM LOWER SLICE TAG;
    if(message exists) {
      int message size, message data, message source;
      MPI Get count (&status, MPI INT, &message size);
      MPI Recv(&message data, message size, MPI INT, MPI ANY SOURCE, MPI ANY TAG,
MPI COMM WORLD, &status);
      message_source = status.MPI_SOURCE;
      if(status.MPI TAG == FINISH SMOOTHING TAG) {
        job_finished = true;
        continue;
      } else if(status.MPI TAG == START THRESHOLDING TAG) {
        stage = STAGE THRESHOLDING;
        util decide starting position(slice type, row count, col count, stage,
i_am_alone, &start_x, &start_y, &end_x, &end_y);
        curr x = start x;
        curr y = start y;
        job finished = false; // Work work work work
        continue;
      } else if(status.MPI_TAG == FINISH_THRESHOLDING_TAG) {
        for(int row = 0; row < row count; row++) {</pre>
           free(*(slice matrix + row));
        free(slice_matrix);
        return;
      } else if(someone_need_me) {
        int x index = message data;
        int demander source = message source;
        int* points;
        if(stage == STAGE SMOOTHING) {
          points = util prepare points for demander(slice matrix, x index,
status.MPI_TAG, end_y, stage);
        } else {
          points = util prepare points for demander(smoothened slice, x index,
status.MPI_TAG, end_y, stage);
        /* Sending point data */
        MPI Send(points, 3, MPI_INT, demander_source, (50 + demander_source),
MPI COMM WORLD);
        /* free(points); */
      } else {
        debug_1("Received an unidentified message, there is something wrong!", &rank);
        exit(0);
    } else { // Do your own job
      if (job finished) continue;
      if(stage == STAGE SMOOTHING) {
         \mbox{\ensuremath{^{\star}}} Checking boundary conditions where we need to rearrange position
         */
        if(curr x == end x) {
          if(curr y == end y - 1) {
            /* Informing master that my job is done */
            int slice_size = row_count * col_count;
            MPI_Send(aslice_size, 1, MPI_INT, 0, SMOOTHING_DONE_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
            int* slice = serialize_slice(smoothened_slice, row_count, col_count);
MPI_Send(slice, row_count * col_count, MPI_INT, 0,
FOLLOWING SMOOTHING DONE TAG, MPI COMM WORLD);
            job finished = true;
          } else {
            curr x = 1;
            curr_y++;
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} else { // Do your own job
          bool is_low_row = curr_y == end_y - 1;
          bool is_high_row = curr_y == start_y;
          int total, special_row;
          if(i am alone) {
            special row = 0;
          } else {
            special row = util determine special row(slice type, is low row,
is high_row);
          process_rows_for_smoothing(slice_matrix, curr_x, curr_y, special_row,
                                        &is demanded, &should continue, &total, &rank);
          if(should continue) {
            continue;
          *(*(smoothened slice + curr x) + curr y) = total;
      } else if(stage == STAGE THRESHOLDING) {
        if(curr x == end x) {
          if(curr y == end y - 1) {
            job finished = true;
            /* Informing master that my job is done */
int slice_size = row_count * col_count;
MPI_Send(&slice_size, 1, MPI_INT, 0, THRESHOLDING_DONE_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
            int* slice = serialize slice(thresholded_slice, row_count, col_count);
            MPI_Send(slice, row_count * col_count, MPI_INT, 0,
FOLLOWING THRESHOLDING_DONE_TAG, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
          } else {
            curr x = 2;
            curr_y++;
          }
        } else {
          bool is low_row = curr_y == end_y - 1;
          bool is high_row = curr_y == start_y;
          int total;
          int special row;
          if(i am alone) {
            special_row = 0;
          } else {
            special row = util determine special row(slice type, is low row,
is high row);
          process rows for thresholding (smoothened slice, curr x, curr y, special row,
                                           &is demanded, &should continue, &total, &rank);
          if(should continue) {
            continue;
          *(*(thresholded_slice + curr_x) + curr_y) = total;
          curr x++;
       }
     }
   }
  }
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
 int rank;
  MPI Init(&argc, &argv);
 MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank);
  if(argc != 4) {
```