An Introduction to MPI Parallel Programming with Java

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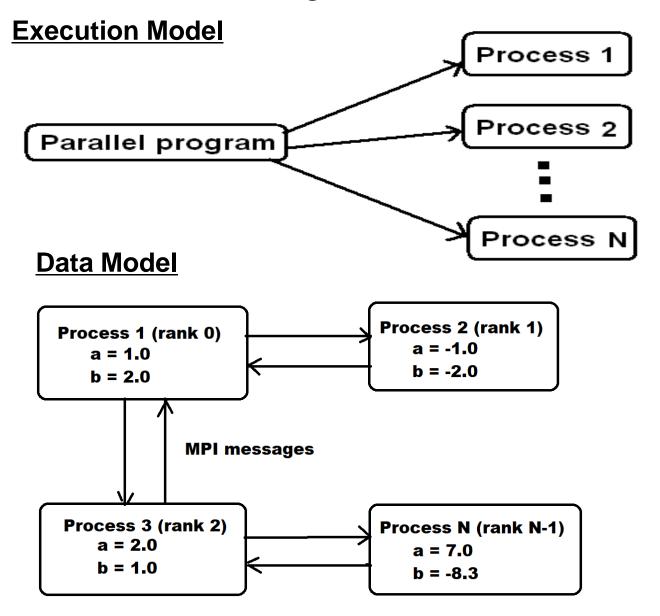
What is MPI?

- Message Passing Interface (MPI)
 - MPI is a specification for the developers and users of message passing libraries.
 - By itself, it is NOT a library but rather the specification of what such a library should be.
- The MPI standard has gone through a number of revisions, with the most recent version being MPI-4.0
 - <u>https://www.mpi-forum.org/</u>
- Actual MPI library implementations differ in which version and features of the MPI standard they support.
- MPI primarily addresses the message-passing parallel programming model
 - Data is moved from the address space of one process to that of another process through cooperative operations on each process.

Background Information

- Execution model in MPI
 - Parallel program is launched as set of independent, identical processes
 - All the processes contain the same program code and instructions
 - Processes can reside in different nodes or even in different computers
 - The way to launch parallel program is implementation dependent
 - e.g., mpirun, mpiexec
 - There are two classes of message passing (transfers)
 - Point-to-Point messages involve only two tasks
 - Collective messages involve a set of tasks
- Data model in MPI
 - All variables and data structures are local to the process
 - Processes can exchange data by sending and receiving messages

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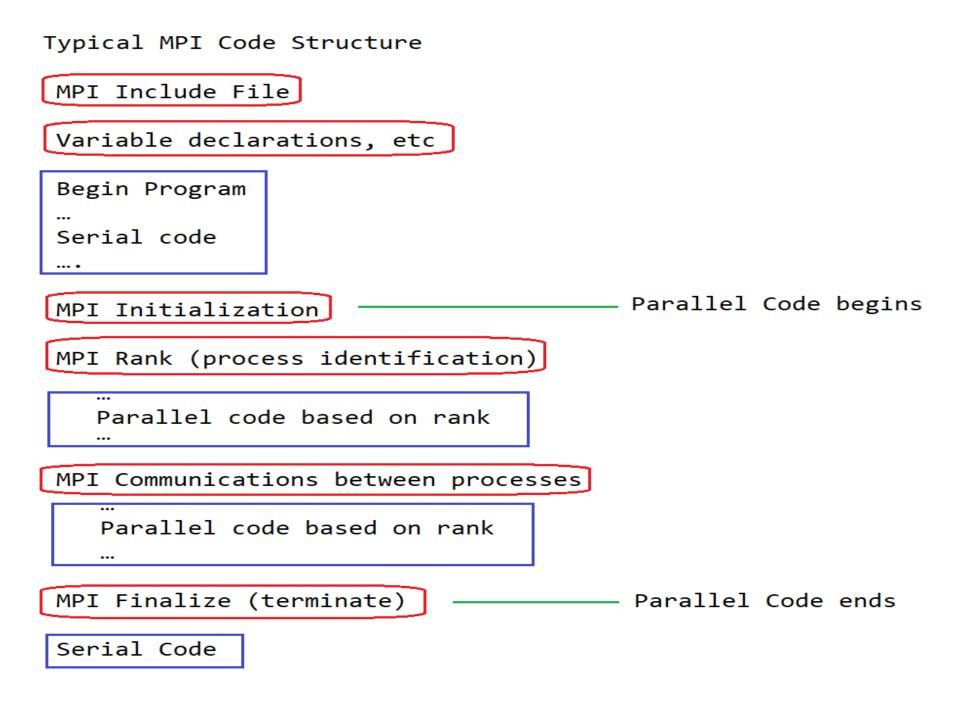
- MPJ Express
 - An open source Java message passing library
 - It allows application developers to write and execute parallel applications for multicore processors and compute clusters/clouds.
 - It is distributed under the MIT (a variant of the LGPL) license.
 - Cite (reference) the following paper for acknowledging the use of MPJ Express in research work.
 - Aamir Shafi, Bryan Carpenter, Mark Baker, Nested parallelism for multi-core HPC systems using Java, Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing, Volume 69, Issue 6, 2009, Pages 532-545, ISSN 0743-7315, <u>https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpdc.2009.02.006</u>.
 - Documents
 - <u>http://www.mpjexpress.org/docs/javadocs/index.html</u>
 - URL
 - http://www.mpjexpress.org/

- Download Software
 - Download and install JDK, such as https://www.oracle.com/java/technologies/downloads/
 - Download MPJ and unzip, such as "mpj-v0_44.zip"
 <u>https://sourceforge.net/projects/mpjexpress/files/releases/</u>
- Install in Linux
 - Download and unzip
 - Assume that the files are saved in a directory named mpj-v0_44
 - Setting the path and variables
 - export MPJ_HOME=/home/pi/mpj-v0_44
 - export PATH=\$MPJ_HOME/bin:\$PATH

- Install in Windows
 - Assume that the zipped file is unzipped in a folder named
 "mpj_v0_44" on the "D" drive
 - Setting the path and variables in Windows 11
 - Right click to show "settings" menu
 - Choose "System" on the menu
 - Choose "Advanced system settings"
 - Choose "Environment Variables"
 - Choose "New" under the top section
 - Enter "MPJ_HOME" in Variable name
 - Enter "D:\mpj_v0_44" in Variable value
 - Choose "Path" in the bottom section, and then click "Edit"
 - Choose "New" on "Edit environment variable", enter "%MPJ_HOME%\bin;", and click " "
 - The path and variables in Windows 10 can similarly be set

- Connect Raspberry PI to a Laptop
 - The raspberry pi needs to be on the same network as the laptop,
 i.e., both are connected to the same router.
 - Connect the raspberry Pi to the monitor, mouse and keyboard.
 - Using the pi's terminal:
 - Type: ifconfig
 - If you're using ethernet, look for the address in the eth0 section
 - If you're using wifi, look for the address in the wlan0 section.
 - Type sudo halt to shut down the rasperry pi.
 - Open a PUTTY, enter the IP, and select "Enable X11 forwarding"
 - Username is *pi*, and password is *raspberry*.

- Compilation and Execution in Windows
 - Edit source code
 - Many text editors can be used, such as Notepad++, Textpad, Windows Notepad, or NetBeans
 - Compile
 - *javac -cp .;%MPJ_HOME%/lib/mpj.jar file_name.java*
 - Execution
 - %MPJ_HOME%/bin/mpjrun.bat -np 2 file_name
- Compilation and Execution in Linux
 - Edit source code
 - Many text editors can be used, such as pico
 - Compile
 - *javac -cp ::\$MPJ_HOME/lib/mpj.jar file_name.java*
 - Execution
 - mpjrun.sh -np 2 file_name



• A variation on the standard hello world program - Hello World program for multiple processes.

```
import mpi.*;
public class Parallel_1_Basic
  public static void main(String args[]) throws Exception
    int rank = 0;
    int size = 0;
    MPI.Init(args);
    size = MPI.COMM_WORLD.Size();
    rank = MPI.COMM_WORLD.Rank();
    System.out.println("Process No."+rank+": \"Hello World!\"");
    MPI.Finalize();
```

}

- Sample of Execution Results
 - In essence, each process executes autonomously.
 - The messages do not necessarily print in order
 - If five separate processes are running on different processors, and it cannot know beforehand which one will execute its print statement first.
 - If the processes are being scheduled on the same processor instead of multiple processors, then it is up to the operating system to schedule the processes, and it has no preference of any one of the processes over any other process of ours.

MPJ Express (0.4	4) is star	rted in t	the multicore	configuration
Process No.1:	"Hello Wor	rld!"		
Process No.0:	"Hello Wor	rld!"		
Process No.2:	"Hello Wor	rld!"		
Process No.4:	"Hello Wor	rld!"		
Process No.3:	"Hello Wor	rld!"		

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pi@raspberrypi:~ $ export MPJ HOME=/home/pi/mpj-v0 44
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ export PATH=$MPJ HOME/bin:$PATH
pi@raspberrypi:~ $
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd parallel
pi@raspberrypi:~/parallel $ ls -1
total 8
-rw-r--r-- 1 pi pi 1163 Apr 12 12:38 HelloWorld.class
-rw-r--r-- 1 pi pi 437 Apr 12 12:38 HelloWorld.java
pi@raspberrypi:~/parallel $ pico HelloWorld.java
pi@raspberrypi:~/parallel $
pi@raspberrypi:~/parallel $ javac -cp .:$MPJ HOME/lib/mpj.jar HelloWorld.java
pi@raspberrypi:~/parallel $ mpjrun.sh -np 2 HelloWorld
MPJ Express (0.44) is started in the multicore configuration
  Process No.1: "Hello World!"
  Process No.0: "Hello World!"
pi@raspberrypi:~/parallel $ mpjrun.sh -np 5 HelloWorld
MPJ Express (0.44) is started in the multicore configuration
  Process No.0: "Hello World!"
  Process No.2: "Hello World!"
  Process No.4: "Hello World!"
  Process No.3: "Hello World!"
  Process No.1: "Hello World!"
```

- Explanation
 - import mpi.*
 - It needs to import the "mpi" package to make available the MPI
 - MPI.Init(args)

Initialize MPI.

args arguments to main method.

Java binding of the MPI operation MPI_INIT.

Throws:

MPIException

- MPI.Finalize()

public static void Finalize()throws MPIException

Finalize MPI.

Java binding of the MPI operation MPI_FINALIZE.

Throws:

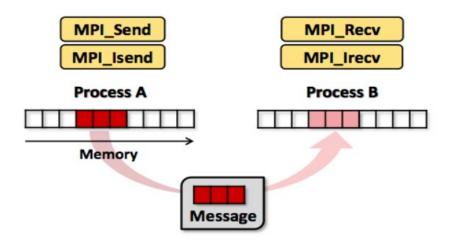
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- Explanation (continued)
 - MPI.COMM_WORLD
 - A predefined communicator
 - It allows communication with all processes that are accessible after MPI initialization and processes are identified by their rank in the group of MPI_COMM_WORLD.
 - MPI.COMM_WORLD.Size()
 - Size() returns the number of processors in the group of this communicator
 - MPI.COMM_WORLD.Rank()
 - Rank() returns the rank of the calling process in the group of this communicator
- Separate codes in one file
 - When an MPI program runs, each process receives the same code.
 - However, each process can be assigned a different task.
 - This allows us to embed a separate code for each process into one file.

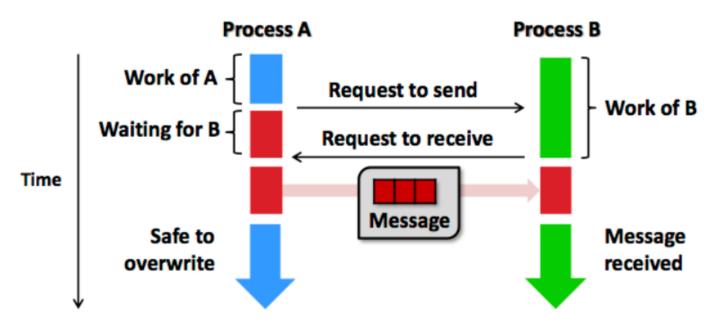
```
int rank = 0;
int size = 0;
MPI.Init(args);
size = MPI.COMM WORLD.Size();
rank = MPI.COMM WORLD.Rank();
if(rank == 0)
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        System.out.println("How is going from process "+rank+"?");
}
else if(rank == 1)
{
        System.out.println("How are you from process "+rank+"?");
}
else if(rank == 2)
{
        System.out.println("How do you do from process "+rank+"?");
}
else
ſ
        System.out.println("Hello from process "+rank+"?");
}
MPI.Finalize();
```

Point-to-Point Communications and Collective Operations

- MPJ supports point-to-point communications and collective operations
 - Point-to-point communications
 - A communication between two processes: send and receive.
 - Collective operations
 - The communication that involves a group or groups of processes, e.g., broadcast, scatter, gather, and reduce.
- Blocking communications
 - A blocking send operation terminates when the message is received by the destination.
 - I.e., a program that invokes a blocking send operation will block until the message is received by the destination.
 - A blocking receive operation terminates when a message is received by the caller.
 - I.e., a program that invokes a blocking receive primitive will block until a message is received by the caller.
 - Example



In a point-to-point communication, a piece of data (a message) is copied from the memory of one process to the memory of another process.



With a blocking send, no other operations can be executed until the communication has completed. 1 https://skirt.ugent.be/skirt9/_parallel_messaging.html **Example 3.1** A simple 'hello world' example usage of point-to-point communication.

```
#include "mpi.h"
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
  char message[20];
  int myrank;
  MPI_Status status;
  MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
  MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &myrank);
  if (myrank == 0) /* code for process zero */
  {
      strcpy(message,"Hello, there");
      MPI_Send(message, strlen(message)+1, MPI_CHAR, 1, 99, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
  }
  else if (myrank == 1) /* code for process one */
  {
     MPI_Recv(message, 20, MPI_CHAR, 0, 99, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
      printf("received :%s:\n", message);
  }
  MPI_Finalize();
  return 0;
}
```

In Example 3.1, process zero (myrank = 0) sends a *message* to process one using the send operation MPI_SEND. The operation specifies a send buffer in the sender memory from which the message data is taken. In the example above, the send buffer consists of the storage containing the variable message in the memory of process zero. The location, size and type of the send buffer are specified by the first three parameters of the send operation. The message sent will contain the 13 characters of this variable. In addition, the send operation associates an *envelope* with the message. This *envelope* specifies the message destination and contains distinguishing information that can be used by the *receive* operation to select a particular message. The last three parameters of the send operation, along with the rank of the sender, specify the *envelope* for the message sent. Process one (myrank = 1) receives this message with the *receive* operation MPI_RECV. The message to be received is selected according to the value of its *envelope*, and the *message data* is stored into the *receive buffer*. In the example above, the receive buffer consists of the storage containing the string message in the memory of process one. The first three parameters of the receive operation specify the location, size and type of the receive buffer. The next three parameters are used for selecting the incoming message. The last parameter is used to return information on the message just received.

```
int rank = 0;
int size = 0;
int dest = 1;
int tag = 0;
int source = 0;
char[] strS = { 'h', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', ', ' ', 't', 'h', 'e', 'r', 'e' };
char[] strR = new char[strS.length];
MPI.Init(args);
rank = MPI.COMM WORLD.Rank();
size = MPI.COMM WORLD.Size();
if(rank == 0)
Ł
    MPI.COMM WORLD.Send(strS, 0, strS.length, MPI.CHAR, dest, tag);
    System.out.print("Process " + rank + " sends a message: \"");
    for(int i=0; i<strS.length; i++) { System.out.print(strS[i]);}</pre>
    System.out.println("\" to Process " + dest);
else
Ł
    MPI.COMM WORLD.Recv(strR, 0, strS.length, MPI.CHAR, source,tag);
    System.out.print("Process " + rank + " receives a message: \"");
    for(int i=0; i<strS.length; i++) { System.out.print(strR[i]); }</pre>
    System.out.println("\" from Process " + source);
```

```
MPI.Finalize();
```

The syntax of the **blocking send** procedure is given below.

MPI_SEND(buf, count, datatype, dest, tag, comm)

IN	buf	initial address of send buffer (choice)
IN	count	number of elements in send buffer (non-negative integer)
IN	datatype	datatype of each send buffer element (handle)
IN	dest	rank of destination (integer)
IN	tag	message tag (integer)
IN	comm	communicator (handle)

- IN: the call may use the input value but does not update the argument from the perspective of the caller at any time during the call's execution,
- OUT: the call may update the argument but does not use its input value,
- INOUT: the call may both use and update the argument.

Point-to-Point Communication - Send()

<pre>public void Send(java.lang.Object buf,</pre>	buf	send buffer array
int offset, int count,	offset	initial offset in send buffer
Datatype datatype,	count	number of items to send
<pre>int dest, int tag) throws MPIException Blocking send operation.</pre>	datatype	datatype of each item in send buffer
	dest	rank of destination
blocking send operation.	tag	message tag

Java binding of the MPI operation MPI_SEND.

The actual argument associated with buf must be one-dimensional array. The value offset is a subscript in this array, defining the position of the first item of the message.

If the datatype argument represents an MPI basic type, its value must agree with the element type of buf---either a primitive type or a reference (object) type. If the datatype argument represents an MPI derived type, its *base type* must agree with the element type of buf

Throws:

MPIException

The syntax of the **blocking receive** procedure is given below.

MPI_RECV(buf, count, datatype, source, tag, comm, status)

OUT	buf	initial address of receive buffer (choice)
IN	count	number of elements in receive buffer (non-negative integer)
IN	datatype	datatype of each receive buffer element (handle)
IN	source	rank of source or MPI_ANY_SOURCE (integer)
IN	tag	message tag or MPI_ANY_TAG (integer)
IN	comm	communicator (handle)
OUT	status	status object (status)

Point-to-Point Communication - Recv()

<pre>public Status Recv(java.lang.Object buf,</pre>	buf	receive buffer array
int offset, int count,	offset	initial offset in receive buffer
Datatype datatype,	count	number of items in receive buffer
int source, int tag)	datatype	datatype of each item in receive buffer
throws MPIException	source	rank of source
Blocking receive operation.	tag	message tag
	returns:	status object

Java binding of the MPI operation MPI_RECV.

The actual argument associated with buf must be one-dimensional array. The value offset is a subscript in this array, defining the position into which the first item of the incoming message will be copied.

If the datatype argument represents an MPI basic type, its value must agree with the element type of buf---either a primitive type or a reference (object) type. If the datatype argument represents an MPI derived type, its *base type* must agree with the element type of buf

Throws:

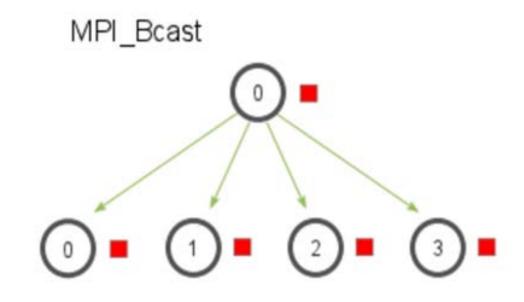
MPIException

Collective Communication

- Collective communication is defined as communication that involves a group or groups of processes.
 - Broadcast
 - Gather
 - Scatter
 - All gather
 - Reduce
 - All reduce
 - All total

Collective Operations - Broadcast

- Broadcast
 - Broadcast a message from one member process to all members of a group (including itself).



- Example

MPI_BCAST(buffer, count, datatype, root, comm)

INOUT	buffer	starting address of buffer (choice)
IN	count	number of entries in buffer (non-negative integer)
IN	datatype	datatype of buffer (handle)
IN	root	rank of broadcast root (integer)
IN	comm	communicator (handle)

Collective Operations - Broadcast

Broadcast a message from the process with rank root to all processes of the group.

buf	buffer array
offset	initial offset in buffer
count	number of items in buffer
datatype	datatype of each item in buffer
root	rank of broadcast root

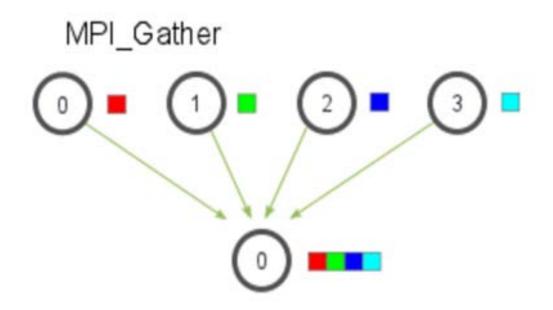
Java binding of the MPI operation MPI_BCST.

Throws:

MPIException

Collective Operations - Gather

- Gather
 - Gather data from all members of a group to one member.



– Example

MPI_GATHER(sendbuf, sendcount, sendtype, recvbuf, recvcount, recvtype, root, comm)

IN	sendbuf	starting address of send buffer (choice)
IN	sendcount	number of elements in send buffer (non-negative integer)
IN	sendtype	datatype of send buffer elements (handle)
OUT	recvbuf	address of receive buffer (choice, significant only at root)
IN	recvcount	number of elements for any single receive (non-negative integer, significant only at root)
IN	recvtype	datatype of recv buffer elements (handle, significant only at root)
IN	root	rank of receiving process (integer)
IN	comm	communicator (handle)

• The *n* messages sent by the processes in the group are concatenated in rank order, and the resulting message is received by the root as if by a call to MPI_RECV(recvbuf, recvcountn, recvtype, ...).

• The receive buffer is ignored for all non-root processes.

Collective Operations - Gather

Each process sends the contents of its send buffer to the root process.

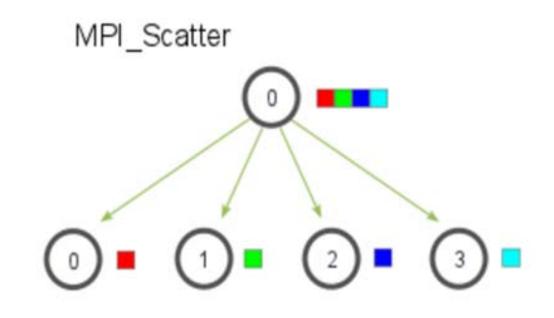
sendbuf	send buffer array
sendoffset	initial offset in send buffer
sendcount	number of items to send
sendtype	datatype of each item in send buffer
recvbuf	receive buffer array
recvoffset	initial offset in receive buffer
recvcount	number of items to receive
recvtype	datatype of each item in receive buffer
root	rank of receiving process

Java binding of the MPI operation MPI_GATHER.

Throws: MPIException

Collective Operations - Scatter

- Scatter
 - Split a data into N parts and send each part to each member process of a group.



- Example

MPI_SCATTER(sendbuf, sendcount, sendtype, recvbuf, recvcount, recvtype, root, comm)

IN	sendbuf	address of send buffer (choice, significant only at root)
IN	sendcount	number of elements sent to each process (non-negative integer, significant only at root)
IN	sendtype	datatype of send buffer elements (handle, significant only at root)
OUT	recvbuf	address of receive buffer (choice)
IN	recvcount	number of elements in receive buffer (non-negative integer)
IN	recvtype	datatype of receive buffer elements (handle)
IN	root	rank of sending process (integer)
IN	comm	communicator (handle)

- The root sends a message with MPI_Send(sendbuf, sendcountn, sendtype, ...).
- This message is split into n equal segments, the *i*th segment is sent to the *i*th process in the group, and each process receives this message as above.
- The send buffer is ignored for all non-root processes.

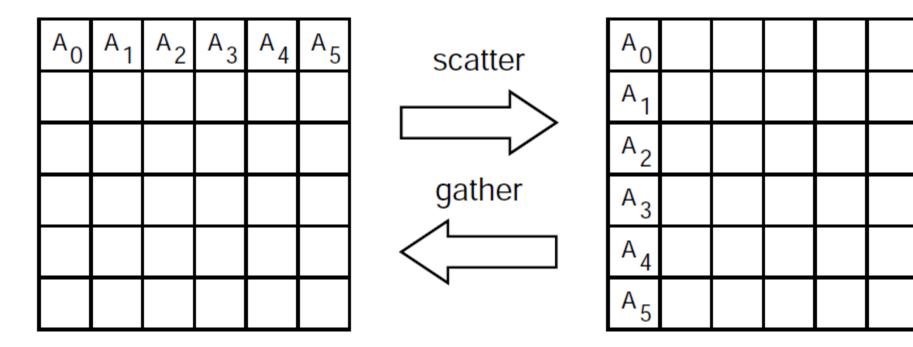
Collective Operations - Scatter

Inverse of the operation Gather.

sendbuf	send buffer array
sendoffset	initial offset in send buffer
sendcount	number of items to send
sendtype	datatype of each item in send buffer
recvbuf	receive buffer array
recvoffset	initial offset in receive buffer
recvcount	number of items to receive
recvtype	datatype of each item in receive buffer
root	rank of sending process

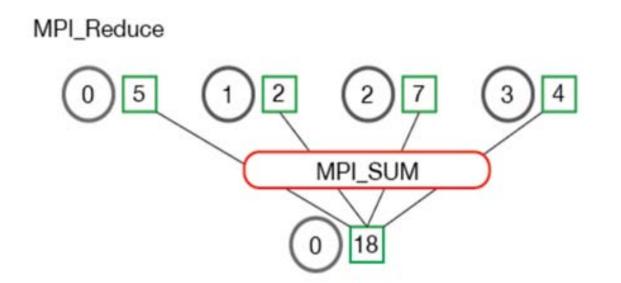
Java binding of the MPI operation MPI_SCATTER.

Throws: MPIException



Collective Operations - Reduce

- Reduce
 - Global reduction operations such as sum, max, min, or userdefined functions, where the result is returned to one member process.



- Example

MPI_REDUCE(sendbuf, recvbuf, count, datatype, op, root, comm)

IN	sendbuf	address of send buffer (choice)
OUT	recvbuf	address of receive buffer (choice, significant only at root)
IN	count	number of elements in send buffer (non-negative integer)
IN	datatype	datatype of elements of send buffer (handle)
IN	ор	reduce operation (handle)
IN	root	rank of root process (integer)
IN	comm	communicator (handle)

If comm is an intra-communicator, MPI_REDUCE combines the elements provided in the input buffer of each process in the group, using the operation op, and returns the combined value in the output buffer of the process with rank root. The input buffer is defined by the arguments sendbuf, count and datatype; the output buffer is defined by the arguments recvbuf, count and datatype; both have the same number of elements, with the same type. The routine is called by all group members using the same arguments for count, datatype, op, root and comm. Thus, all processes provide input buffers of the same length, with elements of the same type as the output buffer at the root. Each process can provide one element, or a sequence of elements, in which case the combine operation is executed element-wise on each entry of the sequence. For example, if the operation is MPI_MAX and the send buffer contains two elements that are floating point numbers (count = 2 and datatype = MPI_FLOAT), then recvbuf(1) = global max(sendbuf(1)) and recvbuf(2) = global max(sendbuf(2)).

Collective Operations - Reduce

Combine elements in input buffer of each process using the reduce operation, and return the combined value in the output buffer of the root process.

sendbuf	send buffer array
sendoffset	initial offset in send buffer
recvbuf	receive buffer array
recvoffset	initial offset in receive buffer
count	number of items in send buffer
datatype	data type of each item in send buffer
ор	reduce operation
root	rank of root process

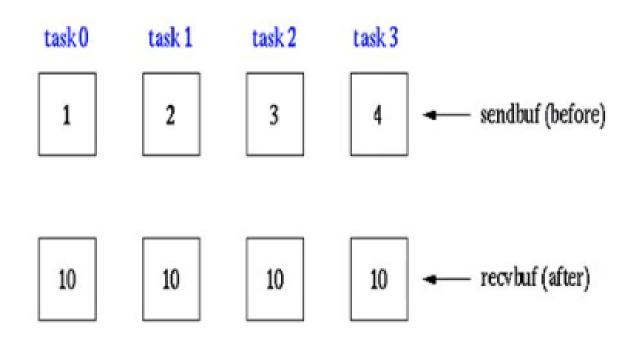
Java binding of the MPI operation MPI_REDUCE.

The predefined operations are available in Java as MPI.MAX, MPI.MIN, MPI.SUM, MPI.PROD, MPI.LAND, MPI.BAND, MPI.LOR, MPI.BOR, MPI.LXOR, MPI.BXOR, MPI.MINLOC and MPI.MAXLOC.

Throws: MPIException

Collective Operations – All_Reduce

- All Reduce
 - The result is returned to all processes in a group.
 - All processes from the same group participating in these operations receive identical results.



MPI_ALLREDUCE(sendbuf, recvbuf, count, datatype, op, comm)

IN	sendbuf	starting address of send buffer (choice)
OUT	recvbuf	starting address of receive buffer (choice)
IN	count	number of elements in send buffer (non-negative integer)
IN	datatype	datatype of elements of send buffer (handle)
IN	ор	operation (handle)
IN	comm	communicator (handle)

Same as reduce except that the result appears in receive buffer of all process in the group.

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Java binding of the MPI operation MPI_ALLREDUCE.

Throws:

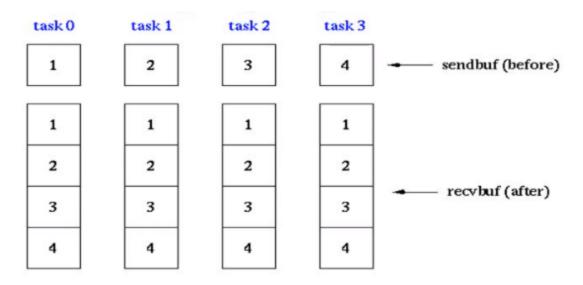
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Collective Operations – All_Gather

- All_Gather
 - The outcome of a call to MPI_ALLGATHER(...) is as if all processes executed *n* calls to

MPI_Gather(sendbuf, sendcount, sendtype, recvbuf, recvcount, recvtype, root, comm)

where root = $0, \ldots, n-1$



– Example

MPI_ALLGATHER(sendbuf, sendcount, sendtype, recvbuf, recvcount, recvtype, comm)

IN	sendbuf	starting address of send buffer (choice)
IN	sendcount	number of elements in send buffer (non-negative integer)
IN	sendtype	datatype of send buffer elements (handle)
OUT	recvbuf	address of receive buffer (choice)
IN	recvcount	number of elements received from any process (non-negative integer)
IN	recvtype	datatype of receive buffer elements (handle)
IN	comm	communicator (handle)

Similar to Gather, but all processes receive the result.

sendbuf	send buffer array
sendoffset	initial offset in send buffer
sendcount	number of items to send
sendtype	datatype of each item in send buffer
recvbuf	receive buffer array
recvoffset	initial offset in receive buffer
recvcount	number of items to receive
recvtype	datatype of each item in receive buffer

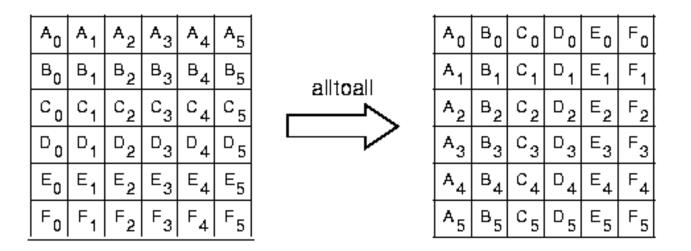
Java binding of the MPI operation MPI_ALLGATHER.

Throws:

MPIException

Collective Operations – All_to_ALL

- All_to_ALL
 - Each process sends distinct data to each of the receivers.



- Example

Collective Operations – All_to_ALL

MPI_ALLTOALL(sendbuf, sendcount, sendtype, recvbuf, recvcount, recvtype, comm)

IN	sendbuf	starting address of send buffer (choice)
IN	sendcount	number of elements sent to each process (non-negative integer)
IN	sendtype	datatype of send buffer elements (handle)
OUT	recvbuf	address of receive buffer (choice)
IN	recvcount	number of elements received from any process (non-negative integer)
IN	recvtype	datatype of receive buffer elements (handle)
IN	comm	communicator (handle)

- Each process sends distinct data to each of the receivers.
- The *j*th block sent from process *i* is received by process *j* and is placed in the *i*th block of recvbuf.

Extension of Allgather to the case where each process sends distinct data to each of the receivers.

sendbuf	send buffer array
sendoffset	initial offset in send buffer
sendcount	number of items sent to each process
sendtype	datatype send buffer items
recvbuf	receive buffer array
recvoffset	initial offset in receive buffer
recvcount	number of items received from any process
recvtype	datatype of receive buffer items

Java binding of the MPI operation MPI_ALLTOALL.

Throws:

MPIException

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- MPJ Express Documents
 - http://mpjexpress.org/docs/javadocs/index.html
- MPJ Express User Guide
 - Linux: <u>http://mpjexpress.org/docs/guides/linuxguide.pdf</u>
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