


# Programming Using the Message-Passing Paradigm (cont.)



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## Collective Operation – Recall

- One-to-all broadcast – `MPI_Bcast`.
- All-to-one reduction – `MPI_Reduce`.
- All-to-all broadcast – `MPI_Allgather`.
- All-to-all reduction – `MPI_Reduce_scatter`.
- All-reduce and prefix sum – `MPI_Allreduce`.
- Scatter – `MPI_Scatter`.
- Gather – `MPI_Gather`.
- All-to-all personalized – `MPI_Alltoall`.

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You should know what these operations do.



## Collective Communication and Computation Operations

- Common collective operations supported.
  - Over a group or processes corresponding to a communicator.
  - All processes in the communicator must call these functions.
- These operations act like a virtual synchronization step.

Parallel programs should be written such that they behave correctly even if a global synchronization is performed before and after the collective call.



## Barrier

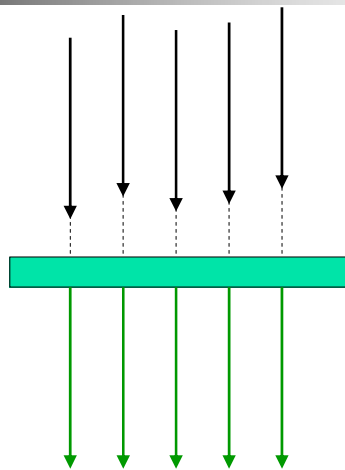
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- Communicator: Group of processes that are synchronized.
- The function returns after all processes in the group have called the function.

```
int MPI_Barrier(MPI_Comm comm)
```



# Barrier



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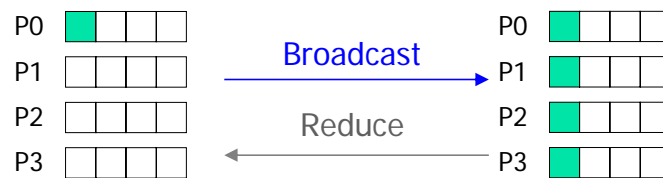
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## One-to-All Broadcast

- All the processes must call this function, even the receivers.

```
int MPI_Bcast(void *buf,  
             int count, MPI_Datatype datatype,  
             int source, MPI_Comm comm)
```





## All-to-One Reduction

- Combine elements in **sendbuf** (of each process in the **group**) using the operation **op** and return in **recvbuf** of **target**.
- See table 6.3 for the list of predefined operations that are supported.

```
int MPI_Reduce(void *sendbuf, void *recvbuf,  
              int count, MPI_Datatype datatype,  
              MPI_Op op, int target,  
              MPI_Comm comm)
```

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Constraint on the count of items of type datatype. All the processes call this function even those that are not the target and they all provide a recvbuf. When count > 1, the operation is applied element-wise. **Why do they all need a recvbuf?**

## Special Operations

- MPI\_MAXLOC and MPI\_MINLOC work on pairs  $(v_i, l_i)$ .

Payload.

Value for comparison.

- Compare with  $v_i$ , use  $l_i$  to break ties, and return  $(l, v)$ .
- Additional MPI data-pair types defined.

See table 6.4 for the different pair data types.



## Example

Value	15	17	11	12	17	11
Process	0	1	2	3	4	5
MinLoc?		↑	↑		↑	↑
MaxLoc?		↑			↑	↑

# All-Reduce

- No target argument since all processes receive the result.

```
int MPI_Allreduce(void *sendbuf, void *recvbuf,  
int count, MPI_Datatype datatype,  
MPI_Op op, MPI_Comm comm)
```



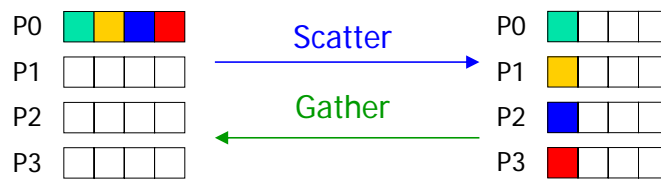
## Prefix-Operations

- Not only sums.
- Process  $j$  has prefix  $s_j$  as expected.

```
int MPI_Scan(void *sendbuf, void *recvbuf,  
             int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Op op,  
             MPI_Comm comm)
```



# Scatter and Gather



# All-Gather

- Variant of gather.

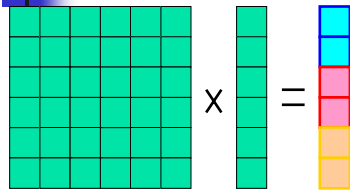


# All-to-All Personalized

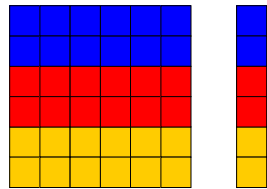


# Example Matrix\*Vector

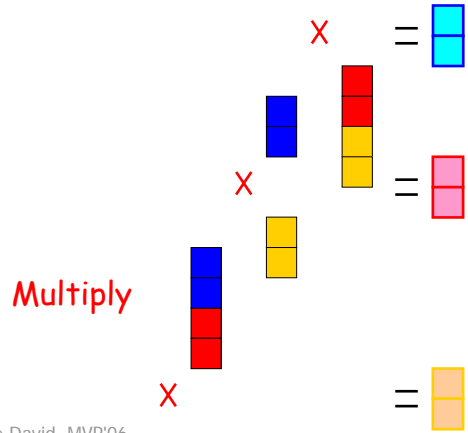
(Program 6.4)



Partition on rows.



Allgather (All-to-all broadcast)





## Groups and Communicators

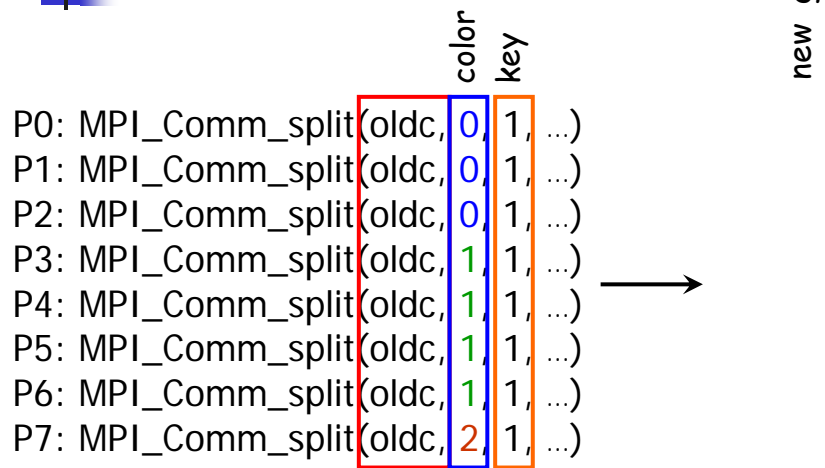
- How to partition a group of processes into sub-groups?
- Group by color (different communicators).
- Sort by key (new ranks in the sub-groups).

```
int MPI_Comm_split(MPI_Comm comm,  
int color, int key,  
MPI_Comm *newcomm)
```

Sometimes, parallel algorithms need a restricted communication to certain subsets of processes.



# Split Example



## Splitting Cartesian Topologies

- Split Cartesian topology into lower dimensional grids.

```
int MPI_Cart_sub(MPI_Comm comm_cart,  
                int *keep_dims, MPI_Comm *comm_subcart)
```

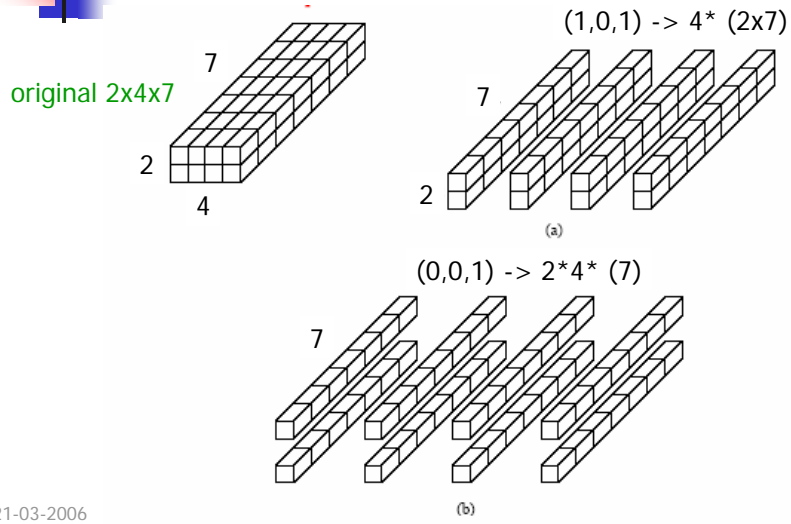
Original group.

Tell which dimensions to keep, e.g,  
2x4x7 and {1,0,1} → 4\* sub (2x7)

New group.

The keep\_dims (boolean) array tells which dimensions to keep for the new sub-group partitioning. The coordinate will match, e.g., (1,2,3) in the original will give (1,3) and will be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> sub-group.

# Example



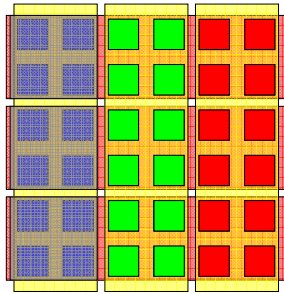
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# Example Matrix\*Vector (Program 6.8)



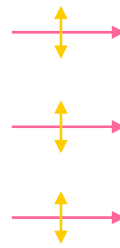
Partition.



Row sub-topology.

Column sub-topology.

Distribute vector.



Sum reduce on rows.



Local multiplication.



## Performance Evaluation

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- Elapsed time.

```
double t1, t2;  
t1=MPI_Wtime();  
...  
t2=MPI_Wtime();  
printf("Elapsed time is %f sec\n", t2-t1);
```