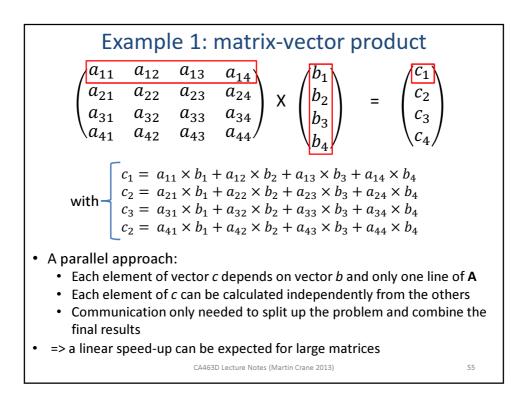
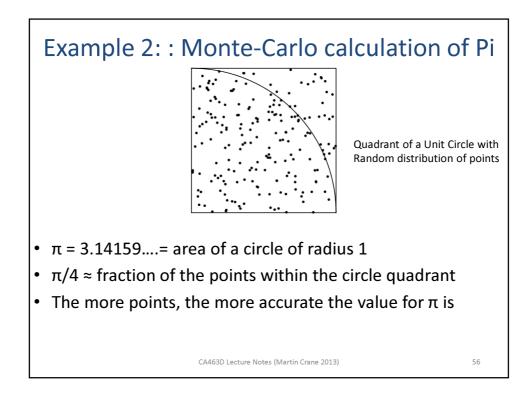


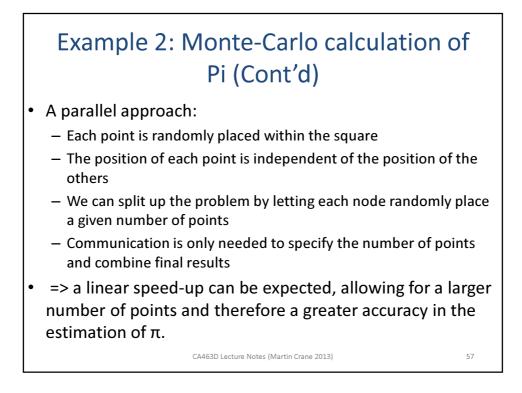


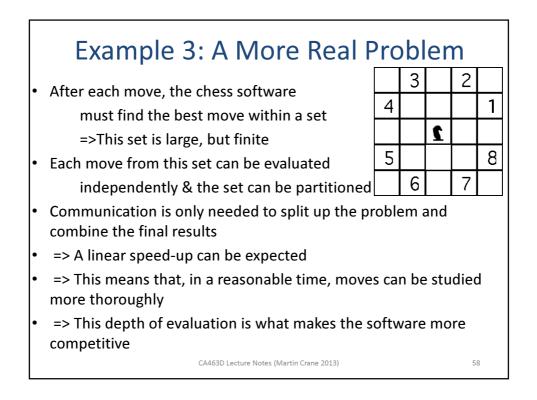
- Irregular and/or Asynchronous Problems:
 - Irregular algorithm which cannot be implemented efficiently except with message passing and high communication overhead
 - Communication is usually asynchronous and requires careful coding and load balancing
 - Often dynamic repartitioning of data between processors is required
 - Speed-up is difficult to predict; if the problem can be split up into regular and irregular parts, this makes things easier
- Ex: Melting ice problem (or any moving boundary simulation)

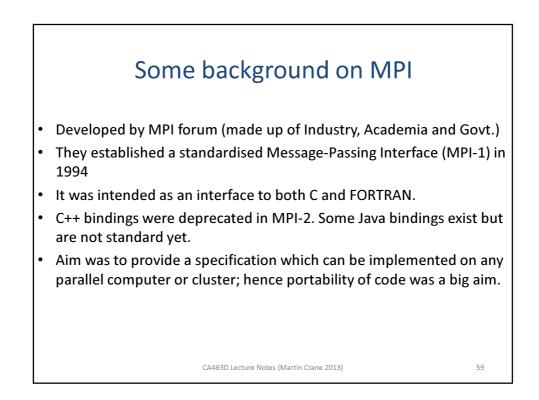
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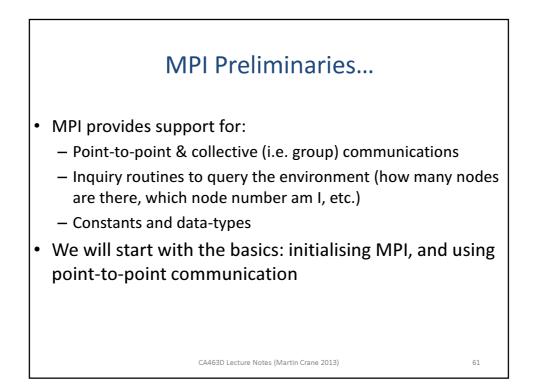
Advantages of MPI

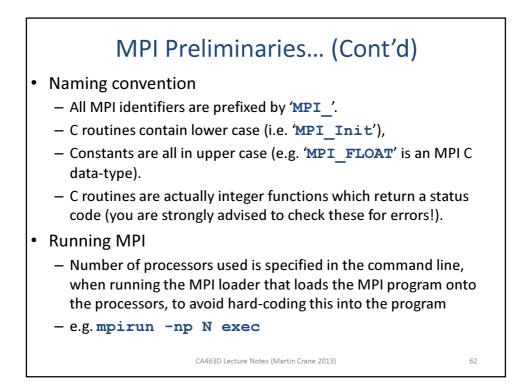
- + Portable, hence protection of software investment
- + A standard, agreed by everybody
- + Designed using optimal features of existing message-passing libraries
- + "Kitchen-sink" functionality, very rich environment (129 functions)
- + Implementations for F77, C and C++ are freely downloadable

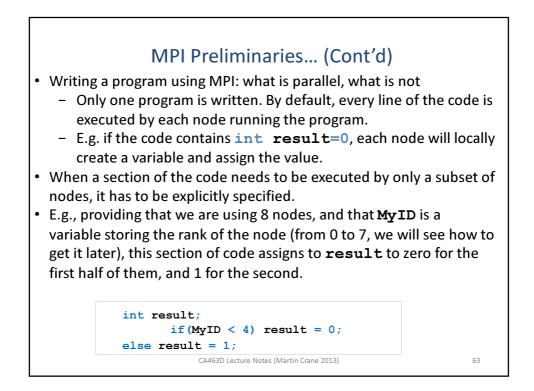
......& It's Disadvantages

- "Kitchen-sink" functionality, makes it hard to learn all (unnecessary: a bare dozen are needed in most cases)
- Implementations on shared-memory machines is often quite poor, and does not suit the programming model
- Has rivals in other message-passing libraries (e.g. PVM)

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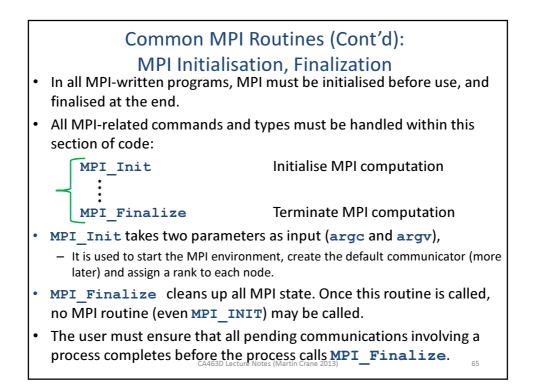




- MPI has a 'kitchen sink' approach of 129 different routines
- Most basic programs can get away with using six.
- As usual use #include "mpi.h" in C.

MPI_Init	Initialise MPI computation
MPI_Finalize	Terminate MPI computation
MPI_Comm_size	Determine number of processes
MPI_Comm_rank	Determine my process number
MPI_Send, MPI_Isend	Blocking, non-blocking send
MPI_Recv, MPI_Irecv	Blocking, non-blocking

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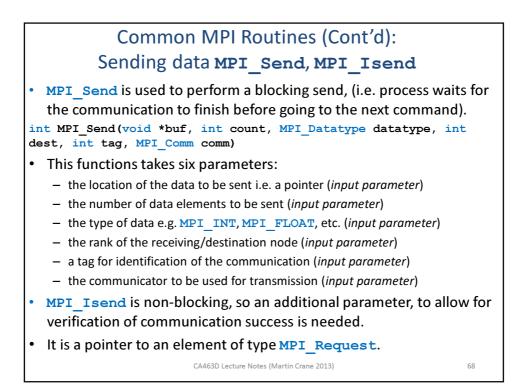
Common MPI Routines (Cont'd): Basic Inquiry Routines

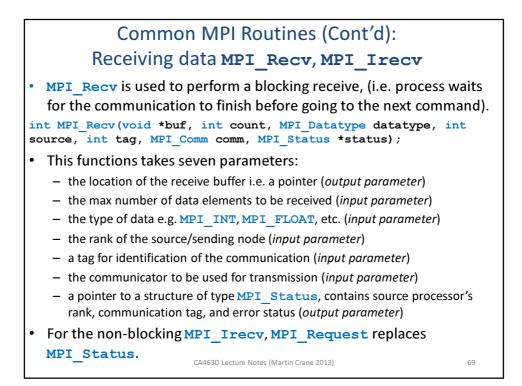
- At various stages in a parallel-implemented function, it may be useful to know how many nodes the program is using, or what the rank of the current node is.
- The MPI_Comm_size function returns the number of processes/ nodes as an integer, taking only one parameter, a communicator.
- In most cases you will only use the default Communicator: MPI COMM WORLD.
- The MPI_Comm_rank function is used to determine what the rank of the current process/node on a particular communicator.
- E.g. if there are two communicators, it is possible, and quite usual, that the ranks of the same node would differ.
- Again, in most cases, this function will only be used with the default communicator as an input (MPI_COMM_WORLD), and it will return (as an integer) the rank of the node on that communicator.

Common MPI Routines (Cont'd): Point-to-Point communications in MPI

- This involves communication between two processors, one sending, and the other receiving.
- Certain information is required to specify the message:
 - Identification of sender processor
 - Identification of destination/receiving processor
 - Type of data (MPI INT, MPI FLOAT etc)
 - Number of data elements to send (i.e. array/vector info)
 - Where the data to be sent is in memory (pointer)
 - Where the received data should be stored in (pointer)

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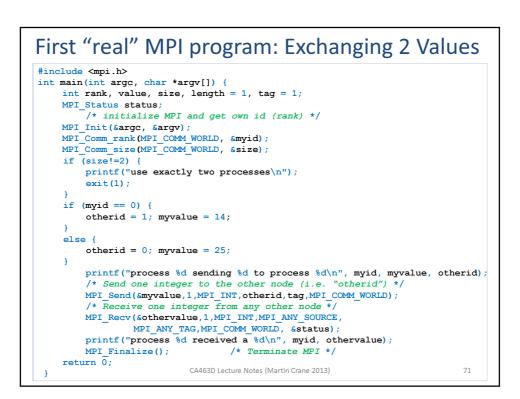




A first MPI example: Hello World.

```
#include <mpi.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    int myid, size;
    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &myid);
    MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &size);
    printf("process %d out of %d says Hello\n", myid, size);
    MPI_Finalize();
    return 0;
}
```

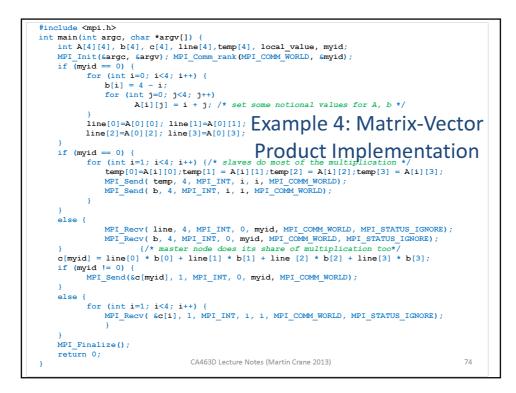
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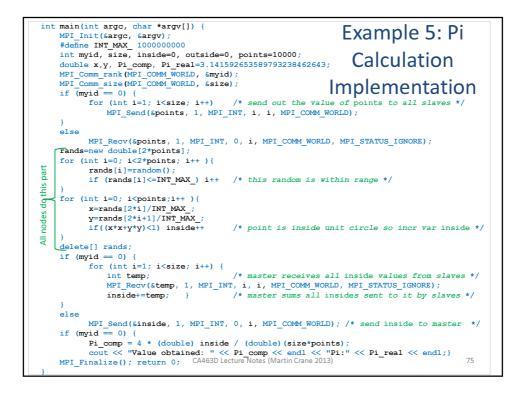


Compiling and Running MPI Programmes

- To compile programs using MPI, you need an "MPI-enabled" compiler.
- On our cluster, we use mpicc to compile C programs containing MPI commands or mpicxx for C++.
- Before running an executable using MPI, you need to make sure the "multiprocessing daemon" (MPD) is running.
- It makes the workstations into "virtual machines" to run MPI programs.
- When you run an MPI program, requests are sent to MPD daemons to start up copies of the program.
- Each copy can then use MPI to communicate with other copies of the same program running in the virtual machine. Just type "mpd &" in the terminal.
- To run the executable, type "mpirun -np N./executable_file", where N is the number to be used to run the program.
- This value is then used in your program by MPI_Init to allocate the nodes and create the default communicator. CA463D Lecture Notes (Martin Crane 2013)

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Example 3:"Ring" Communication
#include <mpi.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    int rank, value, size;
   MPI Status status;
        /* initialize MPI and get own id (rank) */
    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
    MPI Comm rank (MPI COMM WORLD, &rank);
    MPI Comm size (MPI COMM WORLD, & size);
    do {
        if (rank == 0) {
          scanf("%d", &value);
           /* Master Node sends out the value */
           MPI Send( &value, 1, MPI INT, rank + 1, 0, MPI COMM WORLD);
        }
        else {
        /* Slave Nodes block on receive the send on the value */
           MPI_Recv( &value, 1, MPI_INT, rank - 1, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
           if (rank < size - 1) {</pre>
                 MPI_Send( &value, 1, MPI_INT, rank + 1, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
        printf("process %d got %d\n", rank, value);
        } while (value >= 0);
         /* Terminate MPI */
    MPI Finalize();
    return 0;
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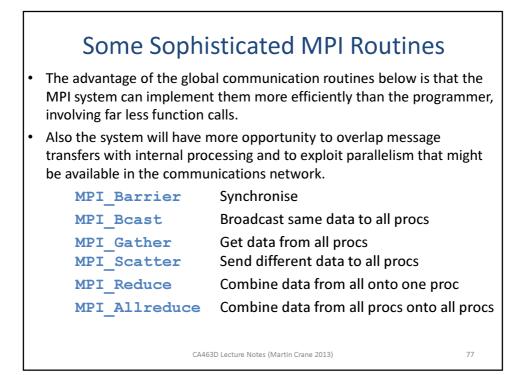




Collective communications in MPI

- Groups are sets of processors that communicate with each other in a certain way.
- Such communications permit a more flexible mapping of the language to the problem (allocation of nodes to subparts of the problem etc).
- MPI implements Groups using data objects called Communicators.
- A special Communicator is defined (called 'MPI_COMM_WORLD') for the group of all processes.
- Each Group member is identified by a number (its Rank 0..n-1).
- There are three steps to create new communication structures:
 - accessing the group corresponding to MPI_COMM_WORLD,
 - using this group to create sub-groups,
 - allocating new communicators for this group.
- We will see this in more detail in the last examples.

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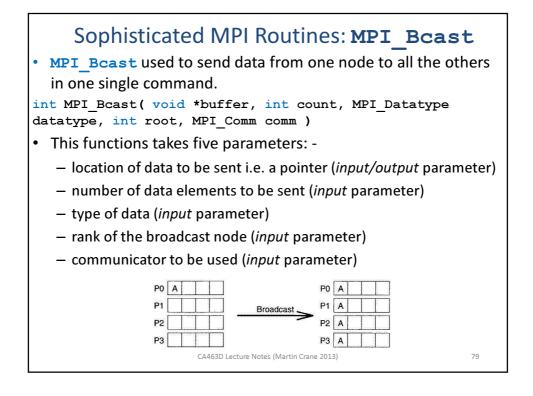
Sophisticated MPI Routines: MPI_Barrier

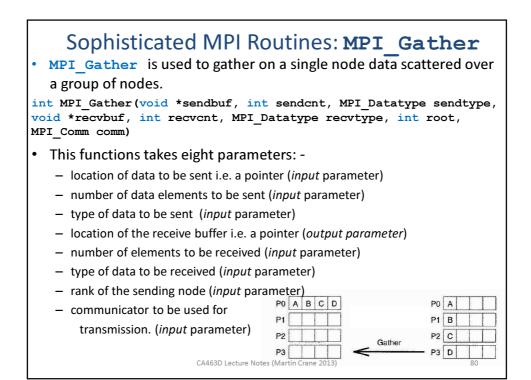
• MPI_Barrier is used to synchronise a set of nodes.

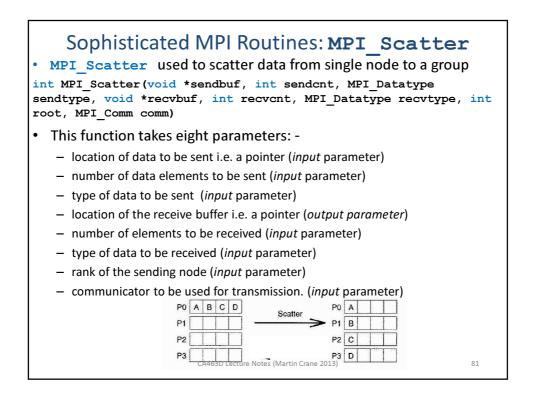
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int MPI Barrier( MPI Comm comm )
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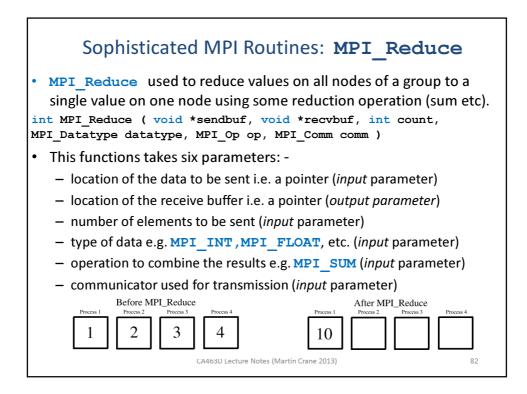
- It blocks the caller until all group members have called it.
- ie call returns at any process only after all group members have entered the call.
- This functions takes only parameter, the communicator (i.e. group of nodes) to be synchronised.
- As we previously saw with other functions, it will most of the times be used with the default communicator, MPI COMM WORLD.

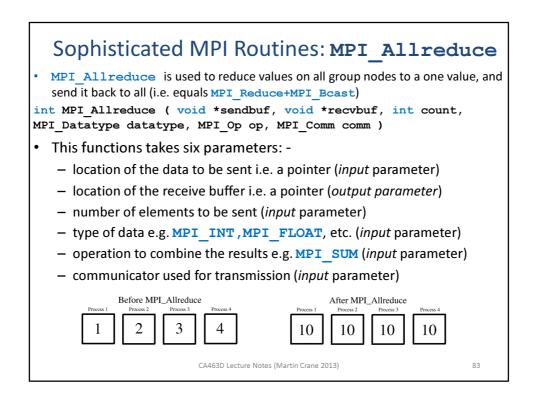
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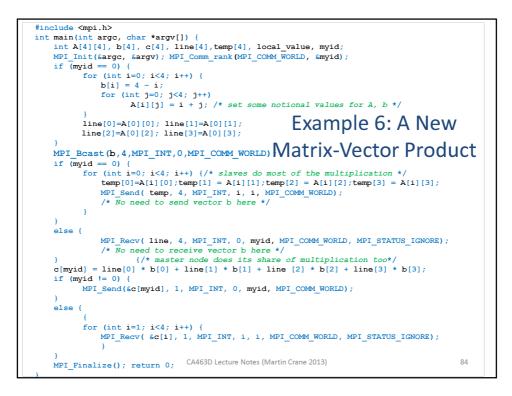


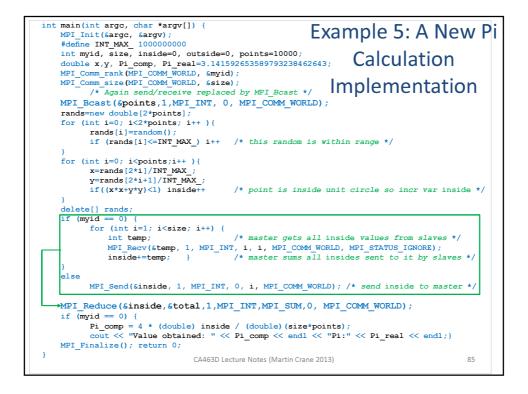












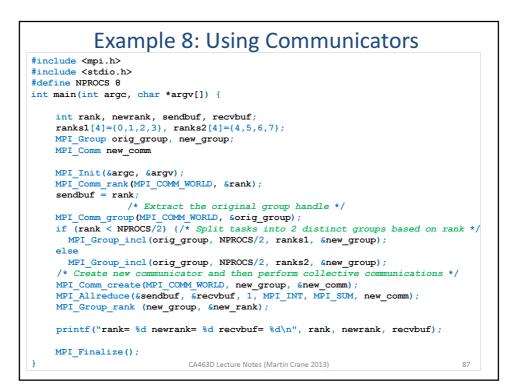
Using Communicators

• Creating a new group (and communicator) by excluding

the first node:



MPI_Comm_create() is a collective operation, so all processes in the old communicator must call it - even those not going in the new communicator. CA463D Lecture Notes (Martin Crane 2013) 86



Final Reminder

- MPI programs need specific compilers (e.g. mpicc), MPD and mpirun.
- MPI programs start with MPI_Init and finish with MPI_Finalize,
- Four functions for point-to-point communication,
- Six more advanced functions, for synchronise, and perform collective communication,
- Nine functions (at least three!) to create new groups and communicators,
- Too many examples to remember everything.

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