Message passing and MPI
Assignments and problems
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Rules
• Two weeks to complete assignments and problems. Hand in by midday 23rd Feb 2005.
• If you have problems and do not ask for help (until 10 minutes before the deadline) beware!
• Hand-in written work either on paper or Email to me fagg@cs.utk.edu
• Code is to be tarred with makefiles, output etc and a MD5 signature sent to me.
  – Md5 mywork.tar & mail fagg@cs.utk.edu
  – Code is to run on hydra or torc machines. If I cannot verify it by remaking it and running it then I will assume it does not!
  – Broken code with comments gets more points that non working non commented code.
  – A short description of design is always needed.

Part A
Correctness and buffering?
• Proc 0                            Proc 1
  • MPI_Send (data,size.. 1)                     MPI_Send (data,size.. 0..)
  • MPI_Recv (indata,insize..1..)              MPI_Recv (indata, insize.. 0..)

Above is a head to head send. This might or might not work depending on the system, MPI implementation or other factors such as timing.
1. Write a paragraph on why the above is an incorrect [non-deterministic] MPI code.
2. Re-write the above code in 3 different ways to make it work (hint, there are 4 simple ways)
Extra under any implementation at what data size does the above break?

Part B
Collecting with collectives
1. Write a SPMD code with 1 master and 3 slaves that calculates pi using code handed out in class.
   • Use p2p calls.
   • Master sends out slices
   • Slaves calculate integral slices
   • Master sums to get pi.
2. Change the above to use collective calls
   • Master sends out slices all at once
   • Master receives all slices at once
   • Master sums to get pi.
3. Change 2 so that the master does not have to sum the data explicitly but the collective for receiving the partial results does this.

Part C
Emulate Shared memory via threads and message passing
Use three process.
One holds an NxM array of numbers and two vectors, one length N and one length M
The first process creates the matrix and clears the vectors, it then enters a loop waiting on a single scaler. It also creates a handler thread that waits on a recv and processes requests.
The other two process uses MPI send/receive calls to perform memcpy and memmove operations.
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The other process should sum all the columns and rows of the matrix and place these results in the first processes vectors one does rows, one does columns
A put or get operation should contain I, J (or x,y) the operation (get,put) and the value if needed.

Part C
• Extra marks if you can design something that is very efficient (allows overlapping accesses)
  – Note each get/put is for a single value at a time though.
• Write a page on the design and performance issues as well as any other important details (such as locking or concurrent read/writes)