CSCI596 Assignment 2—Parallel Computation of $\pi$

Due: September 19 (Wed), 2018

The purpose of this assignment is to acquire hands-on experience on the scalability analysis of a parallel program — one of the key skills you learn in this class. We use a simple application that utilizes the function you have written for assignment 1 (where the purpose was to obtain a confidence that MPI_Send() and MPI_Recv() are sufficient to build any parallel programs, using a concrete example of global reduction.)

**Part I: Programming**

Write a message passing interface (MPI) program, `global_pi.c`, to compute the value of $\pi$ based on the lecture note on “Parallel Computation of Pi” and using the `global_sum()` function you have implemented in assignment 1.

(Assignment)

1. Submit the source code of `global_pi.c`.

(Note)

• Insert `MPI_Wtime()` function (which takes no argument and returns the wall-clock time in seconds as `double`) to measure the running time of the program.

**Part II: Scalability**

In this assignment, we measure the scalability of `global_pi.c`.

(Assignment)

2. *(Fixed problem-size scaling)* Run your `global_pi.c` with the fixed number of quadrature points, $N_{BIN} = 10^7$, varying the number of compute nodes = 1, 2, 4 and 8 with processor per node 1 *(i.e., the number of processors $P = 1, 2, 4$ and 8)*. Plot the fixed problem-size parallel efficiency as a function of $P$.

3. *(Isogranular scaling)* Run `global_pi.c` with the constant number of quadrature points per processor, $N_{BIN}/P = 10^7$, per processor for $P = 1, 2, 4$ and 8. Plot the isogranular parallel efficiency as a function of $P$. 