Introduction to Parallel Computing (CMSC498X / CMSC818X)

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Communication algorithms

Reduction

• All-to-all



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Types of reduction

- Scalar reduction: every process contributes one number
 - Perform some commutative associate operation
- Vector reduction: every process contributes an array of numbers



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- Number of phases: log_kp





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- Each process sends a distinct message to every other process
- Naive algorithm: every process sends the data pair-wise to all other processes



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Virtual topology: 2D mesh

• Phase I: every process sends to its row neighbors

• Phase 2: every process sends to column neighbors



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Virtual topology: hypercube

- Hypercube is an n-dimensional analog of a square (n=2) and cube (n=3)
- Special case of k-ary d-dimensional mesh



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hypercube



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