# CSC 4005 Distributed and PC

## **Message Passing Computing for Odd-even Transposituon Sort**

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#### 1. Introduction

This is the report for assignment 1 of course CSC4005 in the Chinese University of Hong Kong(shenzhen). The assignment requires us to write a parallel odd-even transposition sort by using MPI. The report aims to instruct you how to compile and execute the code source, discuss the ideas about designing the program, show some experiment results and performance analysis and share exerience of this assignment in the end. Here is the content:

#### 2. Instruction

#### 2.1 Environment

i. Platform: Windows 10 x64

ii. Language: C++

iii. Compiler: Mirosoft Visual C++

iv. MPI: MS-MPI v9.0.1

#### 2.2 Manipulate

## ♣ Step 1

Firstly, you should configurate the MPI evironment and have a C++ compiler. Here we use Visual Studio 2017 and MS-MPI v9.0.1 to execute the program.

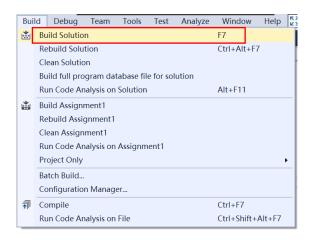
## ♣ Step 2

Construct a C++ project and paste the code to your main file. Go to the code file to alternate the number of the data which needs to sort according to your need:

```
int const N = 200;
    // the number of data
int sequence[N];    // elements need to be scattered
int rank, size;    // id of rank and the number of processes
int reminder;    // reminder if it is not divisible
```

## ♣ Step 3

To build Solution. You can use the key F7 or click the option "Build Solution" as following:



### ♣ Step 4

Open the terminal on your computer (use windows + R if your computer system is windows) and go to the file where contains the .exe file of your program like the following.

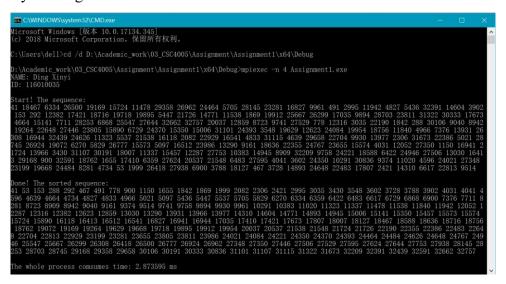
C:\Users\del1>cd /d D:\Academic\_work\03\_CSC4005\Assignment\Assignment1\x64\Debug

Execute the program in your terminal. The number after 'n' is the number of the processes you open and the backmost file name is the exe file name. Here is an example:

D:\Academic\_work\03\_CSC4005\Assignment\Assignment1\x64\Debug>mpiexec -n 4 Assignment1.exe

## ♣ Step 5

Then you can get a result like:



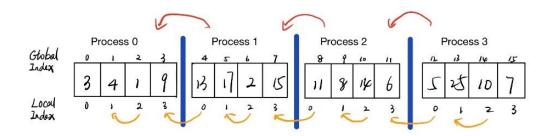
#### 3. Design

- 3.1 Ideas (sentences first, use pictures & diagrams)
  - 1) Generate a random sequence of integer numbers and stored in an array. Use rand() function to get the random sequence. If no other specification, the default seed is 1.
  - 2) Distribute all numbers in the array to every process by using MPI\_Scatterv() function. Generally, if the number of the data can be divided exactly by the size of processes, we have equal distribution. If not, we add the reminder to the last process.
    - a) Define three dynamic arrays, sendCounts, displs and revseq. sendCounts allocates memory for array storing number of elements. Displs calculate corresponding displacement. revSeq() is the receive buffer.

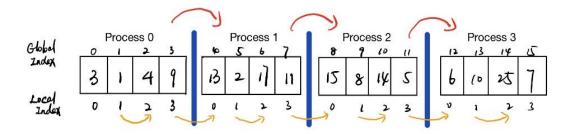
The code:

MPI\_Scatterv(sequence, sendCounts, displs, MPI\_INT, revSeq, sendCounts[ranl], MPI\_INT, 0, MPI\_COMM\_WORLD);

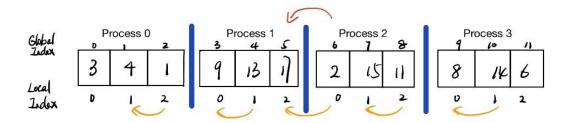
- b) Then we do the odd-even transposition sort. We need to discuss seven different situations:
- Even sort, the first size 1 processes have even numbers, rank is not equal to 0. The processes except for rank 0 process send head number to the previous process and compare tail number of the previous process. Numbers in other places within one process do even sort sequentially. The program in all processes are parallel.



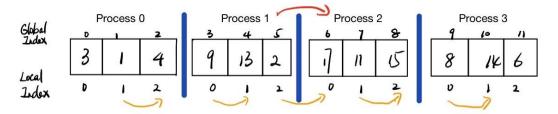
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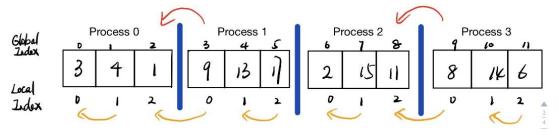
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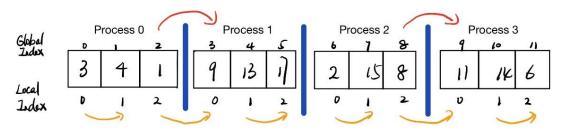
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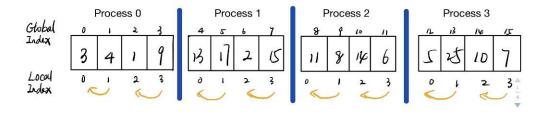
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 Odd sort, the first size – 1 processes have even numbers. In this situation, we only need to do the sequential odd sort in each process without communicating between processes.



c) Gather sorted numbers to form one array by using MPI Gatherv.

#### The code:

```
MPI_Gatherv(revSeq, sendCounts[rank], MPI_INT, sequence, sendCounts, displs, MPI_INT, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
```

#### 3.2 Pseudo-code

```
MPI Scatterv(scatter N numbers to m proccesses);
2.
   for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {</pre>
        if (even-sort) {
4.
5.
            /* even sort in each process */
            evenSort(&arrayInProc, numberOfData);
6.
7.
8.
            /* even sort (change numbers) between proecess (head and tail) */
9.
            if (/* the number of data in one process is even */) {
10.
                if (rank != 0) {
                    /* send head number to the previous process */
11.
12.
                    /* receive the number from the previous process */
13.
                }
14.
                if (rank != m -1) {
15.
                    /* receive the number from the next process */
                    if (receiveNum < tailNum) {</pre>
16.
17.
                         int a = receiveNum;
18.
                         receiveNum = tailNum;
19.
                         tailNum = a;
20.
21.
                    /* send receiveNum to the next process */
22.
                }
            }
23.
            if (/* the number of data in one process is odd */) {
24.
25.
                if ((rank % 2 == 0) and (rank != 0)) {
26.
                    /* send head number to the previous process */
27.
                    /* receive the number from the previous process */
28.
                if ((rank % 2 == 1) and (rank != size - 1)) {
29.
                    /* receive the number from the next process */
30.
                    if (receiveNum < tailNum) {</pre>
31.
```

```
32.
                         int a = receiveNum;
33.
                         receiveNum = tailNum;
                         tailNum = a;
34.
35.
                    }
                    /* send receiveNum to the next process */
36.
37.
                }
38.
            }
39.
        }
        if (odd-sort) {
40.
            /* odd sort in each process */
41.
            oddSort(&arrayInProc, numberOfData);
42.
            if (/* the number of data in one process is odd */) {
43.
44.
                if (rank % 2 == 1) {
                    /* send head number to the previous process */
45.
                    /* receive the number from the previous process */
46.
47.
48.
                if ((rank % 2 == 0) and (rank != size - 1)) {
49.
                    /* receive the number from the next process */
                    if (receiveNum < tailNum) {</pre>
50.
                         int a = receiveNum;
51.
                         receiveNum = tailNum;
52.
53.
                         tailNum = a;
54.
55.
                    /* send receiveNum to the next process */
56.
            }
57.
58.
59.}
60.
61. MPI_Gatterv(gather numbers from m proccesses);
```

#### 4 Experiment & Analysis

#### 4.1 Introduction

At the beginning, I calculate the time compexity to have an overall view about the amount of time it takes to run the algorithm. Then, I test the program by choosing different amount of processes and numbers and get the time it cost. After that, I can respectively calculate the speedup, effifciency, cost and discuss the computer scalbitity. Besides, I compare odd-even transposition sort and odd-even mergr sort. In the end, I discuss the results and give some analysis about my algorithm analysis.

#### 4.2 Experiments and Results

## • Time complexity

At first glance of parallelizing the bubble sort algorithm it seems that the performance will increase a factor of p (the number of processors). However, careful analysis of the complexity reveals that it is actually much more than the stated value. Below is the analysis of the time complexity for the odd-even transposition sorting algorithm:

The performance of the sequential bubble sort algorithm is:

$$\Sigma_{i=1}^{n} i = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = \frac{n^2}{2} - \frac{n}{2} = O(an^2)$$
, where  $a = \frac{1}{2}$ 

The performance of the odd-even transposition algorithm is:

$$\Sigma_{i=1}^{\frac{n}{p}}i = 1 + 2 + 3 \dots + \frac{n}{p} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{n}{p} \times \frac{n}{p-1} = \frac{n^2}{2p^2} - \frac{n}{2p} = O(bn^2), \text{ where } b = \frac{1}{2}p^2$$

This means that theoretically speaking the time will reduce by  $\frac{1}{p^2}$ .

#### Experiments

In order to test wheather the performance of the algorithm is good, we need to calculate the speedup, efficiency and cost of the algorithm. So, I choose 1, 2, 4, 8, 12 processes and 10, 100, 1000, 10000 and 100000 numbers to test my program. And I use MPI\_Wtime() to calculate the executing time which doesn't include the time of generating random numbers and output time. The time unit is millisecond (ms). Since the limitation of my laptop, the maximum test number of the data is 200000.

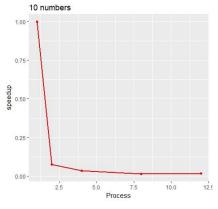
#### Results

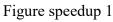
	10	100	1000	10000	100000
1	0.0405	0.0785	3.0489	253.5146	27781.0277
2	0.5294	0.6229	2.6798	158.9198	18532.8959
4	1.1298	2.2216	3.9116	119.7062	16241.5198
8	2.8514	64.7636	1377.2162	20280.4129	227199.1348
12	2.2993	188.4519	3136.7784	38600.4341	364412.3291

Table 1: odd-even transposition sort

	10	100	1000	10000	100000
1	0.0375	0.1028	2.467	12.5478	120.6103
2	0.9071	0.6178	1.7173	5.6362	59.3424
4	1.1951	1.2488	2.2037	6.8454	43.0194
8	3.1646	20.3869	3.1714	7.3484	46.2006
12	4.6335	12.9271	19.5080	22.7395	57.3823

Table 2: odd-even merge sort





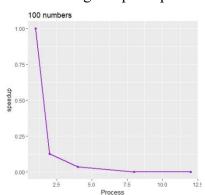


Figure speedup 2

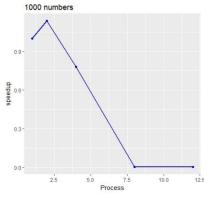
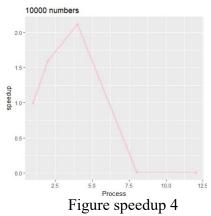


Figure speedup 3



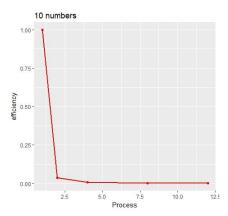


Figure efficiency 1

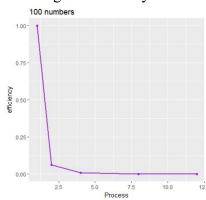


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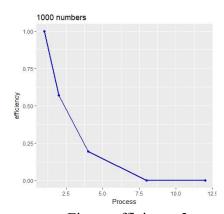
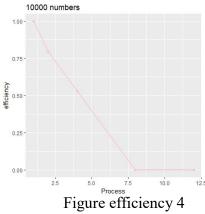


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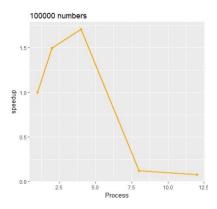


Figure speedup 5

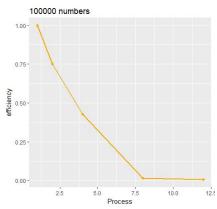


Figure efficiency 5

## 4.3 Performance analysis

- Explain the results of speed up and efficiency and analyze causes of those results
  - Total time

The table 1 shows the total execution time for the odd-even transposition sorting algorithm. It can easily be seen that parallel algorithm is by far faster than than sequential bubble sort algorithm when the number of data is large.

- Speed up

$$SpeedUp = \frac{Execution \ time \ using \ one \ processor}{Execution \ time \ using \ p \ processpr}$$

When the length of array is too short (10 and 100), as the number of processes increases, speedup decreases drasticly. When the length of array is larger than 100 (1000, 10000, 100000), as the number of processes increases, speedup first increases and then decreases. With small amount of data, the program takes more time to communicate between processors, so the speedup always goes down. With large amount of data, since the program can execute simutaneously, the speed up increases. However, if the amount of data is too large, the time complexity of program also become large. So, the speedup decreases again.

- Efficiency

$$\label{eq:efficiency} \textit{Efficiency} = \frac{\textit{Execution time using p processor}}{\textit{Total number of processor}}$$

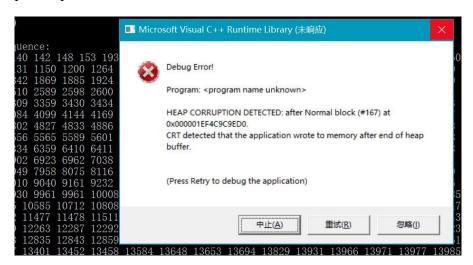
From the figures, we can know that as the number of processor increases, the efficiency decreases. That means, as the number of processes goes up, they take more time to wait other. However, larger of data can help to raise the efficiency. All in all, the efficiency of my algorithm is not enough and it needs to be optimized.

• Compare odd-even transposition sort with odd-even merge sort

As we can see the results from Table 1 and table 2, the odd-even merge sort does much better performance thab odd-even transposition sort. The reaso is that the time complexity of odd-even merge sort is less than odd-even transposition sort. Besides, odd-even transposition sort takes to initially sort its elements locally in each processor using sequential bubble sort which has a performance of  $O(n^2)$ . The odd-even transposition sorting algorithm can be improved by adapting a faster sequential sorting algorithm to sort the elements locally for each processor in the order of  $O(n \log n)$  (e.g. sequential merge sort or quick sort).

#### 5 Experience

- 5.1 Main implementation issues and solutions. (What were the most difficult parts of your program to implement?)
  - Heap corruption



In my case, the error happened with the case of delete[] part. Firstly, I delete the delete[] NAME, the program can run without error for several times. However, it will end prematurely and may have crashed. exit code 0xc0000374 sometimes. By searching on the Internet, I found the reason. The heap corruption happened when releasing the heap memory. When it exceeds the bound of the address, it changes values on other addresses which do not belong to itself. If these addresses are vital regions in the system, the program will crashed. If these addresses are not important, the error cannot be detected immediately. Then the results will be normal. So when I distribute numbers to each process, the capacity of the last process is less than the number of distributed data since I forgot to give capacity to this process for the reminder. I solved it by add the moerate capacity to the process.

For me, heap corruption is one of the most complex problems in C++. I took so long time to figure out what the problem is, why I had this problem and how to solve it. And

this process helped me to have a profound comprehension about heap corruptiong and dynamic array.

#### • Figure out how MPI does the parallel behavior

Although Professor Yeh explained message passing clearly in the class, it's still an abstract concept idea for me. When I set about to write code I found I was unfamiliar with message passing. I have no ideas that how these functions realize the parallel behavior. Therefore, I searched for many tutorial mannuals to study MPI by myself. Although starting learning MPI was kind of difficult, I was pleasant that I grew up.

#### 5.2 Problems remain to solve

#### • while loop

I once tried to use 'while' loop to control the program. However, it's hard to find the break point to stop all process. And I haven't found an adaptable method to realize it. But we can use 'for'loop because the most times of completing the task is the number of processes, it will not spend too much time on finishing it.

#### 5.3 Reflection

#### 5.3.1 What went well and what I have learned

The algorithm of odd-even transposition sort is easy to understand and to realize. However, since I didn't listen to Professor's explanation for the homework, I mixed up odd-even merge sort and odd-even transposition sort. So, I used a wrong algorithm at the beginning. After discussing in the WeChat group, I learned it and rewrote my code. Through coding twice, I have a more profound understanding about MPI and a proficient application of C++.

#### 5.3.2 What you would do differently next time

Firstly, I'll figure out and understand entirely the problem I need to solve. I should learn to ask questions rather than learned just by myself. If I have problems in coding, I should communicate with classmates or teachers. With different perpective, solving problems is faster and I can learn more from others. Programming need patience and carefulness, so I should start the homework early and leave more time to think and optimize.

#### 5.3.3 What the instructors and Tas might have done differently to promote learning

♣ Still the comprehension about the problem. I hope TA can explain the problems in tutorial and communicate with Professor Yeh more. More communication, more efficiency. I still hope we can use the same server to execute our program, since the limitation of laptop causes trouble of testing our programs.

I hope TA can teach more pratical knowledge and give more examples of code in tutorials. Examples and pratical exercise can help us to learn and understand the textbook content.

#### 6 Acknowledgements

- 6.1.1 Thank to Profess Yeh. When I used wrong algorithm to do the homework and encounter problems in coding, he gave me much advice and talked to me with patitience. And with his encouragement, I have more confidence in this course and raise my enthusiasm.
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- 6.1.3 Thank to my classmates, Tu Yuxiao and Qin Yuze. They helped me to solve some bugs and the discussion with them help to understand some pinpoints.

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#### 8 Source code

```
1. #include "pch.h"
2. #include "mpi.h"
3. #include <stdio.h>
4. #include <stdlib.h>
5. #include <iostream>
using namespace std;
7.
8. /* Function Prototype */
9. void oddSort(int *A, int n);
10. void evenSort(int *A, int n);
12. int main(int argc, char **argv) {
13.
       int const N = 200;
                                            // the number of data
14.
       int sequence[N];
                                            // elements need to be scattered
15.
       int rank, size;
                                            // id of rank and the number of processes
       int reminder;
                                            // reminder if it is not divisible
16.
                                            // receive number
17.
       int revNum;
```

```
18.
        double Start, End;
                                              // timing
        int *sendCounts = NULL;
19.
                                              // allocate memory for array storing number of elem
   ents
        int *displs = NULL;
                                              // Claculate corresponding displacement
20.
        int *revSeq = NULL;
                                              // receive buffer
21.
22.
23.
        /* Initialize */
24.
        MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
25.
       MPI Comm size(MPI COMM WORLD, &size);
       MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank);
26.
27.
28.
        /* Generate random integers */
29.
        if (rank == 0) {
            cout << "\nNAME: Ding Xinyi" << endl;</pre>
30.
            cout << "ID: 116010035" << endl;</pre>
31.
            cout << "\nStart! The sequence: " << endl;</pre>
32.
33.
            for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {</pre>
34.
                sequence[i] = rand();
                cout << sequence[i] << " ";</pre>
                                                                   // sequence initialize only in
35.
   rank 0
36.
            }
37.
38.
39.
        Start = MPI_Wtime();
                                           // start timing
40.
41.
        /* Initialize array */
        sendCounts = new int[size];
                                       // allocate memory for array storing number of elements
42.
43.
        reminder = N % size;
                                              // reminder
44.
45.
        /* Calculate number of elements need to be scattered in each process */
        for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {</pre>
46.
            sendCounts[i] = int(N / size);
47.
48.
49.
      // Number of elements in the last process
        sendCounts[size - 1] = sendCounts[size - 1] + reminder;
50.
51.
52.
        displs = new int[size];
                                                      // Claculate corresponding displacement
        for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {</pre>
53.
54.
            displs[i] = 0;
55.
            for (int j = 0; j < i; j++) {</pre>
56.
                displs[i] = displs[i] + sendCounts[j];
57.
            }
58.
        }
```

```
59.
60.
61.
       /* Scatterv Operation */
62.
       MPI_Scatterv(sequence, sendCounts, displs, MPI_INT, revSeq, sendCounts[rank], MPI_INT,
   0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
63.
       /* Odd-even sort between ranks */
       for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
64.
           // Even sort
65.
           if (i % 2 == 0) {
67.
               evenSort(revSeq, sendCounts[rank] - 1);
               // even number of data in first process
69.
               if (sendCounts[0] % 2 == 0) {
70.
                   // send and receive
71.
                   if (rank != 0) {
72.
                       MPI_Send(&revSeq[0], 1, MPI_INT, rank - 1, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
73.
                       MPI Recv(&revSeq[0], 1, MPI INT, rank - 1, 1, MPI COMM WORLD, MPI STATU
   SES_IGNORE); // put recv after send
74.
                   }
                   // receive, compare and send
75.
76.
                   if (rank != size - 1) {
                      MPI Recv(&revNum, 1, MPI INT, rank + 1, 0, MPI COMM WORLD, MPI STATUSES
77.
   _IGNORE);
78.
                       if (revSeq[sendCounts[rank] - 1] > revNum) {
79.
                           int a = revNum;
80.
                           revNum = revSeq[sendCounts[rank] - 1];
                           revSeq[sendCounts[rank] - 1] = a;
81.
82.
                       MPI_Send(&revNum, 1, MPI_INT, rank + 1, 1, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
83.
                   }
85.
86.
               //odd number of data in first process
87.
               else {
88.
                   // send and receive
                   if ((rank % 2 == 0) and (rank != 0)) {
89.
                       MPI_Send(&revSeq[0], 1, MPI_INT, rank - 1, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
90.
                       MPI_Recv(&revSeq[0], 1, MPI_INT, rank - 1, 1, MPI_COMM_WORLD, MPI_STATU
   SES IGNORE);
92.
                   }
                   // receive compare and send
93.
94.
                   if ((rank % 2 == 1) and (rank != size - 1)) {
95.
                       MPI_Recv(&revNum, 1, MPI_INT, rank + 1, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD, MPI_STATUSES
   IGNORE);
96.
                       if (revSeq[sendCounts[rank] - 1] > revNum) {
97.
                           int a = revNum;
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98.
                             revNum = revSeq[sendCounts[rank] - 1];
99.
                             revSeq[sendCounts[rank] - 1] = a;
100.
                          }
101.
                         MPI_Send(&revNum, 1, MPI_INT, rank + 1, 1, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
102.
                      }
103.
104.
             // Odd sort
105.
106.
             else {
107.
                 oddSort(revSeq, sendCounts[rank] - 1);
108.
                 // odd number of data in first process
109.
                 if (sendCounts[0] % 2 == 1) {
110.
                      // send and receive
                      if (rank % 2 == 1) {
111.
112.
                          MPI_Send(&revSeq[0], 1, MPI_INT, rank - 1, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
                          MPI Recv(&revSeq[0], 1, MPI INT, rank - 1, 1, MPI COMM WORLD, MPI STA
113.
   TUSES_IGNORE);
114.
                      }
                      // receive, compare and send
115.
116.
                      if ((rank % 2 == 0) and (rank != size - 1)) {
117.
                          MPI_Recv(&revNum, 1, MPI_INT, rank + 1, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD, MPI_STATUS
   ES_IGNORE);
118.
                          if (revSeq[sendCounts[rank] - 1] > revNum) {
119.
                              int a = revNum;
120.
                              revNum = revSeq[sendCounts[rank] - 1];
                              revSeq[sendCounts[rank] - 1] = a;
121.
122.
                          }
123.
                          MPI_Send(&revNum, 1, MPI_INT, rank + 1, 1, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
124.
                      }
125.
126.
             }
127.
128.
129.
         MPI_Gatherv(revSeq, sendCounts[rank], MPI_INT, sequence, sendCounts, displs, MPI_INT,
    0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
130.
                                               // End Time
131.
         End = MPI Wtime();
132.
         if (rank == 0) {
133.
134.
             printf("\n\nDone! The sorted sequence: \n");
135.
             for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {</pre>
136.
                 cout << sequence[i] << " ";</pre>
137.
             }
138.
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139.
140.
         MPI_Barrier(MPI_COMM_WORLD);
         double time = End - Start;
141.
142.
         if (rank == 0) {
143.
             printf("\n\nThe whole process comsumes time: %f ms\n", time * 1000);
144.
145.
         delete[] sendCounts;
146.
         delete[] displs;
147.
148.
         delete[] revSeq;
149.
         MPI_Finalize();
         return 0;
150.
151. }
152.
153. void oddSort(int *A, int n) {
         for (int i = 1; i <= n; i += 2) {</pre>
154.
             if (A[i] < A[i - 1]) {</pre>
155.
156.
                  int a = A[i];
                 A[i] = A[i - 1];
157.
158.
                  A[i - 1] = a;
159.
160.
         }
161. }
162.
163. void evenSort(int *A, int n) {
         for (int i = 2; i <= n; i += 2) {</pre>
164.
             if (A[i] < A[i - 1]) {</pre>
165.
166.
                  int a = A[i];
167.
                 A[i] = A[i - 1];
                  A[i - 1] = a;
168.
169.
170.
         }
171. }
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