Homework 7 Answers

Question 1

Using GOMAXPROCS=1 the sequential program finished in about 2.2s. With a worker pool equal to runtime.NumCPU()(8 on my machine) and dispatching rows over a channel the runtime dropped to roughly 0.9s – a bit over a 2× speed-up on my machine. A variant that queued every pixel individually took around 0.7s but used far more goroutines and did not scale much better.

Question 2

The best results came from using a worker count near the number of CPUs. More goroutines gave no significant improvement and sometimes slowed the program due to scheduling overhead.