

Q. 5.

`mergesort(arr[], l, r)`

⇒ `arr[]` is the array to be sorted

⇒ `l` is the leftmost element

⇒ `r` is the rightmost element

### Algorithm

→ Find the middle and divide the array into two halves.

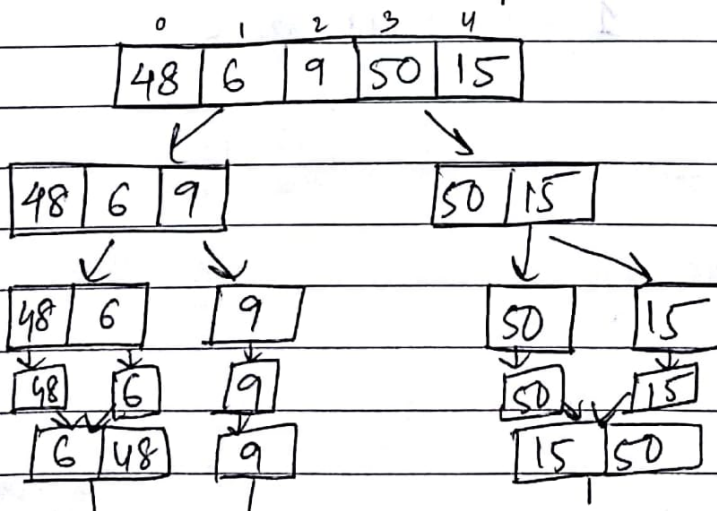
$$\text{middle} = (l + r) / 2$$

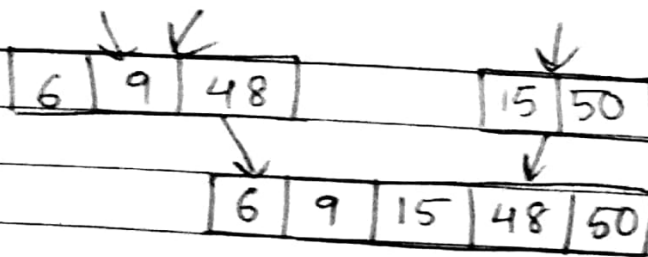
→ Call `mergesort()` for first half  
`mergesort(arr, l, middle)`

→ Call `mergesort` for second half  
`mergesort(arr, middle + 1, r)`

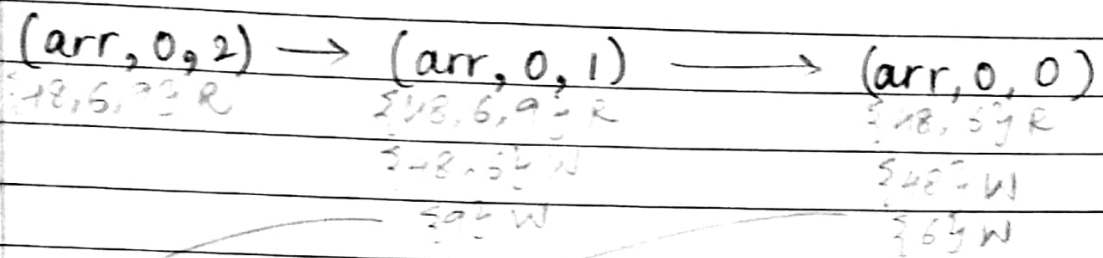
→ Merge the two halves by calling  
`merge(arr, l, middle, r)`

Let's take an example





For this case the DAG will be as follows:-



~~$(arr, 3, 4)$~~

$(arr, 3, 3)$

$\{50, 15\} R$   
 $\{50\} W$

$(arr, 1, 1)$

$\{3\} R$

$(arr, 2, 2)$

$\{9\} R$

$(arr, 3, 4)$

$\{50, 15\} R$

$(arr, 4, 4)$

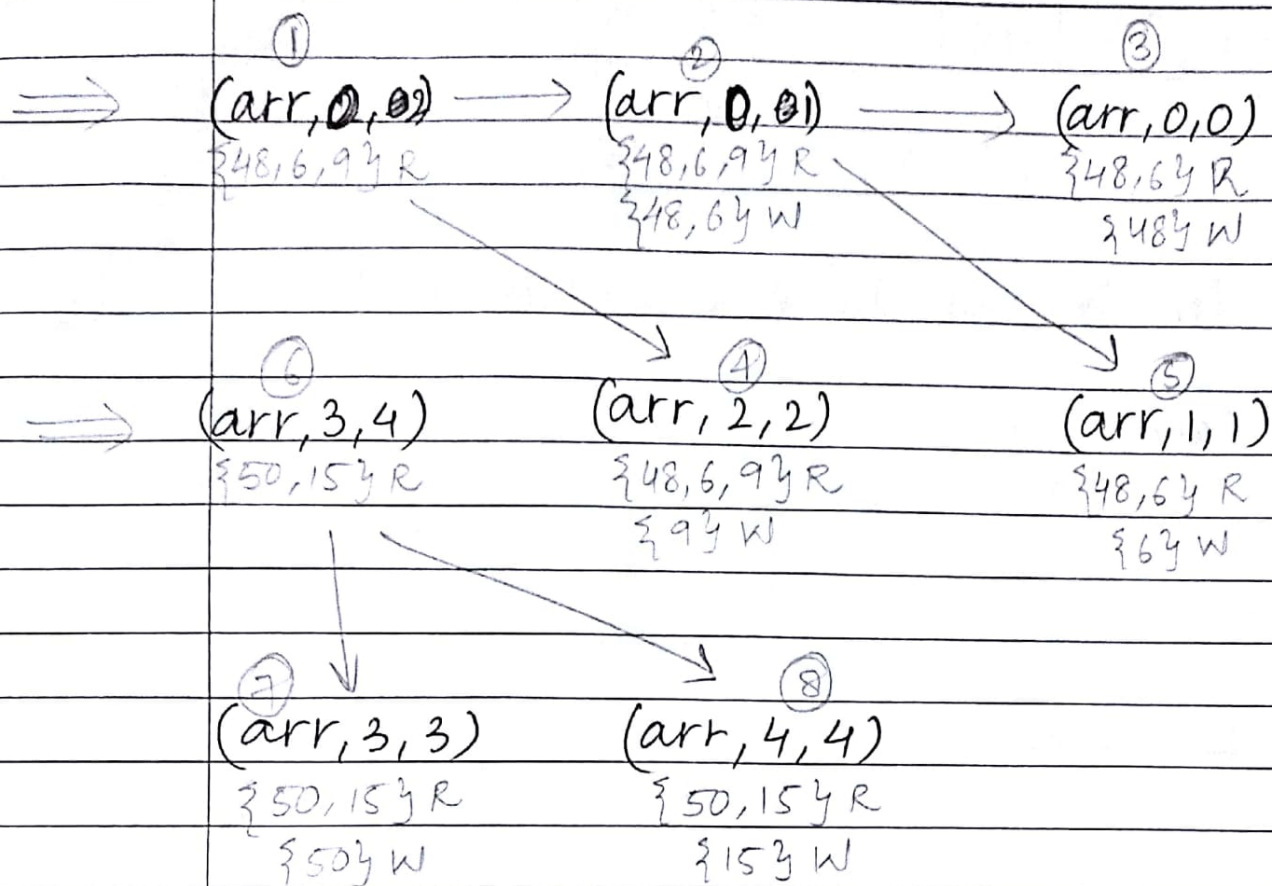
$\{50, 15\} R$   
 $\{15\} W$

\* All the tasks will not have the same processing time.

CRITICAL PATH:- 4

WIDTH:- 4

WORK:- 4



WIDTH:-  $4 = N - 1$

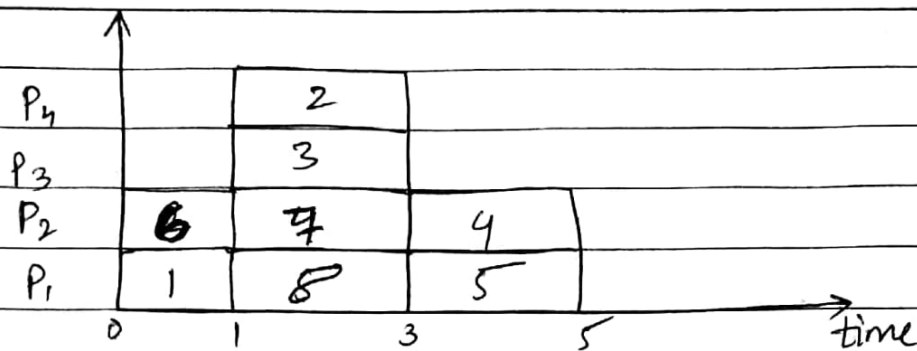
CRITICAL PATH:-  $3 = N - 2$

WORK:-  $N - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = N - 1 = 5 - 1 = 4$

All the tasks will not have the same processing time.

Tasks (arr, 0, 2) and (arr, 3, 4) will have lesser processing time as compared to other tasks as these two tasks only read data.

The other tasks will have equal processing time.



Assuming one read takes 1 unit of time and one write takes one unit of time.

For a case of maximum possible parallelism, we can consider  $N/2$  number of processors if  $N$  is the no. of elements that needed to be sorted.

~~For the example considered earlier~~

~~$N = 10$~~

Consider a case of 10 elements to be sorted.  
 $\therefore N/2 = 10/2 = 5$  processors can be used.

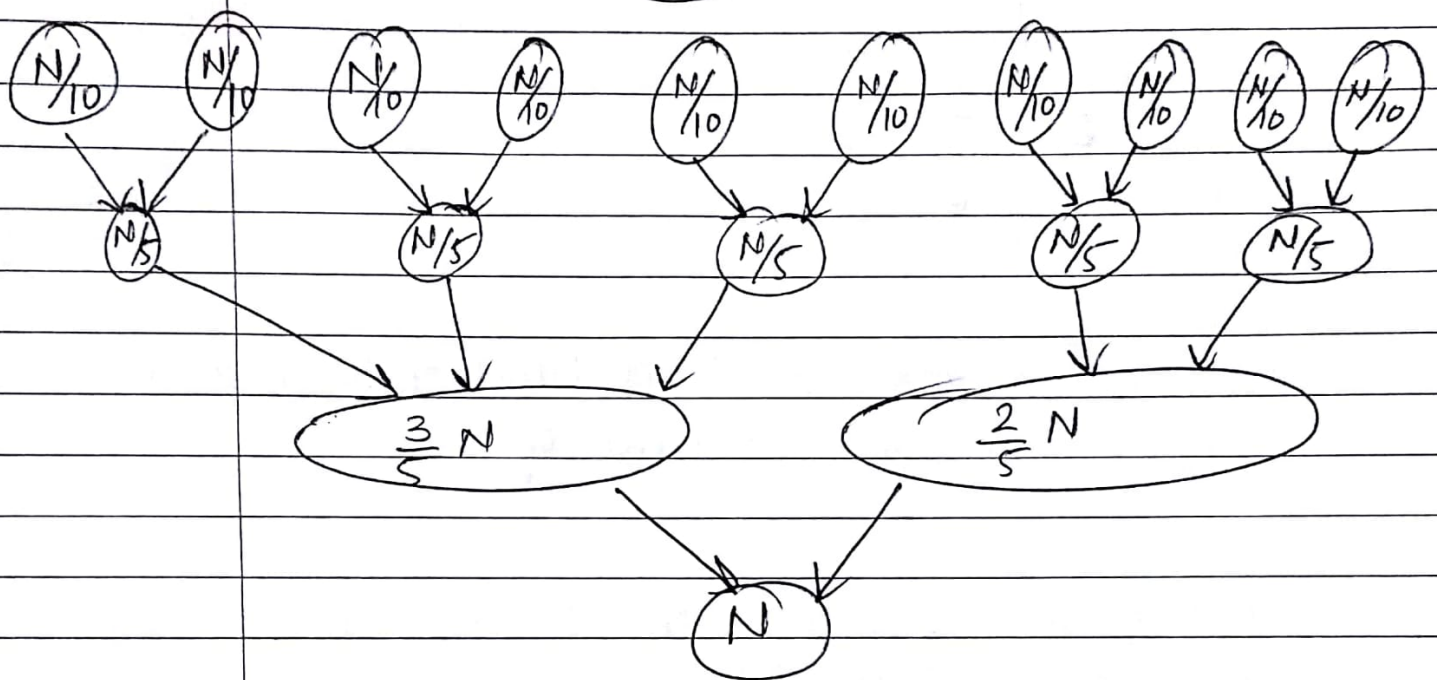
To use 5 processors we would need to change the algorithm a little.

Instead of ~~the~~ splitting the array into two halves in the first step, split each element as a singular node. Then club two nodes by sorting and then four nodes and so on.



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\* For  $N$  elements in the array.



In this case, we can use a maximum of 5 processors at the  $N/5$  node stage.

## MERGE SORT

The merge sort algorithm divides the  $n$ -element sequence to be sorted into two subsequences of  $n/2$  elements each and then combine the sorted subsequences.

The following is the merge sort algorithm.

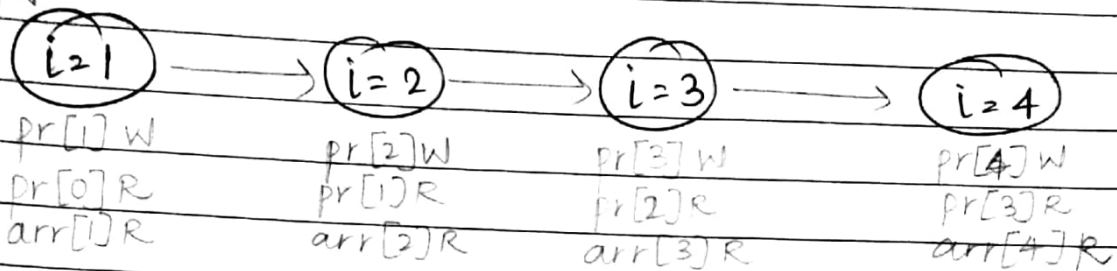
```
→ merge(A, p, q, r)
→  $n_1 = q - p + 1$ 
→  $n_2 = r - q$ 
→ let  $A_1[1 \dots n_1 + 1]$  and  $A_2[1 \dots n_2 + 1]$  be new arrays.
→ for  $i = 1$  to  $n_1$ 
     $A_1[i] = A[p + i - 1]$ 
→ for  $j = 1$  to  $n_2$ 
     $A_2[j] = A[q + j]$ 
→  $A_1[n_1 + 1] = \infty$ 
→  $A_2[n_2 + 1] = \infty$ 
→  $i = 1$ 
→  $j = 1$ 
→ for  $k = p$  to  $r$ 
    if  $A_1[i] \leq A_2[j]$ 
         $A[k] = A_1[i]$ 
         $i = i + 1$ 
    else  $A[k] = A_2[j]$ 
         $j = j + 1$ 
```

Here,  $A$  is the array to be sorted,  $p, q$  and  $r$  are the indices into the array such that  $p \leq q < r$ .

Q-4

```
void prefixsum(int* arr, int n, int* pr) {
    pr[0] = arr[0];
    for (int i = 1; i < n; i++)
        pr[i] = pr[i-1] + arr[i];
}
```

pr[0] = arr[0]



WIDTH :- 1

WORK :-  $(N-1) \times 1 = (N-1)$

CRITICAL PATH :-  $\Theta(N)$

Algo<sup>1</sup> X

To make it parallel, we use an algorithm that has shorter span and more parallelism.

Hillis & Steele algorithm is given as,

```
for (i=0; i < [log2 n] - 1; i++)
```

```
    for (j=0; j < n-1; j++)
```

```
        if j < 2
```

```
            xji+1 = xji
            xji+1 = xji + xj-2ii
```

$x_j^i$  means value of  $j$ th element of array  $x$  in timestep  $i$ .

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Algo<sup>2</sup>

Another approach is a work-efficient parallel prefix sum algorithm.

1. Starting from index 0, ~~club two~~ make pairs of 2 and compute their sum

$$\therefore Z_0 = x_0 + x_1$$

$$Z_1 = x_2 + x_3$$

$$Z_3 = x_4 + x_5 \text{ etc}$$

2. Recursively compute the prefix sum  $w_0, w_1, w_2, \dots$  of the sequence  $z_0, z_1, z_2, \dots$

3. The final sequence will be  $y_0, y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots$  which can be computed as follows:-

$$y_0 = x_0$$

$$y_1 = z_0$$

$$y_2 = x_2 + z_0$$

$$y_3 = z_0 + z_1 = w_0$$

$$y_4 = x_4 + w_0 \text{ etc.}$$

work is 2 times the work of a sequential algorithm.

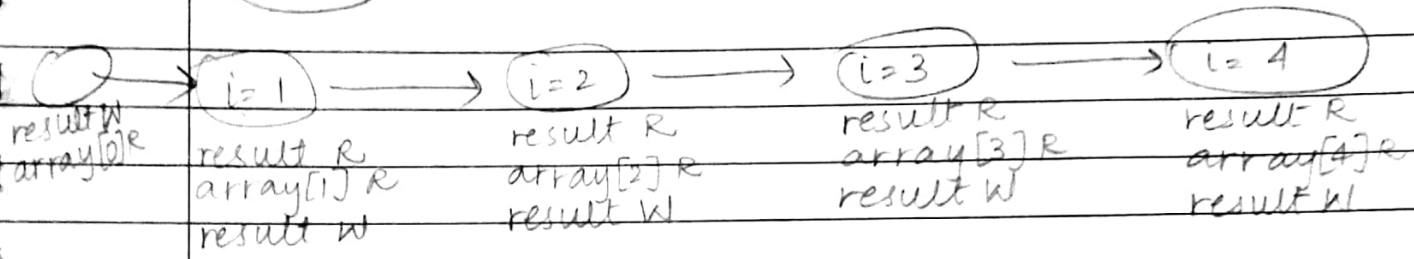


Q-3

Considering int and sum case

```
int reduce(int* array, size_t n) {  
    int result = array[0];  
    for (int i = 1; i < n; ++i)  
        result = sum(result, array[i]);  
    return result;  
}
```

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 $(n=5)$



WORK :-  $N$

WIDTH :-  $1$

CP :-  $N-1$

\* Rewriting the code to introduce one local variable per processor to store partial computation.

For  $P$  processors, we can divide the given array into  $P$  sub arrays and compute partial sums of these sub arrays. Combine all the sums to get the final result.

consider  $p=4$

```
int reduce(int * array, size_t n) {
```

```
int p;
```

```
for(int i=0; i < n/4; ++i) {
```

```
    int p1 = 0;
```

```
    int p
```

consider 4 processors

```
int reduce(int * array, size_t n) {
```

```
    int p10, p20, p30, p40, sum0;
```

```
    for(int i=0; i < n/4; ++i) {
```

```
        sum  
        p1 = p1 + array[i];
```

```
    }  
    for(int i=n/4; i < n/2; ++i) {
```

```
        sum  
        p2 = p2 + array[i];
```

```
    }  
    for(int i=n/2; i < 3n/4; ++i) {
```

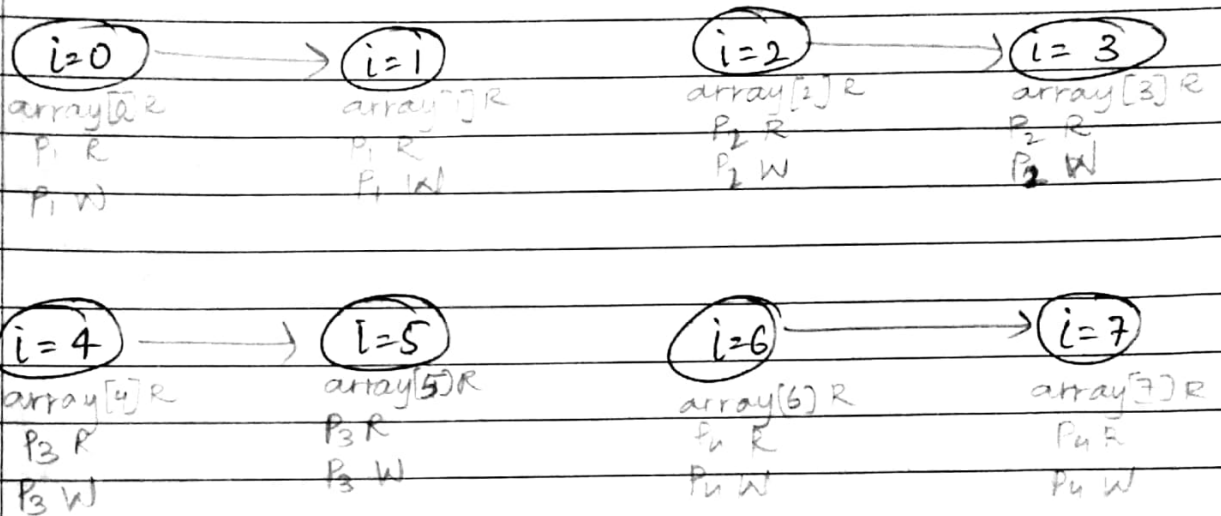
```
        sum  
        p3 = p3 + array[i];
```

```
    }  
    for(int i=3n/4; i < n; ++i) {
```

```
        sum  
        p4 = p4 + array[i];
```

$sum = P_1 + P_2 + P_3 + P_4;$   
 $return sum;$   
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consider  $n = 8$

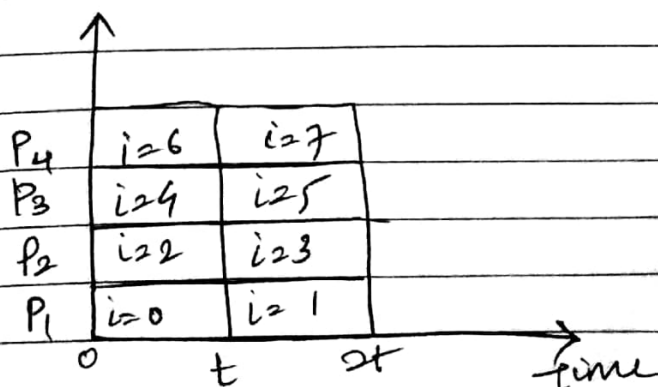


~~WORK:-~~

$$WORK:- \frac{n}{4} * \frac{n}{4} * \frac{n}{4} * \frac{n}{4} = \frac{n^4}{256} = \frac{8 \times 8 \times 8 \times 8}{256} = 16$$

$$WIDTH:- \frac{n}{2} = \frac{8}{2} = 4$$

$$CP:- \frac{n}{4} = \frac{8}{4} = 2$$



Assuming each task takes  $t$  units of time.

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## Variants

1. The parallel version would be correct for `int, max`. We could calculate individual maximums for the subarrays and then obtain the total maximum by `max` of <sup>all</sup> individual `max`.
2. I think the parallel version will be correct for `String, concat` as we can concatenate substrings and then sequentially concatenate those substring concatenations.
3. `float, sum` and `float, max` should also be compatible with the parallel version of the code as the individual sum and max calculated will be in float and also, the final sum and max have float as their datatype which matches the return type of the function.
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## \* References :-

Algo 1 and Algo 2 of Q-4 are from Wikipedia