

## Problem 1

### Findings

- Both multiprocess and multithreaded merge sorts are way slower than single threaded version
- This can be attributed to time taken to context switch and forking new process or creating a thread is much longer than the parallelism gains if any
- For  $n > 2000$  multi process mergeSort fails to sort properly as forking of new process fails. To remedy this I have put a fallback to normal mergeSort in such cases. For much larger case  $n = 1e6$ , there is segmentation fault possibly due to new array allocations in merge function run out of memory.
- Multithread mergeSort also tends to fail for cases of  $n > 10000$  on my system, as system cannot allocate more threads to deal with this I am only creating threads till depth 3 in mergesort. This makes it faster than  $1e6$  than normal mergesort by upto 75% 