Odd-Even sort with O(n) processors

The following operation is the basic step in all comparison sort algorithm.

Compare and exchange: Given x and y, if x > y exchange the values of x and y.

Goal: Given elements a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1} sort them in ascending order. (wlog assume n is even)

Outline of the algorithm

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There are n-1 rounds: round-0 to round-(n-2) In round-i.
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If i is even, j-th processor compares and exchanges a_{2j} and a_{2j+1}. (where 0 \le j < n/2) If i is odd, j-th processor compares and exchanges a_{2j+1} and a_{2j+2}. (where 0 \le j < n/2 - 1)
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Odd-Even sort with k processors

Goal: Given n elements a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1} and k processors p_0, \ldots, p_{k-1} , sort the elements in ascending order. Wlog, assume 2k divides n and let m = n/(2k). By A_j we refer to the block of elements $a_{mj}, \ldots, a_{mj+m-1}$.

Here, the compare and exchange operation is replaced by the following.

Merge and split: Given two sorted array of size m, merge them into one sorted array of size 2m (exactly like the merging operation in merge-sort which can be done in O(m) time). And then split it from the middle into two arrays of size m each.

Outline of the algorithm

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First p_j sorts A_{2j} and A_{2j+1} using any efficient sorting algorithm. (where 0 \le j < k) Then there are 2k-1 rounds: round-0 to round-(2k-2) In round-i,
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If i is even, p_j merges and splits A_{2j} and A_{2j+1}. (where 0 \le j < k)
If i is odd, p_jr merges and splits A_{2j+1} and A_{2j+2}. (where 0 \le j < k-1)
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MPI Implementation

Initially p_0 generates n random elements. Scatter the data so that p_j has the data A_{2j} and A_{2j+1} . Then p_j sorts A_{2j} and A_{2j+1}

At the begining of round-i, perform the necessary SendRecv operation to ensure that,

If i is even, p_i has the data A_{2i} and A_{2i+1} .

If i is odd, p_j has the data A_{2j+1} and A_{2j+2} .

Then perform the merge and split operation in p_i

After 2k-1 rounds, gather all the data into p_0 .