Assignment No. 4

Task

- Implement a parallel sorting algorithm such that each partition of the array is sorted in parallel. You will consider two different schemes for deciding whether to sort in parallel.
- (Part 1) A cutoff (defaults to, say, 1000) which you will update according to the first argument in the command line when running. It's your job to experiment and come up with a good value for this cutoff. If there are fewer elements to sort than the cutoff, then you should use the system sort instead.
- (Part 2) Recursion depth or the number of available threads. Using this determination, you might decide on an ideal number (t) of separate threads (stick to powers of 2) and arrange for that number of partitions to be parallelized (by preventing recursion after the depth of lg t is reached).
- (Part 3) Implement the main program to run the following benchmarks: measure the running times of this sort, using four different initial array ordering situations: random, ordered, partially ordered, and reverse ordered.
- Show the results of your experiments and draws a conclusion (or more) about the efficacy of this method of the parallelizing sort.
- Experiments should involve sorting arrays of sufficient size for the parallel sort to make a difference. You should run with many different array sizes (they must be sufficiently large to make parallel sorting worthwhile, obviously) and different cutoff schemes.

Relationship Conclusion:

The conclusion comes out to be that the optimal choice is four threads as the algorithm's performance does not increase significantly beyond 4.

The cutoff value of 25% of the array size results in the lowest performance For recursion depth (d) and a number of threads available (t):

$$t = 2^d$$

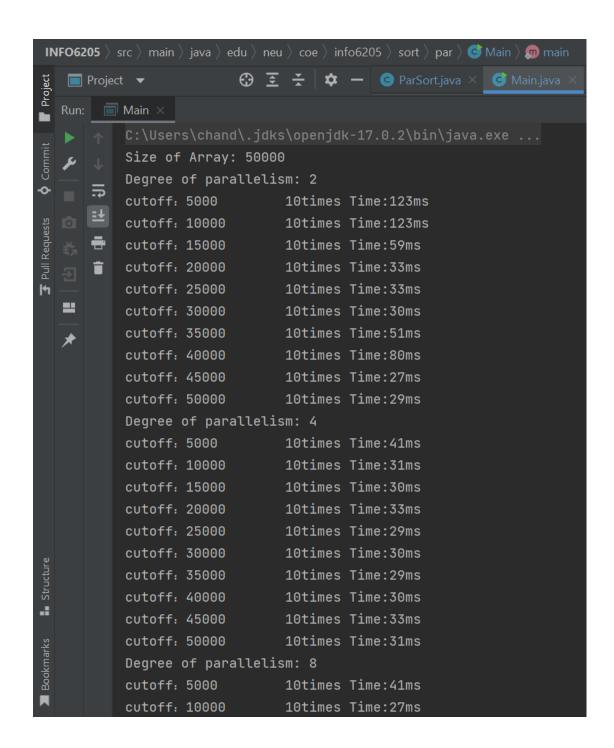
Maximum depth possible:

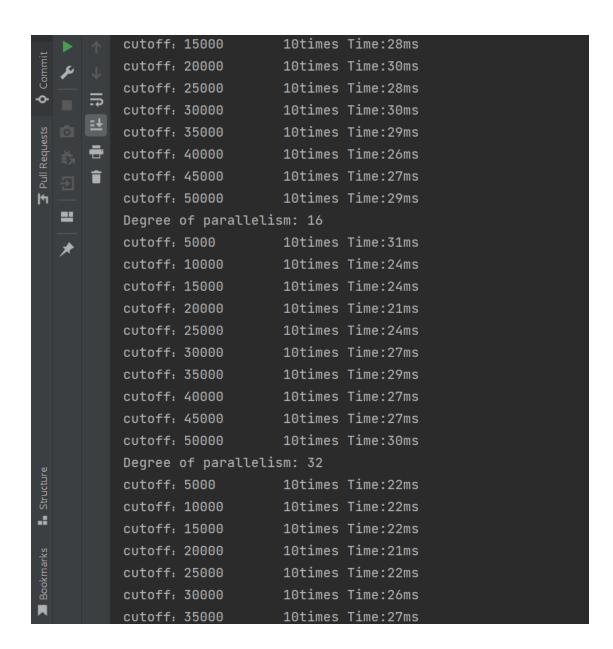
lg (array size/ cutoff)

Any depth more significant than the max depth is not feasible as the partitioned arrays hit the cutoff and turned into a system sort.

Evidence to support the conclusion:

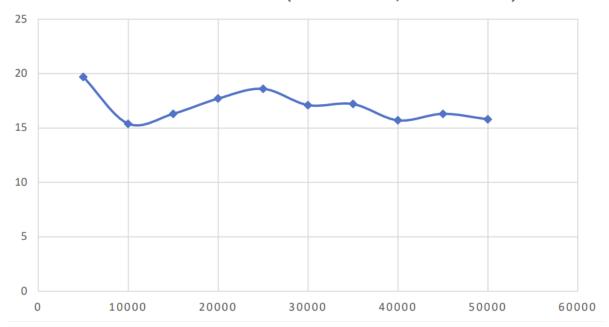
Array Size = 50000



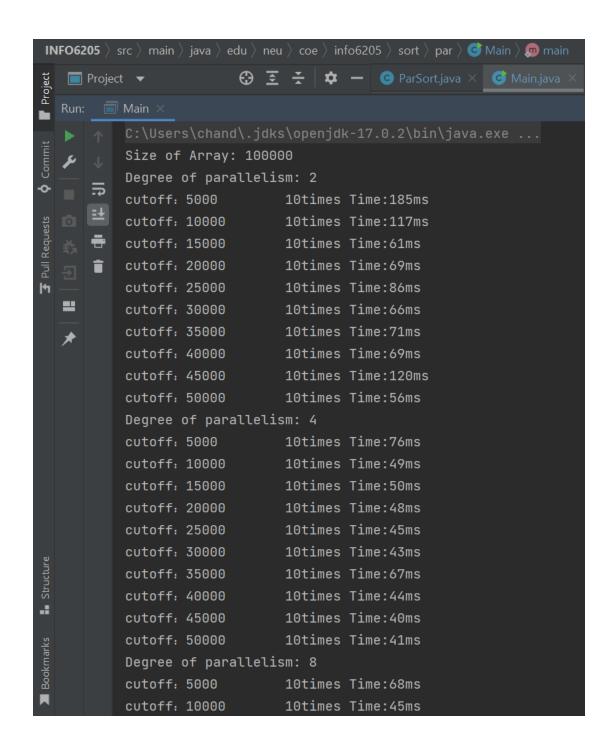


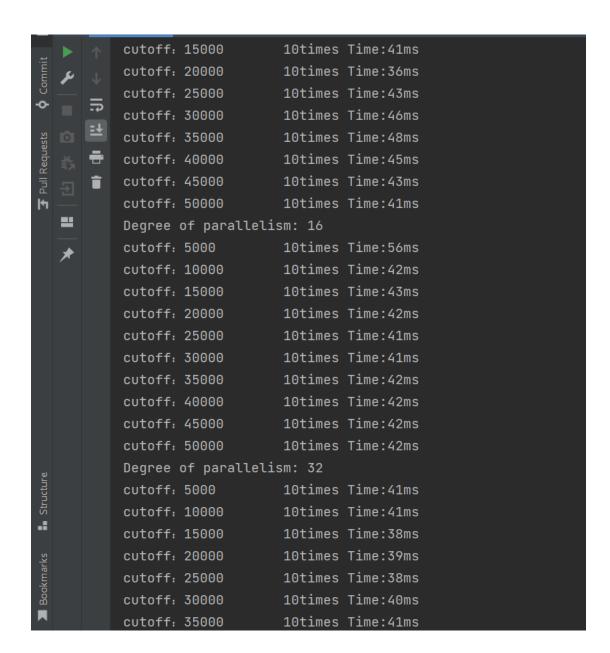
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cutoff: 40000
                                10times Time:29ms
           cutoff: 45000
                                10times Time:27ms
           cutoff: 50000
                                10times Time:25ms
           Degree of parallelism: 64
                                10times Time:29ms
           cutoff: 5000
           cutoff: 10000
                                10times Time:21ms
                                10times Time:23ms
           cutoff: 15000
           cutoff: 20000
                                10times Time:21ms
           cutoff: 25000
                                10times Time:22ms
           cutoff: 30000
                                10times Time:27ms
Structure
                                10times Time:28ms
           cutoff: 35000
           cutoff: 40000
                                10times Time:28ms
           cutoff: 45000
                                10times Time:30ms
                                10times Time:29ms
           cutoff: 50000
           Process finished with exit code 0
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CUTOFF VS RUNTIME (THREAD=16, SIZE=50000)



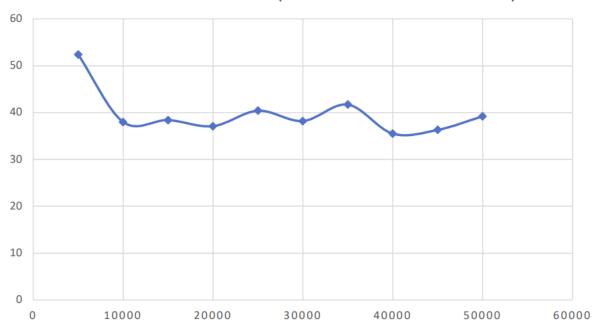
Array Size = 100000



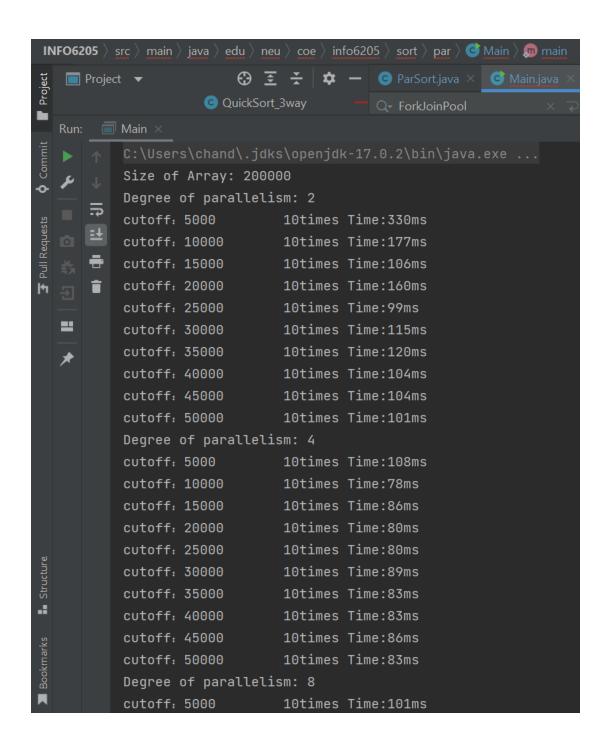


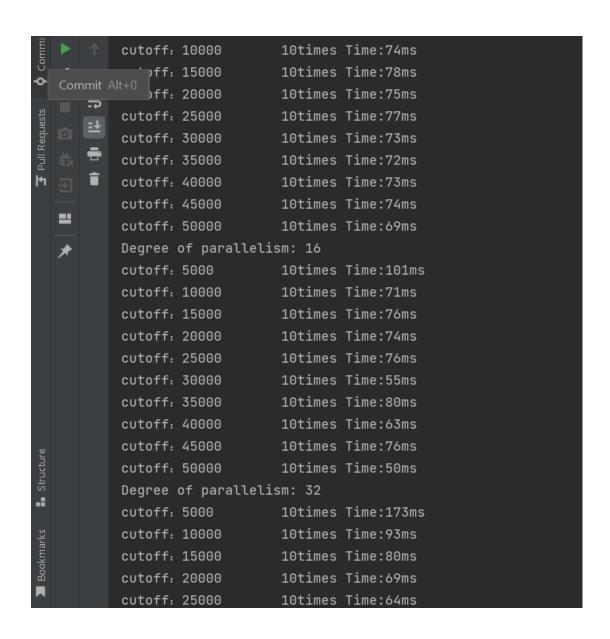
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                                10times Time: 45ms
           cutoff: 45000
                                10times Time: 45ms
           cutoff: 50000
                                10times Time:42ms
           Degree of parallelism: 64
           cutoff: 5000
                                10times Time:51ms
           cutoff: 10000
                                10times Time:46ms
           cutoff: 15000
                                10times Time:44ms
           cutoff: 20000
                                10times Time:45ms
           cutoff: 25000
                                10times Time: 45ms
                                10times Time:47ms
           cutoff: 30000
Structure
           cutoff: 35000
                                10times Time:45ms
           cutoff: 40000
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           cutoff: 45000
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                                10times Time: 42ms
           cutoff: 50000
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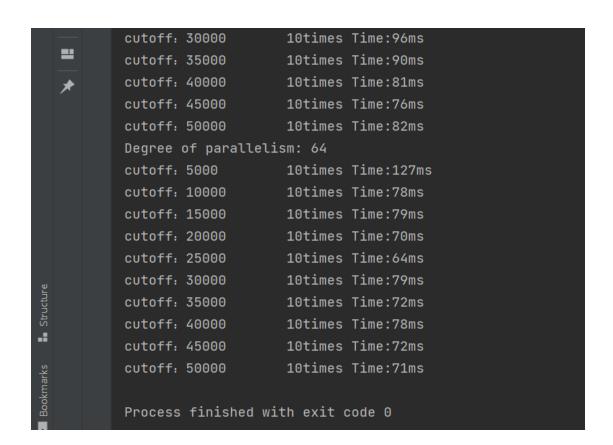
CUTOFF VS RUNTIME (THREAD=16, SIZE=100000)



Array Size = 200000







CUTOFF VS RUNTIME (THREAD=16, SIZE=200000)

