Problem:

Sort file stored on disk of size 2GB and 20GB.

Methodology:

Use external sorting algorithms to sort the files as the file size is large. For external sorting first split the input file into a certain number of smaller chunks and write them to disk, in this case I have chose to split the file into 100 chunks. Use multithreaded QuickSort algorithm to sort the chunks individually and write the sorted 100 chunks back to the disk. Use k way merge sort to read these files, merge and sort the chunks into one single sorted output file which is written back to the disk.

Runtime Environment Setting:

The source code for ExternalSort is written in java and can be found in the ExternalSort.java file on GIT repository. To compile the file:

javac ExternalSort.java.

To run the file we need to provide the input file name as a command line argument. The slurm job file had the java command and valsort command for 2 different input files to ExternalSort. Also, similar two slurm jobs are written for sort command in Linux.

Following are the list of commands to run ExternalSort and linsort: sbatch mysort2GB.slurm sbatch mysort2GB.slurm sbatch linsort2GB.slurm sbatch linsort2GB.slurm

The log files are: mysort2GB.log mysort20GB.log linsort2GB.log linsort20GB.log

Evaluations:

Experiment	Shared Memory (1VM 2GB)	Linux Sort (1VM 2GB)	Shared Memory (1VM 20GB)	Linux Sort (1VM 20GB)
Compute Time (sec)	52	24	728.92	514
Data Read (GB)	4GB	2GB	40GB	20GB
Data Write (GB)	4GB	2GB	40GB	20GB
I/O Throughput (MB/sec)	153.84	166.66	109.75	77.82