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PARALLEL SORTING

TASK:

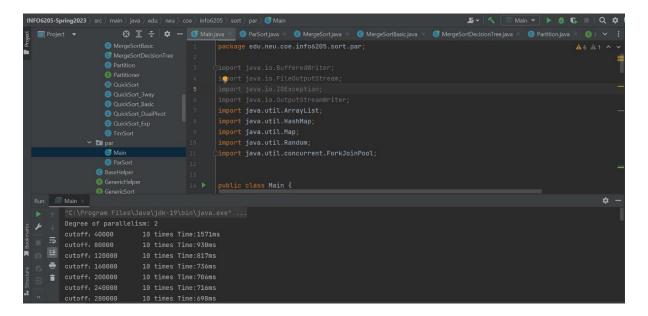
Your task is to implement a parallel sorting algorithm such that each partition of the array is sorted in parallel. You will consider two different schemes for deciding whether to sort in parallel.

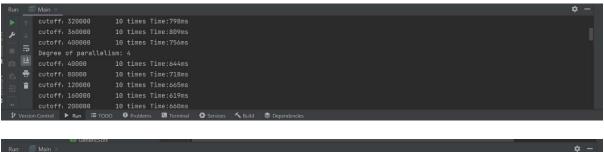
- 1. A cutoff (defaults to, say, 1000) which you will update according to the first argument in the command line when running. It's your job to experiment and come up with a good value for this cutoff. If there are fewer elements to sort than the cutoff, then you should use the system sort instead.
- 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).
- 3. An appropriate combination of these.

OUTPUT:

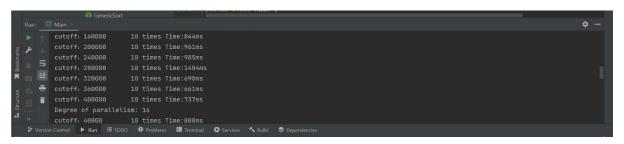
The below screenshot displays the output:

for arraySize = 800000 and cut_off value=40000.

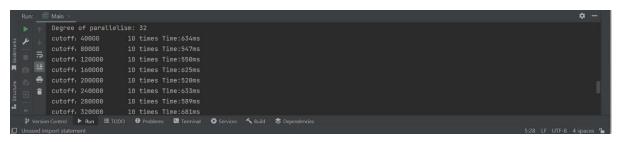






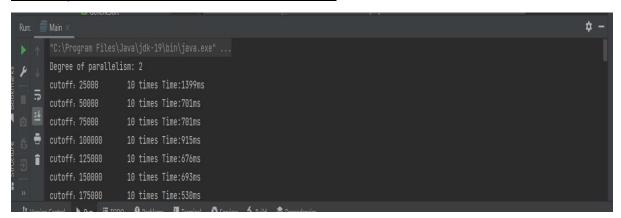




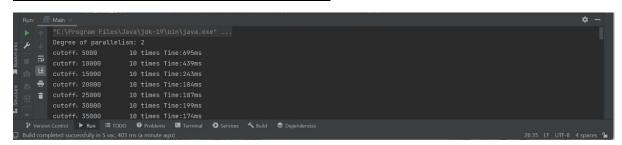




For arraySize:500,000 and cut off value 25000:



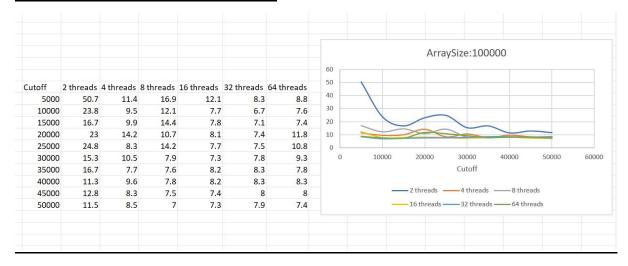
For arraySize:100,000 and cut_off value 5000:



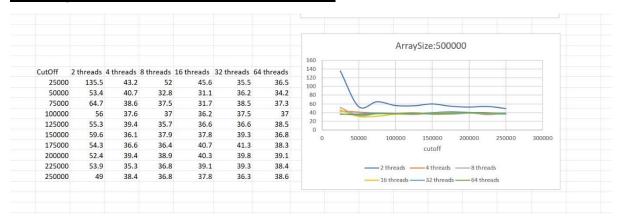
EVIDENCE/OBSERVATIONS:

Below is the table that displays the values of cutoff and the number of threads forked for various values of cutoff and array-size:

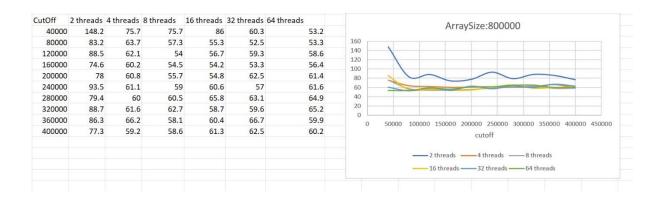
For array size:100000 and cutoff:5000



For arraySize:500,000 and cut off value 25000:



for arraySize = 800000 and cut_off value=40000:



RELATIONSHIP CONCLUSION:

Comparing the above graphs and data from the tables, we can conclude that after varying the cutoff values and number of threads for varied array sizes the number of threads greater than 8 does not improve the performance of the algorithm. Hence forking 8 threads is the best option. Apart from this, data collected from graphs represents that the optimal performance is seen around ~25% of the array size. With this, we can conclude that this leads to least algorithm performance time.

Code:

https://github.com/ShreyaBaliga2408/Parallel Sorting