

HW 4: Parallel Programming with MPI – Hypercube Quicksort

You are provided with a program `qsort_hypercube.cpp` that implements the parallel quicksort algorithm on a hypercube using MPI. At the start of the algorithm, an unsorted list of elements is distributed equally across all processes. At the end of the algorithm, the sorted list is distributed across processors in order of their rank, i.e., the elements on processor P_j are no larger than elements on P_k , for $k > j$. In addition, the elements on a processor are themselves in a sorted list. It is not necessary for the sorted list to be distributed equally across the processors.

The main routine is missing **nine** calls to MPI routines that are labeled MPI-1, MPI-2, ..., MPI-9. You are required to add these calls to the code to obtain a functioning program. The location of the missing MPI calls is marked by the following text:

```
// ***** Add MPI call here *****
```

The text is preceded by comments that describe what the call should do. When adding the MPI calls to your code, keep in mind:

- IDs of neighbor processes for sends and receives are their IDs in `MPI_COMM_WORLD`.
- Reduction and/or broadcast of the pivot among processes is restricted to each sub-hypercube, and therefore, should use the communicator of the sub-hypercube that a process is a member of.
- MPI Send and Receive calls need pointers to the arrays that are being communicated.

Once you complete the code, it can be compiled with the command:

```
mpicpx -o qsort_hypercube.exe qsort_hypercube.cpp
```

Setting `VERBOSE` to a value of 2 or 3 will result in additional output that could help in code development. To execute the program, use

```
mpirun -np <p> ./qsort_hypercube.exe <n> <type>
```

where `<p>` is the number of MPI processes, `<n>` is the size of the local list of each MPI process, and `<type>` is the method used to initialize the local list. The output of a sample run is shown below.

```
mpirun -np 8 ./qsort_hypercube.exe 6000000 0
```

```
[Proc: 0] number of processes = 8, initial local list size = 6000000,
hypercube quicksort time = 0.780582
```

```
[Proc: 0] Congratulations. The list has been sorted correctly.
```

1. (80 points) Complete the MPI-based code provided in `qsort_hypercube.cpp` to implement the parallel quicksort algorithm for a d -dimensional hypercube with $p=2^d$ processors. 60 points will be awarded if the code compiles and executes the following command successfully.

```
mpirun -np 2 ./qsort_hypercube.exe 4 -1
```

5 points will be awarded for each of the following tests that are executed successfully.

```
mpirun -np 4 ./qsort_hypercube.exe 4 -2
```

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```
mpirun -np 8 ./qsort_hypercube.exe 4 -1
mpirun -np 16 ./qsort_hypercube.exe 4 0
mpirun -np 16 ./qsort_hypercube.exe 20480000 0
```

2. (5 points) *Weak Scalability Study*: Run your code to sort a distributed list of size $n \times p$ where n is the size of the local list on each process and p is the number of processes. For your experiments, use $n=20,480,000$ and $p = 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32$, and 64 . Set `type=0`. Plot the execution time, speedup, and efficiency of your code as a function of p . Use logarithmic scale for the x-axis.

Note that the size of the list to be sorted is proportional to the number of processes p . In order to get speedup for a specific value of p , you need to determine the execution time to sort a list of size $n \times p$ with **one** process. As an example, speedup for $p = 4$ is the ratio of execution time for a list of size $81,920,000$ with one process (T_1) to the execution time for a list of size $20,480,000$ with 4 processes (T_4).

3. (5 points) *Strong Scalability Study*: Now run your code with $n=20,480,000/p$ where $p = 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32$, and 64 . Set `type=0`. Plot the execution time, speedup, and efficiency of your code as a function of p . Use logarithmic scale for the x-axis.

Unlike the weak scalability study, here the size of the list to be sorted remains unchanged at $20,480,000$ even as you increase the number of processes. To determine speedup for any p you need to compare the execution time on p processes to the execution time for a list of size $20,480,000$ with one process.

4. (10 points) Modify the code to sort the list in descending order. Submit the modified code as `qsort_hypercube_descending.cpp`. 2 points will be awarded for each of the tests in Problem 1 that are executed successfully. (Note that the `check_list` routine needs to be modified to verify descending order.)

Submission: Upload two files to Canvas:

1. Problems 1, 4: Submit a **single zip file** consisting of the files `qsort_hypercube.cpp` and `qsort_hypercube_descending.cpp`.
2. Problems 2, 3: Submit a single PDF or MSWord document with your responses.

Helpful Information:

1. You may use Grace or Faster for this assignment.
2. Refer to HPRC user guides for commands to load the appropriate modules, to compile the code, and to execute it.
3. The run time of a code should be measured when it is executed in dedicated mode. Create a batch file and submit your code for execution via the batch system on the system.