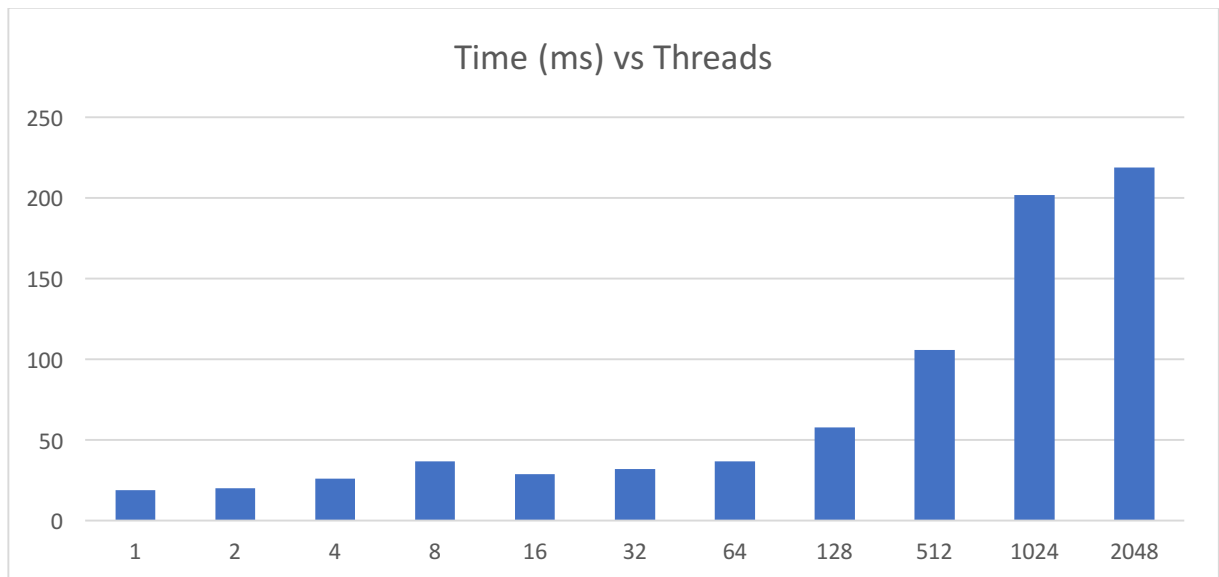


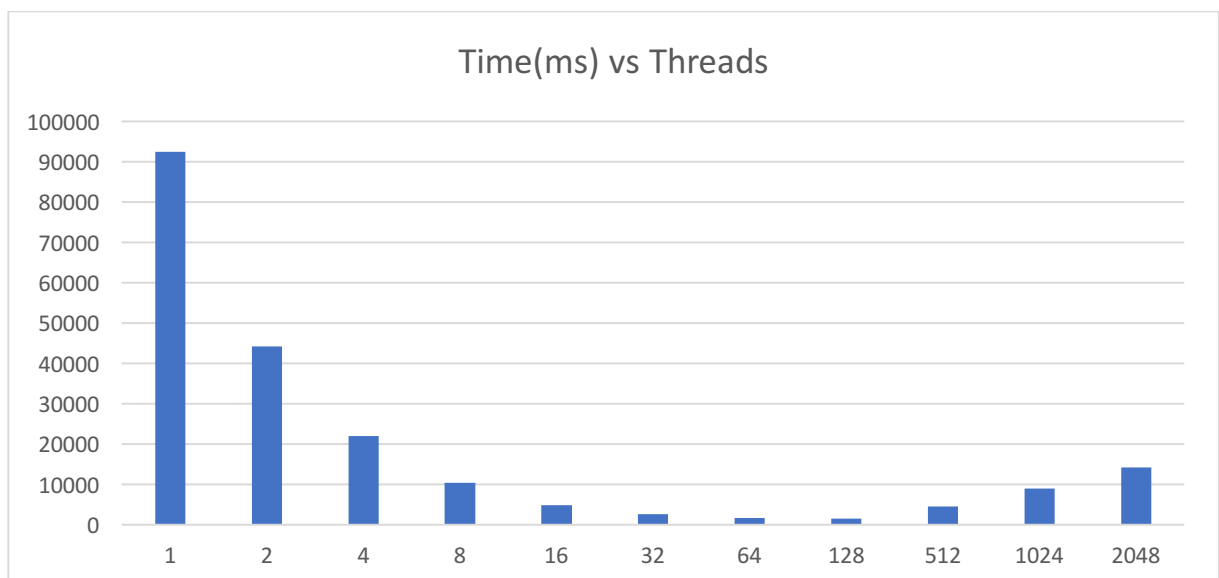
Mean:

Threads	1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128	512	1024	2048
Time (ms)	19	20	26	37	29	32	37	58	106	202	219



Median:

Threads	1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128	512	1024	2048
Time(ms)	92395	44103	21946	10407	4832	2529	1601	1364	4455	8970	14175



Merge sort complexity is  $O(n \log n)$ , which will run faster as  $n$  gets smaller. Increasing the number of threads ( $k$ ) reduces  $n$  per thread, which in turn reduces the running time for the sorting and merging. However, as  $k > 128$ , the cost of context switching is higher than the benefit of a shorter sorting time, in addition to additional number of iterations the program must run through to merge  $k$  arrays. This results in a slower running time as  $k > 128$ .