CHAPTER 13

Sorting

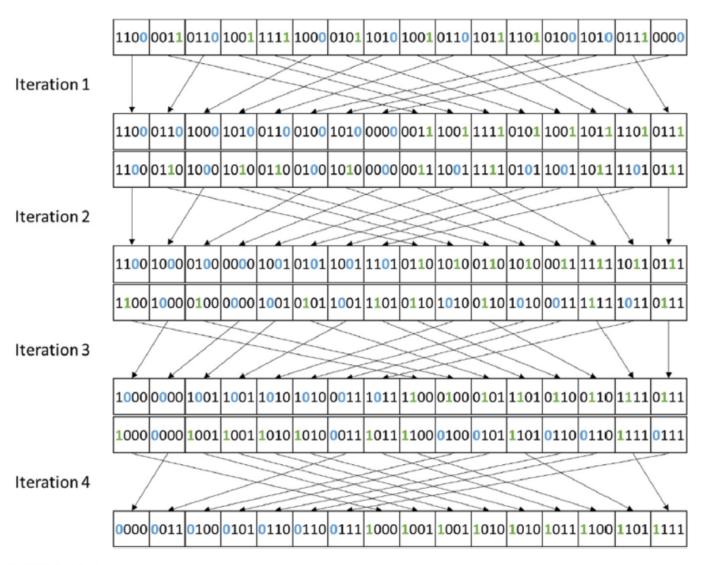
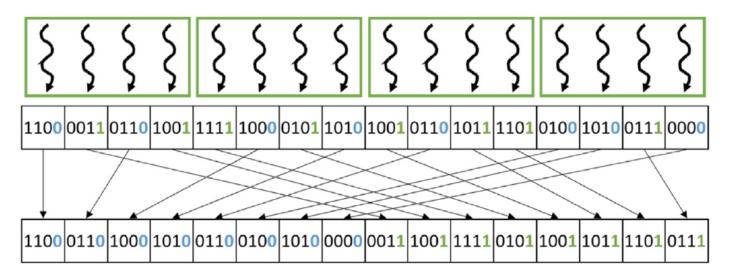
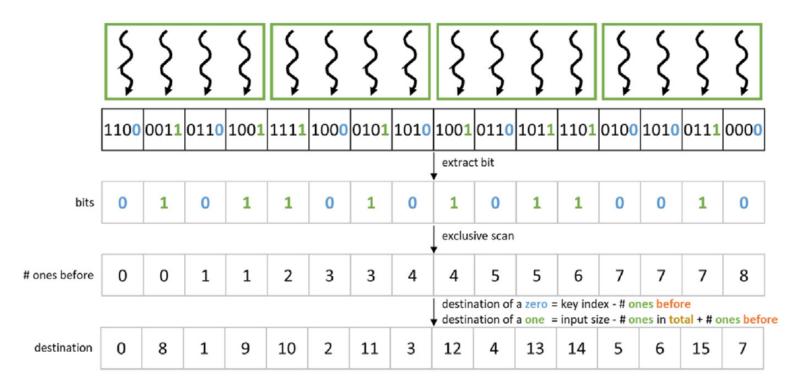


FIGURE 13.1

A radix sort example.



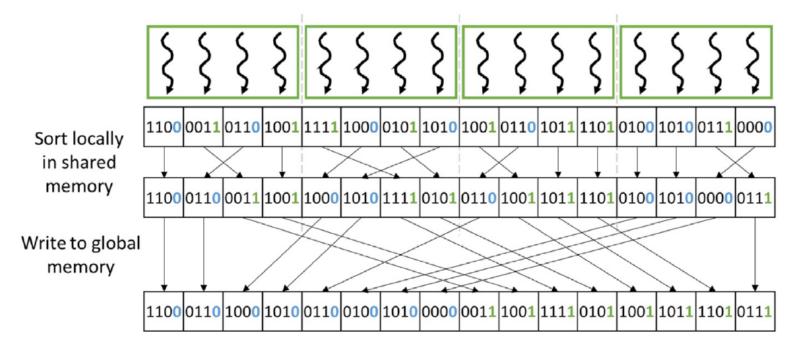
Parallelizing a radix sort iteration by assigning one input key to each thread.



Finding the destination of each input key.

```
01
      global void radix sort iter (unsigned int* input, unsigned int* output,
02
                        unsigned int* bits, unsigned int N, unsigned int iter) {
0.3
        unsigned int i = blockIdx.x*blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
0.4
        unsigned int key, bit;
0.5
        if(i < N) {
06
            key = input[i];
07
            bit = (key >> iter) & 1;
08
            bits[i] = bit;
09
10
        exclusiveScan(bits, N);
11
        if(i < N) {
12
            unsigned int numOnesBefore = bits[i];
13
            unsigned int numOnesTotal = bits[N];
14
            unsigned int dst = (bit == 0)?(i - numOnesBefore)
15
                                          : (N - numOnesTotal - numOnesBefore);
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            output[dst] = key;
17
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```

Radix sort iteration kernel code.



Optimizing for memory coalescing by sorting locally in shared memory before sorting into the global memory.

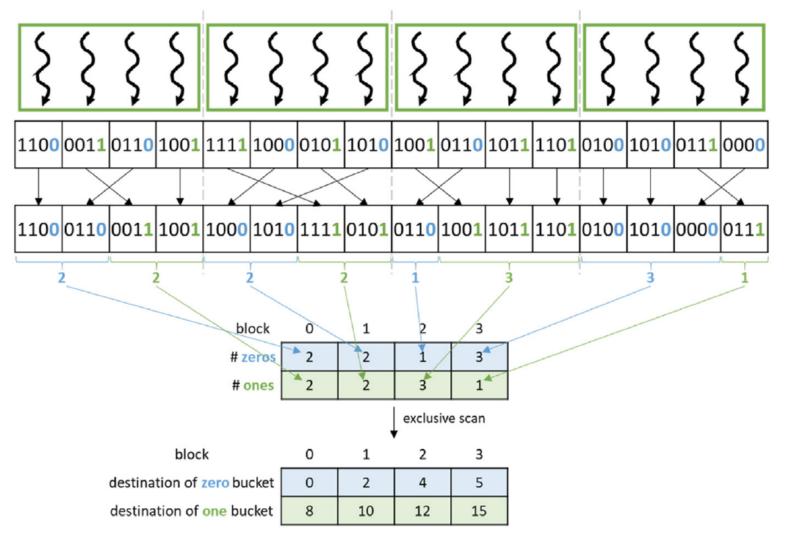
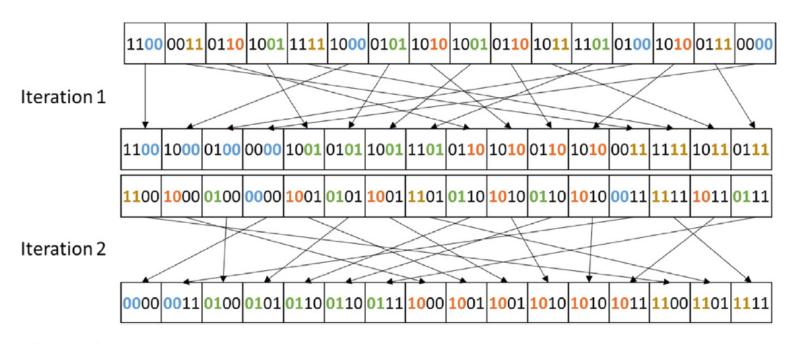
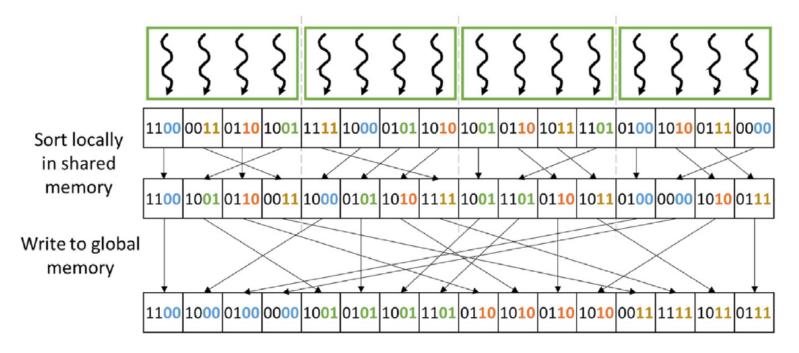


FIGURE 13.6

Finding the destination of each thread block's local buckets.



Radix sort example with 2-bit radix.



Parallelizing a radix sort iteration and optimizing it for memory coalescing using the shared memory for a 2-bit radix.

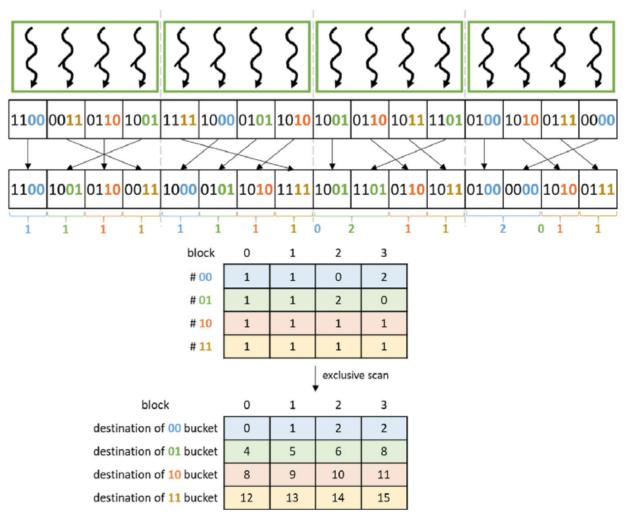


FIGURE 13.9

Finding the destination of each block's local buckets for a 2-bit radix.

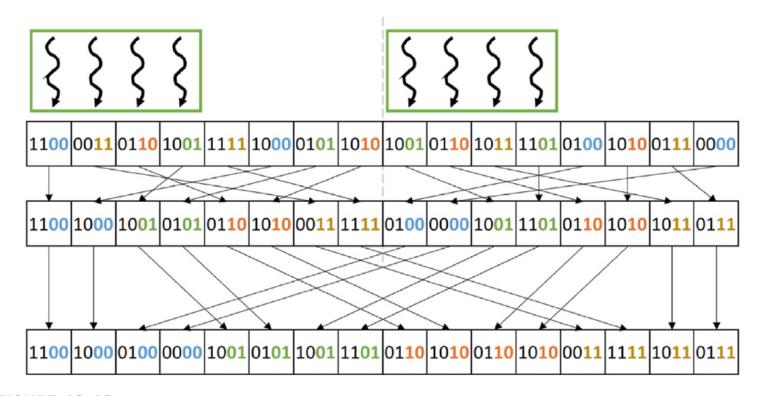
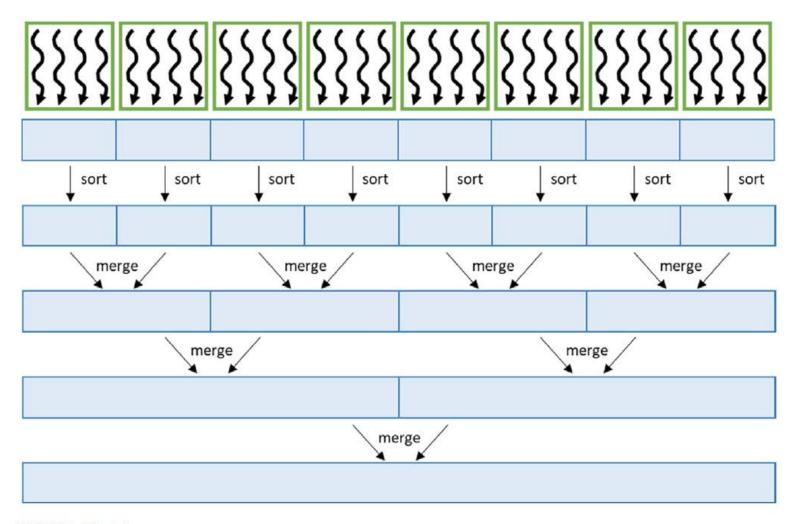


FIGURE 13.10

Radix sort for a 2-bit radix with thread coarsening to improve memory coalescing.



Parallelizing merge sort.

```
destination of a zero = # zeros before
= # keys before - # ones before
= key index - # ones before
```

```
destination of a one = # zeros in total + # ones before
= (# keys in total - # ones in total) + # ones before
= input size - # ones in total + # ones before
```