**Report: Exercises 3**

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**Problem 1**

Using MPI, write a C++ program that implements the parallel version of the quicksort algorithm. Number of processes is equal to number of elements. Test with different input sizes and verify correctness.

**Problem 5**

You are given two sorted arrays A = [a1,...,an] and B = [b1,...,bn], each of size n. The goal is to merge them into one sorted array C = [c1, . . . , c2n] of length 2n.

**(a)**  We first consider the following subproblem. Given an index i ∈ {1, . . . , n}, we want to find the final position j ∈ {1, . . . , 2n} of the value ai in the array C. Provide a fast sequential algorithm to compute j. What is the running time of your algorithm?

We can use a binary search algorithm to find the final position (j) of the value ai in the merged array C.

1. Initialize variable called start as 0 and end as 2n - 1.
2. While start <= end, do the following:
3. Compute a middle index as (start + end) / 2.
4. If ai is equal to the element at middle index in array C, set j as middle index + 1 (since j = 1,…,n) and break the loop.
5. If ai is less than the element at middle index in array C, update end as middle index - 1.
6. If ai is greater than the element at middle index in array C, update start as middle index + 1.
7. Return j.

Since we do a binary search on the merged array, the running time of this algorithm is O(log n).

**(b)**  Use the above algorithm to construct a parallel merging algorithm. The work T1 of your algorithm should be at most O(n log n), and the span T∞ should be as small as possible. What is the span T∞ of your algorithm?

To construct a parallel merging algorithm, we can utilize the sequential algorithm from part (a) and divide the work among multiple processes. Here's a parallel merging algorithm:

1. Let’s say the number of processes available is P.
2. Each process p receives a subset of the array A and B such that process p receives n/P elements from both arrays. This ensures that the workload is evenly distributed among the processes.
3. Each process independently performs the sequential algorithm from part (a) on its subset of elements to find the corresponding positions in the merged array. Thus, work is divided among the processes.
4. Each process p communicates the positions it computed to process 0. This allows process 0 to collect the positions from all processes.
5. Process 0 collects the positions received from all processes and merges them into a single sorted array C. This step combines the computed positions to obtain the final merged array.
6. Process 0 prints out the final merged array C.

The work T1 of this algorithm is O(n log n) since each process performs a binary search, and there are log n levels of binary search. The span T∞ is O(log n) since the binary search is inherently sequential, and each level of binary search depends on the previous level's results.

**(c)**  We now want to solve the merging problem in constant time in parallel. Show that by using O(n) processes, the subproblem considered in (a) can be solved in O(1) time. Use this to derive a constant-time parallel algorithm to merge the two sorted arrays. How many processors do you need to achieve a constant-time algorithm?

To solve the merging problem in constant time in parallel, we can use O(n) processes. Here's the algorithm:

1. P is the number of processes available, where P >= n.
2. Divide both arrays A and B into P equal-sized subarrays and distribute them among the processes.
3. Each process p performs the sequential algorithm from part (a) independently on its subarrays to find the corresponding positions in the merged array.
4. Each process communicates its computed positions to the root process (e.g., process 0) using an MPI gather operation.
5. The root process receives all the computed positions from other processes and merges them into a single sorted array.
6. The root process outputs the final merged array.
7. This algorithm achieves constant time because each process only performs a constant number of operations, and the communication step takes O(1) time with O(n) processes.
8. To achieve a constant-time algorithm, you need O(n) processors, where n is the size of the input arrays A and B.

P.S. In our program the size for the arrays A and B is 4, so we run with mpirun -np 4 .