

COL380 REPORT

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1 Design Choice

In this design we use the simple procedure that is given in the assignment document that first divide data into p buckets of size $n/p \pm 1$ and after that we just follow the following procedure:

1. Divide A into A_0, A_1, \dots, A_{p-1} , p buckets of size $n/p \pm 1$ each as follows. Each A_i contains contiguous elements of A .
2. From each bucket A_i , select first p elements as pseudo-splitters. Let $R = [r_0, r_1, \dots, r_{p-1}]$ be the sorted list of p pseudo-splitters. This sorting may use ParallelSort or SequentialSort.
3. Select $p-1$ equally spaced splitters from R as follows. Let $S = [s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{p-2}]$ be the selected splitters such that $s_j = R[(j+1) * p]$ for j in 0 to $p-2$.
4. (Using tasks) Split A into p partitions B_0, B_1, \dots, B_{p-1} such that for any element a in partition B_i , $s_{i-1} < a \leq s_i$. Assume $s_{-1} = -\infty$ and $s_p = \infty$.
5. Let n_i denote the number of elements in partition B_i . Sort each partition B_i in a separate task which uses SequentialSort(B_i, n_i) if $n_i < Threshold$, and ParallelSort(B_i, n_i, p) otherwise. SequentialSort is sequential sorting of your choice implemented in a task.
6. Return concatenation of sorted partitions B_i

The overall order of parallelism is $O(\text{num of threads})$.