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## Parallel Sorting

Assignment 5

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## 1. Screenshots

Below is the screenshot of all the outputs for the given algorithm with varying array size and cutoff values:

### Array Size: 100,000 and Cutoff: 5000

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// This code has been effeshed out by Zilong Zhan. Thanks very much.
// TODO tidy it up a bit.

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        processArgs(args);
        int thread = 2, arraySize = 100000;
        while (thread < 65) {
            ForkJoinPool pool = new ForkJoinPool(thread);
            System.out.println("Degree of parallelism: " + pool.getParallelism());
            Random random = new Random();
            int[] array = new int[arraySize];
            ArrayList<Long> timeList = new ArrayList<>();
            for (int j = 0; j < 10; j++) {
                ParallelSort.cutoff = 5000 * (j + 1);
                // for (int i = 0; i < array.length; i++) array[i] = random.nextInt(100000000);
                long time;
                long startTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
                for (int t = 0; t < 10; t++) {

```

Run: Main

```

Degree of parallelism: 64
cutoff: 5000    10 times Time:64ms
cutoff: 10000  10 times Time:47ms
cutoff: 15000  10 times Time:46ms
cutoff: 20000  10 times Time:43ms
cutoff: 25000  10 times Time:48ms
cutoff: 30000  10 times Time:54ms
cutoff: 35000  10 times Time:51ms
cutoff: 40000  10 times Time:52ms
cutoff: 45000  10 times Time:41ms
cutoff: 50000  10 times Time:44ms

Process finished with exit code 0

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Build completed successfully in 2 sec, 261 ms (9 minutes ago)

**Array Size: 500,000 and Cutoff: 25,000**

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// This code has been fleshed out by Zi Luo. Thanks very much.
// TOOD tidy it up a bit.

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        processArgs(args);
        int thread = 2, arraySize = 500000;
        while (thread < 65) {
            ForkJoinPool pool = new ForkJoinPool(thread);
            System.out.println("Degree of parallelism: " + pool.getParallelism());
            Random random = new Random();
            int[] array = new int[arraySize];
            ArrayList<Long> timeList = new ArrayList<>();
            for (int j = 0; j < 10; j++) {
                ParallelSort.cutoff = 25000 * (j + 1);
                // for (int i = 0; i < array.length; i++) array[i] = random.nextInt(10000000);
                long time;
                long startTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
                for (int t = 0; t < 10; t++) {

```

Run: Main

```

Degree of parallelism: 2
cutoff: 25000    10 times Time:1251ms
cutoff: 50000    10 times Time:825ms
cutoff: 75000    10 times Time:522ms
cutoff: 100000   10 times Time:308ms
cutoff: 125000   10 times Time:261ms
cutoff: 150000   10 times Time:260ms
cutoff: 175000   10 times Time:266ms
cutoff: 200000   10 times Time:269ms
cutoff: 225000   10 times Time:273ms
cutoff: 250000   10 times Time:258ms
Degree of parallelism: 4
cutoff: 25000    10 times Time:295ms

```

## Array Size: 800,000 and Cutoff: 40,000

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// This code has been refreshed out by Zilong Ding. Thanks very much.
// TODO tidy it up a bit.

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        processArgs(args);
        int thread = 2, arraySize = 800000;
        while (thread < 65) {
            ForkJoinPool pool = new ForkJoinPool(thread);
            System.out.println("Degree of parallelism: " + pool.getParallelism());
            Random random = new Random();
            int[] array = new int[arraySize];
            ArrayList<Long> timeList = new ArrayList<>();
            for (int j = 0; j < 10; j++) {
                ParallelSort.cutoff = 40000 * (j + 1);
                // for (int i = 0; i < array.length; i++) array[i] = random.nextInt(10000000);
                long time;
                long startTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
                for (int t = 0; t < 10; t++) {

```

Run: Main

Cutoff	10 times Time
40000	387ms
80000	379ms
120000	417ms
160000	432ms
200000	408ms
240000	366ms
280000	376ms
320000	390ms
360000	366ms
400000	355ms

Process finished with exit code 0

## 2. Terminal Output

The below terminal output for the different array sizes and cutoff values to run the parallel sort algorithm.

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=====
Array Size: 100,000 and Cutoff: 5000
=====

Degree of parallelism: 2
cutoff : 5000          10 times Time:415ms
cutoff : 10000         10 times Time:272ms
cutoff : 15000         10 times Time:229ms
cutoff : 20000         10 times Time:222ms
cutoff : 25000         10 times Time:180ms
cutoff : 30000         10 times Time:99ms
cutoff : 35000         10 times Time:51ms
cutoff : 40000         10 times Time:76ms
cutoff : 45000         10 times Time:59ms
cutoff : 50000         10 times Time:65ms
Degree of parallelism: 4
cutoff : 5000          10 times Time:80ms
cutoff : 10000         10 times Time:56ms
cutoff : 15000         10 times Time:67ms
cutoff : 20000         10 times Time:64ms
cutoff : 25000         10 times Time:66ms
cutoff : 30000         10 times Time:58ms
cutoff : 35000         10 times Time:105ms
cutoff : 40000         10 times Time:62ms
cutoff : 45000         10 times Time:53ms
cutoff : 50000         10 times Time:52ms
Degree of parallelism: 8
cutoff : 5000          10 times Time:72ms
cutoff : 10000         10 times Time:58ms
cutoff : 15000         10 times Time:44ms
cutoff : 20000         10 times Time:43ms
cutoff : 25000         10 times Time:43ms
cutoff : 30000         10 times Time:42ms
cutoff : 35000         10 times Time:47ms
cutoff : 40000         10 times Time:41ms
cutoff : 45000         10 times Time:40ms

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cutoff : 50000      10 times Time:46ms
Degree of parallelism: 16
cutoff : 5000       10 times Time:63ms
cutoff : 10000      10 times Time:60ms
cutoff : 15000      10 times Time:46ms
cutoff : 20000      10 times Time:54ms
cutoff : 25000      10 times Time:46ms
cutoff : 30000      10 times Time:40ms
cutoff : 35000      10 times Time:50ms
cutoff : 40000      10 times Time:39ms
cutoff : 45000      10 times Time:43ms
cutoff : 50000      10 times Time:43ms
Degree of parallelism: 32
cutoff : 5000       10 times Time:59ms
cutoff : 10000      10 times Time:50ms
cutoff : 15000      10 times Time:44ms
cutoff : 20000      10 times Time:41ms
cutoff : 25000      10 times Time:47ms
cutoff : 30000      10 times Time:46ms
cutoff : 35000      10 times Time:49ms
cutoff : 40000      10 times Time:40ms
cutoff : 45000      10 times Time:41ms
cutoff : 50000      10 times Time:49ms
Degree of parallelism: 64
cutoff : 5000       10 times Time:64ms
cutoff : 10000      10 times Time:47ms
cutoff : 15000      10 times Time:46ms
cutoff : 20000      10 times Time:43ms
cutoff : 25000      10 times Time:48ms
cutoff : 30000      10 times Time:54ms
cutoff : 35000      10 times Time:51ms
cutoff : 40000      10 times Time:52ms
cutoff : 45000      10 times Time:41ms
cutoff : 50000      10 times Time:44ms

Process finished with exit code 0

=====
Array Size: 500,000 and Cutoff: 25,000
=====

Degree of parallelism: 2

```

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cutoff : 25000      10 times Time:1231ms
cutoff : 50000      10 times Time:825ms
cutoff : 75000      10 times Time:322ms
cutoff : 100000     10 times Time:308ms
cutoff : 125000     10 times Time:261ms
cutoff : 150000     10 times Time:260ms
cutoff : 175000     10 times Time:266ms
cutoff : 200000     10 times Time:269ms
cutoff : 225000     10 times Time:273ms
cutoff : 250000     10 times Time:258ms
Degree of parallelism: 4
cutoff : 25000      10 times Time:295ms
cutoff : 50000      10 times Time:237ms
cutoff : 75000      10 times Time:230ms
cutoff : 100000     10 times Time:260ms
cutoff : 125000     10 times Time:280ms
cutoff : 150000     10 times Time:214ms
cutoff : 175000     10 times Time:226ms
cutoff : 200000     10 times Time:211ms
cutoff : 225000     10 times Time:227ms
cutoff : 250000     10 times Time:231ms
Degree of parallelism: 8
cutoff : 25000      10 times Time:297ms
cutoff : 50000      10 times Time:226ms
cutoff : 75000      10 times Time:227ms
cutoff : 100000     10 times Time:231ms
cutoff : 125000     10 times Time:227ms
cutoff : 150000     10 times Time:227ms
cutoff : 175000     10 times Time:220ms
cutoff : 200000     10 times Time:225ms
cutoff : 225000     10 times Time:218ms
cutoff : 250000     10 times Time:278ms
Degree of parallelism: 16
cutoff : 25000      10 times Time:266ms
cutoff : 50000      10 times Time:228ms
cutoff : 75000      10 times Time:275ms
cutoff : 100000     10 times Time:228ms
cutoff : 125000     10 times Time:242ms
cutoff : 150000     10 times Time:233ms
cutoff : 175000     10 times Time:286ms
cutoff : 200000     10 times Time:229ms

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cutoff : 225000      10 times Time:241ms
cutoff : 250000      10 times Time:220ms
Degree of parallelism: 32
cutoff : 25000       10 times Time:243ms
cutoff : 50000       10 times Time:278ms
cutoff : 75000       10 times Time:240ms
cutoff : 100000      10 times Time:225ms
cutoff : 125000      10 times Time:231ms
cutoff : 150000      10 times Time:238ms
cutoff : 175000      10 times Time:240ms
cutoff : 200000      10 times Time:227ms
cutoff : 225000      10 times Time:225ms
cutoff : 250000      10 times Time:226ms
Degree of parallelism: 64
cutoff : 25000       10 times Time:242ms
cutoff : 50000       10 times Time:235ms
cutoff : 75000       10 times Time:232ms
cutoff : 100000      10 times Time:227ms
cutoff : 125000      10 times Time:232ms
cutoff : 150000      10 times Time:220ms
cutoff : 175000      10 times Time:227ms
cutoff : 200000      10 times Time:218ms
cutoff : 225000      10 times Time:226ms
cutoff : 250000      10 times Time:222ms

Process finished with exit code 0

=====
Array Size: 800,000 and Cutoff: 40,000
=====
Degree of parallelism: 2
cutoff : 40000       10 times Time:1226ms
cutoff : 80000       10 times Time:553ms
cutoff : 120000      10 times Time:456ms
cutoff : 160000      10 times Time:424ms
cutoff : 200000      10 times Time:442ms
cutoff : 240000      10 times Time:456ms
cutoff : 280000      10 times Time:441ms
cutoff : 320000      10 times Time:433ms
cutoff : 360000      10 times Time:478ms
cutoff : 400000      10 times Time:439ms
Degree of parallelism: 4

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cutoff : 40000      10 times Time:483ms
cutoff : 80000      10 times Time:380ms
cutoff : 120000     10 times Time:383ms
cutoff : 160000     10 times Time:506ms
cutoff : 200000     10 times Time:407ms
cutoff : 240000     10 times Time:375ms
cutoff : 280000     10 times Time:364ms
cutoff : 320000     10 times Time:429ms
cutoff : 360000     10 times Time:369ms
cutoff : 400000     10 times Time:360ms
Degree of parallelism: 8
cutoff : 40000      10 times Time:433ms
cutoff : 80000      10 times Time:383ms
cutoff : 120000     10 times Time:383ms
cutoff : 160000     10 times Time:370ms
cutoff : 200000     10 times Time:367ms
cutoff : 240000     10 times Time:372ms
cutoff : 280000     10 times Time:364ms
cutoff : 320000     10 times Time:357ms
cutoff : 360000     10 times Time:385ms
cutoff : 400000     10 times Time:376ms
Degree of parallelism: 16
cutoff : 40000      10 times Time:453ms
cutoff : 80000      10 times Time:442ms
cutoff : 120000     10 times Time:388ms
cutoff : 160000     10 times Time:372ms
cutoff : 200000     10 times Time:389ms
cutoff : 240000     10 times Time:351ms
cutoff : 280000     10 times Time:387ms
cutoff : 320000     10 times Time:544ms
cutoff : 360000     10 times Time:380ms
cutoff : 400000     10 times Time:377ms
Degree of parallelism: 32
cutoff : 40000      10 times Time:567ms
cutoff : 80000      10 times Time:386ms
cutoff : 120000     10 times Time:367ms
cutoff : 160000     10 times Time:405ms
cutoff : 200000     10 times Time:386ms
cutoff : 240000     10 times Time:358ms
cutoff : 280000     10 times Time:355ms
cutoff : 320000     10 times Time:350ms

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cutoff : 360000      10 times Time:359ms
cutoff : 400000      10 times Time:372ms
Degree of parallelism: 64
cutoff : 40000       10 times Time:387ms
cutoff : 80000       10 times Time:379ms
cutoff : 120000      10 times Time:417ms
cutoff : 160000      10 times Time:432ms
cutoff : 200000      10 times Time:400ms
cutoff : 240000      10 times Time:366ms
cutoff : 280000      10 times Time:376ms
cutoff : 320000      10 times Time:390ms
cutoff : 360000      10 times Time:366ms
cutoff : 400000      10 times Time:353ms

```

Process finished with exit code 0

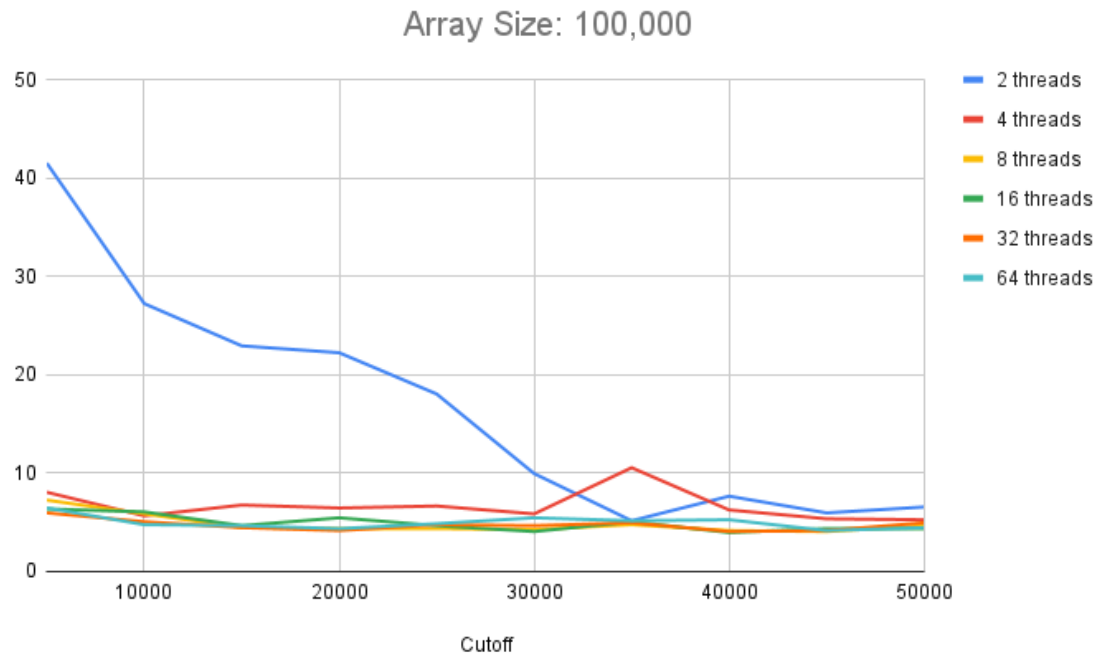
### 3. Observations

Below is the table that displays the values of **cutoff** and the **number of threads forked** for various values of cutoff and array-size:

**Array Size: 100,000 and Cutoff: 5000**

Cutoff	2 threads	4 threads	8 threads	16 threads	32 threads	64 threads
5000	41.5	8	7.2	6.3	5.9	6.4
10000	27.2	5.6	5.8	6	5	4.7
15000	22.9	6.7	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.6
20000	22.2	6.4	4.3	5.4	4.1	4.3
25000	18	6.6	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.8
30000	9.9	5.8	4.2	4	4.6	5.4
35000	5.1	10.5	4.7	5	4.9	5.1
40000	7.6	6.2	4.1	3.9	4	5.2
45000	5.9	5.3	4	4.3	4.1	4.1
50000	6.5	5.2	4.6	4.3	4.9	4.4

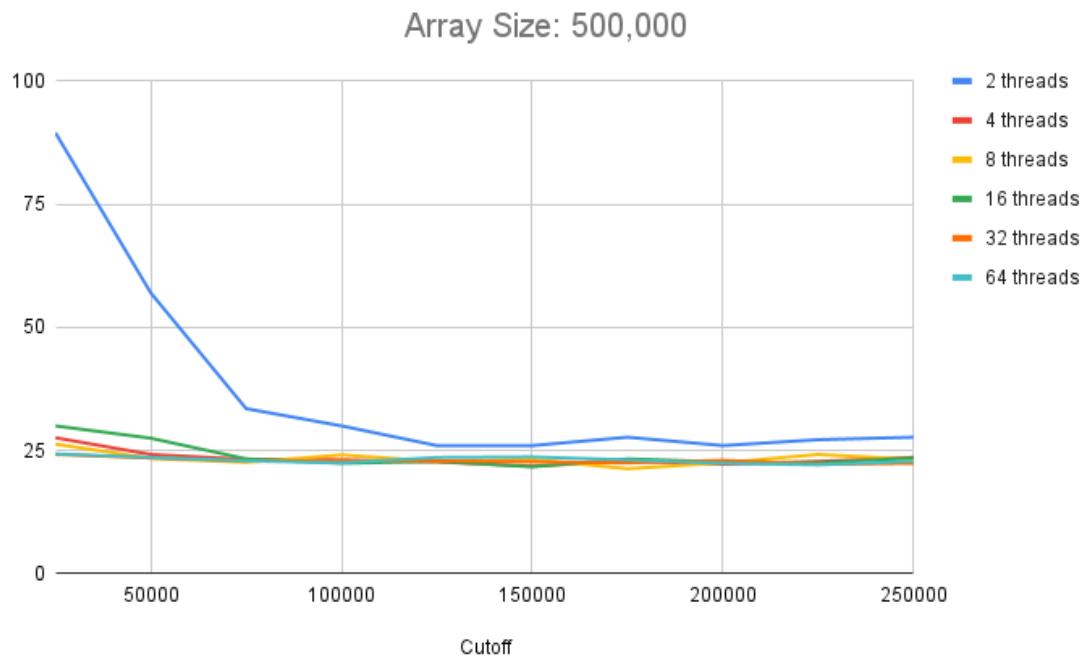
Here's the graph for the same:



**Array Size: 500,000 and Cutoff: 25,000**

Cutoff	2 threads	4 threads	8 threads	16 threads	32 threads	64 threads
<b>25000</b>	89.5	27.6	26.3	30	24.2	24.3
<b>50000</b>	57	24.2	23.4	27.5	23.5	23.6
<b>75000</b>	33.5	23.2	22.6	23.3	22.9	22.9
<b>100000</b>	30	23.1	24.1	22.4	22.9	22.5
<b>125000</b>	26	22.7	22.8	22.8	22.9	23.6
<b>150000</b>	26	21.8	23.2	21.7	22.7	23.7
<b>175000</b>	27.7	22.9	21.3	23.3	22.5	23.1
<b>200000</b>	26	22.2	22.5	22.7	23	22.4
<b>225000</b>	27.2	22.8	24.2	22.5	22.2	22.1
<b>250000</b>	27.7	23.6	23.2	23.5	22.4	22.8

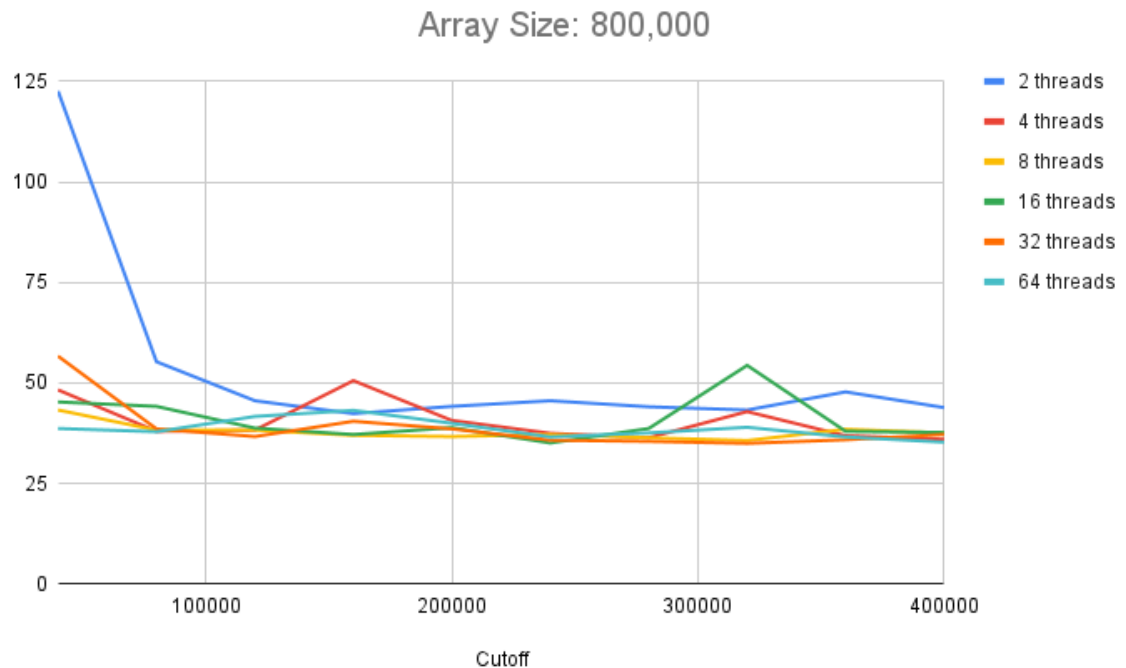
Below is the graph for the same:



**Array Size: 800,000 and Cutoff: 40,000**

Cutoff	2 threads	4 threads	8 threads	16 threads	32 threads	64 threads
<b>40000</b>	122.6	48.3	43.3	45.3	56.7	38.7
<b>80000</b>	55.3	38	38.3	44.2	38.6	37.9
<b>120000</b>	45.6	38.3	38.3	38.8	36.7	41.7
<b>160000</b>	42.4	50.6	37	37.2	40.5	43.2
<b>200000</b>	44.2	40.7	36.7	38.9	38.6	40
<b>240000</b>	45.6	37.5	37.2	35.1	35.8	36.6
<b>280000</b>	44.1	36.4	36.4	38.7	35.5	37.6
<b>320000</b>	43.3	42.9	35.7	54.4	35	39
<b>360000</b>	47.8	36.9	38.5	38	35.9	36.6
<b>400000</b>	43.9	36	37.6	37.7	37.2	35.3

Below is the graph for the same:



Comparing the above graphs and data from the tables, we can conclude the following:

- After changing the cutoff values and number of threads for different array sizes, the **number of threads bigger than 8** does not improve the performance of the algorithm. Hence **forking 8 threads** is the best option.
- Referring to the graphs above, we can see that the optimal performance is seen around **~25% of the array size**. With this, we can conclude that this leads to least algorithm performance time.

The data and observations can be found [here on Google Sheets](#).

## 4. Code

The code for this assignment is available on [my GitHub repository](#). The excel sheet containing the graph and other observations can be found [here](#).