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Element selection for arrays, array merging, and sorting are very frequent operations in many of today's important applications. These operations are of interest to scientific, as well as other applications where high-speed database search, merge, and sort operations are necessary and frequent. Therefore, their efficient implementation on parallel computers should be a worthwhile objective. Parallel algorithms are presented in this thesis for the implementation of these operations on the NJIT TurboNet system, an in-house built experimental parallel computer with TMS320C40 Digital Signal Processors interconnected in a 3-D hypercube structure. The first algorithm considered is selection. It involves finding the \( k \)-th smallest element in an unsorted sequence of \( n \) elements, where \( 1 \leq k \leq n \). The second algorithm involves the merging of two sequences sorted in nondecreasing order to form a third sequence, also sorted in nondecreasing order. The third parallel algorithm is sorting. For a given unsorted sequence \( S \) of size \( n \), we want to sort the sequence such that \( s_i < s_{i+1} \), for all \( n \) elements. Performance results show that the robust structure of TurboNet results in significant speedups.
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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Parallel processing has become the most prominent technology in achieving high performance computational power. One of the key problems to be solved with this technology is to determine how individual processes cooperate with each other efficiently when carrying out a task together. In general, shared-memory and message-passing are two techniques parallel computer systems use for coordination and communication. The shared-memory technique in parallel computing will be the focus of this thesis. This chapter provides introductory background in this fast growing research area. The most important issues in this chapter are the motivation and objectives of our research. An outline of the thesis is also presented at the end.

1.1 Parallel Processing Systems

A parallel processing system consists of multiple processors (or nodes), memory modules, peripherals, and a switching or interconnection network. There are two major categories in classifying parallel processing systems: shared-memory multiprocessors and message-passing multicomputers [7]. The difference between them lies in how communication among nodes is carried out. The following two subsections give more details about these two categories.
1.1.1. **Shared-Memory Multiprocessors**

In a shared-memory multiprocessor the processors share a common memory and some peripherals, and communication is performed through the shared-memory. These multiprocessor models are primarily used: the uniform-memory-access (UMA) model and the nonuniform-memory-access (NUMA) model [2]. They differ in the way the memory and other resources are distributed. In the UMA model, as shown in Figure 1.1, all the processors have equal access time to all the memory locations in all the shared-memory modules (marked as SM) under the condition of no network congestion, and that is why it is called uniform-memory-access model. In the NUMA model of Figure 1.2, however, accessing the local shared-memory (marked as LM) is faster than accessing a remote one, because there is no need for a processor to go through the switching network when accessing the former.

The most popular switching networks are the single bus, crossbar, and multistage [6]. The single bus can only handle one transaction at a time, employing a single source. The crossbar and multistage networks, built with extra hardware, can have more than one ongoing transaction. Hence, the single bus has low cost and low performance while the other two provide high bandwidth with higher cost.

![Figure 1.1 The UMA multiprocessor model](image-url)
1.1.2 Message-Passing Multicomputers

A message-passing multicomputer [6] consists of multiple computers (or nodes) interconnected by a point-to-point network, and each node is an autonomous computer including a processor, a private local memory, and possibly disks or I/O peripherals, as modeled in Figure 1.3. Internode communication is carried out by passing messages through the network while observing certain communication protocols. Such actions may involve multiple links (i.e. physical connections between nodes) and nodes if the source is not directly connected to the destination.

Some common network topologies in constructing interconnection networks for multicomputers are, as shown in Figure 1.4, the binary tree, star, ring, mesh, hypercube, etc. They are also called static connection networks because all the links between nodes are fixed after a network is built. Among these topologies, the hypercube is one of the most complicated but yet very popular. A $d$-dimensional hypercube consists of $2^d$ nodes, each of which is connected to one other node in each dimension. For example, a 0-dimensional hypercube, a 0-node for short, has a single node with no communication channel, i.e., a standard sequential computer. A 1-cube is constructed from two 0-cubes...
by connecting them with a single communication channel, and a 2-cube is formed with two 1-cubes by connecting their corresponding nodes via an additional channel. Figure 1.4(e) shows a 3-cube, containing two 2-cubes, and each node in each 2-cube has connection to the corresponding node in the other 2-cube. Hence, in general, a \( d \)-cube is constructed by connecting the corresponding nodes of two \((d-1)\)-cubes with an additional channel. The number of nodes is \( P = 2^d \). The number of connections per node and the maximum distance between two nodes are \( d = \log_2 P \). The node number (i.e., its identification) is chosen to be a \( d \)-bit binary code where the \( i^{th} \) bit of it represents the coordinate of the node in the \( i^{th} \) dimension of the hypercube. For a pair of directly connected nodes, their node numbers are different in only one bit. The number of bits that differ between the node numbers of two nodes gives the distance between them.

![Diagram](image_url)

**Figure 1.3** A multicomputer

In a general sense, the message-passing architecture is efficient for communicating small amounts of data in small distance. On the other hand, the shared-memory is primarily used for I/O with the host, and distant communications with large amounts of
data. Additionally, the shared-memory paradigm simplifies the development of algorithms.

(a) Binary tree  (b) Star  (c) Ring

(d) Mesh  (e) Hypercube

Figure 1.4 Examples of common network topologies

1.2 Motivation, Objectives, and Contributions

Array processing operations, such as finding the $k$-th smallest element (i.e., the selection problem) or merging two arrays to form a single sorted array, are very frequent in today's applications. For example, in the stock market, the medical and weather prediction fields, and other real-time applications, database operations are frequent. And, the operations need to be completed very quickly. Parallel processing is much better suited to such compute intensive applications. The tasks can be completed in significantly less time because the workload is distributed among all available processors and processors work in parallel, whereas in traditional one-processor systems the processing is done serially, thus
taking much longer, and therefore their implementation on parallel computers should be investigated.

The target system in this thesis is an asynchronous, three-dimensional hypercube system composed of eight powerful Texas Instruments TMS320C40(C40) Digital Signal Processor(DSP) chips. We have built this system with two VME Hydra boards of Ariel Corporation, where each board contains four C40 DSPs and shared-memory, in addition to local memory attached to each C40 DSP. The shared-memory of each board is also global so that it can be accessed by any of the eight processors via the shared VME bus. TurboNet has a more general architecture that implements directly in hardware both the message-passing and shared-memory communication paradigms, in contrast to other proposed systems such as FLASH and HARP. Details about TurboNet follow in the next chapter.

The objectives of this thesis are: (1) to employ the shared-memory paradigm in the implementation of parallel algorithms for the selection, array merging, and sorting problems; (2) to compare the performance of our parallel algorithms that employ the shared-memory communication paradigm with the performance of sequential algorithms, in order to illustrate the superiority of the former.

Our results prove that several algorithms can take advantage of the shared-memory capability of the hybrid architecture of our target system, TurboNet, in order to achieve significant speedup. Therefore, the main conclusion of this thesis is that the implementation of such operations on a relatively small shared-memory parallel computer is very practical and cost effective if the applications process large amounts of data.
1.3 Outline

This thesis is organized as follows. Following this introduction, Chapter 2 provides a brief review of our target TurboNet system, including a review of the C40, Hydra and TurboNet architectures. In chapters 3, 4, and 5, algorithms for selection, merging, and sorting are discussed, and their implementations on TurboNet are presented along with relevant performance analysis results. Chapter 6 presents the conclusions and further research objectives.
CHAPTER 2

THE NJIT TURBONET SYSTEM

The NJIT TurboNet system is presented in this chapter. The main aspects of the system are discussed here as follows: the entire system, the host system, and the Texas Instrument's TMS320C40 Digital Signal Processor. From the architecture point of view, the TurboNet system implements in hardware both the shared-memory and message-passing paradigms, and this is what distinguishes it from other parallel systems.

2.1 System Description

The TurboNet computer system comprises a SPARC CPU-2CE host system board, a VME backplane, two Ariel-VC40 Hydra Digital Signal Processor (DSP) boards, two hard disk drives, a floppy drive, a CD-ROM, a VME Bus Logic Analyzer, and a set of PC-AT computers as depicted in Figure 2.1. There are four communication links between the two DSP system boards, each link connecting corresponding C40 processors on the two different Hydra boards. Each Texas Instruments TMS320C40 (C40 for brevity) Digital Signal Processor has six bi-directional communication ports. Three of the six communication ports of each processor are being used to interconnect the DSPs within the board to implement a fully-connected four-processor system. A fourth communication port is used for an interboard connection, that is to link with a C40 processor in the second Hydra board so that a 3-D hypercube system with eight processors is formed.
The NJIT TurboNet System

Figure 2.1  The NJIT TurboNet System
Each Hydra board (see Figure 2.2) is a single-slot VME-based multi-digital signal processor system, containing four C40 DSP chips. An Internal Shared Bus (ISB) is included, to which the VME bus and the global bus of each DSP are connected. The ISB provides access to DRAM memory and other shared resources to all four processors within the Hydra board. Because of the Shared-DRAM memory and the hypercube architecture, the TurboNet system implements both the shared-memory and message-passing communication paradigms. This is one of the features that make this system unique.

The TurboNet system is monitored by two PC-AT computers. These units are linked to the VME boards and the Hydra boards. Their purpose is to display, using customized software, the VME status of the system and the Hydra board activity. Any error within the system will alert the programmer for troubleshooting and maintenance purposes.

2.2 The Host System

The host system, a 40 MHz SPARC CPU-2CE board, is a complete VME-based SPARC 2 architecture with Sbus expansion. The SPARC CPU-2CE runs the SunOS/Solaris operating system version 4.1.3. The main processor unit is based on a SPARC 32-bit RISC architecture. It comprises an integrated Integer Unit/Floating Point Unit, a Sun standard SRAM-based memory management unit, a cache controller, and two Cache RAM chips. Operating at 40 MHz, the Integer Unit/Floating Point Unit provides 28.5 MIPS integer performance and 4.2 MFLOPS floating point performance. The purpose of
the host system is to compile and download the C40 programs to the Hydra boards using the VME bus.

All DSPs have the capability of becoming the VME Bus Master as well as the VME System Controller. The Hydra VME interface has a built-in DMA controller that can be set to move data to/from the shared internal DRAM from/to another VME card autonomously. This helps to relieve the DSPs from the task of data movement. The VMEbus analyzers are logic analyzers that are designed specifically to interface and troubleshoot the VME bus. The VME bus testing can be done at the software and hardware levels. Hardware handshaking and timing problems can be traced, analyzed and displayed on an independent terminal without interference to the VME bus.

2.3 Parallel Digital Signal Processor: TMS320C40

The TMS320C40 is a 32-bit processor designed specifically for parallel-processing and other real time embedded applications. It has six communications ports for high-speed interprocessor communications with a 20-Mbyte/sec maximum asynchronous transfer rate and a six-channel DMA coprocessor for concurrent I/O and CPU operation, thereby maximizing sustained CPU performance by alleviating the CPU of burdensome I/O. The high-performance DSP CPU is capable of 275 MOPS and 320 Mbytes/sec. Two identical external data and address buses supporting shared memory systems and high data rate, single-cycle transfer are also designed into the chip. The six communication ports, under DMA coprocessor supervision, allow the CPU to perform other tasks in parallel, utilizing
its computational power to the maximum. This benefits the computational timing and data transfer throughput.

Figure 2.2 The TurboNet's Hydra Board
CHAPTER 3

PARALLEL SELECTION

3.1 Parallel Selection

The selection problem involves finding the \( k \)-th smallest element in a given sequence of unsorted elements. That is, given an unsorted sequence \( S \) of \( n \) elements and an integer \( k \), where \( 1 \leq k \leq n \), we want to find the \( k \)-th smallest element in \( S \). This problem arises in many commercial applications, especially financial applications where statistical methods are used. The simplest way of finding the \( k \)-th element is by first sorting the sequence and then selecting the \( k \)-th smallest element. For a sequence of size \( n \), it requires \( O(n^2) \) comparisons. The divide-and-conquer approach can solve the problem in \( O(n) \) time [1].

An algorithm for the EREW (Exclusive-Read, Exclusive-Write) shared-memory SIMD computer has running time \( t(n) = O(n^x) \), where \( x \) is computed from \( N = n^{1-x} \), and \( N \) is the number of processors [1]. The parallel algorithm uses a sequential algorithm for the selection problem in individual processors. This SEQUENTIAL_SELECT algorithm finds the \( k \)-th element in \( O(n) \) time. Let the constant integer \( Q \) have any value greater than or equal to 5, as determined in [1] for the best possible asymptotic performance.

The algorithm works as follows [1]:

\[
\text{SEQUENTIAL_SELECT}(S, k) \\
(1) \quad \text{if } |S| < Q \text{ then sort } S \text{ and find the } k \text{-th element}
\]
else divide $S$ into $|S|/Q$ subsequences of size $Q$ each

end if.

(2) For each subsequence find its median $m_i$, after its sorting.

(3) Find the median $m$ of these $|S|/Q$ medians by calling

SEQUENTIAL_SELECT.

(4) Generate the following sequences that contain elements of $S$ chosen as follows:

- $S_G$: Elements greater than $m$
- $S_E$: Elements equal to $m$
- $S_L$: Elements less than $m$

(5) if $|S_L| \geq k$ then call SEQUENTIAL_SELECT($S_L, k$)

else if $|S_L| + |S_E| \geq k$ then return $m$ as the $k$-th element

else call SEQUENTIAL_SELECT ($S_G, k - |S_L| - |S_E|$)

end if.

end if.

The running time of the SEQUENTIAL_SELECT algorithm was shown in [1] to be $t(n) = O(n)$, which is optimal. A parallel algorithm is cost optimal if the product of the number of processors and the running time has asymptotic complexity equal to the asymptotic running time of the best known sequential algorithm for the problem.

Using parallel processing techniques, the selection task can be done more efficiently. A parallel algorithm for selection on a EREW shared-memory SIMD
computer is introduced as procedure PARALLEL_SELECT [1]. The following assumptions are made. There are $N$ processors in the computer, where $N \geq 1$. $M$ is an array of size $N$ in the shared memory. Each processor knows the size $n$ of the sequence $S$ and computes $x$ from $N = n^{1-x}$, where $0 < x < 1$. Each of the $n^{1-x}$ processors can store a sequence of size $n^x$ in its local memory. Two other procedures are used. Procedure BROADCAST broadcasts information to all processors in $O(\log n^{1-x})$ time. The procedure ALLSUMS finds all prefix sums in the same amount of time [1].

The algorithm is as follows [1]:

**procedure PARALLEL_SELECT** $(S, k)$$n$

(1) if $|S| \leq 4$ then $P_i$ uses at most five comparisons to return the $k$-th element

else

(i) $S$ is subdivided into $|S|^{1-x}$ subsequences $S_i$, of length $|S|^x$ each, where $1 \leq i \leq |S|^{1-x}$, and

(ii) subsequence $S_i$ is assigned to processor $P_i$.

end if.

(2) for $i = 1$ to $|S|^{1-x}$ do in parallel

(2.1) $P_i$ obtains the median $m_i$, i.e. the $\left\lceil |S_i|/2 \right\rceil$th element, of its associated subsequence

SEQUENTIAL_SELECT $(S_i, \left\lceil |S_i|/2 \right\rceil)$

(2.2) $P_i$ stores $m_i$ in $M(i)$

end for.
\( (3) \) The procedure is called recursively to obtain the median \( m \) of \( M \)

\[
\text{PARALLEL_SELECT}(M, \lceil |M|/2 \rceil).
\]

\( (4) \) The sequence \( S \) is subdivided into the three subsequences:

\[
S_L = \{ s_i \in S : s_i < m \}, \quad S_E = \{ s_i \in S : s_i = m \}, \quad \text{and} \quad S_G = \{ s_i \in S : s_i > m \}.
\]

\( (5) \) if \(|S_L| \geq k\) then PARALLEL_SELECT \((S_L, k)\)

else if \(|S_L| + |S_E| \geq k\) then return \( m \)

else PARALLEL_SELECT \((S_G, k - |S_L| - |S_E|)\)

end if

end if.

The running time of the algorithm is \( t(n) = O(n^*) \) for \( n > 4 \). An example that follows illustrates the workings of the PARALLEL_SELECT algorithm.

![Figure 3.1 Finding the 19th element using PARALLEL_SELECT](image)
We want to find the 19th element of an unsorted sequence \( S \) (in Figure 3.1(a)) of size 26 using a FOUR processor EREW SM parallel computer. Initially, we have \( k = 19 \), \( |S| = n = 26 \), and \( N = 4 \). Therefore, the value of \( x \) is computed as 
\[
x = 1 - \frac{\log N}{\log n} = 0.5745 \quad \text{and} \quad 1 - x = 0.4255.
\]
The size of the sequence \( S \), received by each of the \( n^{1-x} \) processors is \( \lceil |S|^{1-x} \rceil = 7 \). After step 1, the first three processors have seven elements each, and the fourth has five, as in Figure 3.1(b). Next, each processor calls SEQUENTIAL_SELECT to find the median of the subsequence it has and places the median \( m_i \) in the array \( M \) (Figure 3.1(c)). In step 3, PARALLEL_SELECT is called recursively to find the median of medians, which is 12. In step 4, \( S \) is divided into three subsequences (namely \( S_L \), \( S_E \), and \( S_G \)), as in Figure 3.1(d). Since \( |S_L| = 9 \) and \( |S_E| = 2 \), we have \( |S_L| + |S_E| < k \) and PARALLEL_SELECT is called recursively in step 5. At this point, the input to PARALLEL_SELECT is a new sequence \( S \) (Figure 3.2(a)) and \( k = 8 \). Since \( \lceil |S|^{1-x} \rceil \), the sequence is subdivided into \( \lceil |S|^{1-x} \rceil = 3 \) subsequences \( S_i \) of length...
\[ \left\lfloor \frac{|S|}{k} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{15}{5} \right\rfloor = 3. \] Each of the three processors receives five elements as in Figure 3.2(b).

\[ S = 40 \ 29 \ 17 \ 22 \ 85 \ 80 \ 71 \ 36 \ 38 \ 17 \ 89 \ 57 \ 61 \ 66 \ 50 \]

(a)

\[ S_1 = 40 \ 29 \ 17 \ 22 \ 85 \]

S2 = 80 \ 71 \ 36 \ 38 \ 17

S3 = 89 \ 57 \ 61 \ 66 \ 50

(b)

\[ M = 29 \ 38 \ 61 \] Median = 38

(c)

\[ L = 29 \ 17 \ 22 \ 36 \ 17 \]

E = 38

G = 40 \ 85 \ 80 \ 71 \ 89 \ 57 \ 61 \ 66 \ 50

(d)

Figure 3.2 Finding the 19th element using PARALLEL_SELECT recursively

In step 2, all three processors find medians and place them in the shared-memory array \( M \).

In step 3, PARALLEL_SELECT is called and processor 1 finds the median of medians as in Figure 3.2(c). In step 4, \( S \) is divided into three subsequences (namely \( S_L, S_E, \) and \( S_G \)), as in Figure 3.2(d). Since \( |S_L| = 5 \) and \( |S_E| = 1 \), we have \( |S_L| + |S_E| < k \) and PARALLEL_SELECT is again called recursively in step 5.

\[ S = 40 \ 85 \ 80 \ 71 \ 89 \ 57 \ 61 \ 66 \ 50 \]

(a)

\[ S_1 = 40 \ 85 \ 80 \ 71 \]

S2 = 89 \ 57 \ 61 \ 66 \ 50

(b)

\[ M = 71 \ 57 \] Median = 57

(c)

\[ L = 40 \ 50 \]

E = 57

G = 40 \ 80 \ 71 \ 89 \ 89 \ 61 \ 65 \ 66

(d)

Figure 3.3 Second recursive call to PARALLEL_SELECT
At this point, the input to PARALLEL_SELECT is a new sequence \( S \), as shown in Figure 3.3(a), and \( k = 2 \). Since \( \left\lfloor \frac{|S|}{k} \right\rfloor = 2 \), the sequence is subdivided into \( \left\lfloor \frac{|S|}{2} \right\rfloor = 2 \) subsequences \( S' \) of length \( \left\lfloor \frac{|S|}{2} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{9}{2} \right\rfloor = 4 \). The first processor receives four elements and the second receives five elements, as in Figure 3.3(b). The median value (M=57) is found and the sequence is again divided into three subsequences, as shown in Figure 3.3(c-d). Since \( |S_L| = 2 \) and \( k=2 \), \( |S_L| \geq k \) and PARALLEL_SELECT is called recursively in step 5. For the new sequence (Figure 3.4) the \( k \)-th (second) value, which is 50, is found in step 1 since the size of the sequence is less than \( \mathcal{O} \), which is 4.

\[
S = [40, 50]
\]

**Figure 3.4** Call to SEQUENTIAL_SELECT in step 1

### 3.2 TurboNet Implementation and Timing Results

The parallel select algorithm discussed in the previous subsection has been implemented on the NJIT TurboNet parallel computer. The TurboNet implementation of the algorithm and its performance results are presented in this section. The original theoretical algorithms have been enhanced to give a robust performance on the TurboNet parallel computer. This is done without changing the basic workings of the original parallel algorithms. Various practical problems were considered in the implementations; these include bottlenecks due to the TurboNet's single bus architecture, limited size of the local SRAM and of the global DRAM memories, and communications and synchronization among the processors. For the implemented parallel algorithm, performance
measurements are shown for mainly three cases: single processor, 2 processors, and 4 processors. For each of the three cases, the algorithm's execution times (in microseconds) are shown for various sizes of input arrays, from 400 to 4000 elements.

3.2.1 TurboNet Implementation of Parallel Select

The implementation of the parallel select algorithm on TurboNet and its relevant performance results are presented in this subsection. One, two, or four processors use the DRAM shared-memory for inter-communication.

Contrary to the original parallel algorithm in Section 3.1, in Step 1 instead of keeping the value of $Q$ constant ($Q=5$), in the implementation of parallel select it is varied from $Q=5$, for small input sequences, to $Q=7$, for very large sequences. The $Q$ value variation is mainly done so that the program counter stack does not overflow when frequent and continuous recursive calls to the algorithm are made. In Step 4, only processor 1 is assigned the task of dividing the original sequence into three subsequences $S_L$, $S_E$, and $S_G$. In the original parallel selection algorithm (see Section 3.1) all processors are used to complete this task. The modification is made to reduce the communications overheads (DRAM usage) among the processors, thus boosting the overall performance. This is especially very apparent for very large size input arrays (see Tables 3.1-3.3). Also, we should note that there are some hidden or implied tasks that are required in the implementation. For instance, in Step 4, when the sequence $S$ is divided into subsequences, the new resulting subsequences $S_L$, $S_E$, and $S_G$, are first copied into temporary memory locations. When the subdividing task is completed the
subsequences are copied back into their original memory locations in the order of $S_L$, $S_B$, and $S_G$. Even with these extra hidden tasks, the overall performance of the parallel algorithm on TurboNet is very impressive compared to its sequential counterpart. The parallel select algorithm implementation was tested and execution time data were taken for the following case: the size of input unsorted arrays varies from $n=400$ to $n=4000$ elements.

The Table 3.1 contains the average execution time (in $\mu$sec) where all cases were considered. The plots of the execution time (in $\mu$sec) versus the input array size ($n$ elements) is shown in Figures 3.5.

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<th>Array size (elements)</th>
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The results obtained do show the significant reduction of the execution time that is achieved by applying parallel processing. The dramatic performance improvement is very apparent for sequences of very large size.
CHAPTER 4

PARALLEL MERGE

4.1 Parallel Merging

The merging problem arises in many areas, especially in database applications and file management [1]. Although many applications involve the merging of non-numeric data (for example: merging of two alphabetically sorted mailing lists), this task can be handled easily once the basics of the problem have been resolved. Merging involves taking two sequences of numbers sorted in non-decreasing order and merging them to form a third resulting sequence, also sorted in non-decreasing order. For two given sorted sequences \( A = \{a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_r\} \) of length \( r \) and \( B = \{b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_s\} \) of length \( s \), the resulting merged sequence is \( C = \{c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_{r+s}\} \) also sorted in non-decreasing order, such that each \( c_i \) in the sequence \( C \) belongs to either the sequence \( A \) or \( B \), and each \( a_i \) and each \( b_j \) appears exactly once in the sequence \( C \).

For very large size arrays, this task is very time consuming when done on a single processor system. However, it can be done very efficiently on a parallel computer by distributing the workload among all available processors and having each processor utilize an efficient sequential algorithm. In the subsection that follows, sequential and parallel merge algorithms are discussed. First, two sequential algorithms are discussed, an algorithm to do sequential merge (SEQUENTIAL_MERGE) and an algorithm to find the median of two sequences (TWO_SEQUENCE_MEDIAN). Then, a fast EREW parallel merge algorithm is introduced which utilizes the sequential algorithms.
4.1.1 Sequential Merging

For two given sequences of numbers $A = \{a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_r\}$ and $B = \{b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_s\}$ sorted in nondecreasing order, we want to merge them to form a third sequence $C$, also sorted in nondecreasing order. The merging process is to be performed by a single processor. This can be done as follows: Define two pointers, one pointer for each sequence. At the start of the merge, the pointers are initialized so that they are positioned at elements $a_i$ and $b_j$, respectively. Next, the smaller of $a_i$ and $b_j$ is found and is assigned to $c_k$, and the pointer to the sequence from which $c_k$ came is advanced by one position. Again, the two pointed elements are compared to find the smaller of the two. The smaller element is assigned to $c_{k+1}$ and, again, the corresponding pointer is advanced by one. This process is repeated until one of the two input sequences is exhausted. The leftover elements in the other sequence are now appended to $C$. The algorithm is given in what follows as procedure SEQUENTIAL_MERGE. Its description is simplified by assuming that $a_{r+1}$ and $b_{s+1}$ exist [1].

\begin{verbatim}
procedure SEQUENTIAL_MERGE (A,B,C)
(1) (1.1) i ← 1
(1.2) j ← 1
(2) for k = 1 to r + s do
    if $a_i < b_j$ then (i) $c_k ← a_i$
        (ii) $i ← i + 1$
\end{verbatim}
else
  (i) \( c_k \leftarrow b_j \)
  (ii) \( j \leftarrow j + 1 \)
end if
end for.

The following numerical example shows how the algorithm works. We want to merge two sorted sequences, \( A = \{a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_r\} = \{-3,0,2,5,8\} \) and \( B = \{b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_s\} = \{-2,1,5,7,11\} \) to form a third sequence \( C \), also in sorted order. Here, \( r = s = 5 \).

Therefore, the resulting sequence \( C \) will be of size \( r + s = 5 + 5 = 10 \).

**Step 1:** \( i = 1 \) and \( j = 1 \)

**Step 2:** For \( k = 1 \), \( a_1 < b_1 \) is true, so \( c_1 = -3 \) and \( i = 2 \)

\( k = 2 \), \( a_2 < b_1 \) is false, so \( c_2 = -2 \) and \( j = 2 \)

\( k = 3 \), \( a_2 < b_2 \) is true, so \( c_3 = 0 \) and \( i = 3 \)

\( k = 4 \), \( a_3 < b_2 \) is false, so \( c_4 = 1 \) and \( j = 3 \)

\( k = 5 \), \( a_3 < b_3 \) is true, so \( c_5 = 2 \) and \( i = 4 \)

\( k = 6 \), \( a_4 < b_3 \) is false, so \( c_6 = 5 \) and \( j = 4 \)

\( k = 7 \), \( a_4 < b_4 \) is true, so \( c_7 = 5 \) and \( i = 5 \)

\( k = 8 \), \( a_5 < b_4 \) is false, so \( c_8 = 7 \) and \( j = 5 \)

\( k = 9 \), \( a_5 < b_3 \) is true, so \( c_9 = 8 \) and \( i = 6 \)

Therefore, at \( k = 10 \), \( c_{10} = 11 \).

In the worst case (\( r = s = n \)), this algorithm requires \( n \) comparisons to generate the sequence \( C \). Therefore, the algorithm runs in \( O(n) \) time.
4.1.2 Finding the Median of Two Sorted Sequences

We want to find the median of two given sequences (sorted in nondecreasing order) without actually sorting the sequences. An algorithm is introduced in [1] as procedure TWO-SEQUENCE_MEDIAN(A,B,x,y). For two given sorted sequences A = \{a_1,a_2,...,a_r\} and B = \{b_1,b_2,...,b_s\}, where r,s > 1, we let m = r + s represent the length of the resulting sequence C which is formed after merging the two sequences. We want to find the median, the \(\lceil m/2 \rceil\)th element, of the sequence C without actually forming C. This algorithm returns an index pair (a_x, b_y). One of the two indices is a median of C, depending on the one that satisfies following properties:

1. \(a_x\) is the median of A.B if \(a_x\) is larger than \(\lceil m/2 \rceil - 1\) elements and smaller than \(\lceil m/2 \rceil\) elements. \(b_y\) is the median of A.B if \(b_y\) is larger than \(\lceil m/2 \rceil - 1\) elements and smaller than \(\lceil m/2 \rceil\) elements.

2. If \(a_x\) is the median, then \(b_y\) is either (i) the largest element in B smaller than or equal to \(a_x\), or (ii) the smallest element in B larger than or equal to \(a_x\).

   Similarly, if \(b_y\) is the median, then \(a_x\) is either (i) the larger element in A smaller than or equal to \(b_y\), or (ii) the smallest element in A larger than or equal to \(b_y\).

3. If more than one pair satisfies 1 and 2, then the algorithm returns the pair for which \(x + y\) is the smallest.

The algorithm is as follows [1]:

\[ \text{Procedure TWO-SEQUENCE_MEDIAN(A,B,x,y)} \]

1. Compute the median index \(k = \lceil m/2 \rceil\).
2. Set \(a_x = A[k]\) and \(b_y = B[k]\).
3. If \(a_x\) is a median, return \((a_x, b_y)\).
4. If \(b_y\) is a median, return \((a_x, b_y)\).
5. If more than one pair satisfies 1 and 2, return the pair for which \(x+y\) is the smallest.
TWO-SEQUENCE_MEDIAN(A, B, x, y)

(1)  
(1.1) \( low_A \leftarrow 1 \)
(1.2) \( low_B \leftarrow 1 \)
(1.3) \( high_A \leftarrow r \)
(1.4) \( high_B \leftarrow s \)
(1.5) \( n_A \leftarrow r \)
(1.6) \( n_B \leftarrow s \)

(2) while \( n_A > 1 \) and \( n_B > 1 \) do

(2.1) \( u \leftarrow low_A + \lceil (high_A - low_A - 1) / 2 \rceil \)
(2.2) \( v \leftarrow low_B + \lceil (high_B - low_B - 1) / 2 \rceil \)
(2.3) \( w \leftarrow \min(\lfloor n_A / 2 \rfloor, \lfloor n_B / 2 \rfloor) \)
(2.4) \( n_A \leftarrow n_A - w \)
(2.5) \( n_B \leftarrow n_B - w \)
(2.6) if \( a_u \geq b_v \)

then (i) \( high_A \leftarrow high_A - w \)
(ii) \( low_A \leftarrow low_A + w \)

else (i) \( low_A \leftarrow low_A + w \)
(ii) \( high_B \leftarrow high_B - w \)

end if

end while.

(3) Return as \( x \) and \( y \) the indices of the pair from \( \{a_{v-1}, a_u, a_{v+1}\} \times \{b_{v-1}, b_v, b_{v+1}\} \)
satisfying properties 1-3 of a median pair.

In the worst case $(r=s=n)$, the algorithm requires $c_r + c_s \log(\min\{r, s\})$ time units which is $O(\log n)$. The algorithm is being utilized in the next section to form a fast parallel merging algorithm.

4.1.3 Parallel Merging on an EREW Computer

By applying parallel processing techniques and utilizing the efficient sequential algorithms discussed in previous subsections, namely SEQUENTIAL_MERGE and TWO-SEQUENCE_MEDIAN, the merging task can be done very efficiently. An algorithm is presented as procedure EREW_PARALLEL_MERGE which uses this approach [1]. It has small running time and optimal cost. It requires a sublinear number of processors and adapts to the actual number of processors available. The algorithm assumes $N$ processors, where $N$ is a power of 2. The merging is done in two stages. The sorted sequences $A$ and $B$ are partitioned into $N$ subsequences $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_N$ and $B_1, B_2, \ldots, B_N$ such that $|A_i| + |B_i| = (r + s) / N$. Also, all $A_i, B_i$ subsequences’ elements are smaller than or equal to those of $A_{i+1}, B_{i+1}$ for $1 \leq i \leq N - 1$. Next, all $A_i$ and $B_i$ are merged simultaneously.

The algorithm is as follows [1]:

procedure EREW_PARALLEL_MERGE $(A, B, C)$

(1) (1.1) Processor $P_i$ obtains the quadruple $(1, r, l, s)$. 
(1.2) for $j = 1$ to $\log N$ do

for $i = 1$ to $2^{j-1}$ do in parallel

Processor $P_i$ has received the quadruple $(e, f, g, h)$

(1.2.1) { Finds the median pair of two sequences, $A_i$ and $B_i$ }

TWO-SEQUENCE_MEDIAN $(A[e,f], B[g,h], x, y)$

(1.2.2) { Computes four pointers $p_1, p_2, q_1, q_2$ as follows}

if $a_x$ is the median

then (i) $p_1 \leftarrow x$

(ii) $q_1 \leftarrow x + 1$

(iii) if $b_y \leq a_x$ then { $p_2 \leftarrow y, \; q_2 \leftarrow y + 1$ }

else { $p_2 \leftarrow y - 1, \; q_2 \leftarrow y$ }

end if

else (i) $p_2 \leftarrow y$

(ii) $q_2 \leftarrow y + 1$

(iii) if $a_x \leq b_y$ then { $p_1 \leftarrow x, \; q_1 \leftarrow x + 1$ }

else { $p_1 \leftarrow x - 1, \; q_1 \leftarrow x$ }

end if

(1.2.3) Communicates the quadruple $(e, p_1, g, p_2)$ to $P_{2^{j-1}}$

(1.2.4) Communicates the quadruple $(1, 2, 3, 4)$ to

end for

end for.
(2) for $i = 1$ to $N$ do in parallel

Processor $P_i$ having received the quadruple $(a, b, c, d)$

(2.1) $w \leftarrow 1 + \frac{(i-1)(r+s)}{N}$

(2.2) $z \leftarrow \min \left\{ \frac{i(r+s)}{N}, \frac{(r+s)}{N} \right\}$

(2.3) SEQUENTIAL MERGE $(A[a,b], B[c,d], C[w,z])$

end for.

Working of the parallel merge algorithm is described by an example that follows. For two given sorted sequences $S_1$ of size $r=16$ and $S_2$ of size $s=14$ as shown in Figure 3.3.1, we want to merge the sequences using a four processor parallel computer and produce a third resulting sorted sequence $C$ of size $r+s$. In step 1.1, processor $P_1$ receives the two sequences, $(e,f,g,h) = (1,16,1,14)$. During the first interation of Step 1.2, $P_1$ calls the procedure TWO-SEQUENCE_MEDIAN and finds the median indices $(a_x, b_y) = (9,6)$ as shown in Figure 4.1. It keeps part of $S_1$ and $S_2$ ($S_1[1,9]$ and $S_2[1,6]$) and communicates $S_1[10,16]$ and $S_2[7,14]$ to $P_2$ using the shared memory.

Figure 4.1 Two sorted sequences $S_1$ and $S_2$ to be merged
During the second iteration P1 again calls the TWO-SEQUENCE_MEDIAN and finds the indices of the median pair S1[1,9] and S2[1,6], namely \((a_x, b_y) = (4, 3)\), as shown in Figure 4.2 (a). Simultaneously, P2 calls the TWO-SEQUENCE_MEDIAN and finds the indices of the median pair S1[10,16] and S2[7,14], namely \((a_x, b_y) = (14, 9)\), also shown in Figure 4.2(b). Processor P1 keeps S1[1,4] and S2[1,3] and communicates \((5, 9, 4, 6)\), namely S1[5,9] and S2[4,6], to P2. At the same time, P2 communicates \((10, 14, 7, 9\) to P3 and \((15, 16, 10, 14)\) to P4. At this point, all processors have a part of S1 and S2 as shown in Figure 4.3 (a)-(d). In Step 2, each processor calls the SEQUENTIAL MERGE to merge the parts of S1 and S2, producing the resulting sequence \(C_r\), as shown in Figure 4.3 (a)-(d).
The algorithm is analyzed as follows: P1 reads from memory in constant time $c_1$ in Step 1.1. TWO-SEQUENCE_MEDIAN is called in Step 1.2 which takes $\log(r+s)$ time units. Steps 1.2.2, 1.2.3, and 1.2.4 take constant time $c_2$. Therefore, Step 1 is completed in $\log N \times (c_1 + c_2 + \log(r+s))$ time units since there are $\log N$ iterations. In step 2, each processor calls the Sequential Merge procedure to merge at most $(r+s)/N$ elements in $(r+s)/N + c_3$ time units. In the worst case $(r=s=n)$, step 1 and step 2 take $\log N \times (c_1 + c_2 + \log 2n) + 2n$ time units which can be expressed as follows [1]:

$$t(2n) = O(n/N + \log^2 n)$$
This EREW Parallel Merge algorithm adapts to the number of available processors in the parallel computer. In addition to being adaptive, the algorithm is also cost optimal. Later, in section 4.2, an implementation of the parallel merge on TurboNet is introduced and performance results are summarized.

### 4.2 TurboNet Parallel Merge

In this section, an implementation of the parallel merge algorithm on TurboNet is discussed in detail. Relevant performance results are summarized later in a table and figure which show dramatic speedups. The parallel merge TurboNet implementation is done for one, two, and four processors. The shared memory is used to communicate data and program control information (various flags status) among processors. Enhancements are made to the original algorithm to simplify its implementation on TurboNet. This is done without affecting the basic workings of the original parallel merge algorithm (as in section 4.1).

Since we already know that a maximum of four processors will be used on TurboNet, the for-do loop limit is set to 2 passes in step 1.2. Further modifications are made (in step 2.1 and step 2.2) on how the size of the resulting merged sequence \( w = |C_i| \) and its offset value \( z \) are computed just before invoking the sequential merge algorithm in step 2.3. In the original merge algorithm in section 4.1, each of the two subsequences, \( A \) and \( B \), is partitioned into \( N \) subsequences of equal size based on their original sequence size \( (r \text{ and } s) \) and regardless of the quadruple they receive in step 1. Hence, the size of the resulting merged subsequence \( |C_i| \) computed by each processor is
also of equal value. However, after rigorously testing the workings of the algorithm, it is found that this is not the case in many instances. The merged subsequences $C_i$ produced by the processor have different sizes when its $|A_i| - |B_i| > 0$, thus the incorrect offset ($z$) value is computed. In many cases where $|A_i| - |B_i| = D_i > 0$ and $D_i$ is different for each processor, the resulting subsequence formed by each processor is written into the merged sequence $C$ starting at an incorrect index position (or offset). To correct this problem and expand the algorithm so that it can merge any order of sorted elements as well as subsequences of different size, the following enhancements are introduced: (1) In step 2.1, instead of having each processor compute the offset value from the equation $w = 1 + ((i-1)(r+s))/N$, now the quadruple ($a$, $b$, $c$, $d$) indices received by each processor are also examined and the offset ($w$) is computed from $w = a + c$. (2) Similarly, the corresponding size of the resulting subsequence is computed from $z = b - a + d - c$ in step 2.2. (3) Sequential merge is enhanced so that it can now merge two sorted sequences by just making a single comparison for the case when the last element of one subsequence is less than the first element of the other subsequence, for example where $A_i(r) < B_i(1)$.

The TurboNet (4 processor) version of the parallel merge algorithm is as follows:

```plaintext
procedure TURBONET_PARALLEL_MERGE (A, B, C)

Stage 1: (1.1) Processor $P_i$ obtains the quadruple $(1, r, 1, s)$

(1.2) for $j = 1$ to 2 do

for $i = 1$ to $2^{n-1}$ do in parallel
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Processor $P_i$ has received the quadruple $(e, f, g, h)$

(1.2.1) \{ Finds the median pair of two sequences, $A_i$ and $B_i$ \}

\[ \text{TWO-SEQUENCE\_MEDIAN}(A[i;f], B[g;h], x, y) \]

(1.2.2) \{ Compute four pointers $p_1, p_2, q_1, \text{ and } q_2$ as follows \}

if $a_x$ is the median

\begin{enumerate}
  \item $p_1 \leftarrow x$
  \item $p_1 \leftarrow x + 1$
  \item \begin{enumerate}
      \item if $b_y \leq a_x$ then \{ $p_2 \leftarrow y$, $q_2 \leftarrow y + 1$ \}
      \item else \{ $p_2 \leftarrow y - 1$, $q_2 \leftarrow y$ \}
    \end{enumerate}
\end{enumerate}

end if

else

\begin{enumerate}
  \item $p_2 \leftarrow y$
  \item $q_2 \leftarrow y + 1$
  \item \begin{enumerate}
      \item if $a_x \leq b_y$ then \{ $p_1 \leftarrow x$, $q_1 \leftarrow x + 1$ \}
      \item else \{ $p_1 \leftarrow x - 1$, $q_1 \leftarrow x$ \}
    \end{enumerate}
\end{enumerate}

end if

(1.2.3) Communicates the quadruple $(e, p_1, g, p_2)$ to $P_{2i-1}$ using the shared memory.

(1.2.4) Communicates the quadruple $(q_1, f, q_2, h)$ to $P_i$ using the shared memory.

end for
Stage 2:  \textbf{for } i = 1 \text{ to } N \text{ do in parallel}

Processor \( P \), having received the quadruple \((a, b, c, d)\)

(2.1) \( w \leftarrow a + c \)

(2.2) \( z \leftarrow b - a + d - c \)

(2.3) \text{SEQUENTIAL MERGE } (A[a,b], B[c,d], C[w,z])

end for.

The algorithm was tested and performance results were collected for all the following cases: (1) the size of the input sequences, \( A \) and \( B \), ranged from 200 to 2600 elements, (2) one, two, and four processors were used, and (3) the input sequences were of different sizes.

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\textbf{Figure 4.4} Plot of the execution time (in \( \mu \)sec) versus the number of elements
The performance results are summarized in Table 4.1 and Figure 4.4. For small size arrays (200 to 600 elements) the execution time is large for two and four processors cases because of the overhead due to shared-memory communications among processors. However, the data show significant reduction in the execution time achieved for the two and four processors cases, when the input sequences are of very large size, especially with 1400 to 2600 element sequences.

Table 4.1 Execution Time($\mu$sec) for Parallel Merge

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CHAPTER 5

PARALLEL SORT

5.1 Parallel Sorting

Among all computational tasks in today's applications sorting appears to be one of the most important. The sorting problem arises in many areas, from database applications to file management. In fact, sorting is so basic that many other computational tasks, such as selection, require sorting. Although many applications involve sorting of non-numeric data (for example: sorting of records, lists, etc.), this task can be handled easily once the basics of the problem have been resolved. Sorting is defined as follows. For a given sequence \( S = \{s_1, s_2, \ldots, s_n\} \) of size \( n \) elements in random order, we want to sort the sequence such that \( s_i < s_{i+1} \) for all \( n \) elements, where \( 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \).

In the next section, a sequential sort algorithm is discussed. The objective is to adapt the sequential algorithm to run on a parallel computer. Later, the algorithm will be utilized by a parallel version of the sort algorithm.

5.1.1 Sequential Sorting

There are many algorithms for sorting on a sequential computer. One of the well known and easy techniques of sorting is bubble sort. It requires one pass through the sequence or \( n \) comparisons to sort each element. Hence, for the sequence of size \( n \), the running time for bubble sort is \( O(n^2) \), which is very high. The sorting task can be done more
efficiently on a single-processor computer by using an algorithm called QUICKSORT which is discussed here. It is recursive and has a running time of $O(n \log n)$ [1].

```
procedure QUICKSORT ($S$)
if $|S| = 2$ and $s_2 < s_1$
then $s_1 \leftarrow s_2$
else if $|S| > 2$ then
  Step 1: {Determine $m$, the median element of $S$}
  SEQUENTIAL_SELECT ($S$, $\lceil |S| / 2 \rceil$)
  Step 2: {Divide $S$ into two subsequences, $S_1$ and $S_2$}
  $S_1 \leftarrow \{ s_i : s_i \leq m \}$ and $|S_1| = \lfloor |S| / 2 \rfloor$
  $S_2 \leftarrow \{ s_i : s_i \geq m \}$ and $|S_2| = \lceil |S| / 2 \rceil$
  Step 3: QUICKSORT ($S_1$)
  QUICKSORT ($S_2$)
end if
end if
```

It works as follows. QUICKSORT first finds the median of $S$ and then divides $S$ into $S_1$ and $S_2$. $S_1$ is a sequence of elements smaller than or equal to the median. $S_2$ is a sequence of elements larger than or equal to the median. Next, QUICKSORT is called
recursively for $S_1$ and then $S_2$. This continues until each sequence has one or two elements.

5.1.2 Parallel Sort Algorithm

Because sorting is an important task, several algorithms have been developed for sorting on parallel computers. In this section, a parallel sort algorithm is introduced. It adapts to the number of available processors on the parallel computer at hand. Each processor in the system uses efficient sequential algorithms to complete the sorting tasks. In addition to being adaptive, it is also cost optimal. The basic idea behind the workings of the algorithm is as follows. For a given unsorted sequence of $n$ elements, first $k - 1$ medians are found using Parallel Select (described in section 3.1), where $k = 2^\lceil \log x \rceil$ and $x$ is computed from $N = n^{1-x}$. The sequence is then divided into $k$ subsequences of size $n / 2^\lceil \log x \rceil$ elements each. This is done so that every element of the subsequence $S_i$ is smaller than or equal to every element of the subsequence $S_{i+1}$, for $i = 1, \ldots, k - 1$. The algorithm is applied in parallel to each of the $k$ subsequences using $N / (k - 1)$ processors per subsequence. This is continued recursively for each of the subsequences until the entire original sequence $S$ is sorted in nondecreasing order. When the size of the sequence and subsequence is less than or equal to $k$, the sequence is sorted using the sequential sort algorithm QUICKSORT.

The parallel sort algorithm [1] is as follows:

\begin{verbatim}
procedure EREW_SORT (S)
\end{verbatim}
if \(|S| \leq k\) then

QUICKSORT \((S)\)

else  

(1) for \(i = 1\) to \(k - 1\) do

PARALLEL_SELECT \((S, \left\lfloor d|S| / k \right\rfloor)\) \{ Obtain \(m_i\}\}

end for

(2) \(S_i \leftarrow \{s \in S : s \leq m_i\}\)

(3) for \(i = 2\) to \(k - 1\) do

\(S_i \leftarrow \{s \in S : m_{i-1} \leq s \leq m_i\}\)

end for

(4) \(S_k \leftarrow \{s \in S : s \geq m_{k-1}\}\)

(5) for \(i = 1\) to \(k/2\) do in parallel

EREW_SORT \((S_i)\)

end for

(6) for \(i = (k/2) + 1\) to \(k\) do in parallel

EREW_SORT \((S_i)\)

end for

end if

A simple numerical example that follows shows the workings of the Parallel Sort algorithm. For a given unsorted sequence \(S\) of \(n=40\) elements (see Figure 5.1), we want to sort the sequence in non-decreasing order using a \(N=4\) processor parallel computer. First, \(x=0.624\) and \(k=4\) are computed from \(N = n^{1-x}\) and \(k = 2^{\lceil 1/x \rceil}\). In step 1, parallel
select is invoked to find 
\( k-1 = 3 \) medians \((m_1 = 10, m_2 = 20, \text{ and } m_3 = 30)\) as shown in Figure 5.2(a).

![Image of an initial unsorted sequence](image)

**Figure 5.1** Initial unsorted sequence \( S \) of size \( n=40 \) elements

Next, in steps 2 to 4, the original sequence \( S \) is divided into four subsequences \( S_1 \) to \( S_4 \) as shown in Figure 5.2(b). Note that every element of \( S_1 \) is smaller than or equal to the median \( m_2 = 10 \). Every element of \( S_2 \) is smaller than or equal to \( m_2 = 20 \), and greater than \( m_2 = 10 \). Similarly, the subsequences \( S_3 \) and \( S_4 \) are formed as shown in Figure 5.2(b). In step 5, the algorithm is called recursively to sort \( S_1 \) and \( S_2 \) simultaneously.

![Image of dividing \( S \) into four subsequences](image)

**Figure 5.2** Dividing \( S \) into four subsequences for sorting by selection
In step 6, parallel sort is again called recursively to sort S3 and S4 in parallel. The algorithm uses processors P1 and P2 simultaneously to sort S3. At the same time, processors P3 and P4 sort S4 simultaneously using the algorithm. This is shown in Figure 5.4(a) and Figure 5.4(b), respectively. The final sorted sequence is formed when Step 6 is completed (see Figure 5.5).

**Figure 5.3** Recursive call to parallel sort for sorting S1 and S2 simultaneously

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**Figure 5.4** Recursive call to parallel sort for sorting S3 and S4 simultaneously

**Figure 5.5** Final sorted sequence S of size $n=40$ elements (after step 6)
The call to QUICKSORT takes constant time, $c_a$, for $k$ elements. In step 1, $k$-1 calls to parallel select take $c_b n^x$ time. Steps 2 to 4 also take constant time, $c_c$. The parallel sort is called recursively twice in steps 5 and 6. This part takes $2t(n/k)$ time. The total running time for the parallel EREW sort is $t(n) = c_a + c_b n^x + c_c + 2t(n/k)$. Therefore, the final running time for the algorithm is $t(n) = n^x \log n$ when the equation is solved for $t(n)$.

5.2 TurboNet Parallel Sort

Since sorting is a very important operation that has received a lot of attention, its implementation on parallel computers is a worthwhile objective and an interesting challenge. This section deals with the implementation of the Parallel Sort algorithm (previously discussed in Section 5.1) on the NJIT TurboNet System. The TurboNet version of the parallel sort algorithm is discussed in detail and relevant performance results are presented.

Several practical factors have been taken into consideration in enhancing the original algorithm to give good performance on TurboNet and simplify its implementation. Because of limited availability of local and shared memory, the maximum input array size is limited to 5000 elements, and the memory allocation is made to satisfy this requirement. Also, it is computed that for a very large input array size of 5000 to 8000 elements, the value of $k$ is to remain constant, equal to 4. The computation is summarized in Table 5.1 below for 100 to 8000 elements, for two cases with $N = 4$ and $N = 2$. 
A second enhancement is made to determine how the procedure QUICKSORT is used. Instead of calling QUICKSORT when the sequence size \( n \) is a constant \( k \), as done in the original algorithm in Section 5.1, in the TurboNet implementation QUICKSORT is invoked when the input sequence size is \( C \) or smaller, where \( C \) is varied from 4, for \( n = 10 \), to 250, for \( n = 4000 \) elements. This modification is made mainly to minimize the program stack overflow that can occur during frequent recursive calls of the algorithm. The third enhancement is done to determine how the parallel select is invoked in step 1 of the parallel sort. In the TurboNet implementation of parallel sort, the parallel select is invoked by the sort algorithm only during its first pass, rather than in every pass, as done in the original sort algorithm.

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During the next pass or a recursive call, the sequential select is called simultaneously by each processor in step 1. This is mainly done to reduce the SBUS usage by all processors, thus significantly reducing the shared-memory communication needed among
processors. This is further clarified in a numerical example discussed later. The enhancement has significantly reduced the overall communication overhead, thus giving a very impressive performance boost.

The TurboNet version of the parallel sort is presented as follows: NOTE: When the procedure is called the first time, the size of the sequence is the longest, \(|S| = \text{ORIGINAL}\). The sequence size changes (becomes smaller) when the procedure is called the second time (recursively), and so on. Therefore, initially the variable \(size\) is equal to \(\text{ORIGINAL}\).

\[
\text{procedure TURBONET_PARALLEL_SORT} (S, size)
\]

\[
\text{if } |S| \leq C \text{ then}
\]

\[
\text{QUICKSORT} (S)
\]

\[
\text{else}
\]

\[
(1) \text{ if } size = \text{ORIGINAL then}
\]

\[
\text{for } i = 1 \text{ to } k - 1 \text{ do}
\]

\[
\text{PARALLEL_SELECT} (S, \lceil i |S| / k \rceil) \{ \text{Obtain } m_i \}
\]

\[
\text{end for}
\]

\[
\text{else if } size < \text{ORIGINAL then}
\]

\[
\text{for } i = 1 \text{ to } k - 1 \text{ do}
\]

\[
\text{SEQUENTIAL_SELECT} (S, \lceil i |S| / k \rceil) \{ \text{Obtain } m_i \}
\]

\[
\text{end for}
\]

\[
\text{end if}
\]
(2) \[ S_1 \leftarrow \{ s \in S : s \leq m_1 \} \]
for \( i = 2 \) to \( k - 1 \) do
\[ S_i \leftarrow \{ s \in S : m_{i-1} \leq s \leq m_i \} \]
end for
\[ S_k \leftarrow \{ s \in S : s \geq m_{k-1} \} \]

(3) for \( i = 1 \) to \( k \) do in parallel
Processor \( P_i \) calls TURBONET_PARALLEL_SORT \((S_i, \text{size})\)
end for
end if

An example that follows shows the actual workings of the TurboNet Parallel Sort. For a given unsorted sequence \( S \) (see Figure 5.6) we want to sort the sequence using the TurboNet Parallel Sort algorithm. When the algorithm is first called, the sequence size \( n \) is 40 elements and the parallel select is called in step 1 to find three medians, \( m_1 = 10 \), \( m_2 = 20 \), and \( m_3 = 30 \), as shown in Figure 5.7(a).

\[ S = 40, 30, 39, 38, 70, 20, 87, 29, 19, 86, 28, 85, 84, 71, 18, 82, 77, 17, 1, 33, 26, 16, 25, 15, 14 \]

\[ 6, 84, 5, 23, 13, 14, 22, 3, 12, 11, 32, 2, 1, 21, 31 \]

Figure 5.6 Initial Unsorted Sequence of size \( n=40 \) elements
Figure 5.7  Dividing the $S$ into four subsequences for sorting by selection

Figure 5.8  Recursive call to Parallel Sort by each processor

The original sequence is divided into four subsequences by processor one as shown in Figure 5.7(b). Note that this is done in just one pass (one step) through the original sequence $S$, rather than four passes through $S$ to form four subsequences as done by the original algorithm in section 3.3(steps 2-4). In step 3, each processor reads its subsequence $S_i$ and invokes the TurboNet parallel sort recursively to sort the
subsequence $S_i$ in parallel. Now, during this recursive call the sort algorithm becomes sequential, but all processors are working in parallel on sorting their subsequences, as shown in Figure 5.8(a)-(d). Finally, at the end of step 3, the sequence is completely sorted, as shown in Figure 5.9.

Performance measurements were obtained for the following combinations of cases:
(1) The input array size ($n$) ranged from 400 to 4000 elements, (2) 1, 2, and 4 processors were used, (3) the sequences were unsorted and of decreasing order.

![Sequence S](image)

Figure 5.9 Final sorted sequence $S$ of size $n=40$ elements (after step 6)

Table 5.2 summarizes the execution times (in microseconds) for unsorted input sequences of 400 to 4000 elements for a single processor, dual processors, and four processors. A plot of the data is also shown in Figure 5.9. As shown in Tables 5.2 and Figure 5.10 below, the results indicate very impressive performance improvement when 2 and 4 processors are used. This is very apparent for very large size of the input sequences, namely $n=2000$ to 4000 elements.
### Table 5.2 Execution Time (µsec) for Parallel Sort

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**TurboNet Parallel Sort**

![Graph](image)

**Figure 5.10** Plot of the execution time (in µsec) versus the number of elements
CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSIONS

In this thesis, parallel algorithms were implemented on a new experimental parallel computer, namely TurboNet, for selection, merge, and sort applications. The main objective of this thesis was to show that several algorithms can take advantage of the shared-memory capability of the hybrid architecture to achieve significant speedup. Three versions of each algorithm were developed and implemented employing shared-memory communications, namely for four processors, two processors, and a single processor (sequential). Experimental comparisons of these algorithms were also included. The performance results obtained from the implementation of the algorithms on TurboNet show considerable performance benefits that are possible in terms of execution time reduction. The implementations are very cost effective if the applications process very large amounts of data. Further study should involve implementation of the algorithms using the message-passing or hybrid communication paradigms available on TurboNet.

The current TurboNet system has eight processors. However, its architecture supports straightforward system scalability for up to sixty-four processors. In general, as the system size increases, the communication overhead for the system also increases. This is because the bandwidths of communication channels and shared memories are limited. However, this effect of system size is more preeminent in the implementation of the shared-memory paradigm. Further research is needed to find the maximum system
size for which the hybrid architecture is still superior. To achieve this objective, both theoretical and experimental results must be produced.
/* -----------------------------------------------------
FILE: dsp0.c
DESCRIPTION: DSP0 parallel selection program
PROCESSORS: 4
DATE: November 10, 1994
PROGRAMMER: Nitin Lad
-----------------------------------------------*/

#include "newdef.h"

int _SELECT_LOCAL_DSP0(s_inaddr, s_size, s_k, CPU_USE, del_x)
signed long *s_inaddr;
int s_size, s_k, *CPU_USE;
float *del_x;
{
  int i, j, k, tot_seq_cpu, seq_size, m_index, n, N = 0;
  int first, last, itemp;
  float x, temp;
  signed long njit, median = 0;
  if ( s_size <= MIN )
  {
    /* copy the sequence/sub-sequence to local memory */
    for ( i=0; i< s_size; i++) t_addr[i] = s_inaddr[i];
    /* ONLY DSP0 execute seq. select to find kth sm. */
    median = seq_sort( &t_addr[0], s_size);
    /* median found */
    select_median[dsp_id] = median;
    /* copying kth element to select_median arr 1-4 */
    if ( s_k <= s_size)
      for ( i=1; i <= s_size; i++)
        select_median[i] = t_addr[i];
    gen_flag = t_addr[s_k-1];
    gen_flag2 = gen_flag3 = gen_flag4 = t_addr[s_k-1];
    if ( s_k <= s_size)
      select_val_k[MAIN] = t_addr[ s_k -1];
    else
      select_val_k[MAIN] = 1000;
    return EXIT;
  }
  else
  {
    /* --- compute N from seq size and 1 - x factor ----- */
    if ( loop_count == ZERO )
      tot_seq_cpu = SEL_CPU;
    else
      loop_count++;
tot_seq_cpu = floor( pow(s_size, *del_x) );
loop_count++;
}

if ( tot_seq_cpu >= SEL_CPU ) tot_seq_cpu = SEL_CPU;
*CPU_USE = N = tot_seq_cpu;

/* have DSP 1 to N-1 start selection */
for (i=0; i < N; i++) select_local_flag[i] = START;

/* ------- compute sequence size for DSP0 ------- */
seq_size = ceil( pow(s_size, 1 - *del_x) );
m_index = ceil( ceil( pow(s_size, 1 - *del_x) )/2 );

/* copy the sequence to local memory */
for ( i=0; i < seq_size; i++) t_addr[i] = s_inaddr[i];

/* sort and find median */
select_median[dsp_id] = seq_select( t_addr, seq_size, m_index);
return DONE;

/* end of if */
/* end of routine */

/* re-declare the routine */
int _SELECT_LOCAL_DSP0(
signed long *s_inaddr,
int s_size, int s_k, int *CPU_USE,
float *del_x);

int _SELECT_LOCAL_CONTROL_DSP0(s_inaddr, s_outaddr, s_size, s_k, del_x)
signed long *s_inaddr, *s_outaddr;
int s_size, s_k;
float *del_x;
{
    int i, j, k, tot_seq, seq_size, med, n, N = 4;
    int first, last, itemp;
    float x, temp;
    signed long *new_addr, median = 0;
    int *CPU_USE = (int *)(EXT_LRAM1+40002);
    int *Lsize = (int *)(EXT_LRAM1+40004);
    int *Esize = (int *)(EXT_LRAM1+40006);
    int *Bsize = (int *)(EXT_LRAM1+40006);

    *CPU_USE = 0;

    /* copy address & size to local shared locations */
    select_local_size[MAIN] = s_size;

    /* set select_local_flag to start for DSP0 */
    select_local_flag[dsp_id] = START;

    /* initialize all medians value to zero */
    for (i=0; i < SEL_CPU; i++) select_median[i] = 0;

    /* following if is for debugging purpose */
    if ( s_size == 0 ) {
        gen_flag = s_inaddr[0];
        gen_flag2 = s_inaddr[1];
        gen_flag3 = s_inaddr[2];
        gen_flag4 = s_inaddr[3];
        return DONE;
    }

    /* call select_local_dsp0 to find kth element */
if (_SELECT_LOCAL_DSP0(s_inaddr, s_size, s_k, CPU_USE, del_x) == EXIT)
{
    return DONE;
}

/* ELSE, wait until all DSPs have found medians */
for (i=1; i < *CPU_USE; i++)
    while ( select_local_flag[i] != DONE);

/* find the Median of medians */
if (*CPU_USE >= 3)
    median = seq_select( &select_median[0], *CPU_USE, 2);  
else
    median = seq_select( &select_median[0], *CPU_USE, 1);

select_med = median;

/* divide the sequence into THREE sub-sequences */
if( sub_seq(s_inaddr, median, s_size, Lsize, Esize, Bsize) == DONE)
{
    /* determine if the k-th element is in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd seq. */
    if (*Lsize >= s_k)
    {
        /* k-th element is in 1st sub-sequence */
        select_offset = 0;
        s_size = *Lsize;
        /* call parallel select recursively */
        if (_SELECT_LOCAL_CONTROL_DSP0(s_inaddr,
                                             s_outaddr,s_size, s_k,del_x)==DONE)
            return DONE;
    }
    else if ( (*Lsize + *Esize) >= s_k )
    {
        /* k-th element is median */
        *select_offset = 0;
        gen_flag = gen_flag2 = gen_flag3 = gen_flag4 = median;
        select_med = median;
        return DONE;
    }
    else
    {
        /* k-th element is in the 3rd subsequence */
        s_size = *Bsize;
        s_k = s_k - *Lsize - *Esize;  /* re-compute k value */
        *select_offset = *Lsize + *Esize;
        *select_base = *select_base + *select_offset;
        /* call parallel select recursively */
        if (_SELECT_LOCAL_CONTROL_DSP0(s_inaddr+*select_offset,
                                             s_outaddr,s_size, s_k,del_x)==DONE);
    }
    else
    {
        /* sub-dividing of sequence has failed, so return error */
        return FAIL;  /* end if */
    }
}
/* end of routine */

int _SELECT_DSP0(s_inaddr, s_outaddr, s_size, s_k)
signed long *s_inaddr, *s_outaddr;
int s_size, s_k;
{
    int i, j, k, tot_seq, seq_size, med, n, N = 4;
    int first, last, itemp, flag = FAIL;

signed long njit, median = 0;

float *del_x = (float *) (EXT_LRAM1+40000);

s_inaddr++;

s_outaddr++;

for (i=0; i < s_size; i++) s_outaddr[i] = s_inaddr[i];

select_local_size[MAIN] = s_size;
gen_flag = gen_flag2 = gen_flag3 = gen_flag4 = 0;
*select_offset = 0;
for (i=0; i < SEL_CPU; i++) select_main_flag[i] = CONTINUE;
for (i=0; i < SEL_CPU; i++) select_local_flag[i] = HOLD;
select_wait_flag[0] = s_k;

/* wait until signal received from host program */
while ( !inter_flag );

if ( s_size <= MIN )
{
    /* size of sequence is less than or equal to Q */
    /* copy the sequence into DSP's local memory */
    for ( i=0; i < s_size; i++) t_addr[i] = s_inaddr[i];

    /* ONLY DSP0 execute seq. select to find kth sm. */
    median = seq_sort( &t_addr[0], s_size);
    select_med = select_median[dsp_id] = median;

    /* copying kth element to select_median arr 1-4 */
    if ( s_k <= s_size )
        for ( i = 1; i < 4; i++ )
            select_median[i] = t_addr[s_k-1];
    /* set all output flags to the k-th value */
    gen_flag = t_addr[s_k-1];
gen_flag2 = gen_flag3 = gen_flag4 = t_addr[s_k-1];

    if ( s_k <= s_size )
        select_val_k[MAIN] = t_addr[ s_k-1 ];
    else
        select_val_k[MAIN] = 1000;
    return DONE;
}
else
{
    /* the sequence size is greater than Q */
    /* compute original 1 - x value */
    *del_x = log(SEL_CPU) / log(s_size);
    *select_base = 0;

    if ( _SELECT_LOCAL_CONTROL_DSP0(s_inaddr, s_outaddr, s_size, s_k, del_x) == DONE )
        return DONE;
    /* end if */
    /* end of routine */
}

main() /* _main: dsp0.c parallel_sort */
{
    int i, j=0, local_broad = 0, k_value, tempa;
signed long tempb;
unsigned long timerStart, timerEnd, temp;
float elapsed_time = 0.0, temp_float;
signed long last_index, k_small, k_large, k_mid;

}
signed long savetime, savetime2, savetime3, xx, save_size;
int choose = 0;

/* enable the DSP's interrupt facility */
GIE_ON();
SET_PERIOD(0xffffffff); /* set timer period */

while (1)
{
    /* wait until signal is received from the host */
    while ((main_flag != GO));
    if ((main_flag == GO) && (select_flag == GO))
    {
        /* initialize all output flags */
        select_wait_flag[0] = JUNK;
        select_wait_flag[1] = JUNK;
        select_wait_flag[2] = JUNK;
        select_wait_flag[3] = JUNK;
        sort_main_flag[0] = HOLD;
        sort_main_flag[1] = HOLD;
        sort_main_flag[2] = HOLD;
        sort_main_flag[3] = HOLD;
        temp_float = select_size;
        k_small = k_large = k_mid = 0;
        for (i = 0; i < 8; i++)
        {
            meds[i] = 44444;
        }
        for (i = 0; i <= select_size; i++)
        {
            sort_input[i] = select_input[i];
        }

        /*---------find smallest k-th element---------*/
        k_value = select_size/10;
        RESET_TIMER; /* reset timer */
        timerStart = GET_TIMER; /* get initial timer value */
        /* call parallel select */
        select_flag = _SELECT_DSP0(select_input, select_output,
                                  select_size, k_value);
        timerEnd = GET_TIMER; /* get elapsed time */
        savetime = ELAPSED_TIME(timerStart, timerEnd) * 1000000;
        k_small = gen_flag;

        /*---------find median element---------*/
        k_value = select_size/2;
        RESET_TIMER; /* reset the timer */
        timerStart = GET_TIMER; /* get initial timer value */
        /* call parallel select */
        select_flag = _SELECT_DSP0(select_input, select_output,
                                  select_size, k_value);
        timerEnd = GET_TIMER; /* get elapsed time */
        savetime2 = ELAPSED_TIME(timerStart, timerEnd) * 1000000;
        k_mid = gen_flag;

        /*---------find smallest k-th element---------*/
        k_value = select_size - select_size/10;
        RESET_TIMER; /* reset timer */
        timerStart = GET_TIMER; /* get initial timer value */
        /* call parallel select */
        select_flag = _SELECT_DSP0(select_input, select_output,
                                  select_size, k_value);
        timerEnd = GET_TIMER; /* get elapsed time */
        savetime3 = ELAPSED_TIME(timerStart, timerEnd) * 1000000;
        k_large = gen_flag;

        /*--------signal other DSPs to exit selection--------*/
if ( select_flag == DONE) main_flag = DONE;
for (i=1; i < SEL_CPU; i++) select_local_flag[i] = DONE;
for (i=1; i < SEL_CPU; i++) select_main_flag[i] = EXIT;

gem_flag = k_small;
select_wait_flag[0] = savetime;
gen_flag2 = k_mid;
select_wait_flag[1] = savetime2;
gen_flag3 = k_large;
select_wait_flag[2] = savetime3;
select_wait_flag[3] = 111111;

/* ------- signal all DSPs to exit -------- */
select_main_flag[MAIN] = EXIT;
/* end if */
/* end while */
/* end of main */
#include "newdef.h"

int _SELECT_LOCAL_DSP1(s_inaddr, s_outaddr, s_size, del_x)
signed long *s_inaddr, *s_outaddr;
int s_size;
float del_x;
{
    int i, j, k, tot_seq_cpu, seq_size, m_index, n, N = 4;
    float x, temp;
    signed long median = 0;
    int first, last, itemp;

    /* wait until signal received from DSP0 */
    while ( select_local_flag[dsp_id] != START );

    if ( s_size < 9)
        for ( i =0; i < s_size; i++) select_wait_flag[i] = s_inaddr[i];

    /* --- compute x from N = n **(x-l) where 0 < x < 1 ------ */
    if ( loop_count == ZERO )
    {
        tot_seq_cpu = SEL_CPU;
        loop_count++;
    }
    else
    {
        tot_seq_cpu = floor( pow(s_size, del_x) );
    }

    if ( tot_seq_cpu >= SEL_CPU )  tot_seq_cpu = SEL_CPU;
    N = tot_seq_cpu;

    /* if the number of CPU to be utilized is less than 2 (= 1)
    then do nothing -- return */
    if ( N < 2 )  return DONE;

    /* Otherwise: */
    /* ------- compute sequence size = n**x    = S_i ------- */
    seq_size = ceil( pow(s_size, 1- del_x) );
    m_index = ceil( ceil( pow(s_size, 1- del_x) )/2 );

    first = dsp_id * seq_size;
    if ( N == 2 )  seq_size = s_size - first + 1;

    /* sort and find median */
    for ( i=0; i< seq_size; i++)
        t_addr[i] = s_inaddr[first+i];

    /* call sequential select */
    select_median[dsp_id] = seq_select( &t_addr[0], seq_size, m_index);
    select_local_flag[dsp_id] = DONE;
    return DONE;
}
/* end of select_local routine */
int _SELECT_DSP1(s_inaddr, s_outaddr, s_size)
signed long *s_inaddr, *s_outaddr;
int s_size;
{
    float del_x;
    unsigned long *l_addr = 0;
    
    /* sequence size is less then Q then do nothing and return */
    if ( s_size <= MIN ) return DONE;
    l_addr = malloc(sizeof(unsigned long));

    /* compute original 1 - x value */
    del_x = log(SEL_CPU) / log(s_size);
    loop_count = ZERO;
    s_inaddr++;
    s_outaddr++;
    median_count = 0;
    
    /* wait until signal received from host */
    while ( !inter_flag );

    while ( (select_main_flag[dsp_id] != EXIT) )
    {
        if ( select_local_flag[dsp_id] == START )
        {
            s_size = select_local_size[MAIN];
            _SELECT_LOCAL_DSP1(s_inaddr + *select_base,
                               s_outaddr, s_size, del_x);
        } /* end if */
    } /* end while */

    if (select_main_flag[dsp_id] == EXIT)
        return DONE;
    
    /* enf of routine */
}

main() /* _main: dspl.c parallel_sort */
{
    int i, j=0, local_broad = 0;
    signed long first_index, last_index;
    signed long first_element, last_element;
    signed long local_size = 0;
    signed long xx, save_size = 0;
    int choose = 0;
    
    /* enable the DSP's interrupt facility */
    GIE_ON();

    while (1)
    {
        /* wait until signal is received from host */
        while ( (main_flag != GO) );

        /* call parallel selection routine */
        if ((main_flag == GO) && (select_flag == GO))
            select_flag = _SELECT_DSP1(select_input,
                                 select_output, select_size);
    } /* end while */
    /* end main */
FILE: dsp2.c
DESCRIPTION: DSP2 parallel selection program
PROCESSORS: 4
DATE: November 10, 1994
PROGRAMMER: Nitin Lad

#include "newdef.h"

int _SELECT_LOCAL_DSP2(s_inaddr, s_outaddr, s_size, del_x)
signed long *s_inaddr, *s_outaddr;
int s_size;
float del_x;
{
    int i, j, k, tot_seq_cpu, seq_size, m_index, n, N = 4;
    float x, temp;
    signed long *x_addr, njit, median = 0;
    int first, last, itemp;
    /* wait until signal is received from DSP0 */
    while ( (select_local_flag[dsp_id] != START) );
    /* --- compute x from N = n **(x-1) where 0 < x < 1 ------ */
    if ( loop_count == ZERO )
    {
        tot_seq_cpu = SEL_CPU;
        loop_count++;
    }
    else
        tot_seq_cpu = floor( pow(s_size, del_x) );
    if ( tot_seq_cpu >= SEL_CPU )
        tot_seq_cpu = SEL_CPU;
    N = tot_seq_cpu;
    /* if the number of CPU to be utilized is less than 3 (= 2)
    then do nothing -- return */
    if ( N < 3 )
        return DONE;
    /* ------ compute sequence size n**(x) = S i ------ */
    seq_size = ceil( pow(s_size, 1- del_x) );
    m_index = ceil( ( pow(s_size, 1- del_x) )/2 );
    first = dsp_id * seq_size;
    if ( N == 3 )
        seq_size = s_size - first + 1;
    /* sort and find median */
    for ( i=0; i< seq_size; i++ )
        t_addr[i] = s_inaddr[first+i];
    /* call sequential select */
    select_median[dsp_id] = seq_select( &t_addr[0], seq_size, m_index);
    select_local_flag[dsp_id] = DONE;
    return DONE;
} /* end of routine */

int _SELECT_DSP2(s_inaddr, s_outaddr, s_size)
signed long *s_inaddr, *s_outaddr;
int s_size;
{
main()

float del_x;
/* if the sequence size is <= Q,
   do nothing and return */
if ( s_size <= MIN ) return DONE;

/* compute original 1 -x value */
del_x = log(SEL_CPU) / log(s_size);
loop_count = ZERO;
s_inaddr++;s_outaddr++;

/* wait until signal is received from host program */
while ( !inter_flag );

while ( (select_main_flag[dsp_id] != EXIT ) )
{
    if ( select_main_flag[dsp_id] == START )
    {
        /* get the sequence size value */
        s_size = select_local_size[MAIN];
        /* call parallel selection local routine */
        _SELECT_LOCAL_DSP2(s_inaddr+ *select_offset,
                            s_outaddr, s_size, del_x);
    }
    /* end if */
    /* end while */

    if (select_main_flag[dsp_id] == EXIT) return DONE;
/* end of routine */
}

main() /* _main: dsp2.c parallel_sort */
{
    int i, j=0, local_broad = 0, choose=0;
signed long first_index, last_index;
signed long local_size = 0;
signed long xx, save_size = 0;

    /* enable the DSP’s interrupt facility */
    GIE_ON();

    while (1)
    {
        /* wait until a signal is received from host */
        while ( (main_flag != GO) );

        /* call parallel selection routine */
        if ((main_flag == GO) & (select_flag == GO))
            select_flag = _SELECT_DSP2(select_input,
                                       select_output, select_size);
        /* end while */
    }
/* end main */
FILE: dsp3.c
DESCRIPTION: DSP3 parallel selection program
PROCESSORS: 4
DATE: November 10, 1994
PROGRAMMER: Nitin Lad
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#include "newdef.h"

int _SELECT_LOCAL_DSP3(s_inaddr, s_outaddr, s_size, del_x)
signed long *s_inaddr, *s_outaddr;
int s_size;
float del_x;
{
  int i, j, k, tot_seq_cpu, seq_size, m_index, n, N = 4;
  float x, temp;
  signed long *x_addr, njit, median = 0;
  int first, last, itemp;

  /* wait until signal is received from the host */
  while ( (select_local_flag[dsp_id] != START) );

  /* --- compute x from N = n **(x-l) where 0 < x < 1 ------ */
  if ( loop_count == ZERO )
  {
    tot_seq_cpu = SEL_CPU;
    loop_count++;
  }
  else
    tot_seq_cpu = floor(pow(s_size, del_x));

  if ( tot_seq_cpu >= SEL_CPU )
    tot_seq_cpu = SEL_CPU;
  N = tot_seq_cpu;

  /* if the number of CPU to be utilized is less than 4 (= 3)
    then do nothing -- return */
  if (N < 4 )
    return DONE;

  /* ------- compute sequence size n**(x) = S i ------- */
  seq_size = ceil(pow(s_size, 1- del_x));
  m_index = ceil(ceil(pow(s_size, 1- del_x))/2);

  first = dsp_id * seq_size;
  seq_size = s_size - first + 1;
  m_index = ceil(seq_size/2);

  /* sort and find median */
  for ( i=0; i< seq_size; i++)
    t_addr[i] = s_inaddr[first+i];

  /* call sequential select */
  select_median[dsp_id] = seq_select( &t_addr[0], seq_size, m_index);
  select_local_flag[dsp_id] = DONE;
  return DONE;
}

int _SELECT_DSP3(s_inaddr,  s_outaddr, s_size)
signed long *s_inaddr, *s_outaddr;
int s_size;
{
float del_x;

/* if the sequence size is <= Q, do nothing and return */
if (s_size <= MIN) return DONE;

/* compute original 1-x value */
del_x = log(SEL_CPU) / log(s_size);
loop_count = ZERO;
s_inaddr++;
s_outaddr++;

/* wait until a signal is received from the host */
while (!inter_flag);

while (select_main_flag[dsp_id] != EXIT)
{
    if (select_local_flag[dsp_id] == START)
    {
        /* get the sequence size */
        s_size = select_local_size[MAIN];
        /* call parallel selection local routine */
        _SELECT_LOCAL_DSP3(s_inaddr + *select_offset,
            s_outaddr, s_size, del_x);
    } /* end if */
} /* end while */

if (select_main_flag[dsp_id] == EXIT) return DONE;

/* end of routine */

main() /* main: dsp3.c parallel_sort */
{
    int i, j = 0, local_broad = 0;
    signed long first_index, last_index, xx;
    int choose, save_size;

    /* enable the DSP's interrupt facility */
    GIE_ON();

    while (1)
    {
        /* wait until a signal is received from the host */
        while (main_flag != GO);

        /* call parallel select routine */
        if ((main_flag == GO) && (select_flag == GO))
        {
            select_flag = _SELECT_DSP3(select_input,
                select_output, select_size);
        } /* end if */
    } /* end while */
} /* end main */
APPENDIX B

PARALEL MERGE DSP PROGRMRMS

/*----------------------------------------*/
FILE: dsp0.c
DESCRIPTION: DSP1 parallelm merge program
PROCESSORS: 4
DATE: June 4, 1995
PROGRAMMER: Nitin Lad

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/* Using data array in local memory */
#include "newdef.h" /* Including header file */

int _MERGE_DSP0(dataA, dataB, dataC, sizeA, sizeB)
signed long *dataA, *dataB, *dataC;
int sizeA, sizeB;
{
    int i, j, k, tot_seq, seq_size, n, N = 4;
    int first, last, itemp, flag = FAIL;
    signed long njit, median = 0;
    int quad[5], e, f, g, h, dela, delb;
    int w, z, dsp, check = 0, lsizea, lsizeb;
    double temp, temp2;
    unsigned long timerStart=0, timerEnd=0;
    float elapsed_time = 0.0;
    *x = *y = 0;
    GIE_ON();
    SET_PERIOD(0xffffffff); /* set timer periof */

    while ( !inter_flag )
    {
        dataA++; dataB++; dataC++;
        for (i=0; i < sizeA; i++) mdataA[i] = dataA[i];
        for (i=0; i < sizeB; i++) mdataB[i] = dataB[i];
        GIE_ON();
        timerStart = GET_TIMER; /* Read current time */

        e = g = 1;
        f = sizeA; h = sizeB;
        dela = delb = 0;

        for (j = 1; j <= (log(N)/log(2)); j++)
        {
            i = 1;
            two_seq_med( &mdataA[e+dela-l], &mdataB[g+delb-1],
                         &mdataA[e+dela-1], &mdataB[g+delb-1],
                         f-dela, h-delb, x, y, med);
        }
    }

    /*----------------------------------------*/
    Reset DSP timer
    ----------------------------------------*/
    RESET_TIMER;
    timerStart = GET_TIMER; /* Read current time */

    e = g = 1;
    f = sizeA; h = sizeB;
    dela = delb = 0;

    for (j = 1; j <= (log(N)/log(2)); j++)
    {
        i = 1;
        two_seq_med( &mdataA[e+dela-l], &mdataB[g+delb-1],
                     &mdataA[e+dela-1], &mdataB[g+delb-1],
                     f-dela, h-delb, x, y, med);
    }

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\*x = \*x + dela;
\*y = \*y + delb;

/* Used for debugging purpose */
check = 0;
if ( check == 1 )
{
    gen_flag = \*x;
gen_flag2 = \*y;
}

/* step 1.2.2: Compute four pointers p1, p2, q1, q2 */
*p1 = *p2 = *q1 = *q2 = 1122;

find_merge_ptrs( mdataA, mdataB, sizeA, sizeB,
                 x, y, med, p1, p2, q1, q2);

/* Used for debugging purpose */
check = 0;
if ( check == 1 )
{
    gen_flag = \*x;
gen_flag2 = \*y;
}

/* If this is SECOND iteration than
    wait until DSP2 is ready */
if ( j == 1 )
    while ( merge_local_flag[1] != READY);
else if ( j >= 2)
    while ( merge_local_flag[1] != NEXT);

/* ---------- communicate quadruple to DSP2 ----------*/
/* P2 = P(2i) ------------ (q1, f, q2, h) */
dsp = 2*4;
merge_quad[dsp+1] = *q1;
merge_quad[dsp+2] = f;
merge_quad[dsp+3] = *q2;
merge_quad[dsp+4] = h;
merge_local_flag[1] = GO;

/* compute the new quadruple for next iteration */
/* P1 = P(2i-1) ------------ (e, p1, g, p2) */
f = \*p1;
h = \*p2;

} /* end of for loop */

lsizea = f - e + 1;
if ( lsizea <= 0)
lsizea = 0;

lsizeb = h - g + 1;
if ( lsizeb <= 0)
lsizeb = 0;

seq_merge(&mdataA[e-l], &mdatab[g-1],
       mdataC, lsizea, lsizeb);

/* wait until all FOUR DSPs are done */
i = 1;
flag = WAIT;
while (flag != DONE) {
    if (merge_local_flag[i] == DONE)
        i++;  
    if (i >= 4)
        flag = DONE;  
} /* end of while loop */

/* Read current time and compute elapsed time. */
timerEnd = GET_TIMER;  /* Read current time */
elapsed_time = ELAPSED_TIME(timerStart, timerEnd);
for (i=0; i < (lsizea+lsizeb); i++)
dataC[i] = mdataC[i];

/* Increment Error Count if there is error in DSP0 merge outputs ---- */
j = 0;
for (i =0; i < (sizeA+sizeB); i++)
    if (dataC[i] != i)
j++;

/* Recompute elapsed time. */
gen_flag = j;
gen_flag2 = ELAPSED_TIME(timerStart, timerEnd) * 1000000;
gen_flag3 = elapsed_time * 1000000;
gen_flag4 = ELAPSED_TIME(timerStart, timerEnd) * 1000000;
return DONE;
} /* end of routine */

main()
{
    int i, local_broad = 0;
    GIE_ON();  /* Enable DSP Interrupt facility */
    while (1)
    {
        /* wait until host program has completed the downloading of the data into all DSPs */
        while ( (main_flag != GO) );
        if ((main_flag == GO) && (merge_flag == GO))
        {
            merge_flag = _MERGE_DSP0(dataA, dataB, dataC, sizeA, sizeB);
            if (merge_flag == DONE)
                main_flag = DONE;
        } /* end if */
    } /* end while loop */
} /* end of main */
FILE: dspl.c
DESCRIPTION: DSP1 parallel merge program
PROCESSORS: 4
DATE: June 4, 1995
PROGRAMMER: Nitin Lad

#include "newdef.h"

int _MERGE_DSP1(dataA, dataB, dataC, sizeA, sizeB)
signed long *dataA, *dataB, *dataC;
signed long sizeA, sizeB;
{
    int i, j, k, n, N = 4, iteration;
    int first, last, itemp, flag = FAIL;
    int lsizea, lsizeb, lsizec;
    int w, z, e, f, g, h, dsp, dela, delb, check, offa, offb, offc;
    double temp, temp2;
    float temp3;
    signed long njit, median = 0;
    dela = delb = 0;
    *x = *y = *pl = *p2 = *ql = *q2 = 0;
    gen_flag = gen_flag2 = gen_flag3 = gen_flag4 = JUNK;
    merge_local__flag[dsp_id] = WAIT;
    while ( !inter_flag );
    dataA++;
    dataB++;
    dataC++;
    /* copy data from SHARED memory to LOCAL DSP memory */
    for (i =0; i < sizeA; i++)
        mdataA[i] = dataA[i];
    for (i =0; i < sizeB; i++)
        mdataB[i] = dataB[i];
    merge_local_flag[dsp_id] = READY;
    /* wait until DSP0 communicates the quadruple */
    while( merge_local_flag[dsp_id] != GO);
    dsp = 2*4;
    /* reads the quadruple received from DSP0 */
    gen_flag = e = merge_quad[dsp+1];
    gen_flag2 = f = merge_quad[dsp+2];
    gen_flag3 = g = merge_quad[dsp+3];
    gen_flag4 = h = merge_quad[dsp+4];
    merge_local_flag[dsp_id] = NEXT;
    offa = e - 1; offb = g - 1;
    two_seq_med(mdataA[e+dela-l], mdataB[g+delb-l],
                f-e+1, h-g+1, x, y, med);
    *x = *x + dela + offa;
    *y = *y + delb + offb;
    check = 0;
    if ( check == 1 )
    {
        gen_flag = *x;
        gen_flag2 = *y;
    }
/* step 1.2.2: Compute four pointers p1, p2, q1, q2 */
*p1 = *p2 = *q1 = *q2 = 1122;
find_merge_ptrs(mdataA, mdataB, sizeA, sizeB, x, y, med, p1, p2, q1, q2);

/* Used for debugging purpose */
check = 0;
if ( check == 8)
{
    gen_flag = *p1;
    gen_flag2 = *p2;
    gen_flag3 = *q1;
    gen_flag4 = *q2;
}

dsp = 4*4;
/* communicate the quadruple to DSP4 */
/* P4 = P(2i) -------------- (ql, f, q2, h) */
while ( merge_local_flag[3] != READY);
merge_quad[dsp+1] = *q1;
merge_quad[dsp+2] = f;
merge_quad[dsp+3] = *q2;
merge_quad[dsp+4] = h;
merge_local_flag[3] = GO;

/* Used for debugging purpose */
check = 0;
if ( check == 4)
{
    gen_flag = *q1;
    gen_flag2 = f;
    gen_flag3 = *q2;
    gen_flag4 = h;
}

/* communicate the quadruple to DSP3 */
/* P3 = P(2i-1) -------------- (e, pi, g, p2) */
dsp = 3*4;
while ( merge_local_flag[2] != READY);
merge_quad[dsp+1] = e;
merge_quad[dsp+2] = *p1;
merge_quad[dsp+3] = g;
merge_quad[dsp+4] = *p2;
merge_local_flag[2] = GO;

/* wait until DSP1 communicates next set of quadruple */
while( merge_local_flag[dsp_id] != GO);
dsp = 2*4;
/* reads the quadruple received from DSP1 */
gen_flag = e = merge_quad[dsp+1];
gen_flag2 = f = merge_quad[dsp+2];
gen_flag3 = g = merge_quad[dsp+3];
gen_flag4 = h = merge_quad[dsp+4];

/* Used for debugging purpose */
check = 0;
if ( check == 3)
main()
{
    int i, local_broad = 0;

    GIE_ON(); /* Enable DSP interrupt facility */

    while (1)
    {
        /* wait until host program has completed the
         * downloading of the data into all DSPs */
        while ( (main_flag != GO) );

        if ((main_flag == GO) && (merge_flag == GO))
        {
            merge_flag = _MERGE_DSP1(dataA, dataB,
                                      dataC, sizeA, sizeB);
            if ( merge_flag == DONE) main_flag = DONE;
        }
    }
} /* end of main */
/*-----------------------------
FILE: dsp2.c
DESCRIPTION: DSP1 parallel merge program
PROCESSORS: 4
DATE: June 4, 1995
PROGRAMMER: Nitin Lad
--------------------------------*/

#include "newdef.h"

int MERGE_DSP2(dataA, dataB, dataC, sizeA, sizeB)
signed long *dataA, *dataB, *dataC;
signed long sizeA, sizeB;
{
    int i, j, k, n, N = 4;
    int first, last, itemp, flag = FAIL;
    int w, z, e, f, g, h, dsp, check;
    int offc, lsizea, lsizeb;
    signed long njit, median = 0;
    float *del_x;
    double temp, temp2;
    *x = *y = 0;
    merge_local_flag[dsp_id] = WAIT;

    while ( !inter_flag );
    dataA++;
    dataB++;
    dataC++;

    /* copy data from SHARED memory to LOCAL DSP memory */
    for ( i =0; i < sizeA; i++)
        mdataA[i] = dataA[i];
    for ( i =0; i < sizeB; i++)
        mdataB[i] = dataB[i];
    merge_local_flag[dsp_id] = READY;

    /* wait until DSP1 communicates the quadruple */
    while( merge_local_flag[dsp_id] != GO);
    dsp = 3*4;

    /* reads the quadruple received from DSP1 */
    gen_flag = e = merge_quad[dsp+1];
    gen_flag2 = f = merge_quad[dsp+2];
    gen_flag3 = g = merge_quad[dsp+3];
    gen_flag4 = h = merge_quad[dsp+4];

    /* Used for debugging purpose */
    check = 3;
    if ( check == 3)
    {
        gen_flag = e;
        gen_flag2 = f;
        gen_flag3 = g;
        gen_flag4 = h;
    }
main()
{
    int i, local_broad = 0;

    GIE_ON(); /* Enable the DSP interrupt facility */

    while (1)
    {
        /* wait until host program has completed the downloading of the data into all DSPs */
        while ( (main_flag != GO) );

        if (((main_flag == GO) && (merge_flag == GO))
        {
            merge_flag = _MERGE_DSP2(dataA, dataB, dataC, sizeA, sizeB);

            if (merge_flag == DONE)
                main_flag = DONE;
        } /* end if */
        /* end while loop */
    } /* end of main */

    lsiza = f - e + 1;
    if ( lsiza <= 0 )
        lsiza = 0;

    lsizeb = h - g + 1;
    if ( lsizeb <= 0 )
        lsizeb = 0;

    offc = e - l + g - 1;
    gen_flag = offc;
    gen_flag2 = offc + lsizea + lsizeb;

    seq_merge(&mdataA[e-l], &mdataB[g-1], mdataC, lsizea, lsizeb);

    merge_local_flag[dsp_id] = DONE;

    for (i=0; i < (lsizea+lsizeb); i++)
        dataC[offc+i] = mdataC[i];

    return DONE;
}
FILE: dsp3.c
DESCRIPTION: DSP1 parallel merge program
PROCESSORS: 4
DATE: June 4, 1995
PROGRAMMER: Nitin Lad

#include "newdef.h"

int _MERGE_DSP3(dataA, dataB, dataC, sizeA, sizeB)
signed long *dataA, *dataB, *dataC;
signed long sizeA, sizeB;
{
    int i, j, k, check, n, N = 4;
    int first, last, itemp, flag = FAIL;
    signed long njit, median = 0;
    int w, z, e, f, g, h, dsp;
    int offc, isizea, lsizeb;
    double temp, temp2;

    *x = *y = 0;
    merge_local_flag[dsp_id] = WAIT;

    while ( !inter_flag );
    dataA++;
    dataB++;
    dataC++;

    /* copy data from SHARED memory to LOCAL DSP memory */
    for ( i = 0; i < sizeA; i++)
        mdataA[i] = dataA[i];
    for (i = 0; i < sizeB; I++)
        mdataB[i] = dataB[i];
    merge_local_flag[dsp_id] = READY;

    /* wait until DSP2 communicates the quadruple */
    while( merge_local_flag[dsp_id] != GO);
    dsp = 4*4;

    /* reads the quadruple received from DSP1 */
    gen_flag = e = merge_quad[dsp+1];
    gen_flag2 = f = merge_quad[dsp+2];
    gen_flag3 = g = merge_quad[dsp+3];
    gen_flag4 = h = merge_quad[dsp+4];

    check = 3;
    if ( check == 3 )
    {
        gen_flag = e;
        gen_flag2 = f;
        gen_flag3 = g;
        gen_flag4 = h;
    }

    lsizae = f - e + 1;
    if ( lsizae <= 0) lsizae = 0;

    lsizeb = h - g + 1;
    if ( lsizeb <= 0) lsizeb = 0;
    offc = e - 1 + g - 1;
gen_flag = offc;
gen_flag2 = offc + lsizea + lsizeb;

seq_merge(&mdataA[e-1], &mdataB[g-1], mdataC, lsizea, lsizeb);
merge_local_flag[dsp_id] = DONE;
for (i=0; i < (lsizea+lsizeb); i++)
dataC[offc+i] = mdataC[i];
return DONE;

main()
{
    int i, local_broad = 0;
    GIE_ON(); /* Enable the DSP interrupt facility */
    while (1)
    {
        /* wait until host program has completed the 
           downloading of the data into all DSPs */
        while (main_flag != GO);

        if (((main_flag == GO) && (merge_flag == GO))
        {
            merge_flag = _MERGE_DSP3(dataA, dataB,
                                      dataC, sizeA, sizeB);
            if (merge_flag == DONE) main_flag = DONE;
        }
        /* end if */
    }
    /* end of while loop */
    /* end of main */
APPENDIX C

PARALLEL SORTING PROGRAMS

/*---------------------------------------------
FILE: dspO.c
DESCRIPTION: DSP1 parallel sort program
PROCESSORS: 4
DATE: June 4, 1995
PROGRAMMER: Nitin Lad
---------------------------------------------*/

#include "newdef.h"

/* NOTE: Only the main program included here. All selection routine are included in Appendix A */

main() /* _main: dspO.c parallel_sort */
{
    int i, j=0, local_broad = 0, k_value, tempa;
signed long tempb;
unsigned long timerStart, timerEnd, temp;
float elapsed_time = 0.0, temp_float;
signed long last_index;
signed long xx, save_size;
int choose = 0;

/* enable DSP interrupt facility */
GIE_ON();
SET_PERIOD(0xffffffff); /* set timer period */

while (1)
{
    /* wait until a signal received from the host */
    while ( (main_flag != GO) );

    if (main_flag == GO) && (select_flag == GO))
    {
        /* initialize flags */
        select_wait_flag[0] = JUNK;
        select_wait_flag[1] = JUNK;
        select_wait_flag[2] = JUNK;
        select_wait_flag[3] = JUNK;
        sort_main_flag[0] = HOLD;
        sort_main_flag[1] = HOLD;
        sort_main_flag[2] = HOLD;
        sort_main_flag[3] = HOLD;
        temp_float = select_size;

        for (i = 0; i <8; i++) meds[i] = 44444;
        /* Copy the sequence */
        for (i = 0; i <= select_size; i++)
            sort_input[i] = select_input[i];

        RESET_TIMER; /* reset timer */
        timerStart = GET_TIMER; /* Get start timer value */
/* call parallel select to find 1st median value */
meds[3] = k_value = ceil( temp_float/K_VALUE);
select_flag = _SELECT_DSP0(select_input, select_output,
select_size, k_value);
meds[0] = gen_flag;

/* call parallel select to find 2nd median value */
meds[4] = k_value = ceil( 2*temp_float/K_VALUE);
select_flag = _SELECT_DSP0(select_input, select_output,
select_size, k_value);
meds[1] = gen_flag;

/* call parallel select to find 3rd median value */
meds[5] = k_value = ceil( 3*temp_float/K_VALUE);
select_flag = _SELECT_DSP0(select_input, select_output,
select_size, k_value);
meds[2] = gen_flag;

/* indexes */
select_wait_flag[0] = meds[3];
select_wait_flag[1] = meds[4];
select_wait_flag[2] = meds[5];
select_wait_flag[3] = 7777777;

/* medians */
gen_flag = meds[0];
gen_flag2 = meds[1];
gen_flag3 = meds[2];
gen_flag4 = 7777777;

/* generate FOUR sequences based on THREE medians */

if ( select_flag == DONE) main_flag = DONE;
for (i=1; i < SEL_CPU; i++) select_local_flag[i] = DONE;
for (i=1; i < SEL_CPU; i++) select_main_flag[i] = EXIT;
sort_main_flag[1] = GO;
sort_main_flag[2] = GO;
sort_main_flag[3] = GO;
last_index = meds[3]+1;
for(j=0; j< last_index; j++)
  t_addr[j] = sort_input[j];

xx = 0;
save_size = j;
/* call local fast_sort routine */
fast_sort(xx, save_size);
for(j=0; j< last_index; j++)
  sort_input[j] = t_addr[j];

/* wait until all other DSPs are done */
while( sort_main_flag[1] != DONE);
while( sort_main_flag[2] != DONE);
while( sort_main_flag[3] != DONE);
timerEnd = GET_TIMER; /* Get timer value */
select_wait_flag[0] = ELAPSED_TIME(timerStart,
timerEnd) *1000000; /* compute the elapsed time */
/* Copy the sorted sequence to the output array */
for (i=0; i <= select_size; i++)
   select_output[i] = sort_input[i];

/* ------ signal all DSPs to exit -------- */
select_main_flag[MAIN] = EXIT;

} /* end if */
/* end while */
/* end of main */

FILE: dspl.c
DESCRIPTION: DSP1 parallel sort program
PROCESSORS: 4
DATE: June 4, 1995
PROGRAMMER: Nitin Lad
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
#include "newdef.h"

main() /* _main: dspl.c parallel_sort */
{
    int i, j=0, local_broad = 0;
    signed long first_index, last_index;
    signed long first_element, last_element;
    signed long local_size = 0;
    signed long xx, save_size = 0;
    int choose = 0;

    GIE_ON(); /* enable the DSP's interrupt facility */

    while (1)
    {
        /* wait until a signal is received from the host */
        while ( (main_flag != GO) );

        /* call local parallel select to find medians */
        if ((main_flag == GO) && (select_flag == GO))
            select_flag = _SELECT_DSP1(select_input,
                                       select_output, select_size);

        if ((main_flag == GO) && (sort_main_flag[1] == GO))
        {
            /* Get the first and last index for the sequence */
            first_index = meds[3]+l;
            last_index = meds[4]+1;

            /* read the unsorted sub-sequence from shared memory */
            for(i=first_index; i < last_index; i++)
            {
                t_addr[j] = sort_input[i];
                j++;
            }

            /* sort the sequence */
            xx = 0;
            save_size = j;
/* call fast sort the sort the subsequence */
            fast_sort(xx, save_size);
        }
    }
}
/* write the sorted sequence to shared memory */
for (i=0; i < j; i++)
{
    sort_input[first_index+i] = t_addr[i];
}
/* end if */

if ((sort_main_flag[1] == DONE) && (select_flag == DONE))

main_flag = DONE;
/* end while */
/* end of main */

/*-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
FILE: dsp2.c
DESCRIPTION: DSP2 parallel sort program
PROCESSORS: 4
DATE: June 4, 1995
PROGRAMMER: Nitin Lad
----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------*/
#include "newdef.h"

main() /* _main: dsp2.c parallel_sort */
{
    int i, j=0, local_broad = 0, choose=0;
    signed long first_index, last_index;
    signed long local_size = 0;
    signed long xx, save_size = 0;
    GIE_ON(); /* enable the DSP interrupt */
    while (1)
    {
        /* wait until a signal is received from the host */
        while ( (main_flag != GO) );

        /* call parallel select to find median values */
        if ((main_flag == GO) && (select_flag == GO))
        select_flag = _SELECT_DSP2(select_input, select_output,
        select_size);

        if ((main_flag == GO) && (sort_main_flag[2] == GO))
        {
            /* Get first and last index of the sequence 
            to be sorted */
            first_index = meds[4]+l;
            last_index = meds[5]+l;

            /* read the unsorted sub-sequence from shared memory */
            for(i=first_index; i < last_index; i++)
            {
                t_addr[j] = sort_input[i];
                j++;
            }

            /* sort the sequence */
            xx = 0;
            save_size = j;
            fast_sort(xx, save_size);
/* write the sorted sub-sequence to shared memory */
for (i=0; i < j; i++)
{
    sort_input[first_index+i] = t_addr[i];
}

sort_main_flag[2] = DONE;

/* end if */
if ((sort_main_flag[2] == DONE) && (select_flag == DONE))
    main_flag = DONE;
/* end while */
/* end main */

#include "newdef.h"

main() /* _main: dsp3.c parallel_sort */
{
    int i, j=0, local_broad = 0;
    signed long first_index, last_index, xx;
    int choose, save_size;
    GIE_ON(); /* enable DSP interrupt */
    while (1)
    {
        /* wait until a signal is received from the host */
        while ( main_flag != GO);

        /* call parallel select to find medians */
        if ((main_flag == GO) && (select_flag == GO))
            select_flag = _SELECT_DSP3(select_input,
                               select_output, select_size);

        if ((main_flag == GO) && (sort_main_flag[3] == GO))
        {
            /* Get the first and last index value of the
               sequence to be sorted from DSP0 */
            first_index = meds[5]+l;
            last_index = select_size+l;

            /* read the unsorted sub-sequence from shared memory */
            for(i=first_index; i < last_index; i++)
            {
                t_addr[j] = sort_input[i];
                j++;
            }

            /* sort the sequence */
            xx = 0;
            save_size = j;
            fast_sort(xx, save_size);
        }
/* write the sorted sequence to shared memory */
for (i=0; i < j; i++)
{
    sort_input[first_index+i] = t_addr[i];
}

sort_main_flag[3] = DONE;
/* end if */
if ((sort_main_flag[3] == DONE) && (select_flag ==DONE))
    main_flag = DONE;
/* end while */
/* end main */
INCLUDE FILE

FILE: newdef.h
DESCRIPTION: Include file for parallel selection program
PROCESSORS: 4
DATE: November 10, 1994
PROGRAMMER: Nitin Lad

#include <math.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "/usr/local/hydra/include/hydra.h"

CONSTANT declarations

#define HOLD 0
#define MAIN 0
#define ALL 0
#define ZERO 0
#define GO 1
#define START 1
#define READY 7
#define MAXX 6000
#define CONTINUE 20
#define EXIT 17
#define DONE 9
#define NOT DONE 6
#define FAIL -9
#define CPU 8
#define MIN 4
#define SEL_CPU 1 /* Total CPU use for par_select */
#define NEXT_CPU 2
#define GET READY 44
#define START_BROAD 47
#define STACK SIZE 200 /* stack size */
#define MAX 4000 /* Max array size limit */
#define K VALUE 4 /* default k-th value */

MEMORY ADDRESS CONSTANT declarations

#define CRAMO 0x8d000000
#define CRAM0_SIZE Oxfff /* 4K */
#define CRAM0 0x8d000fff /* starting address */
#define CRAM0_SIZE Oxfefc0-0xfff /* 1020K-4K */
#define CRAM0_B Oxa0000000
#define CRAM0_B_SIZE 0xefec0 /* 1020K */
#define INT_RAM 0x2ff800
#define INT_RAM_SIZE 0x800 /* 2K */
#define EXT_RAM 0x800 /* 2K */
```c
#define EXT_LRAM1 0x40001200
#define EXT_LRAM1_SIZE 0x2dff /* 59.5K */

#define EXT_LRAM2 0xc0000000
#define EXT_LRAM2_SIZE 0x10000 /* 16K */

#define SHARED_ADDR 0x80000000 /* starting address */
#define SHARED_SIZE 0xfefbf /* 1020K */
#define SHARED_ADDR2 0xa0000000 /* starting address Board 2 */
#define SHARED_SIZE2 0xfefbf /* 1020K Board 2 */
#define LOCAL_RAM 0x2ff800 /* starting LRAM address */
#define LOCAL_RAM_SIZE 0x7ff /* 2Kwords */

/* following is reserved for text of programs */
#define LOCAL_ADDR 0x40001200 /* starting address */
#define LOCAL_SIZE 0xedff /* 59.5K */

/* -------------------------------
TIMER SETUP VARIABLE DECLARATIONS
----------------------------------*/
#define ELAPSED_TIME( start, end )  (((end) - (start))*0.0000001)
#define GET_TIMER (*(unsigned long *)0x00100024)
#define RESET_TIMER ('(unsigned long *)0x00100020 |= 960)
#define SET_PERIOD(X) ('(unsigned long *)0x00100028 = (unsigned long) X)

/* ------------------------------
General local input/output array declarations
-----------------------------------*/
signed long *in_addr = (signed long *)INT_RAM;
signed long *out_addr = (signed long *) (INT_RAM+INT_RAM_SIZE/2);

/* -----------------------------------
Local array declarations
-----------------------------------*/
signed long *small = (signed long *)EXT_LRAM1;
signed long *equal = (signed long *) (EXT_LRAM1+5000);
signed long *big = (signed long *) (EXT_LRAM1+10000);

signed long *seq1 = (signed long *)EXT_LRAM1;
signed long *seq2 = (signed long *) (EXT_LRAM1+5000);
signed long *seq3 = (signed long *) (EXT_LRAM1+10000);
signed long *seq4 = (signed long *) (EXT_LRAM1+15000);

/* - Local Memory Array: used by seq_select & fast_sort -- */
signed long *t_addr = (signed long *) (EXT_LRAM1+20000);
signed long *loc_seq = (signed long *) (INT_RAM+210);

signed long *broad_input = (signed long *)INT_RAM;
signed long *broad_output = (signed long *) (INT_RAM+INT_RAM_SIZE/2);

/* ---------- Local median array size 10 used by fast_sort */
signed long *medM = (signed long *)INT_RAM;

*************** External Local memory for LOCAL VARIABLES *******
int D_SIZE, /* size of sequence */
dsp_id; /* DSP identification */
```
Variables used to communicate with other DSP and host programs

```c
int main_flag = HOLD, select_flag, merge_flag;
int inter_flag = HOLD; /* Signal flag */
int select_size; /* size of selection sequence */
int tot_cpu = 0;
int k_value; /* k-th value */
signed long select_med = 0;
signed long gen_flag = 0;
signed long gen_flag2 = 0;
signed long gen_flag3 = 0;
signed long gen_flag4 = 0;
signed long median_count = 0;
signed long stackA[STACK_SIZE];
signed long stackA2[STACK_SIZE];
int global_count = 0;
signed long f_index = 0;
signed long ssize = 0;
signed long f_size = 0;
signed long select_median_size = 8; /* Each processor stored median values here */
signed long *select_median=(signed long *)(CRAMO);
signed long *select_local_flag = (signed long *)(CRAMO +
8*sizeof(signed long));
signed long select_wait_flag_size = 8; /* Intermediate local shared mem. flags for selection routine */
signed long *select_wait_flag = (signed long *)(CRAMO +
16*sizeof(signed long));
signed long select_broad_flag_size = 8; /* Signed-Memory flags usage for communications */
signed long *select_broad_flag = (signed long *)(CRAMO +
24*sizeof(signed long));
signed long select_k = 2; /* Selection k */
signed long *select_k = (signed long *)(CRAMO +
32*sizeof(signed long));
signed long select_val_k_size = 2; /* Selection k */
signed long *select_val_k = (signed long *)(CRAMO +
34*sizeof(signed long));
signed long select_local_size_size = 2; /* Selection local size */
```

#define Q 4 /* Q value */
#define K 21 /* Default constant K */

GLOBAL_FLAGS/VARIABLES/ARRAY_declaration

/* NEXT BLOCK of GLOBAL MEMORY== CRAM0 */
/* Each processor stored median values here */
/* SIZE: Next Eight long words */
signed long *select_median=(signed long *)(CRAMO);

/* Intermediate local shared mem. flags for selection routine */
signed long *select_local_flag = (signed long *)(CRAMO +
8*sizeof(signed long));

/* Shared-Memory flags usage for communications */
signed long *select_wait_flag = (signed long *)(CRAMO +
16*sizeof(signed long));

/* Signed-Memory flags usage for communications */
signed long *select_broad_flag = (signed long *)(CRAMO +
24*sizeof(signed long));

/* Selection k */
signed long *select_k = (signed long *)(CRAMO +
32*sizeof(signed long));

/* Selection k */
signed long *select_val_k = (signed long *)(CRAMO +
34*sizeof(signed long));

/* Selection local size */
signed long *select_local_size_size = 2;
signed long *select_local_size = (signed long*) (CRAMO + 36*sizeof(signed long));

/*______select_local_median_size = 10 ___________ */
signed long *select_local_median = (signed long*) (CRAMO + 38*sizeof(signed long));

/*______select_main_flag_size = 8 _______________ */
unsigned long *select_main_flag = (unsigned long*) (CRAMO + 48*sizeof(unsigned long));

/*______select_offset_size = 2 _________________ */
unsigned long *select_offset = (unsigned long*) (CRAMO + 56*sizeof(unsigned long));

/*______select_base_size = 2 _____________________ */
unsigned long *select_base = (unsigned long*) (CRAMO + 58*sizeof(unsigned long));

/*______Shared_Median_Array_size = 8 _________________ */
unsigned long *meds = (unsigned long*) (CRAMO + 60*sizeof(unsigned long));

/*______Sort_flag_size = 8 __________________________ */
unsigned long *sort_main_flag = (unsigned long*) (CRAMO + 68*sizeof(unsigned long));

Shared-memory input/output arrays declaration

signed long *in_saddr = (signed long*) CRAM1;
signed long *out_saddr = (signed long*) (CRAM1+ CRAM1_SIZE/2);

Shared-memory input/output arrays declaration for Parallel Selection

signed long *select_output = (signed long*) (CRAM1); /* Global Addr. space */
signed long *select_input = (signed long*) (CRAM1+MAXX);
signed long *sort_input = (signed long*) (CRAM1+2*MAXX);
signed long *small = (signed long*) (CRAM1+4*MAXX);
signed long *equal = (signed long*) (CRAM1+6*MAXX);
signed long *big = (signed long*) (CRAM1+8*MAXX);

glob_push(): This local routine is used to push values onto a predefined stack in the sort operation */

int glob_pushA( adrA, offsetA)
{
    int i, j, k;
    if ( global_count == STACK_SIZE)
        return 1;
    else
    {
        stackA[global_count] = *adrA;
        stackA2[global_count] = *offsetA;
        global_count = global_count + 1;
        return 0;
    } /* end if */
} /* end of push routine*/
glob_pop(): This local routine is used to pull values from a predefined stack in the sort operation */

glob_popA(adrA, offsetA)
signed long *adrA, *offsetA;
{
    int i, j, k;
    if (global_count == 0)
        return 1;
    else
    {
        global_count = global_count - 1;
        *adrA = stackA[global_count];
        *offsetA = stackA2[global_count];
        return 0;
    }/* end if */
}/* end of pop routine */

Sequential Sort(): Local routine to perform sequential sort operations.
S: Starting of address of an input array
Size: Size of the array(number of elements)

seq_sort(S, size)
signed long *S;
int size;
{
    int i, j, lim;
    signed long temp;
    for ( i=0; i< size; i++)
        for ( j=i+1; j< size; j++)
            if ( S[i] > S[j] )
            {
                temp = S[i];
                S[i] = S[j];
                S[j] = temp;
            };
    if ( size > 1)
        lim = size/2;
    else
        return S[0];
    if ( size/2 > lim)
        return S[lim];
    else
        return S[lim-1];
} /*end of bubble sort */

seq_select(): This routine is used to find a k-th smallest element using a sequential technique.
signed long seq_select(S, size, k) /* ----- sequential select ------ */
signed long *S;
int size, k;
{
    int i, j = 0, a, first, last, t_sm, t_eq, t_big;
signed long median = 0;
signed long seq_select( signed long *S, int size, int k);

    for ( i = 0; i < size; i++) small[i] = equal[i] = big[i] = 0;
    if ( size < Q )
    {
        median = seq_sort( &S[0], size );
        return S[k-1];
    }
    else
    { /* ----- divide and sort the sequences ---- */
        for ( a = 0; a < size; a += Q )
        {
            first = a;
last = a + Q;
            if ( last > size ) last = size;
            equal[j] = seq_sort( &S[first], last - first );
j++;
        } /* end for */
        median = seq_sort( &equal[0], j );
t_big = t_eq = t_sm = 0;
        for ( i = 0; i < size; i++)
        {
            if ( S[i] > median )
            {
                big[t_big] = S[i];
t_big++;
            }
            else if ( S[i] == median )
            {
                equal[t_eq] = S[i];
t_eq++;
            }
            else if ( S[i] < median )
            {
                small[t_sm] = S[i];
t_sm++;
            } /* end if */
        } /* end for */
        if ( t_sm >= k )
        {
            for (i=0; i < t_sm; i++) S[i] = small[i];
            return seq_select(S, t_sm, k);
        }
        else if ( (t_sm+t_eq) >= k )
        {
            return median;
        }
        else
        {
            for (i=0; i < t_big; i++) S[i] = big[i];
            return seq_select(S, t_big, k - t_sm - t_eq );
        } /* end if */
    } /* end if */
} /* end sequential select */
sub_seq(): This routine is used to divided a sequence into
three subsequences during selection operation: |
(1) < median (2) = median (3) > median

signed long sub_seq(S, med, size, Lsize, Esize, Bsize)
signed long *S, med:
{ 
    int i, j = 0;
    int l, e, b:
    l=e=b = 0;
    *Lsize = *Esize = *Bsize = 0;
    for ( i = 0; i < size; i++) _small[i] = _equal[i] = _big[i] = 0;
    for ( i = 0; i < size; i++)
        if ( S[i] > med )
            _big[b] = S[i];
            b++;
        else if ( S[i] == med )
            _equal[e] = S[i];
            e++;
        else if ( S[i] < med )
            _small[l] = S[i];
            l++;
        else
            return FAIL; /* subdivision has failed*/

    j = 0;
    for ( i = 0; i < l; i++)
    { 
        S[j] = _small[i];
        j++;
    }
    for ( i = 0; i < e; i++)
    { 
        S[j] = _equal[i];
        j++;
    }
    for ( i = 0; i < b; i++)
    { 
        S[j] = _big[i];
        j++;
    }
    *Lsize = l;
    *Esize = e;
    *Bsize = b;

    return DONE;
} /* end of routine */
div_seq(): This routine is used to divide a sequence into four equal size subsequences during parallel sort operation. Sequences such that each element of $S_1 < S_2 < S_3 < S_4$.

```
signed long div_seq(S, m, size)
s signed long *S, *m;
 int size;
{
    /* NOTE: Max array size limit of seqX[] is 5000 */
    int i, j = 0;
    int mone, mtwo, mthree, mfour;
    int med, adj=0;
    signed long a, b, c, d;
    for ( i = 0; i < (size/4+adj); i++)
        seq1[i] = seq2[i] = seq3[i] = seq4[i]=0;
    /* m[0] index ----> median m[1] */
    mone = mtwo = mthree = mfour = 0;
    for i ( i = 0 ; i < size; i++)
    {  
        if ( S[i] <= m[0] )
            seq1[mone++] = S[i];
        else if ( (S[i] > m[0]) && (S[i] <= m[1]) )
            seq2[mtwo++] = S[i];
        else if ( (S[i] > m[1]) && (S[i] <= m[2]) )
            seq3[mthree++] = S[i];
        else if ( S[i] > m[2] )
            seq4[mfour++]= S[i];
    } /* end for */
    j = 0;
    for ( i = 0; i < mone; i++)
    {  
        S[j] = seq1[i];
        j++;
    } /* end for */
    for ( i = 0; i < mtwo; i++)
    {  
        S[j] = seq2[i];
        j++;
    } /* end for */
    for ( i = 0; i < mthree; i++)
    {  
        S[j] = seq3[i];
        j++;
    } /* end for */
    for ( i = 0; i < mfour; i++)
    {  
        S[j] = seq4[i];
        j++;
    } /* end for */
    return 0;
} /* end of routine */
```

fast_sort(): This routine sorts a given sequence using fast sort techniques.
signed long fast_sort(l_index, size)
signed long l_index;
int size;
{
    signed long temp;
signed long ml, m2, m3;
signed long size1, size2, size3;
float limf = 0.0, k_val; /* jj */
int x, xsize, i, j, lim = 0, N = 150;

    ssize = size;
f_index = l_index;

    if ( ssize <= N)
    {
        seq_sort(&t_addr[f_index] , ssize);
medM[8] = 4444;
medM[9] = 5555;
if ( glob_popA(&medM[8], &medM[9]) == 0)
{
    /* reference below has to be global */
    fast_sort(medM[8], medM[9]);
} else
return 0;
    }
else if ( ssize > N)
    {
        /* STEP A: find ml, m2, and m3 */
k_val = ssize/4;
i = ssize/4;
if ( k_val > i) i++;

        /* STEP B: push the sequence index and size for m3, m2, and ml */
medM[0] = i+f_index;
medM[1] = 2*i+f_index;
medM[2] = 3*i+f_index;

ml = i;
m2 = 2*i;
m3 = 3*i;

size3 = ssize - m3;
size2 = m3 - m2;
sizel = m2 - ml;

medM[6] = m3 + f_index;
medM[7] = size3;
if ( glob_pushA(&medM[6], &medM[7]) == 0);

medM[6] = m2 + f_index;
medM[7] = size2;
if ( glob_pushA(&medM[6], &medM[7]) == 0);

medM[6] = ml + f_index;
medM[7] = sizel;
if ( glob_pushA(&medM[6], &medM[7]) == 0);

/* NOTE: loc_seq size is limited by INT_RAM size */
for ( i = 0; i < ssize; i++) loc_seq[i] = t_addr[i+f_index];
medM[0] = seq_select(loc_seq, ssize, ml);

for ( i = 0; i < ssize; i++) loc_seq[i] = t_addr[i+f_index];
medM[1] = seq_select(loc_seq, ssize, m2);
for (i = 0; i < ssize; i++) loc_seq[i] = t_addr[i+f_index];
medM[2] = seq_select(loc_seq, ssize, m3);

/* STEP C: divide the sequence */
if (div_seq(&t_addr[f_index], medM, ssize) == 0);

/* STEP D: call fast_sort recursively */
ssize = sizeof;
/* call fast_sort recursively */
fast_sort(f_index, ssize);

} /* end if */
return 0;
} /* end of fast sort */
REFERENCES


