CpSc 418

Homework 5

Extra credit: 65 points

Please submit your solution using the handin program as: cs418 hw5 Your submission should consist of the following files:

hw5.c-C source (ASCII text). All functions requested in this assignment must be exported by this module.

hw5.txt - plain, ASCII text, or hw5.pdf - PDF.

1. Count 3's with pthreads (40 points)

Write an implementation of count3's using pthreads on gambier. Illustrate each of the issues described in Lin and Snyder:

- (a) A race that results in the wrong answer. (10 points)
- (b) Excessive locking that results in poor performance. (10 points)
- (c) False sharing that results in poor performance. (**10 points**)
- (d) A good implementation that results in good speed-up. (10 points)

Draw a plot of speed-up versus number of processors for the last three versions.

2. Correctness of bitonic sort (25 points)

Let $x_0, x_1, \ldots x_{n-1}$ be a bitonic sequence. Let $y_0, y_1, \ldots y_{n-1}$ be defined by:

$$y_i = \min(x_i, x_{i+\lceil n/2 \rceil}), \quad \text{if } i < (n-1)/2 \\ = x_i, \qquad \text{if } i = (n-1)/2 \\ = \max(x_i, x_{i-\lceil n/2 \rceil}), \quad \text{if } i > (n-1)/2$$

- (a) (5 points) Show that the sequence $y_0, \ldots y_{\lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor}$ is bitonic.
- (b) (5 points) Show that the sequence $y_{\lceil (n-1)/2 \rceil} \dots y_{n-1}$ is bitonic.
- (c) (5 points) Show that for every $i \in 0 \dots |(n-1)/2|$ and every $j \in [(n-1)/2] \dots (n-1), y_i \leq y_j$.
- (d) (5 points) Given an intuitive explanation for how the results in the previous three sub-problems can be used to show that a bitonic merge produces a sorted output sequence from two input sequences that are sorted in opposite directions.
- (e) (**5 points**) Now that you've argued that bitonic merge is correct, explain why this makes the entire bitonic sorting algorithm correct.

A few hints:

- Use the 0-1 principle: you only need to consider sequences that consist only of 0's and 1's.
- Consider two cases:
 - The total number of 1's is less than or equal to n/2.
 - The total number of 1's is greater than n/2.
- All of the floor and ceiling stuff is to show that bitonic merge works whether n is even or odd. I also think it's kind of cool what it shows about the element in the middle when n is odd. On the other hand, if the floors and ceilings make you dizzy, then assume n is even, and then each of first three sub-parts will be worth 4 points instead of 5. In this case, you'll get:

$$y_i = \min(x_i, x_{i+(n/2)}), \quad \text{if } i < n/2 \\ = \max(x_i, x_{i-(n/2)}), \quad \text{if } i \ge n/2$$

and you'll need to show:

- (a) (4 points) the sequence $y_0, \ldots y_{(n/2)-1}$ is bitonic.
- (b) (4 points) the sequence $y_{n/2} \dots y_{n-1}$ is bitonic. (c) (4 points) for every $i \in 0 \dots (n/2) 1$ and every $j \in n/2 \dots (n-1), y_i \leq y_j$.
- (d) (**5 points**) same as above.
- (e) (**5 points**) same as above.