Bitonic Sort

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- Merging
- Shuffle and Unshuffle
- The Bitonic Sort Algorithm
- Summary
- I know that some of the links in the electronic version are broken. I know that it would be nice if I complete the final slides. I will post to piazza when this is done.



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Parallelizing Mergesort



- We looked at this in the Feb. 8 lecture.
- The challenge is the merge step:
 - Can we make a parallel merge?

Merging and the 0-1 Principle



The main idea:

- Use divide-and-conquer.
 - ► Given two arrays, *A* and *B*, divide them into smaller arrays that we can merge, and then easily combine the results.
 - What criterion should we use for dividing the arrays?
- Observation:
 - It's easy to merge two arrays of the same size, if they both have the same number of 1s.
 - If they have nearly the same number of 1s, that's easy as well.

Dividing the problem (part 1)

- For simplicity, assume each array has an even number of elements.
 - As we go on, we'll assume that each array has an power-of-two number of elements.
 - That's the easiest way to explain bitonic sort.
 - Note: the algorithm works for arbitrary array sizes.
 - * See the lecture slides from 2013.
- Divide each array in the middle?
 - If A has N elements and N_1 are ones,
 - ► How many ones are in A[0,..., (N/2) 1]?
 - How many ones are in A[N/2, ..., N-1]?
- Taking every other element?
 - How many ones are in the A[0, 2, ..., N-2]?
 - How many ones are in the A[1, 3, ..., N-1]?
- Other schemes?

Dividing the problem (part 2)

- Let *A* and *B* be arrays that are sorted into ascending order.
 - Let A_0 be the odd-indexed element of A and A_1 be the odd-indexed.
 - Likewise for B₀ and B₁.
- Key observations:

With a bit of algebra, we get

HowManyOnes $(A_0 + B_1)$ - HowManyOnes $(A_1 + B_0)$ ≤ 1

- In English that says that
 - If we merge A_0 with B_1 to get C_0 ,
 - and we merge A_1 with B_0 to get C_1 ,
 - ► then C₀ and C₁ differ by at most one in the number of ones that they have.
 - ★ This is an "easy" case from <u>slide 3</u>.

Merging

- Given *N* that is a power of 2, and arrays *A* and *B* that each have *N* elements and are sorted into ascending order, we can merge them with a sorting network.
- If N = 1, then just do CompareAndSwap (A, B).
- Otherwise, let *A*₀ be the odd-indexed element of *A* and *A*₁ be the odd-indexed, and likewise for *B*₀ and *B*₁.
- Merge A_0 and B_1 into a single ascending sequence, C_0 .
- Merge A_1 and B_0 into a single ascending sequence, C_1 .
 - Note that the number of ones in C_0 and C_1 differ by at most one.
- Merge C_0 and C_1 into a single ascending sequence.
 - This is an "easy" case from <u>slide 3</u>.
 - ► We can perform this merge using N/2/compare-and-swap modules.
- Complexity:
 - Depth: $O(\log N)$ logarithmic parallel time.
 - ► Number of compare-and-swap modules *O*(*N* log *N*).
- Pause: If you understand this, you've got all of the key ideas of bitonic sorting.
 - > The bitonic approach just improves on this simple algorithm.

Bitonic Sequences

- A sequence is **bitonic** if it consists of a monotonically increasing sequence followed by a monotonically decreasing sequence.
 - Either of those sub-sequences can be empty.
 - We'll also consider a monotonically decreasing followed by monotonically increasing sequence to be bitonic.
- Properties of bitonic sequence
 - Any subsequence of a bitonic sequence is bitonic.
 - Let A be a bitonic sequence consisting of **0s** and **1s**. Let A₀ and A₁ be the even- and odd-indexed subsequences of A.
 - The number of **1s** in A_0 and A_1 differ by at most 1.
 - ★ We'll examine the number of **0s** on <u>slide 10</u>.

Bitonic Merge – big picture

- Bitonic merge produces a monotonic sequence from an bitonic input.
- Given two sorted sequences, A and B, note that

X = A + + reverse(B)

is bitonic.

- ▶ We don't require the lengths of *A* or *B* to be powers of two.
- ▶ If fact, we don't even require that A and B have the same length.
- Divide X into X₀ and X₁, the even-indexed and odd-indexed subsequences.
 - X_0 and X_1 are both bitonic.
 - The number of **1s** in X_0 and X_1 differ by at most 1.
- Use bitonic merge (recursion) to sort X₀ and X₁ into ascending order to get Y₀ and Y₁.
 - ► HowManyOnes(Y₀) = HowManyOnes(X₀), and HowManyOnes(Y₁) = HowManyOnes(X₁).
 - Therefore, the number of **1s** in Y_0 and Y_1 differ by at most 1.
 - This is an "easy" case from <u>slide 3</u>.

Counting the 0s and 1s (even total length)



- First, we'll look at the case when length(A ++ B) is even.
- Given two sorted sequences, A and B, let

$$X_0$$
 = EvenIndexed(A ++ reverse(B))
 X_1 = OddIndexed(A ++ reverse(B))

- This means that $X[i] = X_{i \mod 2}[i \operatorname{div} 2]$.
- In English, the elements of X go left-to-right and then bottom-to-top in X₀ and X₁.
- The number of **1s** in X₀ and the number of ones in X₁ differ by at most 1.
- Likewise for the number of 0s.

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Bitonic Sort

Counting the 0s and 1s (odd total length)



- Let N = length(A ++ B), where N is odd.
- The number of 1s in X₀ and the number of ones in X₁ differ by at most 1.
- The number of **0s** in $X_0[1, ..., \lfloor N/2 \rfloor]$ and the number of zeros in X_1 differ by at most 1.
- Either $X_0[0]$ or $X_0[\lfloor N/2 \rfloor]$ is the **least** element of A ++ B.

After applying bitonic merge to X_0 and Y_0



• Let N = length(A ++ B).

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- If N is even,
 - Any out of order elements are in the same row, i.e. X₀[i] > X₁[i] for some 0 ≤ i < N/2.</p>
- If N is odd
 - Any out of order elements are of the form X₀[i + 1] > X₁[i] for some 0 ≤ i < N/2.</p>
 - $X_0[0]$ is the least element of X_0 and X_1 .

The complexity of bitonic merge

- We'll count the compare-and-swap operations
 - Is it OK to ignore reversing one array, concatenating the arrays, separating the even- and odd-indexed elements, and recombining them later?
 - Yes. The number of these operations is proportional to the number of compare-and-swaps
 - Yes. Even better, in the next lecture, we'll show how to eliminate most of these data-shuffling operations.
- A bitonic merge of *N* elements requires:
 - two bitonic merges of N/2 items (if N > 2)
 - $\lfloor N/2 \rfloor$ compare-and-swap operations.
- The total number of compare and swap operations is $O(N \log N)$.

Bitonic-Sort, and it's complexity

Shuffle and unshuffle

Shuffle is like what you can do with a deck of cards:

- Divide the deck in half
- Select cards alternately from the two halves.
- Shuffle is a circular-right-shift of the index bits.
 - Assuming the number of cards in the deck is a power of two.
- Unshuffle is the inverse of shuffle.
 - Unshuffling a deck of cards is dealing to two players.
 - Unshuffle is a circular-left-shift of the index bits.