

# Parallel Computing

COMP 633 Fall 2021

## Written Assignment #1

Assigned: Thu Sep 2  
Due: Tue Sep 16

- I. [7] The Work-Time (W-T) presentation of EREW sequence reduction (Algorithm 2 in PRAM handout) has work complexity  $W(n) = O(n)$  and step complexity  $S(n) = O(\lg n)$ . Following the strategy of Brent's theorem, the translation of this algorithm will yield a  $p$  processor EREW PRAM program with running time

$$T_C(n, p) = O(n/p + \lg n)$$

(a) Construct an alternate sequence reduction algorithm directly for the bare bones EREW PRAM with running time  $T_C(n, p) = O(n/p + \lg p)$ .

(b) Explain why your solution to (a) cannot be expressed in the W-T model.

- II. [10] Given a sequence  $s[1..n]$ , the *maximum contiguous subsequence sum* (mcss) of  $s$  is the largest sum that can be formed from any contiguous subsequence of  $s$  (including the empty subsequence, with sum zero), i.e.

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq n} \left( \sum_{k \in i:j} s_k \right)$$

When all elements of  $s$  are positive the *mcss* is the sum of all elements in  $s$ . When all elements are negative the *mcss* is zero, corresponding to the sum of an empty subsequence. Here is an optimal sequential algorithm for this problem:

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integer MCSS(sequence<integer> s)
  MaxSoFar, MaxEndingHere ← 0, 0
  for i = 1 to n do
    MaxEndingHere ← max(MaxEndingHere + s[i], 0)
    MaxSoFar ← max(MaxSoFar, MaxEndingHere)
  enddo
  return MaxSoFar

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Design a work-efficient EREW algorithm in the Work-Time framework with step complexity  $\Theta(\lg n)$  for this problem.

- III. [10] Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets of integers with  $|A| = m \leq n = |B|$ . The elements of the sets are stored in increasing order in arrays  $A[1..m]$  and  $B[1..n]$ , respectively (since  $A$  and  $B$  are sets, there are no duplicate elements in either of these arrays). Using this representation, construct a CREW W-T algorithm that determines whether  $A \subseteq B$  in  $O(\lg n)$  steps and  $O(n)$  work.