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CSE4/529

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Answer all questions on these pages. No code or pseudo-code is necessary – just a precise and concise explanation and justification. *Unsupported work will receive no credit.*

Q1 of 5 (4 pts) Input: Draw an 8-element Bitonic Merge Unit. Either a “line and boxes” drawing or a “parallel lines with connections” diagram is fine. Do not worry about whether elements are put into non-decreasing or non-increasing order.

Q2 of 5 (5 pts) Compare and contrast Mergesort and Quicksort with respect to the sequential model of computation.

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Q3 of 4 (8 pts)

Input: A set of n labeled and weighted line segments situated along the x -axis. Each line segment is represented by two records, one describing its left endpoint, given as (**L**, label, weight, x -value), and one describing its right endpoint, given as (**R**, label, weight, x -value).

Assume that the $2n$ records are initially given ordered by x -value and that no two points have the same x -value. Assume that all weights are non-negative.

Define the *interval-weight* of a maximally contiguous set of overlapping line segments to be the sum of the weights of all line segments in the maximally contiguous set of overlapping line segments.

Output: The maximum interval-weight of any maximally contiguous set of overlapping line segments.

Solution: (i) Give a generic, machine independent, algorithm to solve the problem.
(ii) For each of the architectures listed below, give a configuration of the architecture that will result in a cost-optimal algorithm with minimal running time to solve the problem on that architecture. Justify your answer. Efficiency counts.

- a) Tree
- b) Hypercube
- c) Mesh

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Q4 of 5 (10 points) Discuss options for cost-effective algorithms to multiply two $n \times n$ matrices on a CREW PRAM.

Give and discuss efficient algorithms for the following number of processors:

- i. n^3
- ii. n^2
- iii. n
- iv. $n/\log n$

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Q5 of 5 (8 points) Given a mesh of size n^2 , where every processor contains an integer value in the range of $[1, \dots, 10]$, give an algorithm to sort the n^2 pieces of data. Your sort routine must be constructed primarily from parallel prefix operations. In particular, you cannot utilize, nor should you construct, a general-purpose sorting routine (*e.g.*, bitonic sort). Efficiency counts.

