

Vectorization of Sorting Networks

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1 Bitonic Search

2 OL for Sorting Networks

2.1 Definitions

We define two sorting operators:

Definition 1 (Ascending Sort Operator)

$$\chi_n : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \\ (a_i)_{0 \leq i < n} \mapsto (a_{\sigma(i)})_{0 \leq i < n}, a_{\sigma(j)} \leq a_{\sigma(k)} \text{ for } j \leq k \end{cases}$$

Definition 2 (Descending Sort Operator)

$$\Theta_n : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \\ (a_i)_{0 \leq i < n} \mapsto (a_{\sigma(i)})_{0 \leq i < n}, a_{\sigma(j)} \geq a_{\sigma(k)} \text{ for } j \leq k \end{cases}$$

2.2 New Identities

For $n = 2$ sorting operators can be expressed using $\min(.,.)$ and $\max(.,.)$.

Corollary 1 (Min-Max Comparator)

$$\Theta_2 : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ (a, b) \mapsto (\min(a, b), \max(a, b)) \end{cases}$$

Corollary 2 (Max-Min Comparator)

$$\chi_2 : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ (a, b) \mapsto (\max(a, b), \min(a, b)) \end{cases}$$

Definition 3 (Standard OL Operators)

$$I_n \tag{1}$$

$$J_n \tag{2}$$

$$L_m^{mn} \tag{3}$$

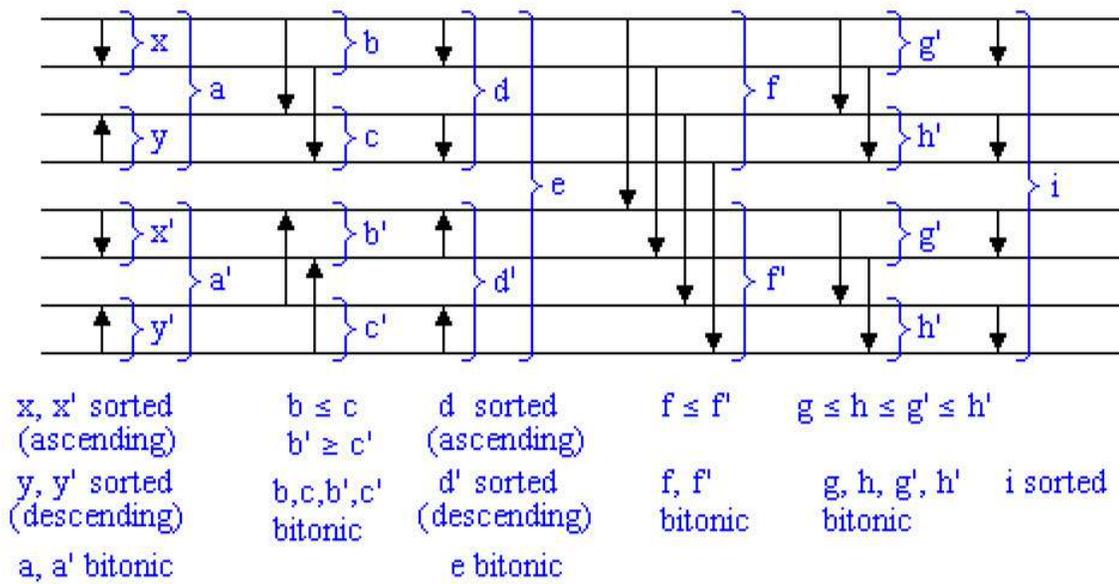


Figure 1: Bitonic Sorting Network for 8 elements.

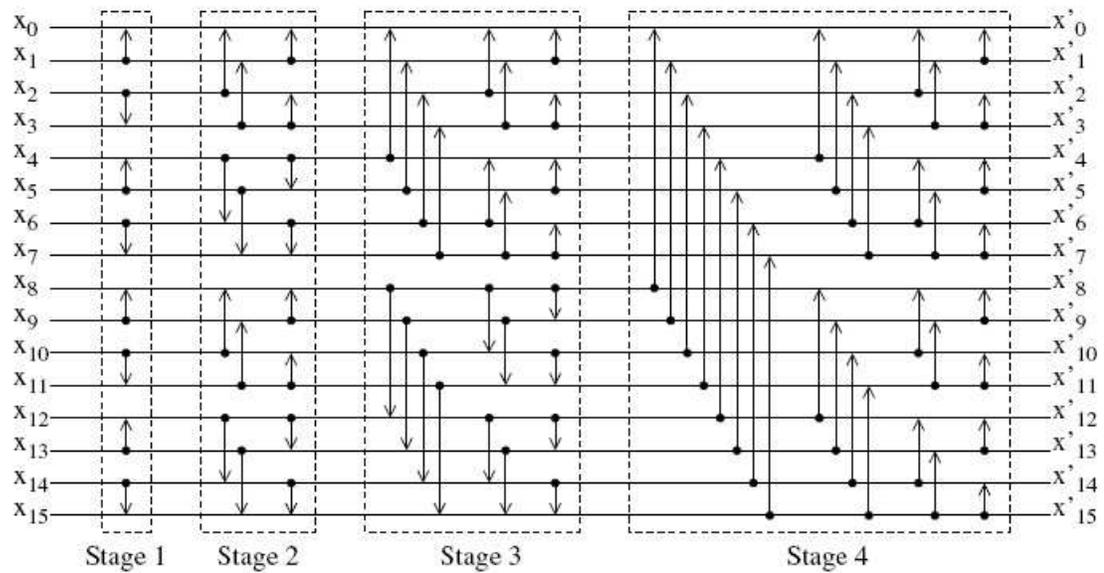


Figure 2: Bitonic Sorting Network for 16 elements.

Definition 4 (Standard OL Operations)

$$A \oplus B \tag{4}$$

$$I_n \otimes A \tag{5}$$

$$A \otimes I_n \tag{6}$$

$$A \circ B \tag{7}$$

$$\chi_n = J_n \circ \Theta_n \tag{8}$$

$$\Theta_n = J_n \circ \chi_n \tag{9}$$

$$\chi_n = (-I_n) \circ \Theta_n \circ (-I_n) \tag{10}$$

$$\Theta_n = (-I_n) \circ \chi_n \circ (-I_n) \tag{11}$$

3 Bitonic Sorting in OL

3.1 Example: Bitonic Sorting of 16 Elements in OL

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{16} \rightarrow & \left(I_8 \otimes \Theta_2 \right) \circ \left(I_4 \otimes (\Theta_2 \otimes I_2) \right) \circ \left(I_2 \otimes (\Theta_2 \otimes I_4) \right) \circ \left(\Theta_2 \otimes I_8 \right) \\ & \circ \left((I_4 \otimes \Theta_2) \oplus (I_4 \otimes \chi_2) \right) \circ \left((I_2 \otimes (\Theta_2 \otimes I_2)) \oplus (I_2 \otimes (\chi_2 \otimes I_2)) \right) \circ \left((\Theta_2 \otimes I_4) \oplus (\chi_2 \otimes I_4) \right) \\ & \circ \left(I_2 \otimes ((I_2 \otimes \Theta_2) \oplus (I_2 \otimes \chi_2)) \right) \circ \left(I_2 \otimes ((\Theta_2 \otimes I_2) \oplus (\chi_2 \otimes I_2)) \right) \\ & \circ \left(I_4 \otimes (\Theta_2 \oplus \chi_2) \right) \end{aligned}$$

3.2 Bitonic Sorting as OL Breakdown Rules

Definition 5 (Bitonic Merge) For (a_i) and (c_i) sorted ascending and (b_i) sorted descending, bitonic merge is defined as follows:

$$M_n : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \\ (a_i)_{0 \leq i < n/2} \oplus (b_i)_{0 \leq i < n/2} \mapsto (c_i)_{0 \leq i < n} \end{cases}$$

Rules 1 (Recursive Bitonic Sort)

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_n & \rightarrow M_n \circ (\chi_{n/2} \oplus \Theta_{n/2}) \\ M_n & \rightarrow (I_2 \otimes M_{n/2}) \circ (\Theta_2 \otimes I_{n/2}) \end{aligned}$$

3.3 Example: 2-way Vectorization of χ_4

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_4 & = (I_2 \otimes \Theta_2) \circ (\Theta_2 \otimes I_2) \circ (\Theta_2 \oplus \chi_2) \\ & = (I_2 \otimes \Theta_2) \circ (\Theta_2 \otimes I_2) \circ (I_2 \oplus J_2) \circ (I_2 \otimes \Theta_2) \\ & = L_2^4 \circ (\Theta_2 \otimes I_2) \circ L_2^4 \circ (\Theta_2 \otimes I_2) \circ ((I_2 \oplus J_2) \circ L_2^4) \circ (\Theta_2 \otimes I_2) \circ L_2^4 \end{aligned}$$