Meeting hours: Monday and Wednesday 3:00pm to 4:15pm

Meeting location: Kaufman Hall 0213

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Course Information

Current course information and assignments: https://www.blackboard.odu.edu (check frequently)

Course objectives:
• to learn basic techniques for parallelizing sequential algorithms
• to master the complexity analysis of parallel algorithms
• to practice implementing, evaluating, and analyzing parallel software

Prerequisites:
• familiarity with basic algorithms and data structures
• ability to use an imperative-style programming language (C/C++ is recommended)
• desire to learn
• willingness to work hard


Grading
Weights of assignments
• 80% all homeworks including programming assignments (to be given regularly every one or two weeks)
• 20% take-home final exam
• 10% extra credit challenge problems will be given later in the semester

Your final percentage score will be computed as follows:

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\text{final score} = \left( \frac{\text{your total homework score}}{\text{maximum total homework score}} \right) \times 80 + \left( \frac{\text{your final exam score}}{\text{maximum final exam score}} \right) \times 20 + \left( \frac{\text{your total challenge problem score}}{\text{maximum total challenge problem score}} \right) \times 10.
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Policies

- All assignments will be published and submitted through the Blackboard system. No other medium will be accepted, unless you obtain my prior permission.
- Late homeworks (including programming assignments) will be accepted without penalty only under unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances such as illness, accompanied by a documented evidence (e.g., doctor’s note). I strongly recommend to start working on your assignments early.
- The penalty for late submission is 20% per day. For example, after two days you will receive only 60% of the assignment’s grade.
- You can either type or handwrite your assignments. However, appeals of low grades based on misread handwriting will not be accepted. Please use the portable document format (pdf) for submission.
- Your writing must be clear and concise. Points will be taken off for unnecessarily wordy or incomprehensible solutions.
- You must work on all assignments individually, unless explicitly stated otherwise. You cannot ask any person, except me, for help with solving your assignments.
- You cannot share any code or data.
- All code must be written by you.
- You are free to consult the internet and any printed materials. All sources used in your answers, except the textbook, must be cited. If you need to quote a cited source verbatim, use quotation marks and indentation.
- You can ask others for help with setting up your computing environment and standard software, such as compilers, word processors, and standard libraries.
- Class attendance is not factored into the grade; however, it is very important for the understanding of the material.
- You are free to propose a challenge problem that you like, but you need to obtain my approval before starting working on it.
- You must be familiar with and abide by the University Honor Code: https://www.odu.edu/about/monarchcitizenship/student-conduct/code.

Disability

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