PARALLEL COMPUTING
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Topics

Application of concurrency to speed-up computations.

- Multi-core processors, multi-processor systems, computer clusters, computational grids.
- Shared memory (multi-threaded) and distributed memory (message passing) programming.
- Task parallel and data parallel algorithms.
- Strategies for parallel program design.
- Performance measures and complexity models.
- Performance analysis and debugging.

Various interrelated aspects (many of which we will discuss).
Preliminary Schedule

- March 7 (Schreiner): Parallel Computing
  — Architectures and Performance
- March 14 (Biere): Parallel Algorithms and Complexity
- March 21 (Schreiner): High Level Shared Memory Programming
  — OpenMP and Java
- April 4 (Biere): Low Level Shared Memory Programming
  — PThreads 1
- April 25 (Biere): Low Level Shared Memory Programming
  — PThreads 2
- May 9 (Schreiner): Designing Parallel Programs
- May 16 (Biere): Task Parallelism with Cilk
- May 30 (Schreiner): Message Passing Programming with MPI

Individual meetings for discussing/presenting the assignments.
Organization and Grades

■ Moodle Course
  □ Materials and links.
  □ Forums for announcements and Q&A.
  □ Submission of assignments.

■ Assignments
  □ 4 programming assignments will be handed out.
  □ At least 3 have to be turned in and graded positively.
  □ Elaboration individually or in groups of twos.
  □ Selected submissions will be invited for presentation.

No exam, grade will be entirely based on assignments/presentations.
Literature

Peter Pacheco, *An Introduction to Parallel Programming*, Morgan Kaufmann, 2011.
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Ian Foster, *Designing and Building Parallel Programs*, Addison-Wesley, 1995.