

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 3 (Schreiner): Parallel Architectures and Performance.
- March 10 (Zoitl): Parallel Algorithms and Complexity.
- March 17 (Schreiner): Concurrency in Java and OpenMP.
- March 24 (Zoitl): Shared Memory Programming.
- April 14 (Zoitl): Lockless Data Structures and Work Stealing.
- April 21 (Schreiner): Presentations of Solutions 1.
- April 28 (Schreiner): Message Passing Programming with MPI.
- May 5 (Schreiner): Designing Parallel Programs.
- May 12 (Zoitl): Presentation of Solutions 2.
- May 19 (Zoitl): Parallel Computing With Modern C++.
- June 2 (Schreiner): Presentations of Solutions 3.
- June 16 (Zoitl): Presentation of Solutions 4.

Individual meetings for discussing the assignments.

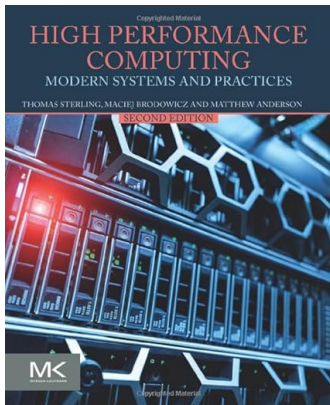
Organization and Grades

- 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*.
 - Selected submissions will be invited for presentation.

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

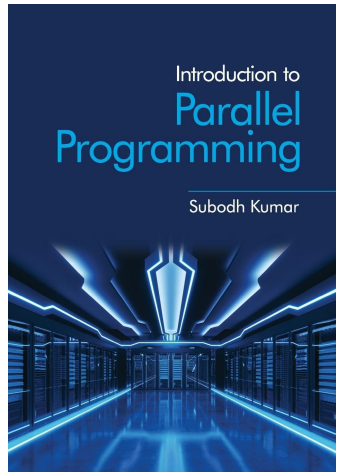
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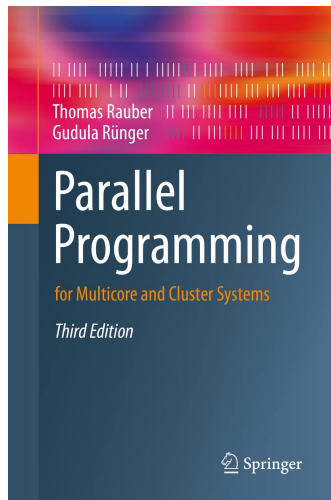
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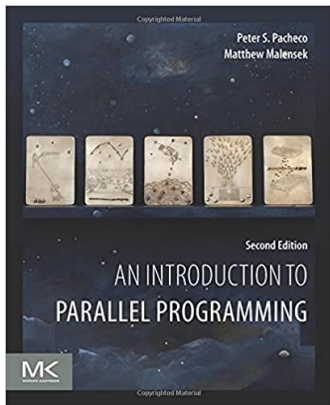
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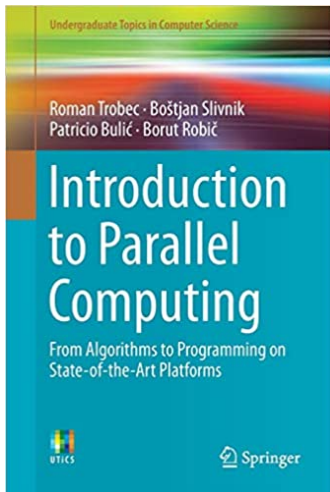
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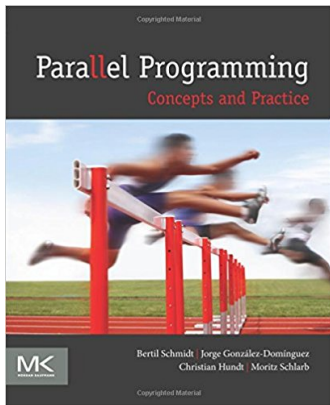
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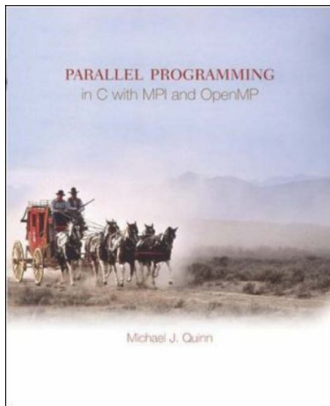
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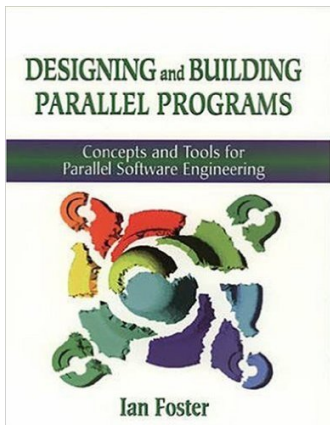
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