

# EE w382V: Multicore Computing

## Homework 1

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The source code must be uploaded through Canvas before the end of the due date (i.e., 11:59pm in Jun. 18<sup>th</sup>). The assignment should be done in teams of two. You should use the templates downloaded from the course github. You are not supported to change the file names and function signatures. In addition, you should not use package for encapsulation. Please zip and name the source code as [EID1\_EID2].zip.

1. **(50 points)** Write a program that uses  $n$  threads, which increment a shared counter. The total number of increment operations are  $m$ . Each thread reads the value of the counter and increments it  $m/n$  times. Implement the following methods and compare the total time taken for each of the following methods for  $n = 1..6$ .
  - (a) Lamport's Fast Mutex Algorithm.
  - (b) Bakery Algorithm.
  - (c) Java's synchronized construct
  - (d) Java's Reentrant LockRemember to use `volatile` qualifier for shared variables to guarantee atomicity for parts (a) and (b).

2. **(50 points)** Write a Java class that allows parallel search in an array of integers. It provides the following `static` method:

```
public static int parallelSearch(int x, int[] A, int numThreads)
```

This method creates as many threads as specified by `numThreads`, divides the array `A` into that many parts, and gives each thread a part of the array to search for `x` sequentially. If any thread finds `x`, then it returns an index `i` such that `A[i] = x`. Otherwise, the method returns `-1`. Use a thread pool that creates a fixed number of threads and *Callable* interface for your implementation.