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 on Jun. 18^{th}). The assignment should be done in teams of two. You should use the templates downloaded from the course github (https://github.com/kinmener/UT-Garg-Multicore.git). You should not 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 and m = 1,200,000. Please include your figure in the zip file. Your figure can be drawn using any of your favorite plotting methods.
 - (a) Lamport's Fast Mutex Algorithm.
 - (b) Bakery Algorithm.
 - (c) Java's synchronized construct
 - (d) Java's Reentrant Lock

Remember 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.