

Homework 5 - 7

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This fifth homework assignment is due on 6 December 2019, and should be submitted to BOTH Gradescope and D2L.

In this homework, you must investigate the question: *how does the optimal number of threads to use compare across two different programming languages?* You should pick a algorithm that uses threads on multiple cores/processors, and either implement it or find implementations in two different languages. You should design how to compare the “optimal” number of threads (do you fix your input size n ? if so, at what value and why? what computer do you run it on?) The deliverable is a polished write-up summarizing your findings. It should probably have the following components:

- Description of the problem the algorithm defines.
- Description of the algorithm, most likely using pseudocode.
- Any references used! Links to git repos, for example. Give credit where credit is due!
- Description of your experimental set-up (what computer? how many cores?)
- Description of methods for comparison.
- Most likely a table or graph to demonstrate your findings.

Note: Since two of the first $n = 5$ homeworks are dropped, some individuals might not submit this homework. As such, you are welcome to combine / change groups for this last assignment, if needed.