CS4414 Issues in Scientific Computing **MWF 10:00 McB 224** **Index 1404**

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Office Hours: M 9:00–10:00, WF 8:30–10:00, and by appointment.

Text: Fosdick, Jessup, Schauble, and Domik, *An Introduction to High-Performance Scientific Computing*, MIT Press, Cambridge, MA, 1996.

Topics Covered: `Supercomputing hardware` (floating point arithmetic, parallel and vector hardware, computational models, network topologies, concurrency/communication tradeoffs); `algorithms` (B-splines, approximation theory, homotopy methods, genetic and evolutionary methods, cellular automata, optimization); `software tools` (mathematical libraries, programming languages, MPI, Fortran 90, TEX, problem solving environments, visualization packages).

Grading: `Final grade` will be comprised from homework and quizzes (25%), exams (25%), and a final project (50%).

Midterm Exam: Date and format to be decided.

Final Exam: 7:45–9:45, Monday, May 4, 1998.

Final Project: The purpose of the project is to give you a serious taste of scientific computing, by involving as many of the aspects below as are reasonable for the chosen project. Your project need not incorporate all aspects, but the more the better. The aspects are (1) **modelling** (deep understanding of a physical model, reflected in the algorithms and software tools used with the model), (2) **parallel computing** (nontrivial use of parallel hardware), (3) **numerical algorithms** (well researched choice and serious use of state-of-the-art mathematical software—a subroutine from *Numerical Recipes* or a built-in Mathematica function is not sufficient here), (4) **presentation of results** (color graphics, animation, live demos).

The project shall be described in a report of length from 10 to 25 pages, including figures and bibliography, but not including source code or demos. The style should be that of a SIAM journal article, and good writing (spelling, grammar, punctuation, organization, clarity) is equally important to good technical content for the grade.

Milestones with due dates for the final project are:

Topic selection (January 30)—one-two page abstract in html or TEX. The abstract should give the project title, author's name and e-mail address, and explain how the proposed project will incorporate the four required aspects. A few bibliographic references for source material should also be given.

Peer review of abstract (February 6)—constructive critique of someone else's abstract.

Final topic abstract (February 13)—original abstract, peer review of abstract, rebuttal to review, final version of project abstract.

Progress report (February 27)—outline of project report, detailed problem description, preliminary results.

Peer review of progress report (March 6).

Final project report submission (March 27).

Peer review of project report (April 10)—one-two page constructive critique.

Revised final project report (April 24)—peer review, rebuttal to peer review, revised project report for grading.

Because timing is critical, *late submissions will not be accepted.* If you will be out of town on a particular due date, you must turn in the required item *before* you leave town. The book by Crandall (1994) is an excellent source for project topics; if you choose a topic other than from Crandall, discuss it with me before submitting an abstract for peer review.

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Numerical analysis notes and a bibliography are at

`http://ei.cs.vt.edu/~cs3414/S97/homepage.html`

For scientific problem solving environments see

`http://www.cs.vt.edu/~ribbens/pse/`

The Intel Paragon manuals are at

`http://quest.cc.purdue.edu/Paragon/Docs/Intel/Manuals/`

and a tutorial for the Paragon is at

`ftp://ftp.ii.uib.no/parallab/` (file Paragon_study_guide.ps.Z)

Intel's Paragon page is

`http://www.ssd.intel.com/paragon.html`

Cornell Theory Center workshop modules—specific topics in MPI are nicely explained on two levels of presentation (reference and discussion)—are at

`http://www.tc.cornell.edu/Edu/VW/oldmodules.html#MPI`

MPI Course notes from Edinburgh Parallel Computing Centre are at

`http://www.epcc.ed.ac.uk/epic/mpi/notes/mpi-course-epic.book_2.html`