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前言

20 世纪末,以计算机和通信技术为代表的信息科学和技术对世界经济、科技、军事、教育和文化等产生了深刻影响。信息科学技术的迅速普及和应用,带动了世界范围信息产业的蓬勃发展,为许多国家带来了丰厚的回报。

进入 21 世纪,尤其随着我国加入 WTO,信息产业的国际竞争将更加激烈。我国信息产业虽然在 20 世纪末取得了迅猛发展,但与发达国家相比,甚至与印度、爱尔兰等国家相比,还有很大差距。国家信息化的发展速度和信息产业的国际竞争能力,最终都将取决于信息科学技术人才的质量和数量。引进国外信息科学和技术优秀教材,在有条件的学校推动开展英语授课或双语教学,是教育部为加快培养大批高质量的信息技术人才采取的一项重要举措。

为此,教育部要求由高等教育出版社首先开展信息科学和技术教材的引进试点工作。同时提出了两点要求,一是要高水平,二是要低价格。在高等教育出版社和信息科学技术引进教材专家组的努力下,经过比较短的时间,第一批引进的 20 多种教材已经陆续出版。这套教材出版后受到了广泛的好评,其中有不少是世界信息科学技术领域著名专家、教授的经典之作和反映信息科学技术最新进展的优秀作品,代表了目前世界信息科学技术教育的一流水平,而且价格也是最优惠的,与国内同类自编教材相当。

这项教材引进工作是在教育部高等教育司和高教社的共同组织下,由国内信息科学技术领域的专家、教授广泛参与,在对大量国外教材进行多次遴选的基础上,参考了国内和国外著名大学相关专业的课程设置进行系统引进的。其中,John Wiley 公司出版的贝尔实验室信息科学研究中心副总裁 Silberschatz 教授的经典著作《操作系统概念》,是我们经过反复谈判,做了很多努力才得以引进的。William Stallings 先生曾编写了在美国深受欢迎的信息科学技术系列教材,其中有多种教材获得过美国教材和学术著作者协会颁发的计算机科学与工程教材奖,这批引进教材中就有他的两本著作。留美中国学者 Jiawei Han 先生的《数据挖掘》是该领域中具有里程碑意义的著作。由达特茅斯学院 Thomas Cormen 和麻省理工学院、哥伦比亚大学的几

位学者共同编著的经典著作《算法导论》，在经历了 11 年的锤炼之后于 2001 年出版了第二版。目前任教于美国 Massachusetts 大学的 James Kurose 教授，曾在美国三所高校先后 10 次获得杰出教师或杰出教学奖，由他主编的《计算机网络》出版后，以其体系新颖、内容先进而倍受欢迎。在努力降低引进教材售价方面，高等教育出版社做了大量和细致的工作。这套引进的教材体现了权威性、系统性、先进性和经济性等特点。

教育部也希望国内和国外的出版商积极参与此项工作，共同促进中国信息技术教育和信息产业的发展。我们在与外商的谈判工作中，不仅要坚定不移地引进国外最优秀的教材，而且还要千方百计地将版权转让费降下来，要让引进教材的价格与国内自编教材相当，让广大教师和学生负担得起。中国的教育市场巨大，外国出版公司和国内出版社要通过扩大发行数量取得效益。

在引进教材的同时，我们还应做好消化吸收，注意学习国外先进的教学思想和教学方法，提高自编教材的水平，使我们的教学和教材在内容体系上，在理论与实践的结合上，在培养学生的动手能力上能有较大的突破和创新。

目前，教育部正在全国 35 所高校推动示范性软件学院的建设和实施，这也是加快培养信息科学技术人才的重要举措之一。示范性软件学院要立足于培养具有国际竞争力的实用性软件人才，与国外知名高校或著名企业合作办学，以国内外著名 IT 企业为实践教学基地，聘请国内外知名教授和软件专家授课，还要率先使用引进教材开展教学。

我们希望通过这些举措，能在较短的时间，为我国培养一大批高质量的信息技术人才，提高我国软件人才的国际竞争力，促进我国信息产业的快速发展，加快推动国家信息化进程，进而带动整个国民经济的跨越式发展。

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*To my wife, Wendy
and my daughter, Johanna*

Barry Wilkinson

To my wife, Bonnie

Michael Allen

Preface

The purpose of this text is to introduce parallel programming techniques. Parallel programming uses multiple computers, or computers with multiple internal processors, to solve a problem at a greater computational speed than using a single computer. It also offers the opportunity to tackle larger problems; that is, problems with more computational steps or more memory requirements, the latter because multiple computers and multiprocessor systems often have more total memory than a single computer. In this text, we concentrate upon the use of multiple computers that communicate between themselves by sending messages; hence the term *message-passing* parallel programming. The computers we use can be different types (PC, SUN, SGI, etc.) but must be interconnected by a network, and a software environment must be present for intercomputer message passing. Suitable networked computers are very widely available as the basic computing platform for students so that acquisition of specially designed multiprocessor systems can usually be avoided. Several software tools are available for message-passing parallel programming, including PVM and several implementations of MPI, which are all freely available. Such software can also be used on specially designed multiprocessor systems should these systems be available for use. So far as practicable, we discuss techniques and applications in a system-independent fashion.

The text is divided into two parts, Part I and Part II. In Part I, the basic techniques of parallel programming are developed. The chapters of Part I cover all the essential aspects, using simple problems to demonstrate techniques. The techniques themselves, however, can be applied to a wide range of problems. Sample code is given usually first as sequential code and then as realistic parallel *pseudocode*. Often, the underlying algorithm is already parallel in nature and the sequential version has “unnaturally” serialized it using loops. Of course, some algorithms have to be reformulated for efficient parallel solution, and this reformulation may not be immediately apparent. One chapter in Part I introduces a type of

parallel programming not centered around message-passing multicomputers, but around specially designed *shared memory* multiprocessor systems. This chapter describes the use of Pthreads, an IEEE multiprocessor standard system that is widely available and can be used on a single computer.

The prerequisites for studying Part I are knowledge of sequential programming, such as from using the C language and associated data structures. Part I can be studied immediately after basic sequential programming has been mastered. Many assignments here can be attempted without specialized mathematical knowledge. If MPI or PVM is used for the assignments, programs are written in C with message-passing library calls. The descriptions of the specific library calls needed are given in the appendices.

Many parallel computing problems have specially developed algorithms, and in Part II problem-specific algorithms are studied in both non-numeric and numeric domains. For Part II, some mathematical concepts are needed such as matrices. Topics covered in Part II include sorting, matrix multiplication, linear equations, partial differential equations, image processing, and searching and optimization. Image processing is particularly suitable for parallelization and is included as an interesting application with significant potential for projects. The fast Fourier transform is discussed in the context of image processing. This important transform is also used in many other areas, including signal processing and voice recognition.

A large selection of “real-life” problems drawn from practical situations is presented at the end of each chapter. These problems require no specialized mathematical knowledge and are a unique aspect of this text. They develop skills in using parallel programming techniques rather than simply learning to solve specific problems such as sorting numbers or multiplying matrices.

Topics in Part I are suitable as additions to normal sequential programming classes. At the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC), we introduce our freshmen students to parallel programming in this way. In that context, the text is a supplement to a sequential programming course text. The sequential programming language is assumed to be C or C++. Part I and Part II together is suitable as a more advanced undergraduate parallel programming/computing course, and at UNCC we use the text in that manner.

Full details of the UNCC environment and site-specific details can be found at http://www.cs.uncc.edu/par_prog. Included at this site are extensive Web pages to help students learn how to compile and run parallel programs. Sample programs are provided. An Instructor’s Manual is also available to instructors. Our work on teaching parallel programming is connected to that done by the Regional Training Center for Parallel Processing at North Carolina State University. Additional information about this center can be found at <http://renoir.csc.ncsu.edu/RTCPP>.

The text is a direct outcome of a National Science Foundation grant awarded to the authors at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte to introduce parallel programming in the freshman year.¹ It is a great pleasure to acknowledge Dr. M. Mulder, program director at the National Science Foundation, for supporting our project. Without his support, we would not be able to pursue the ideas presented in this text. We also wish to thank the graduate students that worked on this project, J. Alley, M. Antonious, M. Buchanan, and G.

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