School: Efi Arazi School of Computer Science M.Sc.

Distributed Algorithms

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Course No.: 3510  Course Type: Elective  Weekly Hours: 3  Credit: 3

Course Requirements: Final Paper

Language: Hebrew

Prerequisites
Course Description

Content: The course deals with the design and analysis of distributed algorithms focusing on issues such as algorithms, models (shared memory and message passing), upper and lower bounds, proof methods, and impossibility results. Possible topics covered include: synchronization and coordination problems such as mutual exclusion; concurrent data structures; decision problems such as consensus, leader election and renaming; distributed graph algorithm such as minimum weight spanning trees; detection algorithms such as deadlock detection and global snapshots. We will also prove that certain problems cannot be solved in an unreliable distributed environment where multiple processes may fail.

Course Goals

Learn to design, analyze and prove the correctness of distributed algorithms.

Grading

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<td>Three exercises</td>
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<td>Final work (ultimo semestre)</td>
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Learning Outcomes
Learn to design, analyze and prove the correctness of distributed algorithms.

Lecturer Office Hours
Sunday 17:00.

Additional Notes
Additional info: There are no programming assignments.

Reading List
Course Materials: The course material is drawn from recent research papers and from the following textbooks:

Textbooks:


* Distributed Computing Pearls*, Gadi Taubenfeld. For more details see: http://www.faculty.idc.ac.il/gadi/DCPbook.htm