

AACPP WiSe 26/27 Regulations

By participating in the course and submitting solutions to problems on the JudgeDB platform you acknowledge you have read and understood the following rules.

1. **Rounds.** There will be at least six rounds of the contest. The precise number and length will be decided before the start of the course in October.
2. **Points.** Each task is worth 10 points. Points awarded during the round count double for grading purposes. After the round ends, submissions to that round's task can be sent until **01.03.2027**. The final score for a task is given as

$$\text{score} := 2s_r + (s_f - s_r)$$

where s_r is the score obtained during the round and s_f is the final score at the end of the semester.

3. **Submissions.** Submissions are judged according to the Technical rules. The results on the system are final – solutions that do not work correctly in the specific controlled conditions of JudgeDB will not be reevaluated under different conditions in any circumstances.
4. **Grading.** The grading scale will be determined at the last meeting based on the points distribution, at the lecturers' discretion. It is guaranteed that exceeding 50% of all points results in a passing grade.
5. **Collaboration.** During the round the students are not permitted to collaborate when solving the task from that round. Collaboration is permitted for tasks whose round already lapsed, but each student must write the final submission code individually.
6. **External sources.** Copying or basing *parts* of the solution (such as individual algorithms or data sources) on external sources is permitted, but discouraged; however, the source's license must be respected and the source clearly attributed in all cases. Methods that launder the original source and make it impossible to correctly attribute authorship are strictly forbidden.

- a) As an example, copying the code of a Dijkstra routine from a StackOverflow answer is allowed, but must be clearly attributed, e.g.:

```
// Code copied from https://stackoverflow.com/a/3447625/4646738
void dijkstra() {
    while(!Q.empty()) {
        ... rest of the code here ...
    }
}
```

- b) As a corollary, using generative ML models is **not** permitted, due to the inherent licensing and attribution issues.
7. **Plagiarism.** Copying code from another course participant is not allowed. Students have to respect the general rules of academic conduct. Submitted solutions will be subject to a plagiarism check.
 - a) Again, do note that “unintentional” plagiarism might result from using generative ML tools trained on various external sources. The responsibility for such violations lies solely with the student submitting such solutions.