

CENG213 Theory of Computation

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References:

Textbook:

Lewis, Harry R., Papadimitriou, Christos H.;1998; Elements of the Theory of Computation"; 2nd Ed.; Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice-Hall ISBN 013-262478-8.

Other References:

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Linz, Peter;2001; "An Introduction to Formal Languages and Automata"; 4th Ed.; Jones and Bartlett Publishers, Inc. ISBN 076-373798-4.

Rich, Elaine;2008; "Automata, Computability, and Complexity Theory and Applications"; Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice-Hall ISBN 013-228806-0.

Course Learning Outcomes:

- 1 Classify given language definitions.
- 2 Analyze problems & devise appropriate representations.
- 3 Demonstrate the ability to abstract.
- 4 Identify some hard problems of computer science.

Weekly Schedule

Week Topic

- 1 Chapter 1 - Background from Introduction to Computer Theory by Cohen, D. I. A. (1996)
- 2 Sets, Relations, and Languages from Elements of the Theory of Computation by Lewis, H. R. and C. H. Papadimitriou (1997)
- 3 Sets, Relations, and Languages from Elements of the Theory of Computation by Lewis, H. R. and C. H. Papadimitriou (1997)
- 4 Deterministic Finite Automata
- 5 Nondeterministic Finite Automata
- 6 NFA to DFA conversion, DFA to regular expression conversion algorithms
- 7 Myhill-Nerode Theorem, State Minimization
- 8 Context-free Grammars
- 9 Midterm
- 10 Pushdown Automata, Chomsky Normal Form-Dynamic Programming Algorithm to decide whether a given string belongs to a Context-free Language
- 11 Deterministic Turing Machines
- 12 Recursive and Recursively Enumerable Languages
- 13 Nondeterministic and Universal Turing Machines
- 14 Traveling Salesman Problem, Reachability, Eulerian and Hamiltonian Cycles

Grading Policy

Midterm, 35%

Assignments, 30%

Final, 35%