

Introduction to Formal Languages and Automata Theory

0. Basic concepts and constructions:

- a. Mathematics
- b. Linguistics
- c. System theory
- d. Information theory

1. Subrecursive algorithms

- 1.1. Finite automata and regular languages (*automation of processes*)
- 1.2. Pushdown automata and context-free languages (*processing languages*)

2. Recursive algorithms

- 2.1. Turing machines and recursively enumerable languages (*automated behavior of people*)
 - 2.1.1. Computability and Decidability
 - 2.1.2. Complexity and Tractability
- 2.2. Partial recursive functions (*computing with functions*)

3. Superrecursive algorithms

- 3.1. Inductive Turing machines and inductively computable languages (*automation of processes that do not stop, e.g., operating systems, networking, search engines, etc.*)
 - 3.1.1. Computability and Decidability
 - 3.1.2. Complexity and Tractability
- 3.2. Cellular automata, grid automata and computer networks (*concurrent computations*)

Required Textbooks:

Hopcroft, J., Motwani, R. and Ulman, J. *Introduction to Automata Theory, Languages and Computation*, Third Edition, Addison-Wesley, 2007

Burgin, M. *Superrecursive algorithms*, Springer Verlag, 2005