SEMESTER S3

THEORY OF COMPUTATION

(Common to CS/CA/CM/CD/CN/CC)

Course Code	**PCCST302**	**CIE Marks**	40
Teaching Hours/Week (L: T:P: R)	3:1:0:0	**ESE Marks**	60
Credits	4	**Exam Hours**	2 Hrs 30 Mins
Prerequisites (if any)	PCCST205	**Course Type**	Theory

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce the concept of formal languages.
2. To discuss the Chomsky classification of formal languages with a discussion on grammar and automata for regular, context-free, context-sensitive, and unrestricted languages.
3. To discuss the notions of decidability and the halting problem.

SYLLABUS

Module No.	Syllabus Description	Contact Hours
1	**Foundations (Linz, Hopcroft)** Motivation for studying computability, need for mathematical modeling - automata, Introducing automata through simple models - On/Off switch, coffee vending machine. Three basic concepts: Alphabet, Strings, and Languages **Finite Automata (Linz, Hopcroft)** Formal definition of a finite automaton, Deterministic Finite Automata (DFA), Regular languages, Nondeterminism (guess and verify paradigm), Formal definition of a nondeterministic finite automaton, NFA with epsilon transitions, Eliminating epsilon transitions (Proof not expected), Equivalence of NFAs and DFAs (Proof not expected) - The Subset Construction. DFA State Minimization, Applications of finite automata - text search, keyword recognition	**11**
2	**Regular Expressions (Linz)** The formal definition of a regular expression, Building Regular Expressions, Equivalence with finite automata (Proof not expected) -	

	Converting FA to Regular Expressions, Converting Regular Expressions to FA, Pattern Matching and Regular Expressions, Regular grammar, Equivalence with FA - Conversion in both directions **Properties of Regular Languages (Linz)** Closure and Decision Properties of Regular Languages (with proofs), The Pumping Lemma for Regular Languages (with formal proof), Pumping lemma as a tool to prove non regularity of languages **Context-Free Grammars and Applications (Linz)** Formal definition of a context-free grammar, Designing context-free grammars, Leftmost and Rightmost Derivations Using a Grammar, Parse Trees, Ambiguous Grammars, Resolving ambiguity, Inherent ambiguity, CFGs, and programming languages	**11**
3	**Pushdown Automata (Linz)** Formal definition of a pushdown automaton, DPDA and NPDA, Examples of pushdown automata Equivalence NPDAs and CFGs (Proof not expected) - conversions in both directions **Simplification of Context-Free Languages (Linz)** Elimination of useless symbols and productions, Eliminating epsilon productions, Eliminating unit productions, Chomsky normal form, Greibach normal form, **Properties of Context-Free Languages (Linz)** The Pumping Lemma for Context-Free Languages (with formal proof), Closure and Decision Properties of Context-Free Languages (with formal proofs)	**11**
4	**Turing Machines (Kozen)** The formal definition of a Turing machine, Examples of Turing machines - Turing machines as language acceptors, Turing machines as computers of functions, Variants of Turing Machines (Proofs for equivalence with basic model not expected), Recursive and recursively enumerable languages Chomskian hierarchy, Linear bounded automaton as a restricted TM. **Computability (Kozen)** Church Turing thesis, Encoding of TMs, Universal Machine and Diagonalization, Reductions, Decidable and Undecidable Problems, Halting problem, Post Correspondence Problem and the proofs for their undecidability.	**11**

Course Assessment Method
(CIE: 40 marks, ESE: 60 marks)

Continuous Internal Evaluation Marks (CIE):

Attendance	Assignment/ Microproject	Internal Examination-1 (Written)	Internal Examination- 2 (Written)	Total
5	15	10	10	40

End Semester Examination Marks (ESE)

In Part A, all questions need to be answered and in Part B, each student can choose any one full question out of two questions

Part A	Part B	Total
• 2 Questions from each module. • Total of 8 Questions, each carrying 3 marks **(8x3 =24 marks)**	• Each question carries 9 marks. • Two questions will be given from each module, out of which 1 question should be answered. • Each question can have a maximum of 3 subdivisions. **(4x9 = 36 marks)**	**60**

Course Outcomes (COs)

At the end of the course students should be able to:

Course Outcome		Bloom's Knowledge Level (KL)
CO1	Classify formal languages into regular, context-free, context-sensitive, and unrestricted languages.	**K2**
CO2	Develop finite state automata, regular grammar, and regular expression.	**K3**
CO3	Model push-down automata and context-free grammar representations for context-free languages.	**K3**
CO4	Construct Turing Machines to accept recursive and recursively enumerable languages.	**K3**
CO5	Describe the notions of decidability and undecidability of problems, the Halting problem.	**K2**

Note*: K1- Remember, K2- Understand, K3- Apply, K4- Analyse, K5- Evaluate, K6- Create*

CO-PO Mapping Table (Mapping of Course Outcomes to Program Outcomes)

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10	PO11	PO12
CO1	3	3	3	3								3
CO2	3	3	3	3								3
CO3	3	3	3	3								3
CO4	3	3	3	3								3
CO5	3	3	3	3								3

Note: *1: Slight (Low), 2: Moderate (Medium), 3: Substantial (High), -: No Correlation*

Text Books				
Sl. No	**Title of the Book**	**Name of the Author/s**	**Name of the Publisher**	**Edition and Year**
1	An Introduction to Formal Languages and Automata	Peter Linz and Susan H. Rodger	Jones and Bartlett Publishers, Inc	7/e, 2022
2	Introduction to Automata Theory Languages And Computation	John E.Hopcroft, Jeffrey D.Ullman	Rainbow Book Distributiors	3/e, 2015
3	Automata and Computability	Dexter C. Kozen	Springer	1/e,2007

Reference Books				
Sl. No	**Title of the Book**	**Name of the Author/s**	**Name of the Publisher**	**Edition and Year**
1	Introduction to the Theory of Computation	Michael Sipser	Cengage India Private Limited	3/e, 2014
2	Introduction to Languages and the Theory of Computation	John C Martin	McGraw-Hill Education	4/e, 2010
3	Theory of Computation: A Problem-Solving Approach	Kavi Mahesh	Wiley	1/e, 2012
4	Elements of the Theory of Computation	Harry R. Lewis, Christos Papadimitriou	Pearson Education	2/e, 2015

Video Links (NPTEL, SWAYAM…)	
Module No.	**Link ID**
1	https://archive.nptel.ac.in/courses/106/104/106104148/ https://nptel.ac.in/courses/106106049
2	https://archive.nptel.ac.in/courses/106/104/106104148/ https://nptel.ac.in/courses/106106049
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