

*Syllabus* : Alphabets, languages, grammars; Finite automata: regular languages, regular expressions; Context-free languages: pushdown automata, DCFLs; Context sensitive languages: linear bounded automata; Turing machines: recursively enumerable languages; Operations on formal languages and their properties; Chomsky hierarchy; Decision questions on languages.

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