

CS 420 Spring 2019

Syllabus

1. Finite Automata and Regular Languages (Jan 28 - Feb 13)
Deterministic and Nondeterministic Finite Automata, Regular Expressions, Pumping Lemma
Sipser - Chapter 1
2. Pushdown Automata and Context-Free Languages (Feb 20 - Mar 21)
Context-Free Grammars, Pushdown Automata, Pumping Lemma
Sipser - Chapter 2

First Test - Apr 3

3. Turing Machines, and Decidable and Undecidable Problems (Mar 25 - May 1)
Turing Machines, Universal Turing Machine, Diagonalization, Undecidability of the Halting Problem, Reducibility Between Problems
Sipser - Chapters 3-5

Second Test - May 8

4. Complexity Theory (May 6 - May 15)
Measuring Complexity, The Classes P and NP, NP-Complete Problems
Sipser - Chapter 7

Final Exam - May 20, 6:30-9:30