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Theoretical computer science 210 (COS 210)

Qualification Undergraduate

Faculty Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Module credits 8.00

Programmes BSc Computer Science

BSc Information and Knowledge Systems

BSc Physics

Prerequisites COS 110 and COS 151

Contact time 2 lectures per week, 1 practical per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Computer Science

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

This module introduces students to a framework for investigating both computability and complexity of problems. Topics include, but are not limited to: finite-state machines, regular expressions and their application in a language such as awk, the Halting problem, context-free grammars, P vs NP problem, NP-complete class, reduction techniques, regular languages, DFAs and NFAs, Lattices, Church-Turing thesis.

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