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Computer Science Department
2024_2 EXAMINATION

PROGRAMME: B.Sc.
COURSE TITLE: FORMAL LANGUAGES AND AUTOMATA THEORY
COURSE CODE: CIT342
CREDIT UNIT: 3
DURATION: 2½ HRS

Instructions: Answer Question ONE (1) and any other three questions

- 1(a) Define PDA as a 7 tuple *(7 marks)*
(b) State the 5-tuple of Automaton and discuss the relationship between automata theory and formal language theory? *(13 marks)*
(c) Highlight variations in the definition of the components of automata. *(5 marks)*
- 2(a) State the languages defined by the primitive regular expressions: *(8 marks)*
(b) In a tabular form, list 7 types of automata and their respective recognizable languages *(7 marks)*
- 3(a) What is deductive proof? *(3 marks)*
(b) Explain the operation of a grammar in relation to relations and Strings *(12 marks)*
- 4 (a) Define briefly on the following
i) A turning machine ii) A regular expression *(8 marks)*
(b) Sketch a rough algorithm to implement an NFA by means of a recursive search from the start state for a path to a final state. *(7 marks)*
- 5(a) Outline the algorithm for the operation of a deterministic finite acceptors/automat (DFA) *(10 marks)*
b) With the aid of a diagram show the connection between the right-linear grammars and NFAs, *(5 marks)*
- 6(a) Prove that any language generated by an unrestricted grammar is recursively enumerable. *(6 marks)*
(b) With examples discuss the standard operations on Languages *(9 marks)*