

CS310 : Automata Theory 2019

Lecture 42: Efficiency in computation
Classifying problems by their complexity

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4. Efficiency in computation: time and space complexity.
 - (i) Running time complexity: polynomial and exponential time
 - (ii) Nondeterministic polynomial time, and the P vs NP problem.
 - (iii) NP-completeness, the Cook-Levin Theorem.
 - (iv) Space complexity classes

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End of Syllabus!