



19CS407 – Theory of Computation

Topic	Demonstrate the use of Regular Expression in various applications.
Overview of the Topic	<p>The language accepted by finite automata or Regular language is described by Regular Expressions.</p> <p>Formal Definition</p> <p>ϕ is a regular expression denote empty set</p> <p>ϵ is a regular expression denote $\{\epsilon\}$</p> <p>For each $a \in \Sigma$, a is a regular expression denote regular set $\{a\}$</p> <p>Let r and s be regular expression then r/s, $r.s$, r^* is also a regular expression.</p> <p>Regular expression is used to recognize pattern in search. Some applications are listed below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extracting emails from a Text Document• Regular Expressions for Web Scraping (Data Collection)• Working with Date-Time features• Using Regex for Text Pre-processing (NLP)• Regular expression in Unix (grep commands)• Lex and Flex analyzer in compiler
Teaching Method	<p>Demonstrate the applications by simple python program.</p> <p>Example: 1. Write a python program to extracting Emails from text</p> <p>2. Write a python program to extract date in a sentence</p>
Proof for the activity	<p><u>Click here</u></p>
Feedback from the students about the activity and Knowledge gained	<p>Students are learned the basics of regular expression in natural language processing.</p>
Outcome of the activity	<p>Students are able to use regular expression in various applications.</p>