

**Ph.D. Entrance Exam Syllabus –2025**

**Computer Engineering: PAPER-II**

**Discrete Mathematics:** Propositional and first order logic. Sets, relations, functions, partial orders and lattices. Monoids, Groups. Graphs: connectivity, matching, colouring. Combinatorics: counting, recurrence relations, generating functions.

**Computer Organization and Architecture:** Machine instructions and addressing modes. ALU, data-path and control unit. Memory hierarchy: cache, main memory and secondary storage

**Programming and Data Structures:** Programming in C. Recursion. Arrays, stacks, queues, linked lists, trees, binary search trees, binary heaps, graphs.

**Algorithms:** Searching, sorting, hashing. Asymptotic worst case time and space complexity. Algorithm design techniques: greedy, dynamic programming and divide-and-conquer. Graph traversals, minimum spanning trees, shortest paths.

**Theory of Computation:** Regular expressions and finite automata. Context-free grammars and push-down automata. Regular and context-free languages, pumping lemma. Turing machines and undecidability.

**Compiler Design:** Lexical analysis, parsing, syntax-directed translation. Runtime environments. Intermediate code generation

**Operating System:** System calls, processes, threads, inter-process communication, concurrency and synchronization, Deadlock. CPU and I/O scheduling. Memory management and virtual memory. File systems.

**Databases:** ER-model. Relational model: relational algebra, tuple calculus, SQL. Integrity constraints, normal forms

**Computer Networks:** Concept of layering: OSI and TCP/IP Protocol Stacks; Basics of packet, circuit and virtual circuit switching; Data link layer: framing, error detection, Medium Access Control, Ethernet bridging; Routing protocols: shortest path, flooding, distance vector and link state routing; Fragmentation and IP addressing, IPv4, UDP, TCP, sockets; Application layer protocols: DNS, SMTP, HTTP, FTP, Email.

**Machine Learning:** Machine Learning, types of learning, hypothesis space and inductive bias, evaluation, cross-validation, regression, Decision trees, over fitting, Instance based learning, Feature reduction, Collaborative filtering based recommendation

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