

Question 1.54

$F = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i, j, k \geq 0 \text{ \& \textit{if } } i=1, \textit{ then } j=k\}$

(a) Show F is not Regular

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We claim all strings of cb^i must be distinct for $i \geq 0$

Two strings cb^i & cb^j can be distinguished by a^i

$ab^i c^i \in F$ but $ab^j c^i \notin F$

Because all strings have distinct equivalence classes, there are infinitely many, therefore no DFA can accept it.

(b) Show that the pumping Lemma would accept F

Pumping Lemma: with pumping length p $s = xyz$

$|xy| \leq p$ s.t. $xy^i z$ is in the language for $i \geq 0$

let $p=2$

if $i=1$ then x is empty and $y=a$, since $i=1$ then $j=k$, adding more a 's by "pumping" x is still within language.

if $i=2$ then

Let $i=2$, $x=\epsilon$, $y=aa$ there is always an even number of a 's, therefore within the language.

if $i=0$ all strings s of bc^k are within the language. pumping still applies