

Example 5.32 . Show that $L = \{a^n b^n a b^{n+1}\}$ is not regular.

Solution :

Step I: Assume that L is regular. Let n be the number of states of the FA accepting L .

Step II: Let $w = a^n b^n a b^{n+1}$, and so $|w| = (3n + 2) > n$. By using the pumping lemma, we can write $w = xyz$, with $|xy| \leq n$ and $|y| > 0$

Step III: We want to find a suitable i so that $xy^i z \notin L$. The string consists of 'a' and 'b'. So, y can be of any of these.

- 1. y contains only "a", and let $y = a^k$
- 2. y contains only "b", and let $y = b^1$
- 3. y contains both "a" and "b", and let $y = b^1 a$

For case I, take $i = 0$.

$$w = xyz = (a^{n-k}) (a^k) (b^n a b^{n+1})$$

$$xy^0 z = a^{n-k} b^n a b^{n+1} \text{ which is not in the form } a^n b^n a b^{n+1}$$

For case II, take $i = 0$.

$$w = xyz = (a^m b^{n-1}) (b^1) a b^{n+1}$$

$$xy^0z = a^m b^{n-1} a b^{n+1} \text{ which is not in the form } a^m b^n a b^{n+1}$$

For case III, take $i = 2$

$$w = xyz = a^m b^{n-k} (b^k a)^2 b^{n+1}$$

In all the three cases, there are contradictions and, hence, the language is not regular.

5.34 Show that $L = \{0^n 1^{2n}, \text{ where } n \geq 1\}$ is not regular.

Solution:

Step I: Assume that L is regular. Let n be the number of states of the FA accepting L .

Step II: Let $w = 0^n 1^{2n}$, where $n \geq 1$. $|w| = 3n > n$. By using the pumping lemma, we can write

$$w = xyz, \text{ with } |xy| \leq n \text{ and } |y| > 0$$

Step III: We want to find a suitable i so that $xy^i z \notin L$. The string consists of '0' and '1'. y can be any of the following forms

- 1. y consists of only '0', and let $y = 0^k$
- 2. y consists of only '1', and let $y = 1^k$
- 3. y consists of both '0' and '1', and let $y = 0^k 1^k$

For case I, take $i = 0$.

$$w = xyz = 0^n 1^{2n} = 0^{n-k} 0^k 1^{2n}$$

$$xy^0 z = 0^{n-k} 1^{2n}, \text{ as } k \neq 0, (n-k) \neq n$$

For case II, take $i = 0$

$$w = xyz = 0^n 1^{2n} = 0^n 1^k 1^{2n-k}$$

$$xy^0z = 0^n 1^{2n-k}, \text{ as } k \neq 0, (2n - k) \neq n$$

For case III, take $i = 2$

$$w = xyz = 0^n 1^{2n} = 0^{n-k} 0^k 1^k 1^{2n-k}$$

$$xy^2z = 0^n 1^k 0^k 1^{2n}, \text{ which is not in the form } 0^n 1^{2n}$$

For all the three cases, we are getting contradictions and, therefore, L is not regular.