

So, $xy^2z = a^{n-k}a^{2k}ba^n = a^{n+k}ba^n$ or $a^nb^{2k}a^{n-k} = a^nb^{n+k}$.

As $k \neq 0, n+k \neq n$. Therefore, $xy^2z \notin L$.

This is a contradiction, and so L is not regular.

For Case II, let us take $i = k$. So, $xy^kz = a^n b^k a^n$. This is not in the form a^nb^n . Therefore, $xy^kz \notin L$.

This is a contradiction, and so L is not regular.

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 $w = xyz$ with $|xy| \leq n$ and $|y| > 0$.

Step III : We want to find a suitable i so that $xy^iz \notin L$. 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 $y = b^l$
3. y contains both 'a' and 'b', and let $y = b^k a$

For case I, take $i = 0$.

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

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

For case II, take $i = 0$.

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

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

For case III, take $i = 2$.

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

$$= a^n b^n a b^k a b^{n+1} \text{ which is not in the form } a^n b^n a b^{n+1}.$$

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

Example 5.33

Show that the language containing the set of all balanced parenthesis is not

Solution :

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

Step II : Let $w = (((\dots().\dots))) = ()^n$. $|w| = 2n > n$. By using the pumping lemma, we can write $w = xyz$, with $w = xyz$ with $|xy| \leq n$ and $|y| > 0$.

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

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