COMP2022 SID: 530157791 Assignment 2

**Solution 3.1.** Let  $x_n = a^n$  for every n. If i > j, then  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  are distinguishable by  $z = b^i$ . Specifically,  $x_i z = a^i b^i \in L$  because  $a^i b^i = a^i f(a^i)$ , while  $x_j z = a^j b^i \notin L$  since  $a^j b^i = a^j f(a^i)$ . Therefore, we can conclude that for the injective function f, the language  $\{x f(x) : x \in \Sigma^*\}$  is not regular.

**Solution 3.2.** Let  $x_n$  be the set of strings that have the same length l. It is known that for the injective function f(x), if  $m \neq n$ , then  $f(m) \neq f(n)$ . Let  $x_i$  be any string of length l, and let  $x_j$  be another string of length l with  $x_i \neq x_j$ . Then  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  are distinguishable by  $z = f(x_i)$ . Specifically,  $x_i z = x_i f(x_i) \in L$ , while  $x_j f(x_i) \notin L$ . Therefore, we can conclude that the language  $x f(x) : x \in \Sigma^*$  is not regular.