

## Question 1: Getting Closure

In lecture, we have shown that  $A = \{a^n b^n | n \geq 0\}$  is not a regular language. Now, I will show the following language are not regular based on this and the closure property of regular language.

(i)  $A_1 = \{a^n b^{n+1000} | n \geq 0\}$

Let  $B_1 = \{a^{1000} | n \geq 0\}$ , it's easy to see that  $B_1$  is a regular language. (since it's finite)

$A_1 \circ B_1 = A$  is not regular, therefore  $A_1$  is not regular.

(ii)  $A_2 = \{a^{2n+1} b^{2n+1} | n \geq 0\}$

Let  $B_2 = \{a\}$   $B_3 = \{b\}$ . Since  $B_2$  and  $B_3$  are finite, we know they are regular language.

If  $A_2$  is regular, then so will be  $A_2 \cup (B_2 \circ A_2 \circ B_2) = A$  due to closure of regular language.

Since  $A$  is not regular, we know that  $A_2$  is not regular.

(iii)  $A_3 = \{a^n b^m c^k | m, n, k \geq 0 \text{ and } n + m = k\}$

Let  $B_4 = \{\text{strings with less than or equal to 2 different characters}\}$

Clearly,  $B_4$  is a regular language.

$A_3 \cap B_4 = A$ , therefore  $A_3$  is not regular.

## Question 2: Pump It Up

(i)  $B_1 = \{a^{2^n} \mid n \geq 0\}$

For all  $p > 0$ , choose let  $w = a^{2^N}$  where  $N = \lceil \log_2 p \rceil + 1$

Since we have to divide this string into three pieces xyz, with  $|y| > 0$  and  $|xy| \leq p$ . We must have  $2^N > p \geq |y| > 0$ .

If we pump y twice we will get  $a^{2^N+p}$  which is not in  $B_1$ . Thus  $B_1$  is not regular.

(ii)  $B_2 = \{a^n b^m \mid n, m \geq 0 \text{ and } m \text{ is a multiple of } n\}$

For all  $p > 0$  choose  $w = a^p b^{kp}$  where k is an positive integer. Since we have to divide this string into three pieces xyz, with  $|y| > 0$  and  $|xy| \leq p$ . We have  $y = a^n$  with  $n \leq p$

we pump it  $(k+1)p$  times, we get  $a^{p+(k+1)pn}$  which is not in  $B_2$ .

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(i)  $(aa \cup a \cup \epsilon)(b \cup ba \cup baa)^*$

(ii)  $((aa \cup bb)^* \cup (ab \cup ba)(aa \cup bb)^*(ab \cup ba))^*$