

Pigeon hole principle.

If n pigeon holes are occupied by $n+1$ or more pigeons then at least one pigeon hole is occupied by more than one pigeon.

Generalized one:

If n pigeon holes are occupied by $k \cdot n + 1$ or more pigeons then at least one pigeon hole is occupied by $k+1$ or more pigeons.

Regular Languages

⇒ All finite languages are Regular.

If the no. of strings in a language is finite then we can have a regular expression by making a Union of all the strings & an equivalent DFA will be there.

⇒ If a language is infinite, it can be regular or non regular. Myhill - Nerode theorem can be used to say whether a language is regular, & if regular how many states are required in the minimal DFA to recognize the language.

⇒ Pumping lemma for regular languages can be used to prove that a language is not regular. But reverse is not possible.

Lemma:- For any regular language L there exist an integer n such that for all $x \in L$ & $|x| \geq n$, there exist $u, v, w \in \Sigma^*$ such that

1. $x = uvw$
2. $|uv| \leq n$
3. $|v| \geq 1$
4. $\forall i \geq 0, uv^i w \in L$

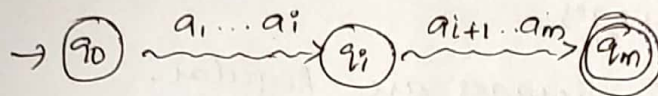
Furthermore n is no greater than the no. of states of the smallest finite automata accepting L .

Explanation

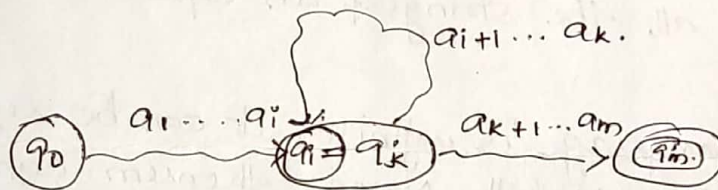
If a language is regular, it's accepted by a DFA.
 $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ with $Q = \{q_1, \dots, q_n\}$ n states
Consider an input of n or more symbols $\in L$.

$a_1 a_2 \dots a_m \quad m \geq n$.

then, DFA starts transition at q_0 , after reading a_1 it enters q_1 ~~then~~ ... after a_i it enters q_i & after a_m it enters q_m & string will get accepted

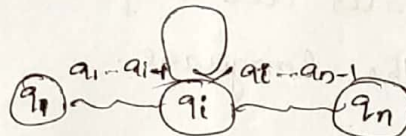


As DFA has n states & $m \geq n$. by pigeon hole principle some q_i 's & q_j 's will be equal.



Cond 1: Strings considered should be of length $\geq n$. (no. of states)

Consider:-



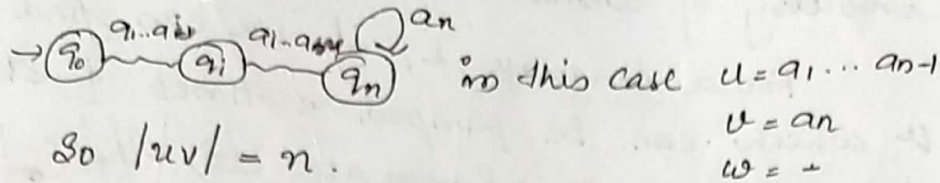
If the string's not entering loop then nothing will be there to be pumped. & for that length of the string should be $n-1$.

by Condition 1: $|x| \geq n$, this condition is avoided.

Cond 2: $|x| \geq 1$:- Atleast one ~~string~~ ^{element} should be there in string ~~loop~~ to be pumped./looped.

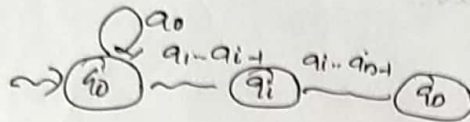
~~String~~ that string can occur anywhere. starting from q_1 to q_n . / in between $a_1 \dots a_n$ of ~~am~~ $a_1 \dots a_m$.

If ~~loop~~ string to be pumped is at last



So $|uv| = n$.

If it's at q_0 :



$u = \epsilon$

$v = a_0$

$w = a_1 \dots a_{n-1}$

$|uvw| = n$.

$|uv| = 1$

So $|uv| \leq n$.

If it's not possible to find a v which can be pumped 0 or more times so that the resulting string is in L . then L is not regular.

Example:

Q ~~Prove that $a^n b^n$ is not regular using pumping lemma.~~

Pumping lemma. states that for all strings in a regular language we can find a pattern (uv) such that it can be pumped 0/more times and all resulting strings will be in the language.

So if we can find a pattern like that then it's possible that the language is regular.

If no such pattern exists then the language is definitely not regular.

Consequence of lemma is not true:

For a language L , if we can find a pattern u which can be pumped n times & still resulting strings are in the language \nRightarrow that the language is regular:

Eg: $a^m b^{n^2}$.

Assume $a^m b^{n^2}$ is regular with pumping length 4.

Consider the string $aaabbbb$.

$u = aa$

$v = a$

$w = bbbb$.

$uv^i w = \{aaabbbb, aaaabbbb, aaaaabbbb, \dots\}$

Here all elements in $uv^i w \in a^m b^{n^2}$.

~~We can~~

We can find a pattern here so we can't prove $a^m b^{n^2}$ is not regular.

But actually $a^m b^{n^2}$ is not regular.

Pumping Lemma.

Q1. Prove that the language $a^n b^n$ where $n \geq 0$ is regular.

Assume $a^n b^n$ is regular & we can design a dfa for it with m states.

Pumping length = m .

By pumping lemma there is a $m \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\forall z \in L \wedge |z| \geq m$

$z = uvw$ s.t. $uv^i w \in L \forall i \geq 0$. $|uv| \leq m$

Consider string $a^m b^m$.

$\underbrace{aaa \dots a}_{u} \underbrace{a}_{v} \underbrace{bbbb \dots b}_{w}$

Let $u = a^p$

$v = a^q$

where $p + q + r = m$

$w = a^r b^m$

$uv^i w = \{ a^p a^{iq} a^r b^m, a^p a^{2q} a^r b^m, a^p a^{3q} a^r b^m \dots \}$

$a^p a^{iq} a^r b^m \notin L$

Violating pumping lemma & so.

Our Assumption is wrong.

by Contradiction L is not regular.

Q2. $L = \{a^{n^2} \mid n \geq 1\}$

Assume L is regular. with minimal DFA having n states

$z = a^{m^2}$ $m \geq 1$.

z can be divided into uvw s.t.

$u = a^x$ $v = a^y$ $w = a^z$ s.t. $y \geq 1$. $x + y + z = m^2$.

By pumping lemma

$\forall i \geq 0$ $uv^i w \in L$.

$uv^i w = \{ a^x a^{iy} a^z, a^x a^{2y} a^z, a^x a^{3y} a^z \dots \}$

$= \{ a^{x+z}, a^{x+y+z}, a^{x+2y+z}, a^{x+3y+z} \dots \}$

~~$x+y$~~ $x+y+z = m^2$.

~~$x+y$~~ $m^2 - y$ is not always a perfect square. (3)

So, our assumption is wrong.

OR. Consider $z = aaaa : a^{2^2}$

$$u = a$$

$$v = aa$$

$$w = aa$$

$$uv^i w : \{aa, aaaa, aaaaaa, aaaaaaaa, \dots\}$$

$$= \{a^2, a^4, a^6, a^8, \dots\}$$

a^6 & a^8 is not of the form a^{n^2} & our Assumption is wrong.

So By Contradiction a^{n^2} is not regular

Q5. Prove that $1^p \mid p$ is prime is not regular.

Assume: L is regular with n state DFA.

By Pk: $x = uvw$ s.t. $|x| = p$.

$uv^i w \in L \quad \forall i \geq 0$.

But if $i = p+1$.

$$|uv^i w| = |uvw| + |v|p$$

$$= p + p|v|$$

$p(1+|v|)$ which is not prime.

So Assumption is wrong.

By Contradiction $uv^i w$ is not regular.

OR Let $z = aaa$.

$$u = a$$

$$v = a$$

$$w = a$$

$$uv^i w : \{aa, aaa, aaaa, \dots\}$$

where some of them $\notin L$.

& assumption is wrong

So L is not regular.

Q4. Prove ww^R is not regular using pumping lemma.

Assume ww^R is regular & minimal DFA having n states.
(pumping length = n).

Consider string $0^n 1 0^n \in L$. $|0^n 1 0^n| = 2n+1 \geq n$.

Let $u = 0^{n-1}$.

$v = 0^1$ $l \geq 1$.

$|uv| \leq n$ ✓

$|v| > 0$ ✓

So according to pumping lemma

$\forall i \geq 0$ $uv^i w \in L$.

$uv^i w = \{0^{n-1} 0^i 0^n, 0^{n-1} 1 0^n, 0^{n-1} 0^2 1 0^n, \dots\}$

$\notin L$.

So our assumption is wrong.

By contradiction L is not regular.

Q5. ~~Prove~~

ww^R is not regular

But wxw^R $x \in \Sigma^+$ is regular.

\equiv All strings starting & ending with same symbol.

xww^Ry $x, y \in \Sigma^+$ is also regular

\equiv All strings having $00/11$ as substring.

xww^R & ww^R

are not regular.

wxw^R with a restriction on x like $|x| \leq 5$ is not regular.

xww^Ry with restriction on x/y is also not regular.

Q5. $0^x 1^y$ where $x \leq y$

Assume. $0^x 1^y$ is regular with DFA having p states.

Consider string $0^p 1^{p+1} \in L$.

$$u = 0^{p-1}$$

$$v = 0$$

$$w = 1^{p+1}$$

$$|uv| \leq p \checkmark$$

$$|v| \geq 1 \checkmark$$

According to pumping lemma. $\forall i \geq 0, uv^i w \in L$.

$$uv^i w = \{ 0^{p-1} 1^{p+1}, 0^p 1^{p+1}, 0^{p+1} 1^{p+1}, 0^{p+2} 1^{p+1}, \dots \}$$

When $0^{p+2} 1^{p+1}, 0^{p+3} 1^{p+1}, \dots \notin L$ so our assumption is wrong. \therefore

By contradiction L is not regular.

Q6. $L = \{a^n b^j : n \leq j^2\}$

Assume. $a^n b^j$ $n \leq j^2$ is regular with minimal DFA having p states.

Consider the string $a^p b^{\sqrt{p+1}} \in L$ $|a^p b^{\sqrt{p+1}}| > p$.

According to pumping lemma. there exist a u, v, w such that

$$|uv| \leq p, |v| \geq 1 \quad \forall i \geq 0, uv^i w \in L.$$

$$u = a^{p-1}$$

$$v = a^p$$

$$w = b^{\sqrt{p+1}}$$

$$uv^i w = \{ a^{p-1} b^{\sqrt{p+1}}, a^p b^{\sqrt{p+1}}, a^{p+1} b^{\sqrt{p+1}}, \dots \}$$

$$a^{p+1} b^{\sqrt{p+1}} \notin L \text{ as } p+1 \neq (\sqrt{p})^2$$

at $i = p^2$. string is

$$a^{p-1} a^{p^2} b^{\sqrt{p}}$$

$$= a^{p^2+p-1} b^{\sqrt{p}}$$

$$p^2+p-1 \neq p^2 \notin L \text{ so}$$

L is not regular.