

CS310M: Automata Theory (Minor)

~~Topic 5: Minimizing DFA~~

Topic 6: Pumping Lemma,

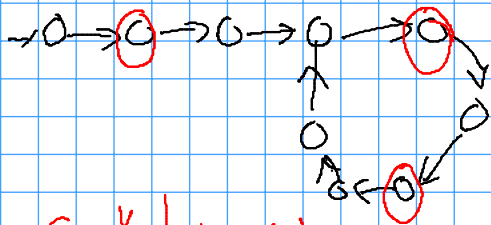
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$\Sigma = \{a\}$ DFA of a Unary Language



$$L = \{a^k \mid k \in U \subseteq \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$U = \{1, 4, 6, 9, 11, \dots\}$$

Ultimately
Periodic

$\exists n, p.$

$$\forall m > n. \quad m \in U \iff m+p \in U$$

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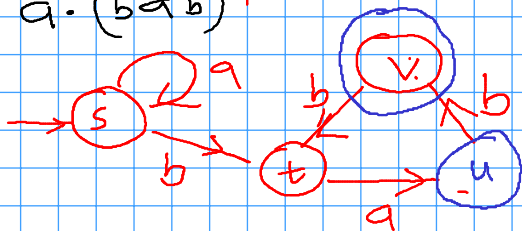
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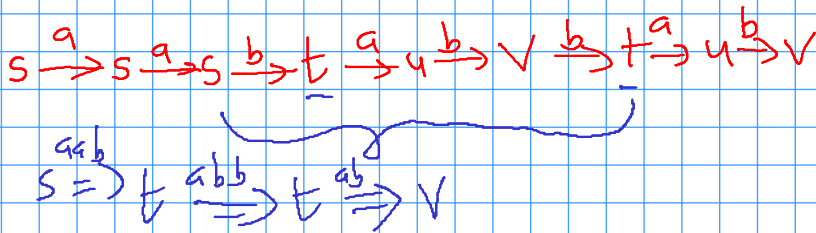
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aabab bab.

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for all $0 \leq i$ ($x \cdot u \cdot v^i \cdot w \cdot z \in L$).

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Pumping Lemma in contrapositive form is used to prove that some languages are not regular.

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Game with Demon

Given language L

- **Demon** claims L is regular and chooses n .
- **You** choose a string $xyz \in L$ with $|y| \geq n$.
- **Demon** partitions $y = uvw$ with $|v| \neq 0$.
- **You** show that $xu(v^i)wz \notin L$ for some i for your choice.

Example

$L_1 = \{a^k b^k \mid k \geq 0\}$ is not regular.

Proof: Pumping Lemma.

- Demon chooses n .

$$a^n b^n \in L \quad x = a^n, y = a^n, z = b^n$$

$$y = a^p a^q a^r$$

$u \quad v \quad w$

$$u = a^p, v = a^q, w = a^r$$

$$p + q + r = n, r > 0$$

- choose Pumping Factor 2

$$a^p a^{2q} a^{2r} b^n \notin L$$

$$p + 2q + 2r = n + 2q, q > 0$$

$\therefore L$ is not regular.

Demon
(me)

Demon

Example

$L_2 = \{w \cdot w \mid w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$ is not regular.

Proof:

$$L_3 = \{w \cdot w \mid w \in \{a\}^*\}$$

. Demonstrate
You choose $x = a^n, y = a^n, z = b \cdot a^n b$

Example

$L = \{a^{2^i} \mid i \geq 0\}$ Powers of 2 in unary

• Demonstrate

• You $W = a^{2^p}$ where $2^p > n$

$W = x \cdot y \cdot z$ where $x = a$, $y = a^n$, $z = a^{2^p}$

$\therefore y' = a^{n+d}$ $n, d > 0$

$a^{n+d} a^{2^p}$ $n, p \geq 2$

Example

$L_3 = \{a^i \mid i \text{ is prime}\}$ is not regular.

Proof:

Given n , let i is prime s.t. $i \geq n$

$$x = \epsilon, y = a^i, z = \epsilon$$

Let $y = uvw$ for some u, v, w

then, let $N = a^k$,

where if k is odd, $uv^2w = a^{\text{even}}$

m1: if k is even, let m be a prime s.t. $k \not\equiv 0 \pmod m$.

then $\exists N$ s.t. $kN \equiv -(n-k) \pmod m$

m2: $uv^{i+1}w = a^{2i}$

