More Applications of The Pumping Lemma

The Pumping Lemma:

For infinite context-free language L

there exists an integer m such that

for any string $w \in L, \quad |w| \geq m$

we can write $w = uvxyz$

with lengths $|vxy| \leq m$ and $|vy| \geq 1$

and it must be:

$$uv^i xy^i z \in L, \quad \text{for all } i \geq 0$$

Non-context free languages

$\{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$ $\{ww : w \in \{a,b\}\}$

Context-free languages

$\{a^n b^n : n \geq 0\}$ $\{ww^R : w \in \{a,b\}^*\}$

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$\{ w\, w \mid w \in \Sigma^* \}$

$w = a^m b^m a^m b^m$

Theorem: The language

$$L = \{ww : w \in \{a,b\}^*\}$$

is **not** context free

Proof: Use the Pumping Lemma for context-free languages

$$L = \{ww : w \in \{a,b\}^*\}$$

Assume for contradiction that L is context-free

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Pick any string of L with length at least m

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We can write: $a^m b^m a^m b^m = uvxyz$

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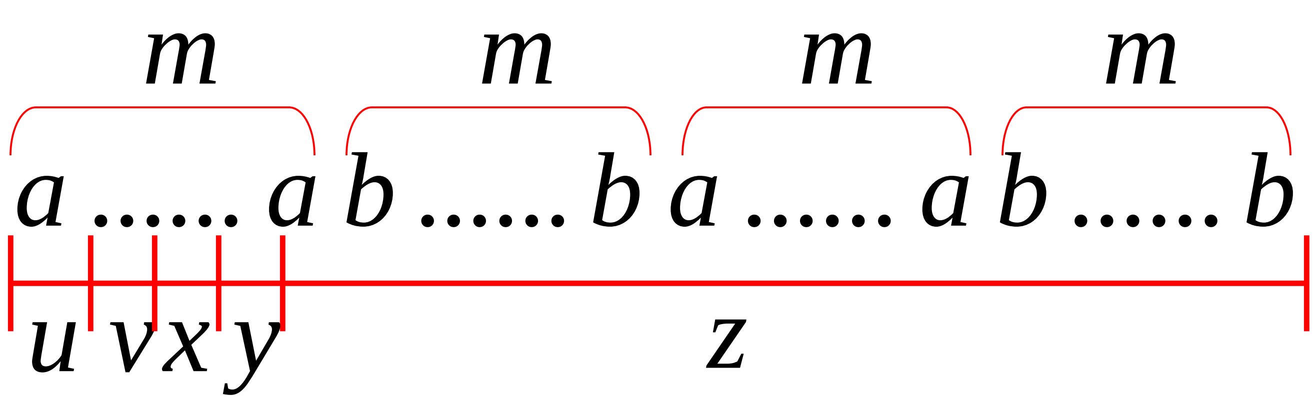
We examine **all** the possible locations of string vxy in $a^m b^m a^m b^m$

$$L = \{ww : w \in \{a,b\}^*\}$$

$$a^m b^m a^m b^m = uvxyz \qquad |vxy| \le m \qquad |vy| \ge 1$$

Case 1: vxy is within the first a^m

$$v = a^{k_1} \qquad y = a^{k_2} \qquad k_1 + k_2 \ge 1$$



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Case 2: v is in the first a^m
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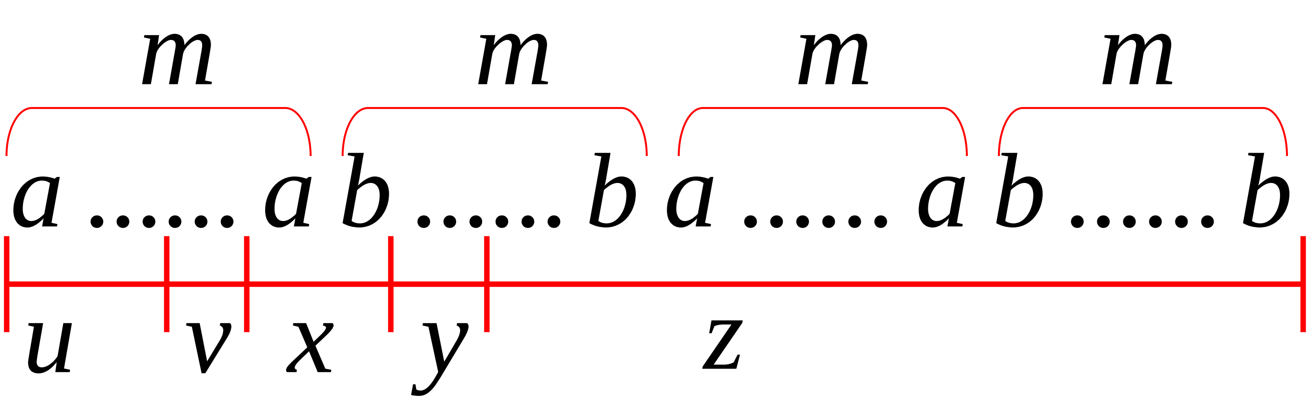

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Case 3: v overlaps the first $a^m b^m$
y is in the first b^m

$$v = a^{k_1} b^{k_2} \qquad y = b^{k_3} \qquad k_1, k_2 \ge 1$$

$$\overbrace{a \ldots\ldots a}^{m}\ \overbrace{b \ldots\ldots b}^{m}\ \overbrace{a \ldots\ldots a}^{m}\ \overbrace{b \ldots\ldots b}^{m}$$

$u \quad v \quad x \quad y \quad z$

$$L = \{ww : w \in \{a,b\}^*\}$$

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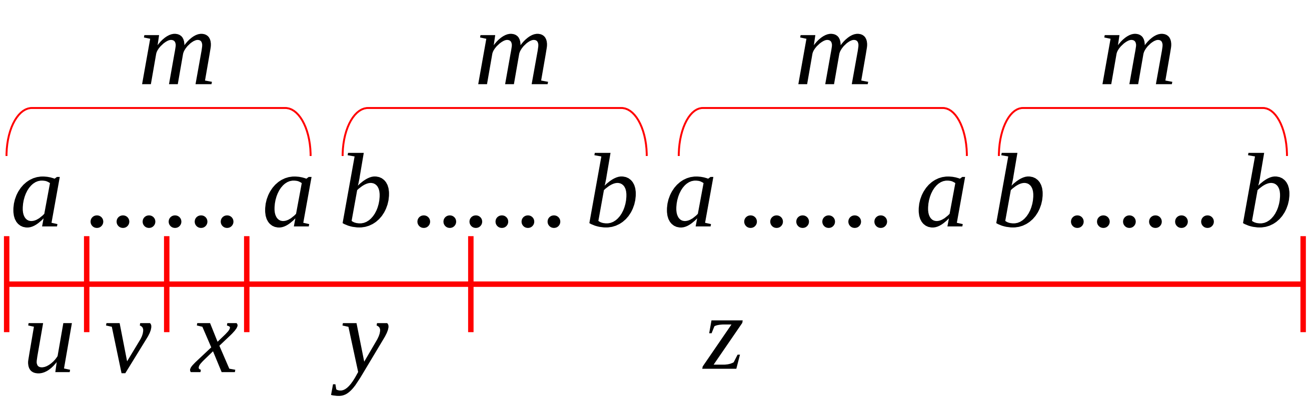
Case 4: v in the first a^m

y Overlaps the first $a^m b^m$

Analysis is similar to case 3



Other cases: vxy is within $a^m \boxed{b^m} a^m b^m$

or

$a^m b^m \boxed{a^m} b^m$

or

$a^m b^m a^m \boxed{b^m}$

Analysis is similar to case 1:

$$\boxed{a^m} b^m a^m b^m$$

More cases: vxy overlaps $a^m \boxed{b^m a^m} b^m$

or

$a^m b^m \boxed{a^m b^m}$

Analysis is similar to cases 2,3,4:

$$\boxed{a^m b^m} a^m b^m$$

There are no other cases to consider

Since $|vxy| \leq m$, it is impossible vxy to overlap:

$$\boxed{a^m b^m a^m} b^m$$

nor

$$a^m \boxed{b^m a^m b^m}$$

nor

$$\boxed{a^m b^m a^m b^m}$$

In all cases we obtained a contradiction

Therefore: The original assumption that

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Conclusion: L is not context-free

Non-context free languages

$$\{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$$

$$\{ww : w \in \{a,b\}\}$$

$$\{a^{n!} : n \geq 0\}$$

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$\{ a^{n!} \mid 0 \leq n \}$

Theorem: The language

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We examine **all** the possible locations of string vxy in $a^{m!}$

There is only one case to consider

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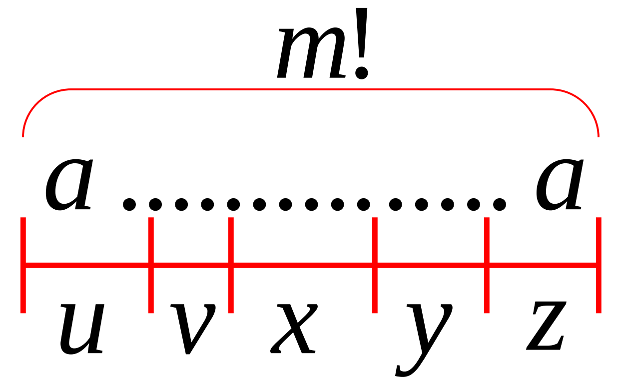

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$$\overbrace{a \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots a}^{m! + k_1 + k_2}$$

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$$\overbrace{a \,\cdots\cdots\cdots\cdots\cdots\cdots\, a}^{m!+k} \qquad k = k_1 + k_2$$

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$$1 \leq k \leq m$$

Since $1 \leq k \leq m$, for $m \geq 2$ we have:

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\begin{aligned}
m! + k &\leq m! + m \\
&< m! + m!m \\
&= m!(1+m) \\
&= (m+1)!
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$$\Downarrow$$

$$m! < m! + k < (m+1)!$$

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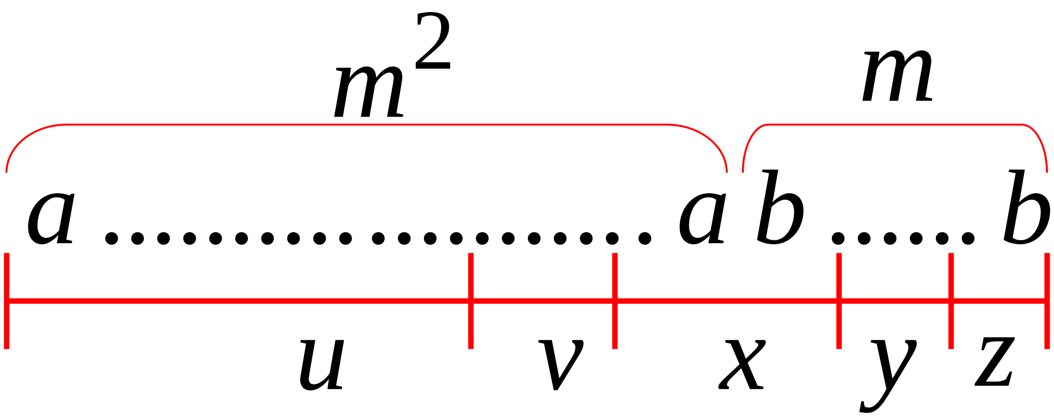
Most complicated case: v is in a^m

y is in b^m



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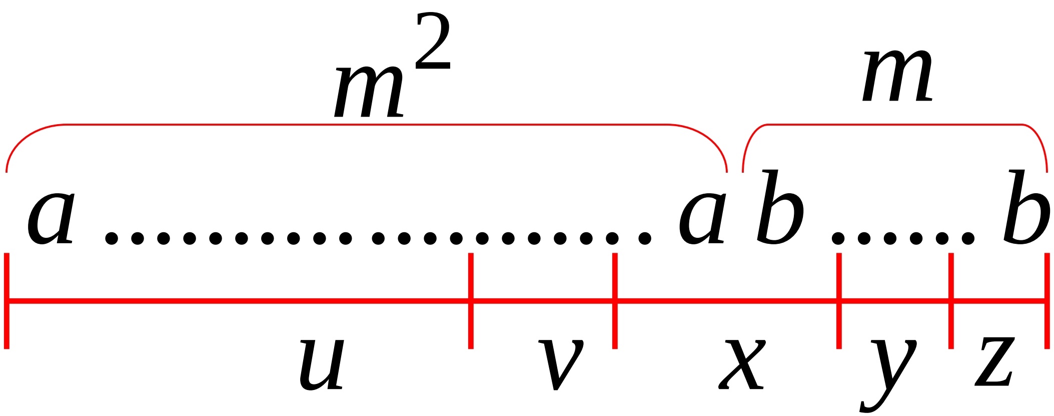

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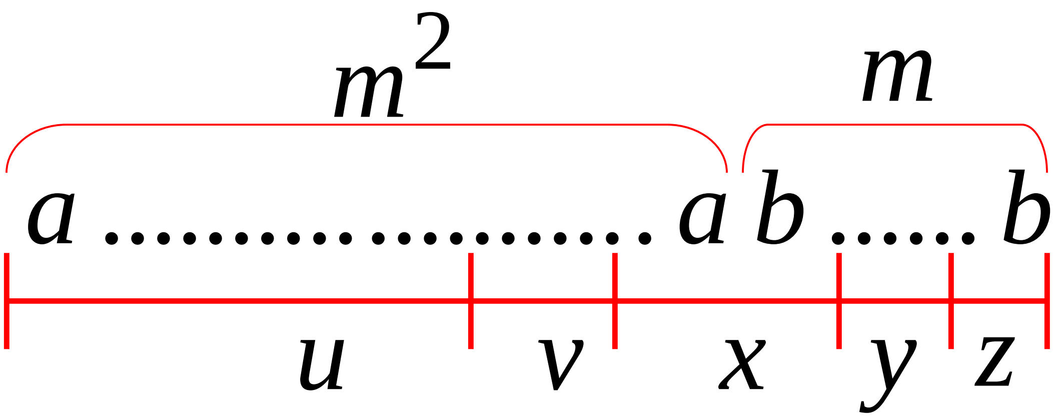

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$$\overbrace{a \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots a}^{m^2 - k_1}\ \overbrace{b \ldots b}^{m - k_2}$$

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$$a^{m^2 - k_1} b^{m - k_2} = uv^0 xy^0 z$$

$k_1 \neq 0$ and $k_2 \neq 0$ $\quad 1 \leq k_1 + k_2 \leq m$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$(m - k_2)^2 \leq (m-1)^2$$

$$= m^2 - 2m + 1$$

$$< m^2 - k_1$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$m^2 - k_1 \neq (m - k_2)^2$$

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Contradiction!!!

When we examine the rest of the cases we also obtain a contradiction

In all cases we obtained a contradiction

Therefore: The original assumption that

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Conclusion: L is not context-free