

Regular and Non Regular Expression

Assume $A = \{2n \mid n \text{ is a natural number}\}$
 $= \{2, 4, 8, 16, 18, 20 \dots\}$

So $B_2(A) = \{10, 100, 1000, 10000 \dots\}$ should be regular, because $B_2(A)$ is recognized by regular expression 10^* .

Now $B_3(A) = \{2, 11, 22, 121 \dots\}$

$B_3(A)$ is non regular.

It can be proved by contradiction that $B_3(A)$ is non regular.

Take on the contrary that $B_3(A)$ is regular.

Now p will be pumping length according to pumping lemma.

Choose u as element of $B_3(A)$ and the length of u should at least $p+1$.

Since $u \in B_3(A)$ and $i > 1$, by pumping lemma u can be divided into three part, $u = xyz$ where $\forall i \geq 0$ the string $xy^i z \in B_3(A)$

According to condition three of pumping lemma, $|xy| \leq p$, and $|z| > 0$.

If rightmost digit of z is 0, then u will be the power of 3. But u is power of 2, hence it is impossible. Hence the rightmost digit of 0 will must be 1 or may be 2.

For $i > 1$, $u' = xy^i z$ is power of 2 which is greater than u , so it is easy to generate it after u is added to itself few numbers of times. That is, if u is added at least 3 times to itself, there must be carry from the right to left column of z . When i will increase, the carries will affect more columns. For very large i , the carries will bleed on y , as pumping lemma condition two says that y should not be empty.

Power of 2 will be generated for very large value of i which cannot be generated by copying y to i times. The carries will force y as well as z to change. Hence, it is showing that $B_3(A)$ does not satisfy pumping lemma. Hence, the initial assumption that $B_3(A)$ is regular, is wrong.

Hence, $B_3(A)$ is non-regular.