

## Challenge 6 – Properties of Regular Languages

A team is considering the implementation of a recognizer of the strings belonging to specific sublanguage cases of the language  $L_{cp} = \{a^{c+pi} \mid i \geq 0 \text{ and } c, p \text{ are positive integers}\}$  where  $c$  and  $p$  represent constant values (e.g., a specific case of  $L_{cp}$  is the language  $L_{23} = \{a^{2+3i} \mid i \geq 0\}$ ). They are now verifying if it is possible to implement the recognizer of specific language cases of  $L_{cp}$  with DFAs.

- (a) Does any of the specific cases of  $L_{cp}$  satisfy the pumping lemma of regular languages? How? If so, can you conclude based on the results of the pumping lemma that any specific case of  $L_{cp}$  can be represented by a DFA?
- (b) Can any specific case of  $L_{cp}$  be represented by an FA? Justify your answer (you can use the  $L_{23}$  example).
- (c) Can the  $L_{cp}$  language be represented by an FA? Justify your answer.