

Introduction to the Theory of Computation
Homework #4
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1 Sipser: 1.15

(a) The states of N are the states of N_1 .

- $N_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1 = \{q_1\})$

(b) The start state of N is the same as the start state of N_1 .

- $\delta_1(q_1, \epsilon) = q_1$
- $\delta_1(q_1, x \in \Sigma) = q_1$
- $N_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$

(c) $F = \{q\} \cup F_1$. The accept states F are the old accept states plus its start state.

- $\delta_1(q_2, \epsilon) = q_2$
- $\delta_1(q_2, x \in \Sigma) = q_2$
- $N_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1 = \{q_2\})$

(d) Define δ so that for any $q \in Q$ and any $a \in \Sigma$,

- $N_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$

2 Proof: By Contradiction

- Suppose $A_2 = \{www | w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$ is regular.
- Then the pumping lemma applies, and there exists a number n so that any $x \in A_2$ can be pumped.
- Pick $x = a^n b a^n b a^n b$ and $y = b^m$
- Since $|x| \geq n$, it follows that $y = uvw$, $|v| \geq 1$, $x(0) \in A_2$.
- Clearly v is a string of a 's.
- Hence $x(0) = a^{n-|v|} b a^n b a^n b$
- But, since $n \neq n - |v|$, $x(0) \notin A_2$.
- Since $x(0) \in A_2$ and $x(0) \notin A_2$ are contradictory,
- L regular can not be the case.

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3 Proof: By Contradiction

- Suppose $L = \{ a^i b^k \mid 2k \leq i \leq 3k \}$ is regular.
- Then the pumping lemma applies, and there exists a number n so that any $x \in L$ can be pumped.
- Pick $x = a^n$ and $y = b^m$
- Since $|x| \geq n$, it follows that $y = uvw$, $|v| \geq 1$, $x(0) \in L$.
- Clearly v is a string of a 's.
- Hence $x(0) = a^n b^{m-|v|}$
- But, since $m \neq m - |v|$, $x(0) \notin L$.
- Since $x(0) \in L$ and $x(0) \notin L$ are contradictory,
- L regular can not be the case.

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- (a) False, a, b^* is regular, but it contains a non-regular subset $\{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$
- (b) False, Non-regular languages have finite subsets, and finite languages are regular.
- (c) False, the union of a language and its complement is Σ^* which is regular.
- (d) False, A non-regular languages intersected with its complement is empty, which is regular.
- (e) False, L_2 could just be a subset of L_1 .