

7. $F = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i, j, k \geq 0 \text{ and if } i = 1 \text{ then } j = k\}$

A. Proof by contradiction:

Assume F is a regular language with a pumping length p . Our string $s = ab^p c^p$. Because $|s| \geq p$ we know s can be pumped. To prove that s is regular there exists a way to write $s = xy^i z$ s.t. it follows the 3 conditions of pumping lemma:

i. $xy^i z \in L$ for every $i \geq 0$

ii. $|y| > 0$

iii. $|xy| \leq p$

we break our string s up into xyz as: $x = a$, $y = b$, $z = c$.

if we set $i = 2$ for $xy^i z$ we break case i, as a^1 however the number of b 's and c 's do not equal one another as the string after pumping is $abbc$, this is a contradiction therefore F is not regular.

B. F acts like a regular language because there are situations where it can be pumped to fulfill all three of the pumping lemma requirements.

For example: let our string s now be $aab^p c^p$. We know split our string so that: $x = aa$, $y = b$, $z = c$.

Now when we try to pump by setting $i = 2$ we get $aabbcc$. Since there are two a 's we don't need to fulfill the requirement if $i = 1$, then $j = k$. Therefore we meet all the conditions as:

$xy^i z \in L$ for every $i \geq 0$

$|y| > 0$

$|xy| \leq p$

C. Every language that meets the conditions of the pumping lemma is not guaranteed to be regular. Rather, languages that don't meet the conditions are guaranteed to be not regular.