

Problem 2.30

Use the pumping lemma to show that the following languages are not context free.

Problem 2.30 A Answer

$$L = \{0^n 1^n 0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$

Proof by contradiction:

Assume L is a CFL. Let p be the pumping length for L . Select the string $s = 0^p 1^p 0^p 1^p$. We can see that s is a member of L . We can show that this string cannot be pumped because no matter how we divide s into $uvxyz$ one of the three lemma conditions are violated. The pumping lemma states that $|vy| > 0$, which means either v or y is nonempty. If v or y contain only one type of alphabet symbol (0 or 1) then when pumped it would change the relationship of our string such that we wouldn't have p number of 0's followed by p 1's, followed by p 0's, followed by p 1's. In the case that v and y contain both elements of the alphabet (0 and 1), then no matter how we partition into $uvxyz$ we will end up getting patterns of 010101 etc when we pump it. Hence, L is not pumpable, which means that L is not context free.

Problem 2.30 D Answer

$$L = \{t_1 \# t_2 \# \dots \# t_k \mid k \geq 2, \text{ each } t_i \in \{a, b\}^*, \text{ and } t_i = t_j \text{ for some } i \neq j\}$$

Let string $s = a^p b^p \# a^p b^p$. If vxy contains $\#$, and $\#$ is in either v or y , when we pump down to uv^0xy^0z then we get a string that doesn't have $\#$ in it, which is therefore not in the language. If x is $\#$, then we know that v is a subset of b^p and that y is a subset of a^p because $|vxy| \leq p$. When we pump down, we notice that we either lose b 's from the left side of $\#$, or we lose a 's from the right side, or a combination of both. Thus when we pump, left side \neq right side which means that s isn't a string in language L . Hence L is not a context free language by the pumping lemma.

Problem 2.34

Consider the language $B = L(G)$, where G is the grammar given in Exercise 2.13. The pumping lemma for context-free languages, Theorem 2.34, states the existence of a pumping length p for B . What is the minimum value of p that works in the pumping lemma? Justify your answer.

2.13 Grammar: Let $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$ be the following grammar. $V = \{S, T, U\}$; $\Sigma = \{0, \#\}$; and R is the set of rules:

$S \rightarrow TT \mid U$

$T \rightarrow 0T \mid T0 \mid \#$

$U \rightarrow 0U00 \mid \#$

Problem 2.34 Answer

Pumpable string s can be seen as $\#\#0$, formed by taking the TT route of S where the first T gives $\#$, and the 2nd T gives $T0$. Currently at $\#T0$, this T gives $\#$ giving $\#\#0$.

Let $u, v, z = \epsilon$, $x = \#\#$, and $y = 0$. When pumped, we get $\#\#00$, $\#\#000$, $\#\#0000$, etc. Thus the pumping length p is $|\#\#0| = 3$.

Problem 2.42

Let $Y = \{w \mid w = t_1 \# t_2 \# \dots \# t_k \text{ for } k \geq 0, \text{ each } t_i \in 1^*, \text{ and } t_i \neq t_j \text{ whenever } i \neq j\}$. Here $\Sigma = \{1, \#\}$. Prove that Y is not context free.

Problem 2.42 Answer

Let $s = 1^p \# 1^{p+1}$. If $\#$ is contained in either v or y , when we pump the string we will get something like $1^p \# 1^p \# 1^p \# 1^{p+1}$ in which $t_0 = t_1$. So let us consider $\#$ being contained in x . Because $|vxy| \leq p$, we need to consider $u = 1$, $v = 1^{p-1}$, $x = \#$, $y = \epsilon$, $z = 1^{p+1}$. When we go to pump the string, we notice that on the first pump $v = 1^p$. Including u on that, we notice that $t_0 = t_1$ where they both equal 1^p . In other words, we don't have any memory to store what number of 1's have been used for each t_i which makes Y not context free.

Problem 2.48

Let $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. Let C_1 be the language of all strings that contain a 1 in their middle third. Let C_2 be the language of all strings that contain two 1s in their middle third.

So $C_1 = \{xyz \mid x, z \in \Sigma^* \text{ and } y \in \Sigma^* 1 \Sigma^*, \text{ where } |x| = |z| \geq |y| \}$ and

$C_2 = \{xyz \mid x, z \in \Sigma^* \text{ and } y \in \Sigma^* 1 \Sigma^* 1 \Sigma^*, \text{ where } |x| = |z| \geq |y| \}$.

Problem 2.48 A Answer

Show that C_1 is a CFL.

Let s be a string broken down into $u = \Sigma^{p-1}$, $v = \Sigma^1$, $x = 1$, $y = \Sigma^1$, $z = \Sigma^{p-1}$. When we pump s , v and y will become increasingly larger on both sides of the 1. Since we follow the rules of the pumping lemma $|vxy| \leq p$ and $|vy| > 0$ this follows the pumping lemma, and s is in the language because either side of the 1 is evenly increased resulting in this 1 being in the middle third of the string.

Problem 2.48 B Answer

Show that C_2 is not a CFL.

Let $s = 0^{p+3} 1 0^p 1 0^{p+3}$. Break it down into $u = 0^{p+2}$, $v = 0^1$, $x = 1 0^p 1$, $y = 0^1$, $z = 0^{p+2}$. We see that when we pump this, we follow the rule of the language that s contains 2 1's in the middle third of its language, however we end up breaking the rules of the pumping lemma such that $|vyx| \leq p$.