

Problem

For each n , exhibit two regular expressions, R and S , of length $\text{poly}(n)$, where $L(R) \neq L(S)$, but where the first string on which they differ is exponentially long. In other words, $L(R)$ and $L(S)$ must be different, yet agree on all strings of length up to $2^{\epsilon n} > 0$.

Step-by-step solution

Step 1 of 2

Consider that two regular expressions, S and R , of length $\text{poly}(n)$ can be exhibited for every n , where $L(R) \neq L(S)$ but the first string on which they differ is exponentially long.

• Now, consider the expression the expression which is given below:

$$\underbrace{(11\dots 1)^*}_{p \text{ times}} \underbrace{11?1? \dots 1?}_{p-2 \text{ times}}$$

The above expression identify 1^k for each k which is not a multiple of P .

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Step 2 of 2

Now, a **polynomial-length** can be constructed in such a way that recognize 1^k for each k and except those expression which are multiple of every first n prime.

• The n th prime is less than $n(\ln n + \ln \ln n)$, for every $n \geq 6$. Therefore, the addition of the first n primes is $O(n^2 \log n)$.

• It is because the first number which is not a multiple of any of the first prime number is of the order $O(n^2 \log n)$, that cause to stop it in growing exponentially with n .

Hence from the above explanation, it can be said that “**every string of the length up to $2^{\epsilon n}$, for a constant $\epsilon > 0$, will be agreed for two regular expression S and R , where $L(R)$ and $L(S)$ must be different**”.

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