# More Applications of The Pumping Lemma

#### The Pumping Lemma:

For infinite context-free language L there exists an integer m such that

for any string  $w \in L$ ,  $|w| \ge m$ 

we can write w = uvxyz

with lengths  $|vxy| \le m$  and  $|vy| \ge 1$ 

and it must be:

 $uv^i x y^i z \in L$ , for all  $i \ge 0$ 

### Non-context free languages

$$\{a^n b^n c^n : n \ge 0\}$$
  $\{vv : v \in \{a, b\}\}$ 

## Context-free languages

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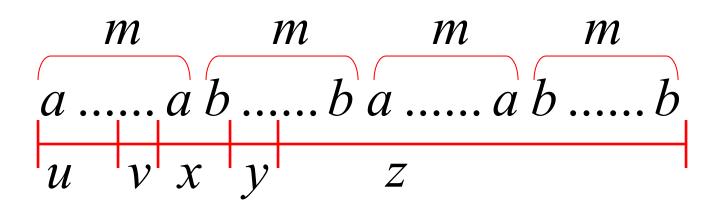
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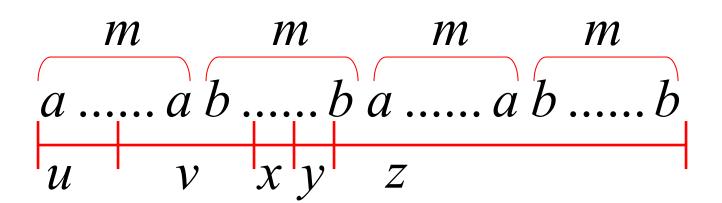
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$$v = a^{k_1} b^{k_2}$$
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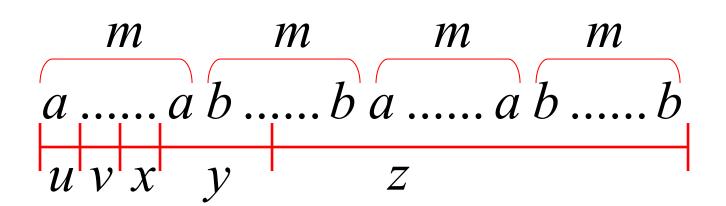
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Case 4: 
$$v$$
 in the first  $a^m$   
 $y$  Overlaps the first  $a^mb^m$ 

#### Analysis is similar to case 3



Other cases: 
$$vxy$$
 is within  $a^mb^ma^mb^m$ 

or  $a^mb^ma^mb^m$ 

$$a^m b^m a^m b^m$$

Analysis is similar to case 1:

$$a^m b^m a^m b^m$$

$$vxy$$
 overlaps  $a^mb^ma^mb^m$ 

or

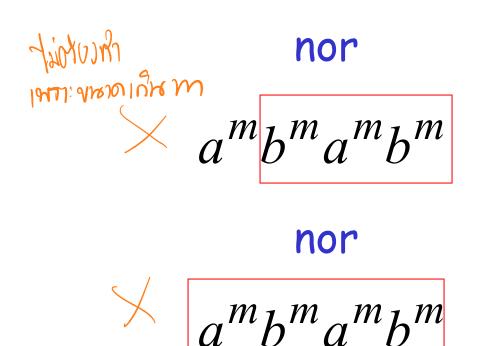
$$a^m b^m a^m b^m$$

### Analysis is similar to cases 2,3,4:

$$a^m b^m a^m b^m$$

#### There are no other cases to consider

Since  $|vxy| \le m$ , it is impossible vxy to overlap:  $a^m b^m a^m b^m$ 



#### In all cases we obtained a contradiction

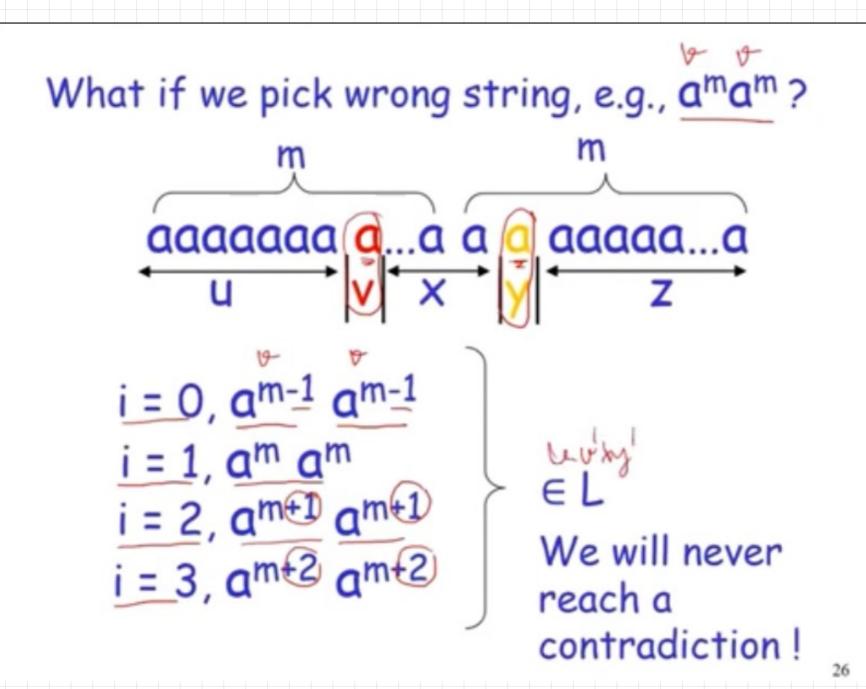
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 $\{a^{n!} : n \ge 0\}$ 

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We examine <u>all</u> the possible locations of string vxy in  $a^{m!}$ 

There is only one case to consider

$$L = \{a^{n!} : n \ge 0\}$$

$$a^{m!} = uvxyz \qquad |vxy| \le m \qquad |vy| \ge 1$$

$$v = a^{k_1}$$
  $y = a^{k_2}$   $1 \le k_1 + k_2 \le m$ 

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$$m!+k \qquad k=k_1+k_2$$

$$a \qquad a$$

$$u \quad v^2 \quad x \quad y^2 \quad z$$

$$k = k_1 + k_2$$

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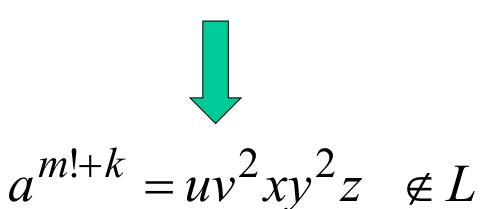
### Since $1 \le k \le m$ , for $m \ge 2$ we have:

$$m!+k \le m!+m!$$
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 $= (m+1)!$ 
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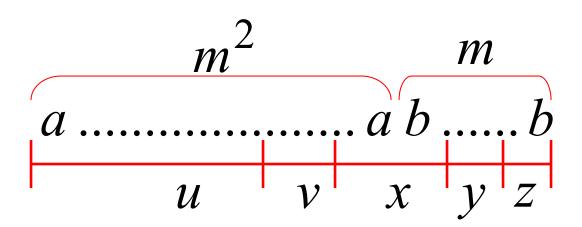
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## We examine all the possible locations

of string 
$$vxy$$
 in  $a^{m^2}b^m$ 

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Most complicated case: v is in  $a^m$  y is in  $b^m$ 



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$$|vxy| \le m \quad |vy| \ge 1$$

 $1 \le k_1 + k_2 \le m$ 

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} m^2 & m \\ a & ab & b \\ u & v & x & v & z \end{bmatrix}$$

 $y = b^{k_2}$ 

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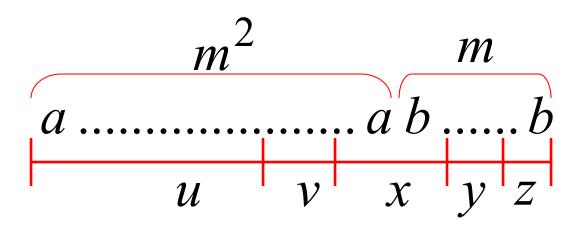
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$$m^2 - k_1 m - k_2$$

$$a a b b$$

$$u v^0 x v^0 z$$

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$$k_1 \neq 0$$
 and  $k_2 \neq 0$   $1 \leq k_1 + k_2 \leq m$ 

$$(m - k_2)^2 \leq (m - 1)^2$$

$$= m^2 - 2m + 1$$

$$< m^2 - k_1$$

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$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$a^{m^{2} - k_{1}} b^{m - k_{2}} = uv^{0} xy^{0} z \neq L$$

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Contradiction!!!

When we examine the rest of the cases we also obtain a contradiction

#### In all cases we obtained a contradiction

Therefore: The original assumption that

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is context-free must be wrong

Conclusion: L is not context-free