





Pumping Lemma:

Nothing special about |A| = 20 and |w| = 100.

For every reg. lang L, there is a DFA A of p states. Take any w in L, where |w| >= p and the above argument applies.

|A| = 20 states

As we run w over A, we require to visit |w|+1 states, but |w|+1 > p, so we must encounter the same state at least twice along the path traced out in the DFA. This identifies a loop in the path, and allows us to break w as u. v. x, s.t. |uv| <= p and u.v^i.x in L for all i >= 0

What is the length of the shortest string |w| that will encounter such a loop. Basically, prune out all but one loop in the path traced out in the DFA by w, and we will get a string w' of length at most 2p that has a loop in the path traced out by it in the DFA. Therefore, we don't need to look for strings beyond length 2p in L, if we are to find one which can be pumped