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## **Problem 1**

Proof by contradiction: assume that  $L = \{w : w \text{ has balanced parentheses } \}$  is regular.

Then by the Pumping Lemma, there is some pumping length n, such that any word w in L of length at least n can be split into w = xyz satisfying the following conditions:

- $|xy| \leq n$ ,
- |y| > 0,
- $xy^iz \in L$  for all i > 0.

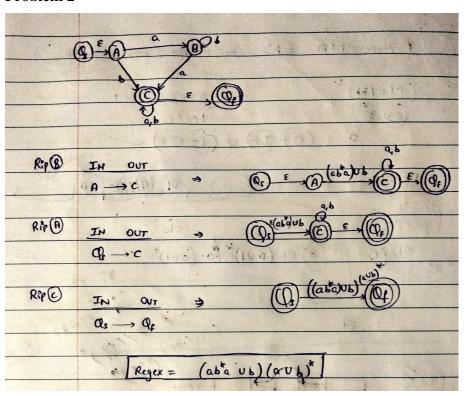
We let w be the word with n left parentheses, followed by n right parentheses. So,  $w = {n \choose n}^n$ . Clearly, w has balanced parentheses, so  $w \in L$ .

Thus, since  $|w| \ge n$ , by the pumping lemma we must be able to write w = xyyz with  $|xy| \le n$ ,  $|y| \ge 1$ , and such that  $xy^iz \in L$  for all  $i \ge 0$ . However, since w starts with n ('s, y must consist entirely of one or more ('s. Then by the first condition, we know that y consists only of left parentheses. By the second condition, we know that y is nonempty. So the string xyyz must have more left parentheses than right parentheses.

Therefore, for any i > 1,  $xy^iz \notin L$  since it has more ('s than )'s. This is a contradiction, so L is not regular.

**Assignment 2** 

## Problem 2



## **Problem 3**

**Proof:** We will use the Pumping Lemma for regular languages to prove that L is not regular. The Pumping Lemma states that for any regular language L, there exists a constant p (the pumping length) such that any string s in L with length at least p can be split into three parts, xyz, satisfying the following conditions:

- 1. For each  $i \ge 0$ ,  $xy^iz \in L$ .
- 2. |y| > 0 (y is non-empty).
- 3.  $|xy| \le p$ .

Now, assume for contradiction that the language L is regular. Consider the string  $s = 0^p + 1^p = 2^p$  in L. According to the Pumping Lemma, we can write s as xyz such that the conditions are satisfied. Let s = xyz where  $|xy| \le p$  and |y| > 0.

Since  $|xy| \le p$ , the string y can only consist of 0s or 1s (because the other characters in  $\Sigma$  are '+', '=', and digits 2 to 9).

Now, consider the pumped string  $s' = xy^2z$ . Since y is non-empty, the pumped string will have more 0s or 1s than the original string. Now, let's analyze s' in terms of the given language L. The equation "a + b = c" implies that the number of occurrences of the digit '0' should be equal to the number of occurrences of the digit '1'. However, pumping y will disturb this balance, leading to a string that does not satisfy the equation in L.

Therefore,  $s' = xy^2z$  is not in L, which contradicts the Pumping Lemma. As a result, our initial assumption that L is regular is false.

Hence, we can conclude that the language L is not regular.

## Problem 4

