

Tutorial-6

Use the pumping lemma to prove that the following language are not Regular (assume $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$).

1) $L = \{w \in \{a, b\}^* \mid n_a(w) = n_b(w)\}$

Solve

① Assume L is Regular language.

Since L is infinite we can apply the pumping lemma.

Let m be the critical length for L .

picks a String w such that: $w \in L$
and length $|w| \geq m$.

$$w = a^m b^m$$

from the pumping lemma-

$$w = a^m b^m = xyz$$

with length: $|ny| \leq m, |y| \geq 1$

Suppose $m = 4$

$$w = \underbrace{aaaa}_x \underbrace{bb}_y \underbrace{bb}_z$$

$$w_1 = xy^2z$$

$$w_2 = xy^2z = aa \underline{aaaa} bbb$$

$$w_1 \neq w$$

② $L = ww$ where $w \in E^*$

Solve

Assume L is Regular. Let m be the critical length.

Choose w s.t. $|w| \geq m$.
where m is the critical length.

$$w = abab.$$

$$w = a^m b^m a^m b^m \in L$$

Divide w into xyz . Subject to the condition $y \neq \epsilon$ and $|ny| < m$

~~$$w = a^m b^m a^m b^m$$~~

$$w = a^{m-k} a^k b^m a^m b^m$$

$$w_0 = a^{m-k} b^m a^m b^m$$

Since $k \geq 1$.

Contradiction of pumping lemma.

Hence proved.

③ $L = \{a^p \mid p \text{ is prime}\}$ ($L = \{w \mid |w| \text{ is prime}\}$)

Solve

Assume L is Regular & m is critical length.

Choose $w = a^k$ s.t. p is the smallest prime no. that is equal to or greater than m .

Divide $w = xyz$ s.t. $|y| \neq \epsilon$ and $|ny| < m$

$$w^* = a^{p-k} a^k.$$

$$w_1 = a^{p-k} a^k.$$

$$\text{Now } |w_1| = p-k+i^k$$

$$= p+k(2-1)$$

Choose i s.t. $i-1 = p$
 then $|w_1| = p+kp = p(k+1)$
 which can not be prime.
 Hence $w_i \in L$

(4) $L = \{ (ab)^n b^p \mid n \geq p \text{ and } p \geq 0 \}$

Solve

Assume L is Regular. Let m be the critical length.

$$\text{Choose } w \text{ s.t. } |w| \geq m$$

$$w_2 = (ab)^{m+1} b^m \in L$$

Divide w into xyz s.t. $y \neq \epsilon$
 and $|xy| \leq m$.

$$y = (ab)^k.$$

$$w_2 = (ab)^{m-k+1} (ab)^k b^m$$

$$w_2 = (ab)^{m+k+1} b^m \notin L \text{ Since } k > 1.$$

Ques 6 $L = \{ a^n b^k \mid n \neq k \}$

Solve

$$\text{Let } L_2 = L(a^* b^*)$$

$$L_3 = \{ a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$$

$$\text{Then } L_1 \cap L_2 = L_3$$

We know L_2 is Regular and L_3 is not Regular (proven earlier).

If L_1 was Regular, then L_1 would have been Regular and $L_1 \cap L_2$ would also be Regular. However we know that L_3 (which is $L_1 \cap L_2$) is not Regular. Hence, L_1 can not be Regular.

Ques 7 $L = \{ w \in \{a, b\}^* \mid n_a(w) \neq n_b(w) \}$

Solve

Assume L is Regular. Let m be the critical length. choose w s.t. $|w| \geq m$.

~~$$w = a^m b^m a^m b^m$$~~

$$w = abba$$

$$w = a^m b^m b^m a^m$$

Divide w in to xyz s.t. $y \neq \epsilon$

$$\text{and } |xy| < m.$$

$$y = (b)^k.$$

$$w_2 = a^m b^{m-k} b^k a^m$$

~~$$w = a^m b^m b^m a^m$$~~

$$w_2 = a^m b^{m-k} b^{2k} a^m$$

$$\Rightarrow a^m b^{m+k} \notin L$$

Contradiction Occurs.

Ques: $L = \{a^n b^{2n} \mid n \geq 1\}$.

Solve

Assume L is Regular language.
and m is the critical length.

Choose w , s.t. $|w| \geq m$
 $w = a^m b^{2m} \in L$

Divide w into xyz s.t. $y \neq \epsilon$
and $|xy| \leq m$

$y = a^k$
 $w_1 = a^{m-k} a^k b^{2m}$
 $w_2 = a^{m-k} b^{2m} \notin L$. Since $k \geq 0$

Contradiction of pumping lemma.
Hence proved.