

# More Applications of the Pumping Lemma

# The Pumping Lemma:

- Given a ~~infinite~~ regular language  $L$
- there exists an integer  $m$
- for any string  $w \in L$  with length  $|w| \geq m$
- we can write  $w = x y z$
- with  $|x y| \leq m$  and  $|y| \geq 1$
- such that:  $x y^i z \in L \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Non-regular languages  $L = \{ww^R : w \in \Sigma^*\}$



Regular languages

**Theorem:** The language

$$L = \{ww^R : w \in \Sigma^*\} \quad \Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

is not regular

**Proof:** Use the Pumping Lemma

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Assume for contradiction  
that  $L$  is a regular language

~~Since  $L$  is infinite~~  
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Let  $m$  be the integer in the Pumping Lemma

Pick a string  $w$  such that:  $w \in L$  and

$$\text{length } |w| \geq m$$

We pick  $w = a^m b^m b^m a^m$

Write  $a^m b^m b^m a^m = x y z$

From the Pumping Lemma

it must be that length  $|x y| \leq m, |y| \geq 1$

$$xyz = \overbrace{a \dots a}^m \overbrace{a \dots a}^m \overbrace{a \dots a}^m \overbrace{a \dots a}^m \overbrace{ab \dots bb \dots ba}^m \dots a$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_x \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_y \quad \underbrace{\hspace{4.5cm}}_z$

Thus:  $y = a^k, k \geq 1$

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From the Pumping Lemma:  $x y^i z \in L$   
 $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Thus:  $x y^2 z \in L$



$$x y z = a^m b^m b^m a^m \qquad y = a^k, \quad k \geq 1$$

From the Pumping Lemma:  $x y^2 z \in L$

$$xy^2z = \overbrace{a \dots a a \dots a a \dots a}^{m+k} \overbrace{a b \dots b}^m \overbrace{b \dots b}^m \overbrace{a \dots a}^m \in L$$

$x$ 
 $y$ 
 $y$ 
 $z$

Thus:  $a^{m+k} b^m b^m a^m \in L$

$$a^{m+k}b^mb^ma^m \in L \quad k \geq 1$$

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**BUT:**  $L = \{ww^R : w \in \Sigma^*\}$



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**CONTRADICTION!!!**

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Thus:  $x y^0 z = xz \in L$

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From the Pumping Lemma:  $xz \in L$

$$xz = \overbrace{a \dots a}^{m-k} \overbrace{a \dots a}^m \overbrace{b \dots b}^m \overbrace{c \dots c}^{2m} \in L$$

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Regular languages

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$$n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdots (n-1) \cdot n$$

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We pick  $w = a^{m!}$



Write  $a^{m!} = x y z$

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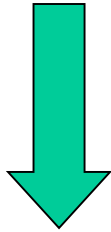
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Thus:  $a^{m!+k} \in L$

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



There must exist  $p$  such that:

$$m!+k = p!$$

However:

$$\begin{aligned}
 m!+k &\leq m!+m && \text{for } m > 1 \\
 &\leq m!+m! \\
 &< m!m + m! \\
 &= m!(m+1) \\
 &= (m+1)! \\
 &\quad \downarrow \\
 m!+k &< (m+1)! \\
 &\quad \downarrow \\
 m!+k &\neq p! && \text{for any } p
 \end{aligned}$$

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Lex



# Lex: a lexical analyzer

- A Lex program recognizes strings
- For each kind of string found the lex program takes an action

## Input

```
Var = 12 + 9;  
if (test > 20)  
    temp = 0;  
else  
    while (a < 20)  
        temp++;
```

*Lex  
program*

## Output

```
Identifier: Var  
Operand: =  
Integer: 12  
Operand: +  
Integer: 9  
Semicolumn: ;  
Keyword: if  
Parenthesis: (  
Identifier: test  
....
```

In Lex strings are described  
with regular expressions

## Lex program

Regular expressions

"+"

"\_"

"=

/\* operators \*/

"if"

"then"

/\* keywords \*/

# Lex program

Regular expressions

`(0|1|2|3|4|5|6|7|8|9)+ /* integers */`

`(a|b|..|z|A|B|...|Z)+ /* identifiers */`

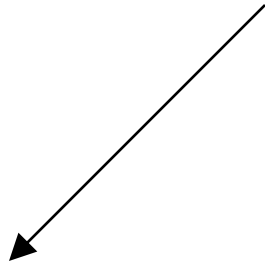
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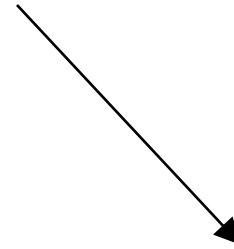
$(0|1|2|3|4|5|6|7|8|9)^+$

$[0-9]^+$

identifiers



$(a|b|..|z|A|B|...|Z)^+$



$[a-zA-Z]^+$

Each regular expression  
has an associated action (in C code)

## Examples:

| Regular expression     | Action                             |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <code>\n</code>        | <code>linenum++;</code>            |
| <code>[0-9]+</code>    | <code>printf("integer");</code>    |
| <code>[a-zA-Z]+</code> | <code>printf("identifier");</code> |

Default action: ECHO;



Prints the string identified  
to the output



# A small program

%%

[ \t\n]

; /\*skip spaces\*/

[0-9]+

printf("Integer\n");

[a-zA-Z]+

printf("Identifier\n");

## Input

1234 test

var 566 78

9800

## Output

Integer

Identifier

Identifier

Integer

Integer

Integer

## Another program

```
%{  
int linenum = 1;  
%}
```

```
%%
```

```
[ \t]      ; /*skip spaces*/  
\n          linenum++;
```

```
[0-9]+     printf("Integer\n");
```

```
[a-zA-Z]+  printf("Identifier\n");
```

```
.          printf("Error in line: %d\n",  
                linenum);
```

## Input

1234 test

var 566 78

9800 +

temp

## Output

Integer

Identifier

Identifier

Integer

Integer

Integer

Error in line: 3

Identifier

Lex matches the longest input string

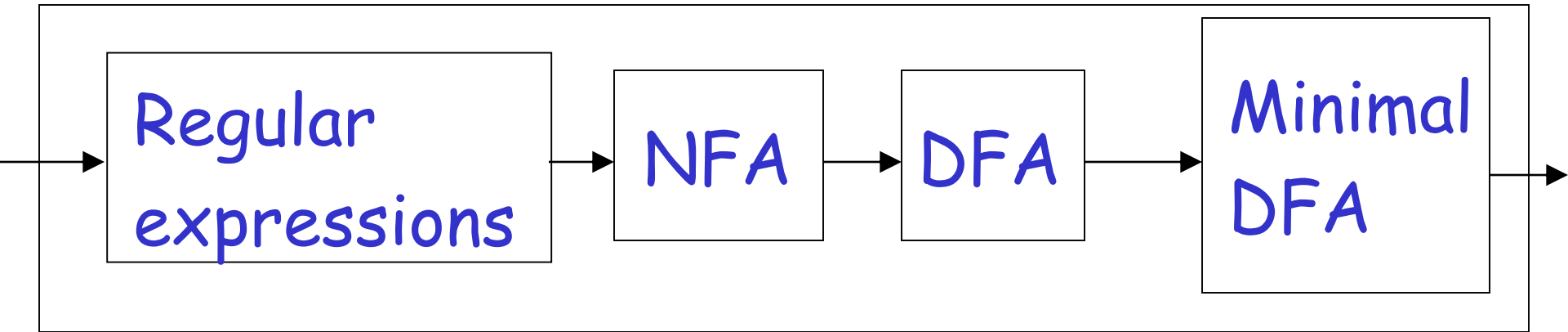
Example: Regular Expressions "if"  
"ifend"

Input:      ifend          if          ifn

Matches: "ifend" "if" nomatch

# Internal Structure of Lex

Lex



The final states of the DFA are associated with actions