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 $w \in L, \quad |w| \geq m$

we can write $w = uvxyz$

with lengths $|vxy| \leq m$ and $|vy| \geq 1$

and it must be:

$$uv^i xy^i z \in L, \quad \text{for all } i \geq 0$$

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

Context-free languages

$\{a^n b^n : n \geq 0\}$ $\{ww^R : w \in \{a,b\}^*\}$

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Theorem: The language

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We examine **all** the possible locations of string vxy in $a^m b^m a^m b^m$

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Case 1: vxy is within the first a^m

$$v = a^{k_1} \qquad y = a^{k_2} \qquad k_1 + k_2 \ge 1$$

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Case 2: v is in the first a^m
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Case 4: v in the first a^m

y Overlaps the first $a^m b^m$

Analysis is similar to case 3

$$\overbrace{a \ldots\ldots a}^{m}\ \overbrace{b \ldots\ldots b}^{m}\ \overbrace{a \ldots\ldots a}^{m}\ \overbrace{b \ldots\ldots b}^{m}$$

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

Other cases: vxy is within $a^m \boxed{b^m} a^m b^m$

or

$a^m b^m \boxed{a^m} b^m$

or

$a^m b^m a^m \boxed{b^m}$

Analysis is similar to case 1:

$$\boxed{a^m} b^m a^m b^m$$

More cases: vxy overlaps $a^m\boxed{b^m a^m}b^m$

or

$a^m b^m\boxed{a^m b^m}$

Analysis is similar to cases 2,3,4:

$\boxed{a^m b^m}a^m b^m$

There are no other cases to consider

Since $|vxy| \leq m$, it is impossible vxy to overlap:

$\boxed{a^m b^m a^m}b^m$

nor

$a^m\boxed{b^m a^m b^m}$

nor

$\boxed{a^m b^m a^m b^m}$

In all cases we obtained a contradiction

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There is only one case to consider

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$$\overbrace{a\ ....\ a}^{m!}$$

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$$1 \leq k \leq m$$

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Since $1 \leq k \leq m$, for $m \geq 2$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} m!+k &\leq m!+m \\ &< m!+m!m \\ &= m!(1+m) \\ &= (m+1)! \end{aligned}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

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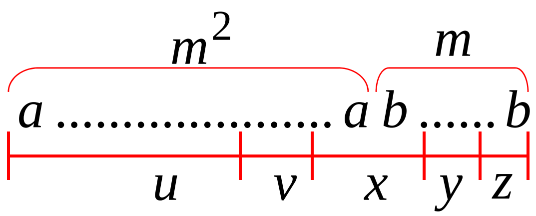
Most complicated case: v is in a^m
y is in b^m



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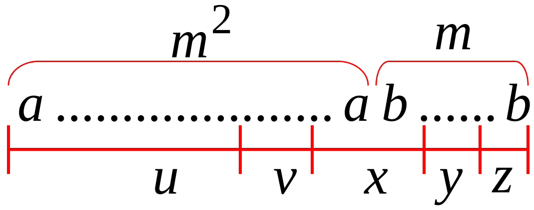

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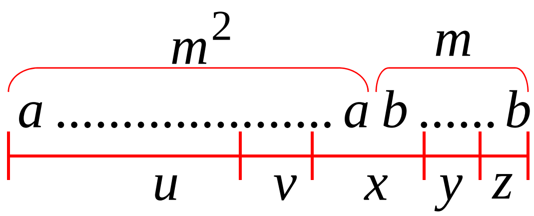

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$$\overbrace{a \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots a}^{m^2 - k_1}\ \overbrace{b \ldots b}^{m - k_2}$$

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$$a^{m^2 - k_1} b^{m - k_2} = uv^0 x y^0 z$$

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

$$\Downarrow$$

$$(m - k_2)^2 \leq (m-1)^2$$
$$= m^2 - 2m + 1$$
$$< m^2 - k_1$$

$$\Downarrow$$

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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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Conclusion: L is not context-free