

# More Applications of the Pumping Lemma

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## 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:  $x y^i z \in L \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

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Non-regular languages

$$L = \{vv^R : v \in \Sigma^*\}$$



Regular languages

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**Theorem:** The language

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

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  
we can apply the Pumping Lemma

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Let  $m$  be the integer in the Pumping Lemma

Pick a string  $w$  such that:  $w \in L$  and  
length  $|w| \geq m$

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

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

From the Pumping Lemma

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

$$xyz = \underbrace{a \dots a}_{x} \underbrace{a \dots a}_{y} \underbrace{a \dots a}_{z} \underbrace{b \dots b}_{m} \underbrace{b \dots b}_{m} \underbrace{b \dots b}_{m} \underbrace{a \dots a}_{m}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$xy^2z = \underbrace{a \dots a}_{x} \underbrace{a \dots a}_{y} \underbrace{a \dots a}_{y} \underbrace{a \dots a}_{z} \underbrace{b \dots b}_{m} \underbrace{b \dots b}_{m} \underbrace{b \dots b}_{m} \underbrace{a \dots a}_{m} \in L$$

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

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

**BUT:**  $L = \{vv^R : v \in \Sigma^*\}$



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

**CONTRADICTION!!!**

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Therefore: Our assumption that  $L$   
is a regular language is not true

**Conclusion:**  $L$  is not a regular language

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Non-regular languages

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

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$$x y z = a^m b^m c^{2m} \quad y = a^k, \quad k \geq 1$$

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

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

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$$x y z = a^m b^m c^{2m} \quad y = a^k, \quad k \geq 1$$

From the Pumping Lemma:  $xz \in L$

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

$$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_x \quad \underbrace{\hspace{3.5cm}}_z$$

Thus:  $a^{m-k} b^m c^{2m} \in L$

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$$a^{m-k}b^m c^{2m} \in L \quad k \geq 1$$

**BUT:**  $L = \{a^n b^l c^{n+l} : n, l \geq 0\}$



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Non-regular languages  $L = \{a^{n!} : n \geq 0\}$



Regular languages

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**Theorem:** The language  $L = \{a^{n!} : n \geq 0\}$   
is not regular

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

**Proof:** Use the Pumping Lemma

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

Assume for contradiction  
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$$L = \{a^{n!} : n \geq 0\}$$

Let  $m$  be the integer in the Pumping Lemma

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

length  $|w| \geq m$

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

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

From the Pumping Lemma

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

$$xyz = a^{m!} = \underbrace{a \dots a}_{x} \underbrace{a \dots a}_{y} \underbrace{a \dots a}_{z}$$

$\begin{matrix} m & m!-m \\ \hline \end{matrix}$

Thus:  $y = a^k, 1 \leq k \leq m$

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$$x y z = a^{m!} \quad y = a^k, 1 \leq k \leq m$$

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

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$$x y z = a^{m!} \quad y = a^k, \quad 1 \leq k \leq m$$

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

$$xy^2z = \underbrace{a \dots a}_{x} \underbrace{a \dots a}_{y} \underbrace{a \dots a}_{y} \underbrace{a \dots a}_{z} \in L$$

$\overbrace{a \dots a \dots a \dots a}^{m+k} \quad \overbrace{a \dots a \dots a}^{m!-m}$

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

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$$a^{m!+k} \in L \quad 1 \leq k \leq m$$

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



There must exist  $p$  such that:

$$m!+k = p!$$

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However:  $m!+k \leq m!+m$  for  $m > 1$

$$\leq m!+m!$$


$$< m!m + m!$$

$$= m!(m+1)$$

$$= (m+1)!$$



$$m!+k < (m+1)!$$




$$m!+k \neq p! \quad \text{for any } p$$

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$$a^{m!+k} \in L \quad 1 \leq k \leq m$$


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Lex

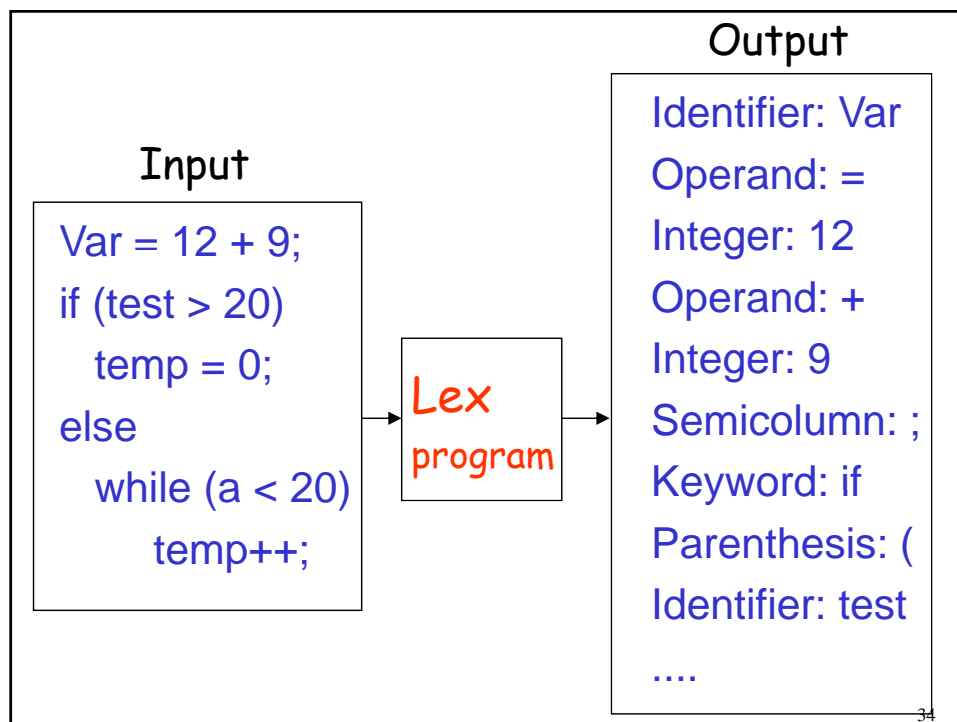
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## Lex: a lexical analyzer

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

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In Lex strings are described  
with regular expressions

## Lex program

Regular expressions

"+"

"\_"

"="

/\* operators \*/

"if"

"then"

/\* keywords \*/

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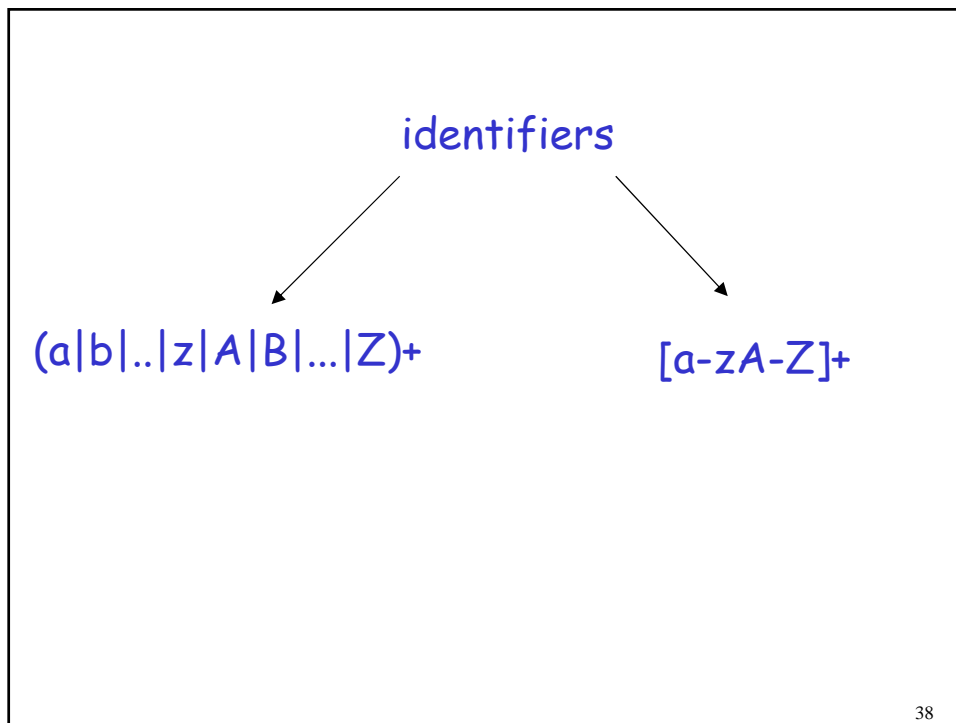
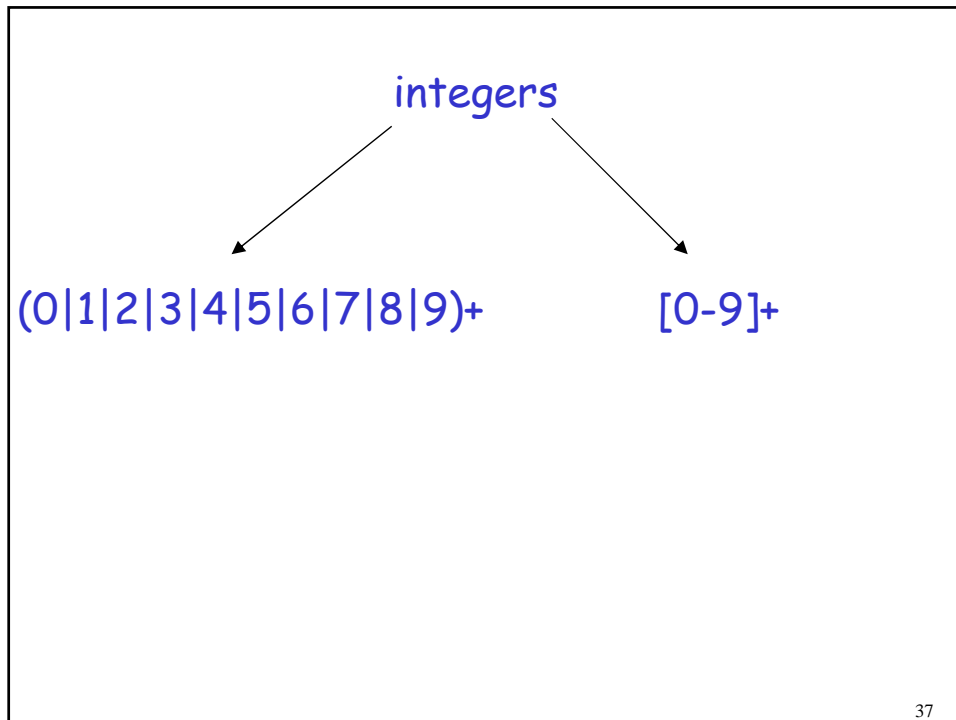
## Lex program

Regular expressions

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

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

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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>

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Default action: `ECHO;`



Prints the string identified  
to the output

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## A small lex program

```
%%
```

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

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

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

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### Input

```
1234 test
var 566 78
9800
```

### Output

```
Integer
Identifier
Identifier
Integer
Integer
Integer
```

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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);

```

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### Input

```

1234  test
var 566  78
9800  +
temp

```

### Output

```

Integer
Identifier
Identifier
Integer
Integer
Integer
Error in line: 3
Identifier

```

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Lex matches the longest input string

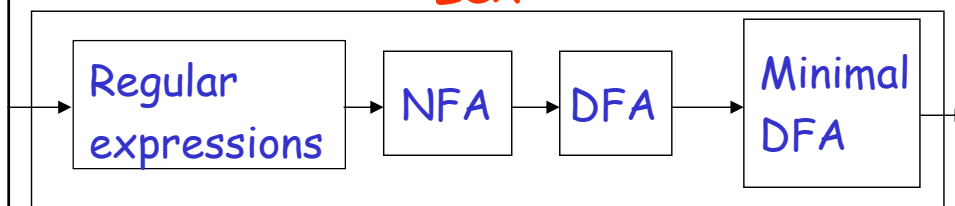
Example: Regular Expressions "if"  
"ifend"

Input:	ifend	if
Matches:	"ifend"	"if"

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## Internal Structure of Lex

Lex



The final states of the DFA are associated with actions

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