

$$L = \{a^q \mid q \text{ a prime number}\}$$

Demon picks pumping length p

I pick a^n where $n > p$ & n is a prime

Demon has to pick $y = a^k$ where $0 < k \leq p$.

I choose $i > 1$ exact value is deferred

New string is $y = a^{n+(i-1)k}$

so pick $i = n+1$ $y = a^{n+nk} = a^{n(k+1)}$

$n(k+1)$ is definitely not a prime number.

$$L = \{a^n b^m \mid n \neq m\} \text{ hard to do with pumping}$$

& I is a mess

but $L \cap a^* b^* = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$ and we know

this is not regular

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$$L = \{a^i b^j \mid i > j\}$$

Demon picks p

I pick $a^p b^{p-1}$

Demon is forced to pick $y = a^k$, $0 < k \leq p$.

I choose $i = 0$

The new string is $a^{p-k} b^{p-1}$

$p-k$ is not strictly greater than $p-1$.

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1, +, =\}$$

$$L = \{x+y=z \mid x, y, z \in \{0, 1\}^* \text{ \& the equation is valid}\}$$

Demon picks p

$$\text{I pick } \underbrace{11\dots 1}_p + 0 = \underbrace{11\dots 1}_p$$

Now demon has to pick y in the leading block of 1's

I can choose any $i \neq 1$ to win.

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$L = \{a^i b^j \mid \gcd(i, j) = 1\}$. We will show L is not regular.
 $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

Demon chooses p

I choose $q > p+1$ such that q is a prime number.

My chosen string is $a^q b^q \in L$.

Demon is forced to choose $y = a^k$ $0 < k \leq p$.

I pump "down" i.e. choose $i=0$ so now
 $xz = a^{q-k} b^q$

Note $q-k > (p+1)-k > 0$ in fact > 1

So $\gcd(q-k, q) = 1$ hence

$xz \in L$. Thus L is not regular so L is not regular.

$\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$

$L = \{x \# c y \mid x, y \in \{a, b\}^*, \#_a(x) = \#_b(y)\}$

Demon chooses p

I choose $a^p c b^p$

Demon is forced to choose $y = a^k$ $0 < k \leq p$

I choose $i=2$

$xy^2z = a^{p+k} c b^p \notin L$.

$\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

Given $X \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ we define

$\text{unary}(X) = \{1^n \mid n \in X\}$

$\text{binary}(X) = \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid w \text{ interpreted as a binary number } \in X\}$.

If $\text{binary}(X)$ is regular does it mean $\text{unary}(X)$ is regular?

NO! Consider $X = \{2^n \mid n \geq 0\}$.

$\text{binary}(X) = 0^* 1 0^*$

$\text{unary}(X) = \{1^n \mid n = 2^m \text{ for some } m\}$.

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$\{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \#_a(w) \neq \#_b(w)\}$$

Demon picks p
I pick $a^p b^{p!+p}$

Demon is forced to pick $y = a^k; p \geq k > 0$.

I pick $i = (p!/k) + 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} xy^i z &= a^{p+(i-1)k} b^{p!+p} \\ &= a^{p+p!} b^{p!+p} \notin L. \end{aligned}$$

However, this is a clever arithmetic trick.

Here is a simpler way:

$\{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$ is not regular.

$\bar{L} \cap a^* = \{a^n \mid n \geq 0\}$
Hence \bar{L} is not regular so L is not regular.

If $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ we define unary(S) = $\{1^n \mid n \in S\}$ &
binary(S) = $\{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid w \text{ reads as binary number } \in S\}$.

If binary(S) is regular does unary(S) have to be regular?

No! $S = \{2^n \mid n \geq 1\}$

binary(S) = 100^* so clearly regular.

unary(S) is not regular

Demon picks p

I pick 1^{2^p}

Demon picks x, y, z s.t. $|xy| \leq p, |y| > 0$ & $xyz = 1^{2^p}$

so $k := |y| \leq p < 2^p$

I Pick $i = 2$ $xy^2z = 1^{2^p+k}$

$$2^p < 2^p+k \leq 2^p+p < 2^p+2^p = 2^{p+1}$$

so the ^{length of the} new string is strictly between two consecutive powers of 2 & hence cannot be a power of 2.

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