

HW4

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1. Use the pumping lemma to prove that $L = \{ ww : w \in \{0,1\}^* \}$ is nonregular.

We will prove this by proof of contradiction and assume that L is a regular language. So therefore for L , $\exists_n \in N$ such that $\forall_x \in L$, if $|x| \geq n$, then x can be decomposed into three strings $\exists_{u,v,w} \in \{0,1\}^*$. Where $x = xyz$. $|xy| \leq n$, $|y| > 0$ such that $\forall_k \in N, xy^kz \in L$.

We know that the length of L is $2*|w|$. We will say the pumping length will be n so the language must be $w^n w^n$. We will split $w_1 w_2$ into $w_1 w_2 = xyz$ where $xy = w_1$ and $w_2 = z$. We know that y^i where y is some value $i > 0$. If $xy^0z = w^{n-i}w^n$. This word should exist in the language L but is a contradiction because one w is greater than the other.

2. Prove that $L = \{ w \in \{a,b\}^* : |w|_a \neq |w|_b \}$ is not regular.

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We will say that $w = xyz$ and that $y = a^i b^j$. i is some natural number greater than 0. So we could say $w = xy^1z = b^t a^f b^g b^d$ where $f+g = i$ and $t+i \leq n$ and $n \leq t+i+d$. We can also assume that $w = xyz$ where $y = a^i$ and i is some natural number greater than 0. So $xy^1z = b^t a^i b^d$ where $ba = xy$, and $z = b$. $t+i \leq n$. In both cases $k = 1$ and both of their lengths are the same and they are part of the language L so therefore by contradiction L is not regular.