

2. Using pumping lemma prove that  $A = \{yy/y \in \{0, 1\}^*\}$  is not regular.

**Solution:**

According to pumping lemma, 'if a language is regular then it must have string  $|S| \geq P$  where  $P$  is pumping length and can be divided into  $xyz$  such that:

(a)  $xy^iz \in A$  for some  $i \dots \dots \dots$  (i)

(b)  $|y| > 0 \dots \dots \dots$  (ii)

(c)  $|xy| \leq p \dots \dots \dots$  (iii)

**To prove:** Language  $A = \{yy/y \in \{0, 1\}^*\}$  is not regular

**Proof:** Let us consider language  $A$  is regular then it must follow above 3 conditions. Then it must have pumping length  $P = 7$  (say).

Let, the strings be accepted by finite state machine

$$\begin{aligned} S &= 0^p 10^p 1 \\ &= 0^7 10^7 1 \\ &= 0000000100000001 \end{aligned}$$

Dividing S into x, y and z we get,

$$S = \underbrace{00}_x \underbrace{00000}_y \underbrace{100000001}_z$$

Here, the above condition (ii) and (iii) are satisfied as

$$|y| \geq 0$$

$$|xy| = 7 \leq 7$$

Changing for condition 1

$$\begin{aligned} S &= xy^i z \quad \text{let, } i = 2 \\ &= xy^2 z \\ &= 00 \ 0000000000 \ 100000001 \end{aligned}$$

Here, , on pumping i.e.  $(xy^i z)$  the language doesn't follow pattern  $(0^p 10^p 1)$  (i.e. first half is equal to the second half). So none of the cases follow all 3 conditions of regular language as stated by pumping lemma. Therefore language A is not regular language.

State the pumping lemma for the regular languages. Show that the languages

$L = \{0^{n^2} \mid n \geq 1\}$  not regular example,

if  $x = 1, w = 0, n = 2, w = 0000, n = 3, w = 000000000$  [2074, Chaitra]

Pumping lemma states that if a language  $A$  is regular then it must have string  $|s| \geq P$  where  $P$  is pumping length and can be divided into  $xyz$  such that

(a)  $xy^iz \in A$  for some  $i$

(b)  $|y| > 0$

(c)  $|xy| \leq P$

Here, given language is  $L = \{0^{n^2} \mid n \geq 1\}$

To prove:  $L$  is not regular

Proof: Using pumping lemma

Let's assume language  $L$  is regular.

Then, it must have pumping length  $P$ .

Let  $P = 3$  (say)

Then, let  $s$  be the string accepted by finite automaton.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } s &= 0^{P^2} \\ &= 0^{3^2} \\ &= 0^9 \\ &= 000000000 \end{aligned}$$

Dividing  $s$  into  $x, y$  and  $z$  as

$$\underbrace{0}_x \quad \underbrace{00}_y \quad \underbrace{000000}_z$$

Checking for condition 1

$$\begin{aligned} s &= xy^iz = xy^2z & (i = 2 \text{ (say)}) \\ &= 0 \ 0000 \ 000000 \end{aligned}$$

Now,  $|s| = 11$

Here, no value of  $P$  (or  $n$ ) would give  $|s| = 1$  in other words, length of string  $s$  on being pumped is not perfect square which means it doesn't belong to language  $L$  so, condition 1 fails. Though, condition 2 and 3 are satisfied.

$$|y| = 2 > 0$$

$$|xy| = 3 \geq P$$

Since, condition 1 is failed, our assumption contradicts. That's why language  $L$  is not regular.



11. State pumping lemma for regular language. Use pumping lemma and prove that language  $L = \{w \mid w \in \{0, 1\}^* \text{ and } w \text{ has an equal number of 0's and 1's}\}$  is not regular. [2073 Chaitra]

For statement of pumping lemma for regular language, please see theory part.

**Proof:** Let, assume that language  $L$  is regular. Now, since it is regular, it must follow these conditions:

- (a)  $xy^iz \in L$  for every  $i \geq 0$
- (b)  $|y| > 0$
- (c)  $|xy| \leq P$  where  $P$  is pumping length

Let,  $S \in L = 01010101$  and  $P = 3$

Now, dividing  $S$  into  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ , we get

$\underbrace{0}_x \quad \underbrace{10}_y \quad \underbrace{10101}_z$

Here, the above condition (ii) and (iii) are satisfied as

$$|y| = 2 > 0$$

$$|xy| = 2 \leq 3$$

Now, checking for condition 1,

$$xy^iz$$

Let,  $i = 2$

$$xy^2z$$

$$= 01010 \ 10101$$

Then, no of 0's is not equal to number of 1's so, it doesn't belong to  $L$  and condition 1 fails. If any of the above condition fails, then our assumption is also false which means language  $L$  is not regular.

16. State pumping lemma, for regular language and use the theorem to prove that  $L = \{a^n b^{2n} : n \geq 1\}$  is not regular. [2073, Shrawan]

✎ If a language  $L$  is a regular language, then it must have a pumping length ' $P$ ' such that any string  $S \in L$  having length  $|S| \geq P$  can be divided into 3 parts such that following conditions are true.

(a)  $xy^iz$  for every  $i \geq 0$

(b)  $|y| > 0$

(c)  $|xy| \leq p$

Given,  $L = \{a^n b^{2n} : n \geq 1\}$

To prove:  $L$  is not regular

Proof: We prove it by contradiction using pumping lemma.

Let's assume language  $L$  is regular having pumping length ' $P$ '.

Let,  $S \in L = a^p b^{2p}$

Let,  $P = 4$  (say)

Then,  $S = a^4 b^8$

$= aaaabbbbbbbb$

Dividing  $S$  into  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ , we get

Case - I: When  $y$  contains  $m$  'y' 'a'

$S = \underbrace{aa}_x \underbrace{aa}_y \underbrace{bbbbbbbb}_z$

Checking for condition I

Let,  $i = 2$

$S = xy^2z$

$= aa aaaa bbbbbbbb$

$= a^6 b^8 \notin L$

Here, condition 1 fails as 'b' is not as twice as 'a'.

**Case - II:** Why y contains both kind of symbols 'a' and 'b' i.e.

$$S = \underbrace{aa}_x \underbrace{aaa}_y \underbrace{bbbbbbb}_z$$

Checking for condition I

$$\text{Let, } i = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= xy^2z \\ &= aa \text{ aab aab } bbbbbbb \notin L \end{aligned}$$

Again, condition 1 fails as it doesn't follow pattern

**Case - III:** When y contains only b's i.e.

$$S = \underbrace{aaaa}_x \underbrace{bbbb}_y \underbrace{bbbb}_z$$

Checking for condition I

$$\text{Let, } i = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= xy^2z \\ &= aaaa \text{ bbbbbbbbbbbb} \\ &= a^4 b^{12} \notin L \end{aligned}$$

Again, condition 1 fails

Here, in pumping (i.e.  $xy^iz$ ) doesn't follow condition 1. So, none of the cases follow all three condition of regular language as stated by pumping lemma. Therefore, language L is not regular language.

**18. Define pumping lemma for regular languages. Use pumping lemma for regular language to show  $L [ a^n b a^n \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots ]$  is not regular. [2072, Chaitra]**

✎ Pumping lemma states that if a language L is regular then it must have  $|s| \geq p$  where p is pumping length and s is the string,  $S \in L$  which can be divided into x, y and z parts such that following conditions are true.

- (1)  $xy^iz \in L$  for every  $i \geq 0$
- (2)  $|y| > 0$
- (3)  $|xy| \leq p$



**To prove:**  $L = \{a^n b a^n \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  is not regular.

**Proof:** Let's assume language  $L$  is regular. Then it must have pumping length ' $p$ '.

Let,  $S \in L = q^p b a^p$

Let,  $p = 3$

$S = a^3 b a^3$

$= aaabaaa$

Dividing  $S$  into  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ , we get

**Case - I:** When ' $y$ ' contains only ' $a$ '

$S = \underbrace{a}_x \underbrace{aa}_y \underbrace{baaa}_z$

Checking for condition I

Let,  $i = 2$

$S = xy^2z$

$= aaaaa baaa$

$= a^5 b a^3 \notin L$

So, condition 1 fails as the power of  $a$ 's at the start and end of the string are not equal.

**Case - II:** When  $y$  contains both symbol ' $a$ ' and ' $b$ '

$S = \underbrace{aa}_x \underbrace{ab}_y \underbrace{aaa}_z$

Checking for condition I

Let,  $i = 2$

$S = xy^2z$

$= aaababaaa \notin L$

So, condition 1 fails as it doesn't follow pattern  $a^n b a^n$ .

Hence, on pumping (i.e.  $xy^iz$ ), none of the cases follow all three conditions of regular language as stated by pumping lemma. Therefore, language  $L$  is not regular.

21. State pumping lemma for regular language. Use this lemma to prove language  $L : \{a^{n^2} : n \geq 0\}$  is not regular. [2071 Chaitra]

For statement of pumping lemma, see theory part.

Here, given language  $L = \{a^{n^2}, n \geq 0\}$

To prove:  $L$  is not regular

Proof: Let's assume language  $L$  is regular.

Then, it must have pumping length  $P$ .

Let,  $P = 3$  (say)

Then, let  $S$  be the string accepted by finite automata.

$$\text{i.e. } S = a^{P^2}$$

$$= a^{3^2}$$

$$= a^9$$

Dividing  $S$  into  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ , we get

$$S = \underbrace{a}_x \underbrace{aa}_y \underbrace{aaaaaa}_z$$

Now, checking for condition I

$$S = xy^iz$$

Let,  $i = 2$

$$S = xy^2z$$

$$= a \text{ aaaa aaaaaa}$$

Now,  $|S| = 11$

Here, no value of  $P$  (or  $n$ ) would give  $|S| = 11$  in other words, length of string  $S$  after being pumped is not perfect square which means it doesn't belong to language  $L$ .



26. State the pumping lemma for regular language show that the language  $L = \{a^n : n \text{ is prime}\}$  is not regular using the pumping lemma. [2072 Kartik, Back]

For statement of pumping lemma, see theory part.

To prove:  $L = \{a^n : n \text{ is a prime}\}$  is not a regular

**Proof:** Let's assume that language  $L$  is regular. Then, according to pumping lemma, it must follow these conditions.

$$(1) xy^iz \in L \text{ for every } i \geq 0$$

$$(2) |y| > 0$$

$$(3) |xy| \leq P$$

Since, language  $L$  is regular, it must have pumping length  $P$ .

Let  $P = 7$

Let,  $S \in L = a^P$

$$= a^7$$

$$= \text{aaaaaaa}$$

Dividing  $S$  into  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ , we get

$$S = \underbrace{a}_x \underbrace{aa}_y \underbrace{aaaa}_z$$

Checking for condition 1

Let  $i = 2$

Then,  $S = xy^2z$

$$= a \text{ aaaa aaaa}$$

$$= a^9 \notin L$$

Since, 9 is not a prime number. Therefore, on pumping i.e.  $xy^iz$ , condition 1 fails. Though condition (2) and (3) are satisfied.

$$|y| = 2 > 0$$

$$|xy| = 3 < 7$$

Here, assuming language  $L$  as regular language doesn't follow all three conditions of pumping lemma to be regular language. So, it contradicts our assumption. Therefore, language  $L$  is not regular.