

# CSC236 Exercise 4

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## 1 Question 1

Assume the contradiction:  $L_2$  is regular. Then  $\overline{L_2}$  is also regular by closure principle under complement. Also, since  $1, 0$  are regular,  $\mathcal{L}(0^*1^*)$  is also regular by closure principle under Kleene star and concatenation.

Let  $L' = \overline{L_2} \wedge \mathcal{L}(0^*1^*)$ . Note that  $L'$  is also regular by closure principle under intersection. Therefore, we know that:

$$\begin{aligned}w \in L' &\Leftrightarrow w \in \overline{L_2} \wedge w \in \mathcal{L}(0^*1^*) \\&\Leftrightarrow w = \{0^i1^i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\} \\&\Leftrightarrow w \in L_1\end{aligned}$$

That is,  $L' = L_1$ . But  $L_1$  is not regular, and this contradiction indicates our assumption is false. As such,  $L_2$  is non-regular. ■

## 2 Question 2

Assume the contradiction:  $L$  is regular. Then  $L$  must satisfy conditions in Pumping Lemma, i.e.  $\exists p \in \mathbb{N}^+, \forall w \in L, |w| \geq p$ , then condition (1)-(4) holds.

Let  $w = 1^{p^2}$ . Note that  $p^2$  is a perfect square and  $|w| \geq p$ . Assume  $w$  satisfy condition (1)-(3), i.e.  $\exists x, y, z, w = xyz, |xy| \leq p, |y| \geq 1$ .

Since  $w$  contains only 1's, we know that  $w = xyz = 1^r1^s1^t$ , where  $r + s + t = p^2, r + s \leq p$ , and  $s \geq 1$ . If we pumped  $y$  twice, called it  $\bar{w}$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned}|\bar{w}| &= r + 2s + t = p^2 + s \\p^2 &\leq p^2 + s \leq p^2 + p && (|y| \leq |xy| \leq p) \\&\leq (p + 1)^2\end{aligned}$$

Since  $p^2 + s$  is in between  $p^2$  and  $(p + 1)^2$ , it cannot be a perfect square. So  $\bar{w} \notin L$ , which fails the Pumping Lemma. This contradiction indicates that our assumption is false. As such,  $L$  is non-regular. ■