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**Automata Formal Languages & Logic**

**Homework**

1. Determine whether  $A = \{a^{2n} \mid n \geq 0\}$  is regular.
2. Let  $\Sigma = \{a,b\}$  and let  $D = \{w \mid w \text{ contains an equal number of occurrences of the substring } 01 \text{ and } 10\}$ . Thus  $101 \in D$  because 101 contains a single 01 and a single 10, but  $1010 \notin D$  because 1010 contains two 10s and only one 01. Show that D is a regular language.
3. Determine whether each of the following languages is regular.
  - a.  $\{a^n a^n a^n \mid n > 0\}$
  - b.  $\{www \mid w \in \{x,y,z\}^*, |w| < 10^{100}\}$
  - c.  $\{vw \mid v, w \in \{a,b\}^*\}$
  - d.  $\{ww \mid w \in \{a\}^*\}$
4. The pumping lemma says that every regular language has a pumping length  $p$ , such that every string in the language can be pumped if it has length  $p$  or more. If  $p$  is a pumping length for the language  $A$ , so is any length  $p' \geq p$ . The minimum pumping length for  $A$  is the smallest  $p$  that is a pumping length for  $A$ . For example, if  $A = 01^*$ , the minimum pumping length is 2. The reason is that the string  $s=0$  is in  $A$  and has length 1 yet  $s$  cannot be pumped, but any string in  $A$  of length 2 or more contain a 1 and hence can be pumped by dividing it so that  $x = 0$ ,  $y=1$  and  $z$  is the rest. For each of the following languages, give the minimum pumping length and justify your answer.
  - a.  $\epsilon$
  - b.  $\Sigma^*$
  - c.  $10(11^*0)^*0$
5. Are the following languages regular? Prove your results.
  - (a) same number of 0s and 1s
  - (b) same number of 01s and 10s
  - (c) same number of 00s and 11s
6. When using the pumping lemma, for which of the following we can make our own choices ( $\exists$ ), and for which of the following we have to consider *\*all\** cases ( $\forall$ )?
  - (a) pumping length  $p$
  - (b) string  $s$
  - (c) the decomposition  $s = xyz$



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- (d) the pumping factor  $i$
7. Use the pumping lemma to prove that they are not regular. (In (a) and (c), the alphabet is  $\{a, b\}$ .)
- (a)  $\{a^l b^m \mid l \leq m \leq 2l\}$ .
  - (b)  $\{ww \mid w \in \{0, 1\}^*\}$ .
  - (c)  $\{a^k b^l \mid k \text{ and } l \text{ are non-negative integers}\}$ .
8. Use the pumping lemma to show that the following languages are not regular.
- a)  $A = \{0^n 1^m 0^{n+m} : n, m \geq 0\}$
  - b)  $B = \{0^a 1^b 0^{a-b} : a, b \geq 0\}$