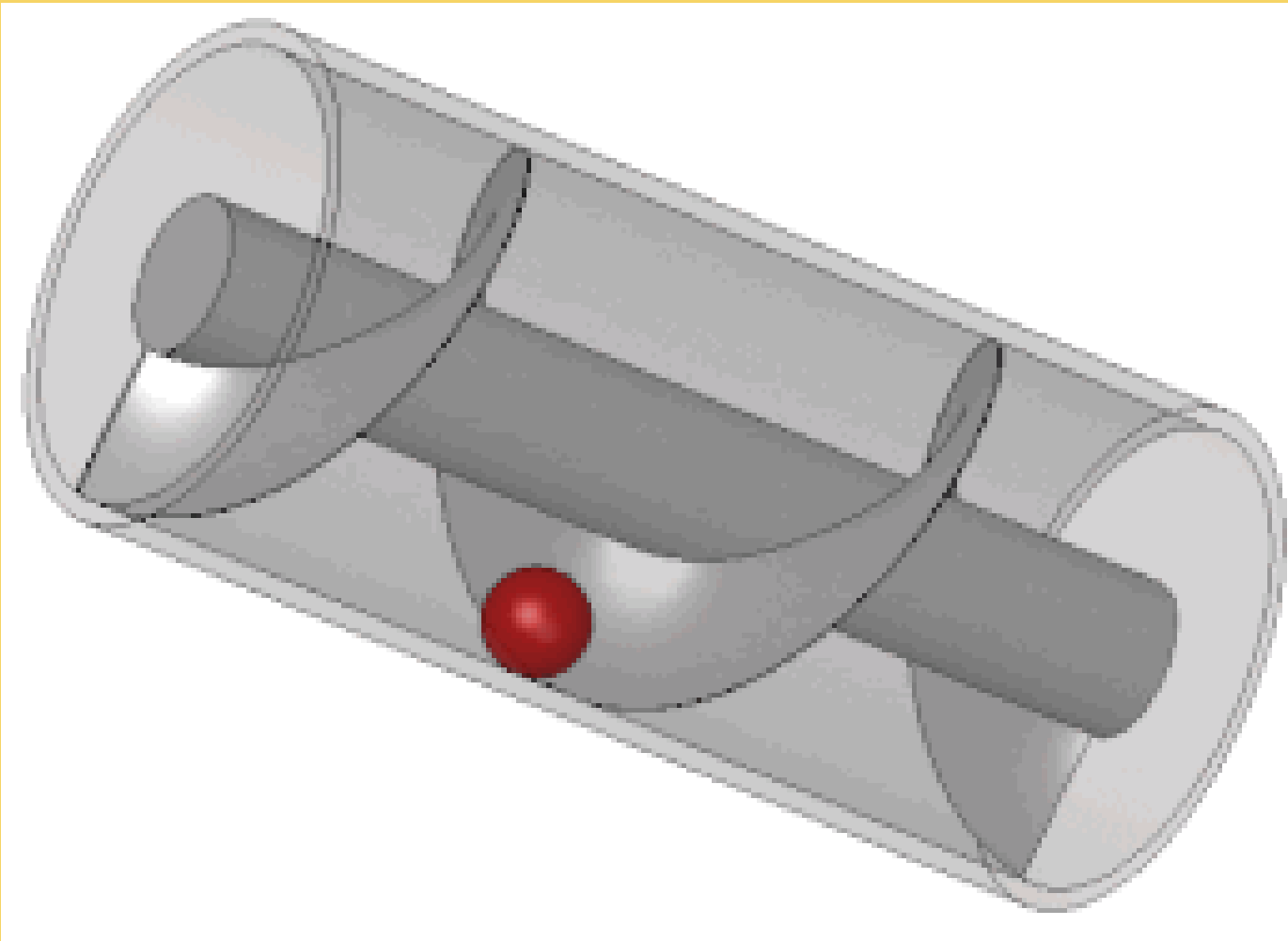


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Class 14:

Limitations of Regular Expression

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Definition 6.7 (Matching a regular expression)

Let e be a regular expression over the alphabet Σ . The function $\Phi_e : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ is defined as follows:

1. If $e = \sigma$ then $\Phi_e(x) = 1$ iff $x = \sigma$.
2. If $e = (e' | e'')$ then $\Phi_e(x) = \Phi_{e'}(x) \vee \Phi_{e''}(x)$ where \vee is the OR operator.
3. If $e = (e') (e'')$ then $\Phi_e(x) = 1$ iff there is some $x', x'' \in \Sigma^*$ such that x is the concatenation of x' and x'' and $\Phi_{e'}(x') = \Phi_{e''}(x'') = 1$.
4. If $e = (e')^*$ then $\Phi_e(x) = 1$ iff there is some $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and some $x_0, \dots, x_{k-1} \in \Sigma^*$ such that x is the concatenation $x_0 \cdots x_{k-1}$ and $\Phi_{e'}(x_i) = 1$ for every $i \in [k]$.
5. Finally, for the edge cases Φ_\emptyset is the constant zero function, and Φ_{ϵ} is the function that only outputs 1 on the empty string ϵ .

We say that a regular expression e over Σ *matches* a string $x \in \Sigma^*$ if $\Phi_e(x) = 1$.

Theorem:

Reg-Fun = DFA-Comp

Theorem 6.17 (DFA and regular expression equivalency)

Let $F : \{0, 1\}^ \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$. Then F is regular if and only if there exists a DFA (T, \mathcal{S}) that computes F .*

Recap: Regular Expressions \equiv Finite Automata

Definitions:

Reg-Fun: the set of all regular functions.

DFA-Comp: the set $\{f \mid f \text{ is computed by some DFA } M\}$

Theorem:

Reg-Fun = DFA-Comp

Recap: Regular Expressions \equiv Finite Automata

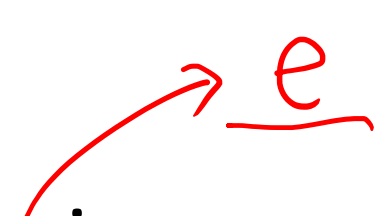
Interpretation:

For any $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$,
we have a regular expression e such that matches L iff
we have a DFA M such that matches L .

- Negate any regular expression
- OR any DFA

Limits of finite state computation

There is at least one non-regular function

- Proof:  *e string of 8 spec symb.*
- Reg-Fun is a countable set (why?) *DFA-Comp*
- Set of all functions (All-Fun) is uncountable (why?)
 $f: \{0,1\}^ \rightarrow \{0,1\}$*
- If $\text{All-Fun} \subseteq \text{Reg-Fun}$, then All-Fun would have been countable

Boolean Functions

Any “natural” languages that is not regular?

- By Reg-Fun = DFA-Comp,
Any regular function must be computable by a DFA
- Any DFA has constant “memory”, ie, num of states
- Find a function needs more than const mem

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accepts
Computes ~~A~~

$$y = 1$$

$\Rightarrow M$ acc:

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$$I^j I^{2j} I^{n-j-i} \cdot 0^n$$
$$j+2i + n - j - i = n + i > n$$


twice

OK

$$\Rightarrow \underline{j \geq 1}$$

~~states~~

Contra \square

Example $A = \{0^k 1^k : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$

Theorem: A is not regular

Proof:

Give it $00 \dots 0 \dots$ as inputs till a state q is repeated.

Let $x = 0^i, y = 0^j$ such that $j > 0$ and both x and $x \parallel y$ on q .

Consider $0^i 1^i$ and $0^{i+j} 1^i$.

Either both will be accepted,

Or both will be rejected.

Pumping Lemma

Let e be a regular expression over the alphabet of bits, $\{0,1\}$.

There is some number n_0 such that

for every $w \in \{0,1\}^*$ with $|w| > n_0$ and $\Phi_e(w) = 1$,
we can write $w = xyz$ for strings $x, y, z \in \{0,1\}^*$
satisfying the following conditions:

- $|y| \geq 1$
- $|xy| \leq n_0$
- $\Phi_e(x y^k z) = 1$ for every natural number k

Proof

$\forall e \exists \text{ DFA } M \text{ s.t. } \Phi_e(x) = M(x).$

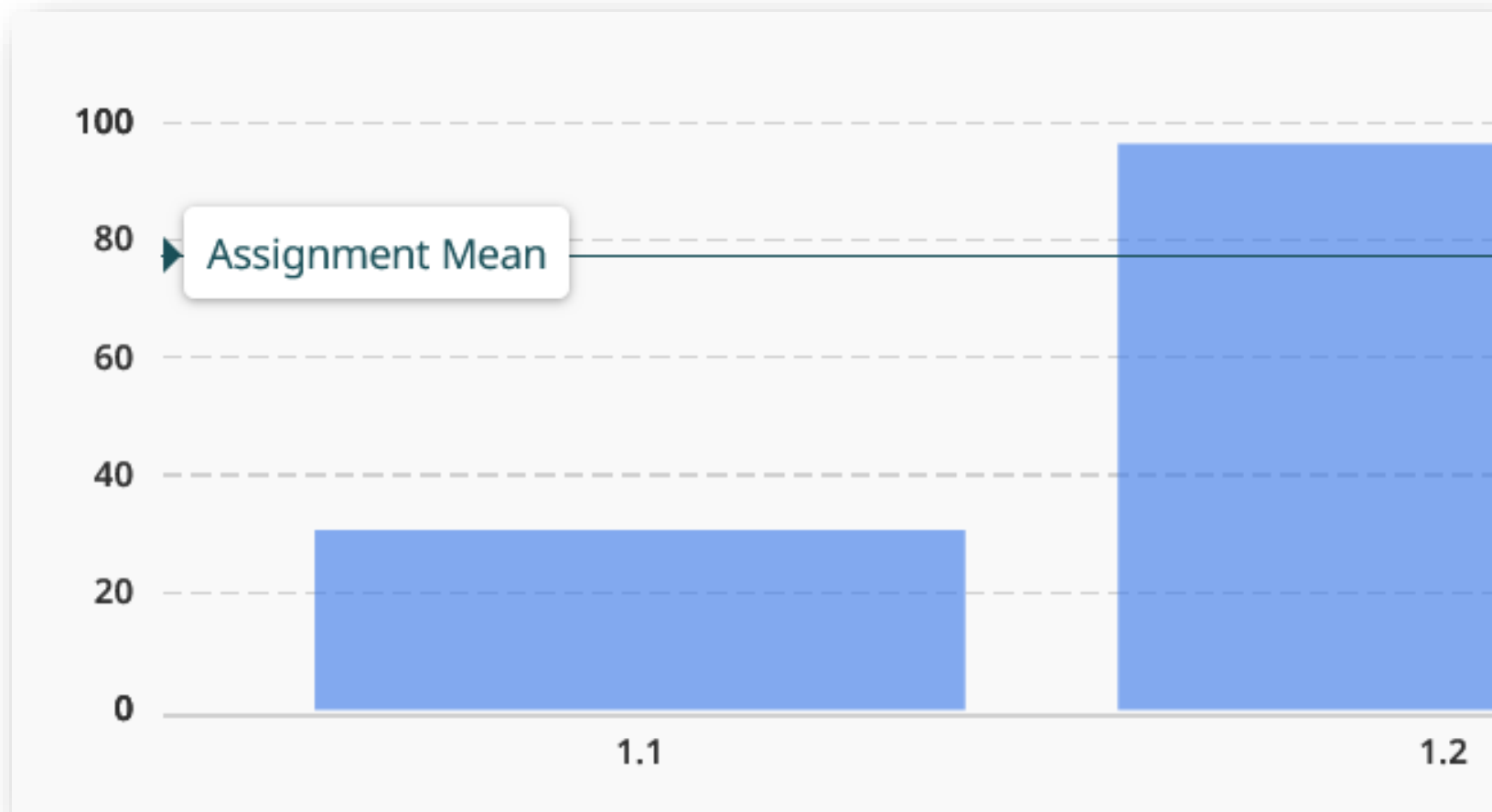
Look at ^{states} of M
num of \leftarrow -----

If M acc w s.t. $|w| > n_0$

Then w visits the same state \uparrow twice.

$w = xyz$ $\rightarrow y$
 $|y| \geq 1$

PRR6: Q1.1



What is asked?

Q1.1

2 Points

Notation: $n_0 = p$ and $w = s$

For every DFA M , there exists a length p and a string $s = xyz$ of length at least p such that satisfy the following:

- $M(s)$ accepts
- for each $i \geq 0$, $M(xy^iz)$ accepts
- $|y| > 0$
- $|xy| \leq p$

$w = 11011000$
 x y z

$y = ""$ $|y| = 0$

For all

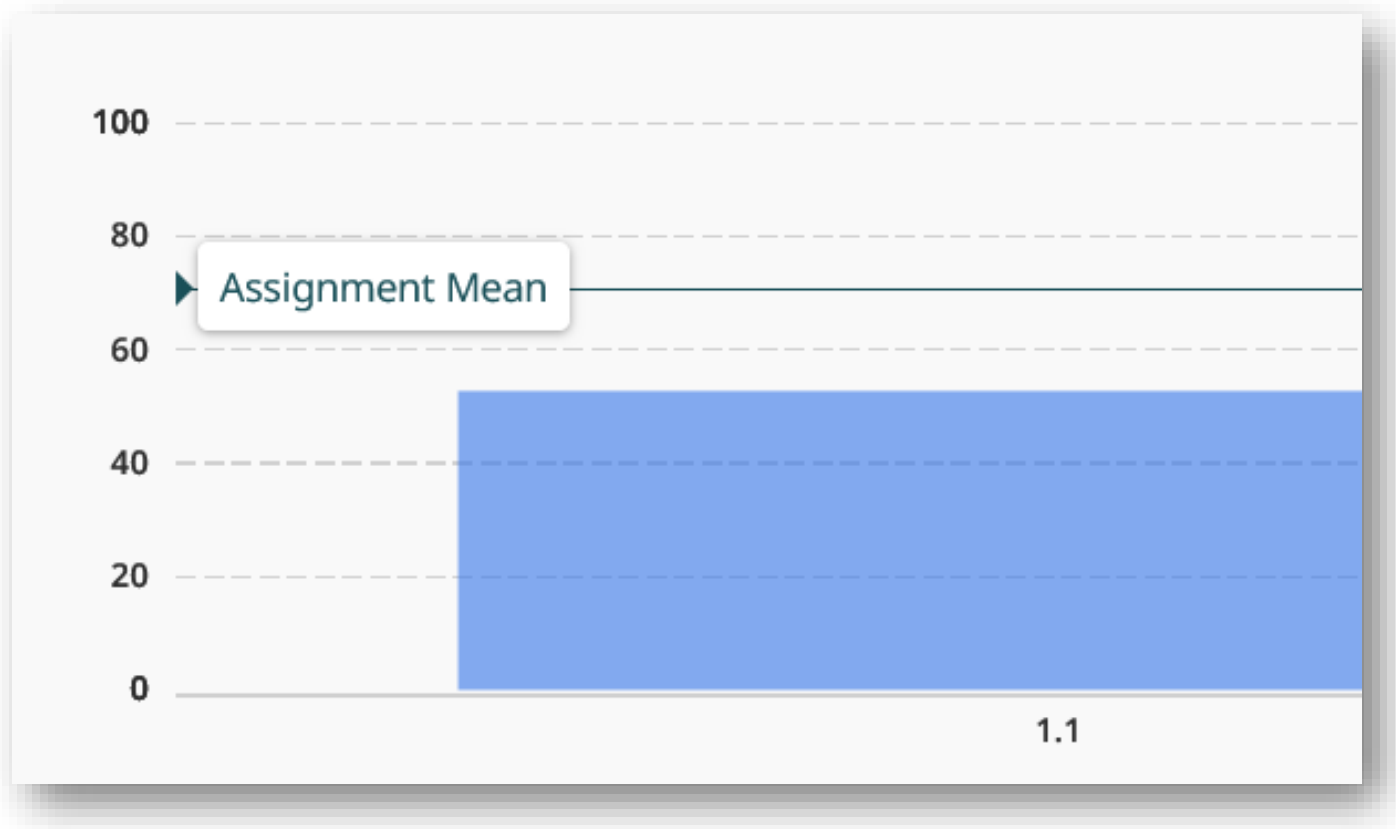
Consider M that accepts only the string "11011000".

What's n_0 and w ? NO

☐ Yes

☒ No

PRR7: Q1.1



What is asked?

Q1.1

5 Points

Let S be the set of binary strings such that S consists of strings that are exactly repeating 1s for $2n$ times for some natural number n .

Namely, {empty_string, 11, 1111, 111111, 11111111, ...} are the shortest strings in S for $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$. Equivalently and formally,

$$S = \{x \in \{0, 1\}^* : x = 1^{2n} \text{ for some natural number } n\}$$

Is S a regular language? Equivalently, is there a regular expression that matches strings in S ?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Regular expression: $(11)^*$
(Exercise: draw a DFA)

Intuition: this is just “counting to 2”
(which is finite)

Q1.2

5 Points

Let S be the set of binary strings such that S consists of strings that are exactly repeating 1s for 2^n times for some natural number n . Namely, 1, 11, 1111, 11111111, 1111111111111111, ... are the shortest strings in S for $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$. Equivalently and formally,

$$S = \{x \in \{0, 1\}^* : x = 1^{2^n} \text{ for some natural number } n\}$$

Is S a regular language? Equivalently, is there a regular expression that matches strings in S ?

NO.
How to prove it?

Not Regular: $S = \{x \in \{0,1\}^* : x = 1^{2^n} \text{ for some natural number } n\}$

Proof: Assume for contra, $\exists e$ s.t. matches S

$\exists n_0 \forall w$ s.t.

$w = xyz$

$w = 1^{2^n} = \underbrace{1 \dots 1}_{2^n}$

s.t. $2^n > n_0$
smallest

find x, y, z ?

choose k

$xy = 1^{n_0 - q}$

$xy^kz = 1^{2^n + (k-1)|y|}$
 $\neq 2^{n+1}$
 $xy^kz \in S?$

Let e be a regular expression over the alphabet of bits, $\{0,1\}$.

There is some number n_0 such that for every $w \in \{0,1\}^*$ with $|w| > n_0$ and $\Phi_e(w) = 1$, we can write $w = xyz$ for strings $x, y, z \in \{0,1\}^*$ satisfying the following conditions:

- $|y| \geq 1$
- $|xy| \leq n_0$
- $\Phi_e(xy^kz) = 1$ for every natural number k

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XOR is not Universal

Problem 2 *XOR is not universal.*

Prove that for every n -bit input circuit C that contains only XOR gates, as well as gates that compute the constant functions ZERO and ONE, C is affine or linear modulo two, in the sense that there exists some $a \in \{0, 1\}^n$ and $b \in \{0, 1\}$ such that for every $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$, $C(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i x_i + b \pmod{2}$.

Conclude that the set {XOR, ZERO, ONE} is not universal.

Two sub-questions:

1. Any XOR-circuit computes a linear function (mod 2)
2. Any linear function cannot compute NAND

Any XOR-circuit computes a linear function

Induction on circuit depth d .

Predicate, $P(d)$:

Any XOR-circuit of depth d computes a linear function

Base case: $P(0)$ holds by *no XOR, only input*

Inductive case: $P(d)$ holds, want $P(d+1)$

1. Let $K(x)$ be a $(d+1)$ -depth XOR circuit

2. $K(x) = \text{XOR}(K_1(x), K_2(x))$

3. K_1, K_2 depth d

4. $f_1(x), f_2(x)$ linear

5. $K(x) = \text{XOR}(f_1(x), f_2(x))$ linear



Any linear function cannot compute NAND

Let $f(x_1, x_2) = a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 \pmod{2}$

Want $\text{NAND}(x_1, x_2) = f(x_1, x_2)$ for all $x_1, x_2 \in \{0, 1\}$

Charge

Regular Expressions

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