More Applications of The Pumping Lemma

The Pumping Lemma: and show

For infinite context-free language L

there exists an integer m such that

for any string
$$w \in L$$
, $|w| \ge m$

we can write w = uvxyz

with lengths
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 and $|vy| \ge 1$

and it must be:

$$uv^ixv^iz \in L, \quad \text{for all } i \geq 0$$

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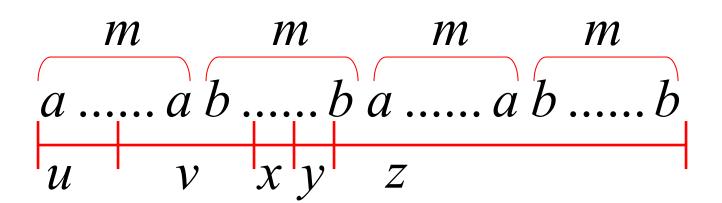
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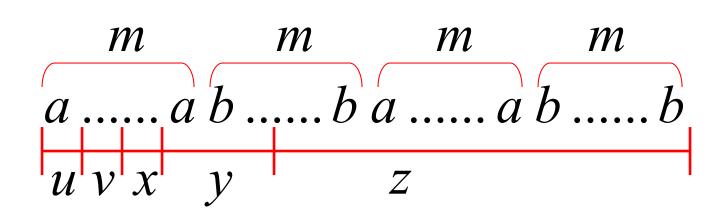
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Case 4: v in the first a^m y Overlaps the first a^mb^m

Analysis is similar to case 3



Other cases:
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Analysis is similar to case 1:

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Analysis is similar to cases 2,3,4:

$$a^m b^m a^m b^m$$

There are no other cases to consider

Since $|vxy| \le m$, it is impossible vxy to overlap: $a^m b^m a^m b^m$

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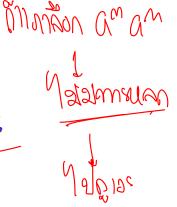
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$$m! + k \qquad k = k_1 + k_2$$

$$u \qquad v^2 \qquad x \qquad y^2 \qquad z$$

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$$1 \le k \le m$$

Since $1 \le k \le m$, for $m \ge 2$ we have:

$$m!+k \leq m!+m$$

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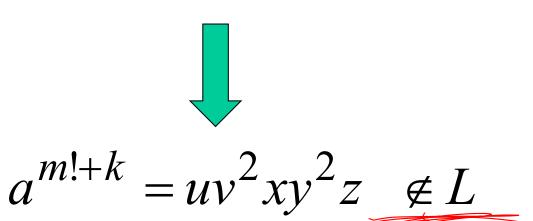
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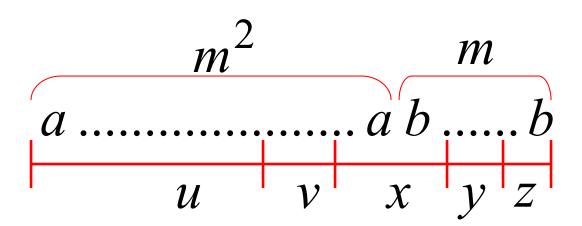
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Most complicated case:
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$$a = \begin{bmatrix} m^2 & m \\ a & ab & b \\ u & v & x & v & z \end{bmatrix}$$

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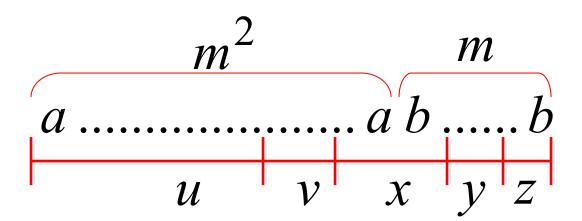
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Most complicated sub-case: $k_1 \neq 0$ and $k_2 \neq 0$

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$$k_{1} \neq 0 \text{ and } k_{2} \neq 0 \qquad 1 \leq k_{1} + k_{2} \leq m$$

$$(m-k_{2})^{2} \leq (m-1)^{2}$$

$$= m^{2} - 2m + 1$$

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$$m^{2} - k_{1} \neq (m-k_{2})^{2}$$

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When we examine the rest of the cases we also obtain a contradiction

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