

Assignment # 5.1

For each of the following, either show it is regular by producing a regular grammar that generates the language or prove it is not regular by using the Pumping Lemma or Myhill-Nerode. You must do at least two of these using the Pumping Lemma and at least two using Myhill-Nerode.

- a. $\{ a^{\text{Fib}(k)} \mid k > 0 \}$ This is $\{ a^1, a^1, a^2, a^3, a^5, a^8, a^{13}, a^{21}, \dots \}$
- b. $\{ a^i b^j c^k \mid i \geq 0, j \geq 0, k \geq 0, k = \min(i, j) \}$
- c. $\{ a^i b^j c^k \mid i \geq 0, j \geq 0, k \geq 0, j = i * k \}$
- d. $\{ a^i b^j c^k \mid i \geq 0, j \geq 0, k \geq 0, \text{if } i=1 \text{ then } j > k \}$
- e. $\{ w \mid w \in \{a, b\}^* \text{ and } w = w^R \}$ this is the set of palindromes. It contains strings like aa, abba, abaaba

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1a, $\{ a^{\text{Fib}(k)} \mid k > 0 \}$ using P.L.

1. Assume that L is regular
2. Let N be the positive integer given by the Pumping Lemma
3. Let s be a string $s = a^{\text{Fib}(N+3)} \in L$
4. Since $s \in L$ and $|s| \geq N$ ($\text{Fib}(N+3) > N$ in all cases; actually $\text{Fib}(N+2) > N$ as well), s is split by PL into xyz , where $|xy| \leq N$ and $|y| > 0$ and for all $i \geq 0$, $xy^iz \in L$
5. We choose $i = 2$; by PL: $xy^2z = xyyz \in L$
6. Thus, $a^{\text{Fib}(N+3)+|y|}$ would be $\in L$. This means that there is Fibonacci number between $\text{Fib}(N+3)$ and $\text{Fib}(N+3)+N$, but the smallest Fibonacci greater than $\text{Fib}(N+3)$ is $\text{Fib}(N+3)+\text{Fib}(N+2)$ and $\text{Fib}(N+2) > N$. This is a contradiction, therefore L is not regular ■
7. Note: Using values less than $N+3$ could be dangerous because N could be 1 and both $\text{Fib}(2)$ and $\text{Fib}(3)$ are within N (1) of $\text{Fib}(1)$.

1b, $\{ a^i b^j c^k \mid i \geq 0, j \geq 0, k \geq 0, k = \min(i, j) \}$ using P.L.

1. Assume that L is regular
2. Let N be the positive integer given by the Pumping Lemma
3. Let s be the string $s = a^N b^{N+1} c^N \in L$
4. Since $s \in L$ and $|s| \geq N$, s is split by PL into xyz , where $|xy| \leq N$ and $|y| > 0$ and for all $i \geq 0$, $xy^iz \in L$
5. We choose $i = 0$; by PL: $xz = xz \in L$
6. Thus, $a^{N-|y|} b^{N+1} c^N$ would be $\in L$, but it's not since $N-|y| < N < N+1$
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1c, $\{ a^i b^j c^k \mid i \geq 0, j \geq 0, k \geq 0, j = i * k \}$ using P.L.

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3. Let s be the string $s = a^N b^N c \in L$
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5. We choose $i = 0$; by PL: $xz = xz \in L$
6. Thus, $a^{N-|y|} b^N c$ would be $\in L$, but it's not since $(N-|y|) * 1 = N-|y| < N$.
7. This is a contradiction, therefore L is not regular ■

1d, $\{ a^i b^j c^k \mid i \geq 0, j \geq 0, k \geq 0, \text{ if } i=1 \text{ then } j>k \}$ using P.L.

1. This is one I would personally never choose to solve using the Pumping Lemma. Assume that L is regular. The problem is that, if I start with a single **a**, the PL might break my string up so $y=\mathbf{a}$ and now erasing it or increasing the number of **a**'s is meaningless because there is no constraint on **b**'s and **c**'s when there is no **a** or many **a**'s. Alternately, if I start with lots of **a**'s, I have to guarantee I can reduce these to precisely one **a**. So what's a person to do, other than apply Myhill-Nerode? Well, there is a way because L is regular iff L^R is regular, so we can prove L^R is non-regular.
2. Let N be the positive integer given by the Pumping Lemma as regards L^R
3. Let s be the string $s = c^N b^{N+1} a \in L$
4. Since $s \in L$ and $|s| \geq N$, s is split by PL into xyz, where $|xy| \leq N$ and $|y| > 0$ and for all $i \geq 0$, $xy^i z \in L$
5. We choose $i = 2$; by PL: $xz = xz \in L$
6. Thus, $c^{N+|y|} b^N a$ would be $\in L$, but it's not since $N+|y| \geq N+1$.
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We consider the collection of right invariant equivalence classes $[a^{\text{Fib}(j)}]$, $j > 2$.

It's clear that $a^{\text{Fib}(j)}a^{\text{Fib}(j+1)}$ is in the language, but $a^{\text{Fib}(k)}a^{\text{Fib}(j+1)}$ is not when $k > 2$ and $k \neq j$ and $k \neq j+2$

This shows that there is a separate equivalence class $[a^{\text{Fib}(j)}]$ induced by R_L , for each $j > 2$. Thus, the index of R_L is infinite and Myhill-Nerode states that L cannot be Regular. ■

1b, $\{ a^i b^j c^k \mid i \geq 0, j \geq 0, k \geq 0, k = \min(i, j) \}$ using M.N.

We consider the collection of right invariant equivalence classes $[a^j]$, $j \geq 0$.

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We consider the collection of right invariant equivalence classes $[a^j]$, $j \geq 0$.

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We consider the collection of right invariant equivalence classes $[ab^j]$, $j \geq 1$.

It's clear that $ab^j c^{j-1}$ is in the language, but $ab^m c^{j-1}$ is not when $m < j$

This shows that there is a separate equivalence class $[a^j]$ induced by R_L , for each $j \geq 1$.

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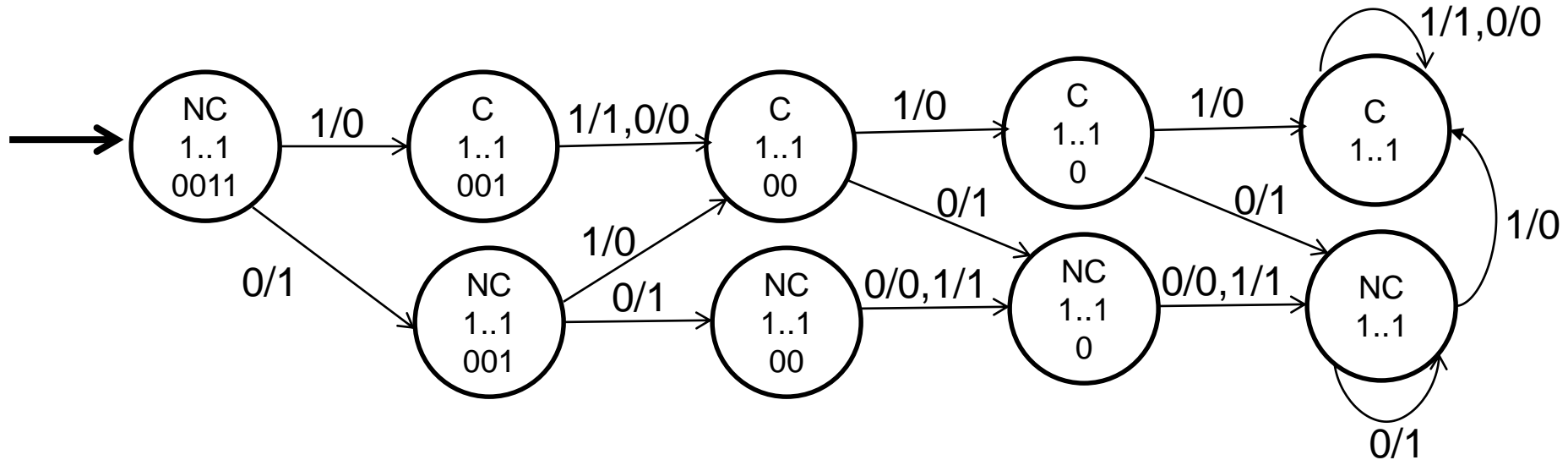
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Assignment # 5.2

Write a Mealy finite state machine that produces the 2's complement result of subtracting 1101 from a binary input stream (assuming at least 3 bits of input)

Answer



Assignment # 5.3

Write a regular (right linear) grammar that generates the set of strings denoted by the regular expression $((10)^+ (011 + 1)^+ (0+101)^+$

$G = (\{S, T, U\}, \{0, 1\}, R, S)$

R:

$S \rightarrow 10S \mid 10T \mid 0U \mid 101U \mid \lambda$

$T \rightarrow 011T \mid 1T \mid 011S \mid 1S$

$U \rightarrow 0U \mid 101U \mid \lambda$