



Applications of Pumping Lemma for Context-Free Languages

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The Pumping Lemma:

- For infinite context-free language L there exists an integer m such that for any string $w \in L$, $|w| \geq m$ we can write $w = uvxyz$ with lengths $|vxy| \leq m$ and $|vy| \geq 1$ and it must be:

$$uv^i xy^i z \in L, \text{ for all } i \geq 0$$

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Non-context free languages

$$\{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\} \quad \{vv : v \in \{a, b\}^*\}$$

Context-free languages

$$\{a^n b^n : n \geq 0\} \quad \{ww^R : w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$$

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Theorem: The language

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is **not** context free

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Costas Busch - RPI 7

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Pumping Lemma says:

$uv^i xy^i z \in L \quad \text{for all } i \geq 0$

Costas Busch - RPI 8

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We examine all the possible locations of string vxy in w

Costas Busch - RPI 9

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Case 1: vxy is within a^m

Costas Busch - RPI 10

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Case 1: v and y consist from only a

Costas Busch - RPI 11

$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$

$w = a^m b^m c^m$

$w = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$

Case 1: Repeating v and y

$k \geq 1$

Costas Busch - RPI 12

$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$

$w = a^m b^m c^m$
 $w = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$

Case 1: From Pumping Lemma: $uv^2xy^2z \in L$
 $k \geq 1$

$\overbrace{aaaaaa \dots aaaaaa}^{m+k} \overbrace{bbb \dots bbb}^m \overbrace{ccc \dots ccc}^m$
 $\underbrace{\hspace{1.5em}}_u \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5em}}_{v^2xy^2} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5em}}_z$

Costas Busch - RPI 13

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However: $uv^2xy^2z = a^{m+k} b^m c^m \notin L$

Contradiction!!!

Costas Busch - RPI 14

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Case 2: vxy is within b^m

$\overbrace{aaa \dots aaa}^m \overbrace{bbb \dots bbb}^m \overbrace{ccc \dots ccc}^m$
 $\underbrace{\hspace{1.5em}}_u \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5em}}_{vxy} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5em}}_z$

Costas Busch - RPI 15

$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$

$w = a^m b^m c^m$
 $w = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$

Case 2: Similar analysis with case 1

$\overbrace{aaa \dots aaa}^m \overbrace{bbb \dots bbb}^m \overbrace{ccc \dots ccc}^m$
 $\underbrace{\hspace{1.5em}}_u \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5em}}_{vxy} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5em}}_z$

Costas Busch - RPI 16

$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$

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 $w = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$

Case 3: vxy is within c^m

$\overbrace{aaa \dots aaa}^m \overbrace{bbb \dots bbb}^m \overbrace{ccc \dots ccc}^m$
 $\underbrace{\hspace{1.5em}}_u \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5em}}_{vxy} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5em}}_z$

Costas Busch - RPI 17

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Costas Busch - RPI 18

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Case 4: vxy overlaps a^m and b^m

Costas Busch - RPI 19

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Case 4: Possibility 1: v contains only a
 y contains only b

Costas Busch - RPI 20

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$w = a^m b^m c^m$
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Case 4: Possibility 1: v contains only a
 y contains only b

$k_1 + k_2 \geq 1$

Costas Busch - RPI 21

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Case 4: From Pumping Lemma: $uv^2xy^2z \in L$

$k_1 + k_2 \geq 1$

Costas Busch - RPI 22

$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$

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Case 4: From Pumping Lemma: $uv^2xy^2z \in L$

$k_1 + k_2 \geq 1$

However: $uv^2xy^2z = a^{m+k_1} b^{m+k_2} c^m \notin L$

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Costas Busch - RPI 23

$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$

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Case 4: Possibility 2: v contains a and b
 y contains only b

Costas Busch - RPI 24

$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$

$w = a^m b^m c^m$
 $w = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$

Case 4: Possibility 2: v contains a and b
 $k_1 + k_2 + k \geq 1$ y contains only b

$\overbrace{aaa \dots aaaa}^m \overbrace{abbaabb}^{k_1 k_2} \overbrace{bbbbbb \dots bbb}^{m+k} \overbrace{ccc \dots ccc}^m$
 $u \qquad \qquad \qquad v^2 xy^2 \qquad \qquad \qquad z$

Costas Busch - RPI 25

$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$

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 $w = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$

Case 4: From Pumping Lemma: $uv^2 xy^2 z \in L$
 $k_1 + k_2 + k \geq 1$

$\overbrace{aaa \dots aaaa}^m \overbrace{abbaabb}^{k_1 k_2} \overbrace{bbbbbb \dots bbb}^{m+k} \overbrace{ccc \dots ccc}^m$
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Costas Busch - RPI 26

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 $w = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$

Case 4: From Pumping Lemma: $uv^2 xy^2 z \in L$

However: $k_1 + k_2 + k \geq 1$

$uv^2 xy^2 z = a^m b^{k_1} a^{k_2} b^{m+k} c^m \notin L$

Contradiction!!!

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Case 4: Possibility 3: v contains only a
 y contains a and b

$\overbrace{aaa \dots aaa}^m \overbrace{bbb \dots bbb}^m \overbrace{ccc \dots ccc}^m$
 $u \quad vxy \quad z$

Costas Busch - RPI 28

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 $w = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$

Case 4: Possibility 3: v contains only a
 y contains a and b

Similar analysis with Possibility 2

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Case 5: vxy overlaps b^m and c^m

$\overbrace{aaa \dots aaa}^m \overbrace{bbb \dots bbb}^m \overbrace{ccc \dots ccc}^m$
 $u \quad \quad \quad vxy \quad \quad \quad z$

Costas Busch - RPI 30

$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$

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 $w = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$

Case 5: Similar analysis with case 4

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There are no other cases to consider

(since $|vxy| \leq m$, string vxy cannot overlap a^m , b^m and c^m at the same time)

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We examine all the possible locations of string vxy in $a^m b^m a^m b^m$

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Costas Busch 41

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Case 2: v is in the first a^m
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Case 3: v overlaps the first $a^m b^m$
 y is in the first b^m

$v = a^{k_1} b^{k_2} \quad y = b^{k_3} \quad k_1, k_2 \geq 1$

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$k_1, k_2 \geq 1$

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$a^m b^{k_2} a^{k_1} b^{k_3} a^m b^m = uv^2 xy^2 z \notin L$

However, from Pumping Lemma: $uv^2 xy^2 z \in L$

Contradiction!!!

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$L = \{vv : v \in \{a,b\}^*\}$
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Case 4: v in the first a^m
 y overlaps the first $a^m b^m$

Analysis is similar to case 3

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Other cases: vxy is within $a^m b^m a^m b^m$

or

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

or

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

Analysis is similar to case 1:

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

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More cases: vxy overlaps $a^m b^m a^m b^m$

or

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

Analysis is similar to cases 2,3,4:

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

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There are no other cases to consider

Since $|vxy| \leq m$, it is impossible vxy to overlap:

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

nor

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

nor

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

Costas Busch 54

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 $\{a^{n!} : n \geq 0\}$

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Costas Busch

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Pick any string of L with length at least m

we pick: $a^{m!} \in L$

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We can write: $a^{m!} = uvxyz$

with lengths $|vxy| \leq m$ and $|vy| \geq 1$

Pumping Lemma says:

$uv^i xy^i z \in L$ for all $i \geq 0$

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$L = \{a^{n!} : n \geq 0\}$

$a^{m!} = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$

We examine all the possible locations of string vxy in $a^{m!}$

There is only one case to consider

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$L = \{a^{n!} : n \geq 0\}$

$a^{m!} = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$

$v = a^{k_1} \quad y = a^{k_2} \quad 1 \leq k_1 + k_2 \leq m$

Costas Busch 62

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Costas Busch 63

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$L = \{a^{n!} : n \geq 0\}$

$a^{m!} = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$

$a^{m!+k} = uv^2xy^2z$

$1 \leq k \leq m$

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Since $1 \leq k \leq m$, for $m \geq 2$ we have:


$$\begin{aligned}
 m!+k &\leq m!+m \\
 &< m!+m!m \\
 &= m!(1+m) \\
 &= (m+1)!
 \end{aligned}$$

$m! < m!+k < (m+1)!$

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$m! < m! + k < (m+1)!$



$a^{m!+k} = uv^2xy^2z \notin L$

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However, from Pumping Lemma: $uv^2xy^2z \in L$

$a^{m!+k} = uv^2xy^2z \notin L$

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Costas Busch 68

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$\{a^{n^2} b^n : n \geq 0\}$ $\{a^{n!} : n \geq 0\}$

Context-free languages

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Costas Busch 73

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$L = \{a^{n^2} b^n : n \geq 0\}$

$a^{m^2} b^m = uvxyz$ $|vxy| \leq m$ $|vy| \geq 1$

We examine all the possible locations of string vxy in $a^{m^2} b^m$

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$L = \{a^{n^2} b^n : n \geq 0\}$

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Most complicated case: v is in a^m
 y is in b^m

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$L = \{a^{n^2} b^n : n \geq 0\}$

$a^{m^2} b^m = uvxyz$ $|vxy| \leq m$ $|vy| \geq 1$

$v = a^{k_1}$ $y = b^{k_2}$ $1 \leq k_1 + k_2 \leq m$

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$L = \{a^{n^2} b^n : n \geq 0\}$

$a^{m^2} b^m = uvxyz$ $|vxy| \leq m$ $|vy| \geq 1$

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

$v = a^{k_1}$ $y = b^{k_2}$ $1 \leq k_1 + k_2 \leq m$

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$L = \{a^{n^2} b^n : n \geq 0\}$

$a^{m^2} b^m = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$

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

$v = a^{k_1} \quad y = b^{k_2} \quad 1 \leq k_1 + k_2 \leq m$

A diagram showing the string $a^{m^2-k_1} b^{m-k_2}$. A red bracket labeled u spans the first k_1 'a's. A red bracket labeled v^0 spans the next k_2 'b's. A red bracket labeled x spans the next k_2 'b's. A red bracket labeled y^0 spans the next k_2 'b's. A red bracket labeled z spans the remaining 'b's.

Costas Busch 79

$L = \{a^{n^2} b^n : n \geq 0\}$

$a^{m^2} b^m = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$

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

$v = a^{k_1} \quad y = b^{k_2} \quad 1 \leq k_1 + k_2 \leq m$

$a^{m^2-k_1} b^{m-k_2} = uv^0 xy^0 z$

Costas Busch 80

$k_1 \neq 0$ and $k_2 \neq 0 \quad 1 \leq k_1 + k_2 \leq m$

↓

$(m-k_2)^2 \leq (m-1)^2$

$= m^2 - 2m + 1$

$< m^2 - k_1$

↓

$m^2 - k_1 \neq (m-k_2)^2$

Costas Busch 81

$L = \{a^{n^2} b^n : n \geq 0\}$

$a^{m^2} b^m = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$

$m^2 - k_1 \neq (m-k_2)^2$

↓

$a^{m^2-k_1} b^{m-k_2} = uv^0 xy^0 z \notin L$

Costas Busch 82

$L = \{a^{n^2} b^n : n \geq 0\}$

$a^{m^2} b^m = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$

However, from Pumping Lemma: $uv^0 xy^0 z \in L$

$a^{m^2-k_1} b^{m-k_2} = uv^0 xy^0 z \notin L$

Contradiction!!!

Costas Busch 83

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

Costas Busch 84

In all cases we obtained a **contradiction**

Therefore: The original assumption that

$$L = \{a^{n^2} b^n : n \geq 0\}$$

is context-free must be wrong

Conclusion: L is not context-free