

# Pumping Lemma: Regular Languages

If  $A$  is a regular language,  
then there is a pumping length  $p$  st  
if  $s \in A$  with  $|s| \geq p$  then we can write  $s = xyz$   
so that

- $\forall i \geq 0 \ xy^i z \in A$
- $|y| > 0$
- $|xy| \leq p$

# To prove $A$ is *not* regular using the Pumping Lemma

1. Suppose  $A$  is regular
2. Call its pumping length  $p$
3. Find string  $s \in A$  with  $|s| \geq p$
4. The pumping lemma says that for *some* split  $s = xyz$  all the following conditions hold
  - $\forall i \geq 0 \ xy^i z \in A$
  - $|y| > 0$
  - $|xy| \leq p$
5. Goal: Find a string that violates the lemma

# Pumping Lemma: Context Free Languages

If  $A$  is a context free language  
then there is a pumping length  $p$  st  
if  $s \in A$  with  $|s| \geq p$

then we can write  $s = uvxyz$  so that

- $\forall i \geq 0 \ uv^ixy^iz \in A$
- $|vy| > 0$
- $|vxy| \leq p$

# To prove $A$ is *not* context free using the Pumping Lemma

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2. Call its pumping length  $p$
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4. The pumping lemma says that for *some* split  $s = uvxyz$  all the following conditions hold
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# To prove $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 0\}$ is *not* context free using the Pumping Lemma

1. Suppose  $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  is context free
2. Call its pumping length  $p$
3. Find string  $s \in A$  with  $|s| \geq p$ . Let  $s = a^p b^p c^p$
4. The pumping lemma says that for *some* split  $s = uvxyz$  all the following conditions hold
  - $\forall i \geq 0 \ uv^i x y^i z \in A$
  - $|vy| > 0$
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- Suppose  $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  is context free.
- Let  $s = a^p b^p c^p$
- The pumping lemma says that for *some* split  $s = uvxyz$  all the following conditions hold
  - $|vy| > 0$
  - $uvvxyyz \in A$

Case 1: both  $v$  and  $y$  contain at most one type of symbol

Case 2: either  $v$  or  $y$  contain more than one type of symbol

To prove  $\{a^i b^j c^k \mid 0 \leq i \leq j \leq k\}$  is *not* context free using the Pumping Lemma

1. Suppose  $\{a^i b^j c^k \mid 0 \leq i \leq j \leq k\}$  is context free
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  - $uvvxyyz \in A$
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To prove  $\{a^i b^j c^k \mid 0 \leq i \leq j \leq k\}$  is *not* context free using the Pumping Lemma

- Let  $s = a^p b^p c^p$
- *some* split  $s = uvxyz$
- $|vy| > 0$

**Case 1: both v and y contain at most one type of symbol**

(i) a's not included  $\Rightarrow uxz \notin A$

(ii) b's not included

(i) a's included  $\Rightarrow uvvxyyz \notin A$

(ii) c's included  $\Rightarrow uxz \notin A$

(iii) c's not included

(i) a's included  $\Rightarrow uvvxyyz \notin A$

(ii) b's included  $\Rightarrow uvvxyyz \notin A$