

$$L = \{a^q \mid q, a \text{ prime number}\}$$

Demon picks pumping length  $p$

I pick  $a^n$  where  $n > p$  &  $n$  is a prime

Demon has to pick  $y = a^k$  where  $0 < k \leq p$ .

I choose  $i > 1$  exact value is deferred

New string is  $y = a^{n+(i-1)k}$

so pick  $i = n+1$   $y = a^{n+nk} = a^{n(k+1)}$

$n(k+1)$  is definitely not a prime number.

$L = \{a^n b^m \mid n \neq m\}$  hard to do with pumping  
&  $\bar{L}$  is a mess

but  $\bar{L} \cap a^* b^* = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  and we know

this is not regular

$$L = \{a^i b^j \mid i > j\}$$

Demon picks  $p$

I pick  $a^p b^{p-1}$

Demon is forced to pick  $y = a^k$ ,  $0 < k \leq p$ .

I choose  $i = 0$

The new string is  $a^{p-k} b^{p-1}$

$p-k$  is not strictly greater than  $p-1$ .

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1, +, =\}$$

$L = \{x+y=z \mid x, y, z \in \{0, 1\}^* \text{ \& the equation is valid}\}$

Demon picks  $p$

I pick  $\underbrace{11\dots 1}_p + 0 = \underbrace{11\dots 1}_p$

Now demon has to pick  $y$  in the leading block of 1's

I can choose any  $i \neq 1$  to win.

$L = \{a^i b^j \mid \gcd(i, j) = 1\}$ . We will show  $\bar{L}$  is not regular.  
 $\bar{L} = \bar{L} / a^i$

Demon chooses  $p$

I choose  $q > p+1$  such that  $q$  is a prime number.

My chosen string is  $a^q b^q \in \bar{L}$ .

Demon is forced to choose  $y = a^k$   $0 < k \leq p$ .

I pump "down" i.e. choose  $i=0$  so now

$$xz = a^{q-k} b^q$$

Note  $q-k > (p+1)-k > 0$  in fact  $> 1$

So  $\gcd(q-k, q) = 1$  hence

$xz \notin \bar{L}$ . Thus  $\bar{L}$  is not regular so  $L$  is not regular.

$$\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$$

$$L = \{x c y \mid x, y \in (a+b)^*, \#_a(x) = \#_b(y)\}$$

Demon chooses  $p$

I choose  $a^p c b^p$

Demon is forced to choose  $y = a^k$   $0 < k \leq p$

I choose  $i=2$

$$xy^2z = a^{p+k} c b^p \notin L.$$

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$$

Given  $X \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  we define

$$\text{unary}(X) = \{1^n \mid n \in X\}$$

$$\text{binary}(X) = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ interpreted as a binary number } \in X\}.$$

If  $\text{binary}(X)$  is regular does it mean  $\text{unary}(X)$  is regular?

NO! Consider  $X = \{2^n \mid n \geq 0\}$ .

$$\text{binary}(X) = 0^* 1 0^*$$

$$\text{unary}(X) = \{1^n \mid n = 2^m \text{ for some } m\}.$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$\{\omega \in \Sigma^* \mid \#_a(\omega) \neq \#_b(\omega)\}$$

Demon picks  $p$   
I pick  $a^p b^{p+1}$

Demon is forced to pick  $y = a^k; p \geq k > 0$ .

I pick  $i = (p!/k) + 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} xy^i z &= a^{p+(i-1)k} b^{p+1+p} \\ &= a^{p+p!} b^{p+1+p} \notin L. \end{aligned}$$

However, this is a clever arithmetic trick.

Here is a simpler way:

$\{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  is not regular.

$$\bar{L} \cap a^* b^* = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$

Hence  $\bar{L}$  is not regular so  $L$  is not regular.

If  $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  we define unary( $S$ ) =  $\{1^n \mid n \in S\}$  &  
binary( $S$ ) =  $\{\omega \in \{0,1\}^* \mid \omega \text{ read as a binary number} \in S\}$ .

If binary( $S$ ) is regular does unary( $S$ ) have to be regular?

No!  $S = \{2^n \mid n \geq 1\}$

binary( $S$ ) =  $100^*$  so clearly regular.

unary( $S$ ) is not regular

Demon picks  $p$

I pick  $1^{2^p}$

Demon picks  $x, y, z$  s.t.  $|xy| \leq p$ ,  $|y| > 0$  &  $xyz = 1^{2^p}$

so  $k := |y| \leq p < 2^p$

I Pick  $i = 2$   $xy^2z = 1^{2^p+k}$

$$2^p < 2^p+k \leq 2^p+p < 2^p+2^p = 2^{p+1}$$

so the <sup>length of the</sup> new string is strictly between two consecutive powers of 2 & hence cannot be a power of 2.