

Problem type 1:

Provide a infinite fooling set for the following problem:

(See variants below)

You must show why it is a fooling set (mainly by showing that for any two elements in the fooling set, there is a suffix that makes them distinguishable). Assume $\Sigma = (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1})$

a. **BYB**

$$L = \{\mathbf{0}^a \mathbf{1}^a \mathbf{0}^a \mid a \geq 0\}$$

Solution: Multiple correct answers, but one possible one is: $F = \{\mathbf{0}^i \mid i \geq 0\}$. For any two strings in this language: $x = \mathbf{0}^i$, $y = \mathbf{0}^j$, (where $i \neq j$) there exists a suffix $z = \mathbf{1}^i \mathbf{0}^i$, for which $xz \in L$ and $yz \notin L$. ■

b. **BYA**

$$L = \{\mathbf{0}^a \mathbf{1} \mathbf{0}^b \mid 0 \leq a \leq b\}$$

Solution: Multiple correct answers, but one possible one is: $F = \{\mathbf{0}^i \mid i \geq 0\}$. For any two strings in this language: $x = \mathbf{0}^i$, $y = \mathbf{0}^j$ (where $i \leq j$), there exists a suffix $z = \mathbf{1} \mathbf{0}^i$, for which $xz \in L$ and $yz \notin L$. ■

c. **BYC**

$$L = \{\mathbf{0}^a \mathbf{1}^b \mathbf{0}^c \mathbf{1}^d \mid a + c = b + d\}$$

Solution: Multiple correct answers, but one possible one is: $F = \{\mathbf{0}^i \mathbf{1}^i \mathbf{0}^i \mid i \geq 0\}$. For any two strings in this language: $x = \mathbf{0}^i \mathbf{1}^i \mathbf{0}^i$, $y = \mathbf{0}^j \mathbf{1}^j \mathbf{0}^j$ (where $i \neq j$), there exists a suffix $z = \mathbf{1}^i$, for which $xz \in L$ and $yz \notin L$. ■

d. **BYG**

$$L = \{w \mathbf{1} w \mid w \in \Sigma^*\}$$

Solution: Multiple correct answers, but one possible one is: $F = \{\mathbf{0}^i\}$. For any two strings in this language: $x = \mathbf{0}^i$, $y = \mathbf{0}^j$ (where $i \neq j$), there exists a suffix $z = \mathbf{1} \mathbf{0}^i$, for which $xz \in L$ and $yz \notin L$. ■

Problem type 2:

For the following language, please state whether it is *regular*, or *not regular*.

(See variants below)

If the language is regular prove it by writing down a regex/DFA/NFA that represents the language. If the language is not regular, provide a infinite fooling set. You must show why it is a fooling set (mainly by showing that for any two elements in the fooling set, there is a suffix that makes them distinguishable). Assume $\Sigma = (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1})$.

a. BYF

$$L = \{\mathbf{0}^a \mathbf{0}^b \mid 0 \leq a \leq b\}$$

Solution: Well despite how it is written, the two runs of $\mathbf{0}$'s can combine. This language is effectively all runs of $\mathbf{0}$'s and can be represented by the regex $r = \mathbf{0}^*$ ■

b. BYH

$$L = \{xw \mid x, w \in \Sigma^* \text{ and } x \neq w\}$$

Solution: This one is very similar to the Part 2 questions in Lab 5. In this case, it is tempting to go with not regular because you have two strings and a conditional between them. But wait! These two strings are right next to each other and whatever string is inputted into L , let's say the input is $\mathbf{0101}$, this can be part of the language if $x = \mathbf{0101}$ and $w = \epsilon$. Using this logic, the only string that isn't accepted by L is ϵ because in that case, both x and w would have to be equal to the empty string.

Knowing this, we can formulate the regex that describes this language as: $(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{1})^+$. ■

c. BYE

$$L = \{w\mathbf{1}x \mid w, x \in \Sigma^* \text{ and } w \neq x\}$$

Solution: This one is very close to the prior question, but in this case, we have a delimiter separating x and w and that pesky $\mathbf{1}$ makes all this difference and makes this a non regular language.

Multiple correct answers, but one possible one is: $F = \{\mathbf{0}^i\}$. For any two strings in this language: $x = \mathbf{0}^i$, $y = \mathbf{0}^j$ (where $i \neq j$), there exists a suffix $z = \mathbf{10}^i$, for which $xz \notin L$ and $yz \in L$. ■

d. BYD

$$L = \{\mathbf{0}^a \mathbf{10}^b \mid 0 \leq a \leq b\}$$

Solution: This one is very close to the prior question, but in this case, we have a delimiter separating $\mathbf{0}^a$ and $\mathbf{0}^b$ and that pesky $\mathbf{1}$ makes all this difference and makes this a non regular language.

Multiple correct answers, but one possible one is: $F = \{\mathbf{0}^i\}$. For any two strings in this language: $x = \mathbf{0}^i$, $y = \mathbf{0}^j$ (where $i < j$), there exists a suffix $z = \mathbf{10}^i$, for which

$xz \notin L$ and $yz \in L$.

