

Let's prove that

$L = \{ "x+y=z" \mid x, y, z \in \{0,1\}^*, \text{ and satisfy the equation} \}$

is not context-free.

Let's pick $s = "1^{p+1} = 1^p + 10^p"$ as string.
Clearly, $|s| \geq p$.

Also, it should be clear that $s \in L$.

Take this three instantiations as an example:

$$1. (p=1) \quad \overbrace{11}^3 = \overbrace{1}^1 + \overbrace{10}^2$$

$$2. (p=2) \quad \overbrace{111}^7 = \overbrace{11}^3 + \overbrace{100}^4$$

$$3. (p=3) \quad \overbrace{1111}^{15} = \overbrace{111}^7 + \overbrace{1000}^8$$

Let's think now about all the ways we could split s into $uvxyz$ s.t. all the conditions of the tandem pumping lemma apply.

Let's keep it mind 2 things:

- 1) $|vxy| \leq p$; and
- 2) $uv^ixy^iz \in L, \forall i \geq 0$.

Clearly, we see that if the "vxy" part is entirely contained in the left-hand side (LHS) or right-hand side (RHS) of the equation, then the equation cannot be valid anymore as we start repeating the v and y parts.

So that means, the vxy part must be "in the middle". Also we need to keep in mind that we can only have one "=".

So we end up with split like this

$$\overbrace{11\dots 1}^{p+1} \underset{P}{=} \overbrace{11\dots 1}^{P} + \overbrace{10000}^{p+1}$$

Given $|vxy| \leq p$ and the x part being necessarily "x". We have that the v and y parts will have a length of $(p-1)/2$

$$(p-1)/2 \quad | \quad (p-1)/2$$

$$\frac{11\dots \boxed{1} \dots 1}{p+1} = \frac{\overbrace{11\dots 1}^y}{p} + \frac{10\dots 0}{p+1}$$

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Depending on the value of p , we see that α and y , either:

- will take the same length, if p is odd
- " " " \neq " , " " even

In either case though, the equation won't be satisfied. The intuition being that v repeats in the least significant bit part of the LHS, while the y part repeats in the most significant bits part of the RHS.

Taking two concrete examples:

$$(p=3) \quad \begin{matrix} v & \alpha & y \\ \boxed{111} & = & \boxed{111} + 1000 \end{matrix}$$

$$2^2 \alpha y^2 \rightarrow \underbrace{11111}_{31} = \underbrace{1111}_{15} + \underbrace{1000}_8.$$

The equation does not match anymore.

$(p=4)$

$$111\overbrace{11}^{\text{2}} = \overbrace{11111}^{\text{3}} + \overbrace{10000}^{\text{4}}$$

(or vice-versa, with $|x|=1$ and $|y|=2$)

$$8^2 xy^2 \rightarrow \underbrace{11111111}_{127} = \underbrace{11111}_{31} + \underbrace{10000}_{16}$$

In all cases, we see that repeating x and y lead to strings that do not belong to the language anymore.