

CS3350: is a language regular or not?

What we know is that:

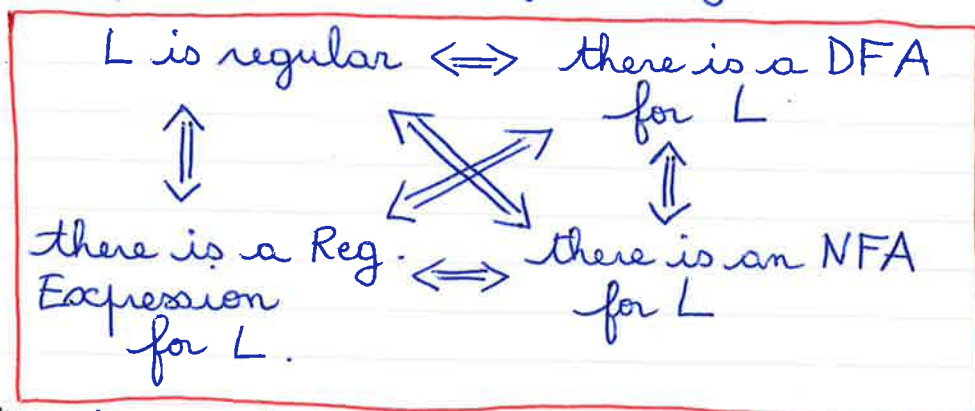
(*) if L is regular
 $\Downarrow$
 L satisfies the pumping lemma.

⚠ the opposite implication is not true:

if L can be pumped
it DOES NOT mean that L is regular!

e.g., $L = \{ \$ a^m b^m / m \geq 0 \} \cup \{ \$ w / w \in \{a,b\}^* \}$

What is important to know about regular languages is the following:



*so the pumping lemma is not used to show that a language is regular.

regular or not?

g lemma.

is not true:

that L is regular!

$\{ \$ n w \mid n, w \in \{a, b\}^* \}$

about regular
ing:

is a DFA
for L

is an NFA
for L

used to show

On the other hand, given $(*)$, we have that:

if L does not satisfy the pumping lemma

$\Downarrow$
 L is not regular.

this is how we will show that language are not regular.