

CompSci 162  
Spring 2023 Lecture :  
More Pumping Lemma Practice

## Supplemental #2

$$L_2 = \{a^{n^2} \mid n \geq 0\}$$

Assume FSOC  $L_2$  is regular. Let  $p$  be the pumping length.

$$\text{Let } w = a^{p^2} \in L_2. \text{ So } w = xyz$$

$$|xyz| \leq p \quad |y| > 0$$

// What if pump?

$$w' = xyzy \quad |y| \leq p$$

$$|xyz| + |y|$$

$$|xyyz| \leq p^2 + p \quad \text{but} > p^2 \quad (|y| > 0)$$

$$w' \notin L_2 \rightarrow \leftarrow$$

## Supplemental #3

$$L_3 = \{a^i b^k \mid i > k\}$$

Assume ... let  $p$  be pumping length.

Let  $w = a^p b^{p-1} \in L_3 \dots$  because ...

$$|xy| \leq p \text{ and } |y| > 0$$

$xz$  is  $p-1$  (or fewer) as then  $b^{p-1}$

$$xz \notin L_3$$

## Supplemental #4

$$\{a^{10^n} \mid n \geq 0\}$$

## Supplemental #5

$$\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$

# Supplemental #6

Let  $L_6$  be the set of odd-length strings in which the first, middle, and last symbols are the same.

Assume FSDC  $L_6$  is regular. Let  $p$  be the pumping length. Let  $w = b a^p b a^p b$

$|xyl| \leq p$  and  $|y| > 0$

If  $|x| \neq 0$ ,  $x y y z$  "shifts the middle"  $\notin L_6 \rightarrow \leftarrow$

If  $|x|=0$ ,  $y = b a^*$ , set  $i=0$  and  
 $x z$  starts a ends b  
at most  $p-1$  as  $\notin L_6 \rightarrow \leftarrow$

## Challenge

The set of odd-length strings where the middle symbol also appears elsewhere in the string.