

**Claim 1.** The following language is not regular.

$$A = \{0^n 1 0^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

*Proof.* We prove the claim is true by contradiction. Thus we begin by assuming the opposite of the claim, i.e., that  $A$  is regular. Since  $A$  is regular, the pumping lemma applies, so there exists a pumping length  $p$  for  $A$ .

Now consider the string  $w = 0^p 1 0^p$ . Notice that the length of this string is  $|w| = 2p + 1 \geq p$ , therefore the pumping lemma tells us that  $w$  can be decomposed into three parts  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  such that  $w = xyz$  and that the following three statements must be true:

1.  $xy^i z \in A$  for all  $i \geq 0$ ,
2.  $|y| > 0$ , and
3.  $|xy| \leq p$ .

Since  $|xy| \leq p$  and the first  $p$  symbols of  $0^p 1 0^p$  are all 0s, we know that both  $x$  and  $y$  consist of only 0s to the left of the 1 in the middle. We also know that  $|y| > 0$  and therefore  $y = 0^k$  for some  $k > 0$ . Finally, we also know that  $xy^2 z \in A$ , and this string is

$$xy^2 z = xy y z = 0^{p+k} 1 0^p,$$

since adding an extra  $y$  increases the number of 0s on the left-hand side by  $k > 0$ . However, this means that the number of 0s on either side of the 1 are not equal and therefore  $xy^2 z$  is not in  $A$ —this is a contradiction to the pumping lemma saying that  $xy^2 z \in A$ . This means our original assumption that  $A$  is regular was false, so it actually is not regular.  $\square$

**Claim 2.** The following language is not regular

$$B = \{p(x, y) \mid x, y \in \{0, 1\}^*\},$$

where  $p(x, y)$  is the *self-delimiting pairing function* defined by

$$p(x, y) = 0^{|x|} 1 x y$$

for all strings  $x, y \in \{0, 1\}^*$ .

*Proof.* We prove that  $B$  is not regular using contradiction and the pumping lemma. Assume that  $B$  is regular, and let  $p$  be its pumping length. Now let  $w = p(0^p, \epsilon) = 0^p10^p$ . Since  $w \in B$  and  $|w| = 2p + 1 \geq p$ , we know the pumping lemma applies, so  $w = xyz$  for some strings  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ . The pumping lemma tells us that  $|xy| \leq p$  and  $|y| > 0$ , therefore we know that  $y$  consists of one or more 0s to the left of the first 1 in  $w = 0^p10^p$ . Therefore the string  $xyyz = 0^{p+k}10^p$  for some  $k > 0$  which is not a properly formatted self-delimited pair of strings since there are more 0s to the left of the 1. This contradicts the pumping lemma that says that  $xyyz$  should be in  $B$ .  $\square$

**Claim 3.** The following language is not regular.

$$C = \{0^n1^m \mid n \geq m\}$$

*Proof.* (by contradiction) Assume that  $C$  is regular with pumping length  $p$  and let  $w = 0^p1^p$ . Then the pumping lemma says that  $w = xyz$  satisfying  $|xy| \leq p$ ,  $|y| > 0$ , and  $xy^0z = xz \in C$ . Therefore we know that  $y$  consists of one or more zeros on the left-hand-side and that  $xz = 0^{p-k}1^p$  for some  $k > 0$ . Since  $p - k \not\geq p$ , we know that  $xz$  is not of the appropriate form to be in the language  $C$ , therefore it contradicts the pumping lemma. Thus, we can conclude that  $C$  is not regular.  $\square$