

Pumping Lemma

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There is no possible way to partition s into xyz where both:

- 1. $|xy| \leq p$**
- 2. y has 1s in it.**

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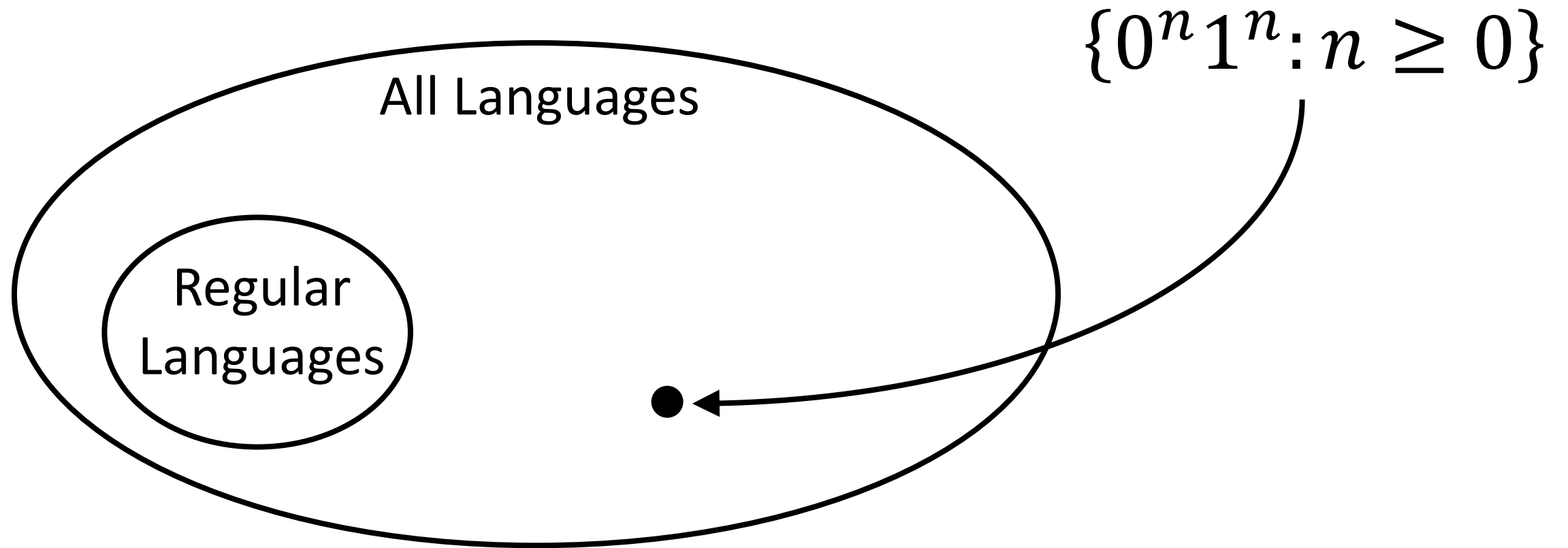
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DFA/NFA Limitations



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