

Daily Question

(due September 28, 2005) Let $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ and let $B = \{x \mid \exists w \in \Sigma^*. x = ww\}$. In other words, B is the language of all strings that consist of a shorter string that is repeated twice. For example, “aa”, “abbababbab” and ϵ are in B , but “aaa”, “bbaabba”, and “aabbba” are not. Prove that B is not regular.