Proving Languages Not to Be Regular (4.1)

• What is **not** regular?

## • "The Pumping Lemma" for Regular Languages

**Theorem.** Let L be a regular language. Then there exists a constant n so that every string w in L with  $|w| \ge n$  can be broken into three strings: w = xyz, and:

1.

2.

3.

"Pumping"??

The Pigeonhole Principle

**Proof** of the Pumping Lemma for Regular Languages.

• Using the Pumping Lemma for Regular Languages