

**2.45** Show that  $A_2 = \{wtx^R \mid w, t \in (0 + 1)^*, |w| = |t|\}$  is not context-free.

Proof. Suppose  $A_2$  is CF and let  $p$  be the pumping length. We pick  $s = 1^{2p}0^p1^{3p} \in A_2$ . By the pumping lemma,  $s = uvxyz$  and  $uv^ixy^iz \in A_2$  for any  $i$ .

There are two cases for the position of  $vxy$ :

1.  $vxy$  is entirely in the last two thirds of  $s$ . Then  $uv^2xy^2z$  contains 0's in its first third but not in its last third and so is not in  $A_2$ .
2.  $vxy$  intersects with the first third of  $s$ . Because  $|vxy| \leq p$ ,  $vxy$  does not intersect with the second half of  $s$ . There are several subcases:
  - (a)  $v$  contains 0's and possibly 1's. Then  $uv^2xy^2z$  contains 0's in its first third but not in its last third and is not in  $A_2$ .
  - (b)  $v$  is empty and  $y$  contains 0's and possibly 1's. Then again  $uv^2xy^2z$  contains 0's in its first third but not in its last third and is not in  $A_2$ .
  - (c)  $v$  or  $y$  contain only 1's. Then again  $uv^0xy^0z = uxz$  contains 0's in its first third but not in its last third and is not in  $A_2$ .

In all cases,  $uv^ixy^iz$  is not in  $A_2$  for some  $i$ . So  $A_2$  cannot be context-free