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necessarily regular? Prove your answer.

(b) Let $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ be a regular language. Is

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As a hint, we give the yes/no answers to these questions on the next page. Of course, you still have to provide proofs for those answers.