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## Question 5

In this question we will show that an attempt to define a DFA by means of its generalized transition function can turn out to be erroneous and inconsistent. This justifies the given definition which relies on its transition function.

Let Q and  $\Sigma$  be two fixed finite nonempty sets, such that  $q_0 \in Q$  and |Q| > 1.

- 1. Show using a counting argument, similar to what we did in class, that there exists a function  $\alpha: Q \times \Sigma^* \to Q$  with  $\alpha(q,\epsilon) = q$  for all  $q \in Q$ , for which there does not exist any function  $\delta$  such that  $\langle Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, Q \rangle$  is a DFA with  $\delta^* = \alpha$ .
- 2. Provide a specific function  $\alpha$  maintaining this property.

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