

Assume for the sake of contradiction that PALINDROME is regular. Then the pumping lemma must hold for a certain pumping length  $l$ . Let  $x = 0^l 1 0^l \in \text{PALINDROME}$ , then  $|x| = 2l + 1 \leq l$ . By the pumping lemma we can now decompose this string into substrings  $u, v, w$  with  $x = uvw$  such that

$$v \neq \epsilon, \quad |uv| \leq l, \quad uv^k w \in \text{PALINDROME} \text{ for all } k \geq 0.$$

Because  $uvw = 0^l 1 0^l$ , the substring  $uv$  can not include any 1s since it can't be long enough to reach the single 1, which is at  $l + 1$ . So we conclude  $v = 0^i$  for some  $i \geq 1$  (not  $\geq 0$  because  $i \neq \epsilon$ ). By the above conditions we can „pump up“  $uvw$  by repeating  $v$  an arbitrary amount of times  $k$ . Let  $k = 2$ , then

$$uv^2 w = 0^{l+i} 1 0^l$$

must also be in PALINDROME. It clearly isn't since  $0^{l+k} \neq 0^l$  or rather  $l + k \neq l$  because  $k = 2$ .