

Prob. 1	Prob. 2

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Problem 1.

a) Let's start by assuming that  $x_1 = y'$ . Therefore we know that by the pigeonhole principle, there has to be an  $x_2 \neq y'$  with  $x_2 \neq x_1$  as there is a finite number of states for an infinite number of combinations. Therefore, we have somewhere collisions, which makes our DFA unable of both rejecting palindromes and accepting all non-palindromes.

b) By the pigeonhole principle, there has to exist a  $k'$  such that a DFA is in the same state after  $k$  1's and  $k'$  1's but then one of them can be accepted because the  $y$  that follows has  $A$  1's where  $k < A < k'$ . That means that one of them has to be refused while the other has to be accepted, which is not possible with a DFA.

c) For this one, we assume that  $x_1$  has enough 1's and  $x_2$  hasn't. As this need to be true for every  $k > 1$  we can assume that there is a  $k$  for which we will find a collision of the two  $x$ 's. These would therefore lead to the same state. We can therefore not build a DFA for this one either



## Problem 2.

a) The start state of our DFA is a state which can go to itself on any input, or go on a 0 to a second state in a bloc of  $K$  states with each state going to the next one on any input (0 or 1), and the last one is the accepting state and has no transitions.

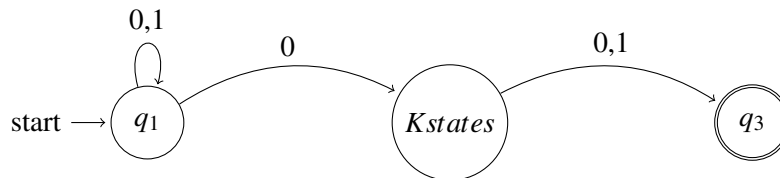


Figure 1: DFA A

b) Let us consider the set  $K$  of all words of length  $k + 1$  in  $0, 1^*$ . We want to prove that all of these words are pairwise distinguishable by  $L$ . Let  $w_1, w_2$  be two different words in  $K$ . Since they are different, there has to be at least one bit that is not the same between them, which also implies that one of these words will have a 0 where the other has a 1. Let's say  $w_1$  is the one with a 0 and  $w_2$  the one with a 1, and the last change bit is named  $B$ . We can construct a suffix  $u$  of length  $X$  (whether its bits are 0 or 1 doesn't matter), where  $X$  is  $k - \text{number of bits after } B \text{ in } w_1$  (thus  $0 \leq X \leq k$ ). This means that  $w_1u$  will be accepted while  $w_2u$  will be refused, therefore  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are distinguishable by  $L$ . We just proved that there exists a set  $K$  of  $2^{(k+1)}$  words which are pairwise distinguishable by  $L$ . By Theorem 1, we conclude that any DFA that implements  $L$  has to have  $\geq 2^{(k+1)}$  states.