Let T(R) be the visible state abstraction of the set of states R. Let  $R_k$  be the set of states found with delay bound k.

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Definition 10: A set of visible states \mathcal{G} is a generator set if: T(R_k) = T(R_{k-1}) = ... = T(R_{k-m}) and \mathcal{G} \cap T(R) \subseteq T(R_k), then T(R) \subseteq T(R_k)
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A Generator set for DUBA: Define G to be the visible states  $\langle q|\sigma_1...\sigma_m\rangle$  that might have emerged as the result of a pop action:

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G = \{ \langle q | \sigma_1 ... \sigma_m \rangle : \exists i \text{ s.t } (q, \epsilon) \text{ is the target of a pop edge in } \Delta_i \text{ and } (\sigma_i = \epsilon \text{ or } (?, ?\sigma_i) \text{ is the target of a push edge in } \Delta_i). \}
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**Proof sketch:** By contradiction. Assume  $T(R) \neq T(R_k)$ . Consider the first state, t, encountered after the end of the plateau, and the path, p, from the initial state to t. The last step in p must have required a delay (otherwise, t either wouldn't be the *first* new state or would have appeared in  $T(R_k)$ . This is true for each step in p back to the start of the plateau (needs thinking!). So, if the plateau was at least m in length, p would include m direct delays; i.e it would delay back to the same machine. So, t must not be the result of a push or overwrite because those origin states would have been the same in  $T(R_{k-m})$ , and t would have appeared earlier. So t must have emerged as the result of a pop rule. (t is in the generator described earlier, so  $G \cap T(R) \not\subseteq T(R)$ )