

# 5. PUSHDOWN AUTOMATA.

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## \* Introduction to Pushdown Automata (PDA)

→ Pushdown Automata (PDA) can be viewed as a finite automata with stacks.

An added stack provides memory and increase capability of machine.

A pushdown Automata can do the following.

1. Read input symbol
2. Perform stack operation
  - push operation
  - POP operation
  - check empty condition of a stack thro. initial stack symbol
  - Read top symbol of stack without a pop.
3. make state change.

- PDA is more powerful than FA.
- A context free lang (CFL) can be recognized by PDA
- A Context free lang is a PDA lang.

Example :-

A string of the form  $a^n b^n$  can't be handled by FA.  
But same can be handled by PDA.

$n = 3$        $a^3 b^3$   
a a a b b b

a | a | a | b | b | b | input.

Finite State Control.

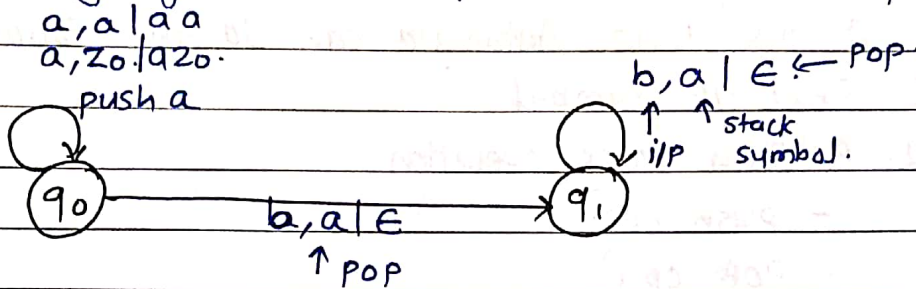
a  
a  
a  
Z<sub>0</sub>

Stack After Reading the 1<sup>st</sup> half of  $a^3 b^3$

A PDA uses three stack operation :-

- 1) POP operation, - it removes the top symbol of stack.
- 2) PUSH operation - it insert symbol onto the top of stack.
- 3) NOP operation - it does nothing to stack.

The Language  $\{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 1\}$  can be accepted by PDA.



PDA for  $a^n b^n$ .

\* Definition of PDA.

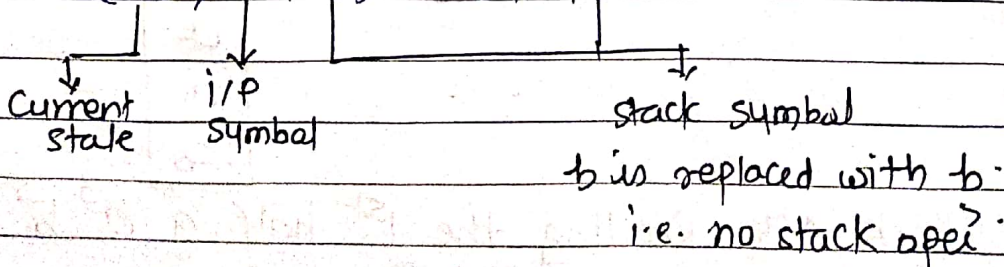
→ A PDA can be defined as 7 tuple.

$$M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, z_0, F)$$

where,

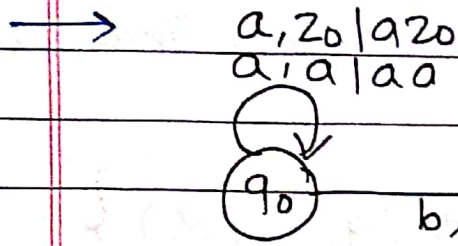
- $Q$  = set of state
- $\Sigma$  = i/p alphabets
- $\Gamma$  = stack symbol
- $\delta$  = transition function
- $q_0$  = Initial state.
- $F$  = set of final state.
- $z_0$  = an initial stack symbol.

$$\delta(q_1, a, b) = (q_2, b)$$



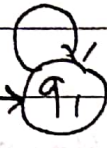
# \* Example $\frac{a^n b^n}{a}$

$a^n b^n \mid n \geq 1$      $aaa bbb$ .

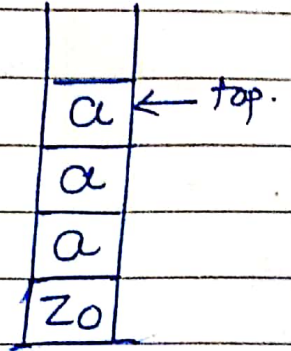
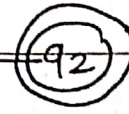


$b, a \mid \epsilon$ .

$b, a \mid \epsilon$



$\epsilon, z_0 \mid z_0$



## Transition Diagram:

Using set  $q \rightarrow eq^7$  : (transition Rules)

- 1)  $\delta(q_0, a, z_0) = (q_0, a z_0)$
- 2)  $\delta(q_0, a, a) = (q_0, a a)$
- 3)  $\delta(q_0, b, a) = (q_1, \epsilon)$
- 4)  $\delta(q_1, b, a) = (q_1, \epsilon)$
- 5)  $\delta(q_1, \epsilon, z_0) = (q_2, z_0)$

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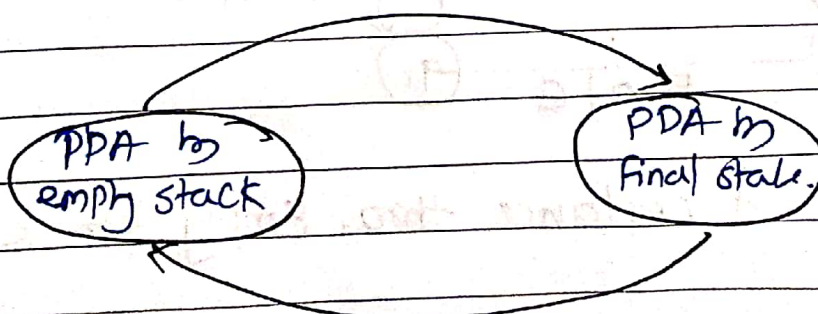
## \* The Language of PDA :

→ A Lang,  $L$  can be accepted by a PDA in two ways

- 1) Through final state
- 2) Through empty stack.

It is possible to convert bet<sup>n</sup> two classes

- 1) From final state to empty stack.
- 2) From empty stack to final state.

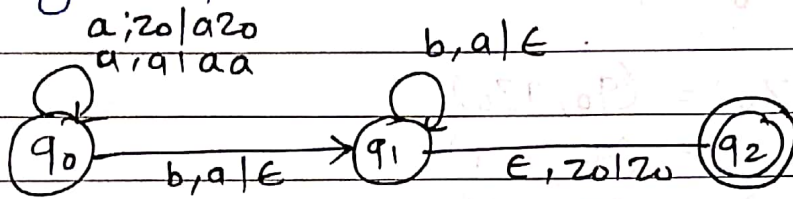


### 1) Acceptance by final state $\frac{a}{o}$

Let the PDA,  $M = \{Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, z_0, F\}$ .  
 then the lang accepted by  $M$  through a final state  
 is given by.

$$L(M) = \left\{ w \mid (q_0, w, z_0) \xrightarrow[M]{*} (q_1, \epsilon, \alpha) \right\}$$

where the state  $q_1 \in F$ .  $\alpha$ , the final contents of  
 the stack are irrelevant. as a string accepted  
 through a final state.



Acceptance thro. final state.

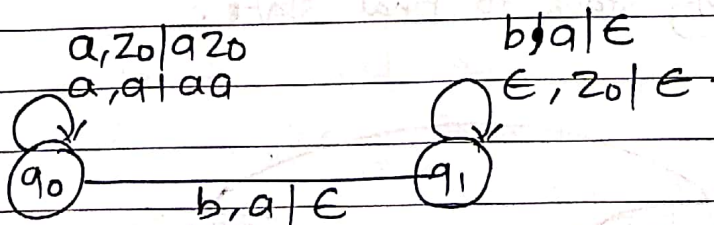
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### 2) Acceptance by empty stack $\frac{a}{o}$

Let the PDA,  $M = \{Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, z_0, \emptyset\}$ .  
 then the lang accepted through an empty stack  
 is given by:

$$L(M) = \left\{ w \mid (q_0, w, z_0) \xrightarrow[M]{*} (q_1, \epsilon, \epsilon) \right\}$$

where,  $q_1$  is any state belonging to  $Q$ . and  
 the stack becomes empty on application of i/p string  $w$ .



Acceptance thro. empty stack.

Note:-

- |                                  |                                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1) Final state having more state | 1) empty stack having less state. |
| 2) more time required            | 2) less time required.            |

## \* Non-deterministic PDA $\frac{0}{0}$

→ There are 2 types of PDA

- 1) Deterministic PDA (DPDA)
- 2) Non-deterministic PDA (NPDA)

- In a DPDA, there is only one move in every situation whereas in NPDA, there are multiple moves under a situation.
- DPDA is less powerful than NPDA.
- Every context-free language cannot be recognized by a DPDA but it can be recognized by NPDA.
- The class of languages a DPDA can accept lies in between a regular language and CFL.
- A palindrome can be accepted by NPDA but it cannot be accepted by a DPDA.

## \* Application of PDA $\frac{0}{0}$

→ 1) PDA is a machine for CFL

- 2) A string belonging to CFL can be recognized by PDA.
- 3) PDA is extensively used for parsing.
- 4) PDA is an abstract machine, it can also be used for giving proofs of lemmas on CFL.
- 5) PDA can write symbols on the stack.
- 6) PDA can push or pop symbols on the stack.