

## Lecture 9

HW2 out! (Due Monday Oct 16<sup>th</sup>)

Today: Finish pushdown automata (PDAs)  
Context Free grammars

## PDA Example 1

" $a, b \rightarrow c$ " means when reading input symbol  $a$ , if  $b$  is symbol on top of stack, replace  $b$  by  $c$

" $a, b \rightarrow \varepsilon$ " means if reading input symbol  $a$ , can pop  $b$  off stack

" $a, \varepsilon \rightarrow c$ " means if reading symbol  $a$ , push  $c$  onto top of stack

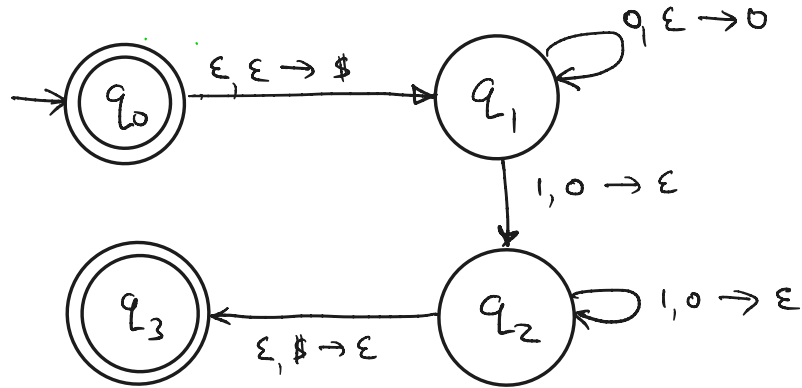
$$Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$$

$$\Gamma = \{0, \#\}$$

$$\bar{r} = \{q_0, q_3\}$$

$$q_0$$



PDA accepts an input  $w$  if there exists a computation path starting in  $q_0$  and ending in an accept state

# PDA (Formal Description)

A PDA is described by a 6-tuple  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, F)$

states  $\uparrow$   $Q$ ,  $\uparrow$   $\Sigma$  input alphabet,  $\uparrow$   $\Gamma$  stack alphabet,  $\uparrow$   $q_0$  start state,  $\uparrow$   $F$  accept states

$$\delta: Q \times \{\Sigma \cup \epsilon\} \times \{\Gamma \cup \epsilon\} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q \times \Gamma \cup \epsilon)$$

$M$  accepts  $w$  if  $w$  can be written as  $w = w_1 w_2 w_3 \dots w_m$ , where each  $w_i \in \{\Sigma \cup \epsilon\}$ , and  $\exists$  a sequence of states  $r_0, r_1, \dots, r_m \in Q$  and  $\exists$  sequence of strings  $s_0, s_1, \dots, s_m \in \Gamma^*$  satisfying:

$s_i =$  contents of stack at time  $i$

①  $r_0 = q_0, s_0 = \epsilon$  (start state is  $q_0$ , stack initially empty)

② for all  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$   $(r_{i+1}, b) \in \delta(r_i, w_{i+1}, a)$  where  $s_i = at$   $a, b \in \Gamma \cup \epsilon$   
 $s_{i+1} = bt$   $t \in \Gamma^*$   
 (M moves according to transition function  $\delta$ )

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$a, b \in \Gamma \cup \epsilon$   
 $\bar{t} \in \Gamma^*$

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$$\mathcal{L}(M) = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid M \text{ accepts } w\}$$

A language is a CFL if some PDA accepts it



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Notes: We only accept if we are in an accept state when all of  $w$  is processed.

Note that we can accept a string  $w$  even if stack is not empty at end of processing  $w$ .

The CFL's include all regular languages

But there are languages that are CFL's that aren't regular. Example:  $L = \{0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$



## Example 2

$$L = \{ ww^R \mid w \in \{0,1\}^* \}$$

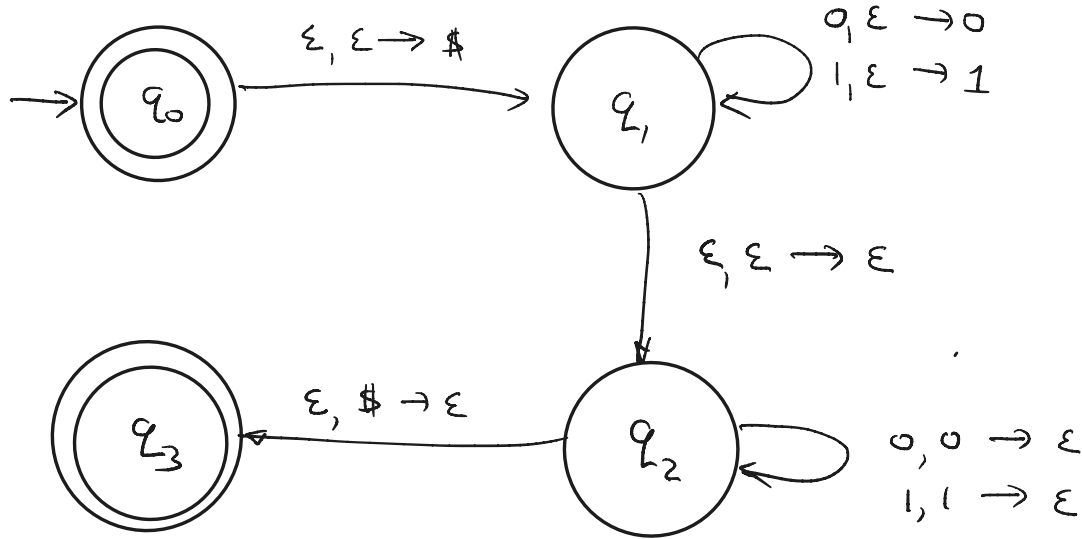
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### Idea

- Start in  $q_0$ : push  $\$$  onto stack, + go to state  $q_1$
- Read symbols + push them onto stack
- at each point, we can nondeterministically guess we're at middle of string (by changing to state  $q_2$ )
- When in  $q_2$  read next input symbol + check if it matches top symbol on stack + if so pop top symbol off stack
- guess end of string + if we see  $\$$  on top of stack go to  $q_3$  (accept state)

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$$\delta(q_0, \epsilon, \epsilon) = \{(q_1, \$)\}$$

$$\delta(q_1, 1, \epsilon) \rightarrow \{(q_1, 1)\}$$

$$\delta(q_1, 0, \epsilon) = \{(q_1, 0)\}$$

$$\delta(q_1, \epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow \{(q_2, \epsilon)\}$$



### Example 3.

Any Regular Language is accepted by some PDA.

Let  $L$  be regular, and let  $M = (Q, \Sigma, F, q_0, \delta)$  be a DFA accepting  $L$ .

Corresponding PDA for  $L$ :  $N = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, F, q_0, \delta')$

where  $\Gamma = \emptyset$

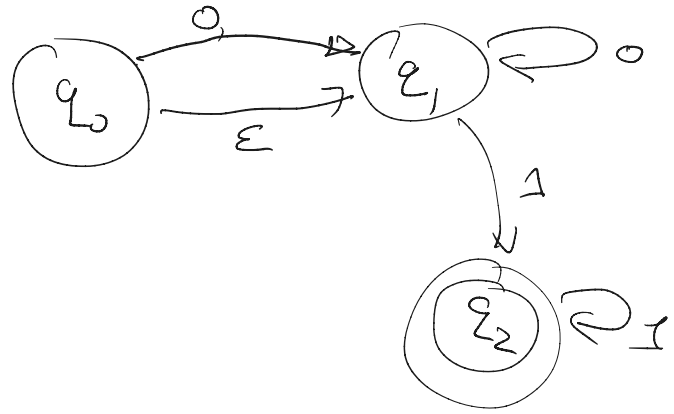
$\delta'$  :  $(q, a, \epsilon) = \{(q', \epsilon)\}$

$\delta(a, q) = q'$   $\xRightarrow{\text{becomes}}$   $\delta'(a, \epsilon, q) = \{(q', \epsilon)\}$

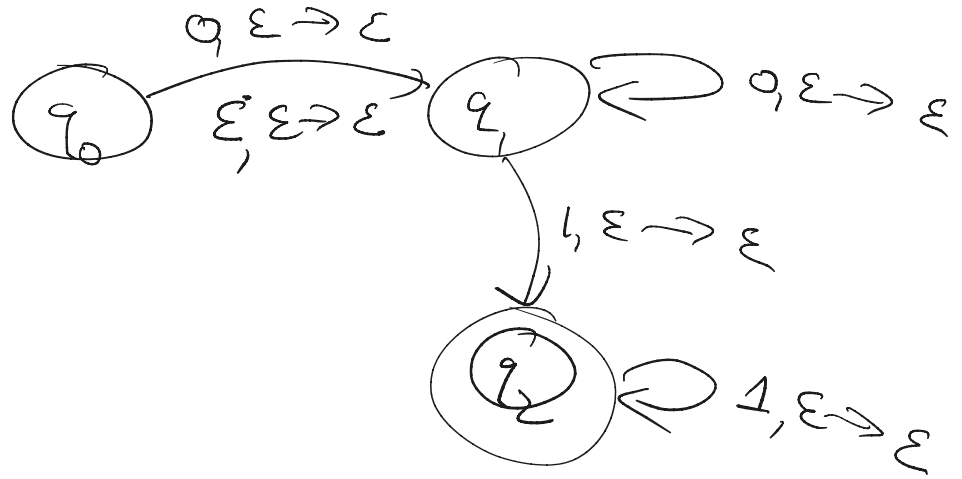
(DFA's/NFA's are PDA where stack is always empty)

Ex.

NFA :



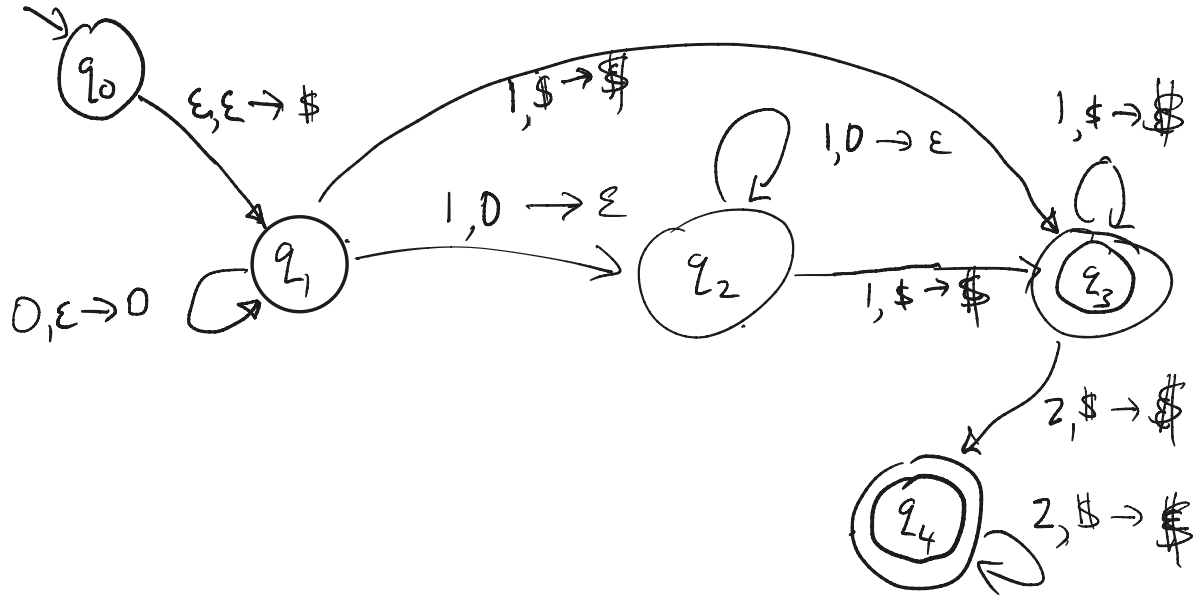
PDA:



Example 4

$$L = \{ 0^i 1^j z^* \mid i < j \}$$

$$\Sigma = \{ 0, 1, z \}$$





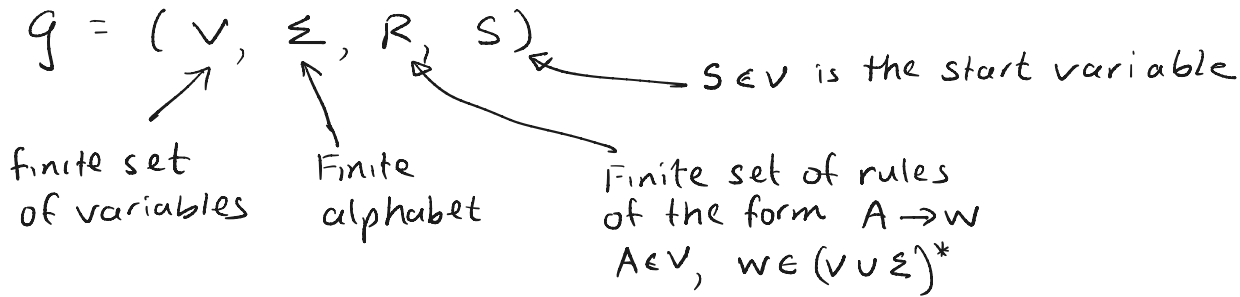


\* An important difference between CFL's and Regular L's :

	Closed Under Negation	Deterministic = Nondet
Regular	yes	Yes (DFA $\equiv$ NFA)
CFL	No	No (Deterministic PDA $\not\equiv$ Nondet PDA)

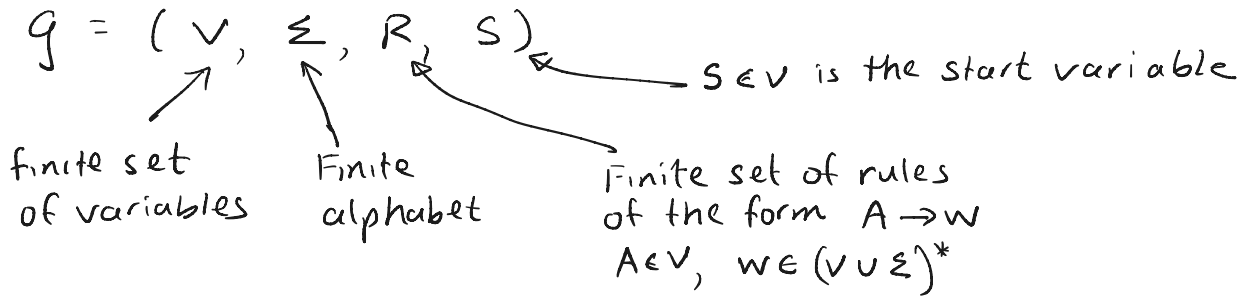
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$R :$   
 $S \rightarrow 0S1$   
 $S \rightarrow \epsilon$   
 (can abbreviate both by  $S \rightarrow \epsilon \mid 0S1$ )

ex. can't generate 011

ex. generating 0011 :

$S \rightarrow 0S1 \rightarrow 00S11 \rightarrow 0011$   
 $S \rightarrow \epsilon$

## Equivalent Characterization of PDA's : Context-Free grammars

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Defn For a CFG  $g = (V, \Sigma, R, s)$

Let  $u, v, w \in (V \cup \Sigma)^*$ , and suppose the rule  $A \rightarrow w$  is in  $R$ . Then we say that  $uAv \Rightarrow uwv$  ( $uAv$  yields  $uwv$ )

If  $\exists u_1, \dots, u_n \in (V \cup \Sigma)^*$  such that  $u \Rightarrow u_1 \Rightarrow u_2 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow u_n \Rightarrow v$   
then we say  $u \xrightarrow{*} v$  ( $u$  generates  $v$ )

The Language  $\mathcal{L}(g)$  generated by  $g$  is

$$L(g) = \{v \in \Sigma^* \mid s \xrightarrow{*} v\}$$

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$s \rightarrow 0s1 \rightarrow 00s11 \rightarrow 000s111 \rightarrow 000111$

So  $000111 \in L(g)$

$L(g) = \{0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$

Example 3  $L = \{w \mid w = w^R\}$   $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

$$S \rightarrow aSa$$

$$S \rightarrow bSa$$

$$S \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid a \mid b$$

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$L = \{w \mid w = w^R \text{ and } |w| \text{ is odd}\} \quad S \rightarrow aSa \mid bSb \mid a \mid b$

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$$G = (V = \{E\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, +, *, (, )\}, R, E \}$$

$$R: E \rightarrow E + E \mid E * E \mid (E) \mid a \mid b$$

Derivation for  $a + b * a \in L(G)$ :

$$\underline{E} \rightarrow E + \underline{E} \rightarrow \underline{E} + E * E \rightarrow a + \underline{E} * E \rightarrow a + b * \underline{E} \rightarrow a + b * a$$

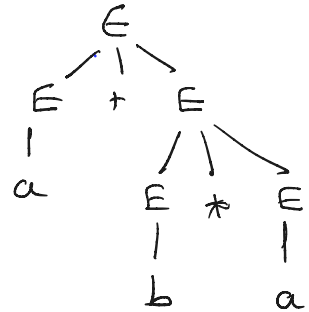
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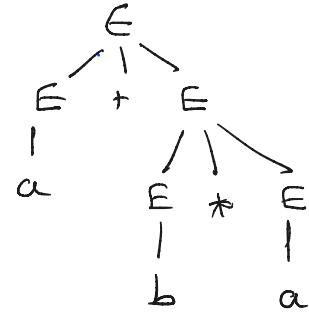
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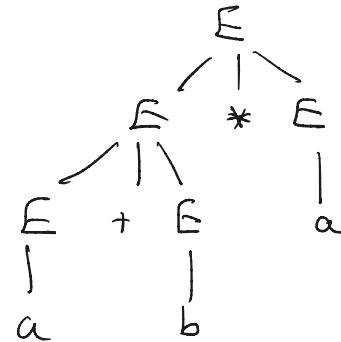
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Derivation #2 for  $a + b * a$ :

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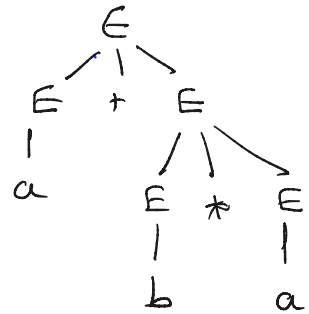
⇒ Derivations #1 and #2 were not Leftmost.  
The corresponding Leftmost derivations are:

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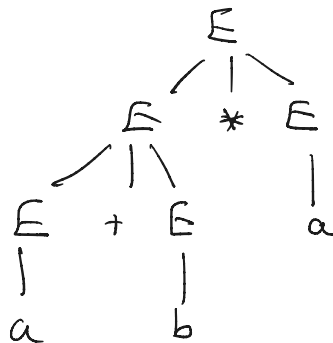
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Derivation #2

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Claim There is a 1-1 correspondence between a derivation tree and a leftmost derivation

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Define :  $g' : E \rightarrow E + F \mid F$   
 $F \rightarrow F * g \mid g$   
 $g \rightarrow (E) \mid a \mid b$

Claim  $g'$  is unambiguous, and  $\mathcal{L}(g) = \mathcal{R}(g')$



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Claim 1  $L$  is a CFL (Prove as an exercise)

Claim 2 (idea): show that any  $w$  of the form  $a^n b^n c^n d^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$  will always have at least 2 different derivation trees