

Unit - II

Push Down Automata (PDA)

A push down automaton is a way to implement a Context Free grammar in a similar way we design DFA for a regular grammar.

→ A DFA can remember a finite amount of information.

→ A PDA can remember an infinite amount of information.

Basically a PDA is

finite State Machine + A Stack.

PDA has three Components:

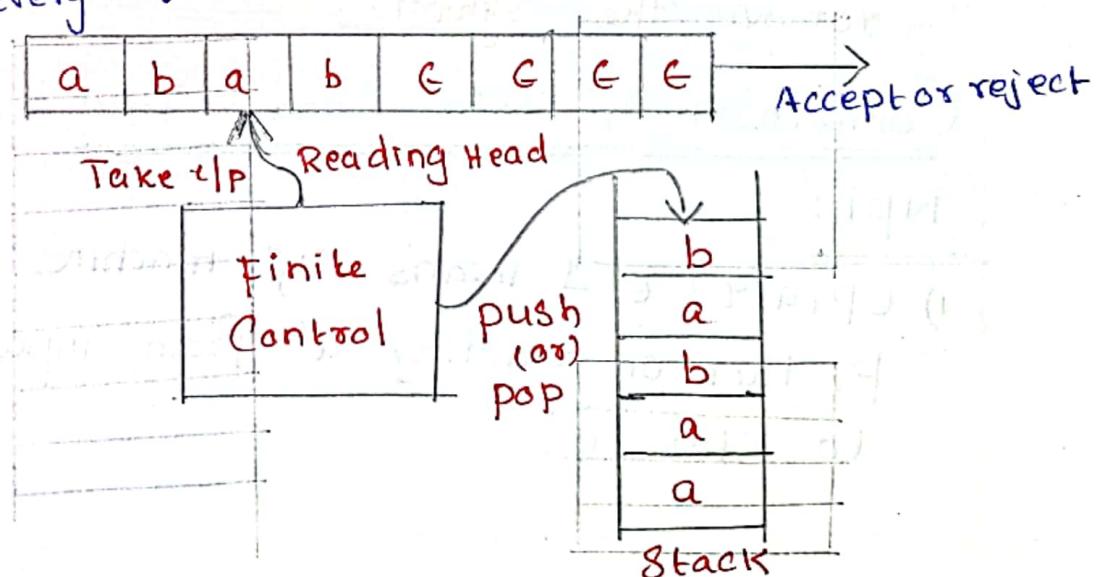
1. An input tape

2. A control unit

3. A Stack with infinite size

→ A PDA may or may not read input symbol, but it has to read the top of the stack in every transaction.

Input Tape



- The input tape is divided in many cells.
- At each cell only one input symbol is placed thus certain input string is placed on tape.
- The finite control has some pointers which point the current symbol which is to be read.
- At the end of the input \$ or Δ or ε (blank) symbol is placed in which indicates end of input.
- Stack is a Last In First Out. Stack is used for storing the items temporarily.

Stack having two operations

1. PUSH
2. POP

- * push operation which is used to insert or add the symbols
- * pop operation which is used to delete (or) remove the symbol.

Comparison of NFA and PDA:-

NFA:-

- i) $(p, a, q) \in \Delta$ means if machine M is in state p, then on reading 'a' from input tape go to state q.

2) $(p, \epsilon, q) \in \Delta$ means if machine M is in State p, goes to State q, without consuming input.

PDA: Δ contains
State, Input, Stack top up, State, Replace stack value

1) $((p, a, \beta), (q, y)) \rightarrow$ if machine M is in State p, the symbol read from input tape is 'a' and β is on top of stack, goes to State q, and replace ' β ' by y on top of stack.

2) $((s, a, \epsilon), (s, a)) \rightarrow$ if machine M is in State s, read 'a' remains in state 's' and push 'a' onto stack (ϵ = empty stack).

3) $((s, c, \epsilon), (f, \epsilon)) \rightarrow$ if read 'c' in state s and stack is empty, goes to final state f and nothing to push onto stack.

4) $((s, \epsilon, \epsilon), (f, \epsilon)) \rightarrow$ if in state s, go to state f.

5) $((f, a, a), (f, \emptyset)) \rightarrow$ if read a in state f, remain in state f and pop a from stack.

6) PDA's are non-deterministic.

Definition of PDA:

A push down automaton M is defined by $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, z_0, F)$, where

Q - is a finite set of states.

Σ - is an alphabet called as input alphabet -

Γ - is a finite alphabet of tape symbols.

δ - is an alphabet called stack alphabet -
is a finite alphabet of stack symbols.

$q_0 \in Q$ - is the start state (or) initial state.

$z_0 \in \Gamma$ is a particular stack symbol called start symbol. (Initial stack symbol)

$F \subseteq Q$ is the set of final states.

δ is the transition function.

i.e. δ is a subset of $(Q \times (\Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}) \times \Gamma^*) \rightarrow (Q \times \Gamma^*)$

Transitions and Graphical Notation:

Let $((p, a, B), (q, y)) \in \delta$. It means that

$\xrightarrow{a} p \xrightarrow{\text{pop}} q \xrightarrow{\text{push}} y \Rightarrow$ Equivalent Transition Diagram

- 1) read 'a' from the tape
- 2) pop the string B from the stack
- 3) move from state p to state q .
- 4) push string 'y' on to stack.

Instantaneous Description (ID):

The instantaneous description (ID) of a PDA is represented by a triple (q, w, s) where

→ q is the State

→ w is unconsumed C/P

→ s is the Stack contents.

ID is an informal notation of how a PDA compute an input string and make a decision that String is accepted or rejected.

Push Down Automata Acceptance:

There are two different ways to define acceptability

I. Final State Acceptability:

A PDA accepts a string when, after reading the entire string, the PDA is final state.

→ From the starting state, we can make moves that end up in a final state with any stack values.

→ The stack values are irrelevant as long as we end up in a final state.

2) Empty stacks Acceptability:

A PDA accepts a string when, after reading the entire string the PDA has emptied its stack.

$$L(\text{PDA}) = \{ \omega \mid q_0, \omega, I \}^* (q_1, e, e), \\ q \in Q \}$$

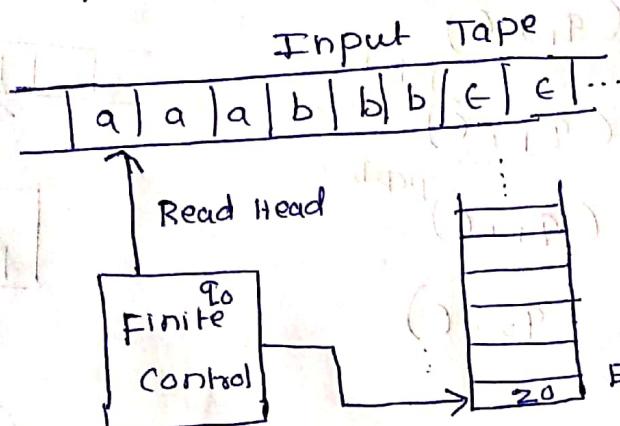
Construct a PDA for the language $L = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 1\}$

Solution:

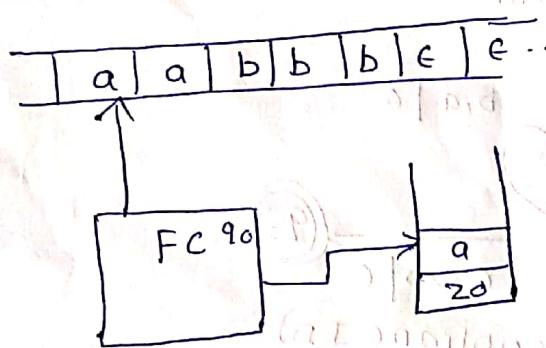
$$L = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 1\}$$

$$\therefore L = \{ab, aabb, aaabbbb, \dots\}$$

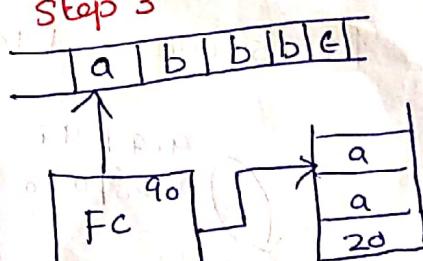
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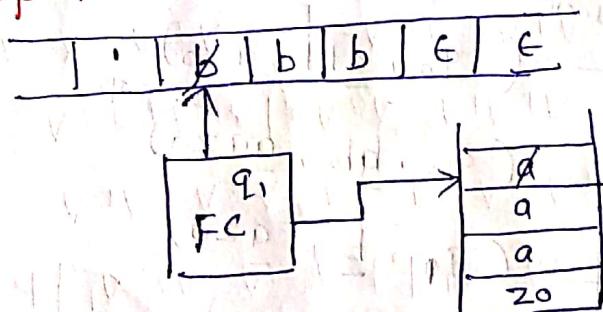
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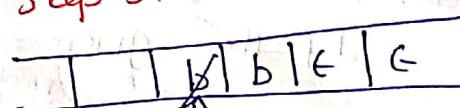
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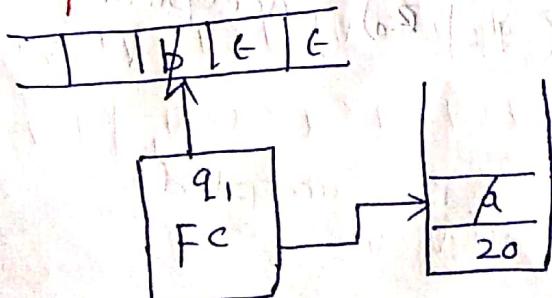
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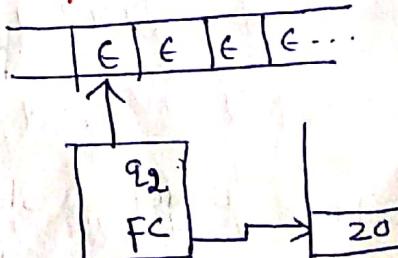
Step 5:



Step 6:



Step 7:



Reached Empty Stack or Reached the Final State
It is accepted.

Transition Function

$$\delta(q_0, \overline{a}, \overline{z_0}) = (q_0, \overline{a}z_0)$$

Tape Stack
push stack top

$$\delta(q_0, a, a) = (q_0, \overline{aa})$$

$$\delta(q_0, a, a) = (q_0, \overline{aa}) \text{ Recursive}$$

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

pop a

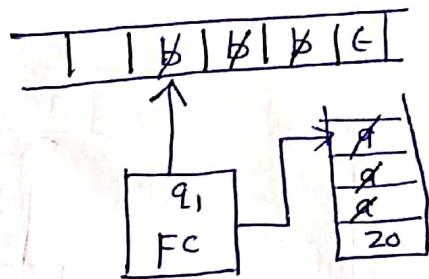
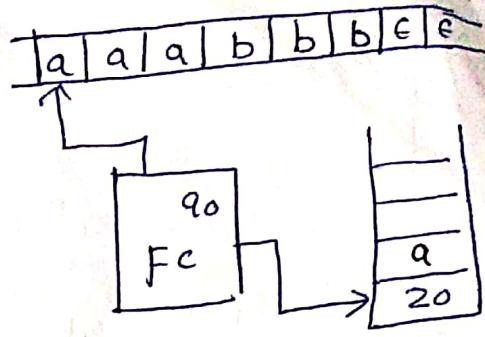
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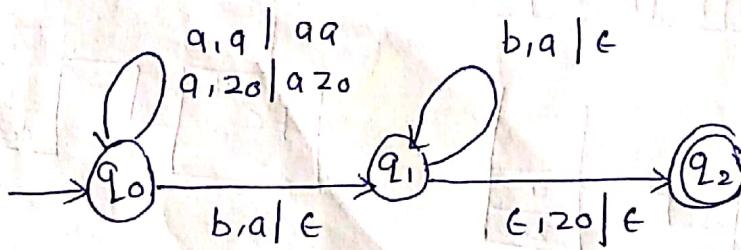
$$\delta(q_1, b, a) = (q_1, \overline{\epsilon})$$

pop a

$$\delta(q_1, \epsilon, z_0) = (q_2, \overline{\epsilon})$$



Transition Diagram:



Instantaneous Description (ID):

If the given string is accepted or not

$$(q_0, \overline{aabb}, \overline{z_0}) \xrightarrow{\text{sample}} (q_0, \underline{abb}, \underline{a}z_0)$$

Empty stack

$$\xrightarrow{\text{pop}} (q_0, \underline{bb}, \underline{aa}z_0)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{pop}} (q_1, \underline{b}, \underline{aa}z_0)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{pop}} (q_1, \epsilon, z_0)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{pop}} (q_2, \epsilon) \text{ Accepted}$$

\therefore The given string is accepted.

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Construct a PDA for the Languages $L = \{wcw^R \mid w \in (a+b)^*\}$. For the given PDA write the instantaneous description for the string 'aabbebaa'.

Solution

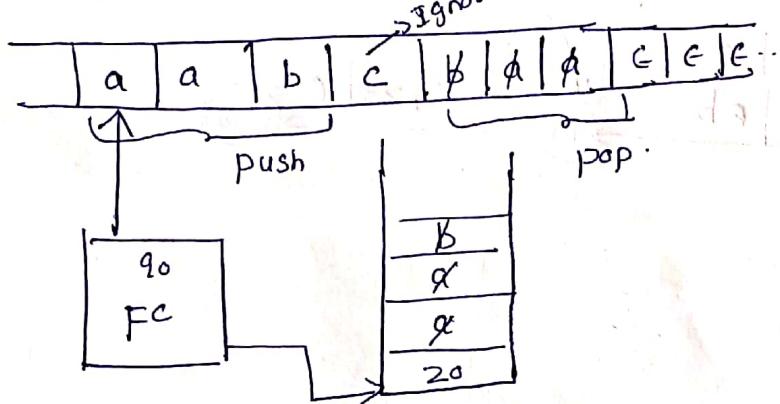
$$L = \{wcw^R \mid w \in (a+b)^*\}$$

$$w = \{e, a, b, aa, ab, bb, aba, bba, aabb, \dots\}$$

Given String $w = aab$

$$w^R = baar$$

\therefore The String $wcw^R = aabcbaa$



Transition Function:

$$\delta(q_0, a, z_0) = (q_0, a z_0) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Initial condition.} \\ \text{push top} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, b, z_0) = (q_0, b z_0) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Initial condition.} \\ \text{push top} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, a, a) = (q_0, aa) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Recursive condition.} \\ \text{push top} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, b, a) = (q_0, ba) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Recursive condition.} \\ \text{pushed} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, a, b) = (q_0, ab) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Recursive condition.} \\ \text{pushed} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, b, b) = (q_0, bb) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Recursive condition.} \\ \text{pushed} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, c, b) = (q_1, b) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Ignore top of the stack.} \\ \text{top of the stack.} \end{array} \right\}$$

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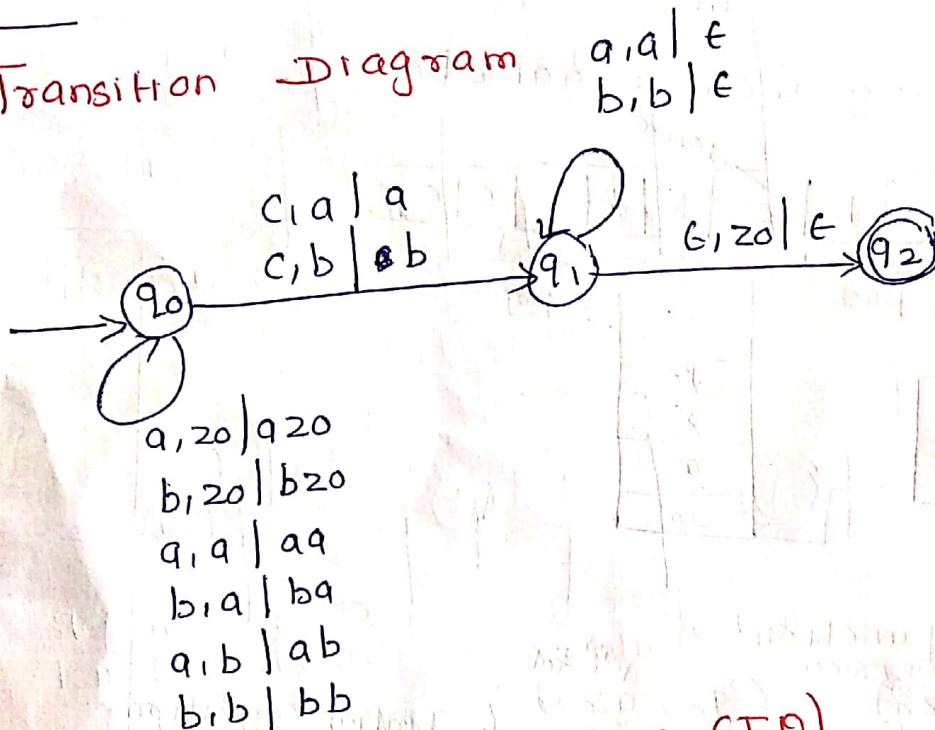
$$\delta(q_1, a) =$$

$$\delta(q_1, b, b) = (q_1, \epsilon) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Recursive condition} \\ \text{Pop} \end{array} \right\}$$

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

$$\delta(q_1, \epsilon, z_0) = (q_2, \epsilon)$$

Transition Diagram



Instantaneous Description (ID)

The given string 'aabcbbaa' accepted or not
Empty stack

$$(q_0, \underline{aabcbbaa}, z_0) \vdash (q_0, \underline{abcbaa}, a z_0)$$

$$\vdash (q_0, \underline{bcbaa}, a a z_0)$$

$$\vdash (q_0, \underline{cbaa}, b a a z_0)$$

$$\vdash (q_1, \underline{baa}, a a a z_0)$$

$$\vdash (q_1, \underline{aa}, a a z_0)$$

$$\vdash (q_1, a, a z_0)$$

$$\vdash (q_1, \epsilon, z_0)$$

Accepted.

\therefore The given string is accepted.

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Let G_1 be the Grammar $S \rightarrow \sigma B \mid 1 A$

$(S \rightarrow \sigma) \quad A \rightarrow \sigma \mid 1 A A$

$B \rightarrow 1 \mid 1 S \mid \sigma B B$

Convert this grammar into PDA and check the string "00110101" is accepted or not.

Solution:

Step 1

The given productions are exist in GNF form only, therefore the PDA can be constructed directly.

Step 2:

The PDA

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

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

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

$$\Gamma = \{\sigma, A, B, z_0\}$$

$$F = \{q_2\}$$

$q_0 \rightarrow$ start state.

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$$S(q_0, \epsilon, z_0) = \{(q_1, S z_0)\}$$

2. The productions $S \rightarrow \sigma B \mid 1 A$ is simulated by PDA as per $A \rightarrow \sigma$ rule:

$$\delta(q_1, \epsilon, S) = \{(q_1, \sigma B), (q_1, 1 A)\}$$

3. In a similar manner, the other productions are:

$$\delta(q_1, \epsilon, A) = \{(q_1, \sigma)(q_1, 0S), (q_1, 1A)\}$$

$$\delta(q_1, \epsilon, B) = \{(q_1, 1)(q_1, 1S), (q_1, \sigma BB)\}$$

4. For each $a \in \Sigma$ the corresponding productions are:

$$g(q_1, 0, 0) = g(q_1, \epsilon)$$

$$g(q_1, 1, 1) = (q_1, \epsilon)$$

of the derivations is identified

5. Then the end by the stack symbol.

$$g(q_1, \epsilon, z_0) = (q_2, \epsilon)$$

Check whether the given string "00110101" is accepted or not.

$$\begin{array}{l} (q, 00110101, S) \vdash (q, \underline{0}0110101, \emptyset_B) \quad S \rightarrow 0B \\ \vdash (q, 0110101, B) \quad B \rightarrow 0BB \\ \vdash (q, \underline{\phi}110101, \emptyset_{BB}) \quad B \rightarrow 1SB \\ \vdash (q, \underline{\chi}10101, \underline{\chi}_{SB}) \quad B \rightarrow 1A \\ \vdash (q, \underline{\chi}0101, \underline{\chi}_{AB}) \quad A \rightarrow 1AA \\ \vdash (q, \underline{\phi}101, \underline{\chi}_{AB}) \quad A \rightarrow 0 \\ \vdash (q, \underline{\chi}01, \emptyset_{AB}) \quad A \rightarrow 0 \\ \vdash (q, \emptyset_1, \emptyset_B) \quad B \rightarrow 1 \\ \vdash (q, 1, 1) \\ \vdash (q, \epsilon) \text{ Accepted.} \end{array}$$

∴ The given string is accepted.

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Construct the grammar for the following PDA.

$M = (\{q_0, q_1\}, \{0, 1\}, \{x, z_0\}, \delta, q_0, z_0, \phi)$ and

where δ is given by:

$$\delta(q_0, 0, z_0) = \{(q_0, xz_0)\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, 0, x) = \{(q_0, xx)\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, 1, \epsilon) = \{(q_1, \epsilon)\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, 1, x) = \{(q_1, \epsilon)\}$$

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

$$\delta(q_1, \epsilon, z_0) = \{(q_1, \epsilon)\}$$

Solution:

Step: 1

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

$$V = \{S, [q_0, x, q_0], [q_0, x, q_1], [q_0, z_0, q_0], [q_0, z_0, q_1], [q_1, x, q_0], [q_1, x, q_1], [q_1, z_0, q_0], [q_1, z_0, q_1]\}$$

Here V is a start symbol, whose first & third elements are states and the second element is a push down symbol.

Step: 2

The production 'inp' are:

The production are given by $S \rightarrow [q_0, z_0, q]$ for

R₁: S - productions are every q in Q.

The productions for S

$$P_1: S \rightarrow [q_0, z_0, q_0]$$

$$P_2: S \rightarrow [q_0, z_0, q_1]$$

where q_0 is the start state and z_0 is the initial stack symbol

Step 3

R₂: Each move, not erasing a pushdown symbol, given by for each state (q_0, q_1)

$$\delta(q_0, 0, z_0) = \{(q_0, xz_0)\}$$

For q_0

$$P_3: [(q_0, z_0, q_0)] \rightarrow 0 [q_0, x, q_0] [q_0, z_0, q_0]$$

$$P_4: [q_0, z_0, q_0] \rightarrow 0 [q_0, x, q_1] [q_1, z_0, q_0]$$

For q_1

$$P_5: [q_0, z_0, q_1] \rightarrow 0 [q_0, x, q_0] [q_0, z_0, q_1]$$

$$P_6: [q_0, z_0, q_1] \rightarrow 0 [q_0, x, q_1] [q_0, z_0, q_1]$$

Similarly:

$$\delta(q_0, 0, x) = \{(q_0, xx)\} \text{ yields.}$$

For q_0

$$P_7: (q_0, x, q_0) = 0 [q_0, x, q_0] [q_0, x, q_0]$$

$$P_8: (q_0, x, q_0) = 0 [q_0, x, q_1] [q_1, x, q_0]$$

For q_1

$$P_9: (q_0, x, q_1) = 0 [q_0, x, q_0] [q_0, x, q_1]$$

$$P_{10}: (q_0, x, q_1) = 0 [q_0, x, q_1] [q_1, x, q_1]$$

Step 4: R₃: Each move erasing pushdown symbol given by $(q', \epsilon) \in \delta(q, q, z)$ produce.

the production $[q, z, q'] = q'$

$\therefore P_{11}: \delta(q_0, 1, x) = \{(q_1, \epsilon)\}$ gives

$$P_{11}: [q_0, x, q_1] \rightarrow 1$$

Similarly $\delta(q_1, 1, x) = \{(q_1, \epsilon)\}$ gives

$$P_{12}: [q_1, x, q_1] \rightarrow 1$$

Similarly $\delta(q_1, \epsilon, x) = \{(q_1, \epsilon)\}$

$$P_{13}: [q_1, x, q_1] \rightarrow \epsilon$$

Similarly $S(q_1, \epsilon, z_0) = \{ (q_1, \epsilon) \}$

P16: $[q_1, z_0, q_1] \rightarrow \epsilon$

After analyzing all the productions, it is clear that there are no productions for the variables.

$[q_1, x, q_0]$, $[q_1, z_0, q_0]$

And the variables $[q_0, x, q_0]$ $[q_1, z_0, q_0]$ have $[q_1, x, q_0]$ or $[q_1, z_0, q_0]$ on the right, which do not derive any terminal string. Like so for the variables $[q_0, x, q_0]$, $[q_1, z_0, q_0]$.

\therefore Deleting all the productions which involves these variables.

\therefore The final productions are.

$S \rightarrow [q_0, z_0, q_1]$

$[q_0, z_0, q_1] \rightarrow \epsilon [q_0, x, q_1] [q_1, z_0, q_1]$

$[q_1, x, q_1] \rightarrow \epsilon [q_0, x, q_1] [q_1, x, q_1]$

$[q_0, x, q_1] \rightarrow \epsilon$

$[q_1, z_0, q_1] \rightarrow \epsilon$

$[q_1, x, q_1] \rightarrow \epsilon$

$[q_1, x, q_1] \rightarrow \epsilon$