

Theory of Automata and Formal Language

Lecture-30

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Construction of PDA

In this section, we shall see how PDA's can be constructed.

Ex. Construct PDA to accept the language $L = \{ 0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 1 \}$ by final state.

Solution: First we consider a string of a given language and check how it can accept.

Procedure:

In this language, since n numbers of 0's are followed by n numbers of 1's, therefore, to check equal number of 0 and 1, we have to push a symbol corresponding to 0 and pop that symbol corresponding to 1. Let that symbol is denoted by A .

Push stack symbol A in to the stack as long as scanned input symbol 0. When next scanned input symbol is 1, find top symbol of stack. If top symbol is A , then pop A from stack. When input pointer reaches at the end of string i.e. input string is empty, find top symbol of stack. If top symbol is Z_0 , then machine goes to final state. And at this situation, machine accept string.

Ex. $L = \{ 0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 1 \}$ continue.

Step-1: Let q_0 is the initial state and Z_0 is the bottom symbol of stack. We will push the stack symbol A into the stack if scanned input symbol 0 appears on the input tape. PDA will stay in this state q_0 . The top symbol may be any thing.

The transition rules corresponding to this step are the following:-

$$\delta(q_0, 0, Z_0) = \{(q_0, AZ_0)\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, 0, A) = \{(q_0, AA)\}$$

Step-2: In state q_0 , if the next scanned input symbol is 1 and if the top of stack is A, then PDA will pop the top symbol A from the stack and PDA changes its state to q_1 .

The transition rule corresponding to this step is the following:-

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

Ex. $L = \{ 0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 1 \}$ continue.

Step-3: Now PDA is at state q_1 . Now the input symbols in input string are 1's only. If current state is q_1 , current input symbol is 1 and top symbol is A, then PDA will pop the top symbol A. This action continues till input string becomes empty or top symbol becomes Z_0 .

The transition rule corresponding to this step is the following:-

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

Step-4: Now the state is q_1 and input string is empty(ϵ). If top symbol is Z_0 then PDA goes to final state without push or pop. Let the final state is q_2 .

The transition rule corresponding to this step is the following:-

$$\delta(q_1, \epsilon, Z_0) = \{(q_2, Z_0)\}$$

Ex. $L = \{ 0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 1 \}$ continue

Therefore final PDA is

$$M = (\{q_0, q_1, q_2\}, \{0, 1\}, \{A, Z_0\}, \delta, q_0, Z_0, \{q_2\})$$

δ is defined as following:-

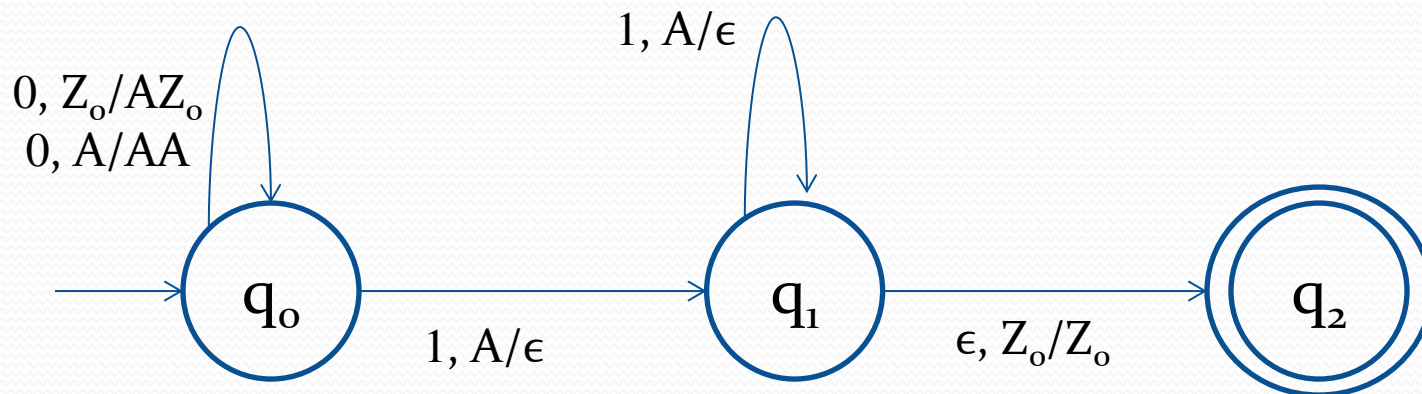
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$$\delta(q_1, \epsilon, Z_0) = \{(q_2, Z_0)\}$$



Processing and Verification of above PDA

Acceptance

Consider string $w = 000111$.

Processing of this string by PDA

$(q_o, 000111, Z_o) \vdash (q_o, 00111, AZ_o) \vdash (q_o, 0111, AAZ_o)$
 $\vdash (q_o, 111, AAAZ_o) \vdash (q_1, 11, AAZ_o) \vdash (q_1, 1, AZ_o) \vdash (q_1, \epsilon, Z_o)$
 $\vdash (q_2, \epsilon, Z_o)$ (Final configuration)

Rejection

Consider string $w = 00111$.

Processing of this string by PDA

$(q_o, 00111, Z_o) \vdash (q_o, 0111, AZ_o) \vdash (q_o, 111, AAZ_o)$
 $\vdash (q_1, 11, AZ_o) \vdash (q_1, 1, Z_o)$ (Non-final configuration)

PDA examples continue

Ex. Construct PDA to accept the language
 $L = \{ wcw^R \mid w \in \{a, b\}^* \}$ by final state.

Solution:

In this language, w is any string of a and b . w^R is the reverse string of w . If $w = abb$, then string $abbcbbba \in L$. Clearly all the strings belong in to L are palindrome.

Some strings belong in to this set are $c, aca, bcb, abcba, bacab$ etc.

Procedure: In this PDA, we push symbol A and B in to the stack corresponding to input symbol a and b in input string. PDA will stay at the q_0 . when c appears in input string, it changes its state to other state (Let it be q_1) without push or pop. At q_1 state, it only pop.

- If current input symbol is a and top symbol is A , then pop the top symbol A .
- Similarly, If current input symbol is b and top symbol is B , then pop the top symbol B .
- At last if input string is empty and top symbol is Z_0 , then machine goes to final state.

Ex. $L = \{ wcw^R \mid w \in \{a, b\}^* \}$ continue

Therefore the PDA corresponding to above language is constructed as following:-

$$M = (\{q_0, q_1, q_2\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{A, B, Z_0\}, \delta, q_0, Z_0, \{q_2\})$$

δ is defined as following:-

$$\delta(q_0, a, Z_0) = \{(q_0, AZ_0)\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, b, Z_0) = \{(q_0, BZ_0)\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, a, A) = \{(q_0, AA)\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, b, B) = \{(q_0, BB)\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, a, B) = \{(q_0, AB)\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, b, A) = \{(q_0, BA)\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, c, Z_0) = \{(q_1, Z_0)\} \quad \delta(q_0, c, A) = \{(q_1, A)\}$$

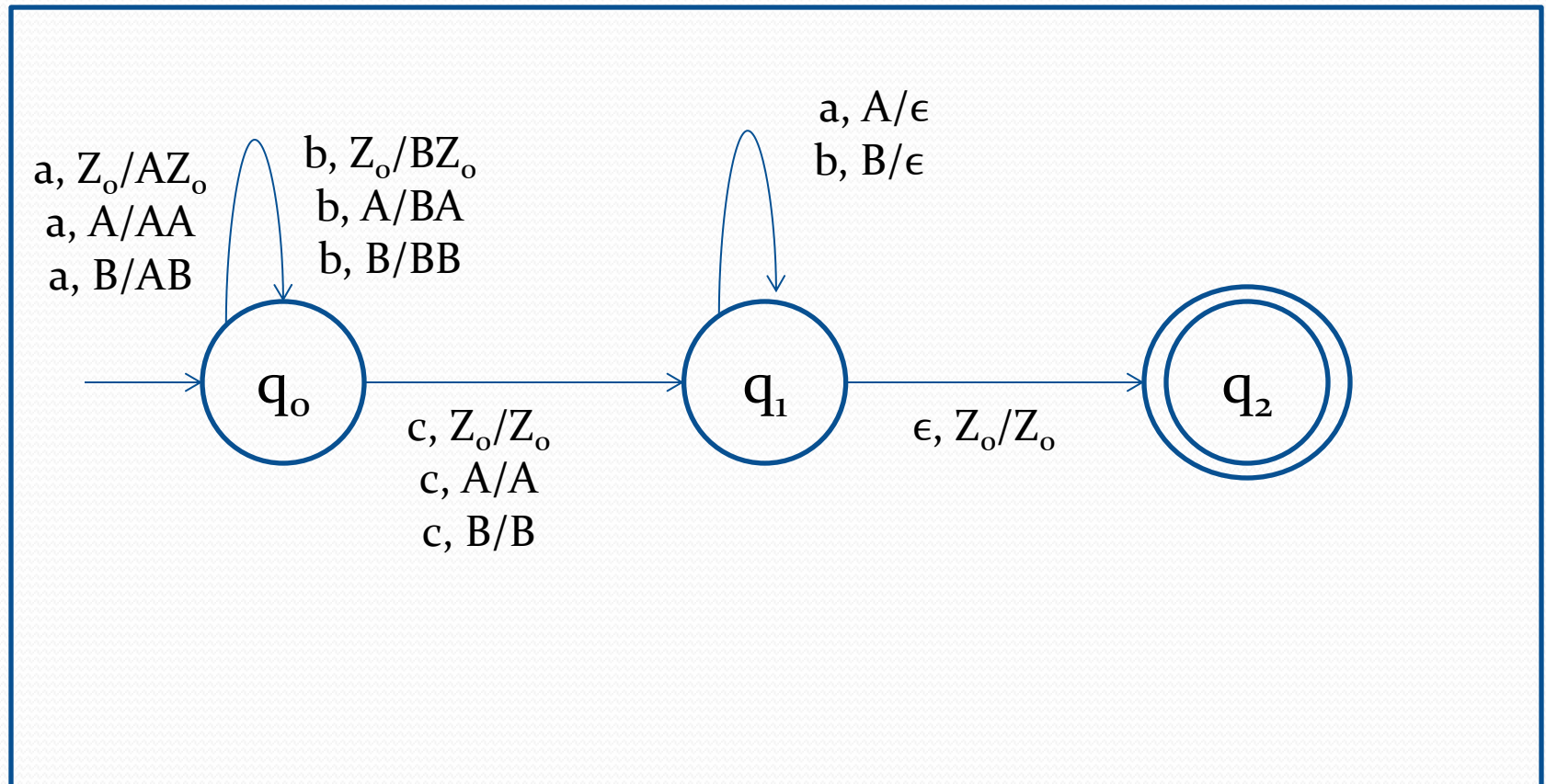
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$$\delta(q_1, a, A) = \{(q_1, \epsilon)\} \quad \delta(q_1, b, B) = \{(q_1, \epsilon)\}$$

$$\delta(q_1, \epsilon, Z_0) = \{(q_2, Z_0)\}$$

Ex. $L = \{ wcw^R \mid w \in \{a, b\}^* \}$ continue

Transition diagram of PDA is the following:-



Processing and Verification of above PDA

Acceptance

Consider string $x = \text{abbcbbba}$.

Processing of this string by PDA

$(q_0, \text{abbcbbba}, Z_0) \vdash (q_0, \text{bbcbba}, AZ_0) \vdash (q_0, \text{bcbba}, BAZ_0)$
 $\vdash (q_0, \text{cbba}, BB AZ_0) \vdash (q_1, \text{bba}, BB AZ_0) \vdash (q_1, \text{ba}, BAZ_0)$
 $\vdash (q_1, a, AZ_0) \vdash (q_1, \epsilon, Z_0) \vdash (q_2, \epsilon, Z_0)$ (Final configuration)

Rejection

Consider string $x = \text{abbcba}$.

Processing of this string by PDA

$(q_0, \text{abbcba}, Z_0) \vdash (q_0, \text{bbcba}, AZ_0) \vdash (q_0, \text{bcba}, BAZ_0)$
 $\vdash (q_0, \text{cba}, BB AZ_0) \vdash (q_1, \text{ba}, BB AZ_0) \vdash (q_1, a, BAZ_0)$
(Non-final configuration)