

Let $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ and let $L_{mp} = \{wcw^R \mid w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$.

We will prove that the pushdown automaton M defined as follows satisfies $L_e(M) = L_{mp}$.

$M = (\{q_0, q_1\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{\neg, A, B\}, \delta, q_0, \neg, \emptyset)$, Where

$\delta : Q \times \Sigma \times \Gamma \rightarrow 2_{FIN}^{Q \times \Gamma^*}$ defined as:

δ / Γ	\neg			A			B		
$Q \setminus \Sigma$	a	b	c	a	b	c	a	b	c
q_0	(q_0, A)	(q_0, B)	(q_1, ε)	(q_0, AA)	(q_0, BA)	(q_1, A)	(q_0, AB)	(q_0, BB)	(q_1, B)
q_1	\emptyset	\emptyset	\emptyset	(q_1, ε)	\emptyset	\emptyset	\emptyset	(q_1, ε)	\emptyset

First let's define a function $\Delta : \{a, b\} \rightarrow \{A, B\}$ as follows:

$$\forall x \in \{a, b\}, \Delta(x) = \begin{cases} A & x = a \\ B & x = b \end{cases}$$

Now we'll extend Δ to $\{a, b\}^*$ by defining a new function

$\hat{\Delta} : \{a, b\}^* \rightarrow \{A, B\}^*$ as follows:

$$\hat{\Delta}(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon$$

$$\forall w \in \{a, b\}^*, \sigma \in \{a, b\}, \hat{\Delta}(w \cdot \sigma) = \hat{\Delta}(w) \cdot \Delta(\sigma)$$

The following facts can be proved:

$$\forall x, y \in \{a, b\}^*, \hat{\Delta}(x \cdot y) = \hat{\Delta}(x) \cdot \hat{\Delta}(y)$$

$$\forall x \in \{a, b\}^*, \hat{\Delta}(x^R) = \hat{\Delta}(x)^R$$

We'll prove by induction on n that **(§)**

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall w \in \{a, b\}^+, (q_0, w, \neg) \vdash_M^* (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(w)^R) \equiv \\ & \equiv \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \forall w \in \{a, b\}^n, (q_0, w, \neg) \vdash_M^* (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(w)^R): \end{aligned}$$

Basis:

For $n = 1$ we must show that $\forall w \in \{a, b\}^1, (q_0, w, \neg) \vdash_M^* (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(w)^R)$:

Let $w \in \{a, b\}$, There are two cases: $w = a \vee w = b$

(1) If $w = a$ then we get that $(q_0, w, \neg) = (q_0, a, \neg) \vdash_M (q_0, \varepsilon, A)$,

$$\text{Now } \hat{\Delta}(w)^R = \hat{\Delta}(a)^R = \hat{\Delta}(\varepsilon \cdot a)^R = \left(\hat{\Delta}(\varepsilon) \cdot \Delta(a) \right)^R = (\varepsilon \cdot A)^R = A^R = A,$$

And so $(q_0, \varepsilon, A) = (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(w)^R)$, Thus we can conclude that

$$(q_0, w, \neg) \vdash_M (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(w)^R), \text{ And so } (q_0, w, \neg) \vdash_M^* (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(w)^R).$$

(2) If $w = b$ then we get that $(q_0, w, \neg) = (q_0, b, \neg) \vdash_M (q_0, \varepsilon, B)$,

$$\text{Now } \hat{\Delta}(w)^R = \hat{\Delta}(b)^R = \hat{\Delta}(\varepsilon \cdot b)^R = \left(\hat{\Delta}(\varepsilon) \cdot \Delta(b) \right)^R = (\varepsilon \cdot B)^R = B^R = B,$$

And so $(q_0, \varepsilon, B) = (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(w)^R)$, Thus we can conclude that

$$(q_0, w, \neg) \vdash_M (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(w)^R), \text{ And so } (q_0, w, \neg) \vdash_M^* (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(w)^R).$$

From **(1)** and **(2)** we can conclude that it is always the case

$$(q_0, w, \neg) \vdash_M^* (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(w)^R) \text{ as was to be shown.}$$

Induction Hypothesis:

Suppose that for some $n = k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ we have

$$\forall w \in \{a, b\}^k, (q_0, w, \neg) \vdash_M^* (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(w)^R)$$

Induction Step:

We must show that for $n = k + 1$ we have

$$\forall w \in \{a, b\}^{k+1}, (q_0, w, \neg) \vdash_M^* (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(w)^R):$$

Let $w \in \{a, b\}^{k+1}$, Therefore $\exists \tilde{w} \in \{a, b\}^k, \sigma \in \{a, b\}, w = \tilde{w} \cdot \sigma$,

Since $\tilde{w} \in \{a, b\}^k$, We get by the induction hypothesis that

$$(q_0, \tilde{w}, \perp) \vdash_M^* (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(\tilde{w})^R), \text{ And so}$$

$$(q_0, w, \perp) = (q_0, \tilde{w}\sigma, \perp) \vdash_M^* (q_0, \sigma, \hat{\Delta}(\tilde{w})^R), \text{ Now there are two cases:}$$

$$\sigma = a \vee \sigma = b$$

(1) If $\sigma = a$ then we get that

$$(q_0, \sigma, \hat{\Delta}(\tilde{w})^R) = (q_0, a, \hat{\Delta}(\tilde{w})^R) \vdash_M (q_0, \varepsilon, A \cdot \hat{\Delta}(\tilde{w})^R),$$

$$\text{Now } \hat{\Delta}(\sigma^R) = \hat{\Delta}(\sigma) = \hat{\Delta}(a) = \hat{\Delta}(\varepsilon \cdot a) = \hat{\Delta}(\varepsilon) \cdot \Delta(a) = \varepsilon \cdot A = A,$$

And so:

$$\begin{aligned} A \cdot \hat{\Delta}(\tilde{w})^R &= \hat{\Delta}(\sigma^R) \cdot \hat{\Delta}(\tilde{w})^R = \hat{\Delta}(\sigma^R) \cdot \hat{\Delta}(\tilde{w}^R) = \hat{\Delta}(\sigma^R \cdot \tilde{w}^R) = \\ &= \hat{\Delta}((\tilde{w} \cdot \sigma)^R) = \hat{\Delta}(w^R) = \hat{\Delta}(w)^R, \end{aligned}$$

Thus we can conclude that $(q_0, \varepsilon, A \cdot \hat{\Delta}(\tilde{w})^R) = (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(w)^R)$, And so

$$(q_0, \sigma, \hat{\Delta}(\tilde{w})^R) \vdash_M (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(w)^R).$$

(2) If $\sigma = b$ then we get that

$$(q_0, \sigma, \hat{\Delta}(\tilde{w})^R) = (q_0, b, \hat{\Delta}(\tilde{w})^R) \vdash_M (q_0, \varepsilon, B \cdot \hat{\Delta}(\tilde{w})^R),$$

$$\text{Now } \hat{\Delta}(\sigma^R) = \hat{\Delta}(\sigma) = \hat{\Delta}(b) = \hat{\Delta}(\varepsilon \cdot b) = \hat{\Delta}(\varepsilon) \cdot \Delta(b) = \varepsilon \cdot B = B,$$

And so:

$$\begin{aligned} B \cdot \hat{\Delta}(\tilde{w})^R &= \hat{\Delta}(\sigma^R) \cdot \hat{\Delta}(\tilde{w})^R = \hat{\Delta}(\sigma^R) \cdot \hat{\Delta}(\tilde{w}^R) = \hat{\Delta}(\sigma^R \cdot \tilde{w}^R) = \\ &= \hat{\Delta}((\tilde{w} \cdot \sigma)^R) = \hat{\Delta}(w^R) = \hat{\Delta}(w)^R, \end{aligned}$$

Thus we can conclude that $(q_0, \varepsilon, B \cdot \hat{\Delta}(\tilde{w})^R) = (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(w)^R)$ and so

$$(q_0, \sigma, \hat{\Delta}(\tilde{w})^R) \vdash_M (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(w)^R).$$

From cases **(1)** and **(2)** we see that it is always the case

$$(q_0, \sigma, \hat{\Delta}(\tilde{w})^R) \vdash_M (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(w)^R).$$

Now we can conclude that $(q_0, w, \perp) \vdash_M^* (q_0, \sigma, \hat{\Delta}(\tilde{w})^R) \vdash_M (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(w)^R),$

And so $(q_0, w, \perp) \vdash_M^* (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(w)^R)$ as was to be shown.

Now we'll show that $L_{mp} \subseteq L_e(M)$:

Let $w \in L_{mp}$, Thus $\exists x \in \{a,b\}^*$, $w = xc x^R$, Now there are two cases:
 $x = \varepsilon \vee x \neq \varepsilon$

(1) If $x = \varepsilon$, Then $w = c$ and so $(q_0, w, \neg) = (q_0, c, \neg) \vdash_M (q_1, \varepsilon, \varepsilon)$, Thus, we can conclude that $w \in L_e(M)$.

(2) If $x \neq \varepsilon$, Then $x \in \{a,b\}^+$ and we can conclude by using **(§)** that

$(q_0, x, \neg) \vdash_M^* (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(x)^R)$, Thus,
 $(q_0, w, \neg) = (q_0, xc x^R, \neg) \vdash_M^* (q_0, c x^R, \hat{\Delta}(x)^R) \vdash_M (q_1, x^R, \hat{\Delta}(x)^R)$, Now, Since M is in state q_1 , We are currently emptying the stack, And for each a in x^R there is a corresponding A in $\hat{\Delta}(x)^R$, Similarly, for each b in x^R there is a corresponding B in $\hat{\Delta}(x)^R$, Thus $(q_1, x^R, \hat{\Delta}(x)^R) \vdash_M^* (q_1, \varepsilon, \varepsilon)$, And we can conclude that $(q_0, w, \neg) \vdash_M^* (q_1, \varepsilon, \varepsilon)$, And so $w \in L_e(M)$.

From cases **(1)** and **(2)** we see that it is always the case that $w \in L_e(M)$ as was to be shown.

Now we'll show that $L_e(M) \subseteq L_{mp}$:

Let $w \in L_e(M)$, Thus $(q_0, w, \neg) \vdash_M^* (q_1, \varepsilon, \varepsilon)$. Since M reaches state q_1 , We get that there must be some c in the input string that took M from state q_0 to state q_1 . Now, because the first time M encounters c , M changes its state from q_0 to q_1 we can conclude that

$\exists x \in \{a,b\}^*$, $y \in \{a,b,c\}^*$, $w = xcy$, Now there are two cases: $x = \varepsilon \vee x \neq \varepsilon$

(1) If $x = \varepsilon$ then $w = cy$ and so $(q_0, w, \neg) = (q_0, cy, \neg) \vdash_M (q_1, y, \varepsilon)$. Now since $(q_0, w, \neg) \vdash_M^* (q_1, \varepsilon, \varepsilon)$, We get that it must be the case that $(q_1, y, \varepsilon) \vdash_M^* (q_1, \varepsilon, \varepsilon)$. Now since the stack is empty, M cannot do any move, And so, It must be the case that $(q_1, y, \varepsilon) \vdash_M^0 (q_1, \varepsilon, \varepsilon)$, Therefore $y = \varepsilon$, And we get that $w = c$. Now since $c \in L_{mp}$, We can conclude that $w \in L_{mp}$.

(2) If $x \neq \varepsilon$ then $x \in \{a, b\}^+$ and by **(§)** we can conclude that

$$(q_0, x, \perp) \vdash_M^* (q_0, \varepsilon, \hat{\Delta}(x)^R), \text{ Thus, } (q_0, w, \perp) = (q_0, xcy, \perp) \vdash_M^* (q_0, cy, \hat{\Delta}(x)^R),$$

Now since the first character in x must be one of a or b , We get that the character at the top of the stack must be one of A or B and it cannot be the character \perp . Therefore, the first character in $\hat{\Delta}(x)^R$ must be one of A or B , And so $(q_0, cy, \hat{\Delta}(x)^R) \vdash_M (q_1, y, \hat{\Delta}(x)^R)$, Thus $(q_0, w, \perp) \vdash_M^* (q_1, y, \hat{\Delta}(x)^R)$.

Now since $(q_0, w, \perp) \vdash_M^* (q_1, \varepsilon, \varepsilon)$, We get that it must be the case that

$(q_1, y, \hat{\Delta}(x)^R) \vdash_M^* (q_1, \varepsilon, \varepsilon)$. Now, Since M is in the state q_1 we get that M is currently emptying the stack and for each a in y there must be a

corresponding A in $\hat{\Delta}(x)^R$, Similarly, for each b in y there is must be a

corresponding B in $\hat{\Delta}(x)^R$, Thus we can conclude that

$$\hat{\Delta}(y) = \hat{\Delta}(x)^R = \hat{\Delta}(x^R).$$

It can be shown that $\hat{\Delta}$ is a one-to-one function and from this fact we can conclude that $y = x^R$. Thus $w = xcx^R$ where $x \in \{a, b\}^+$. Now by definition of L_{mp} we can conclude that $w \in L_{mp}$.

From cases **(1)** and **(2)** we can conclude that it is always the case that $w \in L_{mp}$ as was to be shown.

From the two set inclusions we've just shown, We can conclude that $L_e(M) = L_{mp}$ as was to be shown.

Q.E.D.
