

Theory of Computation

Chapter 2

Context-Free Languages

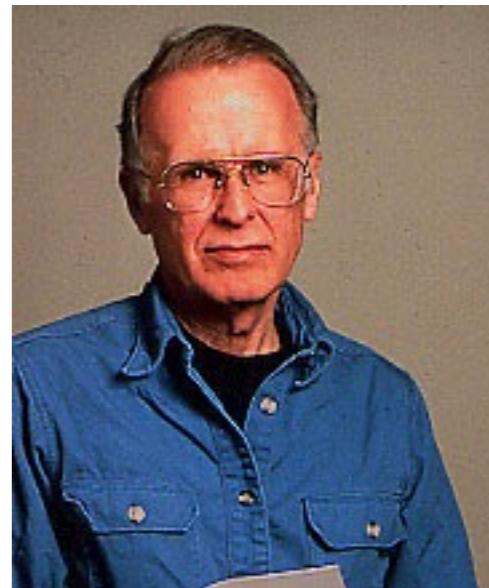


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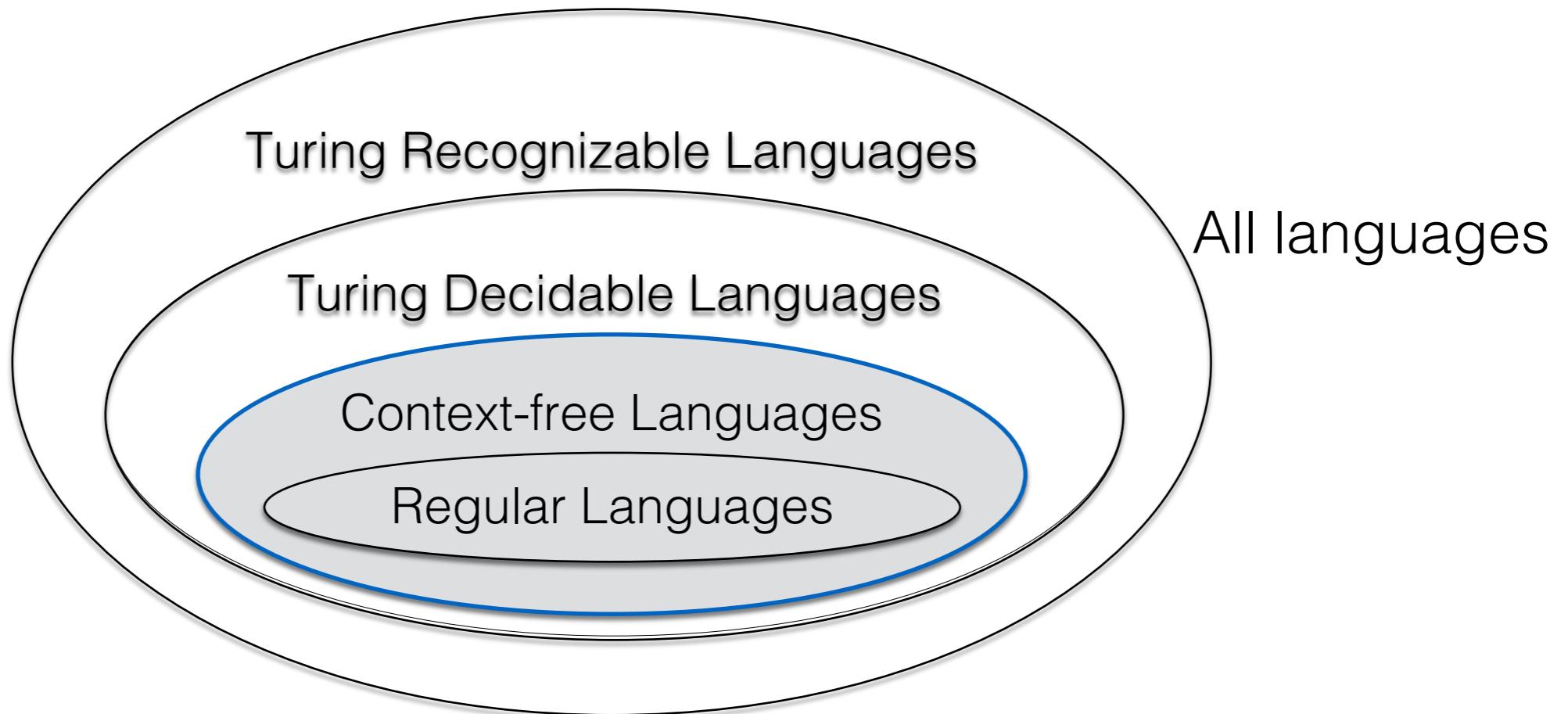
John Backus

1924-2007

- Director of team that created Fortran, one of the first high-level programming languages (ever!) in 1957
- Fortran is still used today, in science/engineering fields
- Co-creator of Backus-Naur Form, which is used (today) to precisely describe the grammars of programming languages
- 1977 Turing Award winner



Context-Free Languages



Context-Free Languages
PDA = CFG = CNF

Closed under union, U, concatenation, \circ , and star, $*$.

Context-Free Languages

- Context-free languages are the next level up from regular languages

Context-Free Languages – PDA's

Regular languages – DFA's

- They provide more power or expressiveness than regular languages since they have the ability to store information on a stack
- Most programming languages are Context-Free Languages

Context-Free Languages

- We describe context-free languages with context-free grammars (CFG)
- The grammar consists of a set of substitution rules of variables and terminals
- Variables are the symbols that help us derive the strings of the language, which consist of terminals
- Ex: $L(G_1) = \{0^n\#1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$
 - Grammar: $A \rightarrow 0A1$
 $A \rightarrow B$
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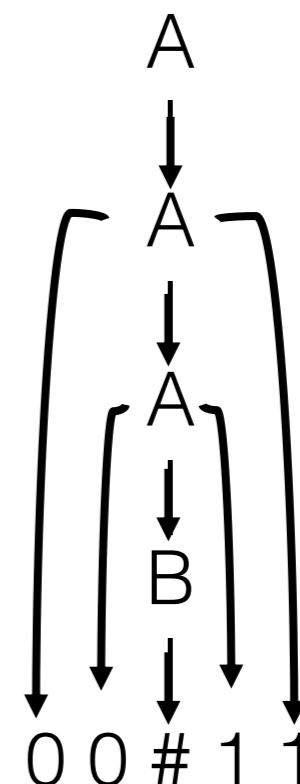
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 - Variables: A and B
 - Terminals: 0, 1, #
 - Variable A is the start variable since it starts the first rule
 - There are three grammar rules listed

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- Ex: $L(G_1) = \{0^n\#1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$
 - Grammar: $A \rightarrow 0A1$
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 - To generate a string from this CFG:
 1. Start with the start variable (A)
 2. While variables are left, pick a variable and replace it with a substitution rule
 - Ex: $A \Rightarrow 0A1 \Rightarrow 0B1 \Rightarrow 0\#1$
 - Ex: $A \Rightarrow B \Rightarrow \#$
 - The sequence of substitutions to obtain a string is called a derivation.

Context-Free Languages

- We can also use a parse tree to represent the same information pictorially
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 - Ex: $A \Rightarrow 0A1 \Rightarrow 00A11 \Rightarrow 00B11 \Rightarrow 00\#11$



Context-Free Languages

- English language example:
 - $\langle \text{sentence} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{noun-phrase} \rangle \langle \text{verb-phrase} \rangle$
 - $\langle \text{noun-phrase} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{complex-noun} \rangle | \langle \text{complex-noun} \rangle \langle \text{prep-phrase} \rangle$
 - $\langle \text{verb-phrase} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{complex-verb} \rangle | \langle \text{complex-verb} \rangle \langle \text{prep-phrase} \rangle$
 - $\langle \text{prep-phrase} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{prep} \rangle \langle \text{complex-noun} \rangle$
 - $\langle \text{complex-noun} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{article} \rangle \langle \text{noun} \rangle$
 - $\langle \text{complex-verb} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{verb} \rangle | \langle \text{verb} \rangle \langle \text{noun-phrase} \rangle$
 - $\langle \text{article} \rangle \rightarrow \text{a} | \text{the}$
 - $\langle \text{noun} \rangle \rightarrow \text{boy} | \text{girl} | \text{flower}$
 - $\langle \text{verb} \rangle \rightarrow \text{touches} | \text{likes} | \text{sees}$
 - $\langle \text{prep} \rangle \rightarrow \text{with}$

The $|$ symbol means you can choose one derivation or the other for that rule

Context-Free Languages

- Example derivation:

- $\langle \text{sentence} \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{noun-phrase} \rangle \langle \text{verb-phrase} \rangle$
 $\Rightarrow \langle \text{complex-noun} \rangle \langle \text{verb-phrase} \rangle$
 $\Rightarrow \langle \text{article} \rangle \langle \text{noun} \rangle \langle \text{verb-phrase} \rangle$
 $\Rightarrow \text{A } \langle \text{noun} \rangle \langle \text{verb-phrase} \rangle$
 $\Rightarrow \text{A boy } \langle \text{verb-phrase} \rangle$
 $\Rightarrow \text{A boy } \langle \text{complex-verb} \rangle \langle \text{prep-phrase} \rangle$
 $\Rightarrow \text{A boy } \langle \text{verb} \rangle \langle \text{prep-phrase} \rangle$
 $\Rightarrow \text{A boy touches } \langle \text{prep-phrase} \rangle$
 $\Rightarrow \text{A boy touches } \langle \text{prep} \rangle \langle \text{complex-noun} \rangle$
 $\Rightarrow \text{A boy touches with } \langle \text{complex-noun} \rangle$
 $\Rightarrow \text{A boy touches with } \langle \text{article} \rangle \langle \text{noun} \rangle$
 $\Rightarrow \text{A boy touches with the } \langle \text{noun} \rangle$
 $\Rightarrow \text{A boy touches with the flower}$

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<sentence> → <noun-phrase><verb-phrase>
<noun-phrase> → <complex-noun>|
                           <complex-noun><prep-phrase>
<verb-phrase> → <complex-verb>|
                           <complex-verb><prep-phrase>
<prep-phrase> → <prep><complex-noun>
<complex-noun> → <article><noun>
<complex-verb> → <verb>|<verb><noun-phrase>
<article> → a | the
<noun> → boy | girl | flower
<verb> → touches | likes | sees
<prep> → with
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Context-Free Grammar

- Formal Definition of the Context-Free Grammar (CFG)
 - A CFG is a 4-tuple (V, Σ, R, S) such that:
 1. V is a finite set of variables
 2. Σ is a finite set of terminals such that $V \cap \Sigma = \emptyset$
 3. R is a finite set of substitution rules, where a rule has a variable on the left and variables/terminals on the right
 4. $S \in V$ is the start variable

Context-Free Terminology

- Context-Free Grammar (CFG) Terminology
 - $u \Rightarrow v$ means u yields v
 - applying one substitution rule to u gives v
 - $u \Rightarrow^* v$ means u derives v
 - Either:
 1. $u = v$, or
 2. there is a sequence of strings u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k exists for $k \geq 0$ such that $u \Rightarrow u_1 \Rightarrow u_2 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow u_k \Rightarrow v$
 - The language of G , $L(G) = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid S \Rightarrow^* x\}$

Context-Free Grammar

- Context-Free Grammar (CFG) Example 2.3
 - $G = (\{S\}, \{a, b\}, R, S)$ where the set of rules,
R is: $S \rightarrow aSb \mid SS \mid \epsilon$
 - $L(G) = \{\text{set of all strings of the same number of a's and b's (where no prefix has more b's than a's)}\}$
 - Ex: $\epsilon, ab, aabb, abab, aababb$
 - Can think of a and b as (and), so $L(G) = \{\text{set of all strings of balanced parentheses}\}$
 - Ex: from above - $\epsilon, (), ((\)), (\)(\), ((\))(\)$
 - But not aabaabb or $((\))((\))$ or abba $(\)($)

Context-Free Grammar

- Context-Free Grammar (CFG) Example 2.4
 - $G = (V, \Sigma, R, A)$ where $V = \{A, B, C\}$, $\Sigma = \{a, +, \times, (,)\}$
 - Rules R:
 $A \rightarrow A + B \mid B$
 $B \rightarrow B \times C \mid C$
 $C \rightarrow (A) \mid a$
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$A \Rightarrow A + B$
 $\Rightarrow A + B \times C$
 $\Rightarrow B + B \times C$
 $\Rightarrow C + B \times C$
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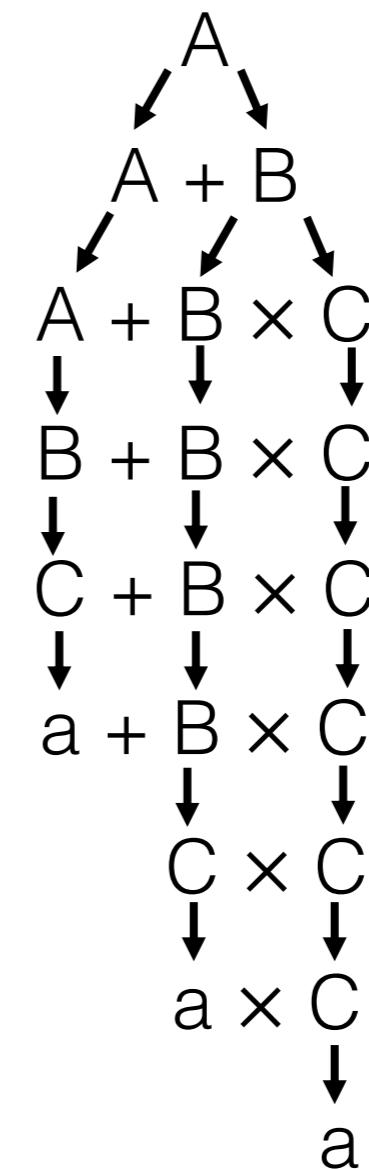
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Context-Free Grammar

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A → A + B | B
B → B × C | C
C → (A) | a
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$a + a \times a$

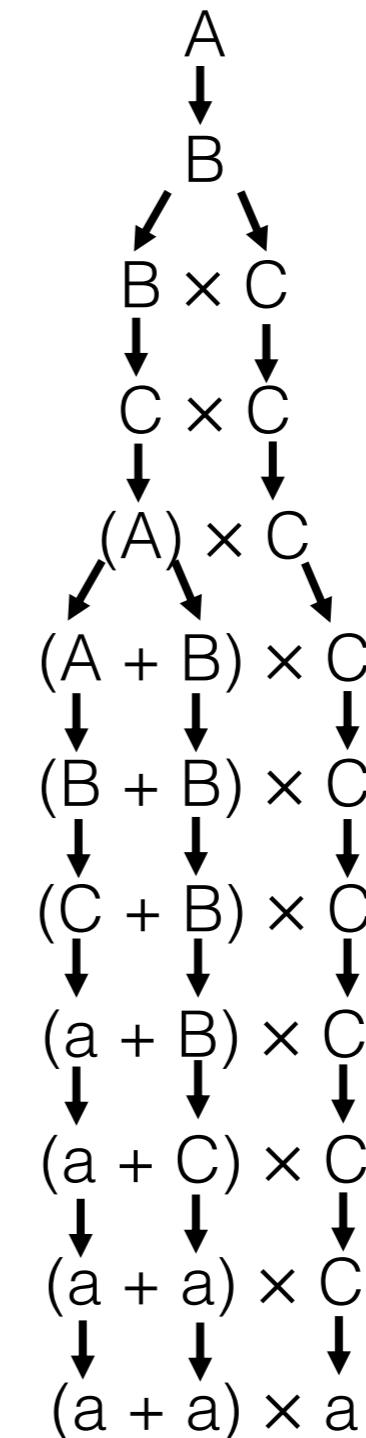
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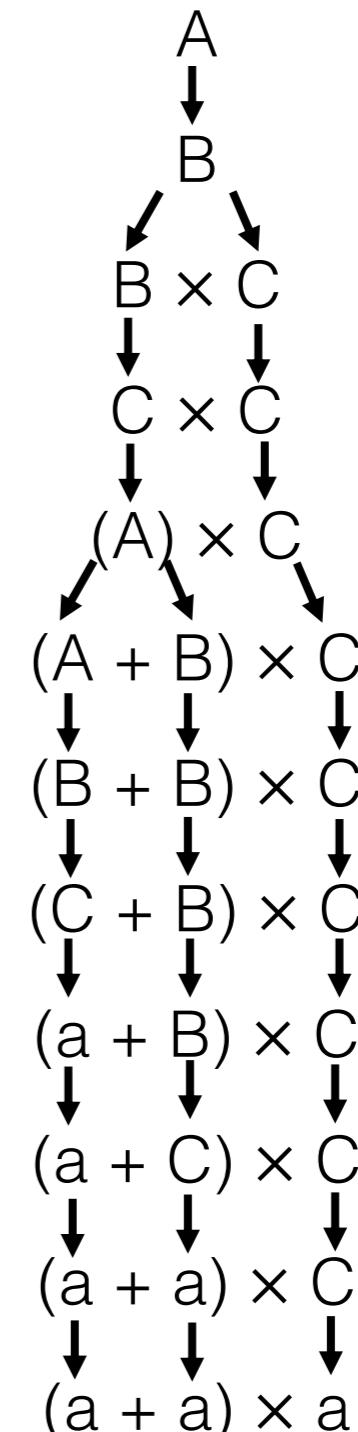
- Ex 2.4 cont.
 - String $(a + a) \times a$
 - $A \Rightarrow B$
 $\Rightarrow B \times C$
 $\Rightarrow C \times C$
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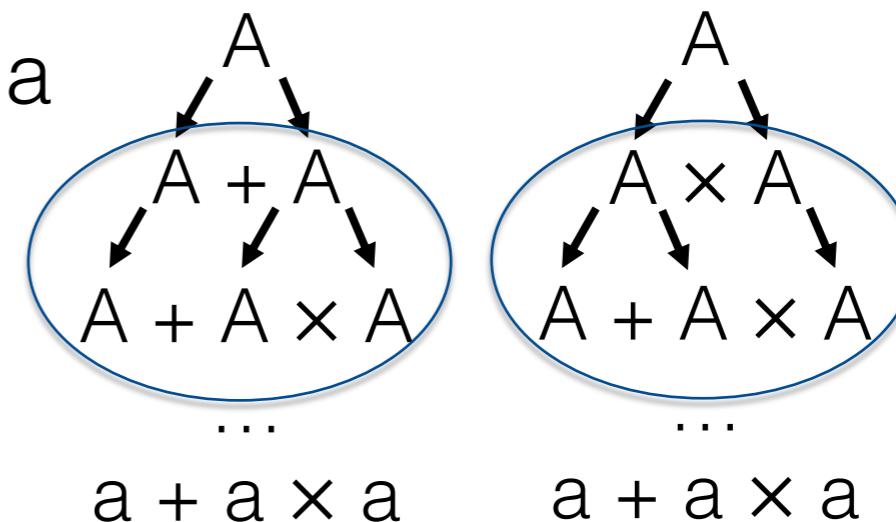
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- Ex 2.4 cont.
 - $A \rightarrow A + B \mid B$
 $B \rightarrow B \times C \mid C$
 $C \rightarrow (A) \mid a$
 - There is just one way to derive the strings from this language
 - Ex: String $(a + a) \times a$ has only one possible parse tree, so does the string $a + a \times a$ or any other string from this language
 - The language is unambiguous



Ambiguity in Grammars

- Definition 2.7:
 - A string w is ambiguously derived in CFG G if w has at least two different left-most derivations (where the left-most variable is always replaced first)
 - G is ambiguous if it generates some strings ambiguously
 - Note: some languages are inherently ambiguous
 - Ex: $A \rightarrow A + A \mid A \times A \mid A \mid a$
 - String: $a + a \times a$ has two different parse trees



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$$S \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid 0S0 \mid 1S1 \mid 0S1 \mid 1S0$$

Try It

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2. Show the derivation or parse tree of the following string, 011001, using the grammar G:

$$S \rightarrow TSV \mid VST \mid \epsilon$$

$$T \rightarrow 0$$

$$V \rightarrow 1$$

Is the grammar above ambiguous? Why or why not?

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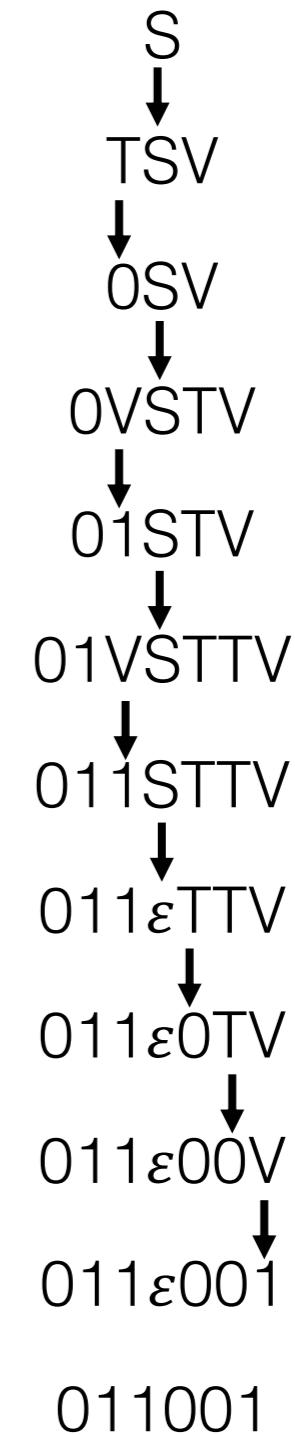
$$S \rightarrow TSV \mid VST \mid \epsilon$$

$$T \rightarrow 0$$

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Is the grammar above ambiguous?
Why or why not?

- No. There is only one possible parse tree for any string in the language.



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Properties of Context-Free Languages



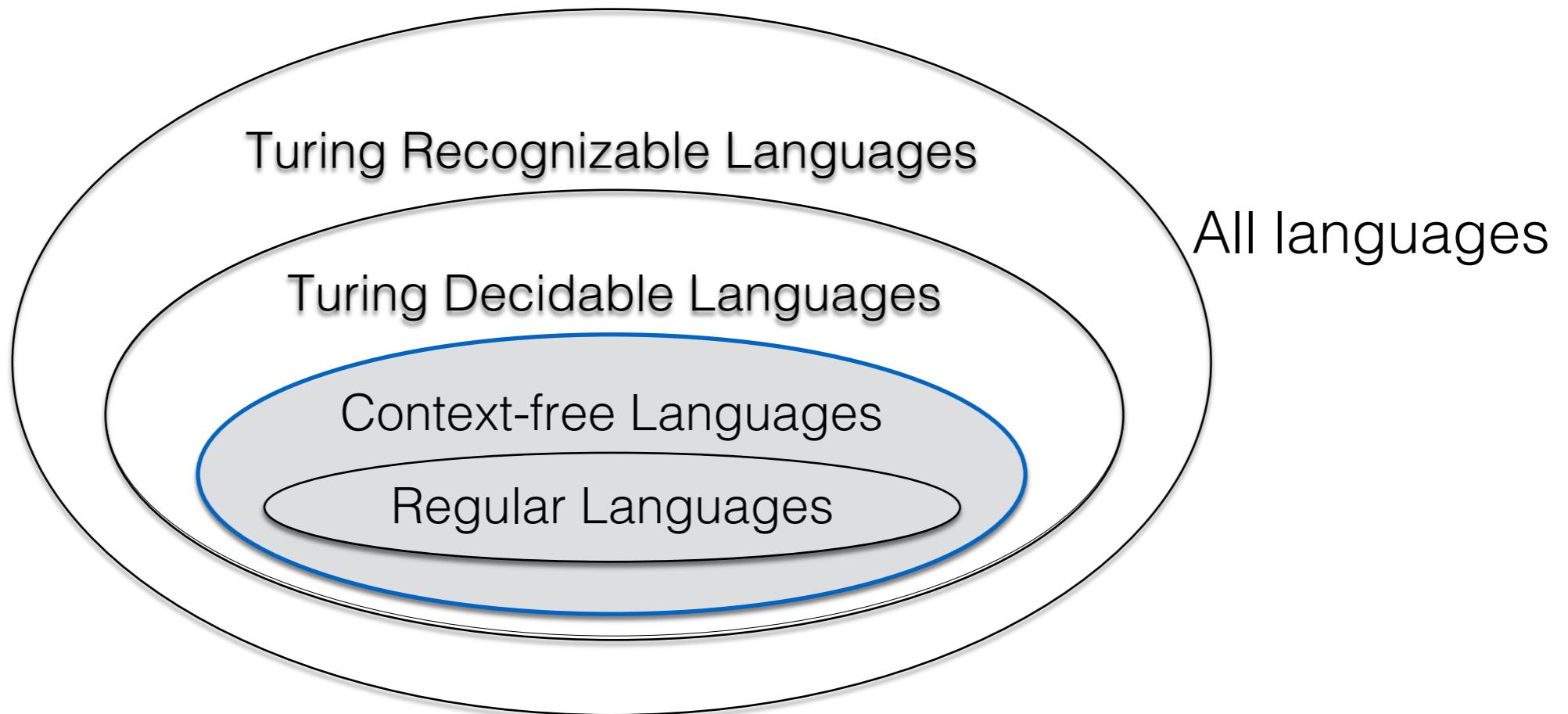
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Noam Chomsky

- Sometimes called "the father of modern linguistics"
- Major figure in analytic philosophy and one of the founders of the field of cognitive science
- Wrote *Syntactic Structures* that revolutionized the scientific study of language and played a major role in remodeling the study of language
- Political activist and defender of free speech



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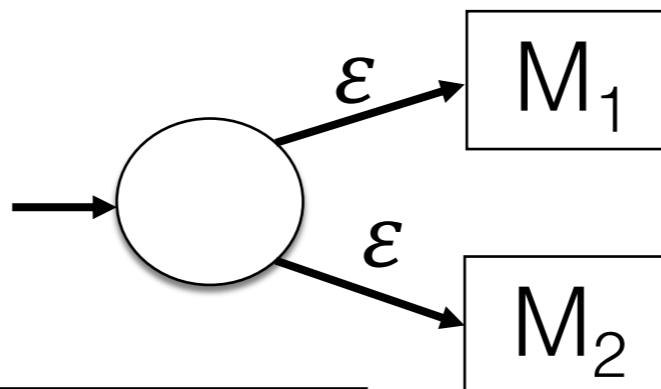
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Properties of Context-Free Languages

- Lemma: Context-free languages are closed under the union operation
- Proof: Let G_1 and G_2 be CFG's generating CFL's: $L(G_1)$ and $L(G_2)$ respectively. Let S_1 and S_2 be start variables for G_1 and G_2 respectively. Then the CFG for $L(G_1) \cup L(G_2)$ is:

- $S \rightarrow S_1 \mid S_2$
- $S_1 \rightarrow \dots$
- $S_2 \rightarrow \dots$

Create a new start state & variable

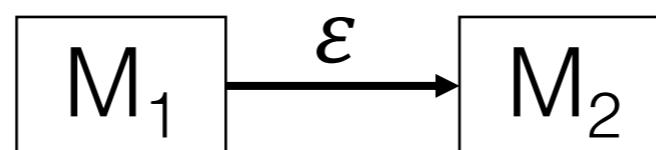


M_1 and M_2 are the machines that represent G_1 and G_2 respectively

Properties of Context-Free Languages

- Lemma: Context-free languages are closed under the concatenation operation
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- $S_2 \rightarrow \dots$



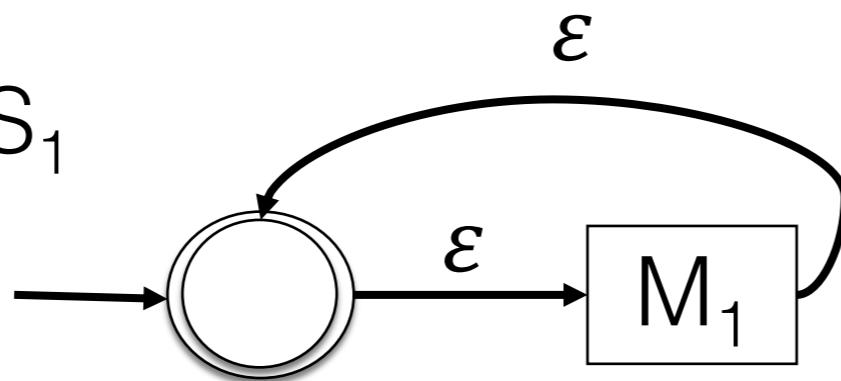
M_1 's accept states become regular states

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Properties of Context-Free Languages

- Lemma: Context-free languages are closed under the star operation
- Proof: Let G_1 be a CFG generating a CFL: $L(G_1)$. Let S_1 be the start variable for G_1 . Then the CFG for $L(G_1)^*$ is:

- $S \rightarrow \epsilon \mid SS_1$
 $S_1 \rightarrow \dots$



M_1 is the machine that represents G_1

Create a new start state that is an accept state

Comparison of Regular & Context-Free Languages

- Take a non-regular language L , can we make it a context-free language?
 - Ex: $L = \{0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$ We learned in Chapter 1 that L is not a regular language
 - We can describe it with productions: $S \rightarrow 0S1 \mid \epsilon$
 - Since we can define the grammar, the language is context-free
 - Claim: All regular languages are context-free languages

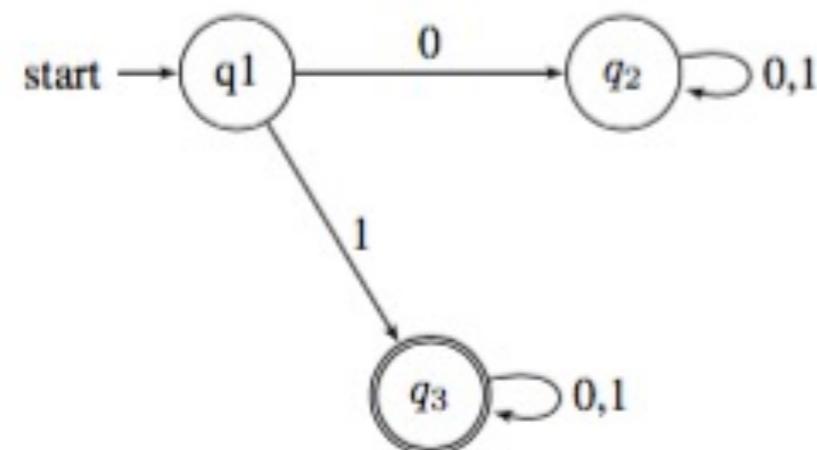
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- Proof: Let L be a regular language with a DFA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$
 - We can create a grammar G by replacing the states in M with the variables in G
 - We construct the grammar as follows:
 1. For each state $q_i \in Q$, add variable R_i in G
 2. For each transition $\delta(q_i, a) = q_j$ for the DFA, add a substitution rule to G : $R_i \rightarrow aR_j$
 3. For any $q_i \in F$, add $R_i \rightarrow \epsilon$
 4. Set R_0 in G to be the start variable q_0

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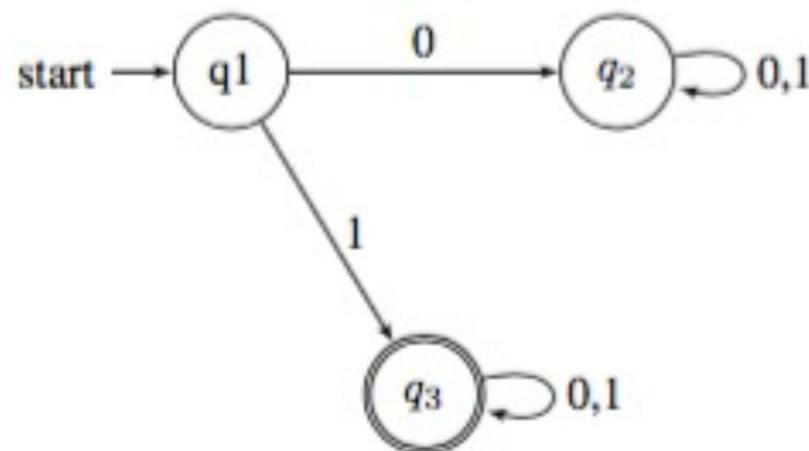


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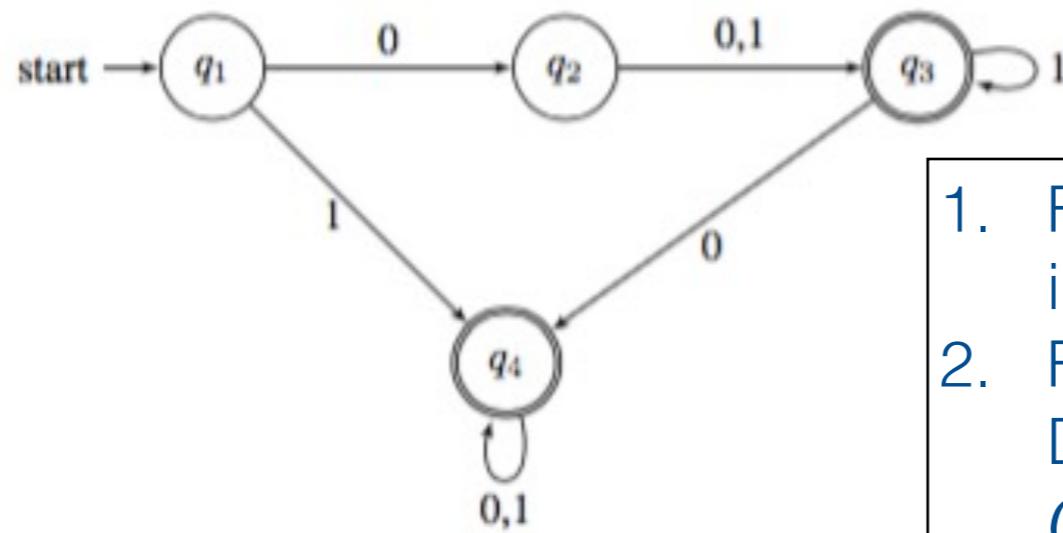
1. Variables: R_1, R_2, R_3
2. $R_1 \rightarrow 0R_2 \mid 1R_3$
 $R_2 \rightarrow 0R_2 \mid 1R_2$
 $R_3 \rightarrow 0R_3 \mid 1R_3 \mid \epsilon$
4. R_1 is the start variable

The rules match the transitions, such as: on q_1 with a 0 move to q_2 , so get $R_1 \rightarrow 0R_2$. Step 3 adds the ϵ rule to the variable that represents the accept state

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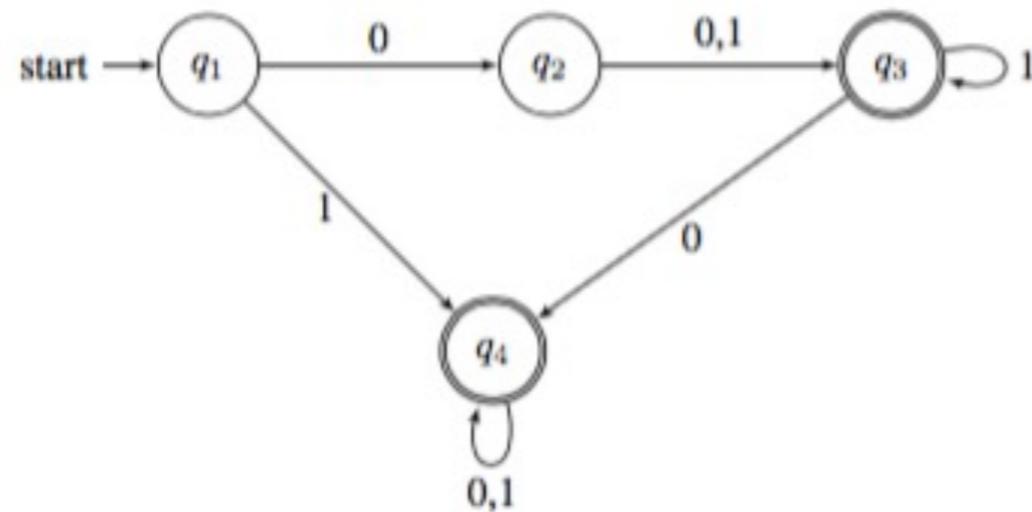
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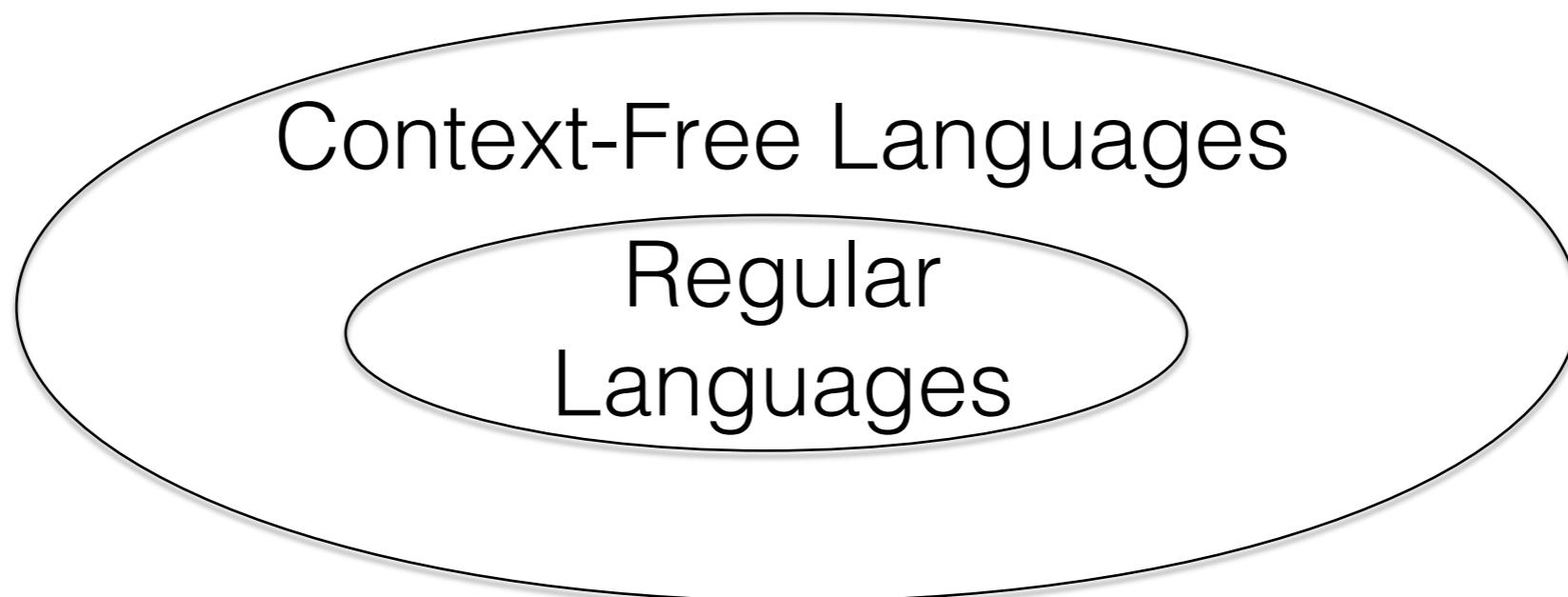
1. Variables: R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4

2.
$$\begin{array}{l|l} R_1 \rightarrow 0R_2 & 1R_4 \\ R_2 \rightarrow 0R_3 & 1R_3 \\ R_3 \rightarrow 0R_4 & 1R_3 | \epsilon \\ R_4 \rightarrow 0R_4 & 1R_4 | \epsilon \end{array}$$

4. R_1 is the start variable

Comparison of Regular & Context-Free Languages

- All regular languages are context-free languages



Chomsky Normal Form

- When working with CFG's, it is convenient to have them in simplified form
- A CFG is in Chomsky Normal form if every rule is of the form:
 - $A \rightarrow BC$ or $A \rightarrow a$
 - Where a is a terminal and A, B, C are variables and B and C cannot be the start variable
 - The rule: $S \rightarrow \epsilon$ is also allowed for the start variable S

Chomsky Normal Form

- Theorem: Any CFL is generated by a CFG in Chomsky Normal Form
 - Ex: $S \rightarrow ASA \mid aB$
 $A \rightarrow B \mid S$
 $B \rightarrow b \mid \epsilon$
 - Need new start variable that is not also on the right-hand side, S_0

$S_0 \rightarrow S$
 $S \rightarrow ASA \mid aB$
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- Get rid of the rule $B \rightarrow \epsilon$ (must add a rule for every B with the result of the rule $B \rightarrow \epsilon$)

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Ex cont: $S_0 \rightarrow S$

$S \rightarrow ASA | aB | a | SA | AS | S$

$A \rightarrow B | S$

$B \rightarrow b$

- Get rid of the rules $S \rightarrow S$ and $S_0 \rightarrow S$

$S_0 \rightarrow ASA | aB | a | SA | AS$

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- Convert the rules to the form $A \rightarrow BC$ and $A \rightarrow a$ (must add new variables, T and U)

- $$\begin{aligned} S_0 &\rightarrow AT \mid UB \mid a \mid SA \mid AS \\ S &\rightarrow AT \mid UB \mid a \mid SA \mid AS \\ A &\rightarrow b \mid AT \mid UB \mid a \mid SA \mid AS \\ T &\rightarrow SA \\ U &\rightarrow a \\ B &\rightarrow b \end{aligned}$$

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Chomsky Normal Form

- Second Example to convert to Chomsky Normal Form:
 - $R \rightarrow XRX \mid S$
 $S \rightarrow aTb \mid bTa$
 $T \rightarrow XTX \mid X \mid \epsilon$
 $X \rightarrow a \mid b$
 - What steps do we need to take?
 - New start variable that does not go to itself
 - Remove the empty string transitions (the new start state can go to the empty string)
 - Remove transitions of the form $A \rightarrow B$
 - Add variables and rules to convert the rules to the correct form of $A \rightarrow BC$ or $A \rightarrow a$

Make all rules in the form:
 $A \rightarrow BC$
 $A \rightarrow a$

Chomsky Normal Form

- Second Example to convert to Chomsky Normal Form:
 - $R \rightarrow XRX \mid S$
 $S \rightarrow aTb \mid bTa$
 $T \rightarrow XTX \mid X \mid \epsilon$
 $X \rightarrow a \mid b$
 - Make all rules in the form:
 $A \rightarrow BC$
 $A \rightarrow a$
 - Need new start variable that is not also on the right-hand side, S_0
 - $S_0 \rightarrow R$
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Make all rules in the form:
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 $A \rightarrow a$

- Remove the rule $T \rightarrow \epsilon$ (must add a rule for every T with the result of the rule $T \rightarrow \epsilon$)

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- Remove the rules $S_0 \rightarrow R$ and $R \rightarrow S$

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Chomsky Normal Form

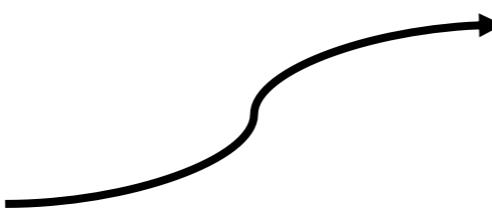
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 $X \rightarrow a \mid b$

Make all rules in the form:
 $A \rightarrow BC$
 $A \rightarrow a$

- Convert the rules to the form $A \rightarrow BC$ and $A \rightarrow a$ (must add new variables, Y, Z, W, V, B, and A)

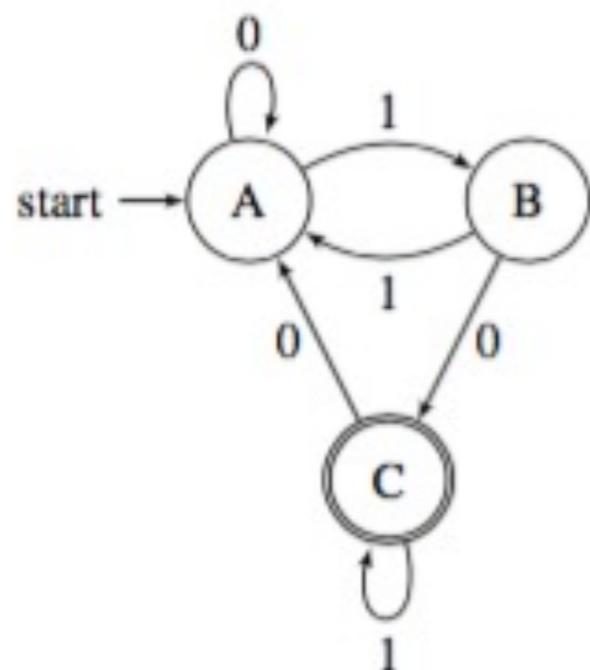
- $S_0 \rightarrow YX \mid WB \mid VA \mid AB \mid BA$
 $R \rightarrow YX \mid WB \mid VA \mid AB \mid BA$
 $S \rightarrow WB \mid VA \mid AB \mid BA$
 $T \rightarrow ZX \mid a \mid b \mid XX$
 $X \rightarrow a \mid b$
 $Y \rightarrow XR$
 $Z \rightarrow XT$



$W \rightarrow AT$
 $V \rightarrow BT$
 $B \rightarrow b$
 $A \rightarrow a$

Try It

1. Generate the CFG from the DFA given below.



2. Convert the CFG in to Chomsky Normal Form:

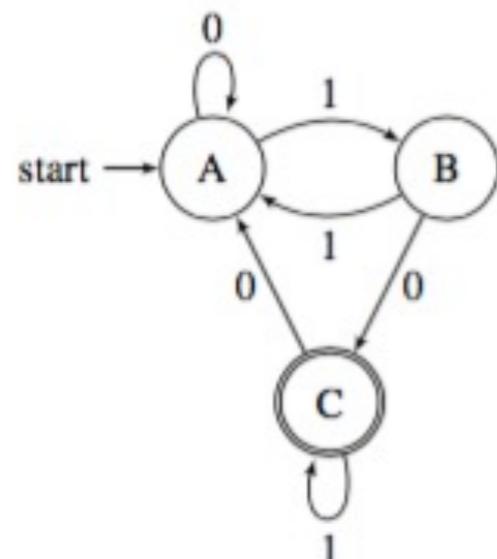
$$S \rightarrow TSV \mid VST \mid \epsilon$$

$$T \rightarrow 0$$

$$V \rightarrow 1$$

Try It

1. Generate the CFG from the DFA given below.



- Variables A, B, C, A is the start symbol
- Productions:
 - $A \rightarrow 0A \mid 1B$
 - $B \rightarrow 0C \mid 1A$
 - $C \rightarrow 0A \mid 1C \mid \epsilon$ (ϵ added since C is an accept state)

Try It

2. Convert the CFG in to Chomsky Normal Form:

$$S \rightarrow TSV \mid VST \mid \epsilon$$
$$T \rightarrow 0$$
$$V \rightarrow 1$$

- New start state S_0 :

$$S_0 \rightarrow S$$
$$S \rightarrow TSV \mid VST \mid \epsilon$$
$$T \rightarrow 0$$
$$V \rightarrow 1$$

Try It

2. Convert the CFG in to Chomsky Normal Form:

$$S_0 \rightarrow S$$

$$S \rightarrow TSV \mid VST \mid \epsilon$$

$$T \rightarrow 0$$

$$V \rightarrow 1$$

- Get rid of ϵ transition:

$$S_0 \rightarrow S \mid \epsilon$$

$$S \rightarrow TSV \mid VST \mid TV \mid VT$$

$$T \rightarrow 0$$

$$V \rightarrow 1$$

Note that the rule $S_0 \rightarrow \epsilon$ is acceptable.

Try It

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$$T \rightarrow 0$$

$$V \rightarrow 1$$

- Get rid of $S_0 \rightarrow S$ transition:

$$S_0 \rightarrow TSV \mid VST \mid TV \mid VT \mid \epsilon$$

$$S \rightarrow TSV \mid VST \mid TV \mid VT$$

$$T \rightarrow 0$$

$$V \rightarrow 1$$

Try It

- Convert the CFG in to Chomsky Normal Form:

$$S_0 \rightarrow TSV | VST | TV | VT | \epsilon$$
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$$T \rightarrow 0$$
$$V \rightarrow 1$$

- Make all transitions in form of $A \rightarrow BC$ or $A \rightarrow a$:

$$S_0 \rightarrow XV | YT | TV | VT | \epsilon$$
$$S \rightarrow XV | YT | TV | VT$$
$$T \rightarrow 0$$
$$V \rightarrow 1$$
$$X \rightarrow TS$$
$$Y \rightarrow VS$$

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Chapter 2

Pushdown Automata (PDA)



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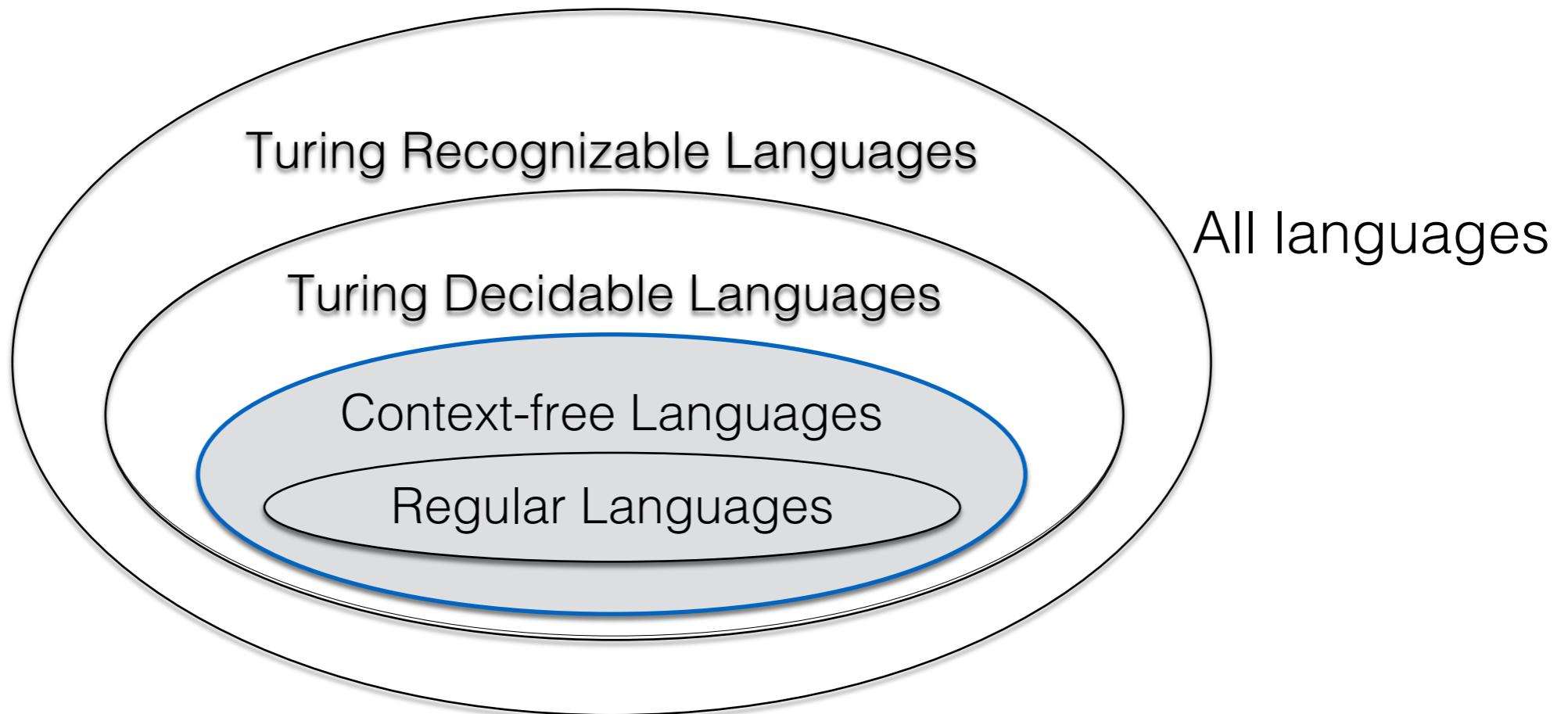
J. Presper Eckert

1919-1995

- Co-designer of ENIAC, the first general purpose, electronic, digital computer
- Also, co-designer of UNIVAC I, the first commercial computer
- Electrical engineer



Context-Free Languages



Context-Free Languages
PDA = CFG = CNF

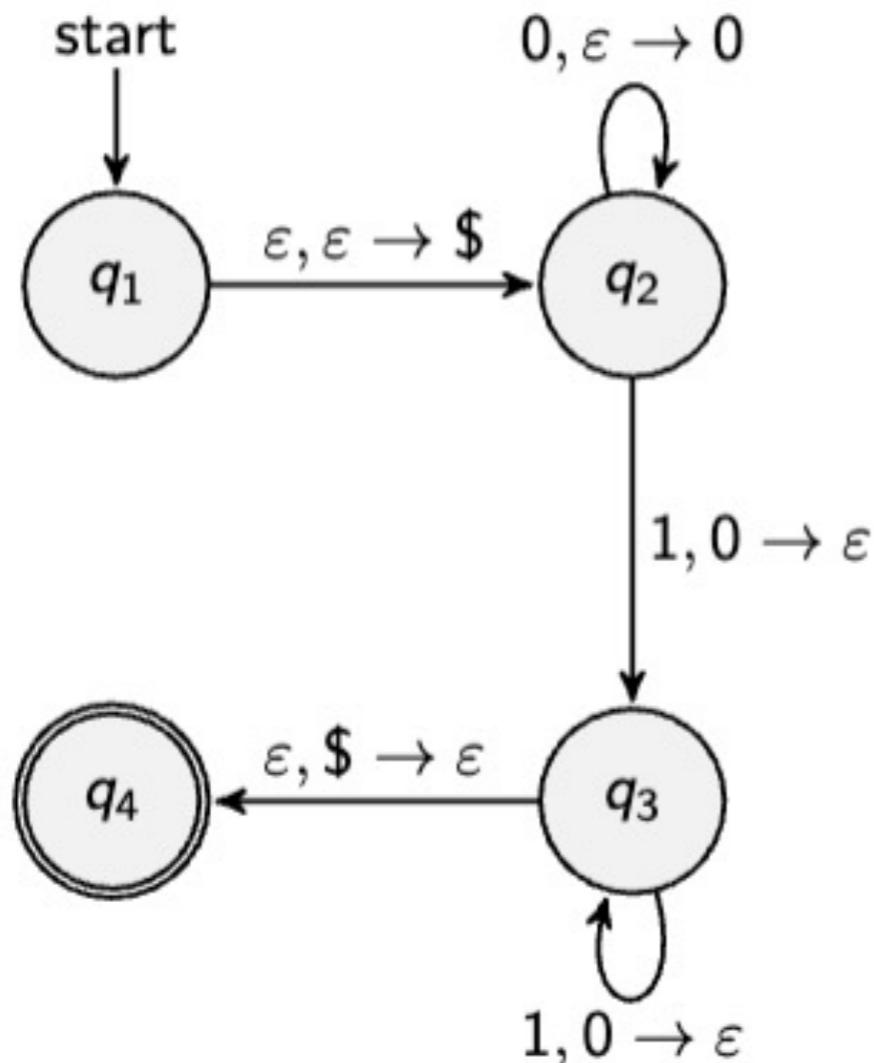
Closed under union, U, concatenation, \circ , and star, $*$.

Pushdown Automata

- The DFA's and NFA's that represent regular languages lack memory
- In contrast, Context-Free Languages are represented by Pushdown Automata (PDA), which contain a stack.
- They are essentially NFA's with a stack (LIFO data structure)

Pushdown Automata

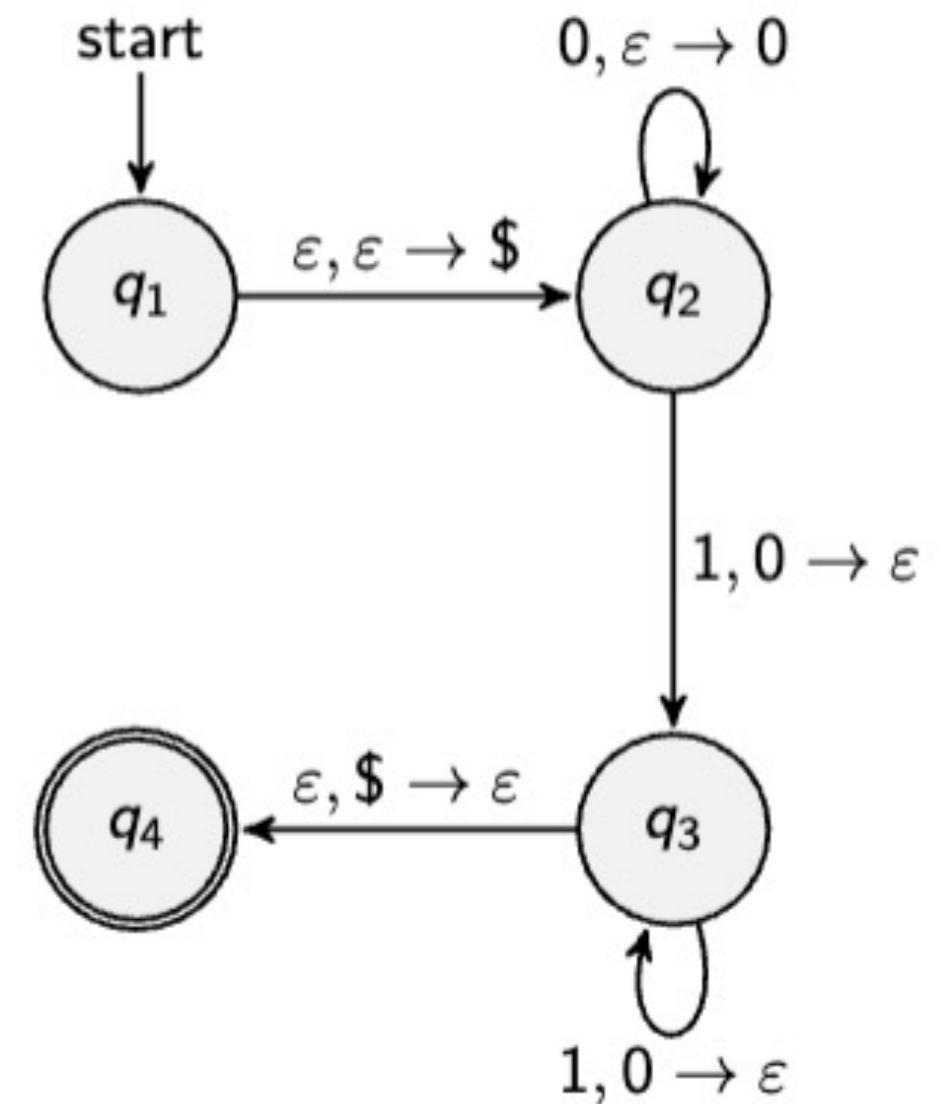
- Ex: The PDA for $L = \{0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$ is:



- The transition arrow can be read as: input symbol, pop from the stack \rightarrow push onto the stack.
- So $\epsilon, \epsilon \rightarrow \$$ means that the input symbol is the empty string, you are popping the empty string from the stack and pushing the $\$$, the start symbol onto the stack.

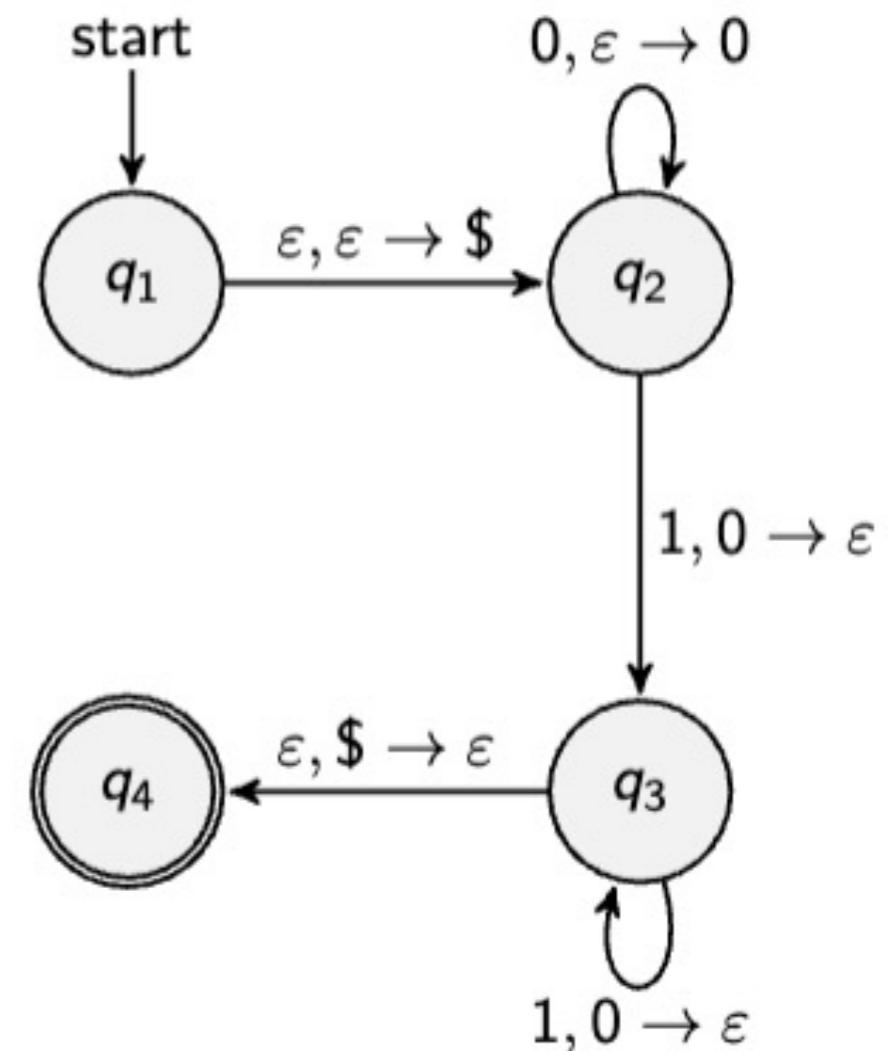
Pushdown Automata

- Ex: The PDA for $L = \{0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$ is:
 - Idea:
 - Push \$, start symbol, on stack
 - If read a 1 first reject
 - Each time you read a 0, push a 0 on the stack
 - Each time you read a 1, pop a 0 off the stack
 - Accept if all symbols have been read and the \$ is the last symbol popped from the stack



Pushdown Automata

- Ex: The PDA for $L = \{0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$ is:
 - Will this PDA accept 00011?
 - Push \$ on stack
 - Read 0, push 0 on stack
 - Read 0, push 0 on stack
 - Read 0, push 0 on stack
 - Read 1, pop 0 off stack
 - Read 1, pop 0 off stack
 - Read empty string, cannot pop \$ off stack since still have a 0 on the stack, reject.



PDA Formal Definition

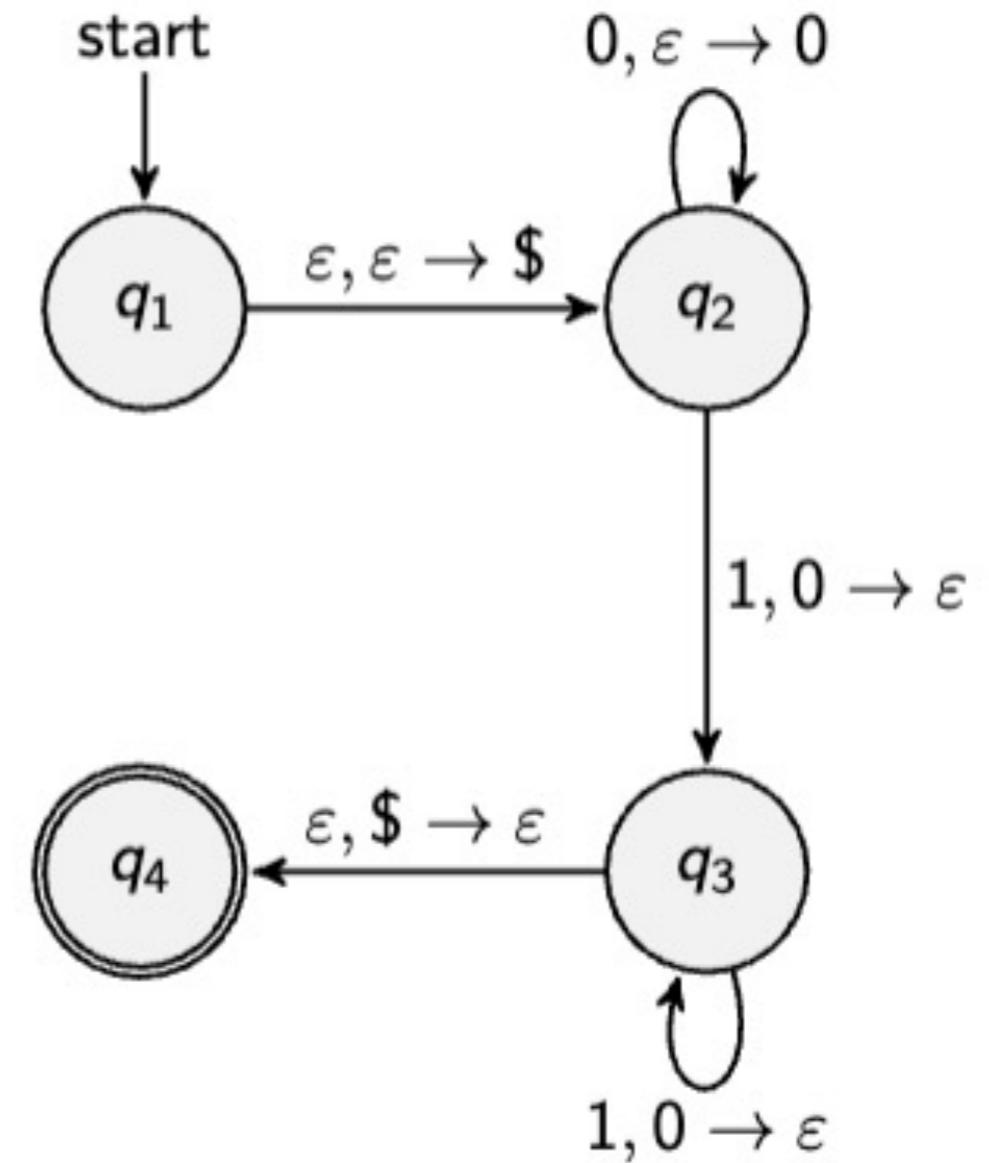
- Formal Definition of PDA: A PDA is a 6-tuple $(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, F)$ such that:
 1. Q is a finite set of states
 2. Σ is the input alphabet
 3. Γ is the stack alphabet
 4. $\delta: Q \times \Sigma_\varepsilon \times \Gamma_\varepsilon \rightarrow P(Q \times \Gamma_\varepsilon)$
 5. $q_0 \in Q$ is the start state
 6. $F \subseteq Q$ is the set of accept states

PDA Formal Definition

- Formal Definition of PDA Ex:

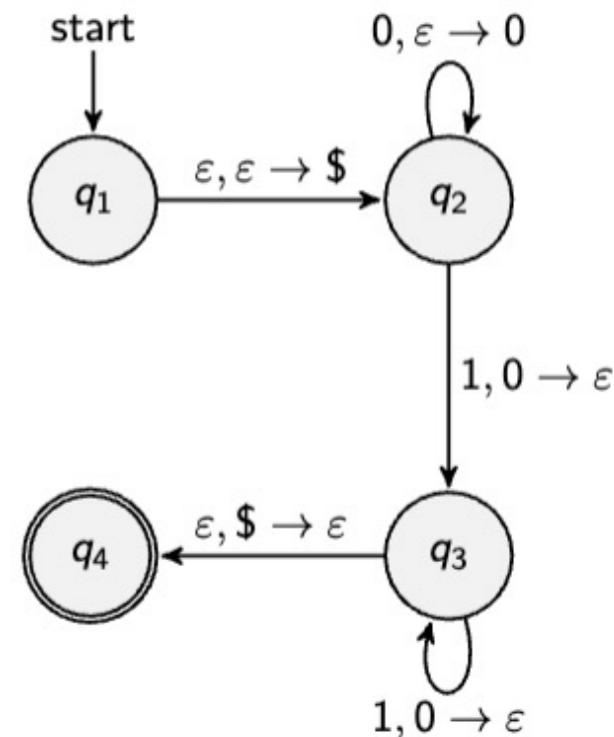
- Ex: PDA $L = \{0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$:

- $Q =$
- $\Sigma =$
- $\Gamma =$
- $q_0 =$
- $F =$
- $\delta =$



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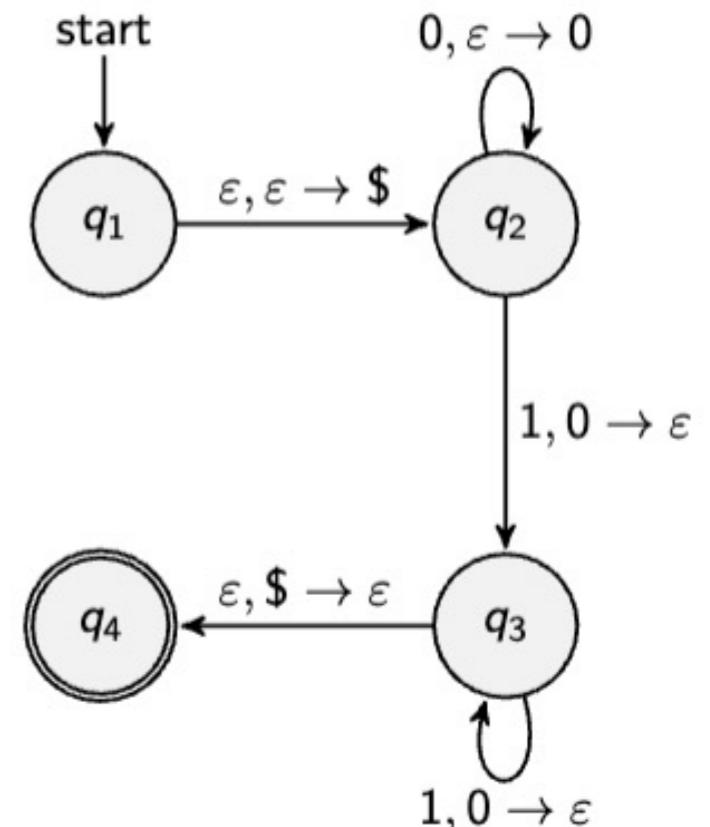
Input:	0			1			ε		
Pop off stack:	0	\$	ε	0	\$	ε	0	\$	ε
q ₁									
q ₂									
q ₃									
q ₄									

PDA Formal Definition

- Formal Definition of PDA Ex:
- Ex: PDA $L = \{0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$:
 - $Q = \{q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4\}$, $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$,
 - $\Gamma = \{0, \$\}$, $q_0 = q_1$, $F = \{q_4\}$,
 - $\delta =$

$\{(q_3, \varepsilon)\}$
Means move
to state, q_3 ,
and push ε
on the stack

Input:	0			1			ε		
Pop off stack:	0	\$	ε	0	\$	ε	0	\$	ε
q_1									$\{(q_2, \$)\}$
q_2			$\{(q_2, 0)\}$	$\{(q_3, \varepsilon)\}$					
q_3				$\{(q_3, \varepsilon)\}$				$\{(q_4, \varepsilon)\}$	
q_4									



Formal Definition of Acceptance

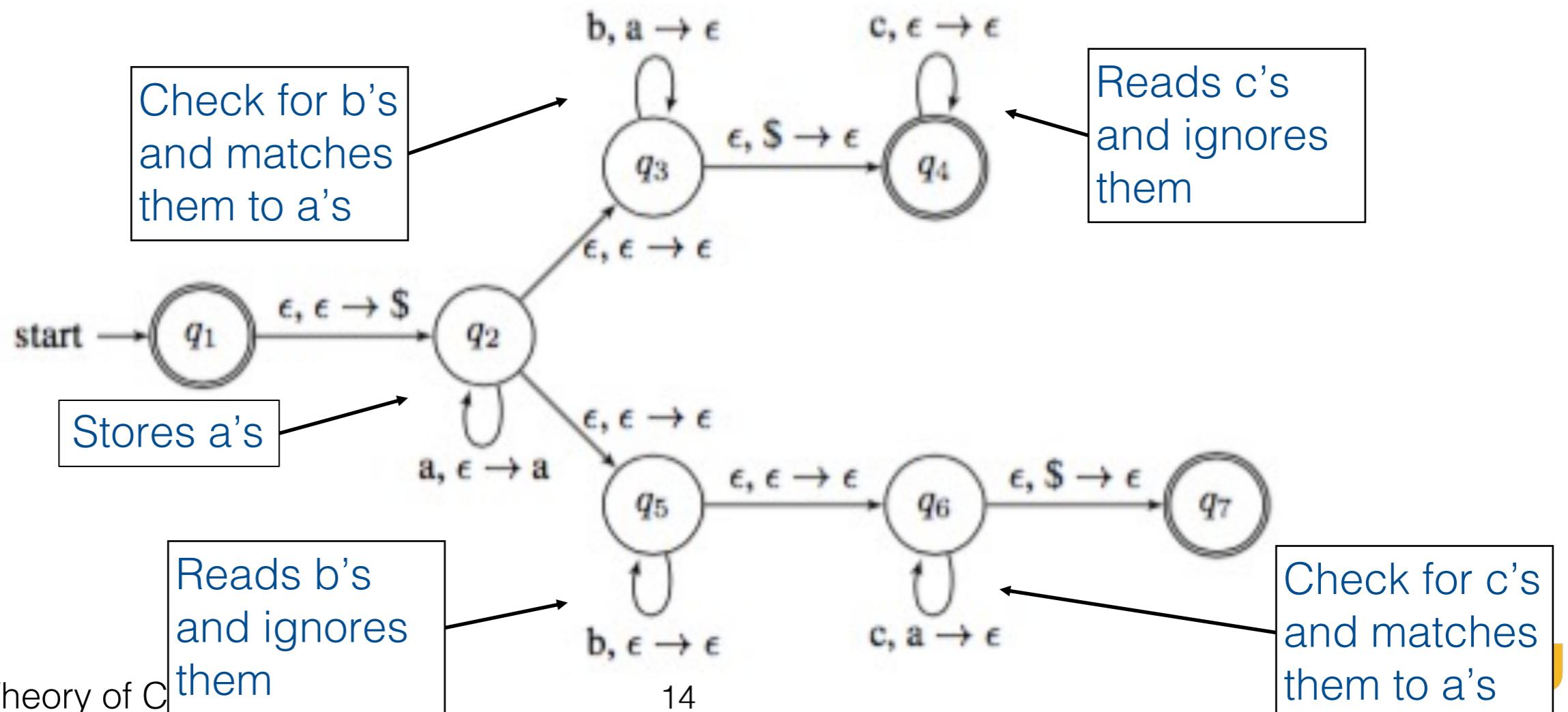
- A PDA M accepts a string w if w can be written as $w = w_1w_2 \dots w_m$ for $m \geq 0$ where $w_i \in \Sigma_\varepsilon$, and there exists sequences of states (r_0, r_1, \dots, r_m) and there exist strings $s_0, s_1, \dots, s_m \in \Gamma^*$ such that:
 1. $r_0 = q_0$ and $s_0 = \varepsilon$ (start on start state with empty stack)
 2. For $i = 0, \dots, m - 1$, have $(r_{i+1}, b) \in \delta(r_i, w_{i+1}, a)$, where $s_i = at$ and $s_{i+1} = bt$ for some $a, b \in \Gamma_\varepsilon$ and $t \in \Gamma^*$ (b is what is pushed on the stack, w_{i+1} is input, a is popped off the stack, s_i are the contents of the stack at state i)
 3. $r_m \in F$ (end in accept state)

Creating a PDA for a Language

- Ex: What would the PDA for language $L = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i, j, k \geq 0 \text{ and } i = j \text{ or } i = k\}$ be:
 - Ex: aabbccc, aabbbcc, aabb, ...

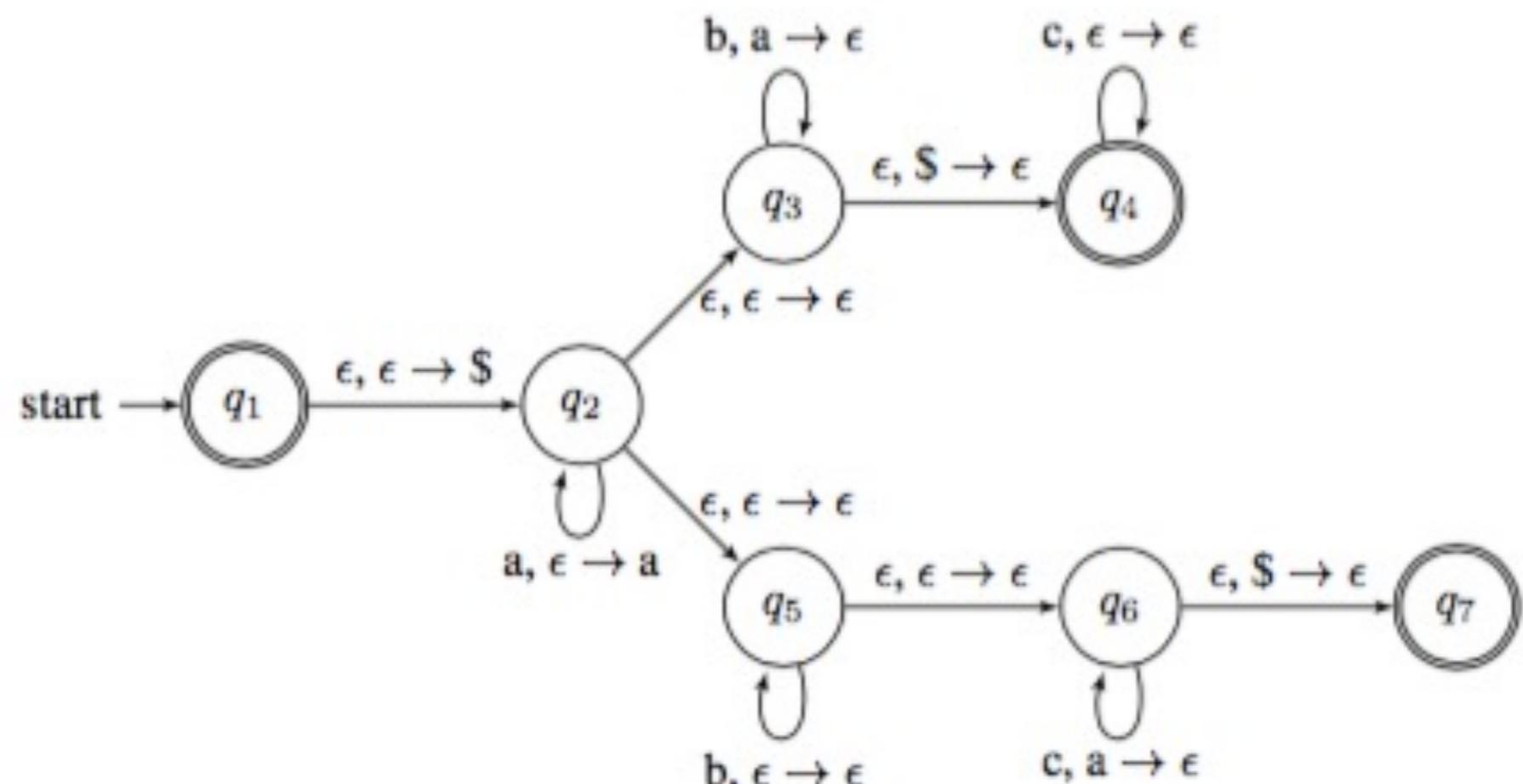
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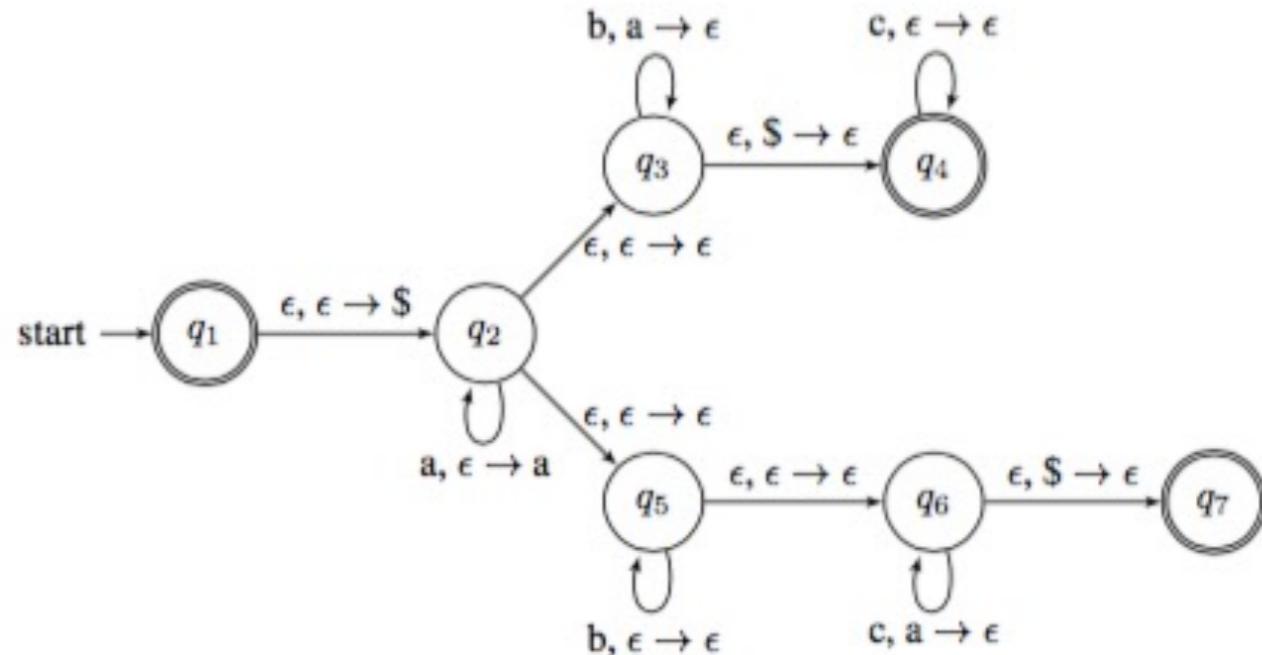
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 - $q_0 =$
 - $F =$



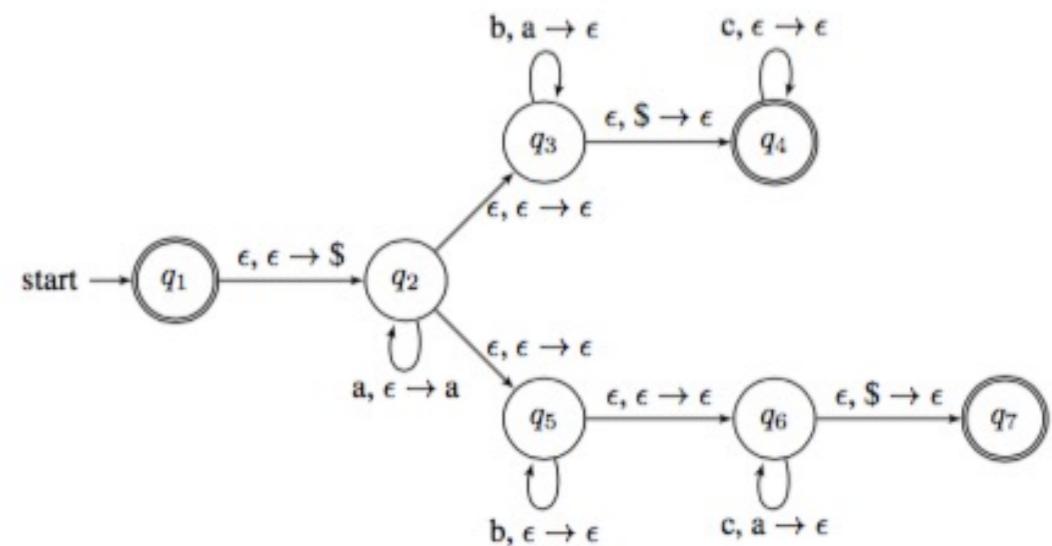
Formal Definition

- Ex: PDA
- $L = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i, j, k \geq 0 \text{ and } i = j \text{ or } i = k\}$: $\delta =$



Input:	a			b			c			ϵ		
Pop off stack:	a	\$	ϵ	a	\$	ϵ	a	\$	ϵ	0	\$	ϵ
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q_3												
q_4												
q_5												
q_6												
q_7												

Formal Definition



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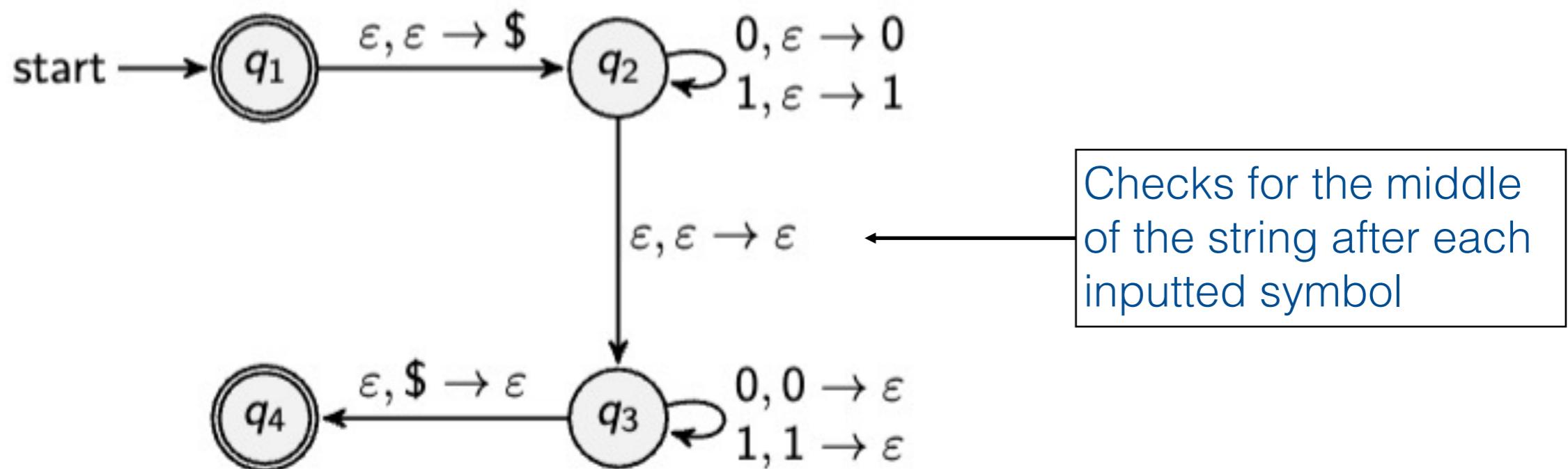
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Pop off stack:	a	\$	ϵ	a	\$	ϵ	a	\$	ϵ	0	\$	ϵ
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q_2			$\{(q_2, a)\}$									$\{(q_3, \epsilon)\}$ $\{(q_5, \epsilon)\}$
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q_4												
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Creating a PDA for a Language

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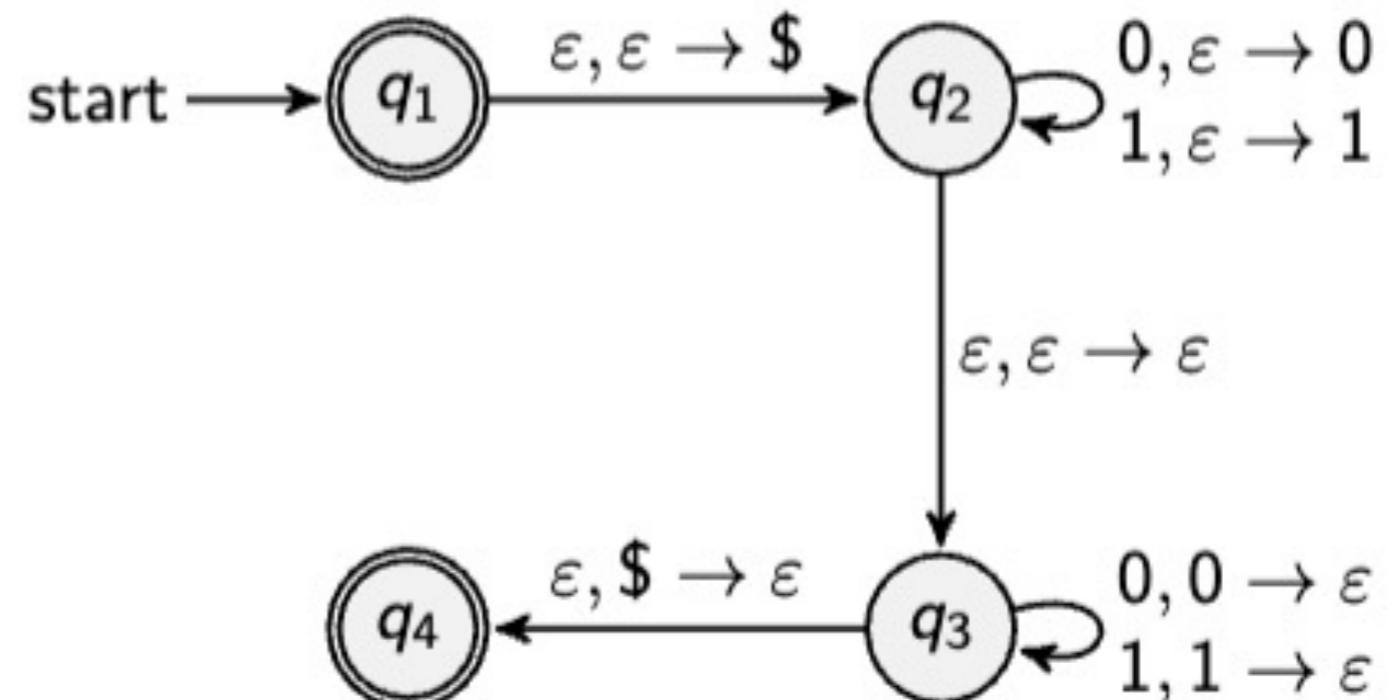
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- $Q =$



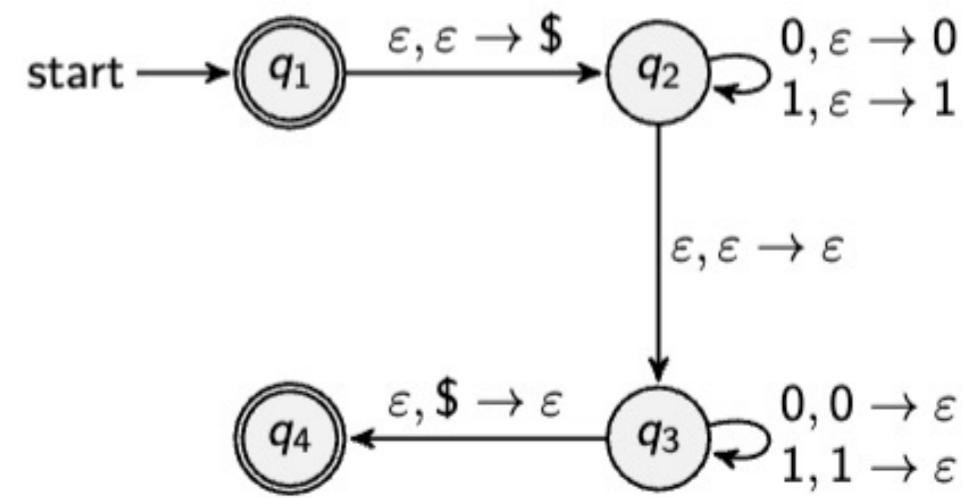
- $\Sigma =$

- $\Gamma =$

- $q_0 =$

- $F =$

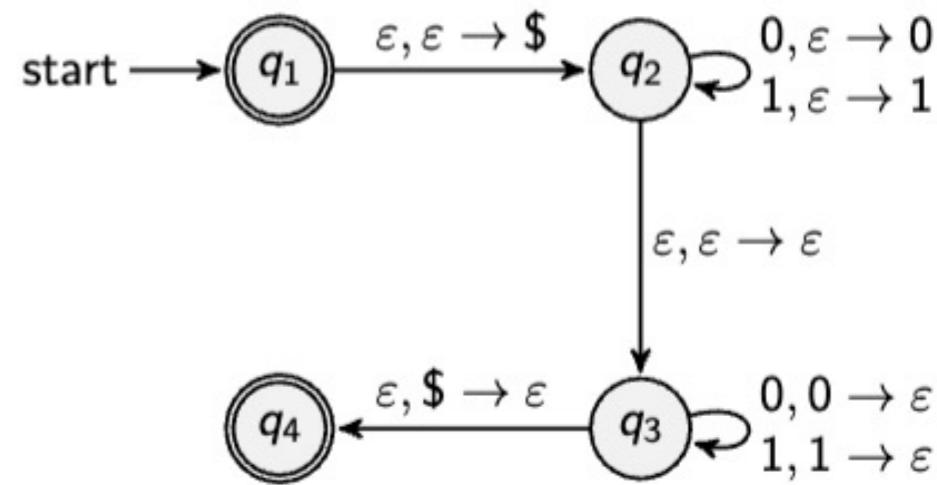
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Input:	0				1				ϵ			
Pop off stack:	0	1	\$	ϵ	0	1	\$	ϵ	0	1	\$	ϵ
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Formal Definition



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Input:	0				1				ϵ			
Pop off stack:	0	1	$\$$	ϵ	0	1	$\$$	ϵ	0	1	$\$$	ϵ
q_1												
q_2					$\{(q_2, 0)\}$				$\{(q_2, 1)\}$			
q_3	$\{(q_2, \epsilon)\}$					$\{(q_3, \epsilon)\}$				$\{(q_4, \epsilon)\}$		
q_4												

Try It

- Give state diagrams of PDAs that accepts $\{0^i 1^j \mid i \geq 2, j \geq 1, i > j\}$.
(Modify the examples from this lecture.)
- Create a state diagram for a PDA recognizing the language as defined below:

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

- $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

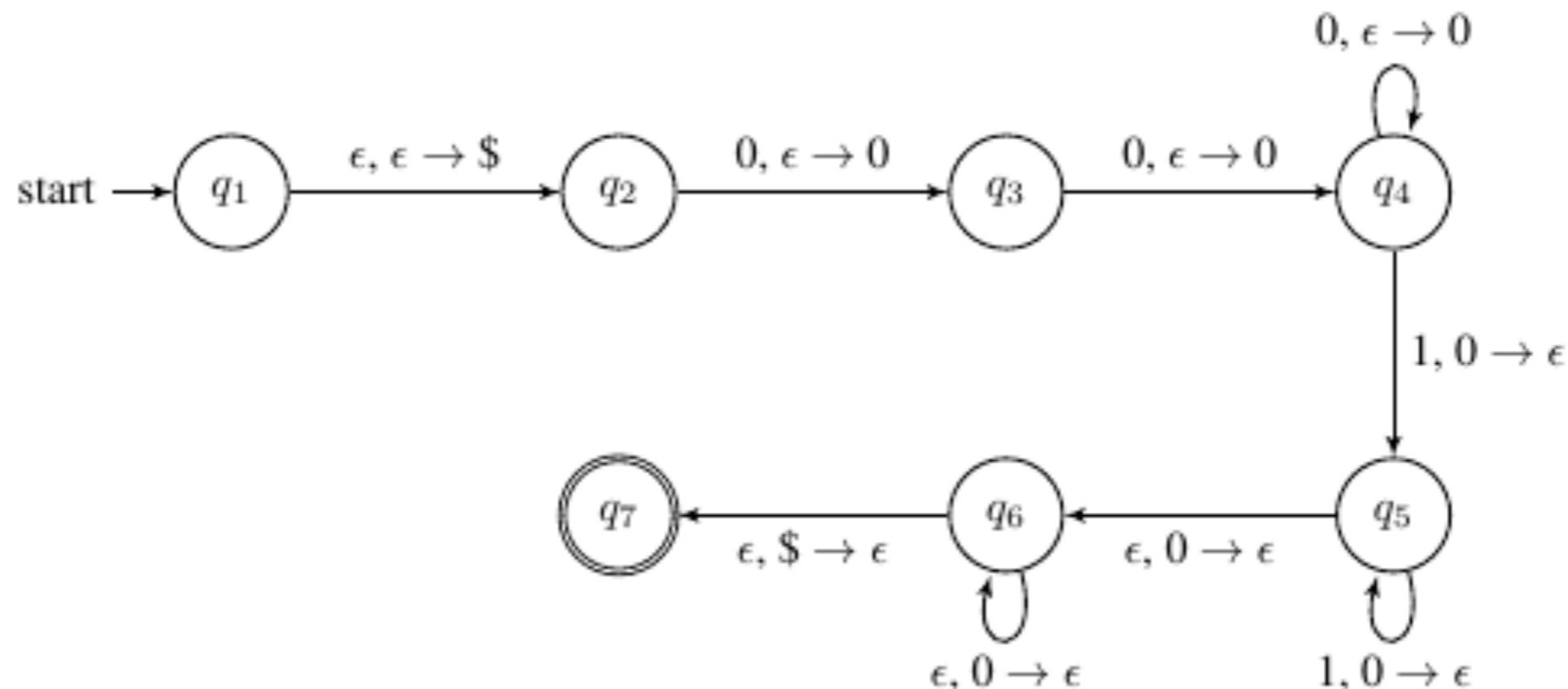
δ	a	b	ϵ
pop	a \$ ϵ	a \$ ϵ	a \$ ϵ
q_0			$(q_1, \$)$
q_1	(q_1, a)		(q_2, ϵ)
q_2		(q_2, ϵ)	(q_3, ϵ)
q_3			

- $\Gamma = \{a, \$\}$

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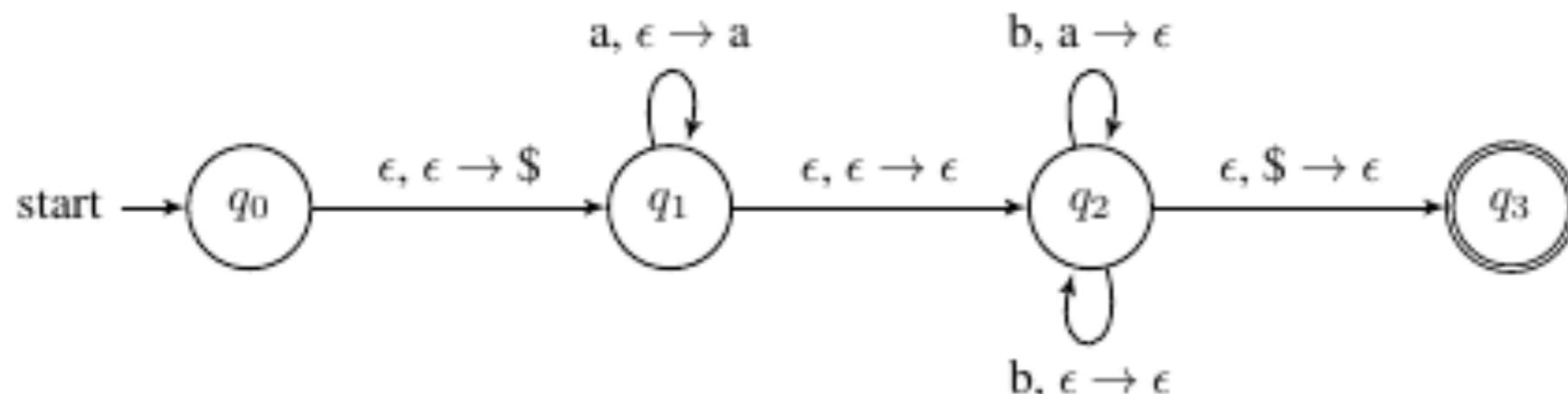
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 - $\Gamma = \{a, \$\}$
 - $F = \{q_3\}$
- $$\delta =$$
- | δ | a | b | ϵ |
|----------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| pop | a \$ ϵ | a \$ ϵ | a \$ ϵ |
| q_0 | | | |
| q_1 | (q_1, a) | | |
| q_2 | | (q_2, ϵ) | (q_2, ϵ) |
| q_3 | | | (q_3, ϵ) |



Language:
 $\{a^i b^j | i \geq 0, j \geq 0, i \leq j\}$

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Chapter 2

Equivalence of PDAs and CFGs



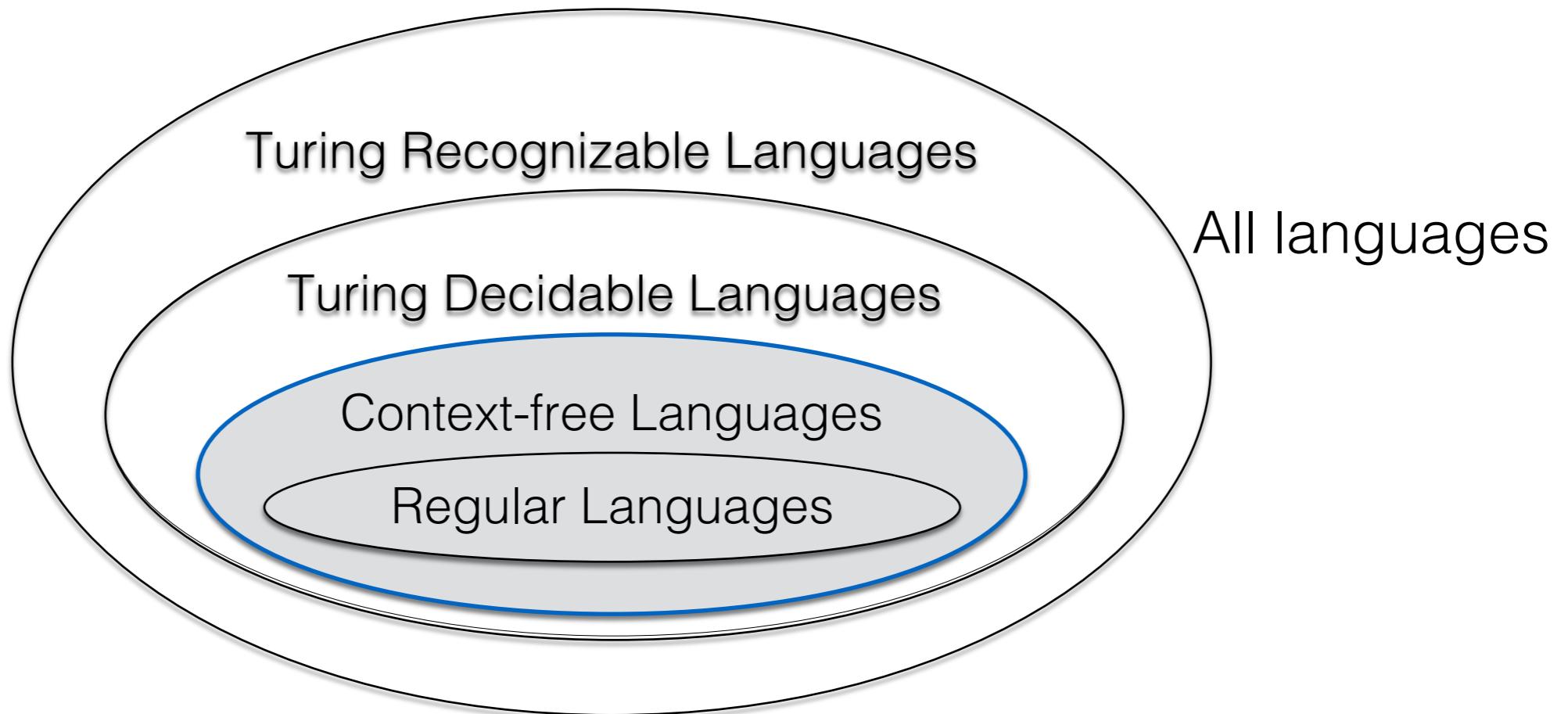
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Donald Knuth



- Author of multi-volume “The Art of Computer Programming” - *The books of algorithms*
 - Impact akin to the Bible’s impact on Christianity, or Pride and Prejudice’s impact on romance novels
- “Father” of the analysis of algorithms
- Turing Award, 1974
- Creator of TeX computer typesetting language
- Knuth used to pay a finder's fee of \$2.56 for any typographical errors or mistakes discovered in his books, because "256 pennies is one hexadecimal dollar"

Context-Free Languages



Context-Free Languages
PDA = CFG = CNF

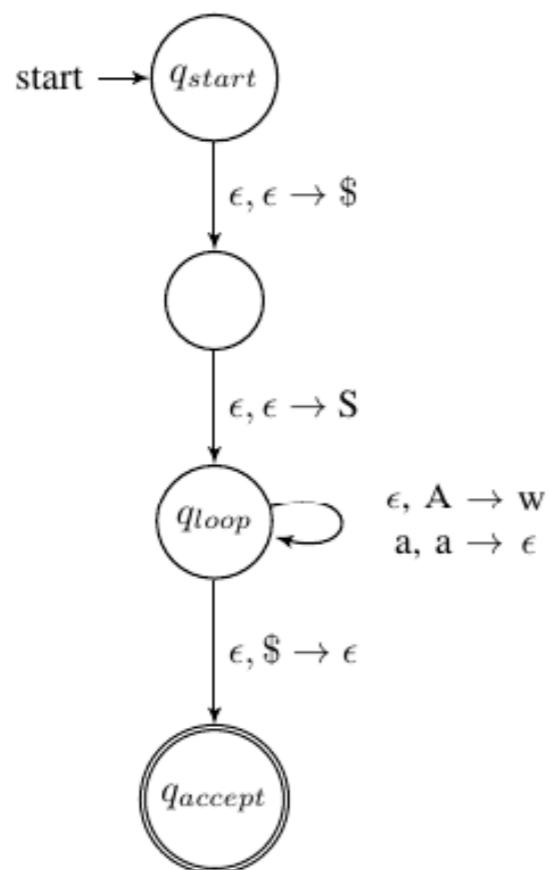
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Equivalence of PDAs and CFGs

- Theorem 2.20: A language is context-free if and only if a PDA recognizes it (iff, so two directions)
- Forward: Lemma 2.21
 - Every context-free language has a pushdown automaton that recognizes it
 - Proof: Let L be a CFL with a CFG, $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$. We construct a PDA $M = (Q, \Sigma', \Gamma, \delta, q_0, F)$ to recognize it.
 - In words:
 1. Design M to non-deterministically pick a derivation in G to follow to see if it derives the given input x
 2. Use a stack to store variables and terminals during the derivation. When a variable is popped, non-deterministically choose a substitution rule to push onto the stack.

Equivalence of PDAs and CFGs

- Theorem 2.20: A language is context-free if and only if a PDA recognizes it (iff, so two directions)
- Forward: Lemma 2.21- Construction of the PDA
 - Start with 3 states: q_{start} , q_{loop} , q_{accept}



$\epsilon, \epsilon \rightarrow \$$ is the starting transitions:
 $\epsilon, \epsilon \rightarrow S$ pushes on the start variable
 $\epsilon, A \rightarrow w$ - is a transition inserted for the rules: $A \rightarrow w$ in G, where w is a string of terminals and variables
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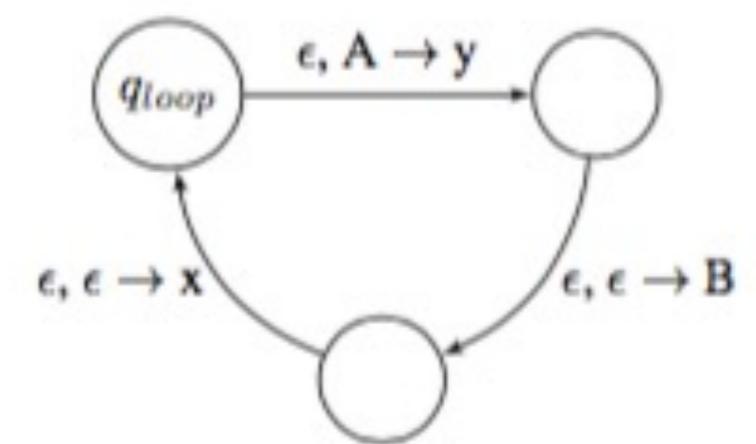
$\epsilon, \$ \rightarrow \epsilon$ is the last transition to the accept state

Equivalence of PDAs and CFGs

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 - Two types of transitions are added to the loop state
 - $\epsilon, A \rightarrow w$ - is a transition inserted for the rules: $A \rightarrow w$ in G, where w is a string of terminals and variables
 - $a, a \rightarrow \epsilon$ - is a transition inserted for each terminal a
 - Ex: If there was a rule in the format of $A \rightarrow w$: such as:
 - $A \rightarrow xBy$
 - You would add the transition rules:
 - $\epsilon, A \rightarrow y$
 - $\epsilon, \epsilon \rightarrow B$
 - $\epsilon, \epsilon \rightarrow x$

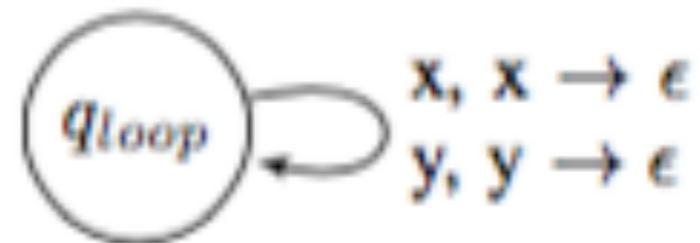
Stack	
	x
	B
A	y

- $A \rightarrow xBy$
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 - $\epsilon, A \rightarrow y$
 - $\epsilon, \epsilon \rightarrow B$
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Equivalence of PDAs and CFGs

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 - Two types of transitions are added to the loop state
 - $\epsilon, A \rightarrow w$ - is a transition inserted for the rules: $A \rightarrow w$ in G, where w is a string of terminals and variables
 - $a, a \rightarrow \epsilon$ - is a transition inserted for each terminal a
 - Ex: If there was a rule in the format of $A \rightarrow w$: such as:
 - $A \rightarrow xBy$
 - You would add the transitions: $\epsilon, A \rightarrow y; \epsilon, \epsilon \rightarrow B; \epsilon, \epsilon \rightarrow x$ in that order
 - You would also add the transitions: $x, x \rightarrow \epsilon$ and $y, y \rightarrow \epsilon$ for the terminals x and y



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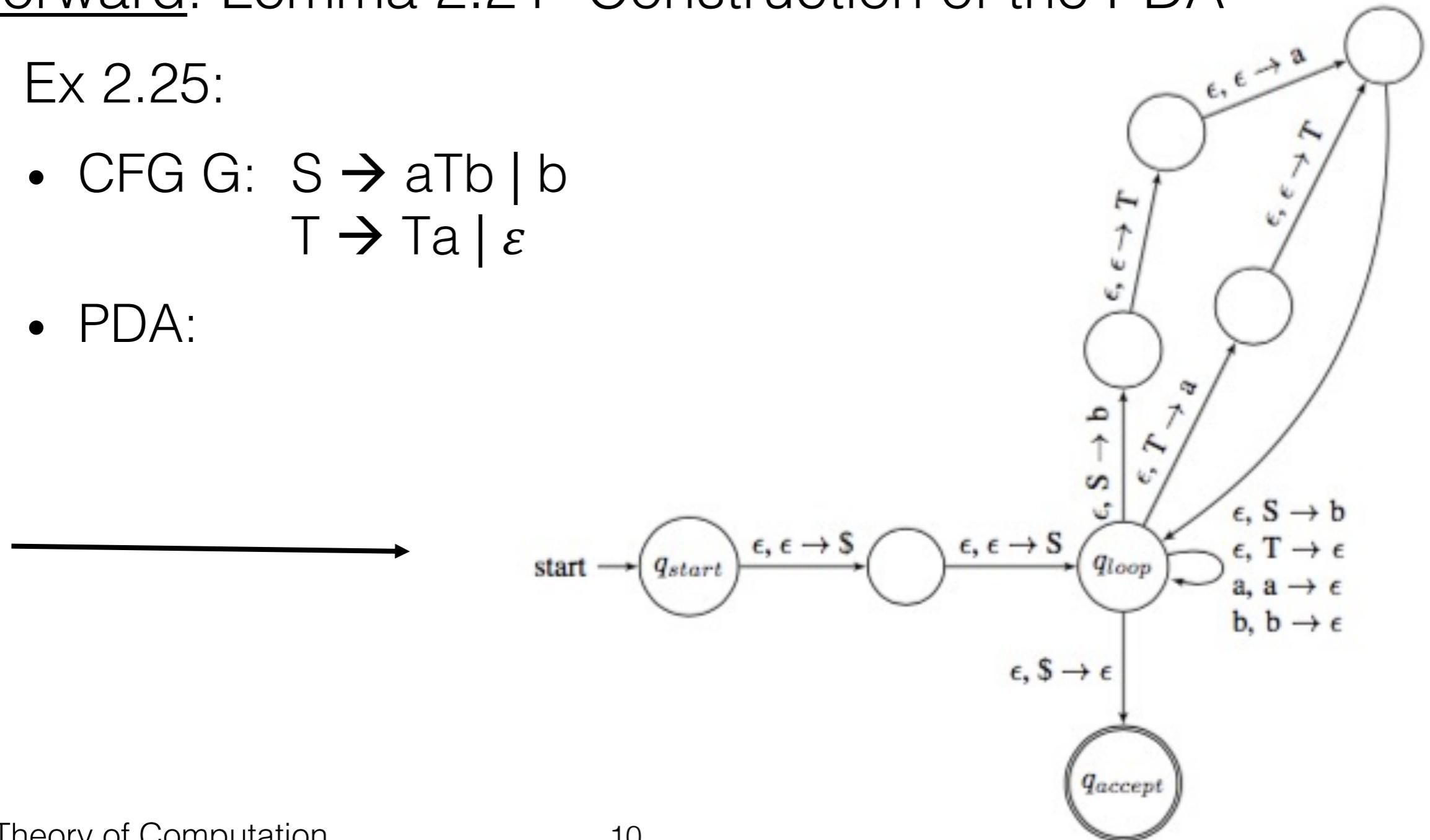
- Forward: Lemma 2.21- Construction of the PDA
 - $Q = \{q_{\text{start}}, q_{\text{loop}}, q_{\text{accept}}\} \cup E$ (E is the set of states needed to implement the $\varepsilon, A \rightarrow w$ transitions shown in the slides above)
 - $q_0 = q_{\text{start}}$
 - $F = q_{\text{accept}}$
 - $\Sigma' = \Sigma$
 - $\Gamma = \Sigma \cup V \cup \{\$\}$ (V = variables)
 - δ = the transitions from the rules as shown in the previous three slides

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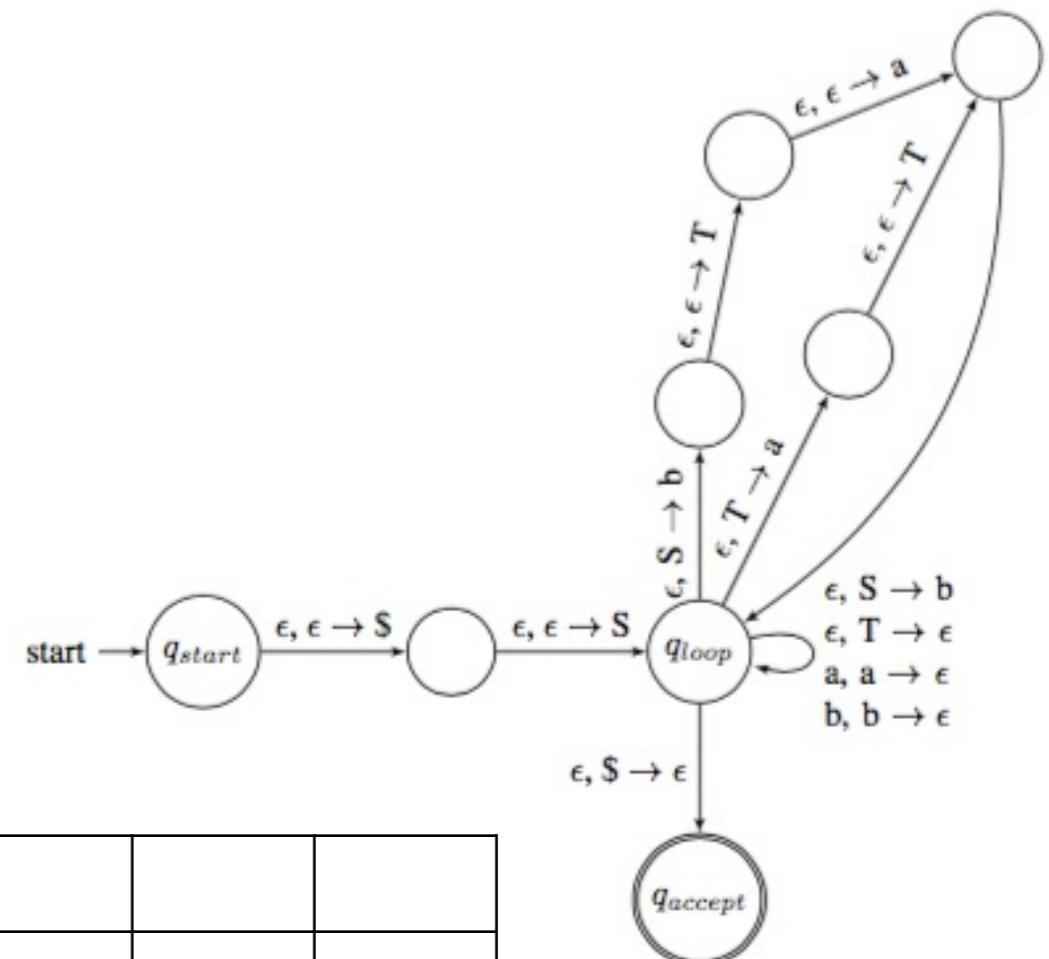
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 - $S \rightarrow aTb \rightarrow ab$



					a				
				T	T	T			
		S	b	b	b	b			
stack	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	

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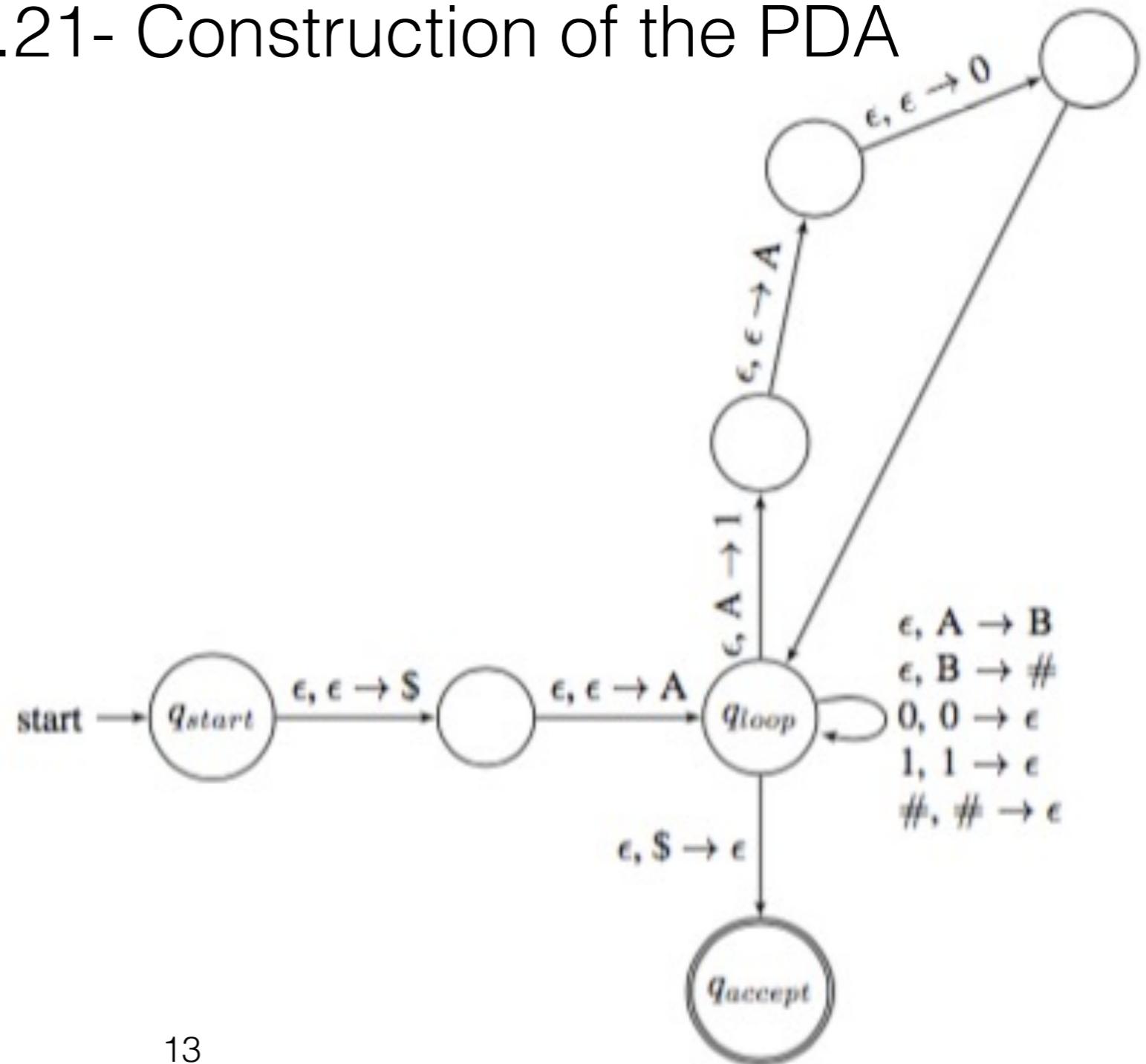
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 - Ex 2:
 - CFG G: $A \rightarrow 0A1$
 $A \rightarrow B$
 $B \rightarrow \#$
 - PDA:

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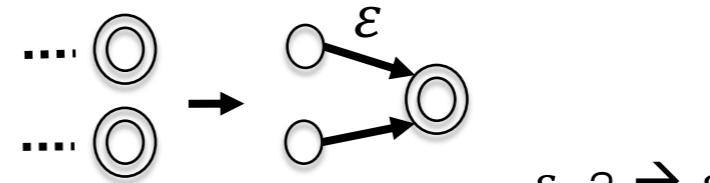
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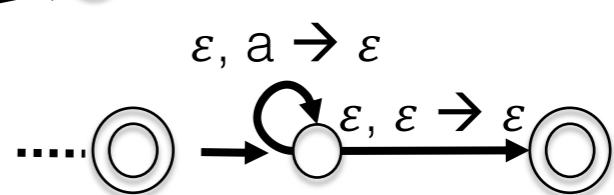
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- Theorem 2.20: A language is context-free if and only if a PDA recognizes it (iff, so two directions)
- Backwards: Lemma 2.27 Every PDA has an equivalent CFG
 - Proof Idea: Let PDA P recognize L , construct a CFG G to generate L
 - Assume P Satisfies:

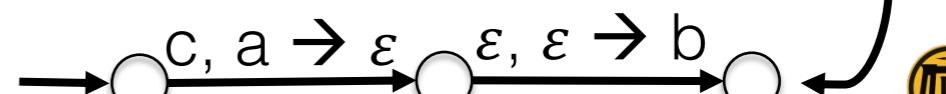
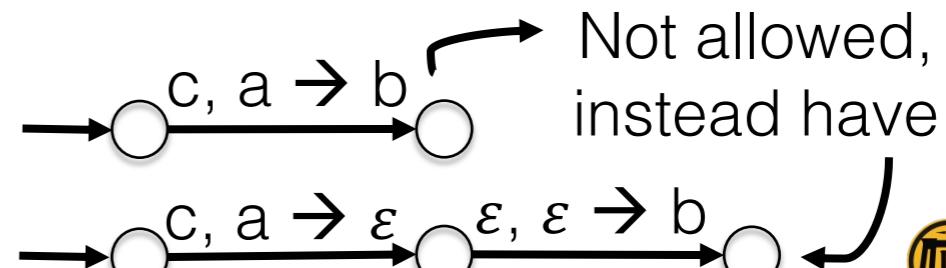
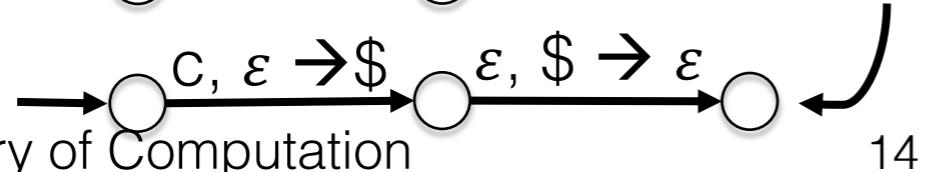
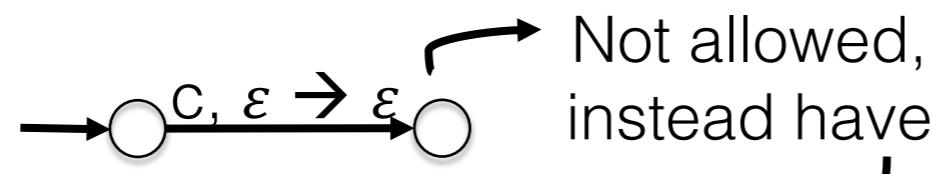
1. P has a single accept state



2. P empties its stack before accepting

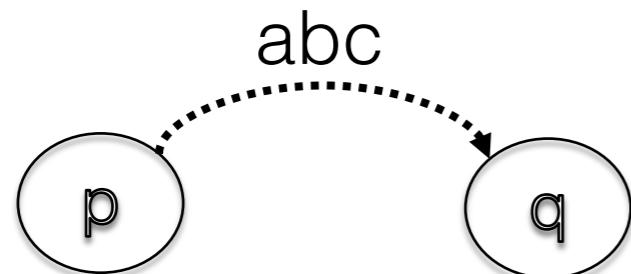


3. Each transition of P either pushes a symbol on the stack or pops one off, but not both or neither



Equivalence of PDAs and CFGs

- Backwards: Lemma 2.27
 - Start with an empty stack on p, and end with an empty stack on q. Between these two states, design G so that A_{pq} generates all strings that take P from p to q.



- In the CFG, “add rule” $R_p \rightarrow abc R_q$

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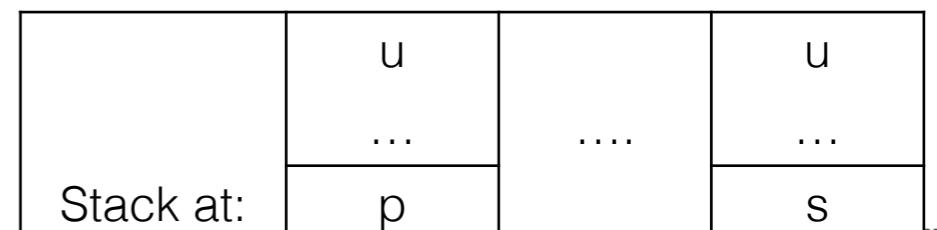
- Backwards: Lemma 2.27
 - Let PDA $P = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, \{q_{accept}\})$, construct CFG $G = (V, \Sigma', R, S)$ as follows:
 - $V = \{A_{pq} \mid p, q \in Q\}$
 - $\Sigma' = \Sigma$
 - S (start variable) = Aq_0q_{accept}
 - $R = \text{Cont. } \rightarrow$

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- Backwards: Lemma 2.27
 - Let PDA $P = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, \{q_{\text{accept}}\})$, construct CFG $G = (V, \Sigma', R, S)$ as follows:
 - R (substitution rules) as follows:
 1. For each $p \in Q$, add rule $A_{pp} \rightarrow \varepsilon$ to R
 2. For each $p, q, r \in Q$, add rule $A_{pq} \rightarrow A_{pr}A_{rq}$
 - 3. If P contains a path:



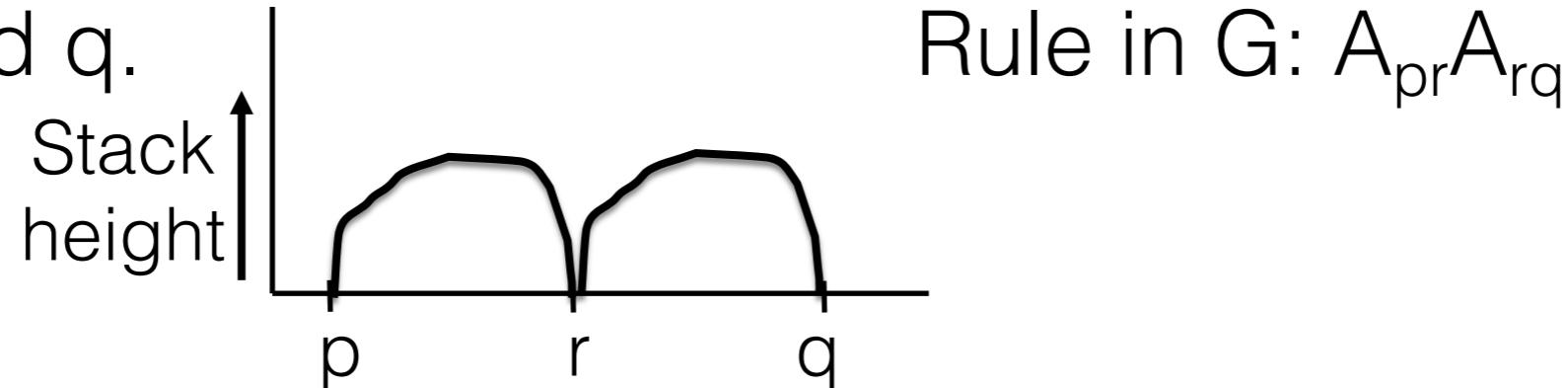
then add $A_{pq} \rightarrow aA_{rs}b$ to R



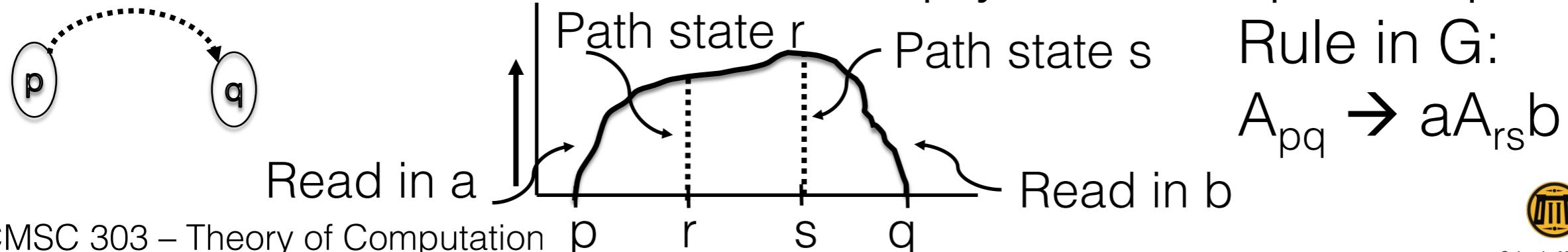
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- Backwards: Lemma 2.27

- Each A_{pq} corresponds to transitions in P from p to q which start and end with the empty stack.
- Case 1: Stack is empty at some point r between p and q.



- Case 2: Stack is never empty between p and q.

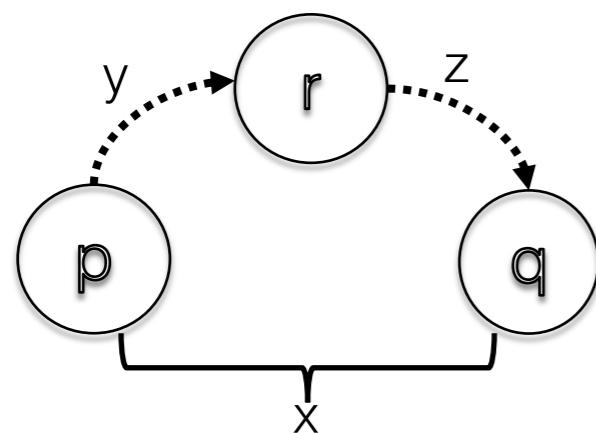


Equivalence of PDAs and CFGs

- Claim 2.31: If x can bring the PDA P from state p with an empty stack to q , then A_{pq} generates x
$$A_{pq} \Rightarrow^* x$$
- Proof by Induction: (based on the number of steps in P from p to q on input x)
 - Base Case: Path takes 0 transitions, so $p = q \Rightarrow x = \epsilon$
 - $A_{pp} \rightarrow \epsilon$, so this case works ($A_{pp} \rightarrow \epsilon$ is in CFG G)
 - Inductive Hypothesis: Assume true for paths of length at most k
 - Inductive Step: Prove for path of length $k+1$, cont.

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 - Case 1: Stack becomes empty at some state $r \notin \{p, q\}$ during computation

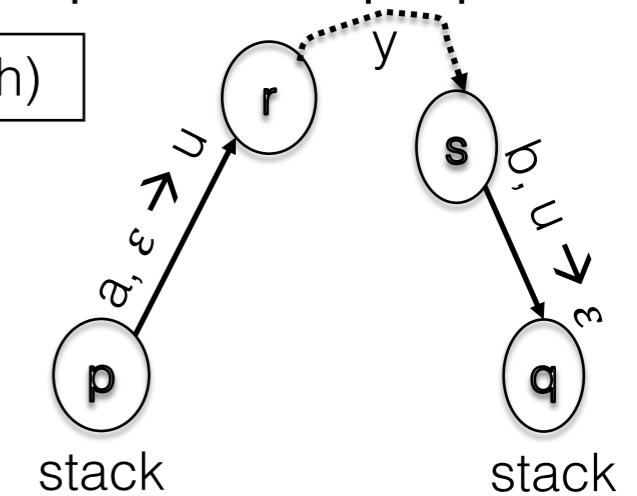


Paths $p \rightarrow r$ and $r \rightarrow q$ have $\leq k$ steps.
This implies $A_{pr} \Rightarrow^* y$ and $A_{rq} \Rightarrow^* z$
 $A_{pq} \rightarrow A_{pr}A_{rq} \Rightarrow yz = x$
($A_{pq} \rightarrow A_{pr}A_{rq}$ is in CFG G)

Equivalence of PDAs and CFGs

- Claim 2.31:
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 - Inductive Step: Prove for path of length k+1, cont.
 - Case 2: Stack empty only at p and q, since push or pop at each step:

$\delta(\text{state input pop}) \rightarrow (\text{state push})$
 - 1. First step has form: $\delta(p, a, \varepsilon) \rightarrow (r, u)$
 - 2. Last step has form: $\delta(s, b, u) \rightarrow (q, \varepsilon)$
 - Add rules: $A_{pq} \rightarrow aA_{rs}b$ to k
 - Suppose $x = ayb$, since P goes from p to q, y takes P from r to s in k-1 steps ($A_{rs} \Rightarrow^* y$, so $A_{pq} \Rightarrow^* ayb = x$)
 - ($A_{pq} \rightarrow aA_{rs}b$ is in CFG G)



Try It

- Construct the PDA from the given Grammar

CFG G: $S \rightarrow TS\#V \mid VST \mid \epsilon$

$T \rightarrow 0$

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