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# **CSE211 – Formal Languages and Automata Theory**

## **U2L8\_Problems in Equivalence of PDA and CFL**

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# Equivalence of PDA's and CFG's

- Equivalences to be proved:
  - 1) CFL's defined by CFG's
  - 2) Languages accepted by final state by some PDA
  - 3) Languages accepted by empty stack by some PDA



- Equivalence of 2) and 3) above have been proved.

# Equivalence of PDA's and CFG's

## ■ From Grammars to PDA's

- Given a CFG  $G = (V, T, Q, S)$ , construct a PDA  $P$  that accepts  $L(G)$  by empty stack in the following way:
- $P = (\{q\}, T, V \cup T, \delta, q, S)$  where the transition function  $\delta$  is defined by:
  - ◆ for each nonterminal  $A$ ,
    - $\delta(q, \varepsilon, A) = \{(q, \beta) \mid A \rightarrow \beta \text{ is a production of } G\}$ ;
  - ◆ for each terminal  $a$ ,
    - $\delta(q, a, a) = \{(q, \varepsilon)\}$ .

# Equivalence of PDA's and CFG's

- From Grammars to PDA's

- **Theorem 6.13**

If PDA  $P$  is constructed from CFG  $G$  by the construction above, then  $N(P) = L(G)$ .

# Equivalence of PDA's and CFG's

## ■ From Grammars to PDA's

- **Example 6.12** - Construct a PDA from the expression grammar

$$\begin{aligned}I &\rightarrow a \mid b \mid Ia \mid Ib \mid I0 \mid I1; \\E &\rightarrow I \mid E^*E \mid E+E \mid (E).\end{aligned}$$

The transition function for the PDA is as follows:

$$a) \delta(q, \varepsilon, I) = \{(q, a), (q, b), (q, Ia), (q, Ib), (q, I0), (q, I1)\}$$

$$b) \delta(q, \varepsilon, E) = \{(q, I), (q, E+E), (q, E^*E), (q, (E))\}$$

$$c) \delta(q, d, d) = \{(q, \varepsilon)\} \text{ where } d \text{ may any of the terminals } a, b, 0, 1, (, ), +, *.$$

# Equivalence of PDA's and CFG's

## ■ From PDA's to Grammars

### – Theorem 6.14

Let  $P = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0)$  be a PDA. Then there is a context-free grammar  $G$  such that  $L(G) = N(P)$ .

*Proof.* Construct  $G = (V, T, P, S)$  where the set of nonterminals consists of:

- ◆ the special symbol  $S$  as the start symbol;
- ◆ all symbols of the form  $[pXq]$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are states in  $Q$  and  $X$  is a stack symbol in  $\Gamma$ .

# Equivalence of PDA's and CFG's

The productions of  $G$  are as follows.

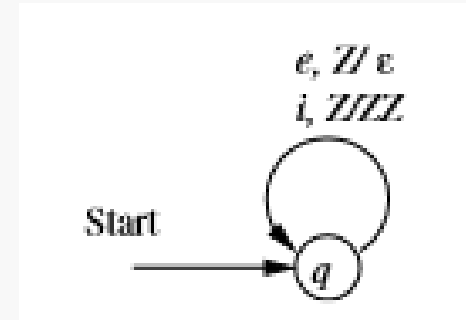
- (a) For all states  $p$ ,  $G$  has the production  $S \rightarrow [q_0 Z_0 p]$ .
- (b) Let  $\delta(q, a, X)$  contain the pair  $(r, Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_k)$ , where
  - $a$  is either a symbol in  $\Sigma$  or  $a = \varepsilon$ ;
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# Equivalence of PDA's and CFG's

- From PDA's to Grammars: **Example** --- Convert the following PDA to a grammar.



Nonterminals include only two symbols,  $S$  and  $[qZq]$ .

Productions:

$$1. S \rightarrow [qZq]$$

(for the start symbol  $S$ );

$$2. [qZq] \rightarrow i[qZq][qZq]$$

(from  $\delta_N(q, i, Z) \vdash (q, ZZ)$ )

$$3. [qZq] \rightarrow e$$

(from  $\delta_N(q, e, Z) \vdash (q, \epsilon)$ )



# Example: Grammar to PDA

- Convert the grammar to PDA

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow 0S1 \mid A \\ A &\rightarrow 1A0 \mid S \mid \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

- for each nonterminal  $A$ ,
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- We add the following transitions for our variables.

- $\delta(q, \epsilon, S) = \{(q, 0S1), (q, A)\}$
- $\delta(q, \epsilon A) = \{(q, 1A0), (q, S)\}$
- $\delta(q, \epsilon) = \{(q, \epsilon)\}$

- we add a transition for each terminal.

- $\delta(q, 0, 0) = \{(q, \epsilon)\}$
- $\delta(q, 1, 1) = \{(q, \epsilon)\}$

# Example: Grammar to PDA

## ■ Convert the grammar to PDA

- $S \rightarrow aAA$
- $A \rightarrow aS \mid bS \mid a$

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The PDA  $P = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F)$  is defined as

$$Q = \{q\}$$

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

$$\Gamma = \{a, b, S, A\}$$

$$q_0 = q$$

$$Z_0 = S$$

$$F = \{\}$$

And the transition function is defined as:

$$\delta(q, \epsilon, S) = \{(q, aAA)\}$$

$$\delta(q, \epsilon, I) = \{(q, aS), (q, bS), (q, a)\}$$

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

$$\delta(q, b, b) = \{(q, \epsilon)\}$$

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- Convert the PDA  $P = (\{p, q\}, \{0, 1\}, \{X, Z_0\}, \delta, q, Z_0)$  to a CFG

- $\delta(q, 1, Z_0) = \{(q, XZ_0)\}.$
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For start Symbol

$$1. S \rightarrow [qZ_0q] \mid [qZ_0p]$$

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From Rule (1)

$$2. [qZ_0q] \rightarrow 1[qXq][qZ_0q]$$

$$3. [qZ_0q] \rightarrow 1[qXp][pZ_0q]$$

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From Rule (2)

$$6. [qXq] \rightarrow 1[qXq][qXq]$$

$$7. [qXq] \rightarrow 1[qXp][pXq]$$

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From Rule (3)

$$10. [qXq] \rightarrow 0[pXq]$$

$$11. [qXp] \rightarrow 0[pXp]$$

From Rule (4)

$$12. [qXq] \rightarrow \epsilon$$

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From Rule (5)

$$13. [pXp] \rightarrow 1$$

From Rule (6)

$$14. [pZ_0q] \rightarrow 0[qZ_0q]$$

$$15. [pZ_0p] \rightarrow 0[qZ_0p]$$

# Try this...

**Exercise 6.1.1:** Suppose the PDA  $P = (\{q, p\}, \{0, 1\}, \{Z_0, X\}, \delta, q, Z_0, \{p\})$  has the following transition function:

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**Next Class:**

**Deterministic PDA**

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