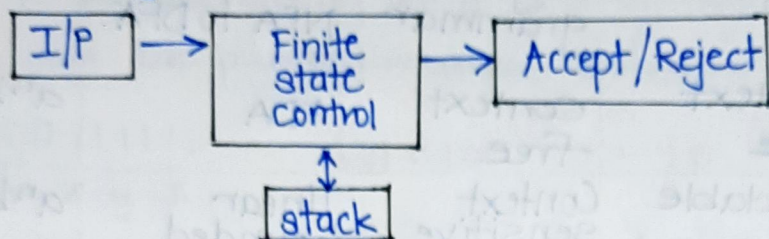


## UNIT 4: PUSHDOWN AUTOMATA (PDA)

Push down automata in essence is a non deterministic finite automata with  $\epsilon$  transitions permitted and one additional capability i.e. a stack on which it can store a string of stack symbols.

PDA can only access the information on its stack in LIFO way.

PDA's can recognize all CFL's.



$$L_{ww} = \{ W W^r \mid W \in (0+1)^* \}$$

Procedure: Read every symbol & put it onto the stack after the mid of string pop each symbol & match each reading symbol with top of stack. If match then pop top of stack.

The PDA can remember an infinite amount of information.

PDA involves  $\{ Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, z_0, F \}$

$Q$  - all the states ~~set~~ finite set

$\Sigma$  - finite set of input symbols or string

$\Gamma$  - A finite stack alphabet that are allowed to be pushed onto stack.

$\delta$  - Transition function.

$\delta(q, \Sigma | \Gamma) \dots q$  - state,  $\Sigma$  - input symbol,  $\Gamma$  - stack operation

$\delta(q, \Sigma | \Gamma) = (p, \gamma) \dots p$  - new state,  $\gamma$  - stack string.

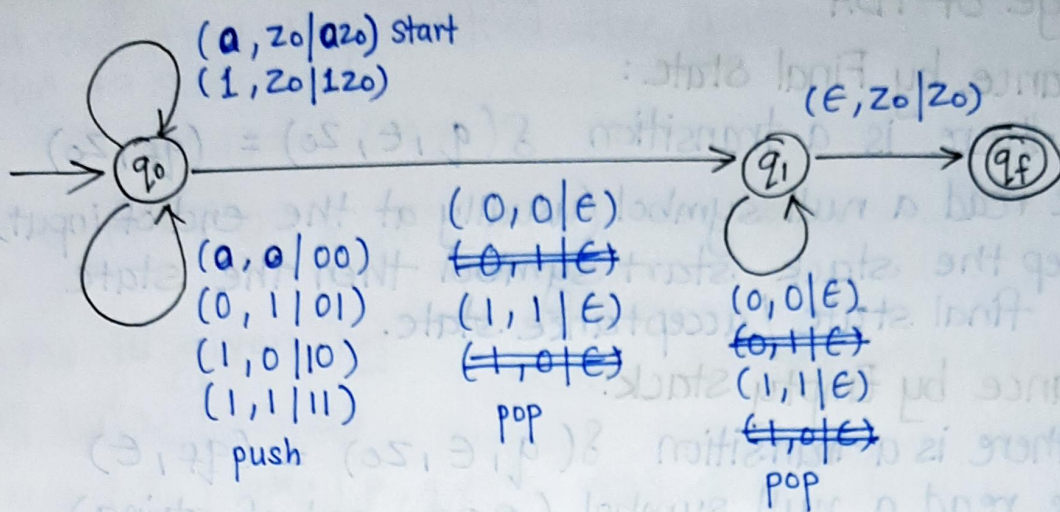
$q_0$  - initial state.

$z_0$  - bottom of stack / start of stack

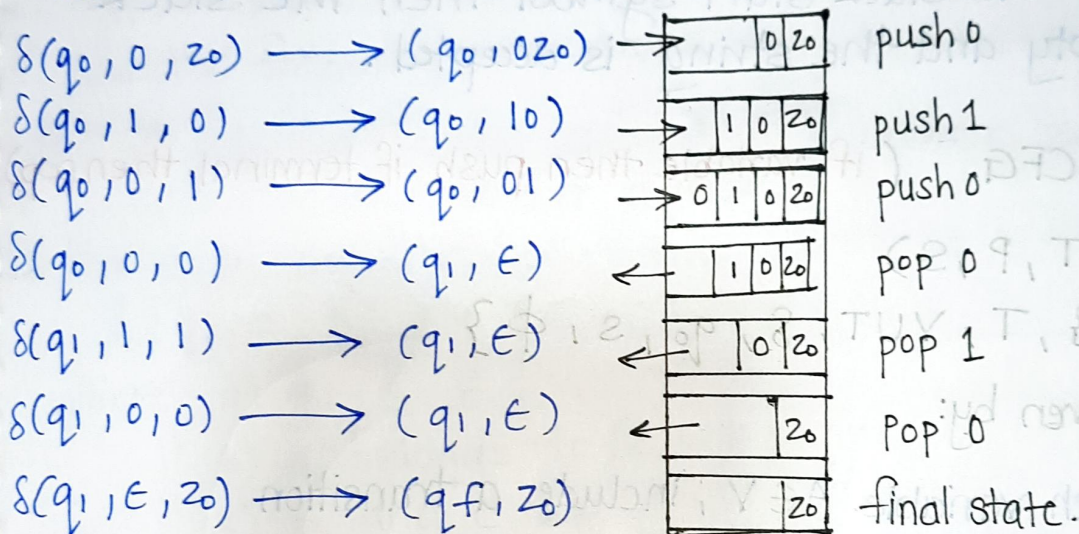
$F$  - final state / set of accepting states.



# PDA for $ww^R$



$$L_{ww^R} = 010010$$



Thus the string got accepted  $\therefore$  it is a even palindrome.

$$\text{PDA : } Q \times (\Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}) \times \Gamma \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma^* \quad \text{for DPDA}$$

$$Q \times (\Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}) \times \Gamma \rightarrow 2^{Q \times \Gamma^*} \quad \text{for NPDA}$$

for single stack PDA



# Language of PDA

## 1) Acceptance by Final State:

when there is a transition  $\delta(q, \epsilon, z_0) = (q_f, z_0)$   
i.e. we read a null symbol (usually at the end of input)  
and keep the stack start symbol then the state  $q_f$  is final state / acceptance state.

## 2) Acceptance by Empty stack:

when there is a transition  $\delta(q, \epsilon, z_0) = (q_f, \epsilon)$   
i.e. we read a null symbol (eos - end of string)  
and pop the stack start symbol then the stack is empty and the string is accepted.

PDA from CFG (if variable then push if terminal then pop)

$$G = (V, T, P, S)$$

$$M = \{\{q\}, T, \gamma \cup T, \delta, q_0, s, \phi\}$$

$\delta$  are given by:

1. For each variable  $A \in V$ , include a transition

$$\delta(q, \epsilon, A) \Rightarrow \{(q, \alpha) \mid A \rightarrow \alpha \text{ is a production}\}$$

2. For each terminal  $a \in T$ , include a transition

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

example:  $S \rightarrow 0s1 \mid 00 \mid 11$

$$\therefore \delta(q, \epsilon, s) \rightarrow \{(q, 0s1), (q, 00), (q, 11)\}$$

$$\delta(q, 0, 0) \rightarrow \{(q, \epsilon)\}$$

$$\delta(q, 1, 1) \rightarrow \{(q, \epsilon)\}$$



## CFG from PDA

we can find the context free grammar  $G$  for any PDA  $M$  such that

$$L(G) = L(M)$$

$$\text{PDA } M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, z_0, \phi)$$

then

CFG is given by

$$G = (V, T, P, S)$$

$$V = \{S, [q \times p] \mid p, q \in Q \text{ and } x \in T\}$$

$P$  for CFG are:

1. Add the following productions for the start symbol

$$S \rightarrow [q_0 z_0 a_i] \text{ for each } a_i \in \Sigma \text{ where } z_0 \text{ is start symbol.}$$

2. For each transition of form.

$$\delta(q_i, a, B) \Rightarrow (q_j, C)$$

where a)  $q_i, q_j \in Q$

b)  $a$  belongs to  $(\Sigma \cup \epsilon)$

c)  $B$  and  $C \in (\Gamma \cup \epsilon)$

then for each  $q \in Q$  we add production.

$$[q_i B q] \rightarrow a [q_j C q]$$

3. For each transition of form.

$$\delta(q_i, a, B) \Rightarrow (q_j, C_1 C_2)$$

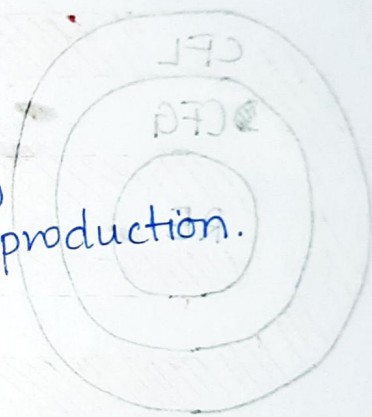
where a)  $q_i, q_j \in Q$

b)  $a \in (\Sigma \cup \epsilon)$

c)  $B, C_1$  and  $C_2 \in \Gamma$

then for each  $p_1, p_2 \in Q$  we add production

$$[q_i B p_1] \rightarrow a [q_j C_1 p_2] [p_2 C_2 p_1]$$





DPDA:

A push down automata for which reading one input on a state with current top of stack will only lead to 1 operation on stack.

i.e when on  $(q_0, a, z_0) \rightarrow (q_0, az_0)$  is the only transition for  $a$  on  $q_0$  when top of stack is  $z_0$ .

Hence the CFL parsing doesn't have ambiguity.

NPDA:

A push down automata for which reading one input signal on a state with current top of stack can lead to multiple transitions / operation on stack.

i.e when on  $(q_0, a, z_0) \rightarrow (q_0, az_0) \nmid (q_0, z_0)$  thus leads to ambiguity.

Hence CFL parsing has ambiguity.

