

Table 6.5 Comparison of the differences between FA, PDA and TM

Issues	FA	PDA	TM
Label of the transitions in the state diagram	One symbol - input symbol 	Three symbols - input, pop and push symbols 	Three symbols - read, write and move direction symbols States & Transitions
Transition functions	$\delta(q_1, a) = q_2$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It means that with input a, move from state q_0 to state q_2 The first two (q_1, a) are input. The last one (q_2) is output. 	$\delta(q_1, a, b) = \{(q_2, w)\}$ or $\delta(q_1, a, b) = \{(q_2, w), (q_3, w)\}$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It means that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From state q_1. Read a from the tape, Pop the string b from the stack, To state q_2, Push string w onto the stack. The first three (q_1, a, b) are input. The last two (q_2, w) are output. 	$\delta(q_1, a) = \{(q_2, b, R)\}$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It means that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From state q_1. Read a from the tape, Write b to the tape, To state q_2, Move to right of the tape. The first two (q_1, a) are input. The last three (q_2, b, R) are output.
Configurations / Instantaneous Description	Represented with the ordered pair $[q_i, s]$ where <ul style="list-style-type: none"> $q_i \in Q$ is the machine's current state; $s \subseteq w$ and $w \in \Sigma^*$ is the remaining unprocessed input. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represented with a triple $(p, w, \alpha) \in (K, \Sigma^*, \Gamma^*)$ where <ul style="list-style-type: none"> p is the current state w is the remaining input α is the current stack contents 	Denoted $uq_i vB$ where B is blank symbol, all tape positions, to the right of the B are blanks and uv is the string spelled by the symbols on the tape from the left-hand boundary to the B .
Computations	The FA M_1 : The computations of M with input strings $abba$ is $[q_0, abba] \vdash [q_0, bba]$ $\vdash [q_1, ba]$ $\vdash [q_2, a]$ $\vdash [q_2, \lambda]$. accepts	The PDA M_2 : The computation of M_2 with input $abcba$ is $[q_0, abcba, \lambda] \vdash [q_0, bcba, A]$ $\vdash [q_0, cba, BA]$ $\vdash [q_1, ba, BA]$ $\vdash [q_1, a, A]$ $\vdash [q_1, \lambda, \lambda]$. accepts	The Turing machine M_3 : accepts the language $(a \cup b)^*aa(a \cup b)^*$. The computation of M_3 with input $aabb$ is $q_0BaabbB \vdash Bq_1aabbB$ $\vdash Baq_2abbB$ $\vdash Baaq_3bbB$. accepts
Determinism	Both deterministic (DFA) and non-deterministic (NFA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every state of DFA always has exactly one exiting transition arrow for each symbol in the alphabet while the NFA may have more. In a DFA, labels on the transition arrows are from the 	Non-deterministic only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PDA's are non-deterministic. Allowed non-deterministic transitions - Multiple transitions on same pop/input, transitions may but do not have to push or pop. 	Deterministic only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turing machine are deterministic. No lambda transitions allowed.

	alphabet while NFA can have an arrow with the label ϵ .		
Formal definitions (how many member of the tuple? What they are?)	A FA is a 5-tuple $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$. Formal Definition Finite Automaton (FA) $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ 	A PDA is a 6-tuple $(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, F)$. Formal Definition Pushdown Automaton (PDA) $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, F)$ 	A TM is a 7-tuple $(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, B, \delta, q_0, F)$. Turing Machine: $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, \phi, F)$ <p>Γ - gamma, ϕ - delta</p>
Acceptance criteria	FA accepts w if the machine end up in a final state.	PDA accepts w if the machine end up in a final state with an empty stack.	A string is accepted by final state if the computation halts in a final state, but the TM need not read the entire input string to accept the string.
Example of state diagram for the language aa^*			