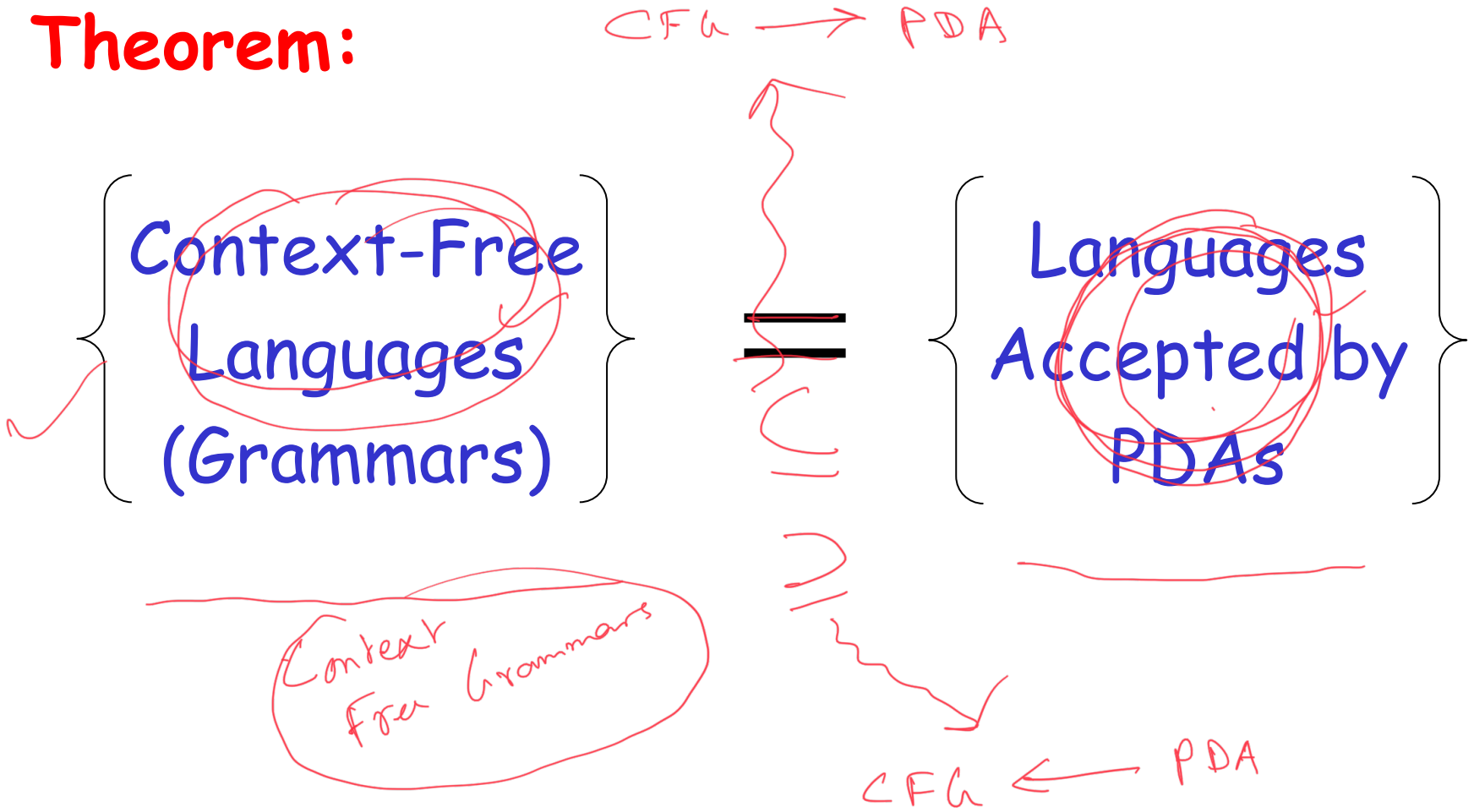
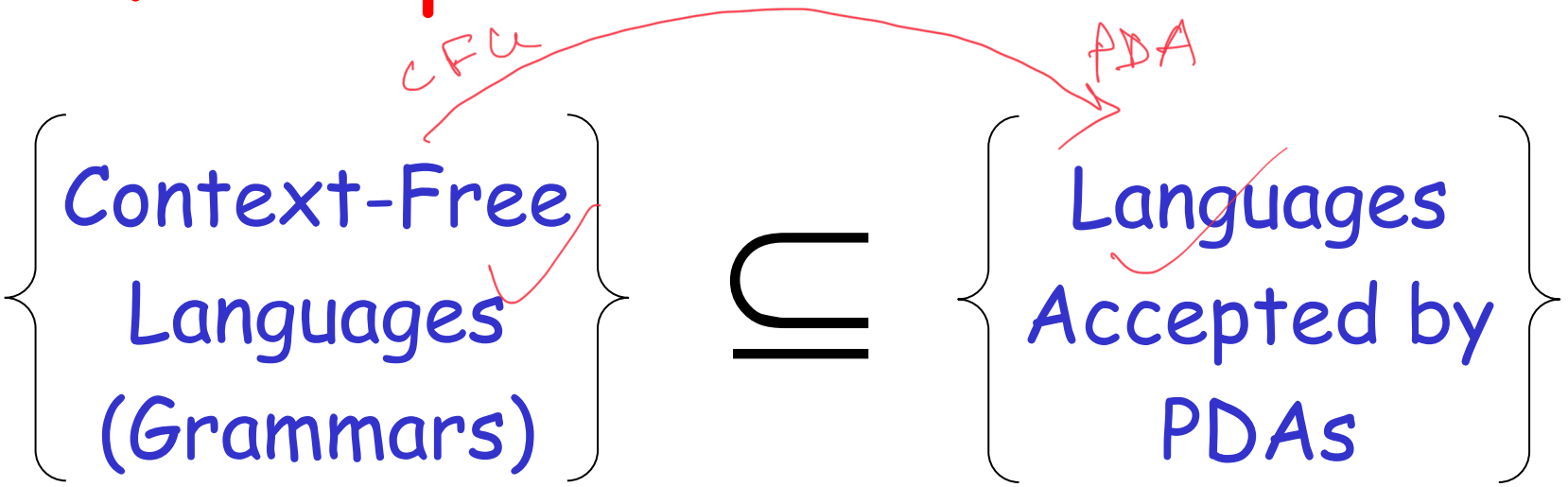
PDAs Accept Context-Free Languages

Theorem:


CFG → PDA
Context-Free Languages (Grammars)
=
Languages Accepted by PDAs
Context Free Grammars
CFG ← PDA

Proof - Step 1:



Convert any context-free grammar G to a PDA M with: $L(G) = L(M)$

Proof - Step 2:

$$\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text{Context-Free}\\ \text{Languages}\\ \text{(Grammars)}\end{array}\right\} \supseteq \left\{\begin{array}{c}\text{Languages}\\ \text{Accepted by}\\ \text{PDAs}\end{array}\right\}$$

Convert any PDA M to a context-free grammar G with: $L(G) = L(M)$

Proof - step 1

Convert

Context-Free Grammars

to

PDAs

Take an arbitrary context-free grammar G

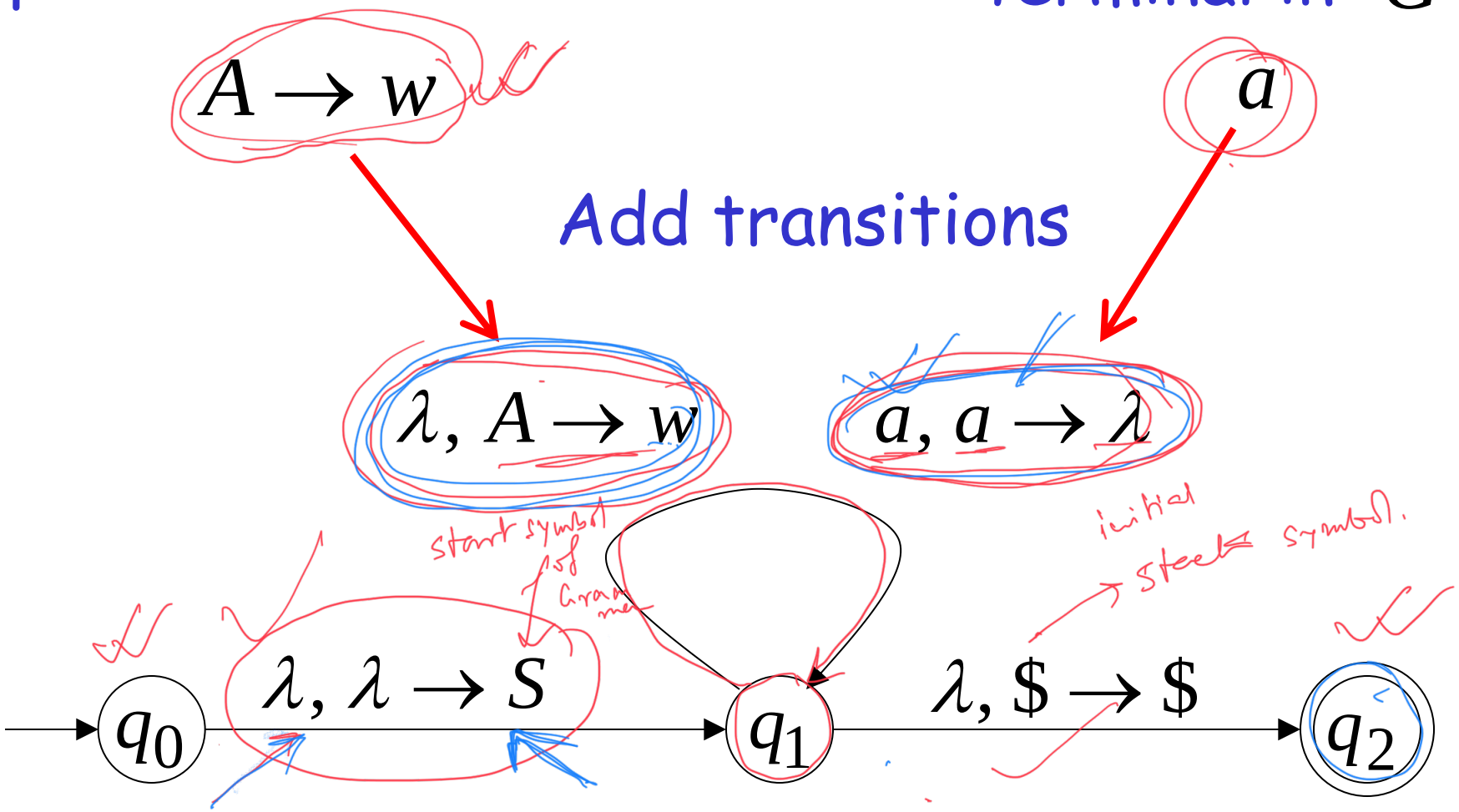
We will convert G to a PDA M such that:

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

Conversion Procedure:

For each production in G

For each terminal in G



Example

Grammar

$S \rightarrow aSTb$

$S \rightarrow b$

$T \rightarrow Ta$

$T \rightarrow \lambda$

PDA

$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

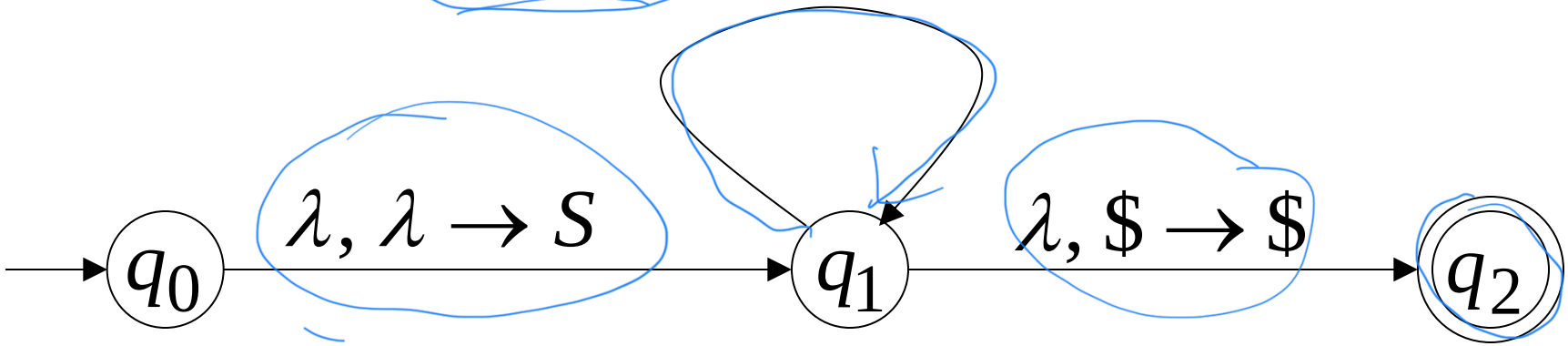
$\lambda, S \rightarrow b$

$\lambda, T \rightarrow Ta$

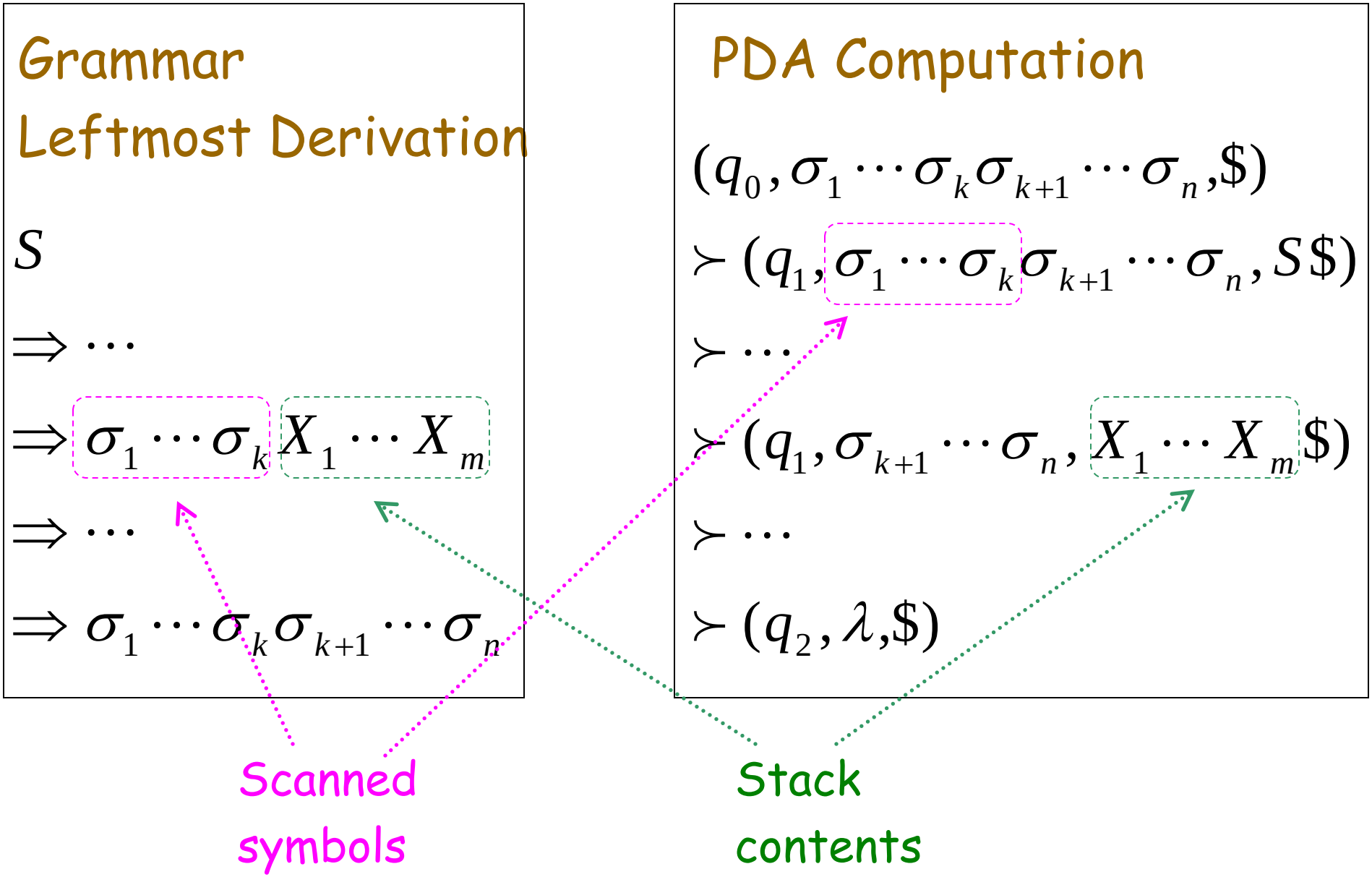
$\lambda, T \rightarrow \lambda$

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$

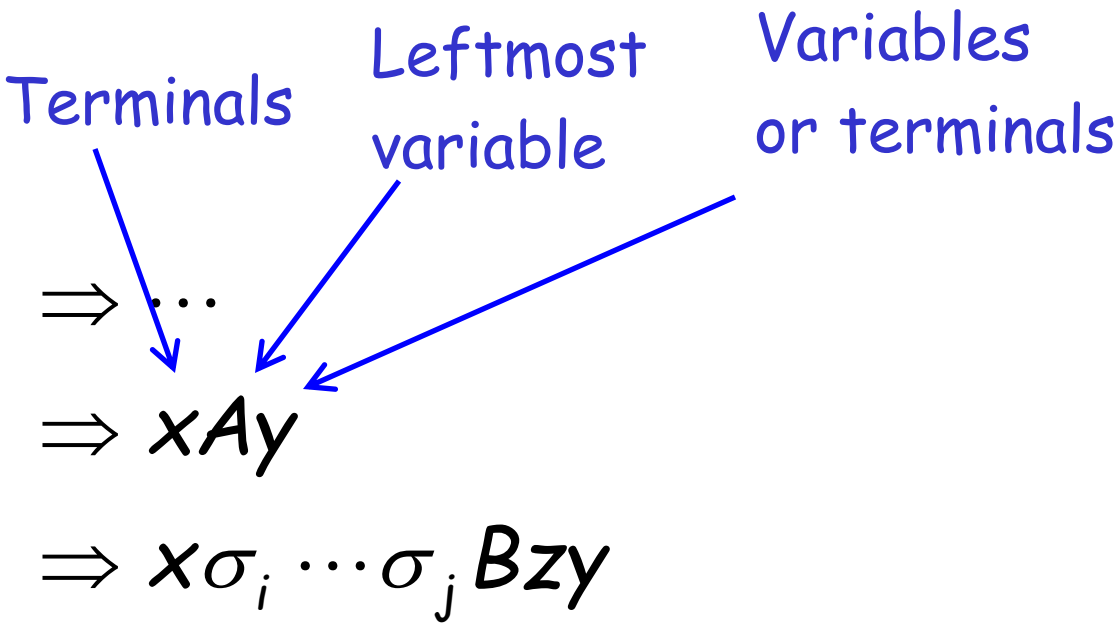


PDA simulates leftmost derivations

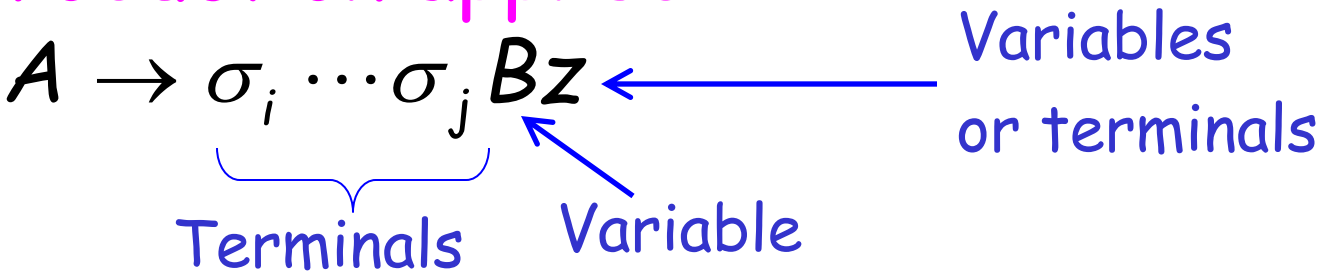


Grammar

Leftmost Derivation



Production applied



Grammar Leftmost Derivation

$$S \Rightarrow \cdots$$

$$\Rightarrow xAy$$

$$\Rightarrow x\sigma_i \cdots \sigma_j Bzy$$

PDA Computation

$$\succ \cdots$$

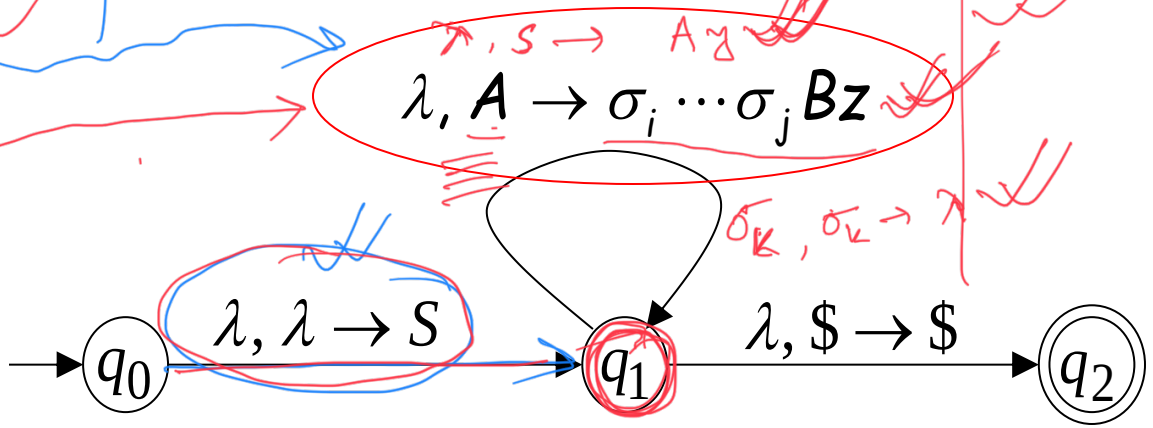
$$\succ (q_1, \sigma_i \cdots \sigma_n, Ay\,\$)$$

$$\succ (q_1, \sigma_i \cdots \sigma_n, \sigma_i \cdots \sigma_j Bzy\,\$)$$

Production applied

$$A \rightarrow \sigma_i \cdots \sigma_j Bz$$

Transition applied



Grammar
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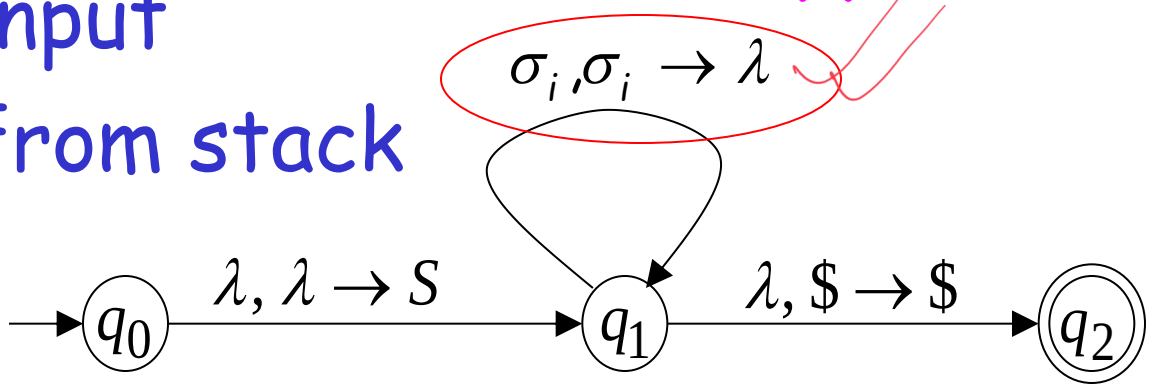
$\succ (q_1, \sigma_{i+1} \cdots \sigma_n, \sigma_{i+1} \cdots \sigma_j Bzy\,\$)$

Transition applied

Read σ_i from input
and remove it from stack



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$\succ \cdots$

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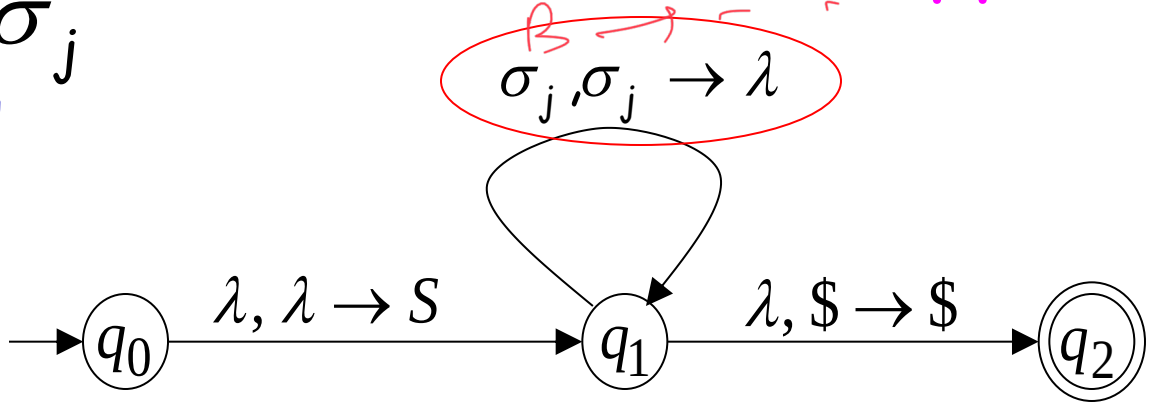
Last Transition applied

All symbols $\sigma_i \cdots \sigma_j$ have been removed from top of stack



The process repeats with the next leftmost variable

$$\Rightarrow \cdots$$

$$\Rightarrow xAy$$

$$\Rightarrow x\sigma_i \cdots \sigma_j Bzy$$

$$\Rightarrow x\sigma_i \cdots \sigma_j \sigma_{j+1} \cdots \sigma_k Cpzy$$

$$\succ \cdots$$

$$\succ (q_1, \sigma_{j+1} \cdots \sigma_n, Bzy\,\$)$$

$$\succ (q_1, \sigma_{j+1} \cdots \sigma_n, \sigma_{j+1} \cdots \sigma_k Cpzy\,\$)$$

$$\succ \cdots$$

$$\succ (q_1, \sigma_{k+1} \cdots \sigma_n, Cpzy\,\$)$$

Production applied

$$B \rightarrow \sigma_{j+1} \cdots \sigma_k Cp$$

And so on……

Example:

Input

a	b	a	b

Time 0

$\lambda, S \to aSTb$

$\lambda, S \to b$

$\lambda, T \to Ta$ $\quad a, a \to \lambda$

$\lambda, T \to \lambda$ $\quad b, b \to \lambda$

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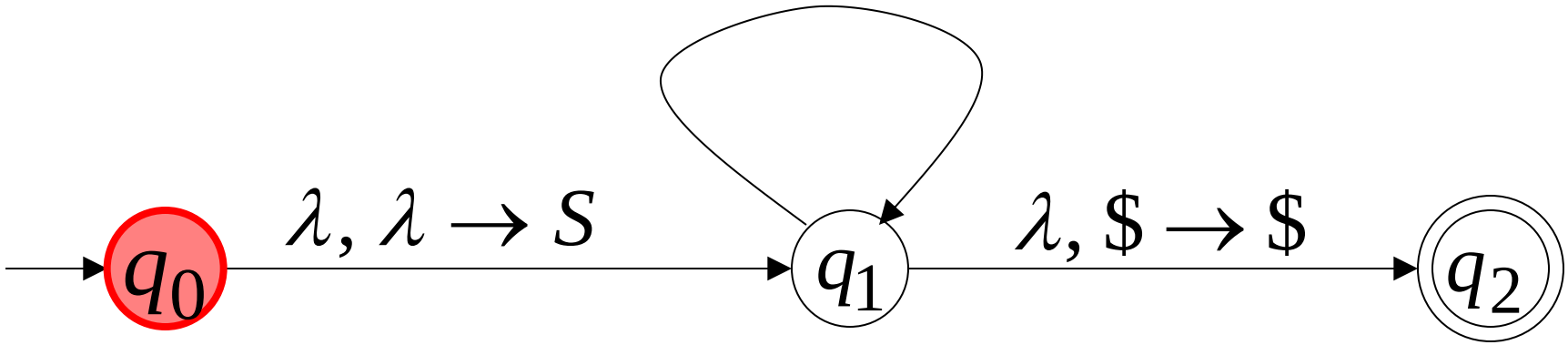
Stack



Derivation: S

Input

a	b	a	b

Time 1

S
\$

Stack

$\lambda, S \to aSTb$

$\lambda, S \to b$

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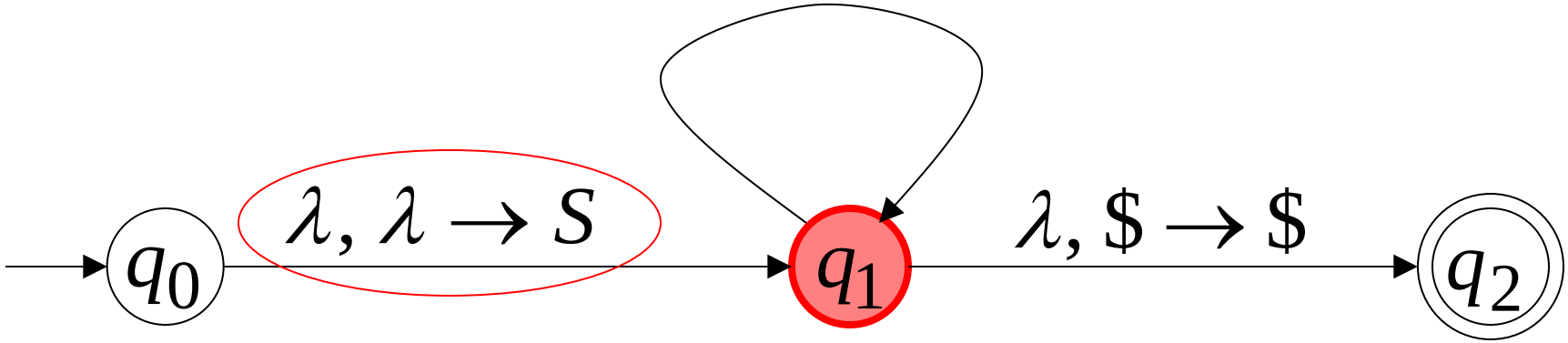

Derivation: $S \Rightarrow aSTb$

Input

a	b	a	b

Time 2

a
S
T
b
$\$$

Stack

$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

$\lambda, S \rightarrow b$

$\lambda, T \rightarrow Ta$ $\quad a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

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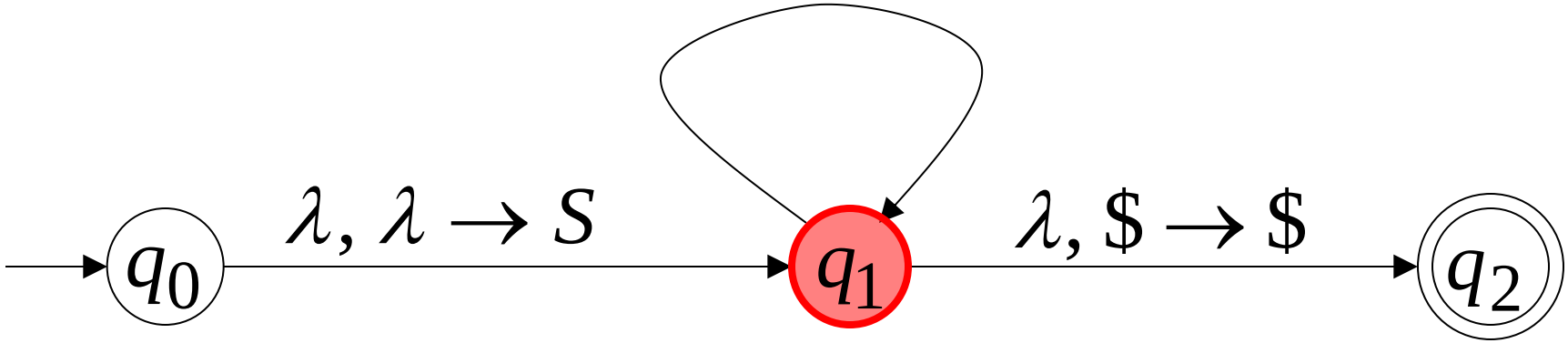
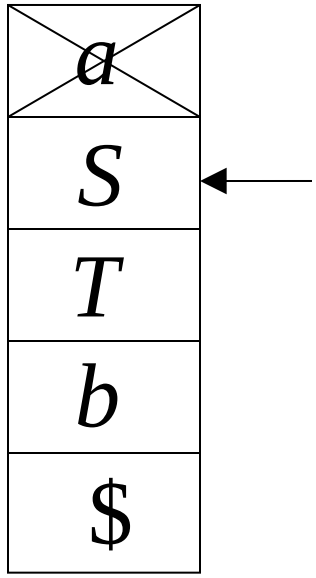


Derivation: $S \Rightarrow aSTb$

Input

a	b	a	b



Stack

Time 3

$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

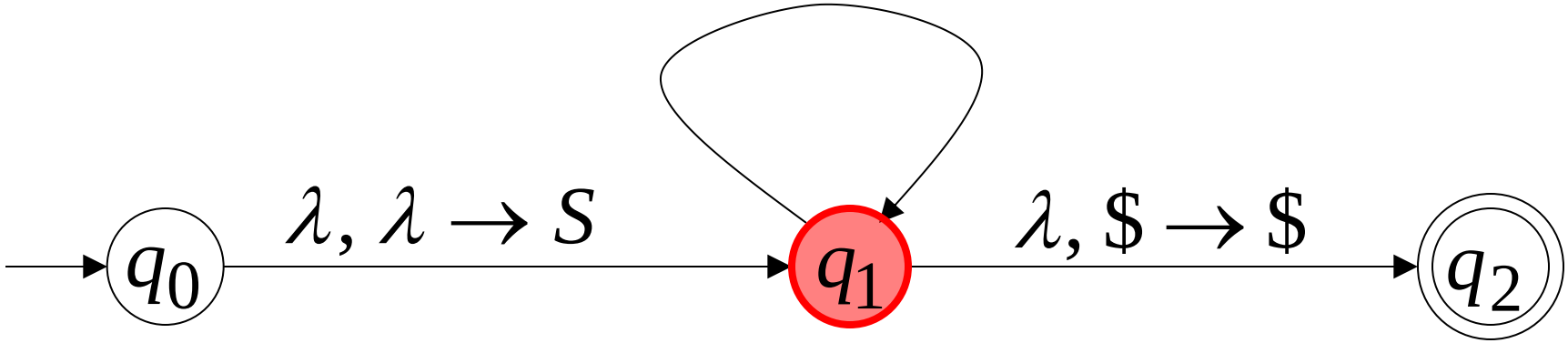
$\lambda, S \rightarrow b$

$\lambda, T \rightarrow Ta$

$\lambda, T \rightarrow \lambda$

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



Derivation: $S \Rightarrow aSTb \Rightarrow abTb$

Input

a	b	a	b

b
T
b
$\$$

Stack

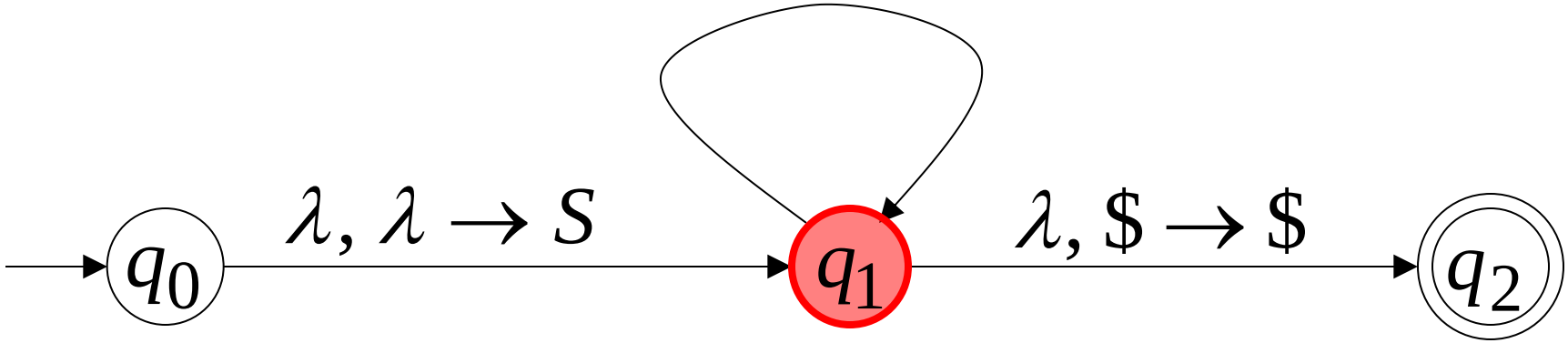
Time 4

$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

$\lambda, S \rightarrow b$

$\lambda, T \rightarrow Ta$ $\quad a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

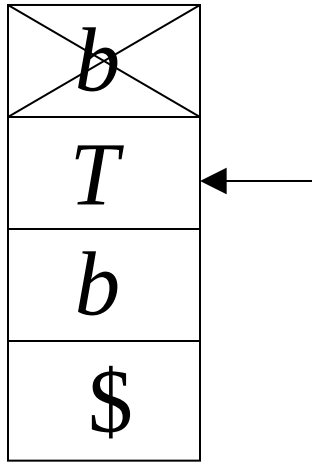
$\lambda, T \rightarrow \lambda$ $\quad b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



Derivation: $S \Rightarrow aSTb \Rightarrow abTb$

Input

a	b	a	b



Stack

Time 5

$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

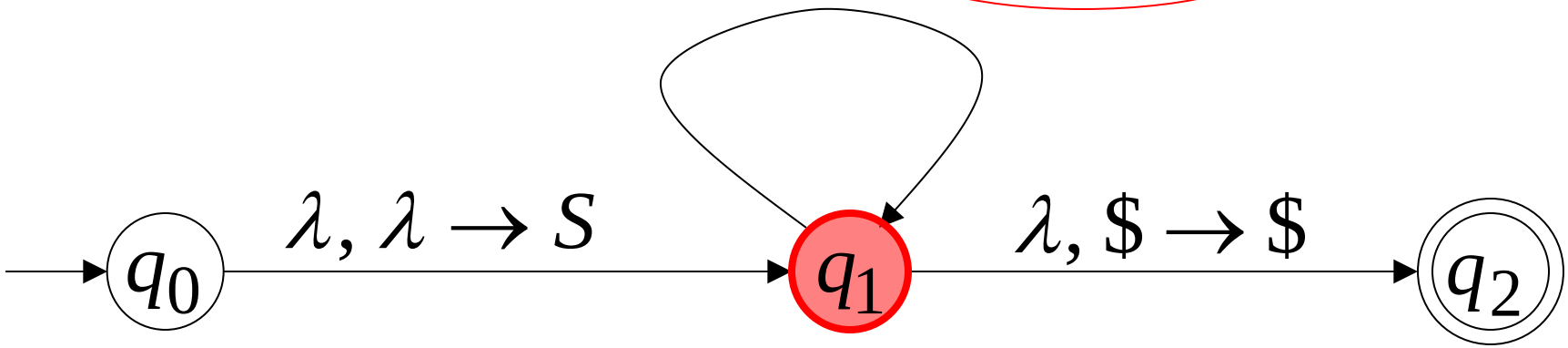
$\lambda, S \rightarrow b$

$\lambda, T \rightarrow Ta$

$\lambda, T \rightarrow \lambda$

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



Derivation: $S \Rightarrow aSTb \Rightarrow abTb \Rightarrow abTab$

Input

a	b	a	b

T
a
b
\$

Stack

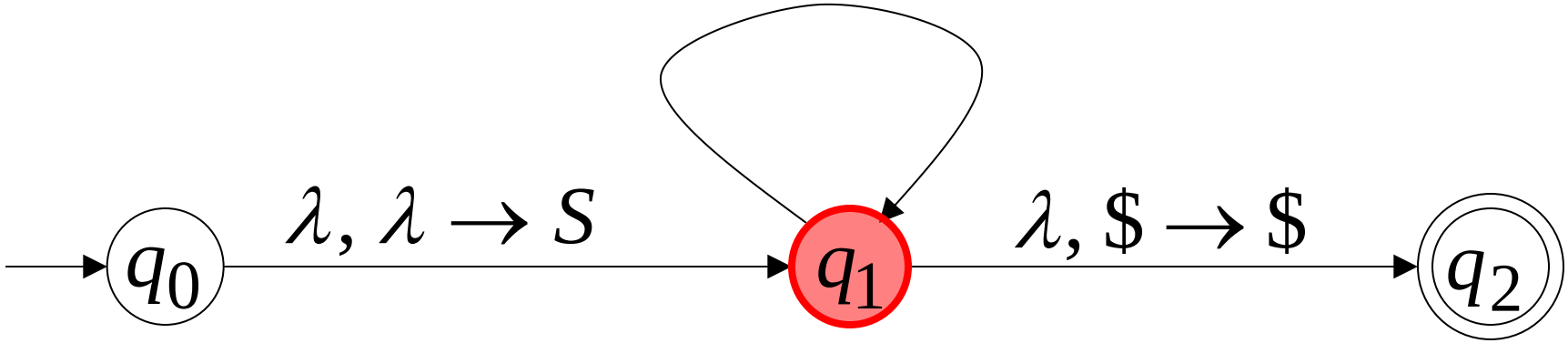
Time 6

$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

$\lambda, S \rightarrow b$

$\lambda, T \rightarrow Ta$ $\quad a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

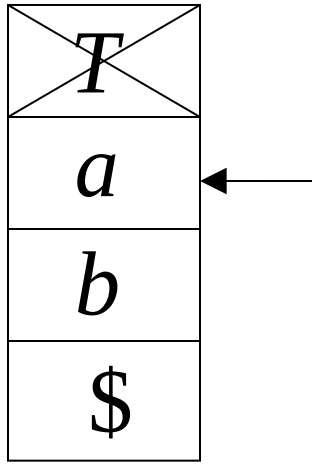
$\lambda, T \rightarrow \lambda$ $\quad b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



Derivation: $S \Rightarrow aSTb \Rightarrow abTb \Rightarrow abTab \Rightarrow abab$

Input

a	b	a	b



Stack

Time 7

$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

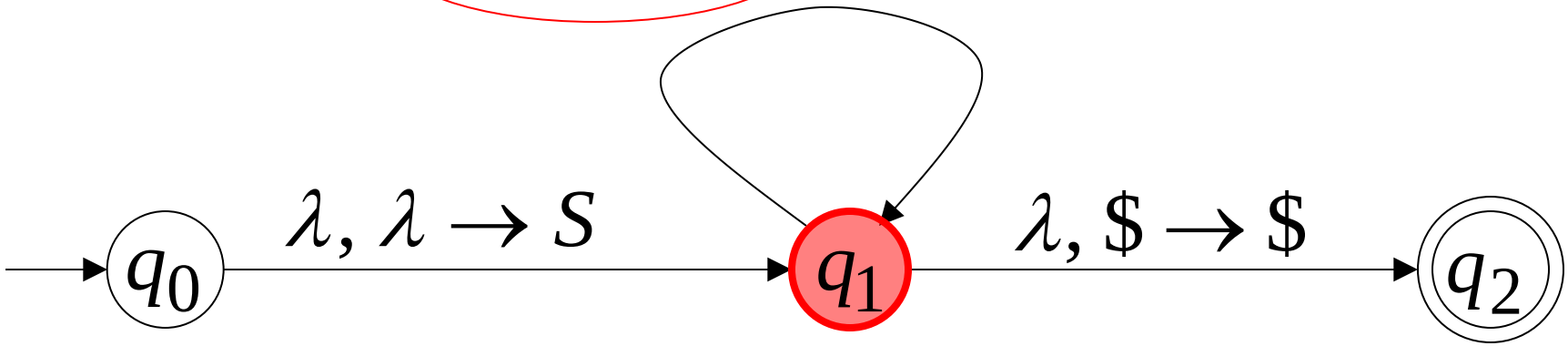
$\lambda, S \rightarrow b$

$\lambda, T \rightarrow Ta$

$\lambda, T \rightarrow \lambda$

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

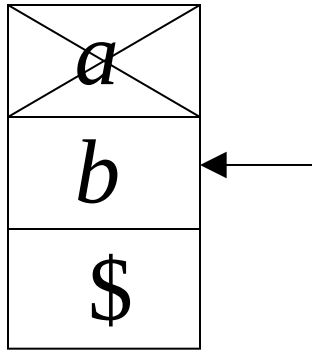
$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



Derivation: $S \Rightarrow aSTb \Rightarrow abTb \Rightarrow abTab \Rightarrow abab$

Input

a	b	a	b



Stack

Time 8

$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

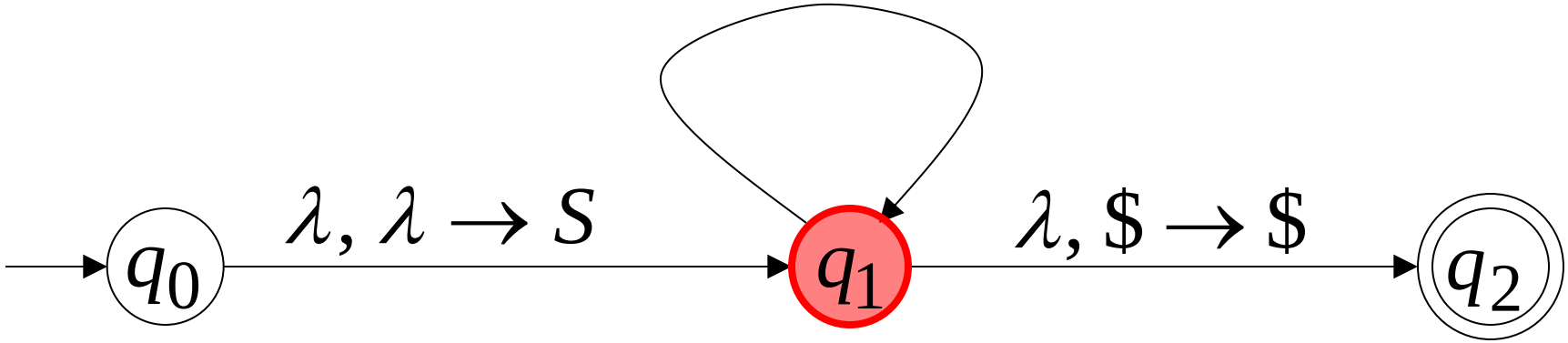
$\lambda, S \rightarrow b$

$\lambda, T \rightarrow Ta$

$\lambda, T \rightarrow \lambda$

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



Derivation: $S \Rightarrow aSTb \Rightarrow abTb \Rightarrow abTab \Rightarrow abab$

Input

a	b	a	b

Time 9

$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

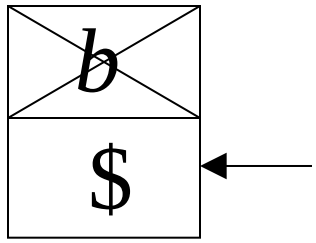
$\lambda, S \rightarrow b$

$\lambda, T \rightarrow Ta$

$\lambda, T \rightarrow \lambda$

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



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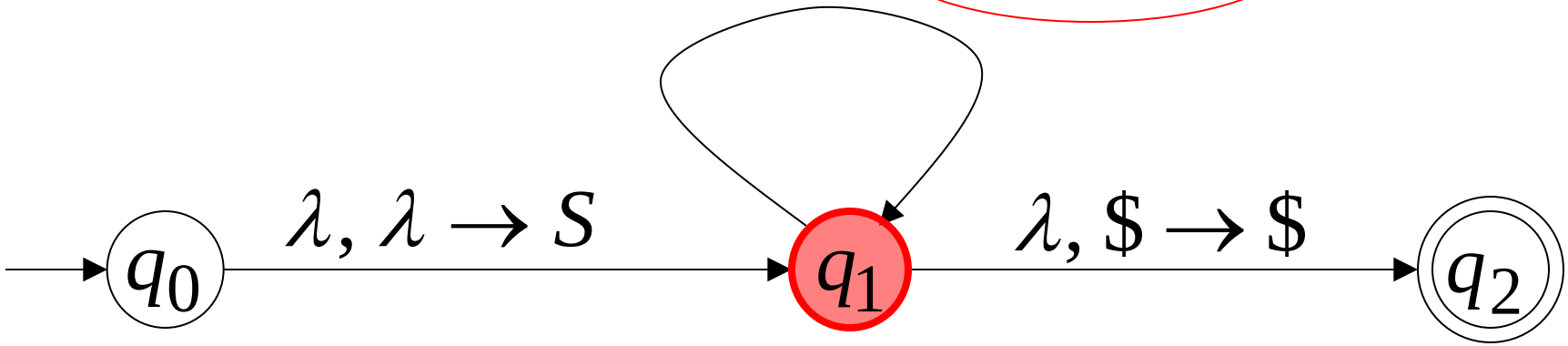

Derivation: $S \Rightarrow aSTb \Rightarrow abTb \Rightarrow abTab \Rightarrow abab$

Input

a	b	a	b

Time 10

$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

$\lambda, S \rightarrow b$

$\lambda, T \rightarrow Ta$ $\quad a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

$\lambda, T \rightarrow \lambda$ $\quad b, b \rightarrow \lambda$

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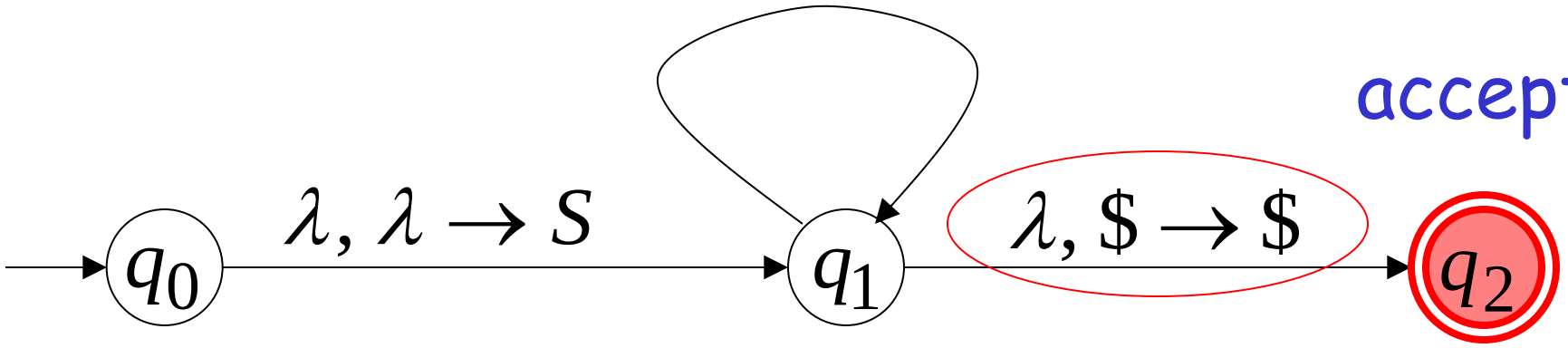
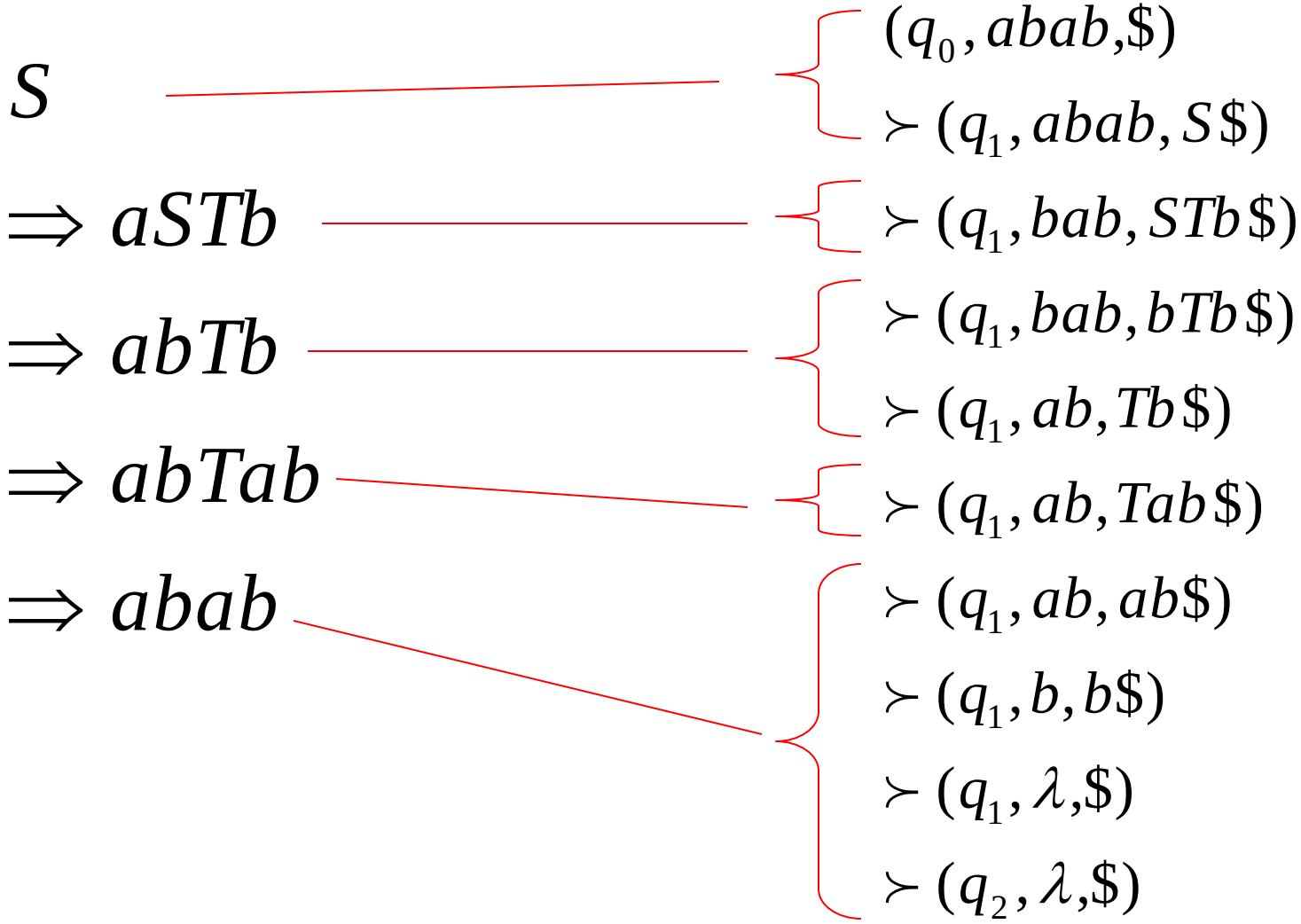
Stack

accept



Grammar
Leftmost Derivation

PDA Computation



In general, it can be shown that:

Grammar G generates string w

$$S \overset{*}{\Rightarrow} w$$

If and Only if

PDA M accepts w

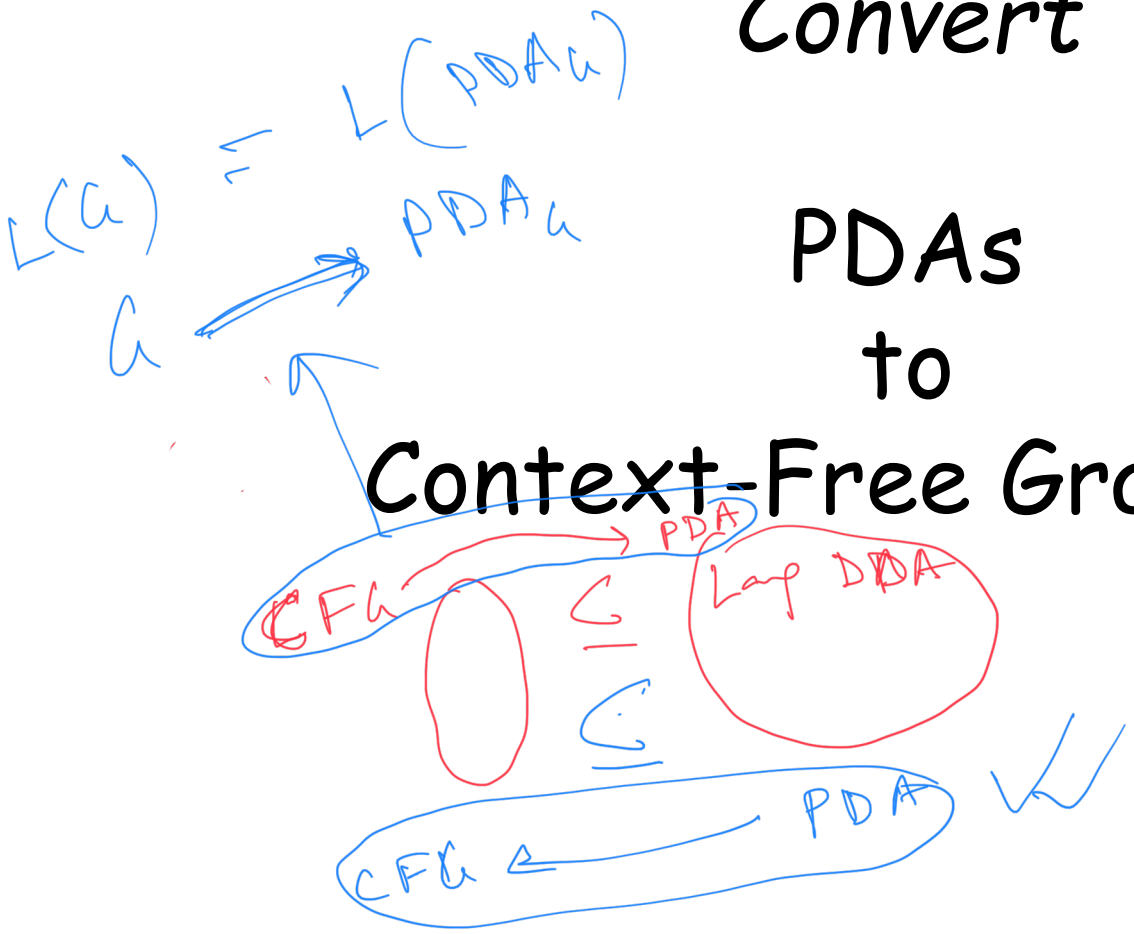
$$(q_0, w, \$) \overset{*}{\succ} (q_2, \lambda, \$)$$

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

Proof - step 2

Convert

PDAs
to
Context-Free Grammars



Take an arbitrary PDA M

We will convert M
to a context-free grammar G such that:

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

First modify PDA M so that:

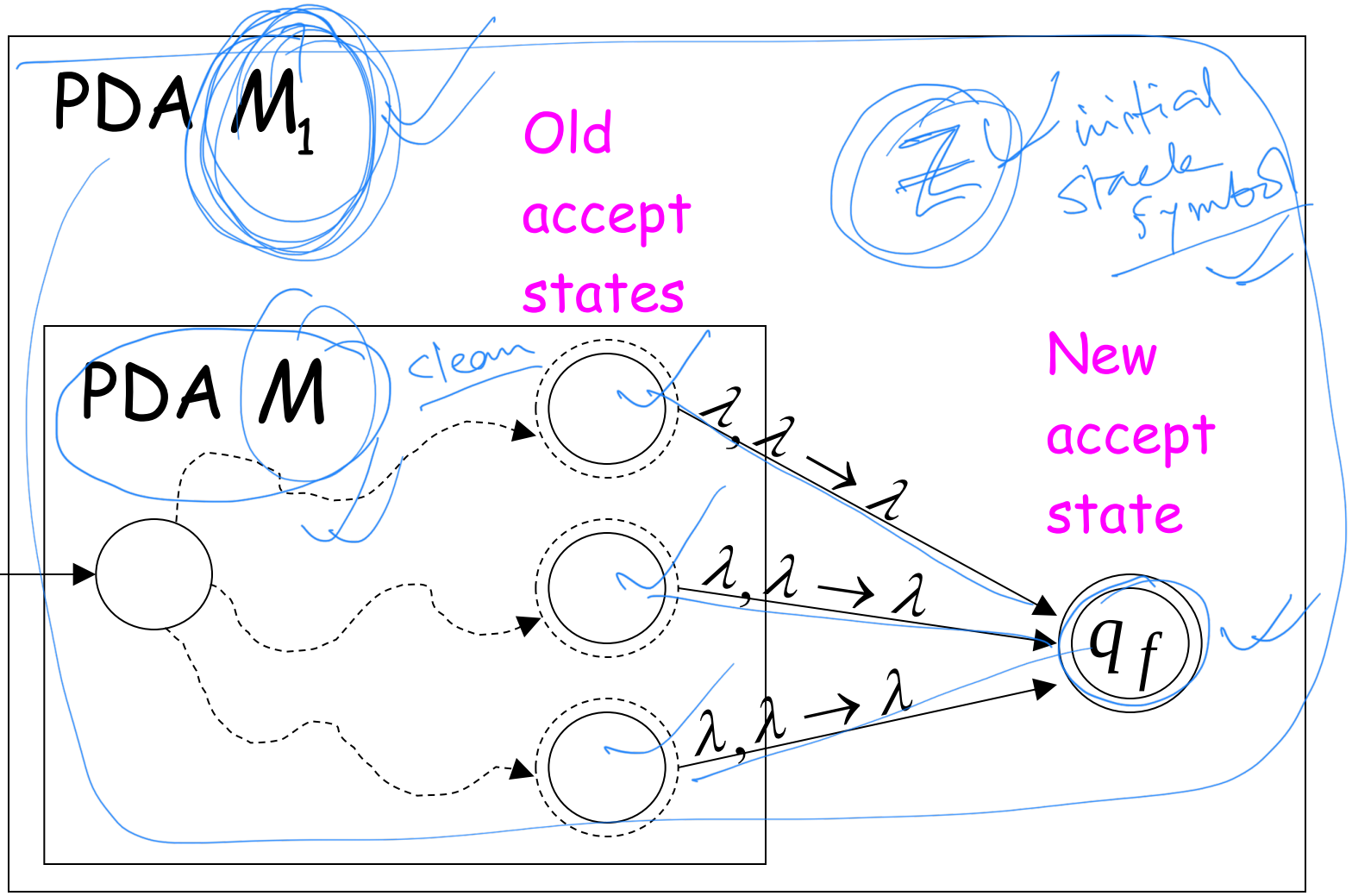
1. The PDA has a single accept state

2. Use new initial stack symbol #

3. On acceptance the stack contains only stack symbol #

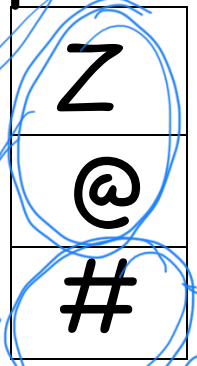
4. Each transition either pushes a symbol or pops a symbol but not both together

1. The PDA has a single accept state



2. Use new initial stack symbol

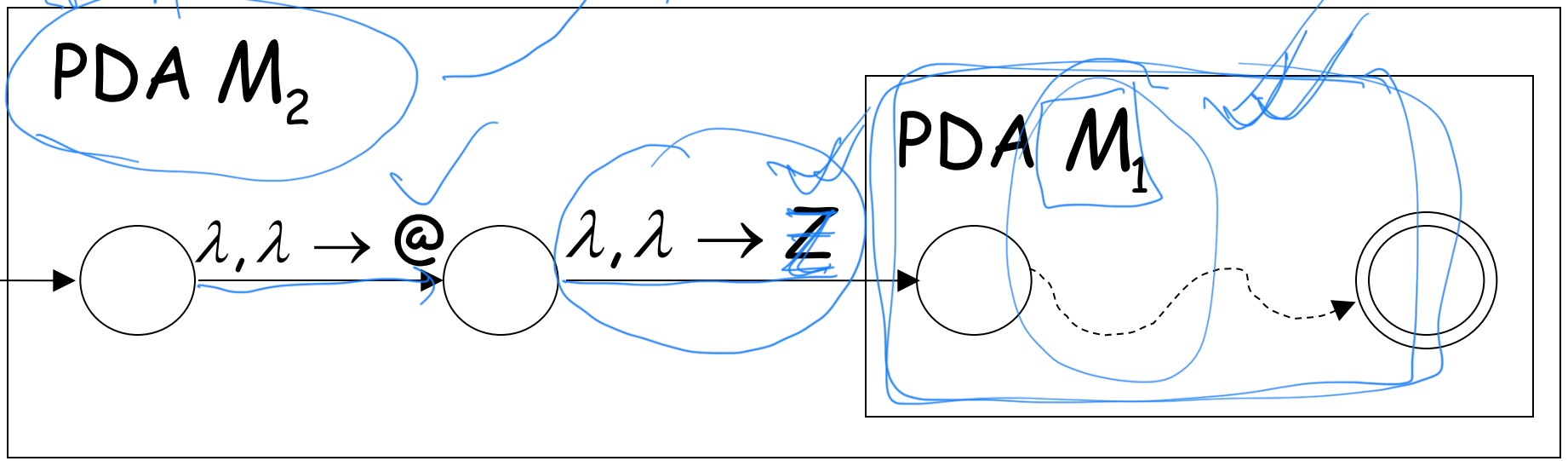
Top of stack



old initial stack symbol

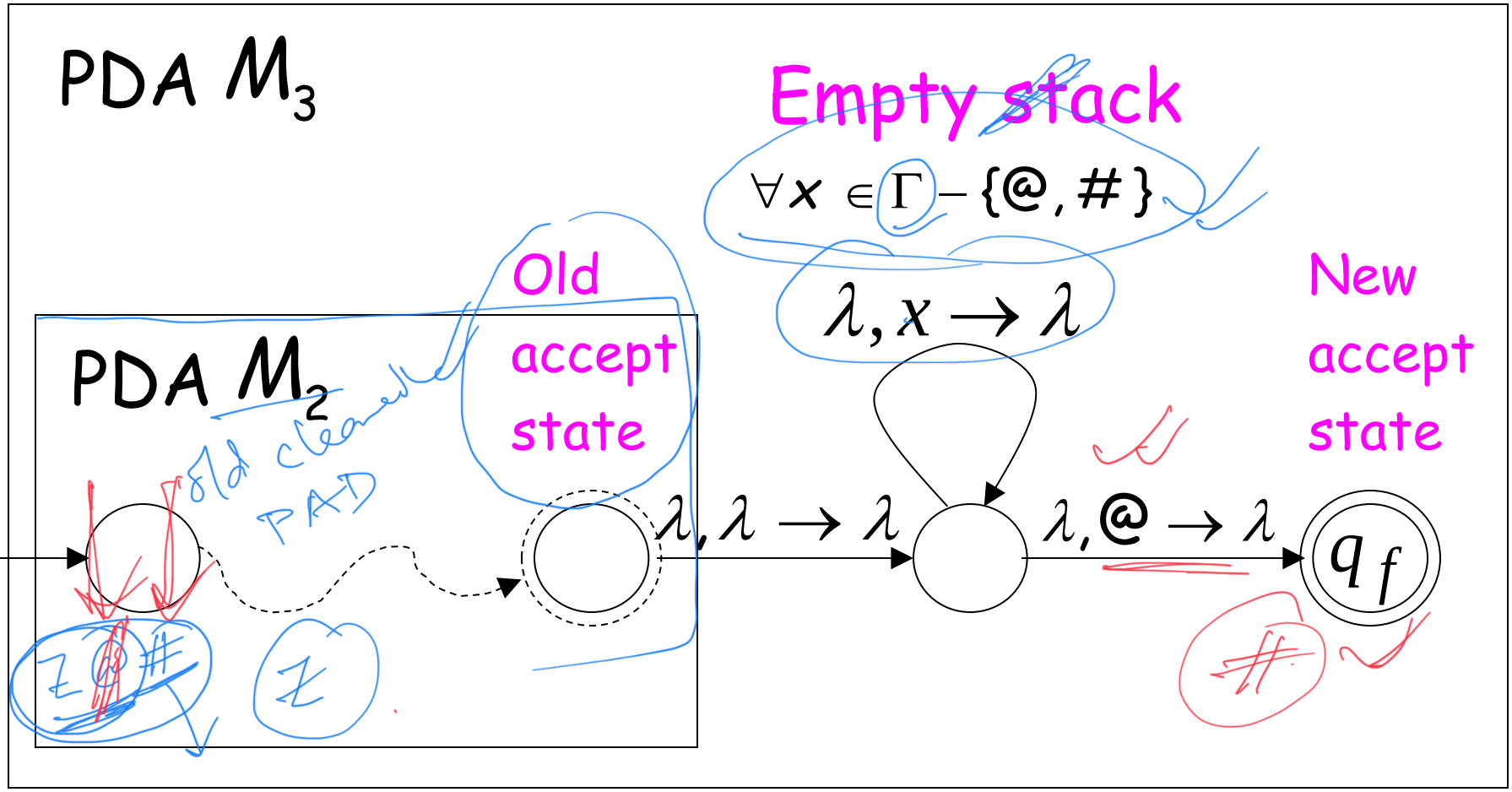
auxiliary stack symbol

new initial stack symbol



M_1 still thinks that Z is the initial stack

3. On acceptance the stack contains only stack symbol



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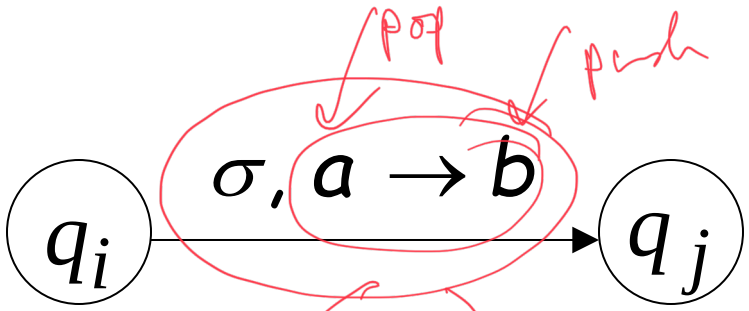
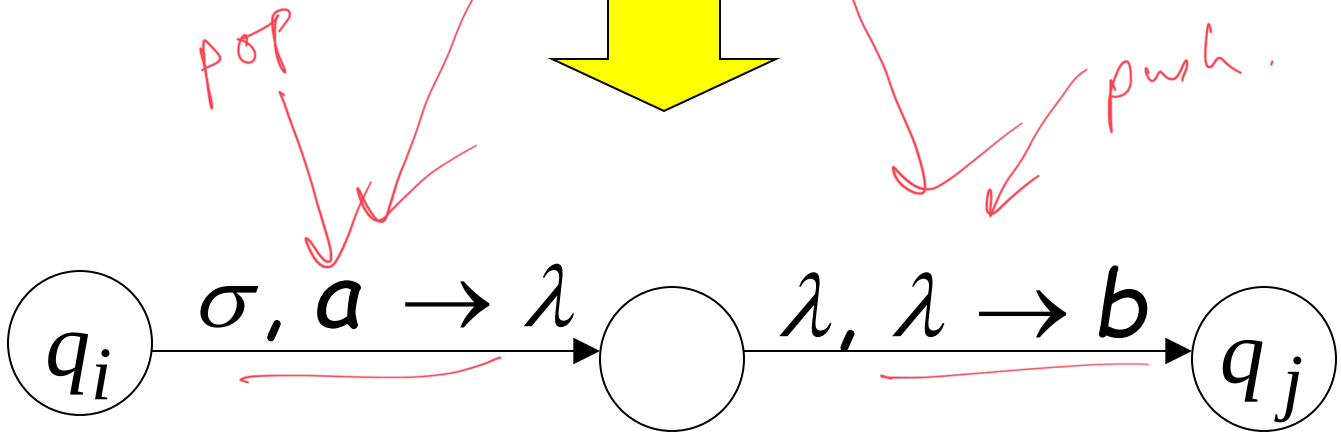
PDA M_3



PDA M_4



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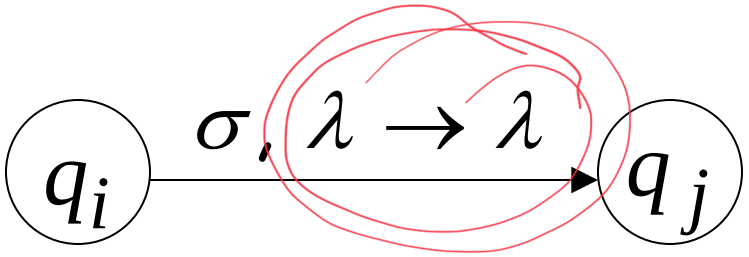

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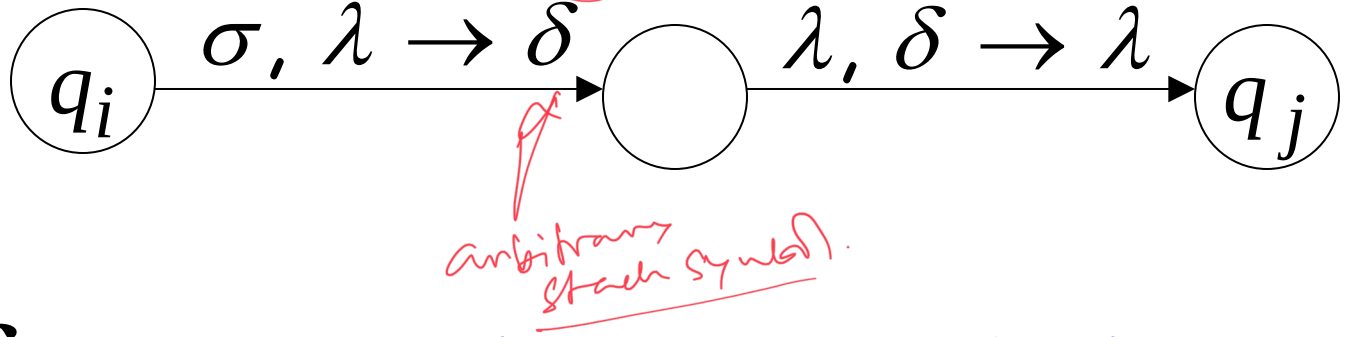


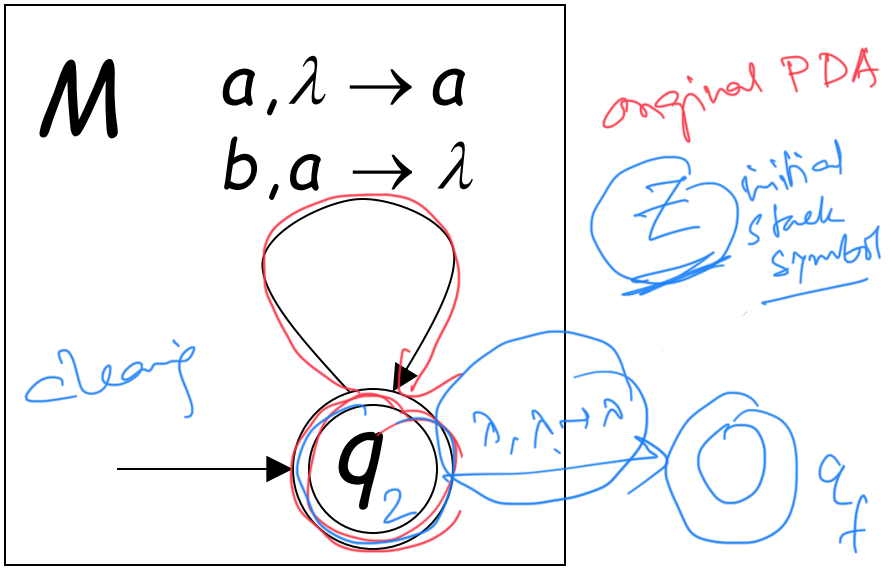
Where δ is a symbol of the stack alphabet

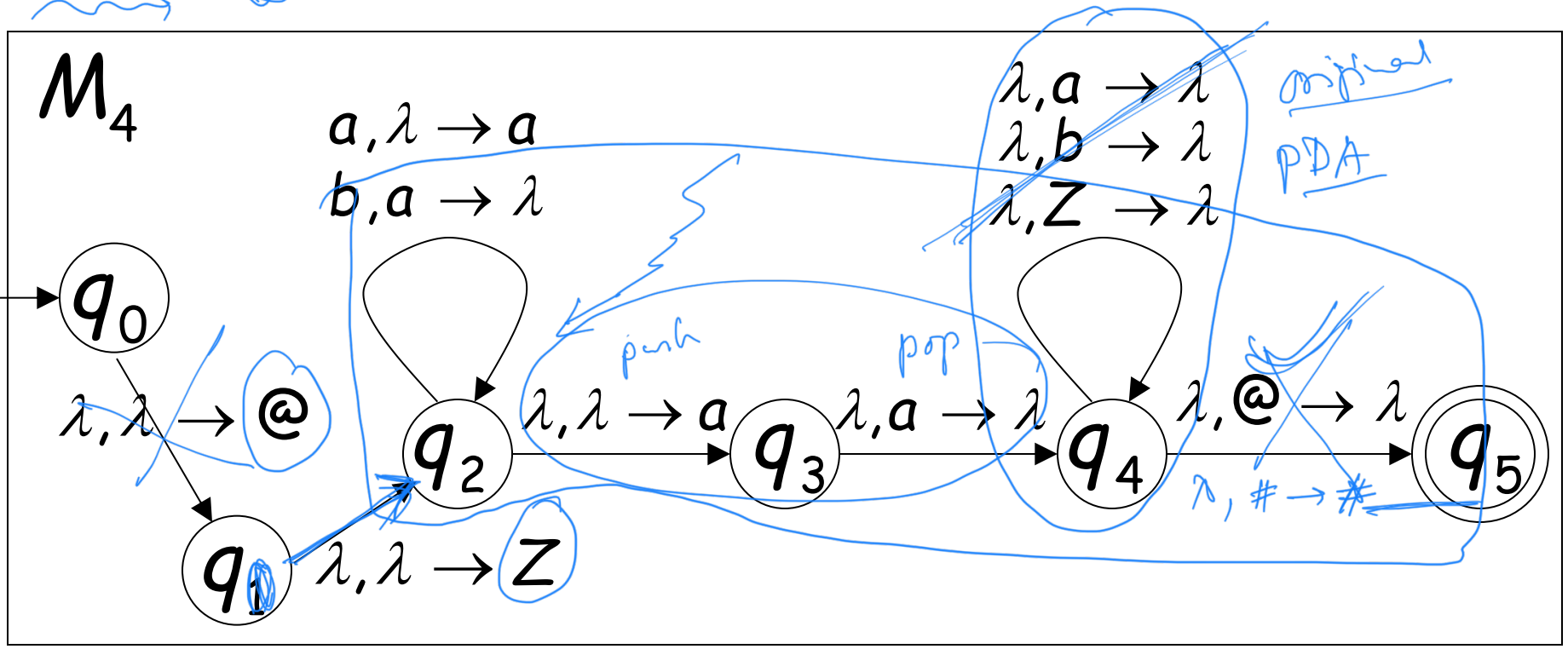
PDA M_4 is the final modified PDA

now convert into CF Grammar

Note that the new initial stack symbol # is never used in any transition

Example:


M
a, λ → a
b, a → λ
λ, λ → λ
q_2
q_f


M_4
a, λ → a
b, a → λ
λ, a → λ
λ, b → λ
λ, Z → λ
q_0
λ, λ → @
q_1
λ, λ → Z
q_2
λ, λ → a
q_3
λ, a → λ
q_4
λ, @ → λ
λ, # → #
q_5

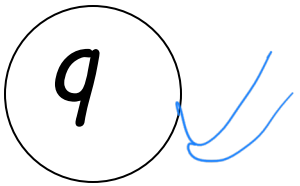
Grammar Construction

Variables: A_{q_i, q_j}

States of PDA

PDA

Kind 1: for each state



PDA
5 states
q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4

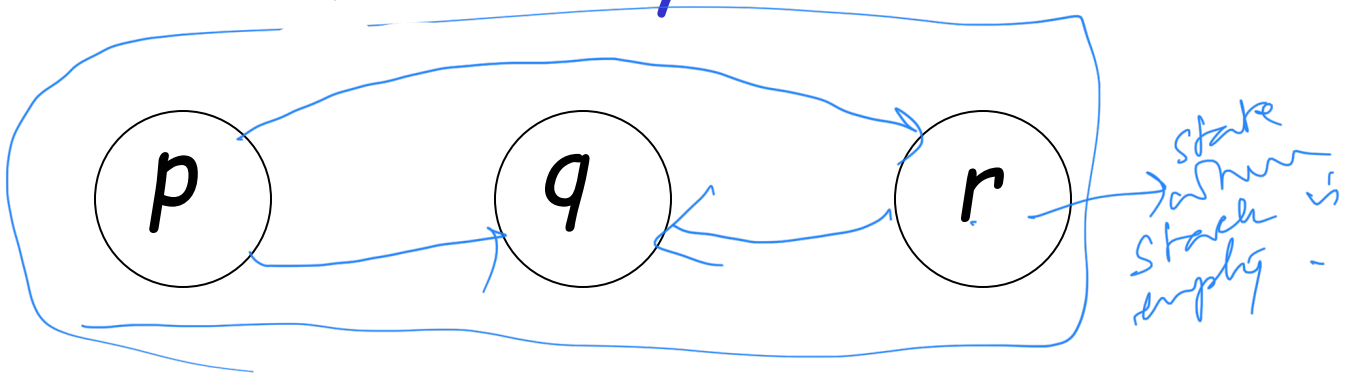
Grammar

$$A_{qq} \rightarrow \lambda$$

$A_{q_0 q_0} \rightarrow \lambda$
$A_{q_1 q_1} \rightarrow \lambda$
$A_{q_2 q_2} \rightarrow \lambda$
production rule

PDA

Kind 2: for every three states

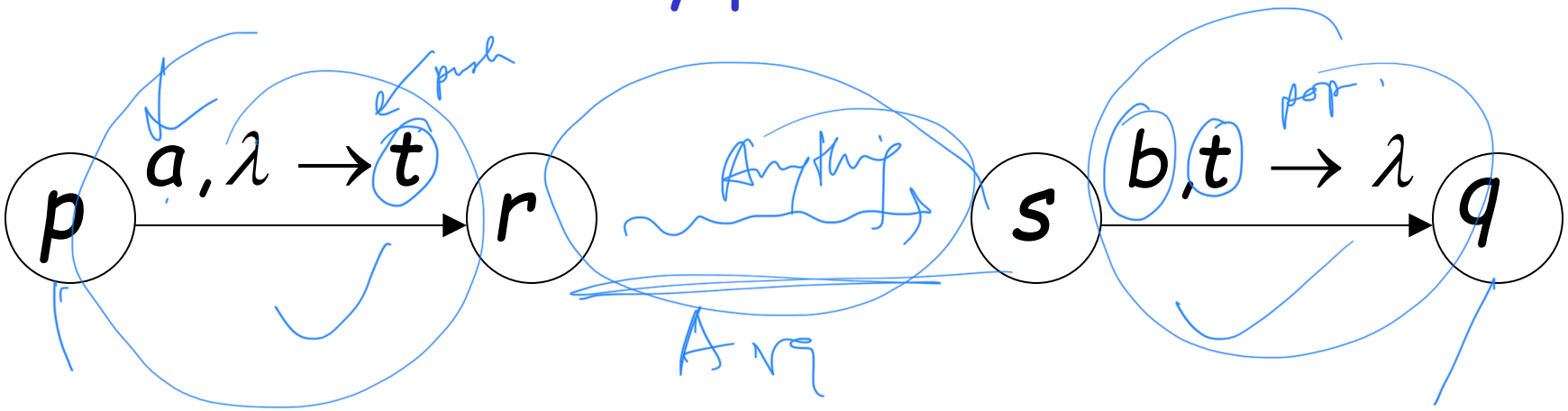


Grammar

$$A_{pq} \rightarrow A_{pr} A_{rq}$$

PDA

Kind 3: for every pair of such transitions

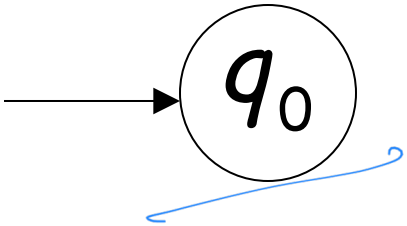


Grammar

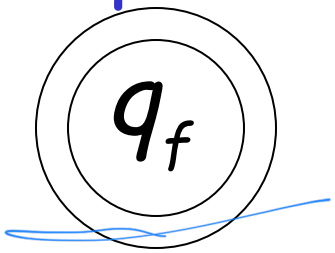
$$A_{pq} \rightarrow aA_{rs}b$$

PDA

Initial state



Accept state

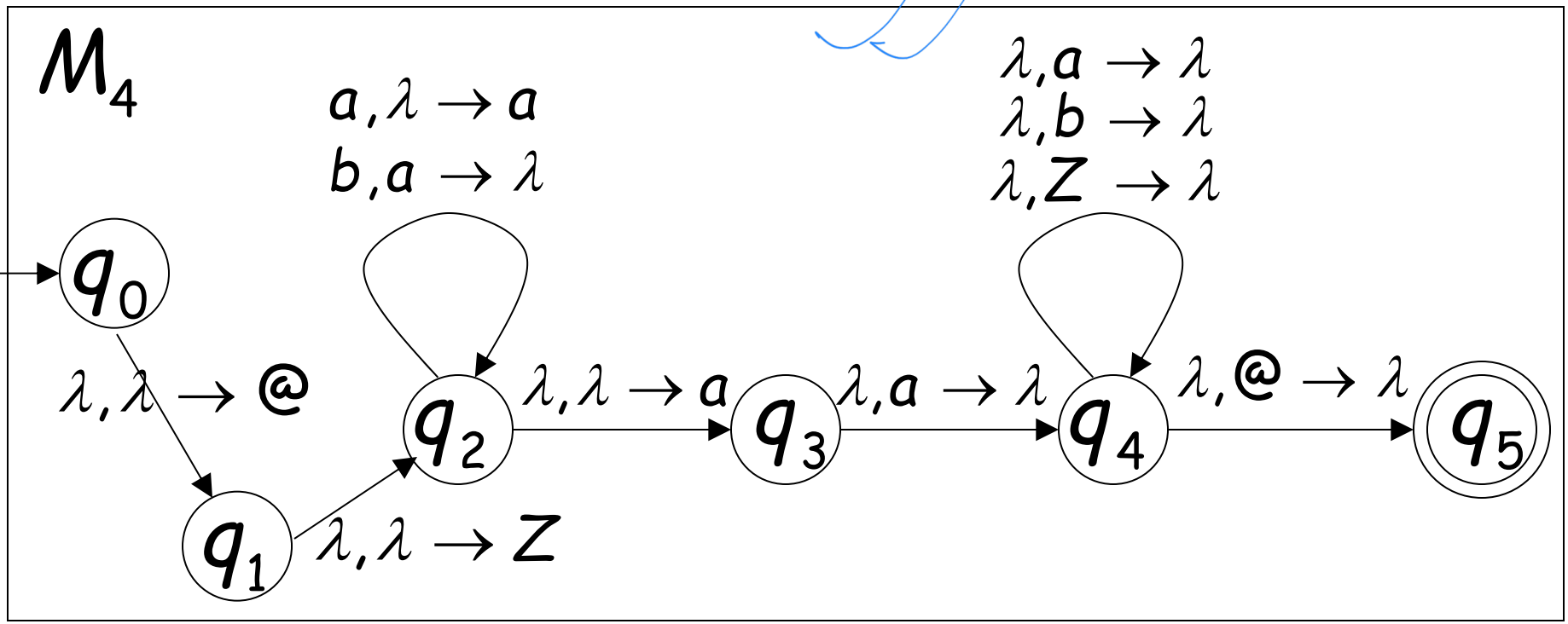


Grammar

Start variable $A_{q_0 q_f}$

Example:

PDA


M_4
$a, \lambda \to a$
$b, a \to \lambda$
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q_2
$\lambda, \lambda \to a$
q_3
$\lambda, a \to \lambda$
q_4
$\lambda, @ \to \lambda$
q_5

Grammar

Kind 1: from single states

$$A_{q_0q_0} \rightarrow \lambda$$

$$A_{q_1q_1} \rightarrow \lambda$$

$$A_{q_2q_2} \rightarrow \lambda$$

$$A_{q_3q_3} \rightarrow \lambda$$

$$A_{q_4q_4} \rightarrow \lambda$$

$$A_{q_5q_5} \rightarrow \lambda$$

Kind 2: from triplets of states

$A_{q_0q_0} \rightarrow A_{q_0q_0}A_{q_0q_0} \mid A_{q_0q_1}A_{q_1q_0} \mid A_{q_0q_2}A_{q_2q_0} \mid A_{q_0q_3}A_{q_3q_0} \mid A_{q_0q_4}A_{q_4q_0} \mid A_{q_0q_5}A_{q_5q_0}$

$A_{q_0q_1} \rightarrow A_{q_0q_0}A_{q_0q_1} \mid A_{q_0q_1}A_{q_1q_1} \mid A_{q_0q_2}A_{q_2q_1} \mid A_{q_0q_3}A_{q_3q_1} \mid A_{q_0q_4}A_{q_4q_1} \mid A_{q_0q_5}A_{q_5q_1}$

$\vdots$

$A_{q_0q_5} \rightarrow A_{q_0q_0}A_{q_0q_5} \mid A_{q_0q_1}A_{q_1q_5} \mid A_{q_0q_2}A_{q_2q_5} \mid A_{q_0q_3}A_{q_3q_5} \mid A_{q_0q_4}A_{q_4q_5} \mid A_{q_0q_5}A_{q_5q_5}$

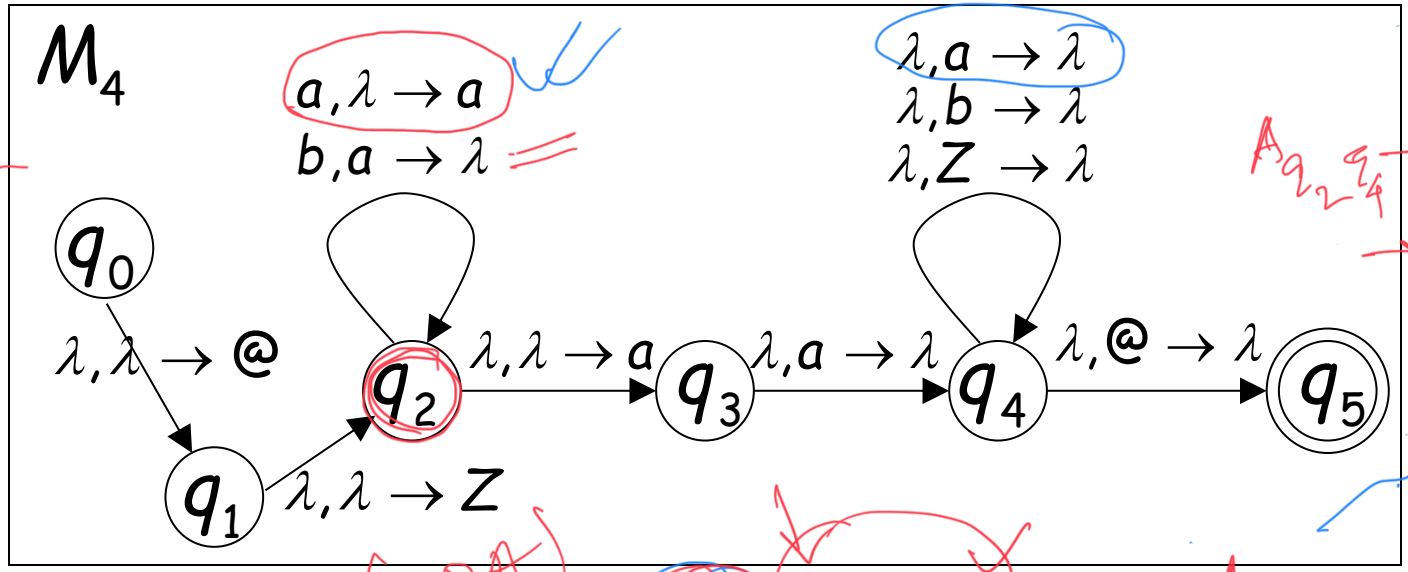
$\vdots$

$A_{q_5q_5} \rightarrow A_{q_5q_0}A_{q_0q_5} \mid A_{q_5q_1}A_{q_1q_5} \mid A_{q_5q_2}A_{q_2q_5} \mid A_{q_5q_3}A_{q_3q_5} \mid A_{q_5q_4}A_{q_4q_5} \mid A_{q_5q_5}A_{q_5q_5}$

$A_{pq} \rightarrow A_{pr}A_{rq}$.

Start variable $A_{q_0q_5}$ start symbol.

Kind 3: from pairs of transitions



$$A_{q_0q_5} \to A_{q_1q_4}$$

$$A_{q_1q_4} \to A_{q_2q_4}$$

$$A_{q_2q_4} \to aA_{q_2q_4}$$

$$A_{q_2q_2} \to aA_{q_2q_2}b$$

$$A_{q_2q_2} \to A_{q_3q_2}b$$

$$A_{q_2q_4} \to A_{q_3q_3}$$

$$A_{q_2q_4} \to aA_{q_2q_3}$$

$$A_{q_2q_4} \to A_{q_3q_4}$$

Suppose that a PDA M is converted to a context-free grammar G

We need to prove that $L(G) = L(M)$

or equivalently

$L(G) \subseteq L(M)$ $L(G) \supseteq L(M)$

$L(G) \subseteq L(M)$

We need to show that if G has derivation:

$$A_{q_0 q_f} \overset{*}{\Rightarrow} w$$ (string of terminals)

Then there is an accepting computation in M :

$$(q_0, w, \#) \overset{*}{\succ} (q_f, \lambda, \#)$$

with input string w

We will actually show that if G has derivation:

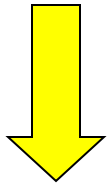
$$A_{pq} \overset{*}{\Rightarrow} w$$

Then there is a computation in M :

$$(p, w, \lambda) \overset{*}{\vdash} (q, \lambda, \lambda)$$

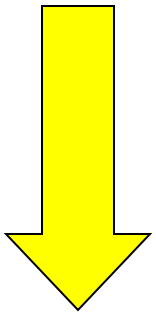
Therefore:

$$A_{q_0 q_f} \overset{*}{\Rightarrow} w$$



$$(q_0, w, \lambda) \overset{*}{\vdash} (q_f, \lambda, \lambda)$$

Since there is no transition with the # symbol



$$(q_0, w, \#) \overset{*}{\vdash} (q_f, \lambda, \#)$$

Lemma:

If $A_{pq} \overset{*}{\Rightarrow} w$ (string of terminals)

then there is a computation
from state p to state q on string w
which leaves the stack empty:

$$(p, w, \lambda) \overset{*}{\vdash} (q, \lambda, \lambda)$$

Proof Intuition:

$$A_{pq} \Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow w$$

Type 2

Case 1: $A_{pq} \Rightarrow A_{pr}A_{rq} \Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow w$

Type 3

Case 2: $A_{pq} \Rightarrow aA_{rs}b \Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow w$

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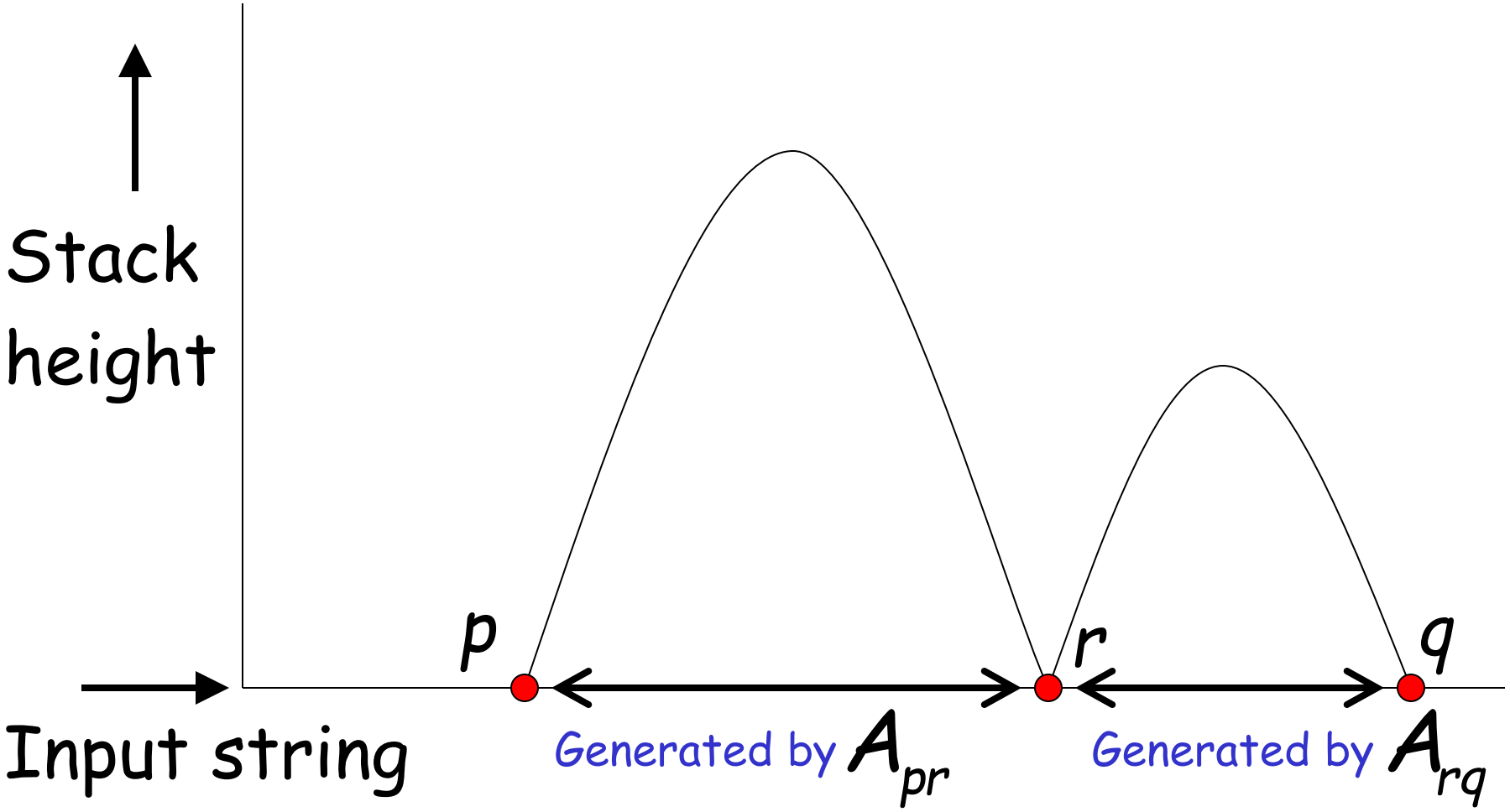
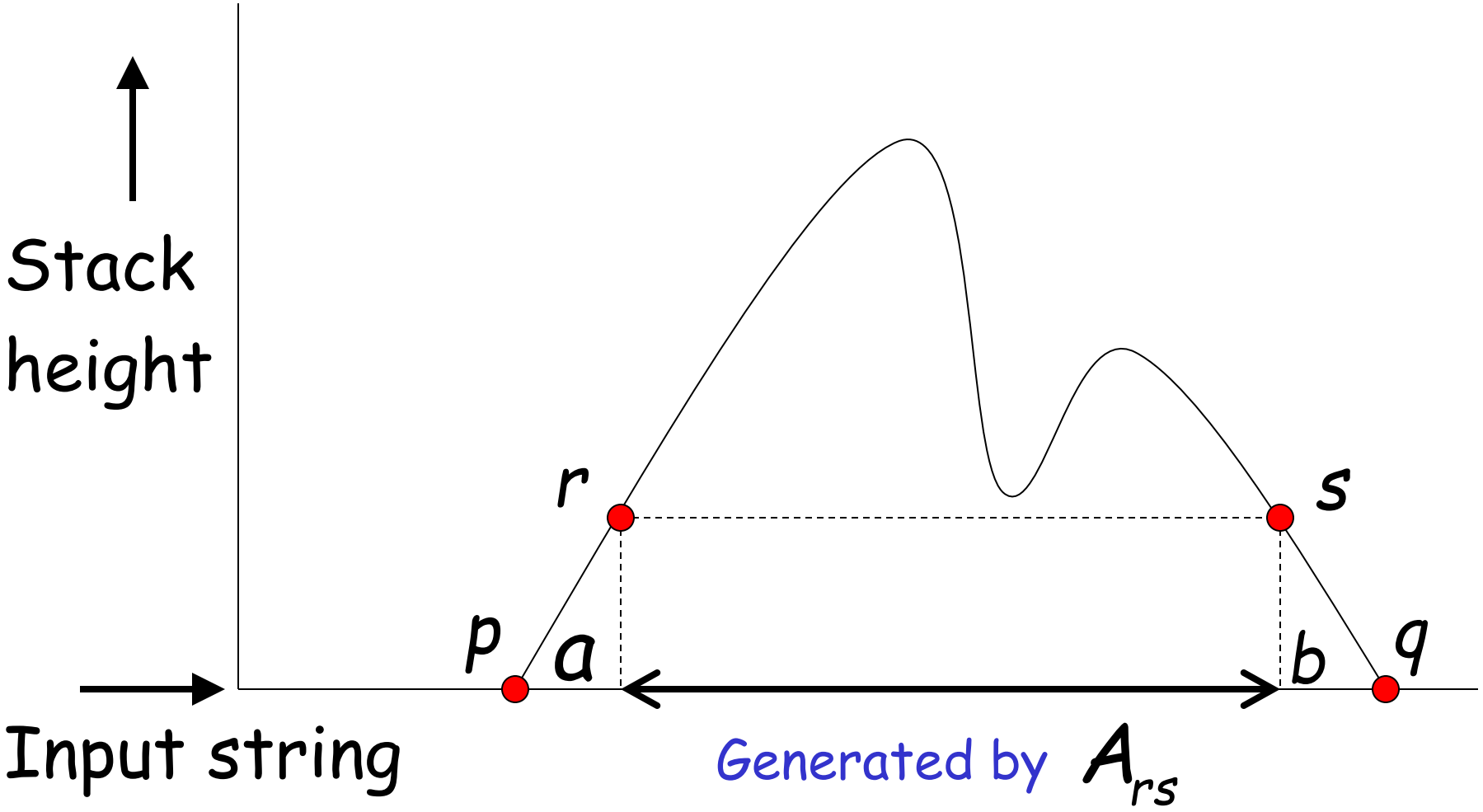


Type 3

Case 2: $A_{pq} \Rightarrow aA_{rs}b \Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow w$



Formal Proof:

We formally prove this claim by induction on the number of steps in derivation:

$$A_{pq} \underbrace{\Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow}_{\text{number of steps}} w$$

Induction Basis: $A_{pq} \Rightarrow w$

(one derivation step)

A Kind 1 production must have been used:

$$A_{pp} \rightarrow \lambda$$

Therefore, $p = q$ and $w = \lambda$

This computation of PDA trivially exists:

$$(p, \lambda, \lambda) \overset{*}{\succ} (p, \lambda, \lambda)$$

Induction Hypothesis:

$$A_{pq} \underbrace{\Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow}_{k} w$$

k derivation steps

suppose it holds:

$$(p, w, \lambda) \overset{*}{\vdash} (q, \lambda, \lambda)$$

Induction Step:

$$A_{pq} \underbrace{\Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow} w$$

$k+1$ derivation steps

We have to show:

$$(p, w, \lambda) \overset{*}{\succ} (q, \lambda, \lambda)$$

$$A_{pq} \underbrace{\Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow} w$$

$k+1$ derivation steps

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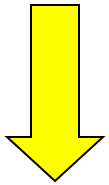
Case 1: $A_{pq} \Rightarrow A_{pr}A_{rq} \Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow w$

$k+1$ steps

We can write $w = yz$

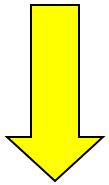
$A_{pr} \underbrace{\Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow}_{\text{At most } k \text{ steps}} y$



From induction hypothesis, in PDA:

$$(p, y, \lambda) \overset{*}{\succ} (r, \lambda, \lambda)$$

$A_{rq} \underbrace{\Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow}_{\text{At most } k \text{ steps}} z$



From induction hypothesis, in PDA:

$$(r, z, \lambda) \overset{*}{\succ} (q, \lambda, \lambda)$$

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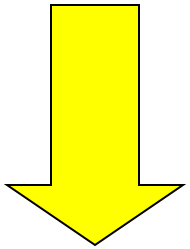
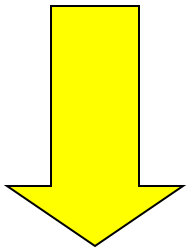


$$(p, yz, \lambda) \overset{*}{\succ} (r, z, \lambda) \overset{*}{\succ} (q, \lambda, \lambda)$$

since $w = yz$



$$(p, w, \lambda) \overset{*}{\succ} (q, \lambda, \lambda)$$

Type 3

Case 2: $A_{pq} \Rightarrow aA_{rs}b \Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow w$

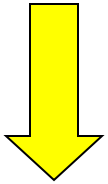
$k+1$ steps

We can write $w = ayb$

$A_{rs} \Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow y$

At most k steps

$$A_{rs} \underbrace{\Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow}_{\text{At most } k \text{ steps}} y$$

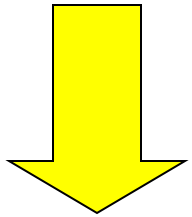


From induction hypothesis,
the PDA has computation:

$$(r, y, \lambda) \overset{*}{\succ} (s, \lambda, \lambda)$$

Type 3

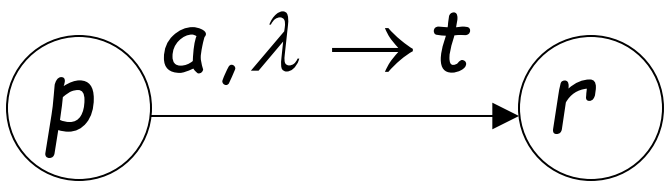
$$A_{pq} \Rightarrow aA_{rs}b \Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow w$$

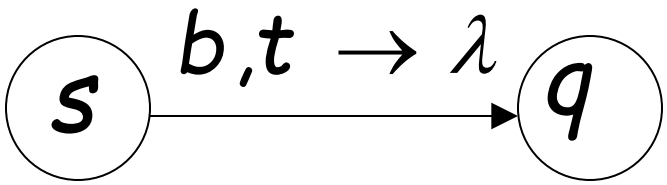


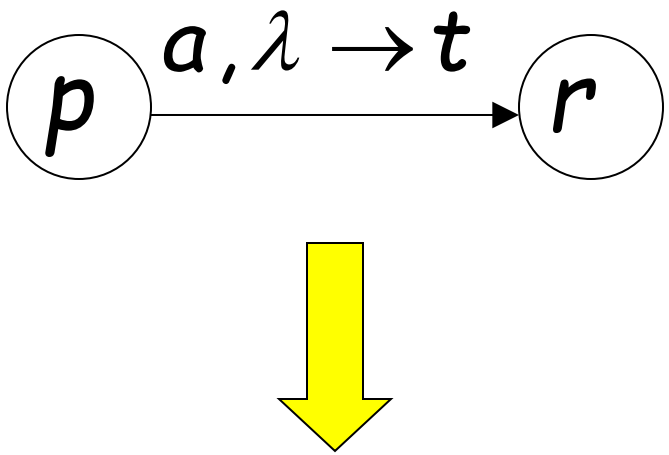
Grammar contains production

$$A_{pq} \rightarrow aA_{rs}b$$

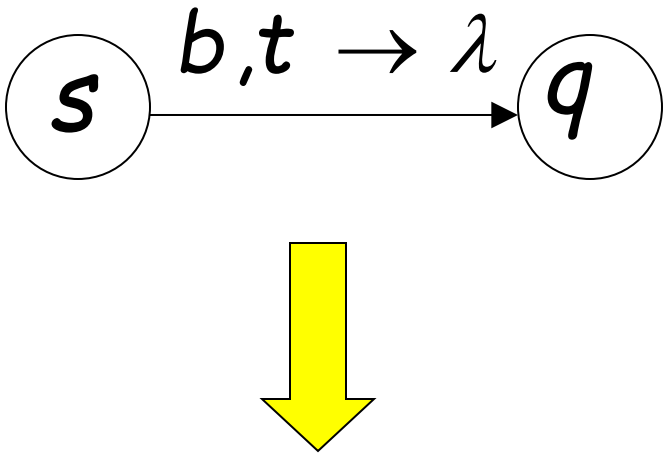
And PDA Contains transitions







$(p, ayb, \lambda) \succ (r, yb, t)$



$(s, b, t) \succ (q, \lambda, \lambda)$

We know

$$(r, y, \lambda) \overset{*}{\succ} (s, \lambda, \lambda) \quad \Rightarrow \quad (r, yb, t) \overset{*}{\succ} (s, b, t)$$

We also know

$$(p, ayb, \lambda) \succ (r, yb, t)$$

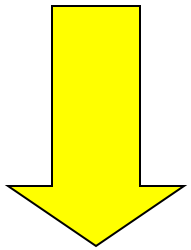
$$(s, b, t) \succ (q, \lambda, \lambda)$$

Therefore:

$$(p, ayb, \lambda) \succ (r, yb, t) \overset{*}{\succ} (s, b, t) \succ (q, \lambda, \lambda)$$

$$(p, ayb, \lambda) \vdash (r, yb, t) \overset{*}{\vdash} (s, b, t) \vdash (q, \lambda, \lambda)$$

since $w = ayb$



$$(p, w, \lambda) \overset{*}{\vdash} (q, \lambda, \lambda)$$

END OF PROOF

So far we have shown:

$$L(G) \subseteq L(M)$$

With a similar proof we can show

$$L(G) \supseteq L(M)$$

Therefore: $L(G) = L(M)$