

## Unit IV

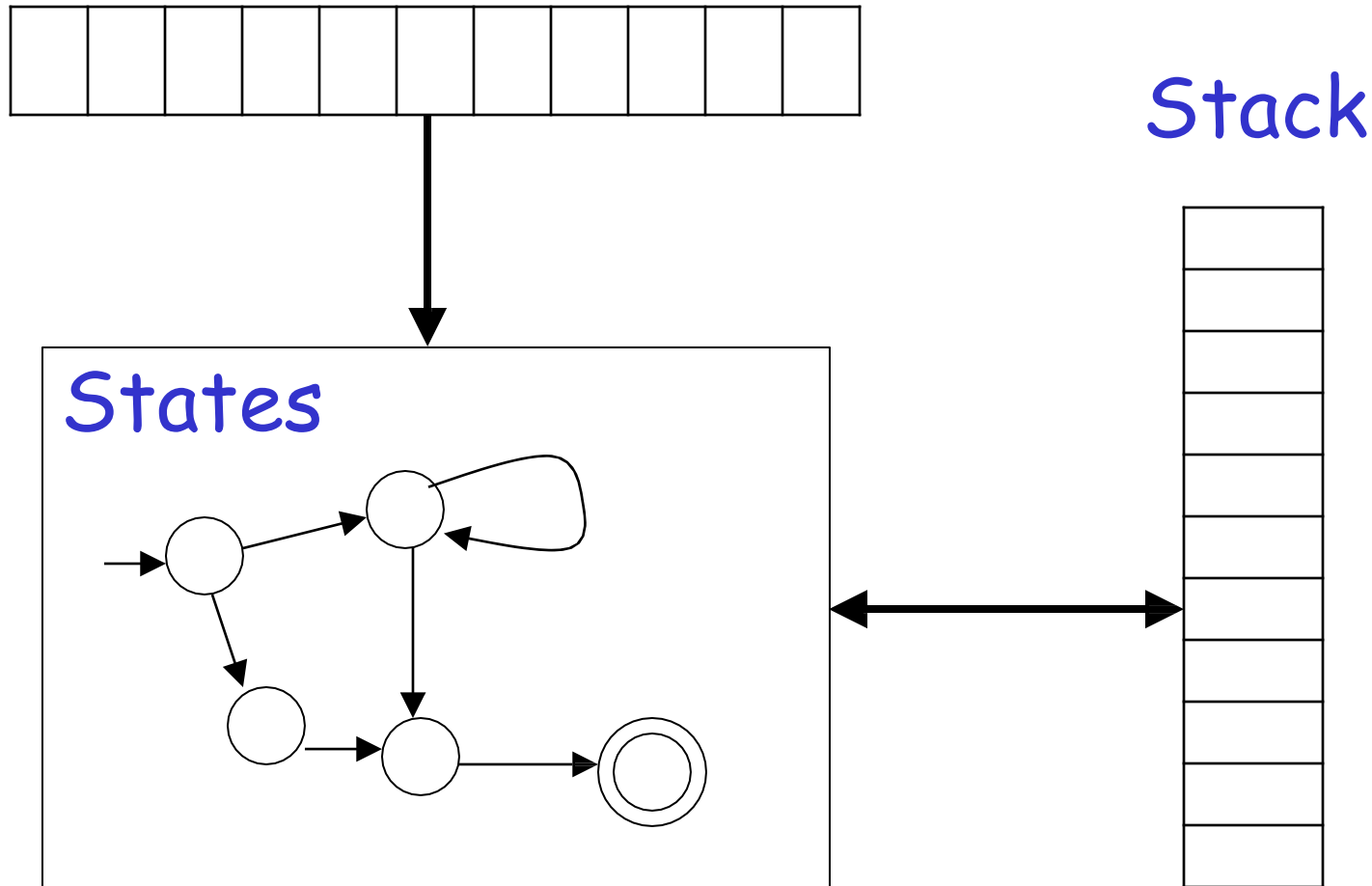
# PUSHDOWN AUTOMATA AND POST MACHINES

# Outline

- **Push Down Automata:**
  - Introduction and Definition of PDA,
  - Construction (Pictorial/ Transition diagram) of PDA,
  - Instantaneous Description and ACCEPTANCE of CFL by empty stack and final state,
  - Deterministic PDA Vs Nondeterministic PDA,
  - Closure properties of CFLs,
  - pumping lemma for CFL.
- **Post Machine:**
  - Definition and construction

# FA + Stack = Pushdown Automaton -- PDA

Input String



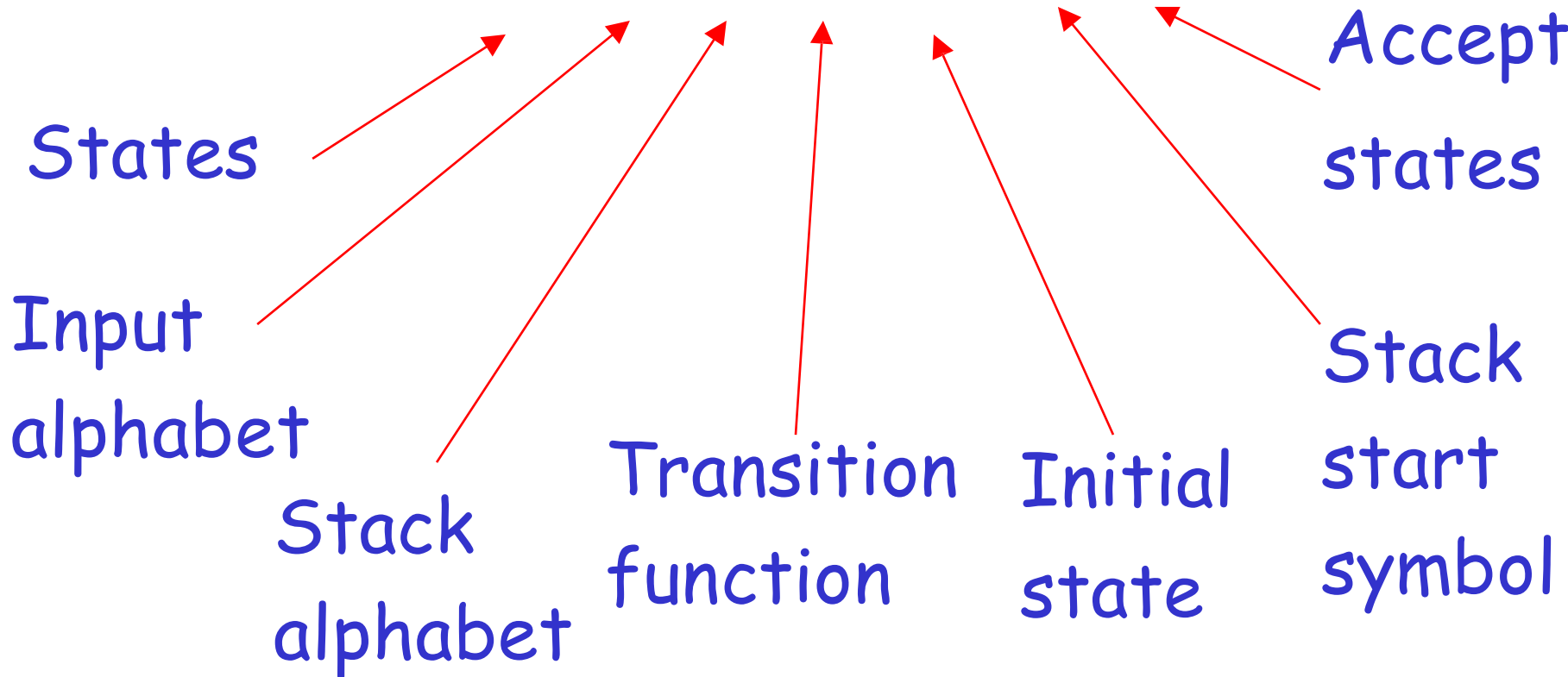
What is?

✓ FA to Regular Language, PDA is to CFL

# Formal Definition

## Pushdown Automaton (PDA)

$$M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, z, F)$$



Transition Function:  $\delta$

Deterministic PDA:

$$\delta(Q \times \{\Sigma \cup \varepsilon\} \times \Gamma) = Q \times \Gamma^*$$

Non-Deterministic PDA:

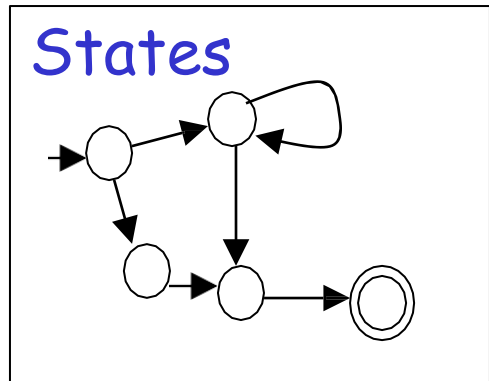
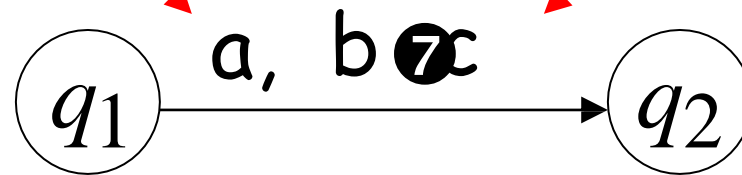
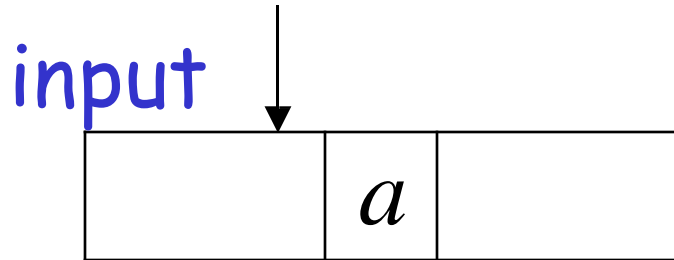
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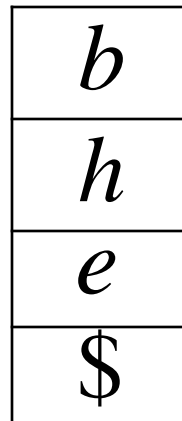
Input  
symbol

Pop  
symbol

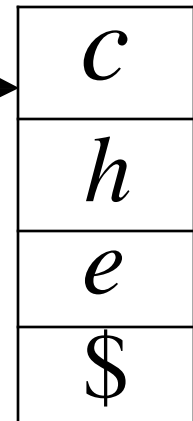
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stack

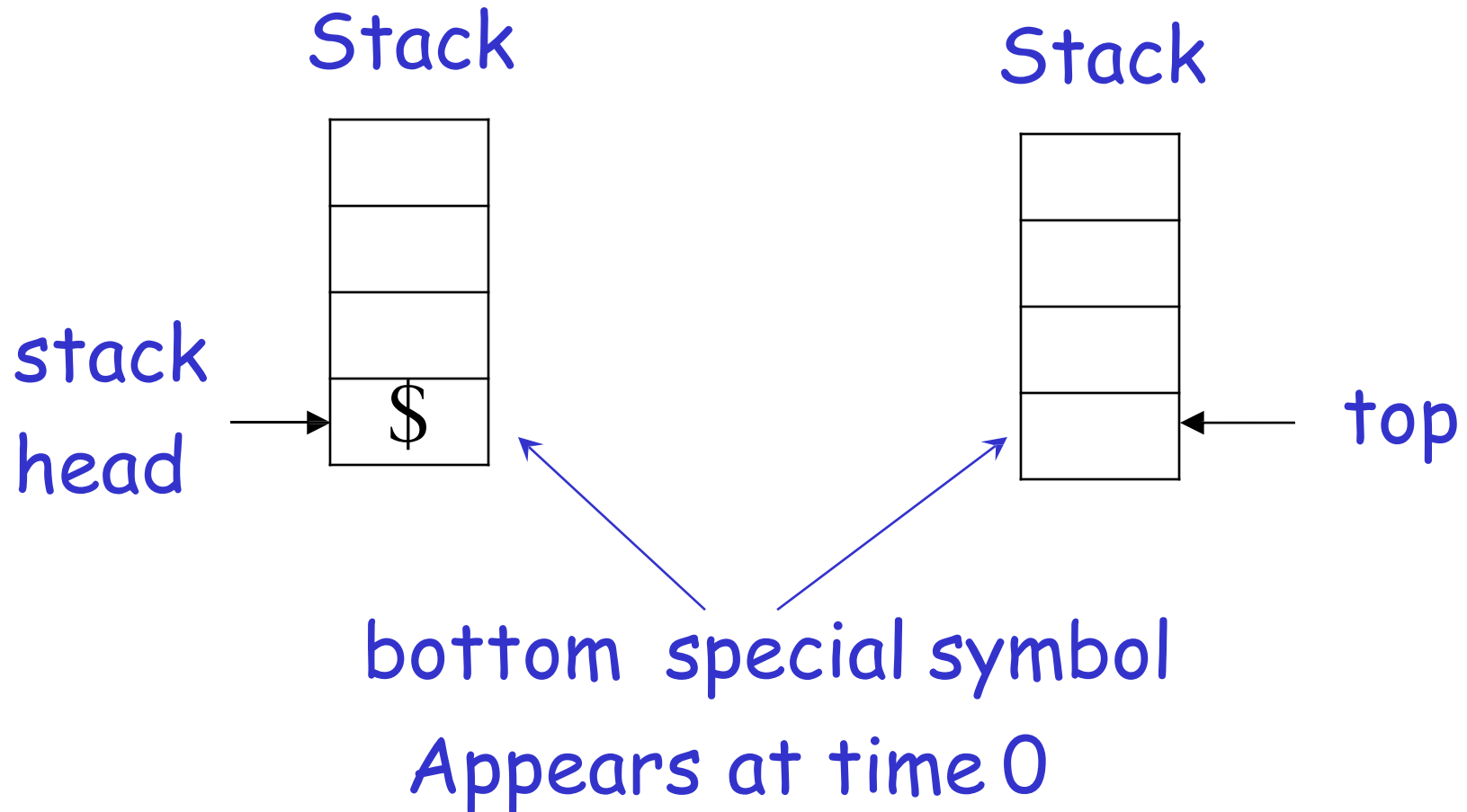


stack



top

# Initial Stack Symbol

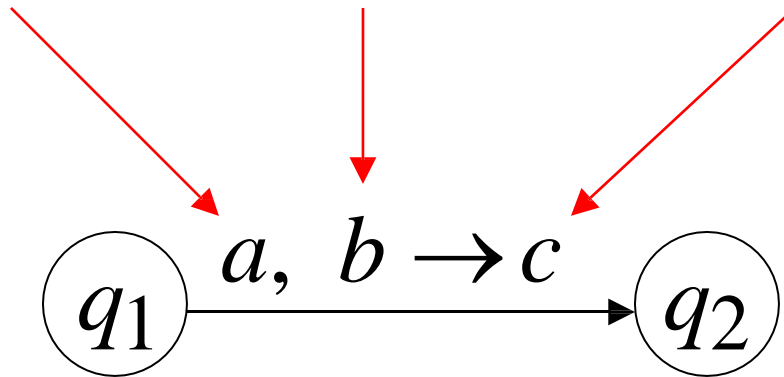


# The States

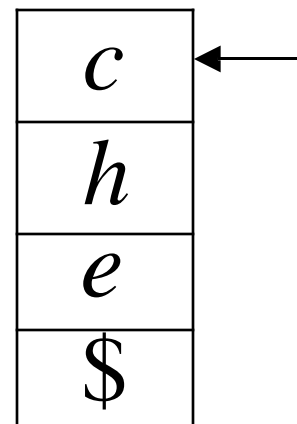
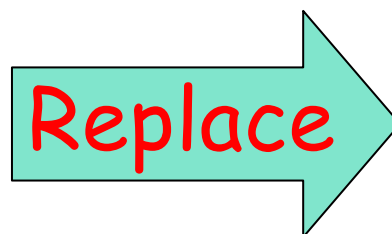
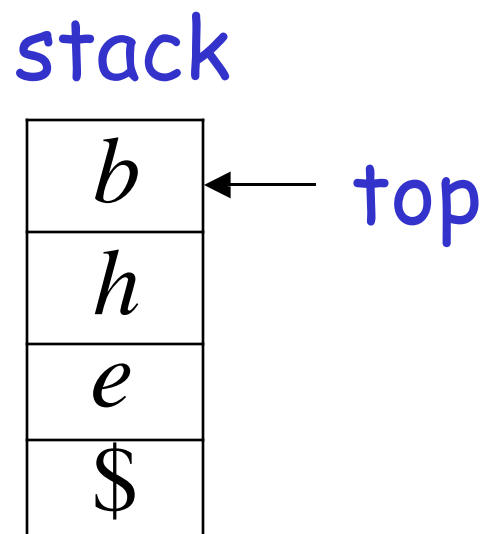
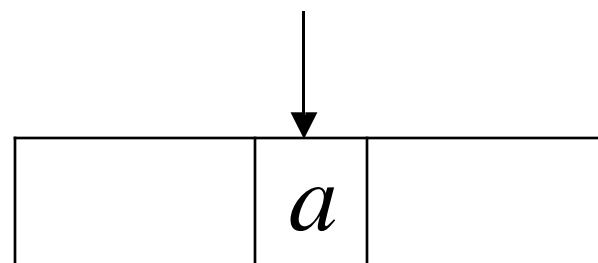
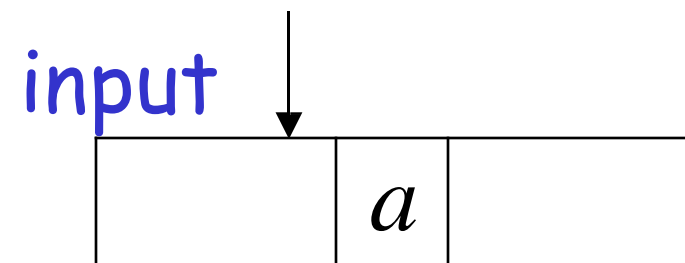
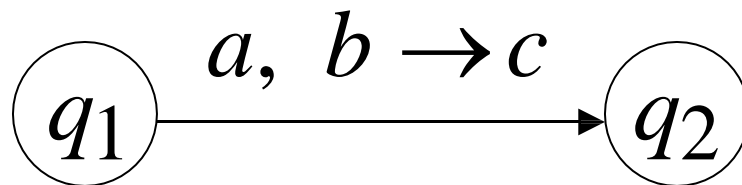
Input  
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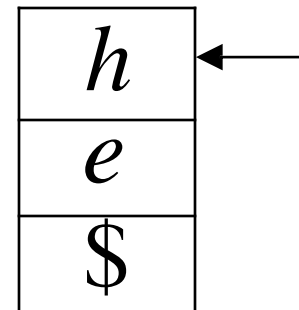
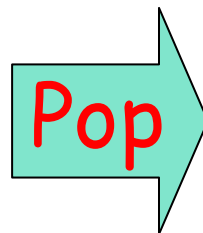
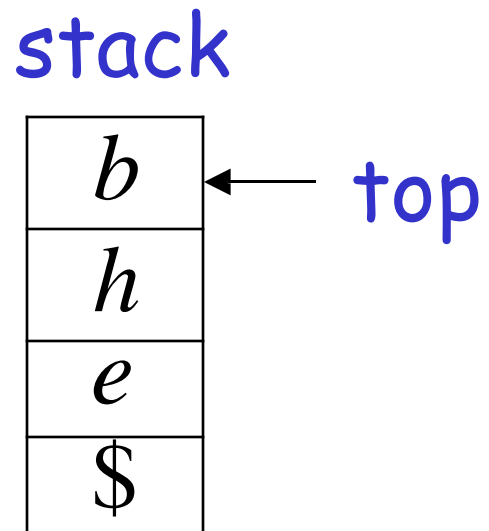
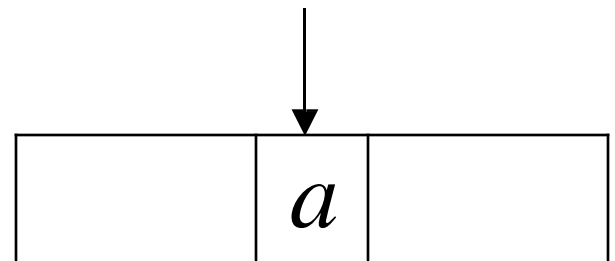
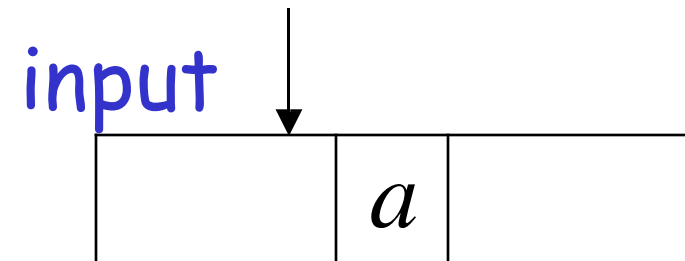
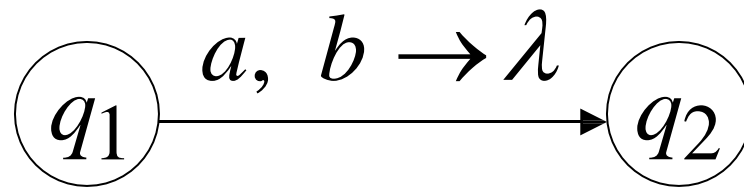
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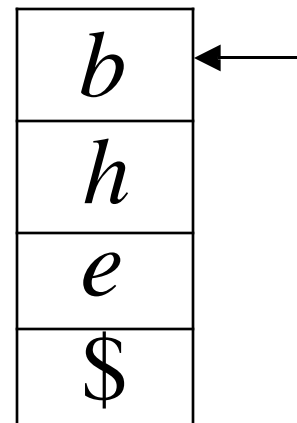
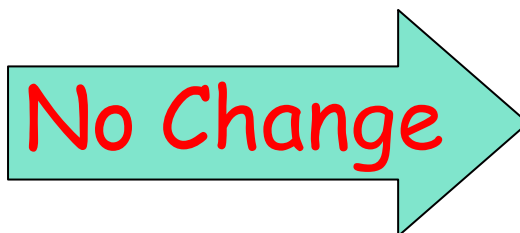
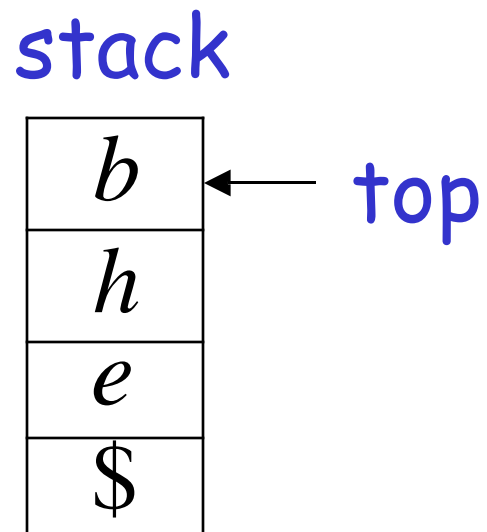
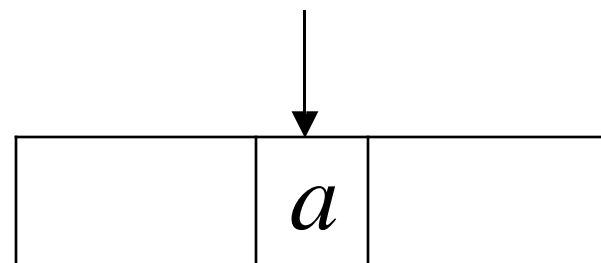
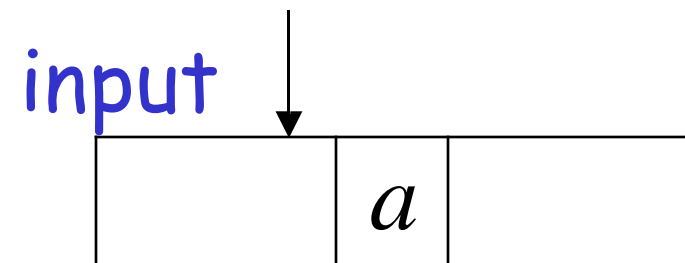
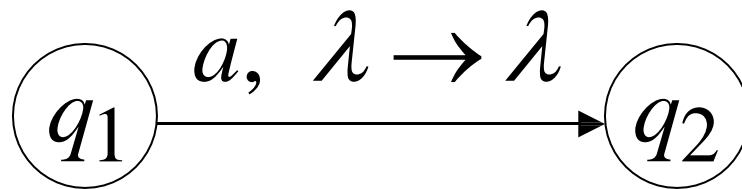
Push  
symbol



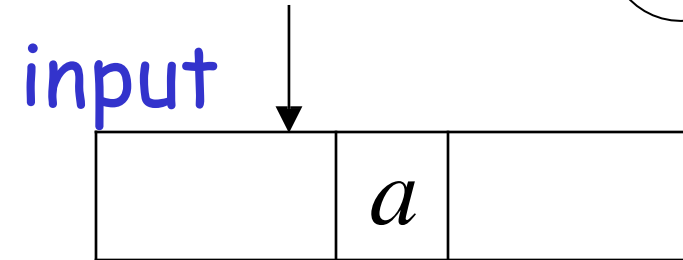
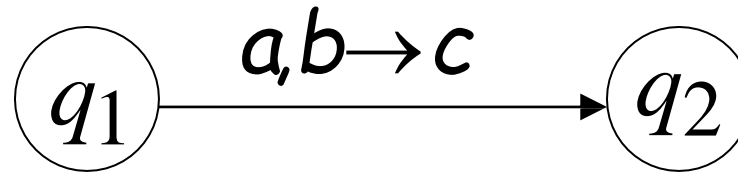




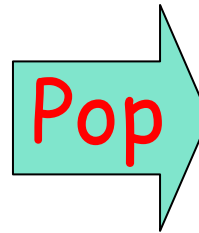




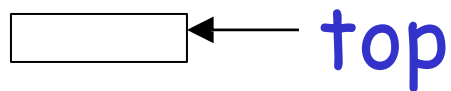
# Pop from Empty Stack



stack



Automaton halts!

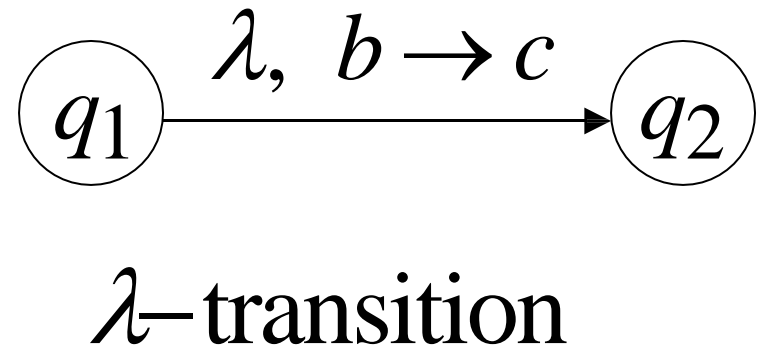
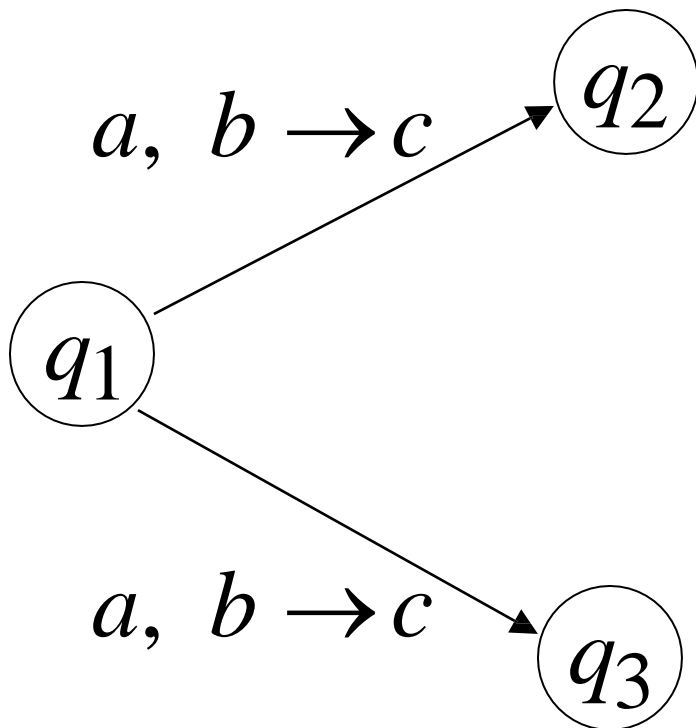


If the automaton attempts to pop from empty stack then it halts and rejects input

# Non-Determinism

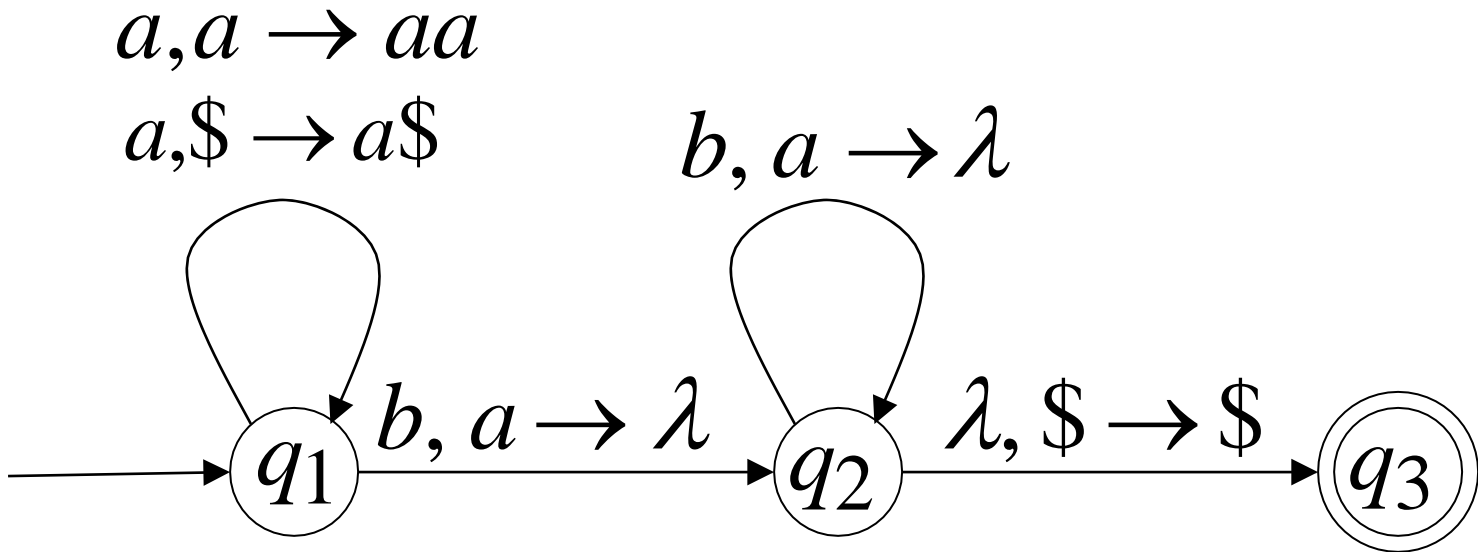
PDAs are non-deterministic

Allowed non-deterministic transitions



# Example PDA

PDA  $M$  :  $L(M) = \{a^n b^n : n \geq 1\}$



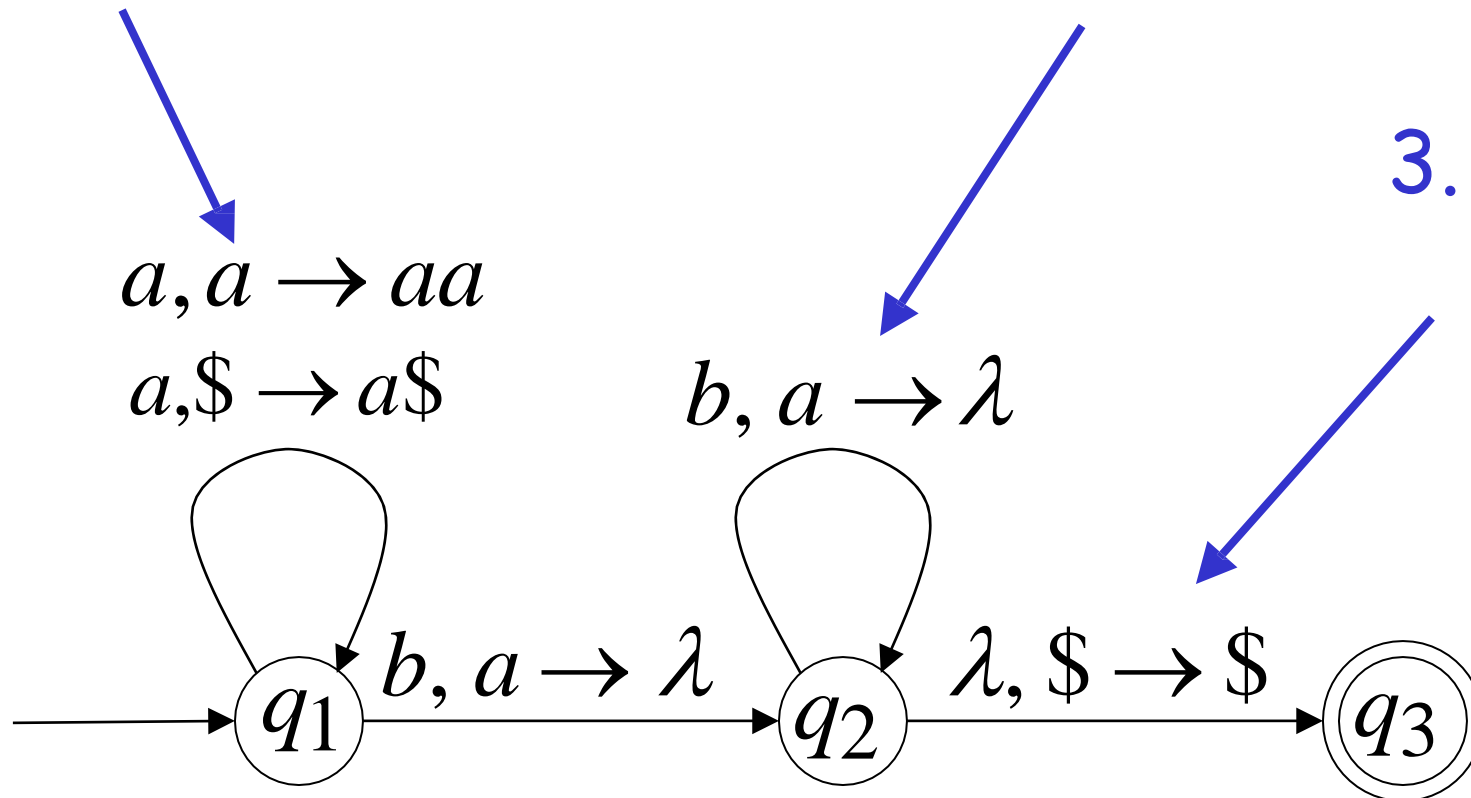
$$L(M) = \{a^n b^n : n \geq 0\}$$

Basic Idea:

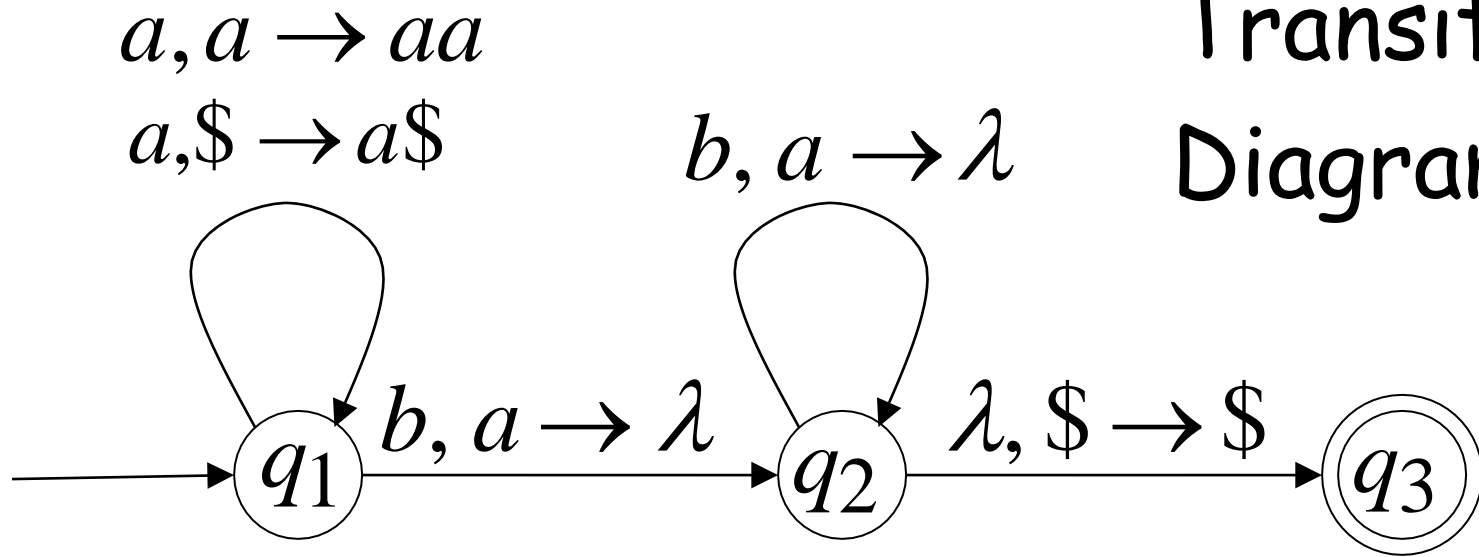
1. Push the a's  
on the stack

2. Match the b's on input  
with a's on stack

3. Match  
found



# Transition Diagram



## Transition function

$$\delta(q_1 \times a \times \$) = (q_1, a\$)$$

$$\delta(q_1 \times a \times a) = (q_1, aa)$$

$$\delta(q_1 \times b \times a) = (q_2, \varepsilon)$$

$$\delta(q_2 \times b \times a) = (q_2, \varepsilon)$$

$$\delta(q_2 \times \varepsilon \times \$) = (q_3, \$)$$

PDA Acceptance by Final State

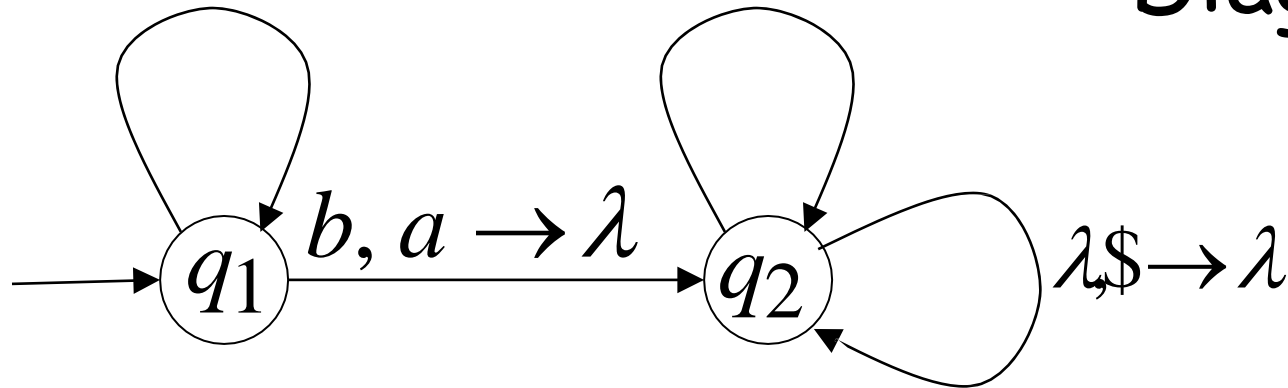


$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, \$ \rightarrow a\$$

$b, a \rightarrow \lambda$

Transition  
Diagram



Transition  
function

$\delta(q_1 \times a \times \$) = (q_1, a\$)$

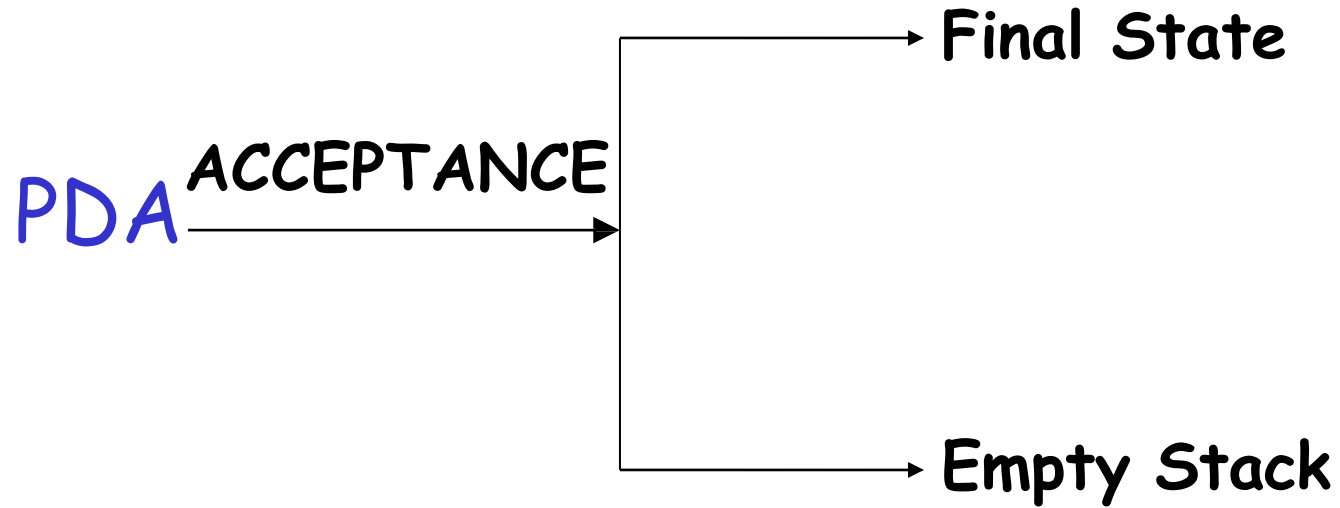
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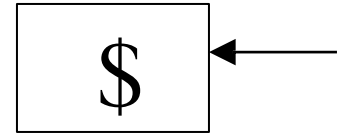
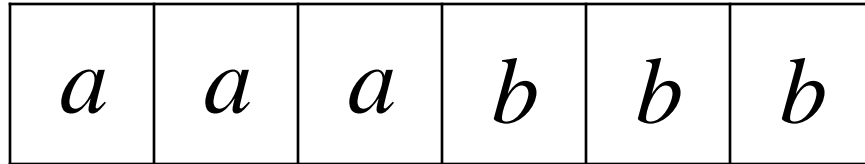
$\delta(q_2 \times \varepsilon \times \$) = (q_2, \varepsilon)$

PDA Acceptance by Empty Stack



# Execution Example: Time 0

Input



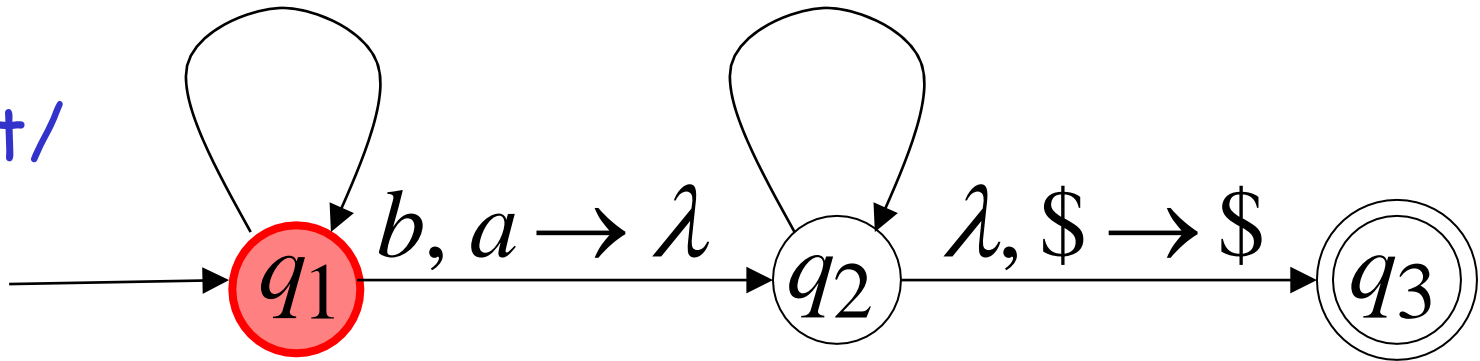
Stack

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, \$ \rightarrow a\$$

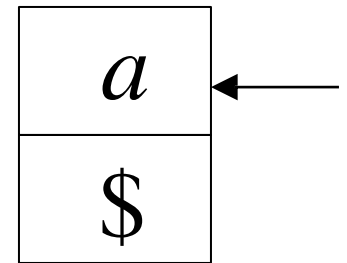
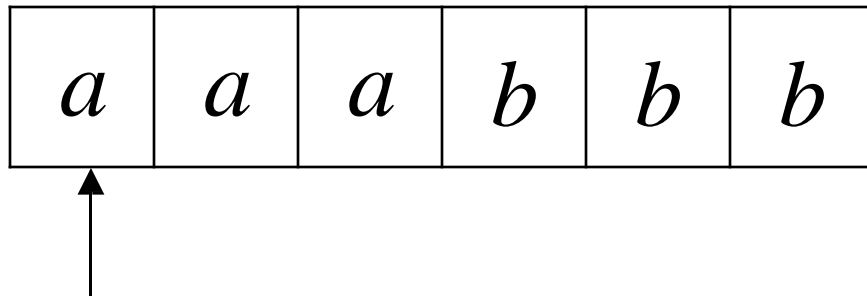
$b, a \rightarrow \lambda$

Current/  
initial  
state

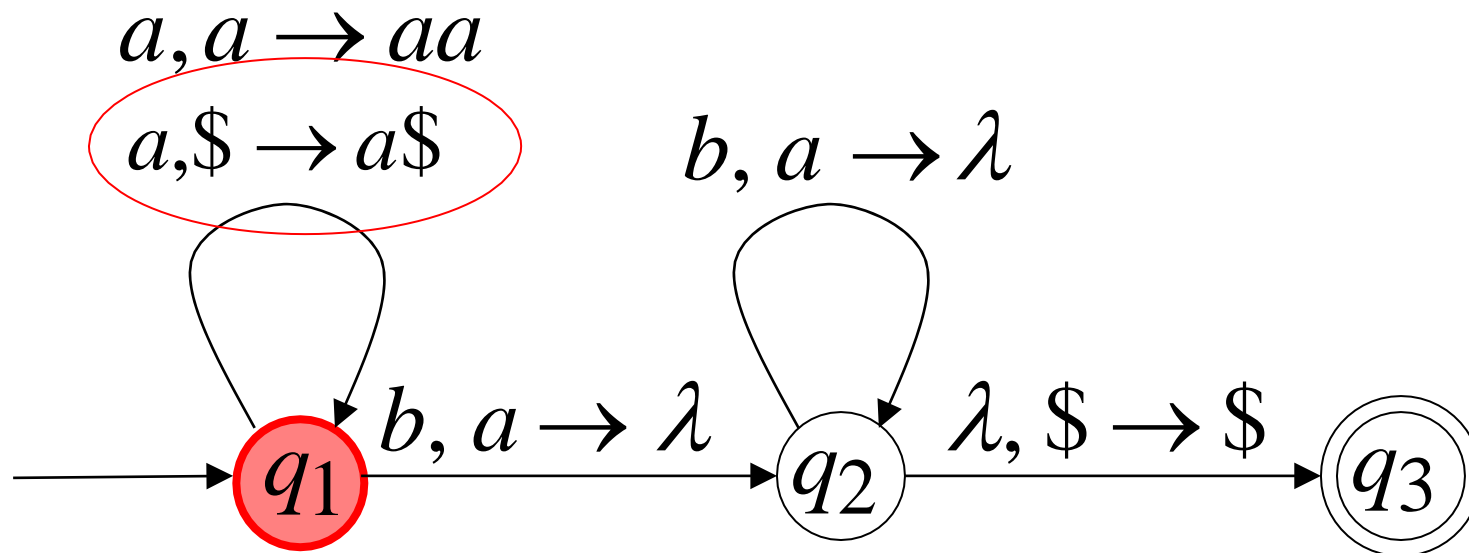


Time 1

Input

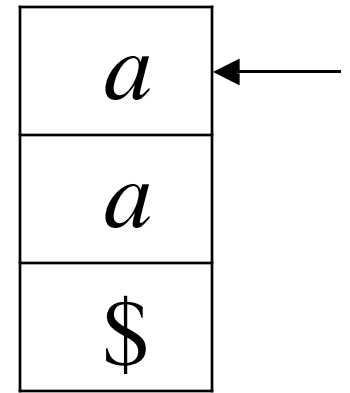
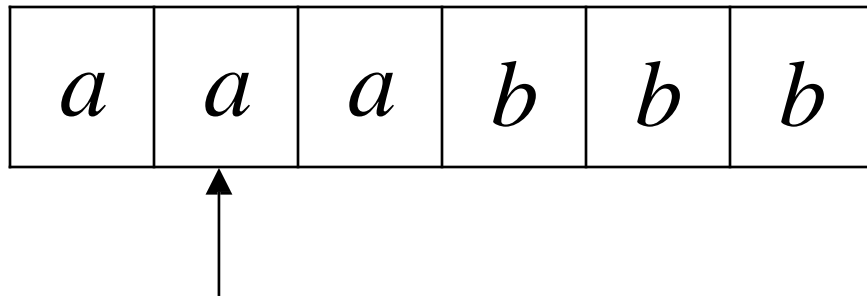


Stack

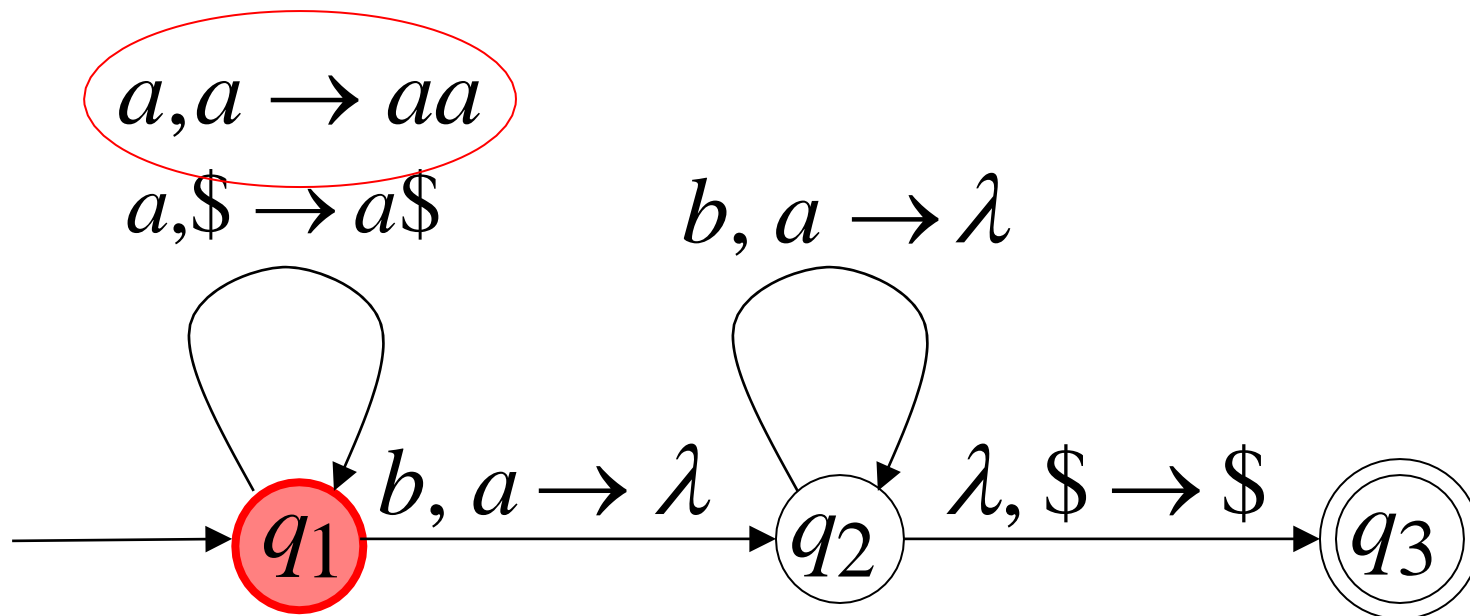


Time 2

Input

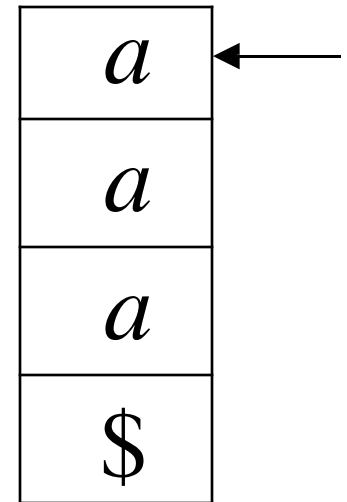
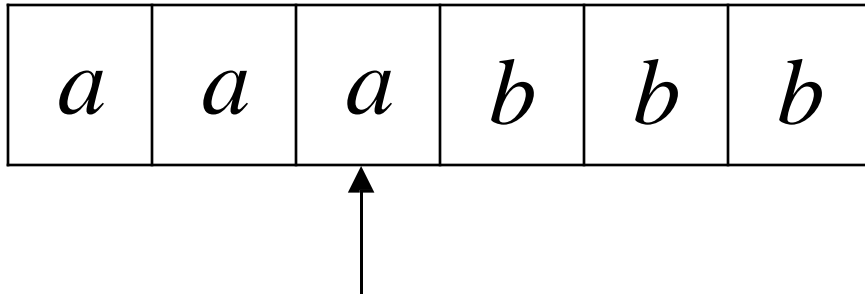


Stack

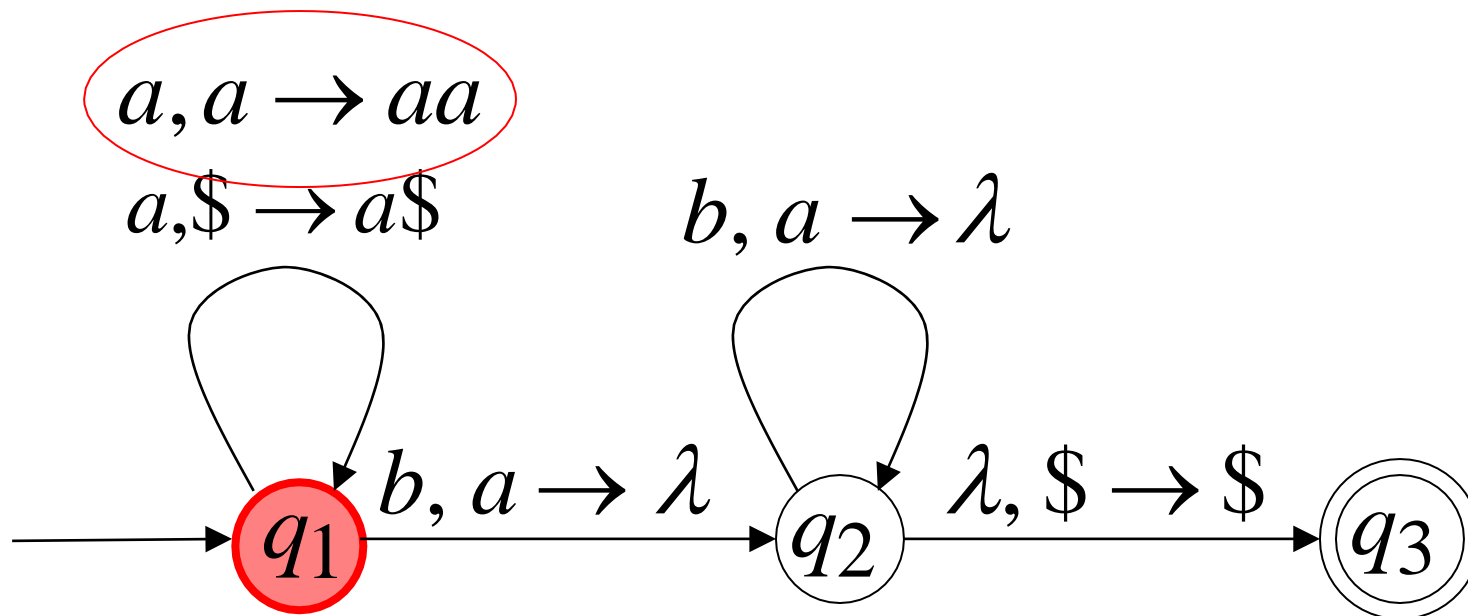


Time 3

Input

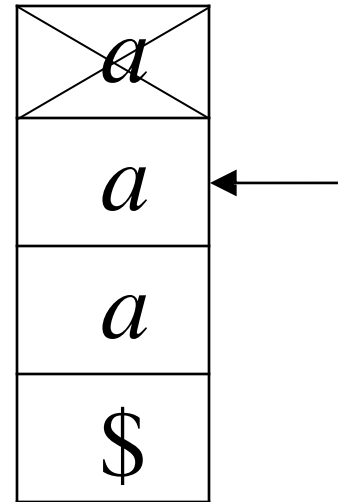
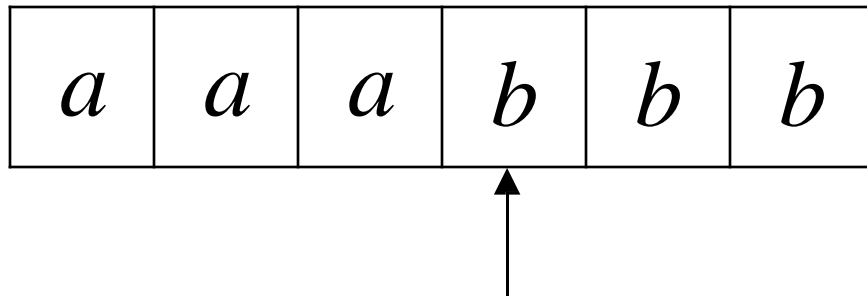


Stack



Time 4

Input

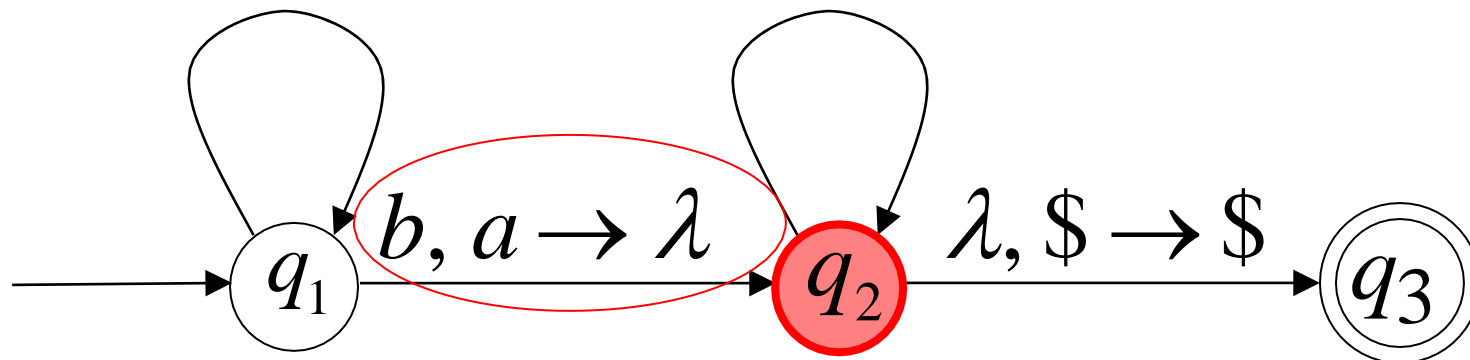


Stack

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

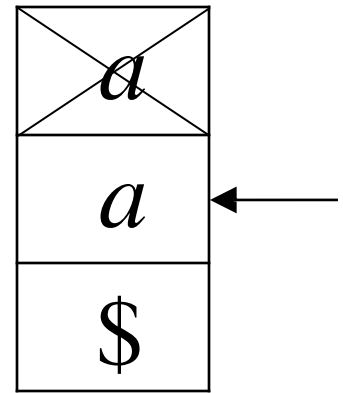
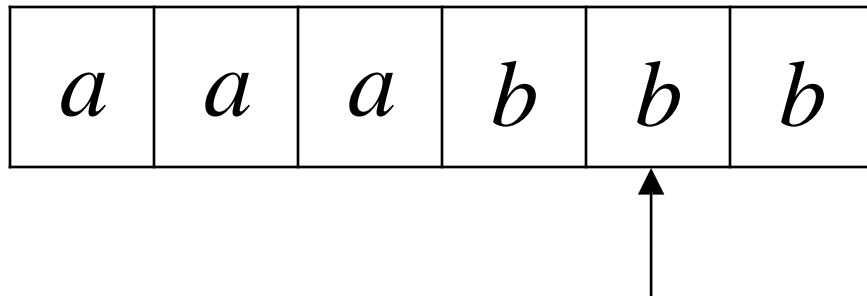
$a, \$ \rightarrow a\$$

$b, a \rightarrow \lambda$



Time 5

Input

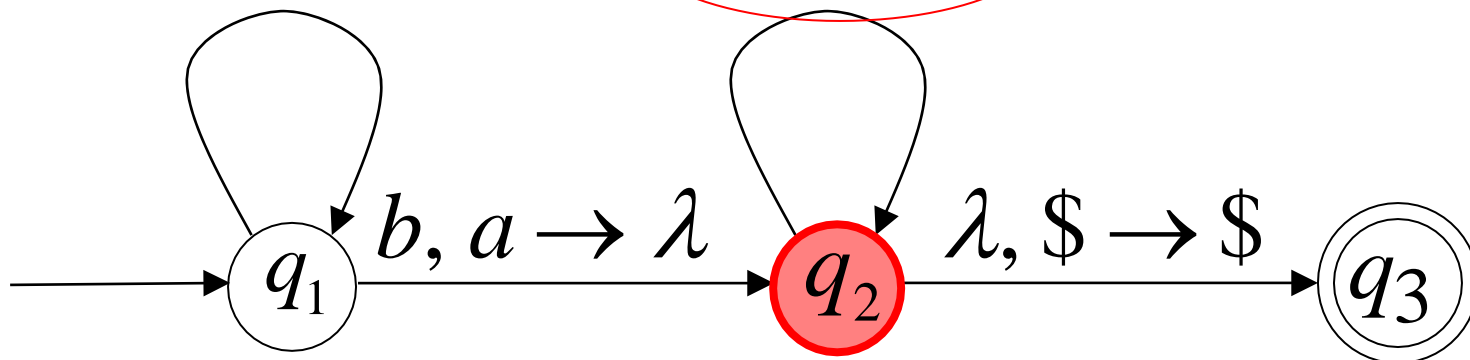


Stack

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, \$ \rightarrow a\$$

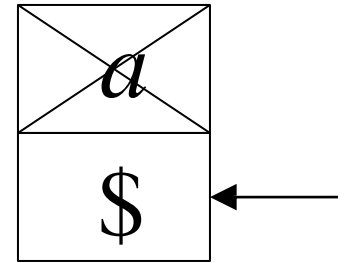
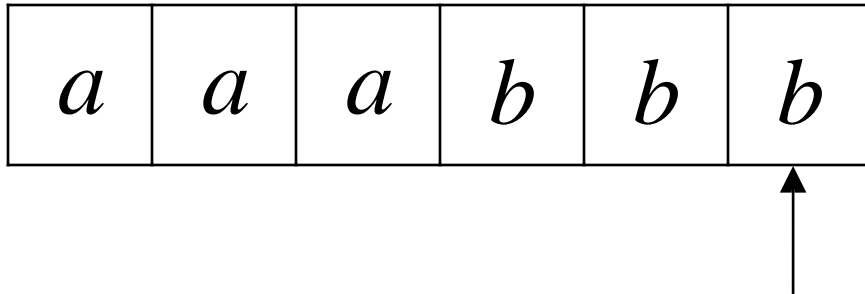
$b, a \rightarrow \lambda$





Time 6

Input

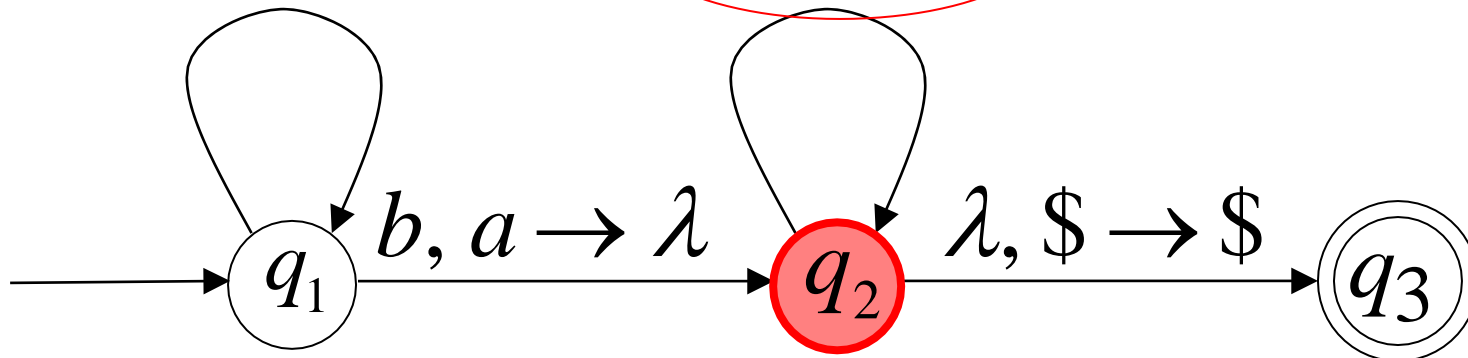


Stack

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

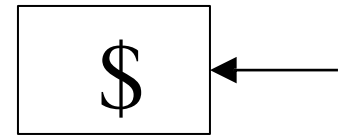
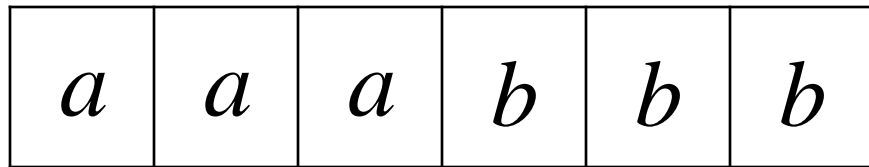
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Time 7

Input

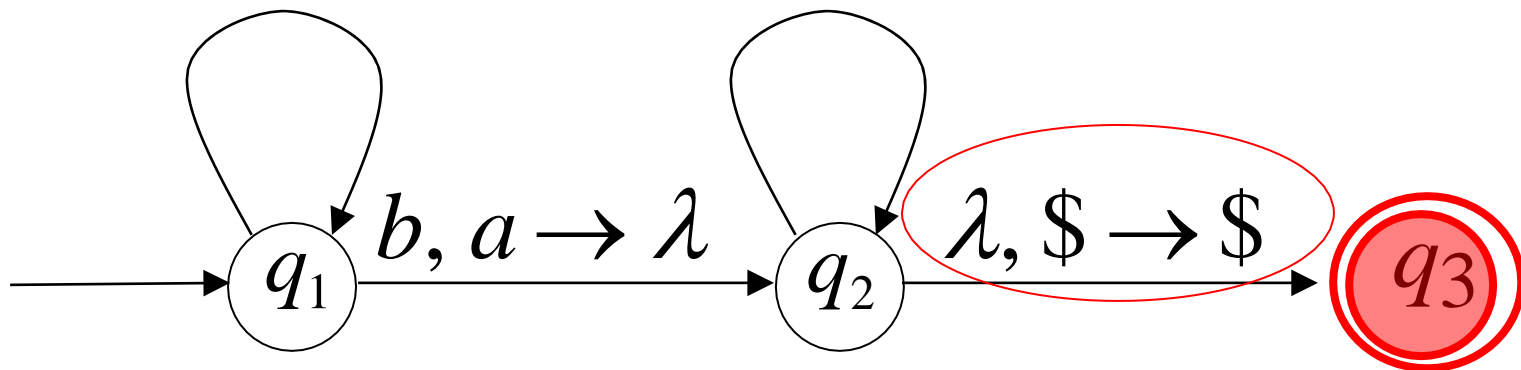


Stack

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, \$ \rightarrow a\$$

$b, a \rightarrow \lambda$



A string is accepted if there is  
a computation such that:

All the input is consumed

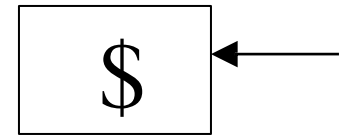
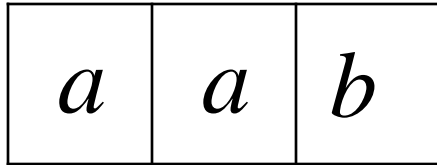
**AND**

The last state is an accepting state

we do not care about the stack contents  
at the end of the accepting computation

# Rejection Example: Time 0

Input



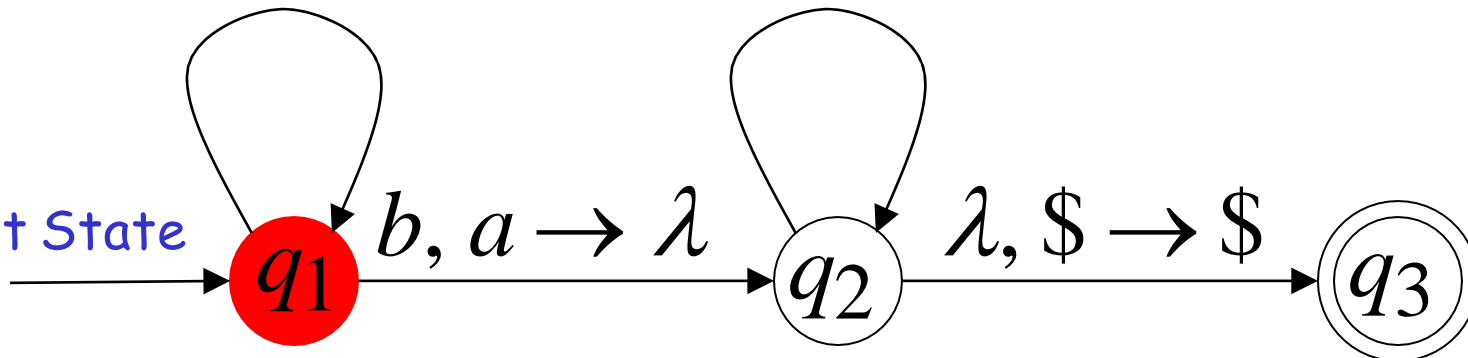
Stack

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, \$ \rightarrow a\$$

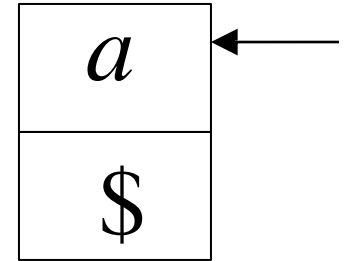
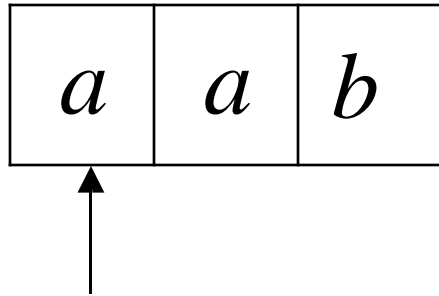
$b, a \rightarrow \lambda$

Current State

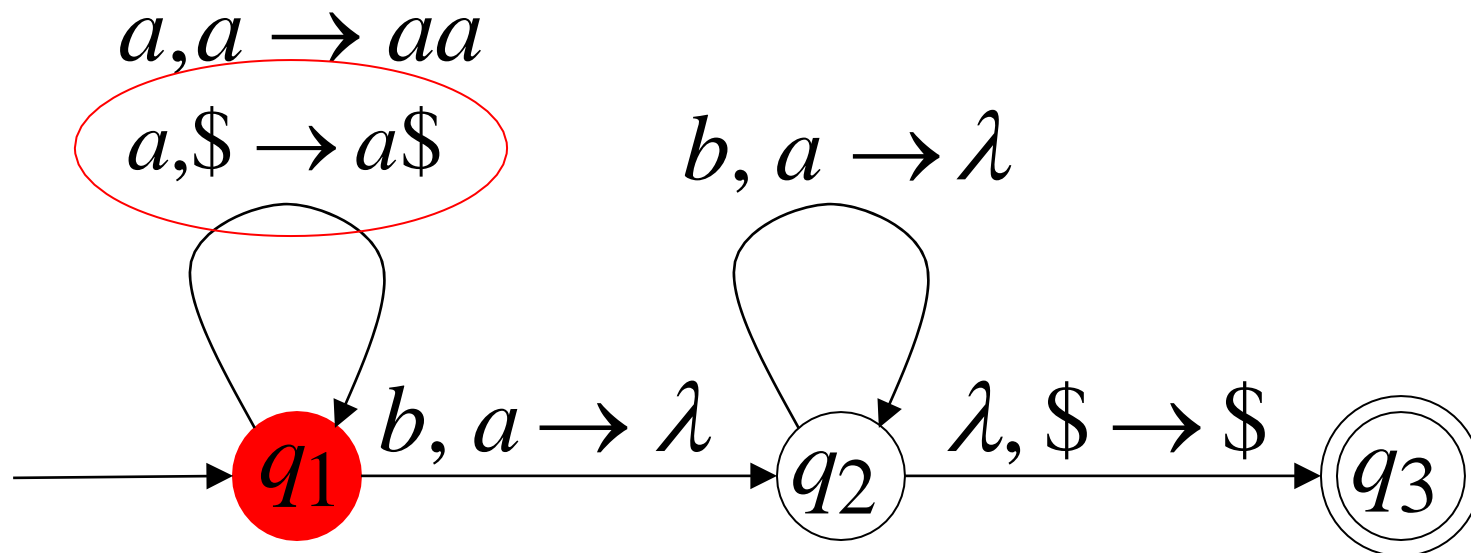


# Rejection Example: Time 2

Input

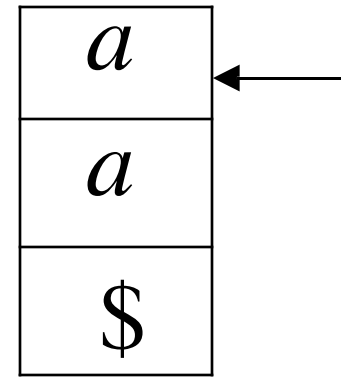
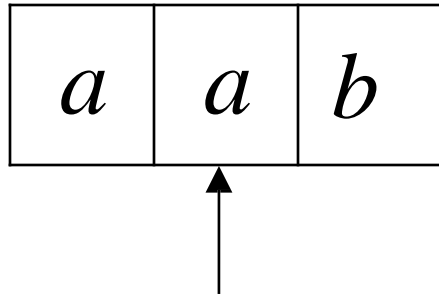


Stack



# Rejection Example: Time 3

Input



Stack

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

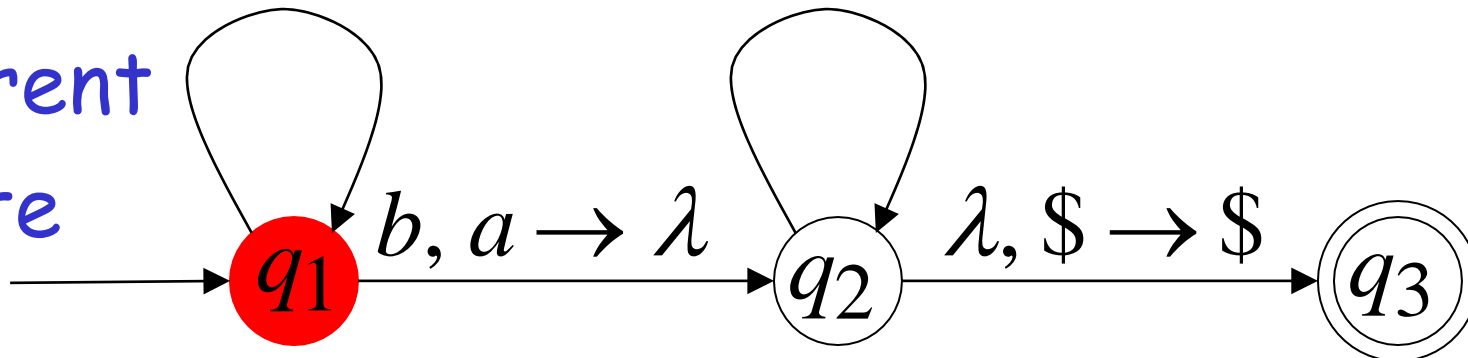
$a, \$ \rightarrow a\$$

$b, a \rightarrow \lambda$

$b, a \rightarrow \lambda$

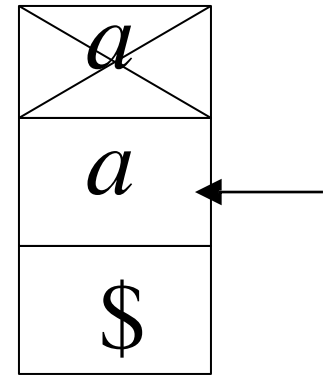
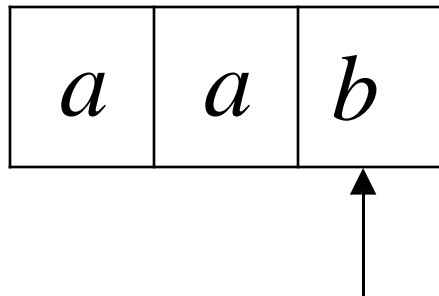
$\lambda, \$ \rightarrow \$$

current  
state



# Rejection Example: Time 4

Input

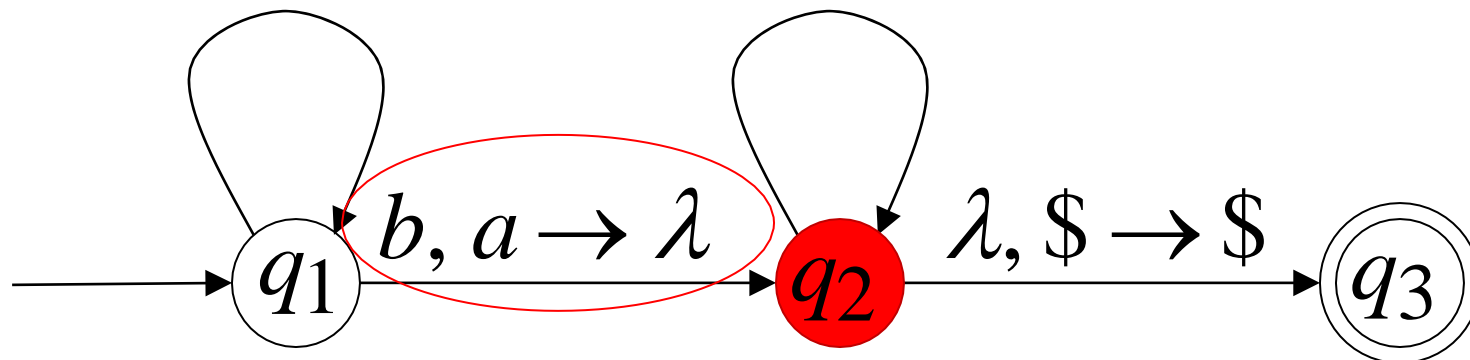


Stack

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

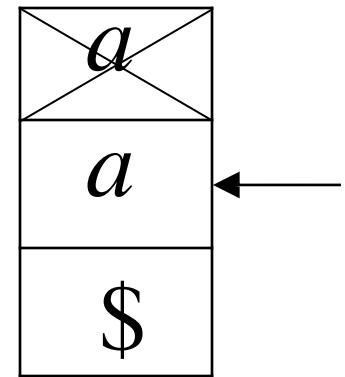
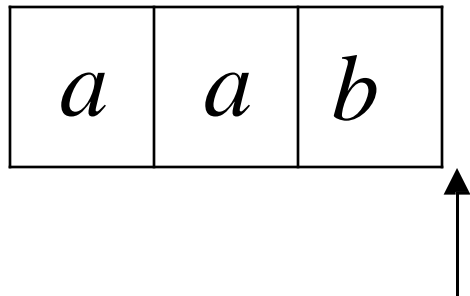
$a, \$ \rightarrow a\$$

$b, a \rightarrow \lambda$



# Rejection Example: Time 4

Input



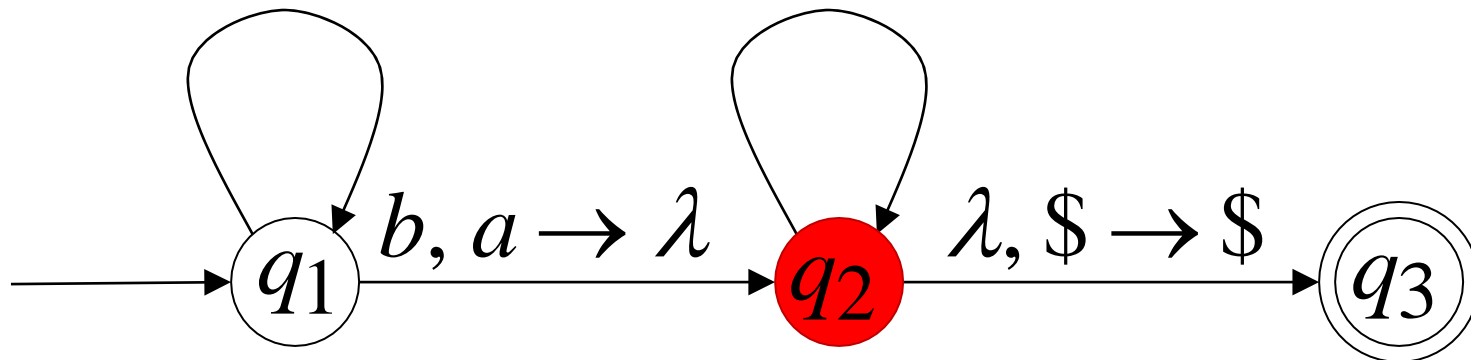
Stack

reject

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, \$ \rightarrow a\$$

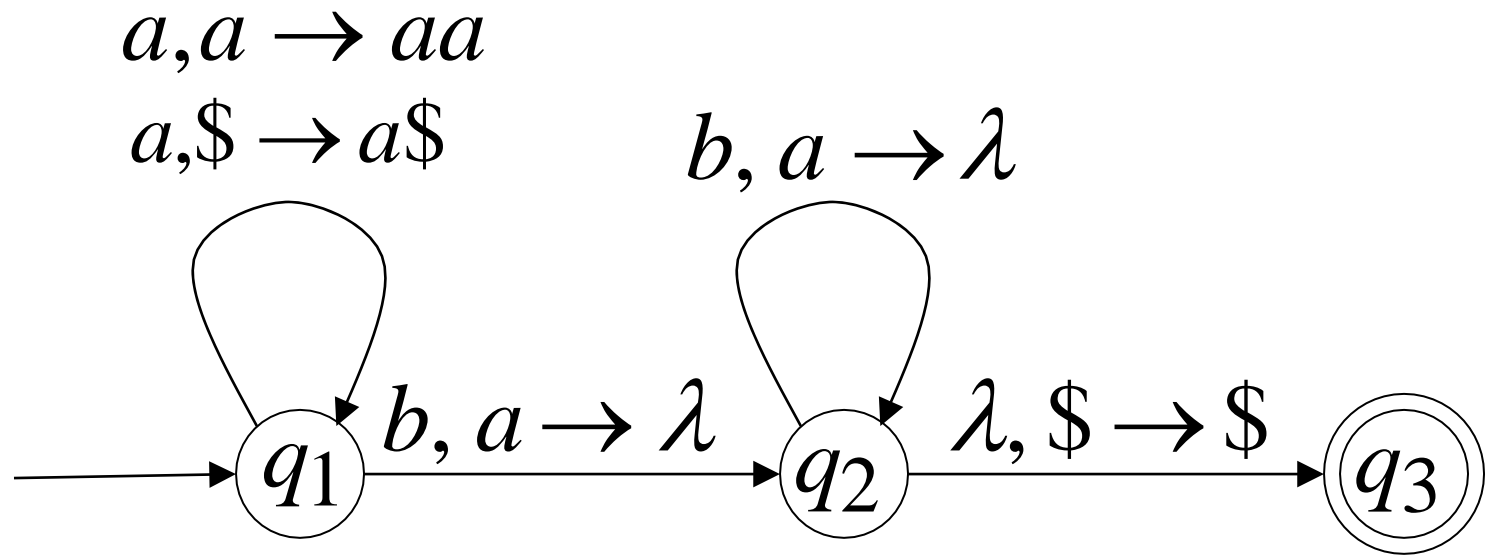
$b, a \rightarrow \lambda$





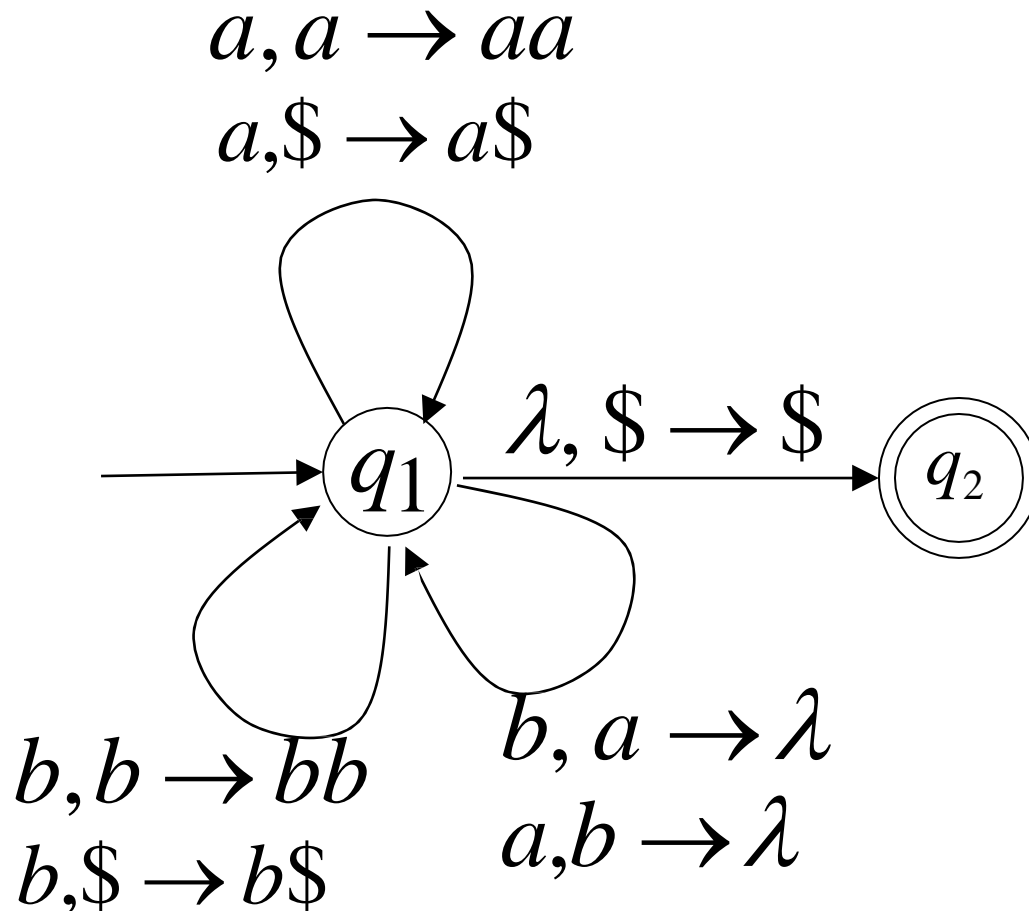
There is no accepting computation for  $aab$

The string  $aab$  is rejected by the PDA



# Example PDA

**PDA**  $M : L(M)$  such that  $n_a(w) = n_b(w), w \in (a,b)^*$

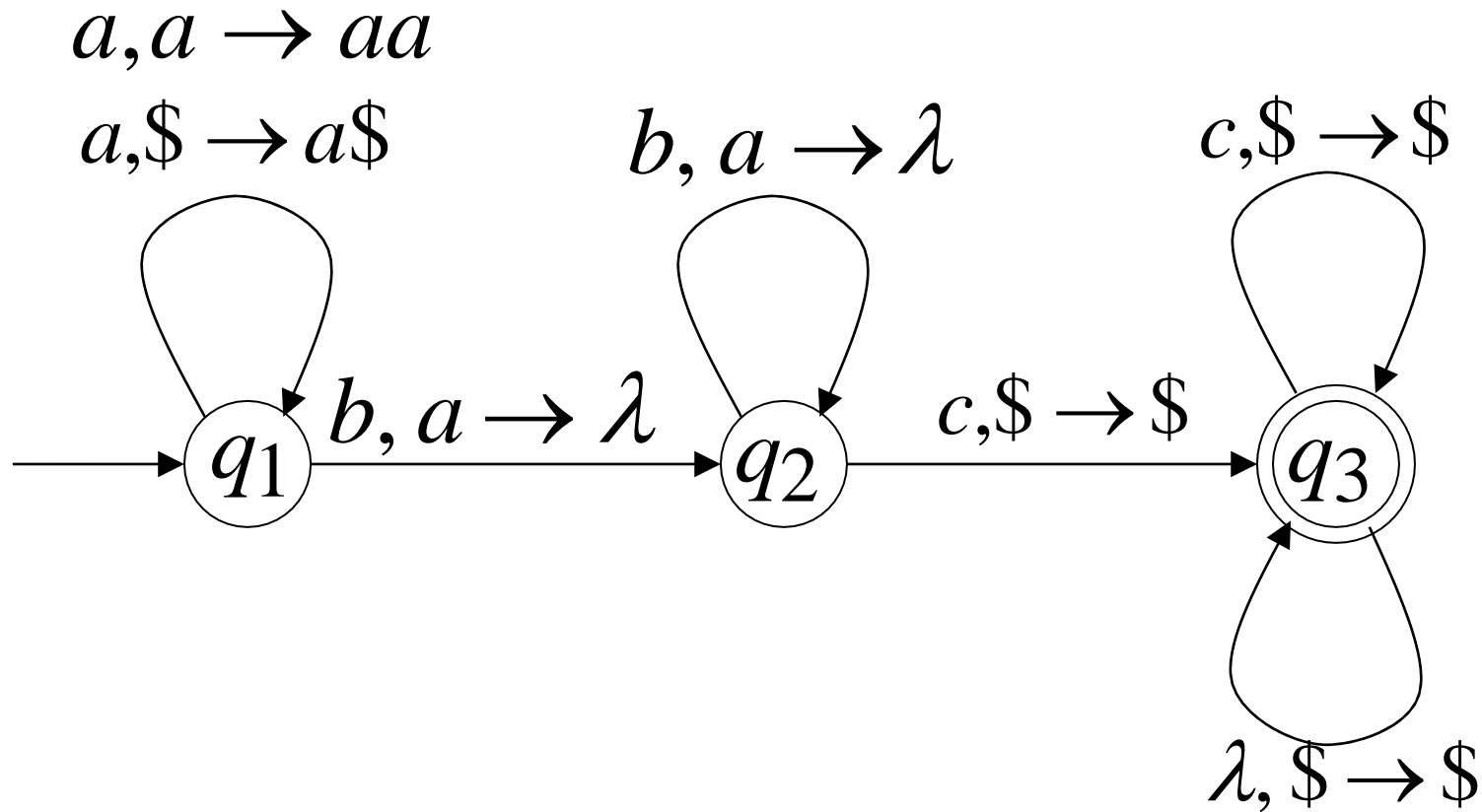


# Review

- PDA
- Formal Definition of PDA
- Transition Function
- Transition Diagram
- Design of PDA
- Examples
- Acceptance by Final State
- Acceptance by Empty Stack

# Example PDA

**PDA**  $M : L(M)$  such that  $a^n b^n c^m \mid n, m \geq 1$



# Example PDA

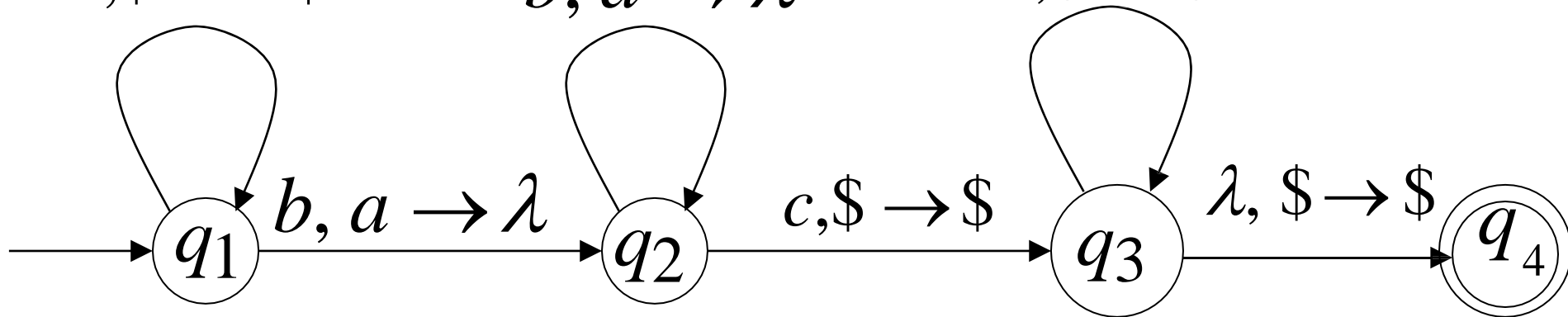
**PDA**  $M : L(M)$  such that  $a^n b^n c^m \mid n, m \geq 1$

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$a, \$ \rightarrow a\$$

$b, a \rightarrow \lambda$

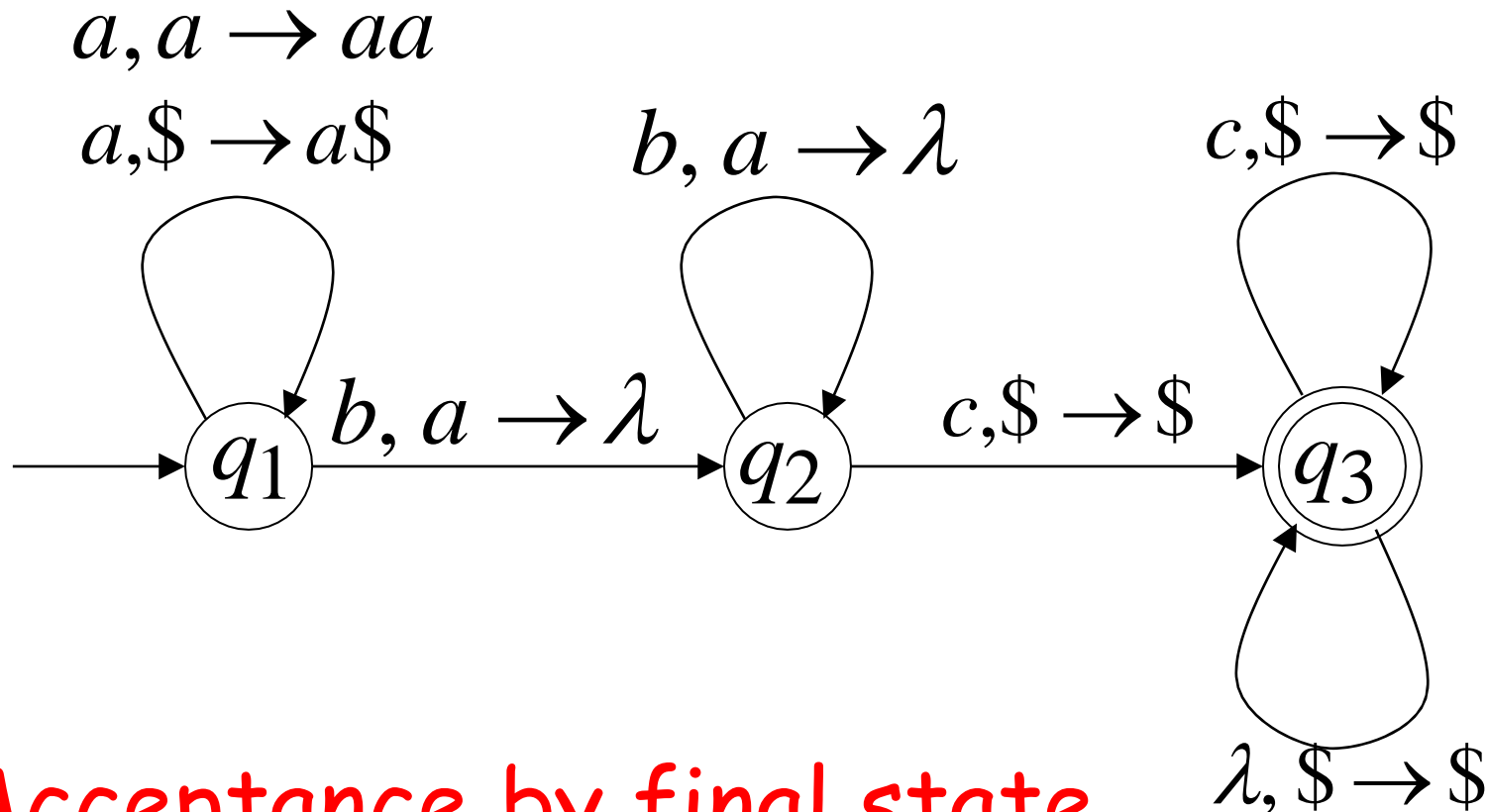
$c, \$ \rightarrow \$$



Acceptance by final state

# Example PDA

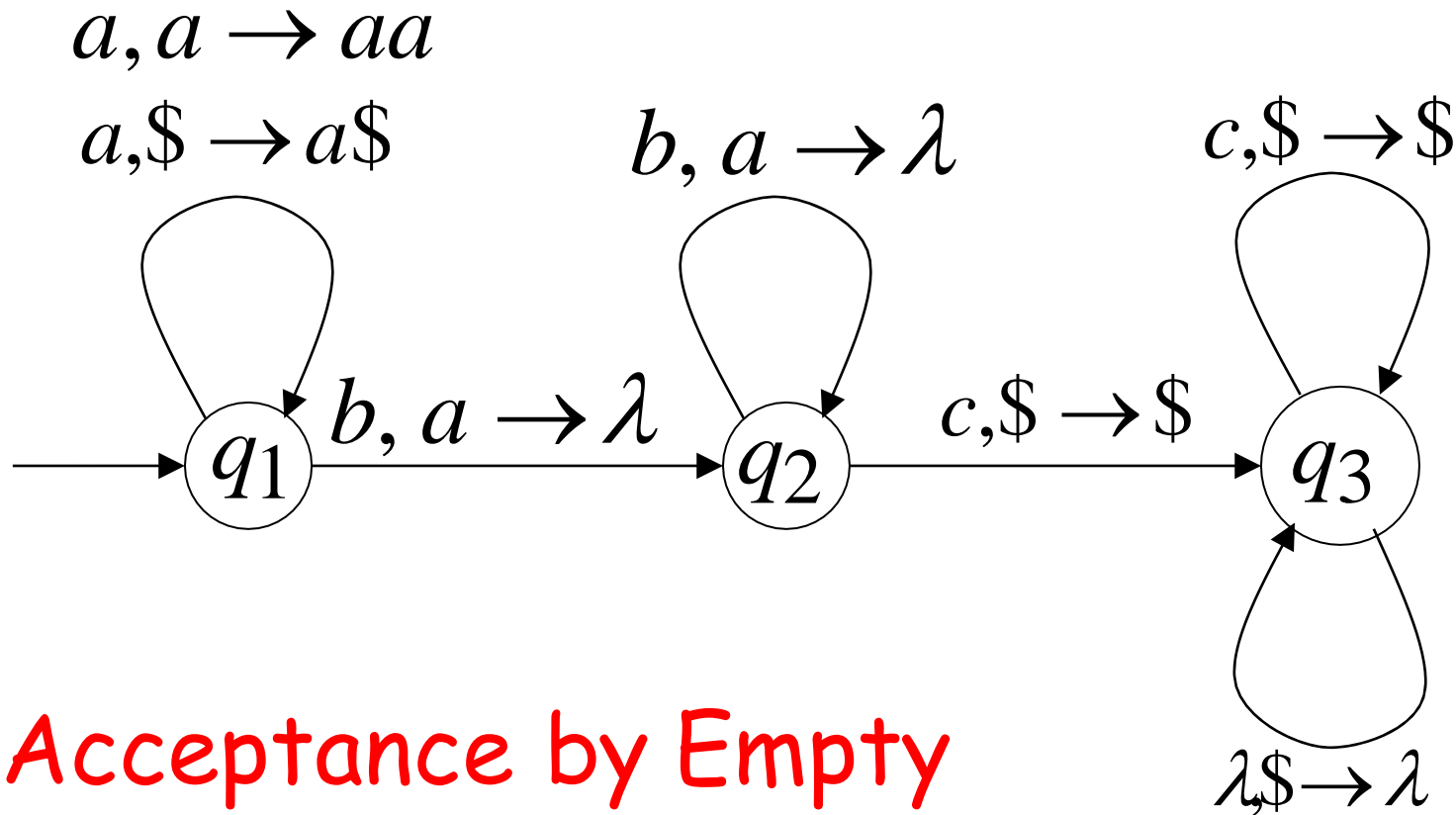
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Acceptance by final state

# Example PDA

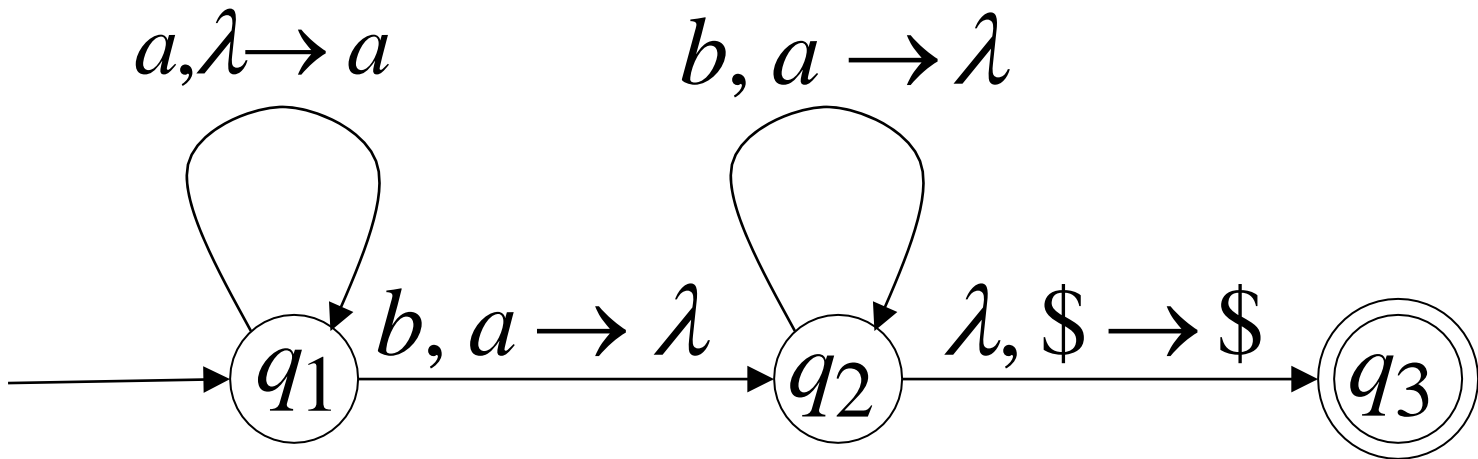
**PDA**  $M : L(M)$  such that  $a^n b^n c^m \mid n, m \geq 1$



Acceptance by Empty  
stack

# Example PDA

PDA  $M$  :  $L(M) = \{a^n b^n : n \geq 1\}$





# Problems

1. Construct PDA that accepts language

$$L = \{ a^n b^m c^n \mid m, n > 1 \}$$

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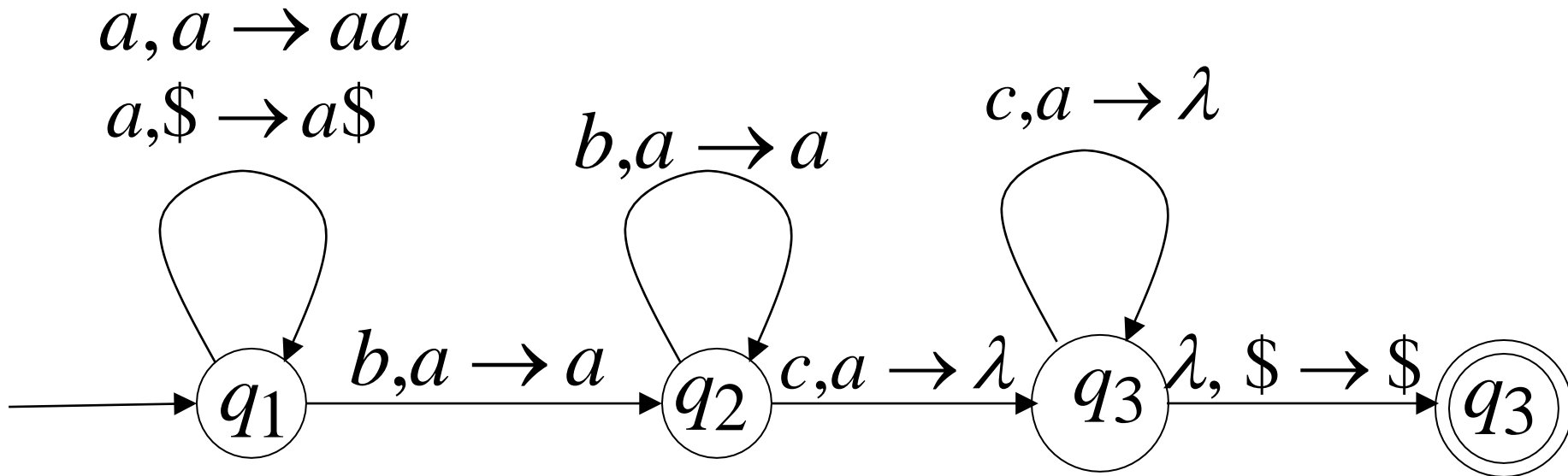
2. Design a PDA for the language

$$L = \{ a^n b^m c^n \mid m, n \geq 1 \} \text{ by empty stack.}$$

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# Example PDA

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Acceptance by final state

# Example PDA

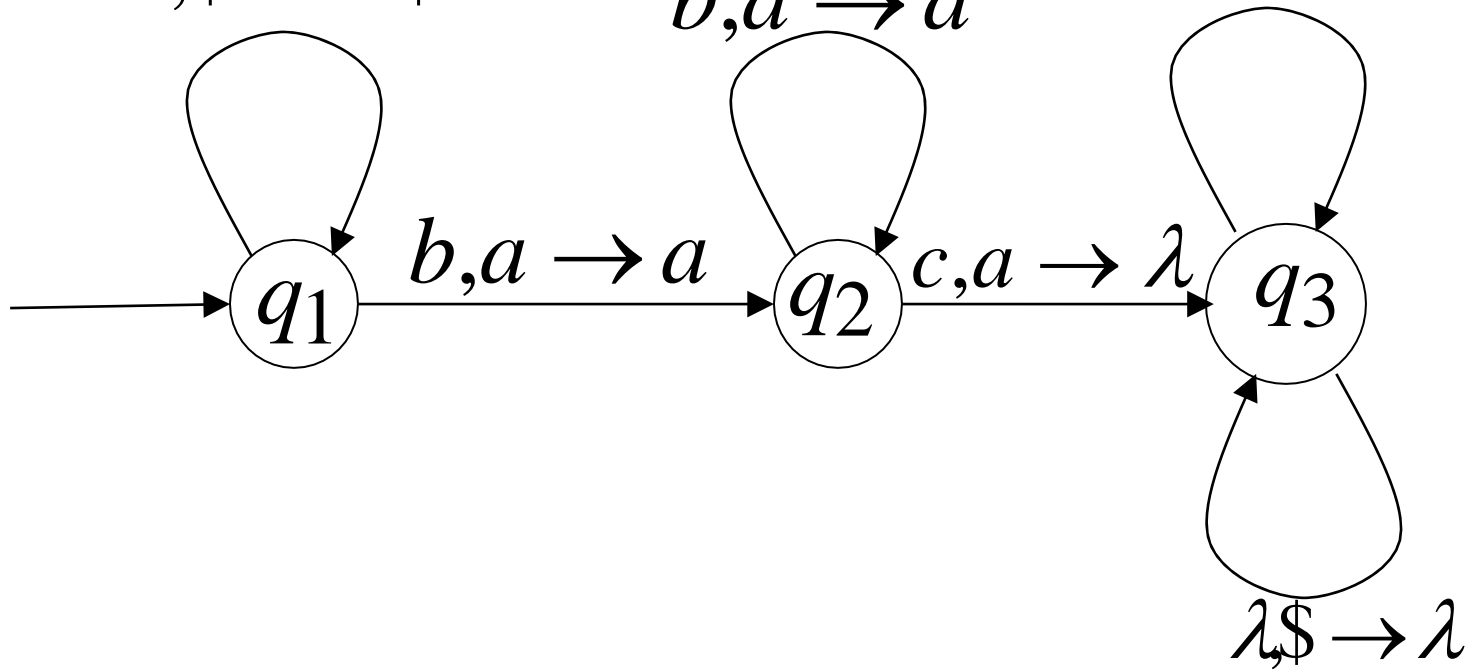
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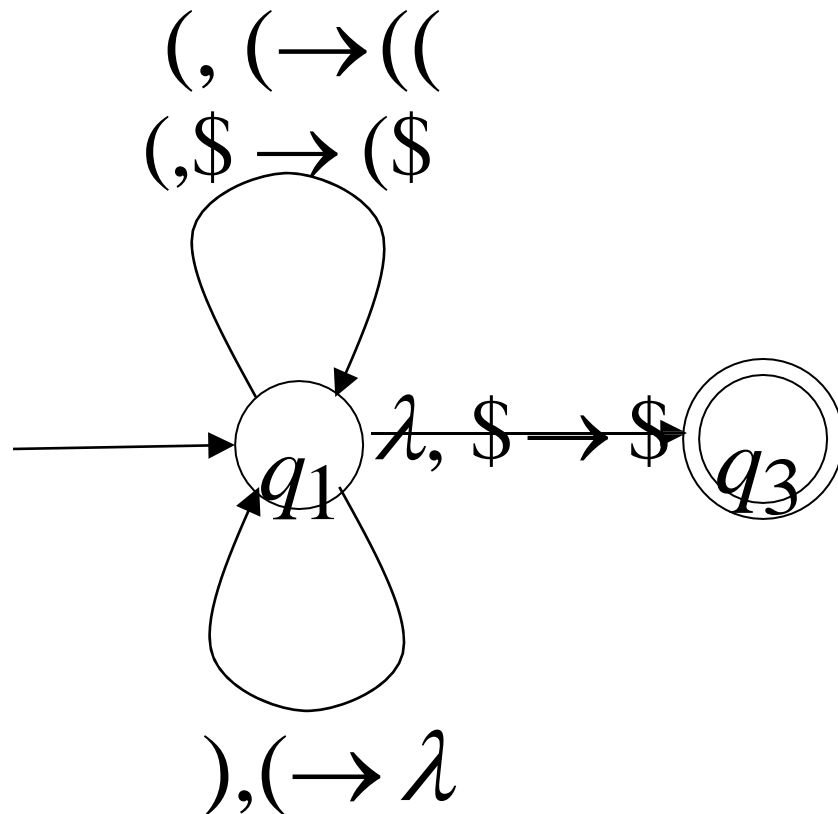


Acceptance by Empty Stack

# Example PDA

2. Construct PDA to check for well formedness of paranthesis.

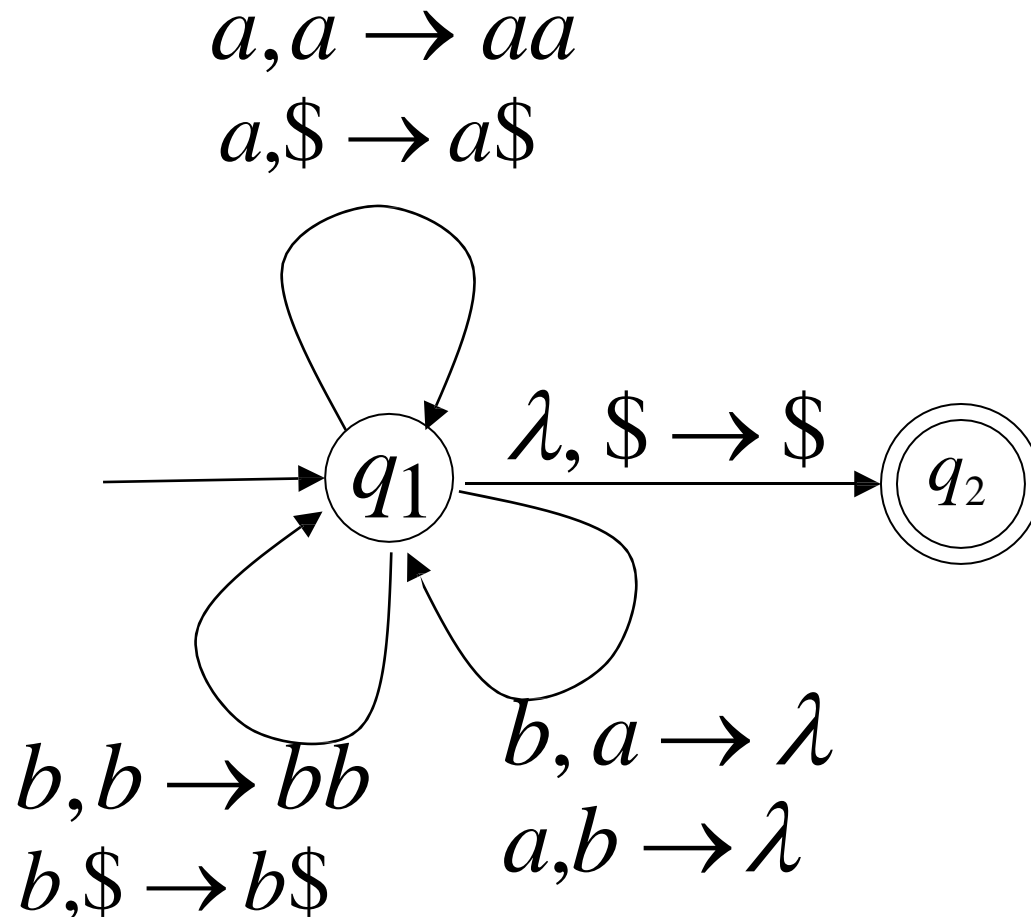
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Acceptance by  
final state

Construct a PDA for the language described as “The set of all strings over  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  with equal no. of a’s and b’s.”

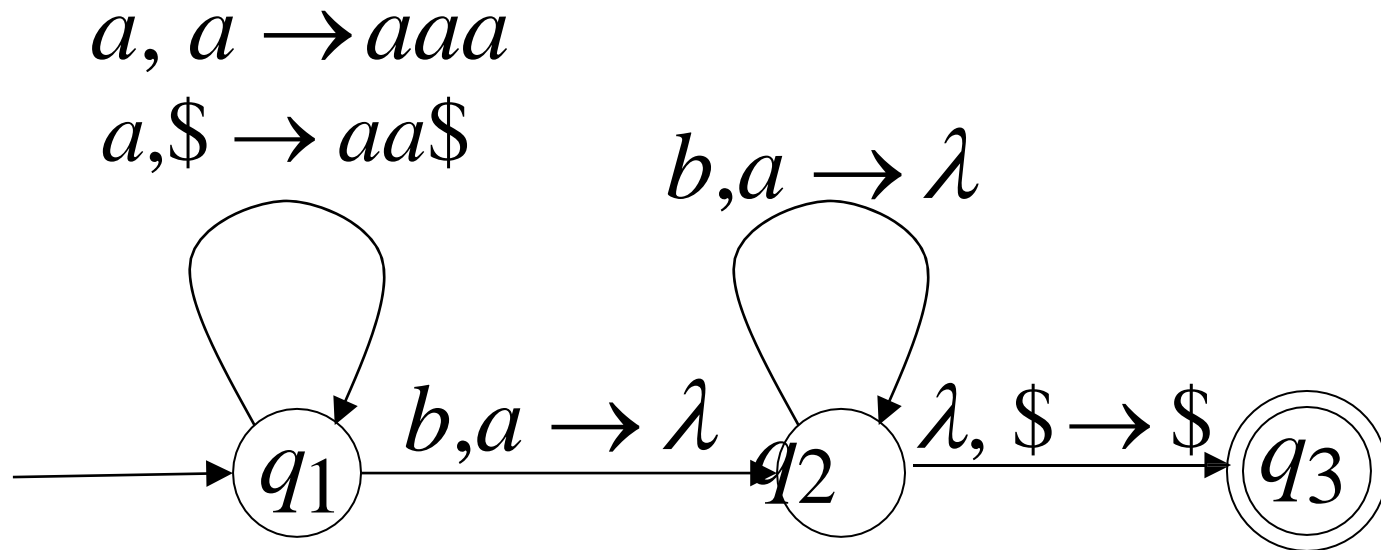
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# Example PDA

PDA  $M : L(M)$  such that  $a^n b^{2n} \mid n \geq 1$

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# Another PDA example

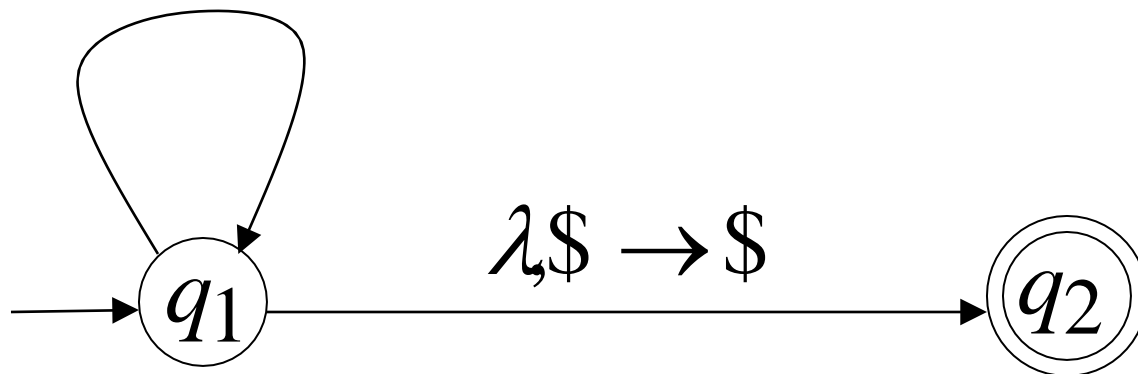
$$L(M) = \{w \in \{a,b\}^* : n_a(w) = n_b(w)\}$$

PDA  $M$

$a, \$ \rightarrow 0\$$       $b, \$ \rightarrow 1\$$

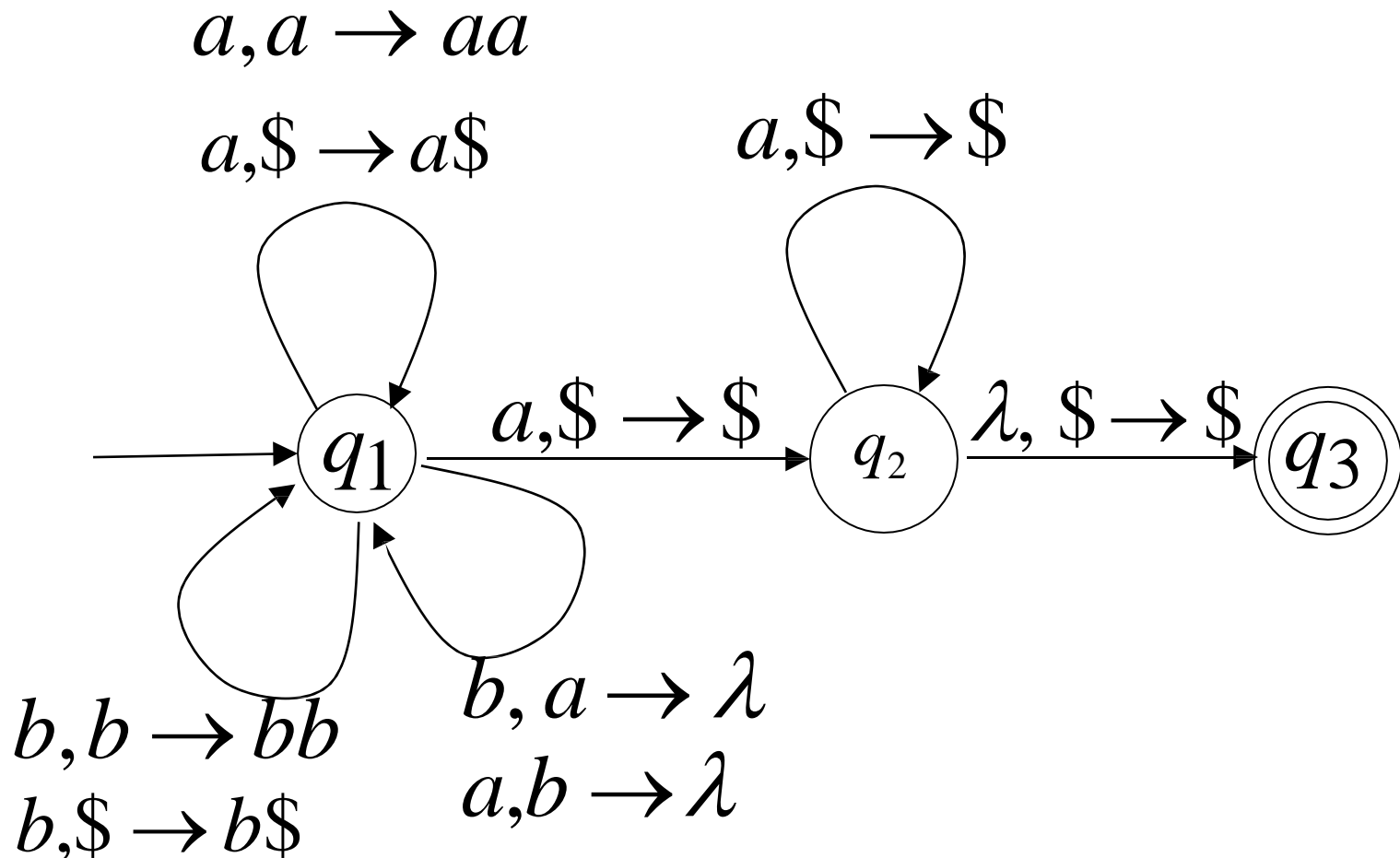
$a, 0 \rightarrow 00$       $b, 1 \rightarrow 11$

$a, 1 \rightarrow \lambda$       $b, 0 \rightarrow \lambda$



# Example PDA

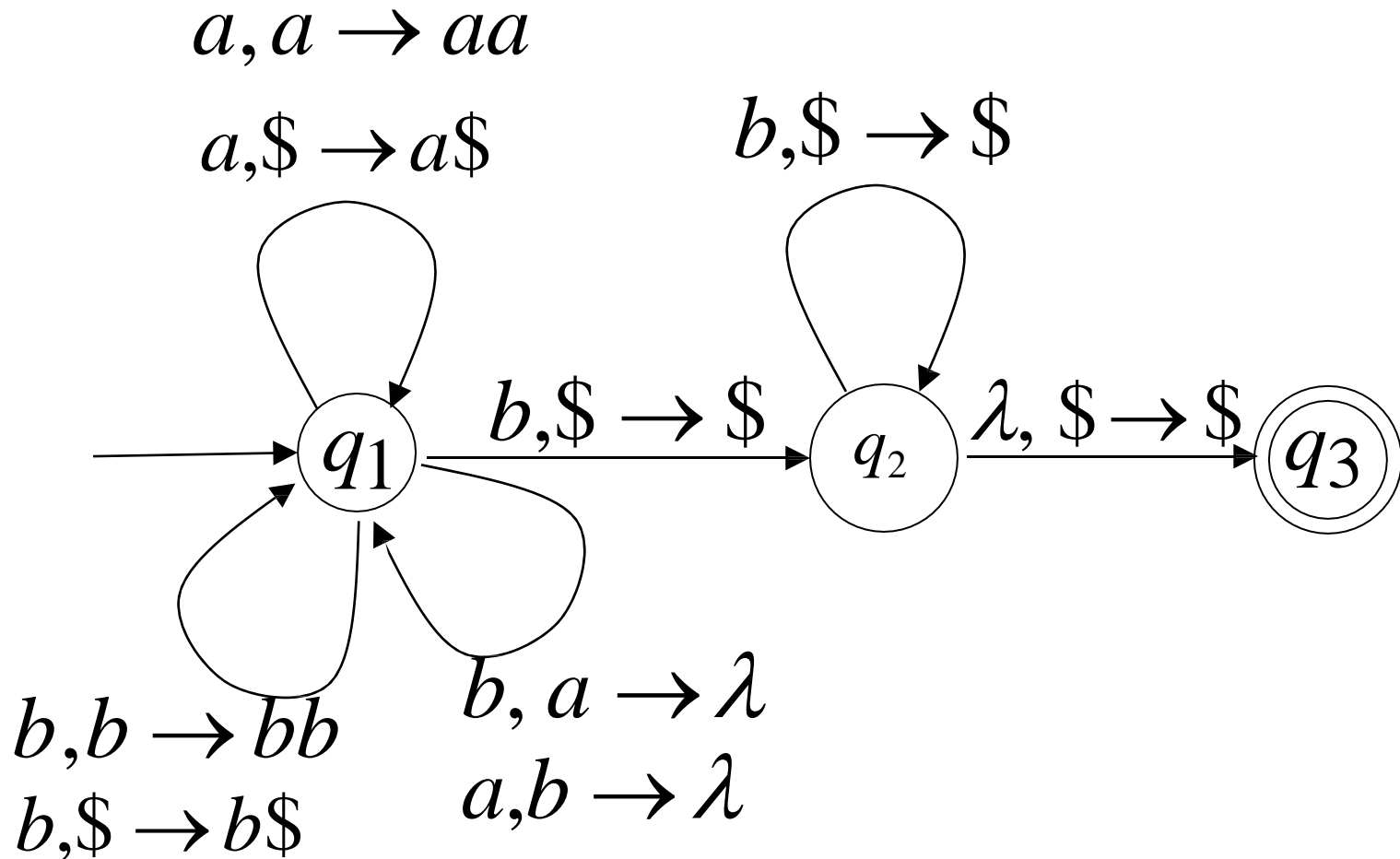
**PDA**  $M : L(M)$  such that  $n_a(w) > n_b(w), w \in (a,b)^*$





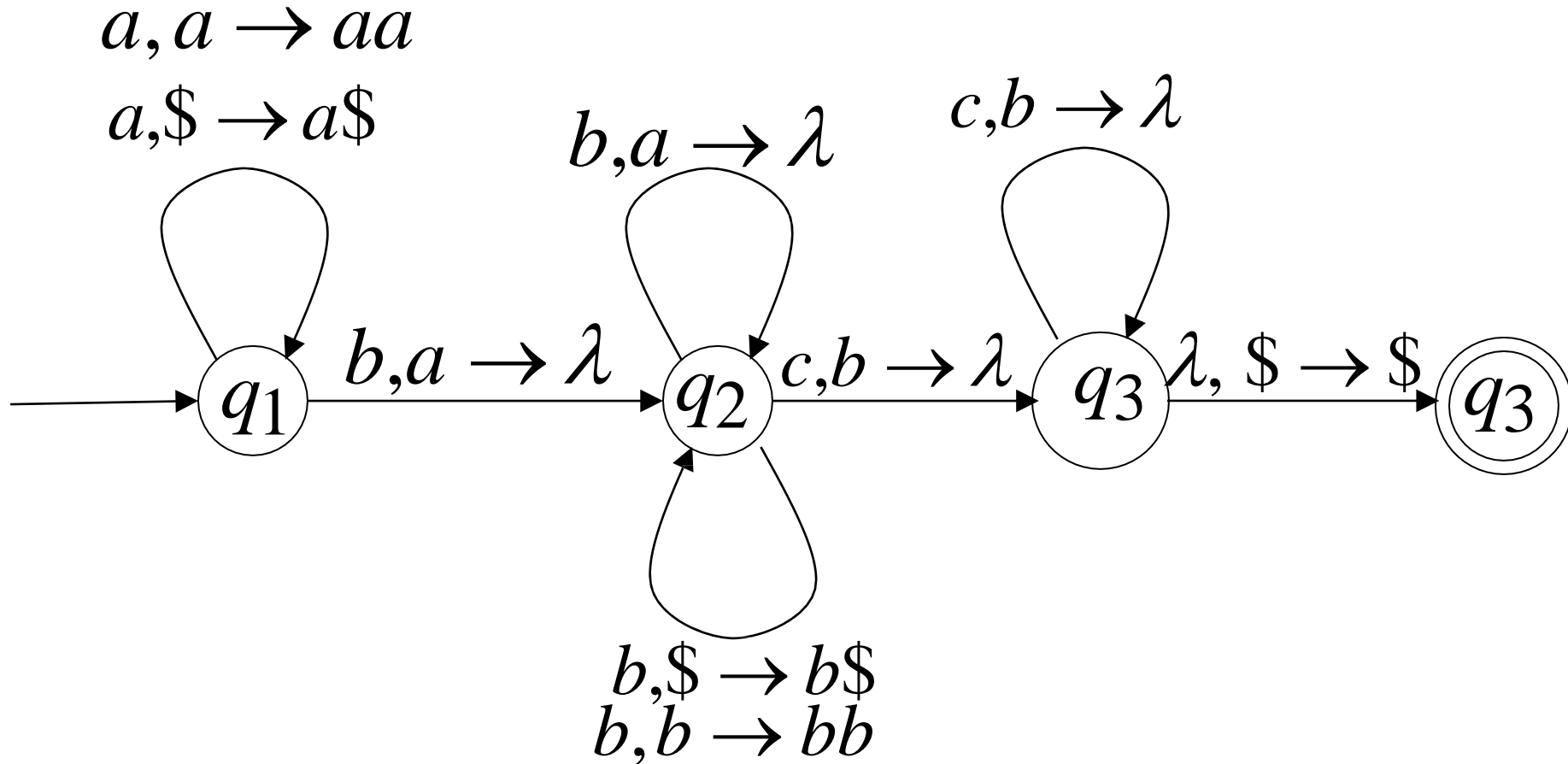
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# Example PDA

**PDA**  $M : L(M)$  such that  $a^n b^{m+n} c^n \mid n, m \geq 1$



# Review

- PDA
- Acceptance by Final State
- Acceptance by Empty Stack

# Another PDA example

**PDA**  $M$  :  $L(M) = \{vcv^R : v \in \{a,b\}^*\}$

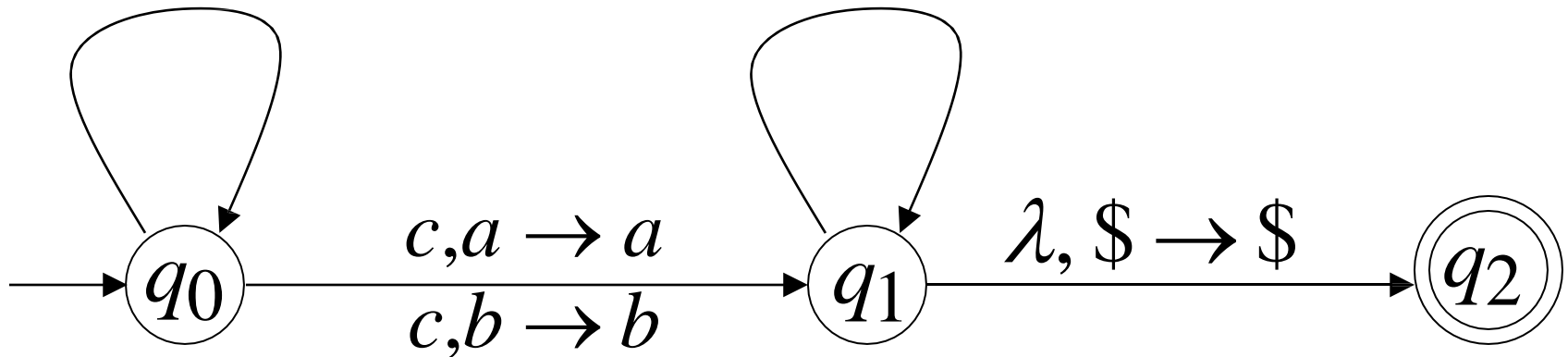
$a, \$ \rightarrow a$	$b, \$ \rightarrow b$
$a, a \rightarrow aa$	$b, b \rightarrow bb$
$a, b \rightarrow ab$	$b, a \rightarrow ba$

$a, \lambda \rightarrow a$

$b, \lambda \rightarrow b$

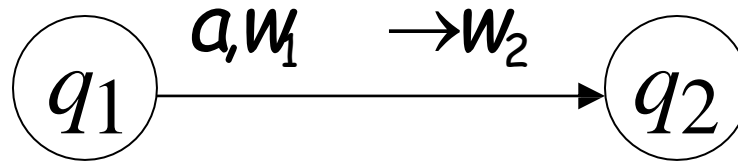
$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



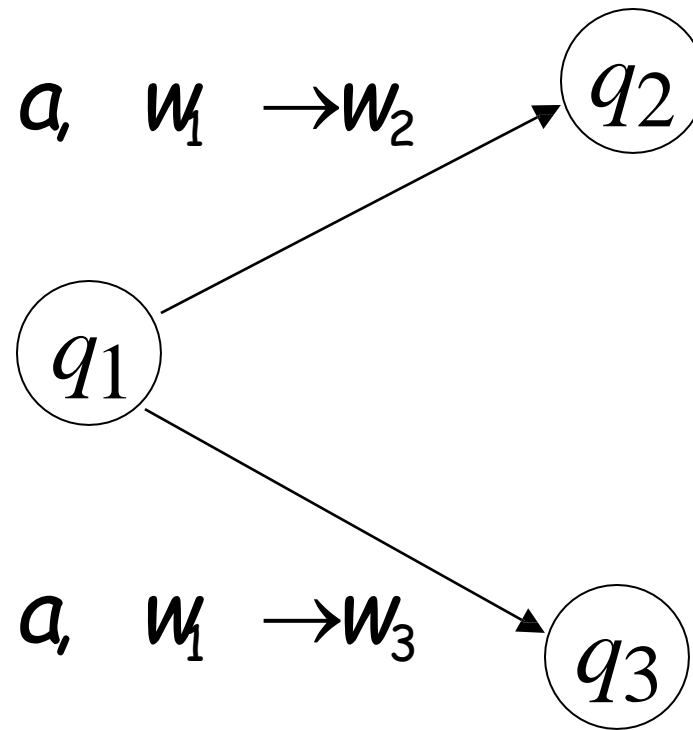
Construct the PDA that accepts a string of well formed parenthesis as  $(, ), \{, \}, [, ]$

# Formalities for PDAs



Transition function:

$$\delta(q_1, a, w_1) = \{(q_2, w_2)\}$$



Transition function:

$$\delta(q_1, w_1) = \{(q_2, w_2), (q_3, w_3)\}$$



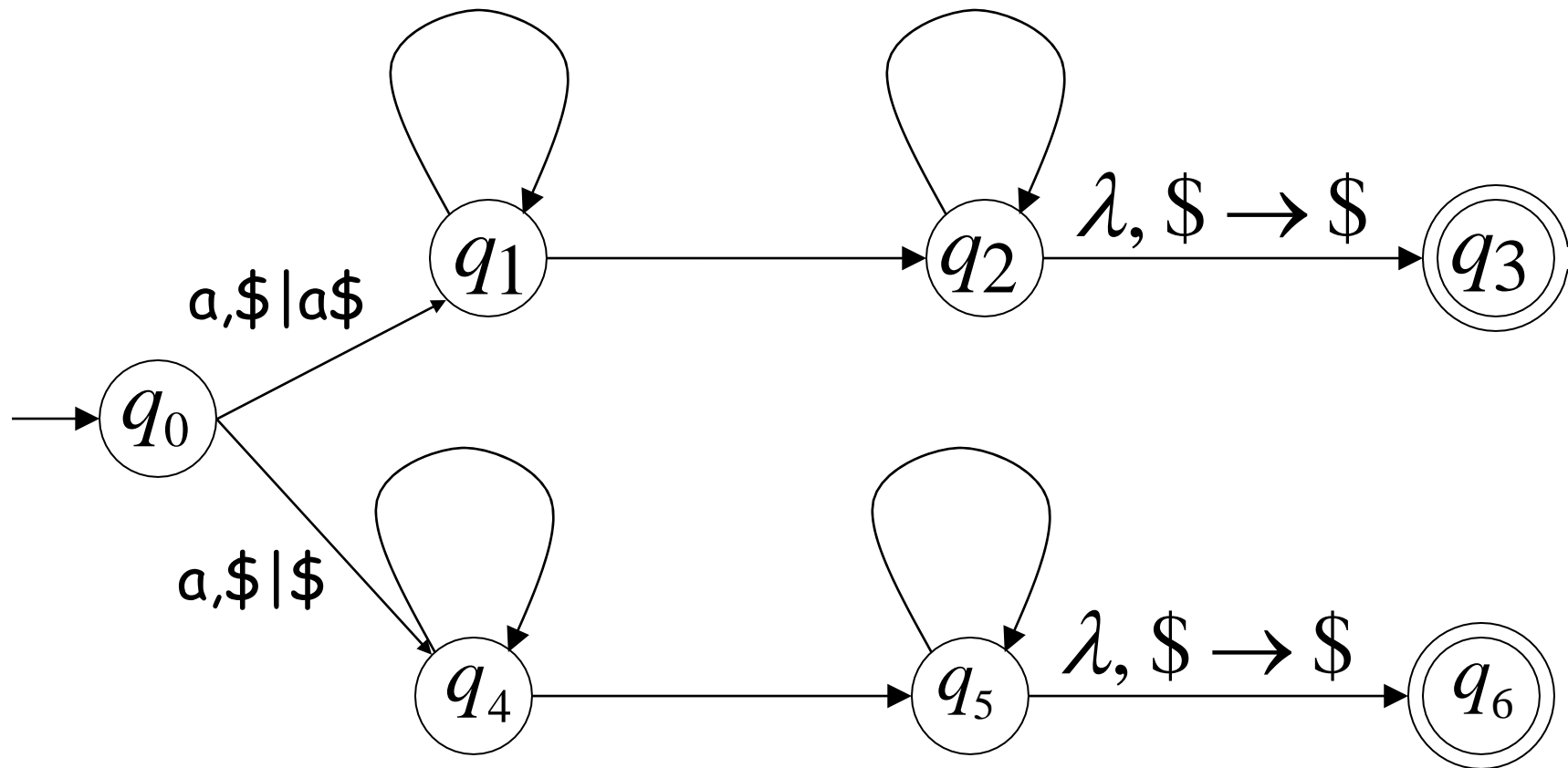
# DPDA and NPDA

- The main (and only) difference between DPDA and NPDA is that DPDAs are deterministic, whereas NPDAs are non-deterministic.
- With some of notation, we can say that NPDAs are a generalization of DPDAs: every DPDA can be simulated by an NPDA, but the **converse doesn't hold** (there are some context-free languages which cannot be accepted by a DPDA).
- Every DPDA contain equivalent NPDA,
- but, every NPDA may not contain equivalent DPDA sometimes.

# NPDA example

$$L(M) = \{w \in \{a, b\}^* : a^i b^j c^k d^m \mid i=k \text{ or } j=m\}$$

$$L(M) = \{a^n b^j c^n d^m\} \cup \{a^i b^n c^k d^n\}$$



**PDA**  $M$  :  $L(M) = \{vv^R : v \in \{a,b\}^*\}$

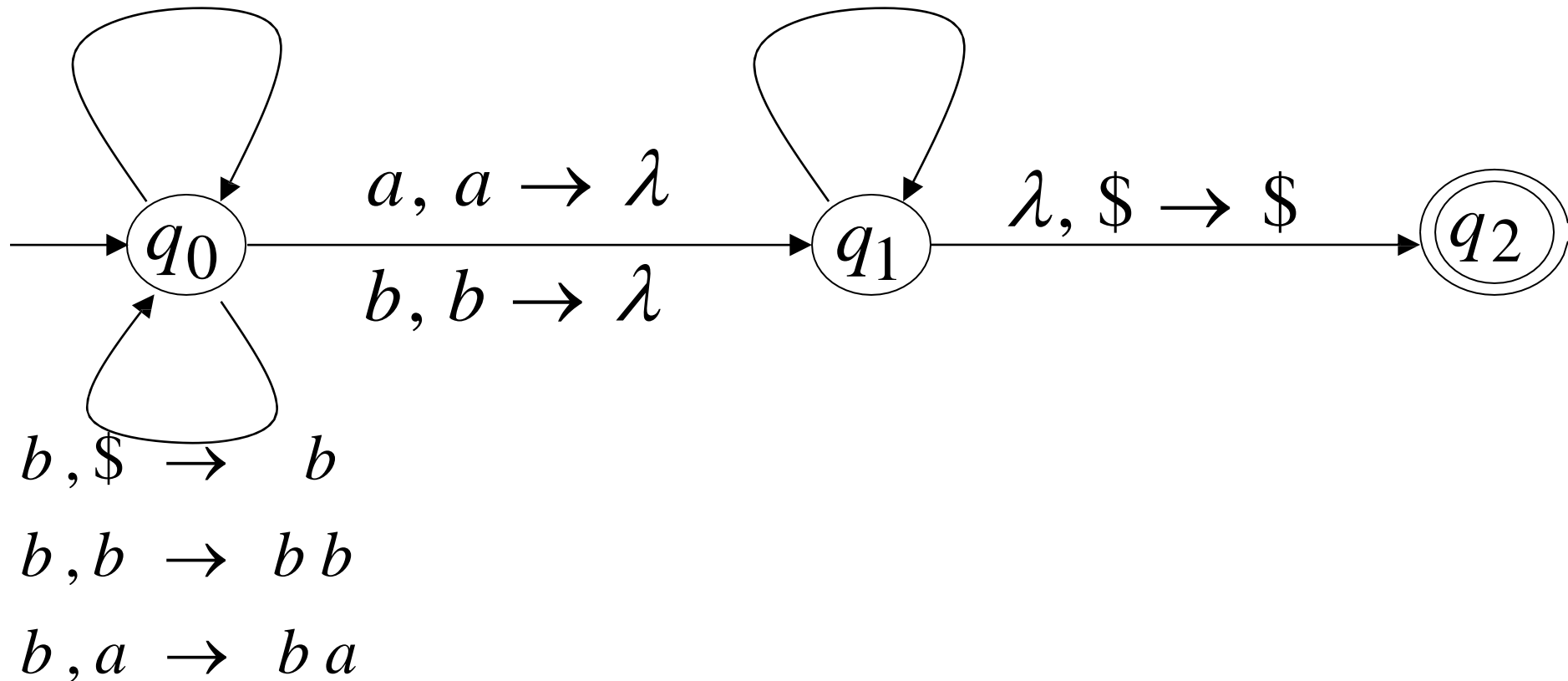
$a, \$ \rightarrow a$

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, b \rightarrow ab$

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



PDA  $M$  :

$$L(M) = \{vv^R : v \in \{a,b\}^*\}$$

1. Push  $v$

on stack

$a, \$ \rightarrow a$

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, b \rightarrow ab$

2. Guess

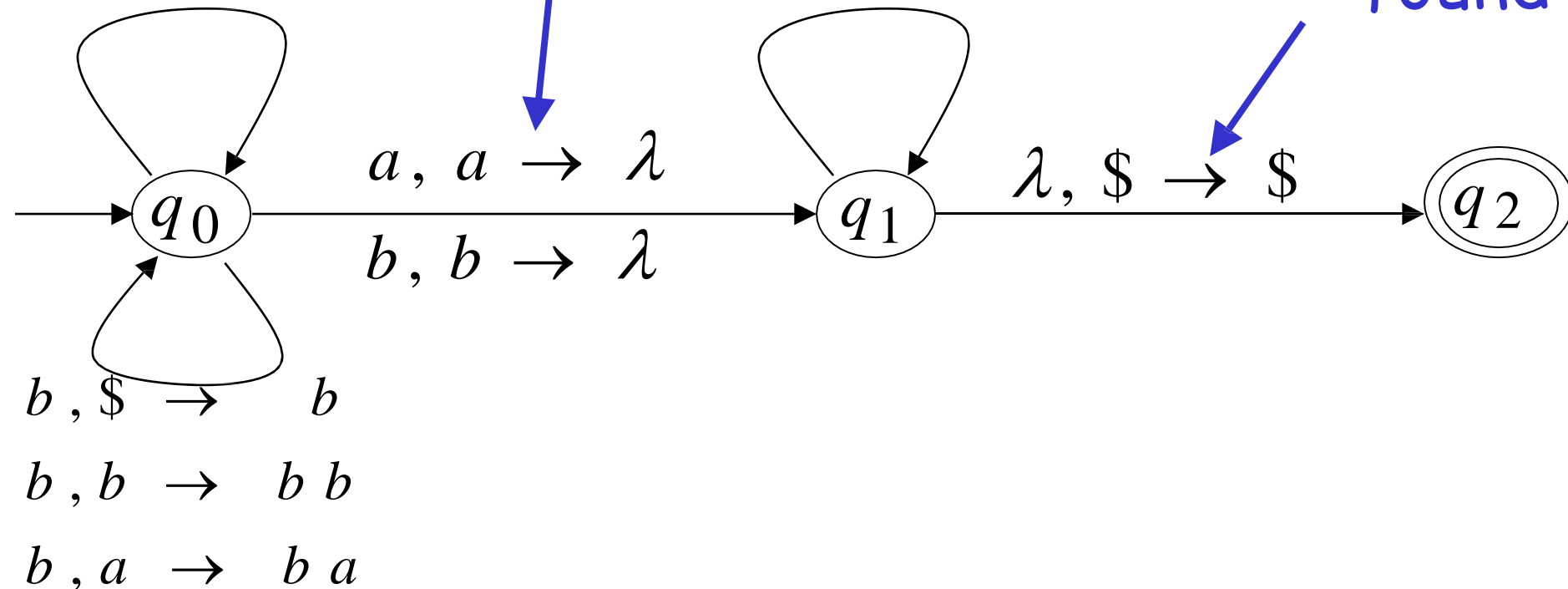
middle  
of input

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$

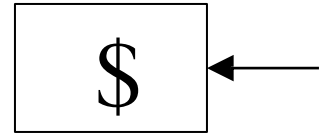
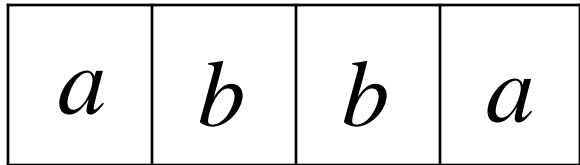
3. Match  $v^R$  on input  
with  $v$  on stack

4. Match  
found



# Execution Example: Time 0

Input



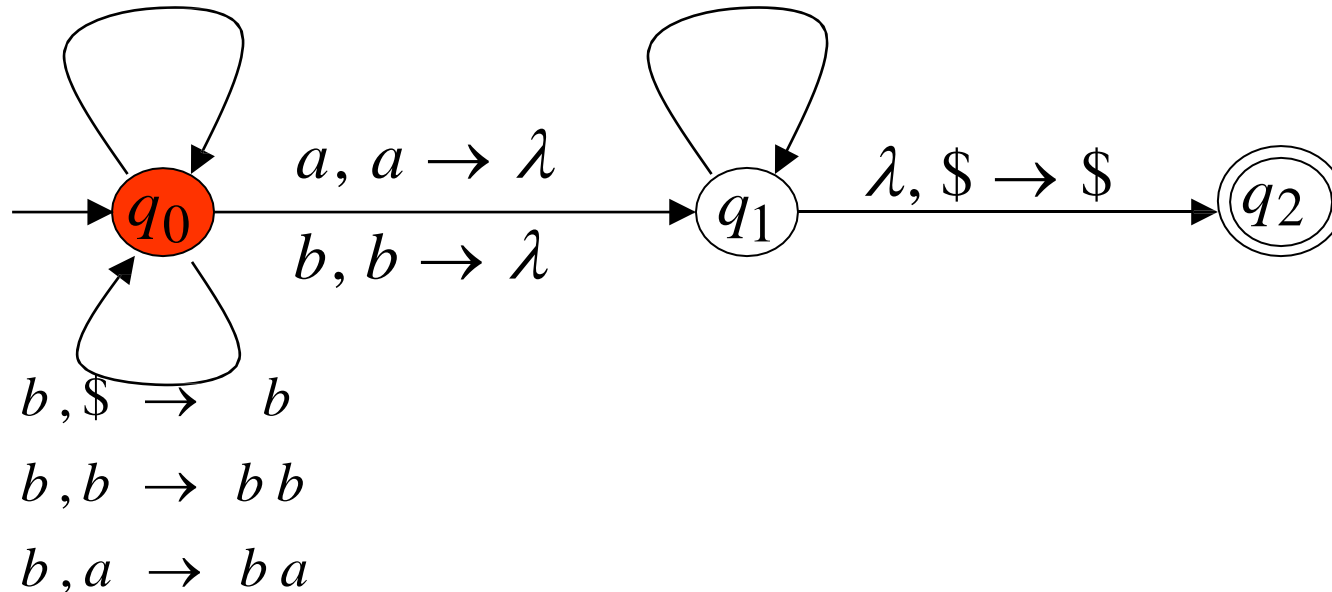
$a, \$ \rightarrow a$

$a, a \rightarrow a a$

$a, b \rightarrow a b$

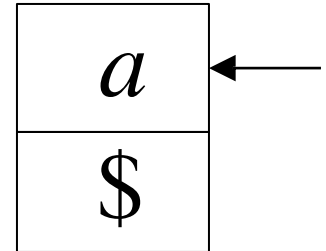
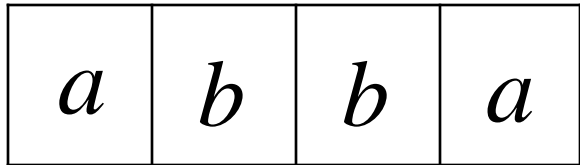
$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



Time 1

Input



Stack

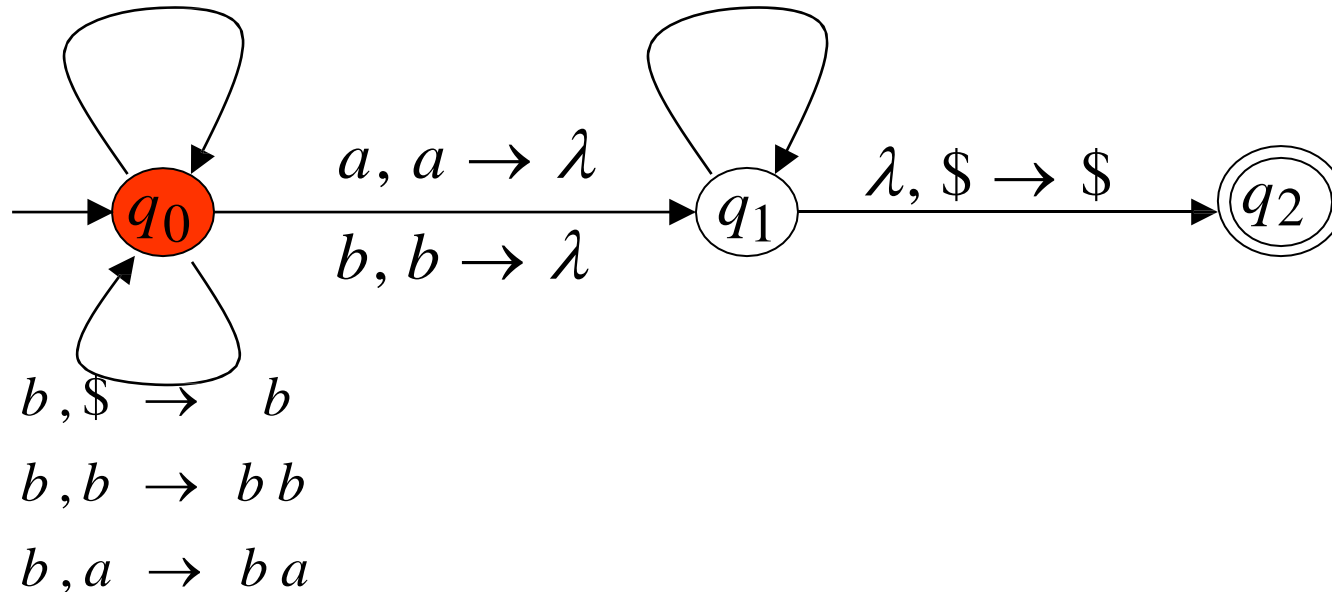
$a, \$ \rightarrow a$

$a, a \rightarrow a a$

$a, b \rightarrow a b$

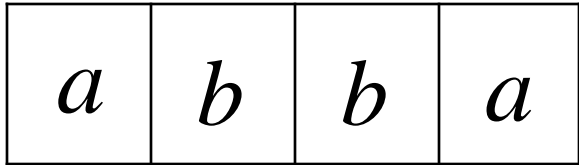
$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



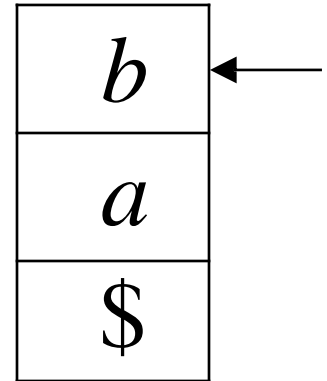
Time 2

Input

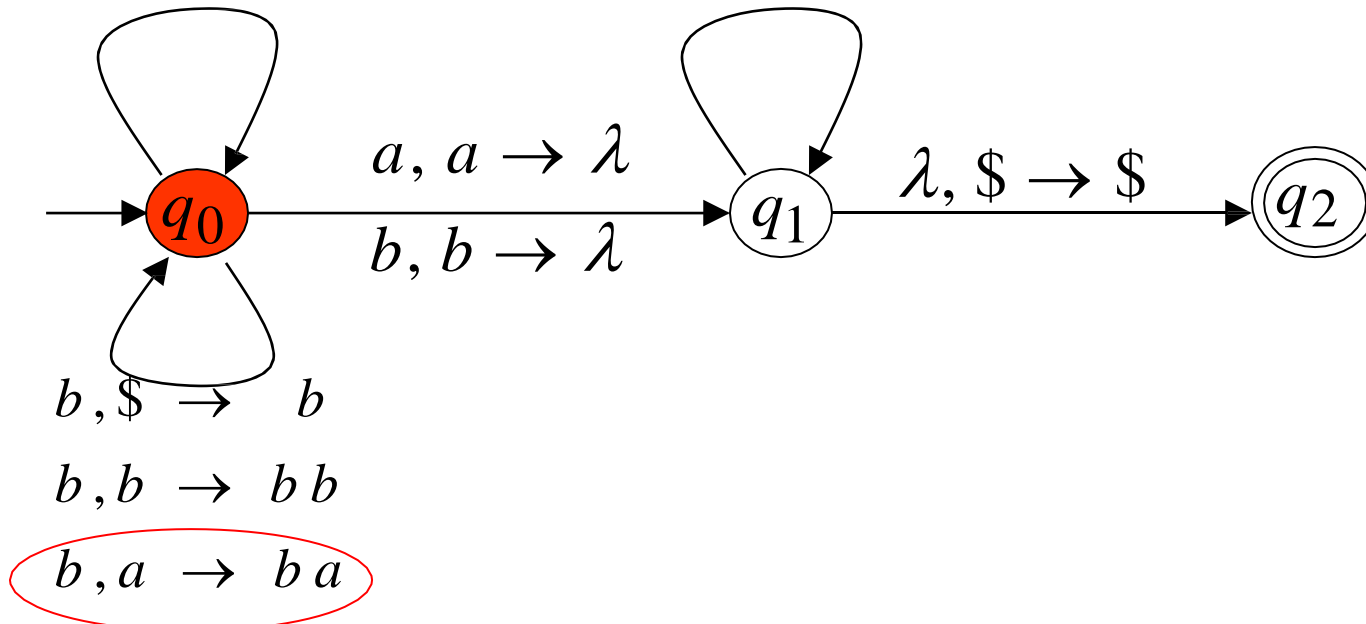


$a, \$ \rightarrow a$   
 $a, a \rightarrow a a$   
 $a, b \rightarrow a b$

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$   
 $b, b \rightarrow \lambda$

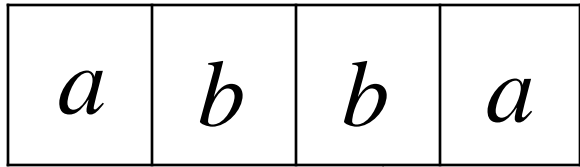


Stack

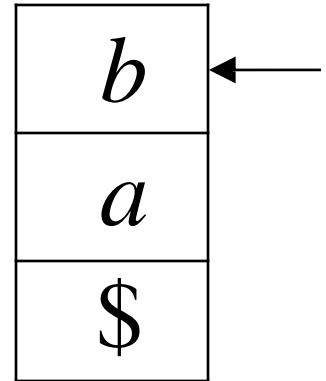


Time 3

Input



Guess the middle  
of string



Stack

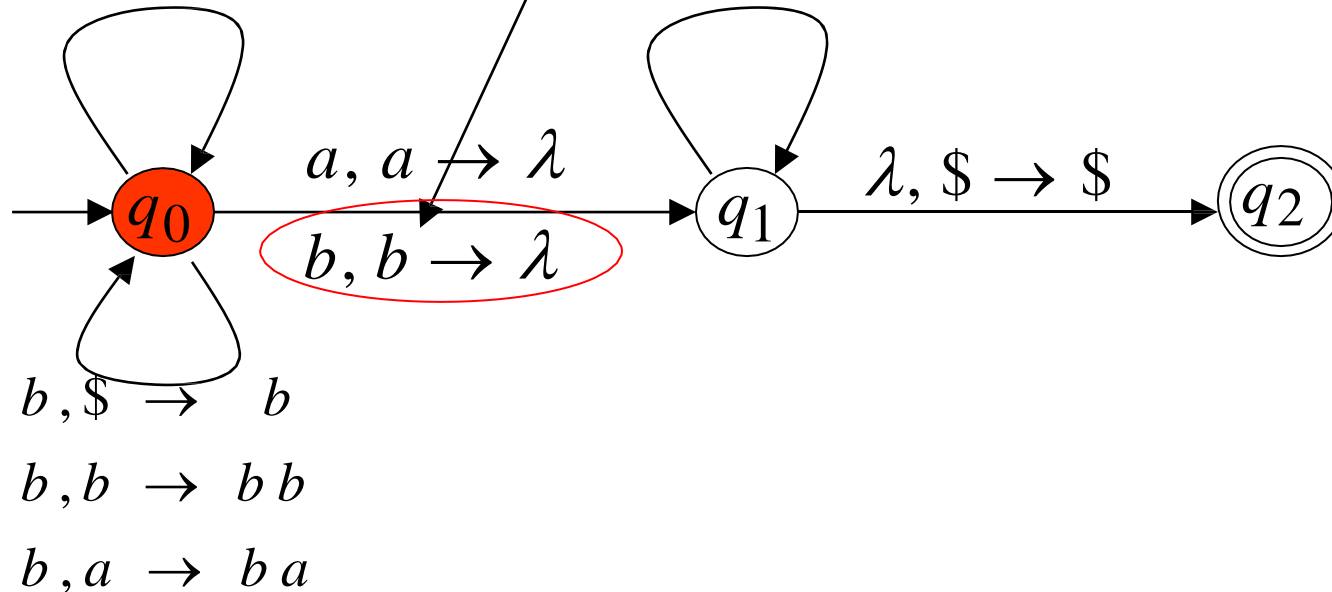
$a, \$ \rightarrow a$

$a, a \rightarrow a a$

$a, b \rightarrow a b$

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

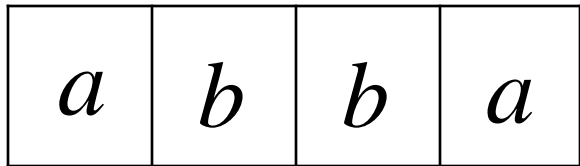
$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$





Time 4

Input



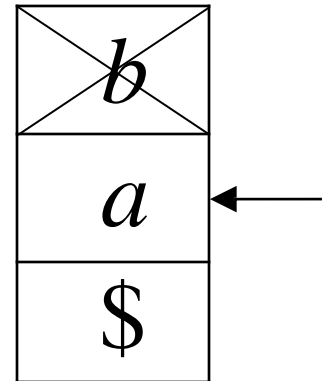
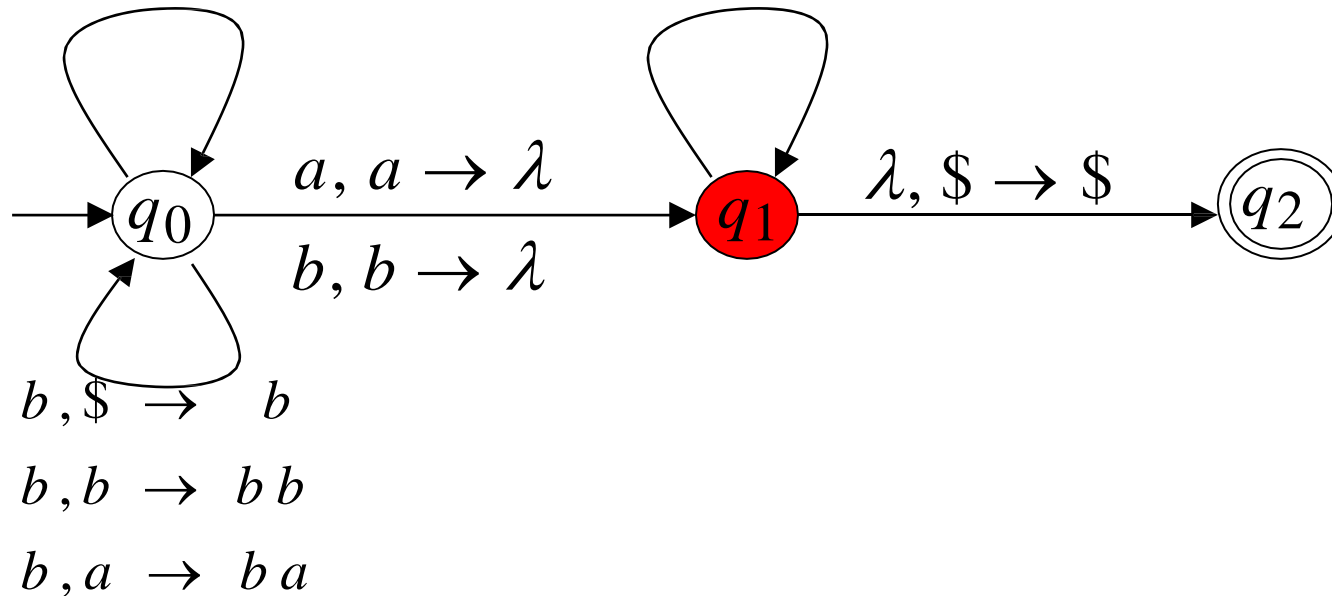
$a, \$ \rightarrow a$

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, b \rightarrow ab$

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

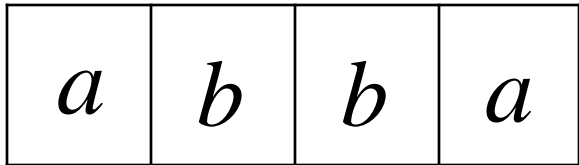
$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



Stack

Time 5

Input



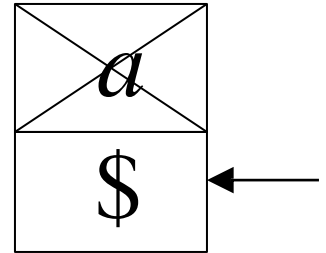
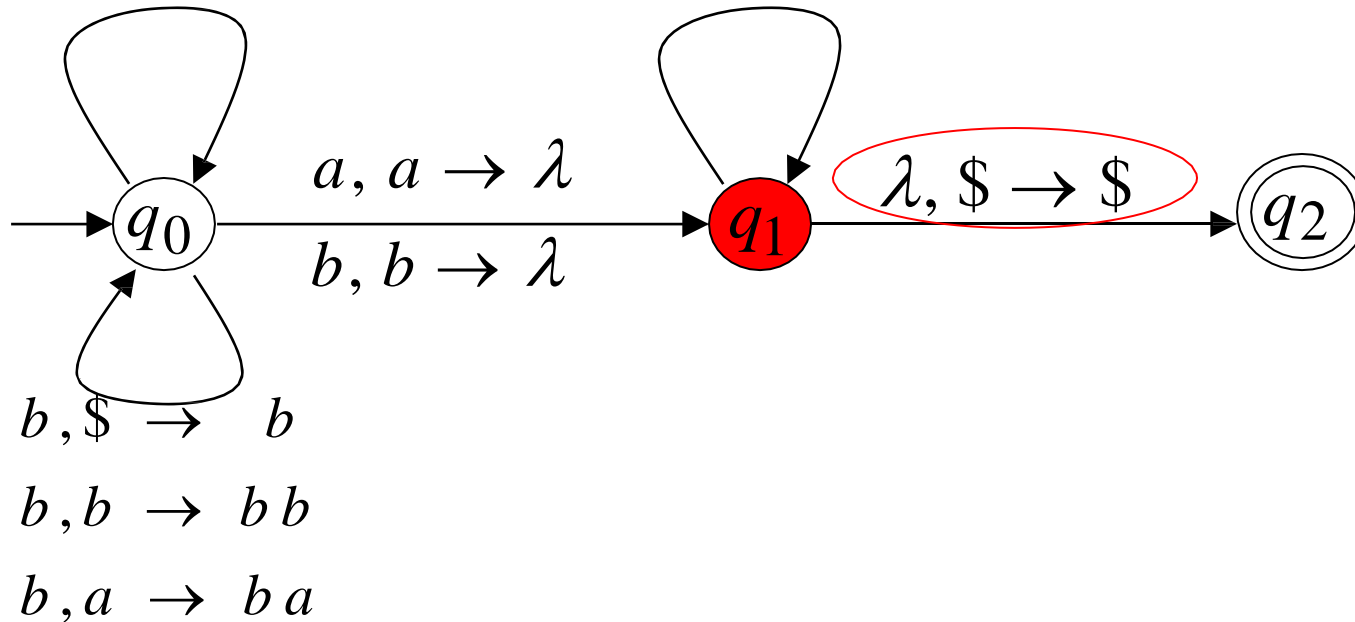
$a, \$ \rightarrow a$

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, b \rightarrow ab$

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

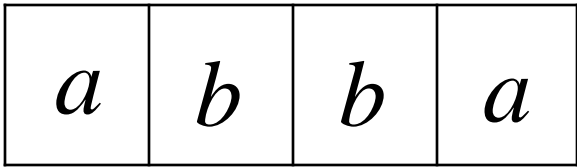
$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



Stack

Time 6

Input



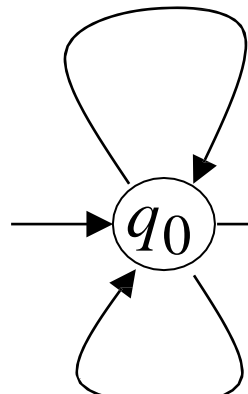
$a, \$ \rightarrow a$

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, b \rightarrow ab$

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

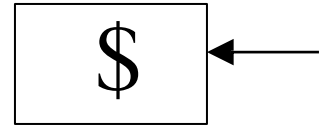
$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



$b, \$ \rightarrow b$

$b, b \rightarrow bb$

$b, a \rightarrow ba$

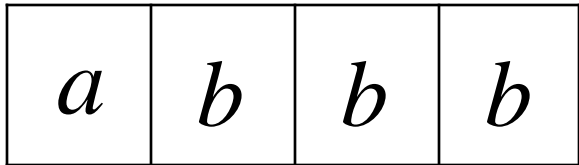


Stack

accept

# Rejection Example: Time 0

Input



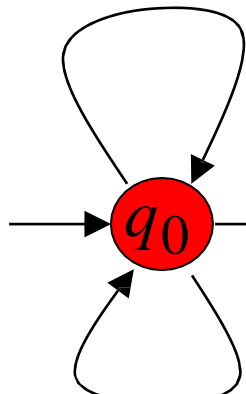
$a, \$ \rightarrow a$

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, b \rightarrow ab$

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

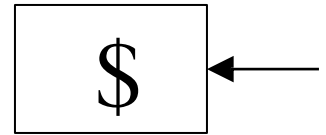
$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



$b, \$ \rightarrow b$

$b, b \rightarrow bb$

$b, a \rightarrow ba$

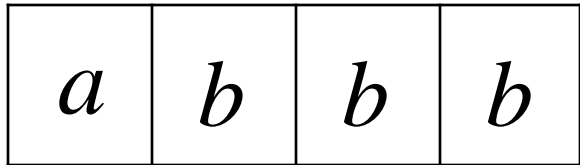


Stack

accept

Time 1

Input



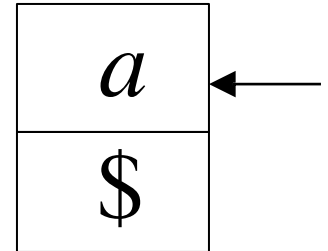
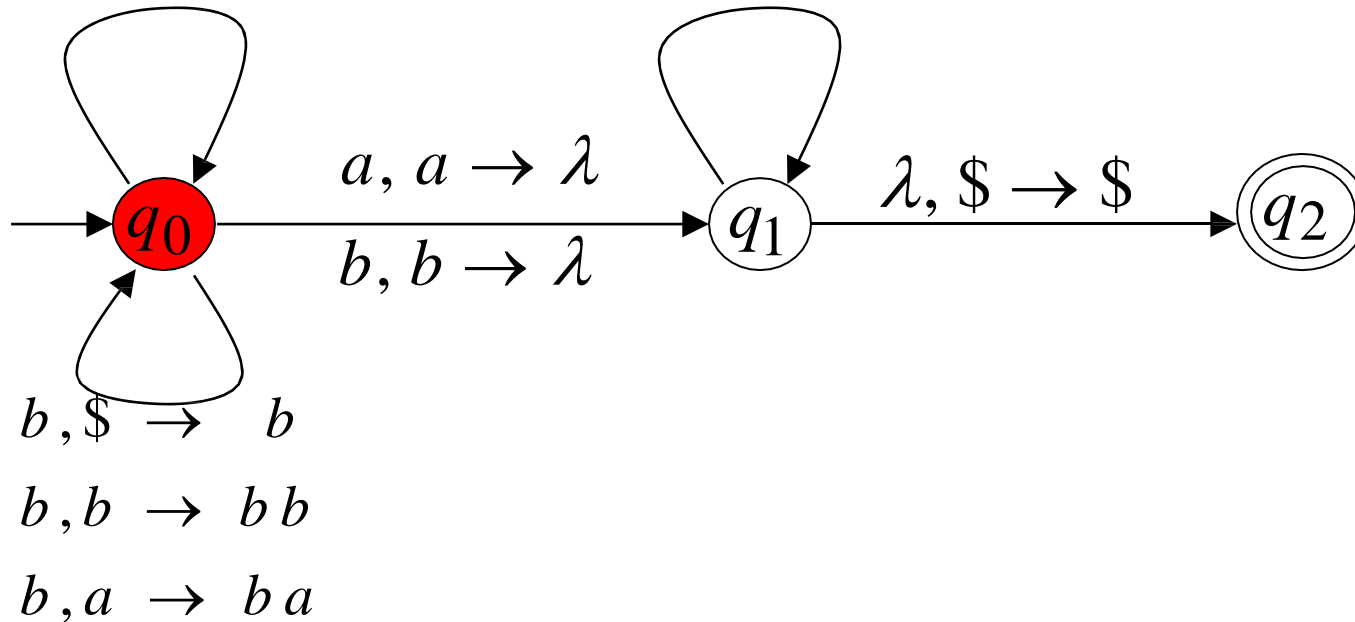
$a, \$ \rightarrow a$

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, b \rightarrow ab$

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

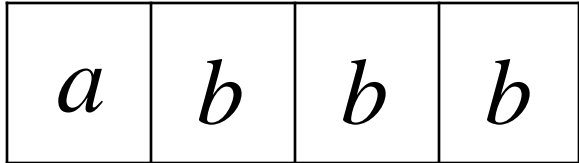
$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



Stack

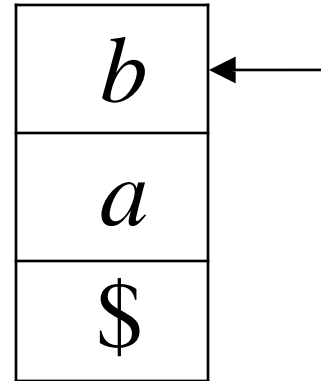
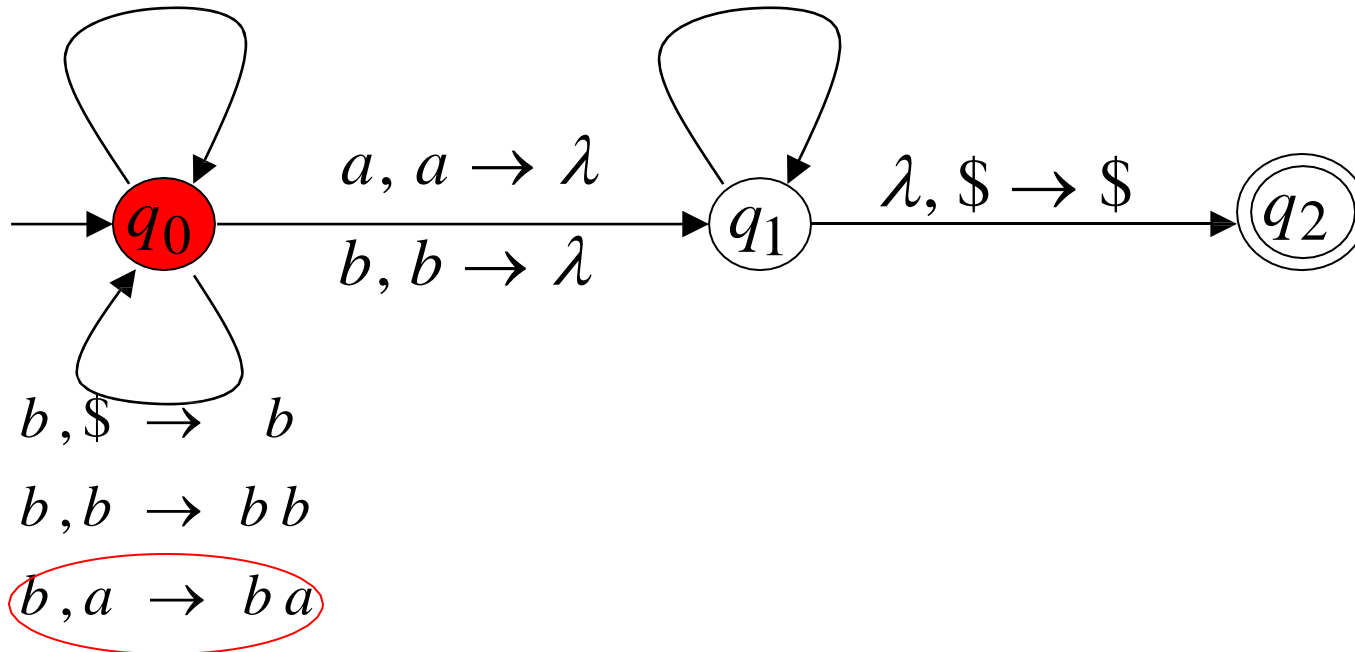
# Time 2

Input



$a, \$ \rightarrow a$   
 $a, a \rightarrow aa$   
 $a, b \rightarrow ab$

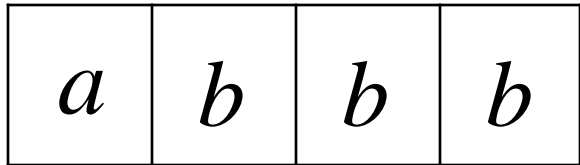
$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$   
 $b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



Stack

Time 3

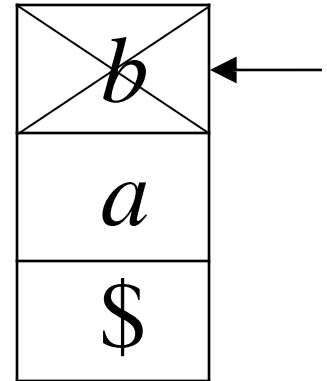
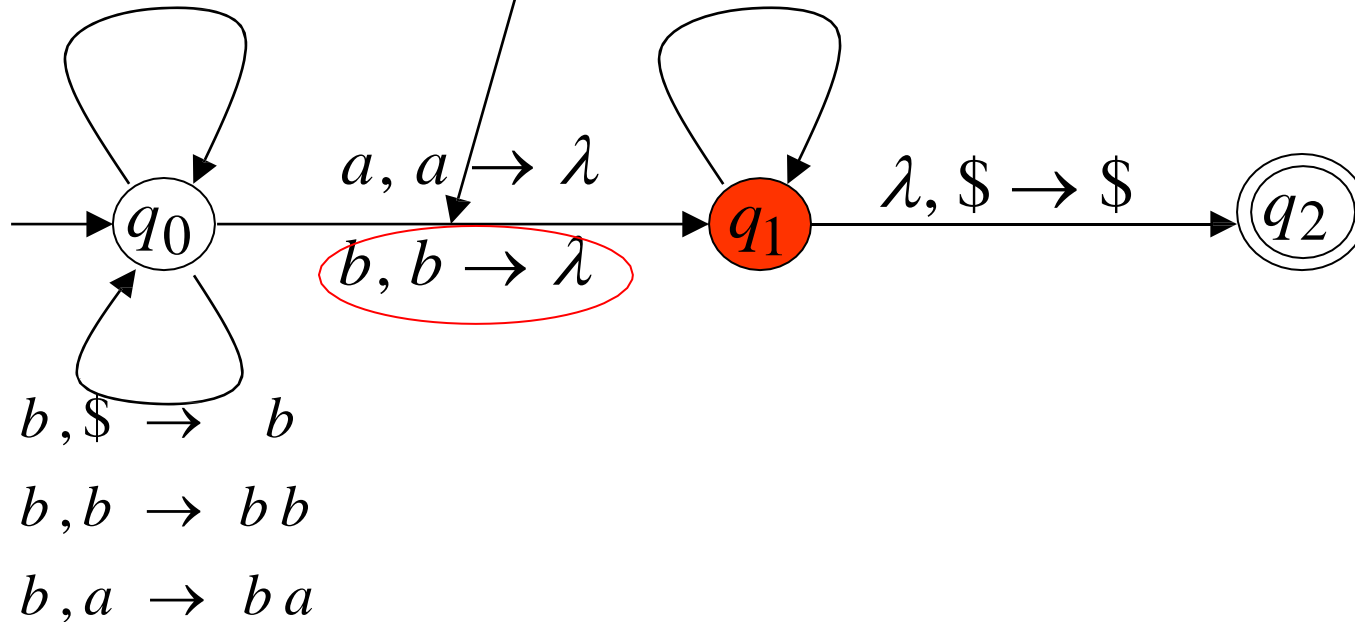
Input



Guess the middle  
of string

$a, \$ \rightarrow a$   
 $a, a \rightarrow aa$   
 $a, b \rightarrow ab$

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$   
 $b, b \rightarrow \lambda$

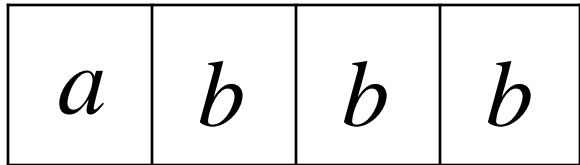


Stack

# Time 4

Input

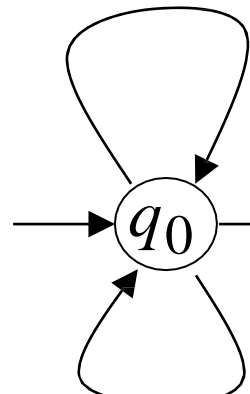
There is no possible transition.



$a, \$ \rightarrow a$

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, b \rightarrow ab$



$b, \$ \rightarrow b$

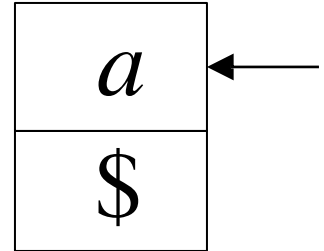
$b, b \rightarrow bb$

$b, a \rightarrow ba$

Input is not consumed

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



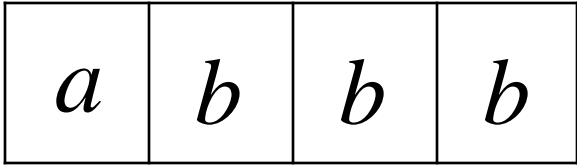
Stack



# Another computation on same string:

Input

Time 0

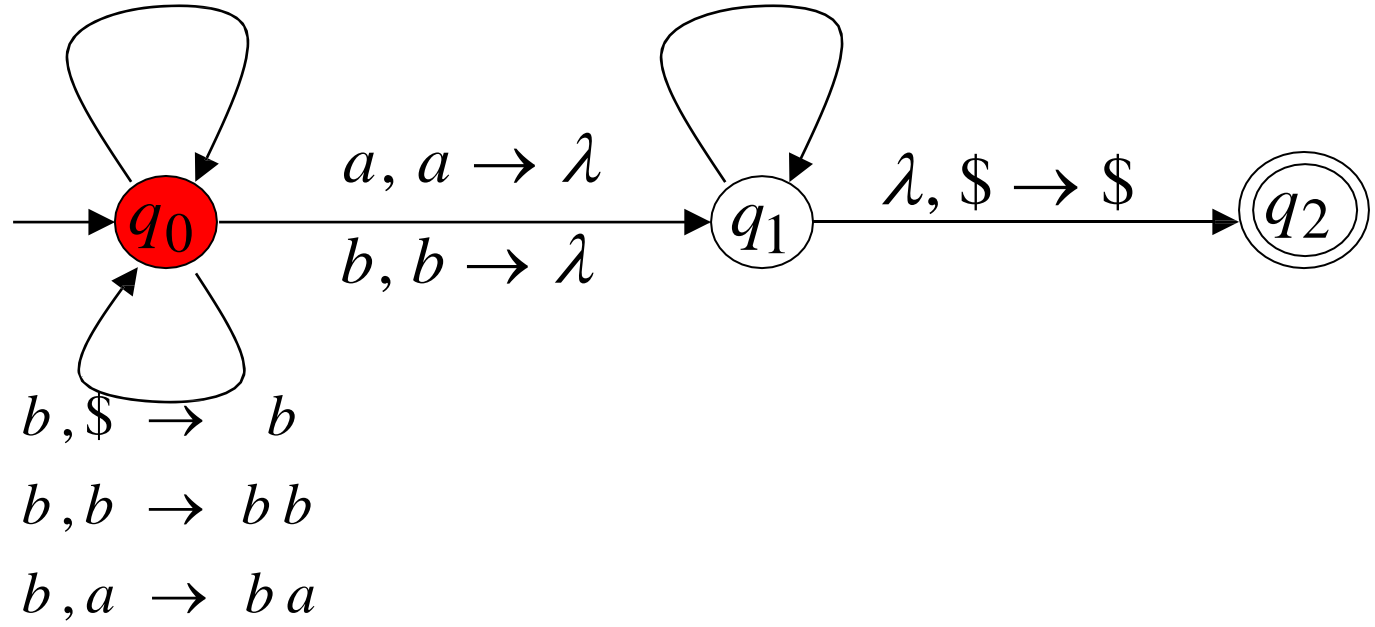


$a, \$ \rightarrow a$   
 $a, a \rightarrow aa$   
 $a, b \rightarrow ab$

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$   
 $b, b \rightarrow \lambda$

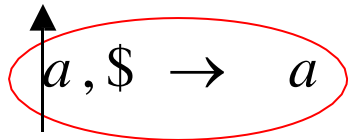
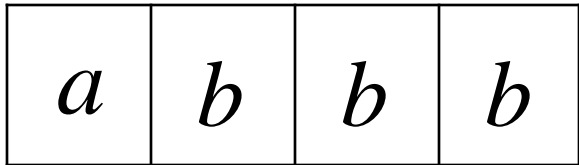


Stack



Time 1

Input

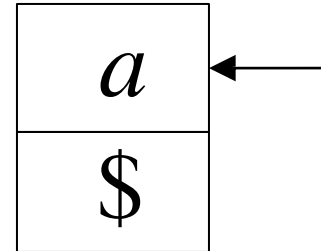
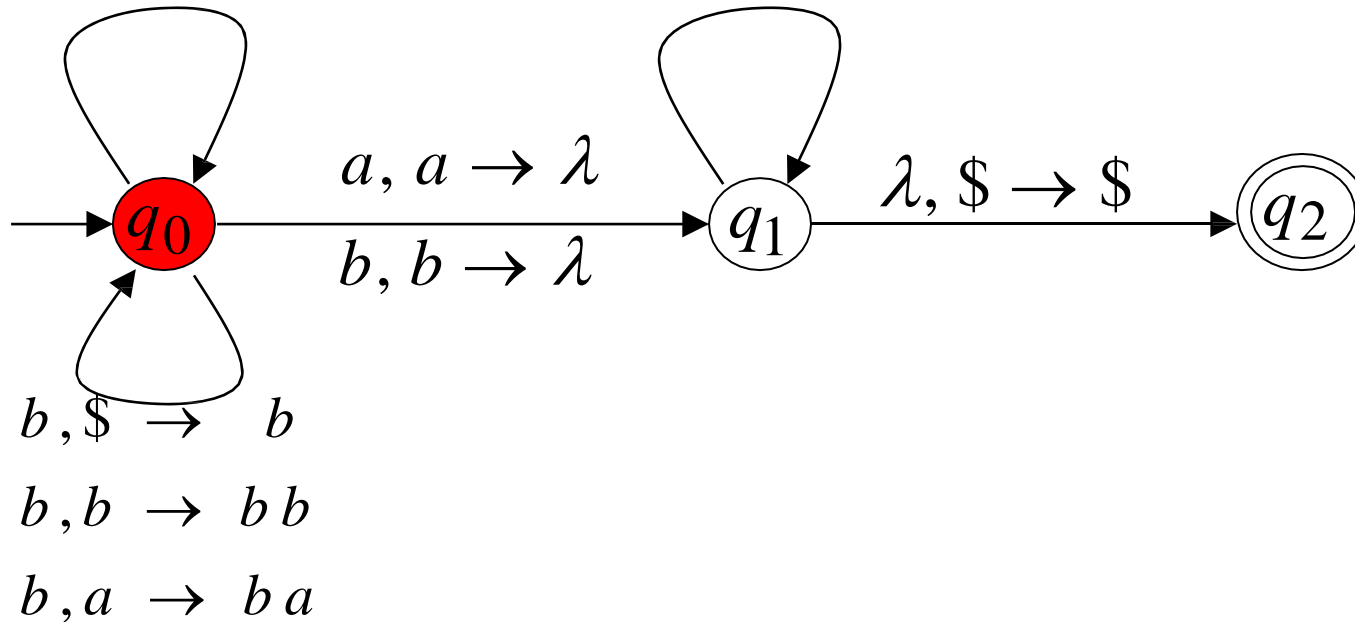


$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, b \rightarrow ab$

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

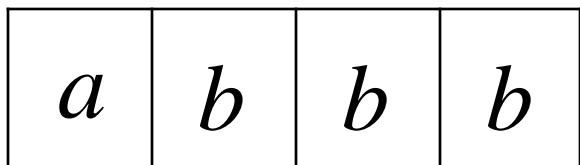
$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



Stack

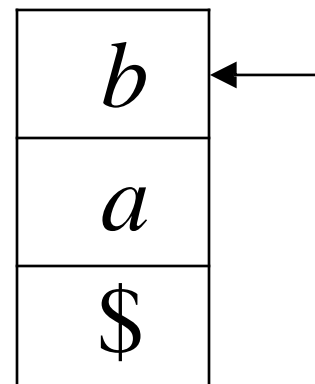
Time 2

Input

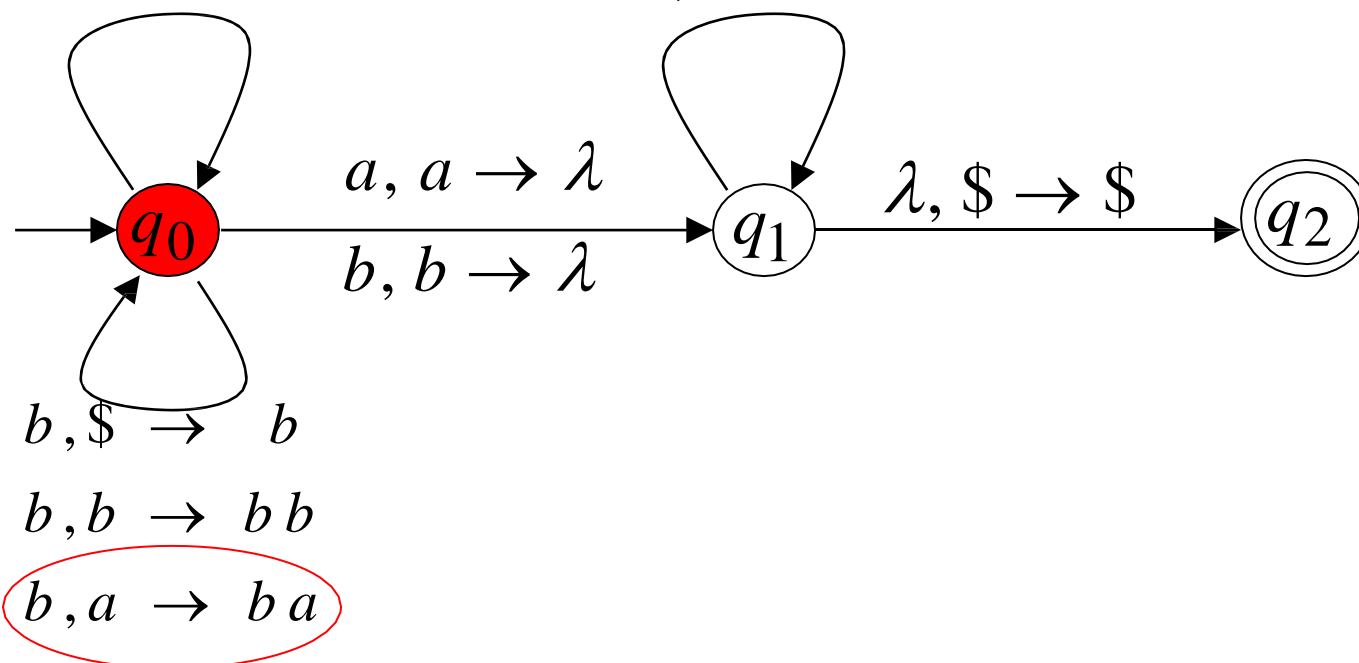


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 $a, a \rightarrow aa$   
 $a, b \rightarrow ab$

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$   
 $b, b \rightarrow \lambda$

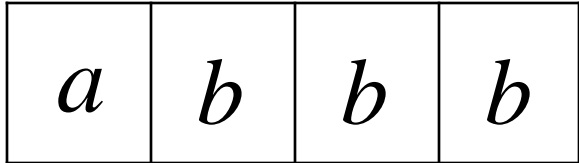


Stack



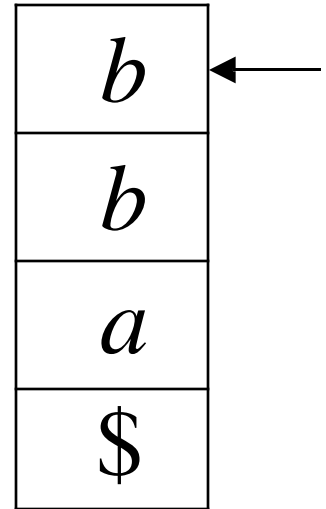
Time 3

Input

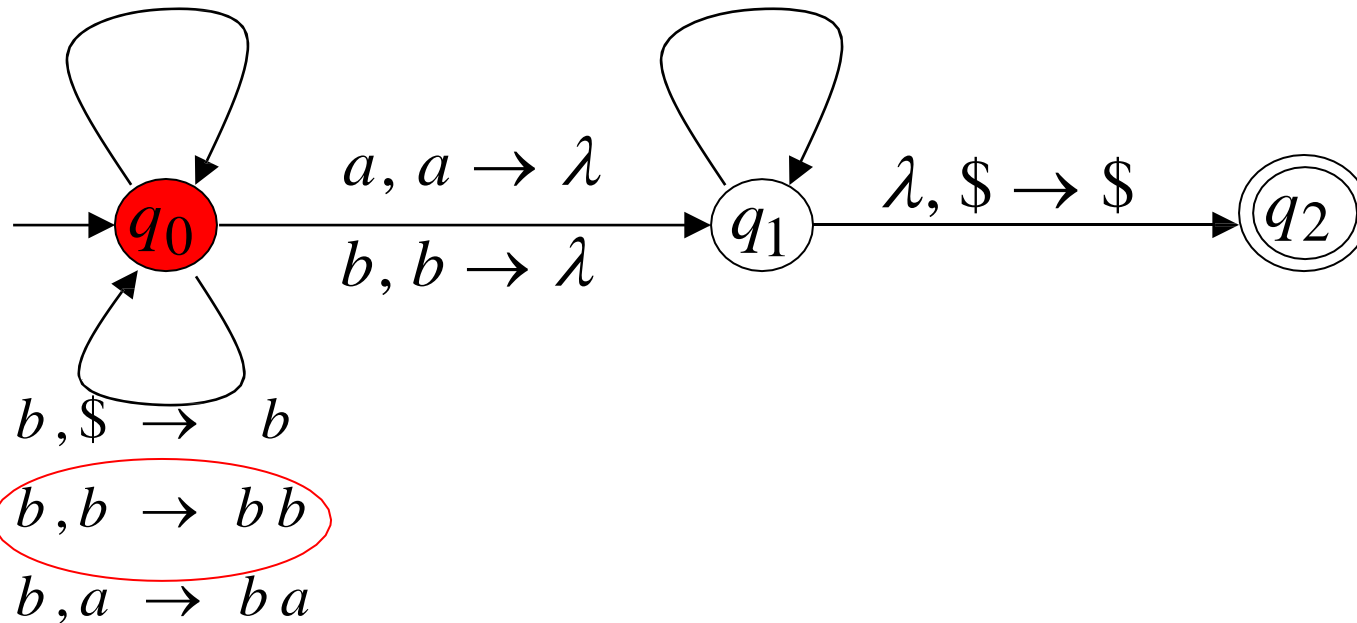


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 $a, b \rightarrow a b$

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$   
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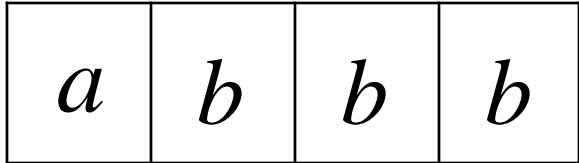


Stack



Time 4

Input



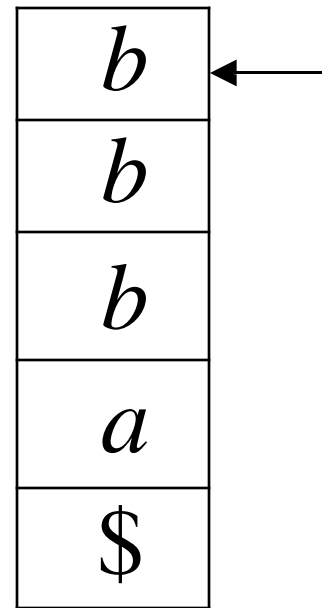
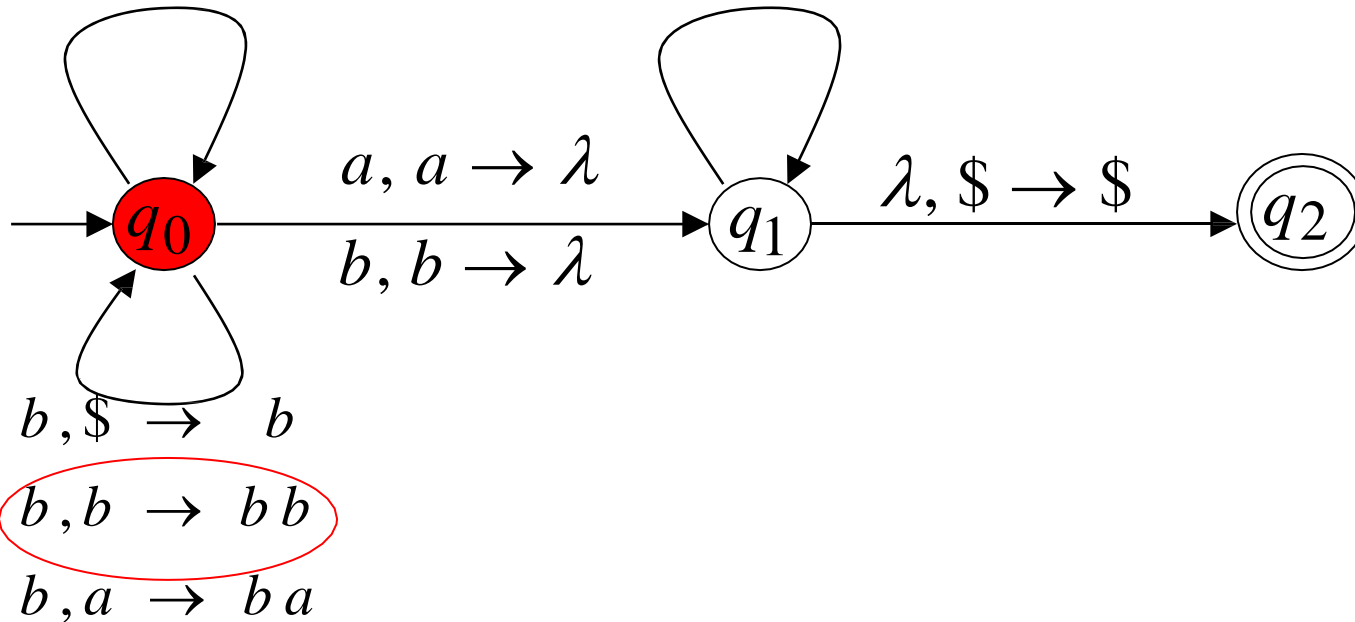
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$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, b \rightarrow ab$

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

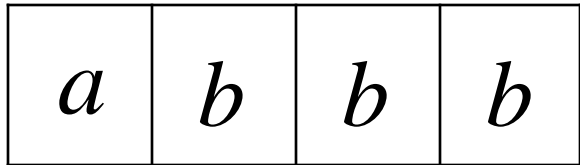
$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



Stack

Time 5

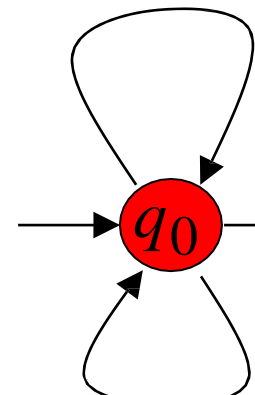
Input



$a, \$ \rightarrow a$

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, b \rightarrow ab$



$b, \$ \rightarrow b$

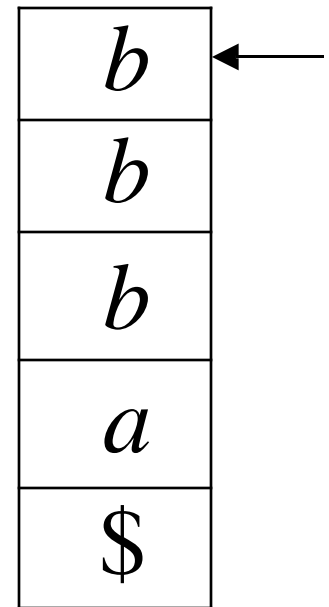
$b, b \rightarrow bb$

$b, a \rightarrow ba$

There is no possible transition.  
No accept state  
is reached

$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$



Stack

There is no computation  
that accepts string *abbb*

$$abbb \notin L(M)$$

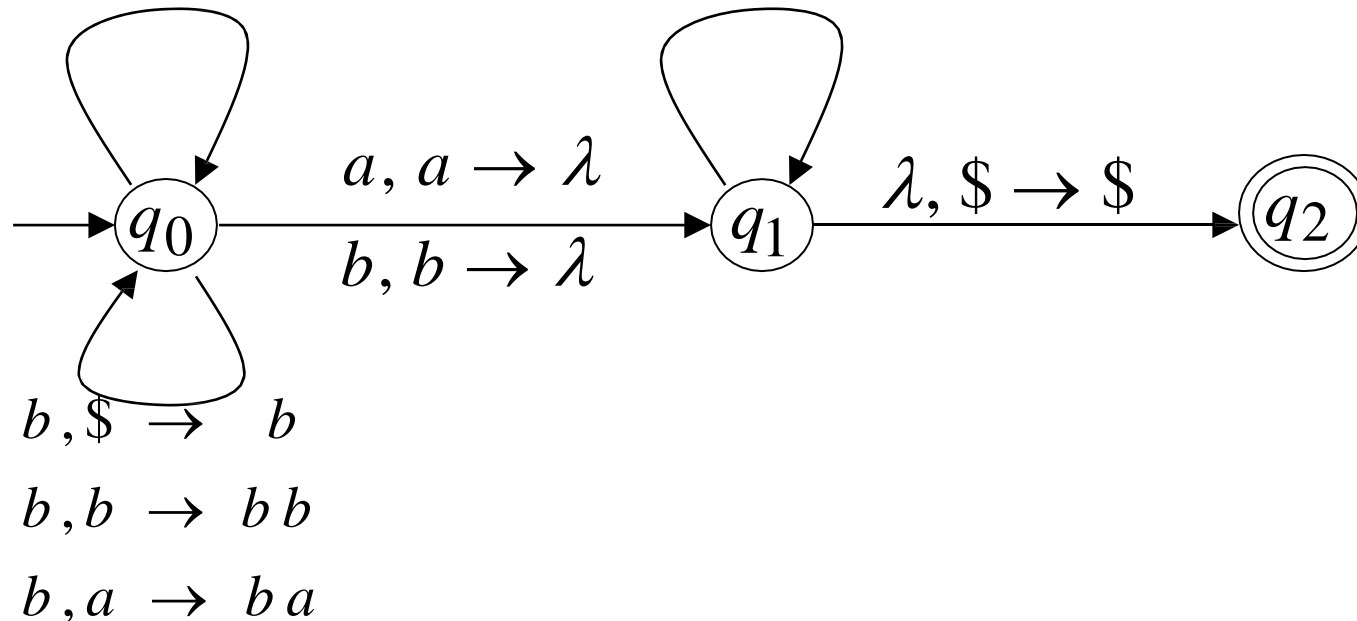
$$a, \$ \rightarrow a$$

$$a, a \rightarrow aa$$

$$a, b \rightarrow ab$$

$$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$$

$$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$$



# PDA for $L_{wwr}$ : Transition Diagram

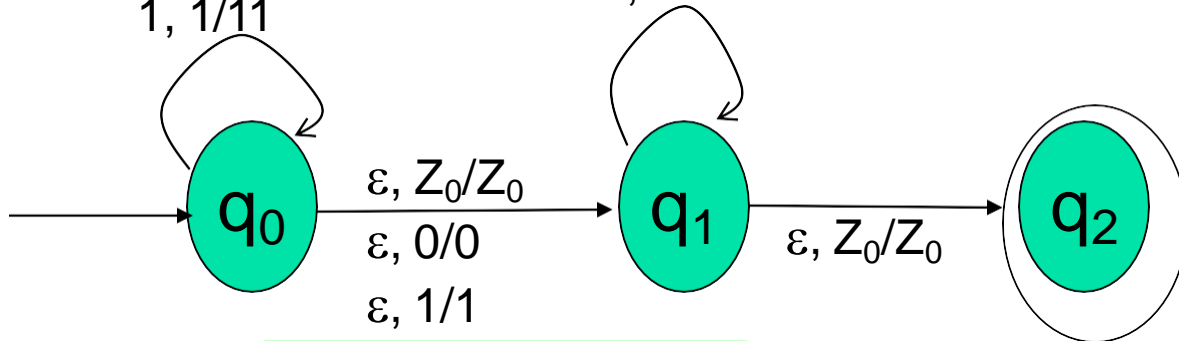
Grow stack

$0, Z_0/0Z_0$   
 $1, Z_0/1Z_0$   
 $0, 0/00$   
 $0, 1/01$   
 $1, 0/10$   
 $1, 1/11$

Pop stack for  
matching  
symbols

$0, 0/\epsilon$   
 $1, 1/\epsilon$

$\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$   
 $\Gamma = \{Z_0, 0, 1\}$   
 $Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$



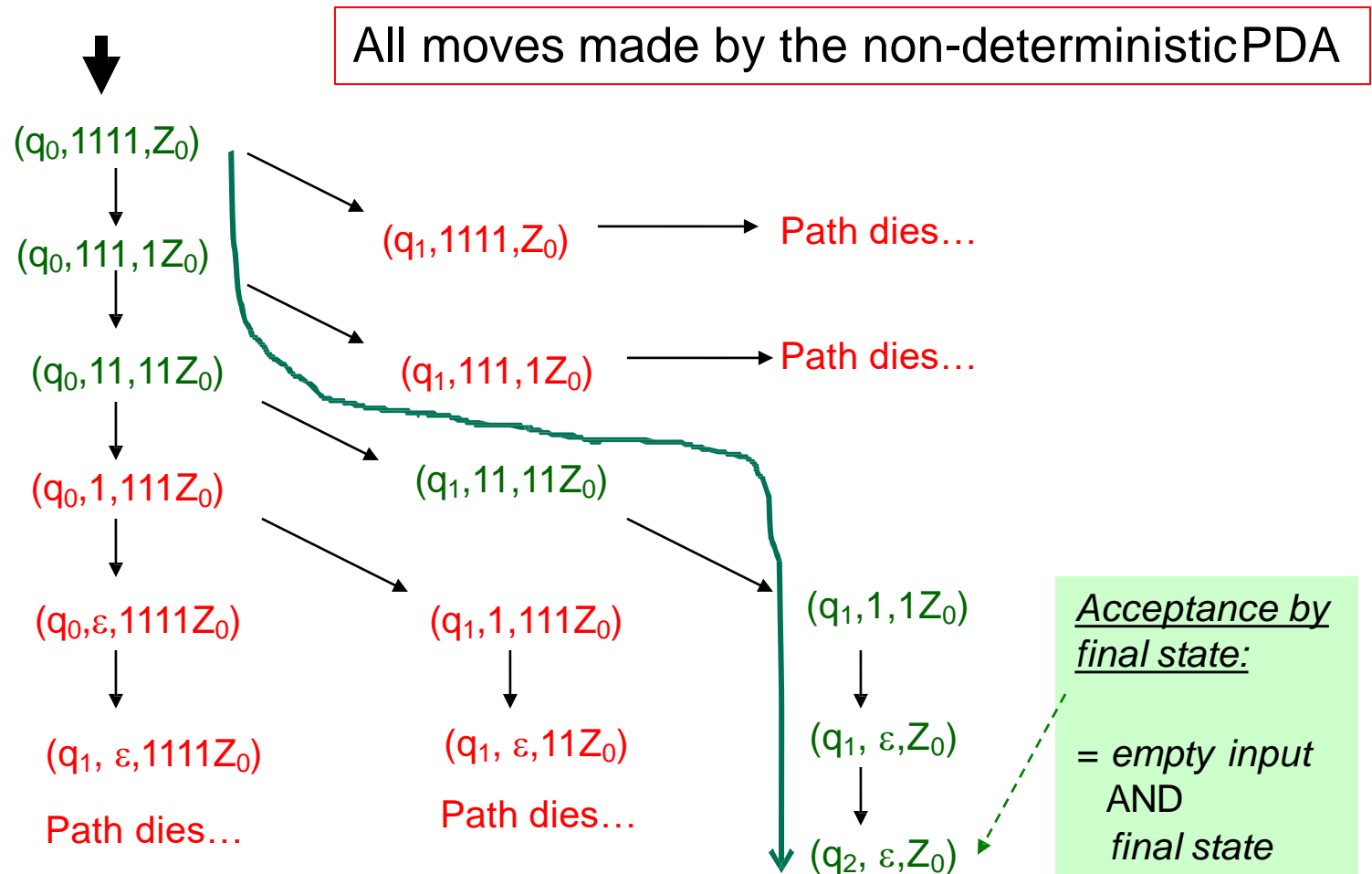
Switch to  
popping mode

Go to acceptance

This would be a non-deterministic PDA



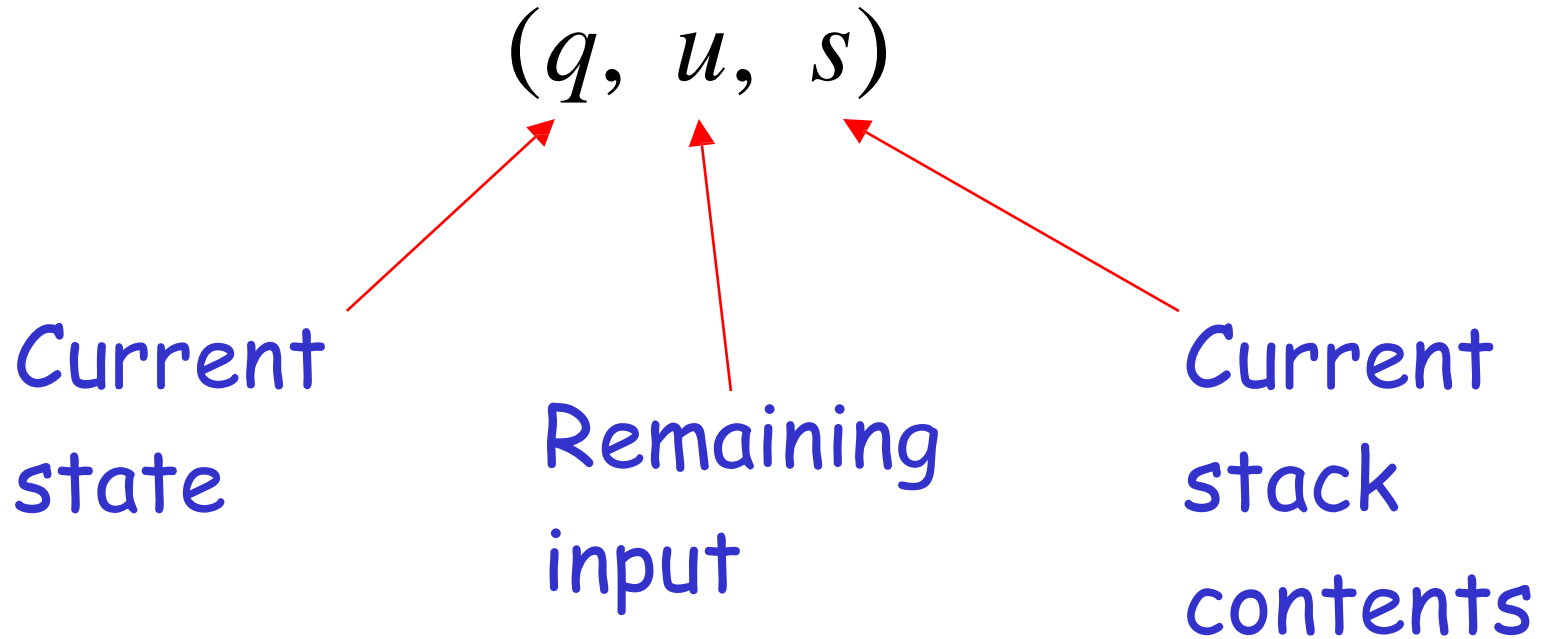
# How does the PDA for $L_{wwr}$ work on input “1111”?



# Recall

- PDA
- Deterministic PDA
- Non-Deterministic PDA

# Instantaneous Description



# PDA's Instantaneous Description (ID)

A PDA has a configuration at any given instance:

**$(q, w, y)$**

- ✓  $q$  - current state
- ✓  $w$  - remainder of the input (i.e., unconsumed part)
- ✓  $y$  - current stack contents as a string from top to bottom of stack

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If  $\delta(q, a, X) = \{(p, A)\}$  is a transition, then the following are also true:

- ✓  $(q, a, X) \vdash (p, \varepsilon, A)$
- ✓  $(q, aw, XB) \vdash (p, w, AB)$

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$\vdash$  sign is called a “turnstile notation” and represents one move

$\vdash^*$  sign represents a sequence of moves

Then the following move is possible:

$$(q1, aW, xZ) \vdash \text{---} (q2, W, yZ)$$

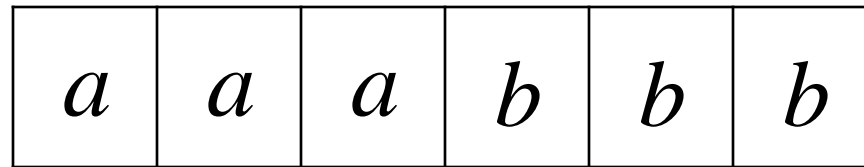
where  $W$  indicates the rest of the string following the  $a$ , and  $Z$  indicates the rest of the stack contents underneath the  $x$ . This notation says that in moving from state  $q1$  to state  $q2$ , an  $a$  is consumed from the input string  $aW$ , and the  $x$  at the top (left) of the stack  $xZ$  is replaced with  $y$ , leaving  $yZ$  on the stack.

# Example: Instantaneous Description

$(q_1, bbb, aaa\$)$

Time 4:

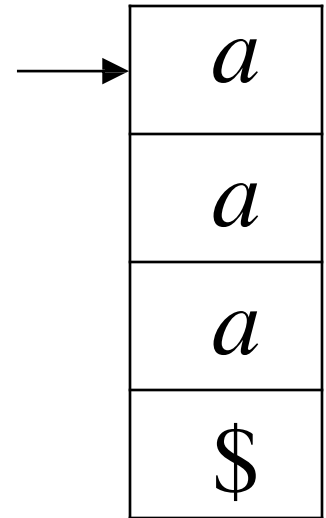
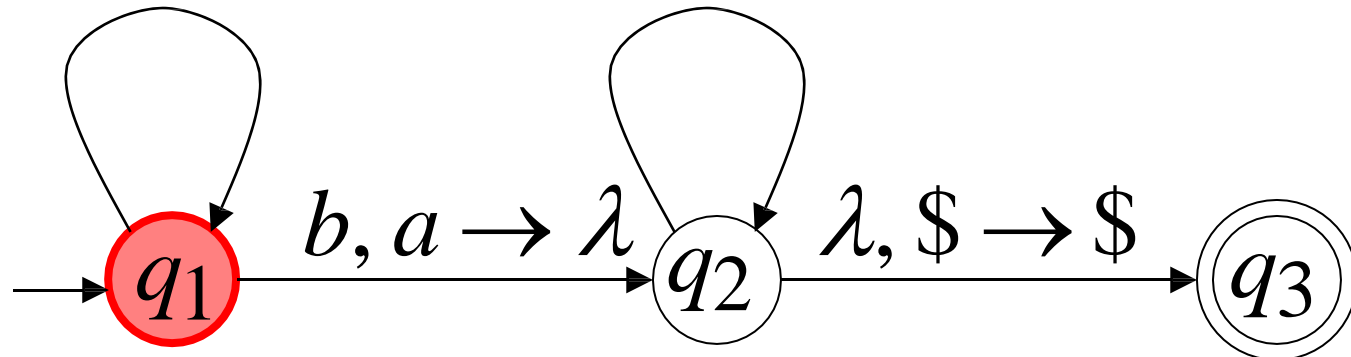
Input



$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, \$ \rightarrow a\$$

$b, a \rightarrow \lambda$



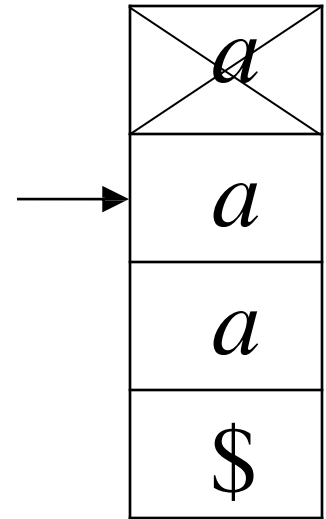
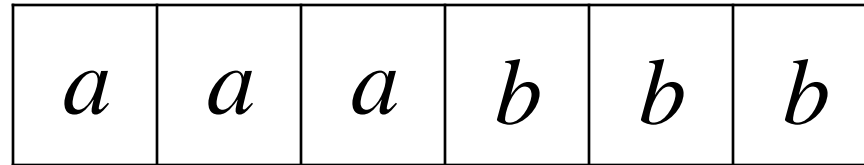
Stack

# Example: Instantaneous Description

$(q_2, bb, aa\$)$

Time 5:

Input

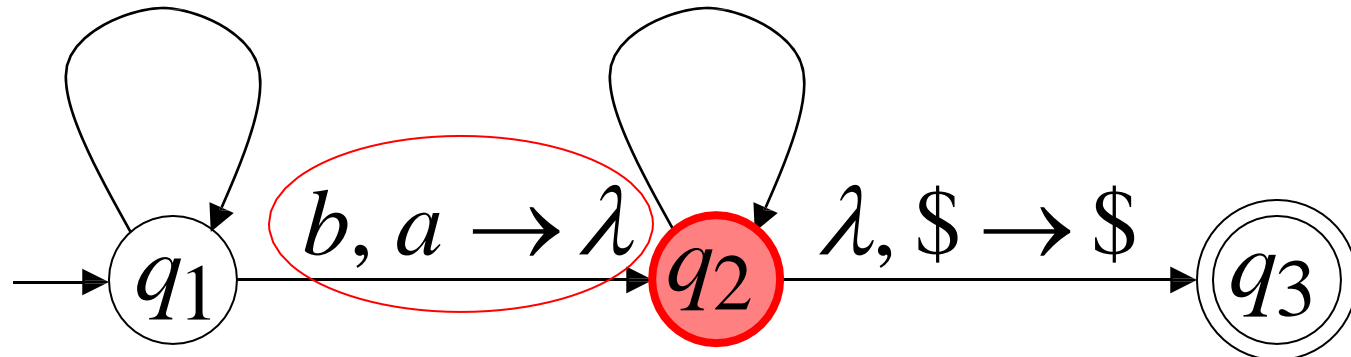


Stack

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, \$ \rightarrow a\$$

$b, a \rightarrow \lambda$



We write:

$$(q_1, bbb, aaa\$) \phi (q_2, bb, aa\$)$$

Time 4

Time 5



## A computation:

$(q_0, aaabbbb, \$) \phi (q_1, aaabbbb, \$) \phi$

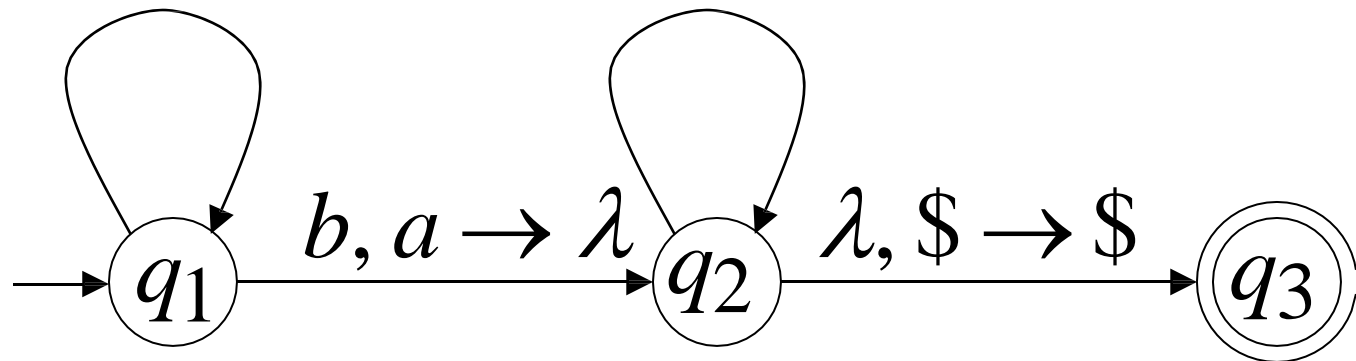
$(q_1, aabbbb, a\$) \phi (q_1, abbbb, aa\$) \phi (q_1, bbb, aaa\$) \phi$

$(q_2, bb, aa\$) \phi (q_2, b, a\$) \phi (q_2, \lambda, \$) \phi (q_3, \lambda, \$)$

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, \$ \rightarrow a\$$

$b, a \rightarrow \lambda$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & (q_0, aaabbbb, \$) \phi (q_1, aaabbbb, \$) \phi \\
 & (q_1, aabbbb, a\$) \phi (q_1, abbbb, aa\$) \phi (q_1, bbb, aaa\$) \phi \\
 & (q_2, bb, aa\$) \phi (q_2, b, a\$) \phi (q_2, \lambda, \$) \phi (q_3, \lambda, \$)
 \end{aligned}$$

For convenience we write:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 * \\
 (q_0, aaabbbb, \$) \phi (q_3, \lambda, \$)
 \end{array}$$

# Language of PDA

Language  $L(M)$  accepted by PDA  $M$ :

$$L(M) = \{w : (q_0, w, \$) \overset{*}{\sqsubseteq} (q_f, \lambda, \$)\}$$

Initial state



Accept state



Example:

$$(q_0, aaabbb, \$) \overset{*}{\vdash} (q_3, \lambda, \$)$$



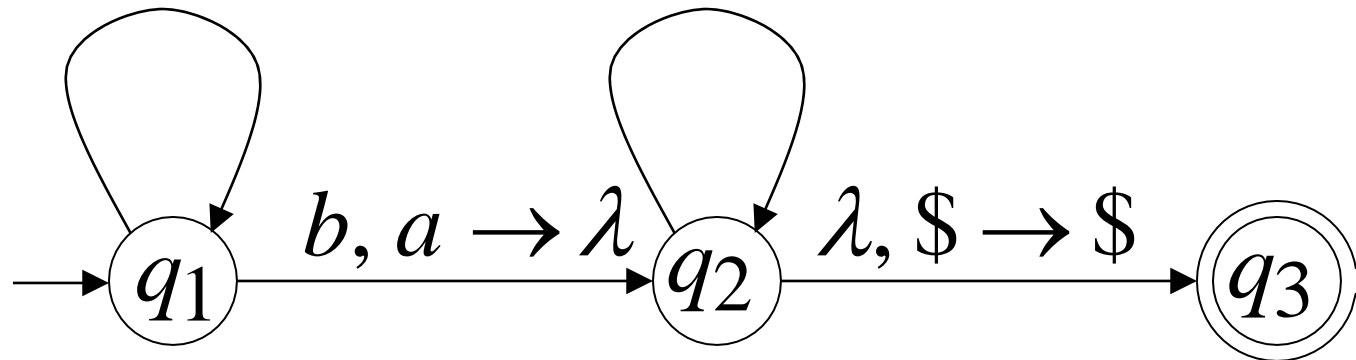
$$aaabbb \in L(M)$$

PDA  $M$ :

$$a, a \rightarrow aa$$

$$a, \$ \rightarrow a\$$$

$$b, a \rightarrow \lambda$$



$$(q_0, a^n b^n, \$) \overset{*}{\vdash} (q_3, \lambda, \$)$$



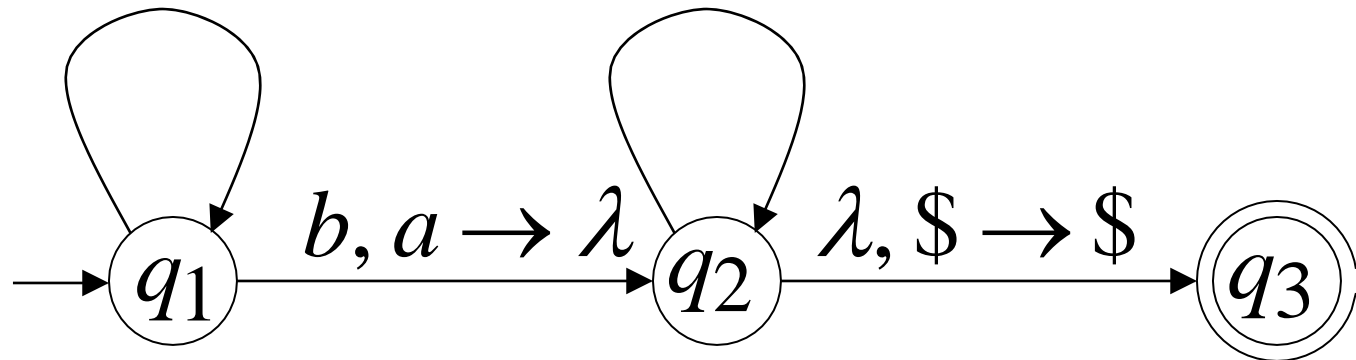
$$a^n b^n \in L(M)$$

PDA  $M$  :

$$a, a \rightarrow aa$$

$$a, \$ \rightarrow a\$$$

$$b, a \rightarrow \lambda$$



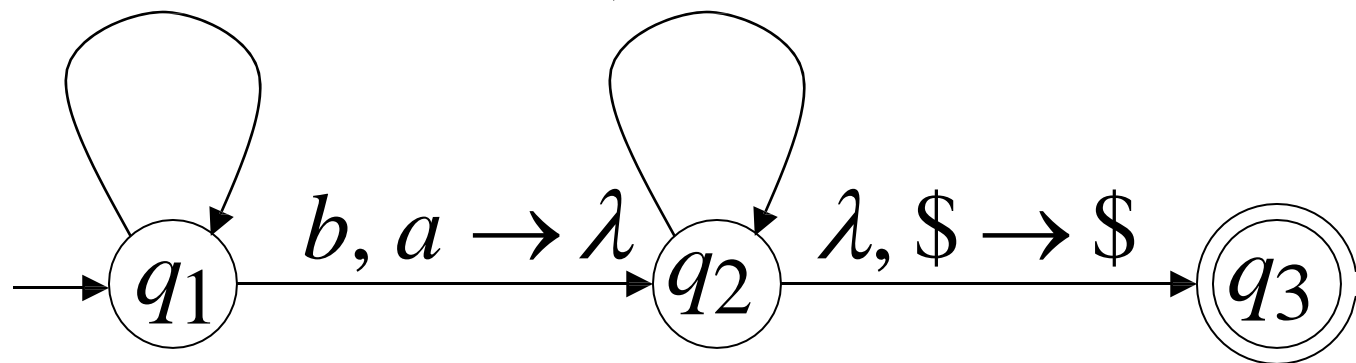
Therefore:  $L(M) = \{a^n b^n : n \geq 0\}$

PDA  $M$  :

$a, a \rightarrow aa$

$a, \$ \rightarrow a\$$

$b, a \rightarrow \lambda$



More Examples on DCFL and CFL

1) $a^{m+n}b^m c^n   n, m > 1$	DCFL	CFL
2) $a^m b^{m+n} c^n   n, m > 1$	DCFL	CFL
3) $a^n b^m c^{m+n}   n, m > 1$	DCFL	CFL
4) $a^m b^m c^n d^n   n, m > 1$	DCFL	CFL
5) $a^m b^n c^m d^n   n, m > 1$	Not DCFL	Not CFL
6) $a^m b^n c^n d^m   n, m > 1$	DCFL	CFL
7) $a^m b^i c^m d^k   m > 1$	DCFL	CFL
8) $a^m b^n   m > n$	DCFL	CFL
9) $a^m b^{2m}   m > 1$	DCFL	CFL



1) $a^n b^{n^2} \mid m, n > 1$	Not DCFL	Not CFL
2) $a^m b^{2^n} \mid n, m > 1$	Not DCFL	Not CFL
3) $ww^R \mid w \in (a,b)^*$	NDCFL	CFL
4) $ww \mid w \in (a,b)^*$	Not DCFL	Not CFL
5) $a^n b^n c^m \mid n > m$	Not DCFL	Not CFL
6) $a^n b^n c^n d^n \mid n < 10^{10}$	DCFL	CFL
7) $a^m b^{2m} c^{3m} \mid m > 1$	Not CFL	
8) $xcy \mid x, y \in (a,b)^*$	RL	DCFL CFL
9) $a^m b^n \mid m \neq n$	DCFL	CFL

# Recall

- PDA
- Deterministic PDA
- Non-Deterministic PDA
- (Instantaneous Description) ID's
- construction of PDA from CFG

PDAs Accept  
Context-Free Languages

# Theorem:

{  
Context-Free  
Languages  
(Grammars)  
}

{  
Languages  
Accepted by  
PDAs  
}

## Proof - Step 1:

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

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:

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



# Procedure to Convert CFG to PDA

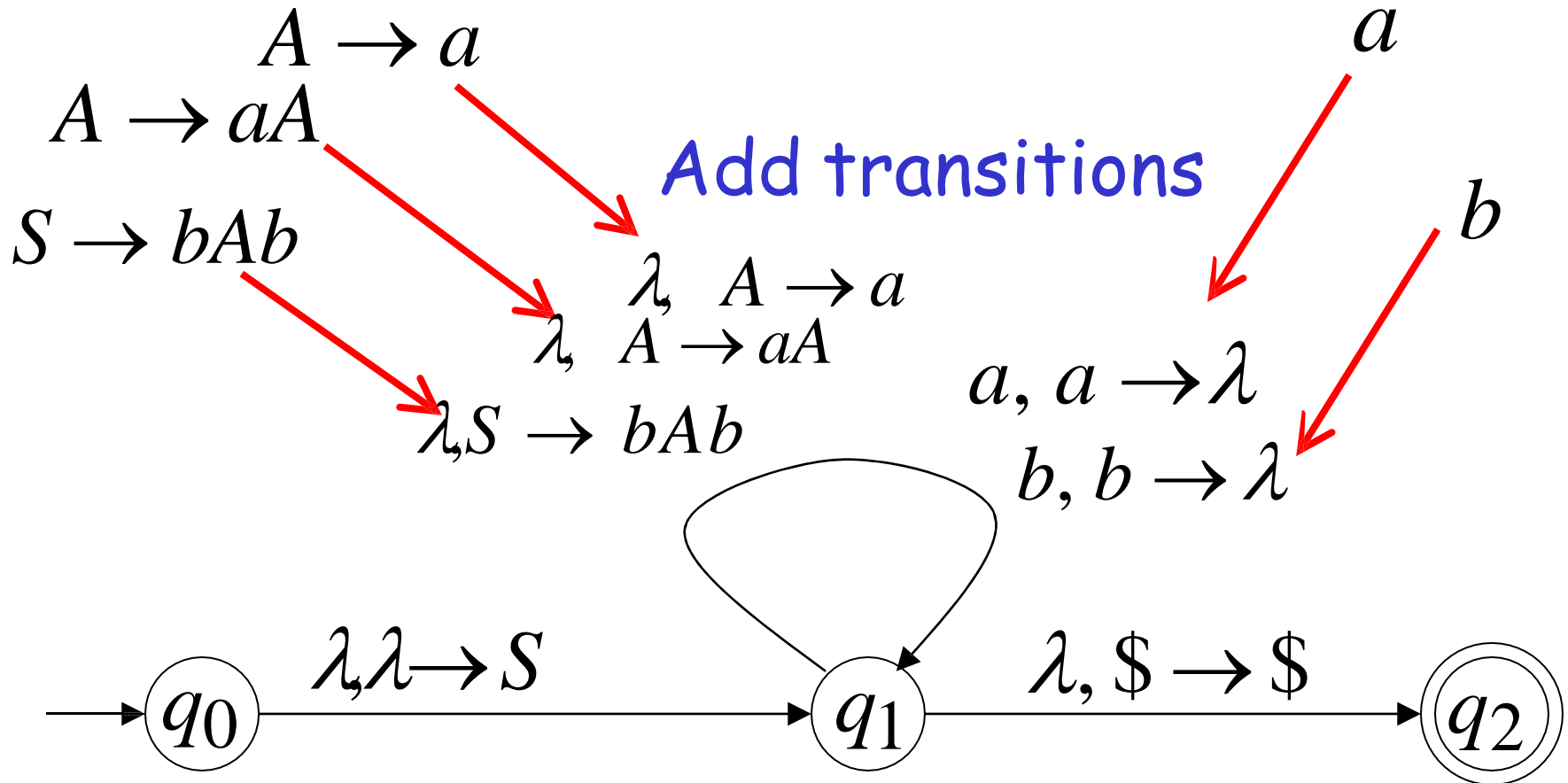
- $G = (V, \Sigma, S, P)$
- $NT(G) = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, q_0, \$, A, \delta)$   
 $Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\} \quad A = \{q_2\} \quad \Gamma = V \cup \Sigma \cup \{\$\}$
- *On initial state,  $\delta(q_0, \lambda, \lambda) = \{(q_1, S)\}$*
- *The moves from  $q_1$  are the following:*  
*For every  $A \in V$ ,*  
 $\delta(q_1, \lambda, A) = \{(q_1, \alpha) \mid A \rightarrow \alpha \text{ is a production in } G\}$   
*For every terminal  $a \in \Sigma$ ,*  
 $\delta(q_1, a, a) = \{(q_1, \lambda)\}$
- *For accepting state*  
 $\delta(q_1, \lambda, \$) = \{(q_2, \$)\}$

# Conversion Procedure:

For each  
Variable/production in  $G$

For each  
terminal in  $G$

$S$	$\textcircled{7}$	$b$
$A$	$b$	
$A$	$\textcircled{7}$	$a$
$A$	$a$	

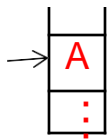


# Formal construction of PDA from CFG

Note: Initial stack symbol (S) same as the start variable in the grammar

- ✓ Given:  $G = (V, T, P, S)$
- ✓ Output:  $P_N = (\{q\}, T, V \cup T, \delta, q, S)$
- ✓  $\delta$ :

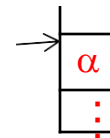
Before:



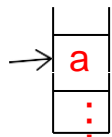
- ✓ For all  $A \in V$ , add the following transition(s) in the PDA:

$$\delta(q, \varepsilon, A) = \{ (q, \alpha) \mid "A \Rightarrow \alpha" \in P \}$$

After:



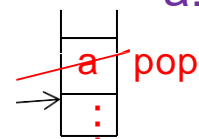
Before:



- ✓ For all  $a \in T$ , add the following transition(s) in the PDA:

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

After:



# Example

## Grammar

$$S \rightarrow aSTb$$

$$S \rightarrow b$$

$$T \rightarrow Ta$$

$$T \rightarrow \lambda$$

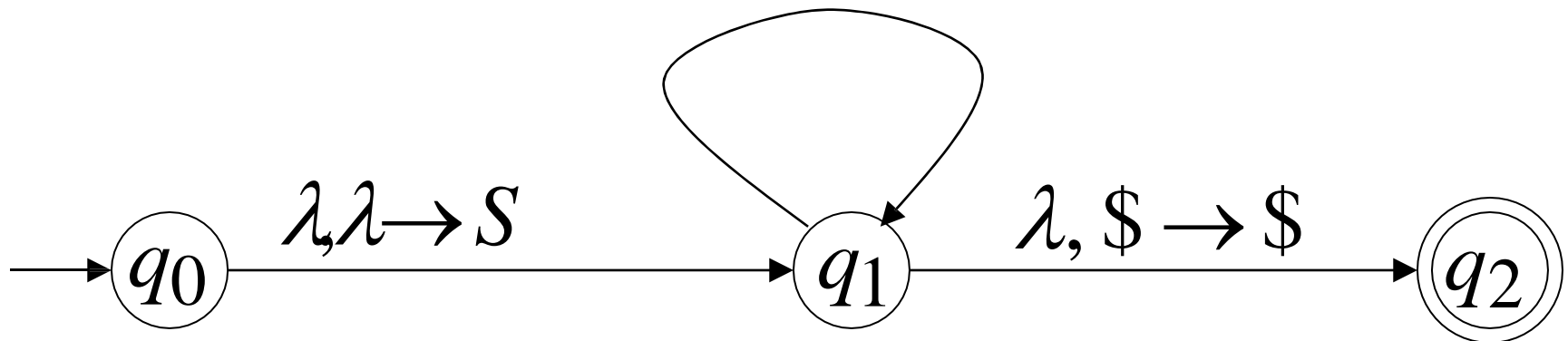
## PDA

$$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$$

$$\lambda, S \rightarrow b$$

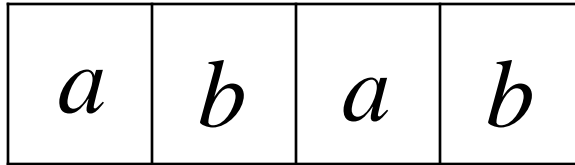
$$\lambda, T \rightarrow Ta \quad a, a \rightarrow \lambda$$

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



Example:

Input



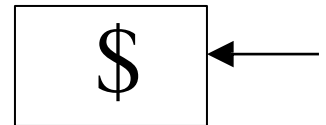
Time 0

$$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$$

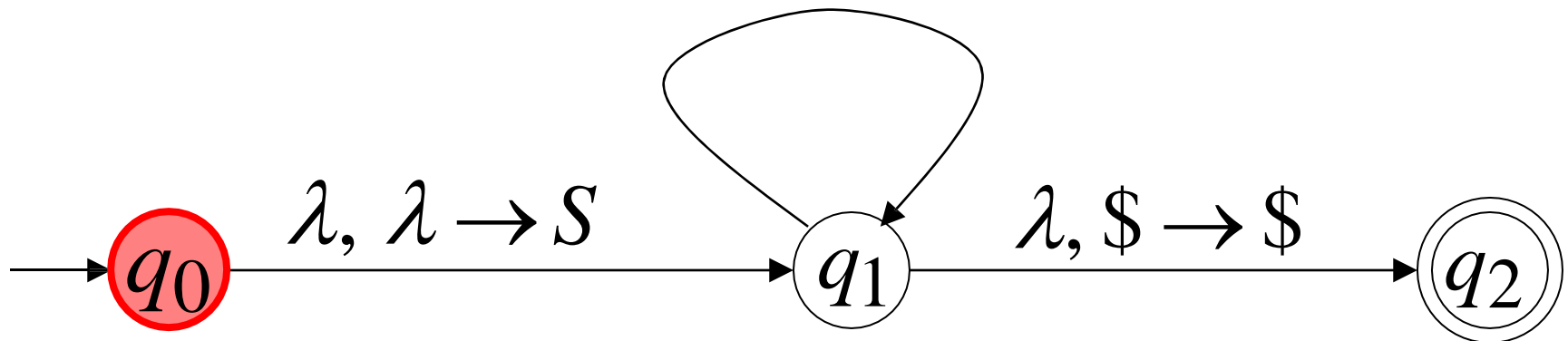
$$\lambda, S \rightarrow b$$

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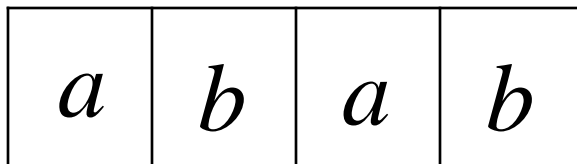


Stack



# Derivation: $S$

Input



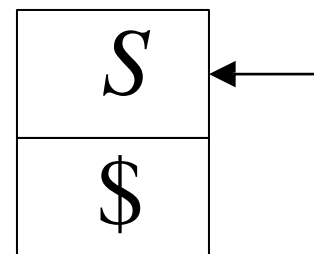
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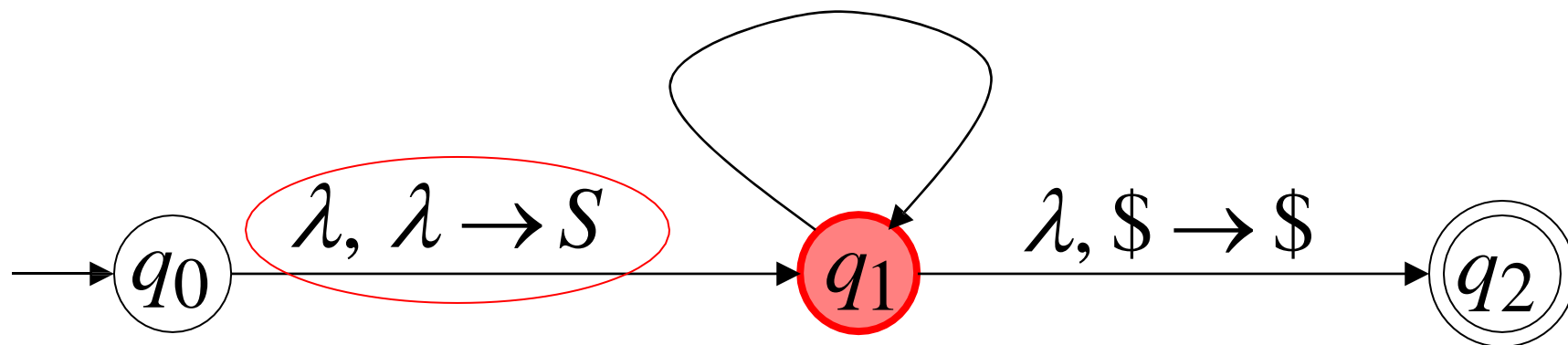
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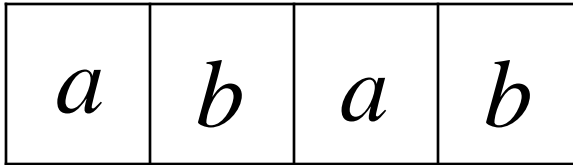


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Derivation:  $S \Rightarrow aSTb$

Input



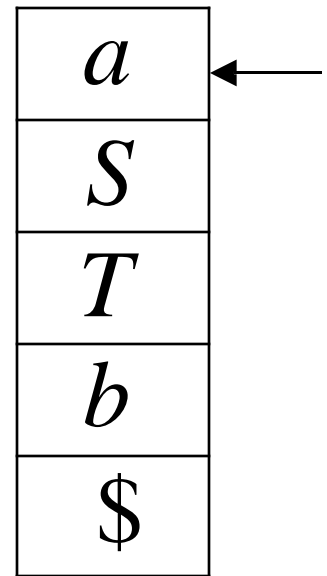
Time 2

$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

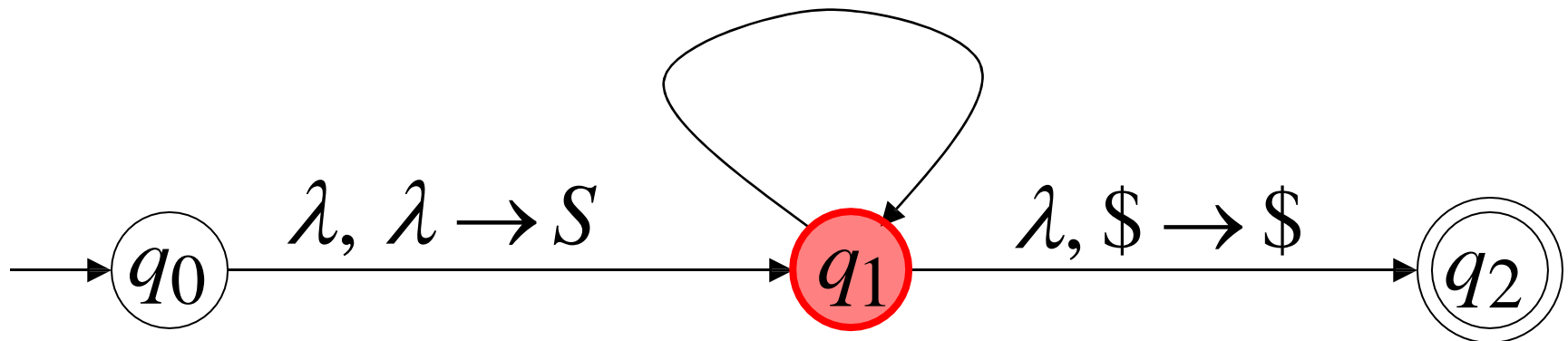
$\lambda, S \rightarrow b$

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

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

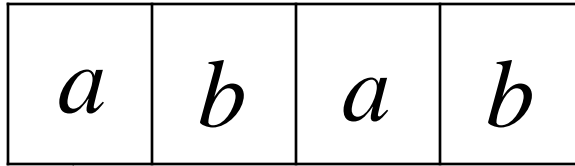


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Derivation:  $S \Rightarrow aSTb$

Input



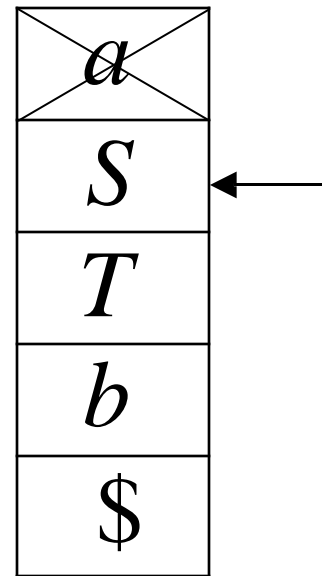
Time 3

$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

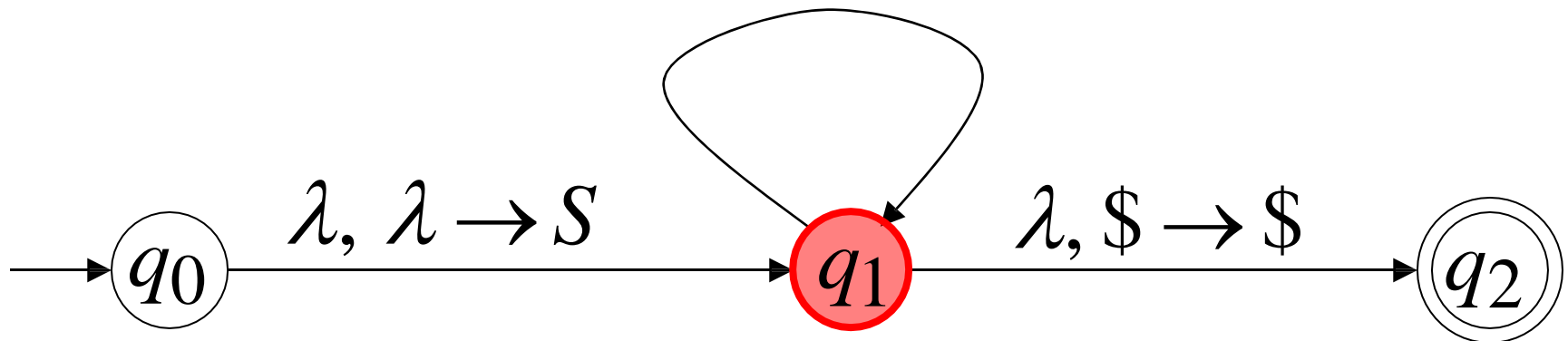
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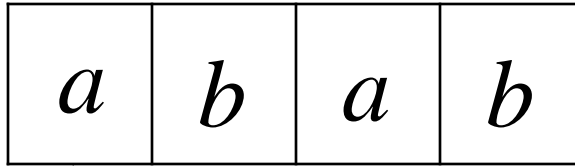
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Derivation:  $S \Rightarrow aSTb \Rightarrow abTb$

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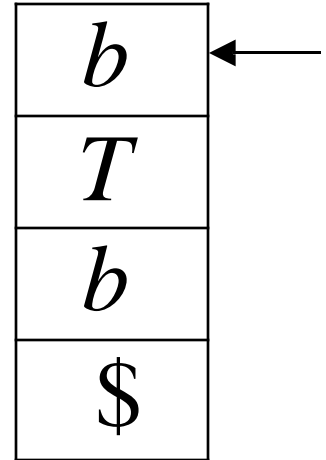
Time 4

$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

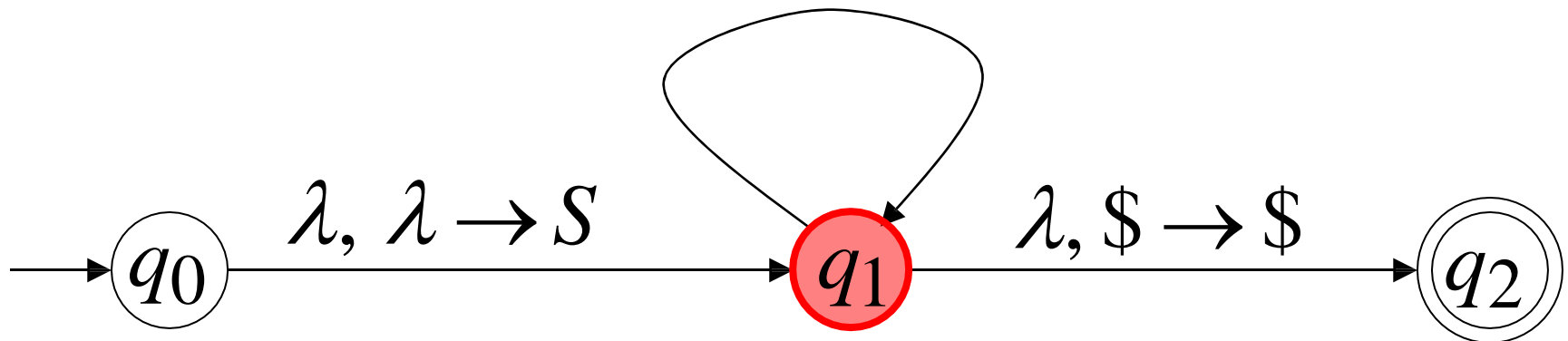
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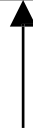
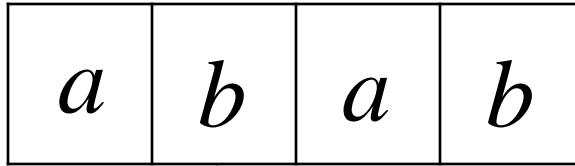


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Derivation:  $S \Rightarrow aSTb \Rightarrow abTb$

Input



$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

Time 5

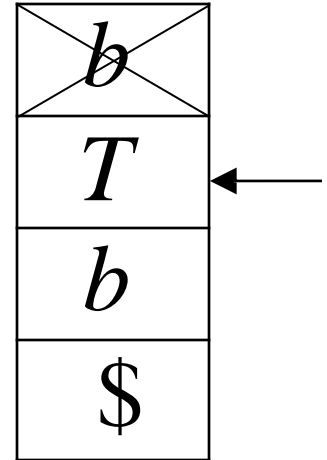
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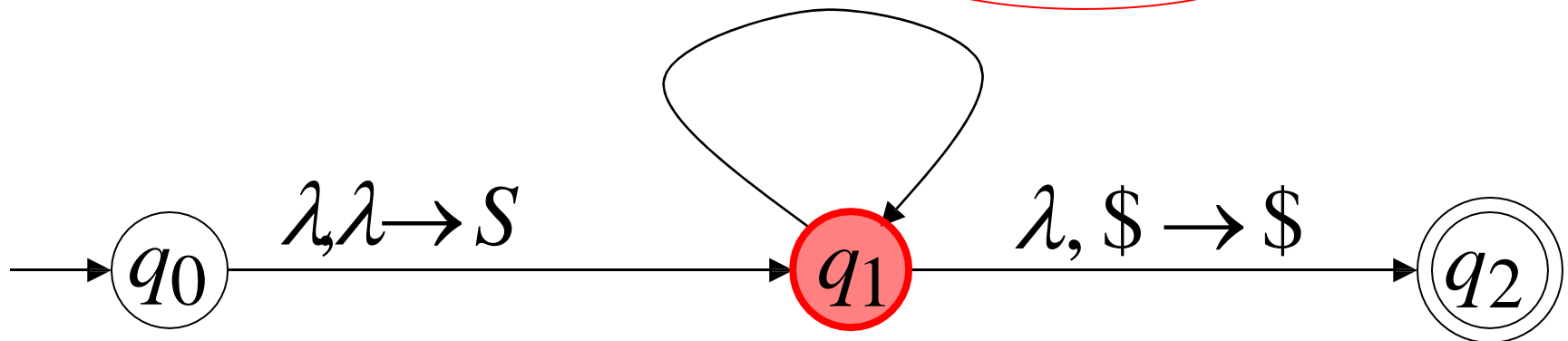
$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

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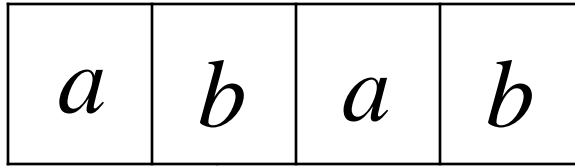


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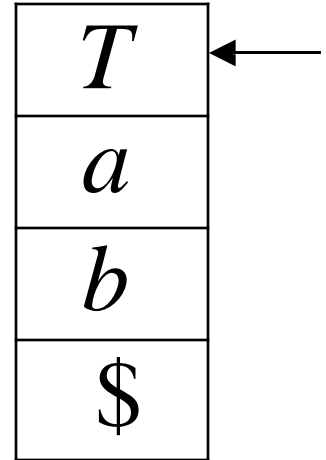
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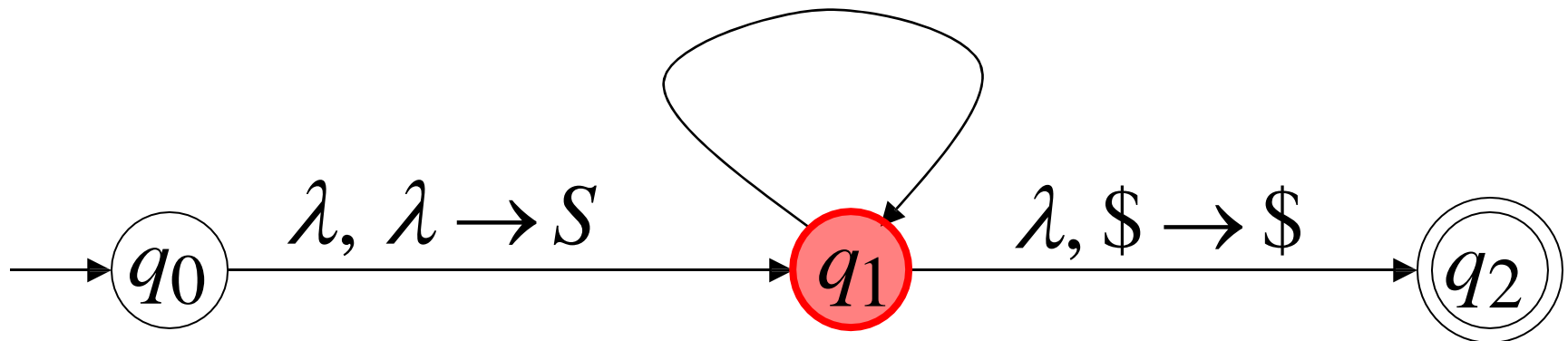
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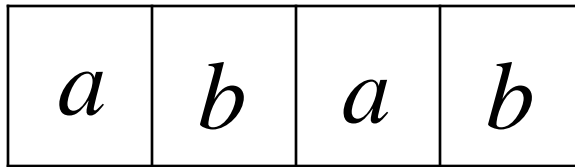


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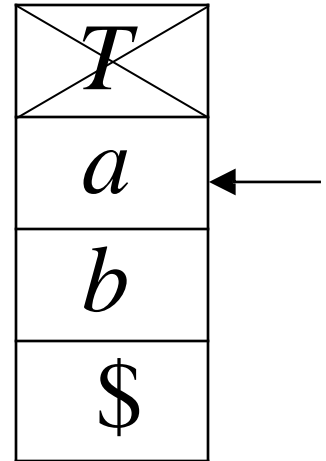
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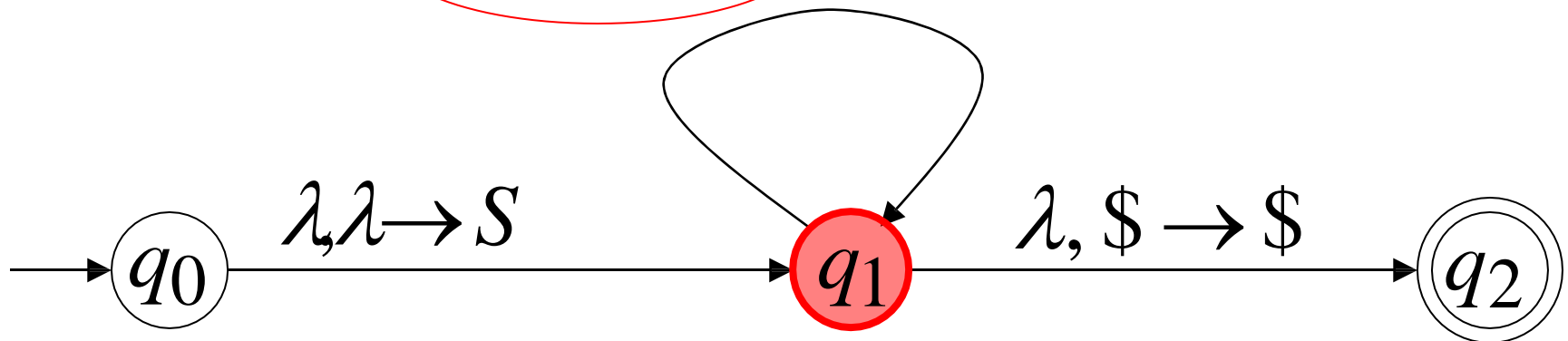
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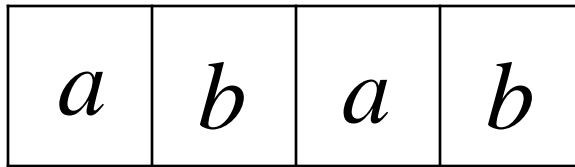


Stack



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

Input



$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

Time 8

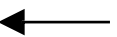
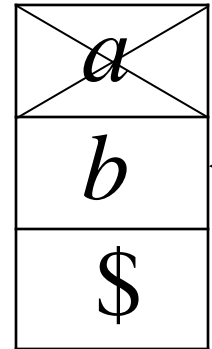
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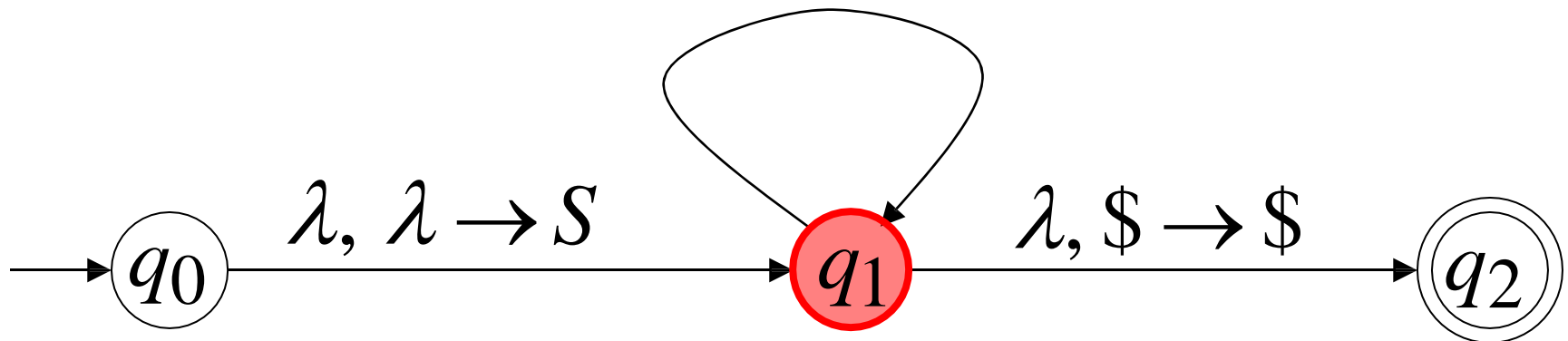
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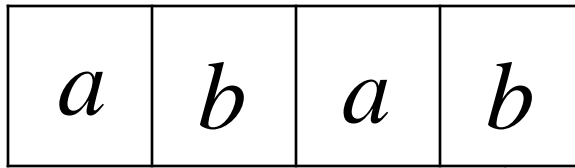


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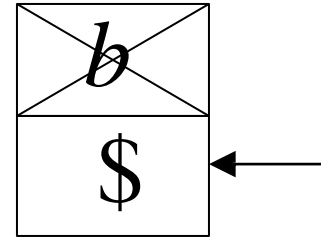
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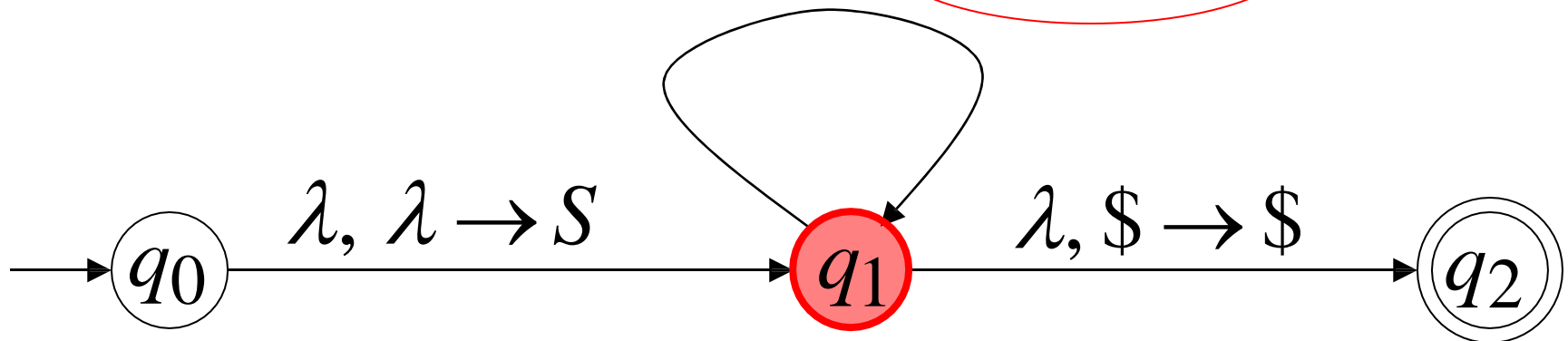
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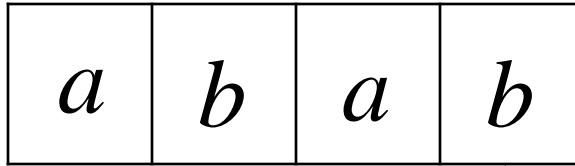


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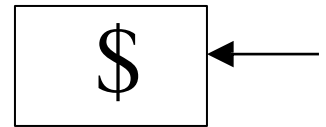
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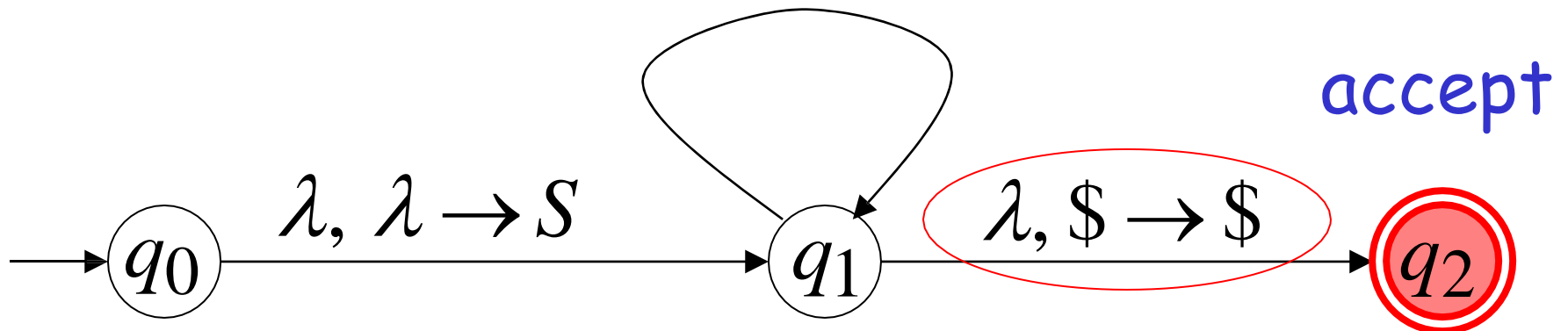
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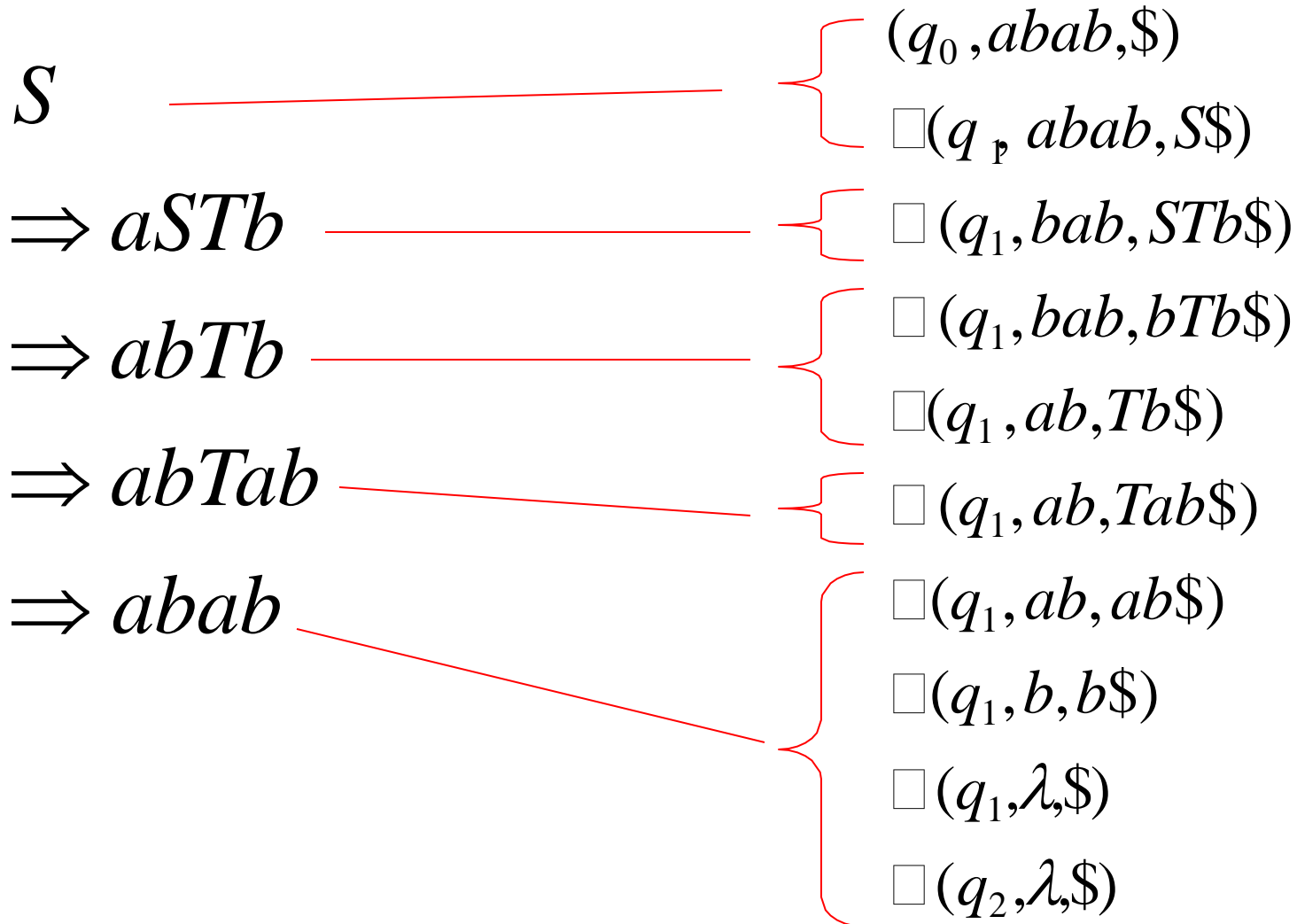
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# Grammar

## Leftmost Derivation

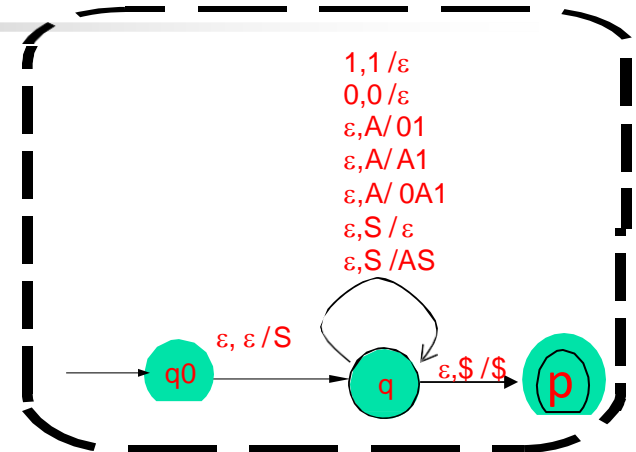
# PDA Computation





# Example: CFG to PDA

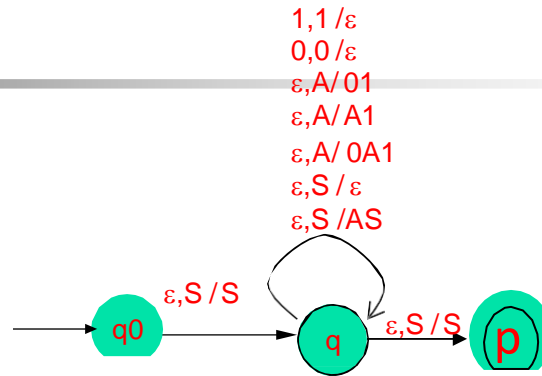
- ✓  $G = (\{S, A\}, \{0, 1\}, P, S)$
- ✓  $P$ :
  - ✓  $S \Rightarrow AS \mid \varepsilon$
  - ✓  $A \Rightarrow 0A1 \mid A1 \mid 01$
- ✓  $PDA = (\{q_0, q, p\}, \{0, 1\}, \{0, 1, A, S\}, \delta, q_0, S)$
- ✓  $\delta$ :
  - ✓  $\delta(q_0, \varepsilon, \varepsilon) = (q, S)$
  - ✓  $\delta(q, \varepsilon, S) = \{(q, AS), (q, \varepsilon)\}$
  - ✓  $\delta(q, \varepsilon, A) = \{(q, 0A1), (q, A1), (q, 01)\}$
  - ✓  $\delta(q, 0, 0) = \{(q, \varepsilon)\}$
  - ✓  $\delta(q, 1, 1) = \{(q, \varepsilon)\}$
  - ✓  $\delta(q, \varepsilon, \$) = \{(P, \$)\}$



How will this new PDA work?

Lets simulate string 0011

PDA( $\delta$ ):

$$\delta(q_0, \varepsilon, \varepsilon) = (q, S)$$
$$\delta(q, \varepsilon, S) = \{ (q, AS), (q, \varepsilon) \}$$
$$\delta(q, \varepsilon, A) = \{ (q, 0A1), (q, A1), (q, 01) \}$$
$$\delta(q, 0, 0) = \{ (q, \varepsilon) \}$$
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Leftmost deriv.:

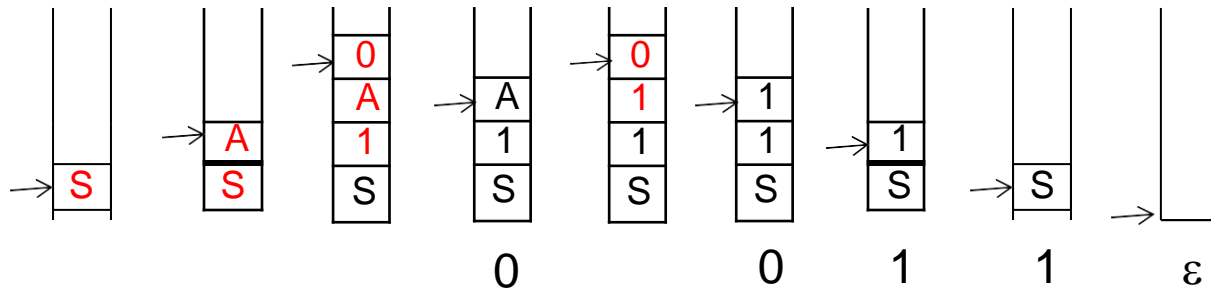
$$S \Rightarrow AS$$

=> 0A1S

=> 0011S

$\Rightarrow 0011$

### Stack moves (shows only the successful path):



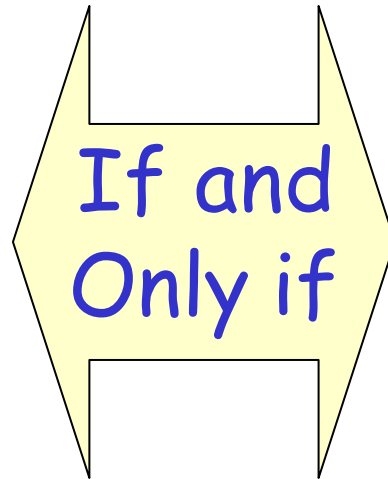
Accept by final state

$$S \Rightarrow AS \Rightarrow 0A1S \Rightarrow 0011S \Rightarrow 0011$$

In general, it can be shown that:

Grammar  $G$   
generates  
string  $w$

$S \xRightarrow{*} w$



PDA  $M$   
accepts  $w$

$(q_0, w, \$) \sqsubseteq (q_2, \lambda, \$)$

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

Construct PDA equivalent to the following CFG.

$S \rightarrow 0A1 \mid 0BA$

(May-2017 EndSem 8 Marks)

$A \rightarrow S01 \mid 0$

$B \rightarrow 1B \mid 1$

$\lambda S \rightarrow 0A1$

$\lambda S \rightarrow 0BA$

$\lambda A \rightarrow S01$

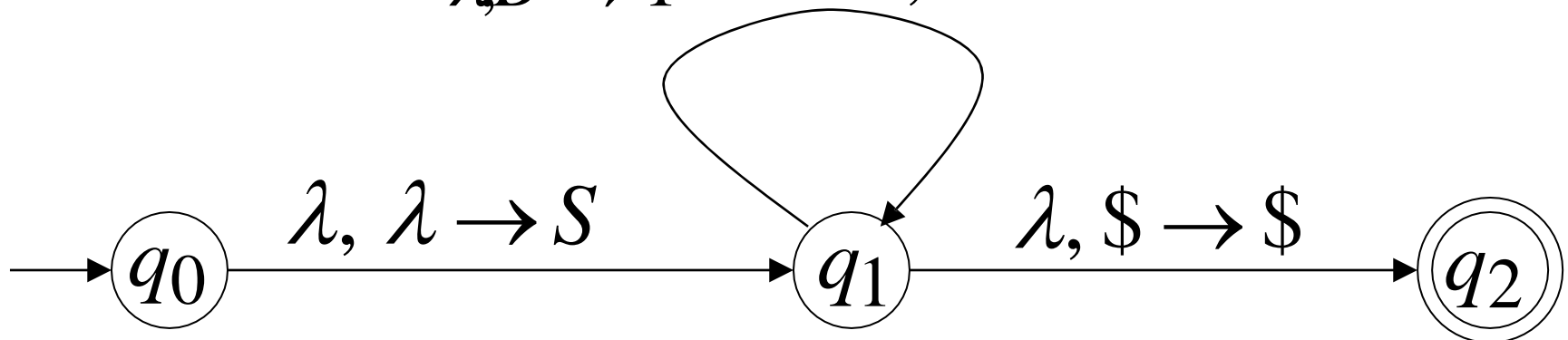
$\lambda A \rightarrow 0$

$\lambda B \rightarrow 1B$

$1, 1 \rightarrow \lambda$

$\lambda B \rightarrow 1$

$0, 0 \rightarrow \lambda$



There are two types of PDAs that one can design:  
those that accept by final state or by empty stack

## Acceptance by...

### ✓ PDAs that accept by **final state**:

- ✓ For a PDA  $P$ , the language accepted by  $P$ , denoted by  $L(P)$  by *final state*, is:

$$\{w \mid (q_0, w, Z_0) \vdash^* (q, \varepsilon, A)\}, \text{ s.t., } q \in F$$

Checklist:

- input exhausted?
- in a final state?

### ✓ PDAs that accept by **empty stack**:

- ✓ For a PDA  $P$ , the language accepted by  $P$ , denoted by  $N(P)$  by *empty stack*, is:

$$\{w \mid (q_0, w, Z_0) \vdash^* (q, \varepsilon, \varepsilon)\} \text{ for any } q \in Q.$$

Q) Does a PDA that accepts by empty stack need any final state specified in the design?

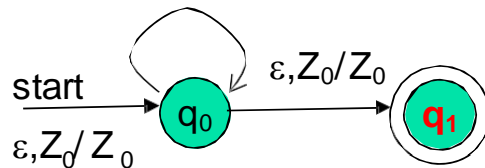
Checklist:

- input exhausted?
- is the stack empty?

# Example: L of balanced parenthesis

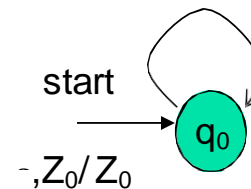
PDA that accepts by final state

$P_F$ :  
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An equivalent PDA that accepts by empty stack

$P_N$ :  
 $(, Z_0 / (Z_0$   
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 $) , ( / \varepsilon$   
 $\varepsilon, Z_0 / \varepsilon$



*How will these two PDAs work on the input:  $((())(())())$*

## PDA- Acceptance by final state

Let

$$P = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F)$$

be a PDA. The **language accepted by P by final state is:**

$$L(P) = \{w \mid (q_0, w, Z_0) \stackrel{*}{\vdash} (q, \alpha), q \in F\}$$

for some state  $q$  in  $F$  and any input stack string  $\alpha$ .

Starting in the initial ID with  $w$  waiting on the input,  $P$  consumes  $w$  from the input and enters an accepting state. **The contents of the stack at that time is irrelevant.**

# PDA- Acceptance by empty stack

Let

$$P = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F)$$

be a PDA. The **language accepted by P by empty stack** is:

$$N(P) = \{w \mid (q_0, w, Z_0) \vdash^* (q, \epsilon, \epsilon)\}$$

where  $q$  is any state

$N(P)$  is the set of inputs  $w$  that  $P$  can consume and at the same time empty the stack.



# From Empty stack to Final State

- Let  $P_N$  be a PDA by empty stack.
- Let  $P_F$  be a PDA by final state.

Theorem:

If  $L = N(P_N)$  for some PDA  $P_N$ , then there exist a PDA  $P_F$ , such that

$$L = L(P_F)$$

## From Empty Stack to Final State

The specification of  $P_f$  is as follows:

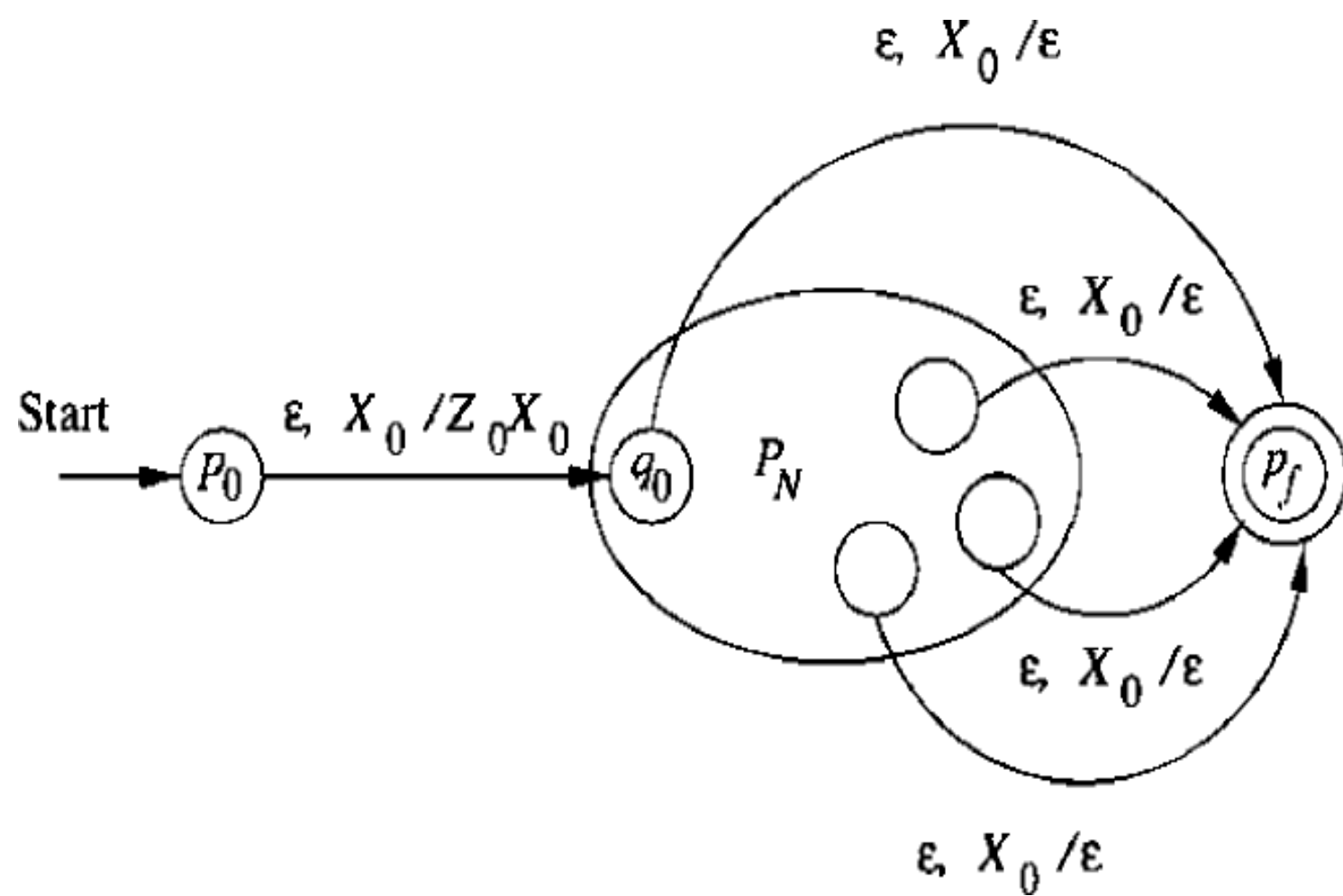
$$Q_f = Q_n \cup \{p_0, p_f\}.$$

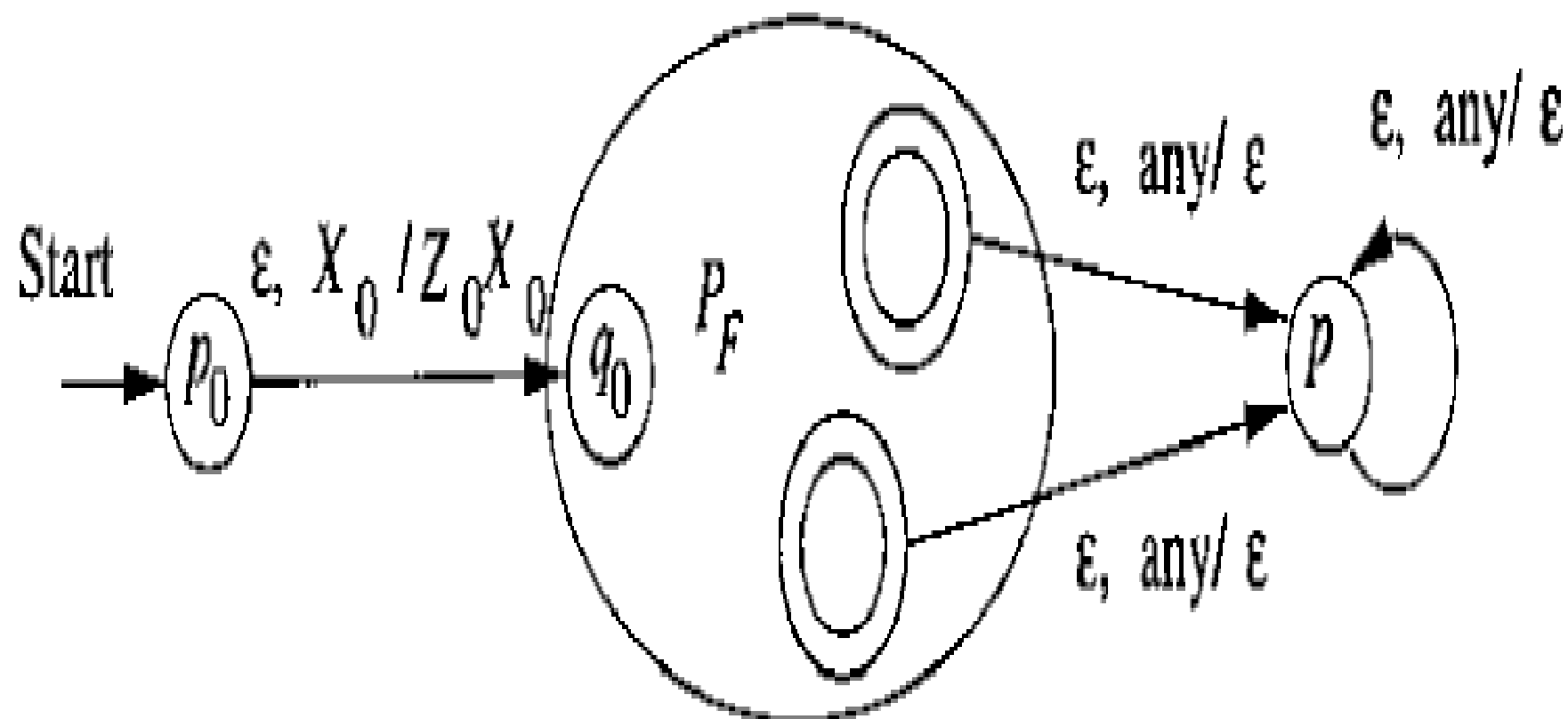
$$\Gamma_f = \Gamma_n \cup \{X_0\}.$$

$$F_f = \{p_f\}.$$

$\delta_f$  is defined by

1.  $\delta_f(p_0, \varepsilon, X_0) = \{(q_0, Z_0X_0)\}$ . In its start state,  $P_f$  makes a spontaneous transition to the start state of  $P_n$ , pushing its start symbol  $Z_0$  onto the stack.
2. For all state  $q \in Q_n$ , inputs  $a \in \Sigma_n$  or  $a = \varepsilon$ , and stack symbol  $Y \in \Gamma_n$ ,  $\delta_f(q, a, Y)$  contains all the pairs in  $\delta_n(q, a, Y)$ .
3. In addition to rule (2),  $\delta_f(q, \varepsilon, X_0)$  contains  $(p_f, \varepsilon)$  for every state  $q \in Q_n$ .





# Problems

Q) Convert the following CFG into CNF & construct PDA for the same.

$$S \rightarrow 0A1 \mid 0BA$$
$$A \rightarrow S01 \mid 0$$
$$B \rightarrow 1B \mid 1$$

Nov-2017 8 Marks

Design a PDA which accepts only odd number of a's over  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ .

Simulate PDA for the string "aabab".

(9 Marks Nov-2015)

# Review

- PDA Examples
- CFG and PDA Equivalency
- Conversion of CFG to PDA
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# GATE Question



**Question :** The language  $L = \{ 0^i 1 2^i \mid i \geq 0 \}$  over the alphabet  $\{0, 1, 2\}$  is:

- A. Not recursive
- B. deterministic CFL
- C. Is regular
- D. Is CFL but not deterministic CFL.

**Question :** Consider the following languages:

$$L1 = \{ 0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$$

$$L2 = \{ w c w^r \mid w \in \{a, b\}^* \}$$

$$L3 = \{ w w^r \mid w \in \{a, b\}^* \}$$

Which of these languages are deterministic context-free languages?

- A. None of the languages
- B. Only L1
- C. Only L1 and L2
- D. All three languages

**Question :** Consider the language L1, L2, L3 as given below.

$$L1 = \{ a^m b^n \mid m, n \geq 0 \}$$

$$L2 = \{ a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$$

$$L3 = \{ a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$$

Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE?

- A. Push Down Automata (PDA) can be used to recognize L1 and L2
- B. L1 is a regular language
- C. All the three languages are context free

# Closure Properties of Context-Free languages



# Closure Property

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- ✓ CFLs are closed under:
    - ✓ Union
    - ✓ Concatenation
    - ✓ Kleene closure operator
    - ✓ Substitution
    - ✓ Homomorphism, inverse homomorphism
    - ✓ reversal
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- ✓ CFLs are *not* closed under:
  - ✓ Intersection
  - ✓ Difference
  - ✓ Complementation

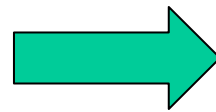
Note: Reg languages  
are closed  
under  
these  
operators

# Union

Context-free languages  
are closed under: **Union**

$L_1$  is context free

$L_2$  is context free



$L_1 \cup L_2$

is context-free

# Example

Language

Grammar

$$L_1 = \{a^n b^n\}$$

$$S_1 \rightarrow aS_1b \mid \lambda$$

$$L_2 = \{ww^R\}$$

$$S_2 \rightarrow aS_2a \mid bS_2b \mid \lambda$$

Union

$$L = \{a^n b^n\} \cup \{ww^R\}$$

$$S \rightarrow S_1 \mid S_2$$

In general:

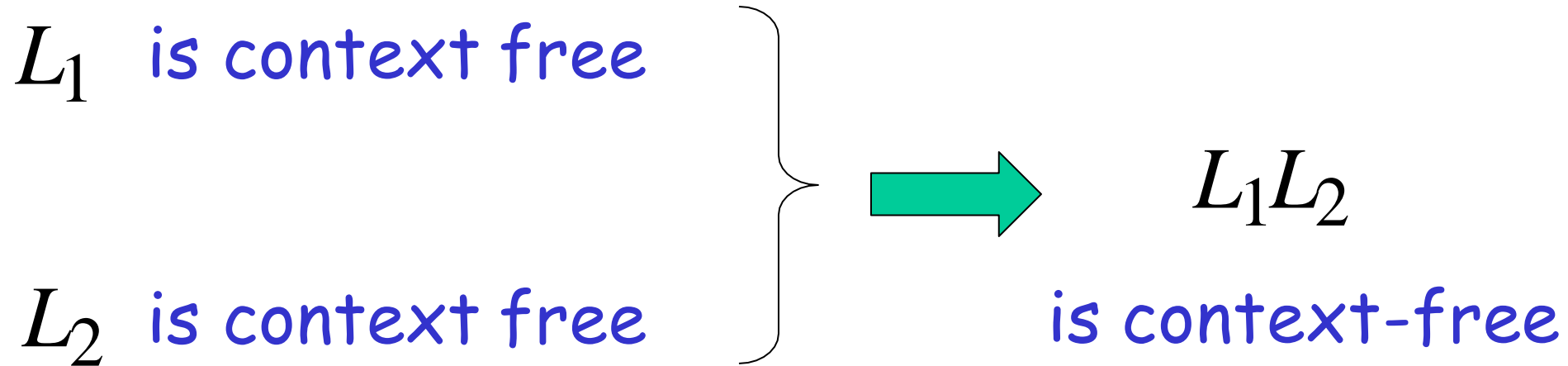
For context-free languages	$L_1, L_2$
with context-free grammars	$G_1, G_2$
and start variables	$S_1, S_2$

The grammar of the <b>union</b>	$L_1 \cup L_2$
has new start variable	$S$
and additional production	$S \rightarrow S_1 \mid S_2$

# Concatenation

Context-free languages  
are closed under:

**Concatenation**



# Example

Language

Grammar

$$L_1 = \{a^n b^n\}$$

$$S_1 \rightarrow aS_1b \mid \lambda$$

$$L_2 = \{ww^R\}$$

$$S_2 \rightarrow aS_2a \mid bS_2b \mid \lambda$$

## Concatenation

$$L = \{a^n b^n\} \{ww^R\}$$

$$S \rightarrow S_1 S_2$$



In general:

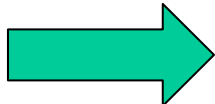
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The grammar of the <b>concatenation</b>	$L_1L_2$
has new start variable	$S$
and additional production	$S \rightarrow S_1S_2$

# Star Operation

Context-free languages  
are closed under:

**Star-operation**

$L$  is context free   $L^*$  is context-free

# Example

Language

Grammar

$$L = \{a^n b^n\}$$

$$S \rightarrow aSb \mid \lambda$$

## Star Operation

$$L = \{a^n b^n\}^*$$

$$S_1 \rightarrow SS_1 \mid \lambda$$

In general:

For context-free language	$L$
with context-free grammar	$G$
and start variable	$S$

The grammar of the <b>star operation</b>	$L^*$
has new start variable	$S_1$
and additional production	$S_1 \rightarrow SS_1 \mid \lambda$

# Negative Properties of Context-Free Languages

# Intersection

Context-free languages  
are not closed under:

intersection

$L_1$  is context free

$L_2$  is context free



$L_1 \cap L_2$

not necessarily  
context-free

# Example

$$L_1 = \{a^n b^n c^m\}$$

Context-free:

$$S \rightarrow AC$$

$$A \rightarrow aAb \mid \lambda$$

$$C \rightarrow cC \mid \lambda$$

$$L_2 = \{a^n b^m c^m\}$$

Context-free:

$$S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow aA \mid \lambda$$

$$B \rightarrow bBc \mid \lambda$$

Intersection

$$L_1 \cap L_2 = \{a^n b^n c^n\} \quad \text{NOT context-free}$$

# Complement

Context-free languages  
are not closed under:

complement

$L$  is context free  $\longrightarrow \bar{L}$  not necessarily  
context-free



## Example

$$L_1 = \{a^n b^n c^m\}$$

Context-free:

$$S \rightarrow AC$$

$$A \rightarrow aAb \mid \lambda$$

$$C \rightarrow cC \mid \lambda$$

$$L_2 = \{a^n b^m c^m\}$$

Context-free:

$$S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow aA \mid \lambda$$

$$B \rightarrow bBc \mid \lambda$$

Complement

$$\overline{\overline{L_1} \cup \overline{L_2}} = L_1 \cap L_2 = \{a^n b^n c^n\}$$

NOT context-free

Pumping Lemma  
for  
Context-free Languages

# Return of the Pumping Lemma !!

Think of languages that cannot be CFL

= think of languages for which a stack will not be enough

e.g., the language of strings of the form  $ww$

# Why pumping lemma?

A result that will be useful in proving  
languages that *are not* CFLs  
(just like we did for regular languages)

But before we prove the pumping lemma for  
CFLs ....

Let us first prove an important property about  
parse trees

# The Pumping Lemma:

For any infinite context-free language  $L$

there exists an integer  $m$  such that

for any string  $w \in L, \quad |w| \geq m$

we can write  $w = uvxyz$

with lengths  $|vxy| \leq m$  and  $|vy| \geq 1$

and it must be that:

$$uv^i xy^i z \in L, \quad \text{for all } i \geq 0$$

# Applications of The Pumping Lemma

# Non-context free languages

$$\{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$$

Context-free languages

$$\{a^n b^n : n \geq 0\}$$

**Theorem:** The language

$$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$$

is **not** context free

**Proof:** Use the Pumping Lemma  
for context-free languages



$$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$$

Assume for contradiction that  $L$   
is context-free

Since  $L$  is context-free and infinite  
we can apply the pumping lemma

$$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$$

Let  $m$  be the critical length  
of the pumping lemma

Pick any string  $w \in L$  with length  $|w| \geq m$

We pick:  $w = a^m b^m c^m$

$$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$$

$$w = a^m b^m c^m$$

From pumping lemma:

we can write:  $w = uvxyz$

with lengths  $|vxy| \leq m$  and  $|vy| \geq 1$

$$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$$

$$w = a^m b^m c^m$$

$$w = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$$


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Pumping Lemma says:

$$uv^i xy^i z \in L \quad \text{for all} \quad i \geq 0$$

$$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$$

$$w = a^m b^m c^m$$

$$w = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$$


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We examine all the possible locations  
of string  $vxy$  in  $w$

$$S \rightarrow ABE \mid bBd$$

$$A \rightarrow Aa \mid a$$

$$B \rightarrow bSD \mid cc$$

$$D \rightarrow Dd \mid d$$

$$E \rightarrow eE \mid e$$

$$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$$

$$w = a^m b^m c^m$$

$$w = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$$


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**Case 1:**  $vxy$  is in  $a^m$

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 a \dots aa \dots aa \dots abbb \dots bbbccc \dots ccc \\
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 u & vxy & & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

$$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$$

$$w = a^m b^m c^m$$

$$w = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$$

$$v = a^k$$

$$y = a^k$$

$$k_1 + k_2 \geq 1$$

$$\overbrace{a \dots a \dots a \dots a \dots a}^m \overbrace{a b b b \dots b b b c c c \dots c c c}^m \overbrace{\phantom{a \dots a \dots a \dots a \dots a}}^m$$

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$$\begin{array}{c}
 \overbrace{a \dots a}^{m+k_1} \overbrace{a \dots a}^{+k_2} \overbrace{a \dots a}^m \overbrace{a \dots a}^m \\
 a \dots a a \dots a a \dots a a \dots a b b b \dots b b b c c c \dots c c c \\
 \underbrace{a \dots a}_u \underbrace{a \dots a}_{v^2} \underbrace{a \dots a}_x \underbrace{a \dots a}_{y^2} \underbrace{a \dots a b b b \dots b b b c c c \dots c c c}_{\phantom{u}}
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**Case 2:**  $vxy$  is in  $b^m$

Similar to case 1

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 \overbrace{aaa \dots aa}^m \overbrace{ab \dots bb}^m \overbrace{bcc \dots cc}^m \\
 \underbrace{aaa \dots aaab \dots bb \dots bb \dots bcc \dots cc}_{u} \quad \underbrace{bb \dots bb \dots bcc \dots cc}_{vxy}
 \end{array}$$

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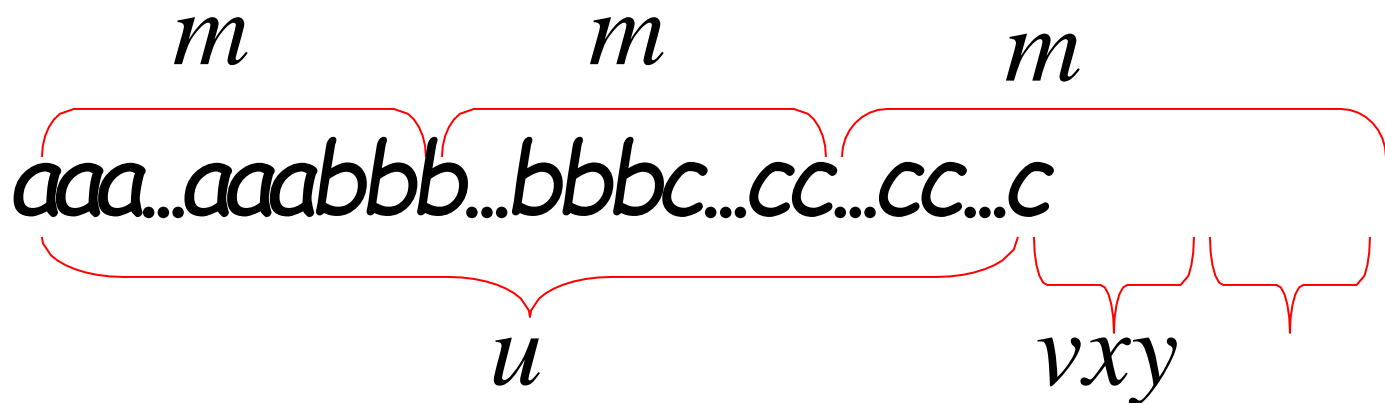
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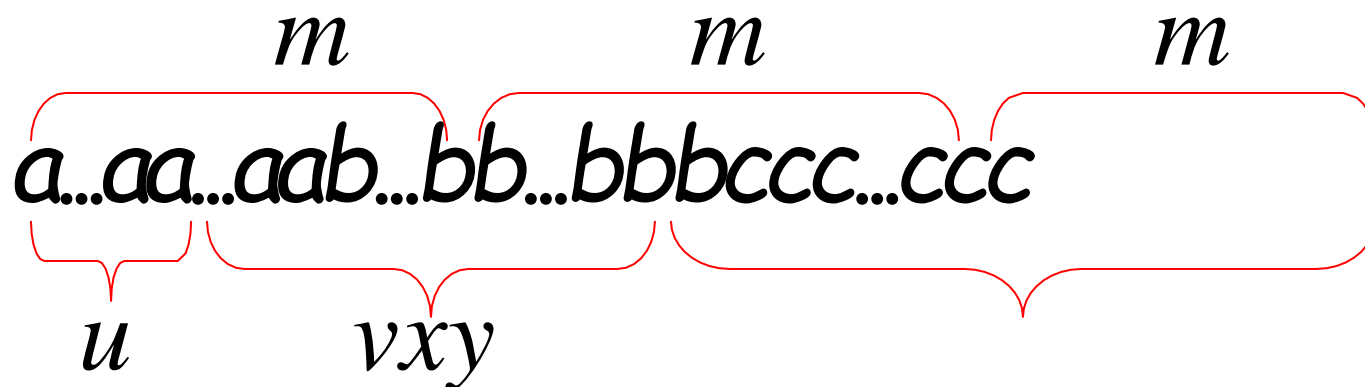


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**Case 4:**  $vxy$  overlaps  $a^m$  and  $b^m$



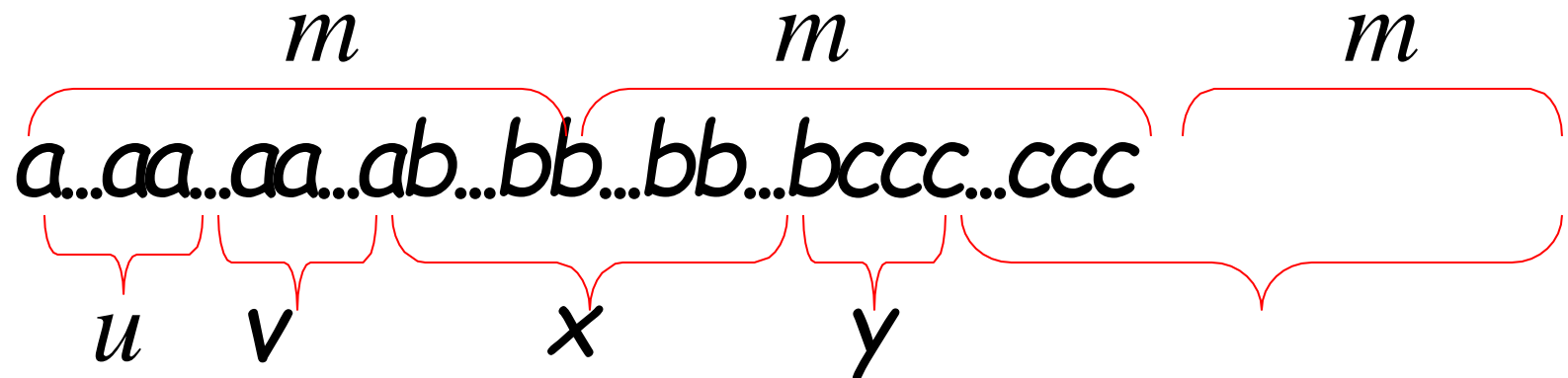
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Sub-case 1: **x**. contains only  $a$   
**y**. contains only  $b$



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$$\overbrace{a \dots a}^m \overbrace{a \dots a}^m \overbrace{a \dots a}^m \quad \overbrace{b \dots b}^m \overbrace{b \dots b}^m \overbrace{b \dots b}^m \quad \overbrace{c \dots c}^m \overbrace{c \dots c}^m \overbrace{c \dots c}^m$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_u \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_v \quad \underbrace{\hspace{2.5cm}}_x \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_y \quad \underbrace{\hspace{2.5cm}}_{\hspace{1cm}}$

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 \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_u \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{v^2} \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_x \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{y^2} \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}{}
 \end{array}$$

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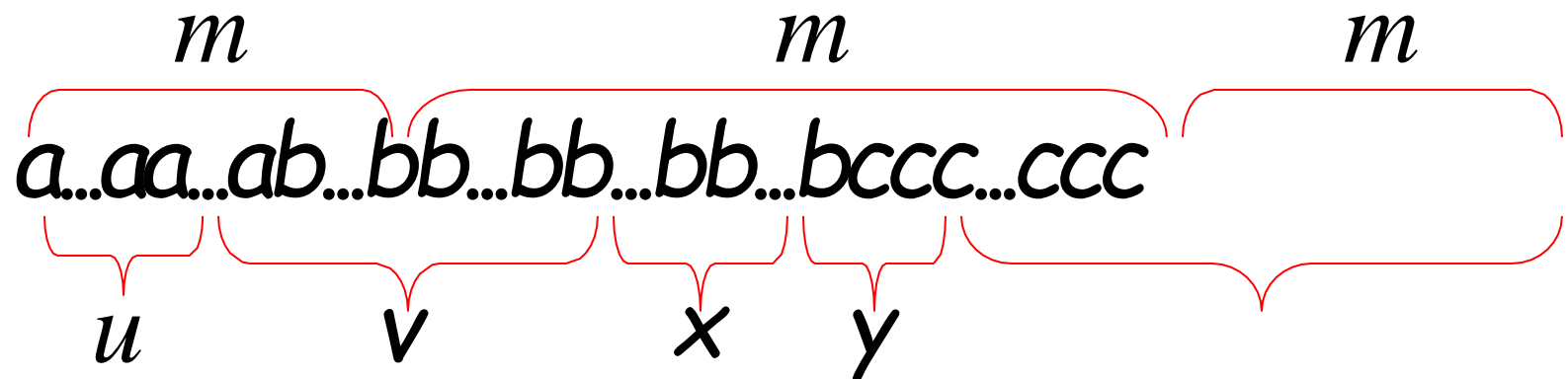
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Sub-case 2:  $x$ . contains  $a$  and  $b$   
 $y$ . contains only  $b$



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$$w = a^m b^m c^m$$

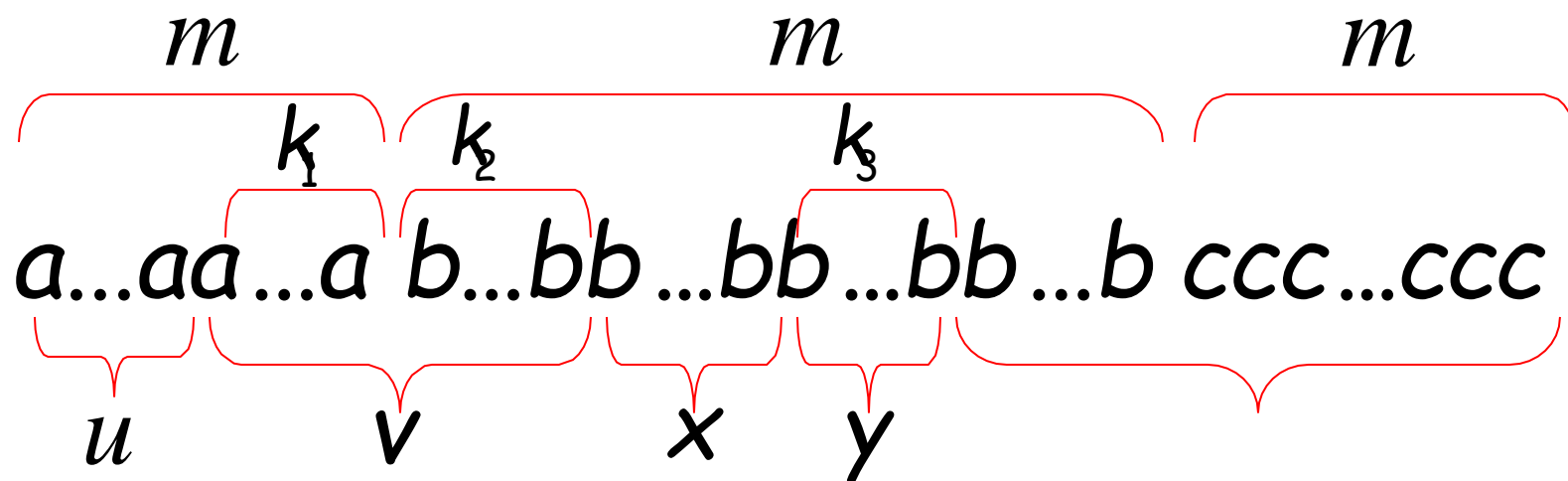
$$w = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$$

By assumption

$$v = a^{k_1} b^{k_2}$$

$$y = a^{k_3}$$

$$k_2 \geq 1$$



$$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$$

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$$v = a^{k_1} b^{k_2} \quad y = a^{k_3} \quad k_1, k_2 \geq 1$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & \overbrace{a \dots aa \dots ab \dots ba \dots ab \dots bb \dots bb \dots bb \dots bccc \dots ccc}^m & & \overbrace{m + k_3} & & \overbrace{m} \\
 & \underbrace{k_1} & \underbrace{k_2} & \underbrace{k_1} & \underbrace{k_2} & \underbrace{2k_3} & \\
 a \dots aa \dots ab \dots ba \dots ab \dots bb \dots bb \dots bb \dots bccc \dots ccc \\
 \underbrace{a \dots aa \dots ab}_{u} & \underbrace{ba \dots ab \dots bb \dots bb \dots bb}_{v^2} & \underbrace{bb}_{x} & \underbrace{bb}_{y^2} & \underbrace{bccc \dots ccc}_{z}
 \end{array}$$

$$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} w = a^m b^m c^m \\ w = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1 \end{array}$$


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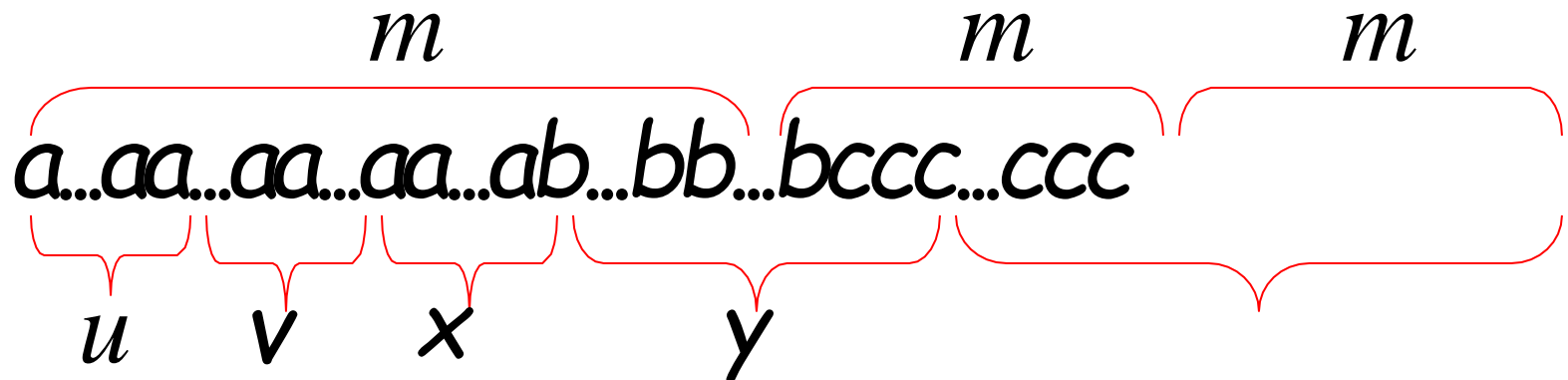
$$w = a^m b^m c^m$$

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Sub-case 3: **x**. contains only  $a$

**y**. contains  $a$  and  $b$

Similar to sub-case 2



$$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$$

$$w = a^m b^m c^m$$

$$w = uvxyz \quad |vxy| \leq m \quad |vy| \geq 1$$


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**Case 5:**  $vxy$  overlaps  $b^m$  and  $c^m$

Similar to case 4

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 m & & m & & m \\
 \underbrace{aaa \dots aaa}_{u} & \underbrace{bbb \dots bbb}_{vxy} & \underbrace{ccc \dots ccc} & & \\
 & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

$$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$$

$$w = a^m b^m c^m$$

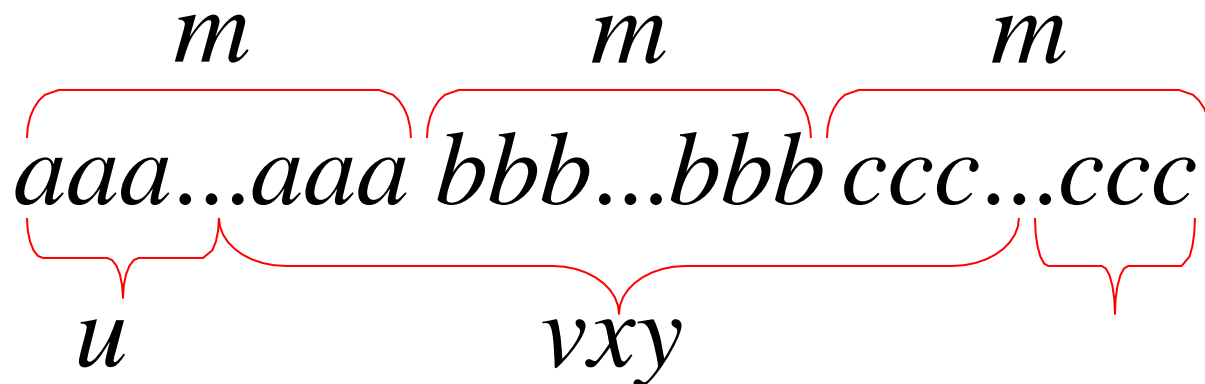
$$w = uvxyz$$

$$|vxy| \leq m$$

$$|vy| \geq 1$$

**Case 6:**  $vxy$  overlaps  $a^m$ ,  $b^m$  and  $c^m$

Impossible!



In all cases we obtained a contradiction

Therefore: the original assumption that

$$L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$$

is context-free must be wrong

**Conclusion:**  $L$  is not context-free



# Summary



# Post Machine

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# POST Machine

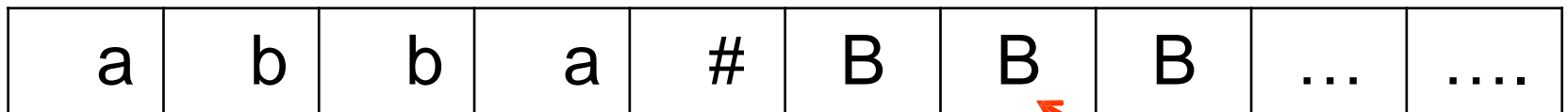
- ✓ **A Post machine** denoted by **PM** is a collection of five things
  1. The alphabet  $\Sigma$  plus the special symbol  $\#$ . We generally use  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ .
  2. **A linear storage location** (a place where a string of symbols is kept called the **STORE or QUEUE**, which initially contains the input string. This location can be read by which we mean the leftmost character can be removed for inspection. The **STORE** can also be added to, which means a new character can be concatenated onto the right of whatever is there already. We allow for the possibility that characters not in  $\Sigma$  can be used in the **STORE**, characters from an alphabet  $\Gamma$  called the store alphabet.
  3. More Powerful than FA,PDA

- ✓ **A Post machine** does not have a separate input store like FA, PDA have.
- ✓ PM has a Queue.
- ✓ While Processing a string it is assumed that the string is initially loaded into the queue.
- ✓ PM has start execution at Start State.
- ✓ If post machine halt at ACCEPT state, the input string is said to be accepted else rejected.

# Formal Definition

- ✓ **A Post machine** = (Input alphabet, start state, Accept state, Reject State, Branching state Read, Queue/Tape alphabet, Transition function,)
- ✓ OR
- ✓  $(Q, \Sigma, q_0, A, \delta, \Gamma, z_0)$

Tape/QUEUE



Front

Rear

Current State

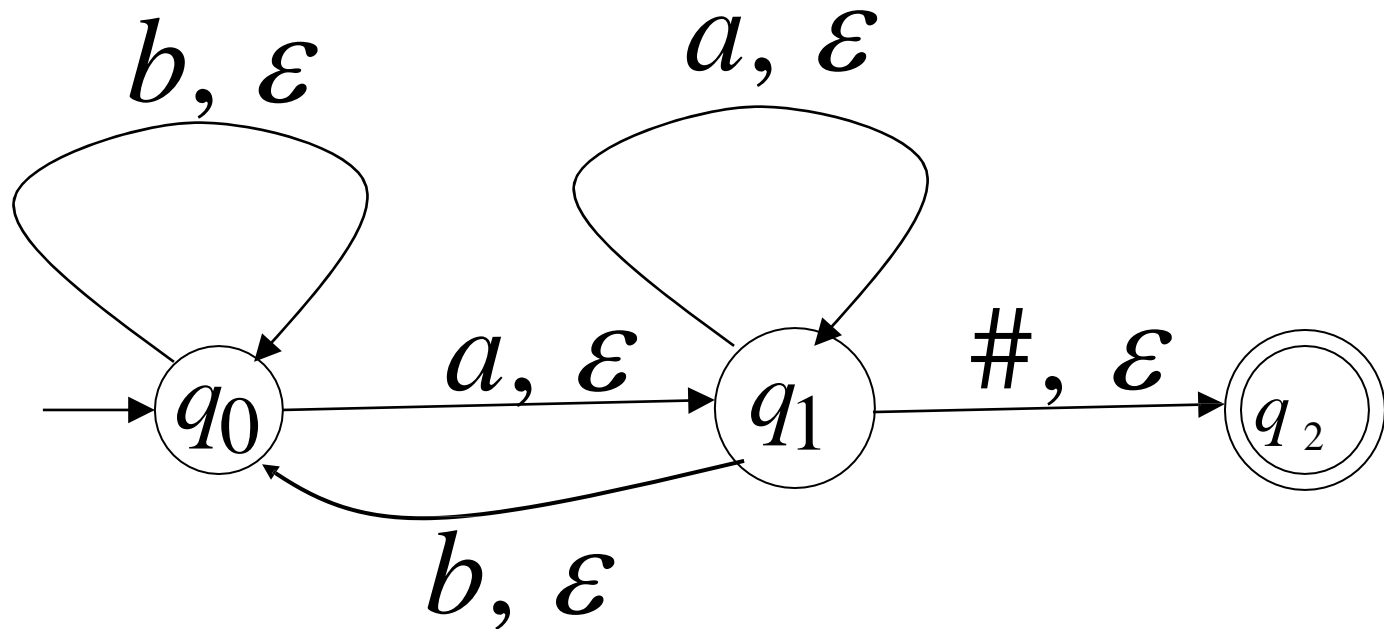
End of I/P

Blank Symbols

← Bounded to Left side      UnBounded to Right side →

# Example

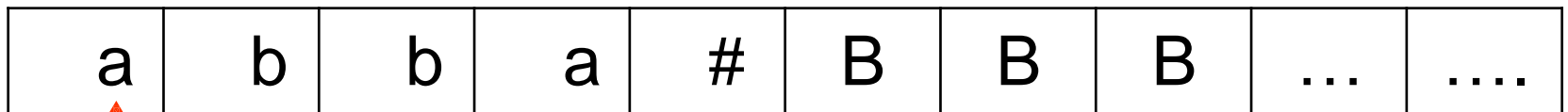
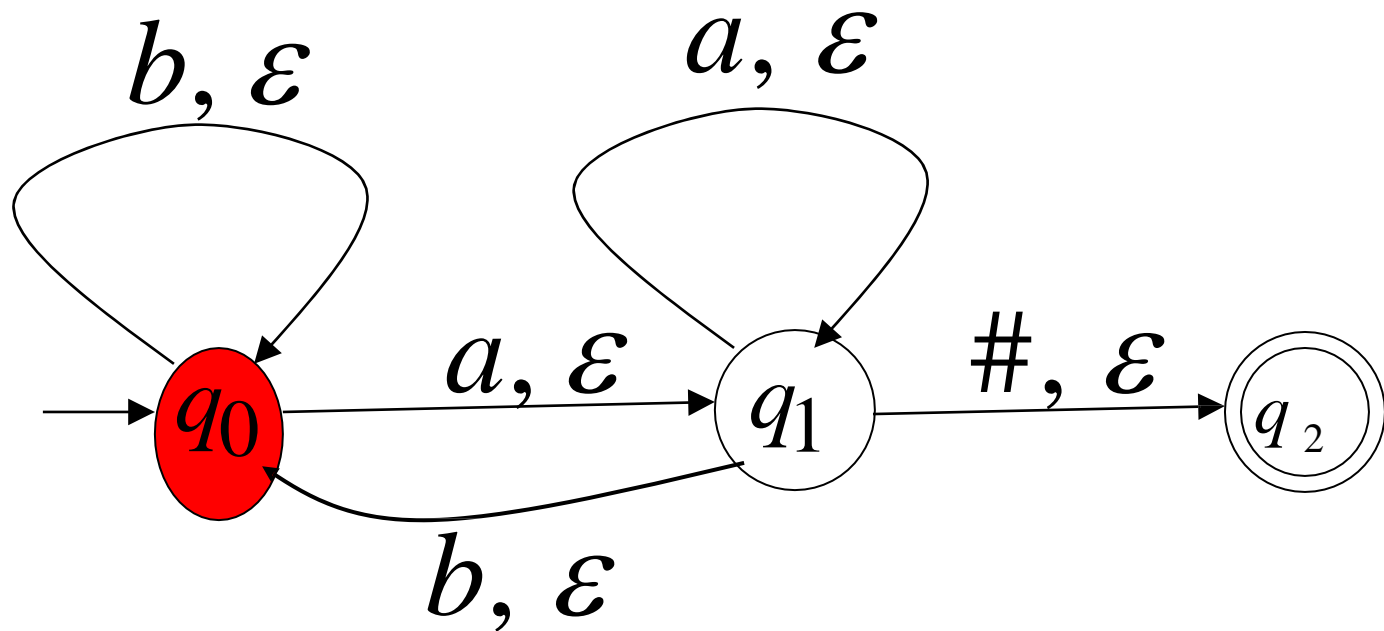
- ✓ Design a post machine that accepts the language which end by a.



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# Example

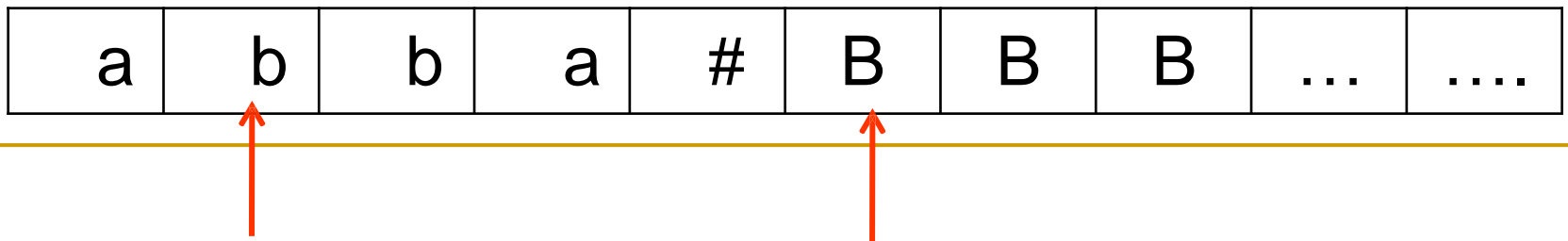
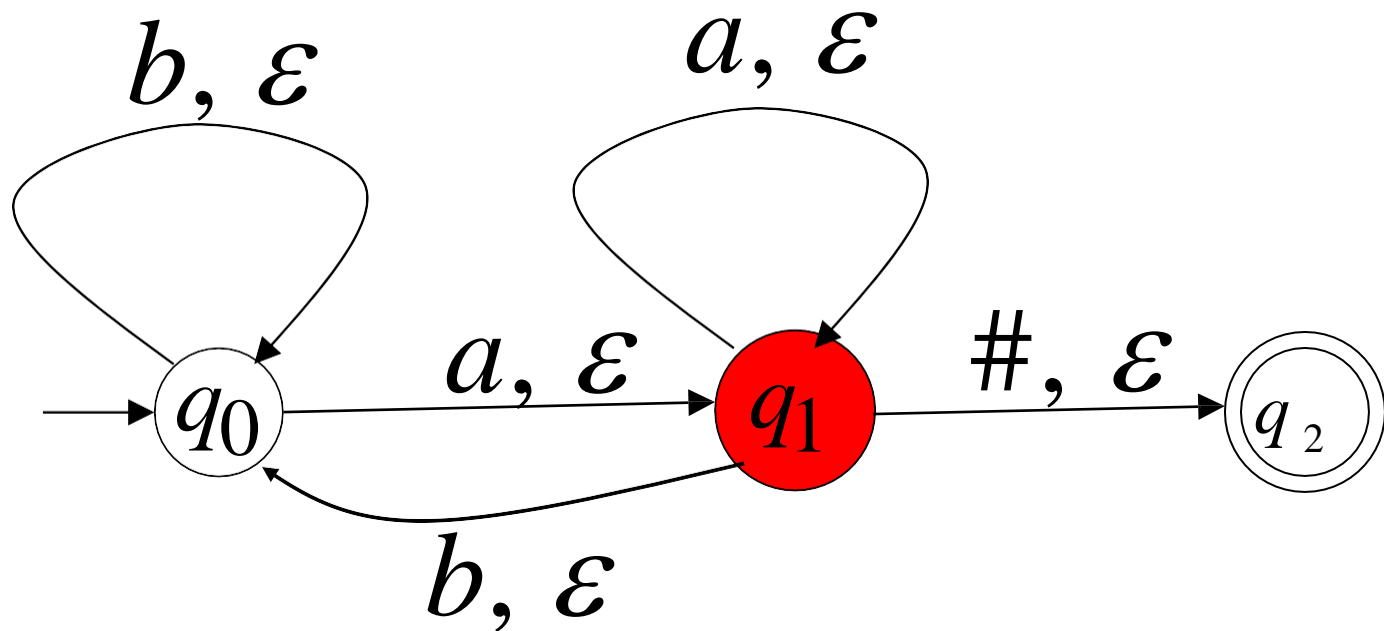
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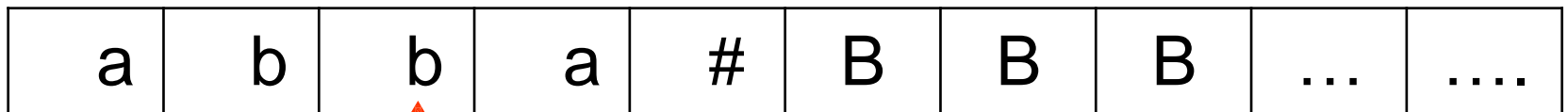
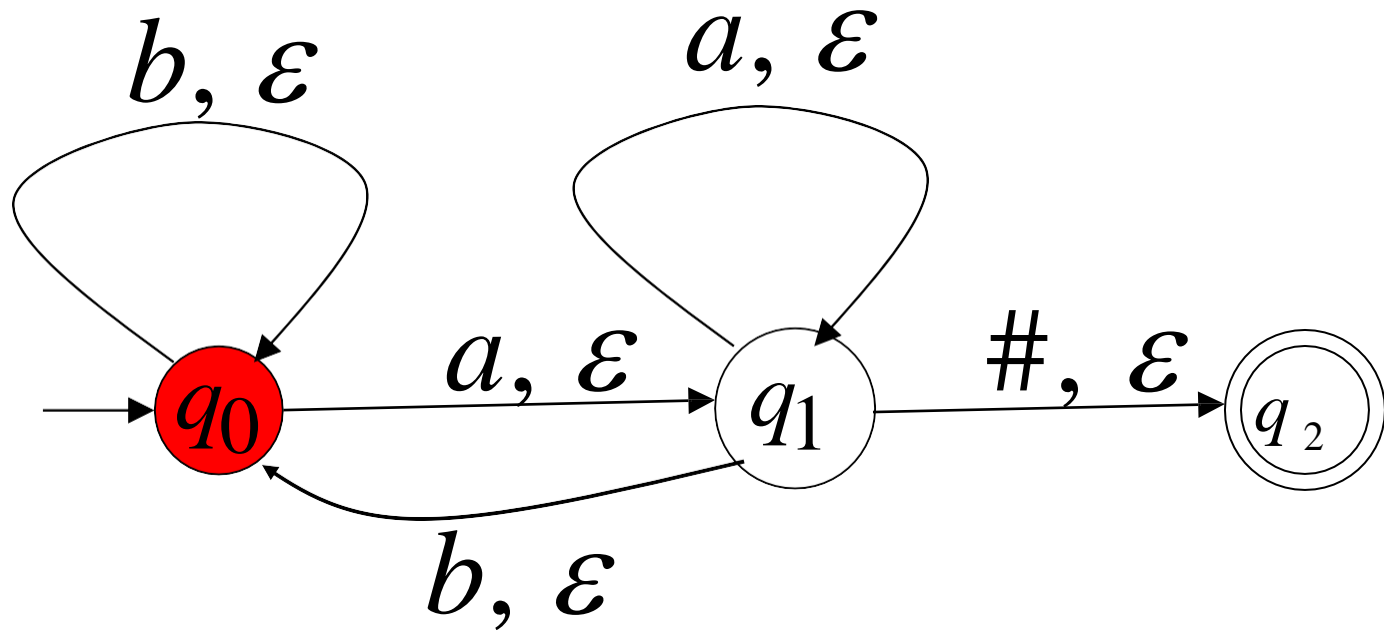
# Example

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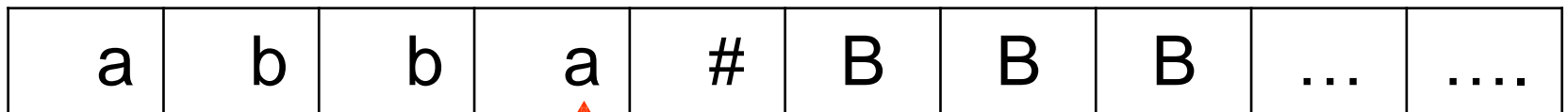
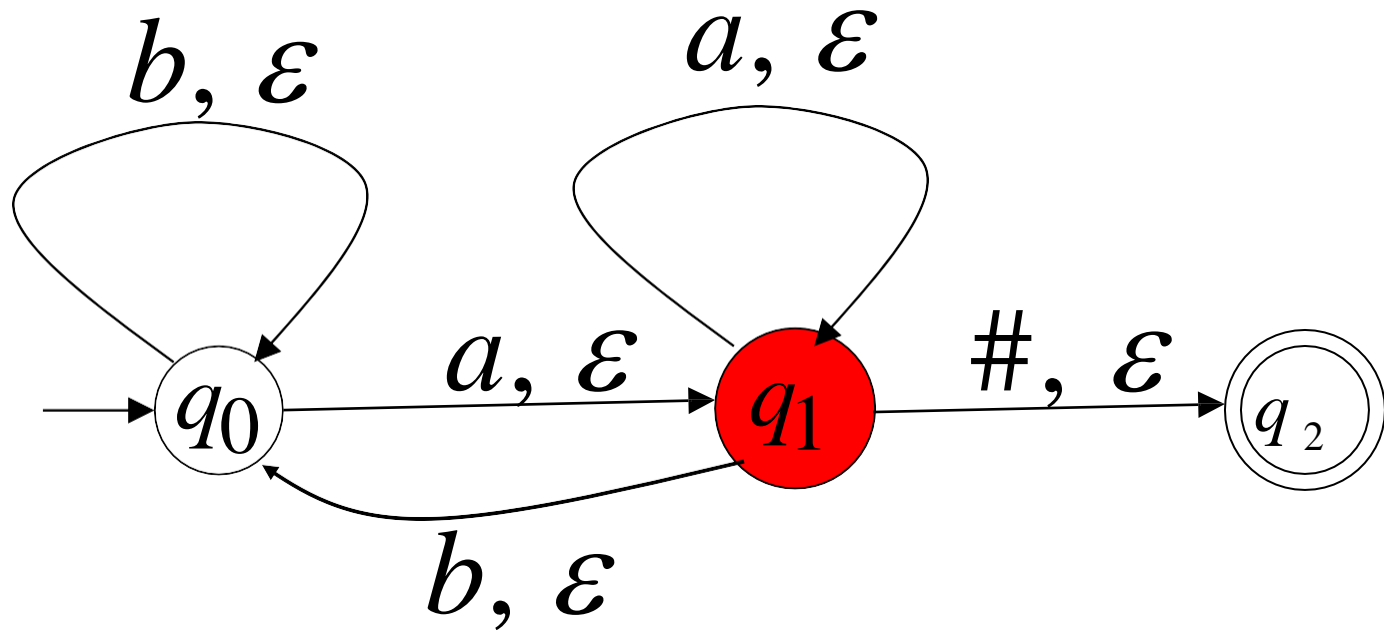
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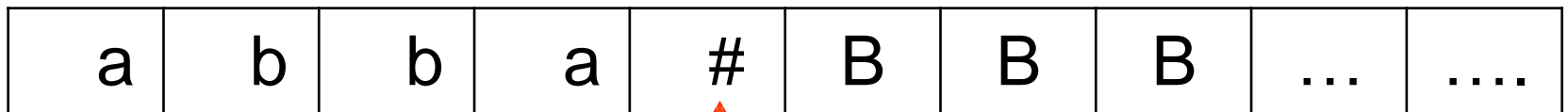
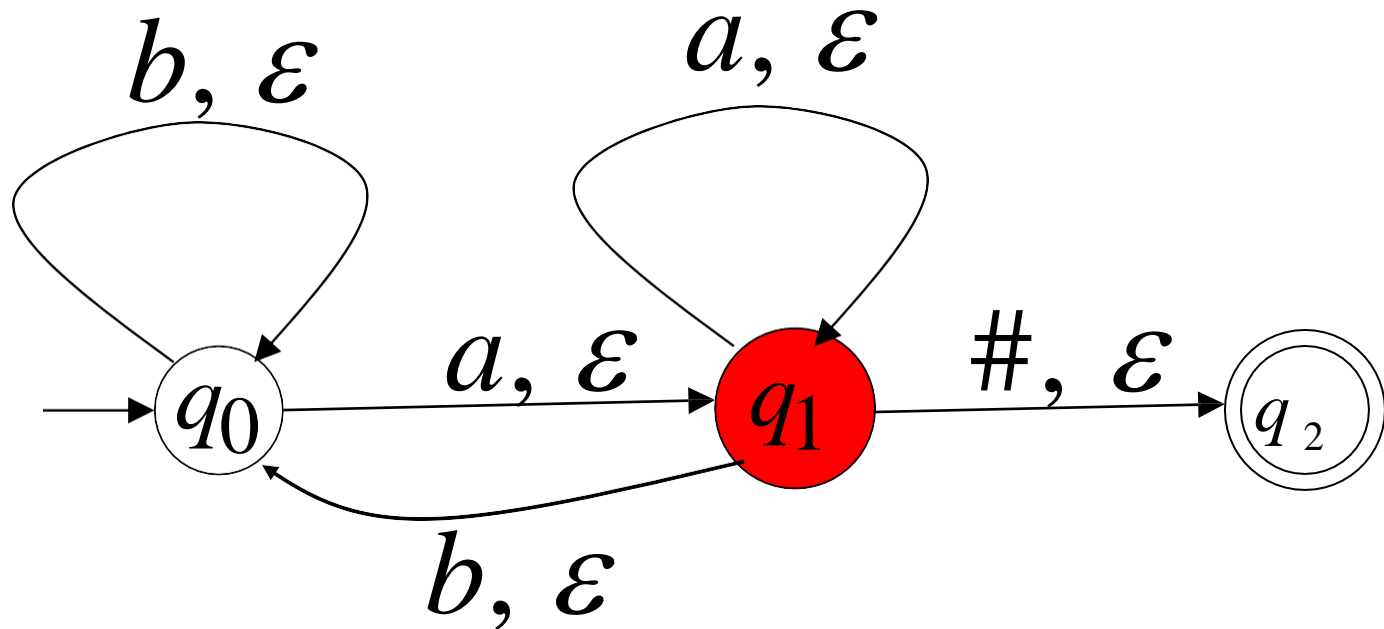
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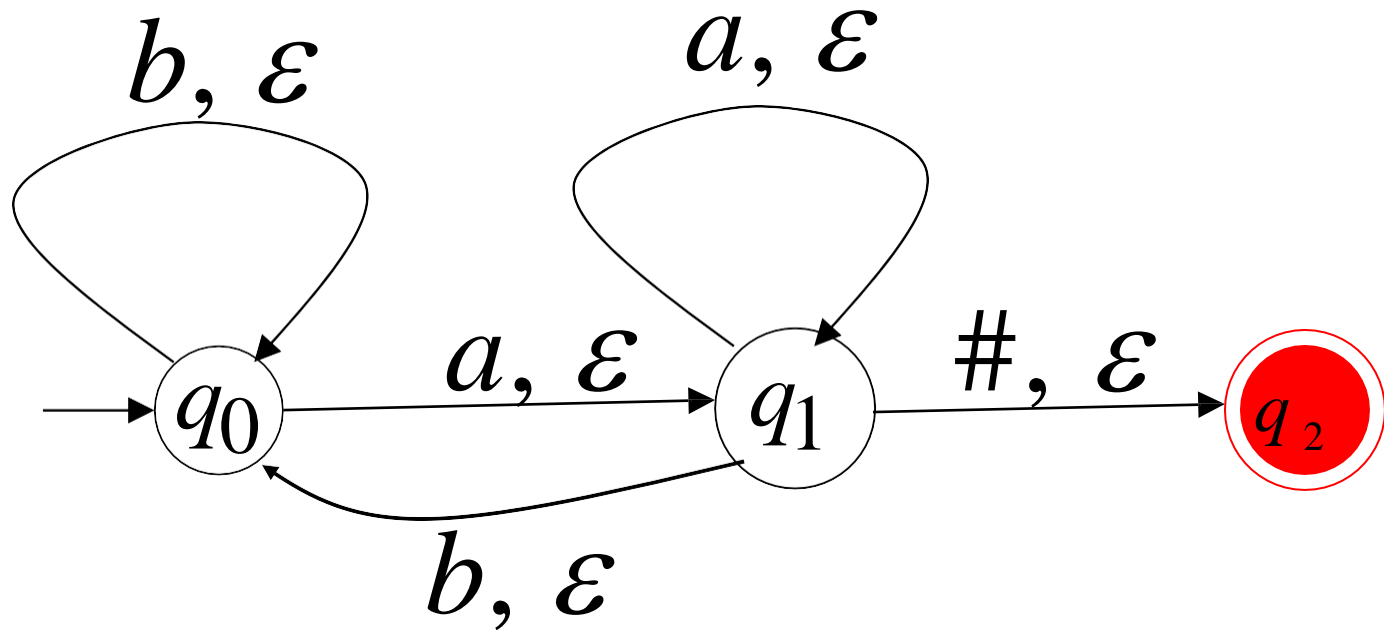
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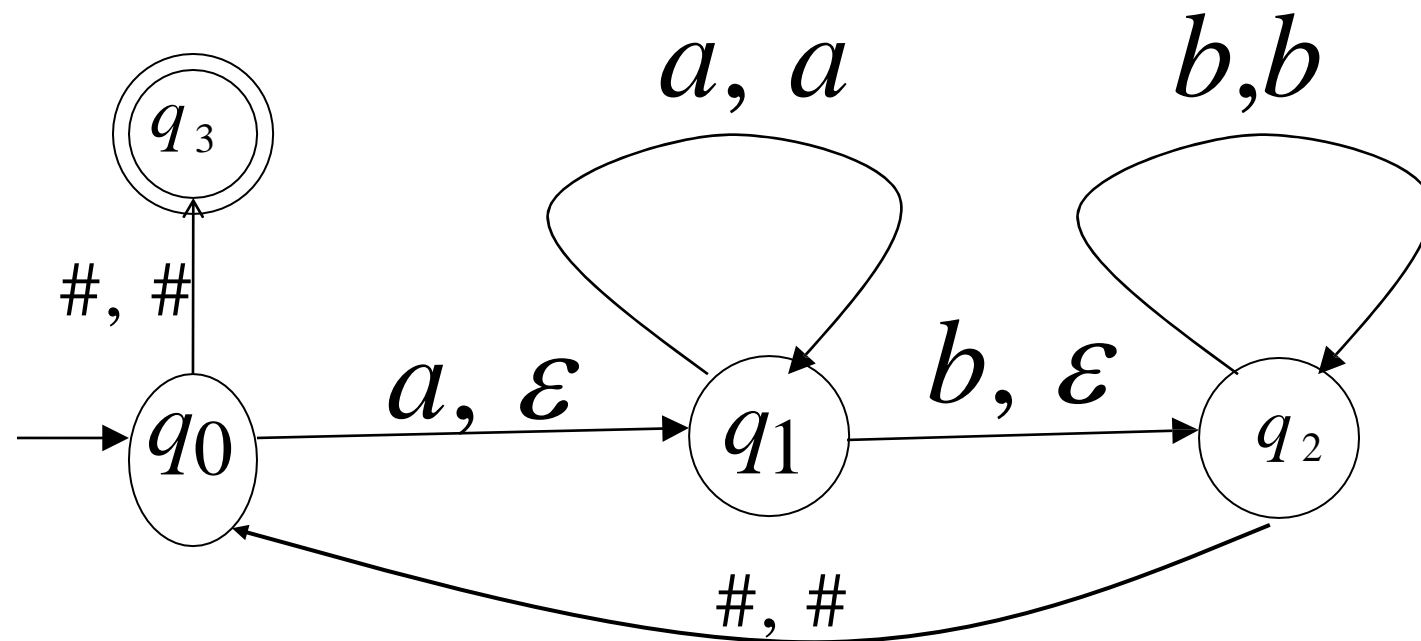
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**String is accepted..**

# Example

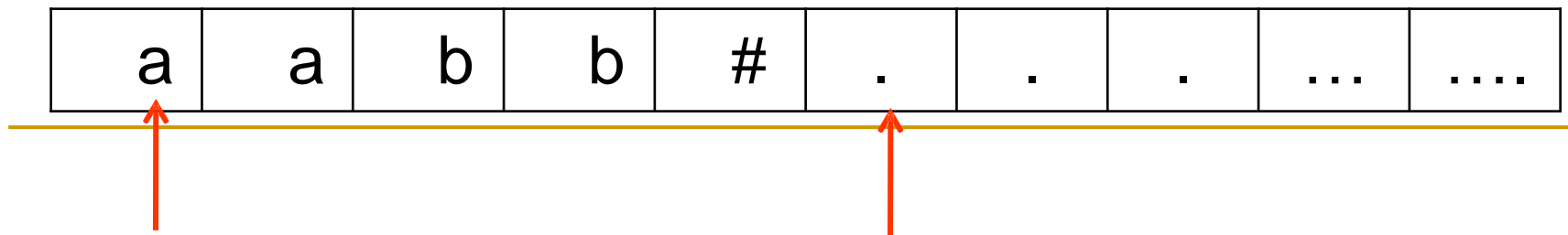
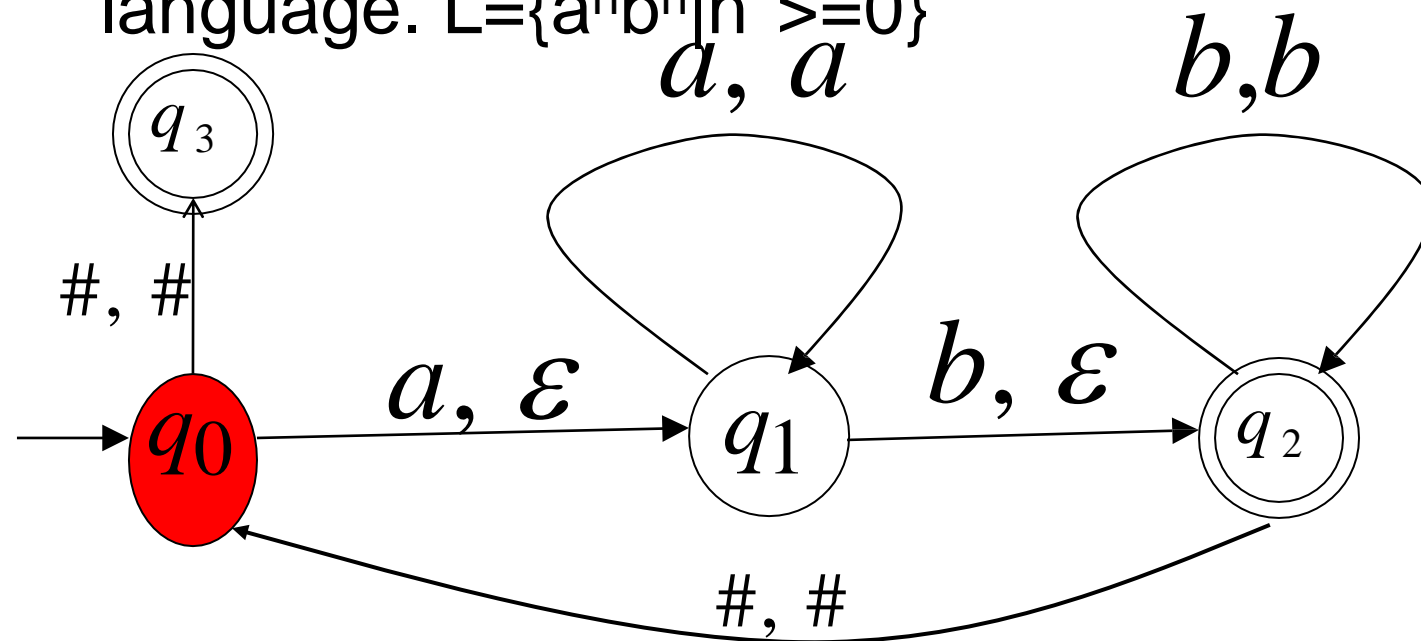
✓ Design a post machine that accepts the language.  $L = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  (8 marks Nov-15)



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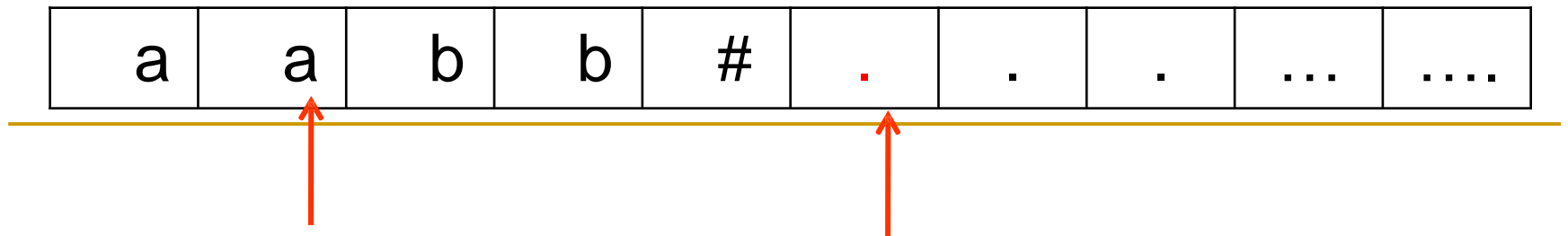
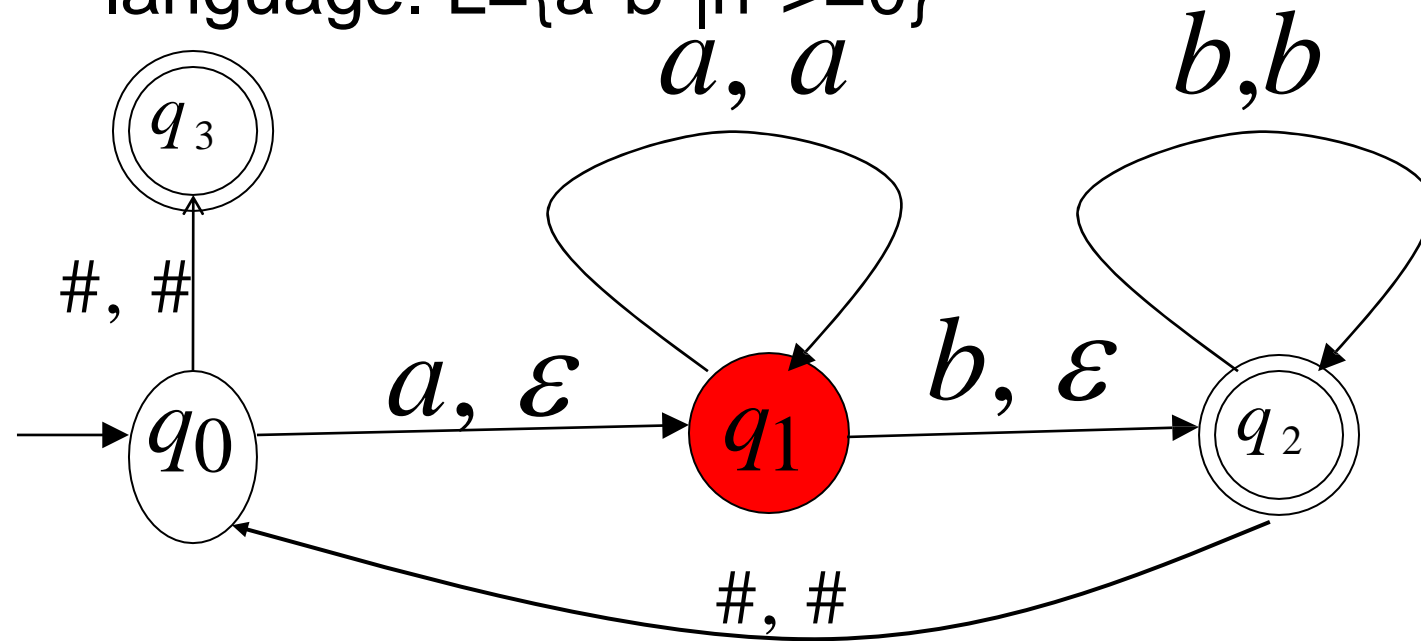
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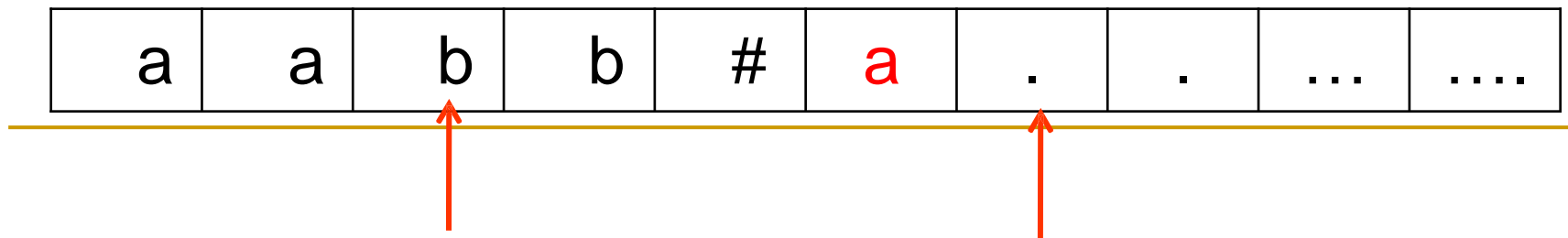
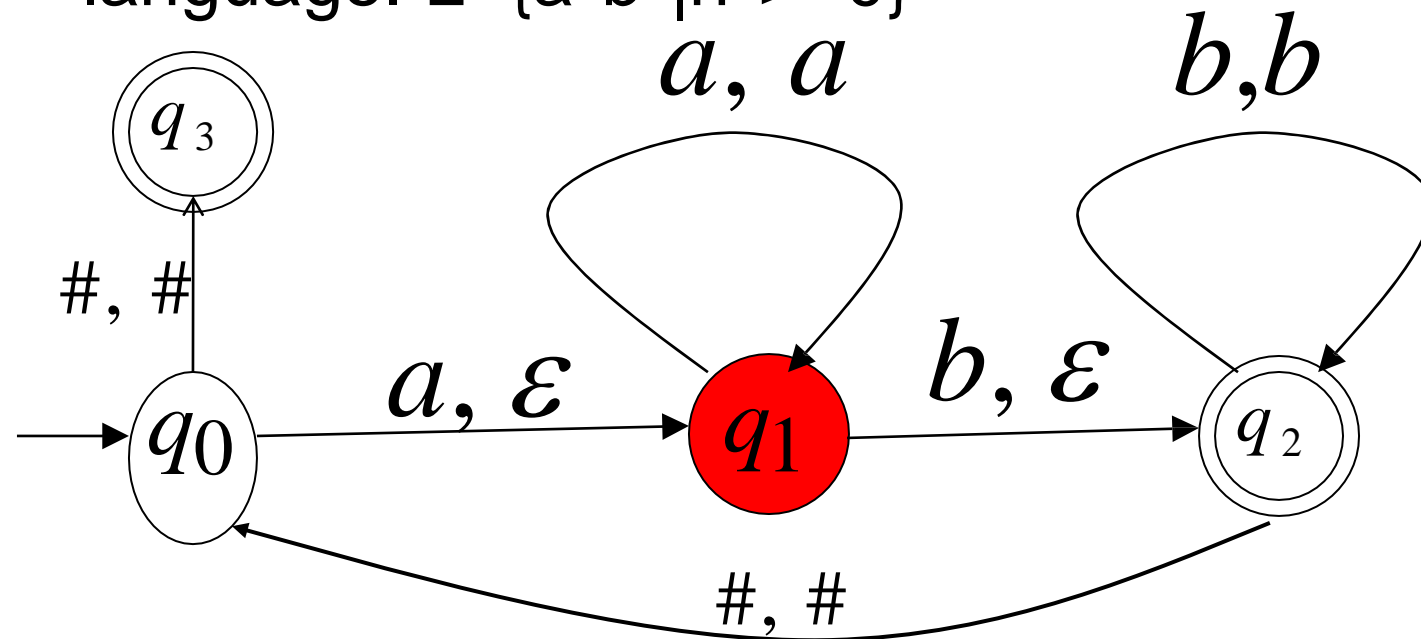
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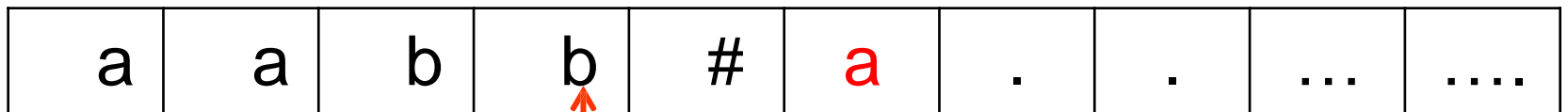
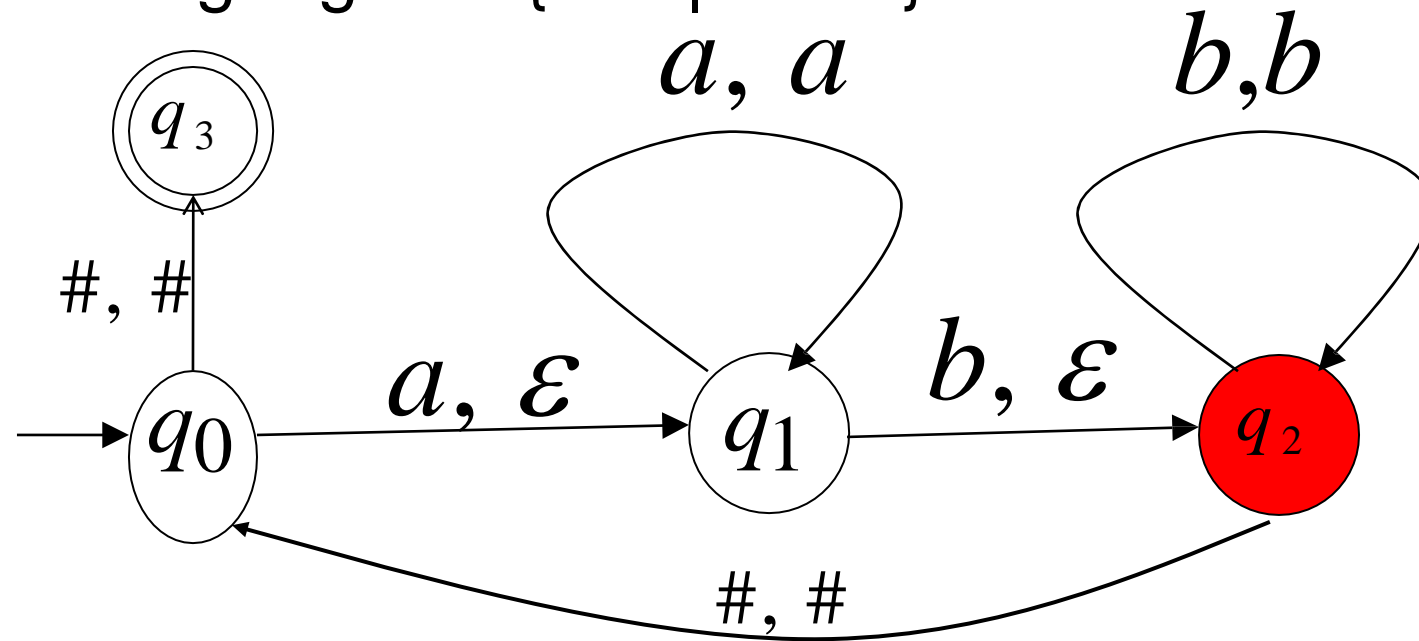
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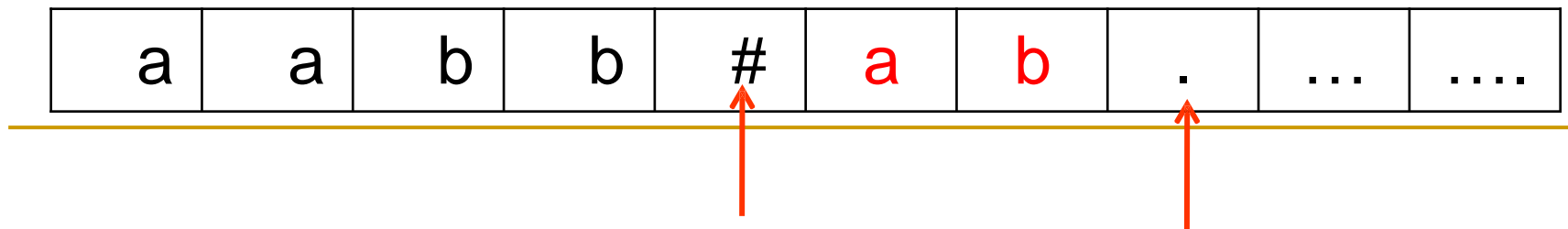
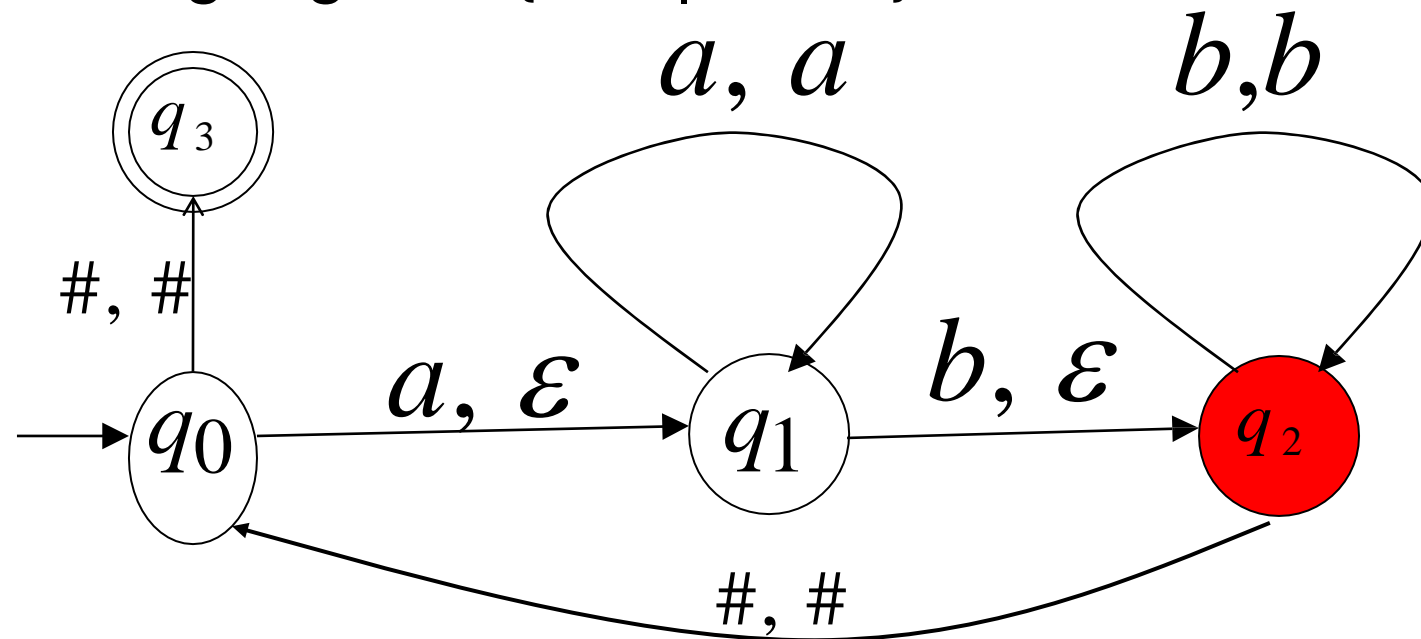
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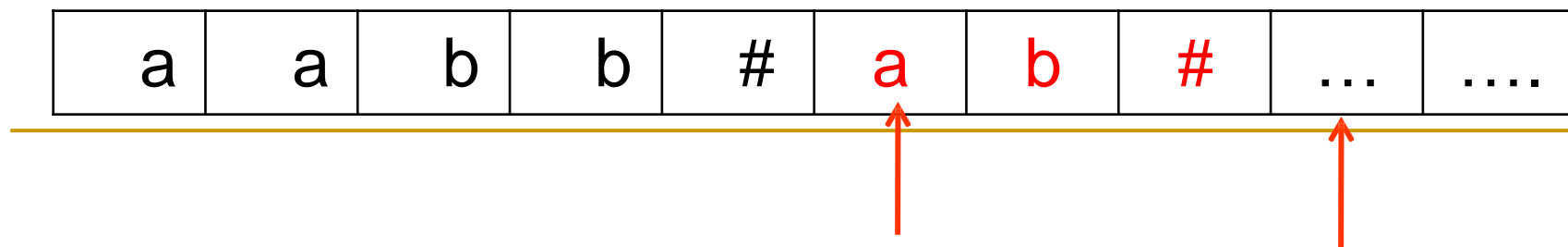
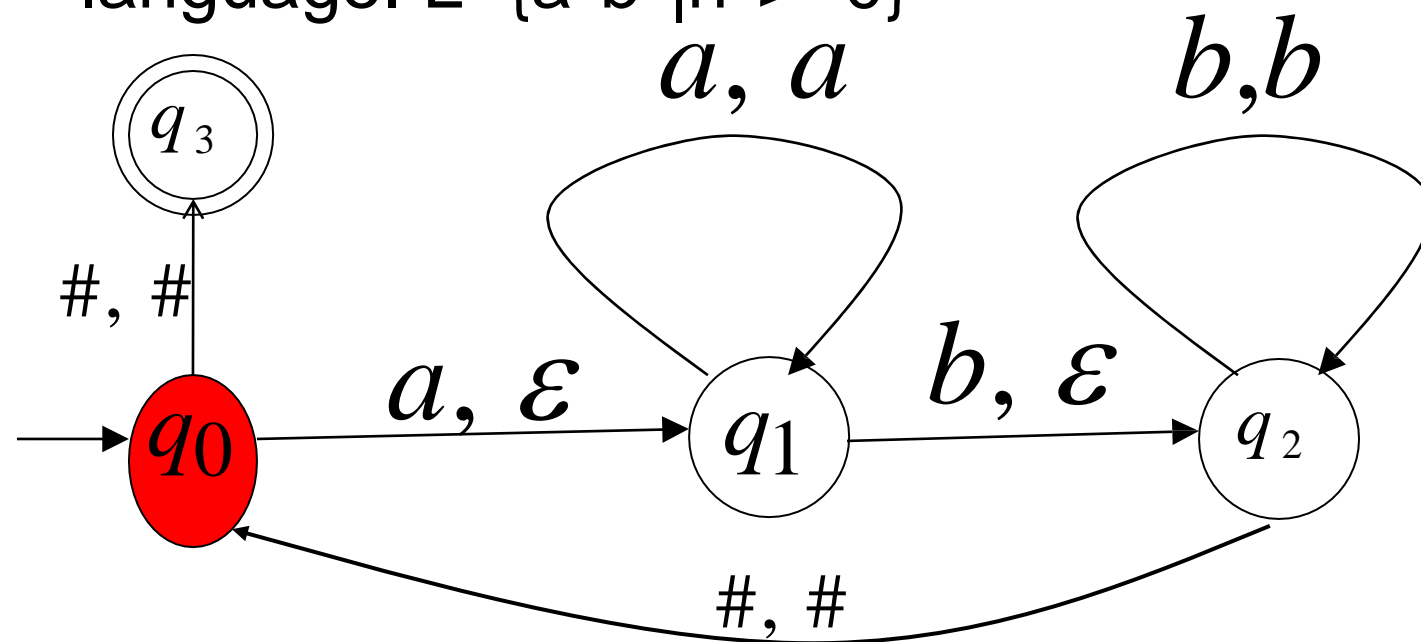
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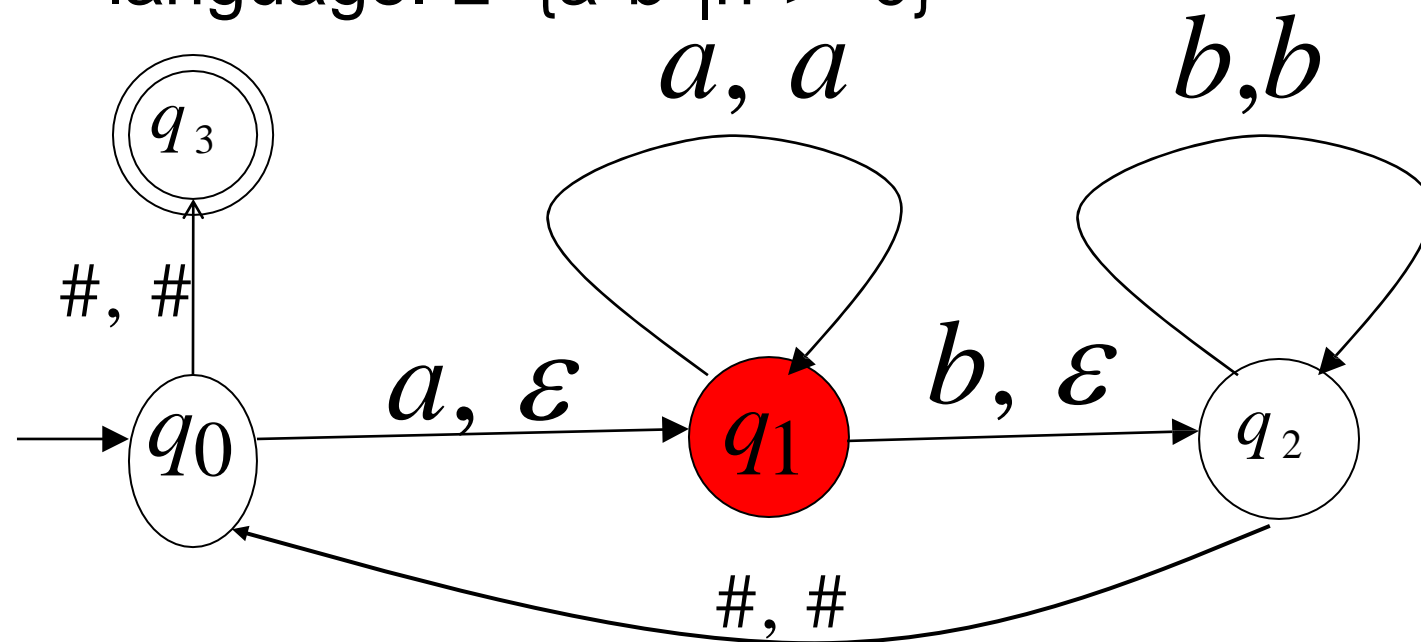
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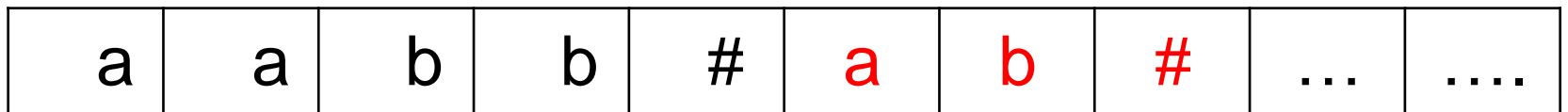
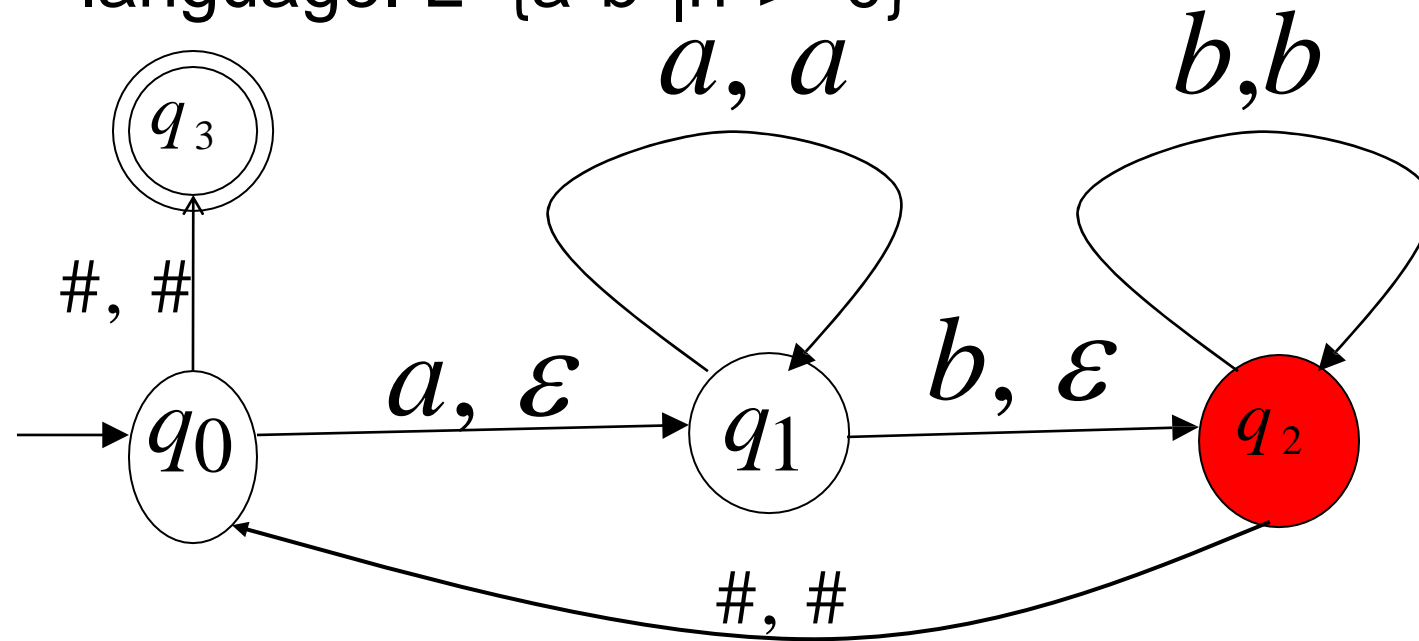
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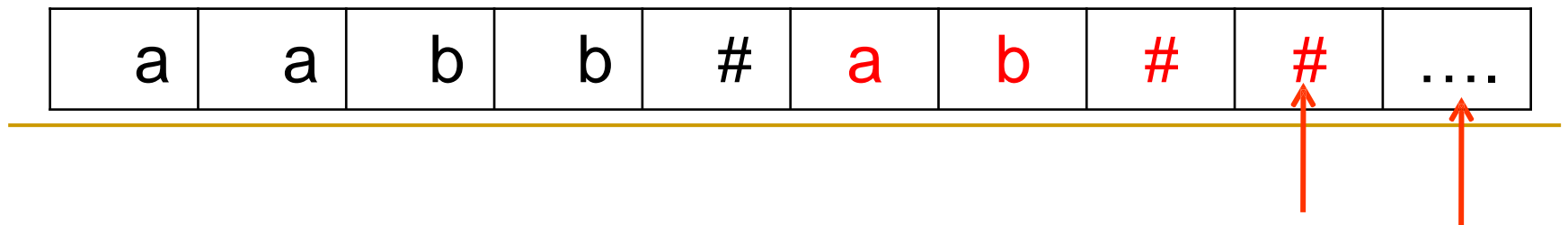
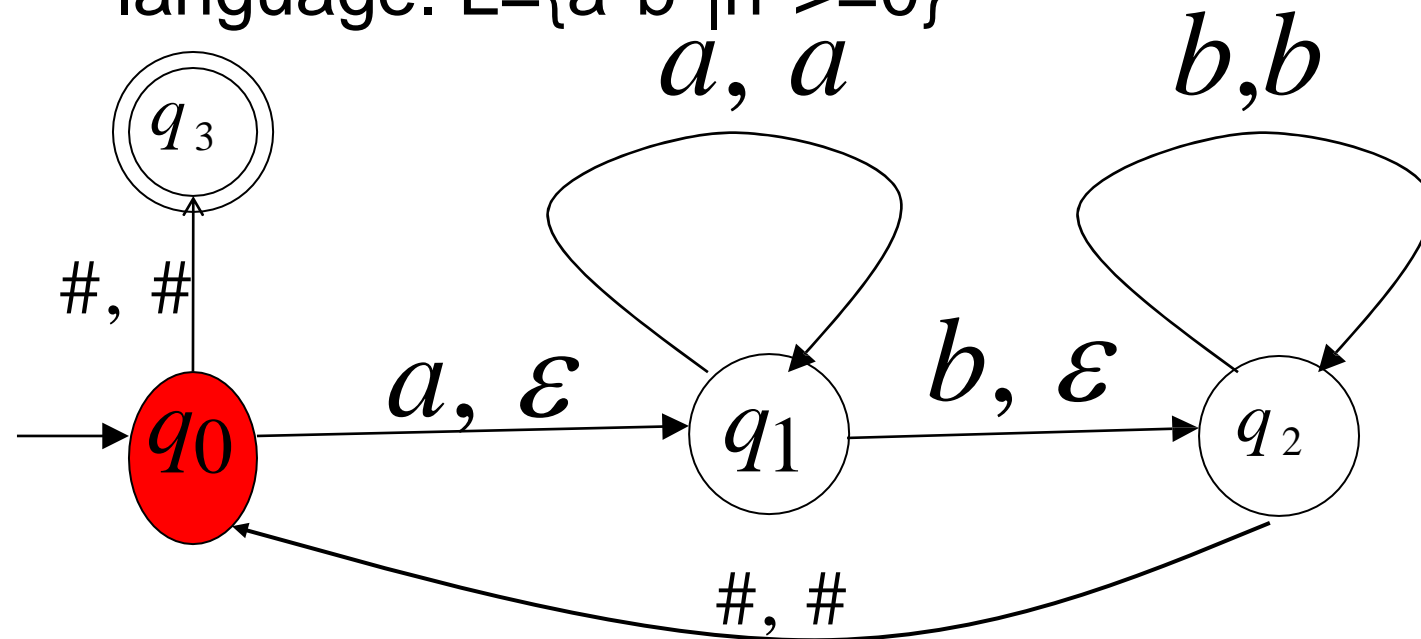
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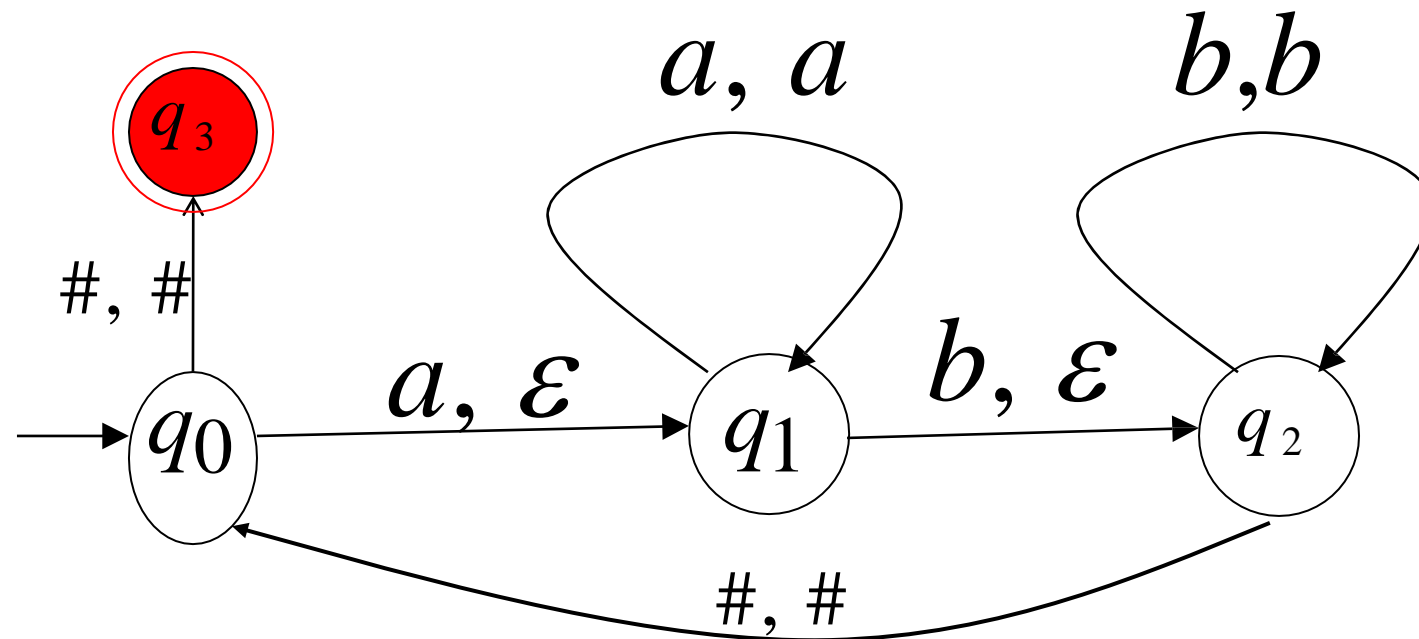
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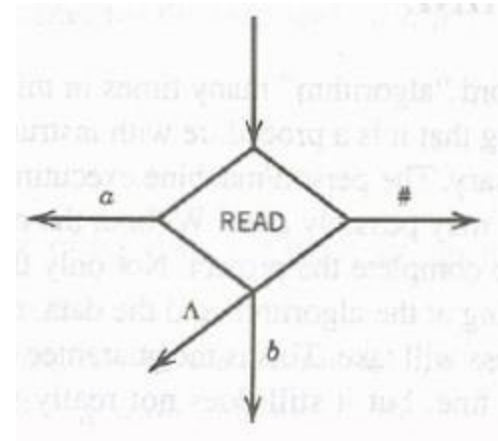
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String is accepted..



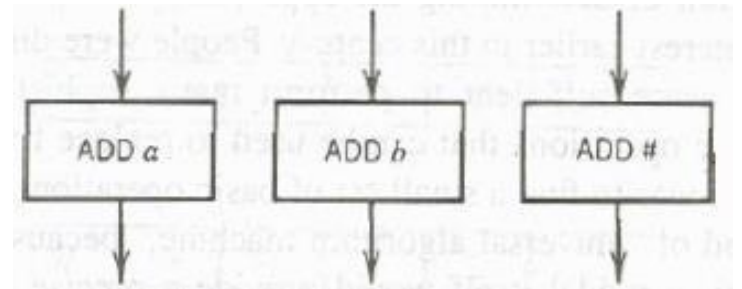
# POST Machine Contd.

3. READ states, for example,



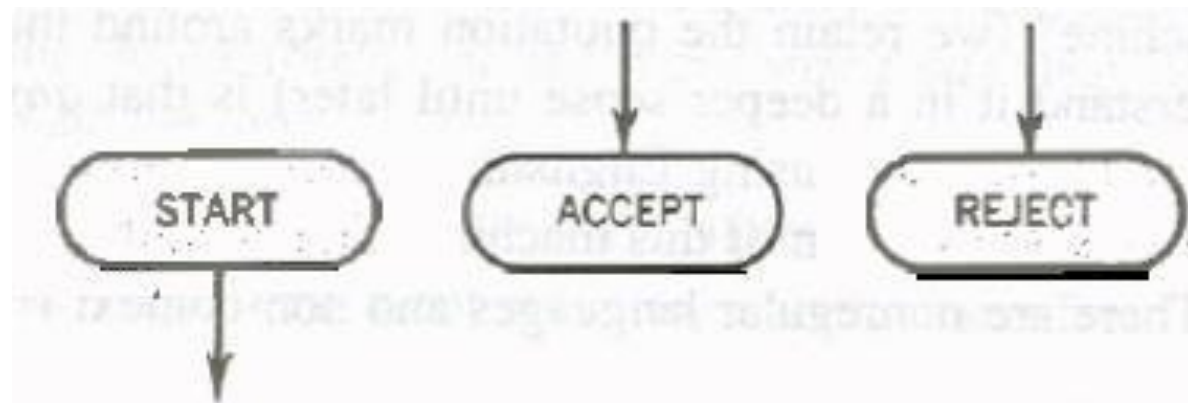
PMs **are** deterministic, so no two edges from the **READ** have the same label

4. ADD states:



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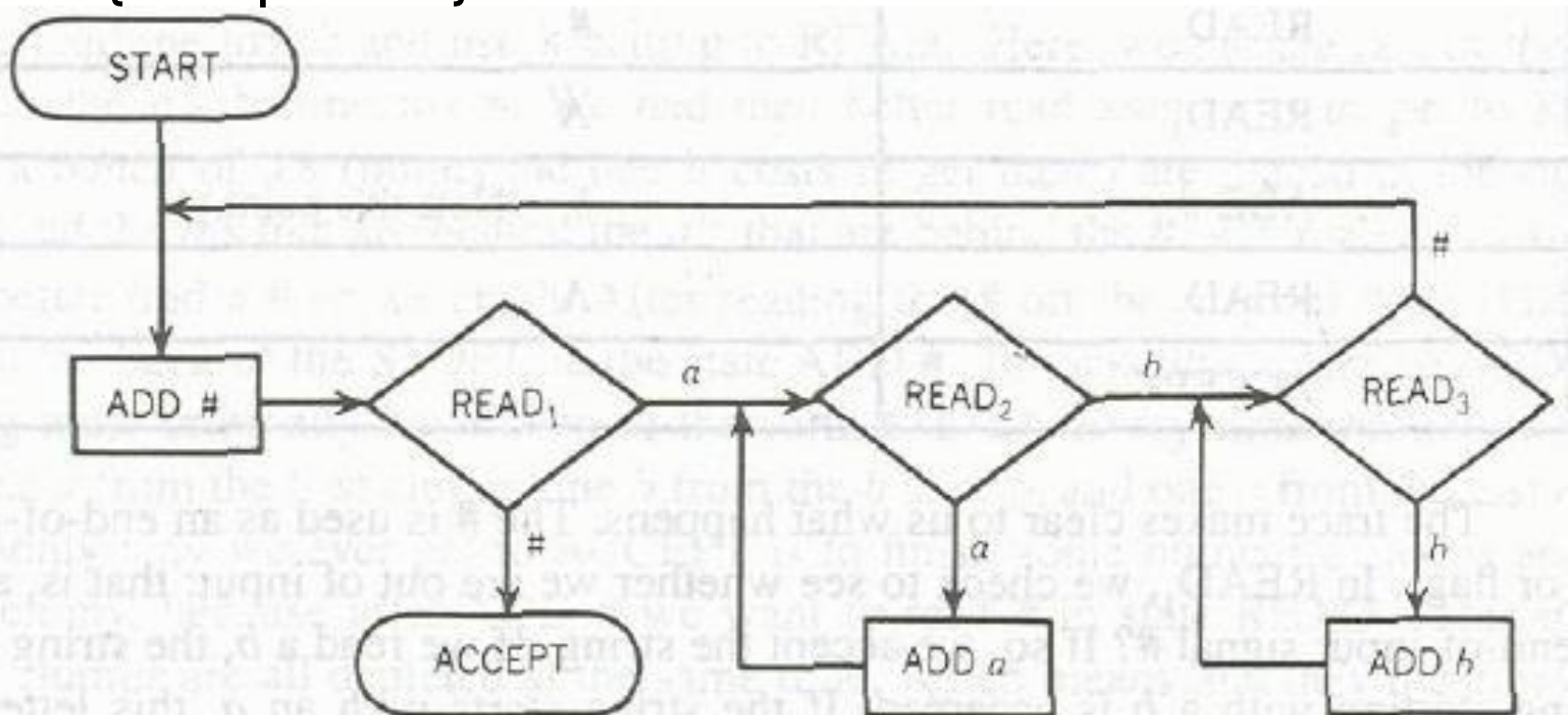
5. A **START** state (un-enterable) and some halt states called **ACCEPT** and **REJECT**



# Example

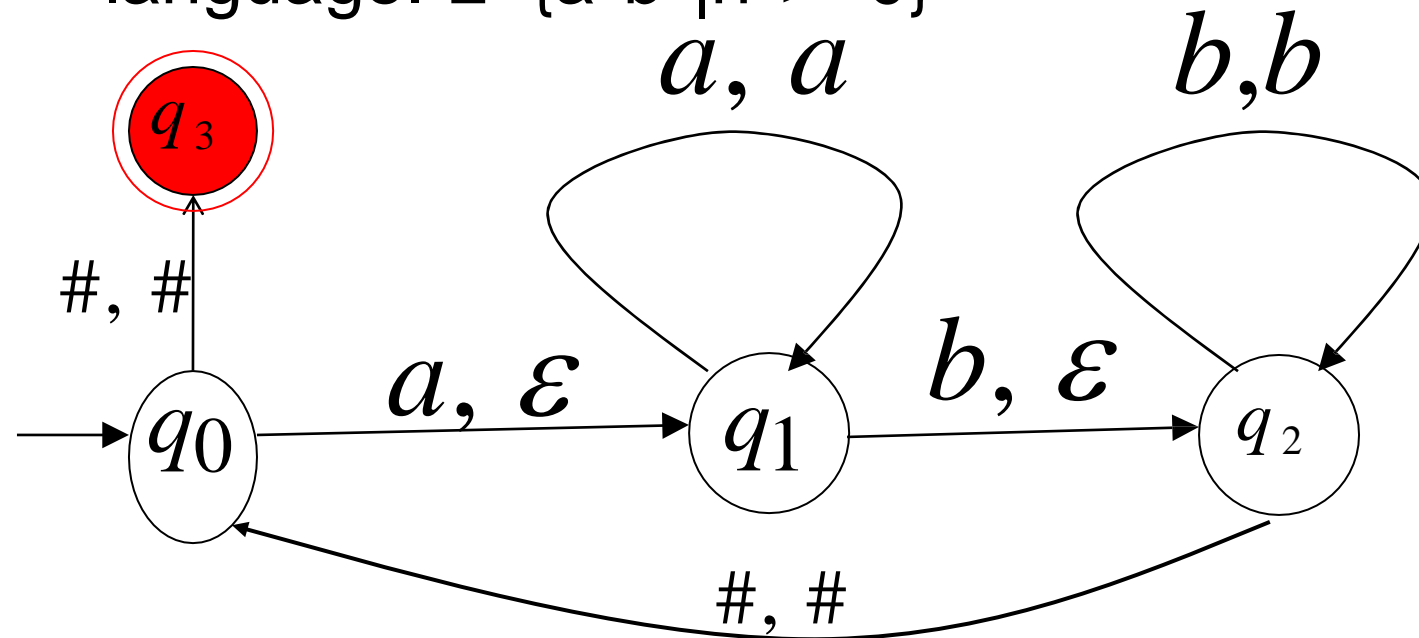
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(8 marks Nov-15)

$$L = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$



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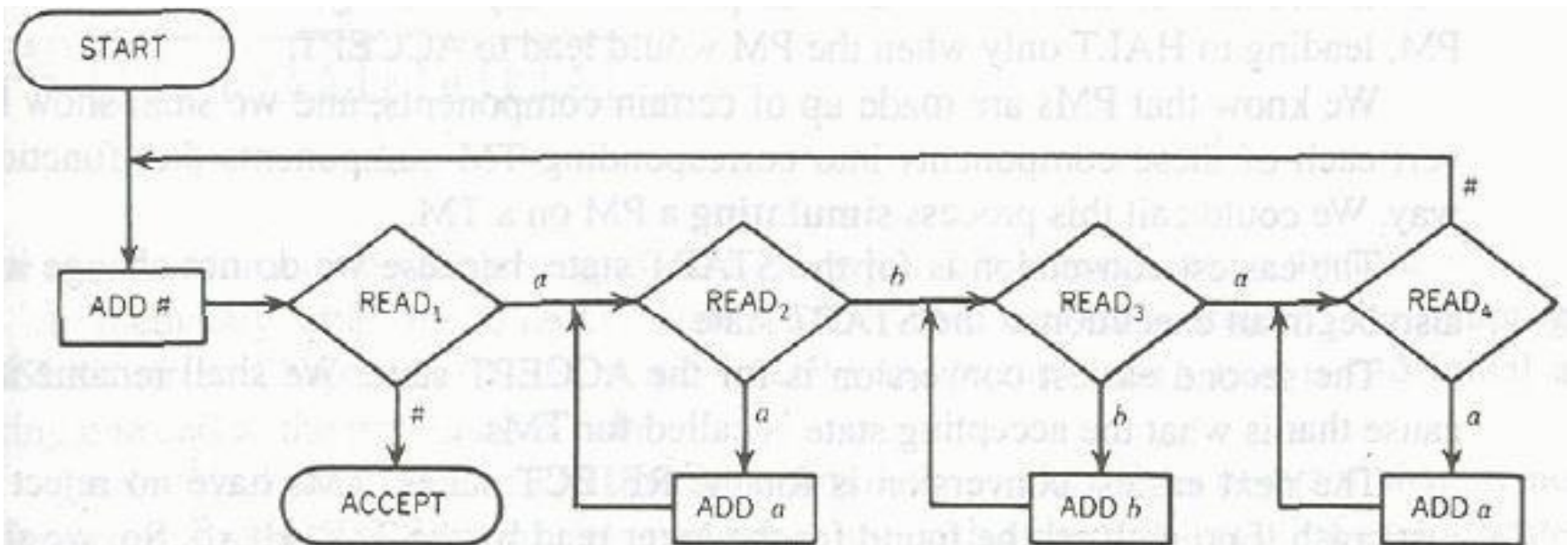
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**String is accepted..**

# Another POST Machine

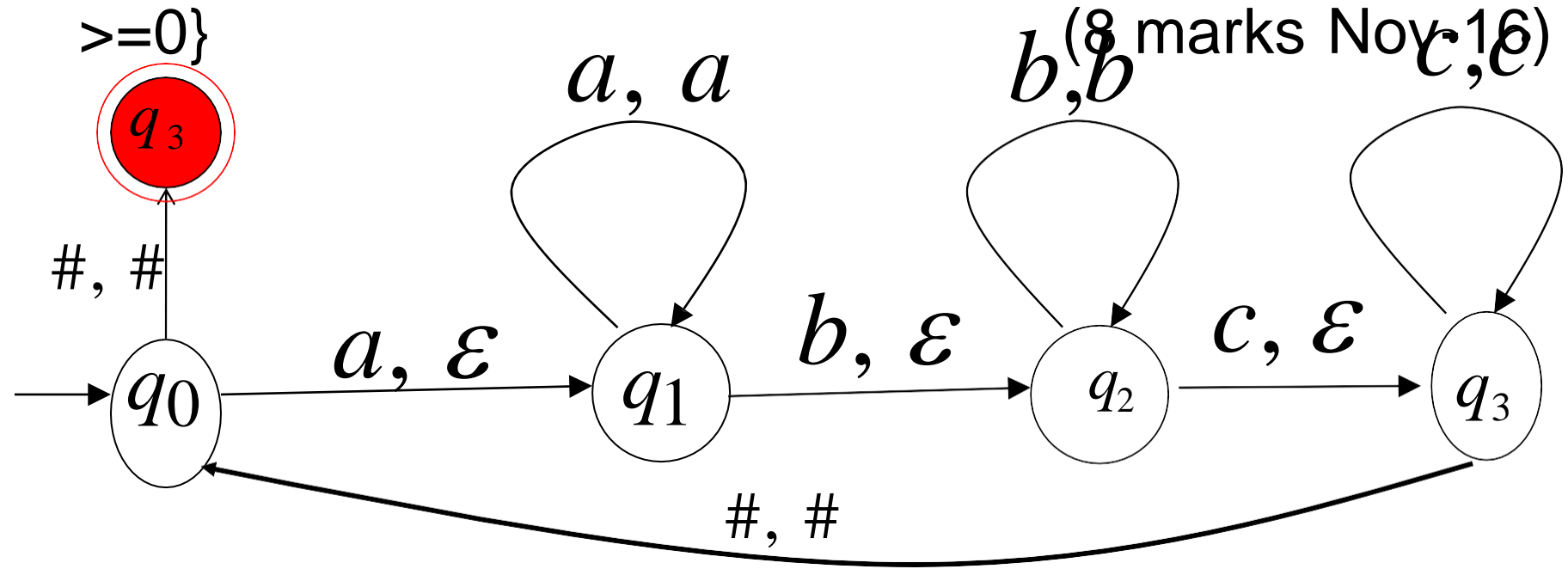
- ✓ Design a post machine that accepts the following language. (8 marks Nov-16)

$$L = \{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$



# Example

Design a post machine that accepts the following language.  $L = \{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  (8 marks Nov 16)



a	a	b	b	c	c	#			....
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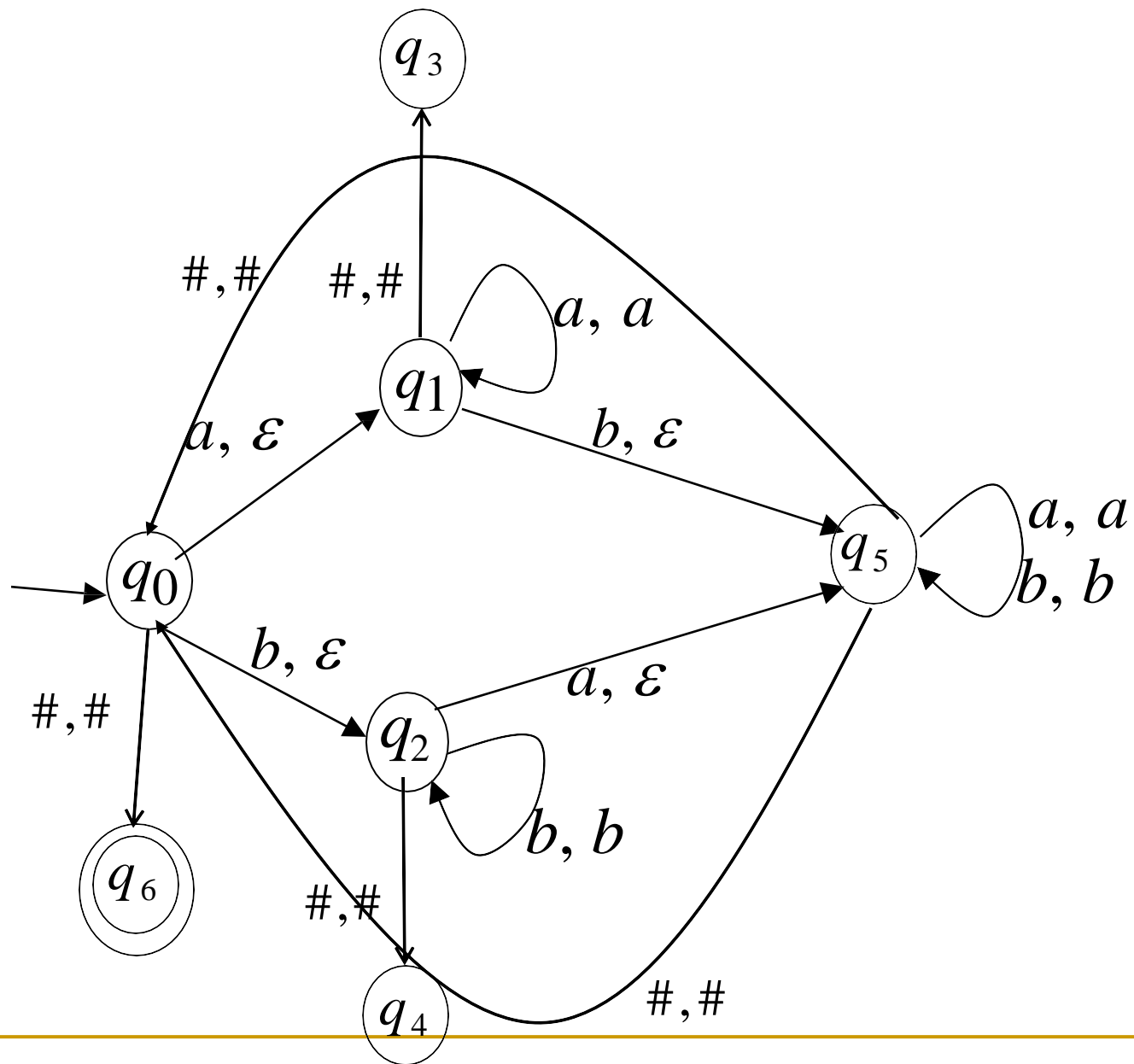
**String is accepted..**

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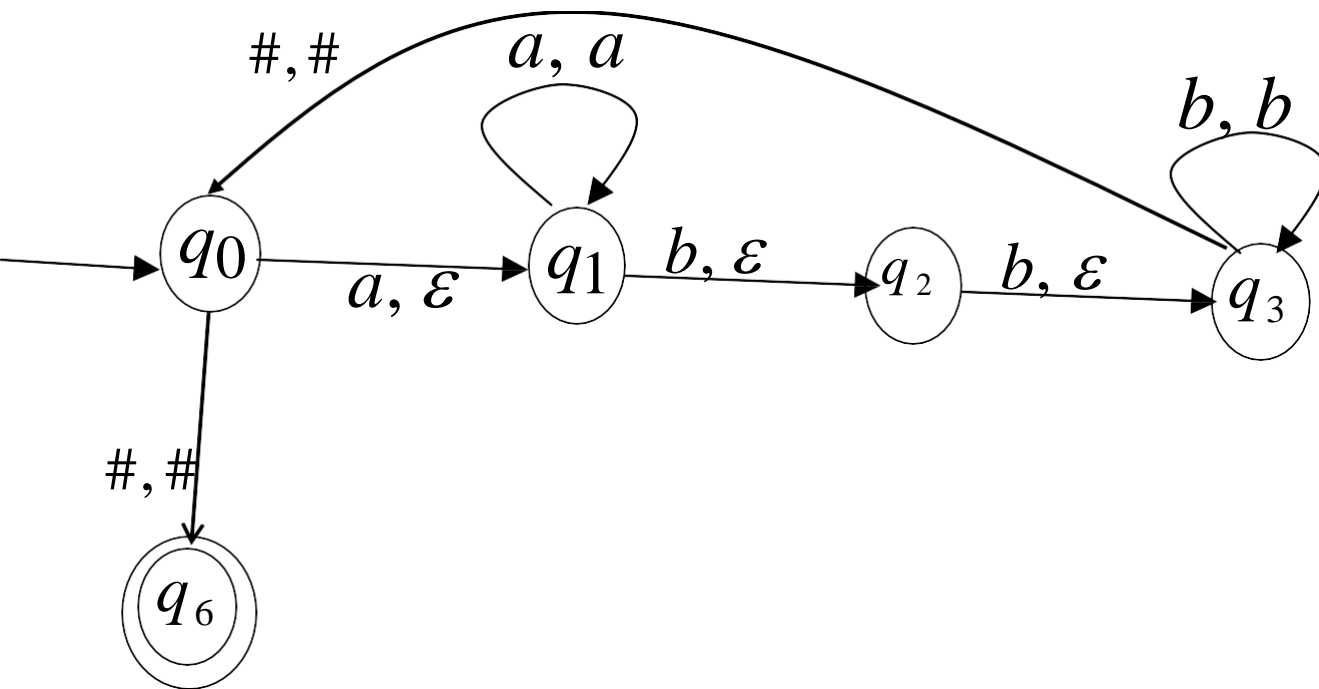
Construct Post Machine which accepts the string over  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  containing numbers of 'a' and 'b' same.

Write simulation for the string "abbaabba"

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Recall

Post Machine

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Construct Post Machine which accepts the string over  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  containing odd length & the element at the centre as 'a'. (8Marks Nov-2017)

Write simulation for the string “abbabba”

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