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GREIBACH NORMAL FORM (GNF)

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- Every context free grammar/ CFL without ϵ can be generated by a grammar for which every production in the form of $A \rightarrow a\alpha$ and $A \rightarrow a$ where A is variable, a is a terminal and α is collection of variables
- GNF FORMAT
 - Non-terminal \rightarrow terminal . any no of non-terminal
 - Non-terminal \rightarrow terminal
- A CFG is in GNF if the productions are in form,
 - $A \rightarrow b$
 - $A \rightarrow bC_1C_2\dots C_n$

$$\begin{aligned}A &\rightarrow a A, A_2 \dots \\A &\rightarrow b\end{aligned}$$



- Steps:

- Check if the given CFG has any UNIT productions or NULL productions and remove if any.
- Check if CFG is already in CNF and convert it to CNF if not.
- Change the names of nonterminal symbols into some A_i in ascending order of i.

- Example:

- $S \rightarrow CA/BB$
- $B \rightarrow b/SB$
- $C \rightarrow b$
- $A \rightarrow a$

- Step 1 and 2 are satisfied.

- Step 3: $S, B, C, A \rightarrow$ non-terminal symbols.

- Replace, S with A_1 $A_1 \rightarrow A_2A_3/A_4A_4$
- C with A_2 $A_4 \rightarrow b/A_1A_4$
- A with A_3 $A_2 \rightarrow b$
- B with A_4 $A_3 \rightarrow a$



- Step 4: After the rules so that the non-terminal are in ascending order such that, if the production is of the form $A_i \rightarrow A_j X$ then, $i < j$ and should never be $i > j$.

- $A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_3 / A_4 A_4 \Rightarrow (1 < 2 \text{ and } 1 < 4) \Rightarrow \checkmark$
- $A_4 \rightarrow b / A_1 A_4 \Rightarrow (4 > 1) \Rightarrow \text{we need to resolve this.}$
- Replace A_1
- $A_4 \rightarrow b / A_2 A_3 A_4 / A_4 A_4 A_4 \Rightarrow (4 > 2) \Rightarrow \text{again we need to resolve this issue.}$
- Replace value of A_2
- $A_4 \rightarrow b / b A_3 A_4 / A_4 A_4 A_4 \Rightarrow (4 \geq 4) \Rightarrow \text{this needs to be resolved, called Left recursion.}$

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This is GNF

- Step 5: Remove Left Recursion

- Introduce new variable to remove left recursion
- $A_4 \rightarrow b / b A_3 A_4 / A_4 A_4 A_4$
- $Z \rightarrow A_4 A_4 Z / A_4 A_4 \Rightarrow \text{take variable that follow problematic ones and write it along with new variable.}$
- Rewriting,
- $A_4 \rightarrow b / b A_3 A_4 / b Z / b A_3 A_4 Z$



- Step 5 continuation: We are not allowed to have variable in beginning
 - $A_1 \rightarrow A_2A_3/A_4 A_4$
 - $A_4 \rightarrow b/ bA_3A_4/bZ/bA_3 A_4Z$
 - $Z \rightarrow A_4A_4Z/ A_4A_4$
 - $A_2 \rightarrow b$
 - $A_3 \rightarrow a$

- Modifying:

- $A_1 \rightarrow A_2A_3/A_4 A_4 \Rightarrow$ replace A_4
- $A_1 \rightarrow bA_3/ bA_4/bA_3 A_4A_4/bZA_4/bA_3 A_4ZA_4$
- $A_4 \rightarrow b/ bA_3A_4/bZ/bA_3 A_4Z$
- $Z \rightarrow bA_4/ bA_3 A_4A_4/bZA_4/bA_3 A_4ZA_4/bA_4A_4z/bA_3A_4A_4Z/bzA_4Z/bA_3A_4ZA_4Z$
- $A_2 \rightarrow b$
- $A_3 \rightarrow a$



TRY YOURSELF!

- Convert the given CFG to GNF:
 - $S \rightarrow CA$
 - $A \rightarrow a$
 - $C \rightarrow aB/b$
- CFG to GNF
 - $S \rightarrow AA \mid 0$
 - $A \rightarrow SS \mid 1$
- Convert the given CFG to GNF:
 - $S \rightarrow AB$
 - $A \rightarrow BS/b$
 - $B \rightarrow SA$



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$$S \rightarrow A_1 \\ A \rightarrow A_2$$

$$A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_2 \mid 0$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow A_1 A_1 \mid 1$$

$$A_i = A_j X$$

$$A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_2 \mid 0 \quad \checkmark \quad [1 < 2]$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow A_1 A_1 \mid 1 \quad [2 > 1]$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow [A_2 A_2 \mid 0] A_1 \mid 1 \rightarrow A_2 A_2 A_1 \mid 0 A_1 \mid 1$$

Left Recursion

$$z \rightarrow A_2 A_1 \mid A_2 A_1 z$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow 0 A_1 \mid 1 \mid 0 A_1 z \mid 1 z$$

$$A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_2 \mid 0$$

$$\rightarrow [0 A_1 \mid 1 \mid 0 A_1 z \mid 1 z] A_2 \mid 0$$

$$\rightarrow 0 A_1 A_2 \mid (A_2 \mid 0 A_1 z A_2 \mid 1 z) A_2 \mid 0$$

$\Sigma \rightarrow OA_1 | (OA_1 z | \Sigma) A_1 | [OA_1 | (OA_1 z | \Sigma)] A_1 z$ $\Sigma \rightarrow OA_1 A_1 | (A_1 | OA_1 z | \Sigma) A_1 | (A_1 | (A_1 | OA_1 z | \Sigma) A_1 z | \Sigma) A_1 z$
 $| \Sigma A_1 z$

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$$A \rightarrow A_2$$

$$B \rightarrow A_3$$

$$A_i = A_j \times$$

$i < j$

$$A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_3 \quad \checkmark$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 | b \quad \checkmark$$

$$A_3 \rightarrow A_1 A_2 \rightarrow A_3 \rightarrow [A_1 A_3] A_2 \rightarrow A_2 A_3 A_2$$

$$\rightarrow [A_3 A_1 | b] A_3 A_2 \rightarrow \underbrace{A_3 A_1 A_3 A_2 | b A_3 A_2}_{\text{left recursion}}$$

$$\Sigma \rightarrow A_1 A_3 A_2 | A_1 A_3 A_2 z$$

$$A_3 \rightarrow b A_3 A_2 | b A_3 A_2 z$$

$$A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_3$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 | b$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow b A_3 A_2 A_1 | b A_3 A_2 z A_1 | b$$

$$A_1 \rightarrow b A_3 A_2 A_1 A_3 | b A_3 A_2 z A_1 A_3$$

$$\Sigma \rightarrow b A_3 A_2 A_1 A_3 A_2$$

EXAMPLE

- $S \rightarrow AB \quad A \rightarrow BSB \quad A \rightarrow BB \quad A \rightarrow aAb \quad B \rightarrow aA \rightarrow b \quad B \rightarrow aA \rightarrow b$

$S \rightarrow AB$

$A \rightarrow X \quad B \mid BB \mid a \mid b$

$B \rightarrow a$

$X \rightarrow BS$

$A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_3 \checkmark$

$A_2 \rightarrow A_4 A_3 \checkmark \quad A_3 A_3 \checkmark \mid a \mid b$

$A_3 \rightarrow a \checkmark$

$S \rightarrow A_1$

$A \rightarrow A_2$

$B \rightarrow A_3$

$X \rightarrow A_4$

$i < j$



$$A_4 \rightarrow A_3 A_1 \quad \text{X} \rightarrow a A_1$$
$$A_4 \rightarrow a A_1$$
$$A_3 \rightarrow a$$
$$A_2 \rightarrow a A_1 A_3 \mid a A_3 \mid a \mid b$$
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PUSHDOWN AUTOMATA



PUSHDOWN AUTOMATA(PDA)

- Pushdown automata (PDAs) are for CFLs what finite automata are for regular languages.
- PDAs are like nondeterministic finite automata but have an extra component called a **stack**.
- PDA is presented with a string w over an alphabet Σ . PDA accepts or doesn't accept w .
- More powerful than FA.
- Key Differences Between PDA and DFA:
 - PDAs have a **single stack**.
 - PDAs allow for **nondeterminism**

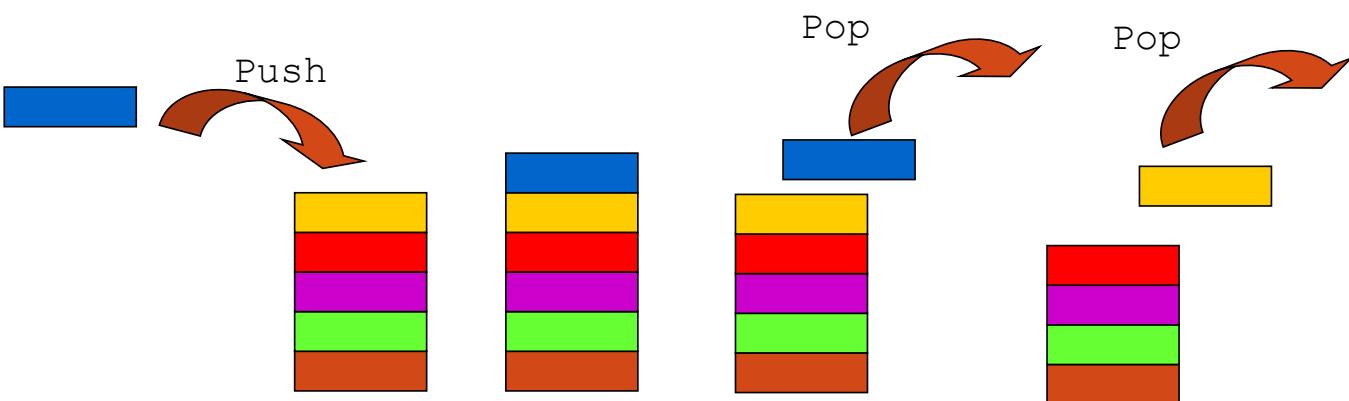


STACK REVIEW

- Defn: Stack is data structure of unlimited size with 2 operations.
- Operations:
 - Push → adds item to top of stack,
 - Pop → removes item from top of stack.
- Last-In-First-Out (LIFO)



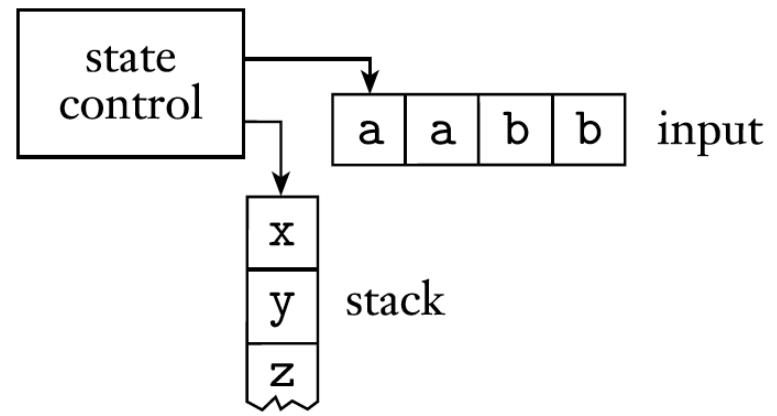
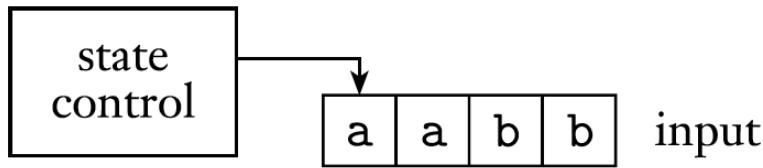
STACK



- Writing a symbol on the stack is referred to as **pushing the symbol**
- Removing a symbol from the stack is referred to as **popping the symbol**
- All access to the stack may be done only at the top



FA vs PDA



PDA is a way to implement a CFG.

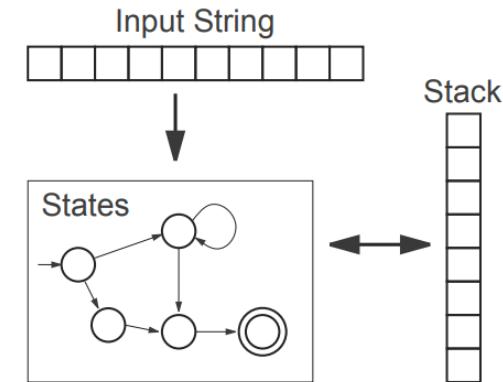
1. More powerful than FA
2. FA has very limited memory while PDA has more storage
3. PDA = FA + Stack
 1. FA → mostly NFA
 2. Stack → Allows PDA to recognize some non regular language

Deterministic and nondeterministic pushdown automata are not equivalent in power.



PDA

- PDA has
 - States
 - Stack with alphabet Γ
 - Transitions among states based on
 - current state
 - what is read from input string
 - what is popped from stack.
- At end of each transition, symbol may be pushed on stack.



INFORMAL DESCRIPTION

- $\{0^n1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$
- Read symbols from the input.
- As each 0 is read, push it onto the stack.
- As soon as 1s are seen, pop a 0 off the stack for each 1 read.
- If reading the input is finished exactly when the stack becomes empty of 0s, accept the input.
- If the stack becomes empty while 1s remain or if the 1s are finished while the stack still contains 0s or if any 0s appear in the input following 1s, reject the input.



USE OF STACK

- Recall for alphabet Σ , we defined $\Sigma_\varepsilon = \Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\}$.
- Let Γ be **stack alphabet**
 - Symbols in Γ can be pushed onto and popped off stack.
 - Often have $\$ \in \Gamma$ to mark bottom of stack.
- Let $\Gamma_\varepsilon = \Gamma \cup \{\varepsilon\}$.
 - Pushing or popping ε leaves stack unchanged.



DEFINITION OF PDA

- Defn: Pushdown automaton (PDA) is a 6 tuple ,

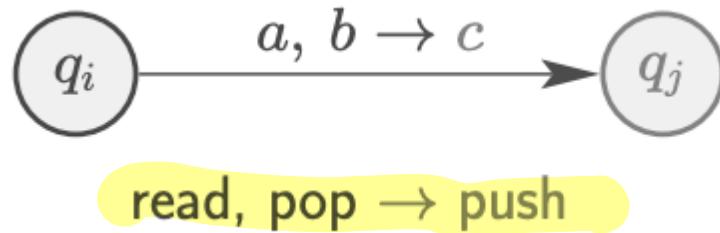
$M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, F)$:

- Q is finite set of states
- Σ is (finite) input alphabet
- Γ is (finite) stack alphabet \rightarrow always includes ϵ
- q_0 is start state, $q_0 \in Q$
- F is set of accept states, $F \subseteq Q$
- $\delta : Q \times \Sigma_\epsilon \times \Gamma_\epsilon \rightarrow P(Q \times \Gamma_\epsilon)$ is transition function



PDA TRANSITIONS

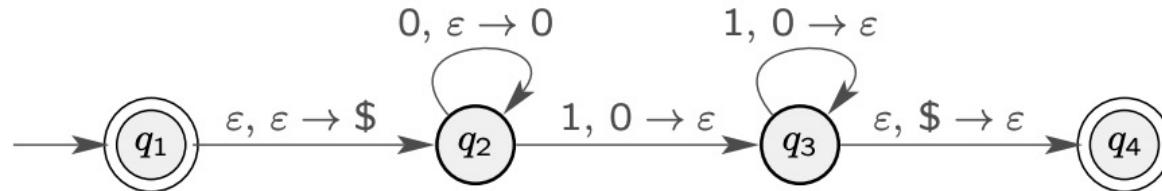
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- then PDA can
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- If $a = \varepsilon$, then no input symbol is read.
- If $b = \varepsilon$, then nothing is popped off stack.
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\$ is end of stack

read , pop \rightarrow push

HOW A PDA COMPUTES?



- PDA starts in start state with input string $w \in \Sigma^*$
 - stack initially empty
- PDA makes transitions among states
 - Based on current state, what from Σ_ϵ is next read from w , and what from Γ_ϵ is popped from stack.
 - Nondeterministically move to state and push from Γ_ϵ onto stack.
- If possible, to end in accept state $\in F \subseteq Q$ after reading entire input w without crashing, then M accepts w .



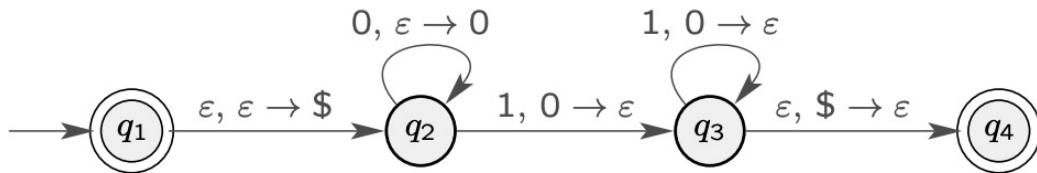
INSTANTANEOUS DESCRIPTION(ID)

- It describes the configuration of the PDA at a given instance.
- The ID must record the state and stack contents.
- An ID is a format of triple (q, w, κ) , where
 - $q \in Q$ (finite set of states),
 - $w \in \Sigma$ (finite set of input alphabets), and
 - $\kappa \in \Gamma$ (finite set of stack symbols).



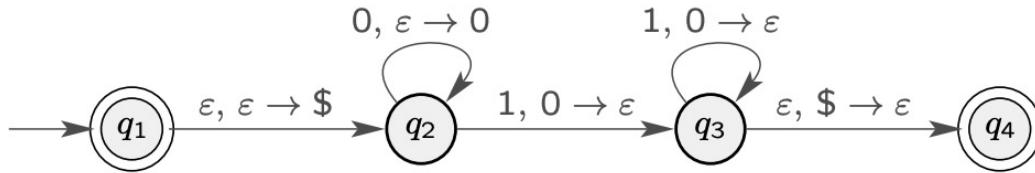
EXAMPLE

- PDA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_1, F)$



- $Q = \{q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4\}$
- $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$
- $\Gamma = \{0, \$\}$ (use $\$$ to mark bottom of stack)
- q_1 is the start state
- $F = \{q_1, q_4\}$
- M recognizes language $\{ 0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$.



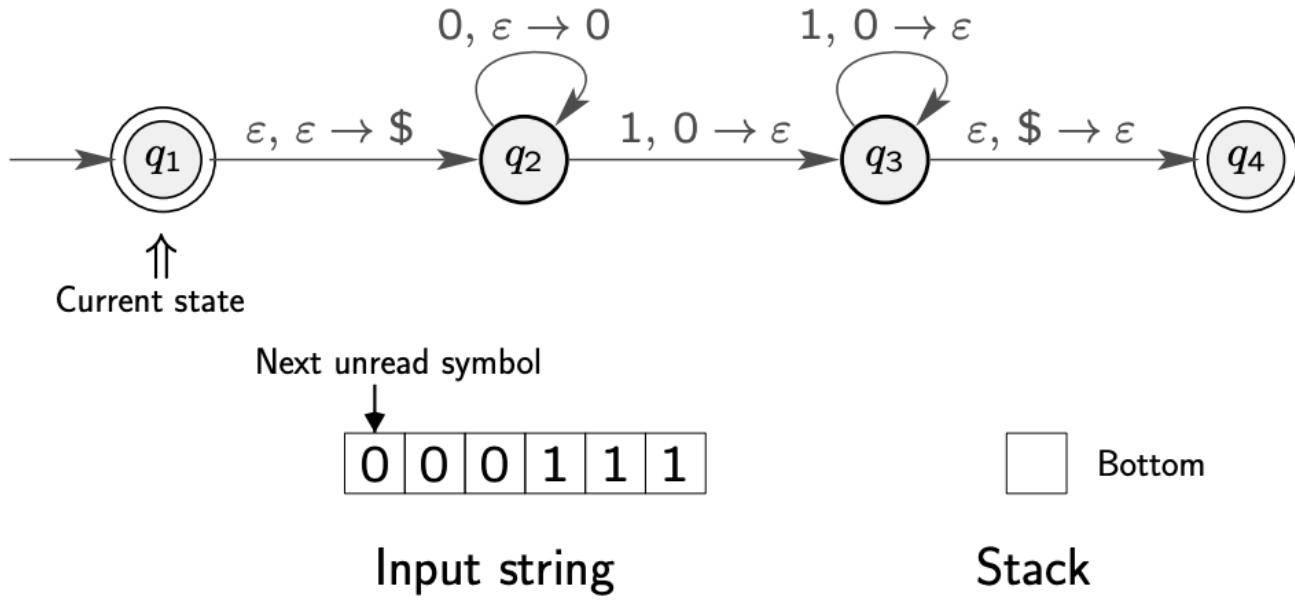


- transition function $\delta : Q \times \Sigma_\epsilon \times \Gamma_\epsilon \rightarrow P(Q \times \Gamma_\epsilon)$

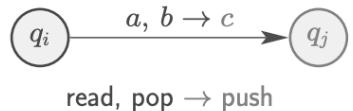
Input:	0	1	ϵ
Stack:	0 \$ ϵ	0 \$ ϵ	0 \$ ϵ
q_1			$\{(q_2, \$)\}$
q_2	$\{(q_2, 0)\}$	$\{(q_3, \epsilon)\}$	
q_3		$\{(q_3, \epsilon)\}$	$\{(q_4, \epsilon)\}$
q_4			

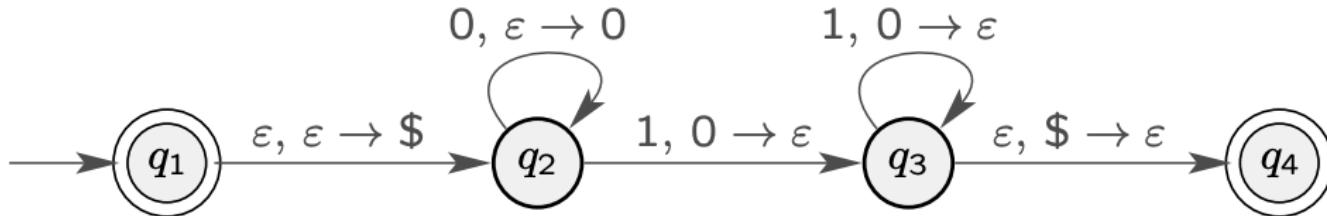
- e.g., $\delta(q_2, 1, 0) = \{(q_3, \epsilon)\}$.
- Blank entries are \emptyset .
- Let's process string 000111 on our PDA.
- PDA uses stack to match each 0 to a 1





- Start in start state q_1 with stack empty.
- No input symbols read so far.
- Next go to state q_2
 - reading nothing, popping nothing, and pushing $\$$ on stack.





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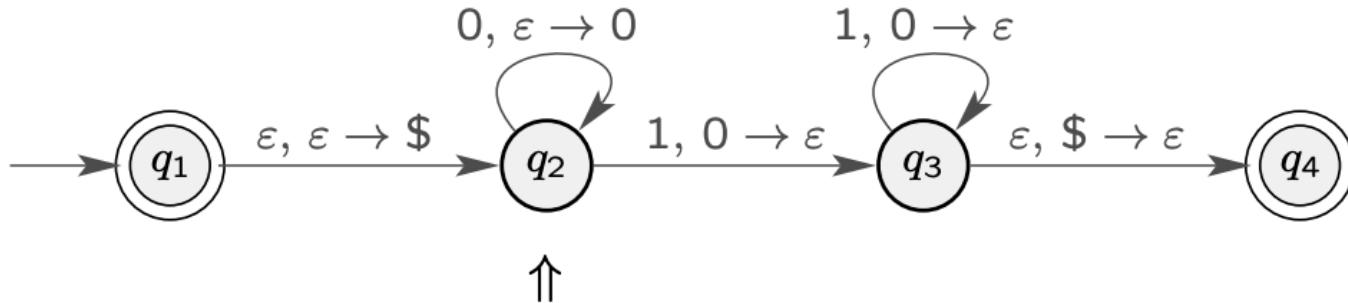
Input string



Stack

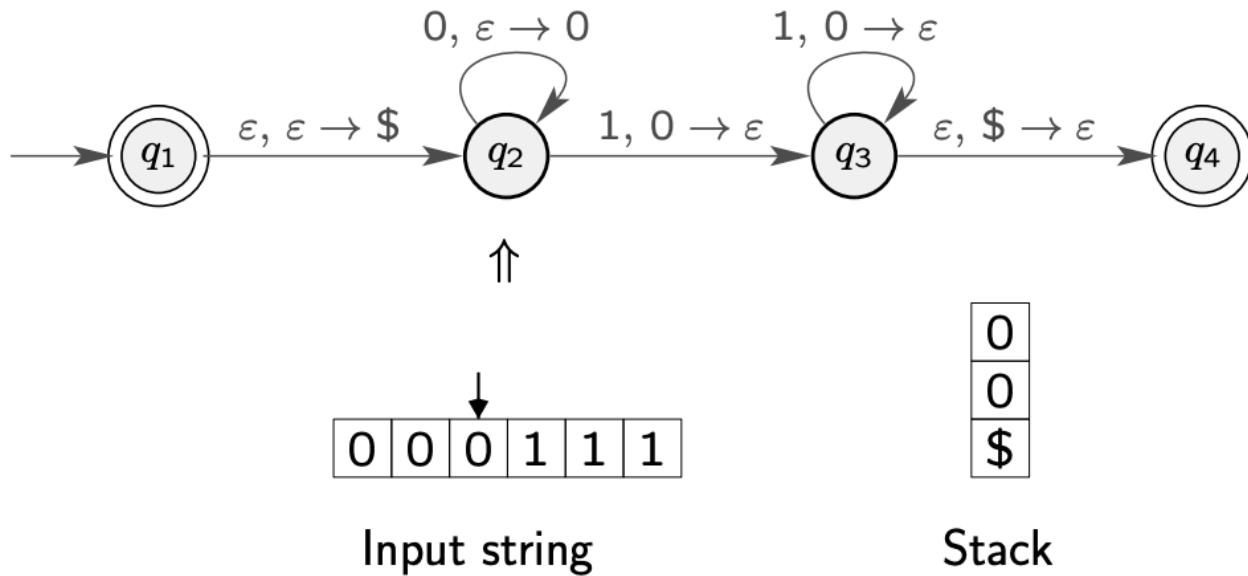
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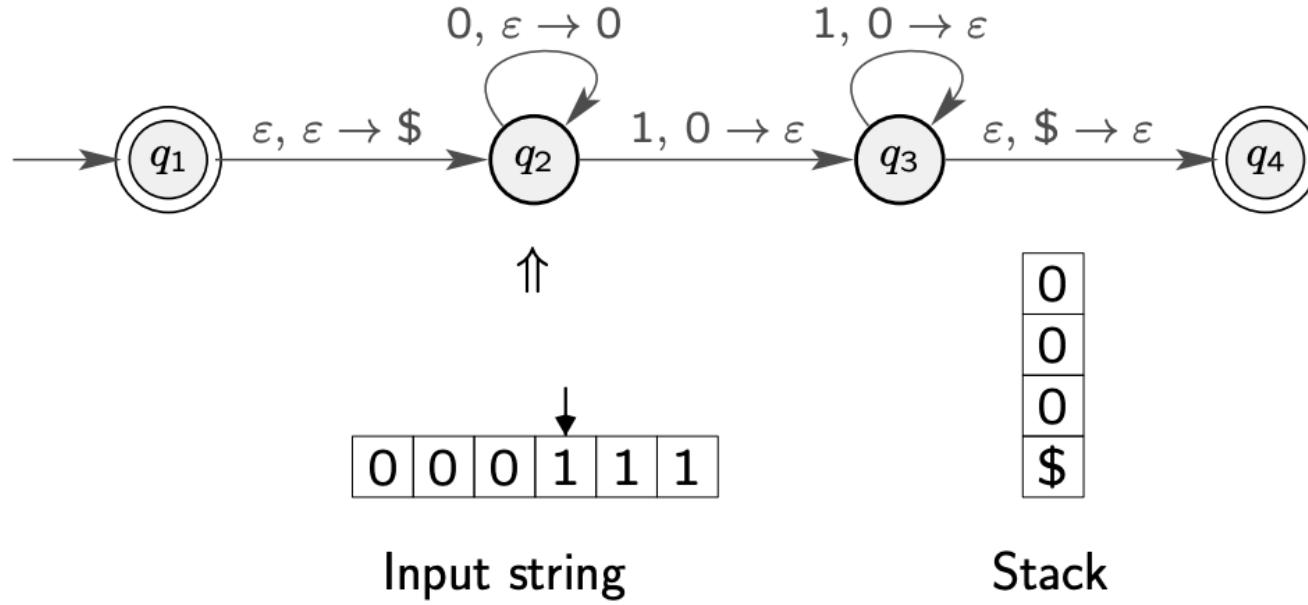
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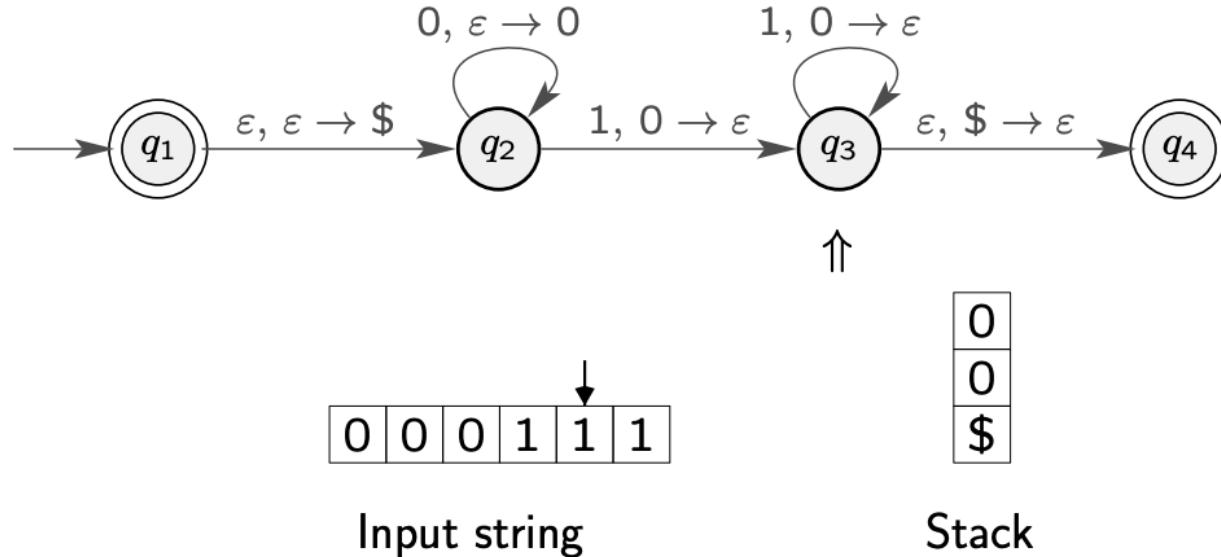
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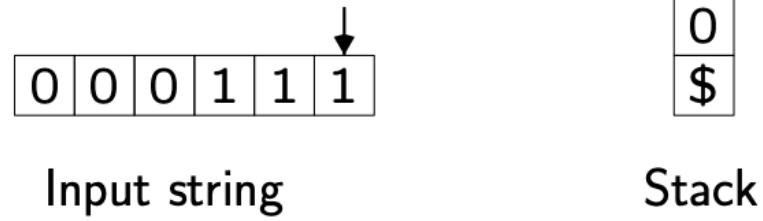
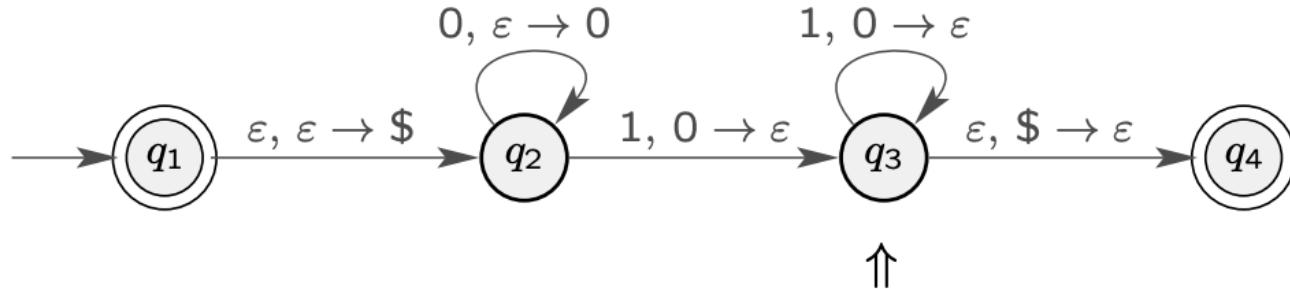
- Next go to state q_3
 - reading input symbol 1
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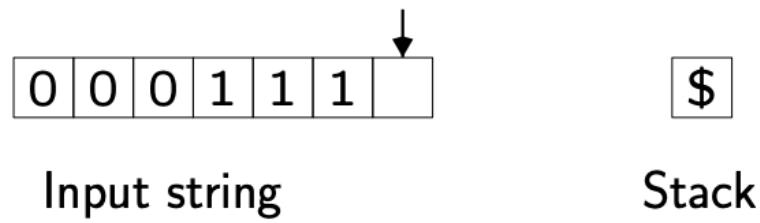
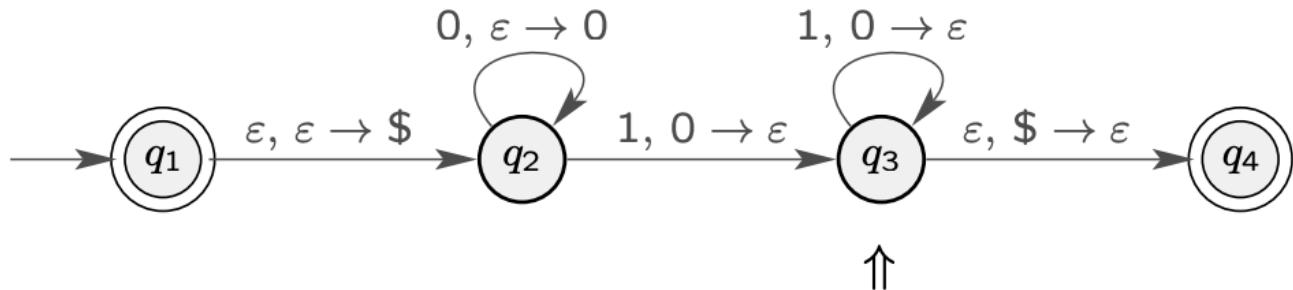
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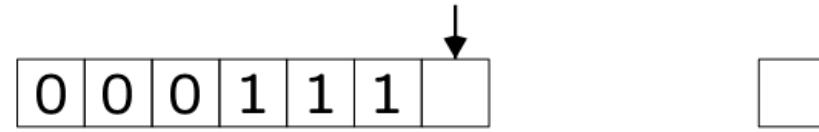
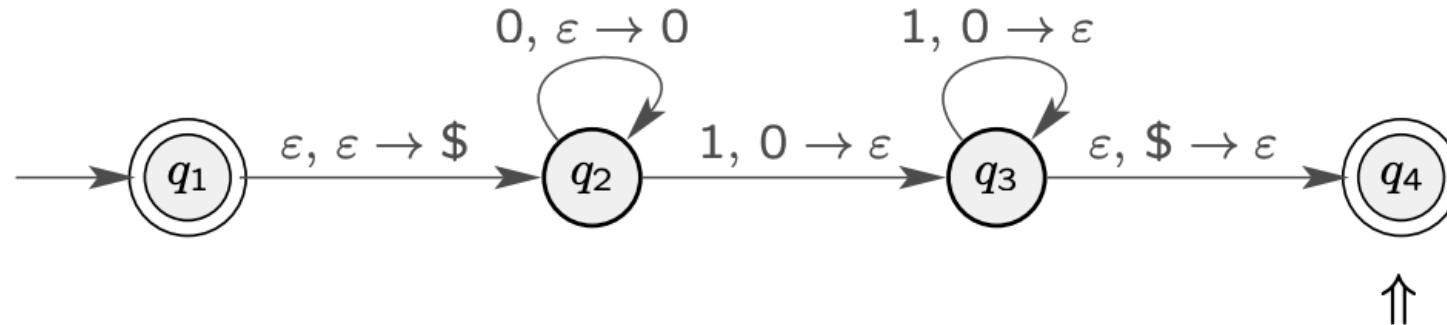
- Next return to state q_3
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- Next go to state q_4
 - reading nothing
 - popping \$ from stack
 - pushing nothing on stack.



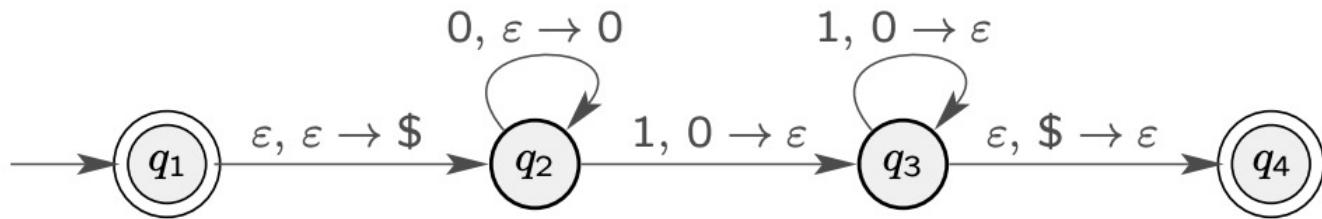


Input string

Stack

- String 000111 is accepted by PDA because
 - q_4 is an accept state and
 - PDA read the entire input string without crashing.





On input $w = 000111$, the (state; stack) evolution is

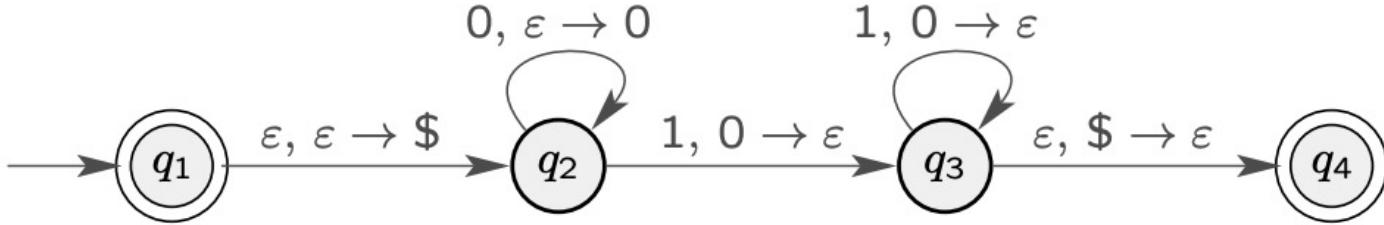
$$(q_1; \varepsilon) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon, \varepsilon \rightarrow \$} (q_2; \$) \xrightarrow{0, \varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (q_2; 0\$) \xrightarrow{0, \varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (q_2; 00\$)$$

$$\xrightarrow{0, \varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (q_2; 000\$) \xrightarrow{1, 0 \rightarrow \varepsilon} (q_3; 00\$) \xrightarrow{1, 0 \rightarrow \varepsilon} (q_3; 0\$) \xrightarrow{1, 0 \rightarrow \varepsilon} (q_3; \$)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\varepsilon, \$ \rightarrow \varepsilon} (q_4; \varepsilon).$$

- Stack grows to the left, so leftmost symbol in stack is on top.
- Concatenation of what is read in sequence of transitions is $\varepsilon 000111\varepsilon = w$.





- On input $w = 0111$, the (state; stack) evolution is

$$(q_1; \varepsilon) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon, \varepsilon \rightarrow \$} (q_2; \$) \xrightarrow{0, \varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (q_2; 0\$) \xrightarrow{1, 0 \rightarrow \varepsilon} (q_3; \$) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon, \$ \rightarrow \varepsilon} (q_4; \varepsilon)$$

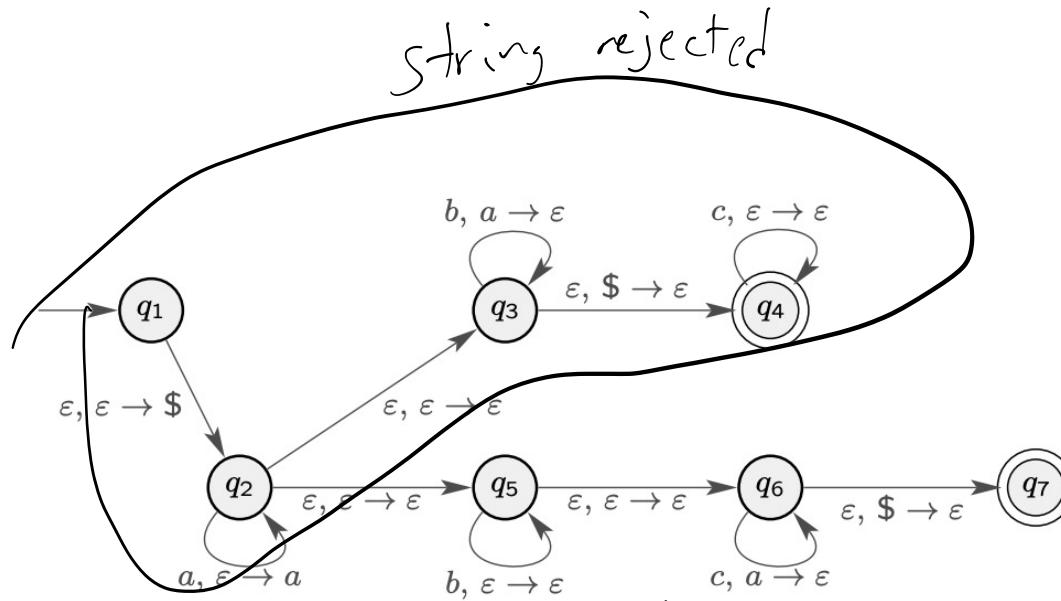
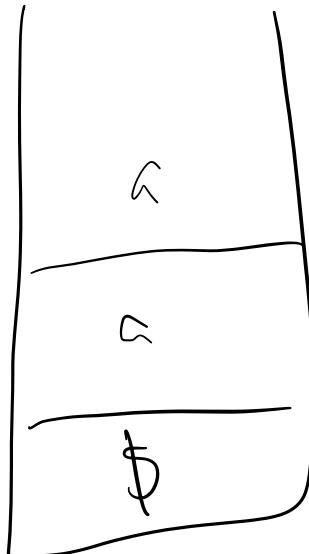
- Only first two symbols 01 were read from input $w = 0111$.
- PDA then crashes: there are still unread symbols 11 in input string w but PDA can't make any more transitions from q_4 .
- No other way of processing, so string 0111 not accepted.
- Can show that PDA M recognizes language $\{ 0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$.



show stack
representation

a a b b h

EXAMPLE

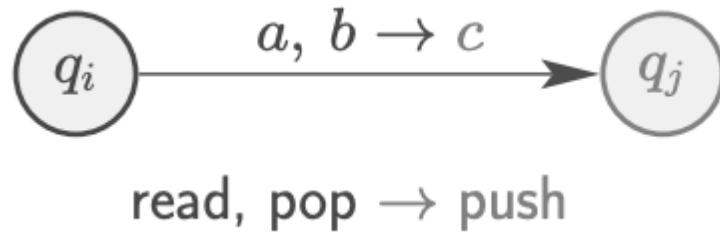


double rejected
by machine



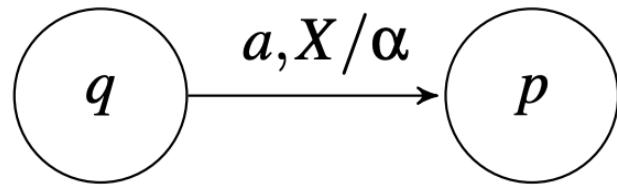
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ANOTHER REPRESENTATION

- The nodes correspond to the states of the PDA.
- An arrow labelled start indicates the start state.
- Doubly circled states are accepting.
- If $\delta(q,a,X)$ contains a pair (p,α) , then there is an arc from q to p labeled $a,X/\alpha$



- The only thing that the diagram does not tell us is which stack symbol is the start symbol. Conventionally, it is Z .



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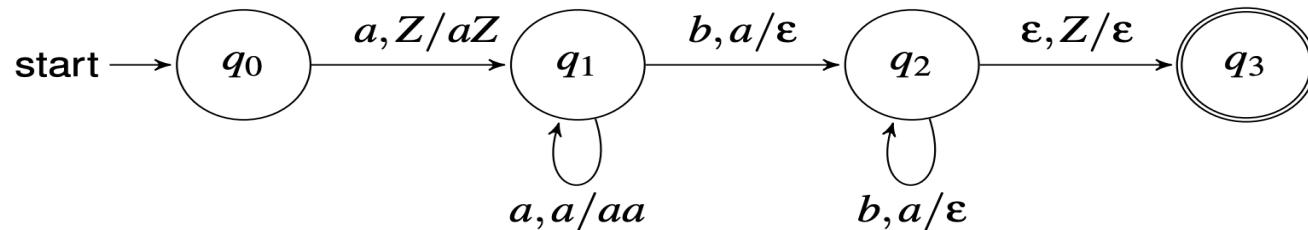
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|--|--------------------------|
| $\delta(q_0, a, Z) = \{(q_1, aZ)\}$ | ... push first a |
| $\delta(q_1, a, a) = \{(q_1, aa)\}$ | ... push further a 's |
| $\delta(q_1, b, a) = \{(q_2, \epsilon)\}$ | ... start popping a 's |
| $\delta(q_2, b, a) = \{(q_2, \epsilon)\}$ | ... pop further a 's |
| $\delta(q_2, \epsilon, Z) = \{(q_3, \epsilon)\}$ | ... accept |



EXAMPLE

- Transition Function:

1. q_0 (initial state): Read a , push A onto the stack, move to state q_1
2. q_1 : Read a , push A onto the stack, remain in state q_1
3. q_1 : Read b , move to state q_2 without pushing or popping anything from the stack
4. q_2 : Read b , move to state q_3 without pushing or popping anything from the stack
5. q_3 : Read b , pop A from the stack, move back to state q_1
6. q_3 : Read a , remain in state q_3 if there are no more input symbols left
7. q_3 : If ϵ (empty stack) and no input symbols left, move to state q_4
8. q_4 : If ϵ (empty stack) and no input symbols left, move to state q_5 (final accepting state)



TRY YOURSELF!

- Build a PDA for the language $L = \{a^n b^{2n} \mid n \geq 1\}$
- Construct a PDA to accept $L = (a, b)^*$ with equal number of 'a' and 'b', i.e., $n_a(L) = n_b(L)$
- Build a PDA for the language $L = \{0^n 1^m 0^n \mid m, n \geq 1\}$
- Construct the PDA for the language $L = \{a^n b^m a^n / n, m \geq 1\}$
- Construct a PDA to accept the language $L = \{a^n b^m c^m d^n, \text{ where } m, n \geq 1\}$.



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3. q_1 : Read b , move to state q_2 without pushing or popping anything from the stack
4. q_2 : Read b , move to state q_3 without pushing or popping anything from the stack
5. q_3 : Read b , pop A from the stack, move back to state q_1
6. q_3 : Read a , remain in state q_3 if there are no more input symbols left
7. q_3 : If ϵ (empty stack) and no input symbols left, move to state q_4 (final accepting state)



TRY YOURSELF!

Build a PDA for the language $L = \{0^n 1^m 2^n \mid m, n \geq 1\}$



