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Based on Chapter 6 of HMU.

Help

1. Consider the pushdown automaton with the following transition rules:

1.  $\delta(q, 0, Z_0) = \{(q, XZ_0)\}$
2.  $\delta(q, 0, X) = \{(q, XX)\}$
3.  $\delta(q, 1, X) = \{(q, X)\}$
4.  $\delta(q, \epsilon, X) = \{(p, \epsilon)\}$
5.  $\delta(p, \epsilon, X) = \{(p, \epsilon)\}$
6.  $\delta(p, 1, X) = \{(p, XX)\}$
7.  $\delta(p, 1, Z_0) = \{(p, \epsilon)\}$

The start state is  $q$ . For which of the following inputs can the PDA first enter state  $p$  with the input empty and the stack containing  $XXZ_0$  [i.e., the ID  $(p, \epsilon, XXZ_0)$ ]?

- a) 0100110
- b) 0011011
- c) 101010
- d) 1001101

Answer submitted: **b)**

You have answered the question correctly.

Question Explanation:

When in state  $q$ , the PDA adds an  $X$  to the stack whenever it consumes a  $0$ . The PDA may consume a  $1$  with no change to the stack, but only if the stack has top symbol  $X$ . That is, on inputs beginning with  $1$  the PDA has no choice of move and can never enter state  $p$ . Since entering state  $p$  pops an  $X$  from the stack, there must be exactly three  $0$ 's in the consumed inputs, and any number of  $1$ 's. In addition, the first input must be  $0$ .

2. Here are the transitions of a deterministic pushdown automaton. The start state is  $q_0$ , and  $f$  is the accepting state.

| State-Symbol | a                 | b                 | $\epsilon$        |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| $q_0-Z_0$    | $(q_1, AAZ_0)$    | $(q_2, BZ_0)$     | $(f, \epsilon)$   |
| $q_1-A$      | $(q_1, AAA)$      | $(q_1, \epsilon)$ | -                 |
| $q_1-Z_0$    | -                 | -                 | $(q_0, Z_0)$      |
| $q_2-B$      | $(q_3, \epsilon)$ | $(q_2, BB)$       | -                 |
| $q_2-Z_0$    | -                 | -                 | $(q_0, Z_0)$      |
| $q_3-B$      | -                 | -                 | $(q_2, \epsilon)$ |
| $q_3-Z_0$    | -                 | -                 | $(q_1, AZ_0)$     |

Describe informally what this PDA does. Then, identify below, the one input string that takes the PDA into state  $q_3$  (with any stack).

- a) bbbaa
- b) baba
- c) babbbab
- d) bababba

Answer submitted: **a)**

You have answered the question correctly.

Question Explanation:

This PDA accepts all strings with twice as many  $b$ 's as  $a$ 's. In states  $q_0$  and  $q_1$ , we push two  $A$ 's onto the stack for each input  $a$ , and we pop an  $A$  for every input  $b$ . You can interpret state  $q_1$  as saying "we've seen more than half as many  $a$ 's as  $b$ 's." In states  $q_0$  and  $q_2$  we push a  $B$  for every input  $b$ , and (with the help of  $q_3$ ) we pop two  $B$ 's for every input  $a$ . You can interpret  $q_2$  as "we have seen more than twice as many  $b$ 's as  $a$ 's."

As a result, we enter  $q_3$  when, having previously seen strictly more than twice as many  $b$ 's as  $a$ 's, we see an  $a$  on the input.

3. Suppose one transition rule of some PDA  $P$  is  $\delta(q, 0, X) = \{(p, YZ), (r, XY)\}$ . If we convert PDA  $P$  to an equivalent context-free grammar  $G$  in the manner described in Section 6.3.2 (p. 247), which of the following could be a production of  $G$  derived from this transition rule? You may assume  $s$  and  $t$  are states of  $P$ , as well as  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$ .
- a)  $[qXt] \rightarrow 0[pYr][qZt]$
  - b)  $[qXt] \rightarrow 0[rXr][rYt]$
  - c)  $[qXt] \rightarrow 0[rXr][qYt]$
  - d)  $[qXt] \rightarrow [rXr][rYt]$

Answer submitted: **b)**

You have answered the question correctly.

Question Explanation:

If  $m$  and  $n$  are any states of  $P$ , then the fact that  $(p, YZ)$  is in  $\delta(q, 0, X)$  says that there will be a production  $[qXm] \rightarrow 0[pYn][nZm]$ . Similarly, the choice  $(r, XY)$  says that  $[qXm] \rightarrow 0[rXn][nYm]$  is a production.

4. If we convert the context-free grammar  $G$ :

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow AS \mid A \\ A &\rightarrow 0A \mid 1B \mid 1 \\ B &\rightarrow 0B \mid 0 \end{aligned}$$

to a pushdown automaton that accepts  $L(G)$  by empty stack, using the

construction of Section 6.3.1, which of the following would be a rule of the PDA?

- a)  $\delta(q, \varepsilon, B) = \{(q, 0B)\}$
- b)  $\delta(q, \varepsilon, S) = \{(q, SA), (q, A)\}$
- c)  $\delta(q, \varepsilon, A) = \{(q, 0A)\}$
- d)  $\delta(q, \varepsilon, S) = \{(q, AS), (q, A)\}$

Answer submitted: **d)**

You have answered the question correctly.

Question Explanation:

There is one state,  $q$ . The input symbols are 0 and 1, and the stack symbols are  $\{S, A, B, 0, 1\}$ .  $S$  is the initial stack symbol. The rules are:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(q, \varepsilon, S) &= \{(q, AS), (q, A)\} \\ \delta(q, \varepsilon, A) &= \{(q, 0A), (q, 1B), (q, 1)\} \\ \delta(q, \varepsilon, B) &= \{(q, 0B), (q, 0)\} \\ \delta(q, 0, 0) &= \{(q, \varepsilon)\} \\ \delta(q, 1, 1) &= \{(q, \varepsilon)\} \end{aligned}$$

5. Here are the transitions of a deterministic pushdown automaton. The start state is  $q_0$ , and  $f$  is the accepting state.

| State-Symbol | a                    | b                    | $\varepsilon$      |
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| $q_1-A$      | $(q_1, AAA)$         | $(q_1, \varepsilon)$ | -                  |
| $q_1-Z_0$    | -                    | -                    | $(q_0, Z_0)$       |
| $q_2-B$      | $(q_2, \varepsilon)$ | $(q_2, BB)$          | -                  |

| $q_2, B$   | $(q_3, \epsilon)$ | $(q_2, BB)$ | -                 |
|------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| $q_2, Z_0$ | -                 | -           | $(q_0, Z_0)$      |
| $q_3, B$   | -                 | -           | $(q_2, \epsilon)$ |
| $q_3, Z_0$ | -                 | -           | $(q_1, AZ_0)$     |

Describe informally what this PDA does. Then, identify below the one input string that the PDA accepts.

- a) abbbab
- b) baabbba
- c) bbbaabbb
- d) bbaabab

Answer submitted: **a)**

You have answered the question correctly.

Question Explanation:

This PDA accepts all strings with twice as many  $b$ 's as  $a$ 's. In states  $q_0$  and  $q_1$ , we push two  $A$ 's onto the stack for every input  $a$ , and we pop an  $A$  for every input  $b$ . You can interpret state  $q_1$  as saying "we've seen more than half as many  $a$ 's as  $b$ 's." In states  $q_0$  and  $q_2$  we push a  $B$  for every input  $b$ , and (with the help of  $q_3$ ) we pop two  $B$ 's for every input  $a$  (using  $q_3$  as an intermediate. You can interpret  $q_2$  as "we have seen more than twice as many  $b$ 's as  $a$ 's."

6. Consider the pushdown automaton with the following transition rules:

1.  $\delta(q, 0, Z_0) = \{(q, XZ_0)\}$
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7.  $\delta(p, 1, Z_0) = \{(p, \epsilon)\}$

From the ID  $(p, 1101, XXZ_0)$ , which of the following ID's can NOT be reached?

- a)  $(p, 1101, XZ_0)$
- b)  $(p, 101, \epsilon)$
- c)  $(p, 01, XXXXZ_0)$
- d)  $(p, 101, XXXXZ_0)$

Answer submitted: **d)**

You have answered the question correctly.

Question Explanation:

In state  $p$ , there is no way to consume a 0 from the input, and no way to leave state  $p$ . We can pop X's from the stack spontaneously (on  $\epsilon$  input), and by consuming a 1 we can push an X onto the stack (but only if there was already an X on the top of the stack). Finally, with  $Z_0$  at the top of the stack and 1 as the next input, we can pop the  $Z_0$  and consume the 1. Consequently, the accessible ID's can be categorized as follows. All have state  $p$ .

1. Input = 1101, stack is  $XXZ_0$ ,  $XZ_0$ , or  $Z_0$ .
2. Input = 101, stack is  $XXXZ_0$ ,  $XXZ_0$ ,  $XZ_0$ ,  $Z_0$ , or  $\epsilon$ .
3. Input = 01, stack is  $XXXXZ_0$ ,  $XXXZ_0$ ,  $XXZ_0$ ,  $XZ_0$ ,  $Z_0$ , or  $\epsilon$ .