

# CS & IT ENGINEERING

Theory of Computation

Push Down Automata:

PDA – Part 1

Lecture No. 02



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# TOPICS TO BE COVERED

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Every Reg lang is CFL

But CFL may or may not be Regular

$L = a^*$  over  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$



Regular Language  $\cong$  FA  $\cong$  RG  $\cong$  RegExp

CFL  $\cong$  PDA  $\cong$  CFG

$L = a^n b^n$   
Not reg  
CFL



## Summary



Note:

1) Reg lang need not be subset another reg

2) Reg lang need not be subset of CFL

$FA < PDA$   
 $\text{Set of } L(FA_s) \subset \text{Set of } L(PDA_s)$

Set of all reg  $\subset$  Set of all CFL

Set of all CFLs

Set of all regular lang

~~Reg lang  $\subset$  CFL~~

~~$(a+b)^* \subset a^n b^n$~~

~~$a^*$~~

~~$\Sigma^*$~~



# Push Down Automata



$PDA \equiv FA + 1 \text{ stack}$

$(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, \overset{\text{optional}}{\boxed{F}}, z_0, \Gamma)$

I) Uses Final state mechanism to accept string

II) Uses Empty stack mechanism to accept string

III) Uses Both Final state & Empty stack

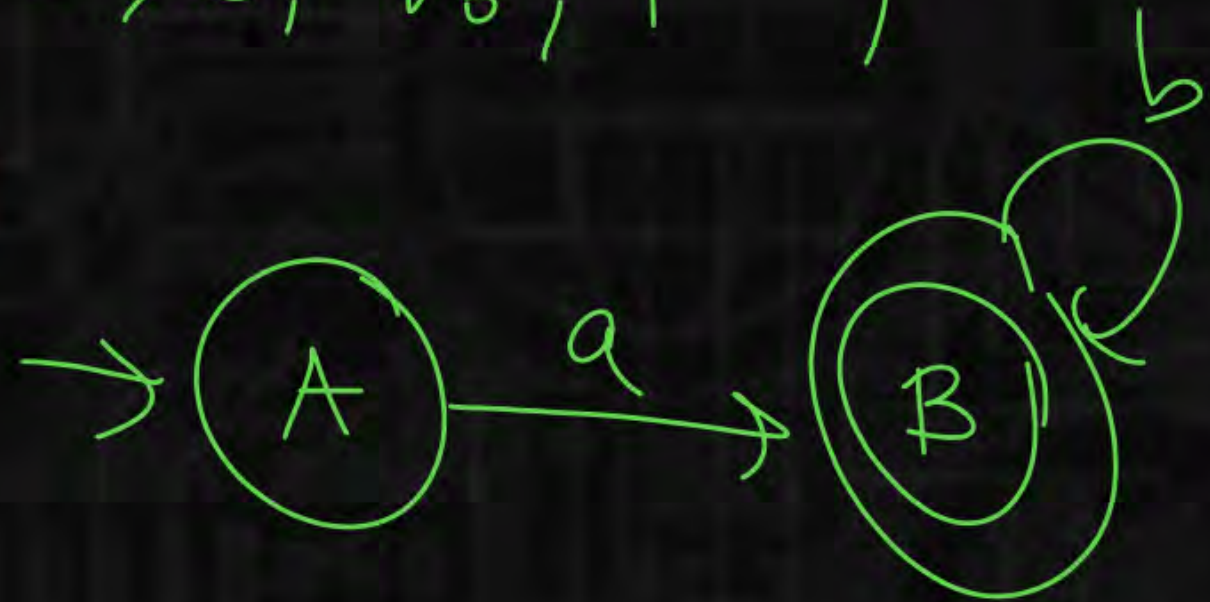
Stack Alphabet  
(Set of stack symbols)

Bottom of Stack  
( $\perp$ )

FA

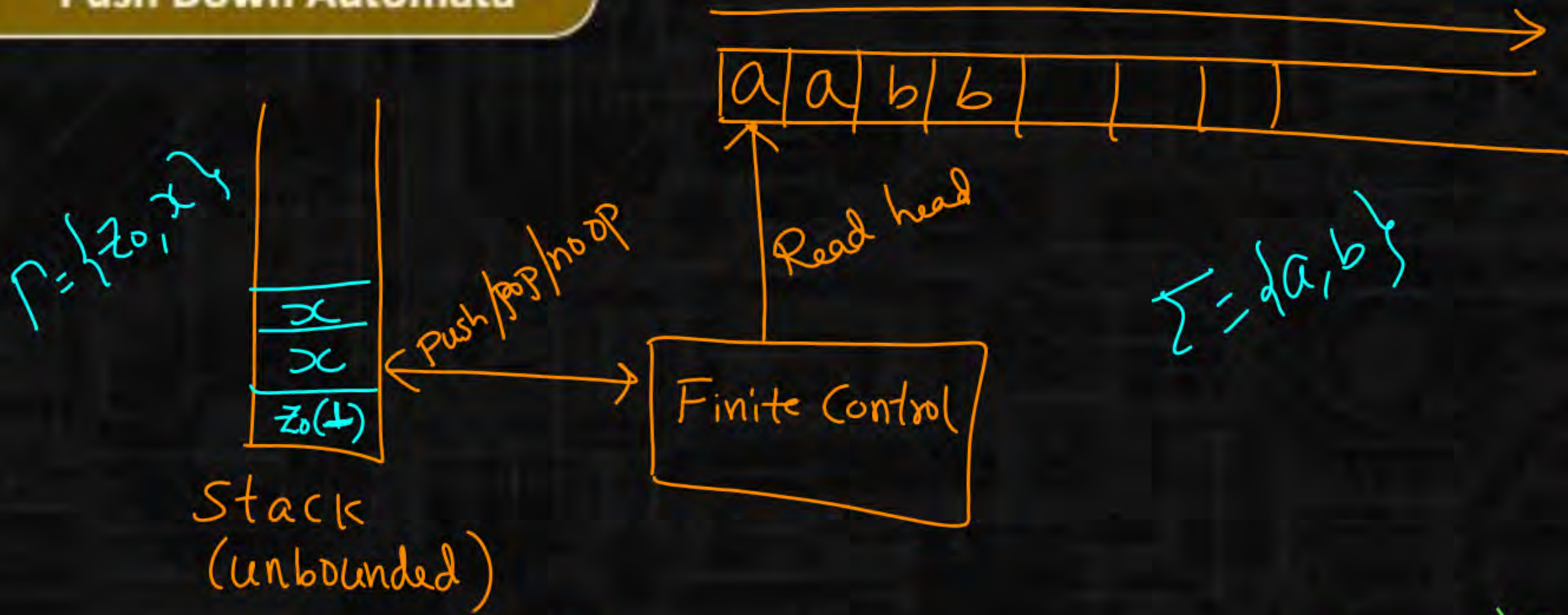
Uses Final state mechanism

$(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$





# Push Down Automata



$$\delta_{NPDA} = \delta_{PDA} \quad Qx \underset{\epsilon}{\Sigma} x \Gamma^* \rightarrow Qx \Gamma^*$$

$$\delta_{DPDA}: Qx \Sigma x \Gamma \rightarrow Qx \Gamma^*$$

- Note:
- I) Every DPDA is PDA
  - II) PDA may or may not be DPDA



# Push Down Automata



By default PDA is non-deterministic Note:

less powerful  
(NFA=DFA)

DPDA  
↓  
represents  
DCFLs

more powerful  
PDA  
↓  
represents  
CFLs

PDA stack is restricted  
to 100 symbols height

$\approx$   
FA

$\approx$   
PDA with finite stack

Note: Every DCFL is CFL  
CFL need not be DCFL

$L(\text{NFA})$  is Regular

$L(\text{DFA})$  is Regular

Every NFA convertible to DFA

Every DFA is NFA

$\text{NFA} \approx \text{DFA}$   
power of NFA & DFA  
is same



DPDA



Uses Final state  
mechanism to accept  
Strings

PDA

final state  
will decide  
 $w \in L$   
or  
 $w \notin L$

Stack will decide  
 $w \in L$  or  $w \notin L$

Uses Final state

$\cong$

Uses Empty stack

$L_1 =$  Set of all languages accepted by PDA  
using Final State.

$L_2 =$  Set of all languages accepted by PDA using Empty Stack

$L_1 = L_2 = \text{set of all CFLs}$

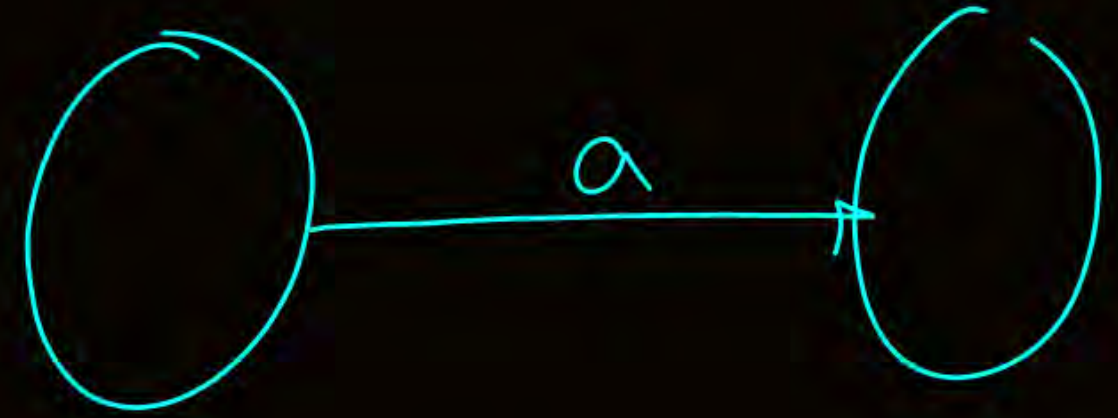




State change

Trying to remember  $a$

In FA



I) Change state

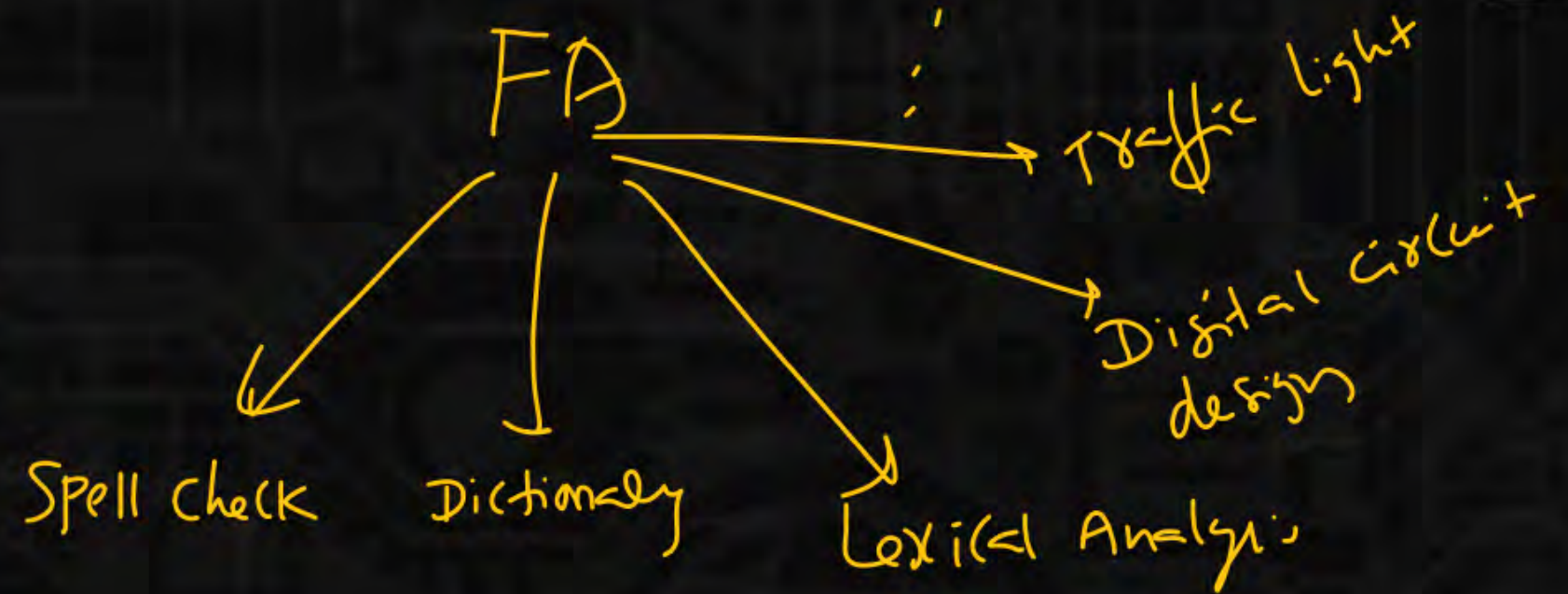
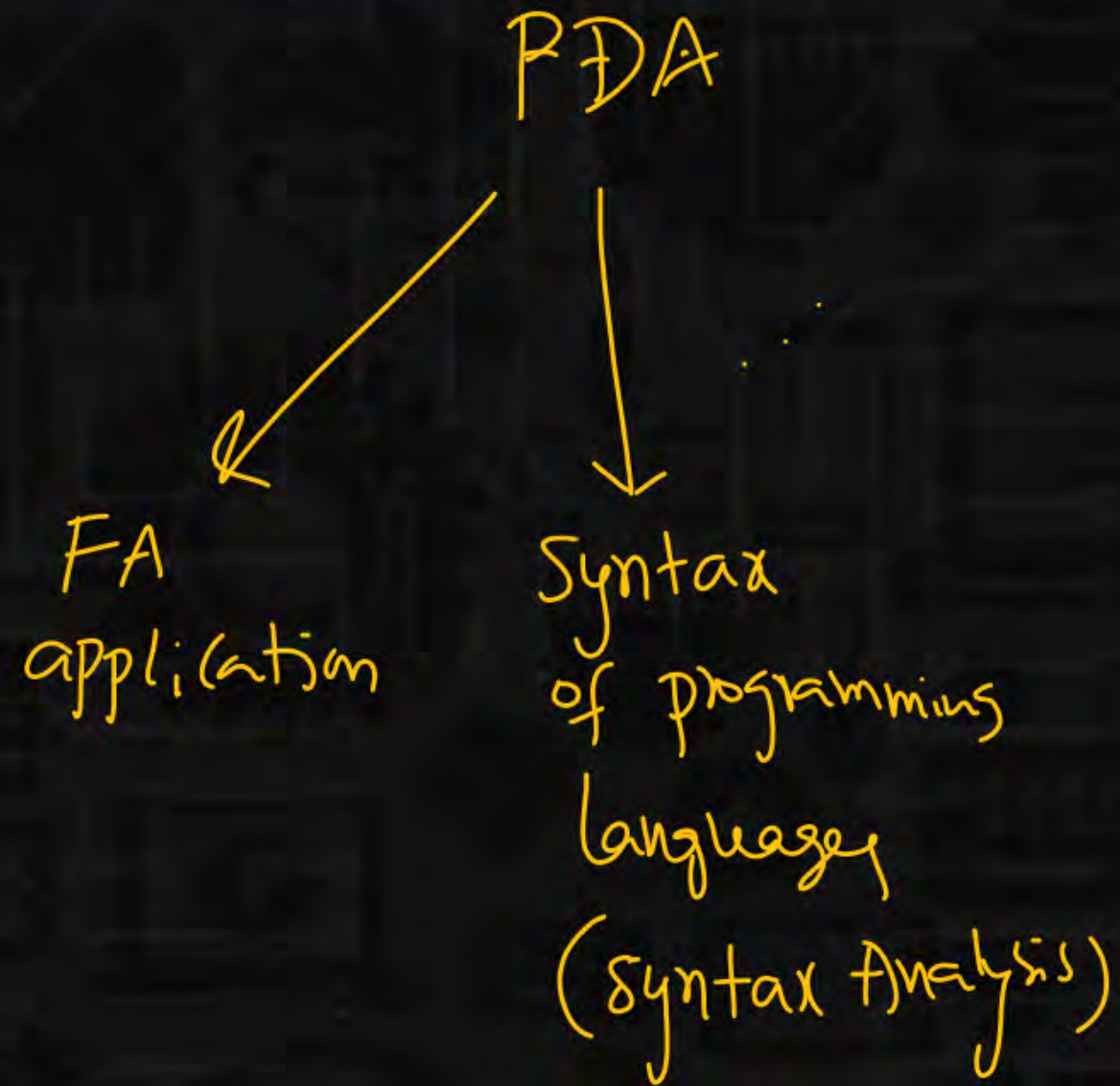
OR

II) push onto stack

OR

III) Both I & II







# Push Down Automata

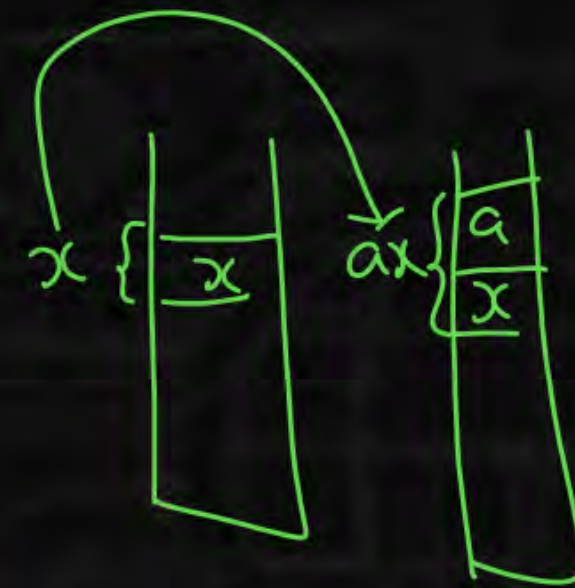
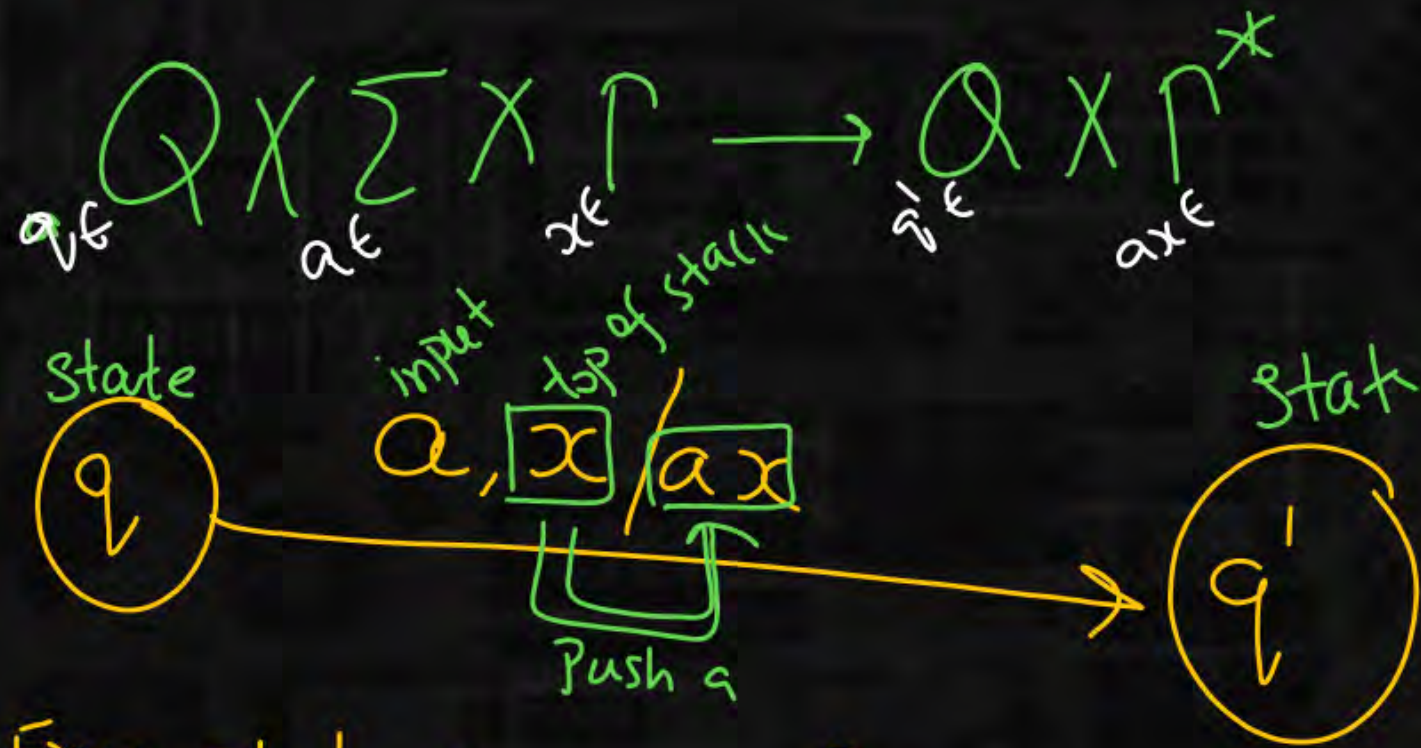
How to understand transition?



DDA transition  
PDA transition

①

$$\delta(q, a, x) = (q', ax)$$



- 1st Every Transition ✓
- 2nd PDA ✓
- 3rd Strings  $\begin{matrix} \epsilon \\ a \\ b \\ aa \end{matrix}$  ✓
- 4th Language ✓

From state  $q$

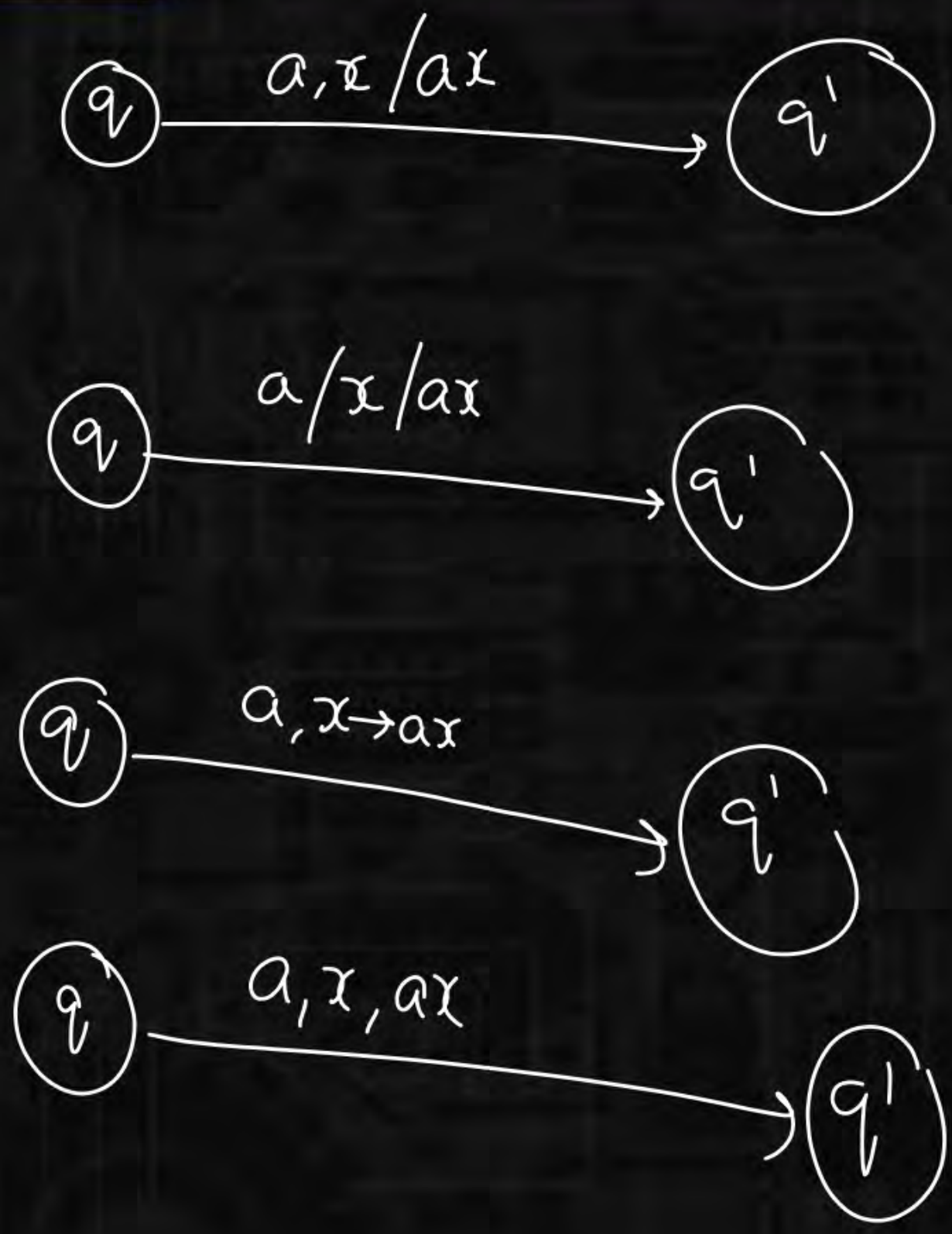
By reading input  $a$

When top of stack  $x$

going to  $q'$

Push  $a$  onto stack





all notations represent same meaning

$q \in \Sigma$   
 $x \in \Gamma^*$   
 $ax \in \Gamma^*$



# Push Down Automata



$$\textcircled{2} \quad \delta(q, a, \boxed{a}) = (q', \boxed{a})$$

present state current i/p top of stack  
no change



$$\textcircled{3} \quad \delta(q, a, \boxed{a}) = (q', \boxed{aa})$$

i/p ε ε\*  
push a

- i)  $q \rightarrow q'$
- ii) Input 'a'
- iii) top is 'a'
- iv) push a



# Push Down Automata



only in PDA

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \delta(q, \underbrace{\varepsilon}_{\text{i/p}}, \underbrace{\boxed{\varepsilon}}_{\text{tos}}) = (q, \boxed{\varepsilon})$$

no change



By reading no i/p  
Without looking at stack }  $\Rightarrow$  no operation on stack.



# Push Down Automata



PDA (5)  $\delta(q, \epsilon, \boxed{\epsilon}) = (q', \boxed{\epsilon})$

state change  $q \Rightarrow q'$     i/p no i/p    tos not looking    operation no operation

PDA (6)  $\delta(q, \epsilon, \boxed{\epsilon}) = (q', \boxed{a})$

$q \Rightarrow q'$     no i/p    not looking    push 'a'

PDA (7)  $\delta(q, a, \boxed{\epsilon}) = (q', \boxed{\epsilon})$

$q \Rightarrow q'$     read 'a'    not looking    no operation

DPDA & PDA (8)  $\delta(q, a, \boxed{a}) = (q', \boxed{\epsilon})$

$q \Rightarrow q'$     read 'a'    tos = a    pop 'a'

In PDA (9)  $\delta(q, a, \boxed{aaa}) = (q', \boxed{a})$   
 $Q \times \Sigma_{\epsilon} \times \Gamma^* \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma^*$   
 aa's deleted

$q \Rightarrow q'$     read 'a'    tos seq = aaa    pop 2 a's



$p^* / p^*$

- ①  $\epsilon / \epsilon \Rightarrow$  no operation
- ②  $\epsilon / a \Rightarrow$  push a
- ③  $a / \epsilon \Rightarrow$  pop a
- ④  $aa / a \Rightarrow$  pop a
- ⑤  $aaa / aaa \Rightarrow$  no operation
- ~~⑥  $a / x$  Invalid~~
- ⑦  $a / a \Rightarrow$  no operation
- ⑧  $b / a$  Invalid



tos

Compare  $P$  &  $P^*$

Operation

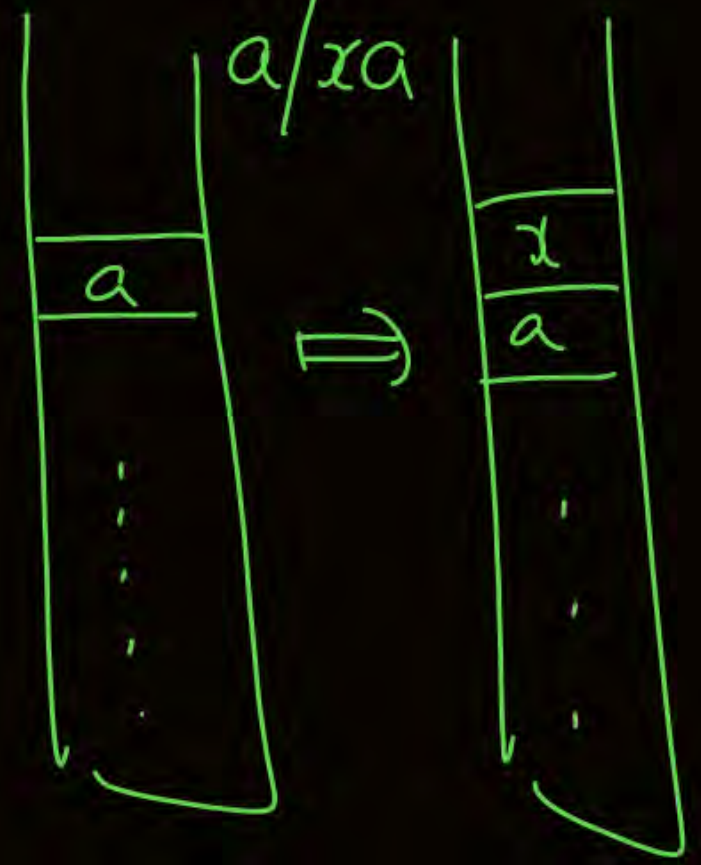


$\epsilon$  pop

no change



Push





PDA (10)  $\delta(q, a, \boxed{X}) = (q', \boxed{aX})$  : Push 'a'

*Handwritten note:  $\epsilon \rightarrow$  symbol*

PDA (11)  $\delta(q, a, \boxed{aX}) = (q', \boxed{X})$  : Pop 'a'

PDA (12)  $\delta(q, \epsilon, \boxed{aX}) = (q', \boxed{aaX})$  : push 'a'

PDA & DPDA (13)  $\delta(q, a, \boxed{z_0}) = (q', \boxed{az_0})$  : push 'a'

PDA & DPDA (14)  $\delta(q, b, \boxed{a}) = (q', \boxed{\epsilon})$  : pop 'a'



DPDA:  
(8)

$$QX\Sigma X\uparrow \rightarrow QX\uparrow^*$$

PDA:  
(8)

$$QX\Sigma_{\varepsilon}X\uparrow^* \rightarrow 2QX\uparrow^*$$



→ PDA & DPDA :  $\delta$  ✓

Next: What is PDA?

Construction of PDA & DPDA

$\Gamma$  = Set of Stack Symbols

$\Gamma^*$  = Set of Strings over  $\Gamma$



