



Computer Science

Theory of Computation

Context Free Languages

Lecture No.- 4

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Recap of Previous Lecture



Topic

PDA Construction



Topics to be Covered

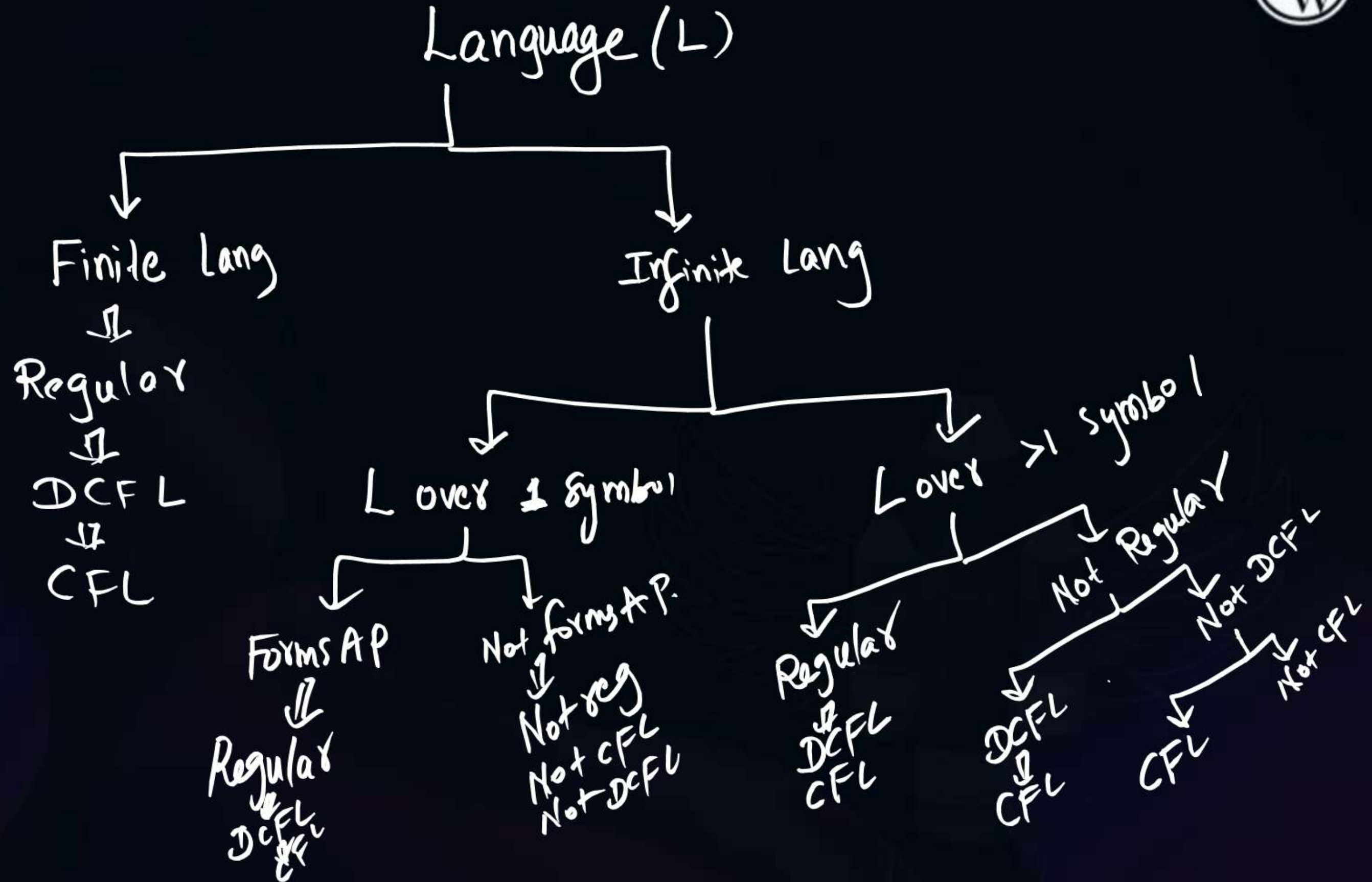


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Identifying CFLs and DCFLs

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Closure Properties for CFLs and DCFLs



① $\{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\} \Rightarrow$ DCFL but not regular

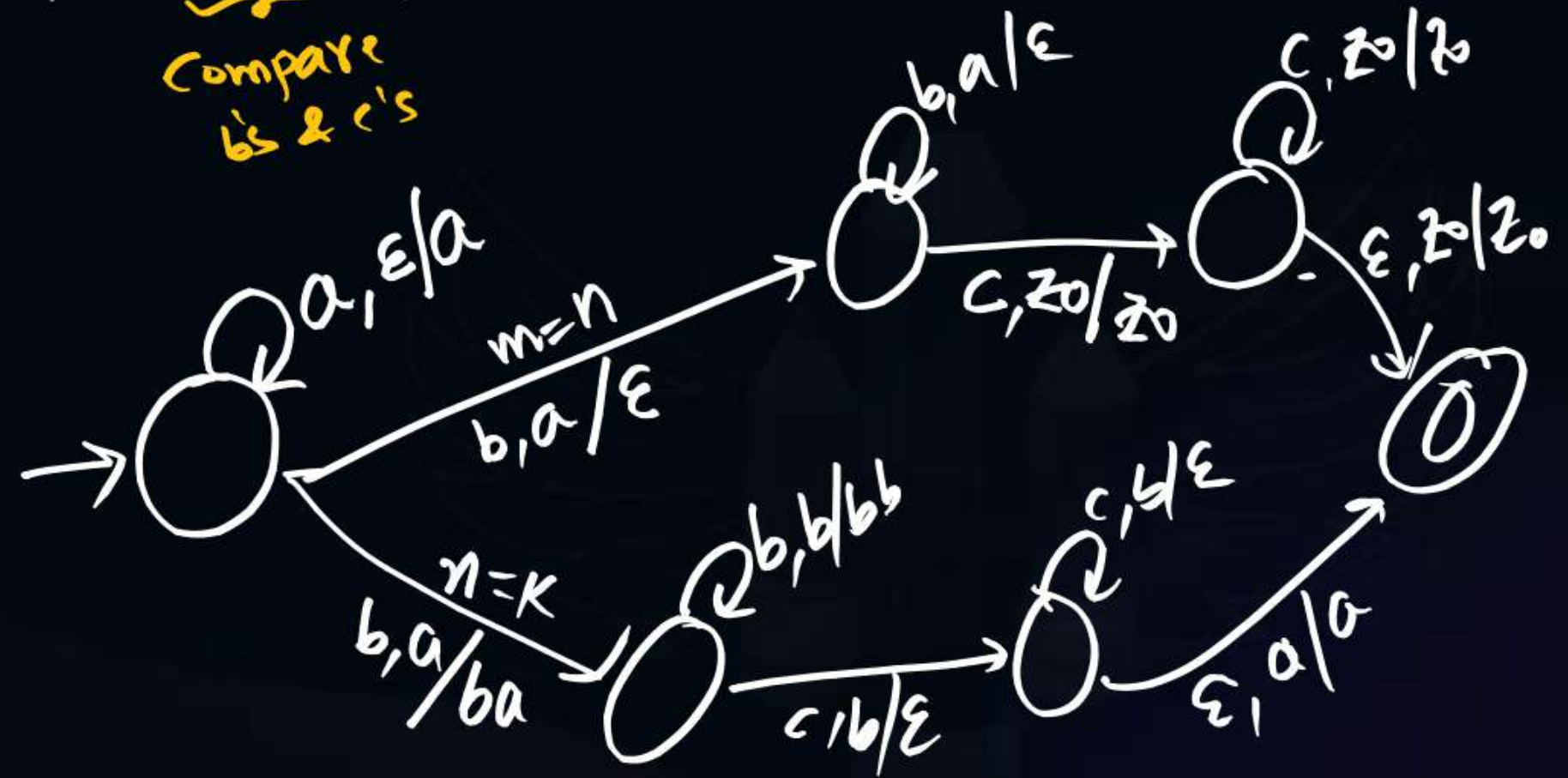
$\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{push} \\ a's \end{matrix}$
 $\begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ \text{pop} \\ a's \end{matrix}$

② $\{a^m \boxed{b^n} c^k \mid \underbrace{m=n}_{\text{compare } a's \& b's} \text{ OR } \underbrace{n=k}_{\text{compare } b's \& c's}\}$ is CFL but not DCFL

Push a's

pop a's $m=n$

push b's $n=k$



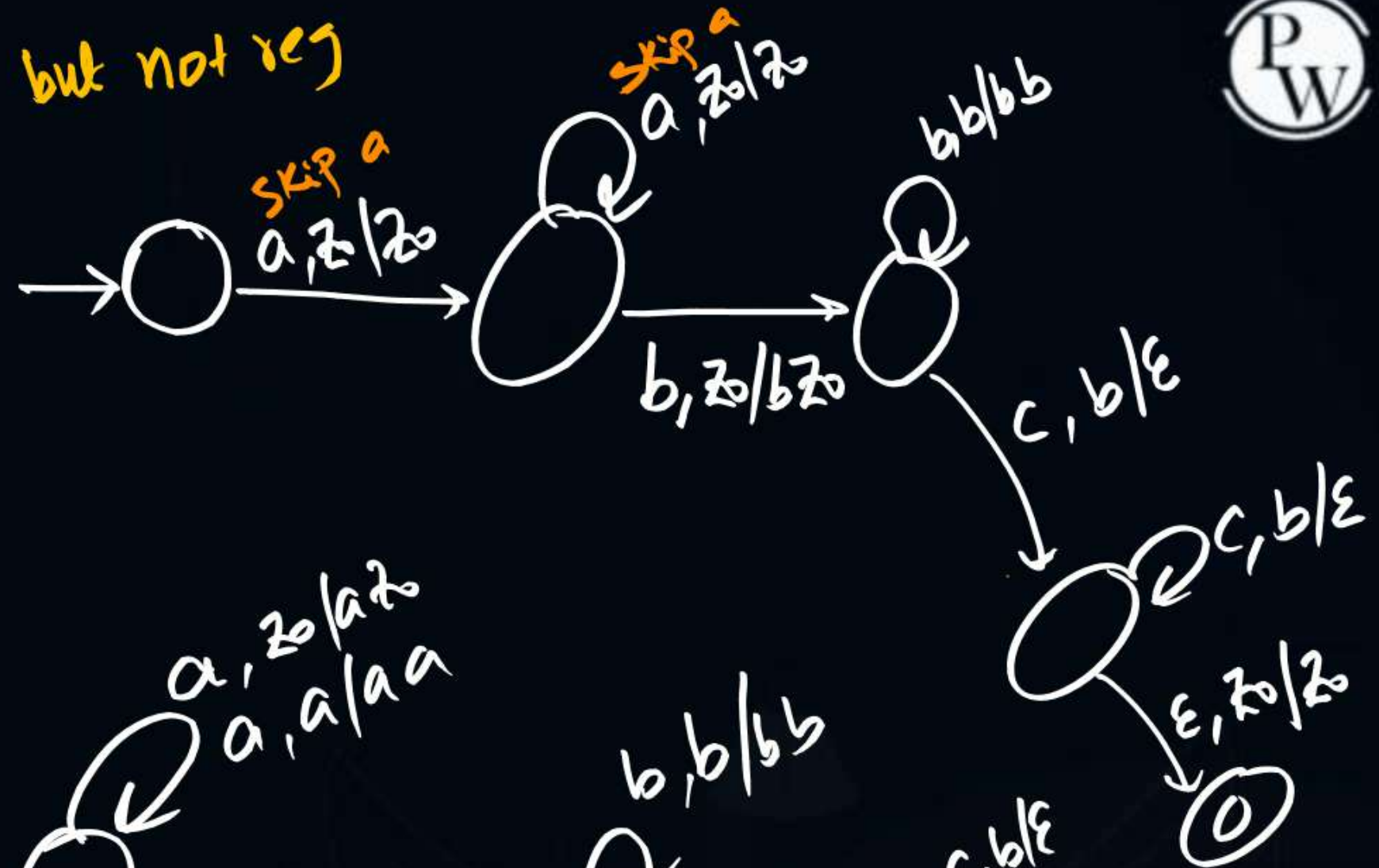
$$\{a^m b^n c^k \mid m=n \text{ or } n=k, \quad m, n, k \geq 1\}$$

$$\Downarrow \quad \Downarrow$$

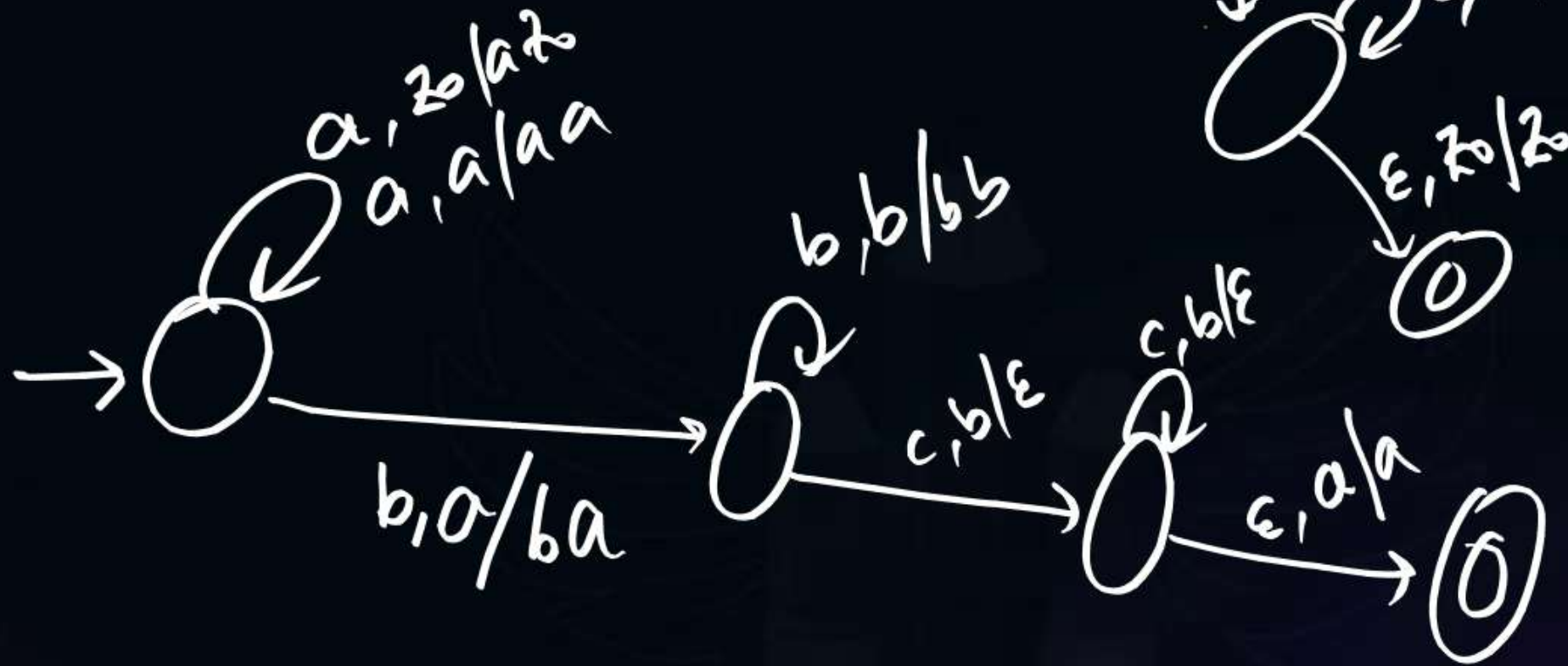
$$\{a^n b^n c^+ \mid n \geq 1\} \cup \{a^+ b^n c^n \mid n \geq 1\}$$

③ $\{a^+ b^n c^n \mid n \geq 1\} \Rightarrow \text{DCFL but not reg}$

\downarrow SKIP
 \downarrow Push b's
 \downarrow Pop b's



- A) Finite \times
- B) Infinite \checkmark
- C) Regular \times
- D) Not Regular \checkmark
- E) DCFL \checkmark
- F) DCFL but not reg \checkmark
- G) CFL \checkmark



④ $\{a^m b^n c^{m+n}\} \Rightarrow \text{DCFL but not reg}$

Diagram illustrating the stack operations for $\{a^m b^n c^{m+n}\}$:

- For a^m : push a 's
- For b^n : push a 's
- For c^{m+n} : pop a 's

⑤ $\{a^m b^{m+n} c^n\} = \{a^m b^m b^n c^n\} \Rightarrow \text{DCFL, not reg}$

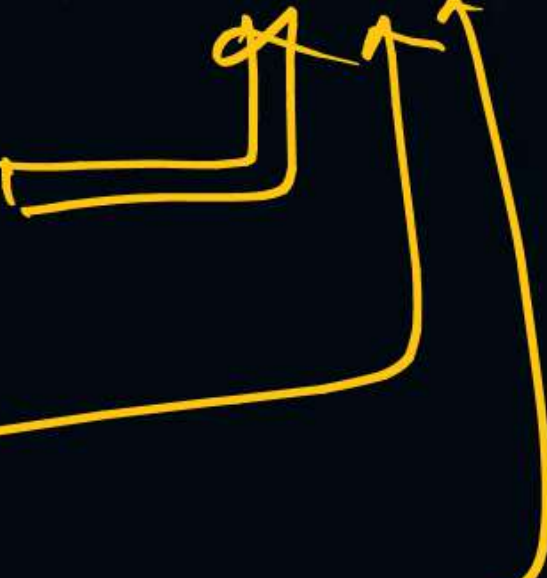
Diagram illustrating the stack operations for $\{a^m b^m b^n c^n\}$:

- For a^m : push a 's
- For b^m : pop a 's
- For b^n : push b 's
- For c^n : pop b 's

⑥ $\{w \# w^R \mid w \in \{a,b\}^*\} \Rightarrow \text{DCFL but not reg}$

Diagram illustrating the stack operations for $\{w \# w^R \mid w \in \{a,b\}^*\}$:

- For w : push
- For $\#$: skip
- For w^R : pop by match

- (7) $\{w\#w \mid w \in \{a,b\}^*\} \Rightarrow \text{Not CFL}$
 (8) $\{ww \mid w \in \{a,b\}^*\}$
 (9) $\{a^n b^n c^n\}$
 (10) $\{a^n b^{2n} c^{3n}\}$
 (11) $\{a^n b^{100n}\} \rightarrow \text{DCFL, not reg}$
 (12) $\{a^n \underline{b^{n^2}}\} \rightarrow \text{Not CFL}$
 not forming A.P.
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- (13) $\{a^m \underline{b^{n^2}}\} \Rightarrow \text{not CFL}$
 not forming A.P.

(14) $\{a^{\text{prime}}\}$

(15) $\{a^{n!}\}$

(16) $\{a^{2^n}\}$

(17) $\{a^{n^2}\}$

(18) $\{a^{n^n}\}$

Not CFL
(All are CSLs)

Note: If Language is over one symbol then $FA \cong PDA$.

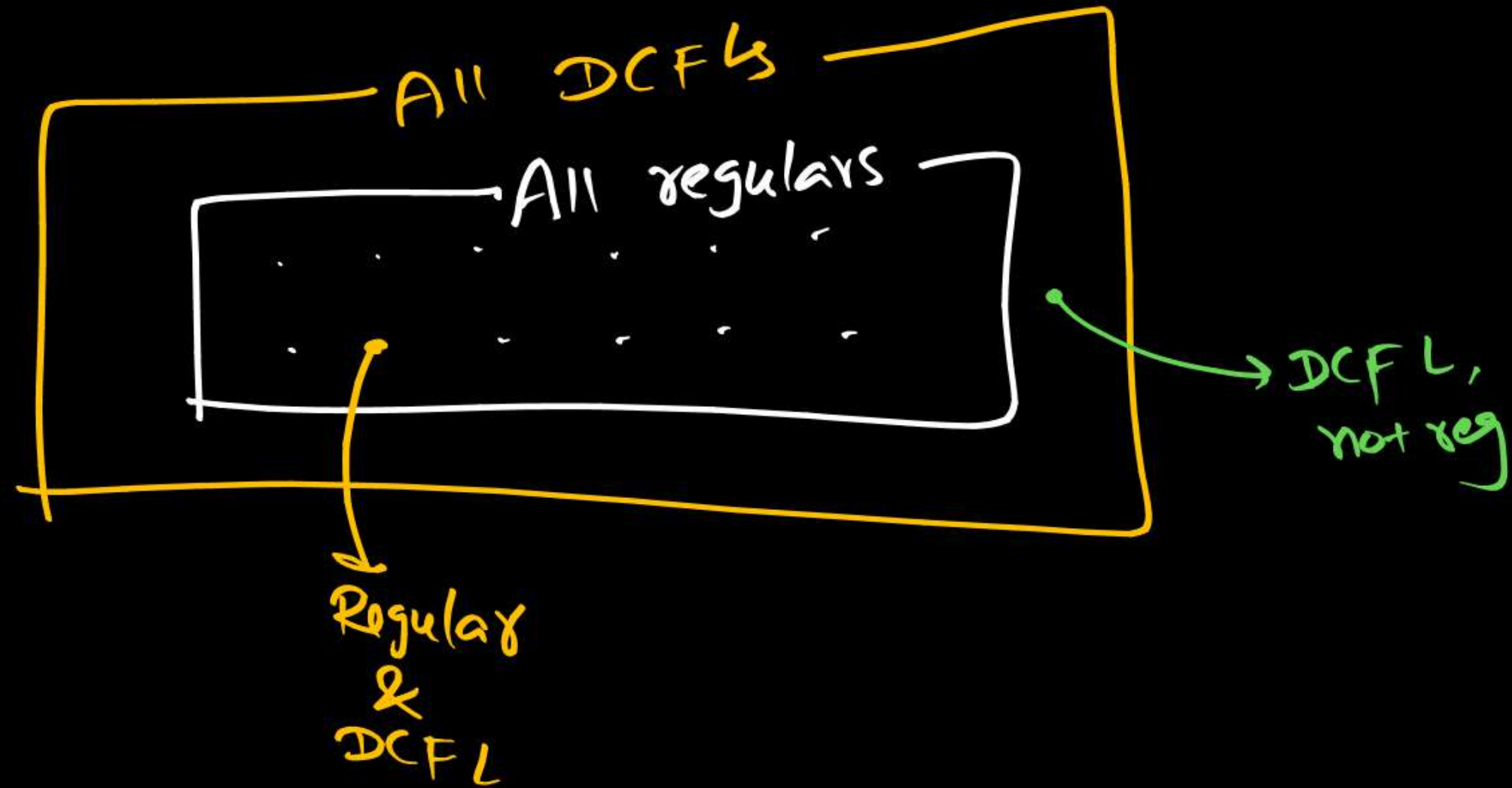
(19) $\{w_1 \# w_2 \mid w_1, w_2 \in \{a, b\}^*\} = (a+b)^* \# (a+b)^* \rightarrow$ Regular
DCFL
CFL

(20) $\{\underline{w} \# \underline{w} \# \underline{w} \mid w \in \{a, b\}^*\} \rightarrow$ not CFL

(21) $\{w_1 \# w_2 \# w_3 \mid w_1, w_2, w_3 \in \{a, b\}^*\} \rightarrow$ Regular

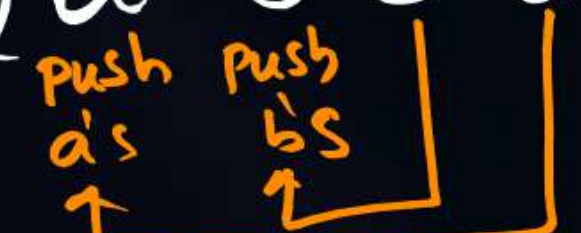
(22) $\{a^n \# a^{2n}\} \rightarrow$ DCFL, not reg

(23) $\{a^{n+1} b^{n+2} c^{n+3}\} \rightarrow$ not CFL



(24) $\{ a^{n+i} b^{n+j} c^{n+k} \mid n, i, j, k \geq 0 \} = a^* b^* c^*$
Regular

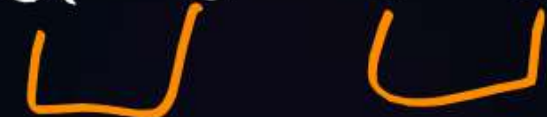
(25) $\{ a^m b^n c^n d^m \} \rightarrow \text{DCFL, not reg}$



(26) $\{ a^m b^n c^m d^n \} \rightarrow \text{not CFL}$



(27) $\{ a^m b^m c^n d^n \} \rightarrow \text{DCFL, not reg}$



Every Regular is DCFL

Every Regular is CFL

Every DCFL is CFL

(28)

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

is DCFL but not reg

(29)

 $\{a^n b^n | n \geq 0\}^*$

is DCFL but not reg

(30)

 $\{a^n b^n\}$ ^{Reversal}

is DCFL but not reg

(31)

 $\{a^n b^n c^n\}$

is CFL but not DCFL

(32) $\{ww / w \in \{a,b\}^*\}$

is CFL but not DCFL

(33) $\{ww^R / w \in \{a,b\}^*\}$

is CFL but not DCFL

- ① $L_1 \cup L_2$
- ② $L_1 \cap L_2$
- ③ \overline{L}
- ④ $L_1 - L_2$
- ⑤ $L_1 \cdot L_2$
- ⑥ L^{Rev}
- ⑦ L^*
- ⑧ L^+

- ~~⑨~~ $\text{Subset}(L)$
- ⑩ $\text{prefix}(L)$
- ⑪ $\text{suffix}(L)$
- ⑫ $\text{substring}(L)$
- ⑬ $\text{Quotient}(L_1, L_2)$
- ⑭ $f(L)$

⑮ $h(L)$

⑯ $h^{-1}(L)$

⑰ Finite Union
Intersection

⑱ Difference

⑲ Concatenation

⑳ Subset

㉑ Substitution

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~~㉓ to ㉘~~ Infinite($\cup, \cap, -, \subseteq, \neq$)

~~X~~ ① $L_1 \cup L_2$

~~②~~ $L_1 \cap L_2$

~~closed~~ ~~3~~ L

$\times \textcircled{4} L_1 - L_2$

$$x \odot 5 \quad L_1 \cdot L_2$$

x 6 Rev

$\times \textcircled{7} L^*$

$$X \odot L^+$$

~~x~~ (9) Subset(L)

~~10~~ prefix(L)

✗ ⑪ Suffix (L)

✗ (12) substring(L)

\times (13) Quotient (L_1, L_2)

$\times \textcircled{14} f(L)$

$\times (15) \quad h(L)$

~~16~~ $h^{-1}(L)$

x ⑪ Finite Union
 ⑫ Intersection

\times (18) " Difference
 (19) "

19 Difference
 20 Concatenation

✗ 20 " Concatenation
 ✗ 62 " Subseq

② " Subst
 closed ② " Substitution
 ③ "

(23) to (28): Infinite($u, n, -, \leq, f$)

Closure properties for CFLs

- ① $L_1 \cup L_2$
- ~~②~~ $L_1 \cap L_2$
- ~~③~~ \overline{L}
- ~~④~~ $L_1 - L_2$
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- ⑰ Finite Union
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- ~~⑲~~ " Difference
- ~~⑳~~ " Concatenation
- ㉑ " Subset
- ㉒ " Substitution
- ~~㉓ to ㉔~~: Infinite($\cup, \cap, -, \subseteq, \neq$)

For Regulars: Remember Not closed

$\begin{cases} \rightarrow \text{Subset} \\ \rightarrow \text{Infinite } (U, \cap, -, \cup, \epsilon, f) \end{cases}$

For DCFLs: Remember closed

$\begin{cases} \rightarrow \text{Complement} \\ \rightarrow \text{prefix} \\ \rightarrow h^{-1} \\ \rightarrow \text{Finite Subset} \end{cases}$

For CFLs: Remember Not closed:

| | | |
|----------------|--------------------|--|
| $L_1 \cap L_2$ | Subset Quotient | Finite \cap |
| \bar{L} | | Finite $-$ |
| $L_1 - L_2$ | | Infinite $(U, \cap, -, \cup, \epsilon, f)$ |

R_i is Regular

D_i is DCFL

C_i is CFL

$L_1 = \{a^n b^{2n}\}$ is DCFL

$L_2 = \{a^{2n} b^n\}$ is DCFL

$\{a^i b^j \mid i=2j \text{ or } j=2i\}$ CFL
not DCFL

① $R \cup D$ is always DCFL (may or may not be reg)

② $R \cup C$ is always CFL

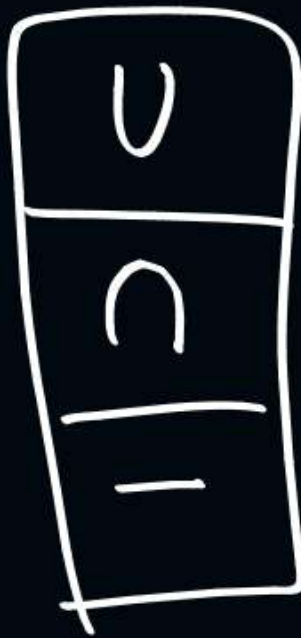
③ $D \cup C$ is CFL (may or may not be DCFL)

④ $R_1 \cup R_2$ is Regular

⑤ $D_1 \cup D_2$ is always CFL (may or may not DCFL)

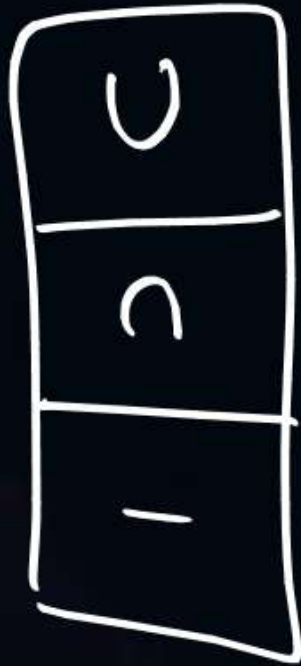
⑥ $C_1 \cup C_2$ is CFL

Note: I) DCFL



Regular \Rightarrow Always DCFL
(either Reg or not reg)

II) CFL



Regular \Rightarrow Always CFL
(either reg or not reg)

III) Regular - DCFL \Rightarrow Always DCFL

IV) Regular - CFL \Rightarrow Need not be CFL

$L_1 - L_2$

$L_1 \cap \bar{L}_2$

I) DCFL \cap Regular \Rightarrow Always DCFL

$a^n b^n \cap a^* b^* \Rightarrow a^n b^n$ (not reg)
 $a^n b^n \cap \emptyset \Rightarrow \emptyset$ (reg)

} Always DCFL

II) Set of all DCFLs \cap Set of all reg's \Rightarrow Set of all reg's

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \{a^n b^n c^*\} \cap \{a^* b^k c^k\} \Rightarrow \{a^n b^n c^n\}$$

DCFL DCFL not CFL

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \{a^n b^n c\} \cap \{a b^k c^k\} \Rightarrow \{abc\}$$

DCFL DCFL Finite, Regular, DCFL, CFL

Note: $\text{DCFL} \cap \text{DCFL}_2 \Rightarrow$ Need not be DCFL
(always CSL)

I) $DCFL_1 \cap DCFL_2 \Rightarrow$ Always CSL

(need not be CFL)

(need not be DCFLL)

(need not be regular)

II) $CFL_1 \cap CFL_2 \Rightarrow$ Always CSL

(need not be CFL)

(need not be DCFLL)

(need not be reg)



2 mins Summary



Topic

→ Identifying CFLs, DCFLs

→ closure properties for CFLs, DCFLs

Next: TM

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