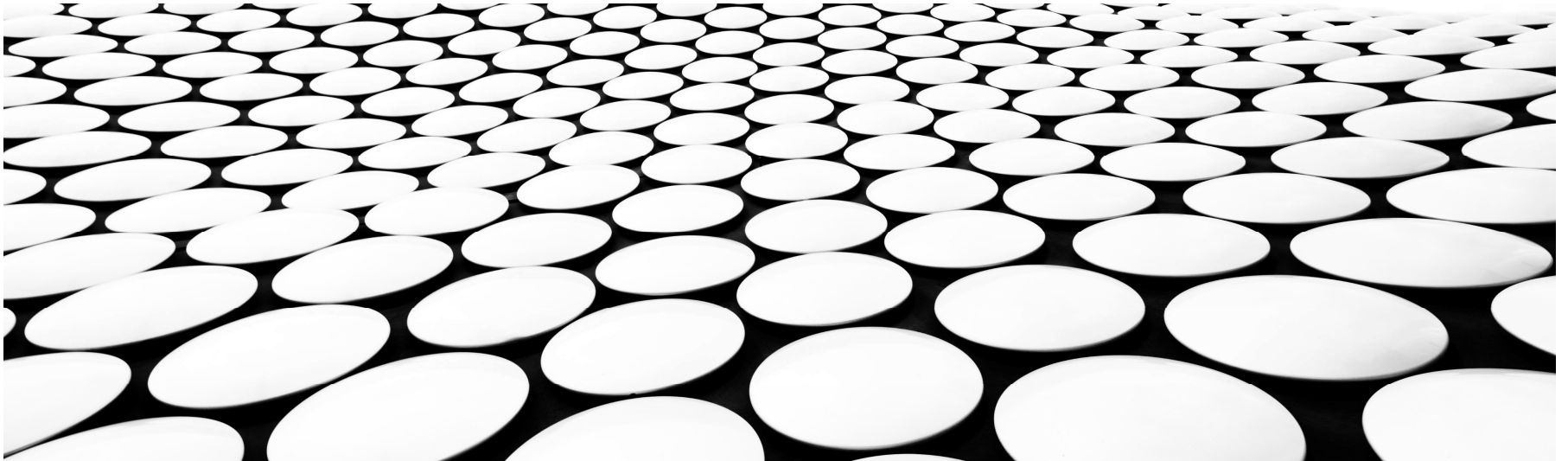


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# PUSHDOWN AUTOMATA

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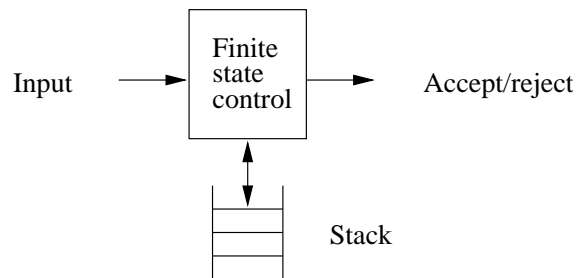


## Pushdown Automata

A pushdown automata (PDA) is essentially an  $\epsilon$ -NFA with a stack.

On a transition the PDA:

1. Consumes an input symbol.
2. Goes to a new state (or stays in the old).
3. Replaces the top of the stack by any string (does nothing, pops the stack, or pushes a string onto the stack)



Example: Let's consider

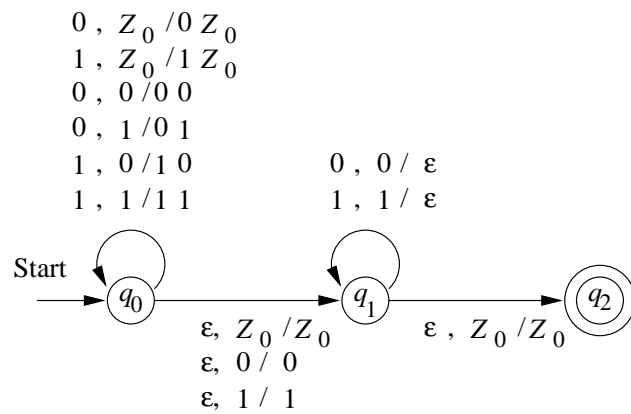
$$L_{ww^R} = \{ww^R : w \in \{0, 1\}^*\},$$

with “grammar”  $P \rightarrow 0P0$ ,  $P \rightarrow 1P1$ ,  $P \rightarrow \epsilon$ .

A PDA for  $L_{ww^R}$  has three states, and operates as follows:

1. Guess that you are reading  $w$ . Stay in state 0, and push the input symbol onto the stack.
2. Guess that you're in the middle of  $ww^R$ . Go spontaneously to state 1.
3. You're now reading the head of  $w^R$ . Compare it to the top of the stack. If they match, pop the stack, and remain in state 1. If they don't match, go to sleep.
4. If the stack is empty, go to state 2 and accept.

The PDA for  $L_{wwr}$  as a transition diagram:



### PDA formally

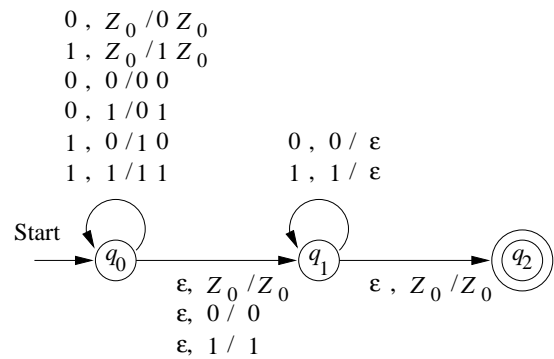
A PDA is a seven-tuple:

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

where

- $Q$  is a finite set of states,
- $\Sigma$  is a finite *input alphabet*,
- $\Gamma$  is a finite *stack alphabet*,
- $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\} \times \Gamma \rightarrow 2^{Q \times \Gamma^*}$  is the *transition function*,
- $q_0$  is the *start state*,
- $Z_0 \in \Gamma$  is the *start symbol* for the stack,  
and
- $F \subseteq Q$  is the set of *accepting states*.

# Example: The PDA



is actually the seven-tuple

$$P = (\{q_0, q_1, q_2\}, \{0, 1\}, \{0, 1, Z_0\}, \delta, q_0, Z_0, \{q_2\}),$$

where  $\delta$  is given by the following table (set brackets missing):

	0, $Z_0$	1, $Z_0$	0,0	0,1	1,0	1,1	$\epsilon$ , $Z_0$	$\epsilon$ , 0	$\epsilon$ , 1
$\rightarrow q_0$	$q_0, 0Z_0$	$q_0, 1Z_0$	$q_0, 00$	$q_0, 01$	$q_0, 10$	$q_0, 11$	$q_1, Z_0$	$q_1, 0$	$q_1, 1$
$q_1$			$q_1, \epsilon$			$q_1, \epsilon$	$q_2, Z_0$		
$\star q_2$									

## Instantaneous Descriptions

A PDA goes from configuration to configuration when consuming input.

To reason about PDA computation, we use *instantaneous descriptions* of the PDA. An ID is a triple

$$(q, w, \gamma)$$

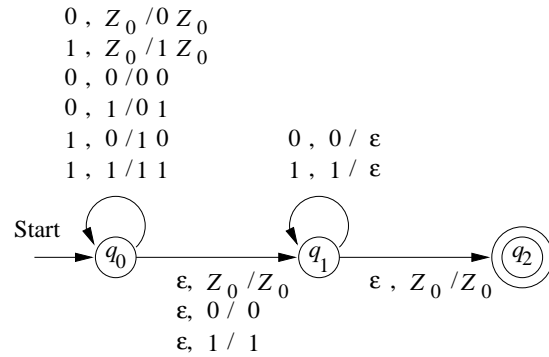
where  $q$  is the state,  $w$  the remaining input, and  $\gamma$  the stack contents.

Let  $P = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F)$  be a PDA. Then  $\forall w \in \Sigma^*, \beta \in \Gamma^*$  :

$$(p, \alpha) \in \delta(q, a, X) \Rightarrow (q, aw, X\beta) \vdash (p, w, \alpha\beta).$$

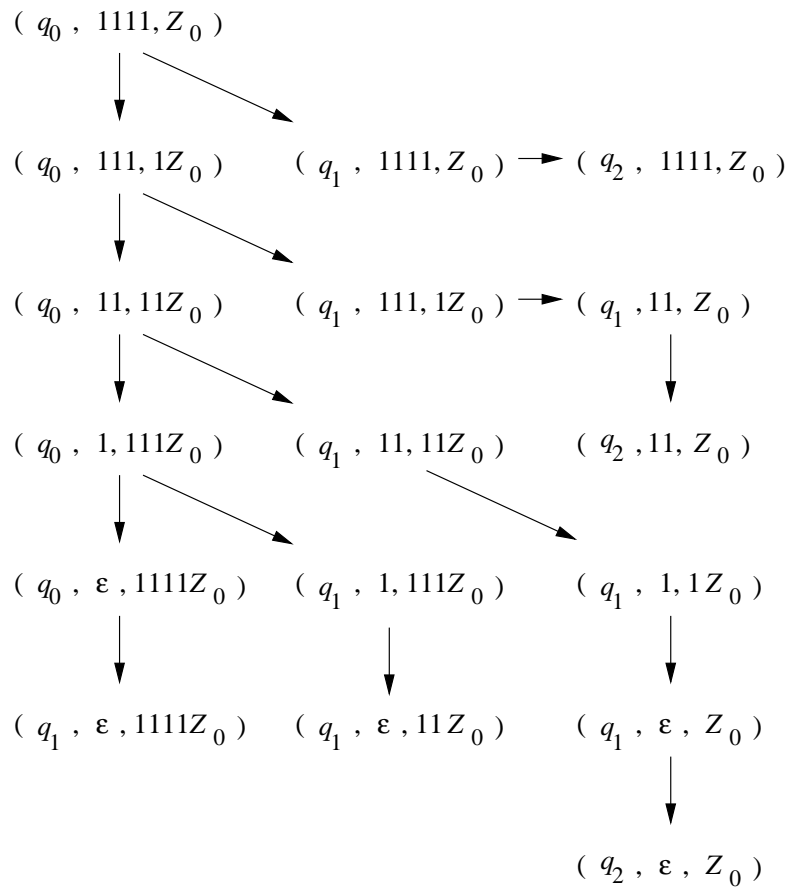
We define  $\vdash^*$  to be the reflexive-transitive closure of  $\vdash$ .

Example: On input 1111 the PDA



has the following computation sequences:





The following properties hold:

1. If an ID sequence is a legal computation for a PDA, then so is the sequence obtained by adding an additional string at the end of component number two.
2. If an ID sequence is a legal computation for a PDA, then so is the sequence obtained by adding an additional string at the bottom of component number three.
3. If an ID sequence is a legal computation for a PDA, and some tail of the input is not consumed, then removing this tail from all ID's result in a legal computation sequence.

**Theorem 6.5:**  $\forall w \in \Sigma^*, \beta \in \Gamma^* :$

$$(q, x, \alpha) \vdash^* (p, y, \beta) \Rightarrow (q, xw, \alpha\gamma) \vdash^* (p, yw, \beta\gamma).$$

**Proof:** Induction on the length of the sequence to the left.

Note: If  $\gamma = \epsilon$  we have property 1, and if  $w = \epsilon$  we have property 2.

Note2: The reverse of the theorem is false.

For property 3 we have

**Theorem 6.6:**

$$(q, xw, \alpha) \vdash^* (p, yw, \beta) \Rightarrow (q, x, \alpha) \vdash^* (p, y, \beta).$$

### 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

$$L(P) = \{w : (q_0, w, Z_0) \vdash^* (q, \epsilon, \alpha), q \in F\}.$$

Example: The PDA on slide 183 accepts exactly  $L_{ww^R}$ .

Let  $P$  be the machine. We prove that  $L(P) = L_{ww^R}$ .

( $\supseteq$ -direction.) Let  $x \in L_{ww^R}$ . Then  $x = ww^R$ , and the following is a legal computation sequence

$$(q_0, ww^R, Z_0) \vdash^* (q_0, w^R, w^R Z_0) \vdash (q_1, w^R, w^R Z_0) \vdash^* (q_1, \epsilon, Z_0) \vdash (q_2, \epsilon, Z_0).$$

( $\subseteq$ -direction.)

Observe that the only way the PDA can enter  $q_2$  is if it is in state  $q_1$  with an empty stack.

Thus it is sufficient to show that if  $(q_0, x, Z_0) \vdash^*$   
 $(q_1, \epsilon, Z_0)$  then  $x = ww^R$ , for some word  $w$ .

We'll show by induction on  $|x|$  that

$$(q_0, x, \alpha) \vdash^* (q_1, \epsilon, \alpha) \Rightarrow x = ww^R.$$

**Basis:** If  $x = \epsilon$  then  $x$  is a palindrome.

**Induction:** Suppose  $x = a_1a_2 \cdots a_n$ , where  $n > 0$ ,  
and the IH holds for shorter strings.

There are two moves for the PDA from ID  $(q_0, x, \alpha)$ :

Move 1: The spontaneous  $(q_0, x, \alpha) \vdash (q_1, x, \alpha)$ .  
 Now  $(q_1, x, \alpha) \vdash^* (q_1, \epsilon, \beta)$  implies that  $|\beta| < |\alpha|$ ,  
 which implies  $\beta \neq \alpha$ .

Move 2: Loop and push  $(q_0, a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n, \alpha) \vdash$   
 $(q_0, a_2 \cdots a_n, a_1 \alpha)$ .

In this case there is a sequence

$(q_0, a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n, \alpha) \vdash (q_0, a_2 \cdots a_n, a_1 \alpha) \vdash \cdots \vdash$   
 $(q_1, a_n, a_1 \alpha) \vdash (q_1, \epsilon, \alpha)$ .

Thus  $a_1 = a_n$  and

$$(q_0, a_2 \cdots a_n, a_1 \alpha) \vdash^* (q_1, a_n, a_1 \alpha).$$

By Theorem 6.6 we can remove  $a_n$ . Therefore

$$(q_0, a_2 \cdots a_{n-1}, a_1 \alpha) \vdash^* (q_1, \epsilon, a_1 \alpha).$$

Then, by the IH  $a_2 \cdots a_{n-1} = yy^R$ . Then  $x =$   
 $a_1 yy^R a_n$  is a palindrome.

### 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

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

Note:  $q$  can be any state.

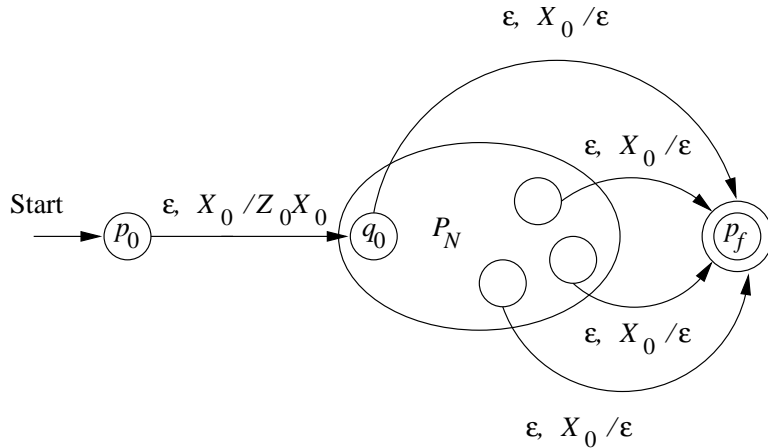
Question: How to modify the palindrome-PDA to accept by empty stack?

## From Empty Stack to Final State

**Theorem 6.9:** If  $L = N(P_N)$  for some PDA  $P_N = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta_N, q_0, Z_0)$ , then  $\exists$  PDA  $P_F$ , such that  $L = L(P_F)$ .

**Proof:** Let

$P_F = (Q \cup \{p_0, p_f\}, \Sigma, \Gamma \cup \{X_0\}, \delta_F, p_0, X_0, \{p_f\})$   
 where  $\delta_F(p_0, \epsilon, X_0) = \{(q_0, Z_0 X_0)\}$ , and for all  $q \in Q, a \in \Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}, Y \in \Gamma : \delta_F(q, a, Y) = \delta_N(q, a, Y)$ ,  
 and in addition  $(p_f, \epsilon) \in \delta_F(q, \epsilon, X_0)$ .





We have to show that  $L(P_F) = N(P_N)$ .

( $\supseteq$  direction.) Let  $w \in N(P_N)$ . Then

$$(q_0, w, Z_0) \vdash_N^* (q, \epsilon, \epsilon),$$

for some  $q$ . From Theorem 6.5 we get

$$(q_0, w, Z_0 X_0) \vdash_N^* (q, \epsilon, X_0).$$

Since  $\delta_N \subset \delta_F$  we have

$$(q_0, w, Z_0 X_0) \vdash_F^* (q, \epsilon, X_0).$$

We conclude that

$$(p_0, w, X_0) \vdash_F (q_0, w, Z_0 X_0) \vdash_F^* (q, \epsilon, X_0) \vdash_F (p_f, \epsilon, \epsilon).$$

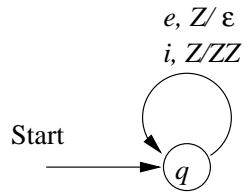
( $\subseteq$  direction.) By inspecting the diagram.

Let's design  $P_N$  for catching errors in strings  
meant to be in the *if-else*-grammar  $G$

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon | SS | iS | iSe.$$

Here e.g.  $\{ieie, iie, iei\} \subseteq G$ , and e.g.  $\{ei, ieeii\} \cap G = \emptyset$ .

The diagram for  $P_N$  is



Formally,

$$P_N = (\{q\}, \{i, e\}, \{Z\}, \delta_N, q, Z),$$

where  $\delta_N(q, i, Z) = \{(q, ZZ)\}$ ,

and  $\delta_N(q, e, Z) = \{(q, \epsilon)\}$ .

From  $P_N$  we can construct

$$P_F = (\{p, q, r\}, \{i, e\}, \{Z, X_0\}, \delta_F, p, X_0, \{r\}),$$

where

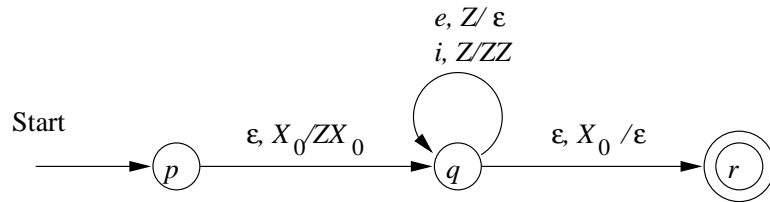
$$\delta_F(p, \epsilon, X_0) = \{(q, ZX_0)\},$$

$$\delta_F(q, i, Z) = \delta_N(q, i, Z) = \{(q, ZZ)\},$$

$$\delta_F(q, e, Z) = \delta_N(q, e, Z) = \{(q, \epsilon)\}, \text{ and}$$

$$\delta_F(q, \epsilon, X_0) = \{(r, \epsilon)\}$$

The diagram for  $P_F$  is



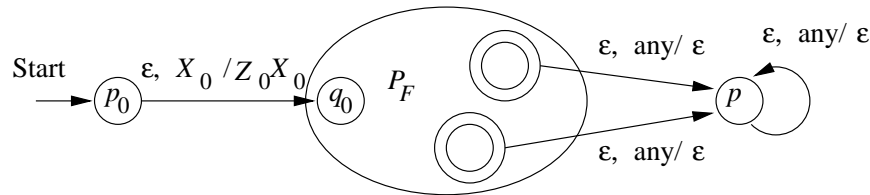
**From Final State to Empty Stack**

**Theorem 6.11:** Let  $L = L(P_F)$ , for some PDA  $P_F = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta_F, q_0, Z_0, F)$ . Then  $\exists$  PDA  $P_N$ , such that  $L = N(P_N)$ .

**Proof:** Let

$$P_N = (Q \cup \{p_0, p\}, \Sigma, \Gamma \cup \{X_0\}, \delta_N, p_0, X_0)$$

where  $\delta_N(p_0, \epsilon, X_0) = \{(q_0, Z_0 X_0)\}$ ,  $\delta_N(p, \epsilon, Y) = \{(p, \epsilon)\}$ , for  $Y \in \Gamma \cup \{X_0\}$ , and for all  $q \in Q$ ,  $a \in \Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}$ ,  $Y \in \Gamma$  :  $\delta_N(q, a, Y) = \delta_F(q, a, Y)$ , and in addition  $\forall q \in F$ , and  $Y \in \Gamma \cup \{X_0\}$  :  $(p, \epsilon) \in \delta_N(q, \epsilon, Y)$ .



We have to show that  $N(P_N) = L(P_F)$ .

( $\subseteq$ -direction.) By inspecting the diagram.

( $\supseteq$ -direction.) Let  $w \in L(P_F)$ . Then

$$(q_0, w, Z_0) \vdash_F^* (q, \epsilon, \alpha),$$

for some  $q \in F, \alpha \in \Gamma^*$ . Since  $\delta_F \subseteq \delta_N$ , and Theorem 6.5 says that  $X_0$  can be slid under the stack, we get

$$(q_0, w, Z_0 X_0) \vdash_N^* (q, \epsilon, \alpha X_0).$$

The  $P_N$  can compute:

$$(p_0, w, X_0) \vdash_N (q_0, w, Z_0 X_0) \vdash_N^* (q, \epsilon, \alpha X_0) \vdash_N^* (p, \epsilon, \epsilon).$$