From lecture 11:

A DPDA for AEqB:



From exercise class 11:

Exercise 5.18.

For each of the following languages, give a transition diagram for a deterministic PDA that accepts that language.

a.
$$\{x \in \{a, b\}^* \mid n_a(x) < n_b(x)\}$$

b.
$$\clubsuit$$
 { $x \in \{a, b\}^* \mid n_a(x) \neq n_b(x)$ }

C.
$$\blacklozenge$$
 { $x \in \{a, b\}^* \mid n_a(x) = 2n_b(x)$ }

d. \clubsuit { $a^n b^{n+m} a^m \mid n, m \ge 0$ }

Exercise.

What language is accepted by the following pushdown automaton:



From exercise class 11:

Exercise 5.16.

Show that if L is accepted by a PDA, then L is accepted by a PDA that never crashes (i.e., for which the stack never empties and no configuration is reached from which there is no move defined).

From lecture 11:

Stack in PDA contains symbols from certain alphabet.

Usual stack operations: pop, top, push

Extra possiblity: replace top element X by string α

$$\begin{array}{ll} \alpha \equiv \Lambda & \text{pop} \\ \alpha \equiv X & \text{top} \\ \alpha \equiv YX & \text{push} \\ \alpha \equiv \beta X & \text{push}^* \\ \alpha \equiv \dots \end{array}$$

Top element X is required to do a move!

From exercise class 11:

Exercise 5.17.

Show that if L is accepted by a PDA, then L is accepted by a PDA in which every move

* either pops something from the stack (i.e., removes a stack symbol without putting anything else on the stack);

* or pushes a single symbol onto the stack on top of the symbol that was previously on top;

* or leaves the stack unchanged.

Hence, each action on the stack due to a move in the PDA has one of the following forms:

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* either X/\Lambda (with X \in \Gamma),
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* or X/YX (with X, Y \in \Gamma),
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* or X/X (with $X \in \Gamma$).

From lecture 7:

Theorem 4.9.

If L_1 and L_2 are context-free languages over an alphabet Σ , then $L_1 \cup L_2$, L_1L_2 and L_1^* are also CFLs.

Exercise 5.19. 🌲 🏟

Suppose M_1 and M_2 are PDAs accepting L_1 and L_2 , respectively. For both the languages L_1L_2 and L_1^* , describe a procedure for constructing a PDA accepting the language.

In each case, nondeterminism will be necessary. Be sure to say precisely how the stack of the new machine works; no relationship is assumed between the stack alphabets of M_1 and M_2 .

Answer begins with: Let $M_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \Gamma_1, q_{01}, Z_{01}, A_1, \delta_1)$ and let $M_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \Gamma_2, q_{02}, Z_{02}, A_2, \delta_2)$.

Exercise 5.25.

A counter automaton is a PDA with just two stack symbols, A and Z_0 , for which the string on the stack is always of the form A^nZ_0 for some $n \ge 0$.

(In other words, the only possible change in the stack contents is a change in the number of A's on the stack.)

For some context-free languages, such as AnBn, the obvious PDA to accept the language is in fact a counter automaton.

Construct a counter automaton to accept the given language in each case below.

a.
$$\{x \in \{a, b\}^* \mid n_a(x) = n_b(x)\}$$

b.
$$\clubsuit \ (x \in \{a, b\}^* \mid n_a(x) = 2n_b(x)\}$$

Exercise 5.28.

In each case below, you are given a CFG G and a string x that it generates.

Draw the nondeterministic top-down PDA NT(G).

Trace a sequence of moves in NT(G) by which x is accepted, showing at each step the state, the unread input, and the stack contents.

Show at the same time the corresponding leftmost derivation of x in the grammar. See Example 5.19 for a guide.

b. The grammar has productions $S \rightarrow S + S \mid S * S \mid [S] \mid a$, and x = [a * a + a].

Exercise 5.34.

In each case below, you are given a CFG G and a string x that it generates.

Draw the nondeterministic bottom-up PDA NB(G).

Trace a sequence of moves in NB(G) by which x is accepted, showing at each step the state, the (reversed) stack contents and the unread input.

Show at the same time the corresponding rightmost derivation of x (in reverse order) in the grammar. See Example 5.24 for a guide.

a. A The grammar has productions $S \to S[S] \mid \Lambda$ and x = [][[]].

Exercise 5.30.

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For a certain CFG G, the moves shown below are those by which the nondeterministic bottom-up PDA NB(G) accepts the input aabbab. Each occurrence of \vdash^* indicates a sequence of moves constituting a reduction. Draw the derivation tree for *aabbab* that corresponds to this sequence of moves.