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5. Pushdown Automata

5.2. Deterministic Pushdown Automata

5.3. A PDA from a Given CFG

Theorem 5.16.

The language Pal cannot be accepted by a deterministic pushdown automaton.

Sketch of Proof.

Assume M is DPDA for Pal .

Let moves of M be of forms

$$\delta(p, \sigma, X) = \{(q, \Lambda)\} \text{ or } \delta(p, \sigma, X) = \{(q, \alpha X)\}$$

M reads every string $x \in \{a, b\}^*$ completely, with one path.

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For a string $x \in \{a, b\}^*$, let y_x be a string such height of stack after xy_x is minimal.

Let α_x be stack after xy_x .

(state, top stack symbol) determines how suffix z is treated.

Infinitely many strings xy_x .

Finitely many pairs (q, X)

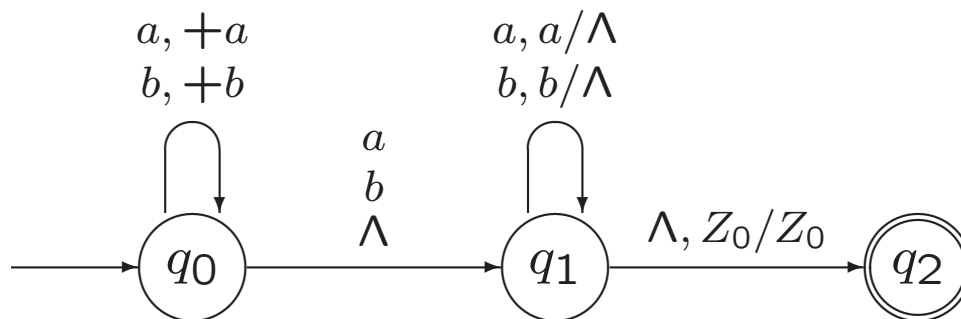
Different $r = uy_u$ and $s = vy_v$ arrive at same pair (q, X) .

For any suffix z , rz and sz are treated the same:

$rz \in Pal \iff sz \in Pal$.

Example 5.7. A Pushdown Automaton Accepting Pal

$$Pal = \{x \in \{a, b\}^* \mid x = x^r\}$$



Example 5.13. Two DPDAs accepting $AEqB$

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

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

Homework:

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

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

5.3. A PDA from a Given CFG

Example 5.19. The Language *Balanced*

$$S \rightarrow [S] \mid SS \mid \Lambda$$

A derivation of $[[] []] \dots$

Definition 5.17. The Nondeterministic Top-Down PDA $NT(G)$

Let $G = (V, \Sigma, S, P)$ be a context-free grammar.

The nondeterministic top-down PDA corresponding to G is

$NT(G) = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, q_0, Z_0, A, \delta)$, defined as follows:

$$Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\} \quad A = \{q_2\} \quad \Gamma = V \cup \Sigma \cup \{Z_0\}$$

The initial move of $NT(G)$ is the Λ -transition

$$\delta(q_0, \Lambda, Z_0) = \{(q_1, SZ_0)\}$$

and the only move to the accepting state is the Λ -transition

$$\delta(q_1, \Lambda, Z_0) = \{(q_2, Z_0)\}$$

The moves from q_1 are the following:

For every $A \in V$, $\delta(q_1, \Lambda, A) = \{(q_1, \alpha) \mid A \rightarrow \alpha \text{ is a production in } G\}$

For every $\sigma \in \Sigma$, $\delta(q_1, \sigma, \sigma) = \{(q_1, \Lambda)\}$

Exercise 5.28.

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

1. Draw the transition diagram of the top-down PDA $NT(G)$.

2a. For $NT(G)$, trace a sequence of moves by which x is accepted, showing at each step the state, the unread input, and the stack contents.

2b. Show at the same time the corresponding leftmost derivation of x in the grammar. See Example 5.19 for a guide.

a. The grammar has productions

$$S \rightarrow S + T \mid T \quad T \rightarrow T * F \mid F \quad F \rightarrow [S] \mid a$$

and $x = [a + a * a] * a$.