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Pushdown Automata (Finite Automata + Stack)

Pushdown Automata is a **finite automata with stack**. It is acceptor of *Context Free Grammar*. It could read the letters of an input string perform stack operations and make state changes.

The execution of a PDA starts with one **symbol** (Z_0 or as per our design) on the stack. PDA uses **three** stack operations as below:

1. POP: The pop operation reads top symbol and removes it from the stack.
2. PUSH: This operation writes a symbol onto the top of the stack.
3. NOP: It does nothing to the stack.

PDA is a **seven** tuples machine.

$$PDA = \{Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F, \Gamma\}$$

Where,

Q is the finite set of states,
 Σ (uppercase/capital sigma) *input symbol*,

δ is the *next move function* or transition

Deterministic PDA $\Rightarrow Q \times \{\Sigma \cup \epsilon\} \times \Gamma \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma^*$
(one state)

Non-Deterministic PDA $\Rightarrow Q \times \{\Sigma \cup \epsilon\} \times \Gamma \rightarrow 2^{(Q \times \Gamma^*)}$
(more than one state)

q_0 in Q is the *start state*,
 Z_0 Bottom of the stack
 $F \subseteq Q$ is the set of *final states*
 Γ stack symbols

Types of PDA

Deterministic: The PDA is deterministic when at most one move is possible from any ID (Instantaneous Descriptions) i.e., a PDA $M = \{Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F, \Gamma\}$ is deterministic if:

1. for each q in Q and Z in Γ , whenever $\delta(q, \epsilon, Z)$ is nonempty then $\delta(q, a, Z)$ is empty for all a in Σ ; (***This condition prevents the possibility of a choice between a move independent of the input symbol (ϵ -move) and move involving an input symbol***)
2. for no q in Q , Z in Γ and a in $\Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}$ does $\delta(q, a, Z)$ contain more than one element. (***This condition prevents a choice of move for any (q, a, Z) or $\delta(q, \epsilon, Z)$.***)

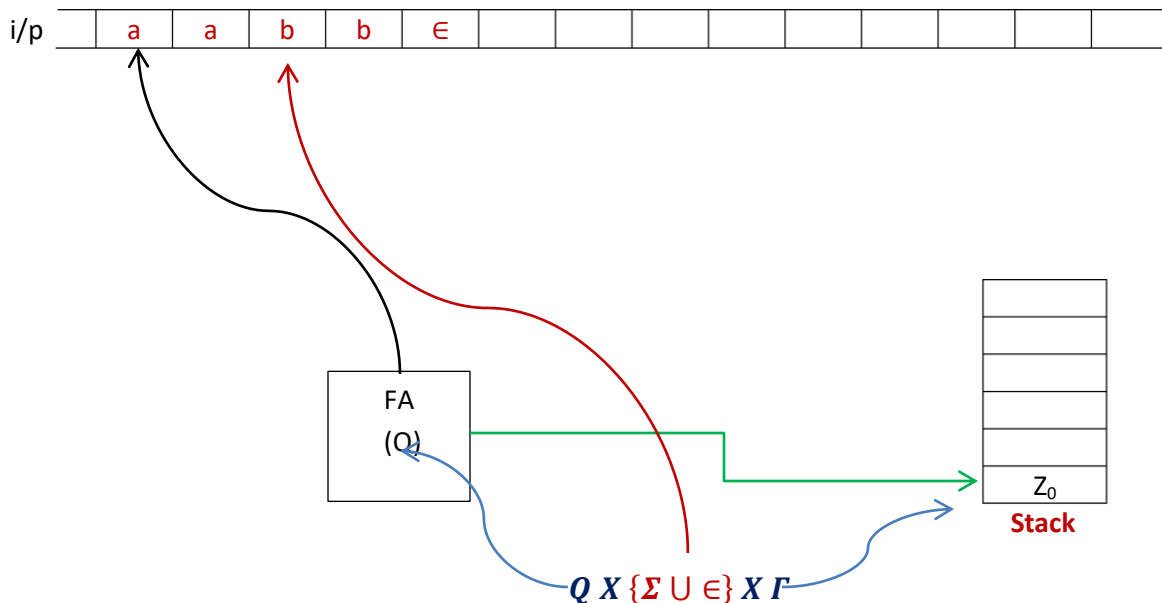
Example: $L = \{WcW^R \mid w \in (0 + 1)^*\}$

Non-Deterministic: A non-deterministic PDA M accepts an input if any sequence of choices causes M to empty its stack. Thus M always “guesses right” because wrong guesses, in themselves, do not cause an input to be rejected. An input is rejected only if there is no “right guess”.

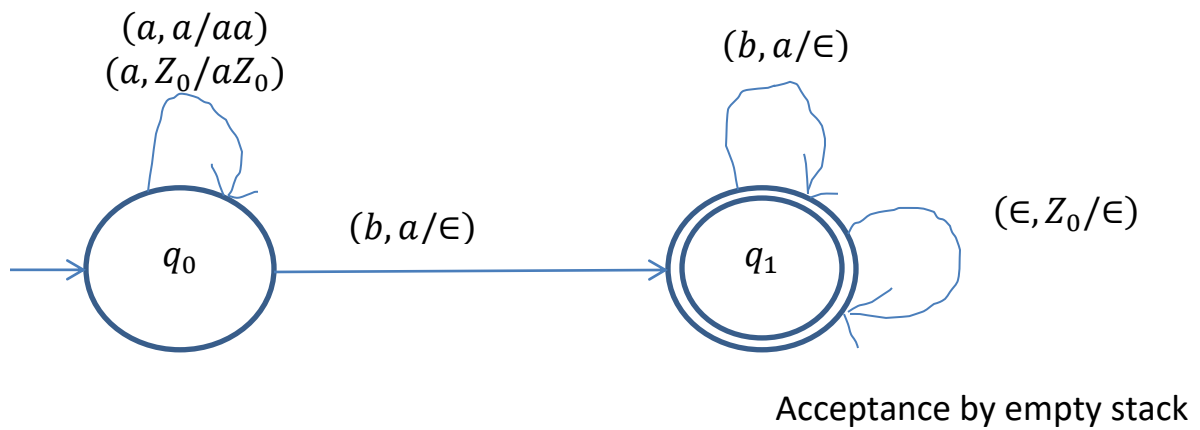
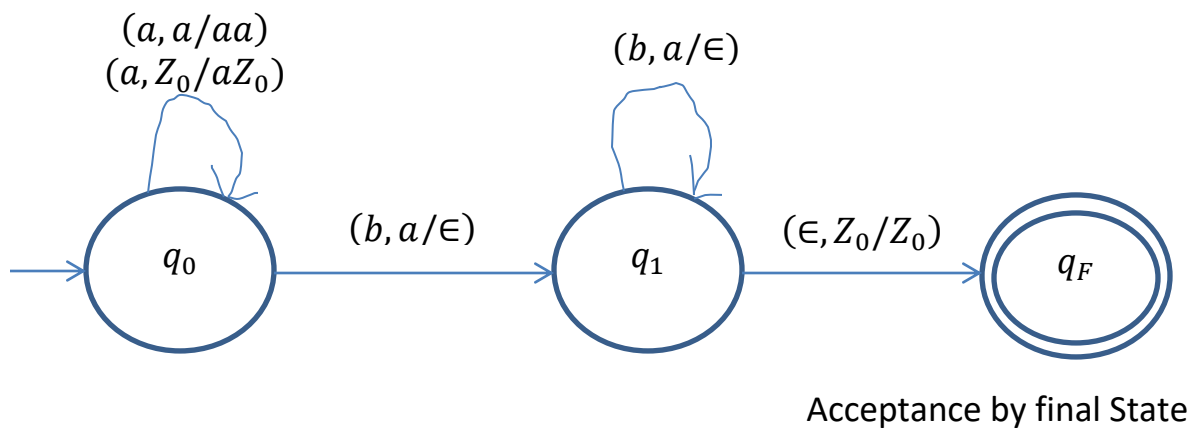
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Deterministic PDA:

Example 1: Design a deterministic PDA of $L = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 1\}$.



Here, $w = aabbe$



Transition:

$$\delta(q_0, a, Z_0) = (q_0, aZ_0)$$

$$\delta(q_0, a, a) = (q_0, aa)$$

$$\delta(q_0, b, a) = (q_1, \epsilon)$$

$$\delta(q_1, b, a) = (q_1, \epsilon)$$

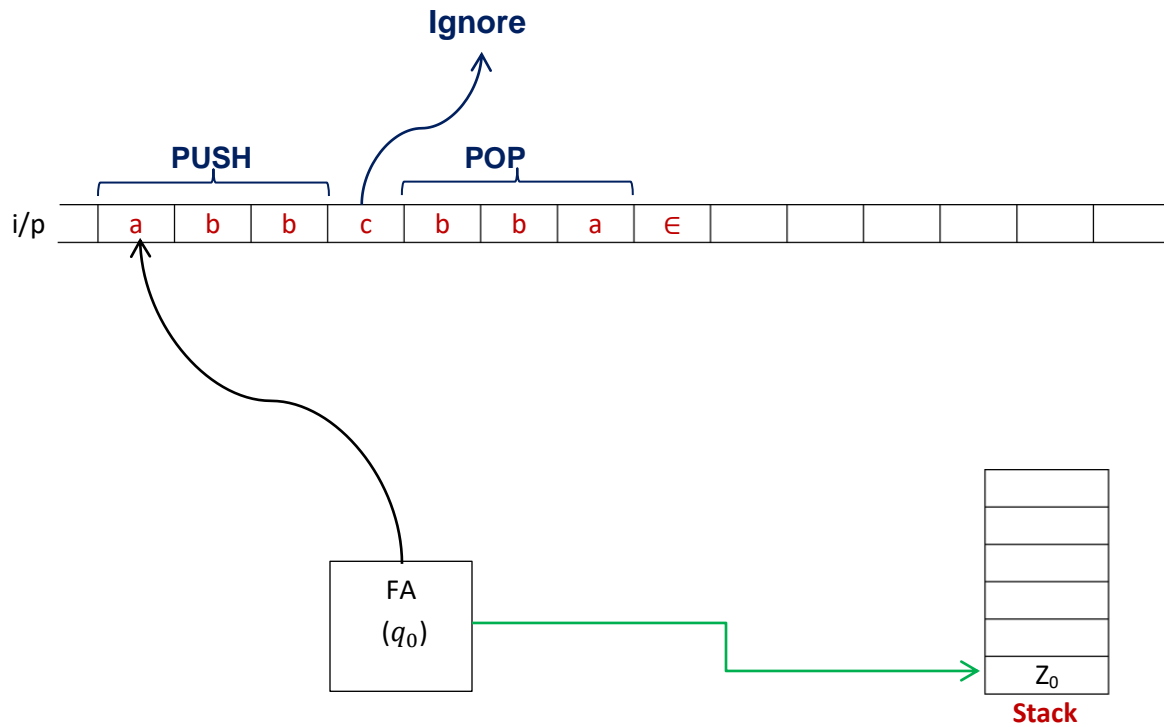
$$\delta(q_1, \epsilon, Z_0) = (q_F, aZ_0) \text{ or } (q_1, \epsilon)$$

Example 2: Design a deterministic PDA of $L = \{wcw^R | w \in (a + b)^*\}$.

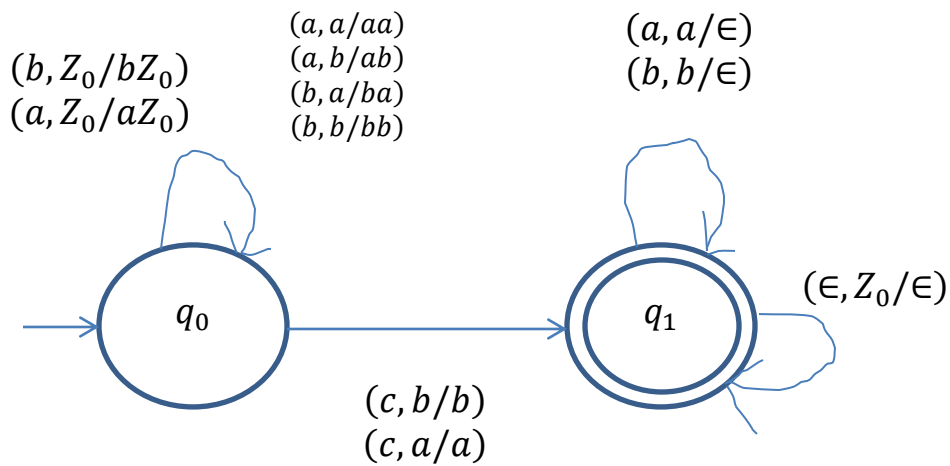
Solution:

$w = \{\epsilon, a, b, aa, ab, bb, aba, bba, \dots, aabaab, \dots\}$

Let we take $w = abb$ then $w^R = bba$ therefore $wcw^R = abbcbbba$



Here, $w = abbcbb a \in$



Transition diagram for $L = \{WcW^R | w \in (a + b)^*\}$

Transition Function:

Initial condition: $\delta(q_0, a, Z_0) = (q_0, aZ_0)$
 $\delta(q_0, b, Z_0) = (q_0, ab)$

PUSH: $\delta(q_0, a, a) = (q_0, aa)$
 $\delta(q_0, b, a) = (q_0, ba)$
 $\delta(q_0, a, b) = (q_0, ab)$
 $\delta(q_0, b, b) = (q_0, bb)$

Ignore: $\delta(q_0, c, a) = (q_1, a)$
 $\delta(q_0, c, b) = (q_1, b)$

POP: $\delta(q_1, a, a) = (q_1, \epsilon)$
 $\delta(q_1, b, b) = (q_1, \epsilon)$

Final: $\delta(q_1, \epsilon, Z_0) = (q_1, \epsilon)$

Example 3: Consider the following transitions:

$$\delta(q_1, 0, R) = (q_1, BR)$$

$$\delta(q_1, 0, B) = (q_1, BB)$$

$$\delta(q_1, 0, G) = (q_1, BG)$$

$$\delta(q_1, 1, R) = (q_1, GR)$$

$$\delta(q_1, 1, B) = (q_1, GB)$$

$$\delta(q_1, 1, G) = (q_1, GG)$$

$$\delta(q_1, c, R) = (q_2, R)$$

$$\delta(q_1, c, B) = (q_2, B)$$

$$\delta(q_1, c, G) = (q_2, G)$$

$$\delta(q_2, 0, B) = (q_2, \epsilon)$$

$$\delta(q_2, \epsilon, R) = (q_2, \epsilon)$$

$$\delta(q_2, 1, G) = (q_2, \epsilon)$$

- Write the grammar for above transition. => **CFG**
- Which automaton represents the above transition? => **Pushdown Automaton**
- Name the type of automaton. => **Deterministic Push Down Automata**
- Show the language of above transition. => $L = \{WcW^R | w \in (0 + 1)^*\}$
- Show the pictorial diagram of above transition.

