

Lecture 18



Reminder

If $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, q_0, Z_0, A, \delta)$ is a PDA and $x \in \Sigma^*$, x is *accepted* by M if

$$(q_0, x, Z_0) \vdash_M^* (q, \Lambda, \alpha)$$

for some $\alpha \in \Gamma^*$ and some $q \in A$. (The stack may or may not be empty when x is accepted, because α may or may not be Λ .) A language $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ is said to be accepted by M if L is precisely the set of strings accepted by M ; in this case, we write $L = L(M)$.



CFG corresponding to a given PDA

- Acceptance by empty stack: a string is accepted if it allows PDA to reach a configuration in which the stack is empty.



Theorem

■ Suppose $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, q_0, Z_0, A, \delta)$ is a pushdown automaton accepting the language $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$. Then there is another PDA $M_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \Gamma_1, q_1, Z_1, A_1, \delta_1)$ accepting L by empty stack. In other words, for any string x , $x \in L$ if and only if $(q_1, x, Z_1) \vdash_{M_1}^* (q, \Lambda, \Lambda)$ for some state $q \in Q_1$.



Proof

- Make M_1 a replica of M
- Add one additional state for M_1
- What to do if M crashes with empty stack?
- Add a special symbol under the start symbol in M



- $L=L_e(M)$ (PDA M accepts L by empty stack)
- How to define CFG for L ?



Simple approach (not correct)

- Variables in grammar – all possible stack symbols in PDA (if necessary rename so no input symbols are included)
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- For \forall move of PDA that reads $a \in \Sigma \cup \Delta$, and replaces A on the stack by $B_1B_2\dots B_n$
 $A \rightarrow aB_1B_2\dots B_n$



Why this approach does not work?

- $\{xcx^r \mid x \in \{a,b\}^*\}$

Move number	State	Input	Stack symbol	Move(s)
1	q_0	a	Z_0	(q_0, aZ_0)
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4	q_0	b	a	(q_0, ba)
5	q_0	a	b	(q_0, ab)
6	q_0	b	b	(q_0, bb)
7	q_0	c	Z_0	(q_1, Z_0)
8	q_0	c	a	(q_1, a)
9	q_0	c	b	(q_1, b)
10	q_1	a	a	(q_1, Λ)
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aca:

$$Z_0 \Rightarrow aAZ_0 \Rightarrow acAZ_0 \Rightarrow acaZ_0 \Rightarrow aca$$

$$(q_0, aca, Z_0) \vdash (q_0, ca, AZ_0) \vdash (q_1, a, AZ_0) \vdash (q_1, \Lambda, Z_0) \vdash (q_1, \Lambda, \Lambda)$$



aa:

$$(q_0, aa, Z_0) \vdash (q_0, a, AZ_0)$$

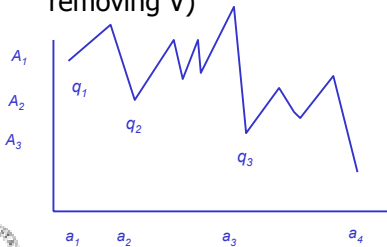
$$Z_0 \Rightarrow aAZ_0 \Rightarrow aaZ_0 \Rightarrow aa$$



- The idea to avoid this problem is to use more complicated structures for variables: [p, A, q]
- So the variable [p, A, q] to be replaced by a (either Λ or terminal symbol) if a PDA reads a, pops A from the stack, moves machine from state p to state q and at this move A is removed from the stack



- Variable A can be replaced from the stack by a sequence of moves (say A-Z-UV and then removing U and then removing V)



- In construction of grammar we are interested in events consisting of 'net' popping of some symbol from the stack



- More general, the variable $[p, A, q]$ can represent any sequence of moves resulting in moving machine from state p to state q and removing A from the stack



- What to do when A is replaced by string $B_1B_2\dots B_m$?
- We allow $[p,A,q]$ to be replaced by any string of the form
- $[p,A,q] \rightarrow a[p_1, B_1, p_2][p_2, B_2, p_3] \dots [p_m, B_m, p_q]$ for all possible sequences of states p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m
- $S \rightarrow [q_0, Z_0, q]$



Theorem

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Theorem 7.4

Let $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, q_0, Z_0, A, \delta)$ be a pushdown automaton accepting a language L by empty stack; that is, $L = L_e(M)$. Then there is a context-free grammar G with $L(G) = L$.



Proof

- Define $G=(V, \Sigma, S, P)$ as follows:

$$V = \{S\} \cup \{[p, A, q] \mid A \in \Gamma, p, q \in Q\}$$



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- The set P contains the following productions (and only these)

1. For every $q \in Q$, the production $S \rightarrow [q_0, Z_0, q]$ is in P .
2. For every $q, q_1 \in Q, a \in \Sigma \cup \{\Lambda\}$, and $A \in \Gamma$, if $\delta(q, a, A)$ contains (q_1, Λ) , then the production $[q, A, q_1] \rightarrow a$ is in P .
3. For every $q, q_1 \in Q, a \in \Sigma \cup \{\Lambda\}, A \in \Gamma$, and $m \geq 1$, if $\delta(q, a, A)$ contains $(q_1, B_1 B_2 \dots B_m)$ for some $B_1, \dots, B_m \in \Gamma$, then for every choice of $q_2, \dots, q_{m+1} \in Q$, the production
$$[q, A, q_{m+1}] \rightarrow a[q_1, B_1, q_2][q_2, B_2, q_3] \dots [q_m, B_m, q_{m+1}]$$
is in P .



- We want to show that for any $q, q' \in Q, A \in \Gamma$, and $x \in \Sigma^*$

$$(1) [q, A, q'] \Rightarrow_G^* x \text{ if and only if } (q, x, A) \vdash_M^* (q', \Lambda, \Lambda)$$



- Why

(1) $[q, A, q'] \Rightarrow_G^* x$ if and only if $(q, x, A) \vdash_M^* (q', \Lambda, \Lambda)$

implies the proof?

- If $x \in L_\epsilon(M)$ then $(q_0, x, Z_0) \vdash_M^* (q, \Lambda, \Lambda)$ for some $q \in Q$
- Then (1) implies $[q_0, Z_0, q] \Rightarrow_G^* x$, thus $S \Rightarrow [q_0, Z_0, q] \Rightarrow_G^* x$
- If $x \in L(M)$ then the first step in derivation of x is $S \Rightarrow [q_0, Z_0, q]$ which means that $[q_0, Z_0, q] \Rightarrow_G^* x$ and then by (1) $x \in L_\epsilon(M)$



- To prove (1) we use mathematical induction
- \vdash^n and \Rightarrow^n
- For every $n \geq 1$

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- For $n=1$
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- For $n=1$
- $[q, A, q'] \Rightarrow_G^1 x$
- Then x is either Λ or $x \in \Sigma$ and $\delta(q, x, A)$ contains (q', Λ)
- But then $(q, x, A) \vdash (q', \Lambda, \Lambda)$



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Suppose that (2) is correct for all $n \leq k$, for some $k \geq 1$.

For $[q, A, q'] \Rightarrow_G^{k+1} x$ we wish to show
that $(q, x, A) \vdash^* (q', \Lambda, \Lambda)$



■ The first derivation of x is of type

$$[q, A, q'] \Rightarrow a[q_1, B_1, q_2][q_2, B_2, q_3] \cdots [q_m, B_m, q']$$



- $[q_i, B_i, q_{i+1}]$ to x_i
- $[q_m, B_m, q']$ to x_m
- $x = ax_1 \dots x_m$
- Each x_i is derived in $\leq k$ steps



By the induction hypothesis

■ $(q_i, x_i, B_i) \vdash^* (q_{i+1}, \Lambda, \Lambda)$

$$(q_m, x_m, B_m) \vdash^* (q', \Lambda, \Lambda)$$



- If M is in the configuration $(q, x, A) = (q, ax_1x_2 \dots x_m, A)$ (q, a, A) contains $(q_1, B_1 \dots B_m)$, and M can go to $(q_1, x_1x_2 \dots x_m, B_1 \dots B_m)$ then (by a sequence of steps) to $(q_2, x_2 \dots x_m, B_2 \dots B_m)$, then to $(q_3, x_3 \dots x_m, B_3 \dots B_m)$, ... (q', Λ, Λ) and (2) follows



(1) $[q, A, q'] \Rightarrow_G^* x$ if and only if $(q, x, A) \vdash_M^* (q', \Lambda, \Lambda)$

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(2) If $[q, A, q'] \Rightarrow_G^* x$, then $(q, x, A) \vdash_M^* (q', \Lambda, \Lambda)$

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- $n=1$
- x is of length 0 or 1
- $\delta(q, x, A)$ contains (q', Λ)
- Then x can be derived from $[q, A, q']$ by $[q, A, q'] \rightarrow x$



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- Suppose that (3) correct for all $n \leq k$, for some $k \geq 1$
- For $(q, x, A) \vdash^{k+1} (q', \Lambda, \Lambda)$ we wish to show that $[q, A, q'] \Rightarrow_G^* x$
- $x = ay$ for some $a \in \Sigma \cup \{\Lambda\}$ and the first move is

$$(q, x, A) = (q, ay, A) \vdash (q_1, y, B_1 B_2 \dots B_m)$$



- Since M ends in (q', Λ, Λ) , there should be intermediate points when the stack contains precisely $B_i B_{i+1} \dots B_m$
- q_i the state when the stack contains $B_i B_{i+1} \dots B_m$ for the first time
- x_i portion of the string consumed in going from q_i to q_{i+1}
- So

$$(q_i, x_i, B_i) \vdash^* (q_{i+1}, \Lambda, \Lambda)$$

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By induction hypothesis

$$[q_i, B_i, q_{i+1}] \Rightarrow_G^* x_i$$

$$[q_m, B_m, q'] \Rightarrow^* x_m$$



- $\delta(q,a,A)$ contains $(q_1, B_1 \dots B_m)$, we know that

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- We conclude that

$$[q, A, q'] \Rightarrow^* ax_1x_2 \dots x_m = x$$

- Thus

$$(3) \text{ If } (q, x, A) \vdash^n (q', \Lambda, \Lambda), \text{ then } [q, A, q'] \Rightarrow^* x$$



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