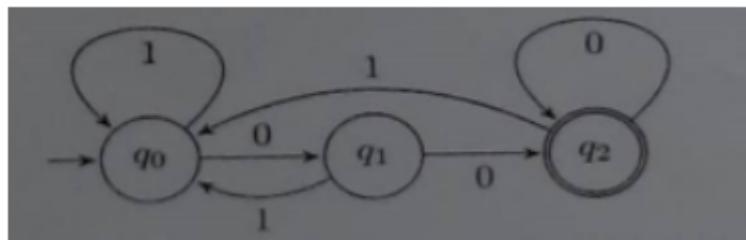
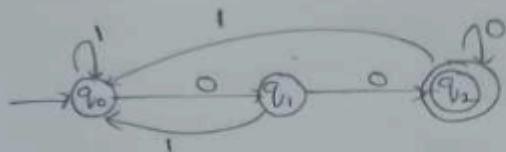


1.a) Construct a **context-free grammar** for the following DFA: (6)



conversion of DFA to context free grammar



solution

step1: Assign a variable to each state

$$q_0 \rightarrow R$$

solution

step1: Given states are  $q_0, q_1$  and  $q_2$ .

transitions are 0 and 1.

step2: Add a rule  $q_i \rightarrow aq_j$ , if there is a transaction from  $q_i$  to  $q_j$

$$q_0 \rightarrow 0q_1 \mid 1q_0$$

$$q_1 \rightarrow 0q_2 \mid 1q_0$$

$$q_2 \rightarrow 0q_2 \mid 1q_0$$

step3: If  $q_i$  is an ~~accept~~ final state, then add a

$$rule \quad q_i \rightarrow \epsilon$$

Here  $q_2$  is the ~~accept~~ final state

$$\therefore q_2 \rightarrow \epsilon$$

step4:

$$q_0 \rightarrow 0q_1 \mid 1q_0$$

$$q_1 \rightarrow 0q_2 \mid 1q_0$$

$$q_2 \rightarrow 0q_2 \mid 1q_0 \mid \epsilon$$



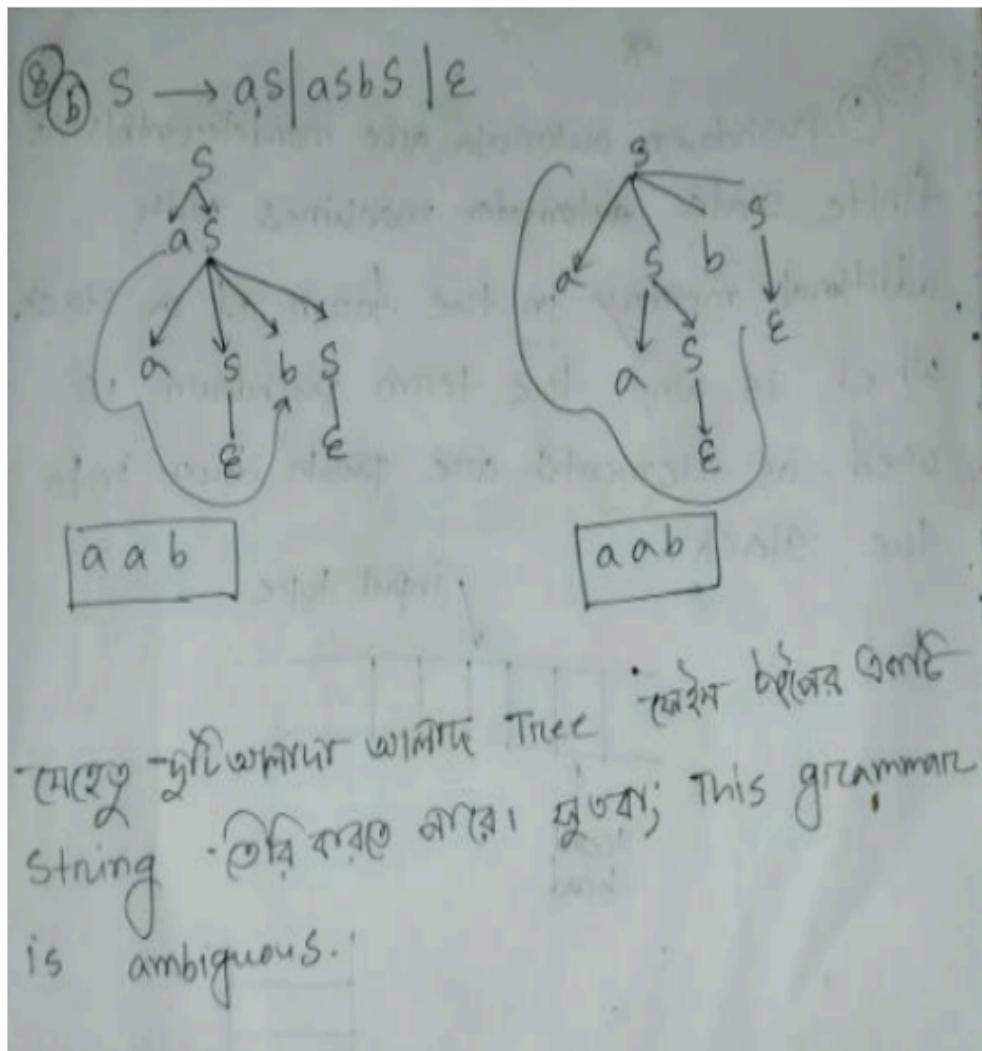
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b) Show that the grammar ( $\{S\}$ ,  $\{a, b\}$ ,  $R$ ,  $S$ ) with rules  $R = S \rightarrow aS \mid aSbS \mid \epsilon$  is ambiguous. [4]



### Step 1: Understand Ambiguity

A grammar is **ambiguous** if there exists **at least one string** in the language that has **two or more distinct parse trees** (or derivations).

### Step 2: Find a Candidate String

Consider the string:  $w = aab$

First derivation:

1.  $S \Rightarrow aS$
2.  $S \Rightarrow aSbS$  for the second  $S$  in  $as$ ? Let's check carefully.
  - Start:  $S$
  - Option 1:  $S \Rightarrow aS \rightarrow as$
  - $S$  in  $as$ :  $S \Rightarrow aSbS \rightarrow aasbs b$ ? Wait, let's make it simple.

Better candidate:  $aab$ :

Derivation 1:

1.  $S \Rightarrow aS \rightarrow as$
2.  $S \Rightarrow aSbS \rightarrow a(as)bs$
3. First  $S \rightarrow \epsilon \rightarrow a(a)bs \rightarrow aabs$
4. Last  $S \rightarrow \epsilon \rightarrow aab \checkmark$

Derivation 2 (Different parse tree):

1.  $S \Rightarrow aSbS \rightarrow as b s$
2. First  $S \rightarrow as \rightarrow a a s$
3. Second  $S \rightarrow \epsilon \rightarrow a a b s$
4. Last  $S \rightarrow \epsilon \rightarrow aab \checkmark$

#### Step 4: Conclusion

- The string  $aab$  has **two distinct parse trees**, so the grammar is **ambiguous**

Ans. For grammar to be ambiguous, there should be more than one parse tree for same string.

Above grammar can be written as

$$S \rightarrow aSbS$$

$$S \rightarrow bSaS$$

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon$$

Lets generate a string '**abab**'.

So, now parse tree for 'abab'.

Left most derivative parse tree 01

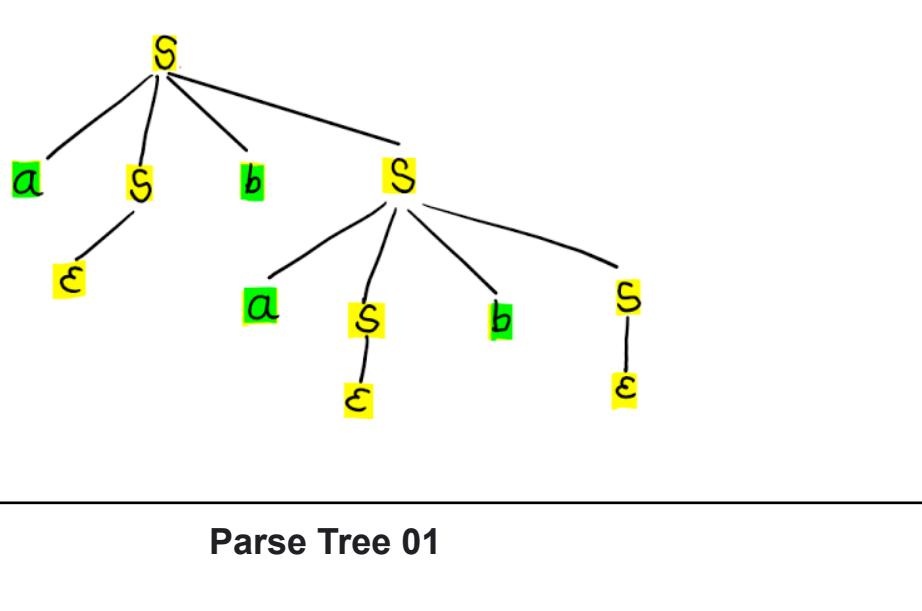
$$S \rightarrow aSbS$$

$$S \rightarrow a\epsilon bS$$

$$S \rightarrow a\epsilon baSbS$$

$$S \rightarrow a\epsilon ba\epsilon b\epsilon$$

$$S \rightarrow abab$$



Left most derivative parse tree 02

$$S \rightarrow aSbS$$

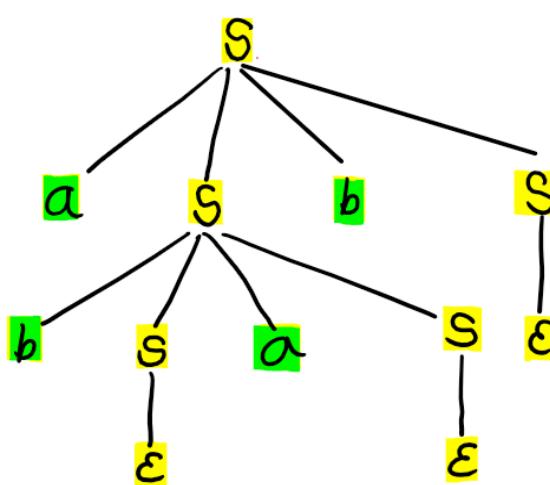
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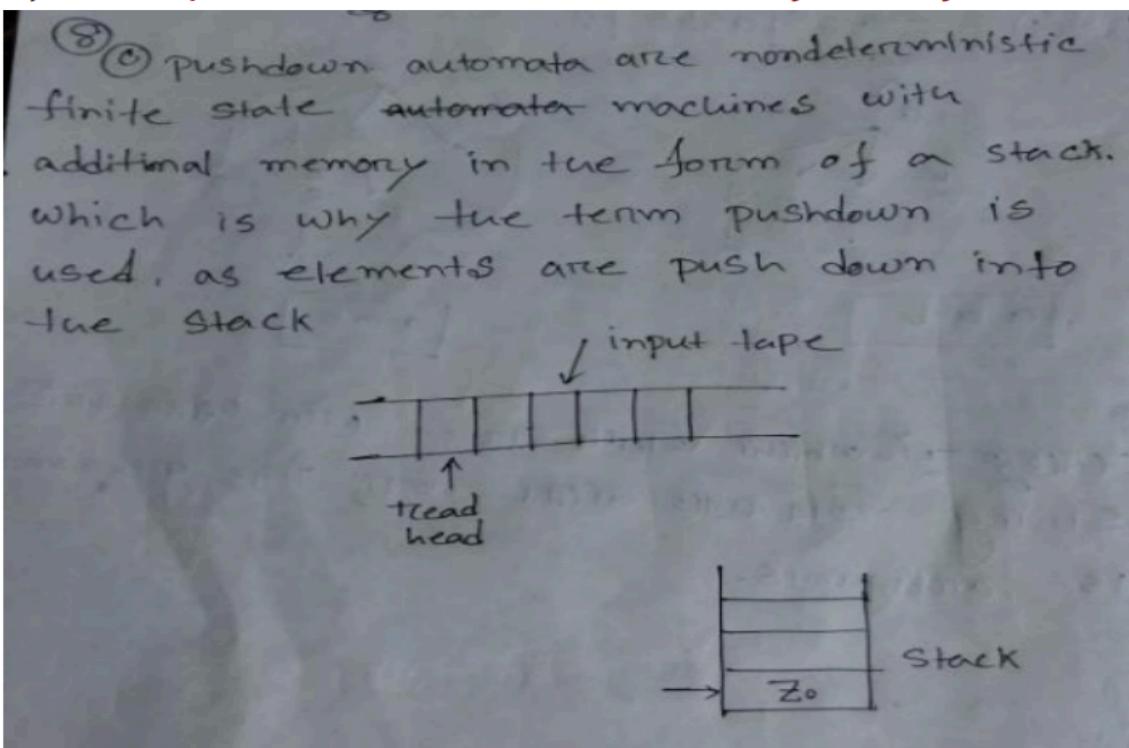
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$S \rightarrow ab \in a \in b \in$

$S \rightarrow abab$



c) Does a pushdown automata have memory? Justify.[2]



## Does a Pushdown Automaton (PDA) have memory?

**Answer:** Yes.

### 1. PDAs have a stack.

- A stack is like a vertical pile of boxes where you can **put things on top (push)** or **take things off (pop)**.

### 2. The stack remembers information.

- Unlike a simple finite automaton that “forgets” everything except its current state, a PDA can **remember many symbols** in the stack.

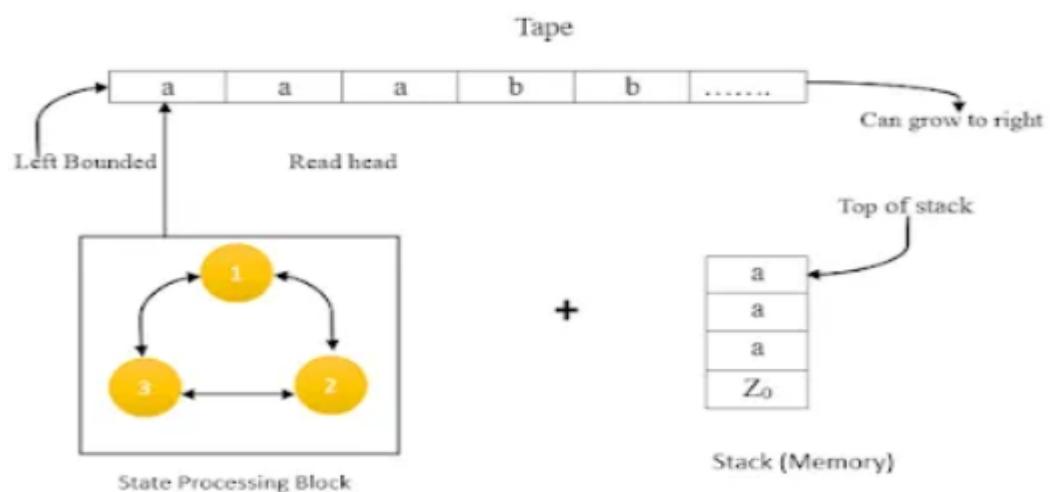
### 3. Example: Language ( $L = \{ a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$ )

- Step 1: Read each **a** → **push a onto the stack**
- Step 2: Read each **b** → **pop one a from the stack**
- Step 3: If the stack is empty at the end → **accept**

Here, the **stack** “remembers” how many **a**s were read, which is why PDA has memory.

✓ **Simple takeaway:**

- **Finite automata** → no memory except state
- **PDA** → memory via stack



2.a) Why explicit **epsilon-transitions** in finite automata is important? (2)

## FA with $\epsilon$ -Transitions

- We can allow explicit  $\epsilon$ -transitions in finite automata
  - i.e., a transition from one state to another state without consuming any additional input symbol
  - Explicit  $\epsilon$ -transitions between different states introduce non-determinism.
  - Makes it easier sometimes to construct NFAs

**Definition:**  $\epsilon$ -NFAs are those NFAs with at least one explicit  $\epsilon$ -transition defined.

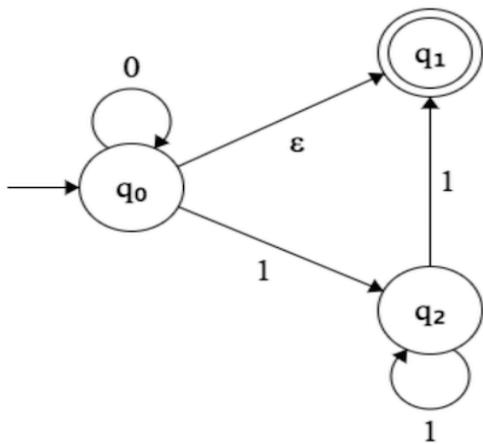
- $\epsilon$ -NFAs have one more column in their transition table

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An  **$\epsilon$ -transition** in a finite automaton is a move from one state to another **without consuming any input symbol**.

## Importance of $\epsilon$ -Transitions (Short Version)

1. **Simplifies NFA construction** from regular expressions.
2. **Allows branching** without consuming input.
3. **Supports nondeterminism** efficiently.
4. **Combines smaller automata** into larger ones.
5. **Helps in NFA  $\rightarrow$  DFA conversion** using  $\epsilon$ -closure.



b) Build an **epsilon-NFA** for the following language:  $L = \{ w \text{ is empty, or if non-empty will end in } 01 \}$

### Idea

- The language includes the **empty string** → use an  **$\epsilon$ -transition** from start to accepting state.
- Non-empty strings must **end with 01** → similar to the DFA/NFA for ends in 01.
- Use  $\epsilon$ -transitions to handle **empty string** or branching.

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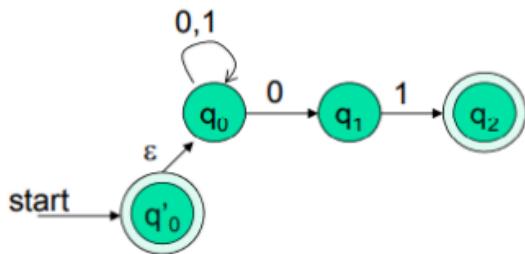
### States

- $q_0$ : Start state
- $q_1$ : Saw a 0 that **might be second-last symbol**
- $q_2$ : Saw 01 → Accepting state
- Accepting state:  $q_0$  (for  $\epsilon$  / empty) and  $q_2$

### Explanation:

1.  $\epsilon$ -transition from  $q_0 \rightarrow q_2$  allows **accepting empty string**.
2. For non-empty strings:
  - Track last two symbols using  $q_1 \rightarrow q_2$ .
  - Accept if string ends with  $01$ .

$L = \{w \mid w \text{ is empty, or if non-empty will end in } 01\}$



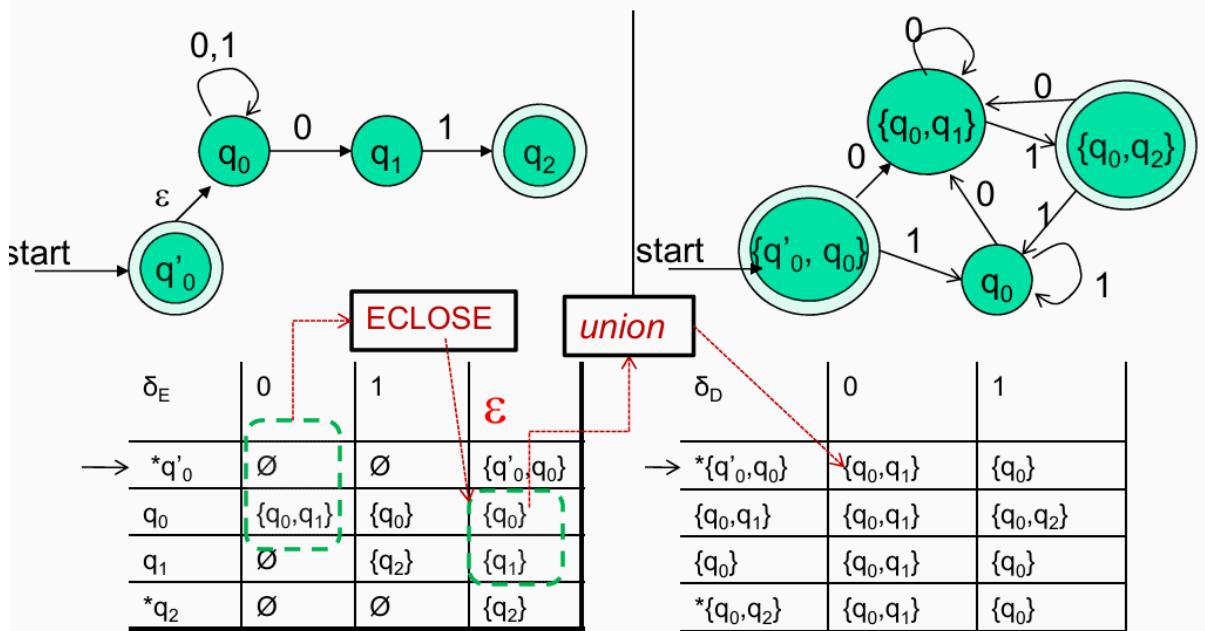
$\delta_E$	0	1	$\epsilon$
$\rightarrow *q'_0$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\{q'_0, q_0\}$
$q_0$	$\{q_0, q_1\}$	$\{q_0\}$	$\{q_0\}$
$q_1$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_2\}$	$\{q_1\}$
$*q_2$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_2\}$

$\delta_D$	0	1
$\rightarrow *q'_0, q_0\}$		
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c) Convert **epsilon-NFA** to **DFA** based on Question 6(b).

## Example: $\epsilon$ -NFA $\rightarrow$ DFA

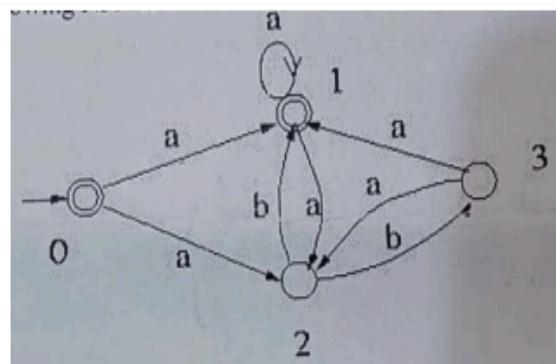
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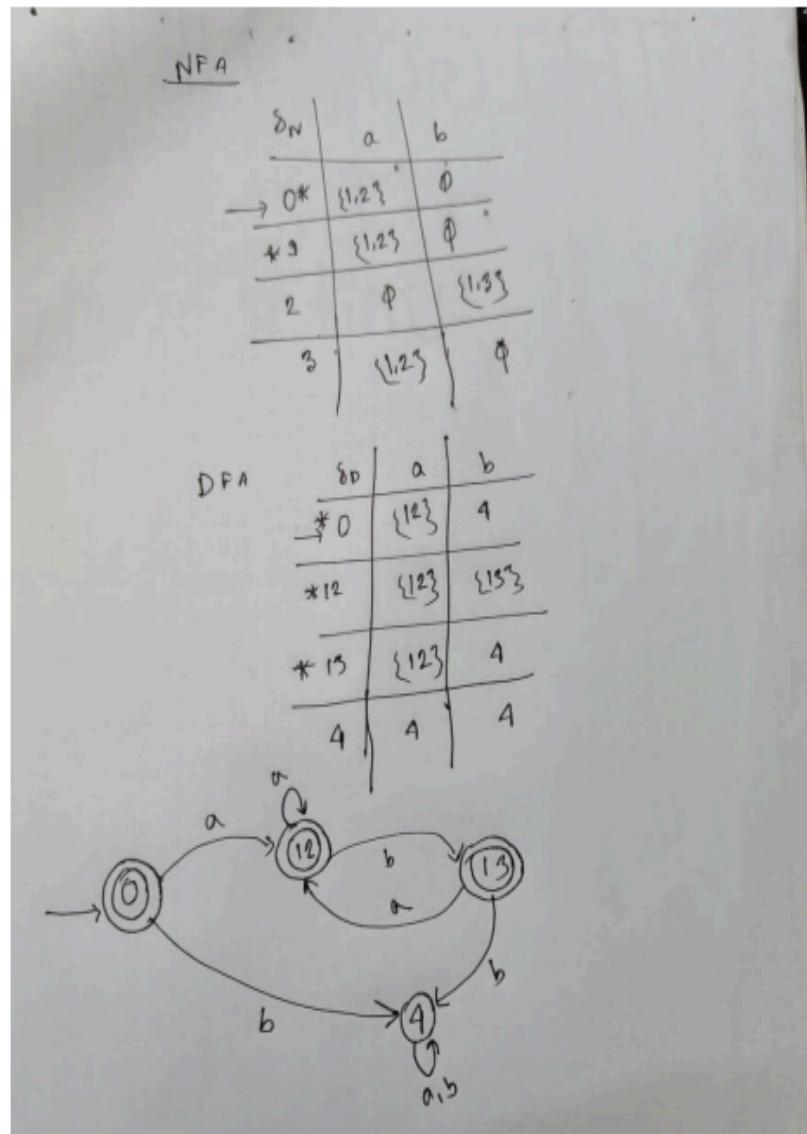
### 3.a) Differentiate between Finite State and Turing Machines.

Topic	Finite State Machine (FSM)	Turing Machine (TM)	☰
1. Memory	Has <i>finite</i> memory (only states)	Has <i>infinite</i> memory (infinite tape)	
2. Computing Power	Recognizes <i>Regular Languages</i> only	Recognizes <i>Recursively Enumerable Languages</i> (most powerful model)	
3. Tape/Input Handling	Reads input once, cannot modify input	Can read, write, and move head left/right on tape	
4. Structure	Only states and transitions	Control unit + infinite tape + read/write head	
5. Acceptance Capability	Limited computation	Can perform any algorithmic computation	
6. Determinism	Can be deterministic (DFA) or nondeterministic (NFA)	Usually deterministic (but NTM exists)	
7. Usage	Lexical analysis, pattern matching, simple systems	General computation model, algorithm simulation, computability theory	
8. Complexity	Simple to design	More complex to design	⬇

b) Convert the following NFA to DFA



Sol:



c) How a DFA processes strings?

## ★ Steps of DFA Processing

### 1. Start in the initial state

The DFA always begins in a special state called the **start state** ( $q_0$ ).

### 2. Read the input string from left to right

The DFA reads the string **one symbol** at a time.

### 3. Move to the next state using the transition function

For each symbol, the DFA applies its transition function:

$$\delta(\text{current state, input symbol}) = \text{next state}$$

Because it is deterministic, there is exactly one possible next state for each (state, symbol) pair.

### 4. Continue until the entire string is read

The DFA keeps moving between states until **all characters** of the input have been processed.

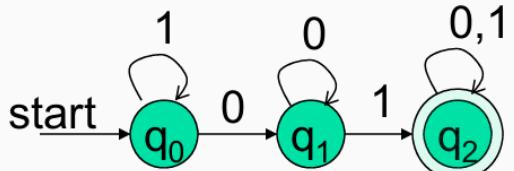
### 5. Acceptance or Rejection

- If the DFA ends in an **accepting (final) state**, the string is **Accepted**.
- If it ends in a **non-final state**, the string is **Reject**. 

Regular expression:  $(0+1)^*01(0+1)^*$

## DFA for strings containing 01

- What makes this DFA deterministic?



Accepting state

- What if the language allows empty strings?

- $Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$

- $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

- start state =  $q_0$

- $F = \{q_2\}$

- Transition table symbols

$\delta$	0	1
$q_0$	$q_1$	$q_0$
$q_1$	$q_1$	$q_2$
$*q_2$	$q_2$	$q_2$

4.a) Define **push down automata** with an example. (2)

### a) Define Pushdown Automata (PDA) with Example

A **Pushdown Automaton (PDA)** is a type of automaton that uses a stack as an additional memory structure. It is an extension of Finite Automata (FA) that allows it to recognize a broader class of languages — specifically, **context-free languages (CFLs)**.

A **Pushdown Automaton (PDA)** is a type of **automaton** that uses a **stack** in addition to its finite control.

It is more powerful than a **Finite Automaton (FA)** but less powerful than a **Turing Machine**.

PDA is mainly used to recognize **Context-Free Languages (CFLs)**.

#### Formal Definition:

A **PDA** is defined as a 7-tuple:  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F)$

Where:

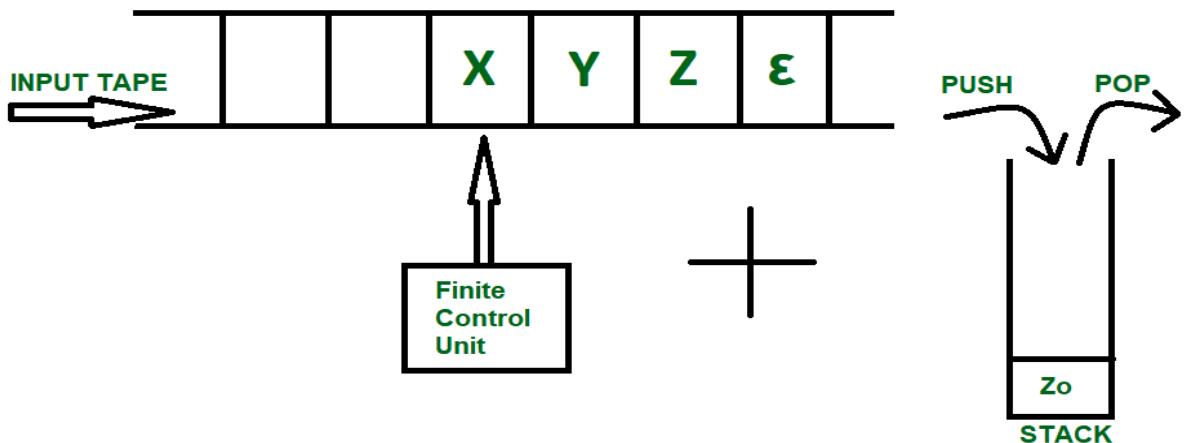
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<b>Q</b>	Finite set of states
<b><math>\Sigma</math></b>	Input alphabet
<b><math>\Gamma</math></b>	Stack alphabet
<b><math>\delta</math></b>	Transition function: $\delta(q, a, X) \rightarrow (p, \gamma)$ where: – q = current state – a = current input symbol (or $\epsilon$ ) – X = top of stack symbol – $\gamma$ = string to replace X on stack
<b>q<sub>0</sub></b>	Start state
<b>z<sub>0</sub></b>	Initial stack symbol
<b>F</b>	Set of accepting (final) states

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### Working Principle:

- PDA reads input from left to right.
- It can **push** or **pop** symbols on the stack.
- The **stack** provides **memory**, allowing PDA to recognize patterns like matching parentheses.
- PDA can accept input by:
  1. **Final state**, or
  2. **Empty stack**.

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### Diagram (conceptually):

Input Tape  $\rightarrow a \ b \ b \ a$

Stack  $\rightarrow Z0 \downarrow$

States  $\rightarrow q0, q1, qf$

Transition example:

$$\delta(q0, a, Z0) = (q1, AZ0)$$

$$\delta(q1, b, A) = (q1, \epsilon)$$

Meaning:

- When reading **a**, push **A** on stack.
- When reading **b**, pop **A** from stack.

### Example:

PDA for language:

[  
 $L = \{ a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$   
 ]

Steps:

- For each **a**, push symbol (say X) on stack.
- For each **b**, pop one X.
- Accept if stack becomes empty at end.

The stack allows the PDA to remember an unlimited amount of information, making it suited for languages with nested structures like parentheses.

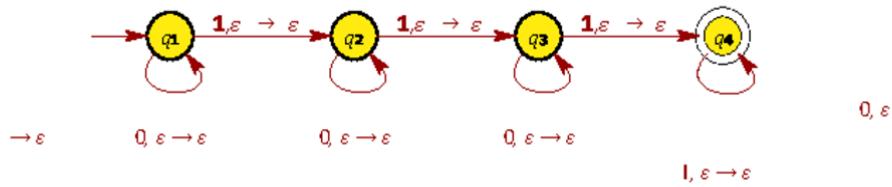
b) Give pushdown automata that recognize the following languages: (5)

- (A)  $A = \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid w \text{ contains at least three } 1s\}$
- (B)  $B = \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid w = w^R \text{ and the length of } w \text{ is odd}\}$

## Question with Solutions Part 5

1. Give pushdown automata that recognize the following languages. Give both a drawing and 6-tuple specification for each PDA.

(a)  $A = \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid w \text{ contains at least three } 1s\}$  **Answer:**



We formally express the PDA as a 6-tuple  $(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_1, F)$ , where

- $Q = \{q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4\}$
- $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$
- $\Gamma = \{0, 1\}$
- transition function  $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \times \Gamma \rightarrow P(Q \times \Gamma)$  is defined by

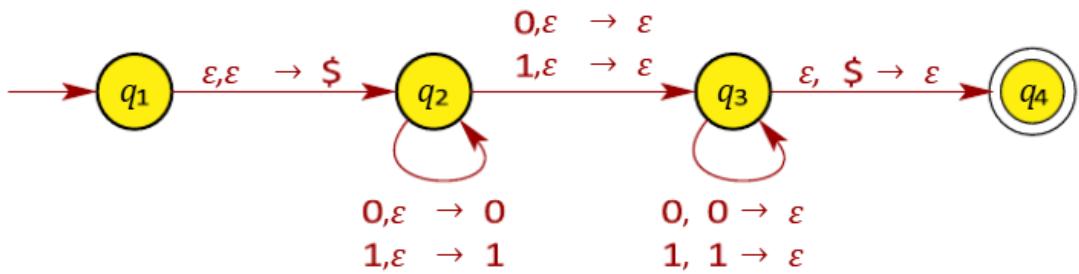
Input:	0			1			ε		
	0	1	ε	0	1	ε	0	1	ε
$q_1$			$\{(q_1, \epsilon)\}$			$\{(q_2, \epsilon)\}$			
$q_2$			$\{(q_2, \epsilon)\}$			$\{(q_3, \epsilon)\}$			
$q_3$			$\{(q_3, \epsilon)\}$			$\{(q_4, \epsilon)\}$			
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Blank entries are  $\emptyset$ .

- $q_1$  is the start state
- $F = \{q_4\}$

Note that  $A$  is a regular language, so the language has a DFA. We can easily convert the DFA into a PDA by using the same states and transitions and never push nor pop anything to/from the stack.

(b)  $B = \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid w = w^R \text{ and the length of } w \text{ is odd}\}$  **Answer:**



For any string www in BBB:

- Length is **odd**  $\rightarrow |w|=2n+1$  for some  $n \geq 0$
- The string is a **palindrome**  $\rightarrow$  the first  $n$  symbols must match the last  $n$  in reverse order
- There is **one middle symbol** that doesn't need to match anything

### Simplified PDA Operation

#### 1. q2 (Push Phase):

- Read the first half of the string (first  $n$  symbols)
- Push each symbol onto the stack

#### 2. Transition $q2 \rightarrow q3$ (Middle):

- Non-deterministically guess the **middle symbol**
- Read it and **don't touch the stack**

#### 3. q3 (Pop Phase):

- Read the last half (last  $n$  symbols)

- For each input symbol, **pop** the stack and ensure they match (reverse order)

#### 4. Accept if:

- The stack is back to the **start symbol** (empty apart from initial marker)
- Input is fully consumed

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We formally express the PDA as a 6-tuple  $(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_1, F)$ , where

- $Q = \{q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4\}$
- $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$
- $\Gamma = \{0, 1, \$\}$  (use  $\$$  to mark bottom of stack)
- transition function  $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \times \Gamma \rightarrow P(Q \times \Gamma)$  is defined by

Input:	0				1				$\epsilon$			
Stack:	0	1	$\$$	$\epsilon$	0	1	$\$$	$\epsilon$	0	1	$\$$	$\epsilon$
$q_1$												$\{(q_2, \$)\}$
$q_2$				$\{(q_2, 0), (q_3, \epsilon)\}$				$\{(q_2, 1), (q_3, \epsilon)\}$				
$q_3$	$\{(q_3, \epsilon)\}$					$\{(q_3, \epsilon)\}$					$\{(q_4, \epsilon)\}$	
$q_4$												

Blank entries are  $\emptyset$ .

- $q_1$  is the start state
- $F = \{q_4\}$

c) Use the **pumping lemma** to prove that the language

$A = \{0^{2n}1^{3n}0^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  is not context free.

To prove that the language

$$A = \{0^{2n}1^{3n}0^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$

is not context-free, we will use the **Pumping Lemma for Context-Free Languages**.

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### Pumping Lemma for CFLs (Informal Statement)

If  $A$  is a context-free language, then there exists a constant  $p$  (the **pumping length**) such that any string  $s \in A$  with  $|s| \geq p$  can be split into five parts:

$$s = uvwxy$$

such that:

1.  $|vwx| \leq p$
2.  $|vx| \geq 1$  (i.e.,  $v$  or  $x$  is not empty)
3. For all  $i \geq 0$ , the string  $uv^iwx^i y \in A$

### Proof by Contradiction

**Assume:**

The language  $A$  is context-free.

Then by the pumping lemma, there exists a pumping length  $p$ .

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#### Step 1: Choose a String in A

Let's pick:

$$s = 0^{2p}1^{3p}0^p$$

Clearly,  $s \in A$ , with  $n = p$ . Also,  $|s| = 2p + 3p + p = 6p \geq p$ , so the pumping lemma applies.

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## Step 2: Split the String

The pumping lemma says:

$$s = uvwxxy$$

with:

- $|vwx| \leq p$
- $|vx| \geq 1$
- $uv^iwx^i y \in A$  for all  $i \geq 0$

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## Step 3: Analyze $vwx$

Since  $|vwx| \leq p$ , the substring  $vwx$  can only span **one** of the following blocks (can't span all of them as each block is  $\geq p$  long):

1. The first block of 0s (i.e., the  $0^{2p}$ )
2. The block of 1s (i.e., the  $1^{3p}$ )
3. The last block of 0s (i.e., the  $0^p$ )

We handle each case to show a contradiction.



### Case 1: $vwx$ is within the first block of 0s

- Pumping  $v$  and  $x$  changes the number of 0s in the first block.
- New string after pumping:  $uv^2wx^2y$  will have **more than  $2n$  0s** in the first block, but the other blocks won't change proportionally.
- So the string won't be of the form  $0^{2n}1^{3n}0^n$ .
- **Contradiction.**

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### Case 2: $vwx$ is within the 1s

- Pumping  $v$  and  $x$  changes the number of 1s.
- New string: number of 1s is no longer  $3n$ , but the first and last blocks remain unchanged.
- Not in  $A$ .
- **Contradiction.**

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### Case 3: $vwx$ is within the last block of 0s

- Pumping adds or removes 0s from the last block only.
- The number of 0s in the last block will not match the required  $n$ , making the structure invalid.
- **Contradiction.**

**Conclusion:** In all cases, pumping  $v$  and  $x$  produces a string not in  $A$ , which contradicts the pumping lemma. Therefore:  $A$  is not a context-free language.

5.

4. a) Let,  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

Construct a DFA for the following language:

$L = \{w \mid w \text{ is a binary string that has even number of 1s and even number of 0s}\}$

b) Construct a NFA for the following: Strings where the first symbol is present somewhere later on at least once.

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### a) DFA for the Language:

$L = \{ w \text{ has an even number of 1s and even number of 0s} \}$

Alphabet:  $\sigma = \{0, 1\}$

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### Idea

To track both:

- **Even or odd number of 0s**, and
- **Even or odd number of 1s**

We need to *remember* the state of both — so we need **4 states**:

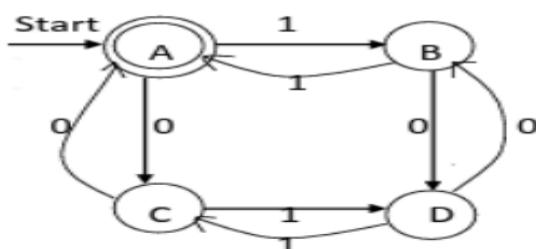
State	Meaning
$q_0$	Even 0s, Even 1s
$q_1$	Odd 0s, Even 1s
$q_2$	Even 0s, Odd 1s
$q_3$	Odd 0s, Odd 1s

### State Transitions

Current State	Input = 0	Input = 1
$q_0$	$\rightarrow q_1$	$\rightarrow q_2$
$q_1$	$\rightarrow q_0$	$\rightarrow q_3$
$q_2$	$\rightarrow q_3$	$\rightarrow q_0$
$q_3$	$\rightarrow q_2$	$\downarrow$ $\rightarrow q_1$

### DFA Diagram

**Transition diagram:**



**Transition table:**

$\delta$	0	1
$\rightarrow *A$	C	B
B	D	A
C	A	D
D	C	B

- $(q_0)$  is the **start** and also the **accepting state** (since both counts start at even)
- Only  $(q_0)$  is accepting, since it represents **even 0s and even 1s**

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### Final Answer: Summary

- **States:**  $(Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3\})$
- **Start State:**  $(q_0)$
- **Accepting State:**  $(\{q_0\})$
- **Alphabet:**  $(\{0, 1\})$
- **Transition Function:** As shown in the table above

This DFA recognizes all binary strings that contain **an even number of 0s and an even number of 1s.**

b) Construct an NFA for the following: **Strings where the first symbol is present somewhere later on at least once.** [6]

To construct an **NFA** for the language:

**Strings where the first symbol is present somewhere later on at least once**

This means:

- The **first character** of the input (either **0** or **1**) must **reappear later** in the string.
- Examples:

- Accepted:  $00, 0110, 1001, 010110$
- Rejected:  $01, 10$  (because the first symbol does not repeat later)

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 **Idea:**

We can design the NFA using nondeterminism:

1. Read the first symbol ( $0$  or  $1$ ) and remember it using states.
2. Then move through the rest of the string.
3. If we find the same symbol again, accept.

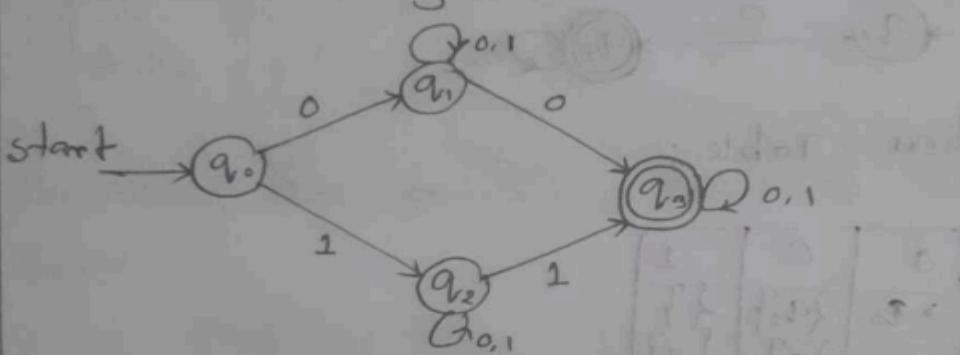
**States:**

- $q0$ : Start state (before reading first character)
- $q1$ : Remember first symbol was  $0$
- $q2$ : Remember first symbol was  $1$
- $qf$ : Accepting state (once the first symbol is seen again)
- $qd$ : Dead state (optional — not always necessary in NFA)

## Homework 6

NFA for a string where the first symbol present somewhere later at least once.

Transition Diagram:



Transition Table:

$\delta$	0	1
$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_1\}$	$\{q_2\}$
$q_1$	$\{q_1, q_3\}$	$\{q_1\}$
$q_2$	$\{q_2\}$	$\{q_2, q_3\}$
$*q_3$	$\{q_3\}$	$\{q_3\}$

a) Prove that the following language is either regular or not.

$$A = \{ w w w \mid w \in \{a, b\}^* \}$$

## Proof (Using Pumping Lemma)

Assume, for contradiction, that  $A$  is regular.

Then by the pumping lemma, there exists a pumping length  $p$  such that any string  $s \in A$  with length  $\geq p$  can be pumped.

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### Step 1: Choose a suitable string

Let

$$w = a^p$$

Then pick a string from  $A$ :

$$s = www = a^p a^p a^p = a^{3p}$$

This string is clearly in  $A$ .

### Step 2: Pumping lemma decomposition

According to the lemma,

$$s = xyz$$

with the conditions:

1.  $|xy| \leq p$
2.  $|y| \geq 1$
3. For all  $i \geq 0$ , the string

$$xy^i z$$

must still be in  $A$  (if the language is regular).

### Step 3: Analyze the structure of x, y, z

Since  $|xy| \leq p$ , both x and y are inside the first block of a's:

$$xyz = a^p a^p a^p$$

Let:

- $x = a^k$
- $y = a^m$  (where  $m \geq 1$ )
- $z = a^{3p-k-m}$

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### Step 4: Pumping (take i = 0)

Pump down:

$$xy^0z = xz = a^{3p-m}$$

This string has **fewer than p a's in the first block**.

So the new string **cannot** be divided into three **equal** blocks.

Original structure:

$$a^p \ a^p \ a^p$$

Pumped-down structure:

$$a^{p-m} \ a^p \ a^p$$

Now the 3 parts are not equal.

Thus:

$$xy^0z \notin A$$

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### Step 5: Contradiction

The pumping lemma says the pumped string must stay in A, but it **does not**.

Therefore our assumption that A is **regular** is false.

b) Prove that if we add a finite set of strings to a regular language, the result is a regular language.

If  $L$  is a regular language and  $F$  is a finite set of strings, then

$$L \cup F$$

is also a **regular language**.

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## ★ Proof 1 (Using Closure Properties)

This is the simplest and cleanest proof.

### Step 1: Regular languages are closed under union

One of the fundamental properties of regular languages is:

If  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are regular, then  $L_1 \cup L_2$  is regular.

### Step 2: Every finite set of strings is regular

A finite set of strings is regular because:

- For each string  $s$ , the language  $\{s\}$  can be recognized by a simple DFA.
- A finite union of these is also regular.

So a finite set

$$F = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k\}$$

is regular, because it can be described by the regular expression:

$$s_1 \mid s_2 \mid \dots \mid s_k$$

### Step 3: Use closure under union

Since

- $L$  is regular, and
- $F$  is regular,

their union

$$L \cup F$$

must also be regular.

## ★ Proof 2 (Constructive DFA-Based Proof)

(Use this if examiner expects a construction.)

Let:

- $L$  be a regular language with DFA

$$M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

- $F = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k\}$  be a finite set.

**Construction idea:**

For each string  $s_i$ :

- Build a small DFA  $M_i$  that accepts **only**  $s_i$ .
- Take the union of all DFAs:

$$M \cup M_1 \cup M_2 \cup \dots \cup M_k$$

Since finite automata are closed under union, the final automaton accepts

$$L \cup \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k\}$$

Thus the union is regular.



### c) Write the closure properties of regular languages.

A **closure property** is a characteristic of a **class of languages** (such as regular, context-free, etc.) where applying a specific operation (like union, intersection, concatenation, etc.) to languages within that class results in a language that is also within the same class.

Regular languages are **closed** under several important operations — meaning that if you apply these operations to regular languages, the result is **also a regular language**.

Here's a summary of the main closure properties 

Operation	Description	Result
Union	If $L_1$ and $L_2$ are regular, then $L_1 \cup L_2$ is also regular.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular
Intersection	If $L_1$ and $L_2$ are regular, then $L_1 \cap L_2$ is regular.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular
Complement	If $L$ is regular, then its complement $\bar{L}$ is also regular.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular
Difference	If $L_1$ and $L_2$ are regular, then $L_1 - L_2$ is regular.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular
Concatenation	If $L_1$ and $L_2$ are regular, then $L_1 L_2 = \{xy \mid x \in L_1, y \in L_2\}$ is regular.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular
Kleene Star	If $L$ is regular, then $L^* = \{x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \mid n \geq 0, x_i \in L\}$ is regular.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular
Reversal	If $L$ is regular, then the set of all reversed strings $L^R$ is regular.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular
Homomorphism	If $L$ is regular and $h$ is a homomorphism, then $h(L)$ is regular.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular
Inverse Homomorphism	If $L$ is regular and $h$ is a homomorphism, then $h^{-1}(L)$ is regular.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular



Operation	Close d?	Description
<b>Union (<math>L_1 \cup L_2</math>)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Combines all strings from both languages. If $L_1$ and $L_2$ are regular, the union is regular.
<b>Intersection (<math>L_1 \cap L_2</math>)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Contains only strings common to both languages. Regular languages are closed under intersection.
<b>Set Difference (<math>L_1 - L_2</math>)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Contains strings in $L_1$ but not in $L_2$ . Regular languages are closed under difference.

<b>Complement (<math>\neg L</math> or <math>\Sigma - L</math>)<sup>*</sup></b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Contains all strings over the alphabet not in $L$ . Complement of a regular language is regular.
<b>Concatenation (<math>L_1 L_2</math>)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	All strings formed by taking a string from $L_1$ followed by a string from $L_2$ .
<b>Kleene Star (<math>L^*</math>)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	All strings formed by concatenating zero or more strings from $L$ .
<b>Kleene Plus (<math>L^+</math>)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	All strings formed by concatenating one or more strings from $L$ ( $L^+ = L \cdot L^*$ ).
<b>Reversal (<math>L^R</math>)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	All strings of $L$ reversed. Regular languages are closed under reversal.
<b>Homomorphism (<math>h(L)</math>)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Replace symbols in strings of $L$ according to a homomorphism $h$ . The result is regular.
<b>Inverse Homomorphism (<math>h^{-1}(L)</math>)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	The set of strings mapped into $L$ under a homomorphism $h$ . Still regular.
<b>Substitution</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Replace symbols in $L$ with strings from regular languages; result is regular.
<b>Intersection with a Regular Language</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Intersecting any language with a regular language preserves regularity if the first language is regular.
<b>Union with a Regular Language</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Union with a regular language preserves regularity.

<b>Subset Operation</b>	 No	Determining if a language is a subset of another does not necessarily yield a regular language.
<b>Infinite Union</b>	 No	Infinite union of regular languages may not be regular.

 **In short:**

**The class of regular languages is closed under all standard language operations.**

This is one of the reasons **regular languages** are so powerful and useful in automata theory and compiler design.

a) Describe the relation between Regular Expressions (RE) and Finite Automata.

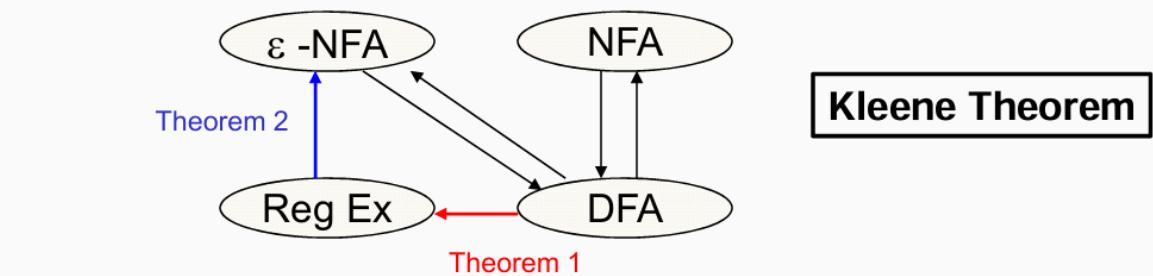
Show with figure that they are interchangeable.

## Relation between Regular Expressions and Finite Automata (Short & Clear)

- **Regular Expressions (RE) and Finite Automata (FA)** describe the **same class of languages**, called **Regular Languages**.
- For every RE, there exists an equivalent FA that accepts the same language.
- For every FA (DFA/NFA), there exists an equivalent RE describing its language.
- Thus, **RE and FA are equivalent and interchangeable** in expressive power.

# Finite Automata (FA) & Regular Expressions (Reg Ex)

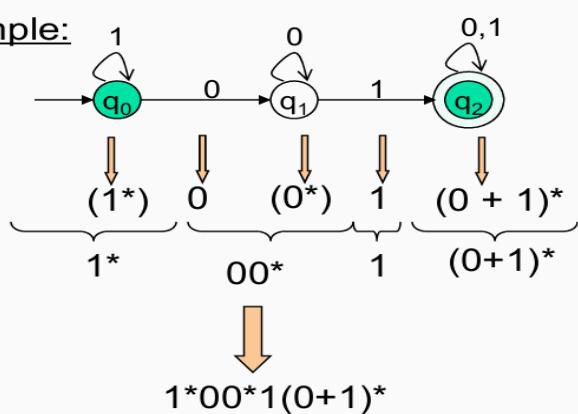
- To show that they are interchangeable, consider the following theorems:
  - Theorem 1:** For every DFA  $A$  there exists a regular expression  $R$  such that  $L(R)=L(A)$
  - Theorem 2:** For every regular expression  $R$  there exists an  $\epsilon$ -NFA  $E$  such that  $L(E)=L(R)$



## DFA to RE construction

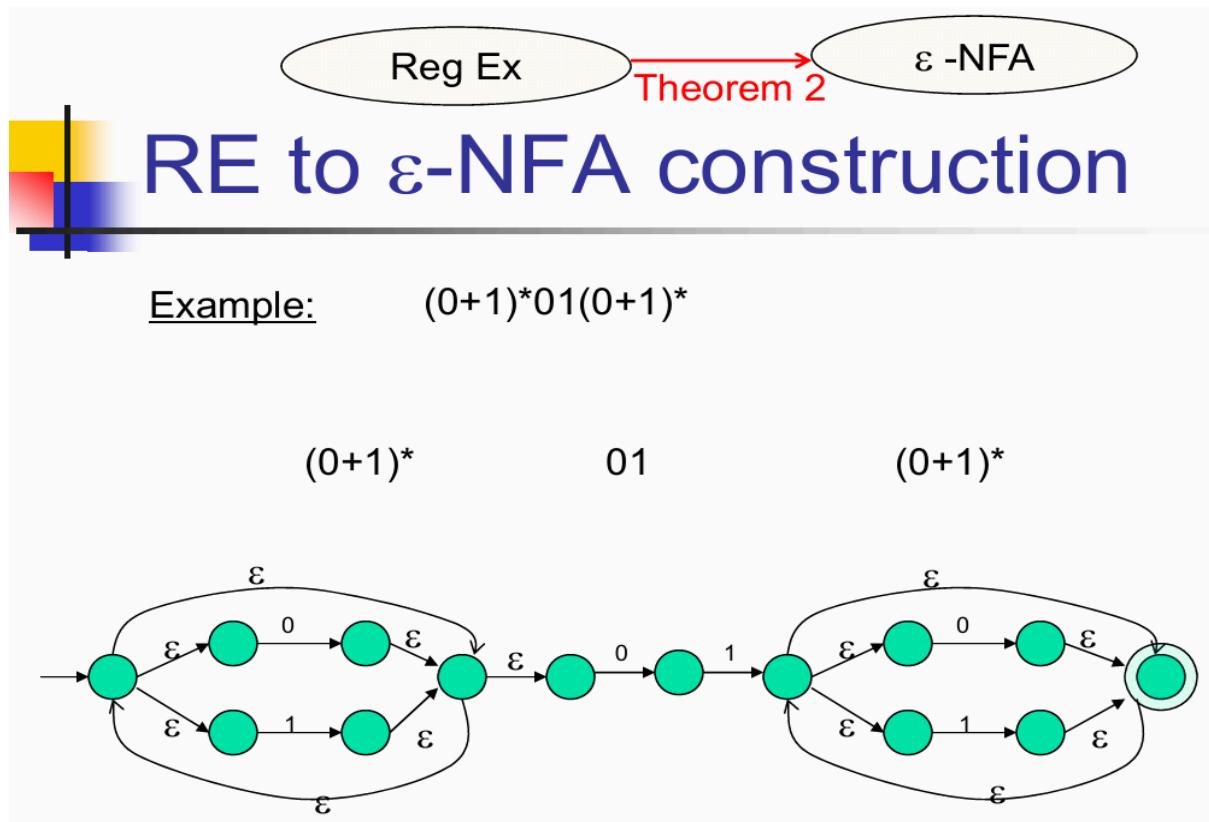
Informally, trace all distinct paths (traversing cycles only once) from the start state to *each of the final states* and enumerate all the expressions along the way

Example:



**Q) What is the language**

b) Convert the following RE to  $\epsilon$ -NFA:  $(0+1)^*01(0+1)^*$



8.b) Consider the regular expression  $(a(cd)^*)^*$

(i) Find a string over  $\{a, b, c, d\}^4$  which matches the expression.

(ii) Find a string over  $\{a, b, c, d\}^4$  which does not match the expression

(i) A string over  $\{a, b, c, d\}^4$  that matches the regular expression  $(a(cd)^*)^b)^*$  is **acdb**.

(ii) A string over  $\{a, b, c, d\}^4$  that does not match the regular expression  $(a(cd)^*b)^*$  is **abcd**.

Regex:  $(a(cd)^*b)^*$ . Each block  $ba(cd)^k$  has length  $2+2k$  (even,  $\geq 2$ ). A length-4 string can be either one block with  $k=1$  or two blocks with  $k=0$

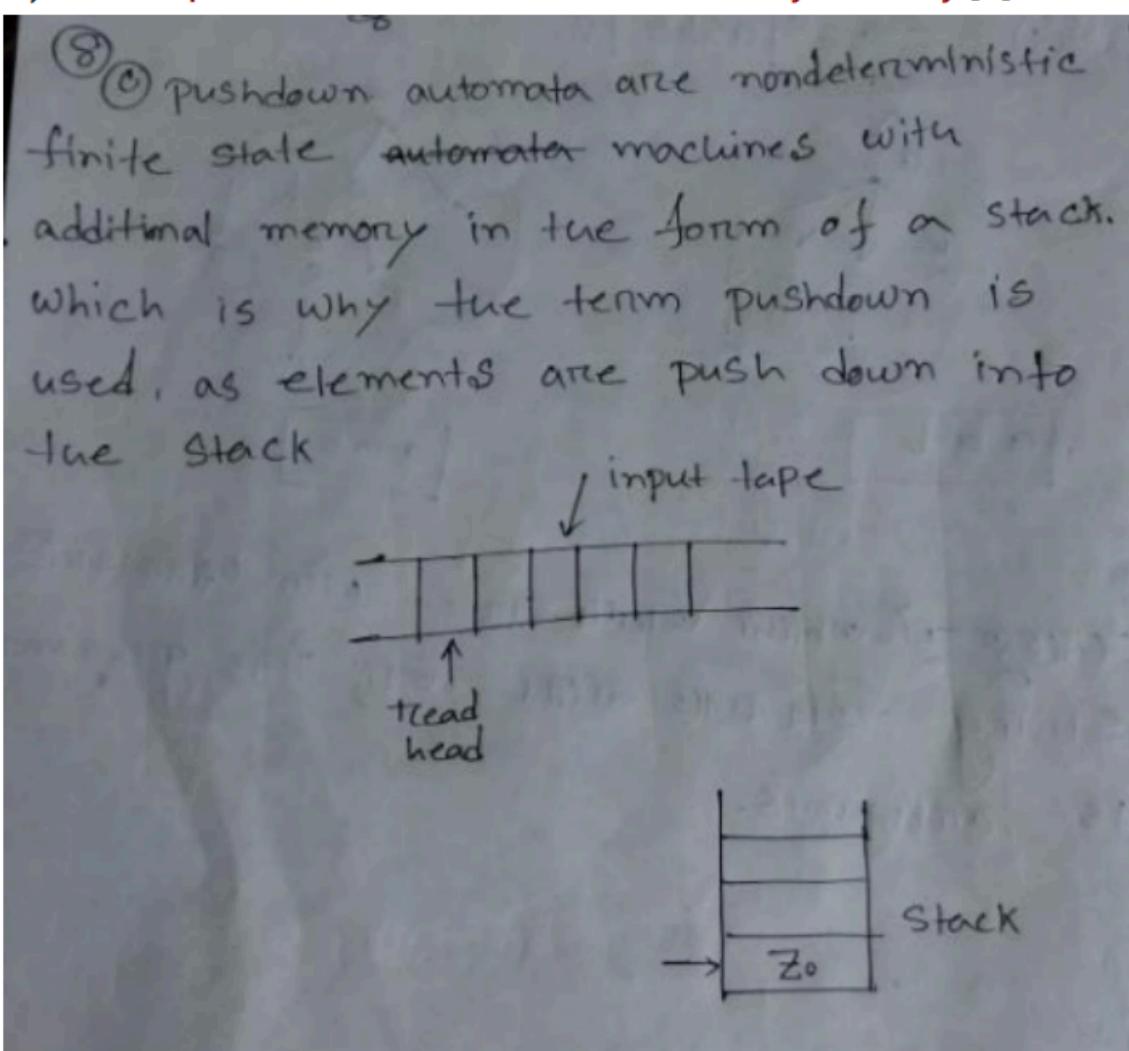
(i) **Matches:** **acdb**

Reason: **acdb** = **a** · **(cd)** · **b** (one block with k=1).

(ii) **Does not match:** **aabb**

Reason: any block must begin with **a** and end with **b** and the middle must be repetitions of **cd**; **aabb** cannot be decomposed into such blocks (neither **aabb** = **a(cd)^k b** nor as concatenation of **ab**-style blocks because **aa** / **bb** are invalid).

c) Does a pushdown automata have memory? Justify.[2]



## Does a Pushdown Automaton (PDA) have memory?

**Answer:** Yes.

### 1. PDAs have a stack.

- A stack is like a vertical pile of boxes where you can **put things on top (push)** or **take things off (pop)**.

### 2. The stack remembers information.

- Unlike a simple finite automaton that “forgets” everything except its current state, a PDA can **remember many symbols** in the stack.

### 3. Example: Language ( $L = \{ a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$ )

- Step 1: Read each **a** → **push a onto the stack**
- Step 2: Read each **b** → **pop one a from the stack**
- Step 3: If the stack is empty at the end → accept

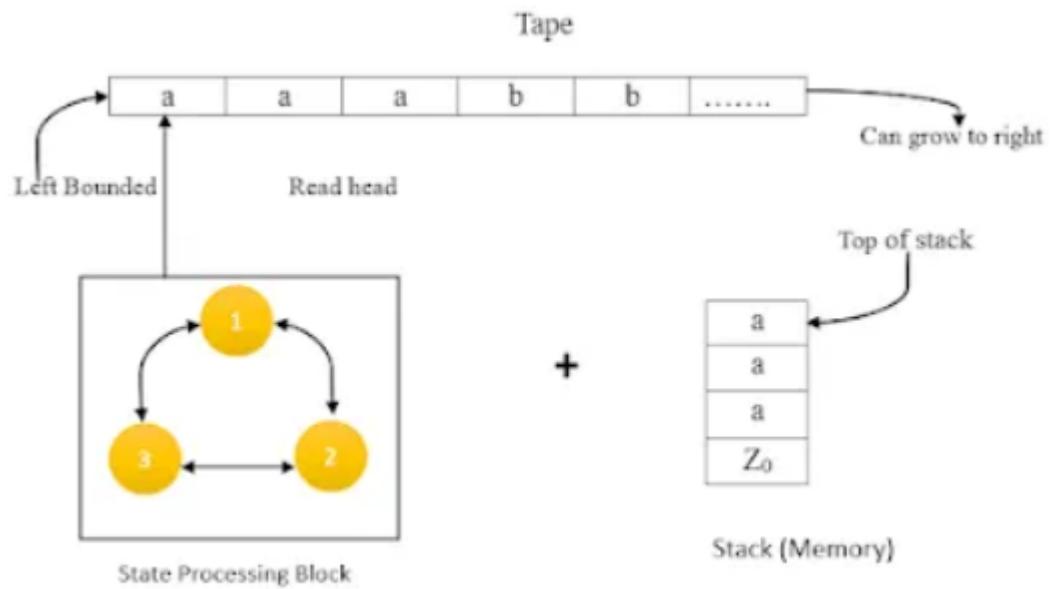
Here, the **stack “remembers” how many a’s were read**, which is why PDA has memory.

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### ✓ Simple takeaway:

- **Finite automata** → no memory except state
- **PDA** → memory via stack

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a) Find DFA's which accepts the following languages:

- Strings over  $\{a, b\}$  ending in aa.
- String over  $\{a, b\}$  containing three consecutive a's (that is, contains the substring aaa)
- All strings over  $\{a, b\}$  where each string of length 5 contains at least two a's.