

Formal Languages and Automata Theory

Exercises Push-Down Automata

Unit 6

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1. Design a Push-Down Automaton for each one of the following languages:

a. $L = \{ a^n \cdot b^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$

b. $L = \{ a^n \cdot b^{2n} \mid n \geq 0 \}$

c. $L = \{ a^{2n} \cdot b^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$

2. Design a Push-Down Automaton for each one of the following languages:

a. $L = \{ a^{n+1} \cdot b^n \mid n > 0 \}$

b. $L = \{ a^{2n+1} \cdot b^n \mid n > 0 \}$

3. Design a Push-Down Automaton for the language $L = \{ a^{n+m} \cdot b^{m+t} \cdot a^t \cdot b^n \mid n, t > 0, m \geq 0 \}$

4. Design a Push-Down Automaton for the language $L = \{ a^{n+m} \cdot b^{m+t} \cdot a^t \cdot b^n \mid n, t, m > 0 \}$

5. Design, directly and without calculating the PDA, a grammar to generate each one of the following languages.

a. $L = \{ a^n \cdot b^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$

b. $L = \{ a^n \cdot b^{2n} \mid n \geq 0 \}$

c. $L = \{ a^{2n} \cdot b^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$

d. $L = \{ a^{2n} \cdot b^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$

e. $L = \{ a^{n+1} \cdot b^n \mid n > 0 \}$

f. $L = \{ a^{2n+1} \cdot b^n \mid n > 0 \}$

g. $L = \{ a^{n+m} \cdot b^{m+t} \cdot a^t \cdot b^n \mid n, t > 0, m \geq 0 \}$

h. $L = \{ a^{n+m} \cdot b^{m+t} \cdot a^t \cdot b^n \mid n, t, m > 0 \}$

- Compare these grammars with the ones obtained for the previous exercise.
- Transform each grammar into a PDA, and compare them with the ones obtained ones for the previous exercise.
- Select a word included in the language $L(G_i)$ and verify this by showing the complete derivation. Verify that this word is also recognized by the equivalent automaton by showing the movements included in the instantaneous descriptions.



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6. Design a Push-Down Automaton which recognizes the language of arithmetical expressions with the following alphabet $\Sigma = \{ 0, 1, +, *, (,) \}$

7. Obtain the PDA_E corresponding to the grammar

$G_{FNG} = (\{a,b,c,d\}, \{S,A,B\}, S, P)$, with the following production rules:

$S ::= a S B \mid b A \mid b \mid d$

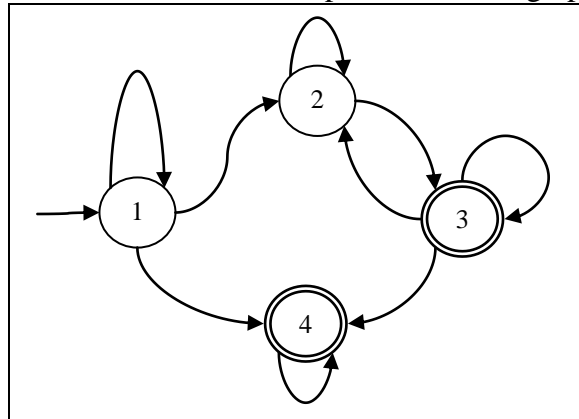
$A ::= b A \mid b$

$B ::= c$

8. Obtain formally the PDA_E equivalent to the following PDA_F :

a. $PDA_{F_a} = (\Sigma, \{0,1,A0\}, \{1,2,3,4\}, A0, 1, f, \{3,4\})$, where f is given by:

Note: Additional information not provided in the graph is not required.



b. [Exam Problem Feb 1999] $PDA_{F_b} = (\{a,b\}, \{A,B\}, \{q1,q2,q3,q4\}, A, q1, f, \{q4\})$, where f is given by:

$f(q1,a,A) = \{(q2,BA), (q4,A)\}$

$f(q1,\lambda,A) = \{(q4,\lambda)\}$

$f(q2,a,B) = \{(q2,BB)\}$

$f(q2,b,B) = \{(q3,\lambda)\}$

$f(q3,\lambda,A) = \{(q4,A)\}$

$f(q3,b,B) = \{(q3,\lambda)\}$

9. Describe the transition functions which generate the following movements:

$(p, 1001, A) \vdash (p, 001, 1A) \vdash (p, 01, 01A) \vdash (q, 1, 1A) \vdash (q, \lambda, A) \vdash (q, \lambda, \lambda)$

10. Obtain the PDA corresponding to the following grammar.

$G = (\Sigma_T, \Sigma_N, A, P)$, $P = \{ A ::= a B A \mid b, B ::= b A B \mid a \}$

