

CSCE 355
3/31/2025

PDA $\xrightarrow{\text{restricted PDA}}$ CFG

①

[Last time: CFG \rightarrow PDA]

Def. A restricted PDA is a PDA

$\langle Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, z_0, F \rangle$

such that, if $\delta(q, a, X)$

$q \in Q$
 $a \in \Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}$
 $X \in \Gamma$

contains (r, Y) , then

pop [either $Y = \epsilon$ (X is popped)]

push Y [or YX for some $Y \in \Gamma$ (Y is pushed)]

Thm. For every PDA there is an equivalent restricted PDA. [acceptance via empty stack]

Proof. Let $P := \langle Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, z_0, F \rangle$

be a PDA. We define a restricted PDA P' as follows:

P' : bottom stack marker $\gamma_0 \notin \Gamma$

$a \in \Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}$

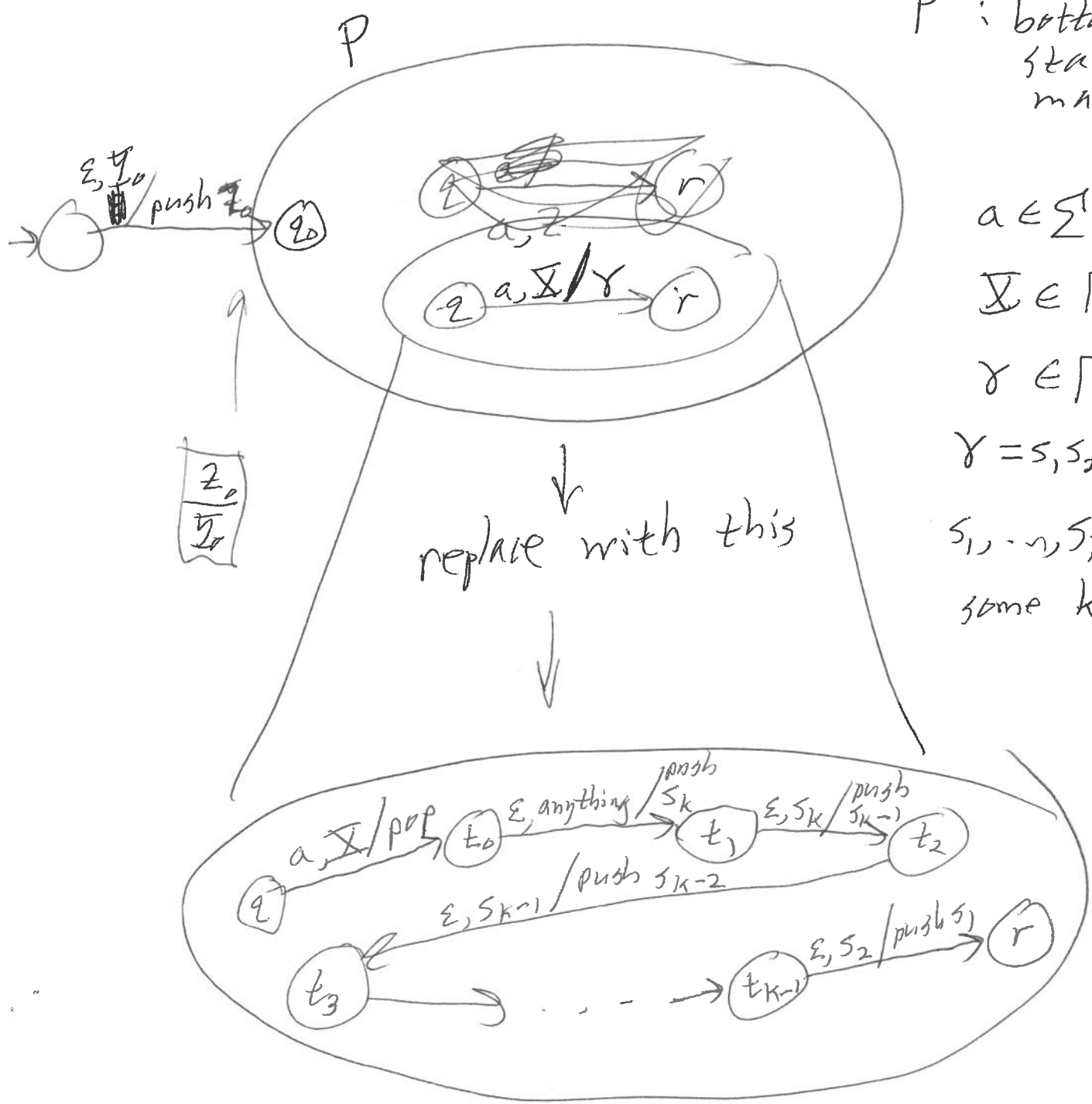
$\gamma \in \Gamma$

$\gamma \in \Gamma^*$

$\gamma = s_1 s_2 \dots s_k$

$s_1, \dots, s_k \in \Gamma$

some $k \geq 0$



t_0, \dots, t_{k-1} are new states, different for each replacement.

Do this for every transition of P .

For every state $q \in Q$, add a transition $q \xrightarrow{\epsilon, \gamma_0 / \text{pop}} q$ End of construction

Then $N(P') = N(P)$. Proof of correctness (3)



Thm: For every restricted PDA P , there exists a CFG G such that $L(G) = N(P)$

Proof: By construction. Let $P := \langle Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, z_0, \bar{\ } \rangle$ be a restricted PDA. Define a CFG G as follows: $G = \langle V, \Sigma, S, \text{Prod} \rangle$ where

$$V := \{S\} \cup \{[qXr] : q, r \in Q \text{ and } X \in \Gamma\}$$

↑
disjoint union

Productions in Prod:

$$S \rightarrow [q_0 z_0 q_0] \mid [q_0 z_0 q_1] \mid \dots \mid [q_0 z_0 q_n]$$

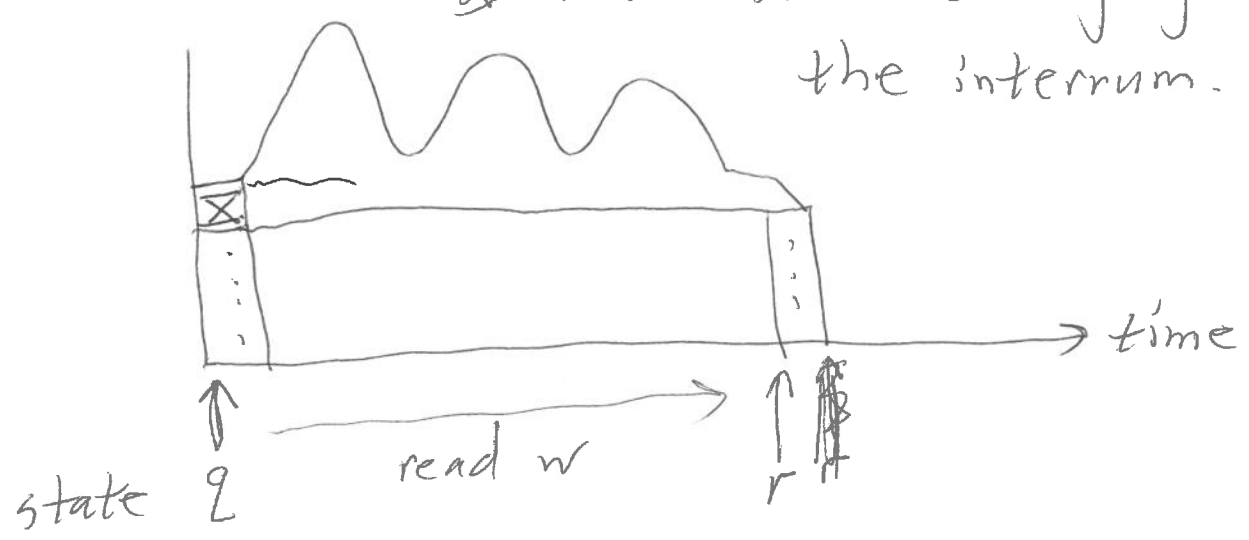
where $Q = \{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_n\}$

Idea: $[qXr]$ derives all input strings w such that: P starting in state q ~~and~~ and ~~reading~~ X on top of the stack, can

read w and end in state r where

the net change of the stack is that X is popped, with nothing underneath

X on the stack changing in the interval.



$$(q, w, X\gamma) \vdash \dots \vdash (\dots, \dots, \gamma) \vdash \dots \vdash (r, \epsilon, \gamma)$$

Accepting computation of w looks like

$$(q_0, w, z_0) \vdash \dots \vdash (\dots, \dots, z_0) \vdash \dots \vdash (r, \epsilon, \epsilon)$$

Want ~~pt~~ possible iff $S \Rightarrow^* w$

Recall: $S \rightarrow [q_0 z_0 q_0] \mid \dots \mid [q_0 z_0 q_n]$

Add productions $S \rightarrow [q_0 z_0 q]$ for all $q \in Q$

Productions of $[q X r]$:

If $\delta(q, a, X) \ni (s, \text{push } Y)$

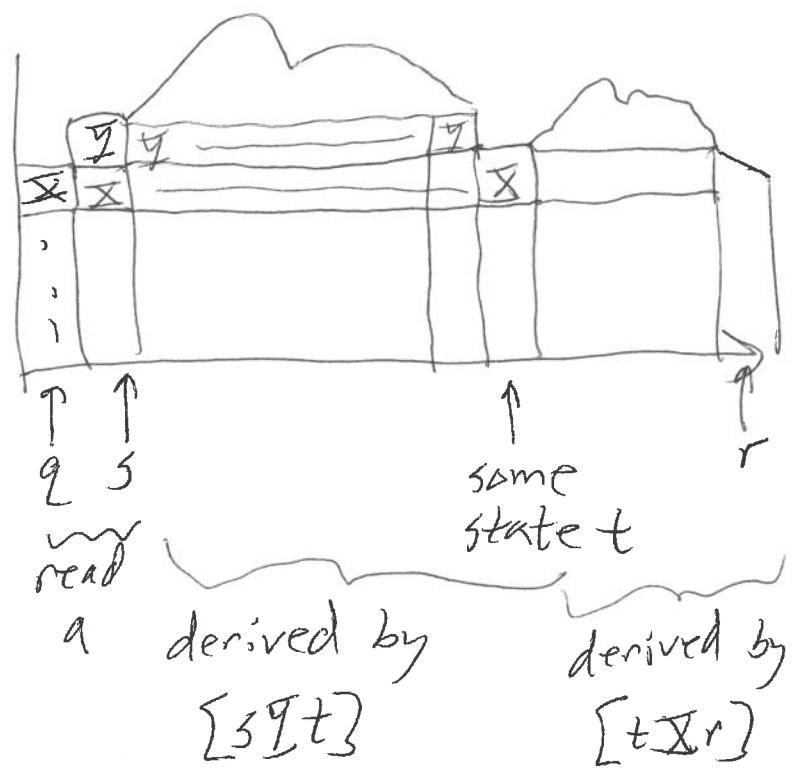
then add production

$\forall q, r \quad [q X r] \rightarrow a [s Y t] [t X r]$ for every $t \in Q$

$\forall q, s$ If $\delta(q, a, X) \ni (s, \text{pop})$

then add production

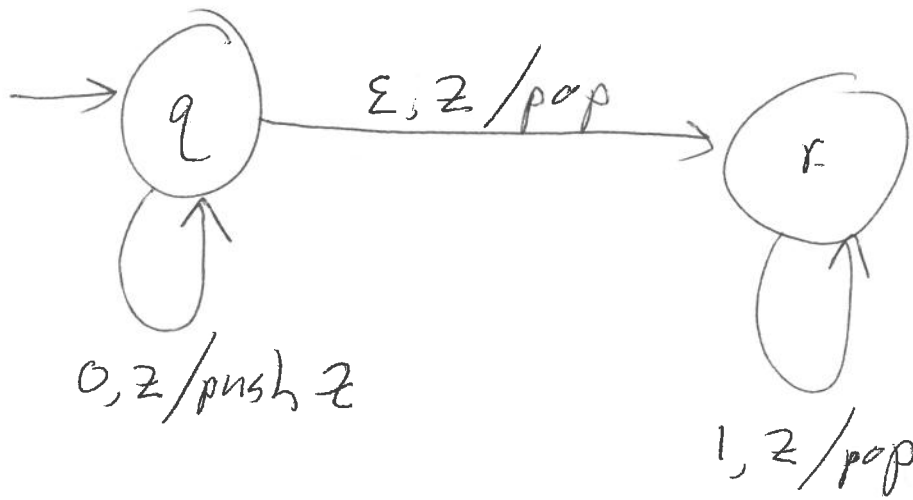
$[q X s] \rightarrow a$



End of construction.

Example: restricted PDA $P = \langle \{q, r\}, \{0, 1\}, \{z\}, \delta, q, z, \emptyset \rangle$ (6)

where $N(P) = \{0^n, n : n \geq 0\}$



variables: $S, \underbrace{[qzq]}_A, \underbrace{[qzr]}_B, \underbrace{[rzk]}_C, \underbrace{[rzk]}_D$

$S \rightarrow A/B$

$[qzr] \rightarrow \epsilon$ $B \rightarrow \epsilon$

~~A~~ $[rzk] \rightarrow 1$ $D \rightarrow 1$

$[qzq] \rightarrow 0 [qzq][qzq] \quad | \quad 0 [qzr][rzk]$

$[qzr] \rightarrow 0 [qzq][qzr] \quad | \quad 0 [qzr][rzk]$

Short hand:

7

$$S \rightarrow A \mid B$$

$$B \rightarrow \epsilon \mid OAB \mid \overbrace{OB1}^{OB1} \mid \cancel{OBD}$$

~~no C productions~~

$$A \rightarrow OAA \mid \overbrace{OBC}^{\text{not used}}$$

no C productions

$$\underbrace{D \rightarrow 1}_{\text{remove}}$$

$$S \rightarrow \underbrace{A}_{\text{remove}} \mid B$$
$$B \rightarrow \epsilon \mid \overbrace{OAB}^{\text{remove}} \mid OB1$$

remove $A \rightarrow OAA$ ~~no C productions~~

$$S \rightarrow B$$

$$B \rightarrow \epsilon \mid OB1$$

$$\cancel{S} \rightarrow \epsilon \mid OS1$$