

## Theorem

• CFL's are closed under

$\cup, \circ, *$

Corr.

all regular languages are CFL's.

Pf:

Give CFL's for  $\Phi, \{ \epsilon \}, \{ a \}$  for each  
 $a \in \Sigma$

# Concat

$$G_i = (V_i, \Sigma, R_i, S_i)$$

be 2 CFG's

$$\text{with } V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$$

lets  $V = V_1 \cup V_2$

Build new grammar

$$G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$$

$$V = V_1 \cup V_2 \cup \{S\}$$

$$R = R_1 \cup R_2 \cup \{S \rightarrow S_1 S_2\}$$

$$\forall x \in L_1 \quad \forall y \in L_2$$

$$S_1 \Rightarrow^* x \quad \& \quad S_2 \Rightarrow^* y$$

$$\therefore S \Rightarrow_L^* S_1 S_2 \Rightarrow_L^* x S_2 \Rightarrow_L^* x y$$

$$\therefore L_1 \cdot L_2 \subseteq L(G)$$

Suppose  $S \Rightarrow^* w$

\* 
$$S \Rightarrow S_1 S_2 \Rightarrow^* w \quad \text{for some } x \in \Sigma^+$$

$$S_1 S_2 \Rightarrow_L^* x S_2$$

using only rules from  $G_1$

$$x S_2 \Rightarrow_L^* xy = w$$

using only  $G_2$  rules

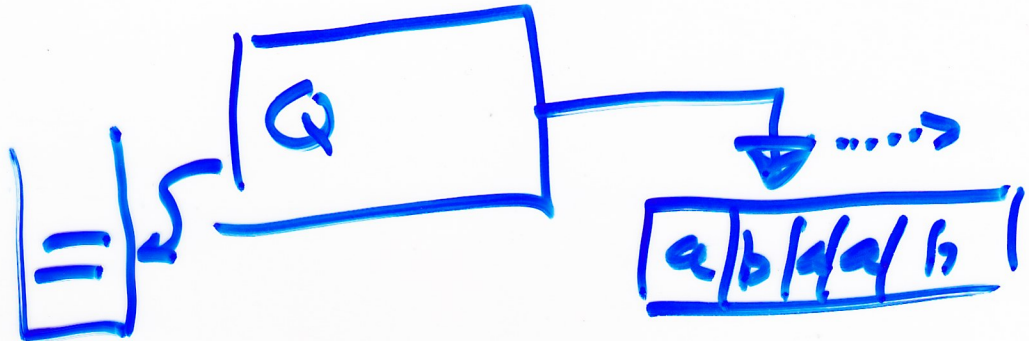
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} S_1 \Rightarrow^* x \quad \text{in } G_1 \\ S_2 \Rightarrow^* y \quad \text{in } G_2 \end{array} \right\} **$$

$$L(G) \subseteq L_1 \cdot L_2$$

A key issue in this direction of the proof is that, since  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ , any derivation in  $G$  from  $S_1$  is also a derivation in  $G_1$ , and likewise  $S_2/G_2$ , so derivation \* above, <sup>in  $G$</sup>  can be split into \*\* in  $G_1$  &  $G_2$ .

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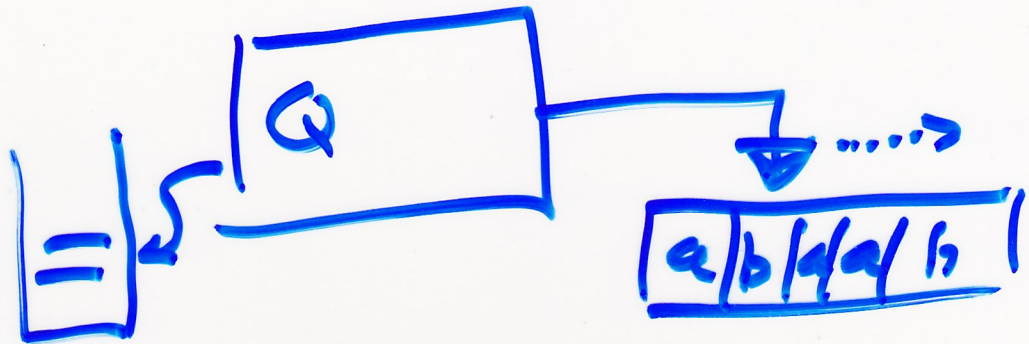
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Intuit

$a^n b^n$  : push a's  
pop/match b's

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wwr : push input  
At middle, (Guess!)  
Flip state to Pop/match

# Pushdown Automaton

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

$Q$  is finite set (states)

$\Sigma$  . . . . . (input alphabet)

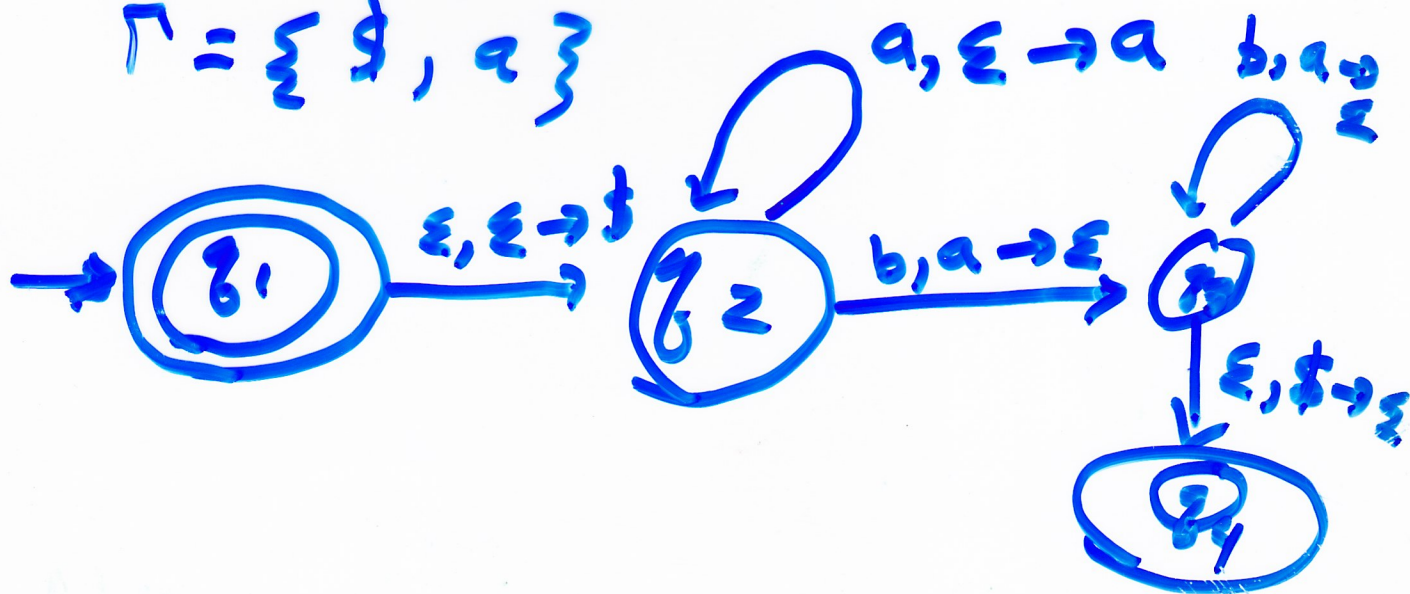
$\Gamma$  . . . . . (Stack alphabet)

$q_0 \in Q$  start state

$F \subseteq Q$  accept states

$$\delta: Q \times \Sigma_{\epsilon} \times \Gamma_{\epsilon} \rightarrow 2^{Q \times \Gamma_{\epsilon}}$$

$$\Gamma = \{ \$, a \}$$



M can reach state with  
 $\gamma \in \Gamma^*$  on its stack after reading w

if  $\exists w_1 w_2 \dots w_m \in \Sigma^*$

st  $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_m$

$\exists r_0 r_1 \dots r_m \in Q$

$\exists \alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m \in \Gamma^*$

(1)  $r_0 = q_0$ ,

(2)  $\alpha_0 = \epsilon$

(3)  $\forall i = 0 \dots m-1$

$(r_{i+1}, b) \in \delta(r_i, w_{i+1}, a)$

for some  $a, b \in \Gamma, t \in \Gamma^*$

with  $\alpha_i = at, \alpha_{i+1} = bt$


(4)  $\gamma = \alpha_m$

M accepts w if  $r_m \in F$

$L(M) = \{w \in \Sigma^+ \mid M \text{ accepts } w\}$

Example: A computation of M above on input  $w = a a b b$

State	Stack	remaining input	
$r_0 = q_1$	$S_0 = \epsilon$	$a a b b$	$(q_2, \$) \in \delta(q_1, \epsilon, \epsilon)$
$r_1 = q_2$	$S_1 = \$$	$a a b b$	$\delta(q_2, a, \epsilon)$
$r_2 = q_2$	$S_2 = \$ a$	$a b b$	$\delta(q_2, a, \epsilon)$
$r_3 = q_3$	$S_3 = \$ a a$	$b b$	" "
$r_4 = q_3$	$S_4 = \$ a$	$b$	$(q_3, \epsilon) \in \delta(q_2, b, a)$
$r_5 = q_3$	$S_5 = \$$	$\epsilon$	$(q_3, \epsilon) \in \delta(q_3, b, a)$
$r_6 = q_4$	$S_6 = \epsilon$	$\epsilon$	$(q_4, \epsilon) \in \delta(q_3, \epsilon, \$)$

top of stack @ right end 

So, eg., "M can reach  $q_3$  w/ \$ on stack reading  $a^2b^2$ "  
 and "M can reach  $q_4$  w/  $\epsilon$  stack reading  $a^2b^2$ "  
 and "M accepts  $a^2b^2$ ".