

$$L = \{0^a 1^b \mid 0 < a < b\}$$

- Keep track of the number of 0's and 1's  
 - Can't think of reg ex for L

a pumping llama



Show that L is non-regular using...

**Note** A non-regular language could have a pumping length  $p$ .  
 Example:  
 $\{0^a 1^b 0^c \mid a, b, c \geq 0$   
 and if  $a=1$  then  $b=c\}$

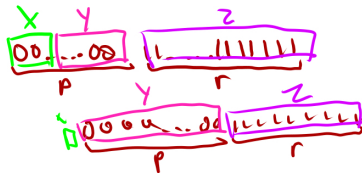
## Pumping Lemma

If L is a regular language, then there is a number  $p$  where, if  $s$  is any string in L of length at least  $p$ , then  $s$  may be divided into three pieces,  $s = xyz$ , such that:

- $|y| > 0$
- $|xy| \leq p$
- for each  $i \geq 0$ ,  $xy^i z \in L$

If we can show that there's no possible value for  $p$  for L, then L is non-regular.

$xyz$   
 $\rightarrow xyyz$   
 $xyyyz$



When  $p$  is arbitrary, and  $0 < p < r$ ,  $0^p 1^r \in L$

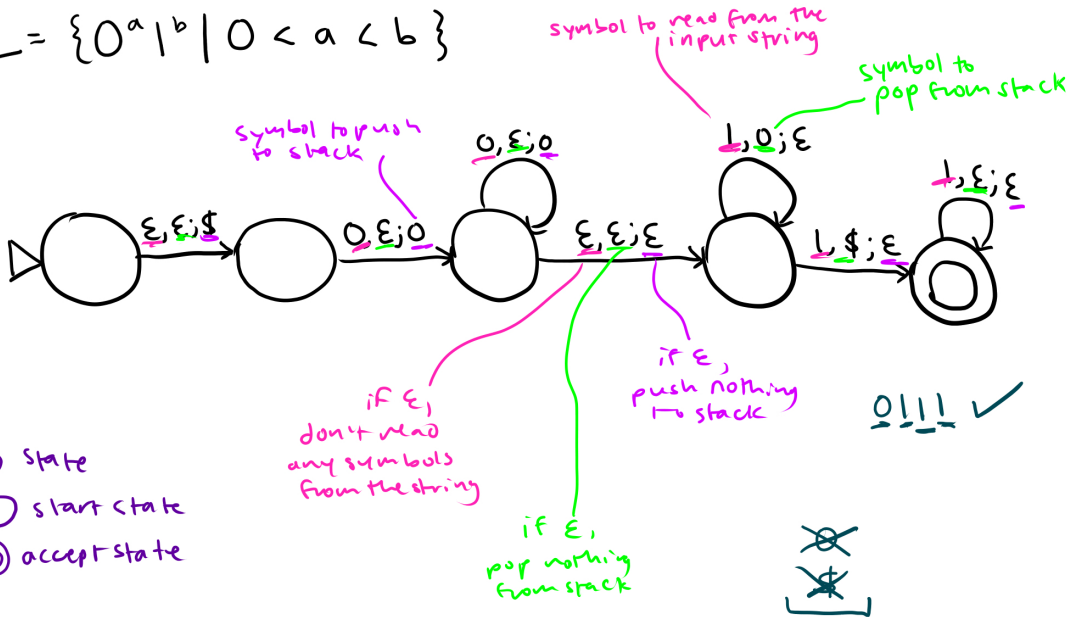
Since  $|xy| \leq p$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  will both consist of all 0's.

For any possible  $|y|$ ,  $xy^r z$  would result in a string that has at least as many 0's as 1's, which would not be in L.

$|s| > p$ , but there is no possible way to divide  $s$  into  $xyz$  parts to satisfy all the statements above. So there is no  $p$ .

# Push-Down Automata

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# CSE 105 Week 5 Discussion

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Regular! A can be described by the regular expression  $0\Sigma^*0$ .

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Non-regular! Use the pumping lemma to prove a language is non-regular.

Proof: Assume towards contradiction that B is regular and can be pumped. For any positive integer  $p$ , we can find a string  $s = 0^p 1 0^p \in B$  such that we can partition  $s$  into  $xyz$ , where  $x = 0^a$ ,  $y = 0^b$ ,  $z = 0^c 1 0^p$ ,  $|xy| \leq p$ ,  $|y| > 0$ , and  $a+b+c = p$ . Let  $i = 2$  so  $xy^iz = 0^{p+b} 1 0^p \notin B$  because  $b > 0$  so  $p+b \neq p$ . Hence, we have reached a contradiction and B is non-regular.

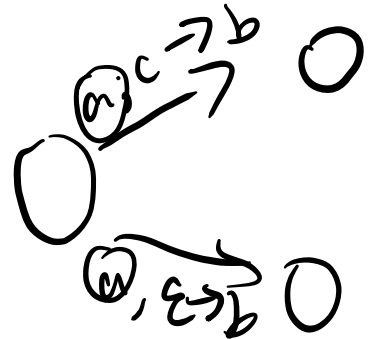
$$p + b \neq p$$

u absorbs unbalanced 0s



## Pushdown Automata (PDA)

- Essentially a NFA with a stack (LIFO)
- Unlike DFAs/NFAs, PDAs has some non-constant memory to work with
- Each computation path when we use non-determinism will have its own stack
- PDAs can recognize both context free languages and regular languages





## Formal Definition of PDA

A PDA is a 6-tuple  $(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, F)$  where  $Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, F$  are all finite sets and

1.  $Q$  is the set of states
2.  $\Sigma$  is the input alphabet
3.  $\Gamma$  is the stack alphabet
4.  $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \times \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q \times \Gamma)$  is the transition function
5.  $q_0 \in Q$  is the start state
6.  $F \subseteq Q$  is the set of accept states.



## Transitions in PDAs

Assuming the alphabet = {a, b}, how do we interpret each of the following transitions:

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- $\epsilon, \epsilon; \epsilon$
- $a, b; a$





## Types of Transitions in PDAs

Assuming the alphabet = {a, b}, how do we interpret each of the following transitions:

- $\epsilon, a; b$  // Don't read any characters from the input, pop "a" from the stack, push "b" onto stack
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Note: similar to NFAs, missing transitions result in "dead" computational paths

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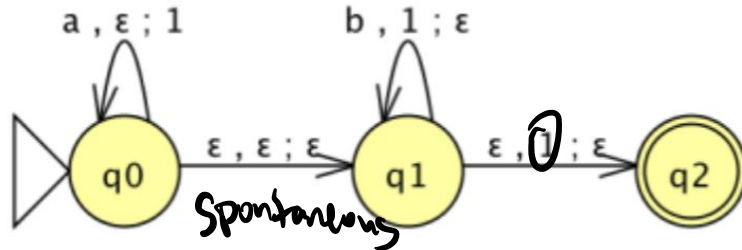
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nonempty  
  
aaab ✓

a ✓  
 b x

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Informally, the PDA accepts strings of the form  $a$ 's followed by  $b$ 's and there are more  $a$ 's than  $b$ 's.

In set builder notation,  $L = \{a^i b^j \mid 0 \leq j < i\}$

$a a a b$

Notice that the stack does not need to be empty in order to accept a string.



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No! We only have a single stack so after matching the number of 1s to the number of 0s, we don't have memory of the number of 1s and 0s anymore to match the number of 2s





**Thanks for coming! :)**