

Pushdown automata

Example: Consider the language over the alphabet $\Sigma = \{ (,), [,], <, > \}$ consisting of “correctly parenthesised”, i.e., the sequences where every left parenthesis has a corresponding right parenthesis, and where parentheses do not “cross” (as for example in the word $<[>]$).

This language is generated by a context-free grammar

$$A \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid (A) \mid [A] \mid <A> \mid AA$$

A typical example of a word that belongs to this language:

$$<[] (() [<>]) > []$$

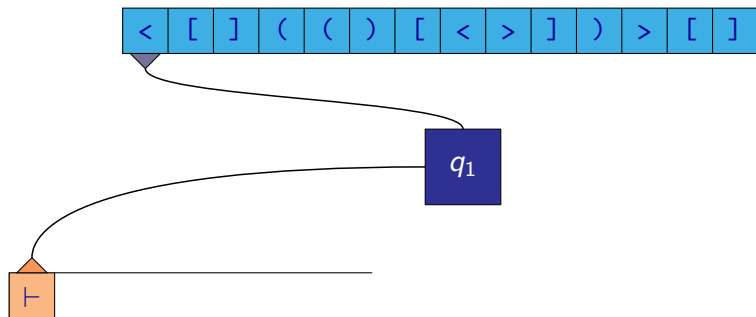
It is not hard to show that this language is not regular.

We would like to construct a device, similar to a finite automaton, that would be able to recognize words from this language.

An appropriate possibility seems to be to use a **stack** (of unbounded size) for this recognition.

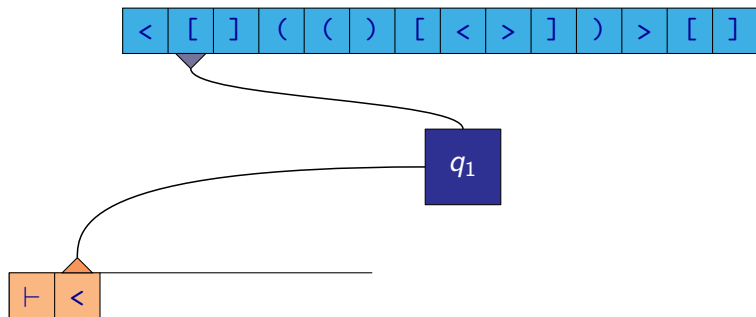
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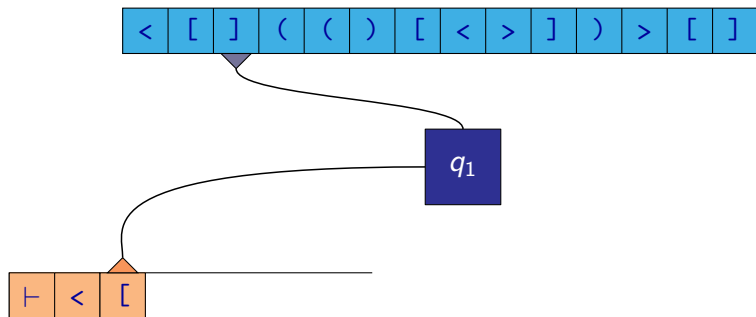
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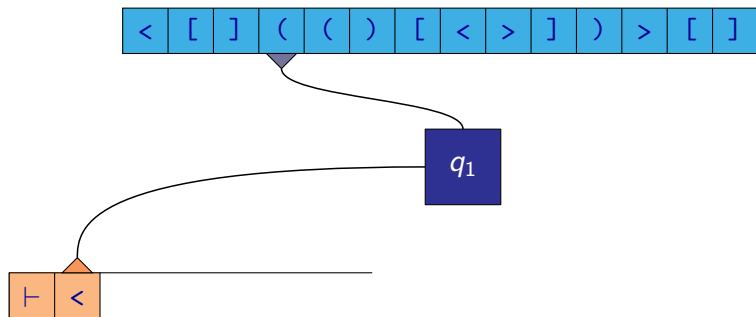
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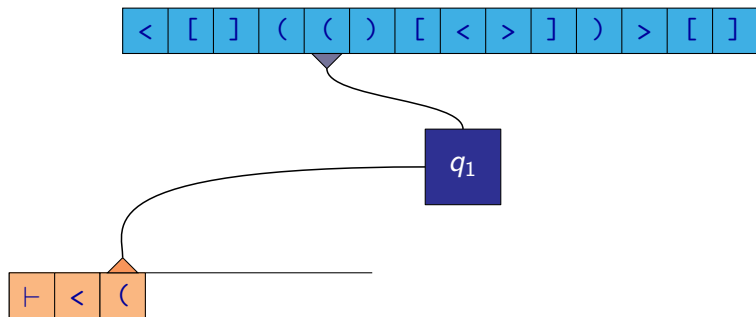
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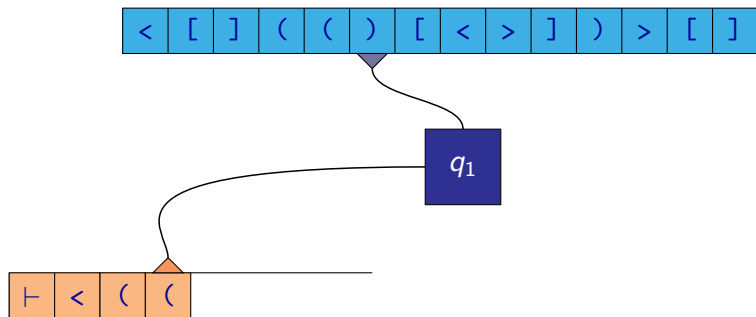
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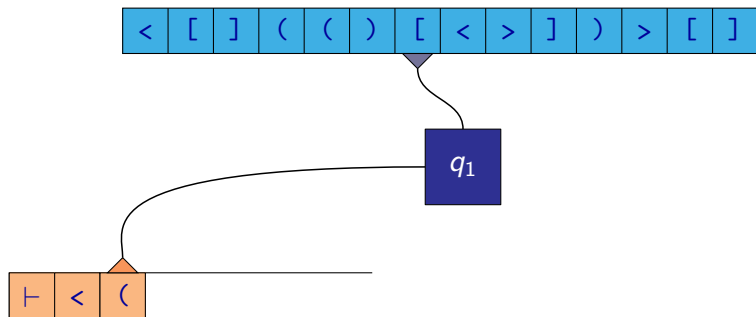
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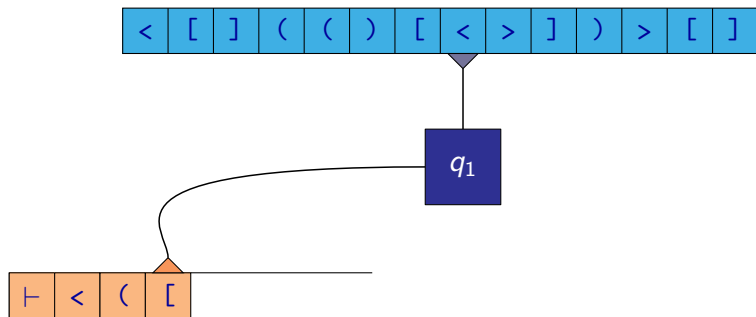
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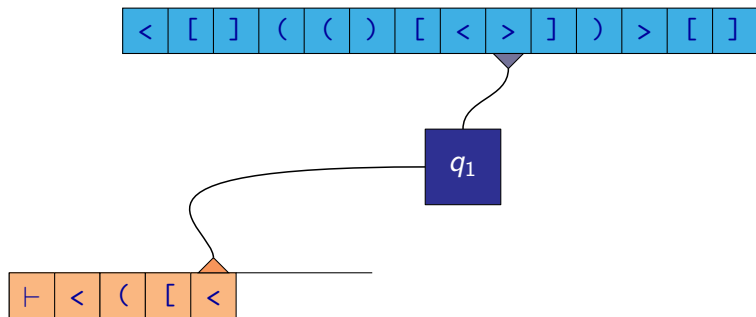
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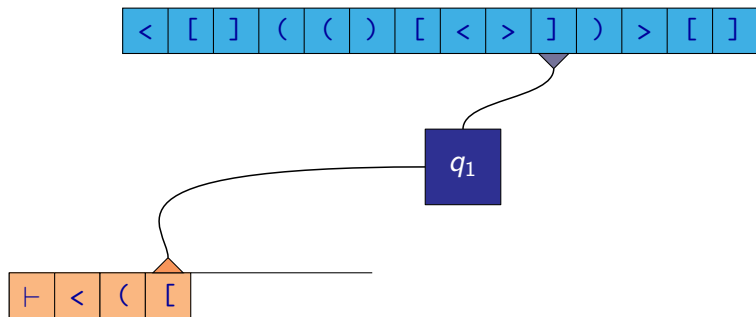
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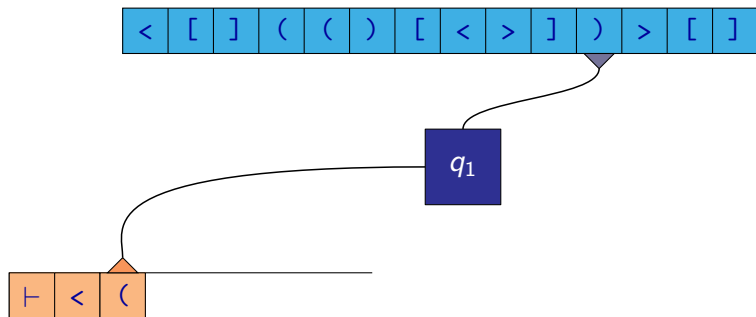
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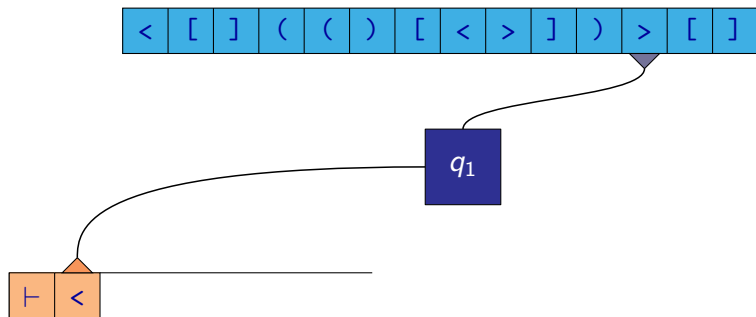
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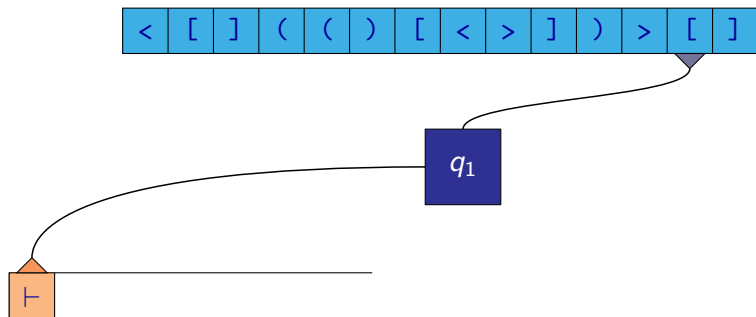
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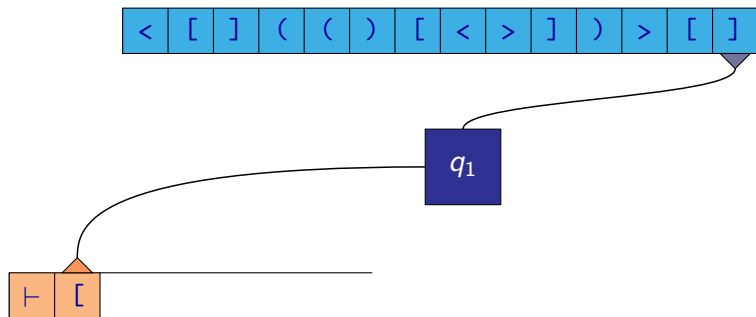
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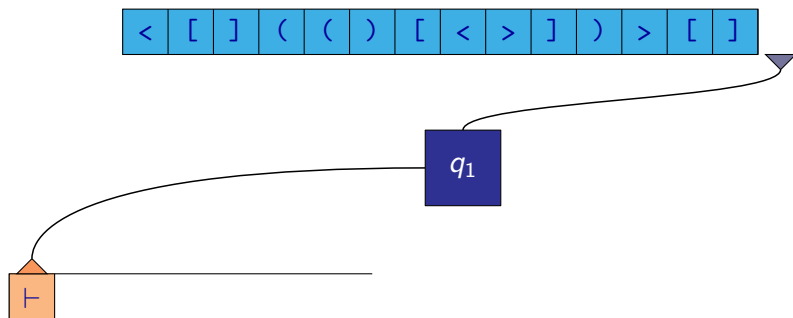
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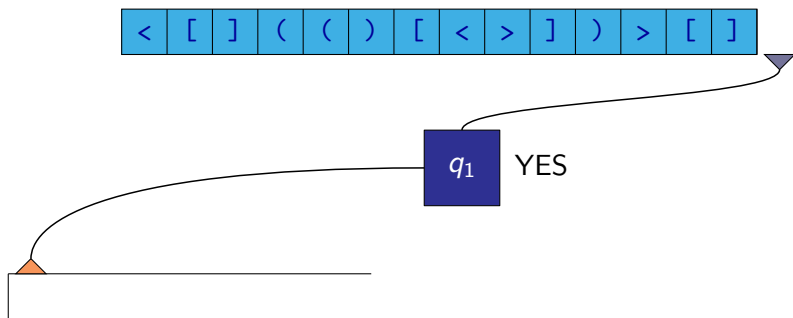
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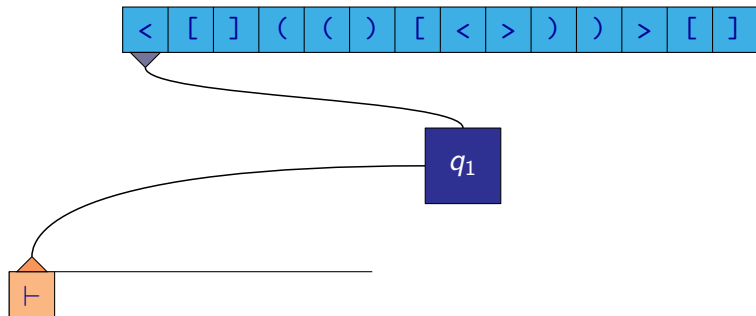
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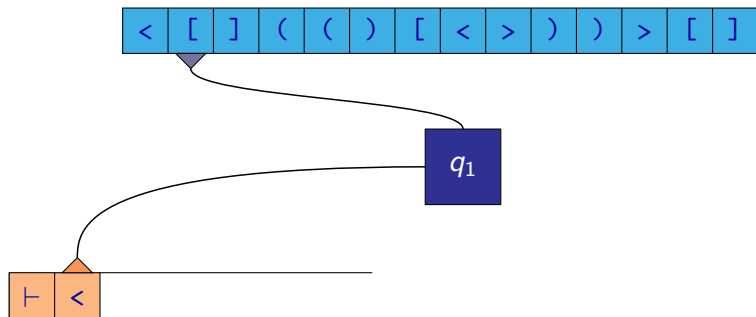
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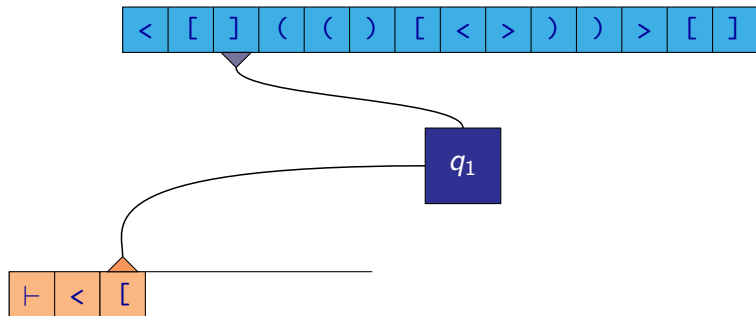
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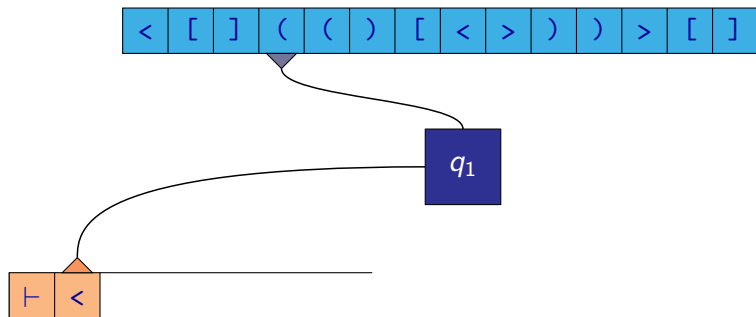
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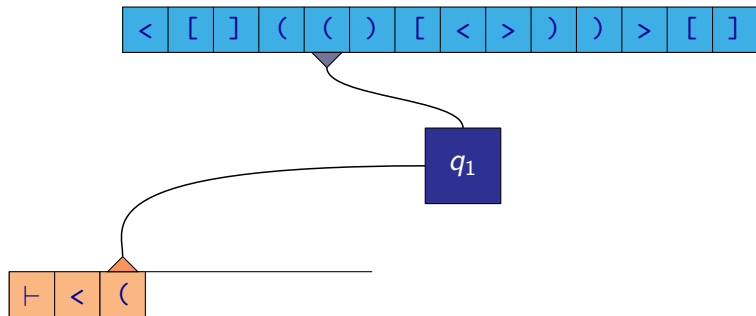
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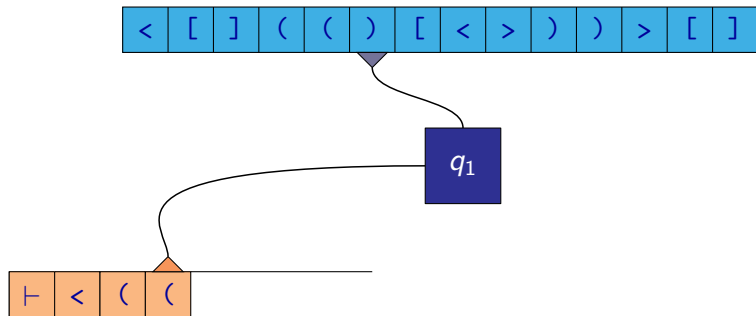
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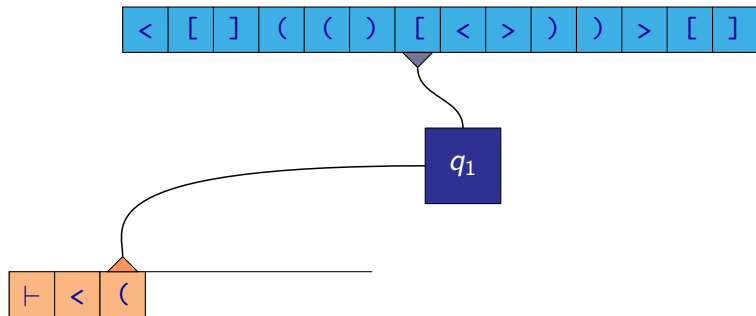
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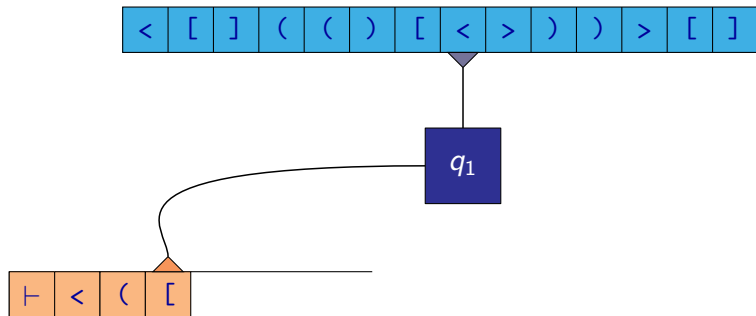
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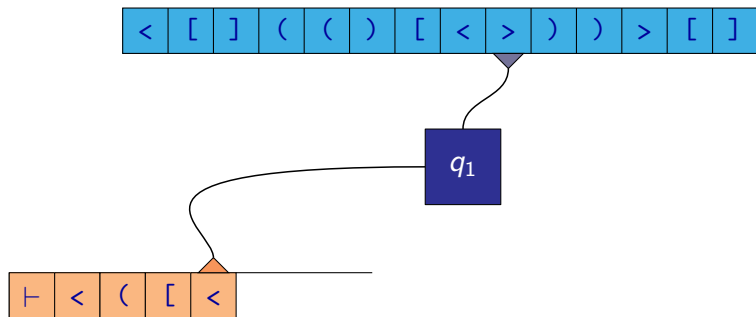
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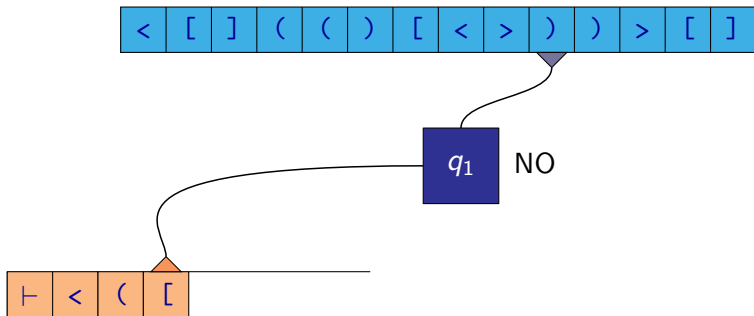
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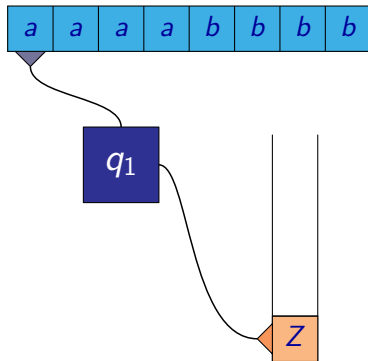
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A stack can be used as a counter:

- Symbols of one kind (called for example $/$) will be pushed to it.
- A number of occurrences of these symbols $/$ on the stack represents a value of the counter.

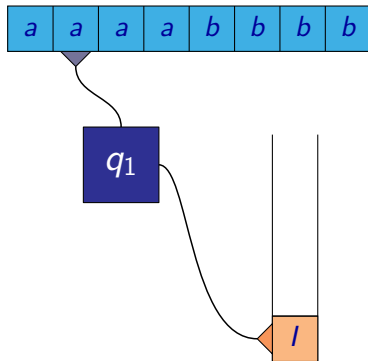
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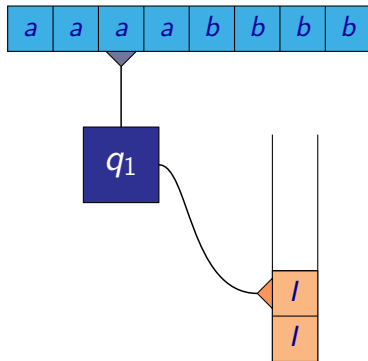
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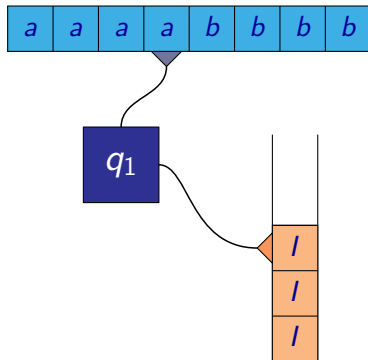
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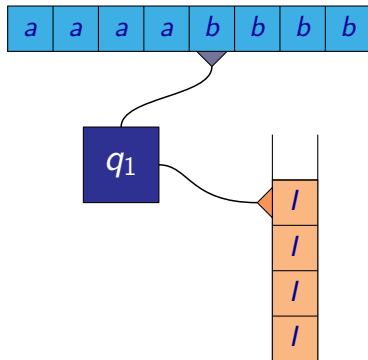
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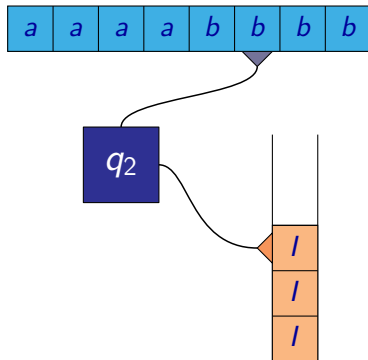
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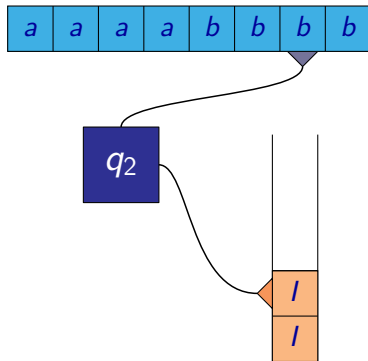
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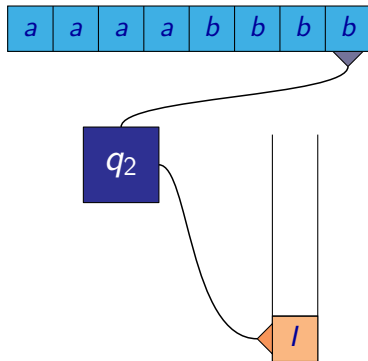
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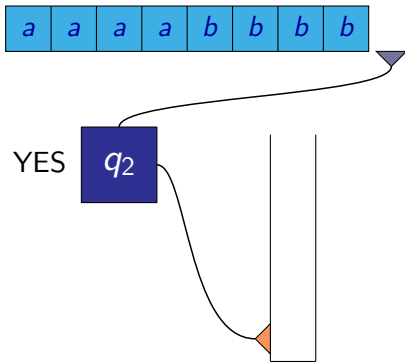
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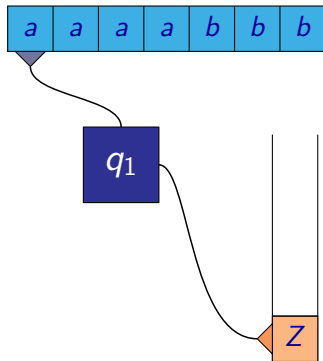
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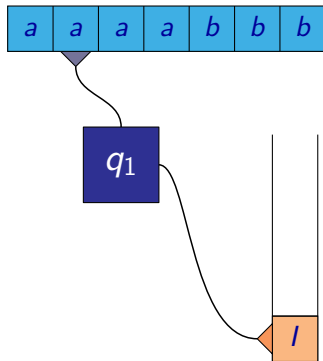
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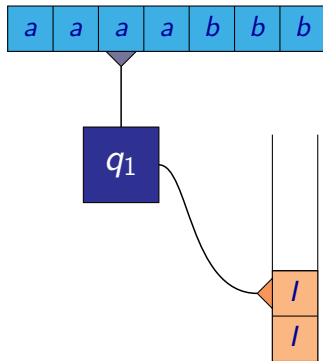
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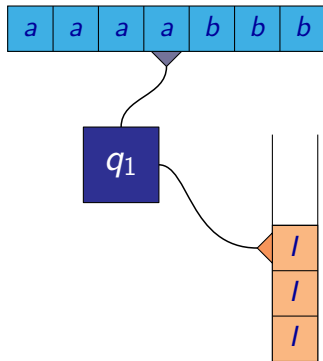
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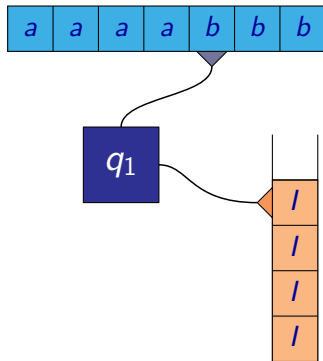
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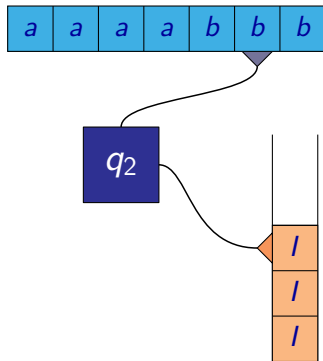
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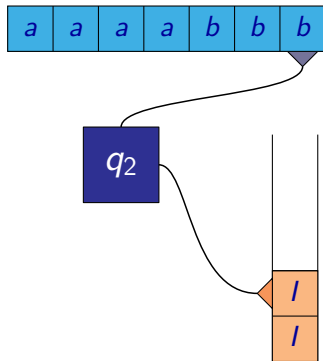
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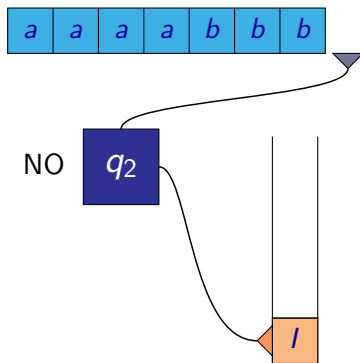
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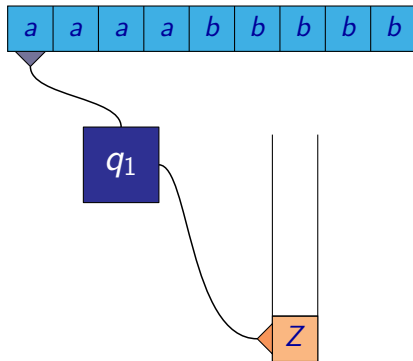
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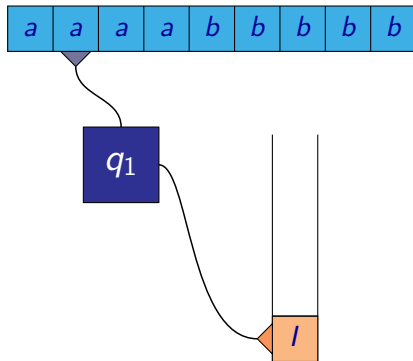
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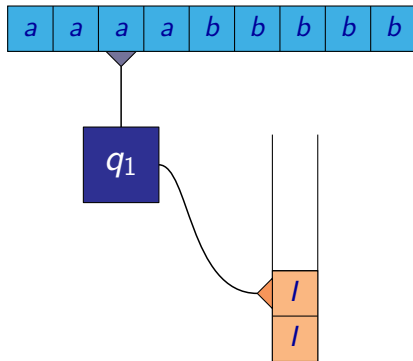
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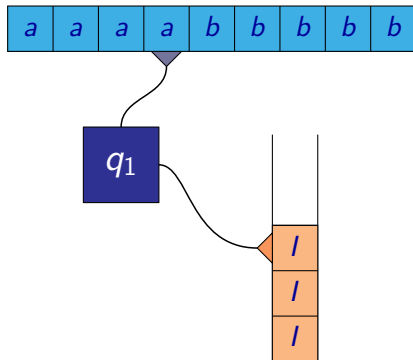
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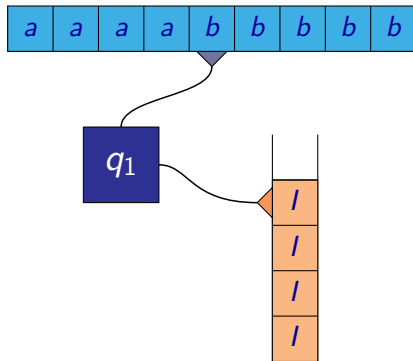
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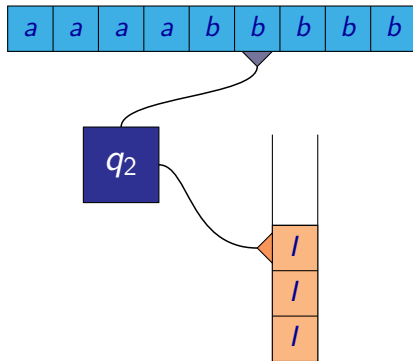
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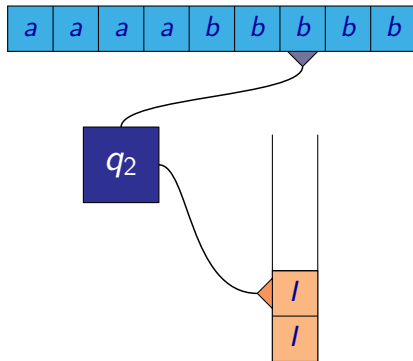
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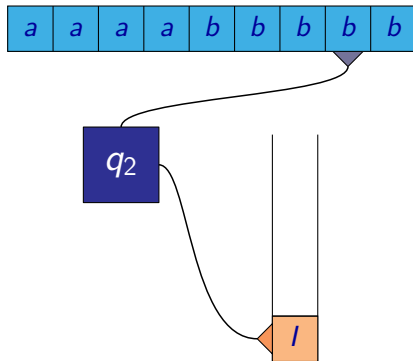
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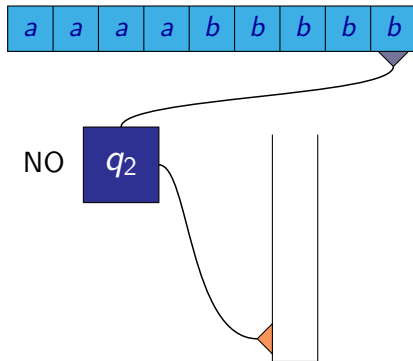
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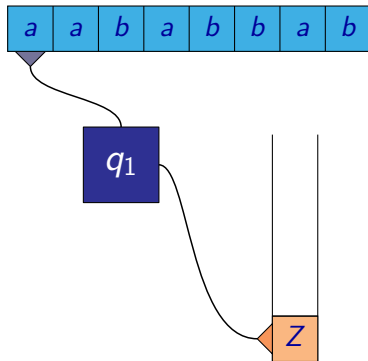
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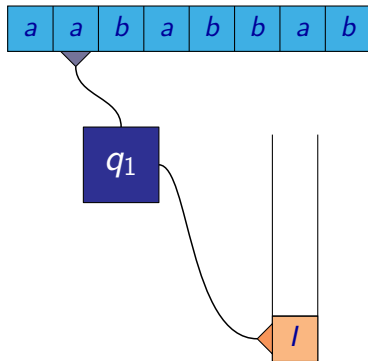
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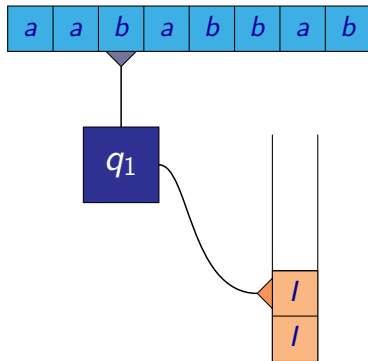
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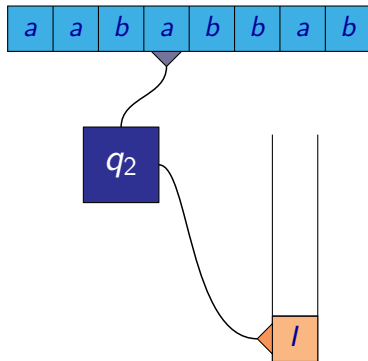
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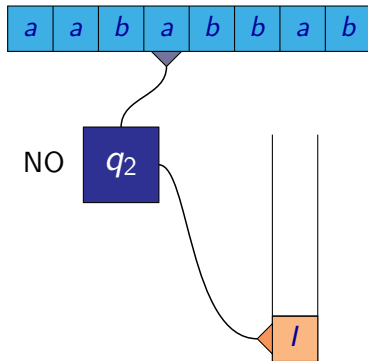
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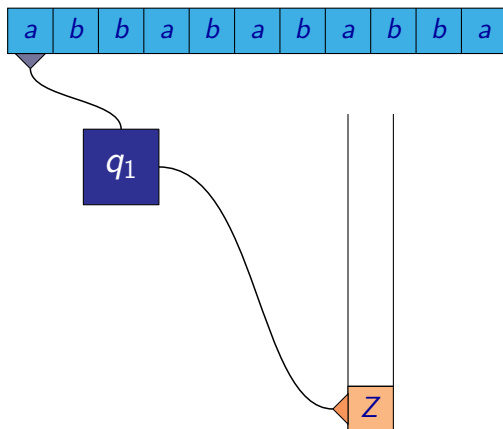
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- Let us consider the language $L = \{w \in \{a, b\}^* \mid w = w^R\}$.
- The first half of a word can be stored on the stack.
- When reading the second part, the automaton removes the symbols from the stack if they are same as symbols in the input.
- If the stack is empty after reading all word, the second is the same (the reverse of) the first.
- The automaton can nondeterministically guess the position of the “boundary” between the first and the second half of the word. Those computations where the automaton guesses wrong are nonaccepting.

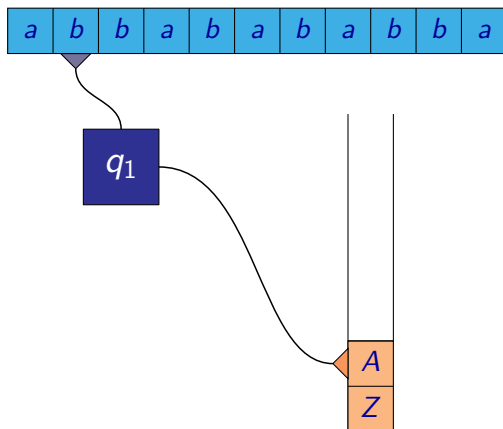
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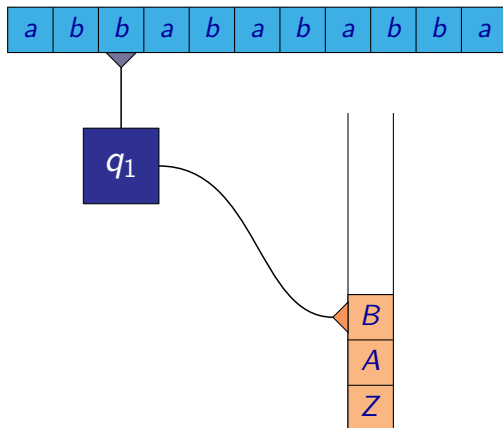
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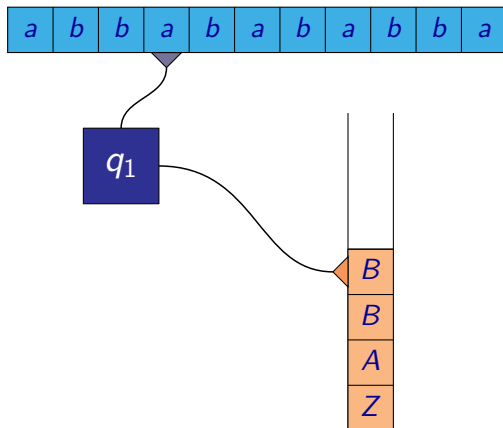
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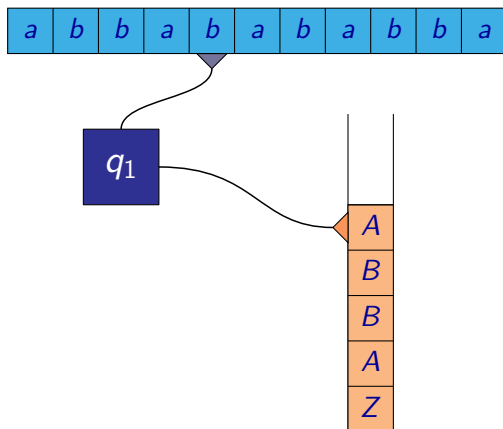
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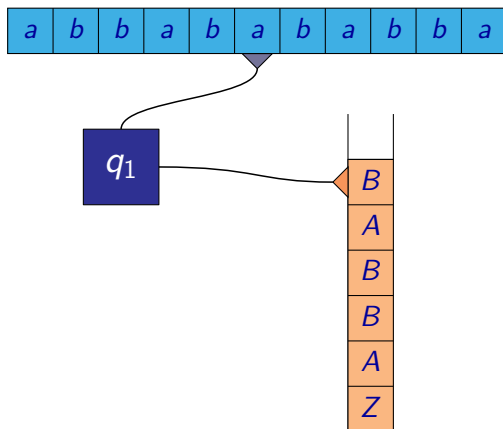
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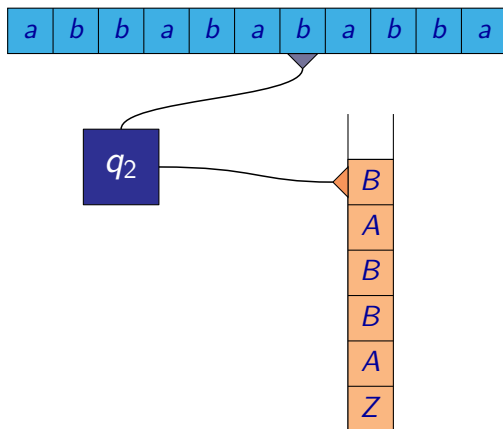
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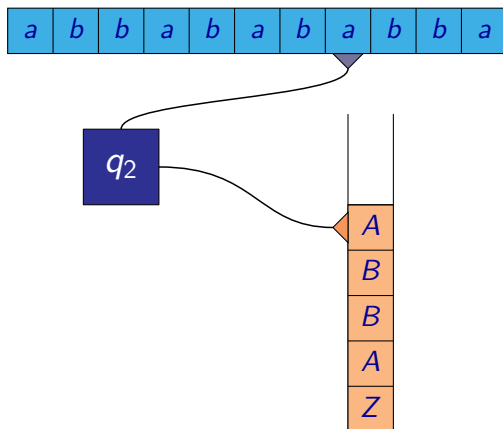
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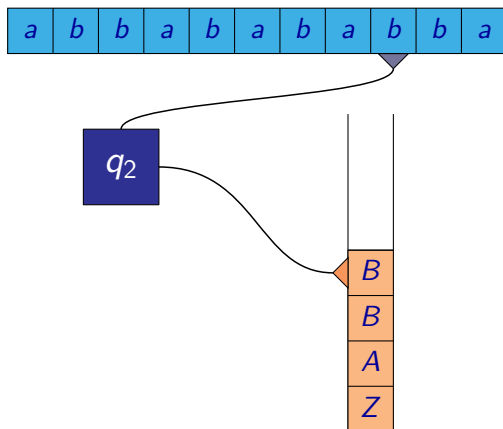
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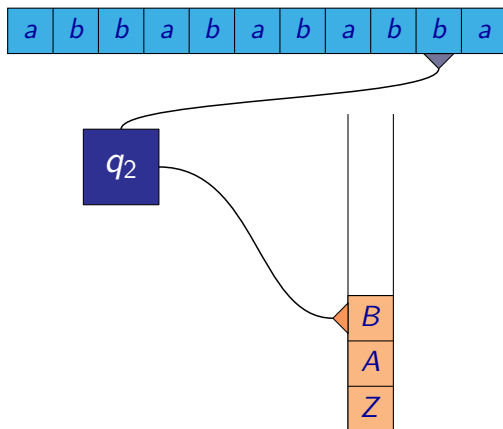
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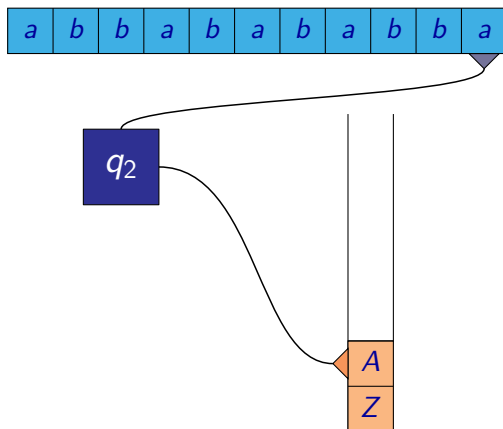
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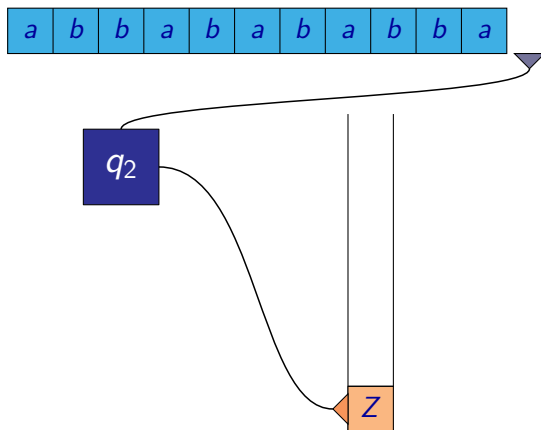
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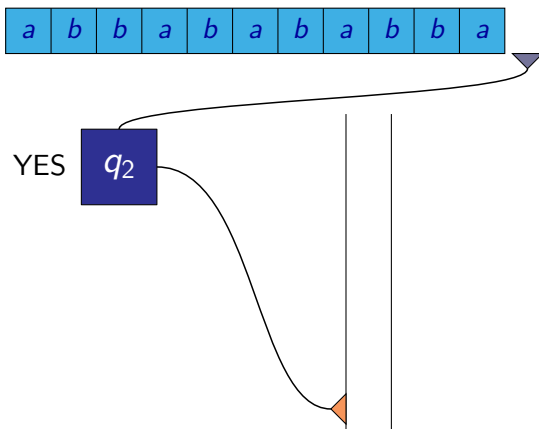
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Definition

A **pushdown automaton (PDA)** is a tuple $\mathcal{M} = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0)$ where

- Q is a finite non-empty set of states
- Σ is a finite non-empty set called an input alphabet
- Γ is a finite non-empty set called a stack alphabet
- $\delta : Q \times (\Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\}) \times \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q \times \Gamma^*)$ is a (nondeterministic) transition function
- $q_0 \in Q$ is the initial state
- $Z_0 \in \Gamma$ is the initial stack symbol

Example: $L = \{ a^n b^n \mid n \geq 1 \}$

$\mathcal{M} = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_1, Z)$ where

- $Q = \{q_1, q_2\}$
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- $\Gamma = \{Z, I\}$
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Remark: We often omit those values of transition function δ that are \emptyset .

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To represent transition functions, we will use a notation where a transition function is viewed as a set of **rules**:

- For every $q, q' \in Q$, $a \in \Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\}$, $X \in \Gamma$, and $\alpha \in \Gamma^*$, where
 $(q', \alpha) \in \delta(q, a, X)$

there is a corresponding rule

$$qX \xrightarrow{a} q'\alpha.$$

Example: If

$$\delta(q_5, b, C) = \{(q_3, ACC), (q_5, BB), (q_{13}, \varepsilon)\}$$

it can be represented as three rules:

$$q_5 C \xrightarrow{b} q_3 ACC \quad q_5 C \xrightarrow{b} q_5 BB \quad q_5 C \xrightarrow{b} q_{13}$$

Example: The automaton, recognizing the language $L = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 1\}$, that was described before:

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Computation of a Pushdown Automaton

Let $\mathcal{M} = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0)$ be a pushdown automaton.

Configurations of \mathcal{M} :

- A **configuration** of a PDA is a triple

$$(q, w, \alpha)$$

where $q \in Q$, $w \in \Sigma^*$, and $\alpha \in \Gamma^*$.

- An **initial configuration** is a configuration (q_0, w, Z_0) , where $w \in \Sigma^*$.

Steps performed by \mathcal{M} :

- Binary relation \longrightarrow on configurations of \mathcal{M} represents the possible steps of computation performed by PDA \mathcal{M} .

That \mathcal{M} can go from configuration (q, w, α) to configuration (q', w', α') is written as

$$(q, w, \alpha) \longrightarrow (q', w', \alpha').$$

- The relation \longrightarrow is defined as follows:

$$(q, aw, X\beta) \longrightarrow (q', w, \alpha\beta) \quad \text{iff} \quad (q', \alpha) \in \delta(q, a, X)$$

where $q, q' \in Q$, $a \in (\Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\})$, $w \in \Sigma^*$, $X \in \Gamma$, and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma^*$.

Computations of \mathcal{M} :

- We define binary relation \longrightarrow^* on configurations of \mathcal{M} as the reflexive and transitive closure of \longrightarrow , i.e.,

$$(q, w, \alpha) \longrightarrow^* (q', w', \alpha')$$

if there is a sequence of configurations

$$(q_0, w_0, \alpha_0), (q_1, w_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (q_n, w_n, \alpha_n)$$

such that

- $(q, w, \alpha) = (q_0, w_0, \alpha_0)$,
- $(q', w', \alpha') = (q_n, w_n, \alpha_n)$, and
- $(q_i, w_i, \alpha_i) \longrightarrow (q_{i+1}, w_{i+1}, \alpha_{i+1})$ for each $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, i.e.,

$$(q_0, w_0, \alpha_0) \longrightarrow (q_1, w_1, \alpha_1) \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow (q_n, w_n, \alpha_n)$$

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In the previous definition, the set of configurations was defined as

$$Conf = Q \times \Sigma^* \times \Gamma^*$$

and relation \longrightarrow was a subset of the set $Conf \times Conf$.

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Alternatively, we could define configurations in such a way that they do not contain an input word:

$$Conf = Q \times \Gamma^*$$

The relation \longrightarrow is then defined as a subset of the set $Conf \times (\Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\}) \times Conf$, where the notation

$$q\alpha \xrightarrow{a} q'\alpha'$$

that after reading symbol a (or reading nothing when $a = \varepsilon$), the given pushdown automaton can go from configuration (q, α) to configuration (q', α') , i.e.,

$$qX\beta \xrightarrow{a} q'\gamma\beta \quad \text{iff} \quad (q', \gamma) \in \delta(q, a, X)$$

where $q, q' \in Q$, $a \in \Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\}$, $X \in \Gamma$, and $\beta, \gamma \in \Gamma^*$.

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$$q_1 Z \xrightarrow{b} q_2 Z$$

$$q_1 A \xrightarrow{b} q_2 A$$

$$q_1 B \xrightarrow{b} q_2 B$$

Computation of a Pushdown Automaton

Example: $\mathcal{M} = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_1, Z)$ where $Q = \{q_1, q_2\}$, $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, $\Gamma = \{Z, A, B\}$

$$q_1 Z \xrightarrow{a} q_1 AZ$$

$$\xrightarrow{b} q_1 BAZ$$

$$\xrightarrow{b} q_1 BB AZ$$

$$\xrightarrow{a} q_1 ABBAZ$$

$$\xrightarrow{b} q_1 BABBAZ$$

$$\xrightarrow{a} q_2 BABBAZ$$

$$\xrightarrow{b} q_2 ABBAZ$$

$$\xrightarrow{a} q_2 BBAZ$$

$$\xrightarrow{b} q_2 BAZ$$

$$\xrightarrow{b} q_2 AZ$$

$$\xrightarrow{a} q_2 Z$$

$$\xrightarrow{\varepsilon} q_2$$

$$q_1 Z \xrightarrow{a} q_1 AZ$$

$$q_1 A \xrightarrow{a} q_1 AA$$

$$q_1 B \xrightarrow{a} q_1 AB$$

$$q_1 Z \xrightarrow{a} q_2 Z$$

$$q_1 A \xrightarrow{a} q_2 A$$

$$q_1 B \xrightarrow{a} q_2 B$$

$$q_1 Z \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} q_2 Z$$

$$q_1 A \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} q_2 A$$

$$q_1 B \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} q_2 B$$

$$q_2 Z \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} q_2$$

$$q_2 A \xrightarrow{a} q_2$$

$$q_2 B \xrightarrow{b} q_2$$

$$q_1 Z \xrightarrow{b} q_1 BZ$$

$$q_1 A \xrightarrow{b} q_1 BA$$

$$q_1 B \xrightarrow{b} q_1 BB$$

$$q_1 Z \xrightarrow{b} q_2 Z$$

$$q_1 A \xrightarrow{b} q_2 A$$

$$q_1 B \xrightarrow{b} q_2 B$$

Two different definitions acceptance of words are used:

- A pushdown automaton \mathcal{M} accepting by an **empty stack** accepts a word w iff there is some computation of \mathcal{M} on w such that \mathcal{M} reads all symbols of w and after reading them, the stack is empty.
- A pushdown automaton \mathcal{M} accepting by an **accepting state** accepts a word w iff there is some computation of \mathcal{M} on w such that \mathcal{M} reads all symbols of w and after reading them, the control unit of \mathcal{M} is in some state from a given set of accepting states F .

- A word $w \in \Sigma^*$ is **accepted** by PDA \mathcal{M} **by empty stack** iff

$$(q_0, w, Z_0) \longrightarrow^* (q, \varepsilon, \varepsilon)$$

for some $q \in Q$.

Definition

The **language** $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M})$ **accepted** by PDA \mathcal{M} **by empty stack** is defined as

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M}) = \{ w \in \Sigma^* \mid (\exists q \in Q)((q_0, w, Z_0) \longrightarrow^* (q, \varepsilon, \varepsilon)) \}.$$

Pushdown automaton

Let us extend the definition of PDA \mathcal{M} with a set of **accepting states** F (where $F \subseteq Q$).

- A word $w \in \Sigma^*$ is **accepted** by PDA \mathcal{M} **by accepting state** iff

$$(q_0, w, Z_0) \longrightarrow^* (q, \varepsilon, \alpha)$$

for some $q \in F$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma^*$.

Definition

The **language** $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M})$ **accepted** by PDA \mathcal{M} **by accepting state** is defined as

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M}) = \{ w \in \Sigma^* \mid (\exists q \in F)(\exists \alpha \in \Gamma^*)((q_0, w, Z_0) \longrightarrow^* (q, \varepsilon, \alpha)) \}.$$

Pushdown automata

In the case of **nondeterministic** pushdown automata, there is no difference in the class of accepted languages between recognizing by empty stack and recognizing by accepting state.

We can easily perform the following constructions:

- To construct for a given (nondeterministic) pushdown automaton, that recognizes a language L by empty stack, an equivalent (nondeterministic) pushdown automaton recognizing this language L by accepting states.
- To construct for a given (nondeterministic) pushdown automaton, that recognizes a language L by accepting states, an equivalent (nondeterministic) pushdown automaton recognizing the language L by empty stack.

Deterministic Pushdown Automata

A pushdown automaton $\mathcal{M} = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0)$ is **deterministic** when:

- For each $q \in Q$, $a \in (\Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\})$ and $X \in \Gamma$ it holds that:

$$|\delta(q, a, X)| \leq 1$$

- For each $q \in Q$ and $X \in \Gamma$ holds at most one of the following possibilities:
 - There exists a rule $qX \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} q'\alpha$ for some $q' \in Q$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma^*$.
 - There exists a rule $qX \xrightarrow{a} q'\alpha$ for some $a \in \Sigma$, $q' \in Q$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma^*$.

Deterministic Pushdown Automata

Note that **deterministic** pushdown automata accepting by empty stack are able to recognize only **prefix-free** languages, i.e., languages L where:

- if $w \in L$, then there is no word $w' \in L$ such that w is a proper prefix of w' .

Remark: Instead of language $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$, that possibly is or is not prefix-free, we can take the prefix-free language

$$L' = L \cdot \{\vdash\}$$

over the alphabet $\Sigma \cup \{\vdash\}$, where $\vdash \notin \Sigma$ is a special “marker” representing the end of a word.

i.e., instead of testing whether $w \in L$, where $w \in \Sigma^*$, we can test whether $(w \vdash) \in L'$.

Deterministic Pushdown Automata

- For each deterministic pushdown automaton recognizing by empty stack we can easily construct an equivalent deterministic pushdown automaton recognizing by accepting states.
- For each deterministic pushdown automaton recognizing language L (where $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$) by accepting states we can easily construct a deterministic pushdown automaton recognizing by empty stack the language $L \cdot \{\vdash\}$, where $\vdash \notin \Sigma$.

Equivalence of CFG and PDA

Theorem

For every context-free grammar \mathcal{G} we can construct a pushdown automaton \mathcal{M} (with one control state) such that $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M}) = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G})$.

Proof: For CFG $\mathcal{G} = (\Pi, \Sigma, S, P)$ we construct PDA $\mathcal{M} = (\{q_0\}, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, S)$, where

- $\Gamma = \Pi \cup \Sigma$
- For each rule $(X \rightarrow \alpha) \in P$ from the context-free grammar \mathcal{G} (where $X \in \Pi$ and $\alpha \in (\Pi \cup \Sigma)^*$), we add a corresponding rule

$$q_0 X \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} q_0 \alpha$$

to the transition function δ of the pushdown automaton \mathcal{M} .

- For each symbol $a \in \Sigma$, we add a rule

$$q_0 a \xrightarrow{a} q_0$$

to the transition function δ of the pushdown automaton \mathcal{M} .

Example: Consider a context-free grammar $\mathcal{G} = (\Pi, \Sigma, S, P)$, where

- $\Pi = \{S, E, T, F\}$
- $\Sigma = \{a, +, *, (,), \neg\}$
- The set P contains the following rules:

$$S \rightarrow E \neg$$

$$E \rightarrow T \mid E+T$$

$$T \rightarrow F \mid T*F$$

$$F \rightarrow a \mid (E)$$

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For the given grammar $\mathcal{G} = (\Pi, \Sigma, S, P)$ with rules

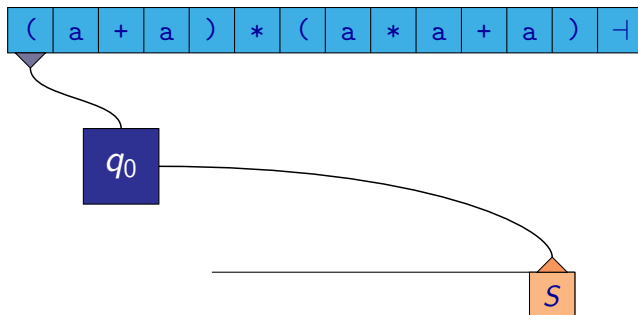
$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow E \dashv \\ E &\rightarrow T \mid E+T \\ T &\rightarrow F \mid T*F \\ F &\rightarrow a \mid (E) \end{aligned}$$

we construct a pushdown automaton $\mathcal{M} = (\{q_0\}, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, S)$, where

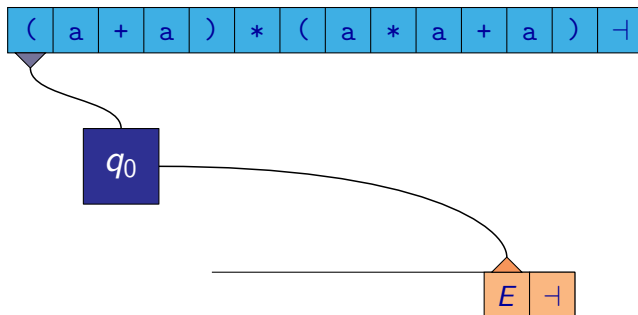
- $\Sigma = \{a, +, *, (,), \dashv\}$
- $\Gamma = \{S, E, T, F, a, +, *, (,), \dashv\}$
- The transition function δ contains the following rules:

$$\begin{array}{lll} q_0 S \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} q_0 E \dashv & q_0 F \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} q_0 a & q_0 a \xrightarrow{a} q_0 & q_0 (\xrightarrow{(} q_0 \\ q_0 E \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} q_0 T & q_0 F \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} q_0 (E) & q_0 + \xrightarrow{+} q_0 & q_0) \xrightarrow{)} q_0 \\ q_0 E \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} q_0 E+T & & q_0 * \xrightarrow{*} q_0 & q_0 \dashv \xrightarrow{\dashv} q_0 \\ q_0 T \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} q_0 F & & & \\ q_0 T \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} q_0 T*F & & & \end{array}$$

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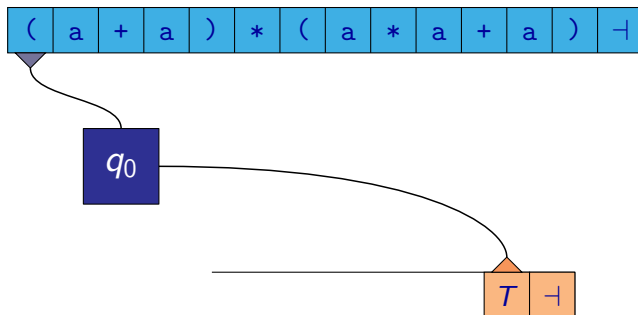


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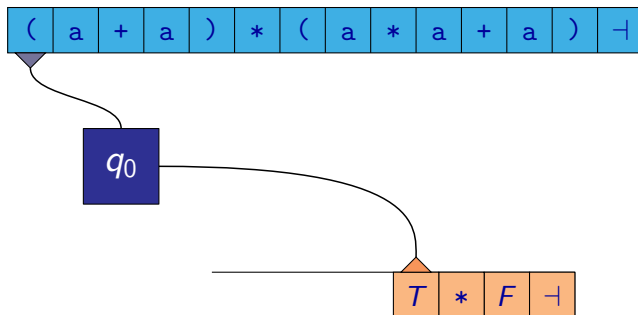
$$\underline{S} \Rightarrow \underline{E} +$$

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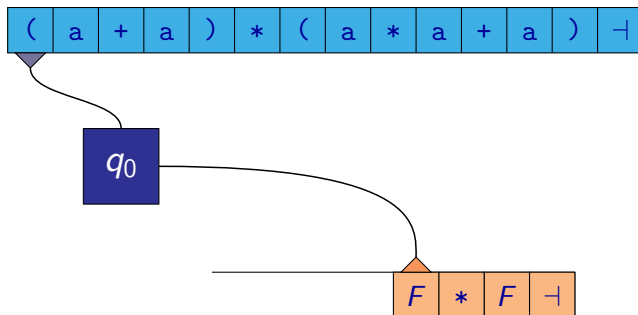
$$\underline{S} \Rightarrow \underline{E} - 1 \Rightarrow \underline{T} - 1$$

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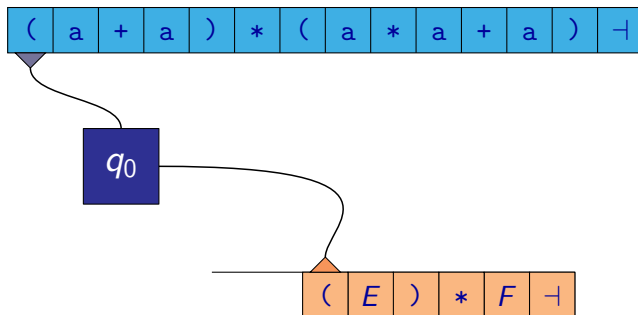
$$\underline{S} \Rightarrow \underline{E}\dagger \Rightarrow \underline{T}\dagger \Rightarrow \underline{T*F}\dagger$$

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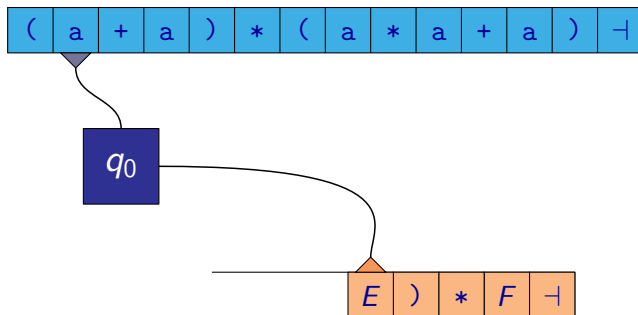
$$\underline{S} \Rightarrow \underline{E} \mid \Rightarrow \underline{T} \mid \Rightarrow \underline{T} * \underline{F} \mid \Rightarrow \underline{F} * \underline{F} \mid$$

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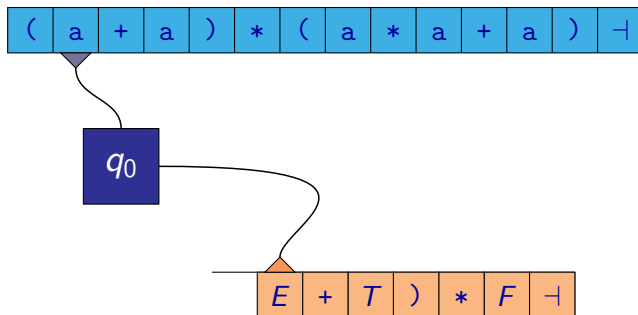
$$\underline{S} \Rightarrow \underline{E} - \Rightarrow \underline{T} - \Rightarrow \underline{T} * F - \Rightarrow \underline{F} * F - \Rightarrow (\underline{E}) * F -$$

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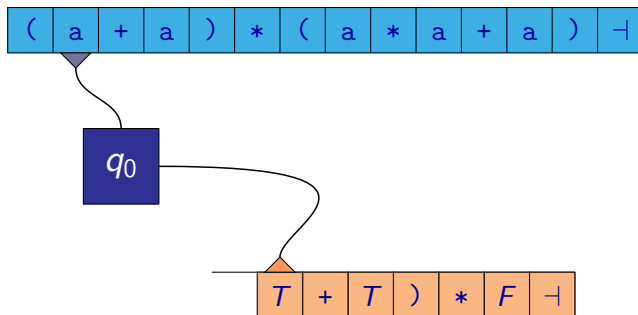
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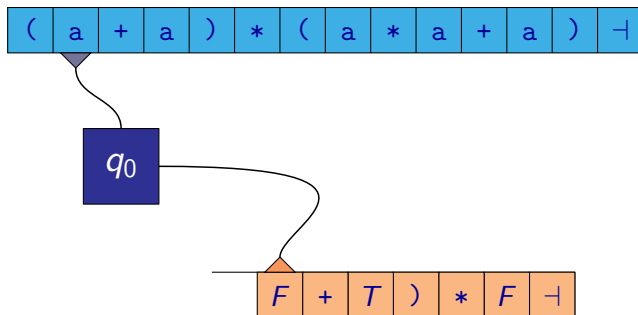
$\dots \Rightarrow \underline{T} \dashv \Rightarrow \underline{T} * F \dashv \Rightarrow \underline{E} * F \dashv \Rightarrow (\underline{E}) * F \dashv \Rightarrow (\underline{E+T}) * F \dashv$

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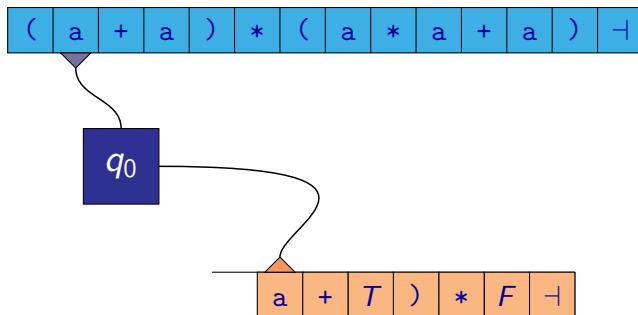
$\dots \Rightarrow \underline{F} * F \vdash \Rightarrow (\underline{E}) * F \vdash \Rightarrow (\underline{E} + T) * F \vdash \Rightarrow (\underline{T} + T) * F \vdash$

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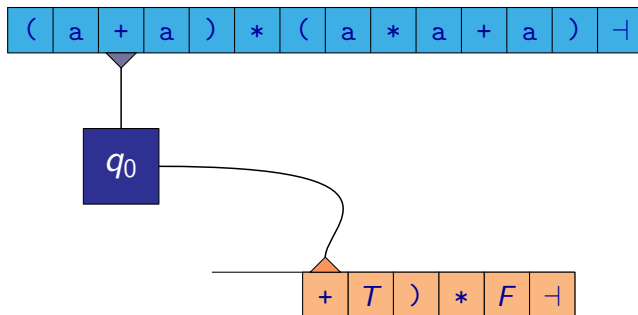
$\dots \Rightarrow (\underline{E}) * F \vdash \Rightarrow (\underline{E+T}) * F \vdash \Rightarrow (\underline{T+T}) * F \vdash \Rightarrow (\underline{F+T}) * F \vdash$

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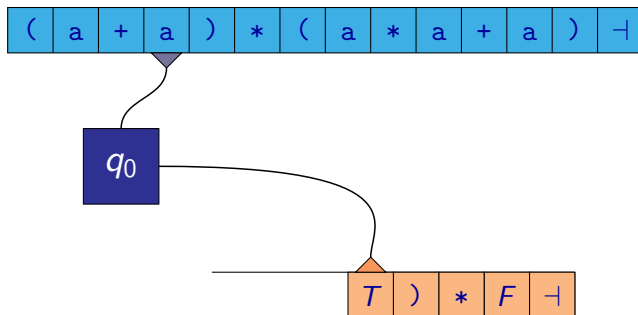
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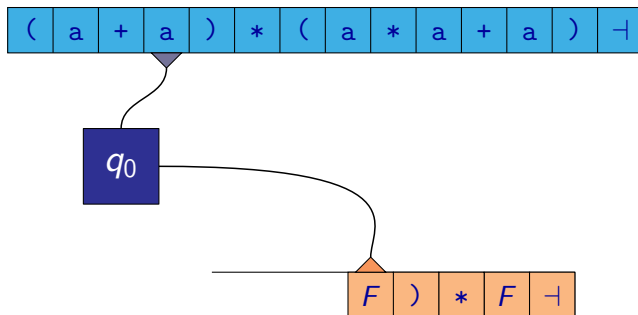
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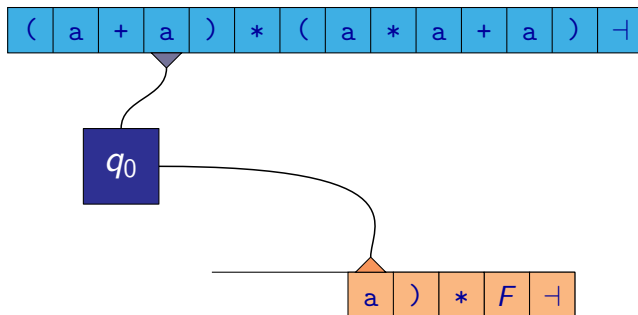
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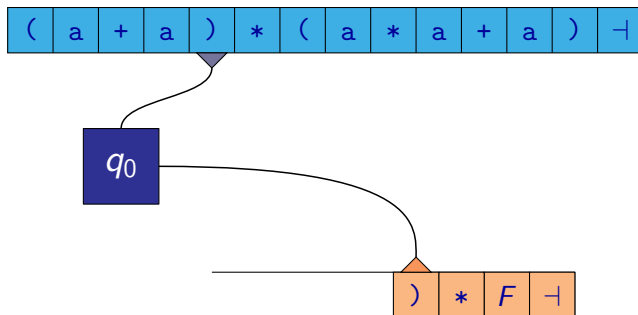
$\dots \Rightarrow (\underline{T}+T)*F\vdash \Rightarrow (\underline{F}+T)*F\vdash \Rightarrow (a+\underline{T})*F\vdash \Rightarrow (a+\underline{F})*F\vdash$

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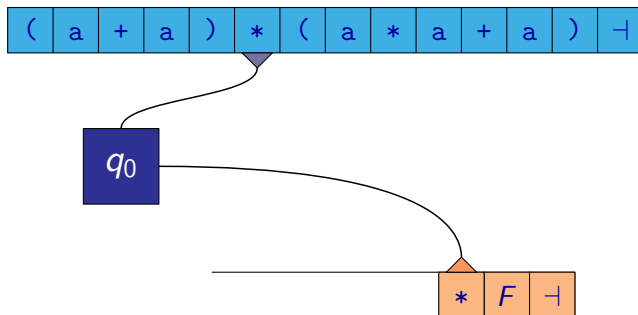
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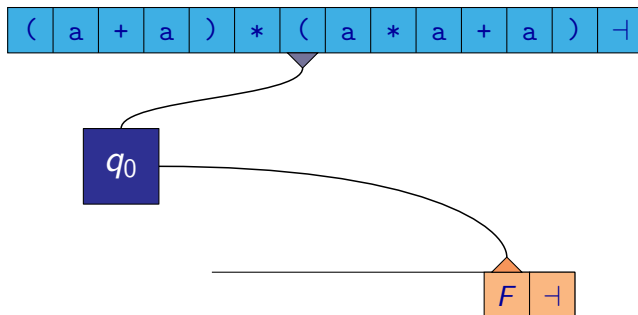
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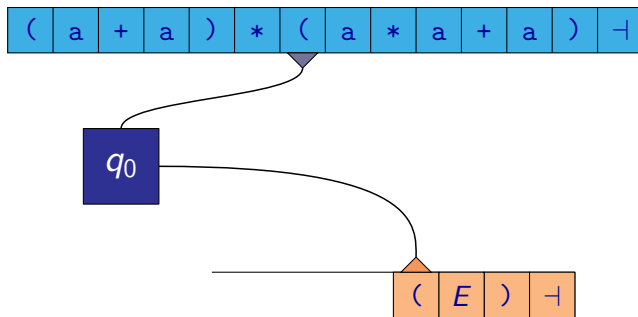
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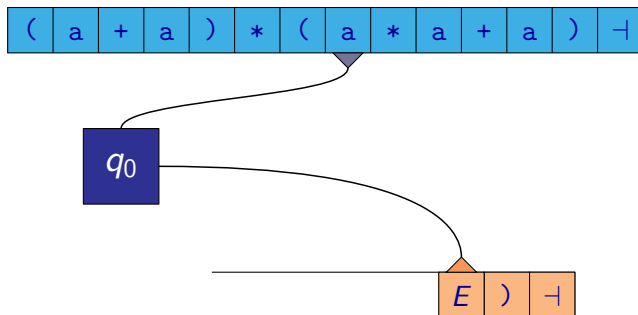
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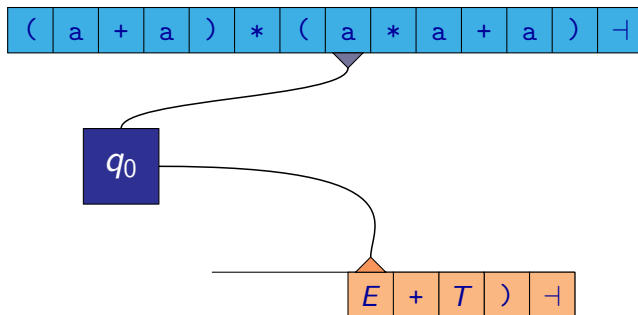
$\dots \Rightarrow (a+\underline{T}) * F - \Rightarrow (a+\underline{F}) * F - \Rightarrow (a+a) * \underline{F} - \Rightarrow (a+a) * (\underline{E}) -$

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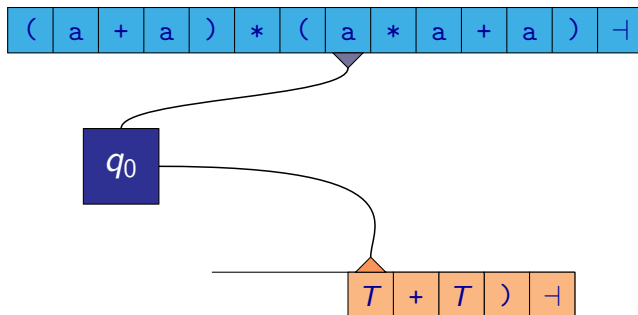
$\dots \Rightarrow (a+\underline{T}) * F + \Rightarrow (a+\underline{F}) * F + \Rightarrow (a+a) * \underline{F} + \Rightarrow (a+a) * (\underline{E}) +$

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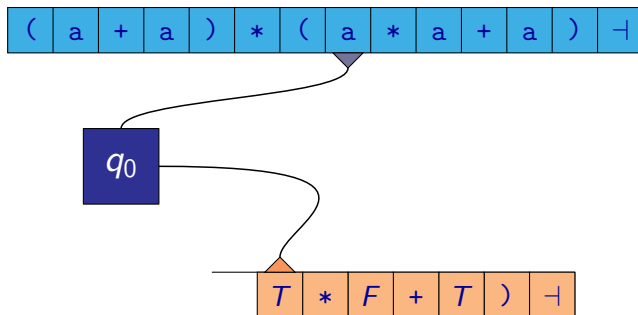
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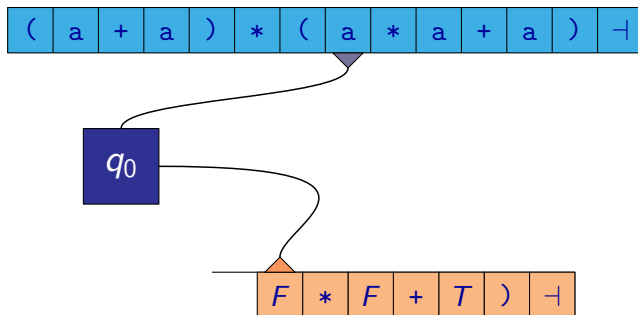
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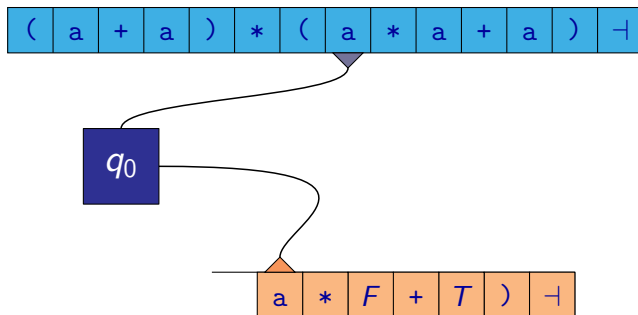
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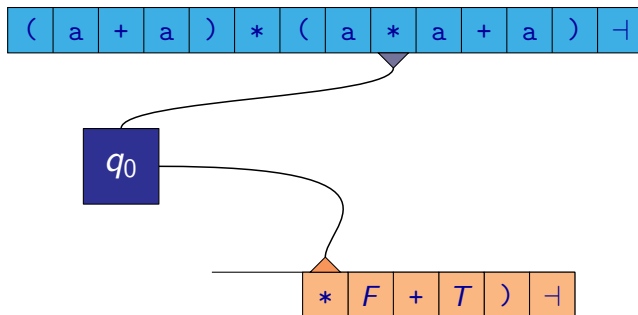
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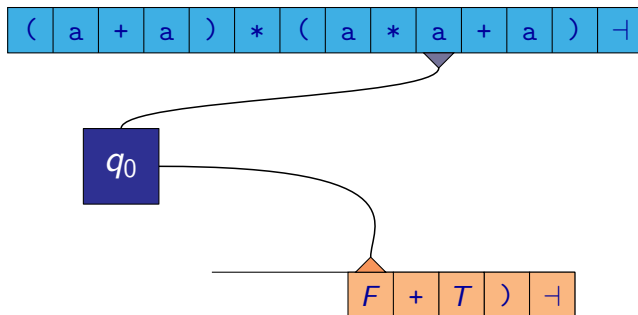
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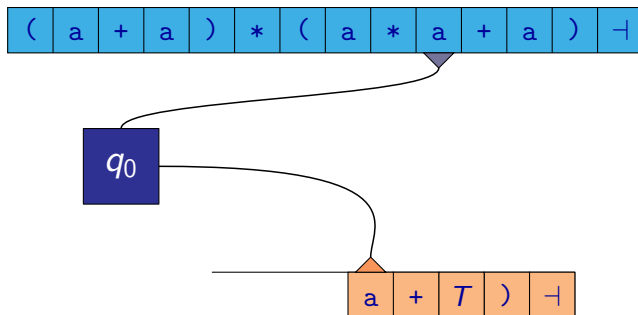
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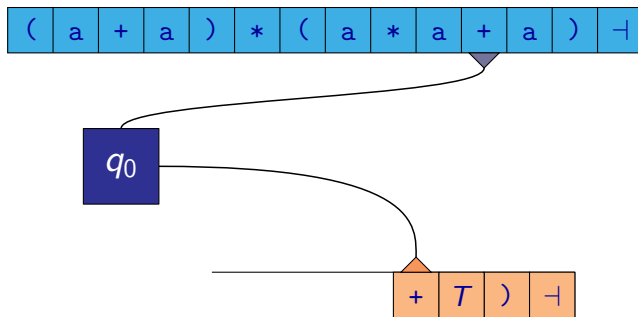
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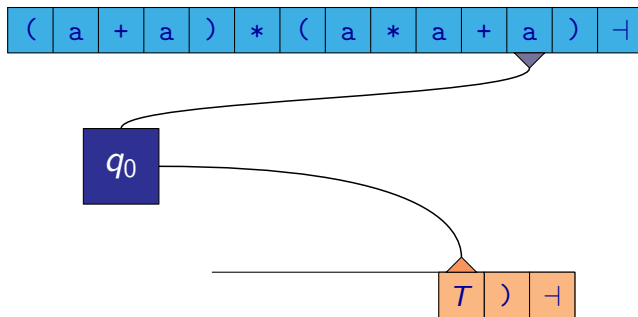
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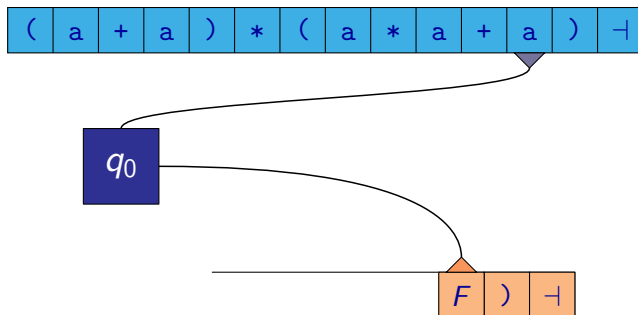
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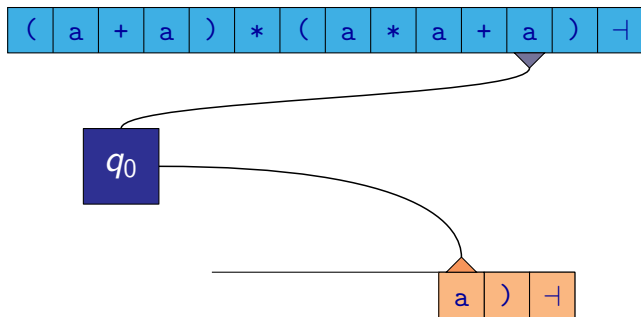
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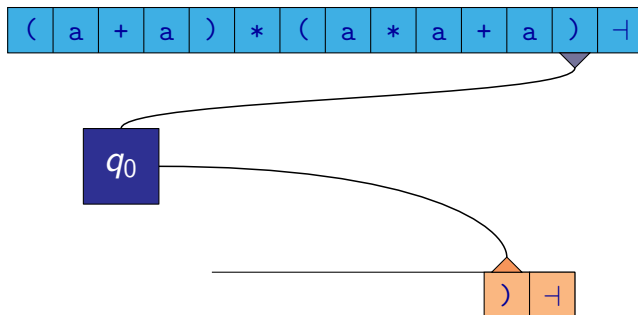
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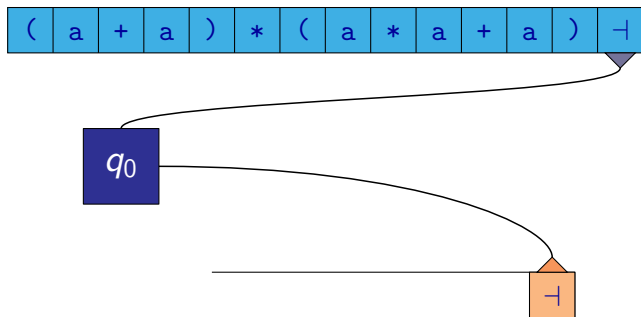
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Equivalence of CFG and PDA



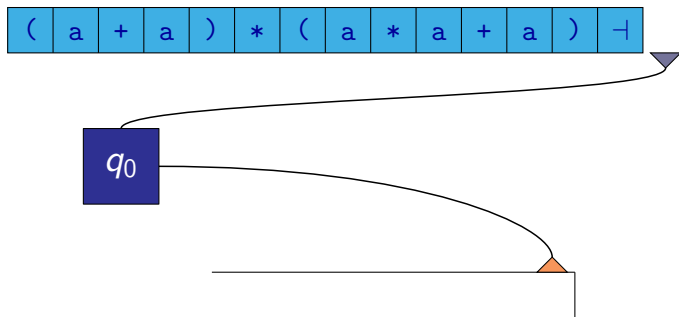
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Equivalence of CFG and PDA



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Equivalence of CFG and PDA



$\dots \Rightarrow (a+a)*(a*a+\underline{F}) \vdash \Rightarrow (a+a)*(a*a+a) \vdash$

Equivalence of CFG and PDA

We can see from the previous example that the pushdown automaton \mathcal{M} basically performs a **left derivation** in grammar \mathcal{G} .

It can be easily shown that:

- For every left derivation in grammar \mathcal{G} there is some corresponding computation of automaton \mathcal{M} .
- For every computation of automaton \mathcal{M} there is some corresponding left derivation in grammar \mathcal{G} .

Remark: The described approach corresponds to the syntactic analysis that proceeds **top down**.

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Alternatively, it is also possible to proceed from **bottom up**.

This could be implemented by a nondeterministic pushdown automaton $\mathcal{M} = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0)$ constructed for a given grammar $\mathcal{G} = (\Pi, \Sigma, S, P)$ as follows:

- $\Gamma = \Pi \cup \Sigma \cup \{\vdash\}$, where $\vdash \notin (\Pi \cup \Sigma)$
- $Z_0 = \vdash$
- Q contains states corresponding to all suffixes of right-hand sides from P a also a special state $\langle S \rangle$ (where $S \in \Pi$ is the initial nonterminal of grammar \mathcal{G}) and a special state q_{acc} .

A state corresponding to suffix α (where $\alpha \in (\Pi \cup \Sigma)^*$) will be denoted $\langle \alpha \rangle$.

A special case is a state corresponding to suffix ε . This state will be denoted $\langle \rangle$.

- $q_0 = \langle \rangle$

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- For every input symbol $a \in \Sigma$ and every stack symbol $Z \in \Gamma$ the following rule is added to δ :

$$\langle \rangle Z \xrightarrow{a} \langle \rangle aZ$$

- For every rule $X \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 \cdots Y_n$ from grammar \mathcal{G} (where $X \in \Pi$, $n \geq 0$, and $Y_i \in (\Pi \cup \Sigma)$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$) the following set of rules is added to δ :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \rangle Y_n &\xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle Y_n \rangle \\ \langle Y_n \rangle Y_{n-1} &\xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle Y_{n-1} Y_n \rangle \\ \langle Y_{n-1} Y_n \rangle Y_{n-2} &\xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle Y_{n-2} Y_{n-1} Y_n \rangle \\ &\vdots \\ \langle Y_2 Y_3 \cdots Y_n \rangle Y_1 &\xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle Y_1 Y_2 Y_3 \cdots Y_n \rangle \end{aligned}$$

and for every $Z \in \Gamma$ we add the rules

$$\langle Y_1 Y_2 \cdots Y_n \rangle Z \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle \rangle XZ$$

Equivalence of CFG and PDA

- For example if grammar \mathcal{G} contains rule

$$B \rightarrow CaADB$$

the transition function δ of automaton \mathcal{M} will contain rules

$$\langle \rangle b \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle b \rangle$$

$$\langle b \rangle D \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle Db \rangle$$

$$\langle Db \rangle A \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle ADb \rangle$$

$$\langle ADb \rangle a \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle aADb \rangle$$

$$\langle aADb \rangle C \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle CaADB \rangle$$

and also for every $Z \in \Gamma$ there will be a rule

$$\langle CaADB \rangle Z \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle \rangle BZ$$

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- In particular, for ε -rules of grammar \mathcal{G} , the corresponding rules will be as follows: for ε -rule

$$X \rightarrow \varepsilon$$

of grammar \mathcal{G} , where $X \in \Pi$, there will be corresponding rules

$$\langle \rangle Z \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle \rangle XZ$$

where $Z \in \Gamma$.

- We finish the construction by adding the following two special rules to δ (where $S \in \Pi$ is the initial nonterminal of grammar \mathcal{G}):

$$\langle \rangle S \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle S \rangle \qquad \langle S \rangle \vdash \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} q_{acc}$$

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Example: Consider the same grammar \mathcal{G} as in the previous example:

$$\begin{aligned}S &\rightarrow E \dashv \\E &\rightarrow T \mid E+T \\T &\rightarrow F \mid T*F \\F &\rightarrow a \mid (E)\end{aligned}$$

For this grammar we construct a corresponding pushdown automaton $\mathcal{M} = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0)$, where

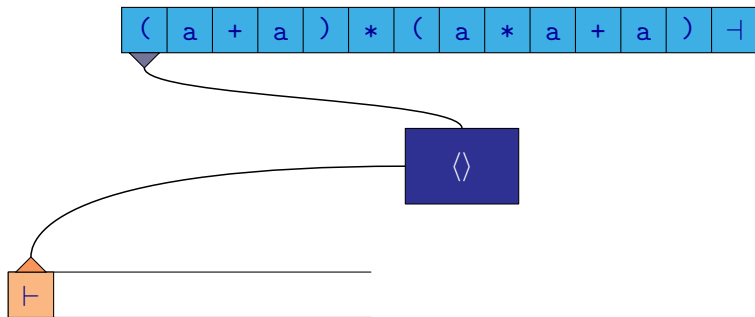
- $\Sigma = \{a, +, *, (,), \dashv\}$
- $\Gamma = \{S, E, T, F, a, +, *, (,), \dashv, \vdash\}$
- $Q = \{\langle \rangle, \langle \dashv \rangle, \langle E \dashv \rangle, \langle T \rangle, \langle +T \rangle, \langle E+T \rangle, \langle F \rangle, \langle *F \rangle, \langle T*F \rangle, \langle a \rangle, \langle \rangle, \langle E \rangle, \langle (E) \rangle, \langle S \rangle, q_{acc}\}$
- $q_0 = \langle \rangle$
- $Z_0 = \vdash$

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For each $Z \in \Gamma$ the following rules are added to δ :

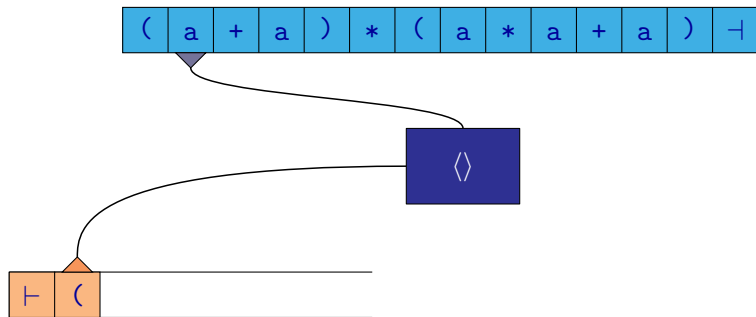
$$\begin{array}{lll}
 \langle \rangle Z \xrightarrow{a} \langle \rangle aZ & \langle \rangle \dashv \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle \dashv \rangle & \langle E \dashv \rangle Z \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle \rangle SZ \\
 \langle \rangle Z \xrightarrow{+} \langle \rangle +Z & \langle \dashv \rangle E \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle E \dashv \rangle & \langle T \rangle Z \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle \rangle EZ \\
 \langle \rangle Z \xrightarrow{*} \langle \rangle *Z & \langle \rangle T \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle T \rangle & \langle T \rangle + \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle +T \rangle \\
 \langle \rangle Z \xrightarrow{(} \langle \rangle (Z & \langle T \rangle + \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle +T \rangle & \langle +T \rangle E \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle E+T \rangle & \langle E+T \rangle Z \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle \rangle EZ \\
 \langle \rangle Z \xrightarrow{)} \langle \rangle)Z & \langle +T \rangle E \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle E+T \rangle & \langle F \rangle \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle F \rangle & \langle F \rangle Z \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle \rangle TZ \\
 \langle \rangle Z \xrightarrow{\dashv} \langle \rangle \dashv Z & \langle F \rangle * \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle *F \rangle & \langle F \rangle * \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle *F \rangle & \langle T * F \rangle Z \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle \rangle TZ \\
 & \langle *F \rangle T \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle T * F \rangle & \langle a \rangle \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle a \rangle & \langle a \rangle Z \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle \rangle FZ \\
 & & \langle \rangle \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle \rangle & \\
 \langle \rangle S \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle S \rangle & \langle \rangle E \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle E \rangle & \langle \rangle \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle \rangle & \\
 \langle S \rangle \vdash \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} q_{acc} & \langle \rangle E \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle E \rangle & \langle \rangle \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle \rangle & \\
 & \langle E \rangle (\xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle (E) \rangle & \langle E \rangle (\xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle (E) \rangle & \langle (E) \rangle Z \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \langle \rangle FZ
 \end{array}$$

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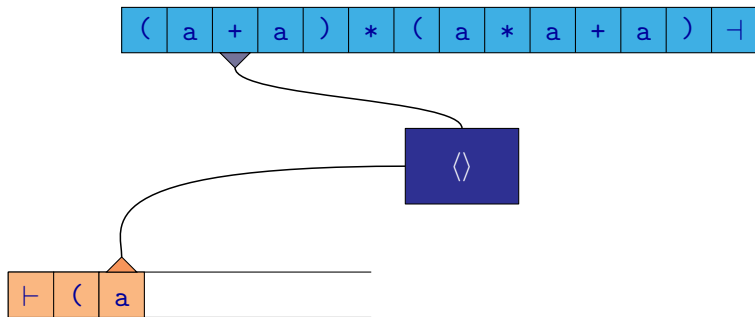
$(a+a)*(a*a+a) +$

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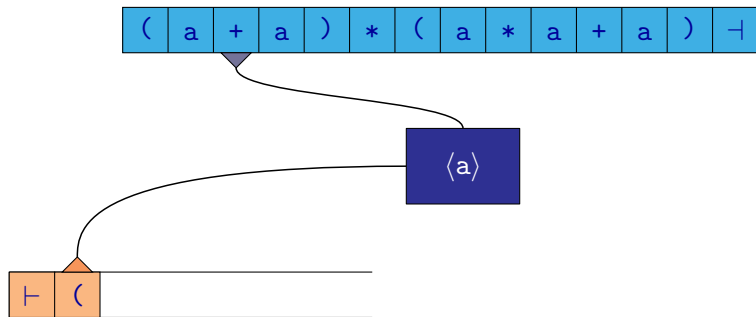
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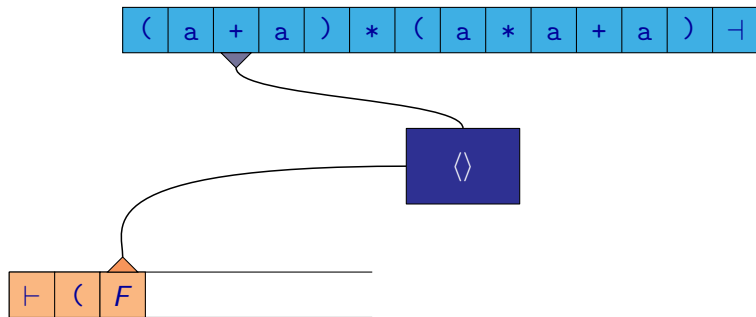
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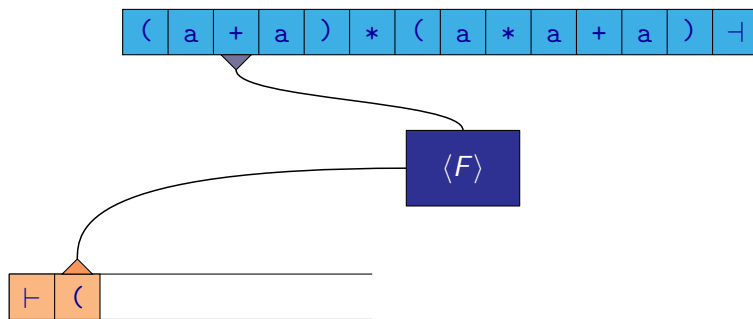
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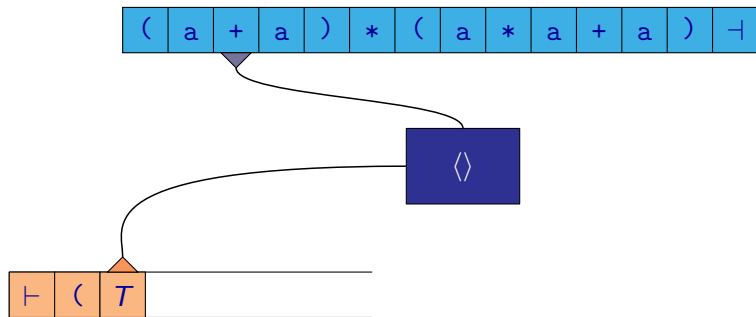
$$(F+a)*(a*a+a) \vdash \Rightarrow (a+a)*(a*a+a) \vdash$$

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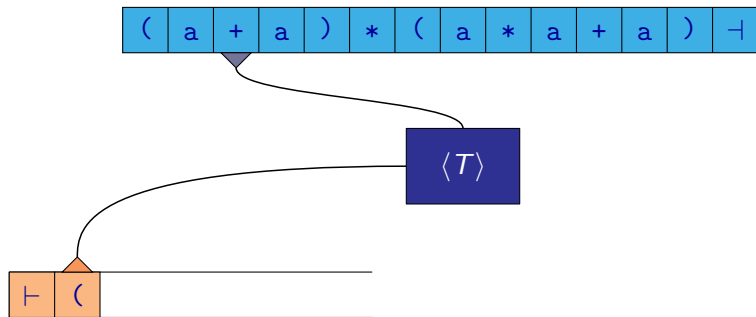
$$\langle \underline{F} + a \rangle * (a * a + a) + \Rightarrow (a + a) * (a * a + a) +$$

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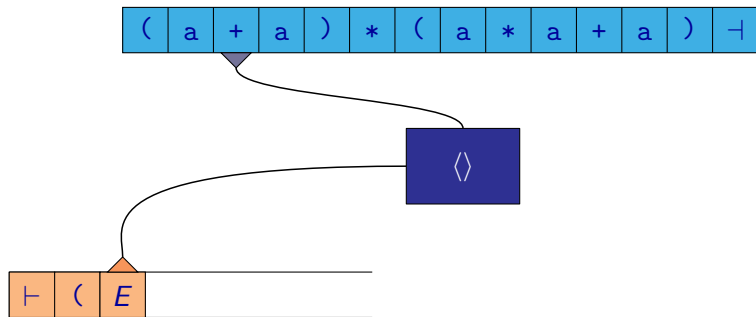
$(\underline{T}+a)*(a*a+a)\neg \Rightarrow (\underline{F}+a)*(a*a+a)\neg \Rightarrow (a+a)*(a*a+a)\neg$

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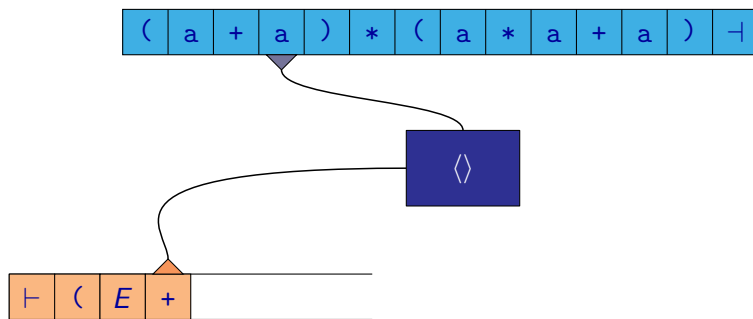
$$(\underline{T}+a)*(a*a+a) \u221a \Rightarrow (\underline{F}+a)*(a*a+a) \u221a \Rightarrow (a+a)*(a*a+a) \u221a$$

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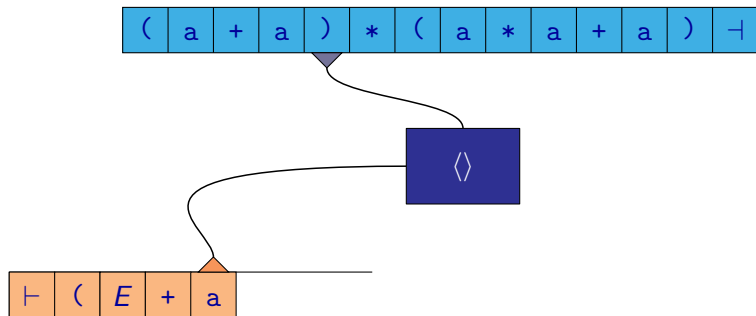
$(\underline{E}+a)*(a*a+a) \vdash \Rightarrow (\underline{T}+a)*(a*a+a) \vdash \Rightarrow (\underline{F}+a)*(a*a+a) \vdash \Rightarrow \dots$

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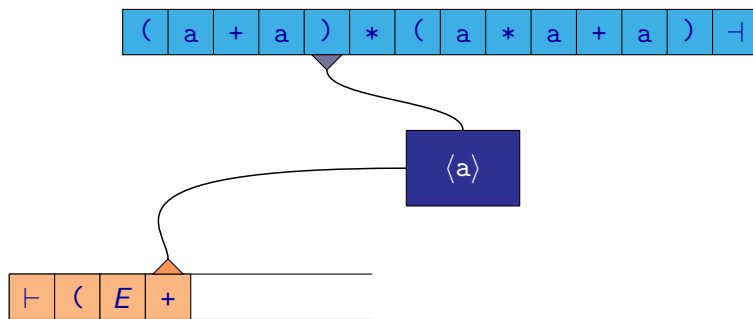
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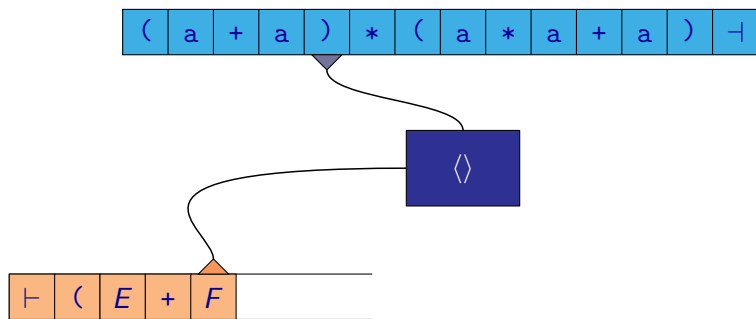
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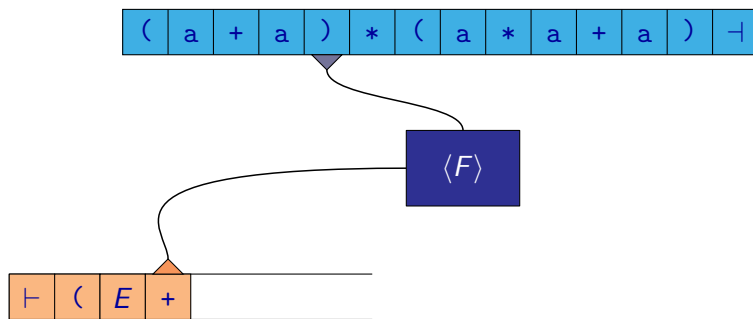
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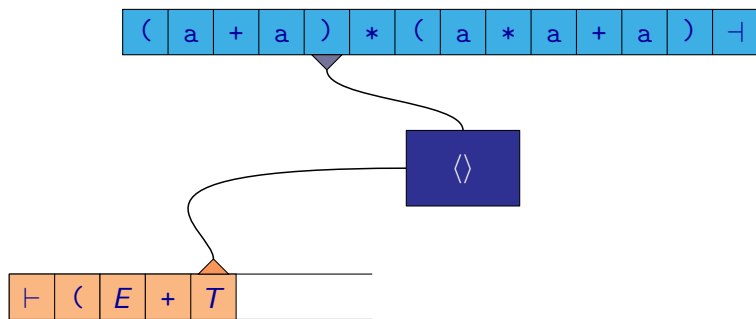
$(E + \underline{F}) * (a * a + a) + \vdash \Rightarrow (\underline{E} + a) * (a * a + a) + \vdash \Rightarrow (\underline{T} + a) * (a * a + a) + \vdash \Rightarrow \dots$

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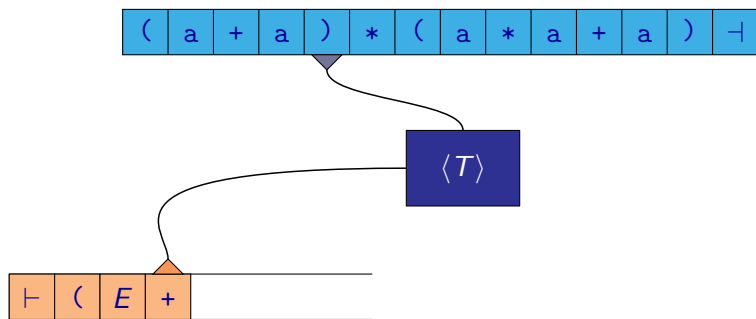
$(E + \underline{F}) * (a * a + a) + \Rightarrow (\underline{E} + a) * (a * a + a) + \Rightarrow (\underline{T} + a) * (a * a + a) + \Rightarrow \dots$

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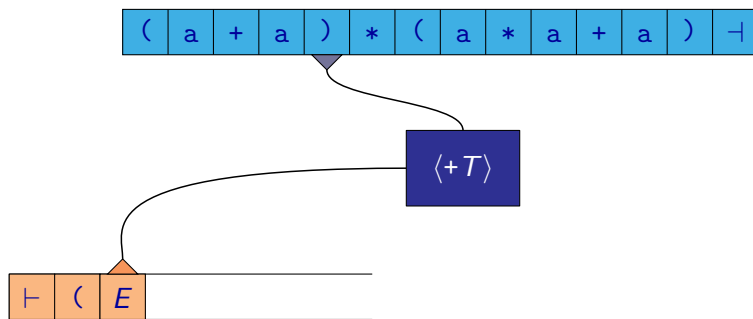
$(E+T)*(a*a+a) \vdash \Rightarrow (E+F)*(a*a+a) \vdash \Rightarrow (\underline{E}+a)*(a*a+a) \vdash \Rightarrow \dots$

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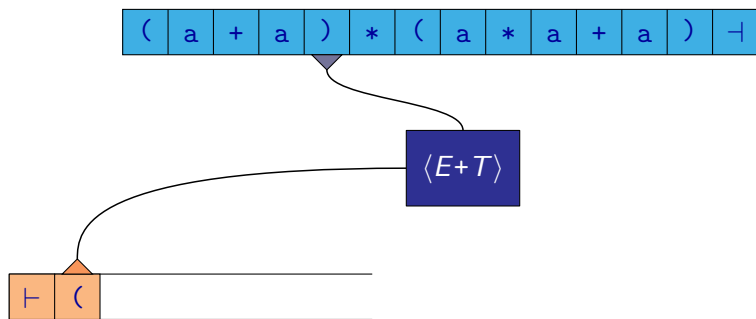
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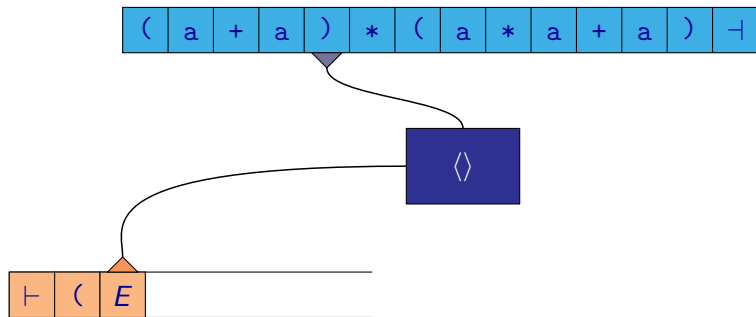
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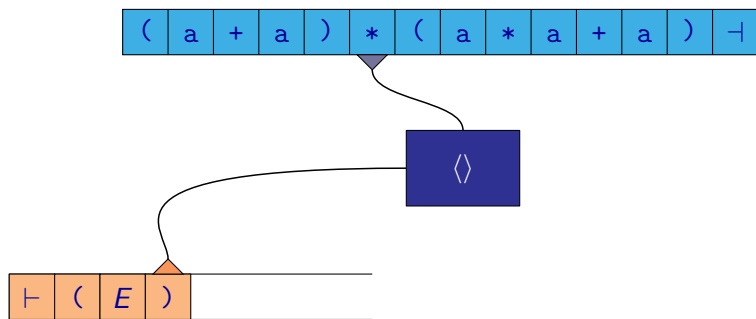
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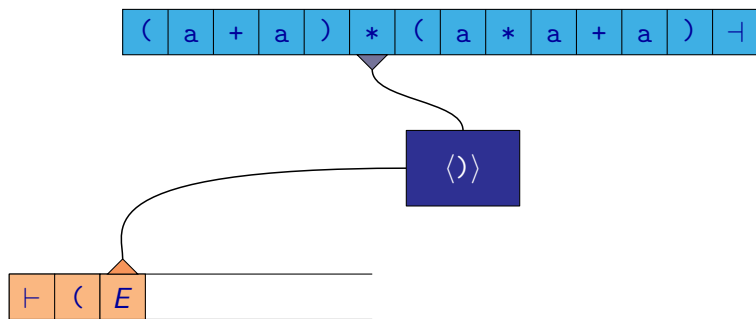
$(\underline{E}) * (a * a + a) + \Rightarrow (E + \underline{T}) * (a * a + a) + \Rightarrow (E + \underline{F}) * (a * a + a) + \Rightarrow \dots$

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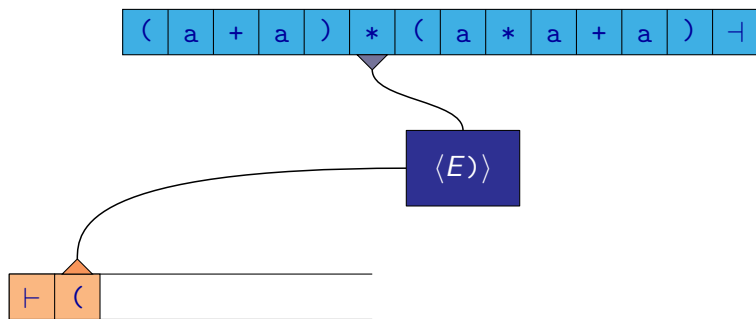
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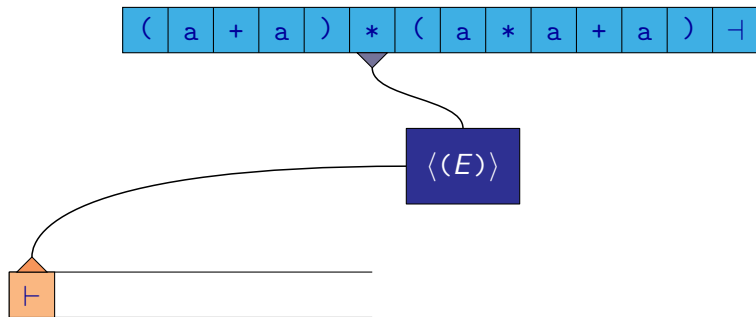
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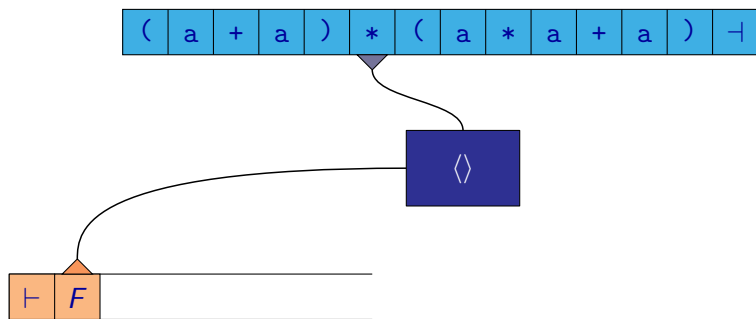
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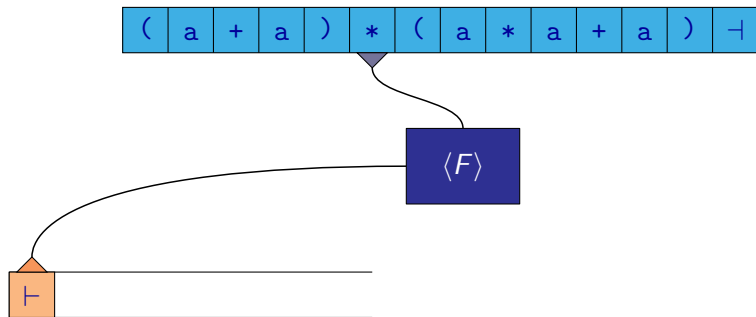
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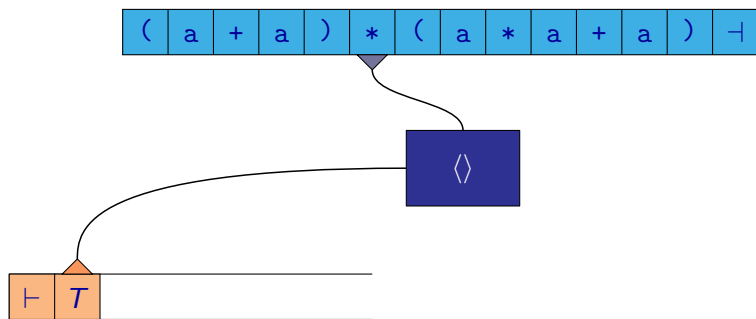
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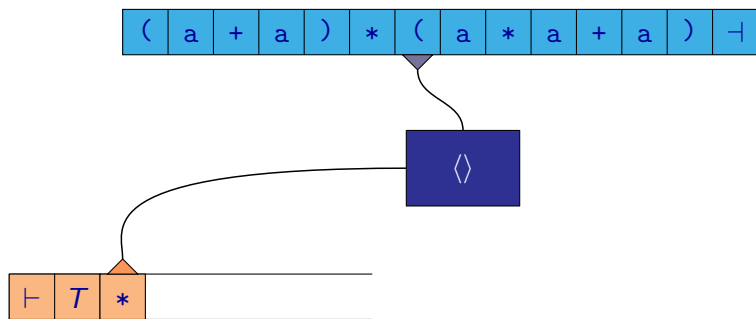
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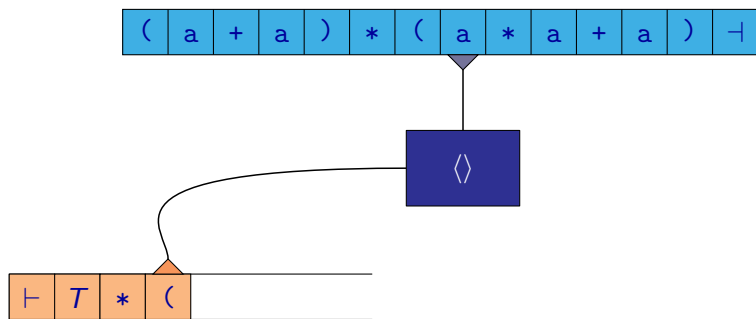
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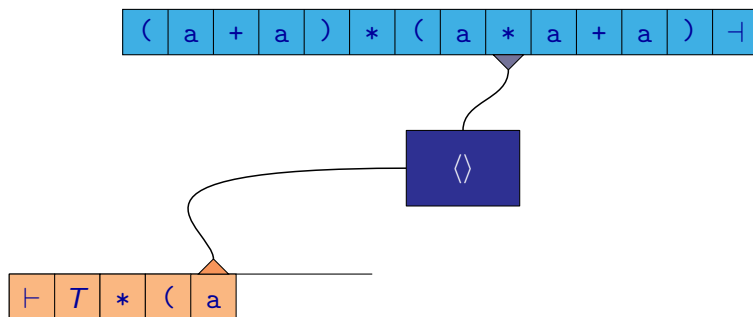
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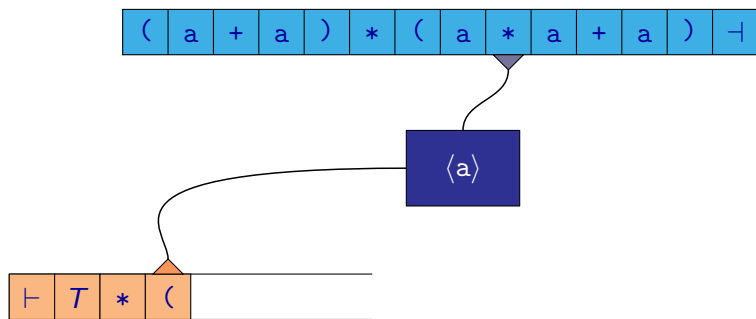
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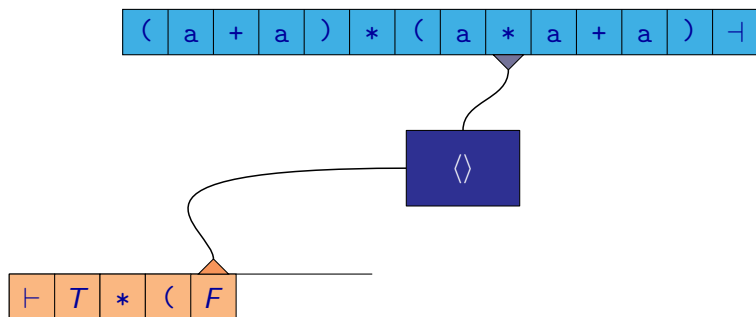
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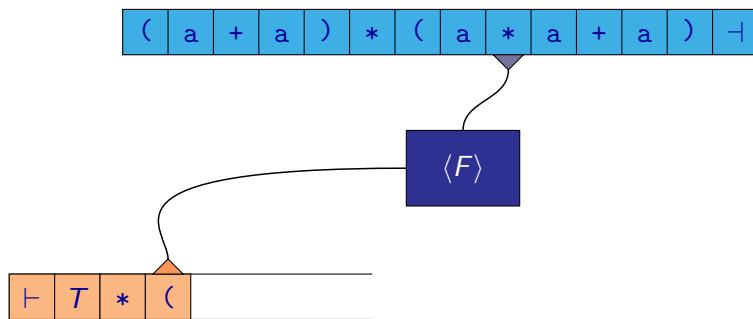
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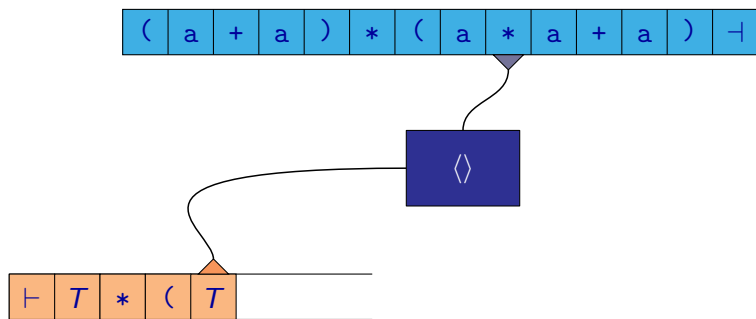
$T*(\underline{F} * a + a) \perp \Rightarrow \underline{T} * (a * a + a) \perp \Rightarrow \underline{F} * (a * a + a) \perp \Rightarrow \dots$

Equivalence of CFG and PDA



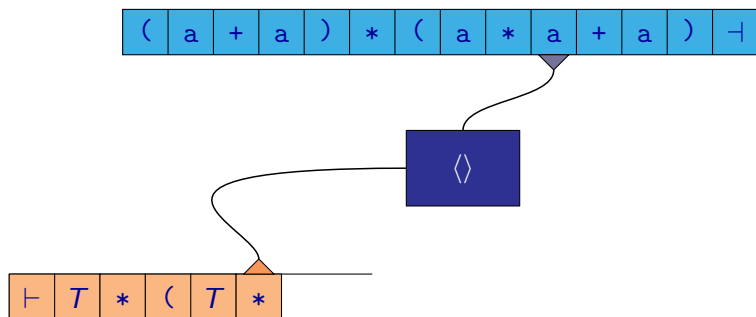
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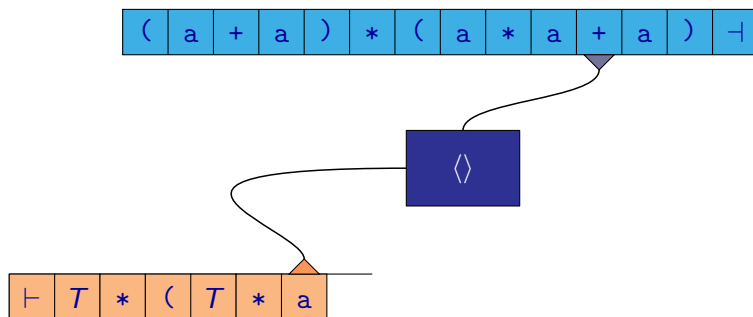
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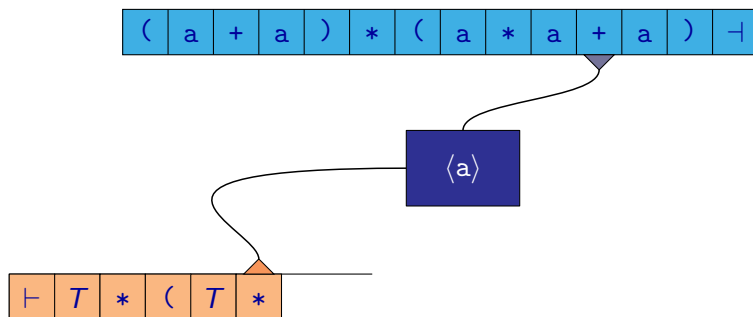
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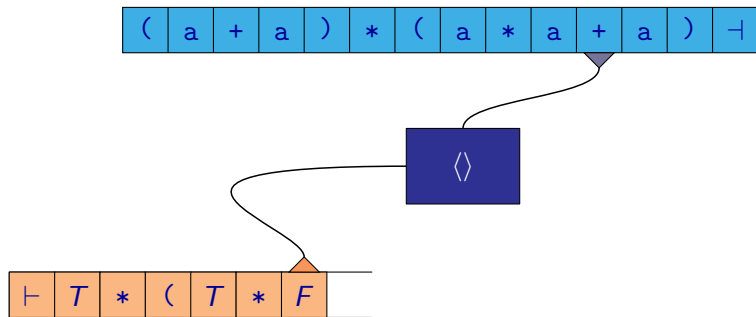
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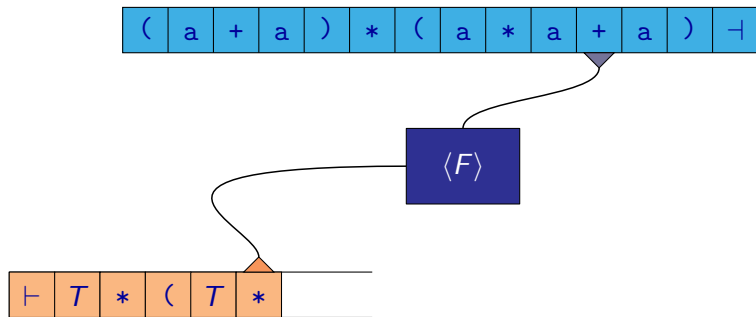
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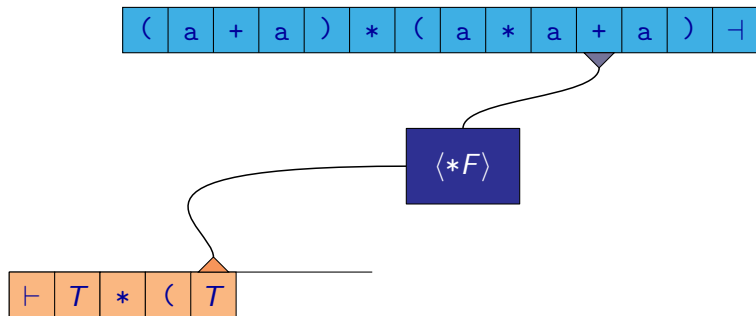
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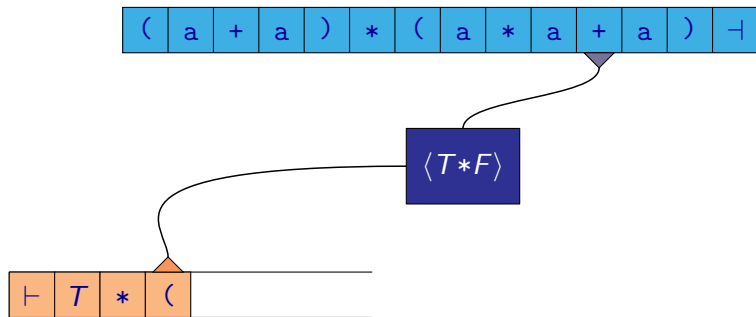
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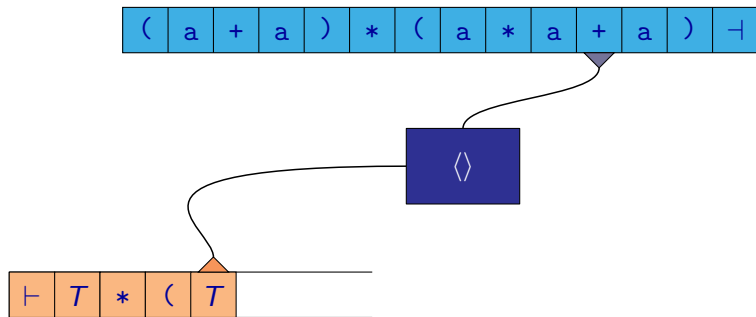
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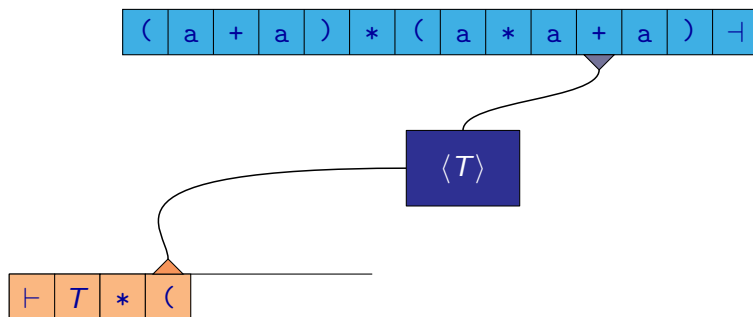
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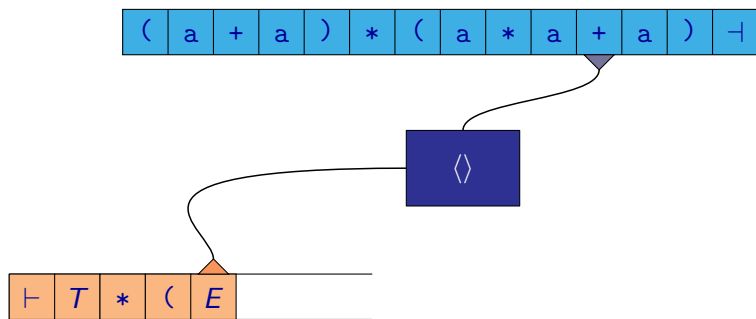
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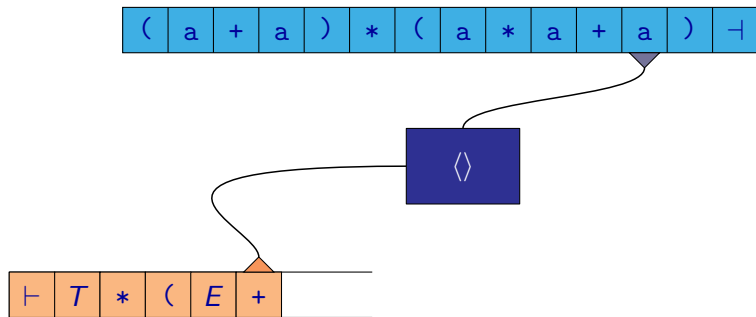
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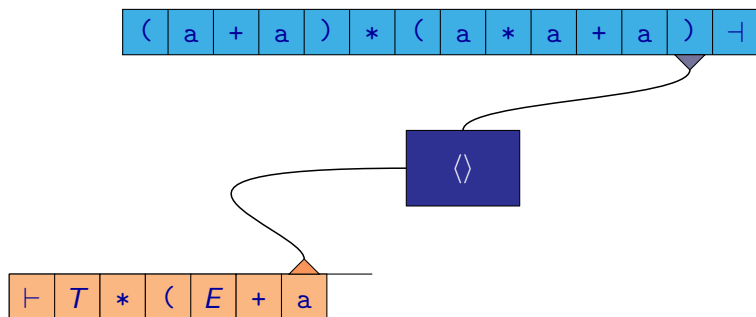
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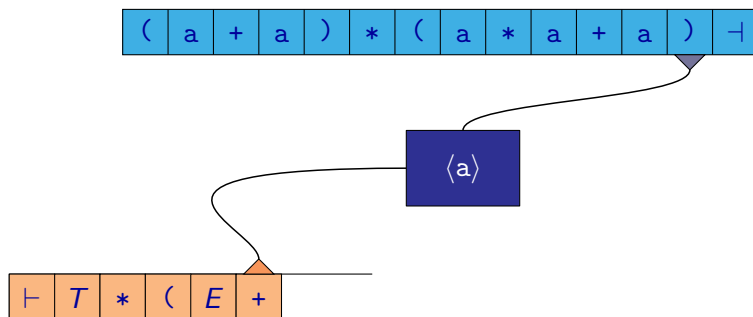
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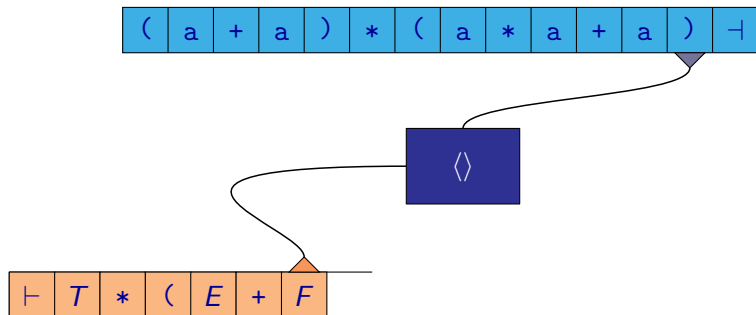
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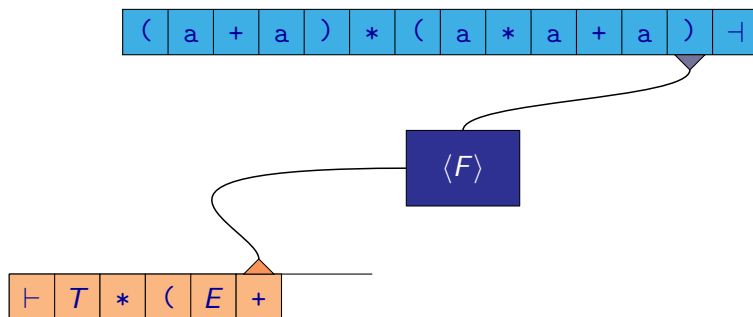
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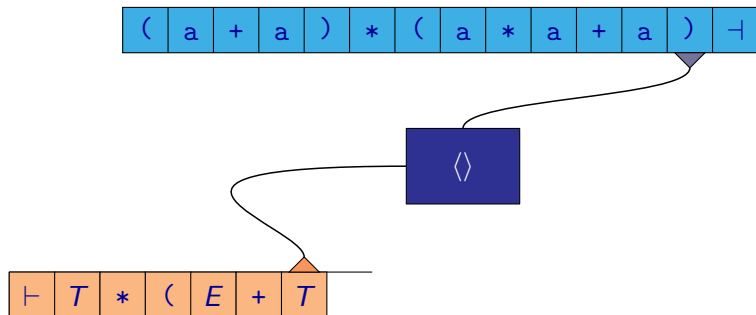
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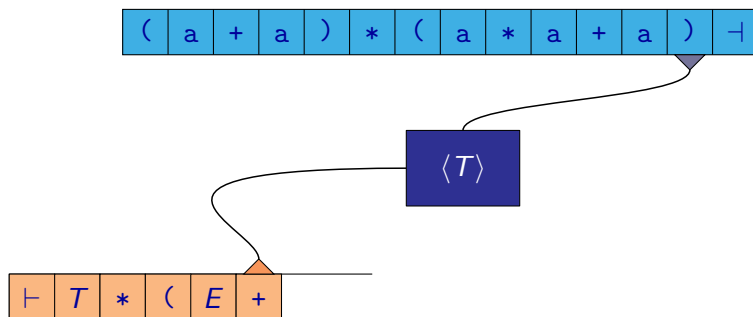
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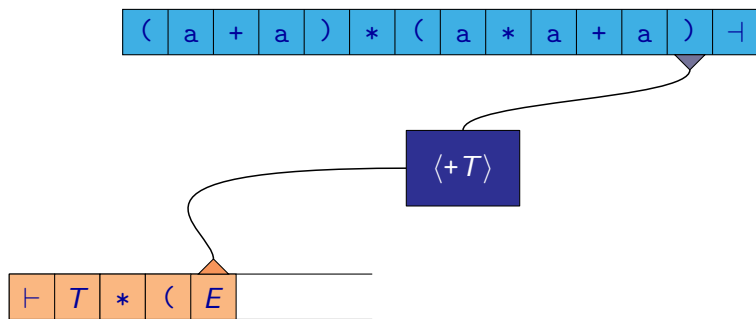
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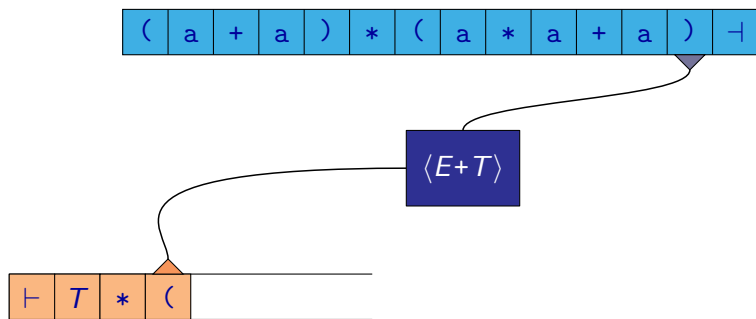
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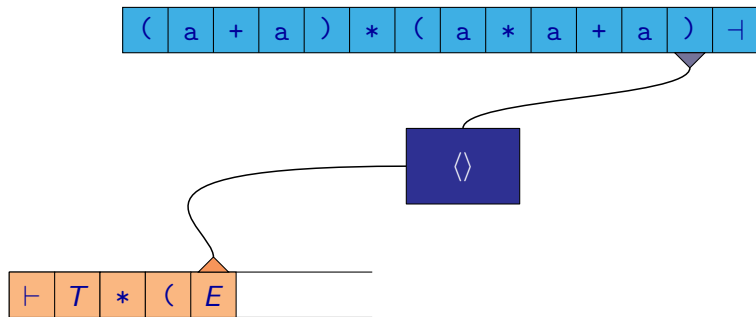
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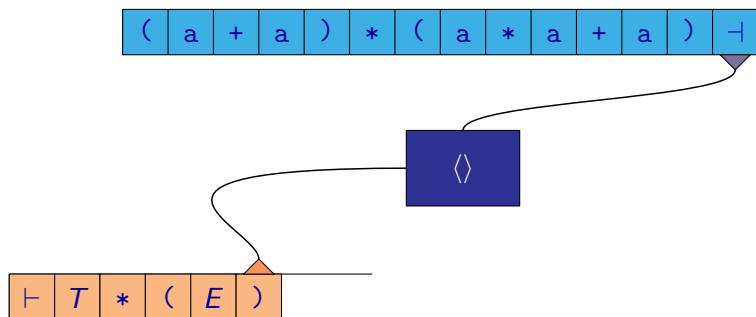
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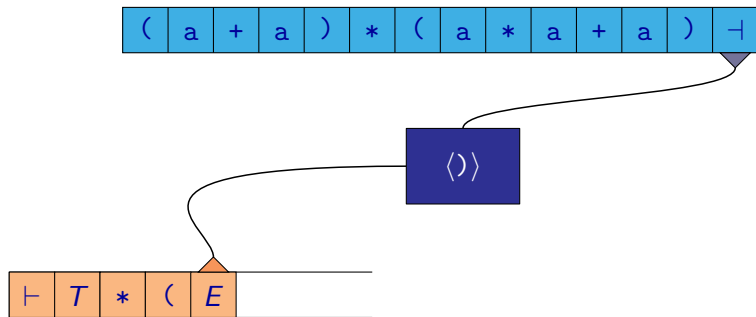
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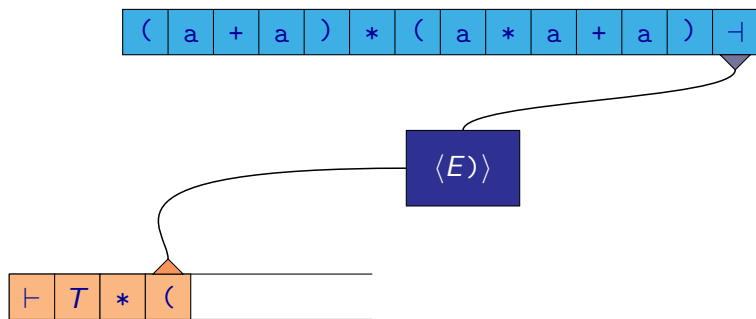
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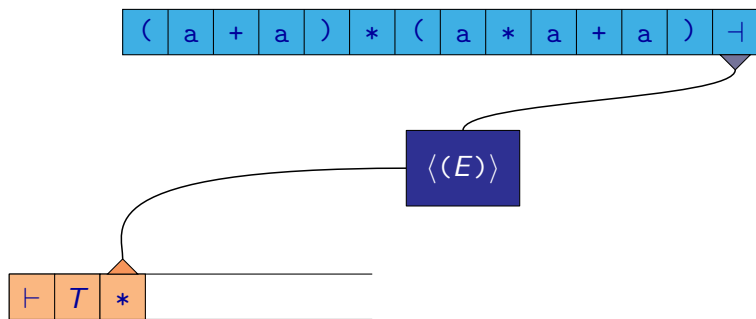
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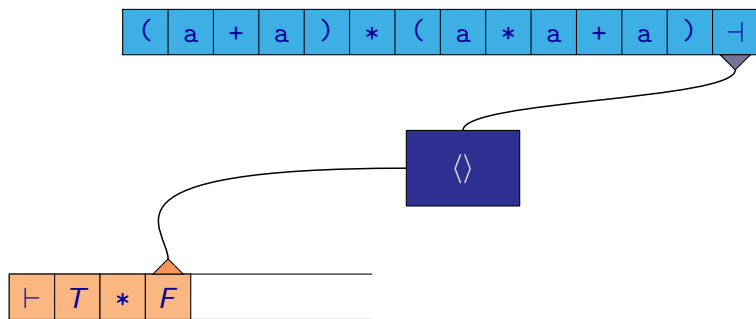
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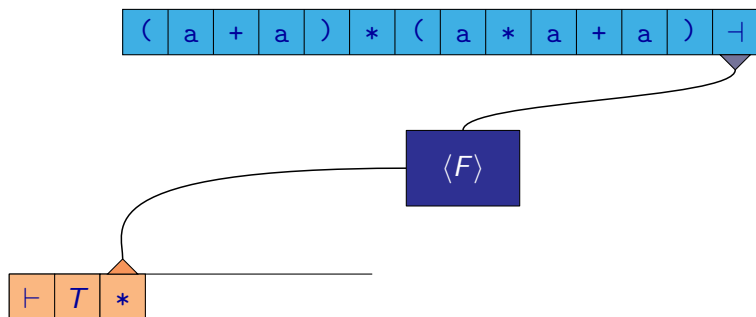
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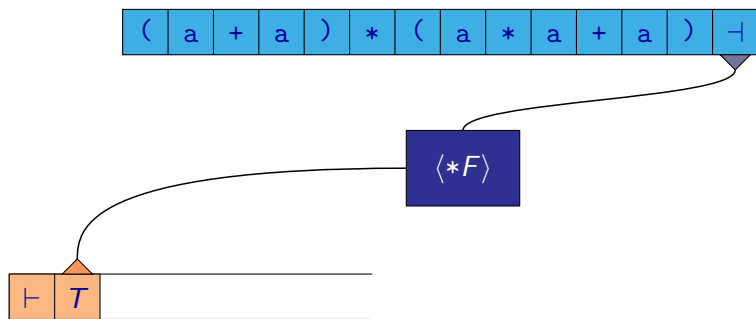
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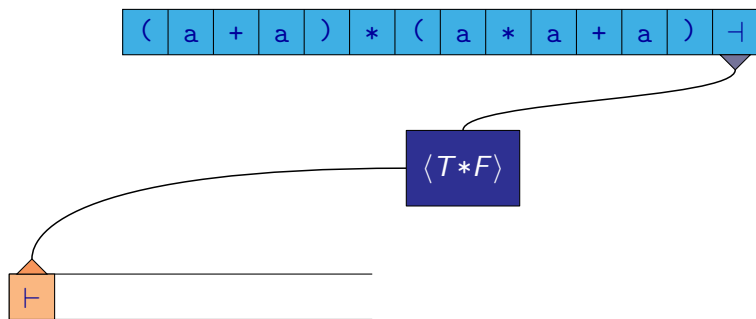
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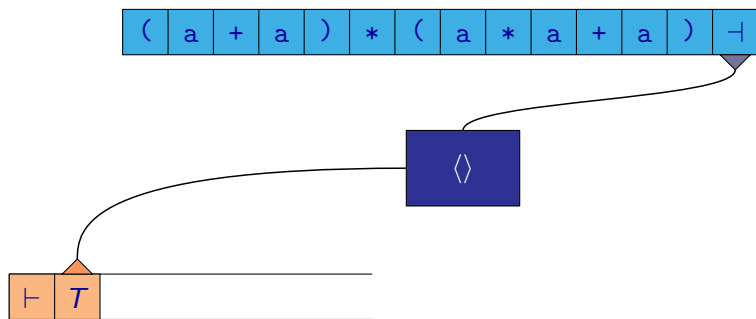
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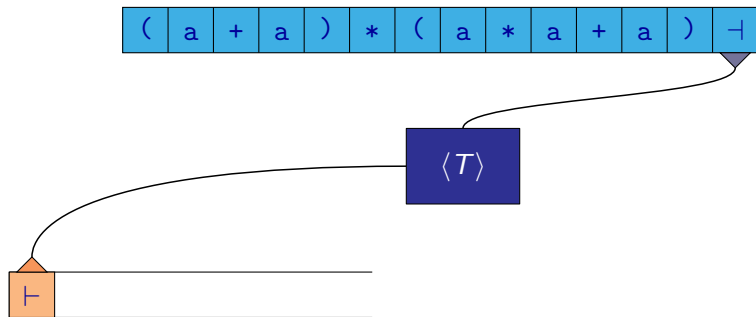
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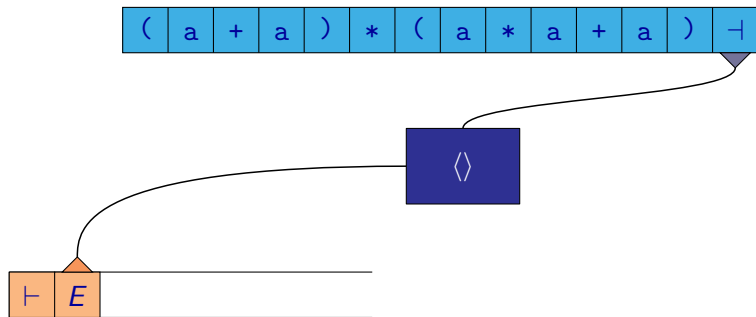
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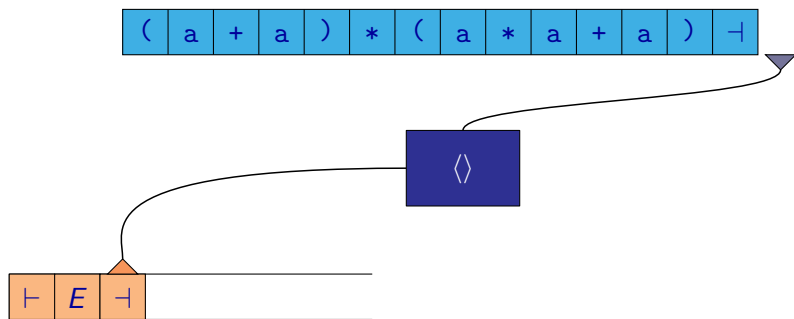
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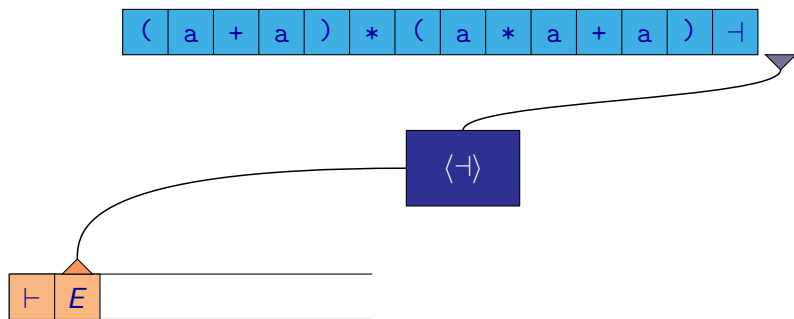
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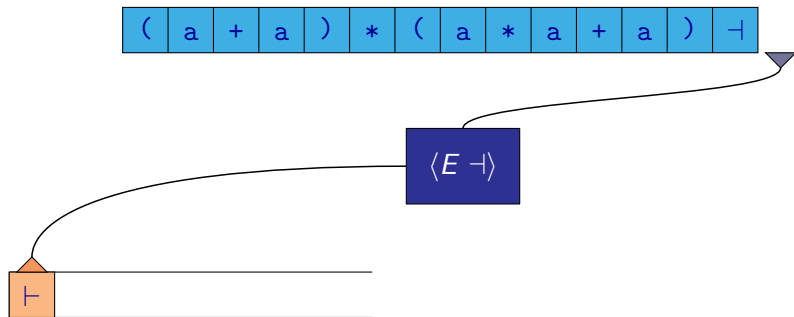
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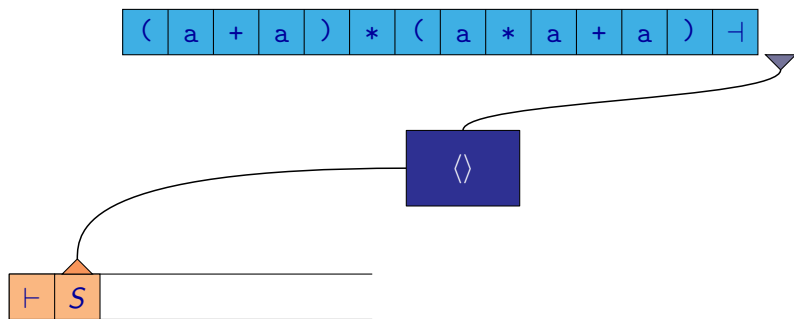
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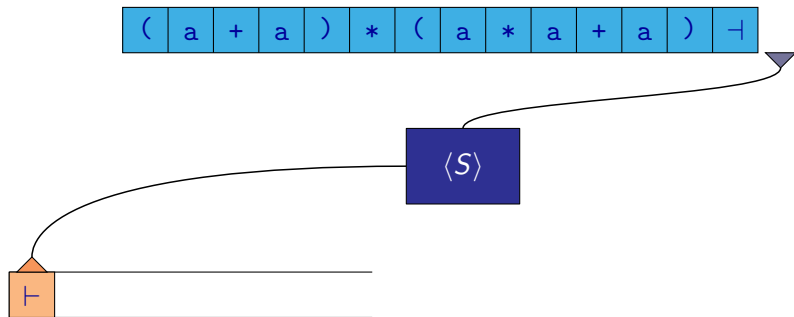
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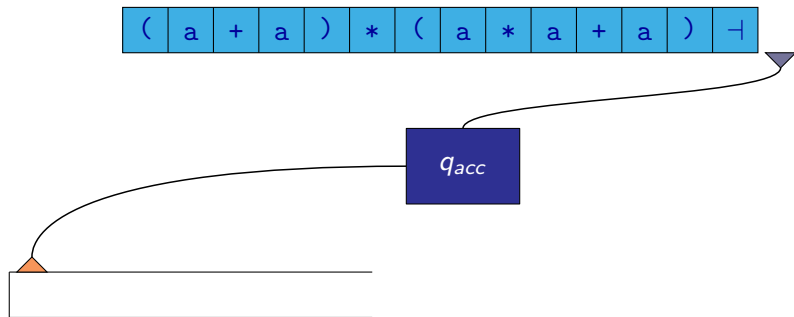
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As we can see from the previous example, the pushdown automaton \mathcal{M} basically performs a **right derivation** in grammar \mathcal{G} in reverse order.

Other Classes of Context-Free Grammars

There exist a lot of different classes of context-free grammars, for which it is possible to construct a corresponding pushdown automaton in such a way that this automaton is deterministic:

- **Top-down** approach — constructs a left derivation:
 - $LL(0)$, $LL(1)$, $LL(2)$, ...
- **Bottom-up** approach — constructs a right derivation in a reverse order:
 - $LR(0)$, $LR(1)$, $LR(2)$, ...
 - LALR (resp. LALR(1), ...)
 - SLR (resp. SLR(1), ...)

Parser generators — tools that allow for a description of a context-free grammar to automatically generate a code in some programming language basically implementing behaviour of a corresponding pushdown automaton.

Examples of parser generators:

- Yacc
- Bison
- ANTLR
- JavaCC
- Menhir
- ...

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Theorem

For every pushdown automaton \mathcal{M} with one control state, there is a corresponding CFG \mathcal{G} such $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}) = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M})$.

Proof: For PDA $\mathcal{M} = (\{q_0\}, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0)$, where $\Sigma \cap \Gamma = \emptyset$, we construct CFG $\mathcal{G} = (\Gamma, \Sigma, Z_0, P)$, where

$$(A \rightarrow a\alpha) \in P \quad \text{iff} \quad (q_0, \alpha) \in \delta(q_0, a, A)$$

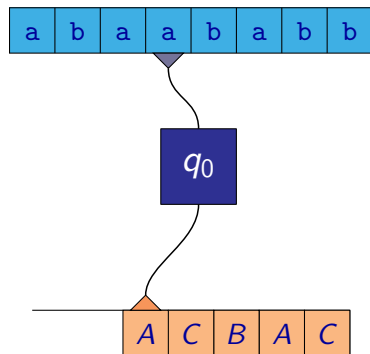
for all $A \in \Gamma$, $a \in \Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\}$, and $\alpha \in \Gamma^*$.

It can be proved by induction that

$$Z_0 \Rightarrow^* u\alpha \quad (\text{in } \mathcal{G}) \quad \text{iff} \quad q_0 Z_0 \xrightarrow{u} q_0 \alpha \quad (\text{in } \mathcal{M})$$

where $u \in \Sigma^*$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma^*$ (in \mathcal{G} , we consider only left derivations).

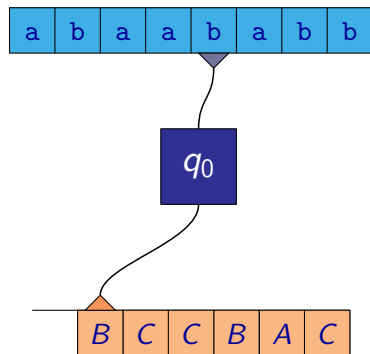
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$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{M}: & \mathcal{G}: \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ q_0 A \xrightarrow{a} q_0 BC & A \rightarrow aBC \\ q_0 B \xrightarrow{b} q_0 & B \rightarrow b \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{array}$$

a b a A C B A C

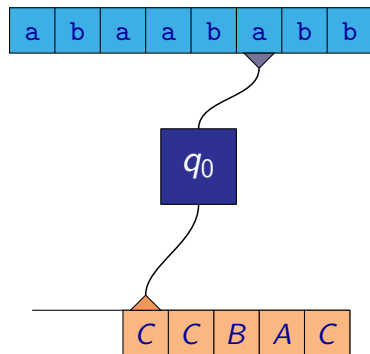
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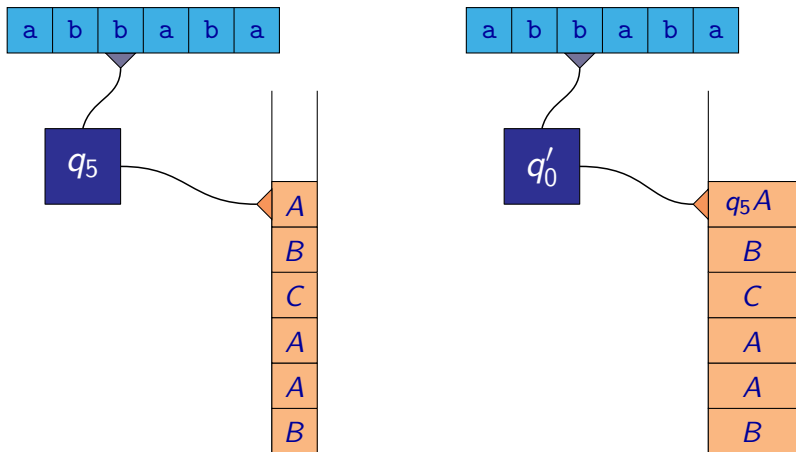
For every pushdown automaton \mathcal{M} there exists a pushdown automaton \mathcal{M}' with one control state such that $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M}') = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M})$.

Proof idea:

- The control state of \mathcal{M} is stored on the top of the stack of \mathcal{M}' .
- For $\delta(q, a, X) = \{(q', \varepsilon)\}$ we must ensure that the new control state on the stack of \mathcal{M}' is q' . (Other cases are straightforward.)
- Stack symbols of \mathcal{M}' are triples of the form (q, A, q') where q represents the control state of \mathcal{M} when that symbol is on the top, A is the stack symbol of \mathcal{M} , and q' is the first control state in the triple below it.
- PDA \mathcal{M}' nondeterministically “guesses” the control states to which \mathcal{M} goes when the given stack symbols becomes the top of the stack.

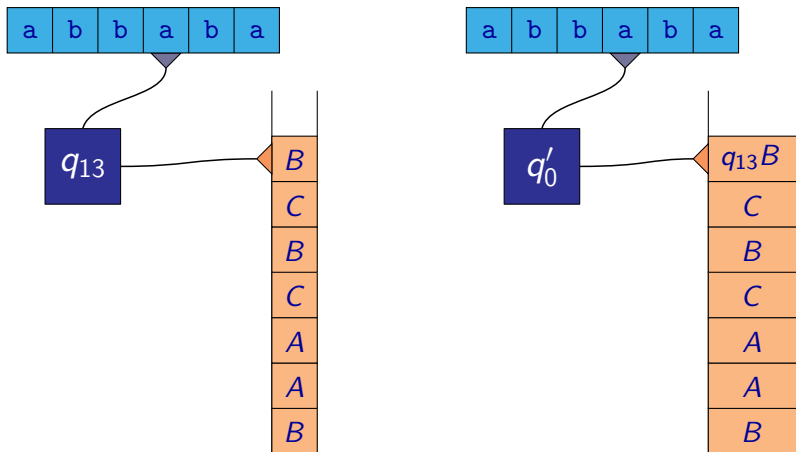
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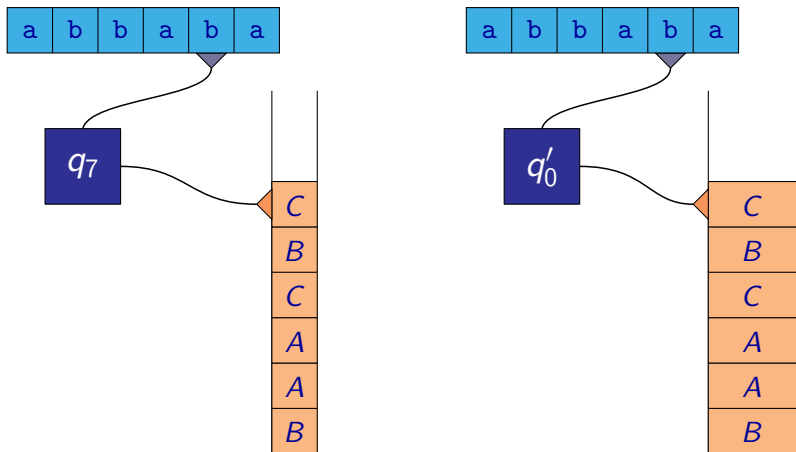
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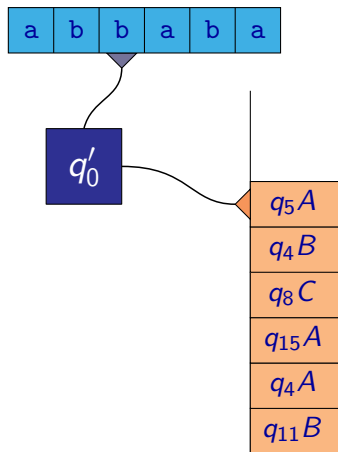
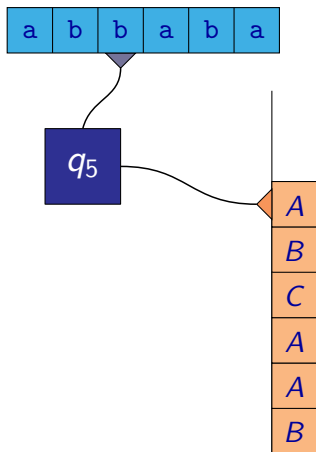
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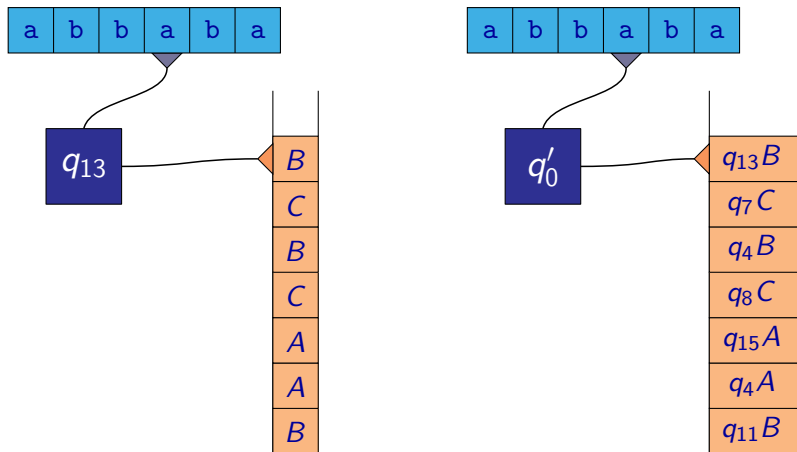
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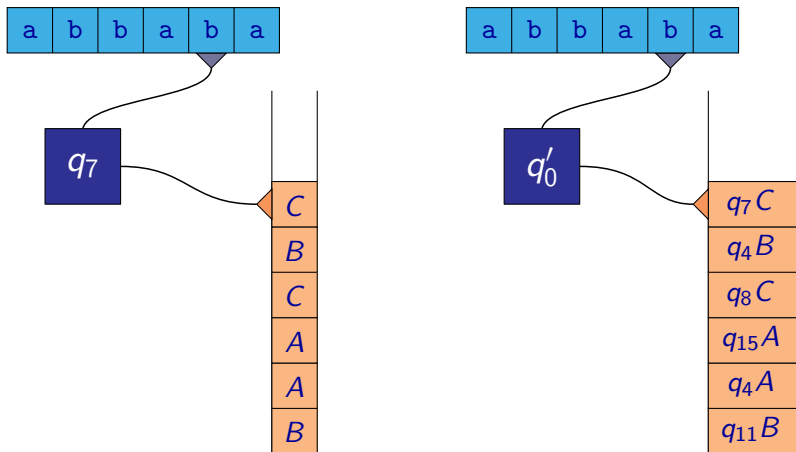
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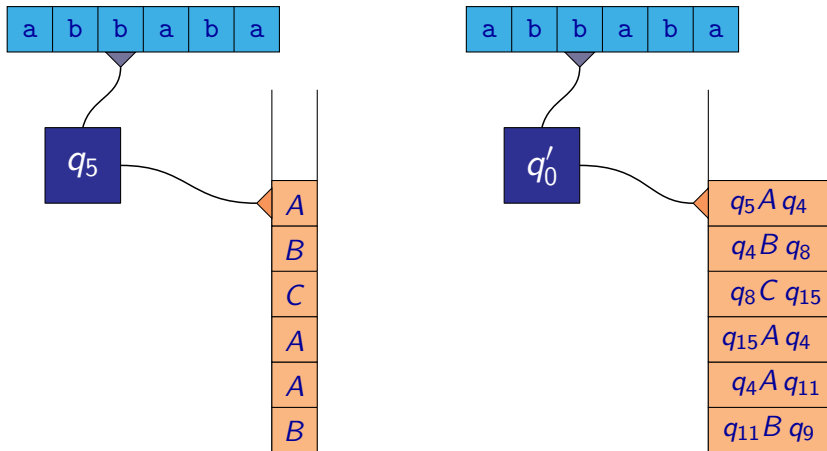
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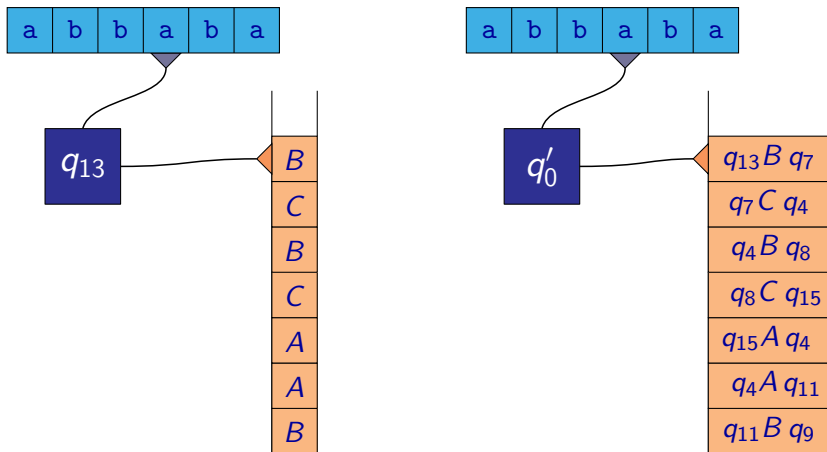
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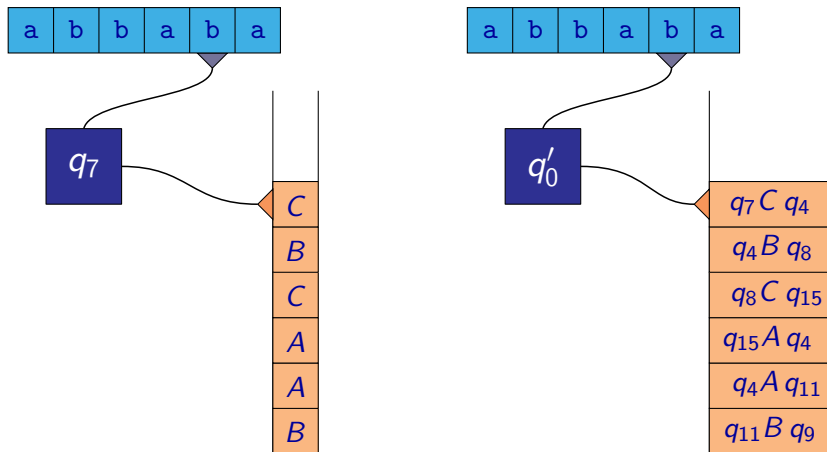
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