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### Deterministic PDA's

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# Deterministic PDA's



A PDA with restrictions that:

- At most one move possible in any configuration.
  - For any state p, a ∈ A, and X ∈ Γ: at most one move of the form (p, a, X) → (q, γ) or (p, ε, X) → (q, γ).
  - Effectively, a DPDA must see the current state, and top of stack, and decide whether to make an  $\epsilon$ -move or read input and move.
- Accepts by final state.
- We need a right-end marker "⊣" for the input,

# Example DPDA

# Example DPDA for $\{a^nb^n \mid n \ge 0\}$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} (s,a,\bot) & \to & (p,A\bot) \\ (p,a,A) & \to & (p,AA) \\ (p,b,A) & \to & (q,\epsilon) \\ (q,b,A) & \to & (q,\epsilon) \\ (q,\dashv,\bot) & \to & (t,\bot) \\ (s,\dashv,\bot) & \to & (t,\bot). \end{array}$$

# State Diagram of DPDA $\frac{1/1/\epsilon}{b/A/\epsilon}$ q $\frac{1/1/1}{t}$ a/A/AA $b/A/\epsilon$

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### **Example DPDA**



Class of languages accepted by DPDA's are called DCFL's.

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Complementing DPDA's

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### DCFL's are closed under complementation

### Theorem (Closure under complementation)

The class of languages definable by Deterministic Pushdown Automata (i.e. DCFL's) is closed under complementation.

### Problem with complementing a DPDA

# Try flipping final and non-final states. Problems?



Loops denote an infinite sequence of  $\epsilon$ -moves.

### Desirable form of DPDA

### Goal is to convert the DPDA into the form:

That is, always reads its input and reaches a final/reject sink state.

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Then we can make r' the unique accepting state, to accept the complement of M.

### **Construction - Step 1**

Let  $M = (Q, A, \Gamma, s, \delta, \bot, F)$  be given DPDA. First construct DPDA M' which

- Does not get stuck due to no transition or stack empty.
- Has only "sink" final states.

### Construction - Step 1

Define 
$$M' = (Q \cup Q' \cup \{s_1, r, r'\}, A, \Gamma \cup \{\bot, s_1, \delta', \bot, F')$$
 where

• 
$$Q' = \{q' \mid q \in Q\}$$
 and  $F' = \{f' \mid f \in F\}.$ 

- $\delta'$  is obtained from  $\delta$  as follows:
  - Assume *M* is "complete" (does not get stuck due to no transition). (If not, add a dead state and add transitions to it.)
  - Make sure M' never empties its stack, keep track of whether we have seen end of input (primed states) or not (unprimed states):

### After Step 1

### DPDA M' only has the following kinds of behaviours now:



Loops denote an infinite sequence of  $\epsilon$ -moves.

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### Construction - Step 2

A spurious transition in M' is a transition of the form  $(p, \epsilon, X) \rightarrow (q, \gamma)$  such that

$$(p,\epsilon,X) \stackrel{*}{\Rightarrow} (p,\epsilon,X\alpha)$$

for some stack contents  $\alpha$ .

$$p \longrightarrow x$$
  $\Rightarrow$   $p \swarrow x$ 

Identify spurious transitions in M' and remove them: If  $(p, \epsilon, X) \rightarrow (q, \gamma)$  is a spurious transition, replace it with

$$\begin{array}{rcl} (p,\epsilon,X) & \to & (r,X) & \text{ If } p \in Q \\ (p,\epsilon,X) & \to & (r',X) & \text{ If } p \in Q' - F \end{array}$$

### Correctness

Argue that:

- Deleting a spurious transition (starting from a non-*F*'-final state) does not change the language of *M*'.
- All infinite loops use a spurious transition.
  - Look at graph of stack height along infinite loop, and argue that there are infinitely many future minimas.



- Further look at transitions applied at these points and observe that one must repeat.
- Thus replacing spurious transitions as described earlier will remove the remaining undesirable loops from M''s behaviours.

# Complementing

• Resulting *M*<sup>''</sup> has the desired behaviour (every run either reaches a final sink state or the reject sink state *r*'.).



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• Now make r' unique final state to complement the language of *M*.

### Detecting spurious transitions

### Question: How can we effectively detect spurious transitions?

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### Detecting spurious transitions

Question: How can we effectively detect spurious transitions? Use algorithm for pushdown reachablity.