

1. Consider the context free language $L = \{a^m b^n c^l d^m \mid l, m, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$.

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(a) Give a context free grammar for the language L .

$$S \rightarrow aSd \mid \varepsilon \mid T$$

$$T \rightarrow bT \mid Tc \mid \varepsilon$$

(b) Relative to the grammar you gave in part (a) give a left-most derivation for the string $aabbcbdd$.

$$S \Rightarrow aSd$$

$$\Rightarrow aaSdd$$

$$\Rightarrow aaTdd$$

$$\Rightarrow aabTdd$$

$$\Rightarrow aabbTdd$$

$$\Rightarrow aabbbTdd$$

$$\Rightarrow aabbbTcdd$$

$$\Rightarrow aabbbcbdd$$

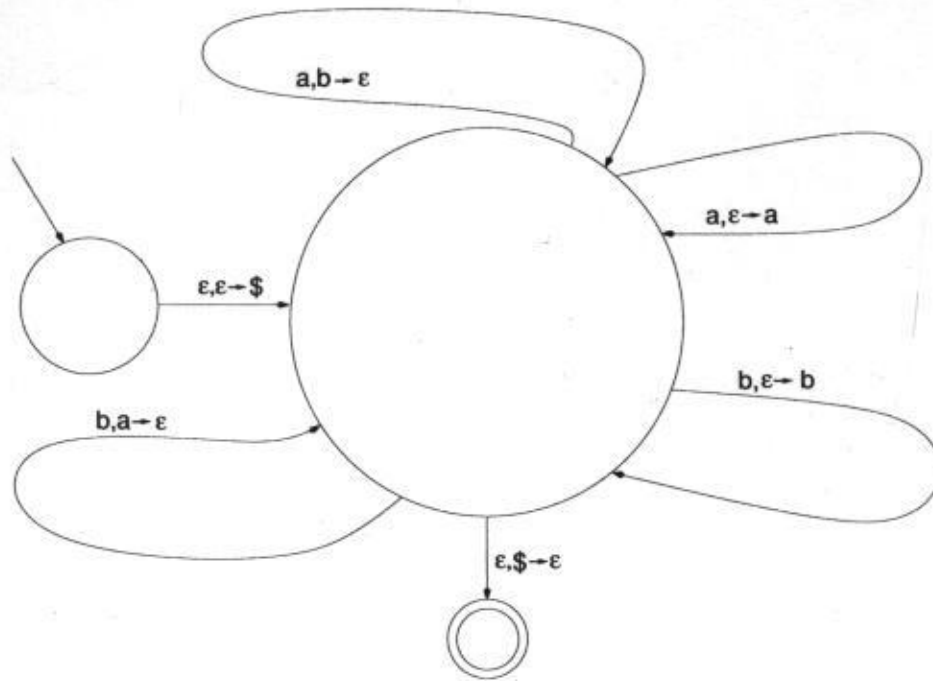
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2. Describe succinctly in English the language recognized by the PDA shown below

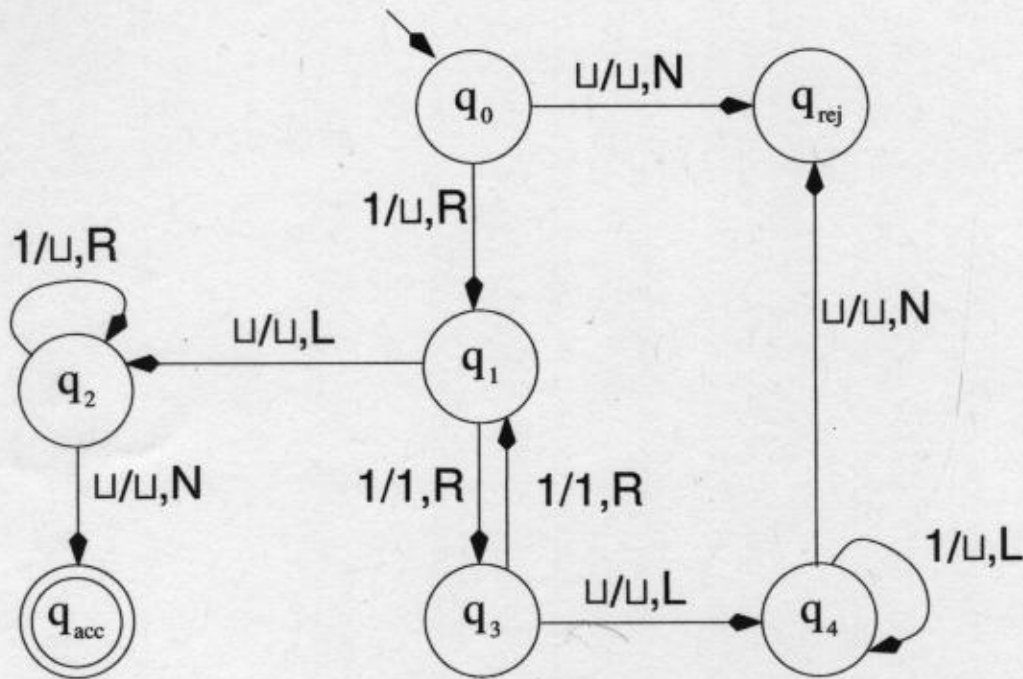
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All strings over $\{a, b\}$ which have equal numbers of a's and b's.

3. For the Turing machine below:

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(a) List the configurations this machine passes through when started on the string 11.

$q_0(11) \vdash \vdash q_1(11) \vdash \vdash q_3(\underline{1}) \vdash \vdash q_4 \vdash q_4(\underline{1}) \vdash q_{rej}(\underline{1})$

(b) Describe in English exactly what this machine does when it is started with a string of 1s on its input tape.

An empty string is immediately rejected. The pair of states q_1/q_3 forms a flip/flop system. After 1^{2n+1} states is q_1 , after scanning 1^{2n} state is q_3 . When first blank seen is when machine is in q_1 (input was 1^{2n+1}) the last 1 of input is erased & T.M. goes to q_{acc} . When first blank seen is when machine is in q_3 (input was $1^{2s}, s > 0$) the T.M. erases its tapes, rewinds to left cell & rejects.

4. The context free pumping lemma may be used to show each of the three languages below is NOT context free. Using the letter ℓ to denote the pumping constant, in each case give a string $w = w_1$ and an $i \in \mathbb{N}$ such that the resulting pumped string w_i contradicts the assertion of the context free pumping lemma.

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(a)

$$L = \{x \in \{a, b, c\}^* \mid |x|_a = |x|_b = |x|_c\}$$

My choice for w would be: $a^\ell b^\ell c^\ell$ My choice for i would be:any natural numbers
except 1

(b)

$$L = \{uu \mid u \in \{a, b\}^*\}$$

My choice for w would be: $a^\ell b^\ell a^\ell b^\ell$ My choice for i would be:

any natural number except 1

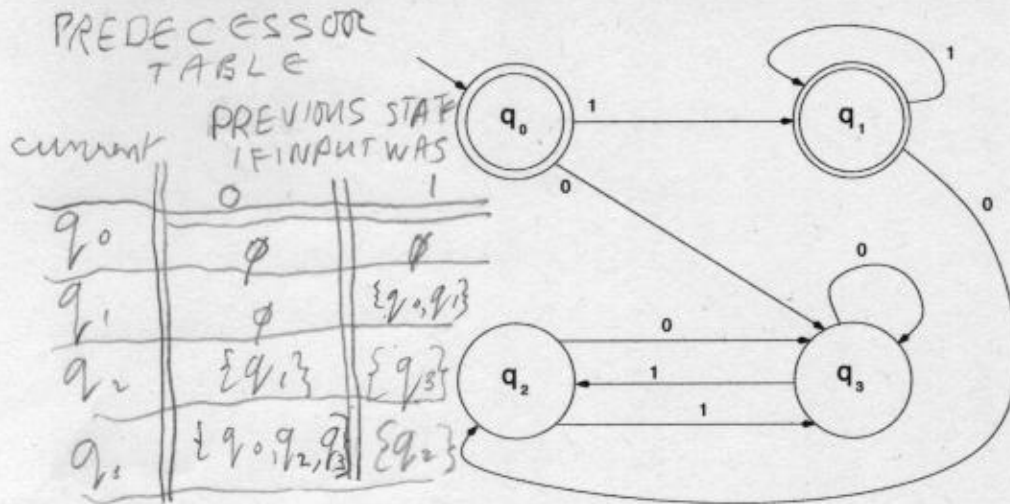
(c)

$$L = \{a^{(n^2)}b^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

My choice for w would be: $a^{(\ell^2)}b^\ell$ My choice for i would be:

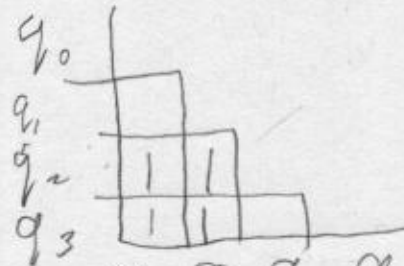
0 or 1 or 2

5. Using the "table" method described in lectures and labs, find the equivalent finite state machine to the one shown below which has the minimum number of states.



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TABLE OF DISTINGUISHABLE STATE PAIRS



One passes thru this distinguishable q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3 pairs finds that there no more derived pairs to be added.

From the table, the indistinguishable pairs are: $\{q_0, q_1\}$ and $\{q_2, q_3\}$.

