

Lemma

If a PDA recognises a language, then it is context free

Proof Sketch (by Construction)

For PDA $P = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, \{q_{accept}\})$ construct G with variables

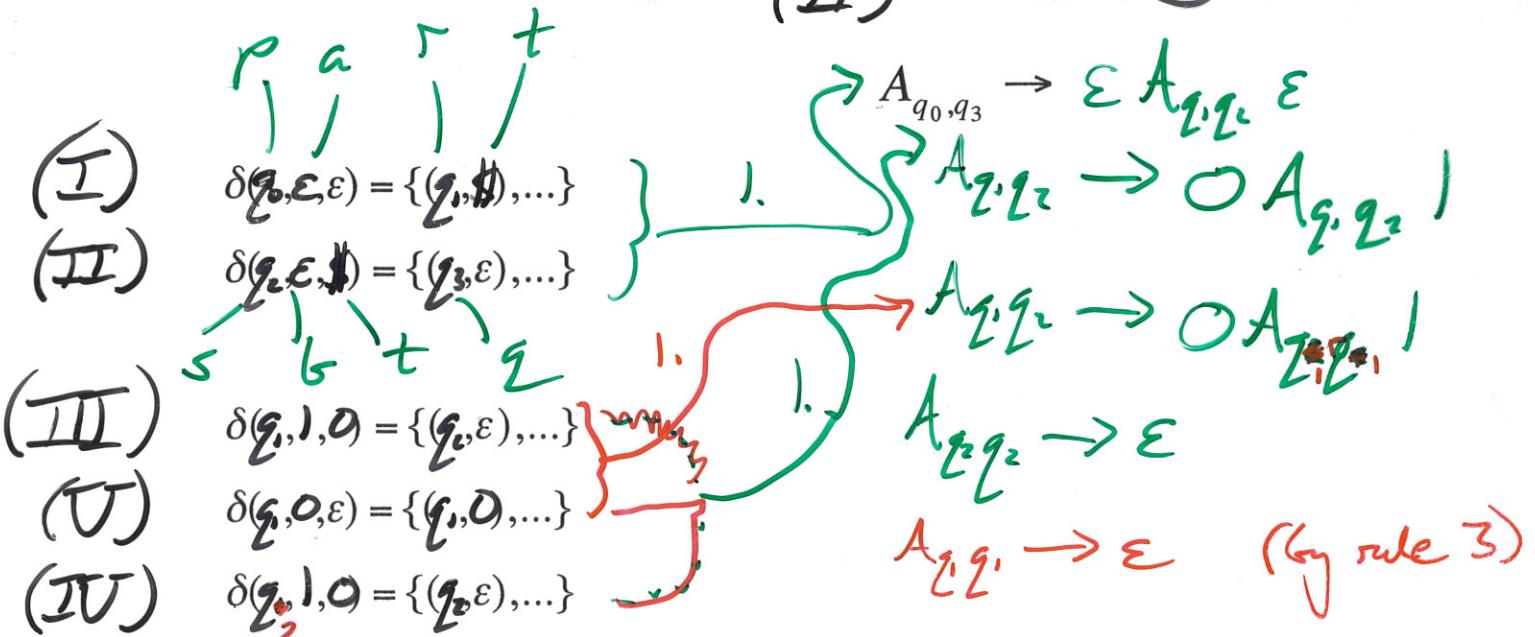
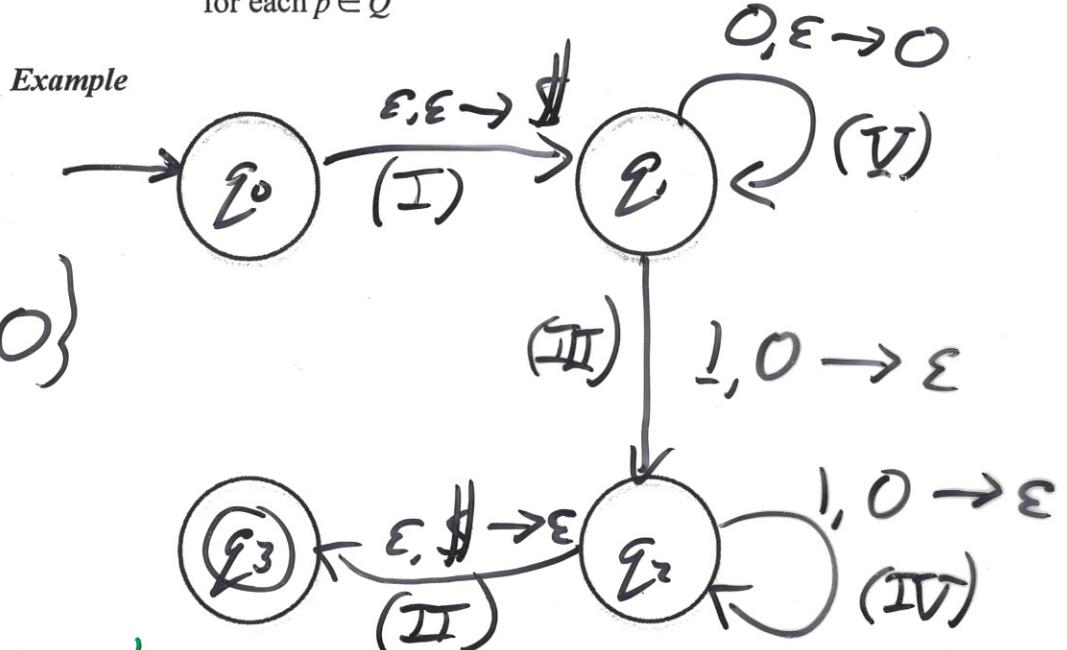
$\{A_{pq} \mid p, q \in Q\}$, start variable $A_{q_0, q_{accept}}$ and rules:

1. $A_{pq} \rightarrow a A_{rs} b$ for each $p, q, r, s \in Q$, $t \in \Gamma$ and $a, b \in \Sigma_\epsilon$, if $\delta(p, a, t)$ contains (r, b) and $\delta(s, b, t)$ contains (q, ϵ)
2. $A_{pq} \rightarrow A_{pr} A_{rq}$ for each $p, q, r \in Q$
3. $A_{pp} \rightarrow \epsilon$ for each $p \in Q$

take PDA from start state to accept state, with empty stack

Example

$\{\sigma^n \mid n > 0\}$



Claim (proof in Sipser)

A_{pq} generates string $x \Leftrightarrow x$ can bring PDA from state p with empty stack to q with empty stack