
COMP20121 The Implementation and Power of Computer Languages

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LECTURE FIVE

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We want to allow it to just perform stack operations *without advancing on the input string*. (This will typically happen when there is a non-terminal symbol on top of the stack.)

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Non-deterministic choice

Definition 12 (continued) A **non-deterministic pushdown automaton**, *NPDA* or *PDA* differs in this only by the fact that δ is a relation rather than a function.

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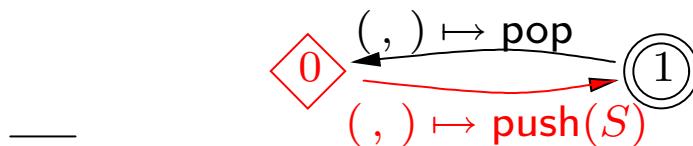
The content of the stack at that time is irrelevant.

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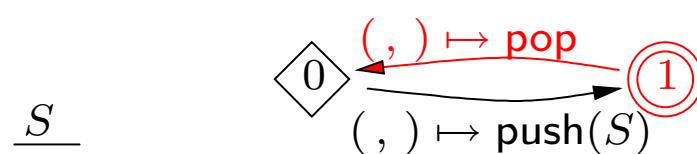
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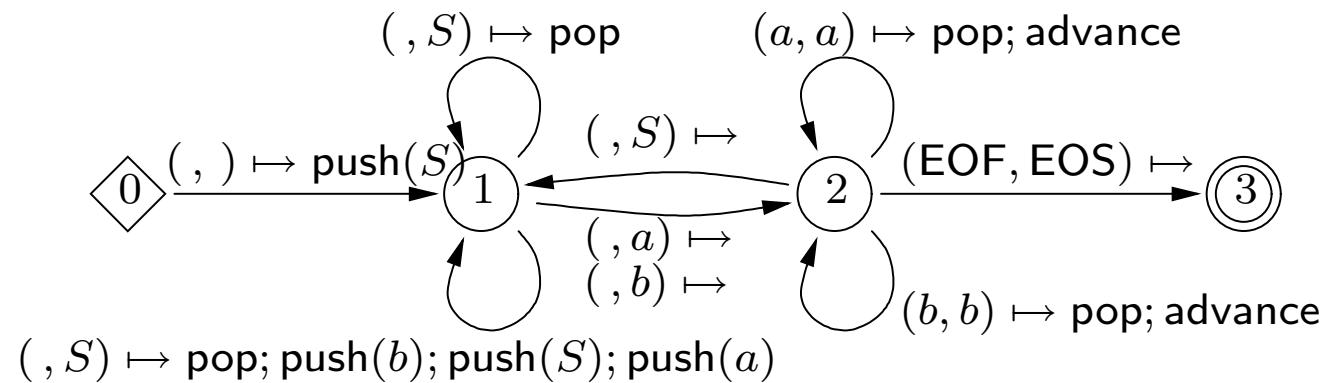
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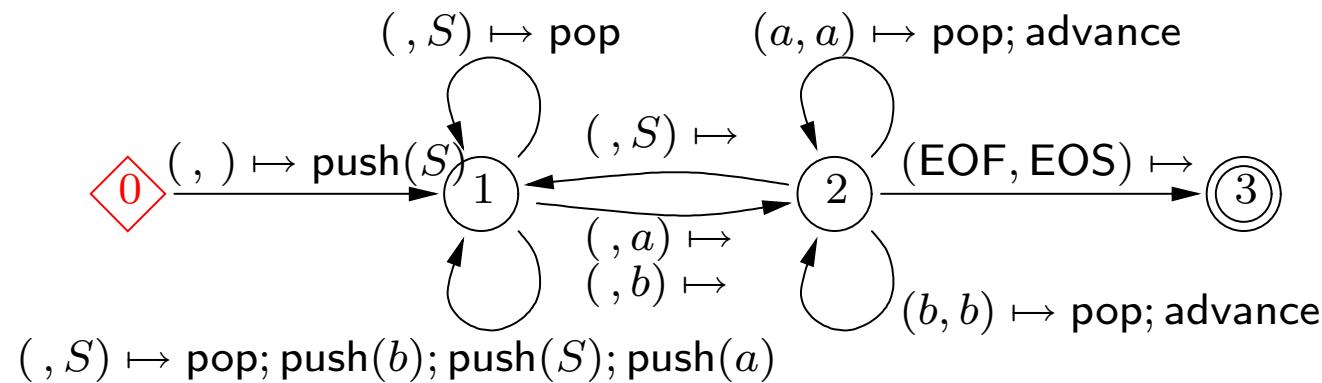
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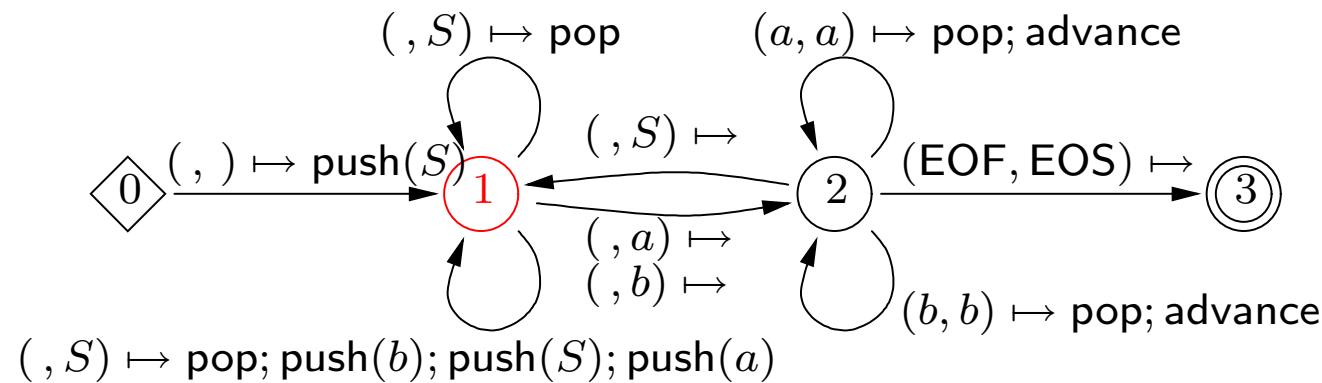
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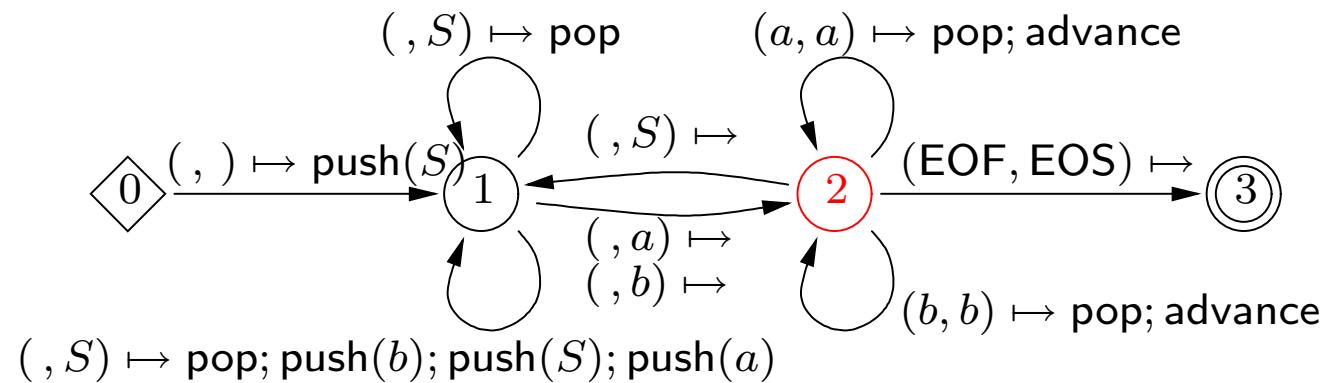
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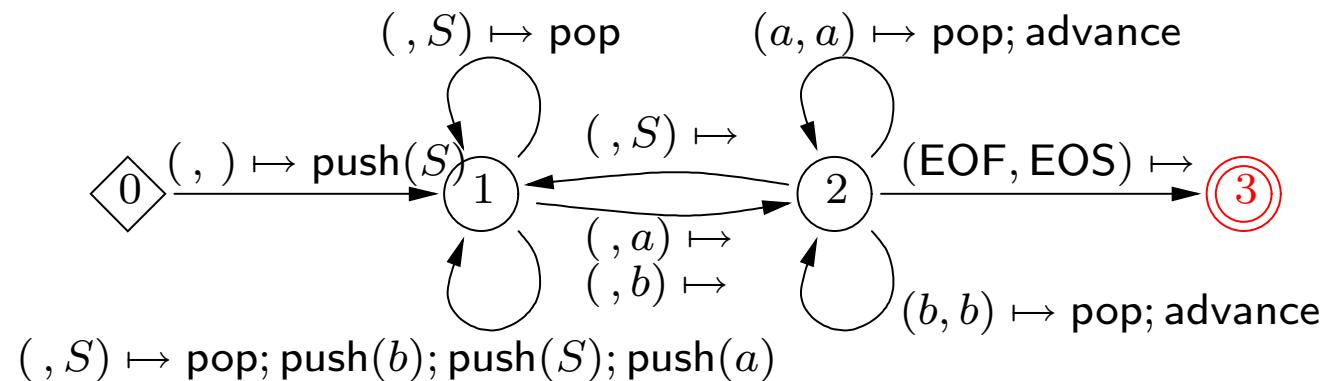
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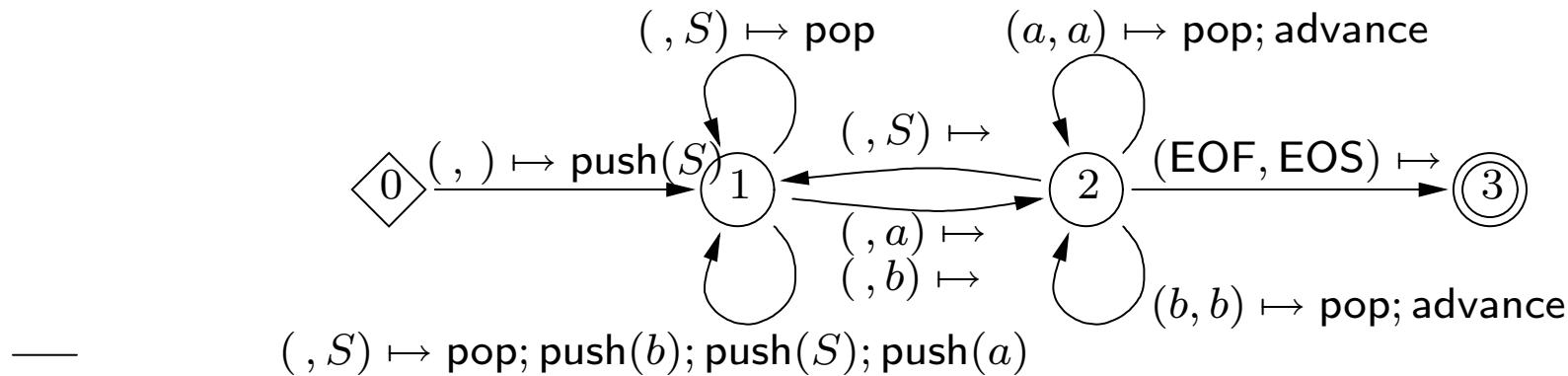
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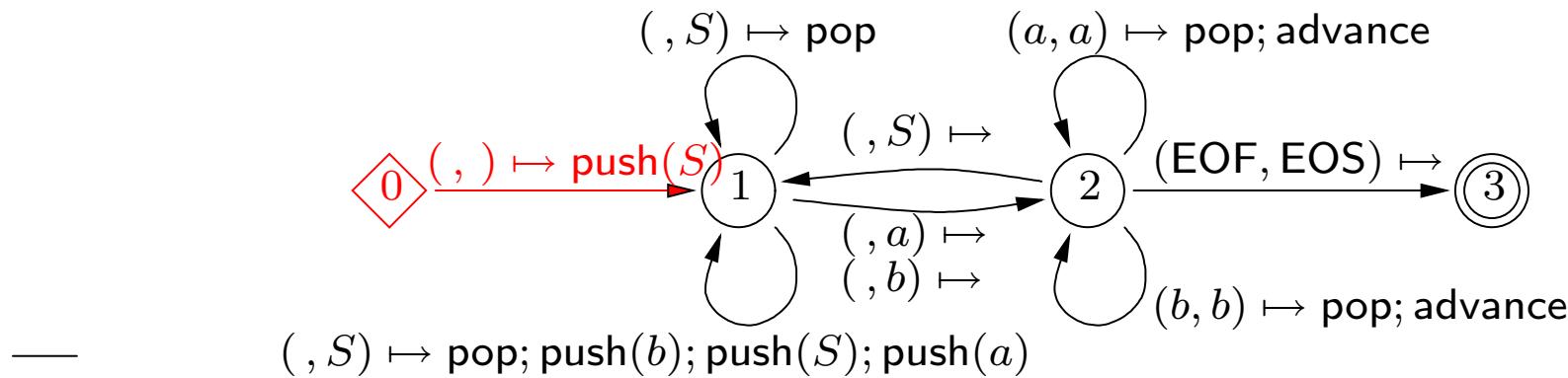
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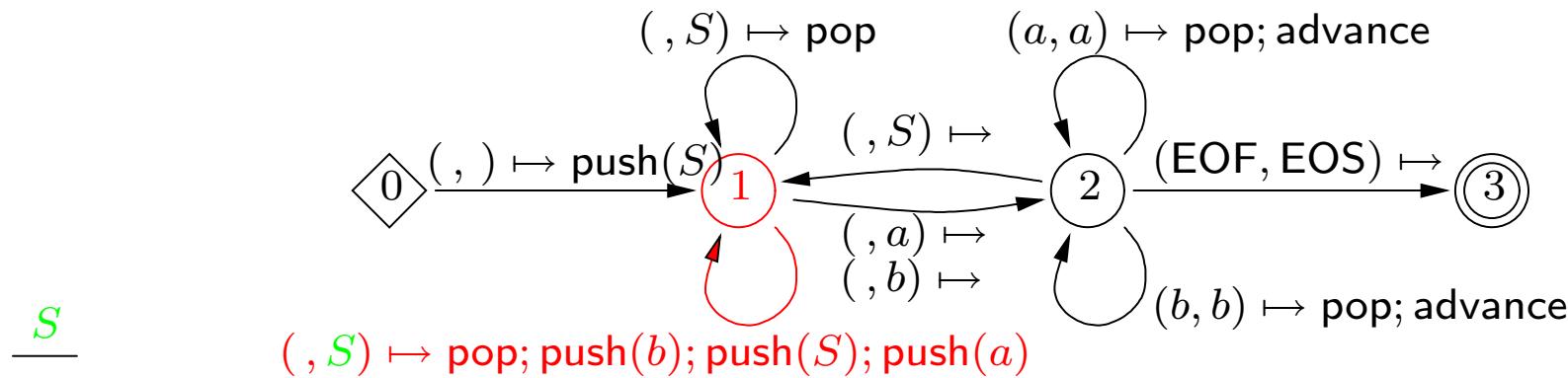
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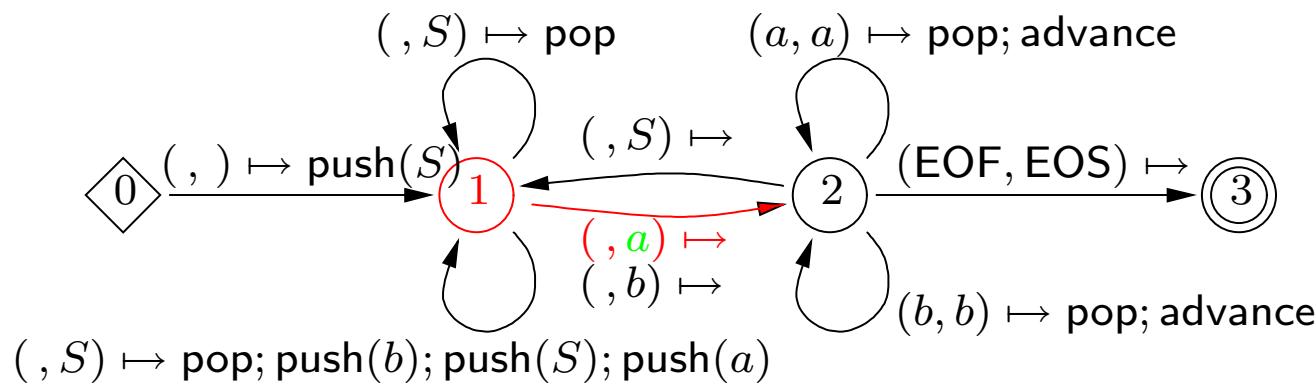


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a
S
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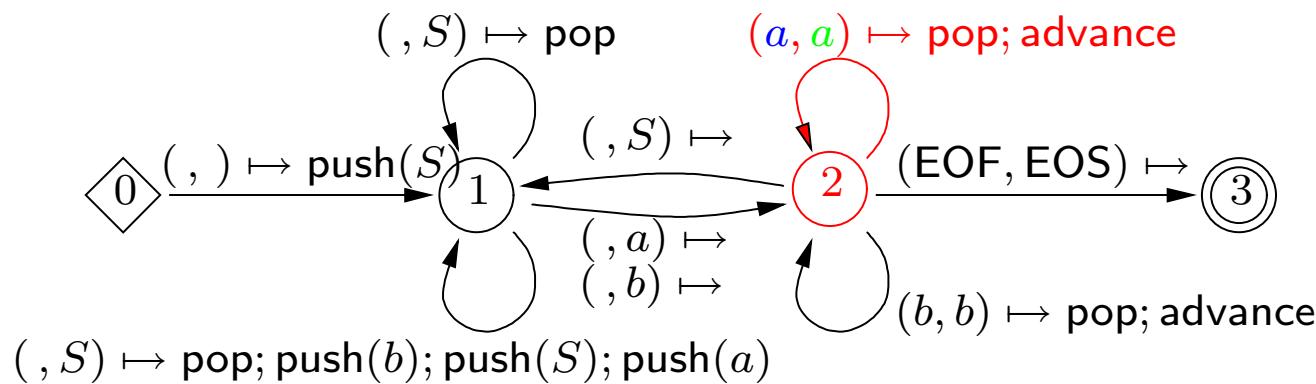


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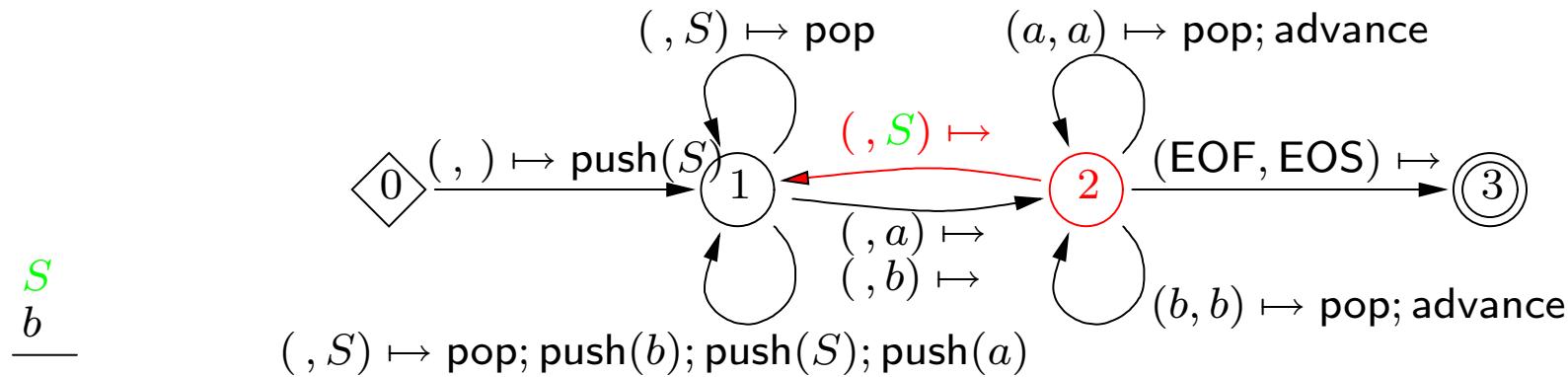
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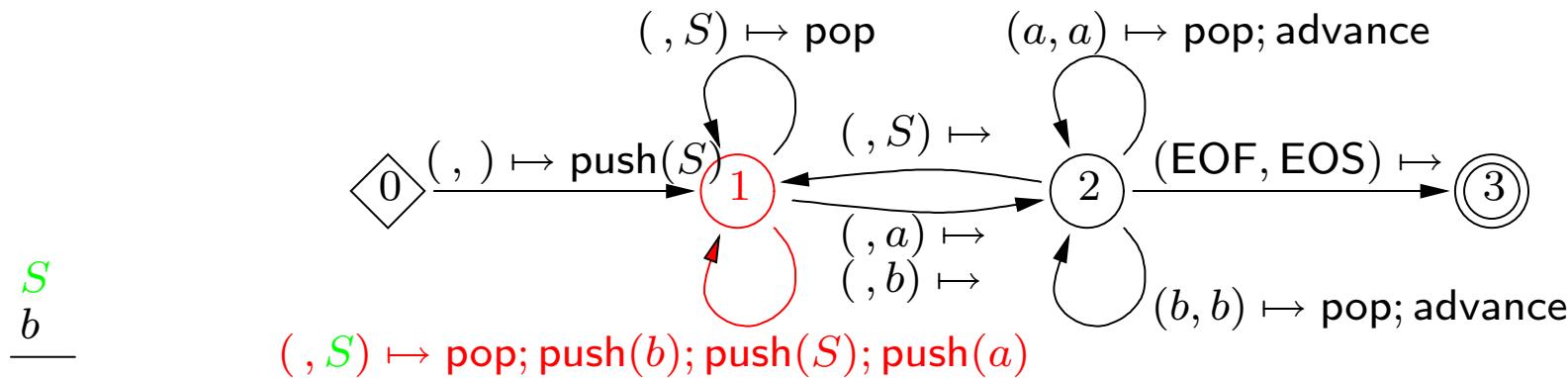
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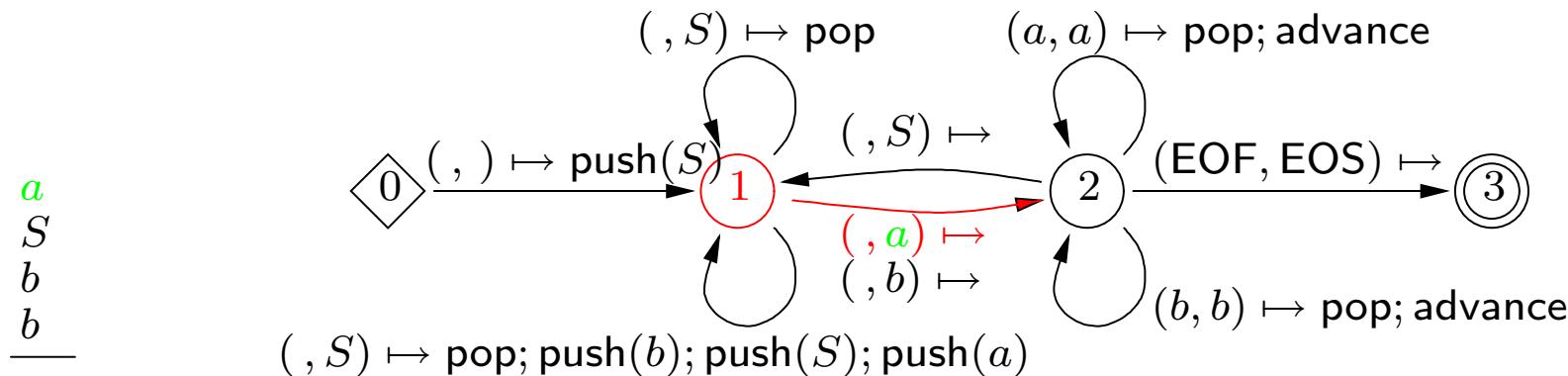
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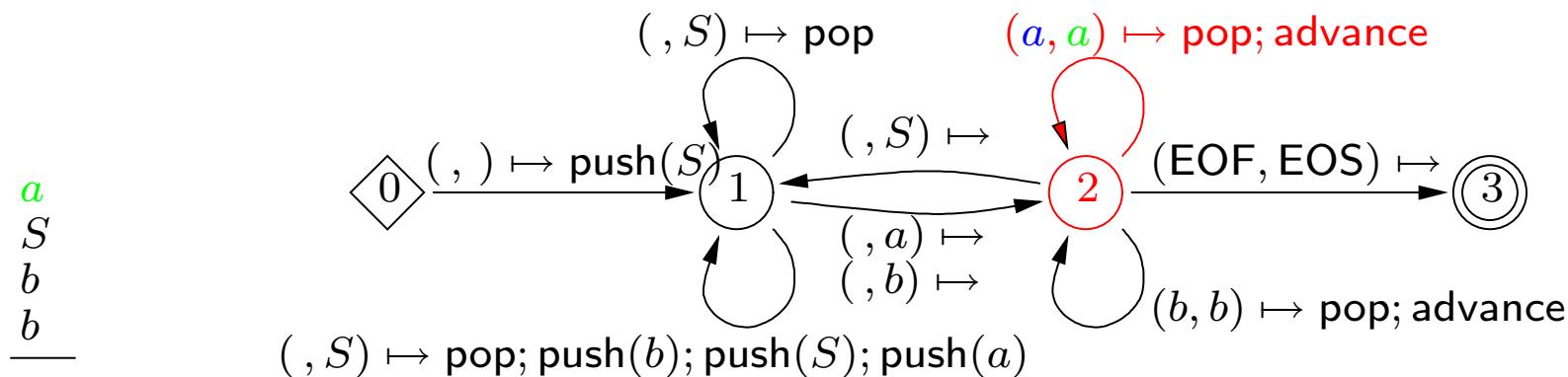
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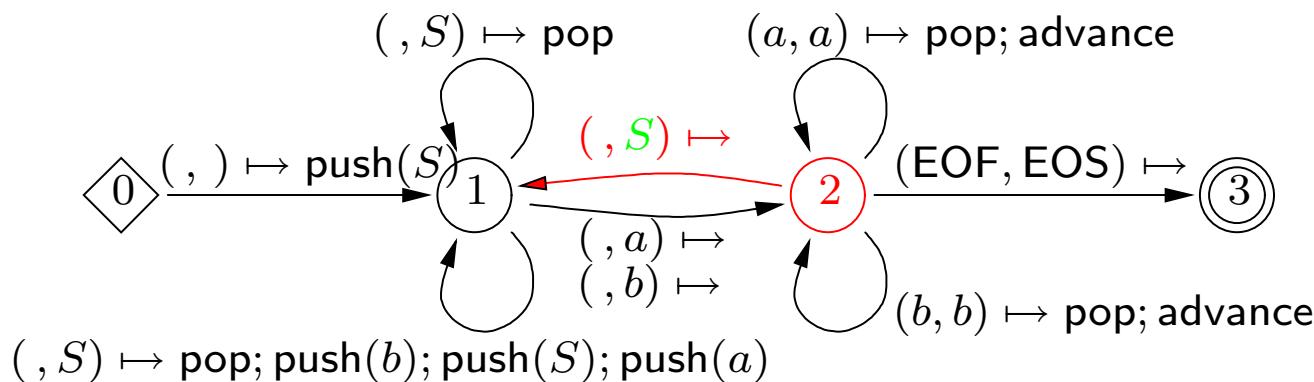


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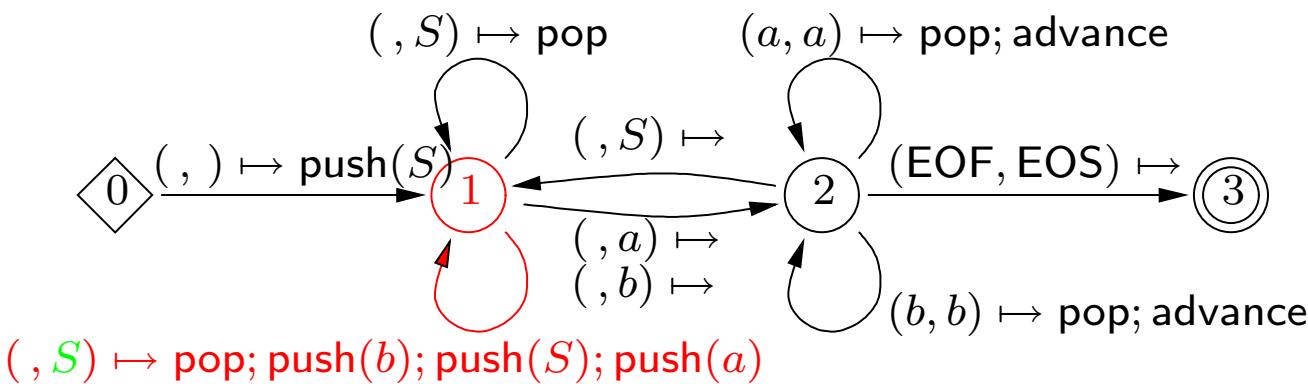


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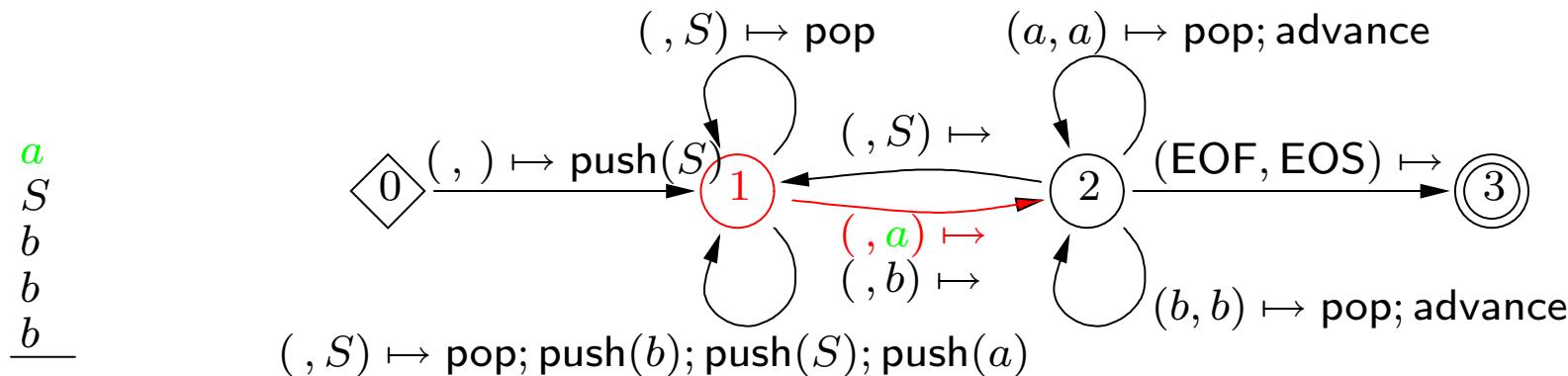
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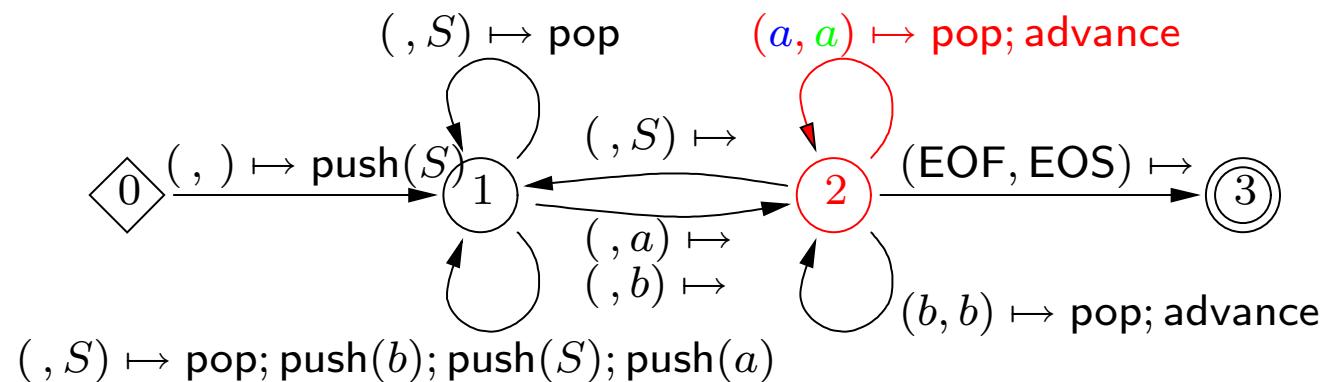


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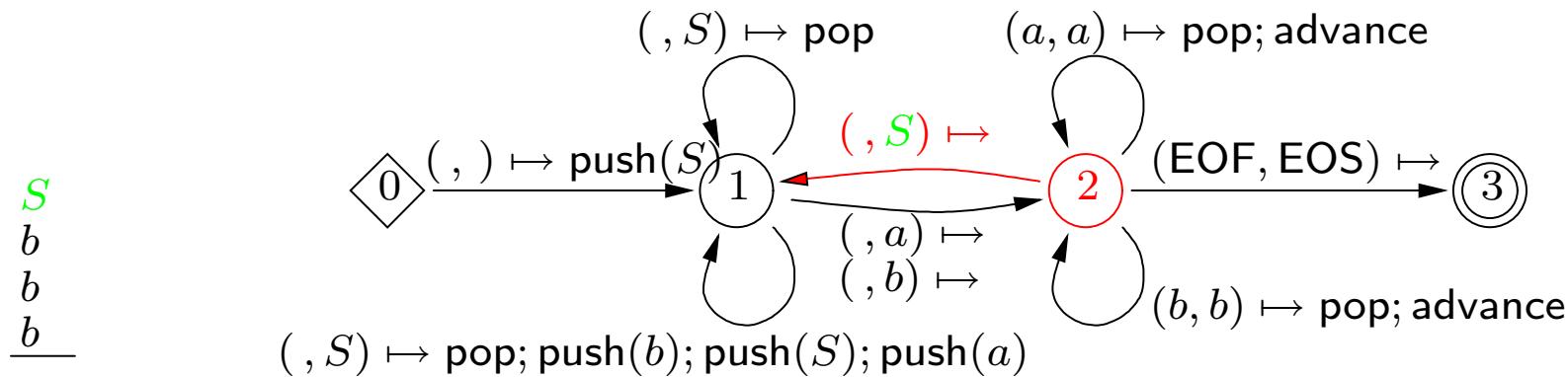
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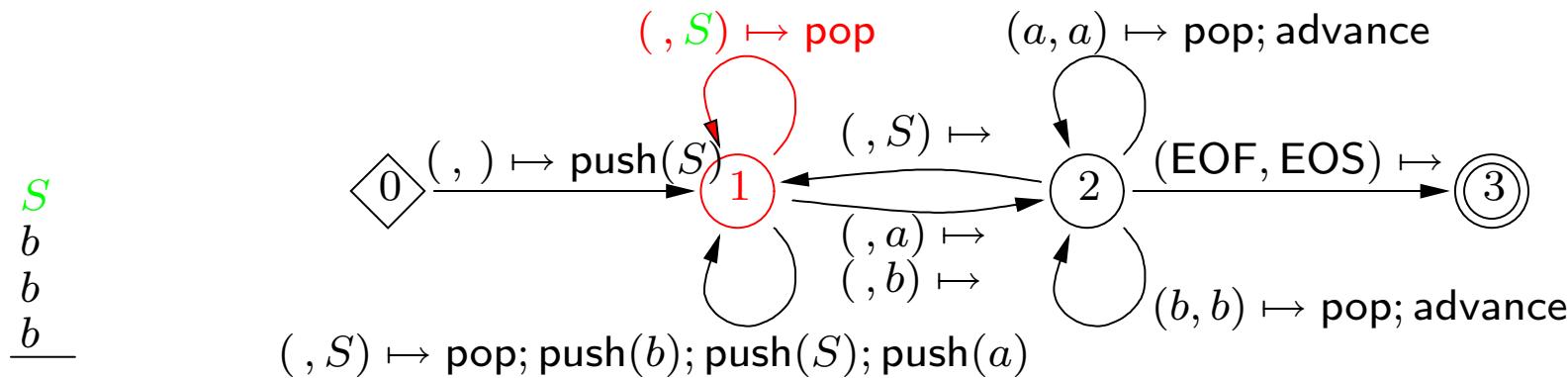
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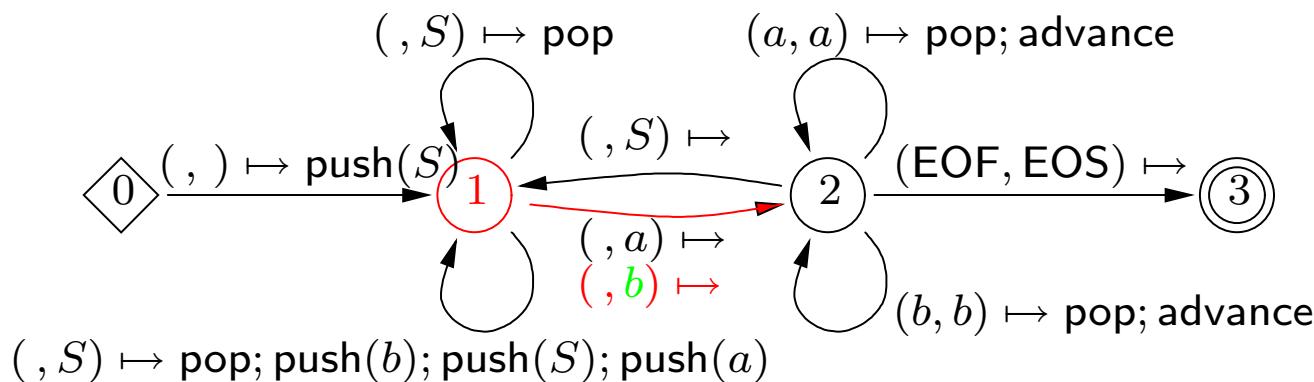


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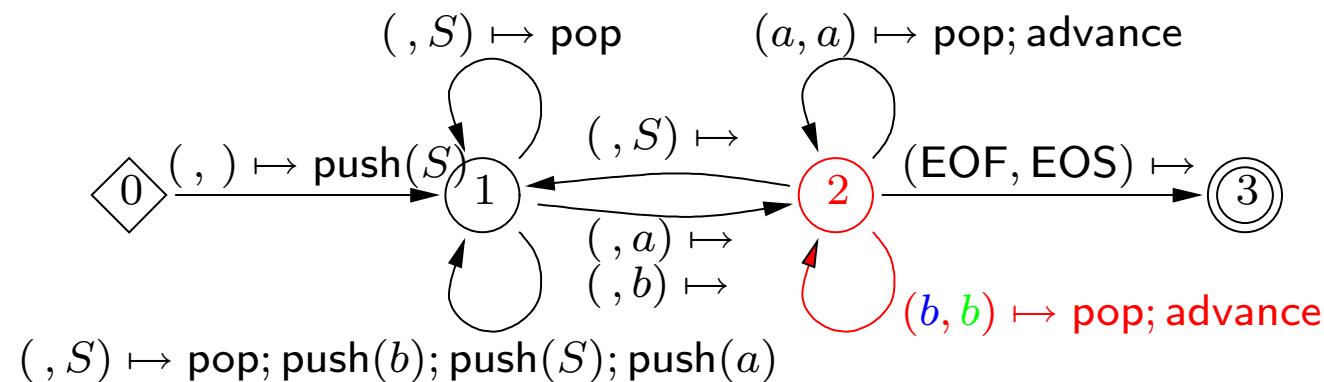
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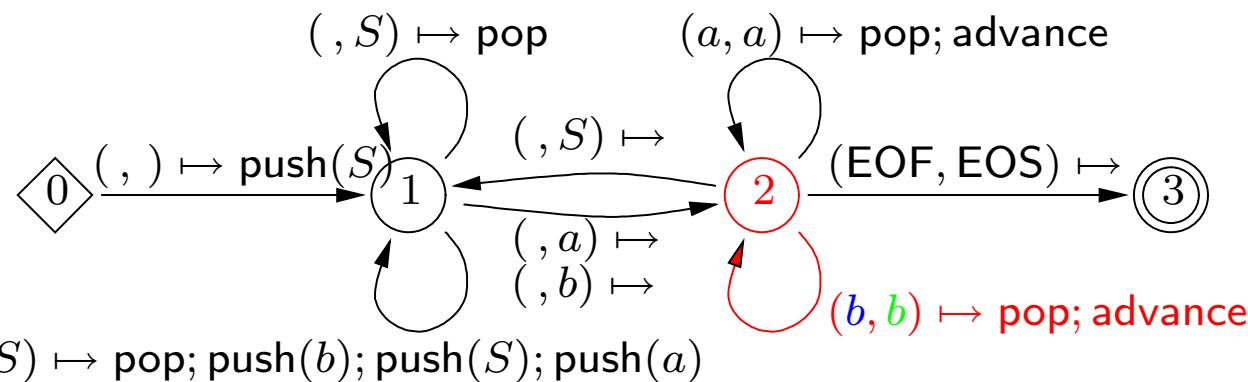


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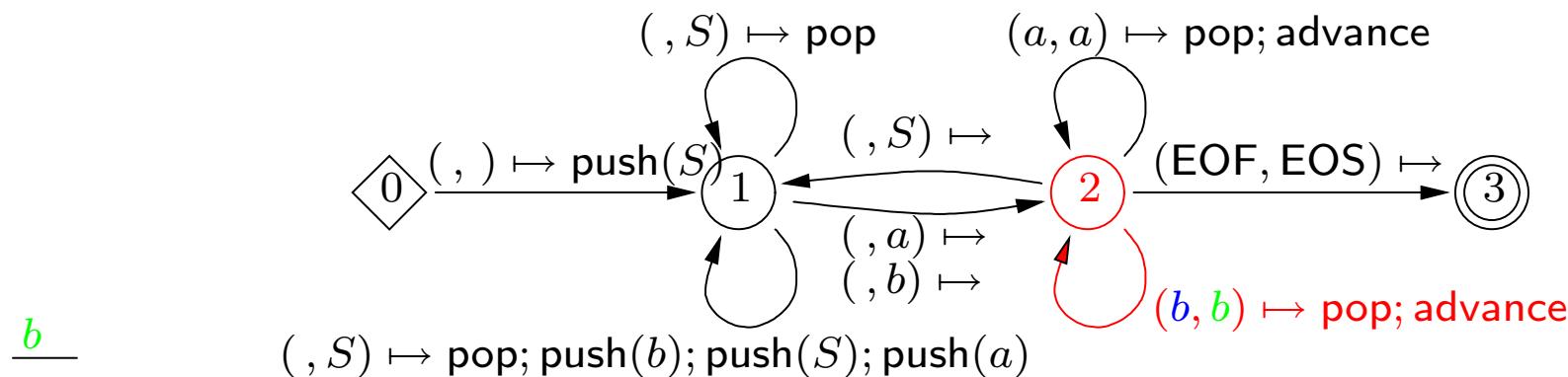


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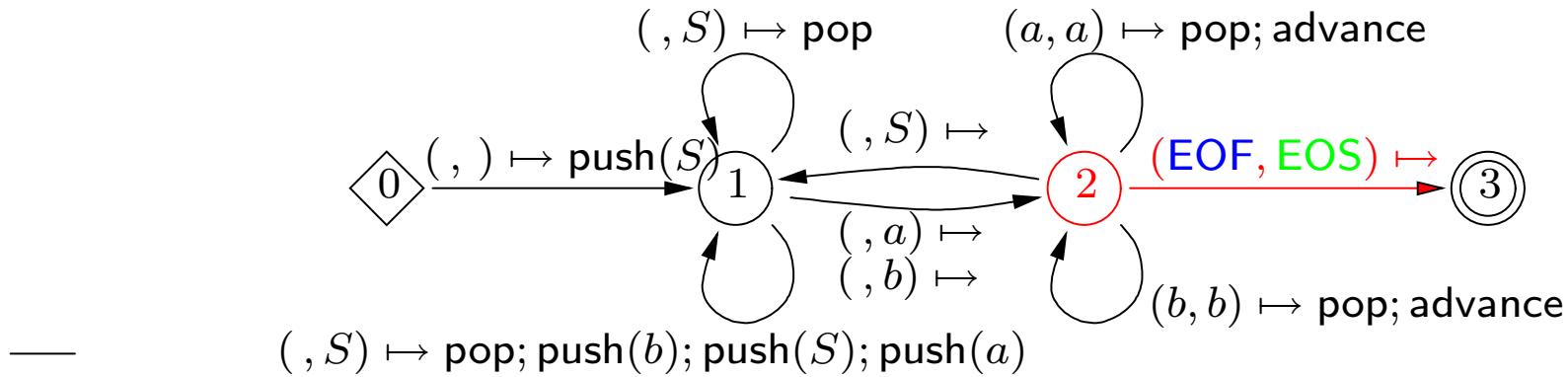
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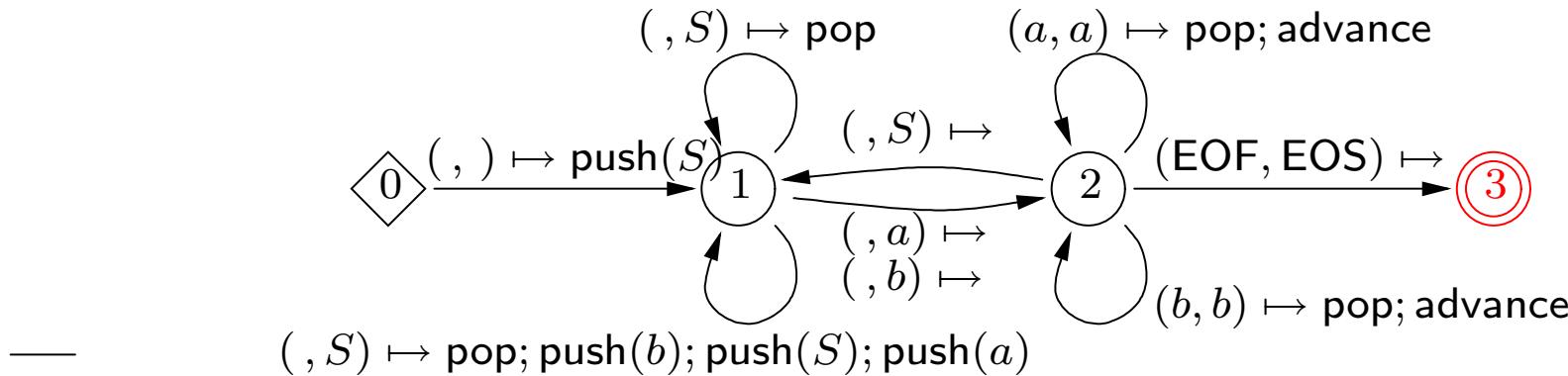
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0	$aaabbbEOF$	EOS	$\text{push}(S)$	1
1	$aaabbbEOF$	$SEOS$	$\text{pop}; \text{push}(b); \text{push}(S); \text{push}(a)$	1
1	$aaabbbEOF$	$aSbEOS$		2
2	$aaabbbEOF$	$aSbEOS$	$\text{pop}; \text{advance}$	2
2	$aabbbbEOF$	$SbEOS$		1
1	$aabbbbEOF$	$SbEOS$	$\text{pop}; \text{push}(b); \text{push}(S); \text{push}(a)$	1
1	$aabbbbEOF$	$aSbbEOS$		2
2	$aabbbbEOF$	$aSbbEOS$	$\text{pop}; \text{advance}$	2
2	$abbbbEOF$	$SbbEOS$		1
1	$abbbbEOF$	$SbbEOS$	$\text{pop}; \text{push}(b); \text{push}(S); \text{push}(a)$	1
1	$abbbbEOF$	$aSbbbEOS$		2
2	$abbbbEOF$	$aSbbbEOS$	$\text{pop}; \text{advance}$	2

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1	$aaabbbEOF$	$aSbEOS$		2
2	$aaabbbEOF$	$aSbEOS$	$\text{pop}; \text{advance}$	2
2	$aabbbbEOF$	$SbEOS$		1
1	$aabbbbEOF$	$SbEOS$	$\text{pop}; \text{push}(b); \text{push}(S); \text{push}(a)$	1
1	$aabbbbEOF$	$aSbbEOS$		2
2	$aabbbbEOF$	$aSbbEOS$	$\text{pop}; \text{advance}$	2
2	$abbbbEOF$	$SbbEOS$		1
1	$abbbbEOF$	$SbbEOS$	$\text{pop}; \text{push}(b); \text{push}(S); \text{push}(a)$	1
1	$abbbbEOF$	$aSbbbEOS$		2
2	$abbbbEOF$	$aSbbbEOS$	$\text{pop}; \text{advance}$	2
2	$bbbEOF$	$SbbbEOS$		1

PDA processing an input string-III

old state	remaining input	stack contents	actions	new state
:	:	:	:	:
2	$abbEOF$	$aSbbbEOS$	pop; advance	2
2	$bbbEOF$	$SbbbEOS$		1

PDA processing an input string-III

old state	remaining input	stack contents	actions	new state
:	:	:	:	:
2	$abbEOF$	$aSbbbEOS$	pop; advance	2
2	$bbEOF$	$SbbbEOS$		1
1	$bbEOF$	$SbbbEOS$	pop	1

PDA processing an input string-III

old state	remaining input	stack contents	actions	new state
:	:	:	:	:
2	abb bEOF	$aSbb$ bEOS	pop; advance	2
2	bb bEOF	Sbb bEOS		1
1	bb bEOF	Sbb bEOS	pop	1
1	bb bEOF	bb bEOS		2

PDA processing an input string-III

old state	remaining input	stack contents	actions	new state
:	:	:	:	:
2	abb bEOF	$aSbb$ bEOS	pop; advance	2
2	bb bEOF	Sbb bEOS		1
1	bb bEOF	Sbb bEOS	pop	1
1	bb bEOF	bb bEOS		2
2	bb bEOF	bb bEOS	pop; advance	2

PDA processing an input string-III

old state	remaining input	stack contents	actions	new state
:	:	:	:	:
2	abb bEOF	$aSbbbEOS$	pop; advance	2
2	bb bEOF	$SbbbEOS$		1
1	bb bEOF	$SbbbEOS$	pop	1
1	bb bEOF	$bbbEOS$		2
2	bb bEOF	$bbbEOS$	pop; advance	2
2	bb EOF	$bbEOS$	pop; advance	2

PDA processing an input string-III

old state	remaining input	stack contents	actions	new state
:	:	:	:	:
2	$abbbEOF$	$aSbbbEOS$	pop; advance	2
2	$bbbEOF$	$SbbbEOS$		1
1	$bbbEOF$	$SbbbEOS$	pop	1
1	$bbbEOF$	$bbbEOS$		2
2	$bbbEOF$	$bbbEOS$	pop; advance	2
2	$bbEOF$	$bbEOS$	pop; advance	2
2	$bEOF$	$bEOS$	pop; advance	2

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:	:	:	:	:
2	$abbbEOF$	$aSbbbEOS$	pop; advance	2
2	$bbbEOF$	$SbbbEOS$		1
1	$bbbEOF$	$SbbbEOS$	pop	1
1	$bbbEOF$	$bbbEOS$		2
2	$bbbEOF$	$bbbEOS$	pop; advance	2
2	$bbEOF$	$bbEOS$	pop; advance	2
2	$bEOF$	$bEOS$	pop; advance	2
2	EOF	EOS		3