## Fairness, Place/Transition Invariants, and Siphons and Traps

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## Design-time analysis vs run-time analysis



## Outline

- Fairness
- Place/transition invariants
- Siphons and traps


## Relevant material

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Today's focus is on $1 \& 2$.

## Fairness

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## Properties defined earlier ...

Definition 9 (Basic properties). Let $N=(P, T, F, W)$ be a Petri net and $M \in \mathbb{B}(P)$ be a marking.

- $(N, M)$ is terminating if and only if there is a $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|\sigma| \leq k$ for any firing sequence $\sigma$ (i.e., $(N, M)[\sigma\rangle)$.
$-(N, M)$ is deadlock-free if and only if for any $M^{\prime} \in R(N, M)$ there exists a transition $t$ such that $\left(N, M^{\prime}\right)[t\rangle$.
$-(N, M)$ is live if and only if for any $t \in T$ and any $M^{\prime} \in R(N, M)$ there exists a $M^{\prime \prime} \in R\left(N, M^{\prime}\right)$ such that $\left(N, M^{\prime \prime}\right)[t\rangle$.
$-(N, M)$ is bounded if and only if there is a $k \in I N$ such that for any $M^{\prime} \in R(N, M)$ and any $p \in P: M^{\prime}(p) \leq k$.
- $(N, M)$ is safe if and only if for any $M^{\prime} \in R(N, M)$ and any $p \in P: M^{\prime}(p) \leq 1$.
$-(N, M)$ is reversible if and only if for any $M^{\prime} \in R(N, M): M \in$ $R\left(N, M^{\prime}\right)$.


## We use the fairness notions also used by CPN Tools

- Fairness is only relevant if there are Infinite Firing Sequences (IFS), otherwise CPN Tools reports: "no infinite occurrence sequences".
- Given a transition $t$ it is often desirable that $t$ appears infinitely often in an IFS.
- Properties reported by CPN Tools
- t is impartial: t occurs infinitely often in every IFS.
- t is fair: t occurs infinitely often in every IFS where t is enabled infinitely often.
- Just: t occurs infinitely often in every IFS where tis continuously enabled from some point onward
- No fairness: not just, i.e., there is an IFS where t is continuously enabled from some point onward and does not fire anymore.


## Example (1)



All transitions are impartial, i.e., they occur infinitely often in every IFS.

## Example (2) Scheibenwischer



## Fairness properties



Transition $\mathbf{t} 1$ is fair, i.e., t 1 occurs infinitely often in every IFS where t 1 is enabled infinitely often.

Transition $\mathbf{t 2}$ has no fairness (i.e., not even just). Even if t2 is enabled continously it does not need to fire.

Transition $\mathbf{t 3}, \mathbf{t 4}$, and $\mathbf{t} \mathbf{5}$ also have no fairness.

Transition $\mathbf{t 6}$ is just, i.e., t6 occurs infinitely often in every IFS where t6 is continuously enabled from some point onward.

## CPN Tools



## Results



Best Lower Multi-set Bounds New_Page'p1 1 empty New_Page'p2 1 empty New_Page'p3 1 empty New_Page'p4 1 empty New_Page'p5 1 empty

## Home Properties

Home Markings All

## Liveness Properties

Dead Markings
None
Dead Transition Instances None

Live Transition Instances All

Fairness Properties

Fair
t5 No Fairness

## More results



## More results



## Example (3)



## Solution



Transitions $\mathbf{t 1}$ and $\mathbf{t 2}$ are impartial, i.e., they occur infinitely often in every IFS (when t3 fires there is no IFS).

Transition $\mathbf{t} 3$ is just, i.e., t 3 occurs infinitely often in every IFS where t3 is continuously enabled from some point onward. (Note that in the only IFS t3 is enabled infinitely often but does not fire. Hence t3 is not fair. However, t3 is not enabled continuously and thus just.)

Transition $\mathbf{t 4}$ is fair, i.e., $\mathbf{t} 4$ occurs infinitely often in every IFS where $t 4$ is enabled infinitely often. (This never happens.)

## Results CPN Tools



## Example (4)



No transition is impartial, i.e., for any transition there is an IFS where it does not occur.

Transitions $\mathbf{t 1}, \mathbf{t} \mathbf{4}$ and $\mathbf{t 5}$ are fair, i.e., t1/t4/t5 occurs infinitely often in every IFS where $\mathrm{t} 1 / \mathrm{t} 4 / \mathrm{t} 5$ is enabled infinitely often. ( t 1 is never enabled and $t 4 / \mathrm{t} 5$ will fire infinitely often if enabled infinitely often.)

Transitions t2 and t3 are just, i.e., t2/t3 occurs infinitely often in every IFS where t2/t3 is continuously enabled from some point onward. (t2/t3 are not enabled continuously and thus just.)

## CPN Tools

## EFR CPN Tools (Version 2.2.0 - September 2006)

## Tool box

- Auxiliary
- Create
- Hierarchy
- Monitoring
- Net
- Simulation
- State space
- Style
- View
- Help - Options
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Step: 0
Time: 0
- Options
- History
- Declarations
- Standard declarations
- Monitors

New Page

$\begin{array}{lll}\text { New_Page'p2 } & 1 & 1^{\prime} \text { ( } \\ \text { New Page'p3 } & 1 & 1^{\prime}()\end{array}$

Best Lower Multi-set Bounds
New_Page'p1 1 empty
New_Page'p2 1 empty
New_Page'p3 1 empty

Home Properties

Home Markings
All

Liveness Properties

Dead Markings
None

Dead Transition Instances New_Page't1 1

Live Transition Instances
New_Page't2 1
New Page't3 1
New_Page't4 1
New Page't5 1

Fairness Properties

| New_Page't1 | 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| New_Page't2 | 1 |
| New_Page't3 | 1 |
| New_Page't4 | Fair |
| NewPage't5 | 1 |

For Help, press F1

## Place/Transition Invariants

## State-explosion problem (1)



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## State-explosion problem (2)


place $s$ is $2^{n}$ bounded


# Concepts that can be used to (partially) address the problem ... 

- Place invariants
- Transition invariants
- Siphons and traps
- True concurrency semantics


## Invariants

- To avoid state-explosion problem and poor diagnostics.
- Properties independent of initial state.
- Place and transition invariants.
- Invariants can be computed using linear algebraic techniques.


## Place invariant



1 man +1 woman +2 couple

- Assigns a weight to each place.
- The weight of a token depends on the weight of the place.
- The weighted token sum is invariant, i.e., no transition can change it


## Other invariants



- 1 man + 0 woman + 1 couple (Also denoted as: man + couple)
- 2 man + 3 woman + 5 couple
- -2 man + 3 woman + couple
- man - woman
divorce
- woman - man
(Any linear combination of invariants is an invariant.)


## Example: traffic light



## Exercise: Give place invariants



## Transition invariant



- Assigns a weight to each transition.
- If each transition fires the number of times indicated, the system is back in the initial state.
- I.e. transition invariants indicate potential firing sets without any net effect.

2 marriage +2 divorce

## Other invariants



- 1 marriage + 1 divorce
(Also denoted as: marriage + divorce)
- 20 marriage + 20 divorce

Any linear combination of invariants is an invariant.

- Invariants may be not be realizable.
- There is not a simple interpretation for invariants with negative weights:
$\square$ Backward firing
t t1-t2 (the effects coincide)
- t1+2t2+t3-2t4-t5-t6 (the effect of t1+2t2+t3 equals 2t4+t5+t6)


## Example: traffic light



- rg1 + go1 + or1
- rg2 + go2 + or2
- rg1 + rg2 + go1 + go2 + or1 + or2
- 4 rg1 + 3 rg2 + 4 go1 + 3 go2 + 4 or1 + 3 or2


## Exercise: Give transition invariants



## Exercise: four philosophers



- Give place invariants.
- Give transition invariants


## Two ways of calculating invariants

- "Intuitive way": Formulate the property that you think holds and verify it.
- "Linear-algebraic way": Solve a system of linear equations.

Humans tend to do it the intuitive way and computers do it the linear-algebraic way.

## Incidence matrix of a Petri net: Old example

- Each row corresponds to a place.
- Each column corresponds to a transition.



## man




## Place invariant

- Let N be the incidence matrix of a net with n places (rows) and $m$ transitions (columns), i.e., an $n \times m$ matrix.
- Any solution of the equation $X . N=0$ is a place invariant
- $X$ is a row vector (i.e., $1 \times n$ matrix)
- O is a row vector (i.e., $1 \times m$ matrix)
- Note that $(0,0, \ldots 0)$ is always a place invariant.
- Basis can be calculated in polynomial time.


## Example



$$
X\left(\begin{array}{cc}
-1 & 1 \\
-1 & 1 \\
1 & -1
\end{array}\right)=(0,0)
$$

## Solutions for X :

- (0,0,0)
- (1,0,1)
- (0,1,1)
- (1,1,2)
- (1,-1,0)
so man*-1 + woman*-1 + couple *1 = 0 and man*1 + woman*1 + couple *-1 = 0


## Transition invariant

- Let N be the incidence matrix of a net with n places and $m$ transitions
- Any solution of the equation $N_{.} X=0$ is a transition invariant
- $X$ is a column vector (i.e., $m \times 1$ matrix)
- 0 is a column vector (i.e., $n \times 1$ matrix)
- Note that ( $0,0, \ldots 0)^{T}$ is always a transition invariant.
- Basis can be calculated in polynomial time.


## Example


divorce

## $\left(\begin{array}{cc}-1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1\end{array}\right) X=\left(\begin{array}{l}0 \\ 0 \\ 0\end{array}\right)$

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cc}
-1 & 1 \\
-1 & 1 \\
1 & -1
\end{array}\right)\binom{\text { marriage }}{\text { divorce }}=\left(\begin{array}{l}
0 \\
0 \\
0
\end{array}\right)
$$

Solutions:

- $(0,0)^{\top}$
- $(1,1)^{\top}$
- $(32,32)^{\top}$
so -1*marriage $+1^{*} d i v o r c e ~=0,-1^{*}$ marriage $+1^{*}$ divorce $=0$, and $1^{\star}$ marriage $+-1^{*}$ divorce $=0$


## Give place and transition invariants

place invariants

so $p 1 * 0+p 2 * 1=0$
transition invariants

so $0 *$ t1 $=0$ and $1 * t 1=0$

- Solutions:
$\square(1,0) \quad$ (i.e., p1)
$\square(5,0) \quad$ (i.e., 5 p1)
- Solutions:
(0) (i.e., 0 t1)


## Give place and transition invariants



## Place invariants



- Solutions:
- (1,1,0,1,0) (i.e., p1+p2+p4)
- (1,0,1,0,1) (i.e., p1+p3+p5)
- (2,1,1,1,1) (i.e., 2 p1+p2+p3+p4+p5)
- (6,5,1,5,1)
$(p 1, p 2, p 3, p 4, p 5)\left(\begin{array}{cccccc}-1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & -1\end{array}\right)=(0,0,0,0,0,0)$


## Transition invariants



- Solutions:
- $(1,0,1,0,1,1)^{\top} \quad$ (i.e., $\left.11+t 3+t 5+t 6\right)$
- $(0,1,1,0,0,0)^{\top} \quad$ (i.e., t2+t3)
- $(0,0,0,1,1,0)^{\top} \quad$ (i.e., $\left.t 4+t 5\right)$
- $(1,1,2,1,2,1)^{\top} \quad$ (i.e., $\left.11+t 2+2 t 3+t 4+2 t 5+t 6\right)$



## Place invariant (Formalization based ol. <br> weight consumed



$$
\sum_{s \in^{*} t} i(s)=\sum_{s \in t^{*}} i(s)
$$

for each transition $t$ of $N$. A place invariant is nonnegative if it maps no place to a negative number.


$$
\begin{aligned}
& i(\text { man })=1, i(\text { couple })=1, i(\text { woman })=0 \\
& i(\text { man })=1, i(\text { couple })=2, i(\text { woman })=1
\end{aligned}
$$

divorce

$$
i(\operatorname{man})=1, i(\text { couple })=0, i(\text { woman })=-1
$$

## Implication

Theorem 29. If $m$ is a reachable marking of a marked net with initial marking $m_{0}$ and $i$ is a place invariant then

$$
\sum_{s \in S_{N}} i(s) \cdot m(s)=\sum_{s \in S_{N}} i(s) \cdot m_{0}(s)
$$

- Conservation law!

- Can be used to show unreachability but not the reverse.


## Example



$$
\begin{aligned}
& i(\text { man })=1, i(\text { couple })=1, i(\text { woman })=0 \\
& 1 * 2+1 * 1+0 * 3=3
\end{aligned} \quad 1 * 1+1 * 1+0 * 2=2 \quad 1 * 1+1 * 2+0 * 2=3 .
$$

$$
i(\text { man })=1, i(\text { couple })=2, i(\text { woman })=1
$$

$$
1 * 2+2 * 1+1 * 3=7 \quad 1 * 1+2 * 1+1 * 2=5 \quad 1 * 1+2 * 2+1 * 2=7
$$

$$
\mathrm{i}(\text { man })=1, \mathrm{i}(\text { couple })=0, \mathrm{i}(\text { woman })=-1 \quad \text { one direction only! }
$$

$$
1 * 2+0 * 1+-1 * 3=-1<1 * 1+0 * 1+-1 * 2=-1<1 * 1+0 * 2+-1 * 2=-1
$$

## Some properties

Theorem 30. Assume a marked net $N$ without dead transitions. Let $m_{0}$ be the initial marking. Let $i: S_{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$. If each reachable marking $m$ satisfies

$$
\sum_{s \in S_{N}} i(s) \cdot m(s)=\sum_{s \in S_{N}} i(s) \cdot m_{0}(s)
$$

then $i$ is a place invariant.

Theorem 31. Let $s$ be a place of a marked net $N$ with initial marking $m_{0}$. If there is a nonnegative place invariant $i$ satisfying $i(s) \geq 1$ then $s$ is bounded by

$$
\frac{1}{i(s)} \cdot \sum_{s^{\prime} \in S_{N}} i\left(s^{\prime}\right) \cdot m_{0}\left(s^{\prime}\right) .
$$

move all weight to s ...

## Some more properties

Corollary 32. A finite marked net is bounded if it has a place invariant $i$ that maps all places to positive numbers.
"if", not "if and only if" ...

Theorem 33. Let $N$ be a marked net with initial marking $m_{0}$ and let $i$ be a nonnegative place invariant. Let $S_{i}$ be the set of places $s$ satisfying $i(s)>0$. If $m_{0}(s)=0$ for each place in $S_{i}$ then every transition in ${ }^{\bullet} S_{i} \cup S_{i}^{\bullet}$ is dead at the initial marking.
remains empty ...

## Transition invariants

## tokens produced for s

 for finitely many transitions and$$
\sum_{t \in \bullet s} j(t)=\sum_{t \in s^{\bullet}} j(t)
$$

for each place $s$ of $N$.

$j($ marriage $)=1, j$ (divorce $)=1$
$j($ marriage $)=5, j($ divorce $)=5$
divorce

## Some properties

Let $\sigma$ be a finite sequence of transitions of a net $N$. The Parikh mapping $p_{\sigma}: T_{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ maps each transition $t$ to the number of occurrences of $t$ in $\sigma$.

Theorem 35. If $m \xrightarrow{\sigma} m^{\prime}$ is a finite occurrence sequence of a net then $m=m^{\prime}$ if and only if the Parikh mapping $p_{\sigma}$ is a transition invariant.

Corollary 37. If a finite marked net is live and bounded then it has a transition invariant that maps each transitions to a positive number.

## Typical scenario

1. Make model cyclic (if needed)
2. If particular transitions are not covered by any positive transition invariants, then this reveals a possible problem.

## Correct?



TU/e

## Short-circuit


not covered by any positive transition invariant

## Repair


now, all transitions are covered by a positive transition invariant

## Siphons and Traps

## Siphon

(Formalization based on Desel and Reisig)

A siphon is a set $S$ of places satisfying ${ }^{\bullet} S \subseteq S^{\bullet}$. A siphon is marked by a marking $m$ if at least one place of it is marked at $m$.

"transitions that add a token to the siphon also remove a token"

## Behavior of siphons: Once unmarked always unmarked

Theorem 38. Assume a marked net with a siphon $S$. If $S$ is not marked at the initial marking then $S$ is not marked at any reachable marking.

Proof. We apply Lemma 28 to show that every reachable marking marks no place of $S$.

Let $M$ be the set of markings that do not mark $S$. By assumption, the initial marking is in $M$. Assume a marking $m$ in $M$ and a transition occurrence $m \xrightarrow{t} m^{\prime}$. Then $t \notin S^{\bullet}$ because $m$ enables $t$ and $m$ marks no place in $S$. Since $S$ is a siphon, this implies $t \not{ }^{\bullet} S$. Hence no place of $S$ can gain a token by the occurrence of $t$ and $m^{\prime}$ belongs to $M$, too.

So, by Lemma $28, M$ includes all reachable markings, which implies the result.

## Siphons


$\emptyset,\{s 1, s 2\},\{s 1, s 2, s 3, s 4\}$

## Siphons



> "transitions that
> add a token to the siphon also remove a token"

## the union of some siphons is again a siphon

$\emptyset,\{s 1, s 2\},\{s 1, s 2, s 3\},\{s 1, s 2, s 3, s 4\},\{s 1, s 2, s 3, s 4, s 5\},\{s 4, s 5\}$

## Trap

A trap is a set $S$ of places satisfying $S^{\bullet} \subseteq^{\star} S$. A trap is marked by a marking $m$ if at least one place of it is marked at $m$.

"transitions that remove a token from the trap also add a token"

## Behavior of traps: Once marked always marked

Theorem 40. Assume a marked net with a trap $S$. If $S$ is marked at the initial marking then it is marked at every reachable marking.

Proof. We apply Lemma 28.
Let $M$ be the set of markings of the net that mark at least one place of $S$. By assumption, the initial marking is in $M$. Now assume a marking $m$ in $M$ and a transition occurrence $m \xrightarrow{t} m^{\prime}$. If $t \notin S^{\bullet}$ then the place of $S$ marked by $m$ remains marked. If $t \in S^{\bullet}$ then $t \in{ }^{\bullet} S$ because $S$ is a trap. Hence, in this case at least one place in $t^{\bullet} \cap S$ is marked at $m^{\prime}$.

So, by Lemma $28, M$ includes all reachable markings, which implies the result.

## Traps


$\emptyset,\{s 3, s 4\},\{s 1, s 2, s 3, s 4\}$

## Traps


> "transitions that
> remove a token from the trap also add a token"

## the union of some traps is again a trap

N2
$\emptyset,\{s 1, s 2\},\{s 1, s 2, s 3, s 4, s 5\},\{s 2, s 3, s 4, s 5\},\{s 3, s 4, s 5\},\{s 4, s 5\}$ find error (also in paper)

## Main Theorem: Sufficient condition for deadlock-freedom

Theorem 42. Assume a marked net with at least one transition. If each nonempty siphon without isolated places includes a trap marked at the initial marking then the marked net is deadlock-free.

Proof. Assume that the marked net is not deadlock-free and let $m$ be a dead reachable marking. Let $S$ be the set of non-isolated places that are not marked at $m$. We show that $S$ is a non-empty siphon that includes no initially marked trap.

Each transition $t$ is dead at $m$ and hence has an unmarked input place. So $S^{\bullet}$ contains the set of all transitions. Therefore, ${ }^{\bullet} S \subseteq S^{\bullet} . S$ is not empty because the net has some transition by assumption and $S$ contains a place in the preset of this transition. So $S$ is a non-empty siphon without isolated places. By definition, $S$ is not marked at $m$. Hence, $S$ includes no trap marked at $m$. Since initially marked traps remain marked, $S$ includes no trap marked at the initial marking.

If every proper siphon of a system includes an initially marked trap, then the system is deadlock free.


Intermezzo: Commoner's Theorem (1972)

A free-choice system is live if and only if every proper siphon
includes an initially marked trap.


## Conclusion

## After this lecture you should be able to:

- Determine whether a transition in a marked net is impartial, fair, or just, both by hand and by using CPN Tools.
- Construct nets that have transitions that satisfy certain fairness properties, e.g., a net containing impartial, fair, and just transitions.
- Understand the importance and role of invariants.
- Provide meaningful place invariants for a given net.
- Provide meaningful transition invariants for a given net.
- Understand the matrix representation of nets and invariants.
- Understand siphons and traps.
- Provide siphons and traps for a given net.
- Derive conclusions from the presence or absence of particular siphons and traps (e.g., deadlock-freedom).

