

Petri Nets Tutorial, Parametric Verification (session 3)

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Outline

- Petri Nets with Parameters
 - Parametric Petri Nets.
 - Parametric Time Petri Nets.
 - Roméo in a nutshell.
- Action synthesis
 - Model.
 - SPATULA in a nutshell.





Parametric Petri Nets

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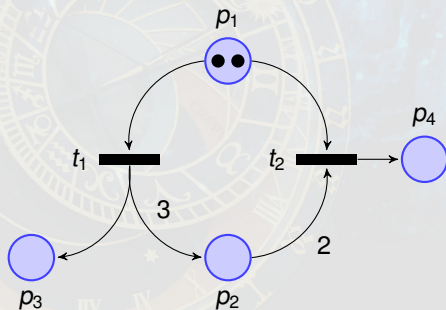
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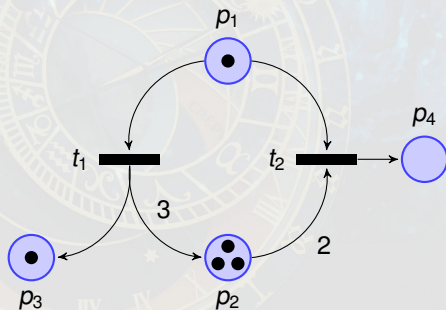
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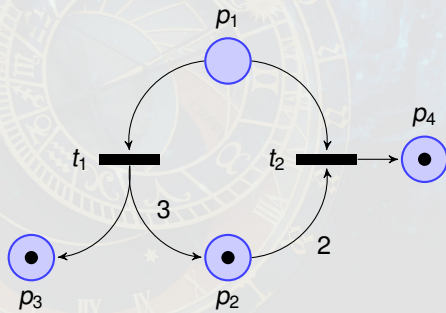
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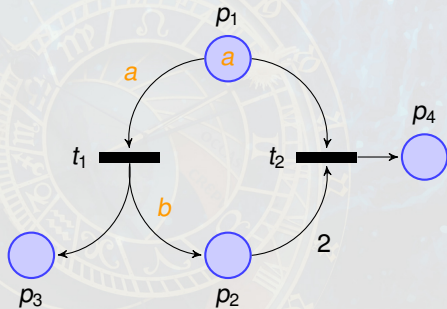
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Petri nets



Petri Nets with Parameters David et al. [2015]



- **initial marking**: number of processes, initial value of a semaphore, etc.
- **pre weights**: number of processes to synchronise, number of items to take, etc.
- **post weights**: number of processes to spawn, number of items to give, etc.

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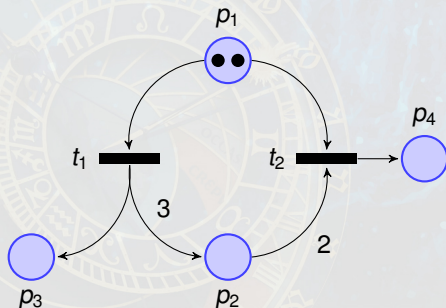
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- Coverability is EXPSPACE-complete in Petri nets;
- It is equivalent to knowing if some transition **can fire**;
- This includes many **safety** properties.

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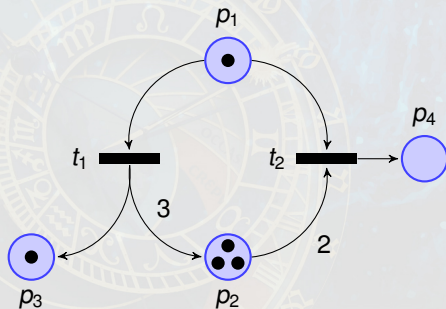
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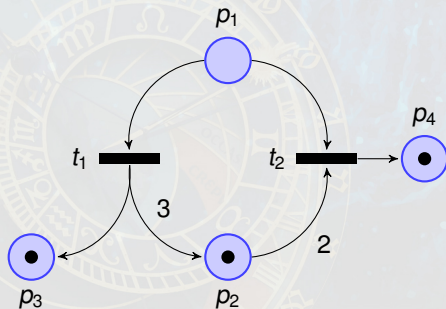
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Coverability in Parametric Petri Nets

Definition (E-cov: Existential Coverability)

Is some given marking coverable for **at least one** parameter valuation?

Definition (U-cov: Universal Coverability)

Is some given marking coverable for **all** the parameter valuations?

Parametric Coverability is Undecidable

Theorem

$E\text{-cov}$ and $U\text{-cov}$ are *undecidable* for parametric Petri nets.

They can simulate *2-counter machines*:

- two counters C_1, C_2 ,
- states $P = \{p_0, \dots, p_m\}$, a terminal state labelled *halt*
- finite list of instructions l_1, \dots, l_s among the following list:
 - increment a counter and go to l_j
 - if the counter is positive decrement it and go to l_j
 - if the counter is null go to l_i else go to l_j

Counters are always non negative.

An Example of 2-Counter Machine

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in  $p_1$  :  $C_1 := C_1 + 1$ ; goto  $p_2$ ;  
in  $p_2$  :  $C_2 := C_2 + 1$ ; goto  $p_1$ ;
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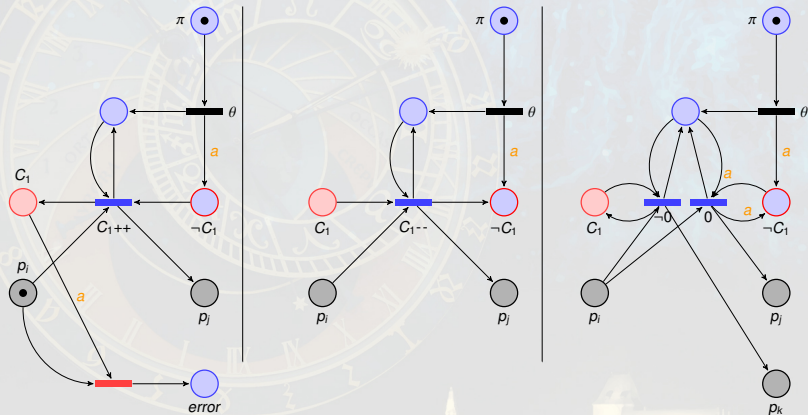
Successive configurations:

$$(p_1, C_1 = 0, C_2 = 0) \rightarrow (p_2, C_1 = 1, C_2 = 0) \rightarrow (p_1, C_1 = 1, C_2 = 1) \\ \rightarrow (p_2, C_1 = 2, C_2 = 1) \rightarrow \dots$$

Simulation of a 2-Counters Machine

- The **halting problem** (whether some state halt of the machine is reachable) can be reduced to E-cov;
- The **counters boundedness problem** (whether the counters values stay in a finite set) can be reduced to U-cov;
- Both problems are **undecidable** for 2-counter machines [Minsky \[1967\]](#).
- From any machine \mathcal{M} , we build a parametric Petri net $\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{M}}$ **encoding** it such that:
 - \mathcal{M} halts iff **there exists** a parameter valuation v such that place p_{halt} is coverable in $v(\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{M}})$.
 - a counter of \mathcal{M} is **unbounded** iff **for all** parameter valuations v , place p_{error} is coverable in $v(\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{M}})$.

Simulation of Instructions



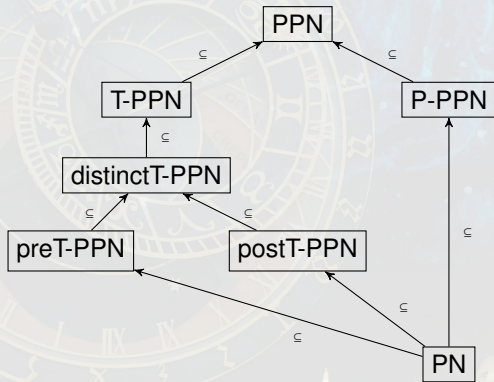
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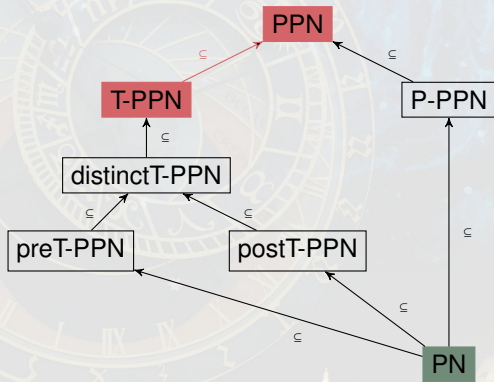
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By construction, $m(C_1) + m(-C_1) = a$

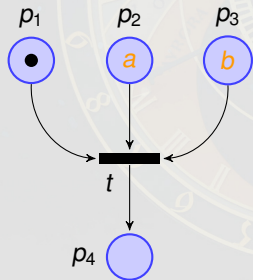
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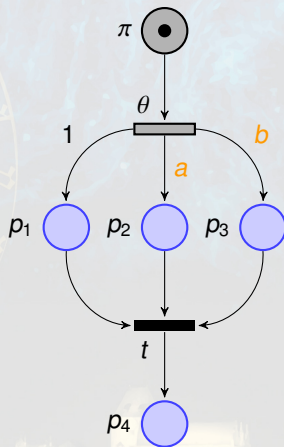
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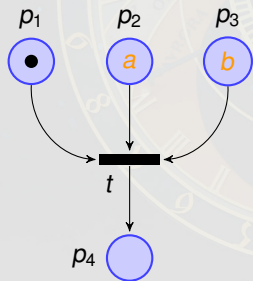
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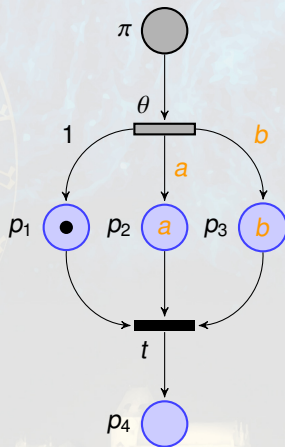
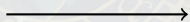
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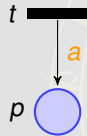
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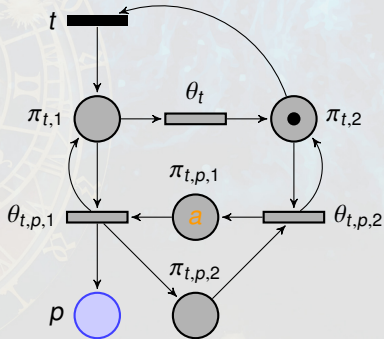
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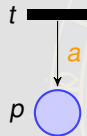
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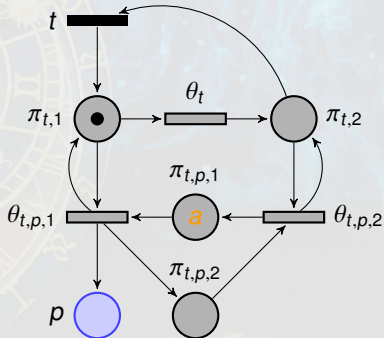
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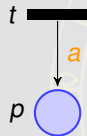
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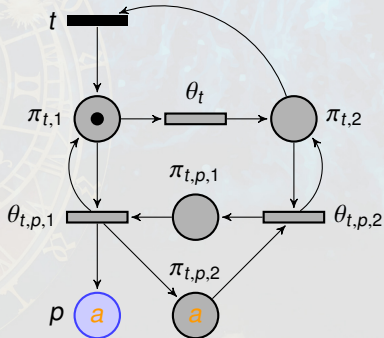
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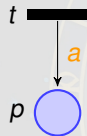
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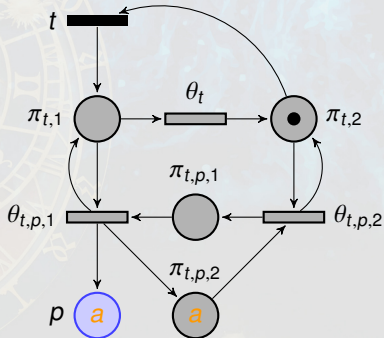
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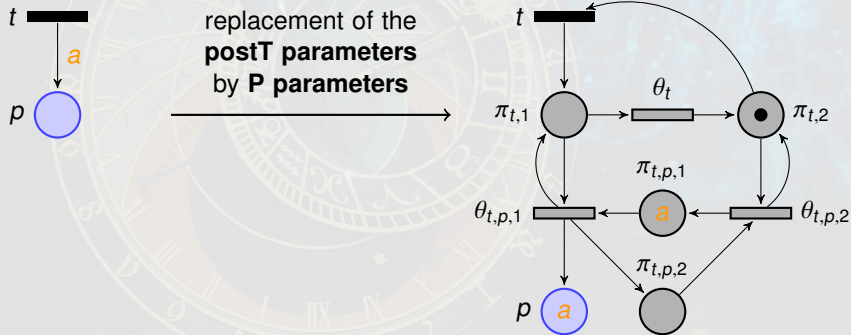
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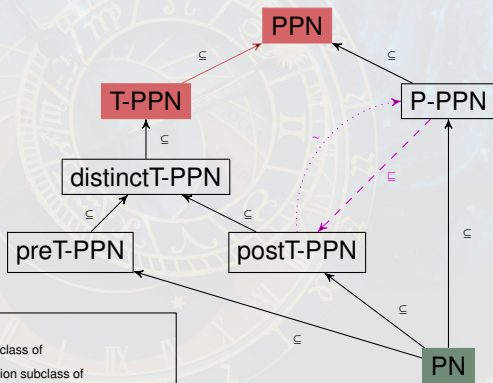
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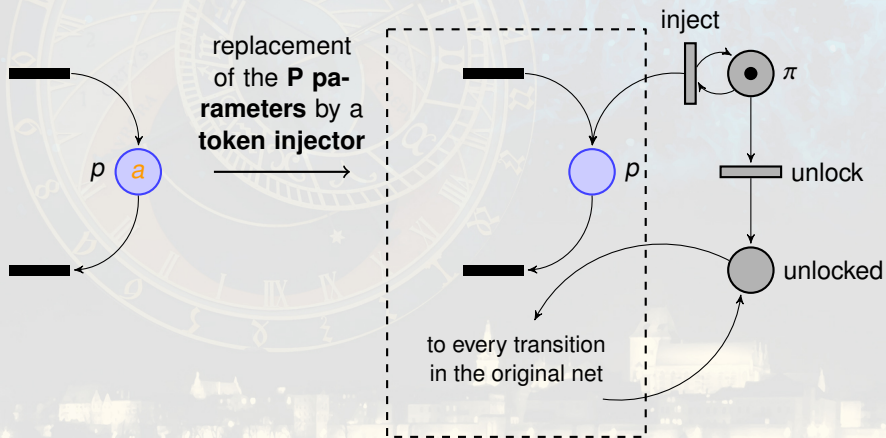
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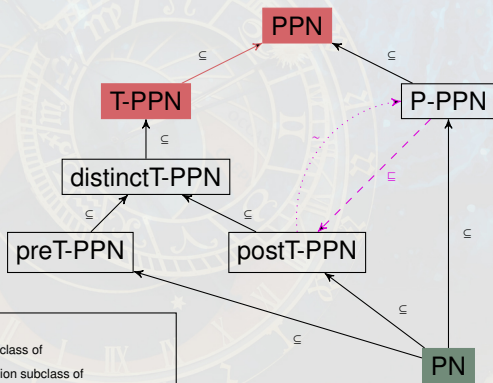
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From Parametric Markings to Classic Petri Nets

- for U-cov: all parameters to 0 is the **worst case** ;
- for E-cov:



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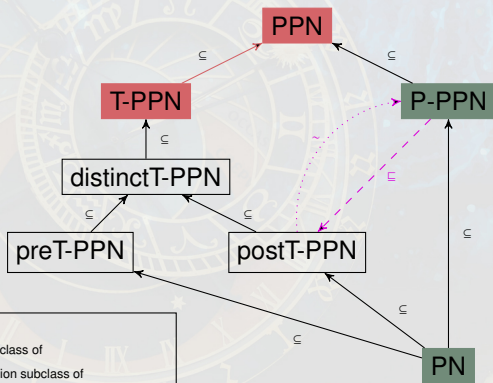
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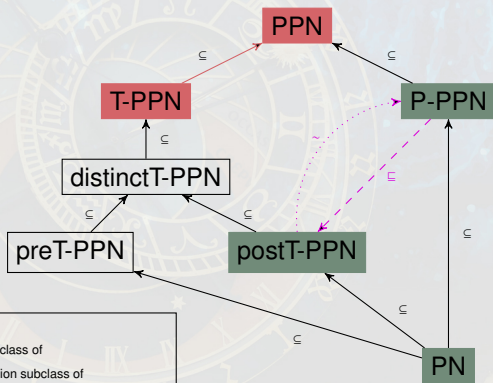
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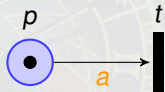
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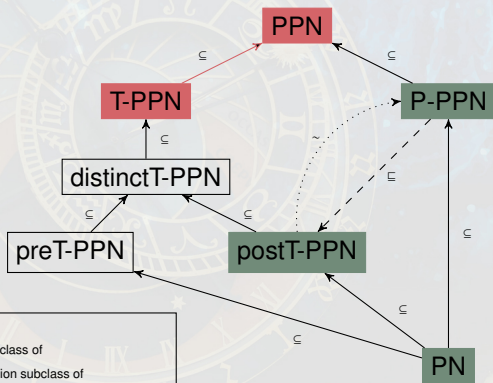
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Deciding Coverability with Parametric Input Weights



- for E-cov: all parameters to 0 is the **best case**;
- for U-cov:
 - extend the **coverability tree** construction of Karp & Miller [Karp and Miller \[1969\]](#)
 - consider that a transition with a parametric input weight can fire only if the corresponding place can become **unbounded** (i.e. has an ω marking).

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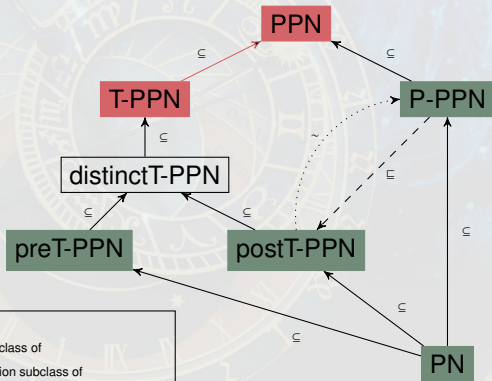
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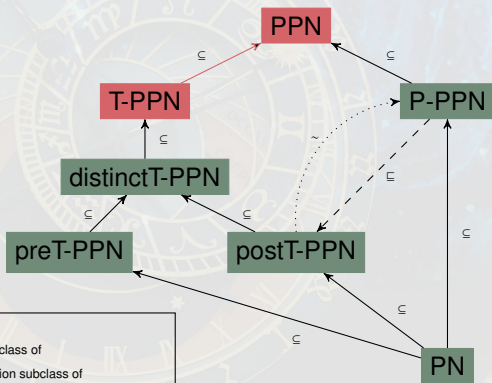
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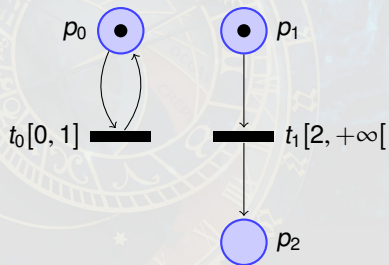
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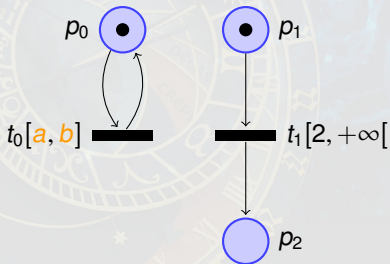
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Let us now review Parametric Time Petri nets

Parametric Time Petri Nets (PTPNs)



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Undecidability Results for Parametric TPNs

- We have a **structural** translation from timed automata to **bounded** time Petri nets preserving timed language (implying state reachability) [Bérard et al. \[2013\]](#)
- Has one gadget per simple constraint in guards and timing constants appear explicitly;
- It **extends** trivially to parameterized guards.

Theorem

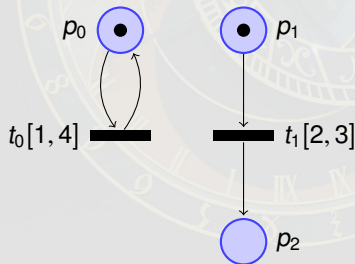
The EF-emptiness problem is undecidable for bounded parametric time Petri nets.

Decidability Results for Parametric TPNs

- We also have structural translations the other way round (preserving almost everything); [Bérard et al. \[2013\]](#)
- All **decidability** results **carry over** to parametric Petri nets;
- The symbolic state abstraction presented earlier can also be defined for PTPNs; [Gardey et al. \[2006\]](#)
- EFSynth and similar algorithms can be used as is for PTPNs!
- But TPNs enjoy a “better” symbolic abstraction: Berthomieu & Menasche’s **State Classes**. [Berthomieu and Menasche \[1983\]](#); [Berthomieu and Diaz \[1991\]](#)

State Classes for Time Petri Nets

- State classes also regroup states obtained with the same discrete transition sequence in a pair (l, Z) where Z is a zone;
- But states record **time to firing** instead of **time elapsed**;



Initially:

$$\begin{cases} 1 \leq t_0 \leq 4 \\ 2 \leq t_1 \leq 3 \end{cases}$$

Fire t_0 :

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New times to fire:

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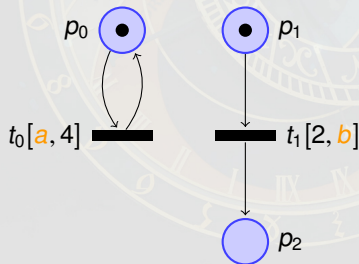
$$\begin{cases} 0 \leq t'_1 \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

Newly enabled:

$$\begin{cases} 1 \leq t_0 \leq 4 \\ 0 \leq t_1 \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

State Classes for Parametric Time Petri Nets

- Successive state classes computations are done with classic **polyhedral** operations;
- They can be extended to account for **timing parameters** Traonouez et al. [2009]:



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$$\begin{cases} a \leq t_0 \leq 4 \\ 2 \leq t_1 \leq b \end{cases}$$

Fire t_0 :

$$\begin{cases} a \leq t_0 \leq 4 \\ 2 \leq t_1 \leq b \\ t_0 \leq t_1 \\ (a \leq b) \end{cases}$$

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Synthesis for Parametric TPNs

- EFSynth works the same with parametric state classes;

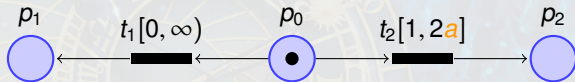
$$EF_G(S, M) = \begin{cases} Z \downarrow_P & \text{if } l \in G \\ \emptyset & \text{if } S \in M \\ \bigcup_{\substack{t \in T \\ S' = \text{Next}(S, t)}} EF_G(S', M \cup \{S\}) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- We can also do synthesis for **inevitability** Jovanović et al. [2015]:

$$AF_G(S, M) = \begin{cases} Z \downarrow_P & \text{if } l \in G \\ \emptyset & \text{if } S \in M \\ \left(\bigcap_{\substack{t \in T \\ S' = \text{Next}(S, t)}} (AF_G(S', M \cup \{S\}) \cup (Q^P \setminus S' \downarrow_P)) \right) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $S = (l, Z)$;
- G a set of markings to reach;
- M is a list of visited state classes;
- $\text{Next}(S, t)$ computes the state class successor of S by transition t ;
- termination is not guaranteed.

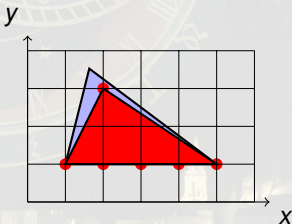
AF: Cutting for More



- Put a token in p_1 : no constraint
- Put a token in p_2 : $a \geq \frac{1}{2}$
- Ensuring both paths are possible (for AF ($p_1 > 0$ or $p_2 > 0$)): $a \geq \frac{1}{2}$
- Or we can **cut t_2 and p_2 off** with $a < \frac{1}{2}$ and the property is satisfied with no further constraint
- Finally, AF ($p_1 > 0$ or $p_2 > 0$) is satisfied for all values of a .

Symbolic Synthesis for Bounded Integers

- EF-emptiness is **undecidable** for **integer** parameters Alur et al. [1993];
- It is **undecidable** for **bounded rational** parameters Miller [2000];
- It is **PSPACE-complete** for **bounded integer** parameters Jovanović et al. [2015].
 - **non-deterministically guess** a parameter valuation and store it (polynomial storage size);
 - instantiate the PTA or PTPN and solve the problem (PSPACE);
 - PSPACE = NPSPACE (Savitch's theorem).
- Synthesis can be done **symbolically**, using **integer hulls**:



Symbolic Synthesis for Bounded Integer Parameters

- IEF computes polyhedra containing **exactly** the “good” **integer** parameter valuations:

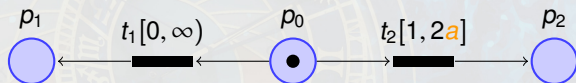
$$\text{IEF}_G(S, M) = \begin{cases} Z \downarrow_P & \text{if } l \in G \\ \emptyset & \text{if } S \in M \\ \bigcup_{t \in T} \text{IEF}_G(S', M \cup \{S\}) & \text{otherwise.} \\ & S' = \text{IH}(\text{Next}(S, t)) \end{cases}$$

- It is **guaranteed to terminate** when the parameters are **bounded**;
- AF can be modified similarly.

Density of the Results

- The question:
 - the result of IEF or IAF is a union of convex polyhedra;
 - we know that these sets contain **exactly** the “good” **integer** valuations;
 - but what of the **non-integer** valuations in those polyhedra?
- The short answer:
 - they are all “good” for IEF (but we can do a bit better);
 - they are in general not all “good” for IAF (and we can do a bit better).

The Result of IAF is not Dense



- To ensure AF ($p_1 > 0$), cut t_2 and p_2 , i.e., take $a < \frac{1}{2}$;
- When p_2 is marked, $Z_2 = \{1 \leq x \wedge 1 \leq 2a\}$, so $\text{IH}(C_2) = \{1 \leq x \wedge 1 \leq a\}$
- So, to cut ($p_2 = 1, \text{IH}(Z_2)$), we need $a < 1$.
- $\frac{1}{2} \leq a < 1$ are not “good” valuations.

Integer-preserving Dense Underapproximations

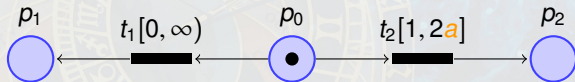
- In IAF, we cut off not enough states because $IH(Z) \subseteq Z$;
- Solution: use integer hulls only for **convergence** André et al. [2015]:

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Dense Integer-preserving Underapproximations



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 - timing **parameters**;
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- Tool papers [Gardey et al. \[2005\]](#); [Lime et al. \[2009\]](#)
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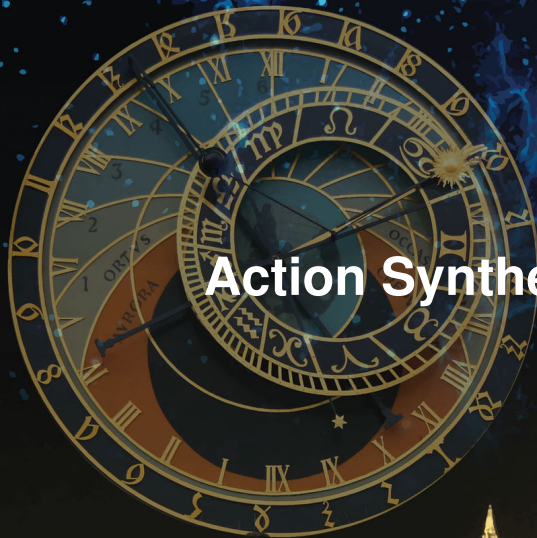
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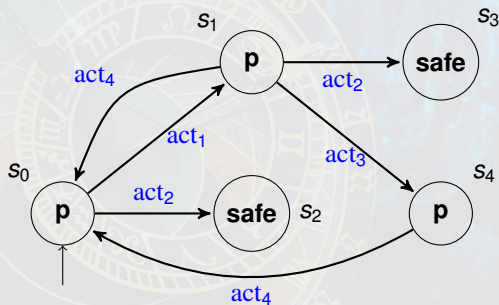
MTS: Kripke structures with action-labelled transitions

MTS (model) is a 5-tuple $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{S}, s^0, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{L})$, where:

- \mathcal{S} – a set of states,
- $s^0 \in \mathcal{S}$ – the initial state,
- \mathcal{A} – a set of actions,
- $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{S}$ – a labelled transition relation,
- \mathcal{PV} – a set of the propositional variables,
- $\mathcal{L} : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow 2^{\mathcal{PV}}$ – a labelling function.

A path π in \mathcal{M} is a **maximal** sequence $s_0 a_0 s_1 a_1 \dots$ of states and actions such that $(s_i, a_i, s_{i+1}) \in \mathcal{T}$.

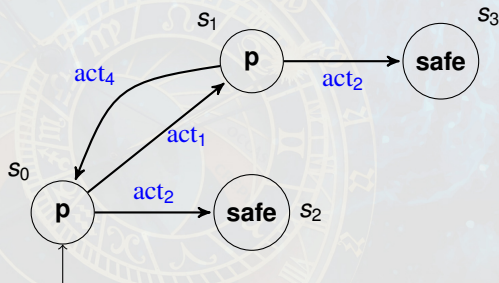
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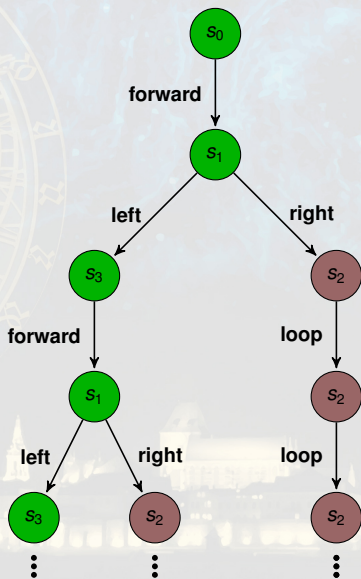
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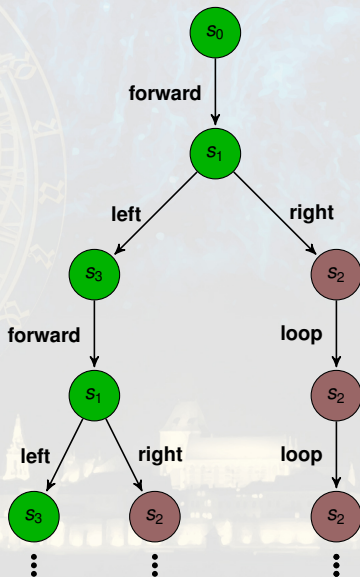
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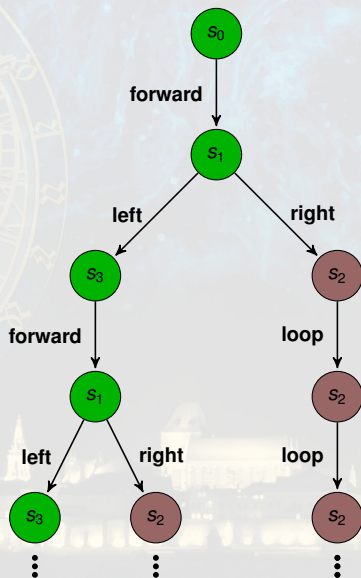
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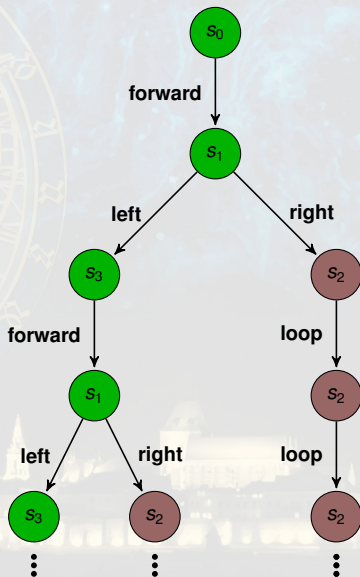
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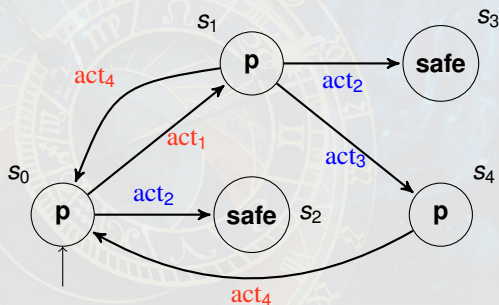
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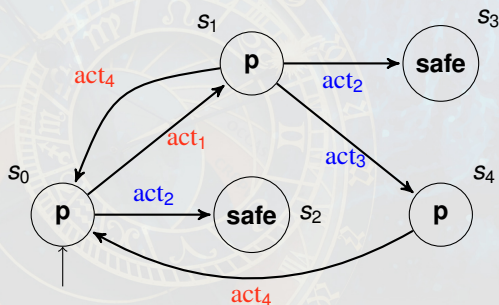


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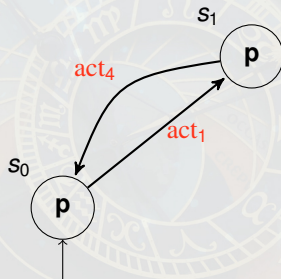
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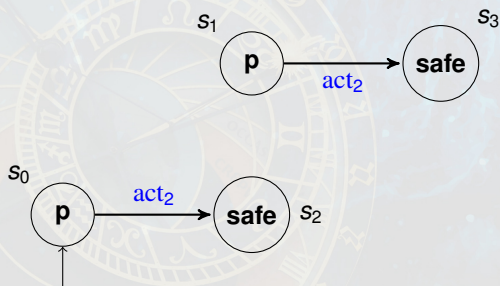
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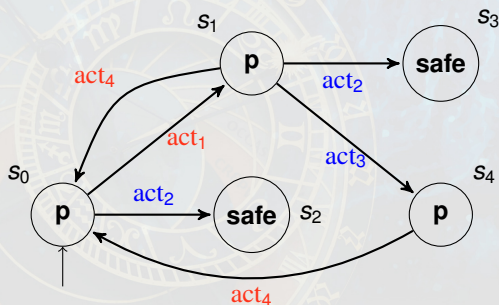
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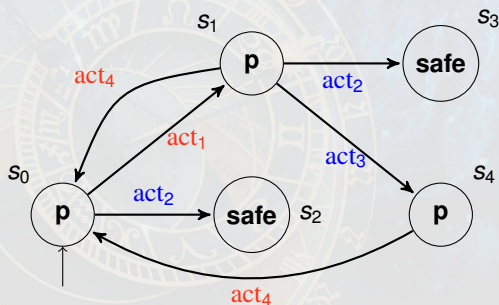
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Action synthesis: formal definition

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Goal Knapik et al. [2015]

Build $f_\phi : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow 2^{\text{ActVals}}$ s.t. for all $s \in \mathcal{S}$:

$$v \in f_\phi(s) \iff s \models_v \phi$$

($f_\phi(s)$ contains all valuations that make ϕ hold in s)

THEOREM

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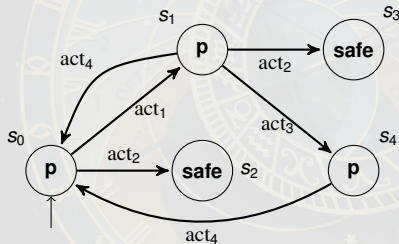
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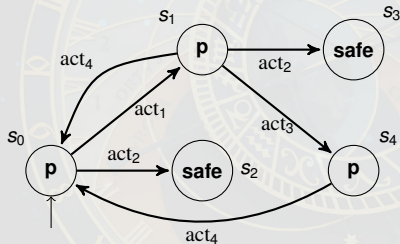
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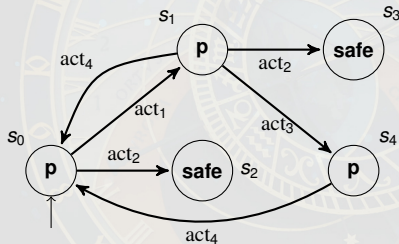
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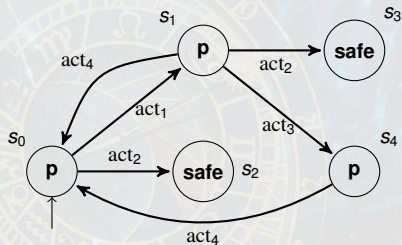
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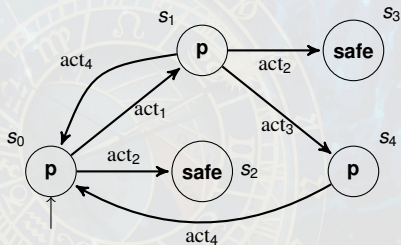
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