

# **Petri Net Analysis (Conserved Properties)**

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# Overview

- ◆ Intro to conservation properties
- ◆ Steps to analyze conservation prop.
- ◆ Examples
- ◆ Problems/constraints with implementation
- ◆ Demo

# Intro to Conservation Properties

- ◆ What is conservation?
  - Property to maintain a fixed number of tokens  $\forall$  states reached in a sample path
- ◆ Why is it useful?
  - Sometimes tokens represent resources
- ◆ We will look at relaxed conservation
  - Not the whole Petri net satisfies conservation property

# Conservation Definition

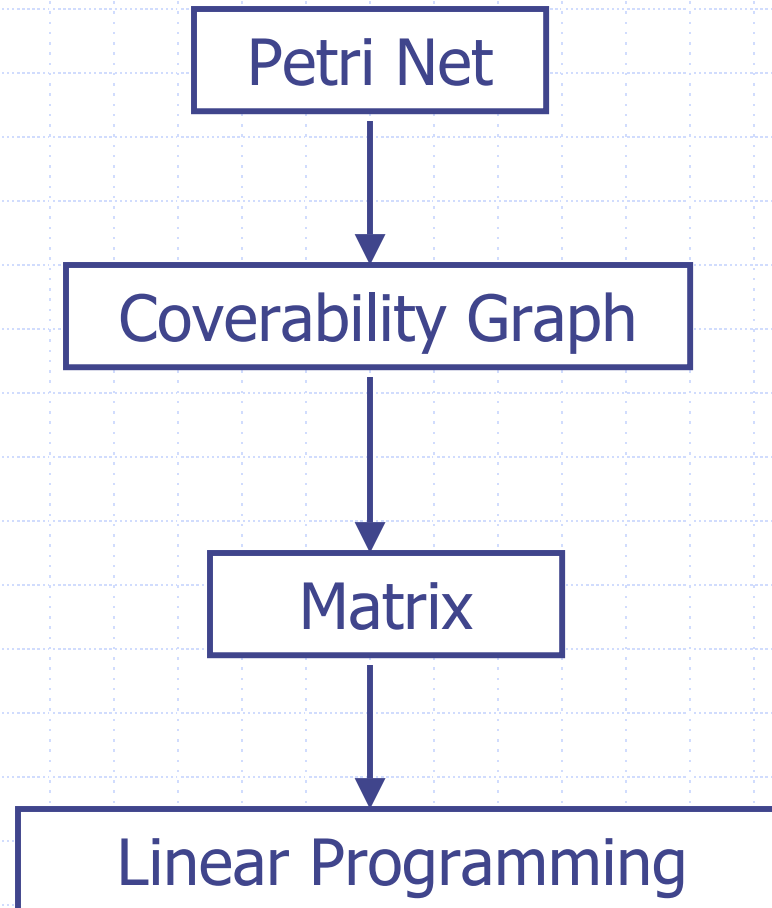
- ◆ Def'n: A Petri net with a given initial state  $\mathbf{x}_0$  is said to be *conservative with respect to*  $\gamma = [\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n]$  if

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i x(p_i) = \text{constant}$$

For all states contained in all possible sample paths [1]

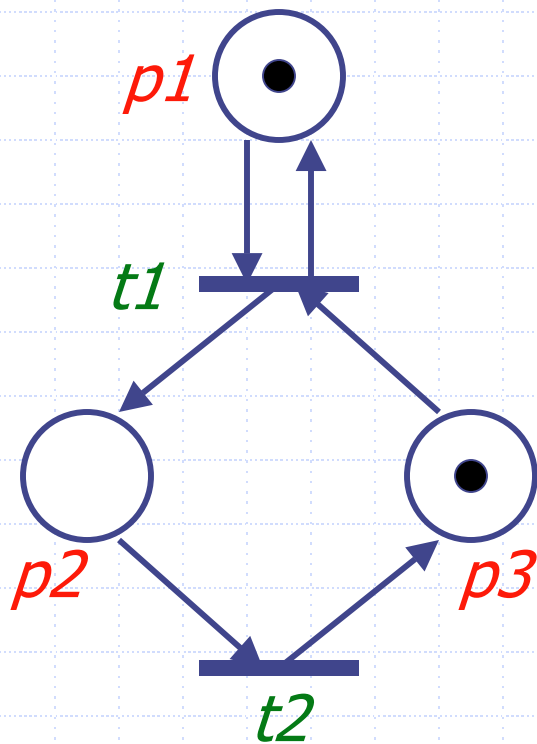
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# Steps to Analyze Cons. Prop.



# Example

Step 1



Step 2

$[ p1, p2, p3 ]$

$[ 1, 0, 1 ]$

$t1$

$t2$

$[ 1, 1, 0 ]$

Step 3

$$\gamma_1 + \gamma_3 = C$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\gamma_1 \quad \gamma_2 \quad \gamma_3 \quad C$

# Example (cont'd)

Step 4: reduce matrix using Gauss-Jordan elimination

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Alternative: put C in first column

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$C = \gamma_1 + \gamma_3$$

$$\gamma_2 = \gamma_3$$

# Example (cont'd)

Step 5: solve linear programming problem using  
`lp_solve` [2]

$$C = \gamma_1 + \gamma_3$$

$$\gamma_2 = \gamma_3$$

2 independent vars:

$$\gamma_1, \gamma_3$$

`lp_solve`  
format:

$$\text{min: } \gamma_1 + \gamma_3$$

$$\gamma_3 \geq 0$$

$$\gamma_1 + \gamma_3 \geq 1$$

$$\gamma_1 \geq 0$$

$$\gamma_3 \geq 0$$

$$\text{int } \gamma_1, \gamma_3$$

[2] <http://elib.zib.de/pub/Packages/mathprog/linprog/lp-solve/>



# Example (cont'd)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{min: } & \gamma_1 + \gamma_3 \\ & \gamma_3 \geq 0 \\ & \gamma_1 + \gamma_3 \geq 1 \\ & \gamma_1 \geq 0 \\ & \gamma_3 \geq 0 \\ \text{int } & \gamma_1, \gamma_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$C = \gamma_1 + \gamma_3$$

$$\gamma_2 = \gamma_3$$

$$\text{Set } \gamma_1 = 1 : \gamma_3 = 0$$

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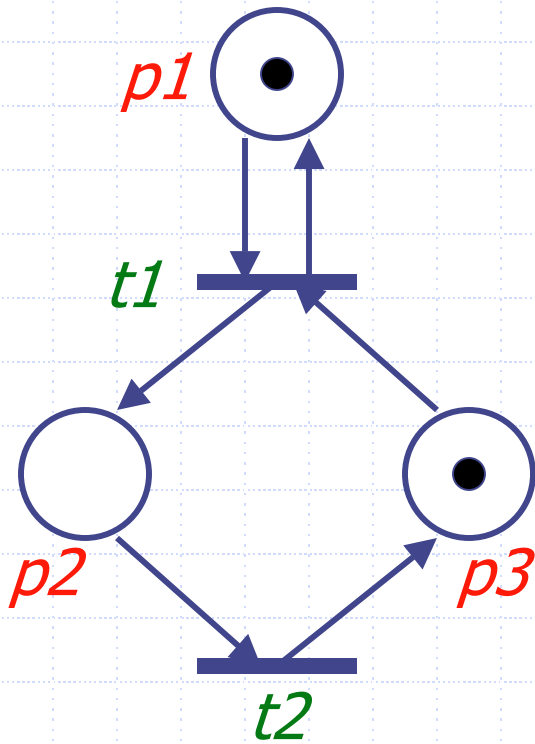
$$C = 1, \gamma_2 = 1$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i x(p_i) = \text{constant}$$

$$x[p1] = 1$$

$$x[p2] + x[p3] = 1$$

# Example (end)

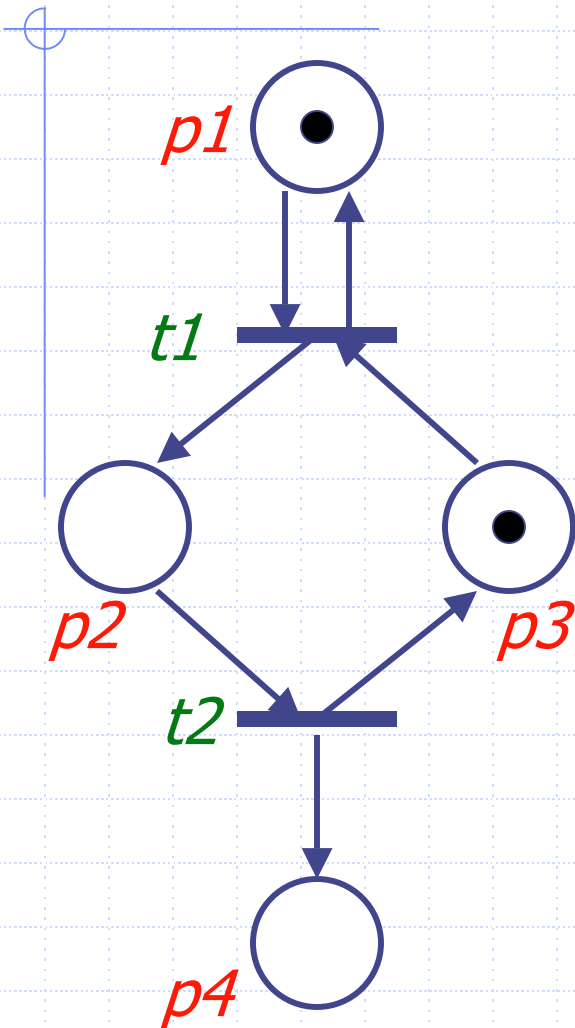


$$\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i x(p_i) = \text{constant}$$

$$x[p_1] = 1$$

$$x[p_2] + x[p_3] = 1$$

# Example with $\infty$ Capacity



[  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4$  ]

[ 1, 0, 1,  $\omega$  ]

[ 1, 1, 0,  $\omega$  ]

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ & \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 & \gamma_3 & \gamma_4 & C \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i x(p_i) = \text{constant}$$

$$x[p_1] = 1$$

$$x[p_2] + x[p_3] = 1$$

# Problems/Constraints

- ◆ Not guaranteed to find solution
  - Integer linear programming problem
- ◆ Get less constraint equations than number of independent variables
  - Permute matrix columns & redo reduction
- ◆ Might not be unique solution

# References

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# Demo

