# **Embedded Systems**



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# **Petri Nets**

# **Computing changes of markings**



 "Firing" transitions t generate new markings on each of the places p according to the following rules:



When a transition t fires from a marking  $\underline{M}_{\cdot}w(p, t)$  tokens are deleted from the incoming places of t (i.e. from places  $p \in {}^{\bullet}t$ ), and w(t, p) tokens are added to the outgoing places of t (i.e. to places  $p \in t^{\bullet}$ ), and a new marking M' is produced



Activated transitions can "take place" or "fire", but don't have to. The order in which activated transitions fire is not fixed (it is non-deterministic).

# **Boundedness**



- A place is called *k-safe* or *k-bounded* if it contains in the initial marking m<sub>0</sub> and in all other reachable from there markings at most k tokens.
- A net is **bounded** if each place is bounded.
- Boundedness: the number of tokens in any place cannot grow indefinitely
- Application: places represent buffers and registers (check there is no overflow)
- A Petri net is inherently bounded if and only if all its reachability graphs (i.e. reachability graphs with all possible starting states) all have a finite number of states.

# Liveness



- A transition T is live if in any marking there exists a firing sequence such that T becomes enabled
- An entire net is live if all its transitions are live
- Important for checking deadlock An Live ? NO CS - ES



# Liveness (more precisely)

- A transition t is dead at M if no marking M' is reachable from M such that t can fire in M'.
- A transition t is live at M if there is no marking M' reachable from M where t is dead.
- A marking is live if all transitions are live.
- A P/T net is live if the initial marking is live.

## **Observations:**

- A live net is deadlock-free.
- No transition is live if the net is not deadlock-free.

# Deadlock



- A dead marking (deadlock) is a marking where no transition can fire.
- A Petri net is deadlock-free if no dead marking is reachable.



# Shorthand for changes of markings **REVIEW**



### REVIEW Matrix <u>N</u> describing all changes of markings

$$\underline{t}(p) = \begin{cases} -W(p,t) \text{ if } p \in t \setminus t^{\bullet} \\ +W(t,p) \text{ if } p \in t^{\bullet} \setminus t \\ -W(p,t) + W(t,p) \text{ if } p \in t^{\bullet} \cap t \\ 0 \end{cases}$$
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Def.: Matrix  $\underline{N}$  (incidence matrix ) of net *N* is a mapping  $\underline{N}: P \times T \rightarrow Z$  (integers)

such that  $\forall t \in T$ :  $\underline{N}(p,t) = \underline{t}(p)$ 

Component in column *t* and row *p* indicates the change of the marking of place *p* if transition *t* takes place.

# **Incidence** matrix



incidence matrix N of a pure (no elementary loops) place/transition-net:



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of t on p

# Example: <u>N</u>=









## reachability graph

# **Computation of Invariants**



We are interested in subsets *R* of places whose number of labels remain invariant under fireing of transitions:

 e.g. the number of trains commuting between Amsterdam and Paris (Cologne and Paris) remains constant

Important for correctness proofs





# Standardized technique for proving properties of system models

For any transition  $t_j \in T$  we are looking for sets  $R \subseteq P$  of places for which the accumulated marking is constant:





Condition for place invariants REVIEW

$$\sum_{p \in R} \underline{t}_j(p) = \underline{t}_j \cdot \underline{c}_R = \sum_{p \in P} \underline{t}_j(p) \underline{c}_R(p) = 0$$

Accumulated marking constant for all transitions if

$$\underline{t}_1 \cdot \underline{c}_R = 0$$

$$\dots \quad \dots$$

$$\underline{t}_n \cdot \underline{c}_R = 0$$

Equivalent to 
$$\underline{N}^T \cdot \underline{c}_R = 0$$
 where  $\underline{N}^T$  is the transposed of  $\underline{N}^T$ .  
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# More detailed view of computations REVIEW $\begin{bmatrix} t_1(p_1) \dots t_1(p_n) \\ t_2(p_1) \dots t_2(p_n) \\ \dots \\ t_m(p_1) \dots t_m(p_n) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_R(p_1) \\ c_R(p_2) \\ \dots \\ c_R(p_n) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

System of linear equations.

Solution vectors must consist of zeros and ones.

Different techniques for solving equation system (Gauss elimination, tools e.g. Matlab, ...)



$$c_{R,1} = (1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0)$$

# Solution vectors for Thalys example REVIEW

$$c_{R,1} = (1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0)$$

$$c_{R,2} = (0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0)$$

$$c_{R,3} = (0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1)$$

$$c_{R,4} = (1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0)$$

We proved that:

- the number of trains serving Amsterdam, Cologne and Paris remains constant.
- the number of train drivers remains constant.





# Solution vectors for Thalys example REVIEW

It follows:

- each place invariant must have at least one label at the beginning, otherwise "dead"
- at least three labels are necessary in the example





**P5 P6** CI -1 -1 0 **T1** 0 0 0 1 0 -1 -1 CZ 0 T2 - 1 5 <sup>c</sup>3 1 0 0 1 T3 -1 0 1 0 0 -1 1 T4 64 0 c < 0 1 0 T5 0 0 -1 66 -> [1]: - (3 + (3 + (3 + 6) = 4  $\neg I : -c_2 + c_3 + c_c = q$  $-c_3 + c_5 = 4 = -5$  $C_{3} = C_{5}$ 

63 = 65

**IT** / - Cn + cq + CF = 4  $\overline{11}' = -\overline{1}$ 

 $\overline{U}': -c_2 \quad \tau(s + c_c = q)$  $\overline{U}' = -\overline{I}$ 

7 • C5 = Ca - Cy TT  $C_{\overline{5}} = C_2 - C_6$ -5 - C 3 1

Cn C3  $c_{\chi}$  $P_{n} = \{P_{n}, P_{4}\}, P_{2} = \{P_{2}, P_{6}\}$ CS-ES  $P_{2} = \{P_{n}, P_{n}, P_{2}, P_{3}, P_{5}\}$ - 26 -

# **Place - invariants**



# **Predicate/transition nets**

Goal: compact representation of complex systems.

Key changes:

- Tokens are becoming individuals;
- Transitions enabled if functions at incoming edges true;
- Individuals generated by firing transitions defined through functions

Changes can be explained by folding and unfolding C/E nets

# **Example: Dining philosophers problem**

n>1 philosophers sitting at a round table;

■*n* forks,

■*n* plates with spaghetti; philosophers either thinking or eating spaghetti (using left and right fork).





2 forks needed! How to model conflict for forks? How to guarantee avoiding

starvation?

# Condition/event net model of the dining philosophers problem

•Let  $x \in \{1..3\}$ • $t_x$ : x is thinking • $e_x$ : x is eating • $f_x$ : fork x is available

Model quite clumsy.

Difficult to extend to more philosophers.



# Predicate/transition model of the dining philosophers problem (1)

Let x be one of the philosophers,
let l(x) be the left spoon of x,
let r(x) be the right spoon of x.



- Tokens individuals
- Edges can be labeled with variables and functions

# Predicate/transition model of the dining philosophers problem (1)



# Predicate/transition model of the dining philosophers problem (2)



Model can be extended to arbitrary numbers of people.
No change of the





# Time and Petri Nets

 e.g.: Petri nets tell us that <sup>\*</sup> a new request can be issued only after the resource is released"

- Nothing about time
- In literature, time has been added to PNs in many different ways (notion of temporal constraints for: transitions, places, arcs) → TPN

# **Timed Petri Nets**

- TPN
  - Each transition is defined precisely based on connectivity and tokens needed for transition
    - Given an initial condition, the exact system state at an arbitrary future time
       *T* can be determined
- Timed Petri Nets becomes a 7-tuple system
  - $PN = (P,T,F,W,K,M_{ot})$
  - $\tau = {\tau_1, \tau_2, ..., \tau_n}$  is a finite set of deterministic time delays to corresponding  $t_i$



# Time and Petri Nets (TPN)

- adding (quantitative) time to PNs is to introduce temporal constraints on its elements:
  - e.g., a transition must fire after 5 msec



# **Production system - Top level petri net**









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# NC axis





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# **Evaluation**

- Pros:
  - Appropriate for distributed applications,
  - Well-known theory for formally proving properties,
- Cons :
  - PN problems with modeling timing (extensions in TPN)
  - no programming elements, no hierarchy (extensions available)
- Extensions:
  - Enormous amounts of efforts on removing limitations.
- Remark:
  - A FSM can be represented by a subclass of Petri nets, where each transition has exactly one incoming edge and one outgoing edge.

# **Summary**

Petri nets: focus on causal dependencies

- Condition/event nets
  - Single token per place
- Place/transition nets
  - Multiple tokens per place
- Predicate/transition nets
  - Tokens become individuals
  - Dining philosophers used as an example
- Extensions required to get around limitations

- Used here as a (prominent) example of a model of computation based on asynchronous message passing communication.
- appropriate also for distributed systems
- Language designed for specification of distributed systems.
  - Dates back to early 70s,
  - Formal semantics defined in the late 80s,
  - Defined by ITU (International Telecommunication Union): Z.100 recommendation in 1980 Updates in 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996 and 1999
- Another acronym SDL ("System Design Languages")
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- Provides textual (tool processing) and graphical formats (user interaction)
- Ability to be used as a wide spectrum language from requirements to implementation
- Just like StateCharts, it is based on the <u>CFSM (Communicating</u> FSM) model of computation; each FSM is called a **process.**
- With SDL the protocol behaviour is completely specified by communicating FSM.
- The formal basis of SDL enables the use of code generation tool chains, which allows an automated implementation of the specification.

- However, it uses message passing instead of shared memory for communications
- SDL supports operations on data
- object oriented description of components.

# **Structuring SDL designs**

SDL systems can be structured in various means:

- A system consists of a number of blocks connected by channels, each block may contain a substructure of blocks or it may contain process sets connected by signals.
- Processes execute concurrently with other processes and communicate by exchanging signals; or by remote procedure calls.

# **Specifying behaviour**

 The behaviour of a process is described as an extended FSM: When started, a process executes its start transition and enters the first state. (triggered by signals)

2. In transitions, a process may execute actions.

3. E.g.: Actions can assign values to variable attributes of a process, branch on values of expression, call procedures, create new processes, send signal to other processes.

# **SDL-representation of FSMs/processes**



# **Communication among SDL-FSMs**

 Communication between FSMs (or "processes") is based on message-passing, assuming a potentially indefinitely large FIFO-queue.



- Each process fetches next entry from FIFO,
- checks if input enables transition,
- if yes: transition takes place,
- if no: input is ignored (exception: SAVEmechanism).

# **Determinate?**

Let tokens be arriving at FIFO at the same time:
 Order in which they are stored, is unknown:



All orders are legal: Simulators can show different behaviors for the same input, all of which are correct.

# **Operations on data**

- Variables can be declared locally for processes.
- Their type can be predefined or defined in SDL itself.
- SDL supports abstract data types (ADTs). Examples:



# **Process interaction diagrams**

- Interaction between processes can be described in process interaction diagrams (special case of block diagrams).
- In addition to processes, these diagrams contain channels and declarations of local signals.
- Example:



# **Designation of recipients**

- Through process identifiers: Example: OFFSPRING represents identifiers of processes generated dynamically.
- **2. Explicitly:** By including the channel name.
- 3. Implicitly:
  - If signal names imply channel names ( $B \rightarrow$  Sw1)





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# **Hierarchy in SDL**

Process interaction diagrams can be included in blocks.
 The root block is called system.



Processes cannot contain other processes, unlike in StateCharts. CS - ES

# **Hierarchy of a SDL specification**





- Timers can be declared locally. Elapsed timers put signal into queue (not necessarily processed immediately).
- RESET removes timer (also from FIFO-queue).



# **SDL** application

The semantics of SDL defines the state space of the specification. This state space can be used for various analyses and transformation techniques, e.g.:

- state space exploration, simulation
- checking the SDL-specification for deadlocks/lifelocks
- deriving test cases automatically
- code generation for an executable prototype or end system

# **Summary**

- MoC: finite state machine components
   + non-blocking message passing communication
- Representation of processes
- Communication & block diagrams
- Timers and other language elements
- Excellent for distributed applications (e.g., Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN))
- Commercial tools available from SINTEF, Telelogic, Cinderella (//www.cinderella.dk)