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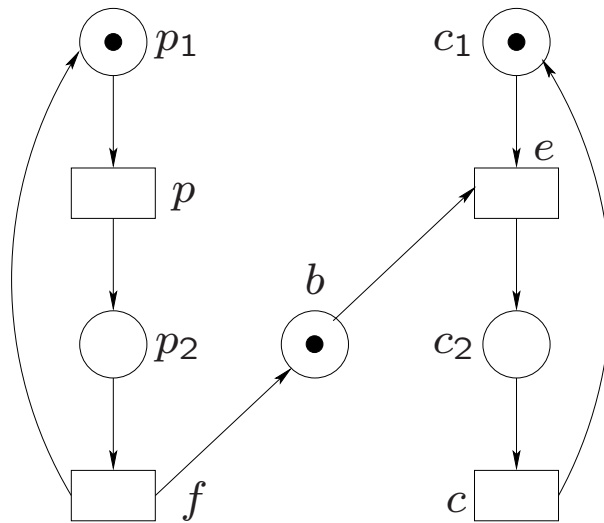
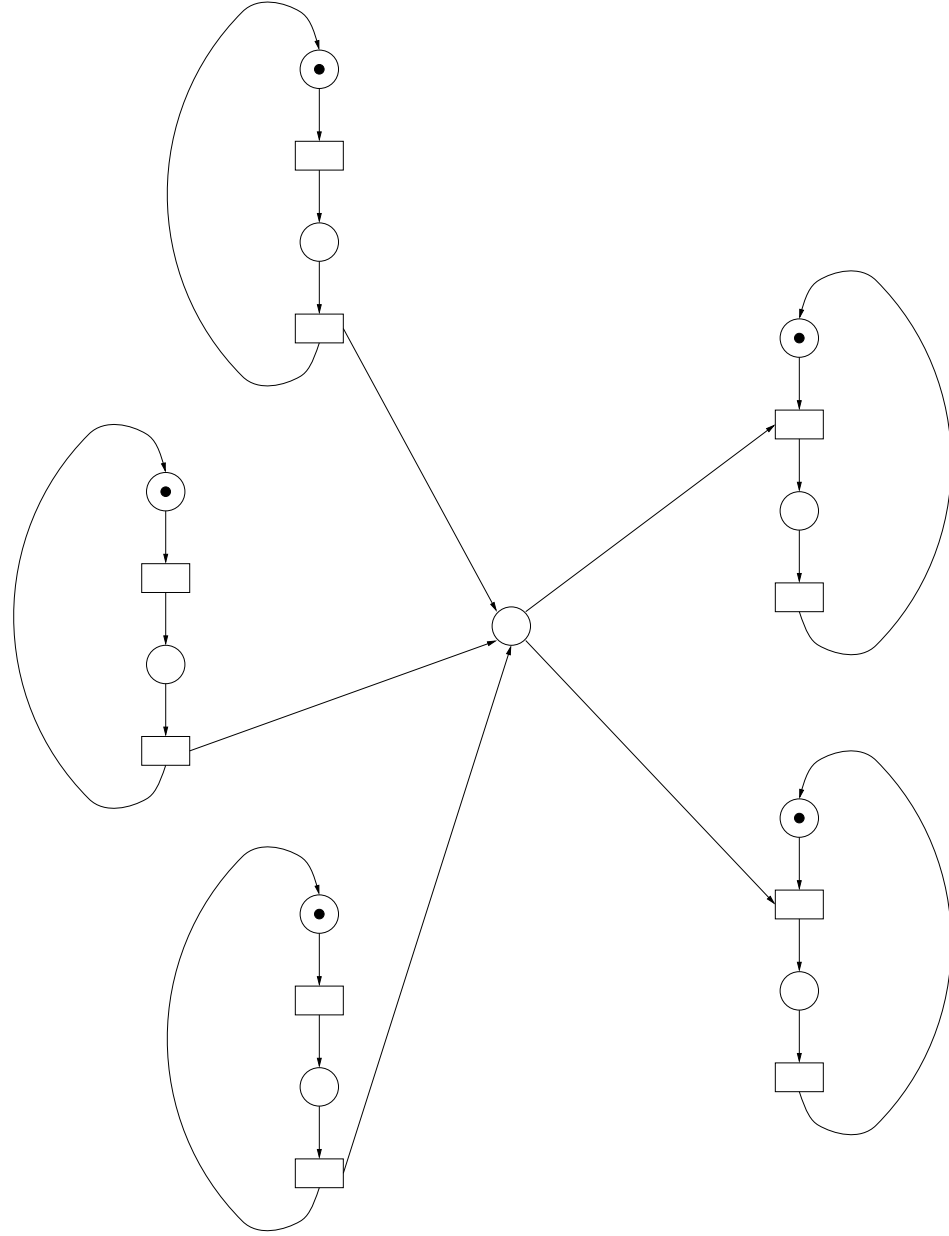


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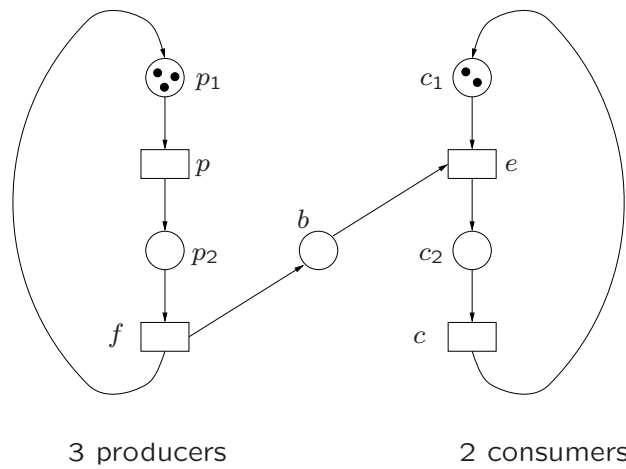


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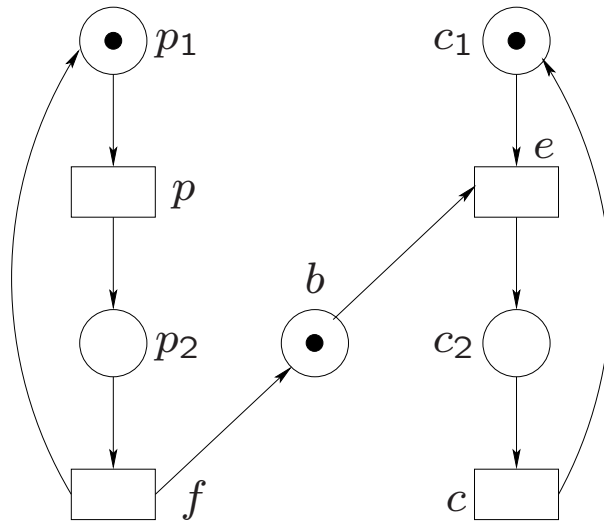


Fig. 12. The producer/consumer problem (with/without buffer capacity...).

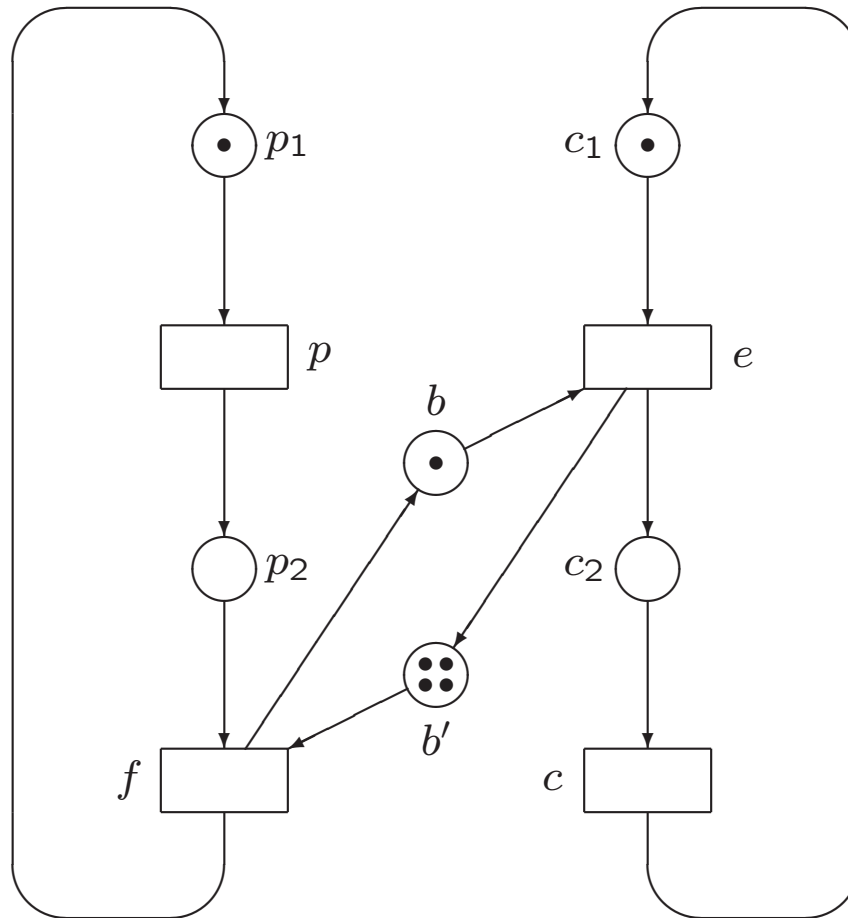


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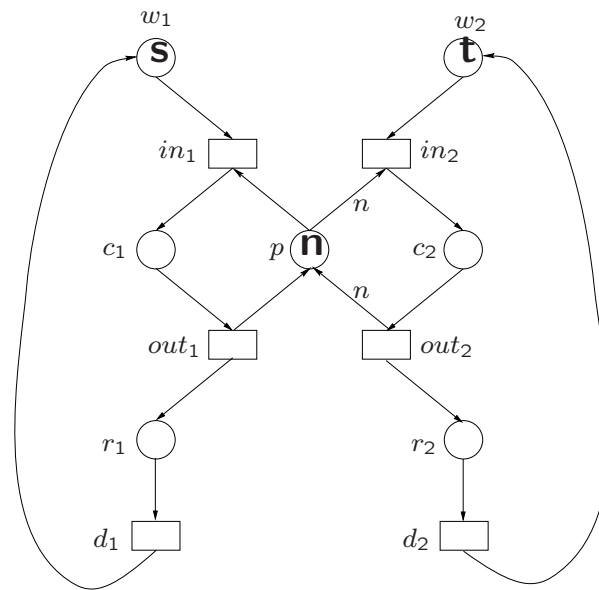


Fig. 78. The readers/writers problem.

Definition 152. A *multi-net* is a tuple $N = (P, T, F, W, K)$, where

(1) (P, T, F) is a net,

(2) $W : F \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_+$ is the *weight function*, and

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Definition 153. A *configuration* of a multi-net $N = (P, T, F, W, K)$

is a function $C : P \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, such that

$\forall p \in P : \text{if } K(p) \in \mathbb{N}_+, \text{ then } C(p) \leq K(p).$

Definition 154. A *place/transition system*, P/T system for short, is a tuple $M = (P, T, F, W, K, C_{in})$, where

(1) (P, T, F, W, K) is a multi-net, and

(2) $C_{in} : P \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is a configuration of that multi-net: the *initial configuration*.

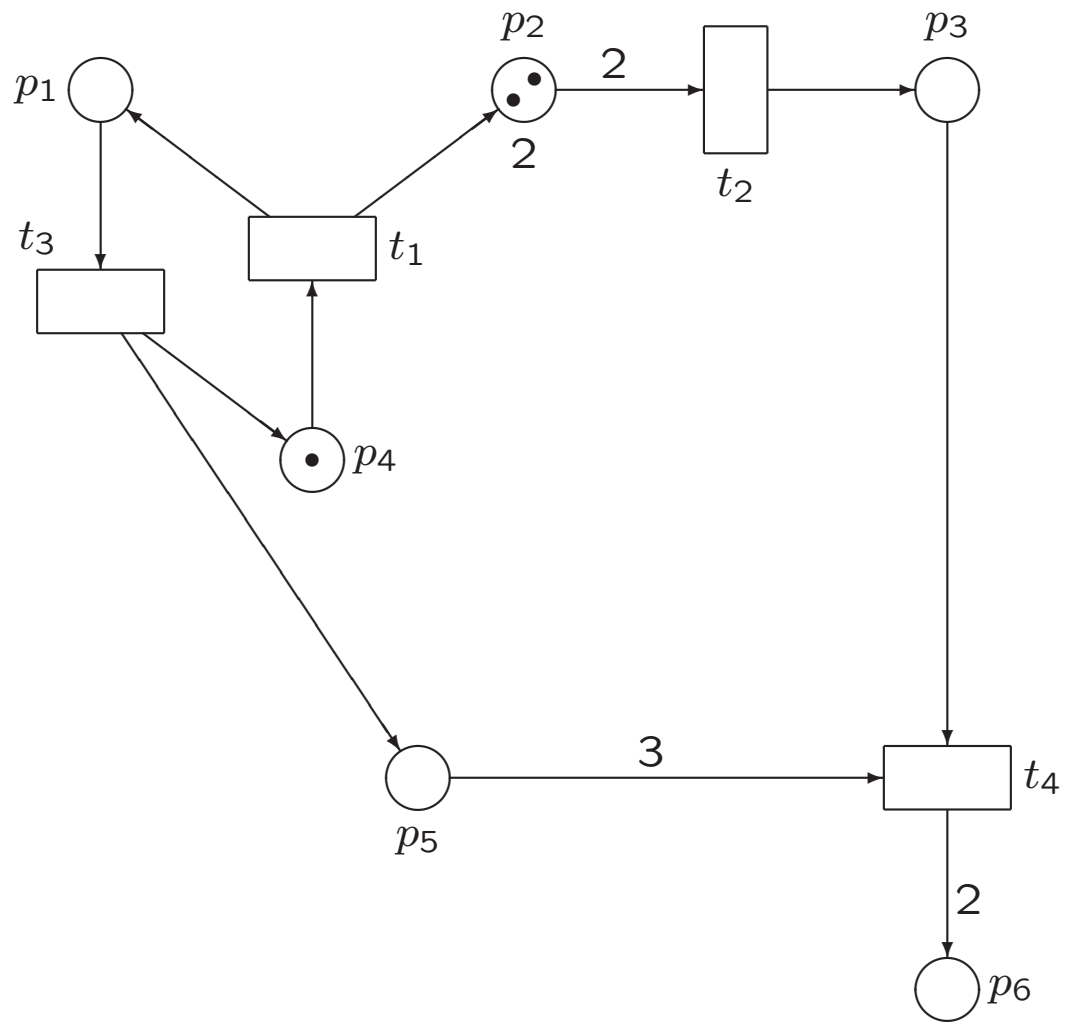


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Definition 155. Let $M = (P, T, F, W, K, C_{in})$ be a P/T system and let $t \in T$

(1) Let $C : P \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be a configuration of M .

Then t has concession in C (or t can be fired in C , or t is enabled in C), written as $t \text{ con } C$, if:

$\forall p \in \bullet t: W(p, t) \leq C(p)$ and

$\forall p \in t^\bullet: \text{if } K(p) \in \mathbb{N}_+, \text{ then } C(p) + W(t, p) \leq K(p).$

(2) Let C and D be configurations of M .

Then t fires from C to D , written as $C[t]D$, if $t \text{ con } C$ and,

for every $p \in P$,

$$\begin{array}{ll} D(p) = C(p) - W(p, t) & \text{if } p \in \bullet t, \\ D(p) = C(p) + W(t, p) & \text{if } p \in t^\bullet, \text{ and} \\ D(p) = C(p) & \text{otherwise.} \end{array}$$

Definition 8. Let $M = (P, T, F, C_{in})$ be an EN system.

(1) Let $t_1 \cdots t_n \in T^*$, with $n \geq 0$ and $t_1, \dots, t_n \in T$. Let $C, D \subseteq P$. Then $t_1 \cdots t_n$ *fires from C to D* if there exist configurations $C_0, C_1, \dots, C_n \subseteq P$ with $C_0 = C$, $C_n = D$ and $C_{i-1}[t_i \rangle C_i$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$, written as $C[t_1 \cdots t_n \rangle D$.

(2) Let $x \in T^*$ and $C \subseteq P$.

Then x *has concession in C*

(or x *can be fired in C* , or x *is enabled in C*)

if there exists a $D \subseteq P$ such that $C[x \rangle D$, written as $x \text{ con } C$.

(3) $x \in T^*$ is a *firing sequence of M* if $x \text{ con } C_{in}$. The set of all firing sequences of M is denoted by $\text{FS}(M)$.

Definition 8 Ctd. Let $M = (P, T, F, C_{in})$ be an EN system.

(4) $C \subseteq P$ is a *reachable configuration* of M

if there exists an $x \in FS(M)$ with $C_{in}[x \rangle C$.

The set of all reachable configurations of M is denoted by \mathbb{C}_M .

(5) $t \in T$ is a *useful transition* of M

if there exists a reachable configuration C of M such that $t \text{ con } C$.

The set of useful transitions of M is denoted by $\text{use}_M(T)$, or just $\text{use}(T)$ when M is clear from the context.

(6) $t \in T$ is a *live transition* of M

if for each $C \in \mathbb{C}_M$ there exists an $x \in T^*$ with $xt \text{ con } C$.

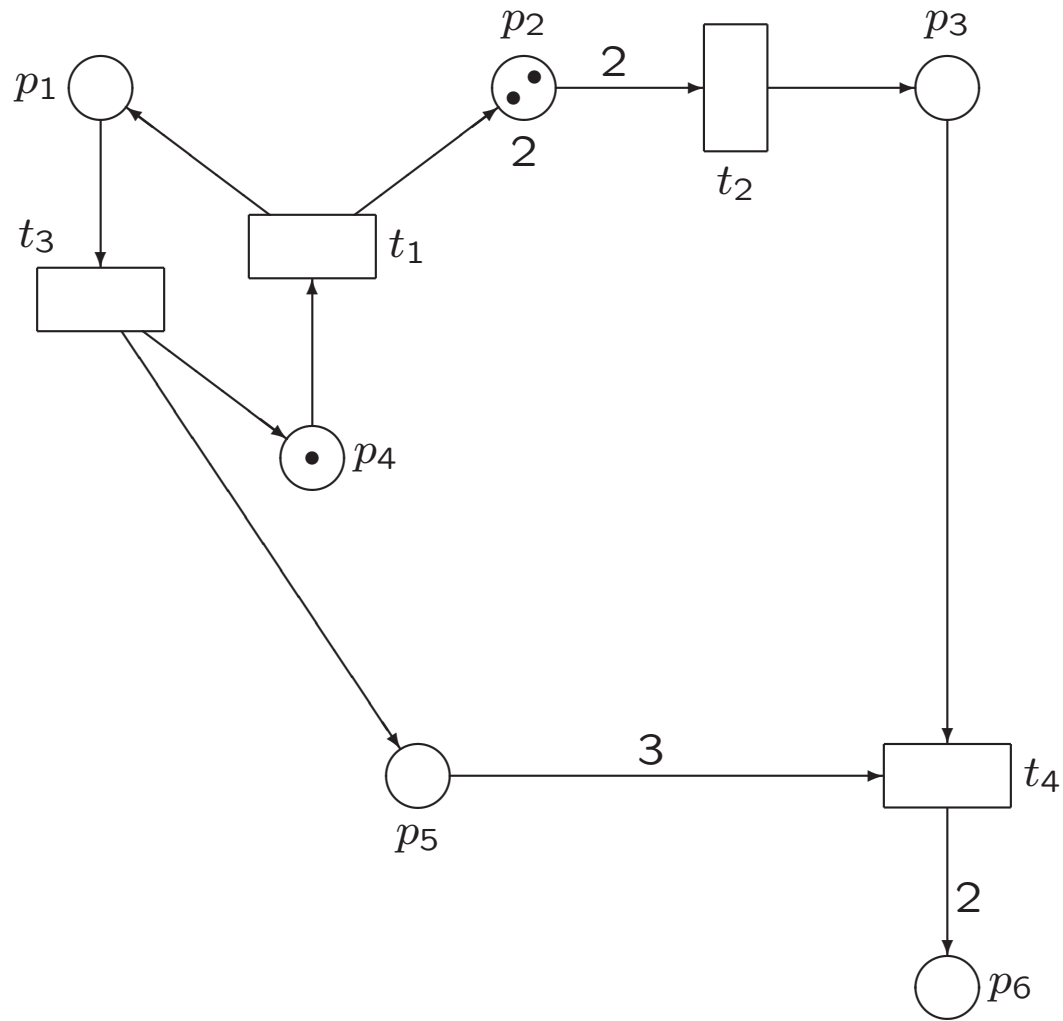


Fig. 79. A P/T system.

Now, play the token game...

For a P/T system M ,
the set $FS(M)$ is not necessarily a regular language.

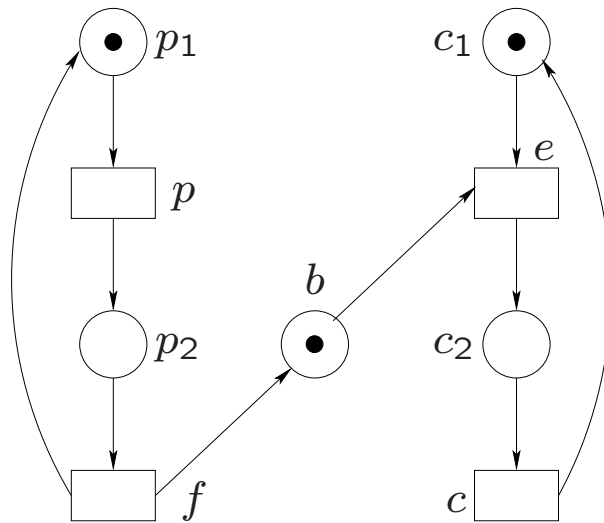


Fig. 12. The producer/consumer problem

Definition 156. (alternative) An *EN system* is a P/T system M with $K_M(p) = 1$ for all $p \in P_M$.

Definition 157. Let $M = (P, T, F, K, W, C_{in})$ be a P/T system.
 M is *contact-free* if for all $t \in T$ and $C \in \mathbb{C}_M$,
if $W(p, t) \leq C(p)$ for all $p \in \bullet t$,
then $C(p) + W(t, p) \leq K(p)$ for all $p \in t^\bullet$ with $K(p) \in \mathbb{N}_+$.

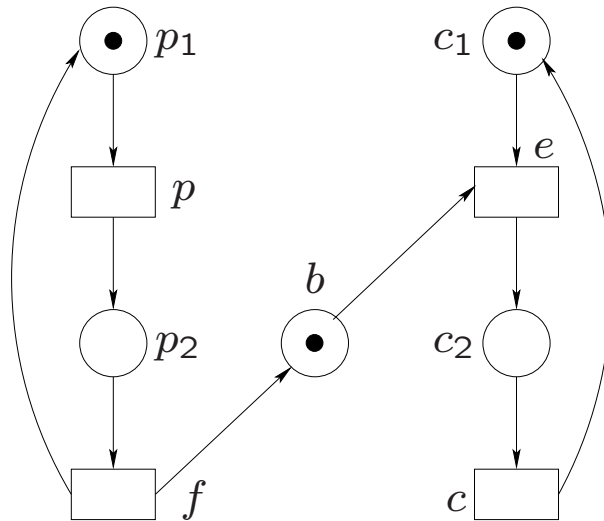


Fig. 12. The producer/consumer problem (with buffer capacity 5).

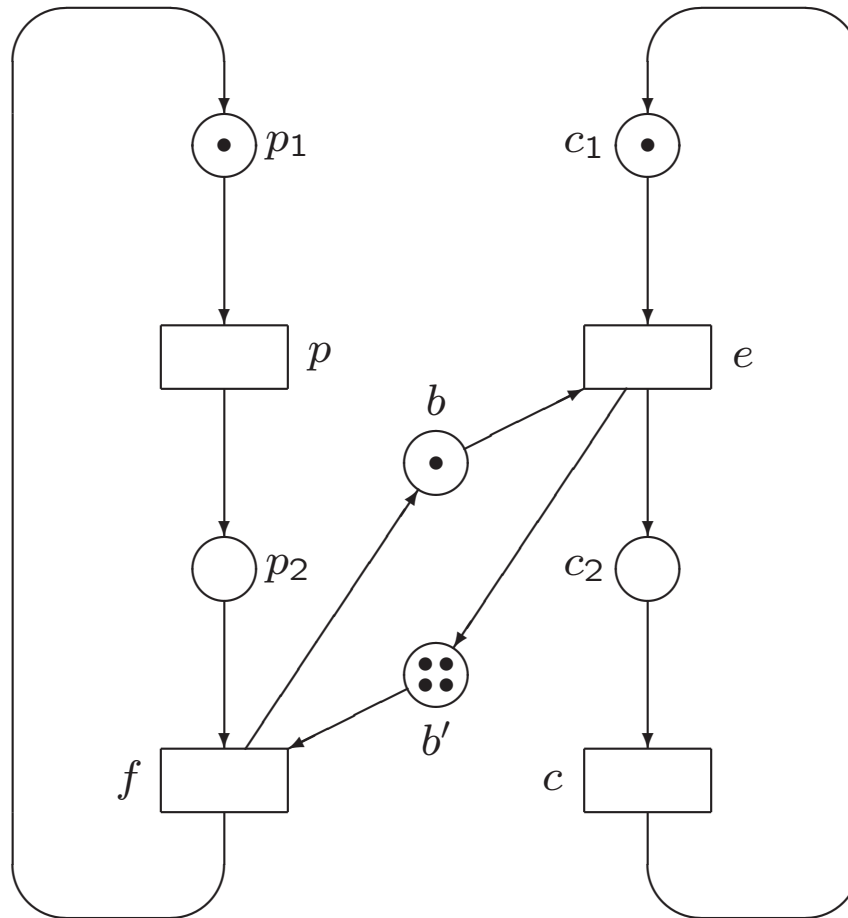


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Complement construction justifies assumption:
for every P/T system M : $K_M(p) = \omega$ for all $p \in P_M$.

We denote M by (P, T, F, W, C_{in}) .

A configuration is any function $C : P \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ and
 $t \text{ con } C \Leftrightarrow \forall p \in \bullet t : W(p, t) \leq C(p)$.

Definition 158. A P/T system $M = (P, T, F, W, C_{in})$ is *safe* if $C(p) \in \{0, 1\}$ for all $C \in \mathbb{C}_M$ and $p \in P$.

Definition 159. (alternative) A *contact-free EN system* is a safe P/T system.

A configuration is any function $C : P \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

In other words: C is a vector in \mathbb{N}^n .

A partial order for vectors:

For $C, D : P \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, we say $C \leq D$ iff $C(p) \leq D(p)$ for every $p \in P$.

We say $C < D$ if $C \leq D$ and $C \neq D$.

Vectors can be added and multiplied by a scalar.

9.3. A Finiteness Algorithm

Lemma 160. Let $M = (P, T, F, W, C_{in})$ be a P/T system, $x \in T^*$, and C, D, E configurations of M .

If $C[x \rangle D$, then $C + E[x \rangle D + E$.

Lemma 161. Let $M = (P, T, F, W, C_{in})$ be a P/T system, $x \in T^*$, and C, D configurations of M .

If $C[x \rangle D$ and $C \leq D$ then, for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$,
 $C[x^n \rangle D_n$, where $D_n(p) = C(p) + n \cdot (D(p) - C(p))$ for every $p \in P$.

Lemma 162. Let $M = (P, T, F, W, C_{in})$ be a P/T system, $x \in T^*$, and $C, D \in \mathbb{C}_M$.

If $C[x \rangle D$ and $C < D$, then \mathbb{C}_M is infinite.

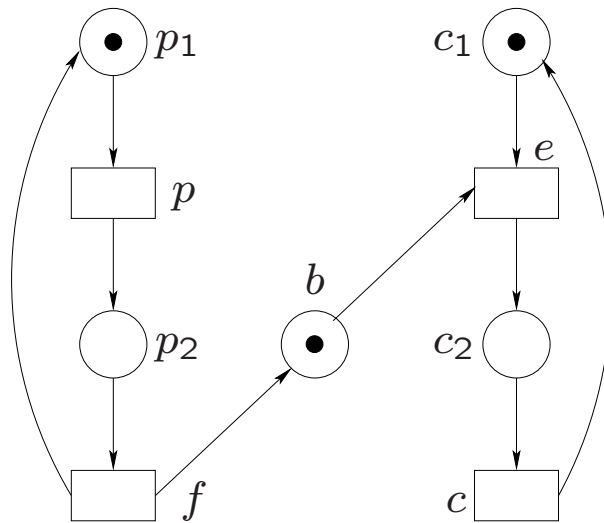


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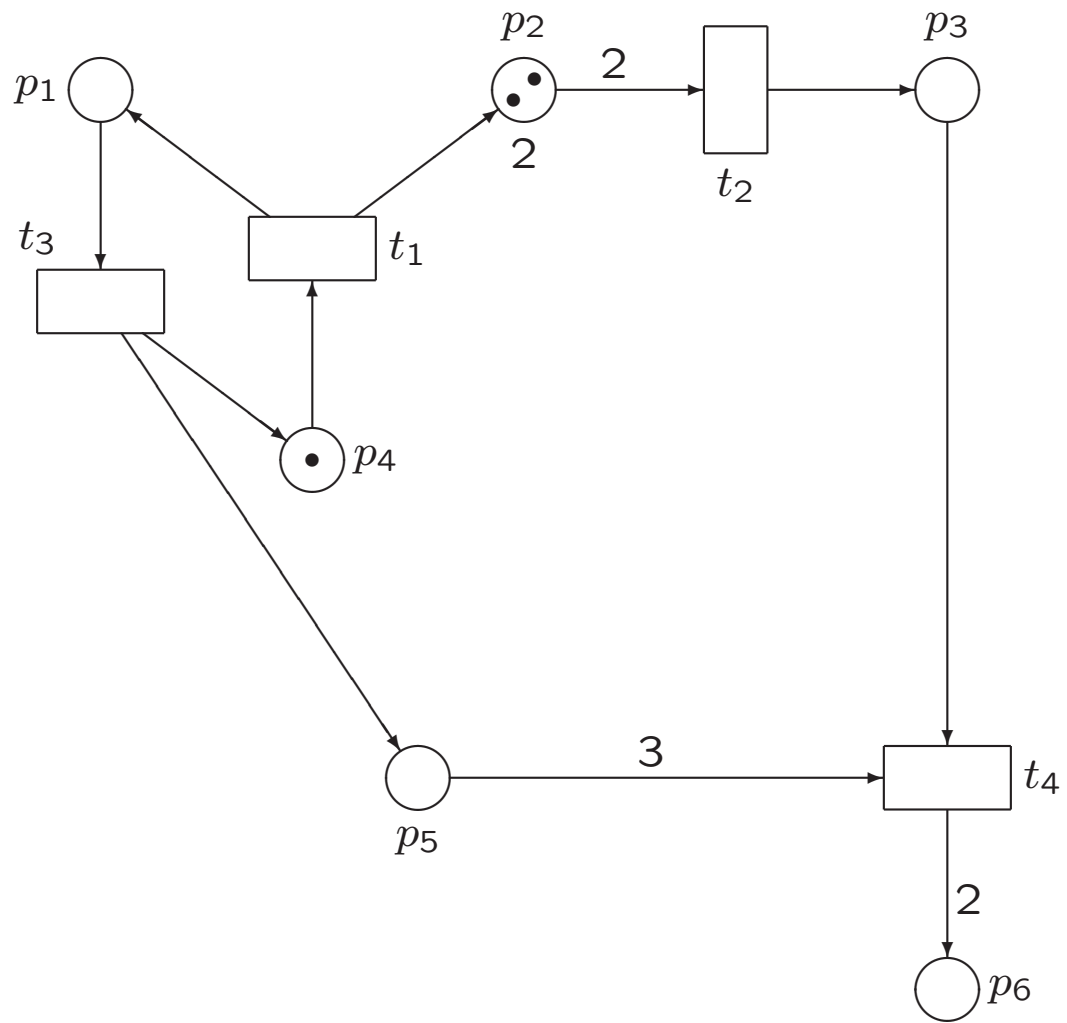


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Lemma 162. Let $M = (P, T, F, W, C_{in})$ be a P/T system, $x \in T^*$, and $C, D \in \mathbb{C}_M$.

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TO BE PROVED (from left to right):

Theorem 163. Let $M = (P, T, F, W, C_{in})$ be a P/T system.

Then \mathbb{C}_M infinite iff

there exist $x \in T^*$ and $C, D \in \mathbb{C}_M$ such that $C[x \rangle D$ and $C < D$.

An infinite sequence of configurations C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots of a P/T system is *increasing* if $C_i \leq C_{i+1}$ for all $i \geq 0$.

Lemma 164. (Dickson's Lemma)

Every infinite sequence of configurations of a P/T system has an infinite increasing subsequence.

Definition 165. Language L is *prefix-closed* if for every $x \in L$ also all prefixes of x are element of L .

Lemma 166. (König's Lemma)

If $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ is an infinite prefix-closed language, then there is an infinite sequence t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots with $t_i \in \Sigma$, such that, for all $n \geq 0$, $t_1 \cdots t_n \in L$.

Theorem 167 It is decidable, for an arbitrary P/T system M , whether \mathbb{C}_M is finite or infinite.

The algorithm uses a (finite) edge-labelled graph $G = (V, \Gamma, \Sigma, v_{in})$, with $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}_M$, ... The algorithm works as follows.

1. Initialization: $V := \{C_{in}\}$, $\Gamma := \emptyset$, $\Sigma := \emptyset$ and $v_{in} := C_{in}$.

2. For all $C \in V$ and $t \in T$ do:

if $C[t]D$ then $V := V \cup \{D\}$, $\Gamma := \Gamma \cup \{(C, t, D)\}$, and $\Sigma := \Sigma \cup \{t\}$.

3. If G did not change in Step (2),

— then \mathbb{C}_M is finite and $G = \text{SCG}(M)$.

If G did change in Step (2),

— $\exists? C, D \in V: C < D$ and there is a path in G from C to D .

If this is the case, then \mathbb{C}_M is infinite.

If not, then goto (2).

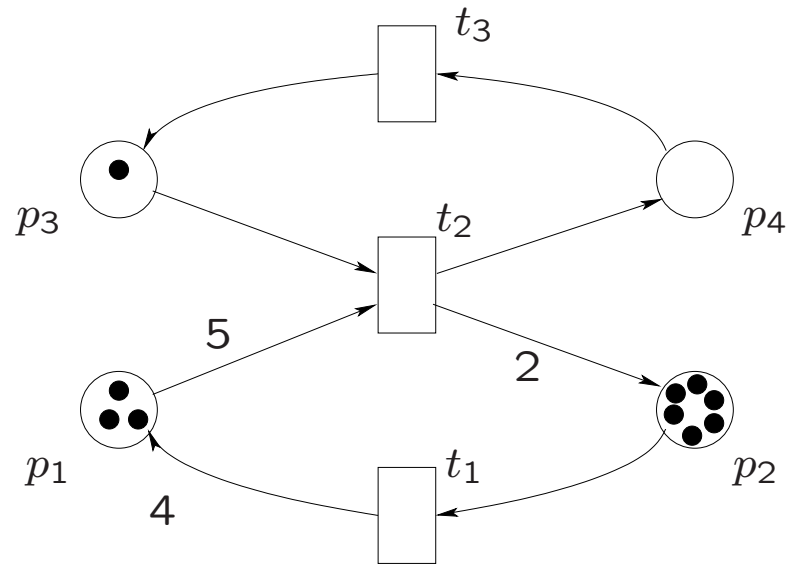


Fig. 80. A P/T system M with infinite $\text{SCG}(M)$.

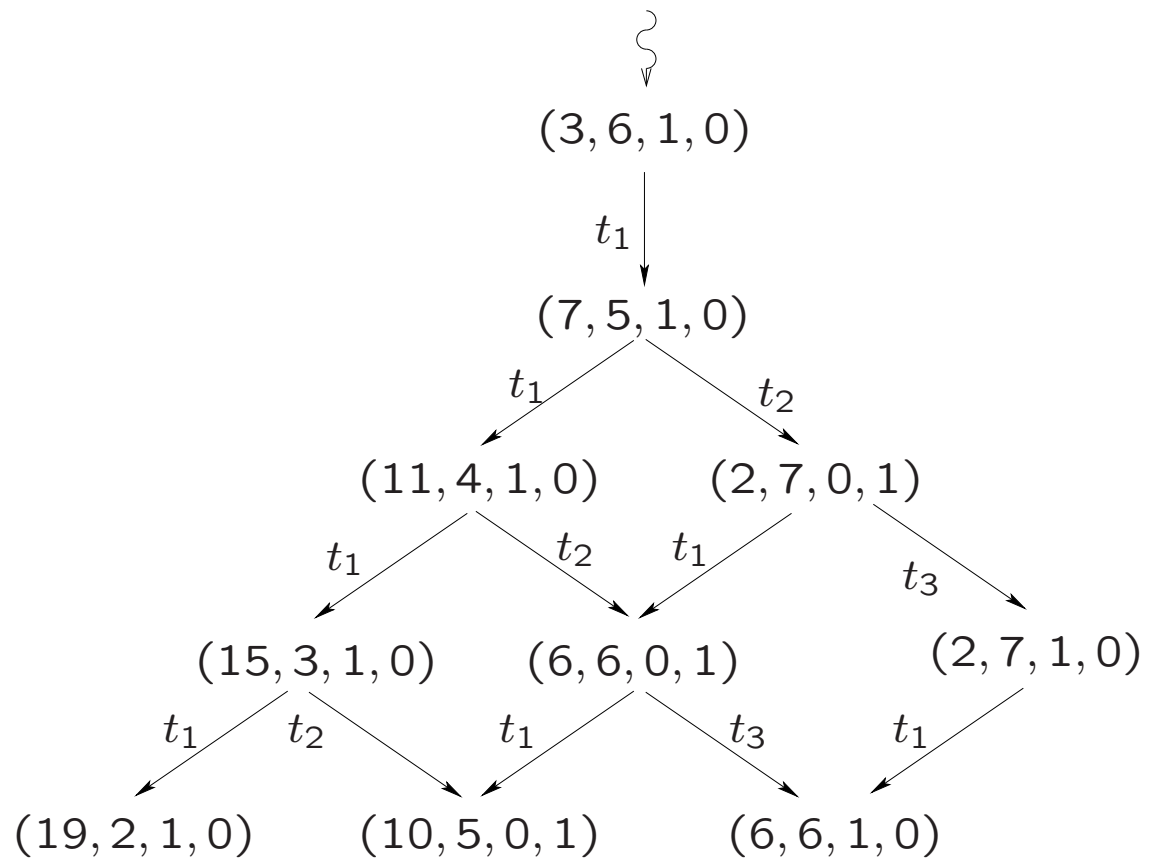
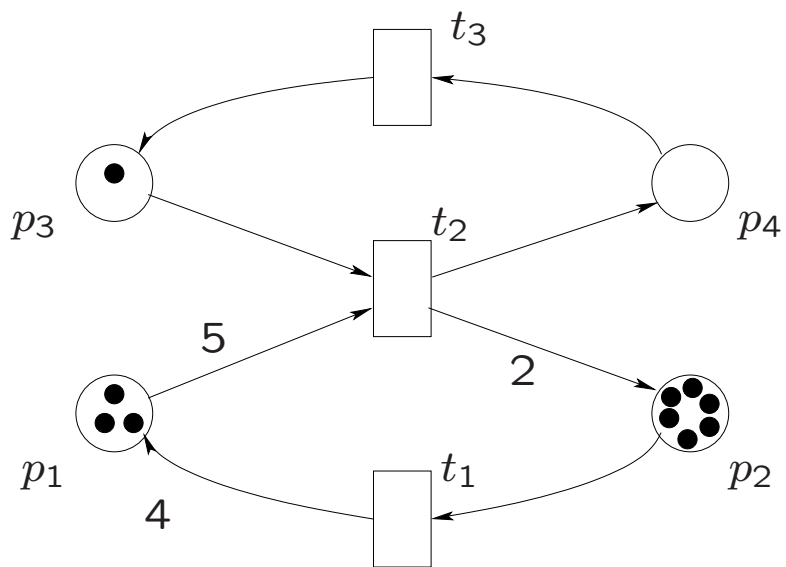
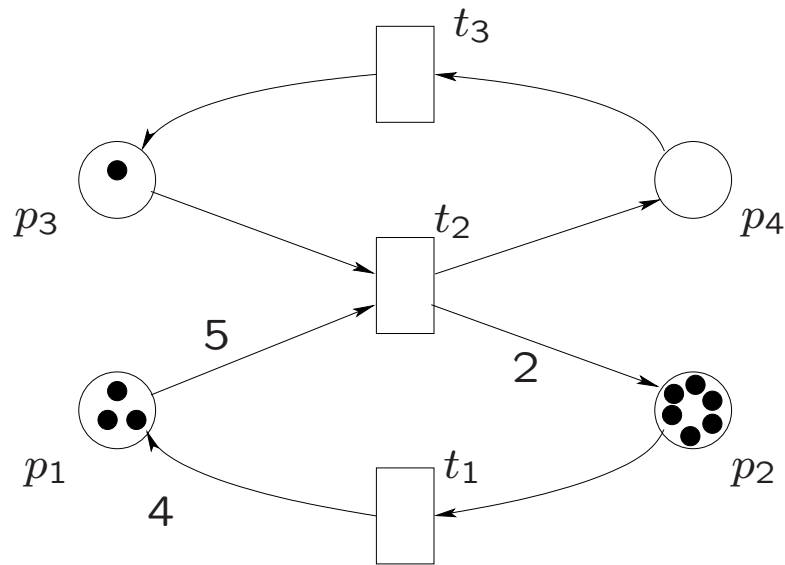
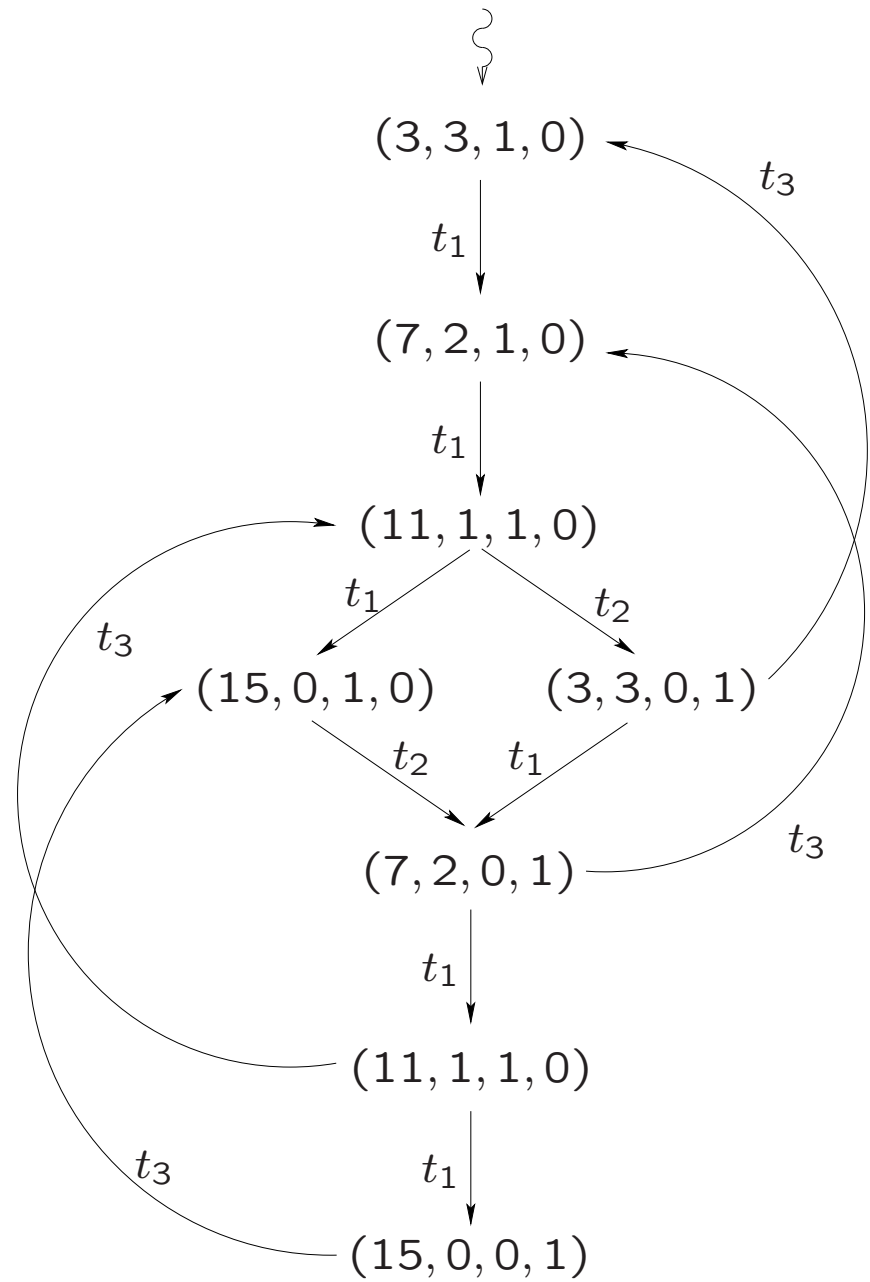


Fig. 81. The computed part of $\text{SCG}(M)$.



Let $W(p_1, t_2) = 8$
and $C_{in}(p_2) = 3$.



Definition 168. A P/T system M is *bounded* if there exists a $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $C(p) \leq k$ for every $C \in \mathbb{C}_M$ and $p \in P_M$.

Theorem 169. It is decidable, for an arbitrary P/T system M , whether or not M is safe.

9.5. Place Invariants

An example of an invariant:

Theorem 49. Let $M = (P, T, F, C_{in})$ be a **reduced** EN system and let $S \subseteq P$.

Then the following statements are equivalent.

(1) There is a sequential component M' of M with $P_{M'} = S$,

(2) $\#(C \cap S) = 1$ for all $C \in \mathbb{C}_M$,

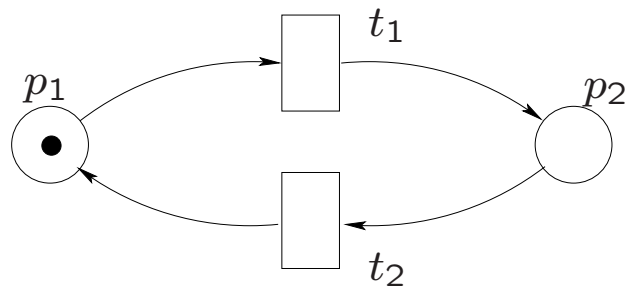


Fig. 88. P/T system M with invariant $C(p_1) + C(p_2) = 1$.

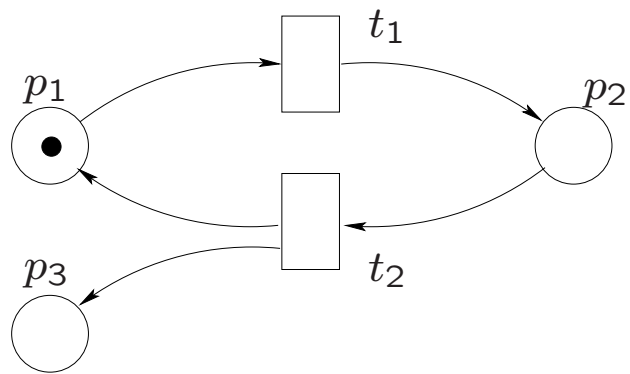


Fig. 89. P/T system M' with invariant $C(p_1) + C(p_2) = 1$.

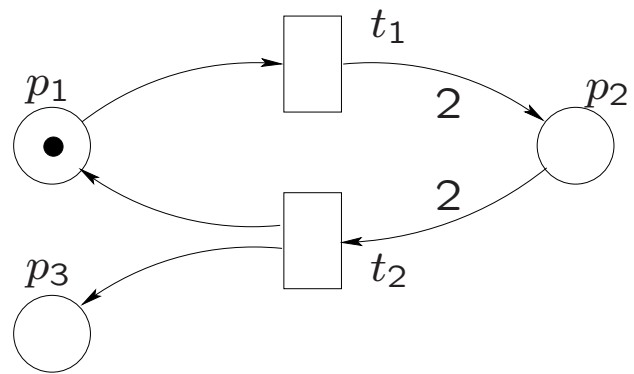


Fig. 90. P/T system M'' with invariant $2C(p_1) + C(p_2) = 2$.

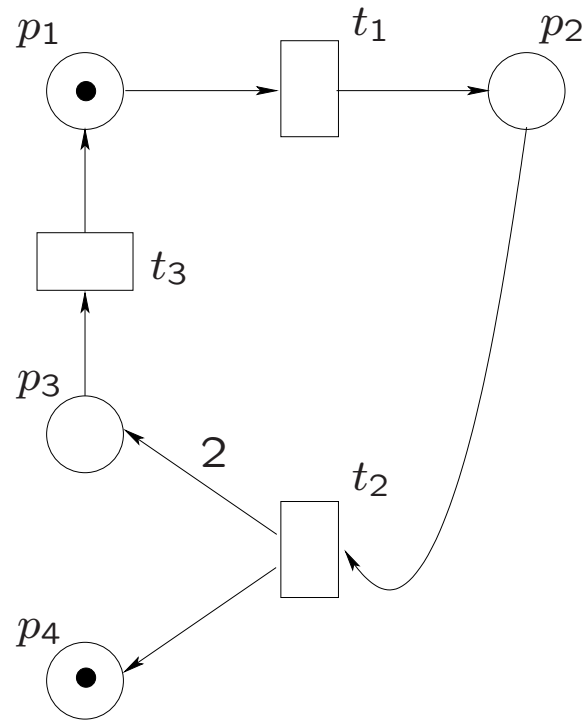


Fig. 91. P/T system M_1 with invariant $C(p_1) + C(p_2) + C(p_3) - C(p_4) = 0$.

Definition 188. Let $M = (P, T, F, W, C_{in})$ be a P/T system.

A vector $i : P \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is a *place invariant* (*p-invariant*) of M if for all configurations $C, D : P \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ and all $t \in T$: if $C[t \rangle D$, then $C \cdot i = D \cdot i$. The *value* of i is the integer $C_{in} \cdot i$.

A p-invariant $i : P \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is a *positive* p-invariant of M .

A p-invariant $i : P \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ is a *characteristic* p-invariant of M

A characteristic p-invariant with value 1 is a *sequential component* of M .

Lemma 189. Let $M = (P, T, F, W, C_{in})$ be a P/T system and let $i : P \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ be a p-invariant of M .

Then $C \cdot i = C_{in} \cdot i$ for all $C \in \mathbb{C}_M$.

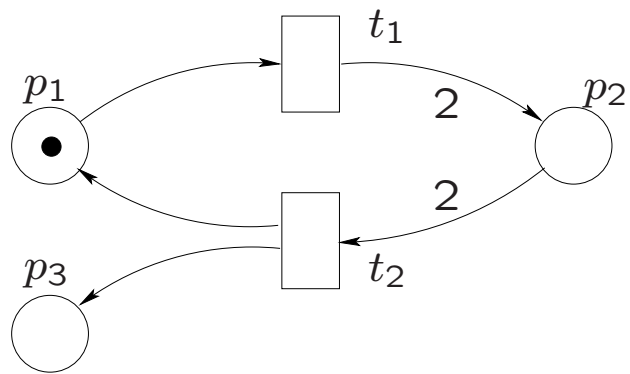


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