

On Time Petri Nets and Scheduling

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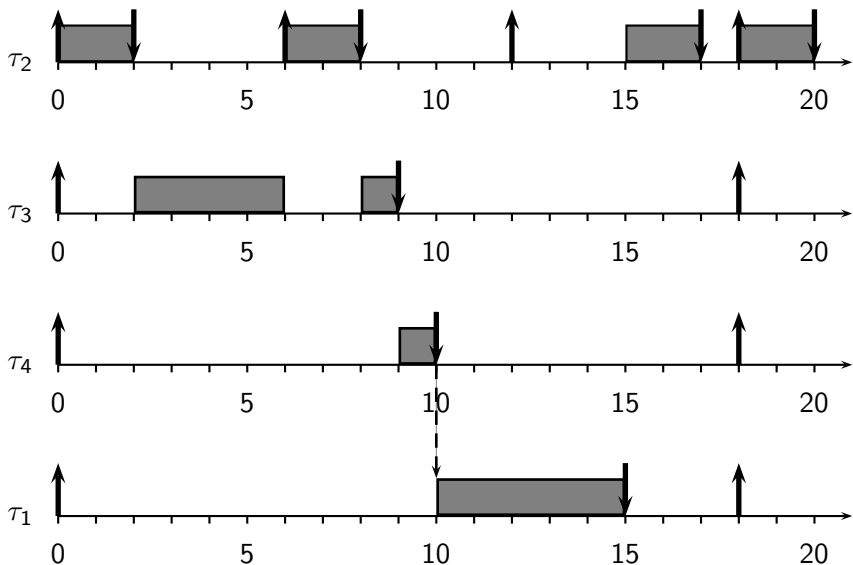
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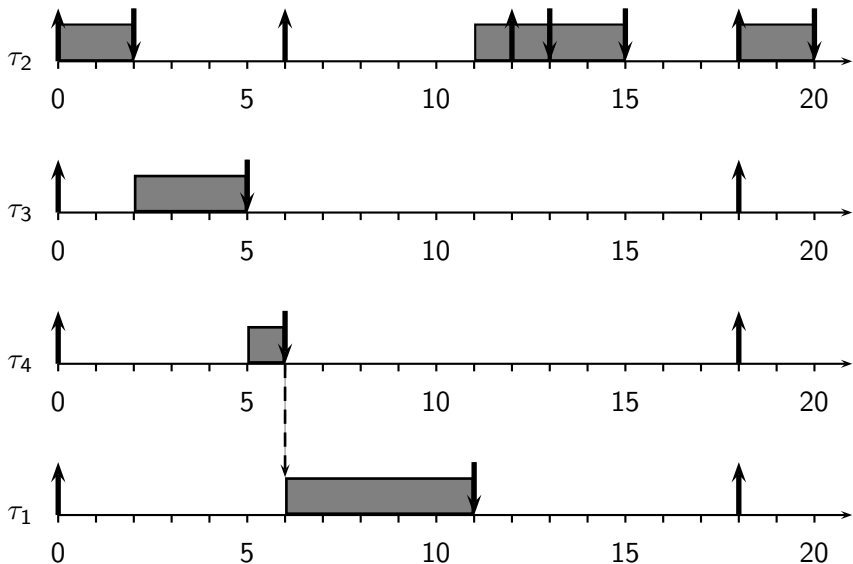
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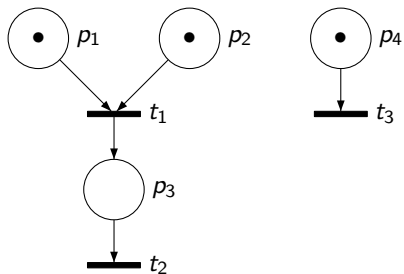
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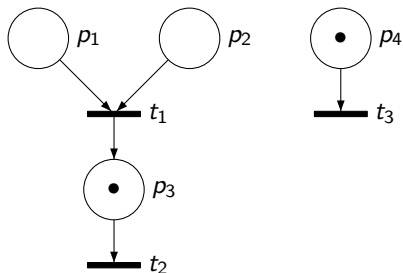
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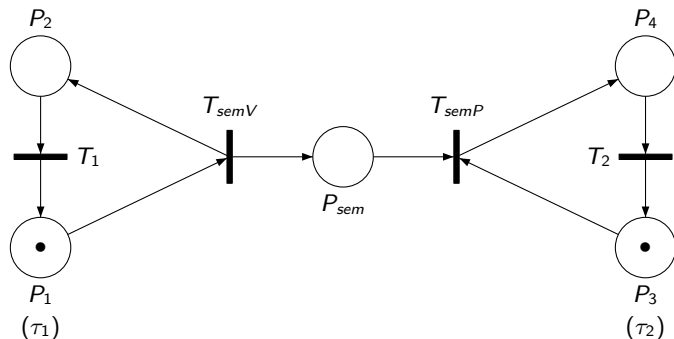


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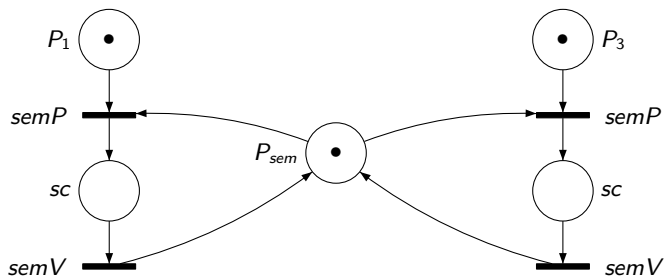


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Petri Net Example: Basic Semaphore Synchronization



Petri Net Example: Mutual Exclusion

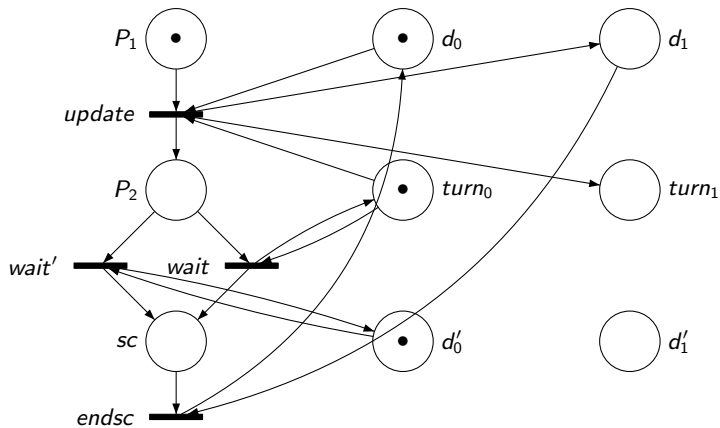


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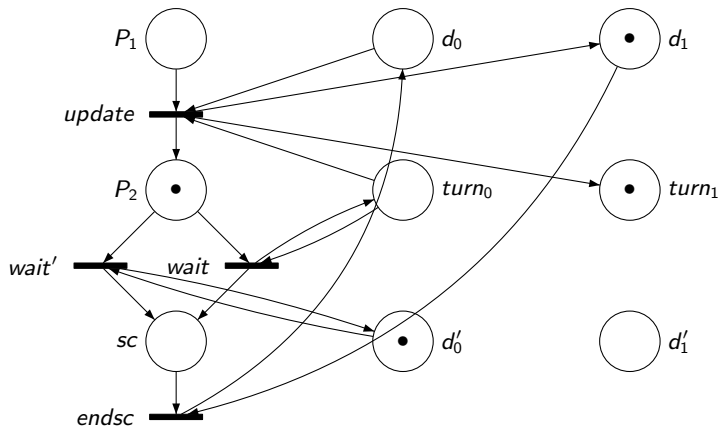
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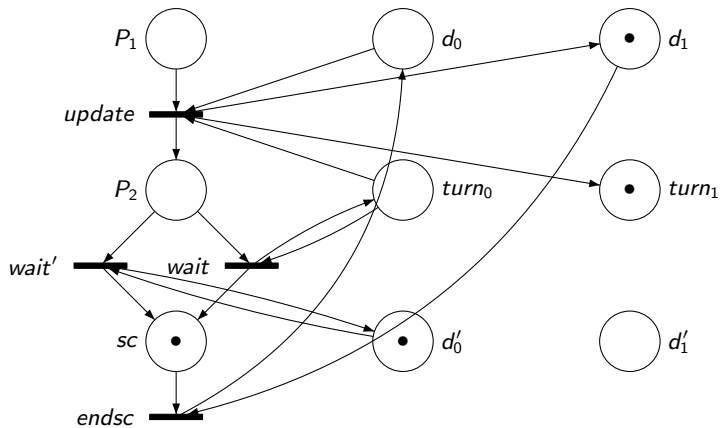

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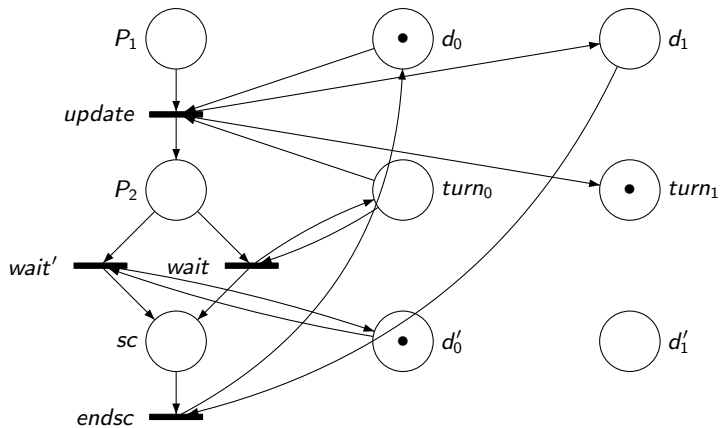
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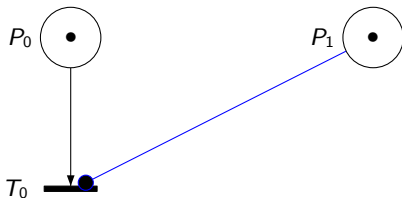


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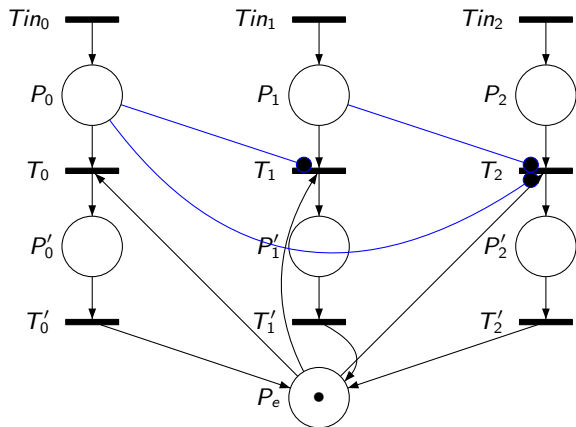
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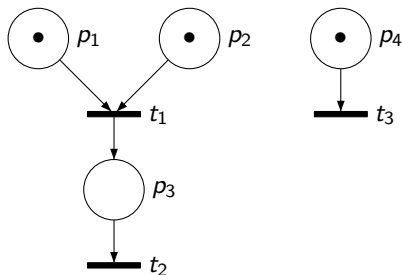


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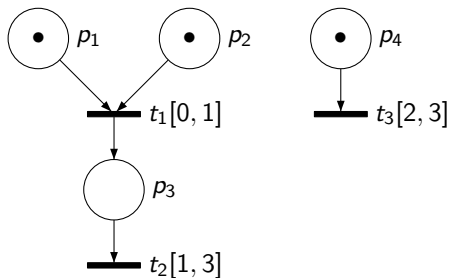


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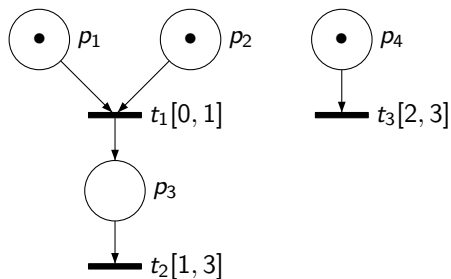
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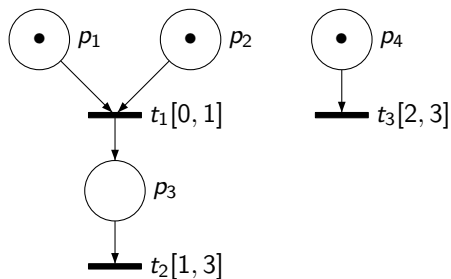
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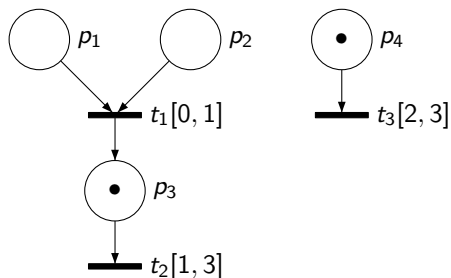
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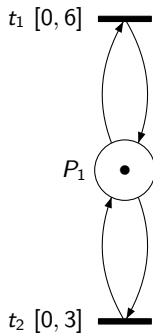
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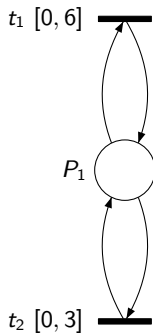
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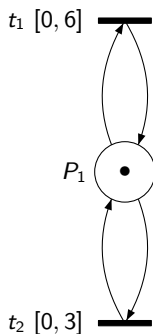
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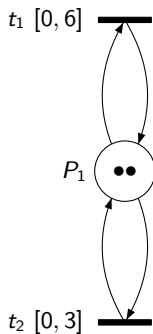


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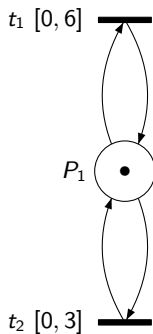
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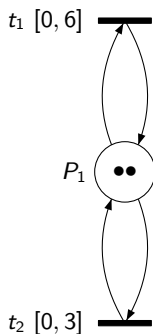
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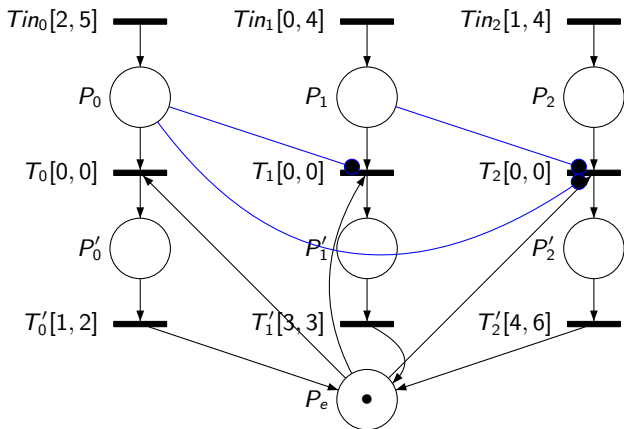
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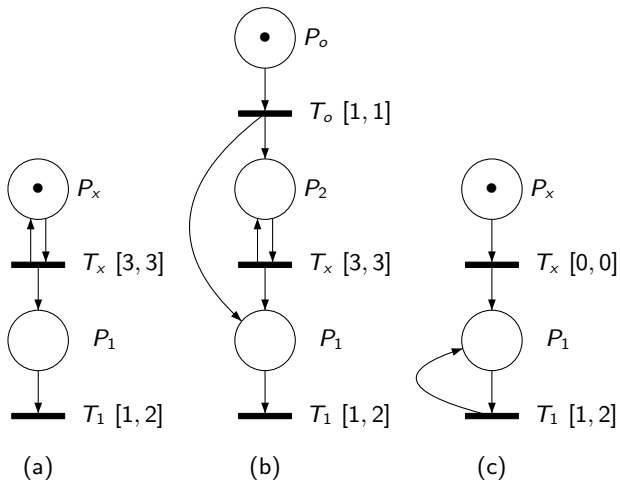
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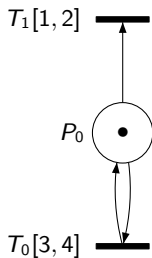
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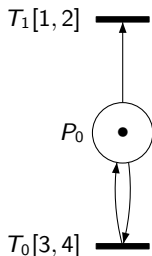
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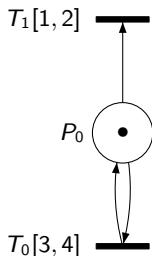
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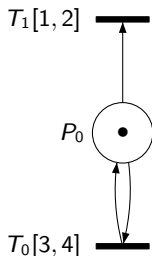
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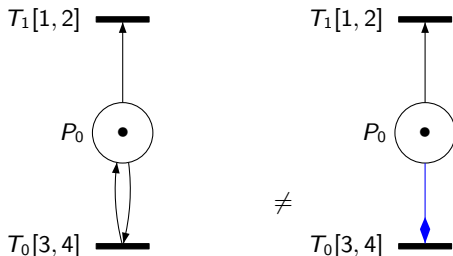
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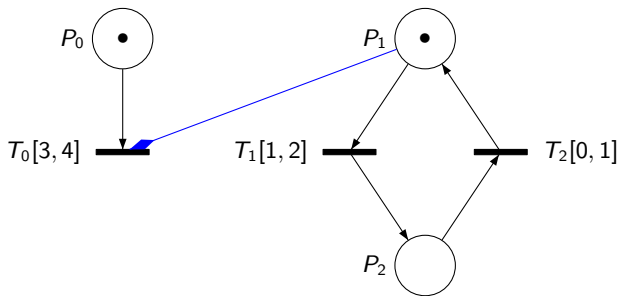
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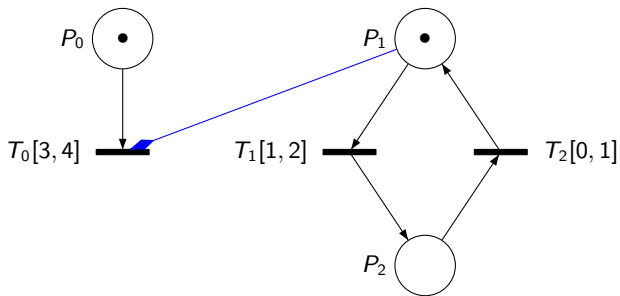
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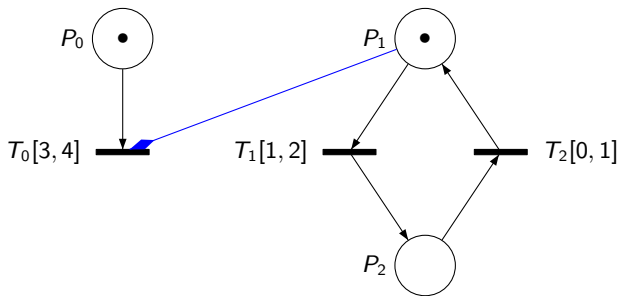
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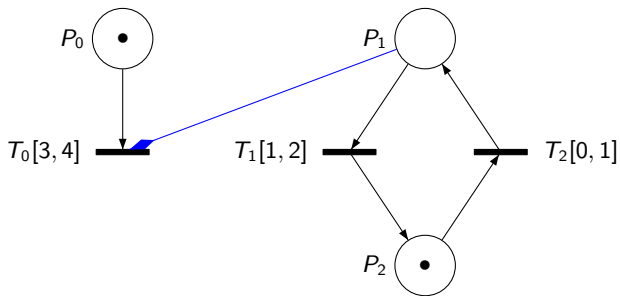
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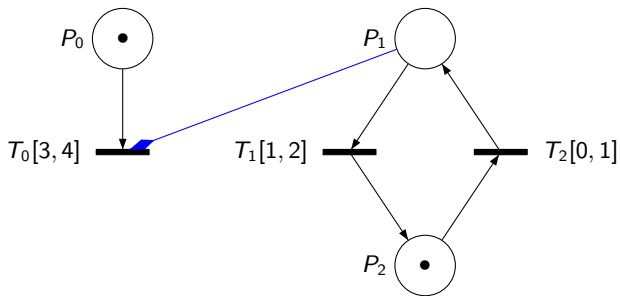
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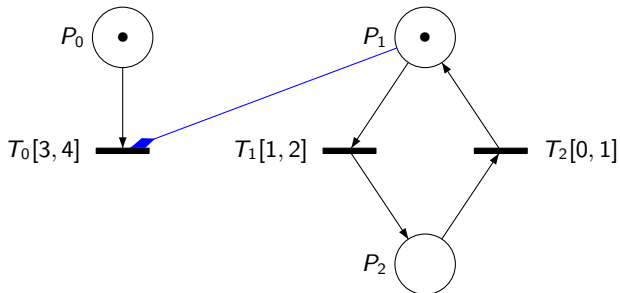


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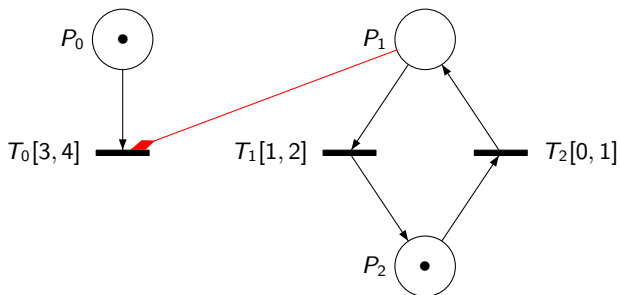


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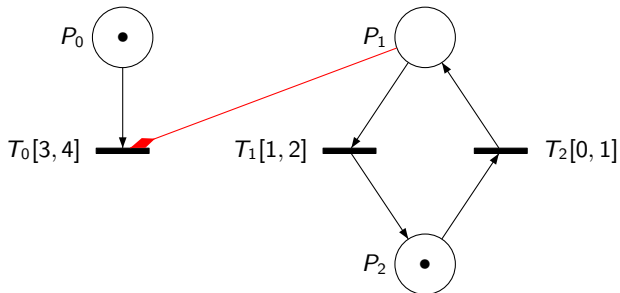


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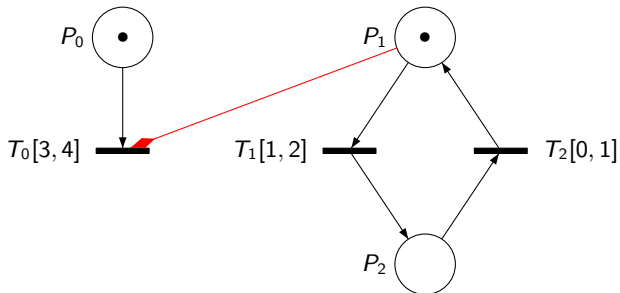


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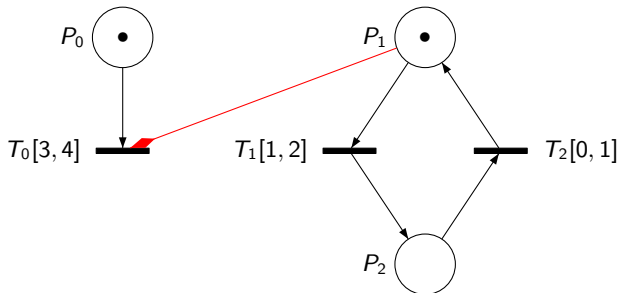


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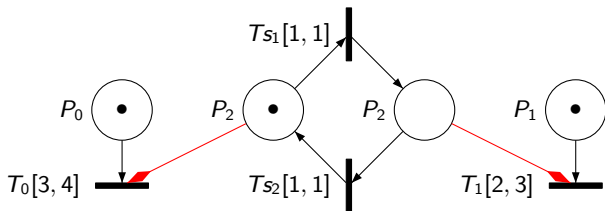


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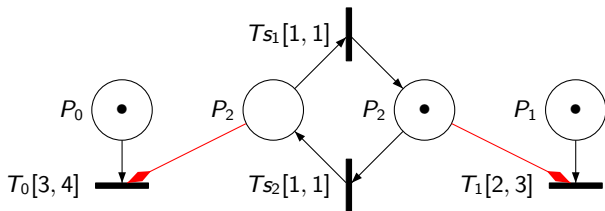
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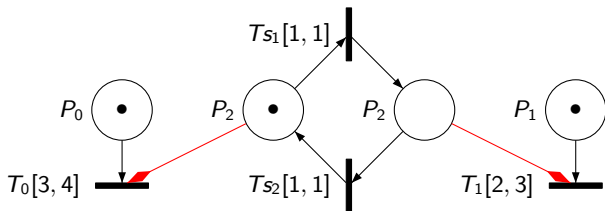
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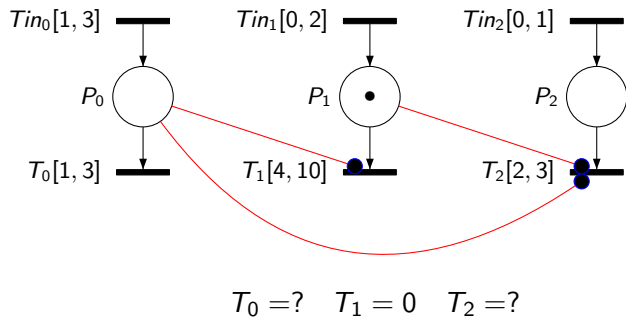
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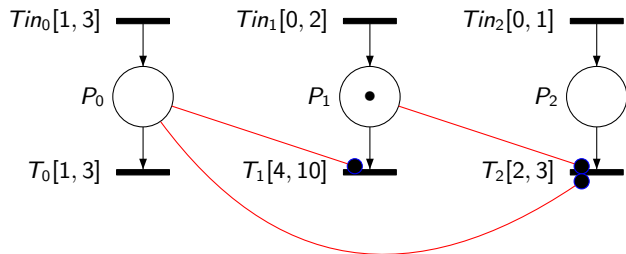
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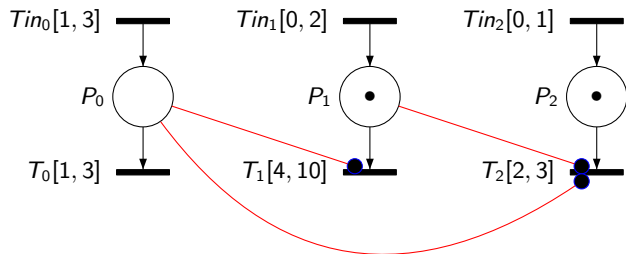


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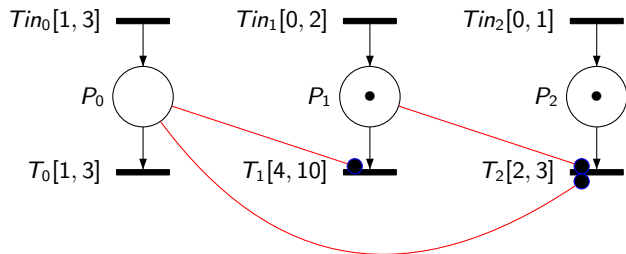
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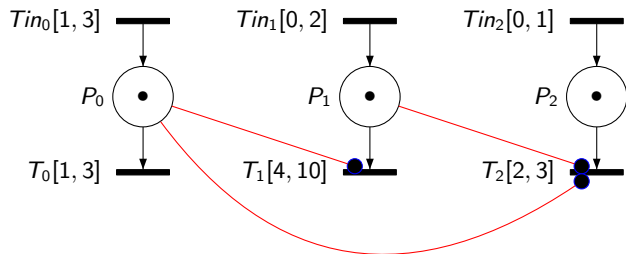
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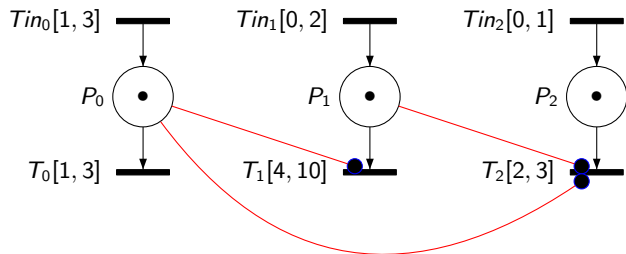


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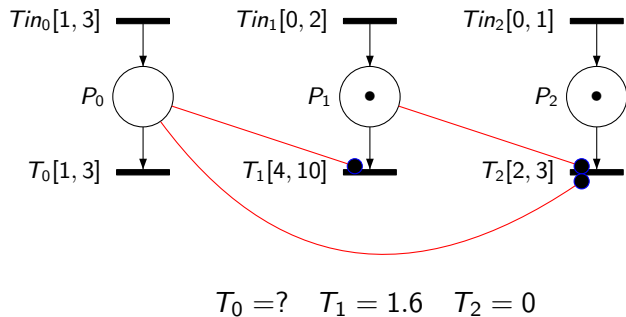


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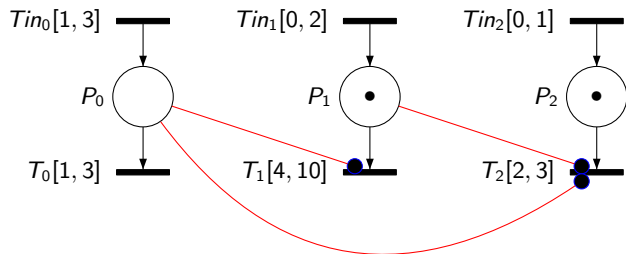


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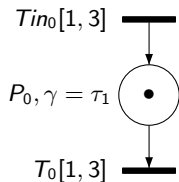
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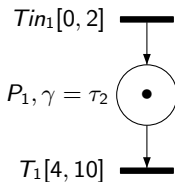
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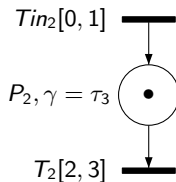
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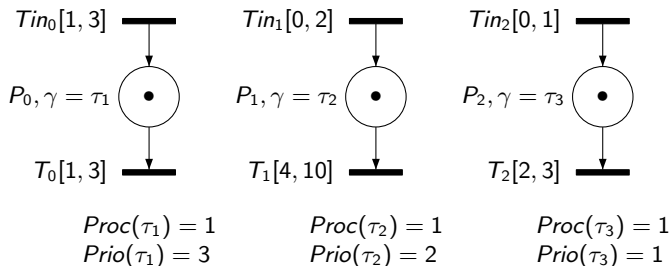


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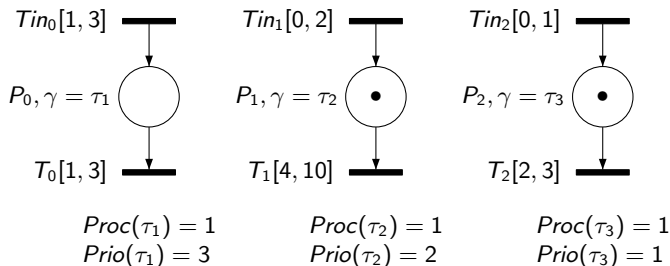
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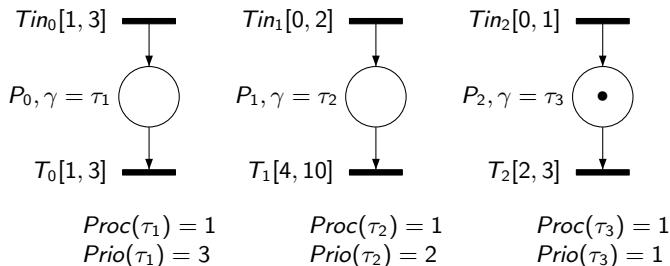
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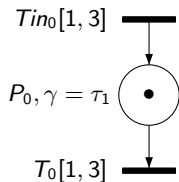
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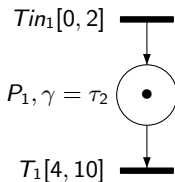


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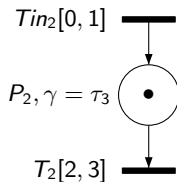
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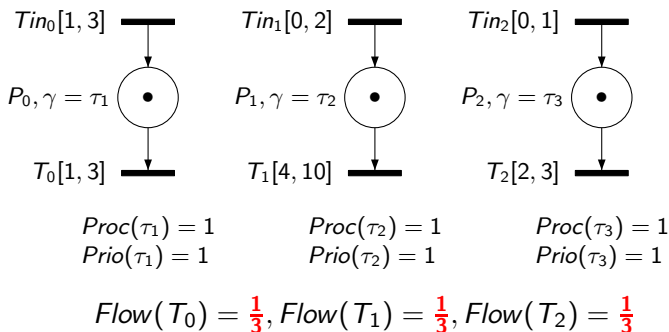


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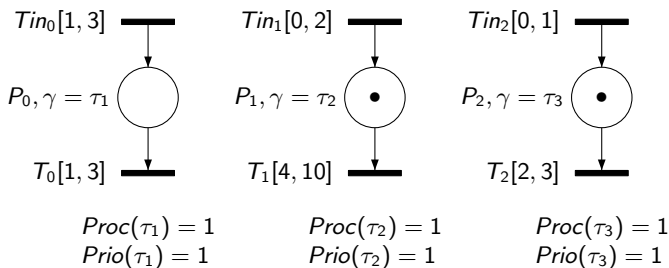


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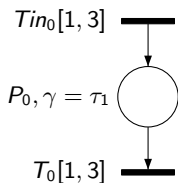


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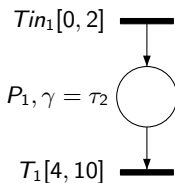


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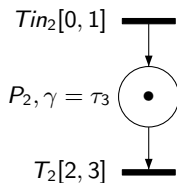
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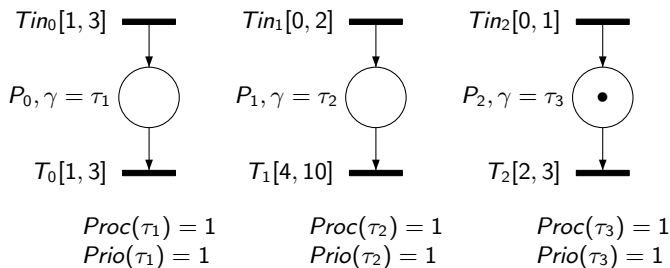
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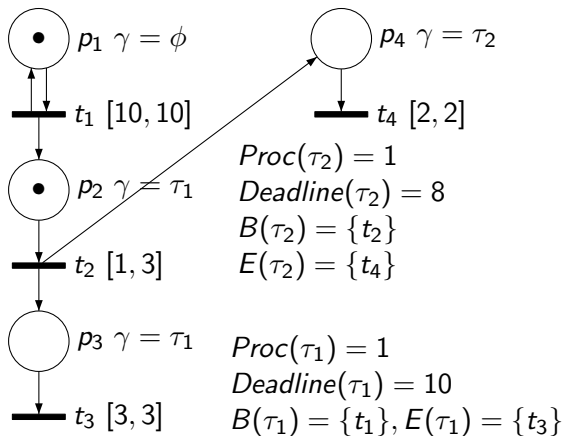
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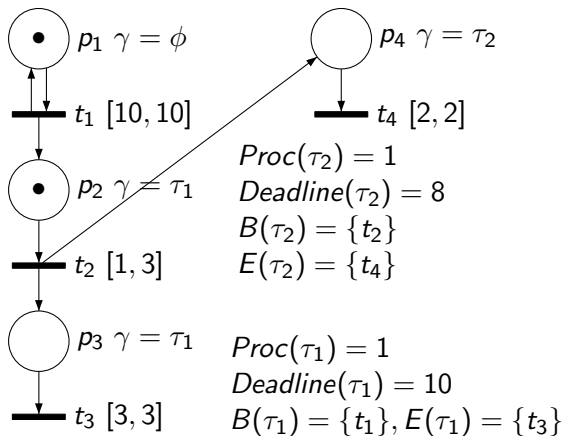


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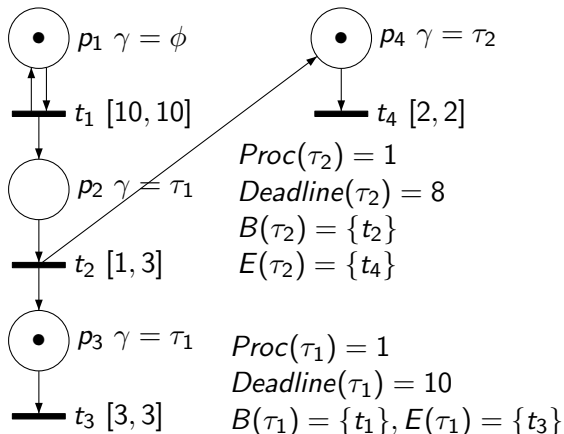


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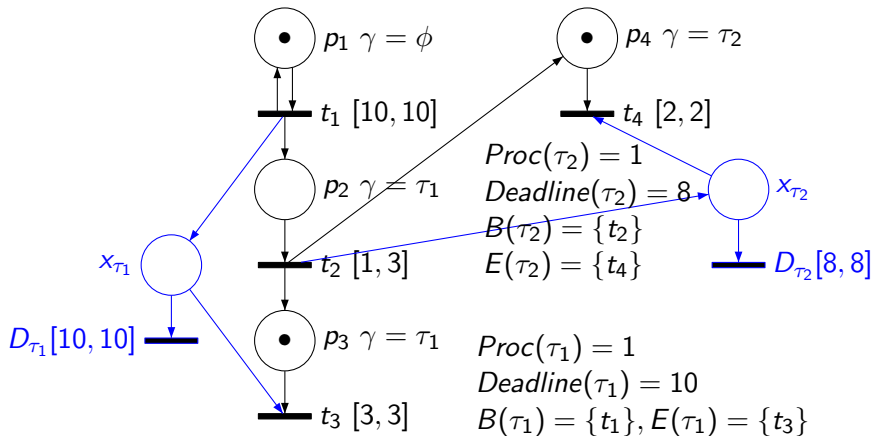
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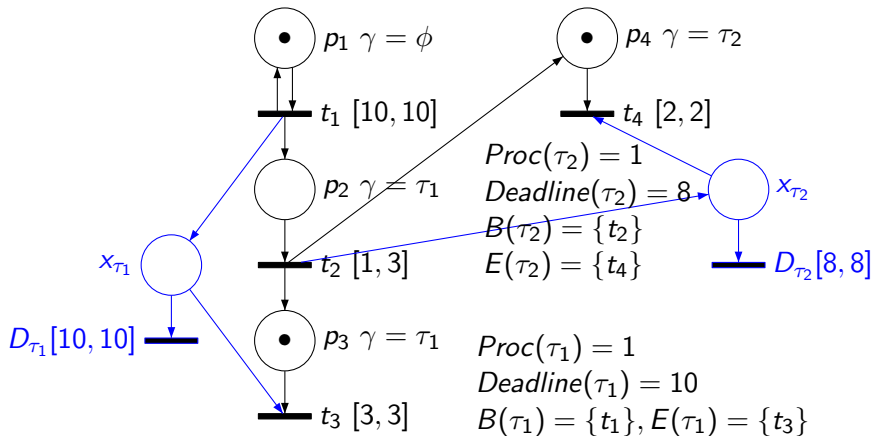
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Abstractions

- ▶ **Infinite** state-space \Rightarrow Abstractions
- ▶ TPNs: Zone-based simulation graph [5]
- ▶ TPNs: **State class graph** [1]
- ▶ TPNs w/ stopwatches (IHTPNs, . . .): **State class graph** [10, 11, 3]

Basic Algorithm

begin

Passed = \emptyset

Waiting = $\{C_0\}$

while *Waiting* $\neq \emptyset$

C = pop(*Waiting*)

Passed = *Passed* \cup *C*

for *t* firable from *C*

C' = **AbstractSuccessor**(**C**, **t**)

if *C'* \notin *Passed*

Waiting = *Waiting* \cup *C'*


end if

end for

end while

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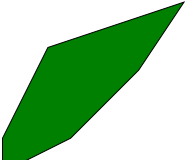
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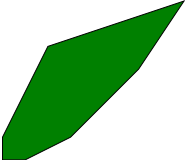
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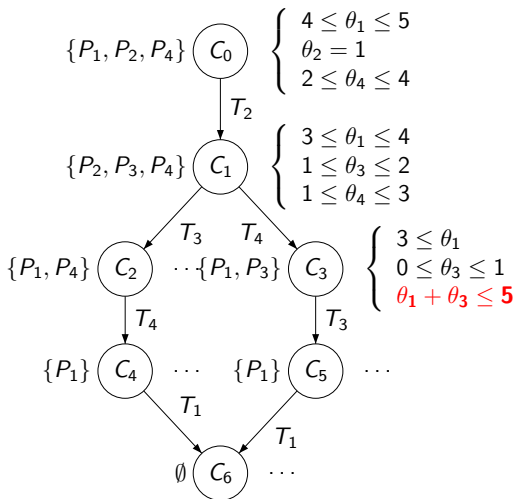
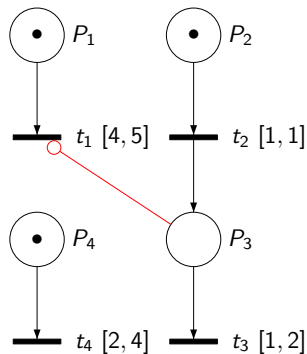
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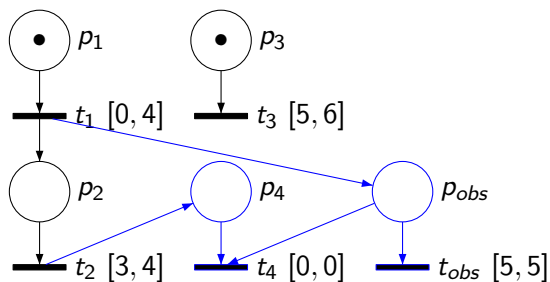
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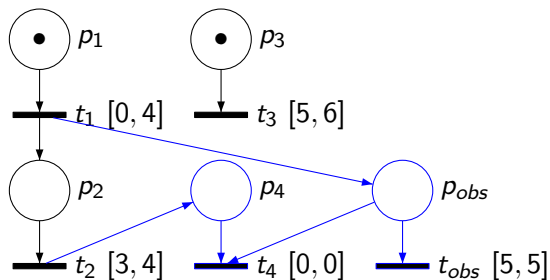
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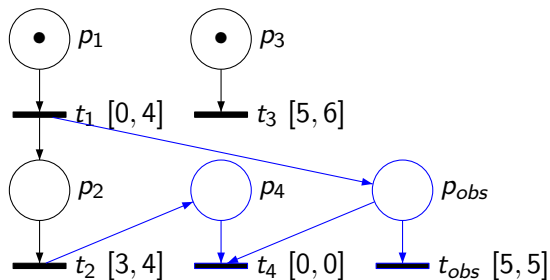


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There can be ≥ 5 t.u. between the firings of t_1 and t_2 iff t_{obs} is fired.

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