Industrial Automation
(Automação de Processos Industriais)

DES and Industrial Automation

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Syllabus:

Chap. 7 – Analysis of Discrete Event Systems [2 weeks]

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Chap. 8 - DESs and Industrial Automation [1 week]

  GRAFCET / Petri Nets Relation
  Model modification
  Tools adaptation
  Analysis of industrial automation solutions by analogy with
  Discrete Event Systems

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Chap. 9 – Supervision of DESs [1 week]
Some pointers to Discrete Event Systems

History:  http://prosys.changwon.ac.kr/docs/petrinet/1.htm

Tutorial:  http://www.eit.uni-kl.de/litz/ENGLISH/members/frey/VnVSurvey.htm
           http://vita.bu.edu/cgc/MIDEDS/
           http://www.daimi.au.dk/PetriNets/

Simulators:  http://www.informatik.hu-berlin.de/top/pnk/download.html

Bibliography:  * Petri Nets and GRAFCET: Tools for Modelling Discrete Event Systems
DES Implementation: Models

Besides *modelling the DES* it is required to

design *models* of the *System to be controlled* and
of the *Interface* to be used
DES Implementation: **Petri Net and HW (input / output)**
Given a Discrete Event System how to implement it?

1. Use a GRAFCET
   a) Less modeling ability
   b) Implementation in PLCs is straightforward
   c) No analysis (or very scarce) methods available

2. Use a Petri Net
   a) More modeling capacity
   b) No direct implementation in PLCs (therefore indirect or special software solutions required)
   c) Classical analysis methods available

(3. Use an Automaton)
Analysis of solutions

GRAFCET and Petri Nets

Similarities to exploit:

a) Steps and Places are similar
b) Transitions compose both tools
c) Places can be used to implement counters (on marking changes) and binary variables (marked vs unmarked place)
d) Logic functions can be rewritten resorting to the firing of transitions

Differences to be taken into account:

a) Firing rules (mutual exclusion)
b) Conflicts
c) Binary activation of stages
d) Interface with the system to be controlled
e) Activation functions
Implementation of DES using GRAFCET

Analysis

Modification of the DES

GRAFCET

Adaptation of Tools

Petri Nets
Analysis of solutions

GRAFCET → Petri Nets

Representation of variables active on level,
i.e. give a marking representation to an input active as a level

![Diagram](image-url)
Analysis of solutions

GRAFCET → Petri Nets

Representation of variables active at **edge**, i.e. give a marking representation to an input active as a edge trigger

![Diagram showing the transition from GRAFCET to Petri Net representation](image)
Implementation of DES using Petri Nets

Both solutions are valid
(but out of the scope of this course).
Analysis of solutions

Petri Nets → GRAFCET

Adaptation of Tools:

1) Reachability Tree → Reachability Graph

2) Method of the Matrix Equations
to describe the state evolution
Petri Nets → GRAFCET

Reachability Graph

Is a graph containing the reachable markings. Is composed by two types of nodes:
- terminal
- interior

The duplicated nodes are not represented. They become connected to the respective copies.

The symbol infinity (ω) is not used in GRAFCET. While in Petri nets ω is necessary to obtain finite trees, when a marking covers other(s), in GRAFCET the finite number of states renders ω unnecessary.
Petri Nets $\rightarrow$ GRAFCET

Reachability Graph

**Theorem** - If a reachability graph has terminal nodes then the corresponding GRAFCET has deadlocks.

This reachability graph will be used to study the properties introduced in Chapter 6.
Petri Nets → GRAFCET

Reachable Set

Given the GRAFCET $G=(S, T, I, O, \mu_0)$ with initial marking $\mu_0$, the set of all markings that are reachable is the reachable set $R(G, \mu_0)$.

Property usage: $\mu \in R(G, \mu_0)$

Remark: the Reachable Set is not infinite!
Given a GRAFCET with $m$ steps it has at most $2^m$ nodes.
In some cases, $m$ steps imply just $m$ nodes.
Petri Nets → GRAFCET

Safeness, Boundedness and Limitation

The GRAFCET $G=(S, T, I, O, \mu_0)$ is always safe

The GRAFCET may become not safe if one uses some auxiliary elements such as counters or buffers.

If one uses these auxiliary elements, the analysis methods studied for Petri Nets can be used to assert specific safeness, boundedness and limitation properties.
Petri Nets $\rightarrow$ GRAFCET

Conservation

A GRAFCET $G=(S, T, I, O, \mu_0)$ is **strictly conservative** if for all $\mu' \in R(C, \mu)$

$$\sum_{p_i \in P} \mu'(p_i) = \sum_{p_i \in P} \mu(p_i).$$

A GRAFCET $G=(S, T, I, O, \mu_0)$ is **conservative** if there exist a weight vector $w$ without null elements, for all $\mu' \in R(C, \mu)$ such that

$$\sum_{p_i \in P} w(p_i) \mu(p_i) = \text{constant}$$
Petri Nets → GRAFCET

**Liveness of transitions**: The transition $t_j$ is live of

**Level 0** - it can never be fired (dead transition).

**Level 1** - if it is potentially fireable, e.g. if there exist $m' \in R(C, \mu)$ such that $t_j$ is enabled in $\mu'$.

**Level 2** - if, for each positive $n$, there exist a sequence of firings where occurs $n$ firings of $t_j$.

**Level 3** - if there exist a sequence of firings where an infinite number of firings of $t_j$ occurs.

**Level 4** - if for each $\mu' \in R(C, \mu)$ there exist a sequence $s$ that enables the firing of $t_j$ (live transition).
Petri Nets → GRAFCET

Example of GRAFCET

- $t_1$ and $t_2$ are level 3.
- $t_3$ is level 1.
- $t_4$ is level 0.
Petri Nets → GRAFCET

Example of GRAFCET

(1, 0, 0, 0)

\( t_1 \)  \( t_3 \)

(0, 1, 0, 0)  (0, 0, 1, 0)

\( t_2 \)

(1, 0, 0, 0)

\textit{dup.}

(1, 0, 0, 0)
Petri Nets $\rightarrow$ GRAFCET

Example of GRAFCET

Strictly conservative.
Petri Nets → GRAFCET

Method of Matrix Equation (for the state evolution)

The evolution of a GRAFCET can be written in compact form as:

$$\mu' = \mu + Dq$$

where:
- $\mu'$ - Desired marking vector (column vector)
- $\mu$ - Initial marking
- $q$ - Transition firing vector (column vector)
- $D$ - Incidence matrix. Accounts for the token evolution as a consequence of transitions firing.
Additional problems that can be addressed resorting to the Method of Matrix Equations:

- **Reachability** (sufficient condition)

  **Theorem** – if the problem of finding the vector of firings, for a GRAFCET without conflicts, from the state $\mu$ to the state $\mu'$ has no solution using the Method of Matrix Equations, then the problem of reachability of $m'$ is impossible.

- **Conservation** – the conservation vector can be computed automatically.

- **Temporal invariance** – cycles of operation can be found.
Example of GRAFCET

\[ \mu' = \mu + Dq \]

Conservation

\[ w^T D = 0 \]

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D = \begin{bmatrix}
-1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & -1
\end{bmatrix}
\]

Solution:
Undetermined set of equations

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w = \begin{bmatrix}
2 \\
1 \\
1 \\
1
\end{bmatrix}
\]
Example of GRAFCET

\[ \mu' = \mu + Dq \]

\[ D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad q = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_3 \\ \sigma_4 \end{bmatrix} \]

Temporal invariance

\[ Dq = 0 \]

Solution:
Set of equations with solution

\[ \begin{align*}
\sigma_1 - \sigma_2 &= 0 \\
\sigma_1 - \sigma_3 &= 0 \\
\sigma_2 - \sigma_4 &= 0 \\
\sigma_3 - \sigma_4 &= 0
\end{align*} \]

\[ \sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \sigma_3 = \sigma_4 = 1. \]
Example of GRAFCET

\[ \mu' = \mu + Dq \]

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\begin{bmatrix}
0 \\
0 \\
1 \\
1
\end{bmatrix}
= \begin{bmatrix}
1 \\
1 \\
0 \\
0
\end{bmatrix}
+ \begin{bmatrix}
-1 & 0 \\
-1 & -1 \\
0 & -1 \\
1 & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\sigma_1 \\
\sigma_2
\end{bmatrix}
\]

Set of Equations is impossible
therefore the marking is not reachable...

WRONG!

The method fails if there are conflicts!