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Modelação e Automação de Processos Industriais / MAPI

Analysis of Discrete Event Systems Running a Petri net with I/O

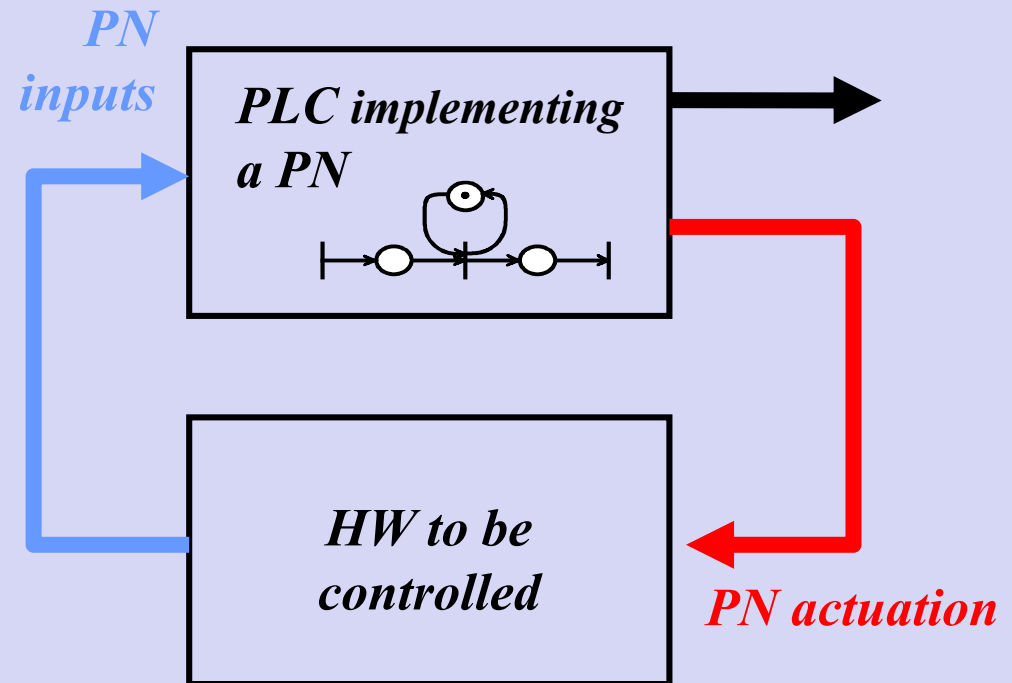
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Running a Petri net with HW inputs and outputs

Petri nets with input/output are a way of designing programs for Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs).

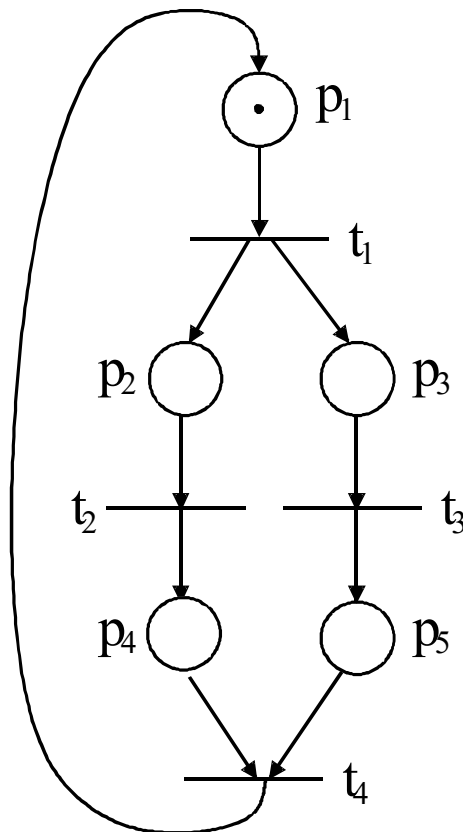
Running a Petri net with I/O requires a system to interact with or, in other words, to **supervise**.



PN actuation outputs required to drive the system

PN inputs signals observed in the system and used to drive the Petri net.

Alternative definition (#3), how to build an Incidence Matrix, D ?



Petri net (P, T, D^-, D^+, μ_0) , $D = D^+ - D^-$

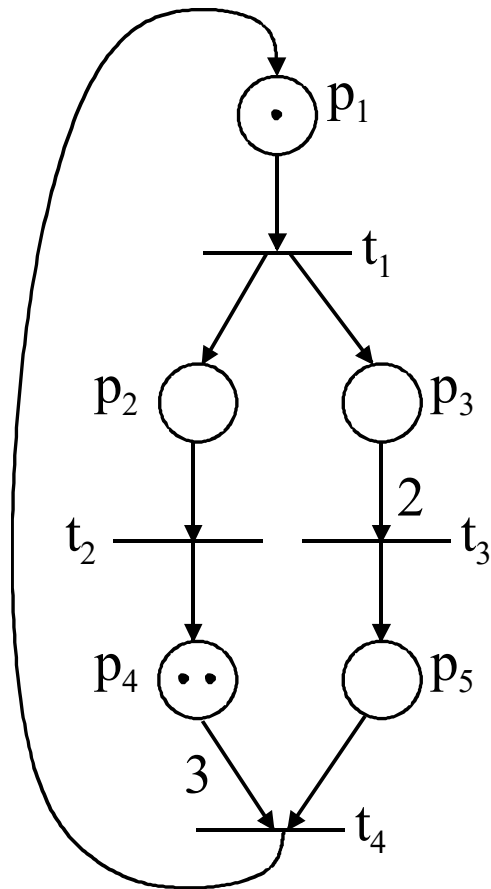
Set of places $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5\}$

Set of transitions $T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4\}$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 p_1 \\
 p_2 \\
 p_3 \\
 p_4 \\
 p_5
 \end{array}
 \leftarrow
 \begin{array}{c}
 t_1 \quad t_2 \quad t_3 \quad t_4 \\
 D = \begin{bmatrix}
 -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\
 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & -1
 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{array}
 ,$$

Read the example marked by the arrows as “firing t_1 takes a mark from p_1 and adds a mark to p_2 and adds another mark to p_3 ”.

Alternative definition (#3) of a Petri net, example with **arc weights**



$$(P, T, D^-, D^+, \mu_0)$$

$$P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5\}$$

$$T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4\}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & & & +1 \\ +1 & -1 & & \\ +1 & & -2 & \\ & +1 & & -3 \\ & & +1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mu_0 = \{1, 0, 0, 2, 0\}$$

$$D^+ = \max(0, D)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} & & 1 \\ 1 & & \\ 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D^- = -\min(0, D)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 2 & \\ & & & 3 \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Alternative definition (#3) of a Petri net

A marked Petri net is a *5-tuple* [Iordache06]

$$(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{D}^-, \mathbf{D}^+, \mu_0) \quad \text{or} \quad (\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{Pre}, \mathbf{Post}, \mu_0)$$

where:

P - set of places

T - set of transitions

Pre - pre conditions matrix

$$\mathbf{Pre} : \mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{T} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$$

Post - post conditions matrix

$$\mathbf{Post} : \mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{T} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$$

μ_0 - initial marking

$$\mu_0 : \mathbf{P} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$$

Note: $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}^+ - \mathbf{D}^- = \mathbf{Post} - \mathbf{Pre}$ is named the **incidence matrix**.

[Iordache06] "Supervisory control of concurrent systems: a Petri net structural approach",
Marian Iordache and Panos J. Antsaklis, Birkhauser Boston, 2006

Analysis Methods, 2- MME

Method of the Matrix Equations (MME) of State Evolution

The dynamics of the Petri net state can be written in compact form as:

$$\mu(k + 1) = \mu(k) + Dq(k)$$

where:

$\mu(k+1)$ - marking to be reached

$\mu(k)$ - initial marking

$q(k)$ - **firing vector** (transitions)

D - **incidence matrix**. Accounts the balance of tokens, giving the transitions fired.

Analysis Methods, 2- MME

Method of the Matrix Equations (MME) of State Evolution

For a Petri net with n places and m transitions

$$\mu \in N_0^n$$

$$q \in N_0^m$$

$$\boxed{D = D^+ - D^-}, \quad D \in Z^{n \times m}, \quad D^+ \in N_0^{n \times m}, \quad D^- \in N_0^{n \times m}$$

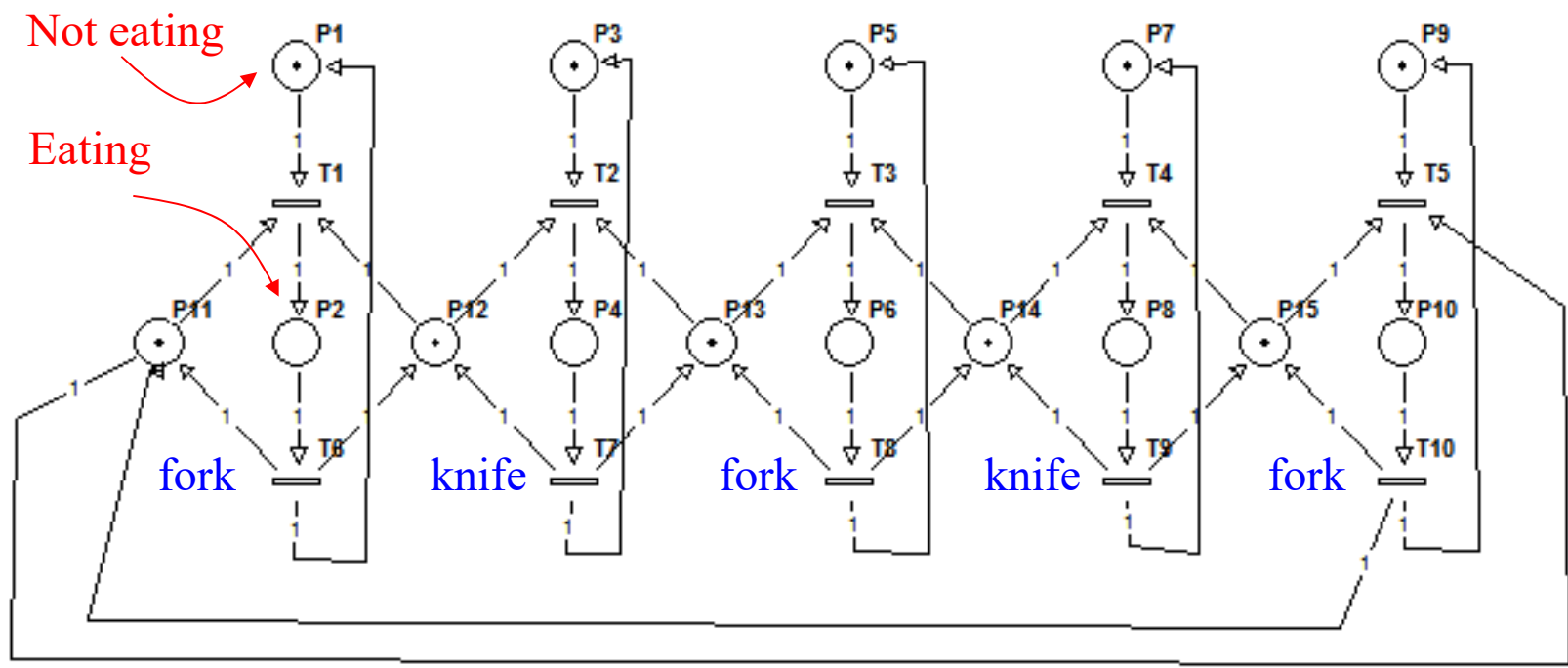
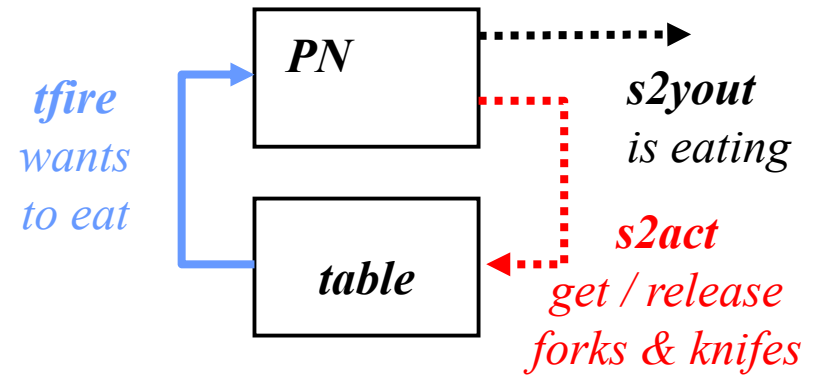
The **enabling firing rule** is $\boxed{D^- q \leq \mu}$

Can also be written in compact form as the inequality $\mu + Dq \geq 0$, interpreted element-by-element.

Note: unless otherwise stated in this course all vector and matrix inequalities are read element-by-element.

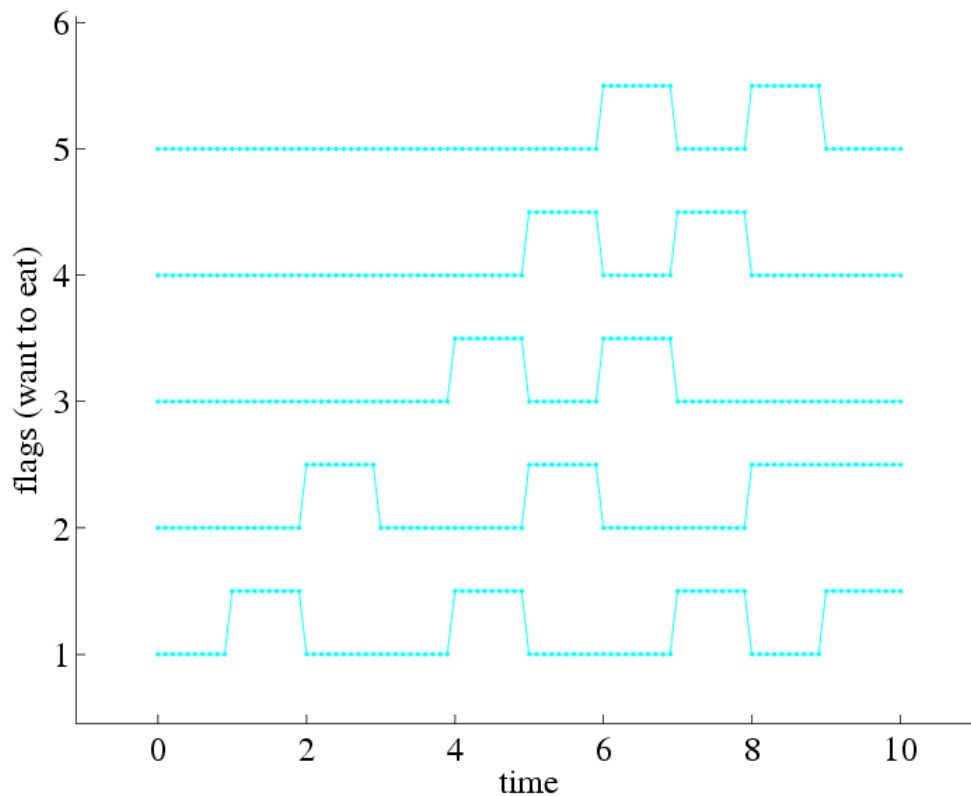
Example 1: Philosophers Dinner

This PN has inputs "Philosopher i wants to eat".



Philosopher1, Philosopher2, Philosopher3, Philosopher4, Philosopher5

Example: Philosophers Dinner – input / events



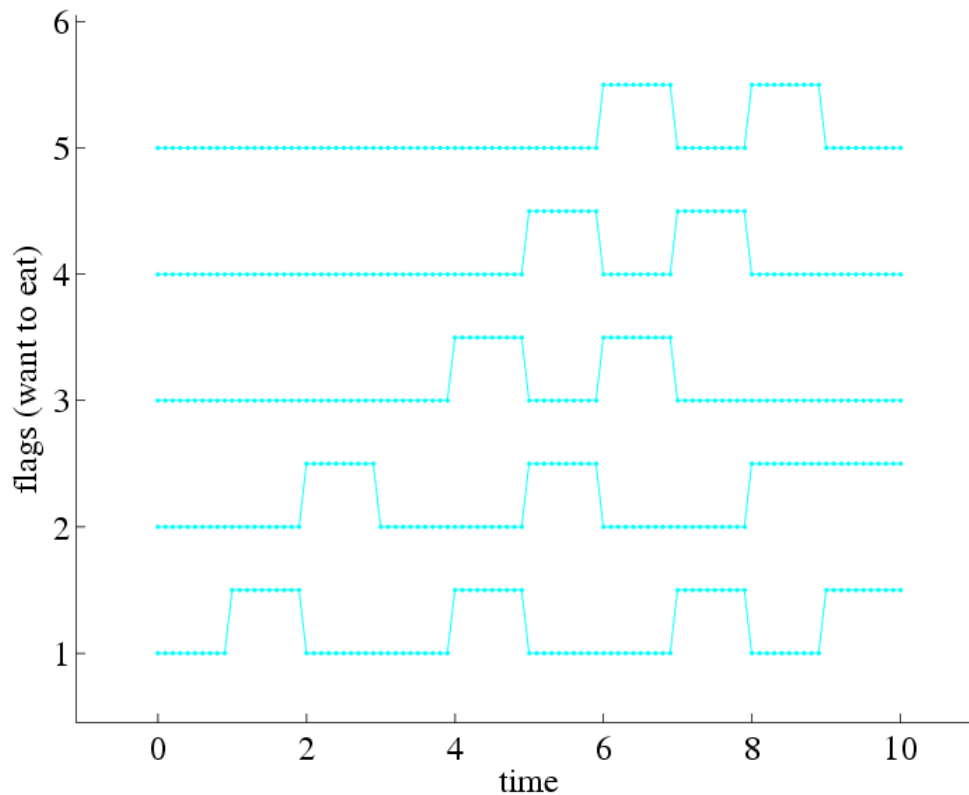
tu =

0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	0
2	0	1	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0
4	1	0	1	0	0
5	0	1	0	1	0
6	0	0	1	0	1
7	1	0	0	1	0
8	0	1	0	0	1
9	1	1	0	0	0

time

binary signals (events)

Example: Philosophers Dinner – input / events



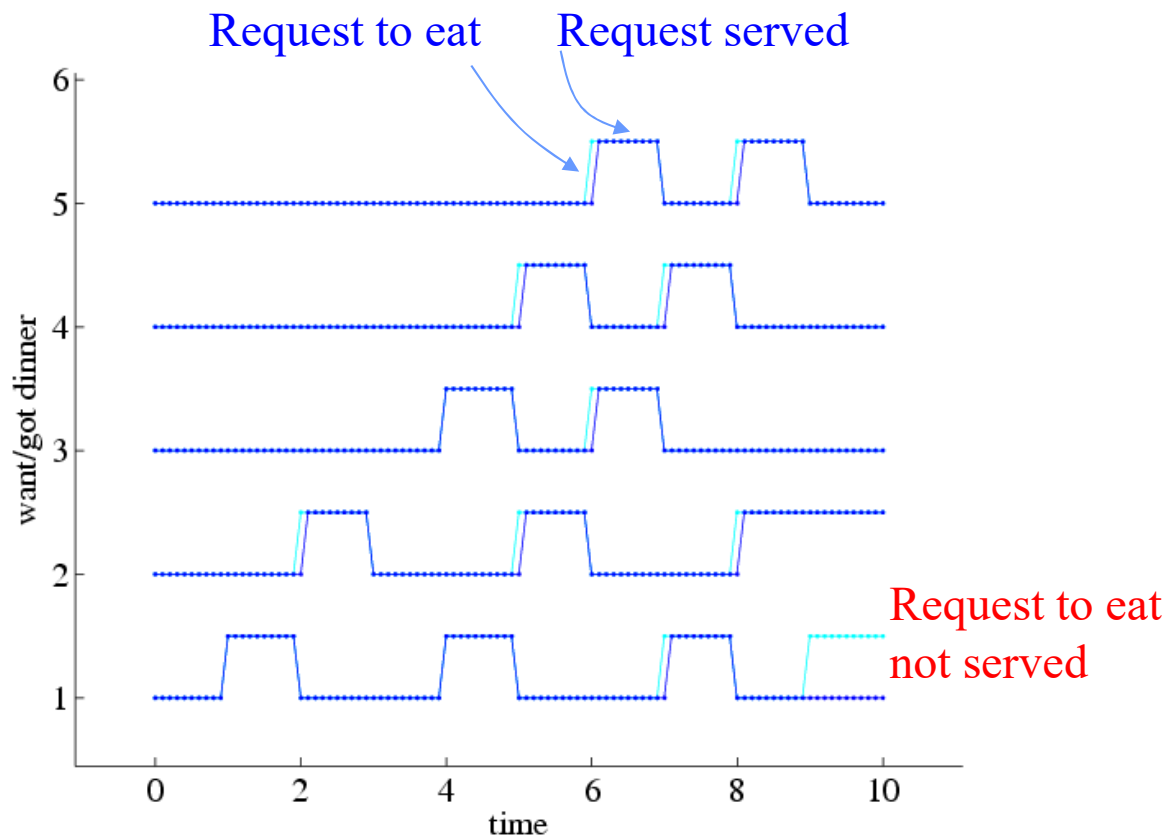
```

% first column = time in seconds
% next 5 columns = want to eat flags at time t
%
tu= [...
  0.0  want_to_eat( [] ) ; ...
  1.0  want_to_eat( 1  ) ; ...
  2.0  want_to_eat( 2  ) ; ...
  3.0  want_to_eat( [] ) ; ...
  4.0  want_to_eat( [1 3] ) ; ...
  5.0  want_to_eat( [2 4] ) ; ...
  6.0  want_to_eat( [3 5] ) ; ...
  7.0  want_to_eat( [4 1] ) ; ...
  8.0  want_to_eat( [5 2] ) ; ...
  9.0  want_to_eat( [1 2] ) ; ...
];

function y= want_to_eat(kid)
y= zeros(1,5);
for i=1:length(kid)
    y(kid(i))= 1;
end

```

Example: Philosophers Dinner – simulation



*Note: See this demo in the webpage *.*

*Note2: Modern operating systems must work better than failing early like in this PN simulation. E.g. two programs requiring simultaneously much CPU and memory, the O.S. has **managers** that own the resources (CPU, memory, etc), **queue the requests** and in most cases even **preempt the resources (CPU)**.*

* www.isr.tecnico.ulisboa.pt/~jag/course_utils/pn_sim/PN_sim.html

*Running a
generic Petri net*

```
function [tSav, MPSav, youtSav]= PN_sim(Pre, Post, M0, ti_tf)
%
% Simulating a Petri net, using a SFC/Grafcet simulation methodology.
% See book "Automating Manufacturing Systems", by Hugh Jack, 2008
% (ch20. Sequential Function Charts)
%
% Petri net model:
%  $M(k+1) = M(k) + (Post-Pre)*q(k)$ 
% Pre and Post are NxM matrices, meaning N places and M transitions

% 0. Start PN at state M0
%
MP=M0;
ti=ti_tf(1); tf=ti_tf(2); tSav= (ti:5e-3:tf)';
MPSav= zeros( length(tSav), length(MP) );
youtSav= zeros( length(tSav), length(PN_s2yout(MP)) );

for i= 1:length(tSav)

    % 1. Check transitions (update state)
    tm= tSav(i);
    qk= PN_tfire(MP, tm);
    qk2= filter_possible_firings(MP, Pre, qk(:));
    MP= MP + (Post-Pre)*qk2;

    % 2. Do place activities
    yout= PN_s2yout(MP);

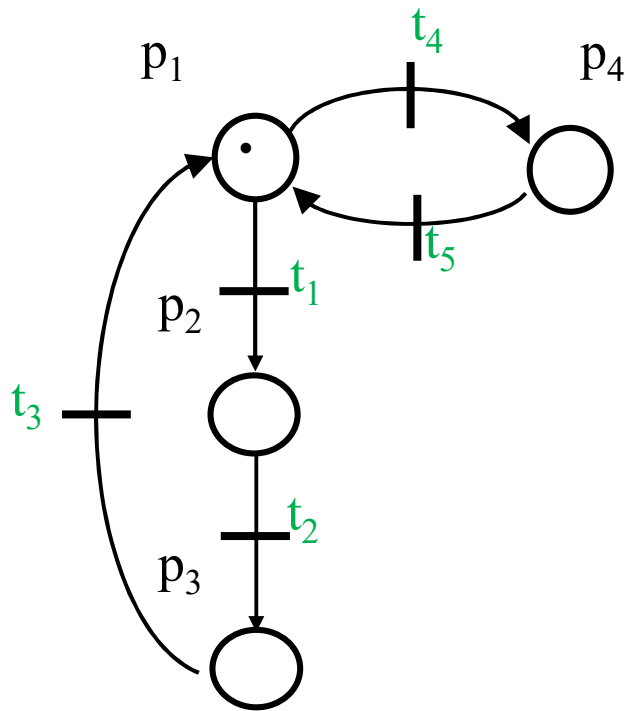
    % Log all results
    MPSav(i,:)= MP';
    qkSav(i,:)= qk2';
    youtSav(i,:)= yout;

end
```

```
function qk2= filter_possible_firings(M0, Pre, qk)
% verify Pre*q <= M
% try to fire all qk entries

M= M0;
mask= zeros(size(qk));
for i=1:length(qk)
    % try accepting qk(i)
    mask(i)= 1;
    if any(Pre*(mask.*qk) > M)
        % exceeds available markings
        mask(i)= 0;
    end
end
qk2= mask.*qk;
```

Example 2: PN to PLC, *Loop or Wait*



Application:

p1 – turn on output 1

p2 – turn on output 2

p3 – turn on output 3

p4 – wait

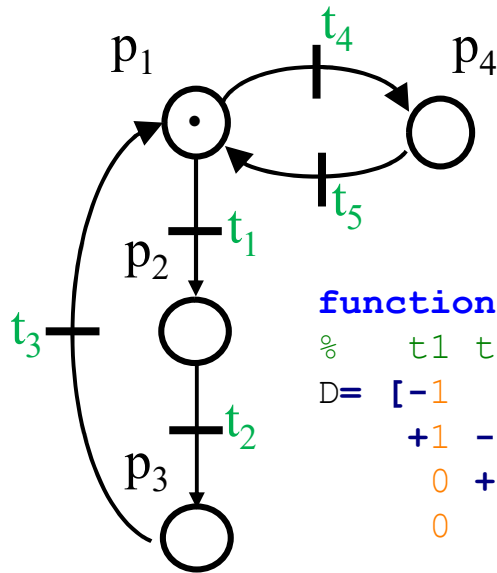
t1, t2, t3 – timed transitions

t4 – pressed button

t5 – released button

See code for this example in http://users.isr.ist.utl.pt/~jag/course_utils/pn_to_plc/pn_to_plc.html

Example 2: PN to PLC



```
function PN= define_petri_net
% t1 t2 t3 t4 t5
D= [-1 0 +1 -1 +1
     +1 -1 0 0 0
     0 +1 -1 0 0
     0 0 0 +1 -1];

Pre = -D.*(D<0);
Post= D.*(D>0);

M0 = [1 0 0 0]';
```

```
% Petri net structure:
% 0.5 sec from p1..p3 to trans t1..t3
% col2=place, col3=trans

T = 0.5;
tt= [T 1 1; T 2 2; T 3 3];
PN= struct('pre',Pre, 'pos',Post, 'mu0',M0,
          'ttimed',tt);
```

```
function tst1_blink

PN          = define_petri_net;
input_map   = define_input_mapping;
output_map  = define_output_mapping;
ofname      = 'tst1_blink.txt';

plc_make_program( ofname, PN,
                  input_map, output_map )
```

```
function inp_map= define_input_mapping
% input0 fires transition4
% negative input0 fires t5
inp_map= { ...
           0,          4 ;
          -(0+100), 5 ;
        };
```

```
function output_map= define_output_mapping
% map PN places 1..3 to the first output
bits
zCode= plc_z_code_helper('config_get');
output_map= { ...
              1, zCode.outpMin ; ...
              2, zCode.outpMin+1 ; ...
              3, zCode.outpMin+2 ;
            };
```

Example 2: PN to PLC

```
(* --- PNC: Petri net initialization --- *)

IF %MW100=0 THEN
  %MW201:=1; %MW202:=0; %MW203:=0; %MW204:=0;
  %MW100:=1;
END_IF;

(* --- PNC: Map inputs --- *)

%MW104 := BOOL_TO_INT( %i0.2.0 );
%MW105 := BOOL_TO_INT( NOT(%i0.2.0) );

(* --- PNC: Timed transitions --- *)

MY_TON_1(IN := INT_TO_BOOL(%MW201) (*BOOL*),
         PT := t#500ms (*TIME*),
         Q => timer_output_flag (*BOOL*),
         ET => my_time_1 (*TIME*));
%MW101:= BOOL_TO_INT(timer_output_flag);
MY_TON_2(IN := INT_TO_BOOL(%MW202) (*BOOL*),
         PT := t#500ms (*TIME*),
         Q => timer_output_flag (*BOOL*),
         ET => my_time_2 (*TIME*));
%MW102:= BOOL_TO_INT(timer_output_flag);
MY_TON_3(IN := INT_TO_BOOL(%MW203) (*BOOL*),
         PT := t#500ms (*TIME*),
         Q => timer_output_flag (*BOOL*),
         ET => my_time_3 (*TIME*));
%MW103:= BOOL_TO_INT(timer_output_flag);

(* --- PNC: Petri net loop code --- *)

IF %MW101>0 AND %MW201>=1
THEN
  %MW201:=%MW201-1;
  %MW202:=%MW202+1;
END_IF;

IF %MW102>0 AND %MW202>=1
THEN
  %MW202:=%MW202-1;
  %MW203:=%MW203+1;
END_IF;

IF %MW103>0 AND %MW203>=1
THEN
  %MW203:=%MW203-1;
  %MW201:=%MW201+1;
END_IF;

IF %MW104>0 AND %MW201>=1
THEN
  %MW201:=%MW201-1;
  %MW204:=%MW204+1;
END_IF;

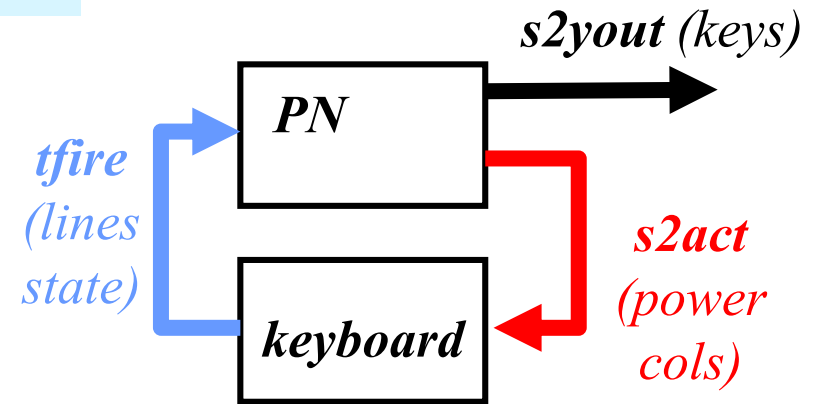
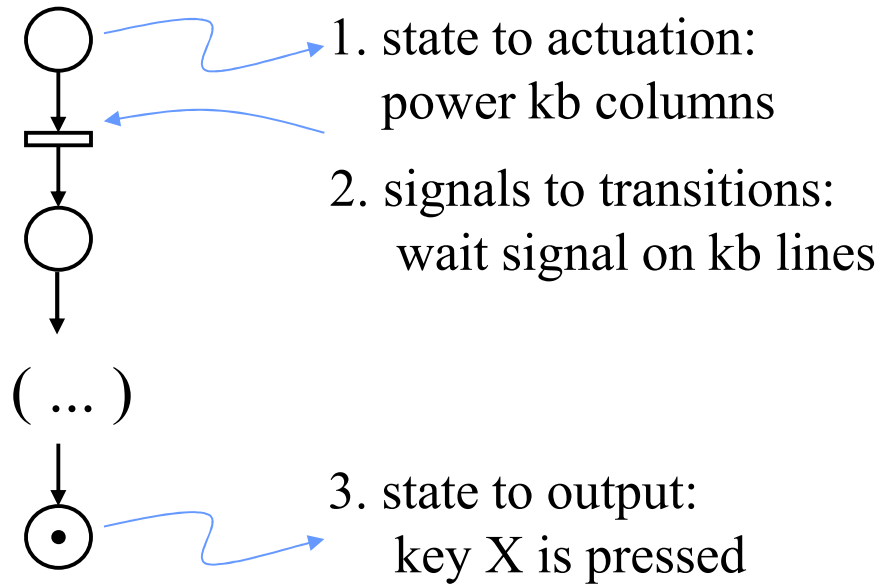
IF %MW105>0 AND %MW204>=1
THEN
  %MW204:=%MW204-1;
  %MW201:=%MW201+1;
END_IF;

(* --- PNC: Output bits --- *)

IF INT_TO_BOOL(%MW201)
THEN SET(%q0.4.0);
ELSE RESET(%q0.4.0);
END_IF;
IF INT_TO_BOOL(%MW202)
THEN SET(%q0.4.1);
ELSE RESET(%q0.4.1);
END_IF;
IF INT_TO_BOOL(%MW203)
THEN SET(%q0.4.2);
ELSE RESET(%q0.4.2);
END_IF;
```

Example 3: Keyboard Reading

output = columns power
input = lines read



Code template (Matlab):

Main systems

- a) PN_sim.m
- b) PN_device_kb_IO.m

Interface functions

- 1) PN_s2act.m
- 2) PN_tfire.m
- 3) PN_s2yout.m


```
function lines= PN_device_kb_IO(act, t)

% Define 4x3-keyboard output line-values given actuation on the 3 columns
% and an (internal) time table of keys pressed
% Input:
% act: 1x3 : column actuation values
% t : 1x1 : time
% Output:
% lines: 1x4 : line outputs

global keys_pressed
if isempty(keys_pressed)
    % first column = time in seconds
    % next 12 columns = keys pressed at time t
    keys_pressed= [...
        0 mk_keys([]) ; 1 mk_keys(1) ; ...
        2 mk_keys([]) ; 3 mk_keys(5) ; ...
        4 mk_keys([]) ; 5 mk_keys(9) ; ...
        6 mk_keys([]) ; 7 mk_keys([1 12]) ; ...
        8 mk_keys(12) ; 9 mk_keys([]) ; ...
    ];
end

% pressed keys yes/no
ind= find(t>=keys_pressed(:,1));
if isempty(ind)
    lines= [0 0 0 0]; % default lines output for t < 0
    return
end
keys_t= keys_pressed(ind(end), :);

% if actuated column and key pressed match, than activate line
lines= sum( repmat(act>0, 4,1) & reshape(keys_t(2:end), 3,4)', 2);
lines= (lines > 0)';
```

Keyboard simulator:
generate line values
given column values

```
function y= mk_keys(kid)
y= zeros(1,12);
for i=1:length(kid)
    y(kid(i))= 1;
end
```

Prototypes of the interfacing functions

```
function act= PN_s2act(MP)

% Create 4x3-keyboard column actuation
%
% MP: 1xN : marked places (integer values >= 0)
% act: 1x3 : column actuation values (0 or 1 per entry)
```

```
function qk= PN_tfire(MP, t)

% Possible-to-fire transitions given PN state (MP) and the time t
%
% MP: 1xN : marked places (integer values >= 0)
% t : 1x1 : time
% qk: 1xM : possible firing vector (to be filtered later with enabled
%           transitions)
```

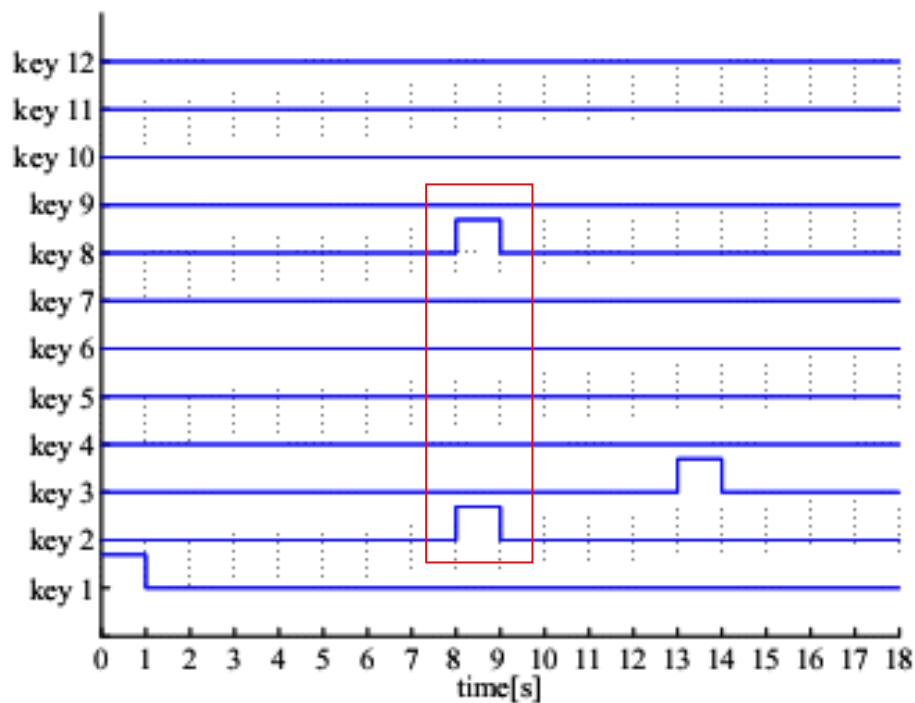
```
function yout= PN_s2yout(MP)

% Show the detected/undetected key(s) given the Petri state
%
% MP: 1xN : marked places (integer values >= 0)
```

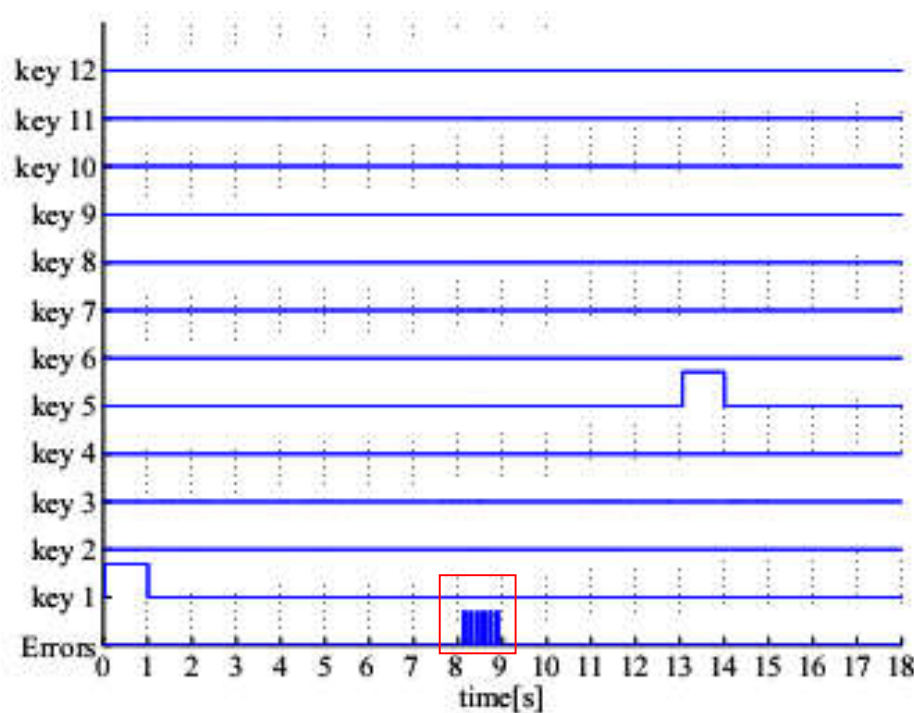
The implementation of these functions is to be done by each group in the laboratory.

Laboratory assignment: detect keys pressed by the user and just accept those keys when there are not multiple keys pressed at the same time.

Keys pressed



Keys accepted



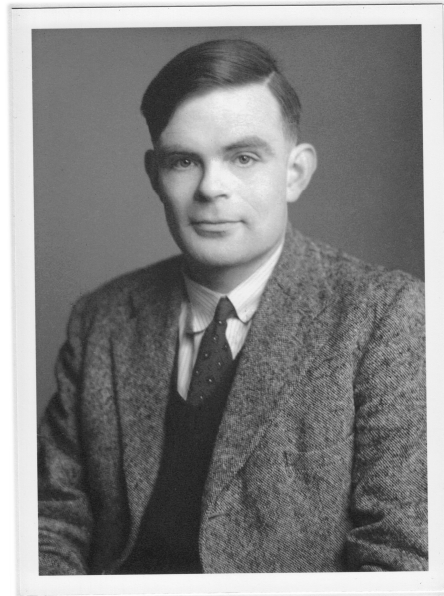
Industrial Automation

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Discrete Event Systems: Turing Machines, *Busy Beaver*

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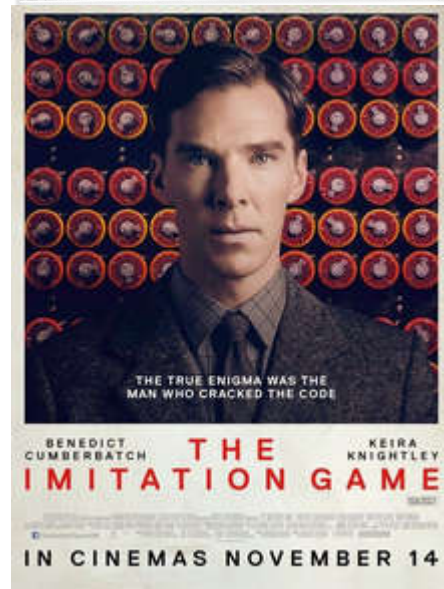
Simple ways to learn more about Alan Turing

Check 2nd world war history:

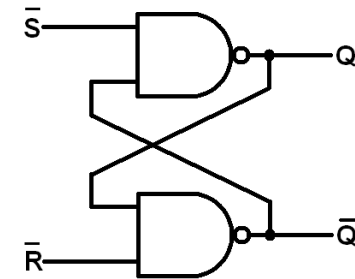
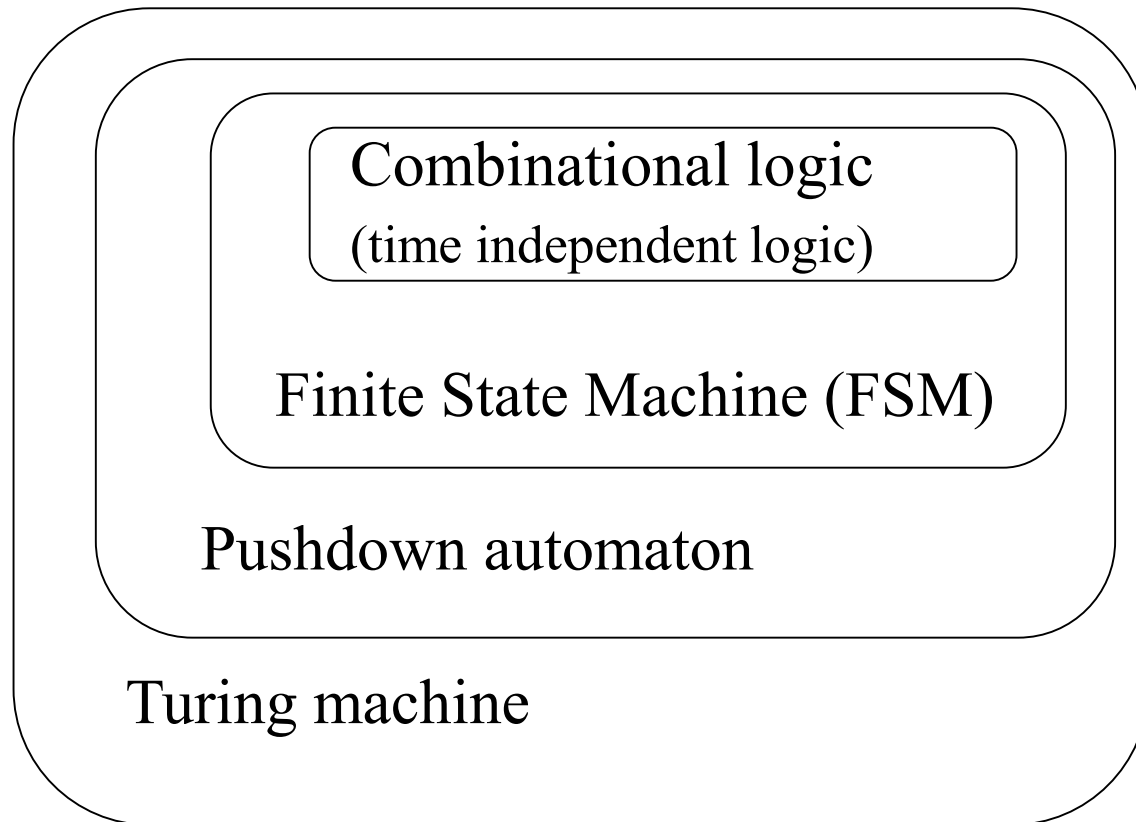
- [Cryptanalysis of the *Enigma* Machine](#)
- [The British *Bombe* \(Turing\)](#)

See the movie (2014):

- [The Imitation Game](#)
- [Trailer to see in the weekend ;\)](#)



Automata theory



Current state	Input SR	Next state
xx	11	11
xx	10	10
xx	01	01
xx	00	xx

SR latch is an FSM example. The input $(S,R)=(0,0)$ keeps the **memorized value**

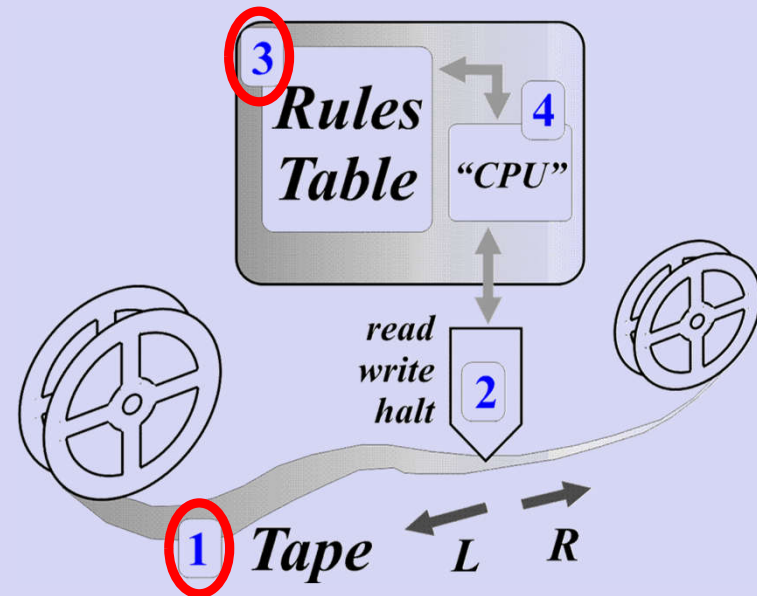
$$(Q, \bar{Q}) = (x, x)$$

How many different states can the SR latch show?

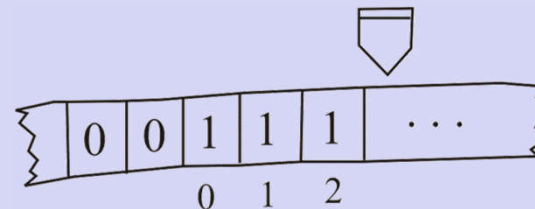
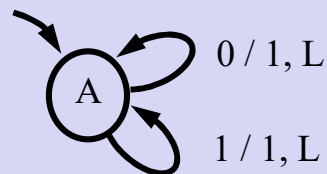
Turing machine (TM)

Components:

- (1) Infinite length magnetic **Tape**
- (2) Read/Write head
- (3) **Rules table**, e.g. an FSM
- (4) State register



Example of a simple **Rules table**, namely an **FSM**. Using this FSM the TM **writes forever ones** into the tape. Read the FSM as “if 0 or 1 is read from the tape, then write 1 to the tape, move tape to the left and continue in state A”.



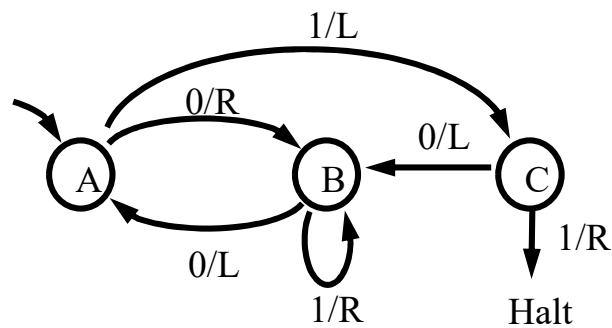
Note: a TM is not just an FSM; for example, it contains also an **infinite memory**.

Turing machine example: *Busy Beaver*

The objective is to fill the TM tape with ones, as many as possible, using a rules table (FSM) with a minimum number of states. By definition of *Busy Beaver*, the TM must halt (stop) some time after starting.



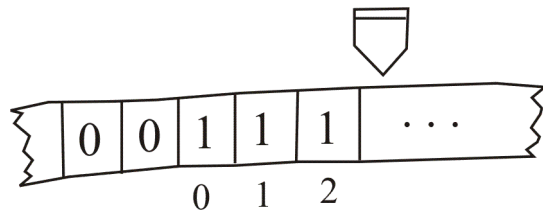
One implementation of the 3-states 2-symbols Busy Beaver is:



Current state	Input	Action R/W	Action L/R/N	Next state
A	0	write 0	right	B
A	1	write 1	left	C
B	0	write 0	left	A
B	1	write 1	right	B
C	0	write 0	left	B
C	1	write 1	null	halt

Turing machine in Matlab:

- (1) **tape** and
- (2) read/write head



```
function TM_reset
global TMT
TMT= struct('pos',0,
           'val',[],
           'valNeg',[]);
```

```
function ret= TM_tape( op, arg1 )
% Tape for a Turing machine. Basic operations:
% read/write and move Left/Right/None
global TMT; if isempty(TMT), TM_reset; end
switch op
    case 'reset', TM_reset;
    case 'left', TMT.pos= TMT.pos+1;
    case 'right', TMT.pos= TMT.pos-1;
    case 'null_move' % do nothing
    case 'read', % 1st call may need tape
        realloc_if_needed( TMT.pos );
        if TMT.pos>=0, ret= TMT.val( TMT.pos+1 );
        else ret= TMT.valNeg( -TMT.pos );
        end
    case 'write', % 1st call may need tape
        realloc_if_needed( TMT.pos );
        if TMT.pos>=0, TMT.val( TMT.pos+1 )= arg1;
        else TMT.valNeg( -TMT.pos )= arg1;
        end
    otherwise, error('inv op')
end
```

Turing machine in Matlab:

(3) rules table, **FSM** of a 3-state Busy Beaver

```
function FSM= def_BusyBeaver3
```

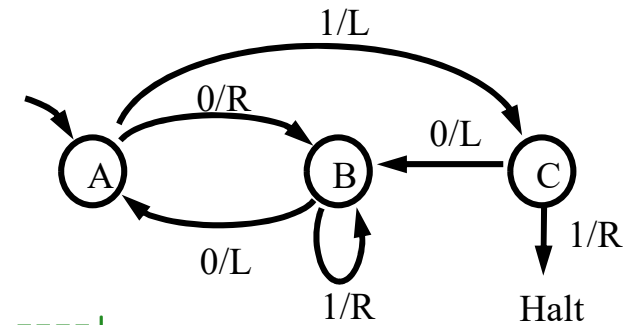
```
% FSM has four columns:
```

```
% curr_state, true_false_condition, actions, next_state
```

```
%      |- T/F cond -----|      |- write action and move action ----|
```

```
FSM= {
```

```
    'A', 'TM_tape("read")==0', 'TM_tape("write",1); TM_tape("right");', 'B';
    'A', 'TM_tape("read")==1', 'TM_tape("write",1); TM_tape("left");', 'C';
    'B', 'TM_tape("read")==0', 'TM_tape("write",1); TM_tape("left");', 'A';
    'B', 'TM_tape("read")==1', 'TM_tape("write",1); TM_tape("right");', 'B';
    'C', 'TM_tape("read")==0', 'TM_tape("write",1); TM_tape("left");', 'B';
    'C', 'TM_tape("read")==1', 'TM_tape("write",1); TM_tape("null_move");', 'halt';
};
```



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B	1	write1	right	B
C	0	write1	left	B
C	1	write1	null	halt

Alternative, more compact, representation:

```
function FSM= def_BusyBeaver3
```

```
tbl= {'A01RB', 'A11LC', ...
      'B01LA', 'B11RB', ...
      'C01LB', 'C11NH'};
```

```
FSM= convert_table_to_list( tbl );
```

Turing machine in Matlab:

(4) state register, `curr_state`
for **running** the machine

Recall the first line of the table:

```
FSM{1,:} =
'A'
'TM_tape("read")==0'
'TM_tape("write",1); TM_tape("right");'
'B'
```

and read it as “if current state is A
and tape read is zero, then write 1 to
the tape, move tape right, and the
next state is B”.

```
function TM_run
TM_tape( 'reset' );
FSM= TM_ini( 'BusyBeaver3' );
curr_state= FSM{1,1};
while ~strcmpi(curr_state, 'halt')
    for i=1:size(FSM,1)
        if strcmpi(FSM{i,1}, curr_state) ...
            && eval( FSM{i,2} )
            % found state and true condition
            eval( FSM{i,3} );
            % curr_state <- next state
            curr_state= FSM{i,4};
            break;
        end
    end
end
end
```

Download the complete implementation from:

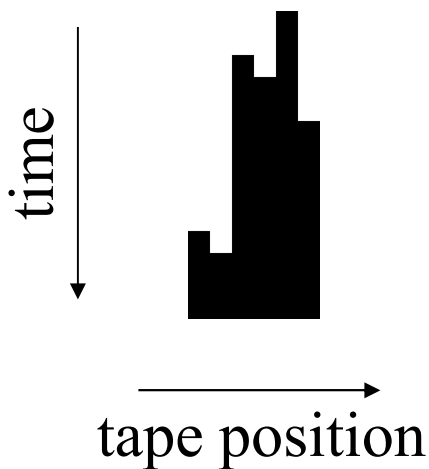
http://isr.tecnico.ulisboa.pt/~jag/course_utils/Turing_Machines_sim/Turing_Machines_sim.html

Turing Machine *Busy Beaver*: simulation results

3-state Busy Beaver:

a0 -> b1r a1 -> h1r
 b0 -> c0r b1 -> b1r
 c0 -> c1l c1 -> a1l

halts after **21 time steps**
 fills **6 ones**



4-state Busy Beaver:

a0 -> b1r a1 -> b1l
 b0 -> a1l b1 -> c0l
 c0 -> h1r c1 -> d1l
 d0 -> d1r d1 -> a0r

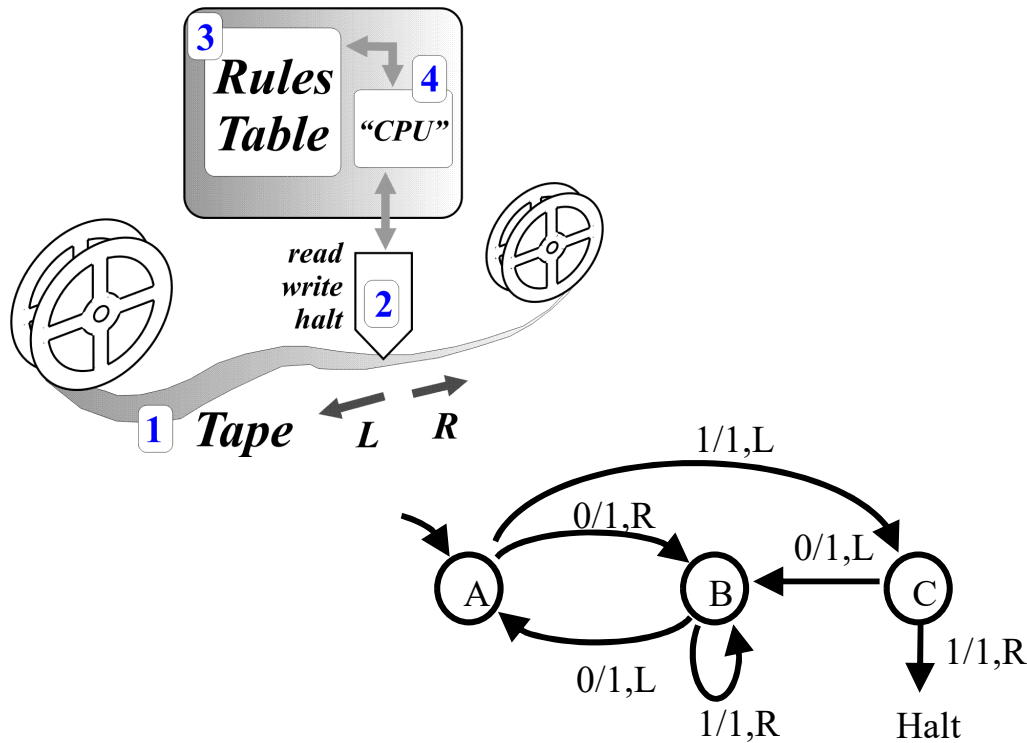
halts after **107 time steps**
 fills **13 ones**

<i>States</i>	<i>Halts after n time steps</i>	<i>Fills m ones in the tape</i>
2	6	4
3	21	6
4	107	13
5	47,176,870 ?	4098 ?
6	$> 7.4 \times 10^{36534}$	$> 3.5 \times 10^{18267}$

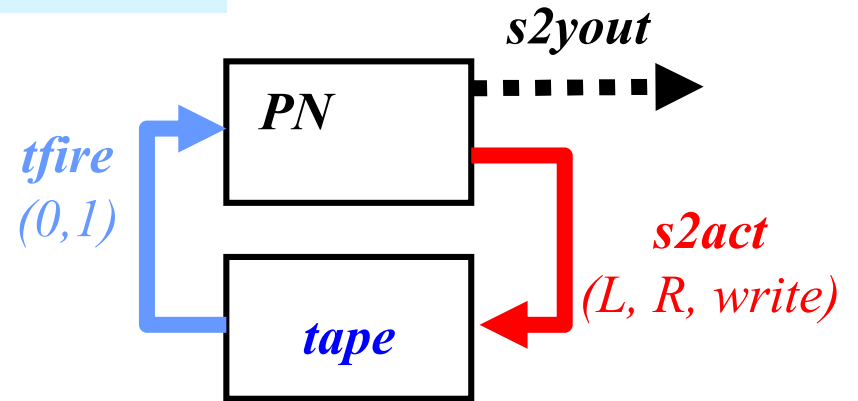


<http://www.catonmat.net/blog/busy-beaver/>
<http://www.logique.jussieu.fr/~michel/bbc.html>
 (competition results visited Nov 2016)

Example 4: Busy Beaver FSM as PN



outputs = tape left, right, write
input = tape read (one bit, i.e. 0 or 1)



Code template (Matlab):

Main systems

- a) PN_sim.m (as before)
- b) [TM_tape.m](#) (see Turing)

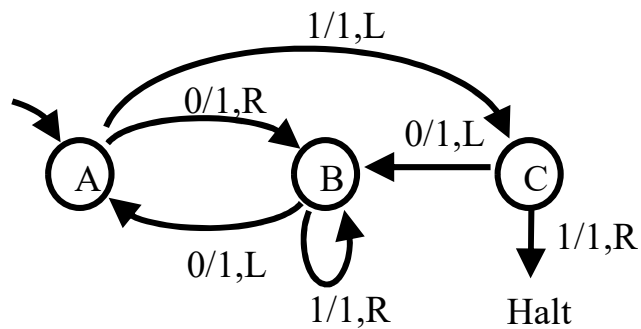
Interface functions

- 1) PN_s2act.m
- 2) PN_tfire.m
- 3) PN_s2yout.m

Turing machine, Busy-Beaver 3states 2symbols,
graph vs **table**, see input / output :

outputs = tape left, right, write (1)

input = tape read (one bit, i.e. 0 or 1)



Current state	Input	Action R/W	Action L/R/N	Next state
A	0	write 1	right	B
A	1	write 1	left	C
B	0	write 1	left	A
B	1	write 1	right	B
C	0	write 1	left	B
C	1	write 1	null	halt

Busy-Beaver is a FSM with outputs in the arcs (not the “places”), hence it is a Mealy machine (not a Moore machine). How to represent as a Petri net just with outputs in its places?

Turing-Machine Busy-Beaver:
 PN shown in previous slide,
 here implement **Input / Output**

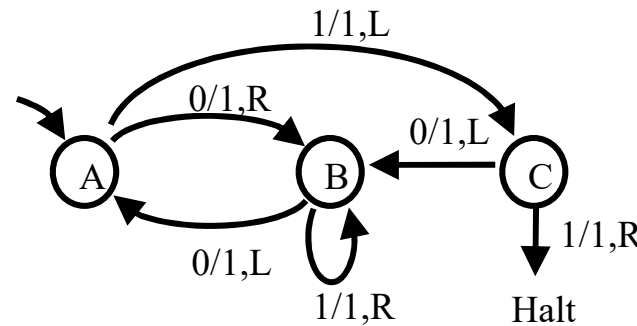
```
% TM_tape.m : left, right, read, write
% at A,B,C, read bit & activate transitions
% at A0,B1 move right
% at A1,B0,C0 move left
```

```
function act= PN_s2act( MP )

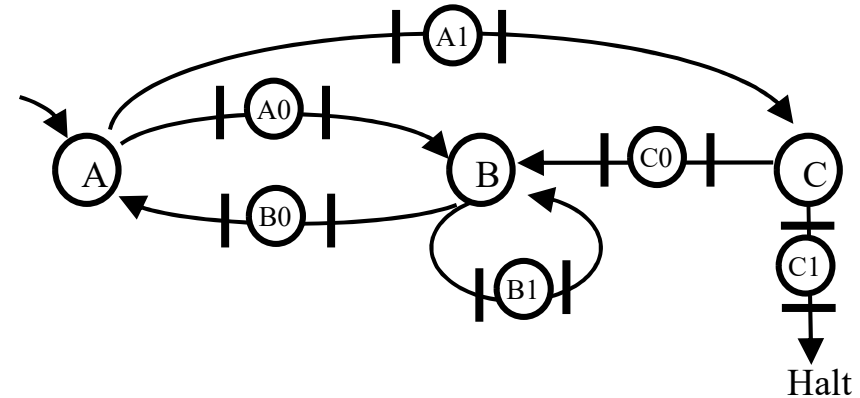
act= TM_tape('read');

if max(MP([2 3 5 6 8 9]))>0
    TM_tape('write',1);
end

if MP(3)>0 || MP(5)>0 || MP(8)>0
    TM_tape('left');
elseif MP(2)>0 || MP(6)>0
    TM_tape('right')
else
    % do nothing
end
```



1	A	-
2	A0	1,R
3	A1	1,L
4	B	-
5	B0	1,L
6	B1	1,R
7	C	-
8	C0	1,L
9	C1	1,N
10	H	-

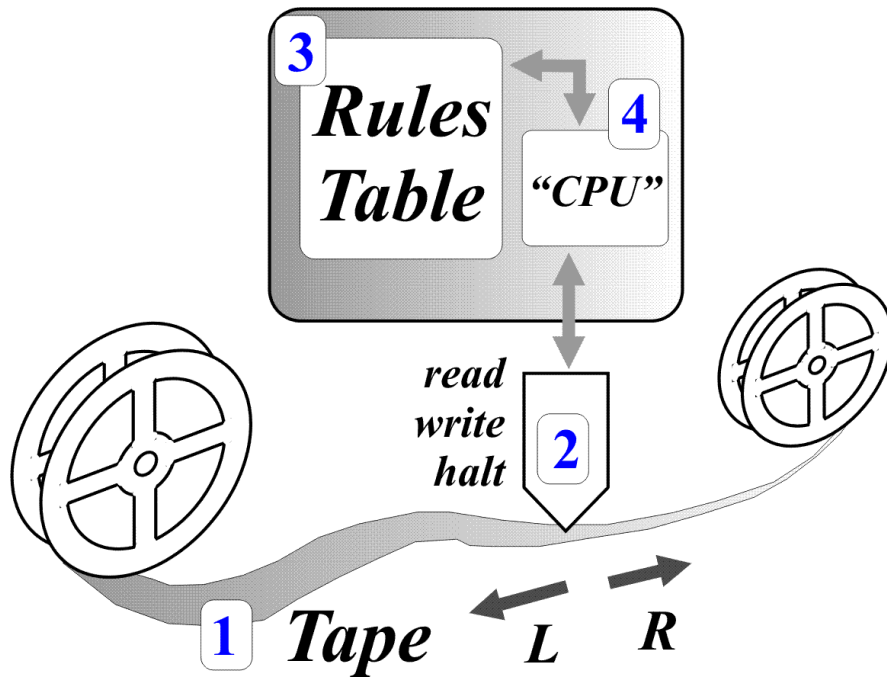


```
function qk= PN_tfire( act, t )

qk= ones(1,12);

if act % read 1 from tape
    qk([1 5 9])= 0;
    qk([3 7 11])= 1;
else
    qk([1 5 9])= 1;
    qk([3 7 11])= 0;
end
```

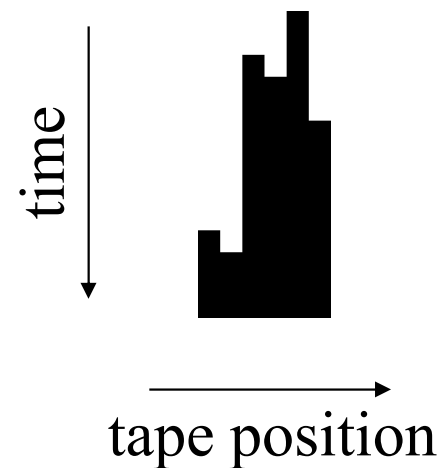

Turing Machine Busy Beaver: simulation results



3-state Busy Beaver:

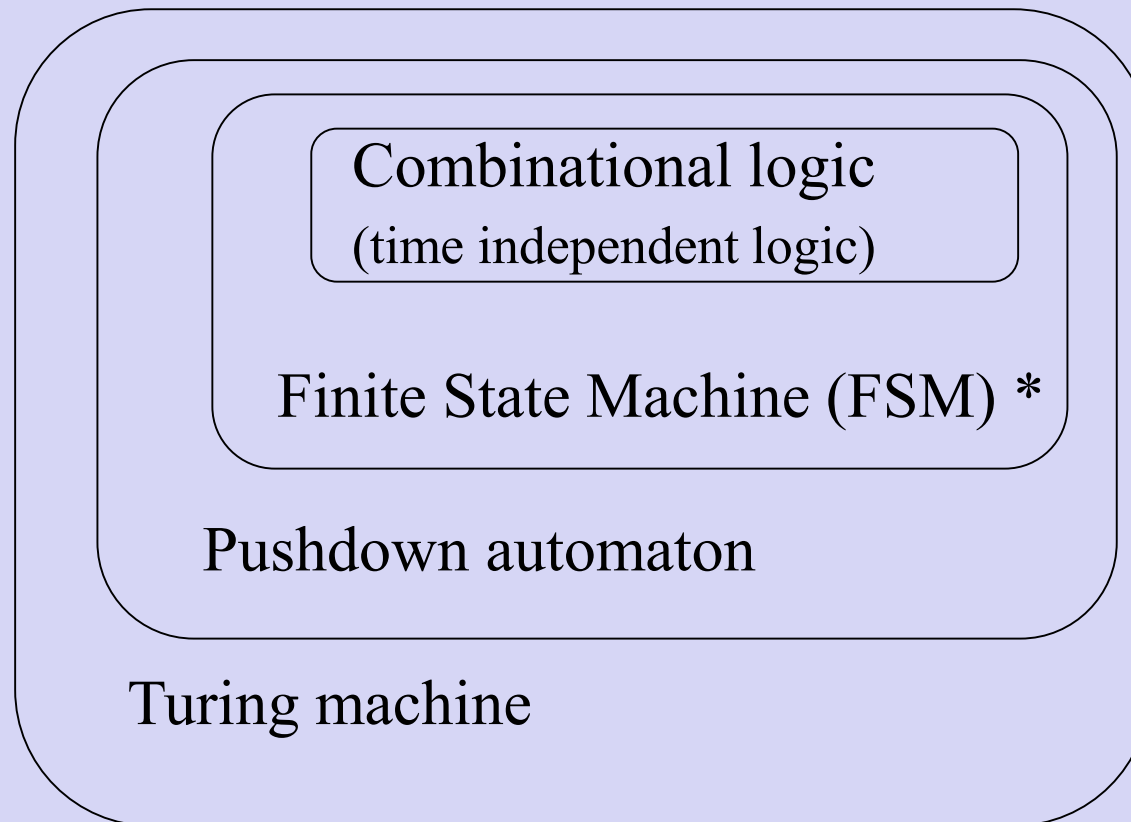
a0 -> b1r a1 -> h1r
b0 -> c0r b1 -> b1r
c0 -> c1l c1 -> a1l

halts after **21 time steps**
fills **6 ones**



Code in http://www.isr.tecnico.ulisboa.pt/~jag/course_utils/Turing_Machines_sim/Turing_Machines_sim.html

Automata theory



* *Time dependency, **memory**, is an essential component for automata.
Petri nets will introduce another essential component: **parallelization**.*