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17 - T-systems

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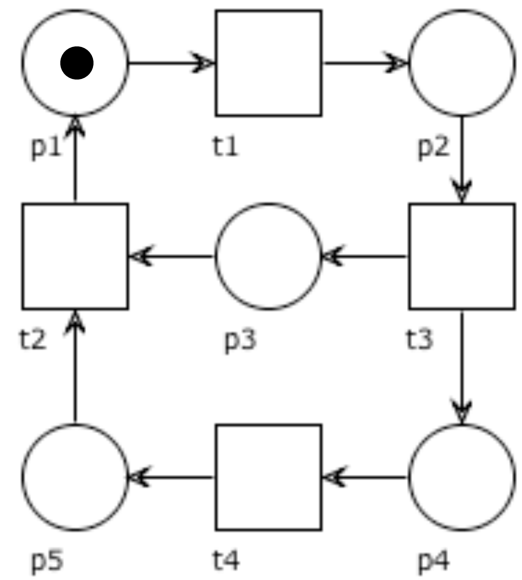


We study some “good” properties of T-systems

Free Choice Nets (book, optional reading)
https://www7.in.tum.de/~esparza/bookfc.html

T-systems

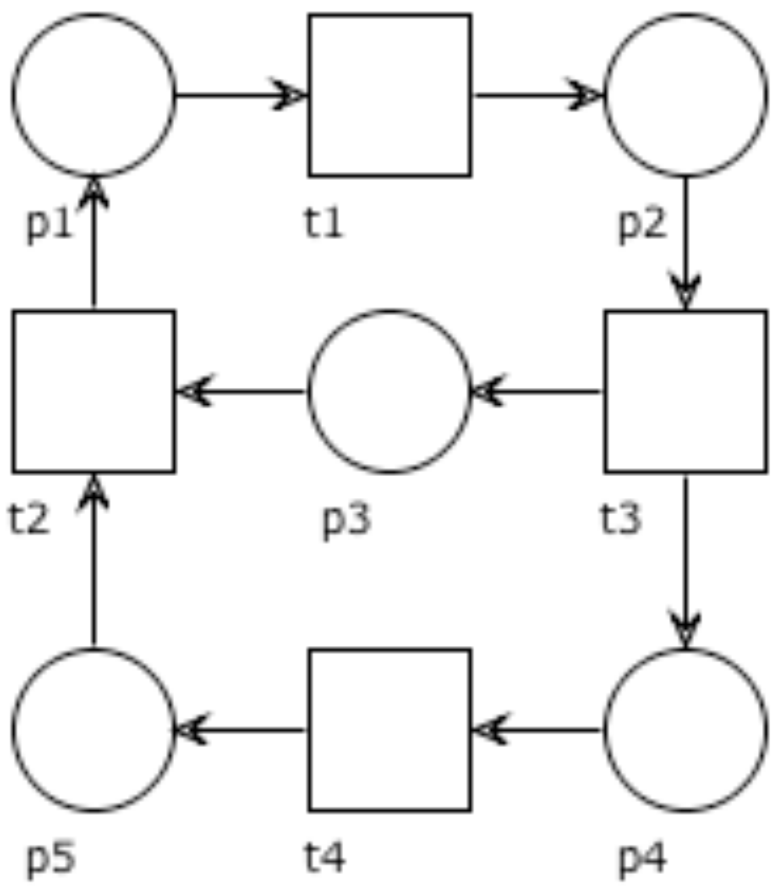
T-system

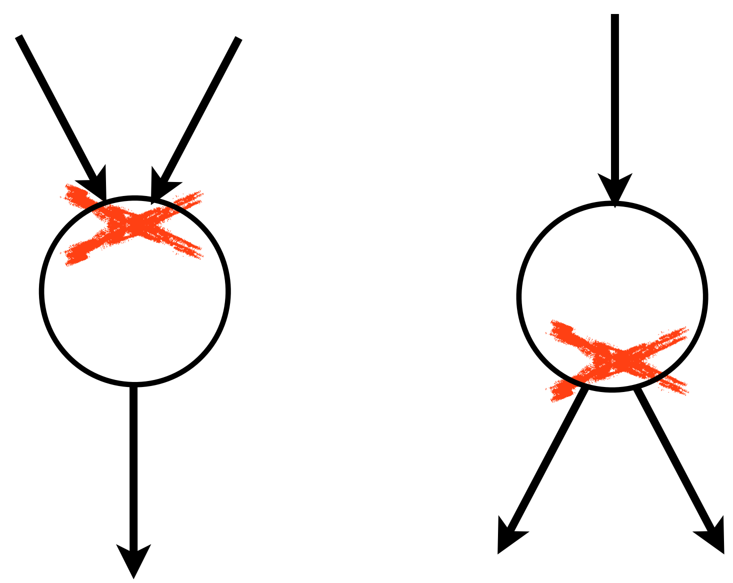
Definition: We recall that a net N is a **T-net** if each place has exactly one input transition and exactly one output transition

$$\forall p \in P, \qquad |\bullet p| = 1 = |p \bullet|$$

A system (N, M_0) is a **T-system** if N is a T-net

T-net: example





T-systems: an observation

Notably, computation in T-systems is concurrent, but essentially deterministic:

the firing of a transition t in M cannot disable another transition t’ enabled at M

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No, a workflow net cannot be a T-net because
the place i has no incoming arc
and the place o has no outgoing arc

(N* can be a T-net)

T-systems: another observation

Determination of control:

the transitions responsible for enabling t are one for each input place of t

Notation: token count of a circuit

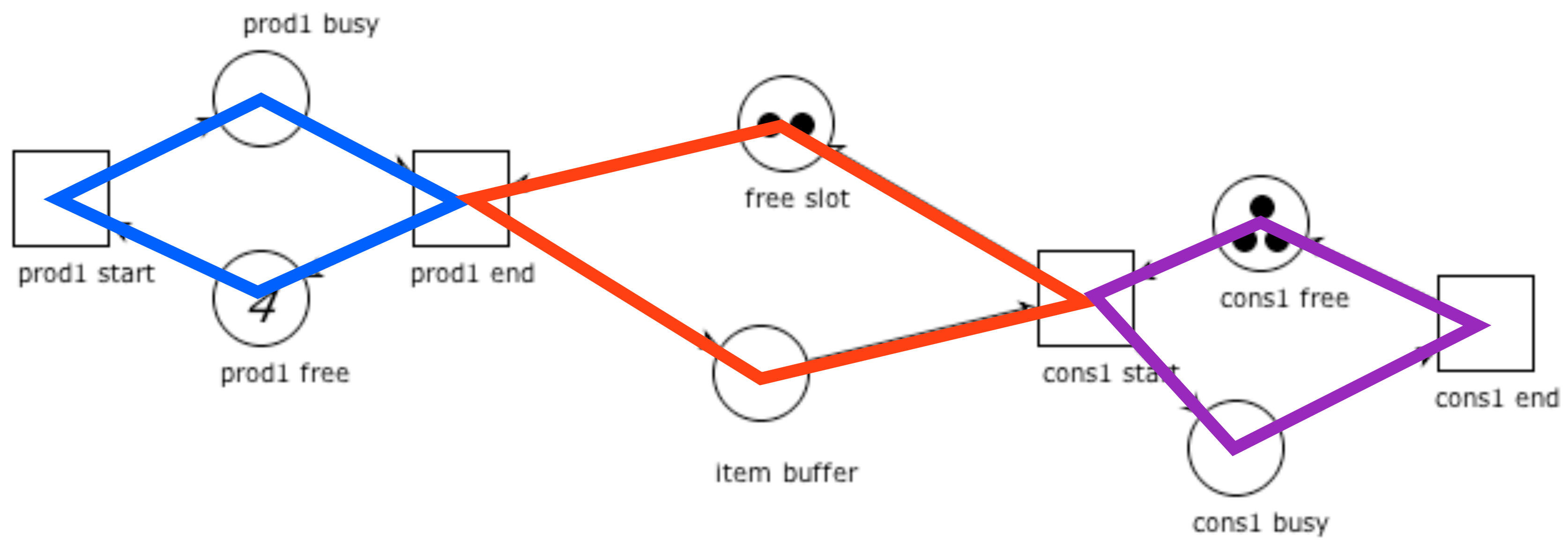
Let $\gamma = (x_1, y_1)(y_1, x_2)(x_2, y_2)...(x_n, y_n)$ be a circuit.

Let $P_{|\gamma} \subseteq P$ be the set of places in γ.

$$M(\gamma) = M(P_{|\gamma}) = \sum_{p \in P_{|\gamma}} M(p)$$

We say that γ is **marked at** M if $M(\gamma) > 0$

Example



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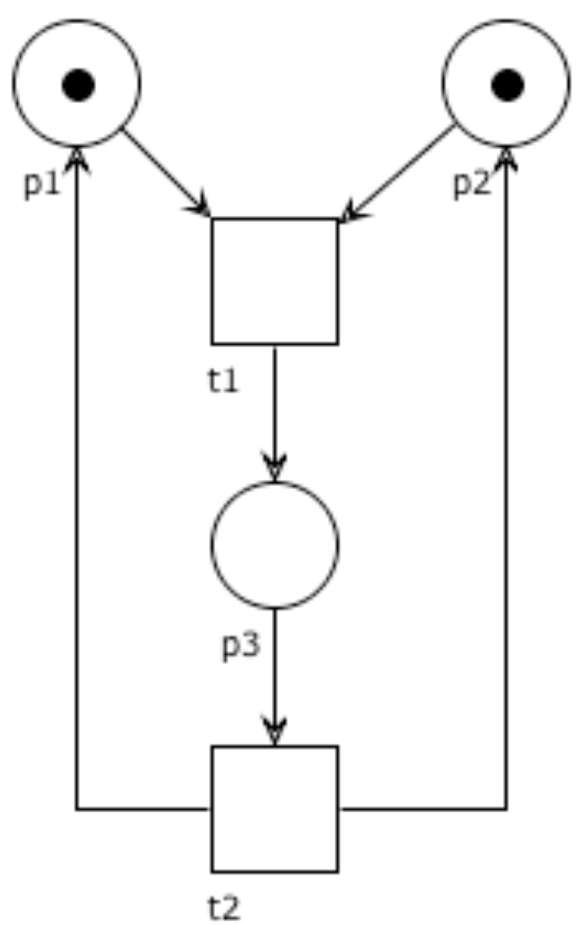
Question time

Trace two circuits over the T-system below



Fundamental property of T-systems

The token count of a circuit is invariant under any firing.

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Proposition: Let γ be a circuit of a T-system (P, T, F, M_0).
If M is a reachable marking, then $M(\gamma) = M_0(\gamma)$

Take any $t \in T$: either $t \notin \gamma$ or $t \in \gamma$.

If $t \notin \gamma$, then no place in $\bullet t \cup t \bullet$ is in γ
(otherwise, by definition of T-nets, t would be in γ).
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If $t \in \gamma$, then exactly one place in $\bullet t$ and one place in $t \bullet$ are in γ.
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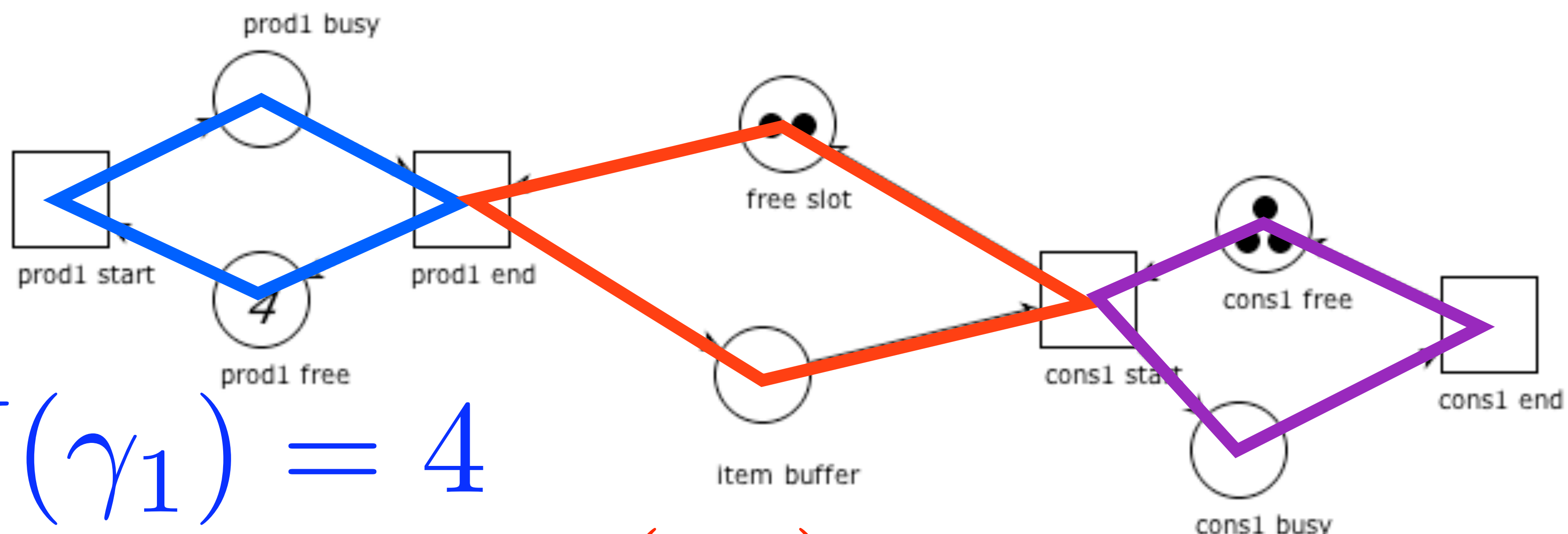

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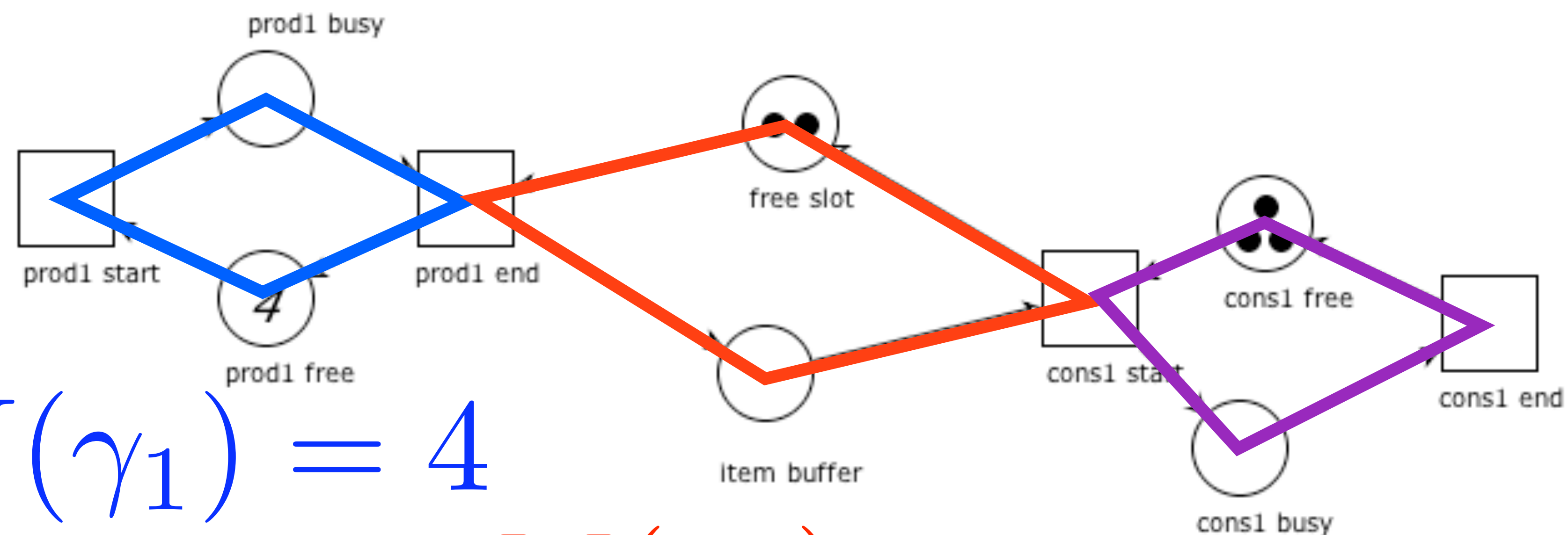

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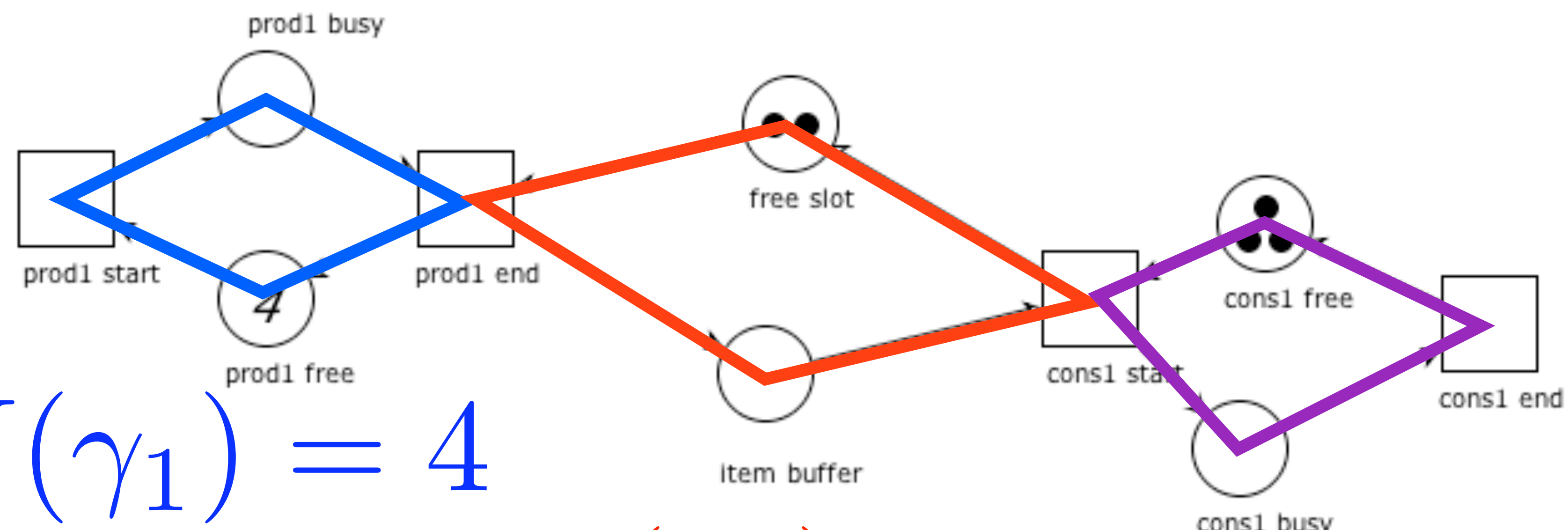

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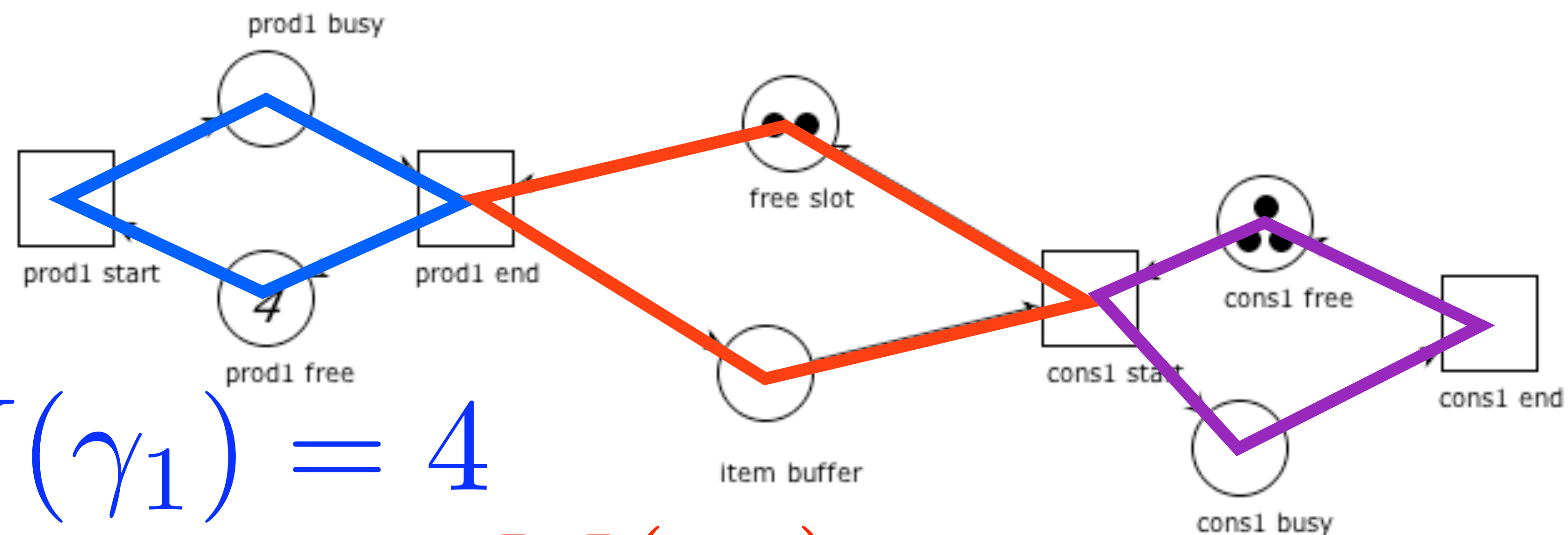

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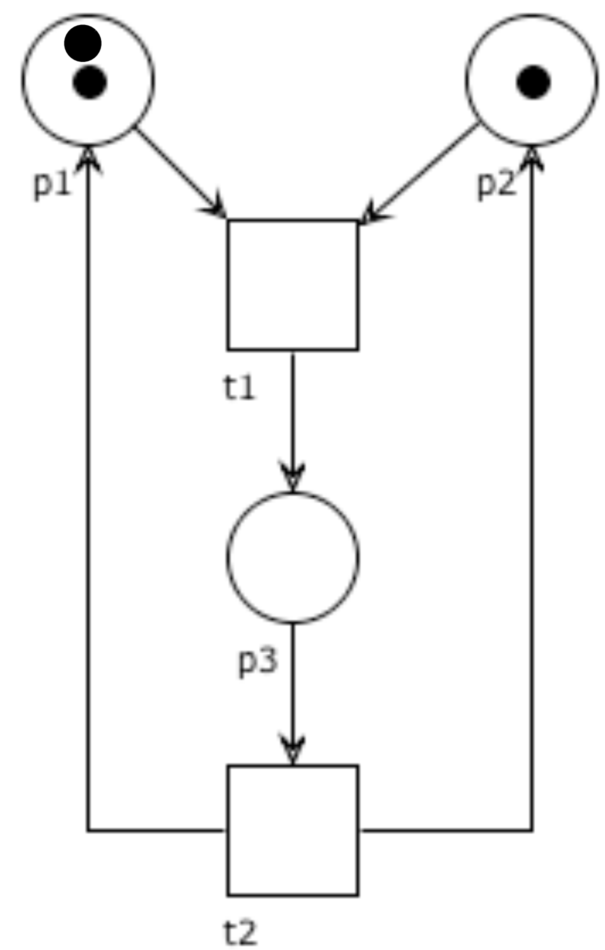
Is the marking $p_1 + 2p_2$ reachable? (why?)



T-invariants of T-nets

Proposition: Let N=(P,T,F) be a (connected) T-net. **J** is a T-invariant of N **iff** **J**=[k ... k] for some value k

(the proof is dual to the analogous proposition for S-invariants of S-nets)

Boundedness in strongly connected T-systems

Lemma: If a T-system (N, M_0) is strongly connected, then it is bounded

Let Γ be the set of the circuits of N and let $k = \max_{\gamma \in \Gamma} M_0(\gamma)$.

Since N is strongly connected, every place p belongs to some circuit γ_p.

By the fundamental property of T-systems: token count of γ_p is invariant.

Thus, for any reachable marking M, we have $M(p) \leq M(\gamma_p) = M_0(\gamma_p) \leq k$.
Hence the net is k-bounded.

Safeness in strongly connected T-systems

Corollary: If a T-system (N,M_0) is strongly connected and $M_0(P)=1$, then it is safe

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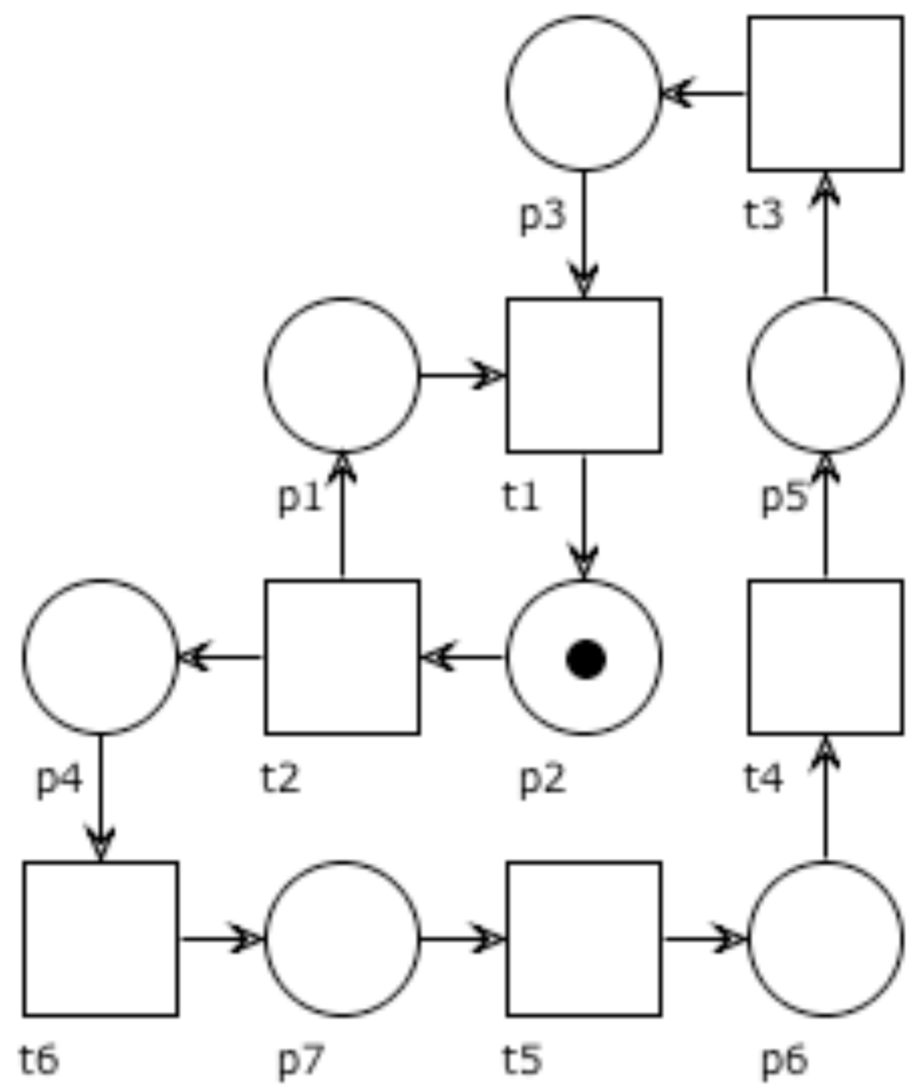

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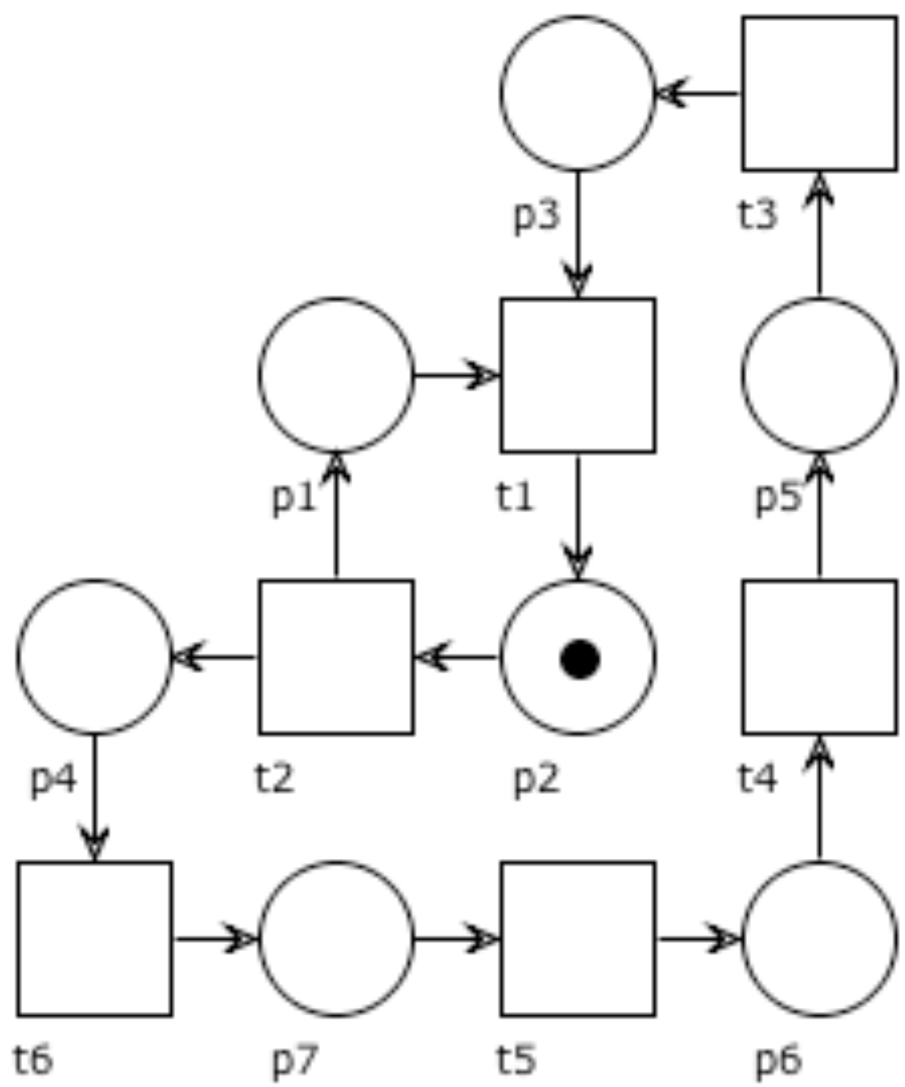

Liveness theorem for T-systems

Theorem: A T-system (N,M_0) is live **iff** every circuit of N is marked at M_0

$\Rightarrow$) (quite obvious)
By contradiction, let γ be a circuit with $M_0(\gamma) = 0$.
By the fundamental property of T-systems: $\forall M \in [\, M_0 \,\rangle,\ M(\gamma) = 0$.

Take any $t \in T_{|\gamma}$ and $p \in P_{|\gamma} \cap \bullet t$.

For any $M \in [\, M_0 \,\rangle$, we have $M(p) = 0$.
Hence t is never enabled and the T-system is not live.

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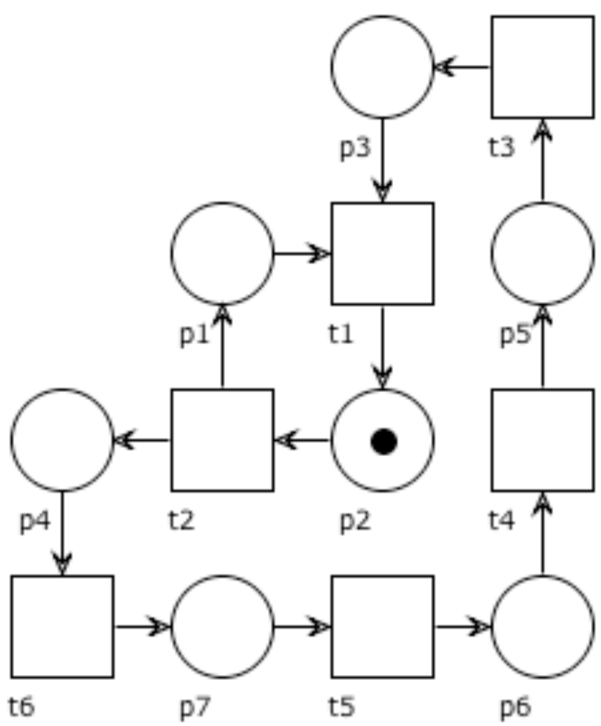
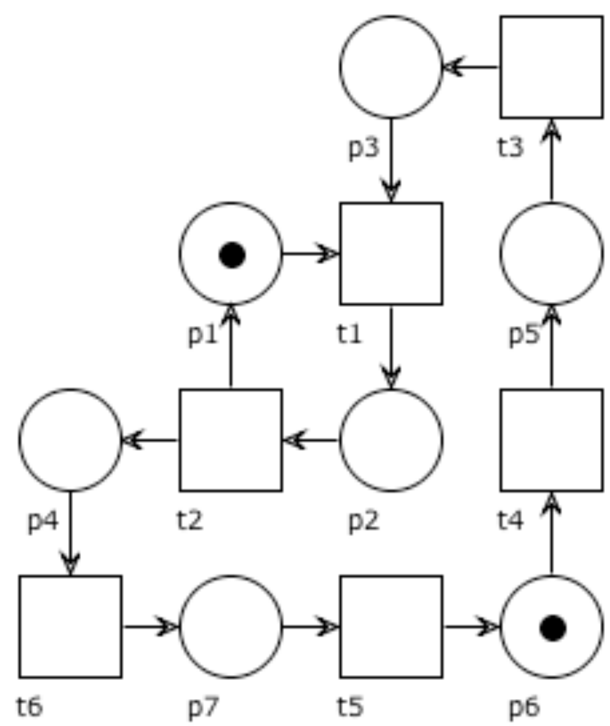
$\Leftarrow$) (more involved)
Take any $t \in T$ and $M \in [\, M_0 \,\rangle$.
We need to show that some marking M' reachable from M enables t.

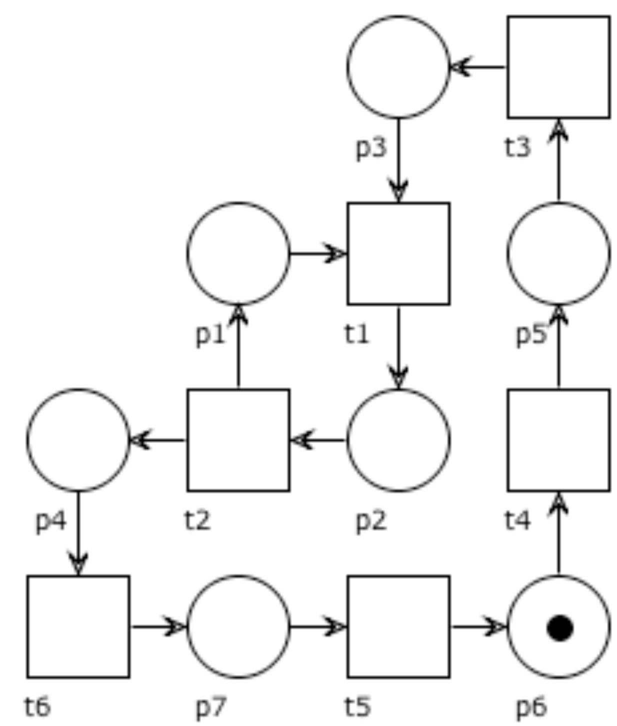
The key idea is to collect the places that control the firing of t:
$p \in P_{M,t}$ if there is a path from p to t through places unmarked at M.
We then proceed by induction on the size of $P_{M,t}$.

Question time

Which of the T-systems below is live? (why?)







T-systems: recap

T-system + γ circuit + M reachable => $M(\gamma) = M_0(\gamma)$

T-system + γ circuit + $M(\gamma) \neq M_0(\gamma)$ => M not reachable

T-system + $\gamma_1 \ldots \gamma_n$ circuits: $\exists i.\ p \in \gamma_i$ <=> p bounded

T-system: $M_0(\gamma)>0$ for all circuits γ <=> live

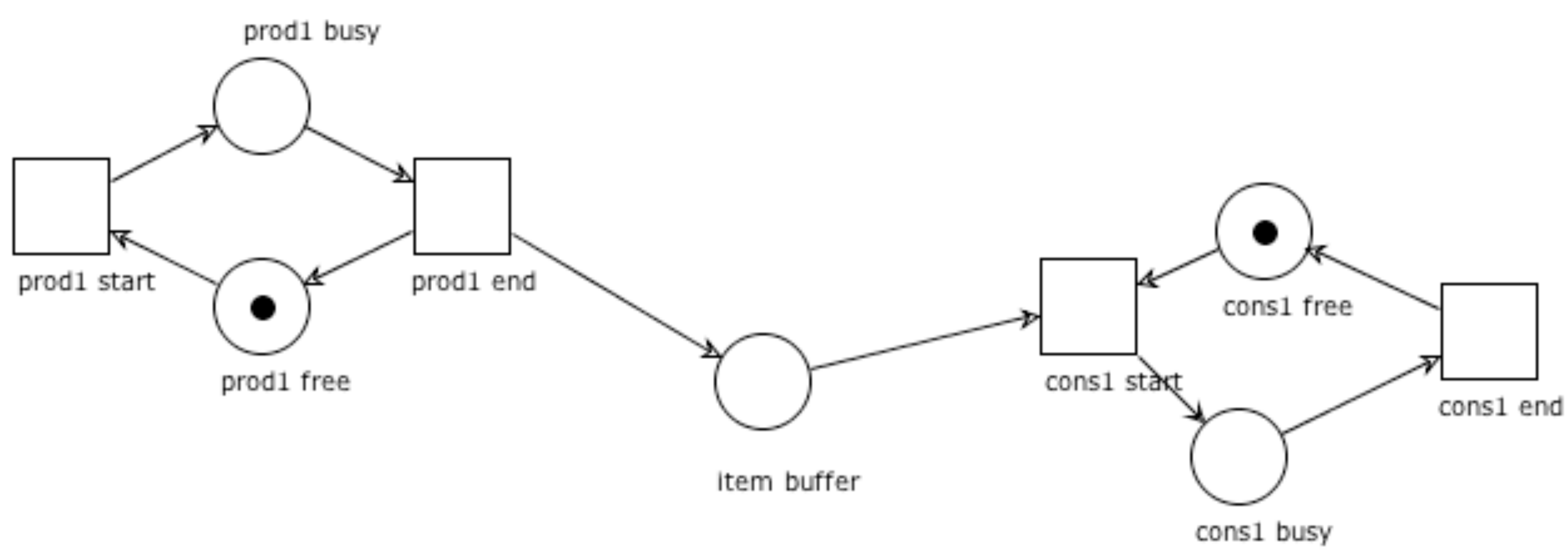
T-system: strongly connected => bounded

T-system + live: strongly connected <=> bounded

T-system: T-invariant **J** <=> **J** = [k k ... k]

Exercises

Which are the circuits of the T-system below?
Is the T-system below live? (why?)
Which places are bounded? (why?)
Assign a bound to each bounded place.



Consequences on workflow nets

Theorem: If N is a workflow net s.t. N* is a T-system then
N is safe and sound **iff**
every circuit of N* is marked

N workflow net => N* strongly connected
N* strongly connected + T-system => N* bounded
N* strongly connected + T-system + $M_0(P)=1$ => N* safe

all circuits of N* are marked <=> N* live

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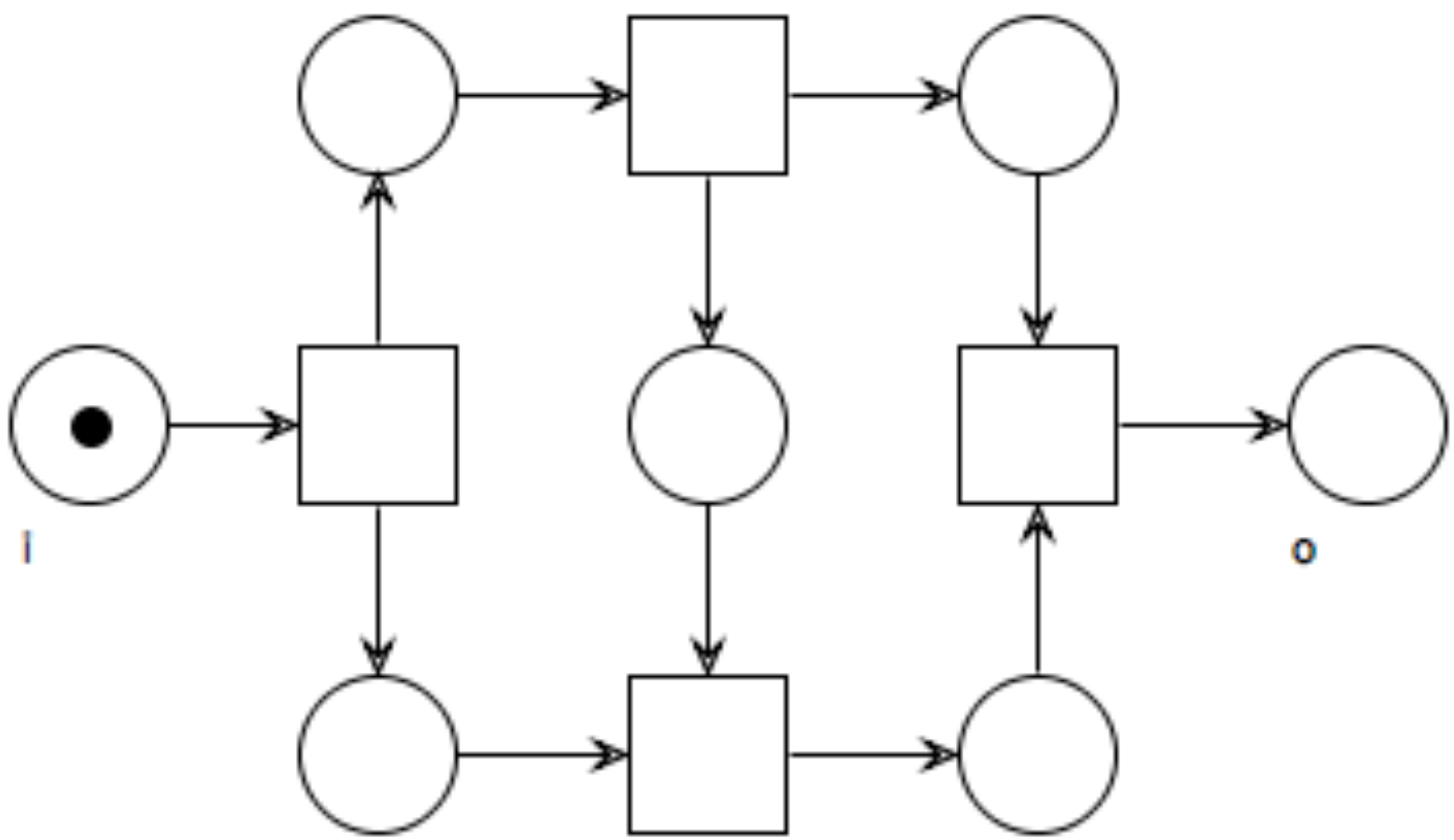

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