

Reactive and Event Based Systems

Lecture 3: DCR Semantics and Process Mining

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Overview

- **Semantics of DCR Graphs**
- Process Mining
 - Process Conformance
 - Process Discovery
- Assignment 1 Part b

DCR Semantics

Definition 4.1 (DCR Graph [8]). A DCR graph is a tuple (E, R, M) where

- E is a finite set of (labelled) events, the nodes of the graph.
- R is the edges of the graph. Edges are partitioned into five kinds, named and drawn as follows: The conditions $(\rightarrow\bullet)$, responses $(\bullet\rightarrow)$, milestones $(\rightarrow\Diamond)$, inclusions $(\rightarrow+)$, and exclusions $(\rightarrow\%)$.
- M is the marking of the graph. This is a triple (Ex, Re, In) of sets of events, respectively the previously executed (Ex), the currently pending (Re), and the currently included (In) events.

DCR Semantics


```
public class DCRGraph {  
    // Events  
    protected HashSet<String> events = new HashSet<String>();  
  
    // Relations  
    private HashMap<String, HashSet<String>> conditionsFor = new HashMap<String, HashSet<String>>();  
    private HashMap<String, HashSet<String>> milestonesFor = new HashMap<String, HashSet<String>>();  
    private HashMap<String, HashSet<String>> responsesTo = new HashMap<String, HashSet<String>>();  
    private HashMap<String, HashSet<String>> excludesTo = new HashMap<String, HashSet<String>>();  
    private HashMap<String, HashSet<String>> includesTo = new HashMap<String, HashSet<String>>();  
  
    // Marking  
    public DCRMarking marking;  
}  
  
public class DCRMarking {  
    public HashSet<String> executed = new HashSet<String>();  
    public HashSet<String> included = new HashSet<String>();  
    public HashSet<String> pending = new HashSet<String>();  
}
```

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Yes!

DCR Semantics

```
public Boolean enabled(final DCRMarking marking, final String event) {  
  
    // Open world assumption: if an event doesn't exist in the graph it must be enabled.  
    if (!events.contains(event)) { return true; }  
  
    // check included  
    if (!marking.included.contains(event)) { return false; }  
  
    // Select only the included conditions  
    final Set<String> inccn = new HashSet<String>(conditionsFor.get(event));  
    inccn.retainAll(marking.included);  
    // Check if all included conditions have been executed  
    if (!marking.executed.containsAll(inccn)) { return false; }  
  
    // Select only the included milestones  
    final Set<String> incmil = new HashSet<String>(milestonesFor.get(event));  
    incmil.retainAll(marking.included);  
    // Check if any included milestone has a pending response  
    for (final String p : marking.pending) {  
        if (incmil.contains(p)) { return false; }  
    }  
  
    return true;  
}
```

DCR Semantics

Definition 4.3 (Execution). *Let $G = (E, R, M)$ be a DCR graph with marking $M = (Ex, Re, In)$. Suppose $e \in \text{enabled}(G)$. We may execute e obtaining the resulting DCR graph (E, R, M') with $M' = (Ex', Re', In')$ defined as follows.*

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| 3. $In' = (In \setminus (e \rightarrow \%)) \cup (e \rightarrow +)$ | 3. All events that e excludes are removed from the included set, afterwards all events that e includes are added |

DCR Semantics

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public DCRMarking execute(final DCRMarking marking, final String event) {  
    // Check if the event exists  
    if (!events.contains(event)) { return marking; }  
  
    // Check if the event is enabled  
    if (!this.enabled(marking, event)) { return marking; }  
  
    // Create a new marking  
    DCRMarking result = marking.clone();  
  
    // Add the event to the set of executed events.  
    result.executed.add(event);  
  
    // Remove the event from the set of pending events.  
    result.pending.remove(event);  
  
    // Add all new responses.  
    result.pending.addAll(responsesTo.get(event));  
  
    // Remove all excluded events  
    result.included.removeAll(excludesTo.get(event));  
  
    // Add all included events  
    result.included.addAll(includesTo.get(event));  
  
    return result;  
}
```

DCR Semantics

Definition 4.4 (Transitions, runs, traces). *Let G be a DCR graph. If $e \in \text{enabled}(G)$ and executing e in G yields H , we say that G has transition on e to H and write $G \longrightarrow_e H$. A run of G is a (finite or infinite) sequence of DCR graphs G_i and events e_i such that: $G = G_0 \longrightarrow_{e_0} G_1 \longrightarrow_{e_1} \dots$. A trace of G is a sequence of labels of events e_i associated with a run of G . We write $\text{runs}(G)$ and $\text{traces}(G)$ for the set of runs and traces of G , respectively*

DCR Semantics

Definition 4.5 (Acceptance). *A run $G_0 \longrightarrow_{e_0} G_1 \longrightarrow_{e_1} \dots$ is accepting iff for all n with $e \in \text{In}(G_n) \cap \text{Re}(G_n)$ there exists $m \geq n$ s.t. either $e_m = e$, or $e \notin \text{In}(G_m)$. A trace is accepting iff it has an underlying run which is.*

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If an event e at some point becomes pending, then at some point after, it is either executed or excluded.

DCR Semantics

```
public Set<String> getIncludedPending()
{
    // Select those included events that are also pending
    HashSet<String> result = new HashSet<String>(marking.included);
    result.retainAll(marking.pending);
    return result;
}

public boolean isAccepting()
{
    // Check if there are any included pending responses
    return getIncludedPending().isEmpty();
}
```

DCR Semantics

Definition 4.6 (Language). *The language of a DCR graph G is the set of its accepting traces. We write $\text{lang}(G)$ for the language of G .*

Sample DCR Engine

DEMO

BREAK

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- Semantics of DCR Graphs
- **Process Mining**
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Process Mining

- In the past:
 - Models designed based on how we **believe processes work**
- Process Mining
 - Look at real-world *event logs* to find out how **processes actually work**



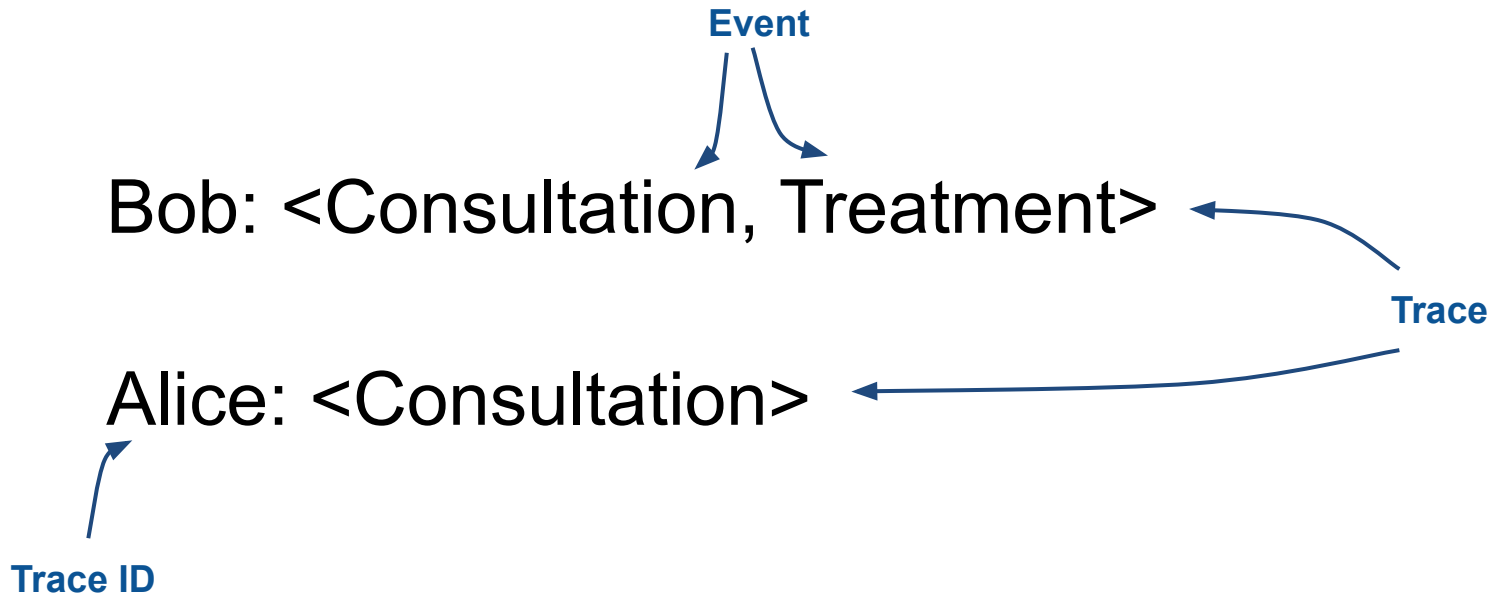
Process Mining

- **Event Log**: A list / table containing *events*, consisting of:
 - *Activities* (e.g. Consultation, Treatment)
 - *Cases* (e.g. a Treatment or Patient ID)
 - *An ordering* of the events (e.g. timestamps)
 - Optionally: any other data relevant to the process

Activity	Patient	Time	...
Consultation	Bob	12.11.2013, 9:19:57	...
Consultation	Alice	12.11.2013, 9:30:01	...
Treatment	Bob	12.11.2013, 15:40:45	...

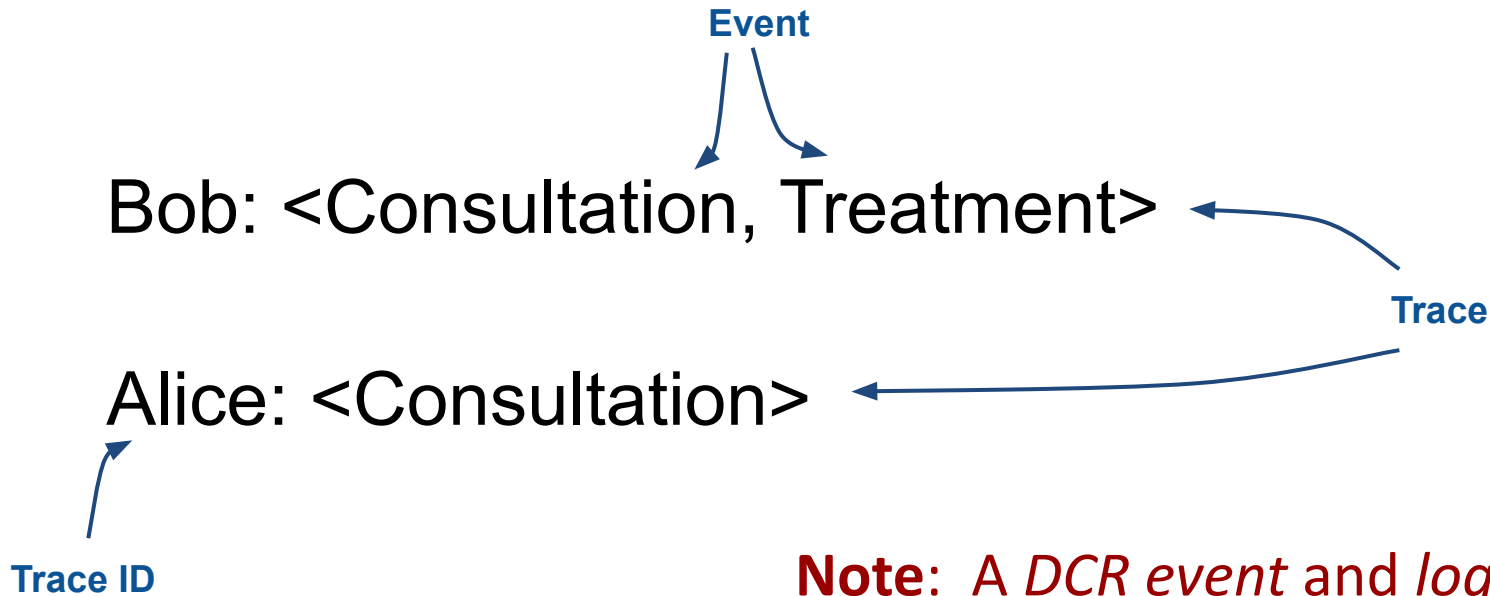
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Note: A *DCR event* and *log event* are not the same thing!

DCR events may occur more than once, log events are always unique

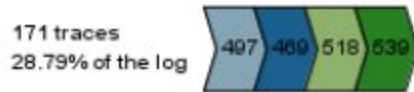
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Logs bear valuable information to answer questions like:

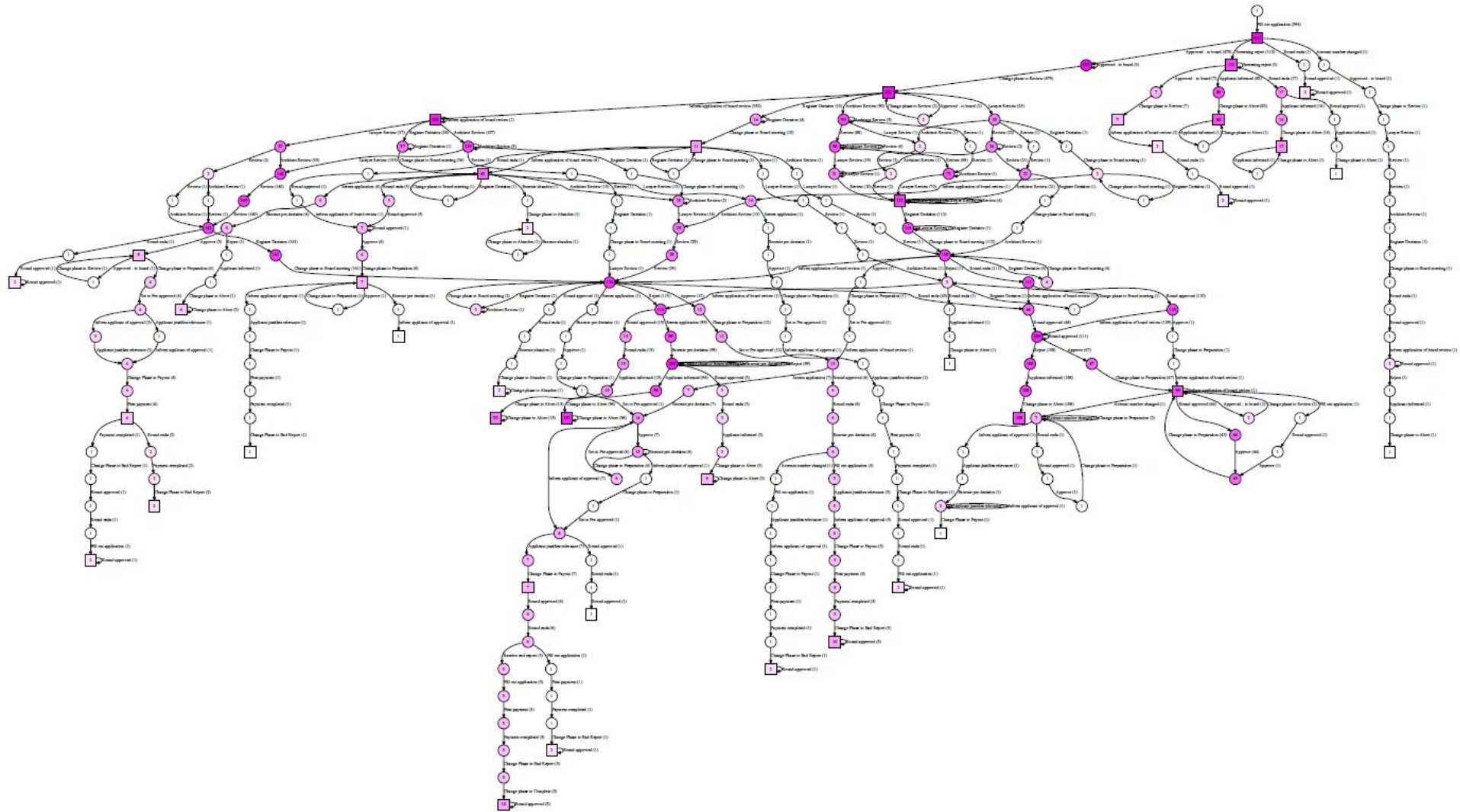
- How many patients did we treat in November 2013?
- In what different ways do we treat patients for colon-cancer?
- Which are the most common treatments?
- Are there treatments we never use?

Process Mining

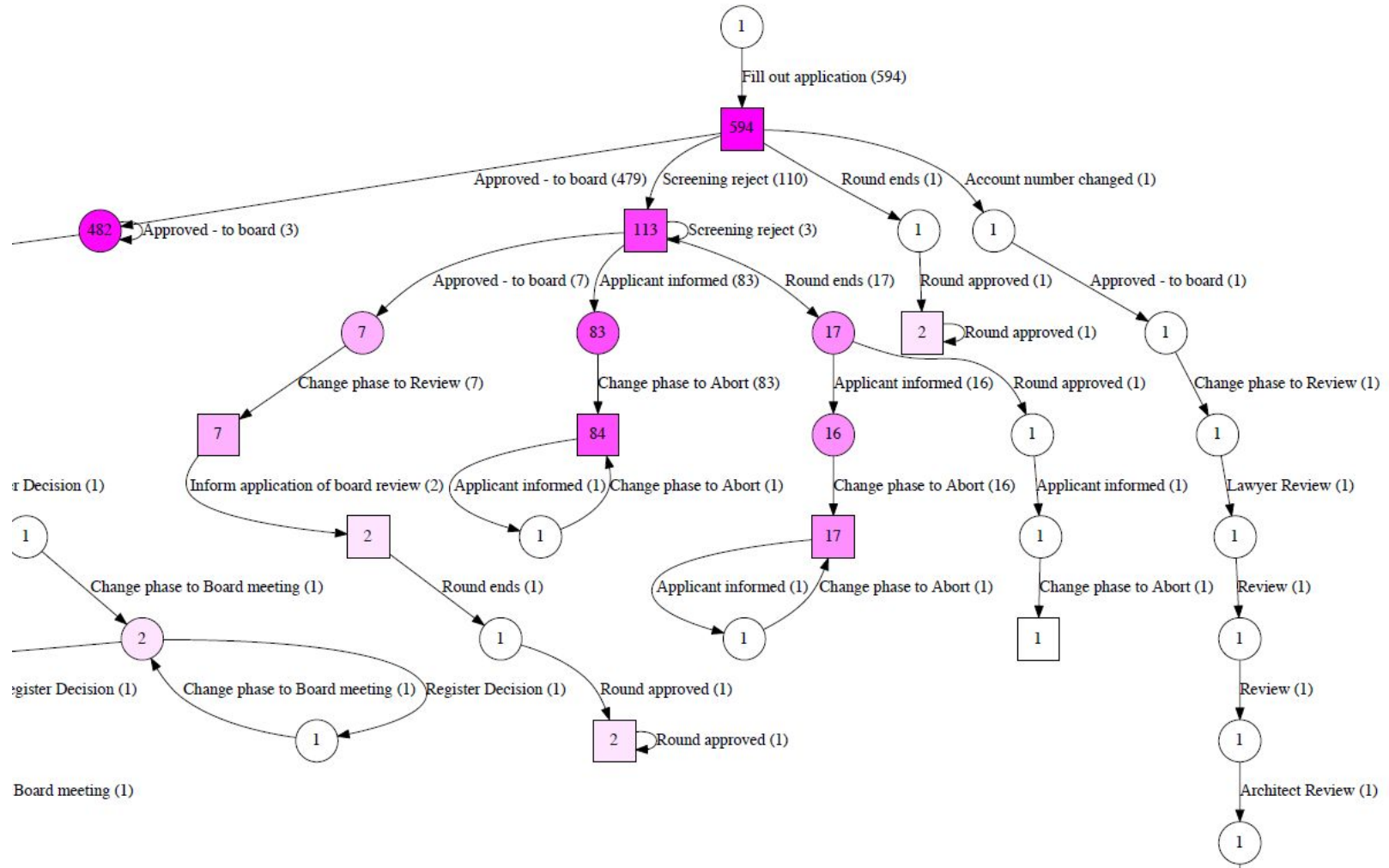
Inspect most common executions:



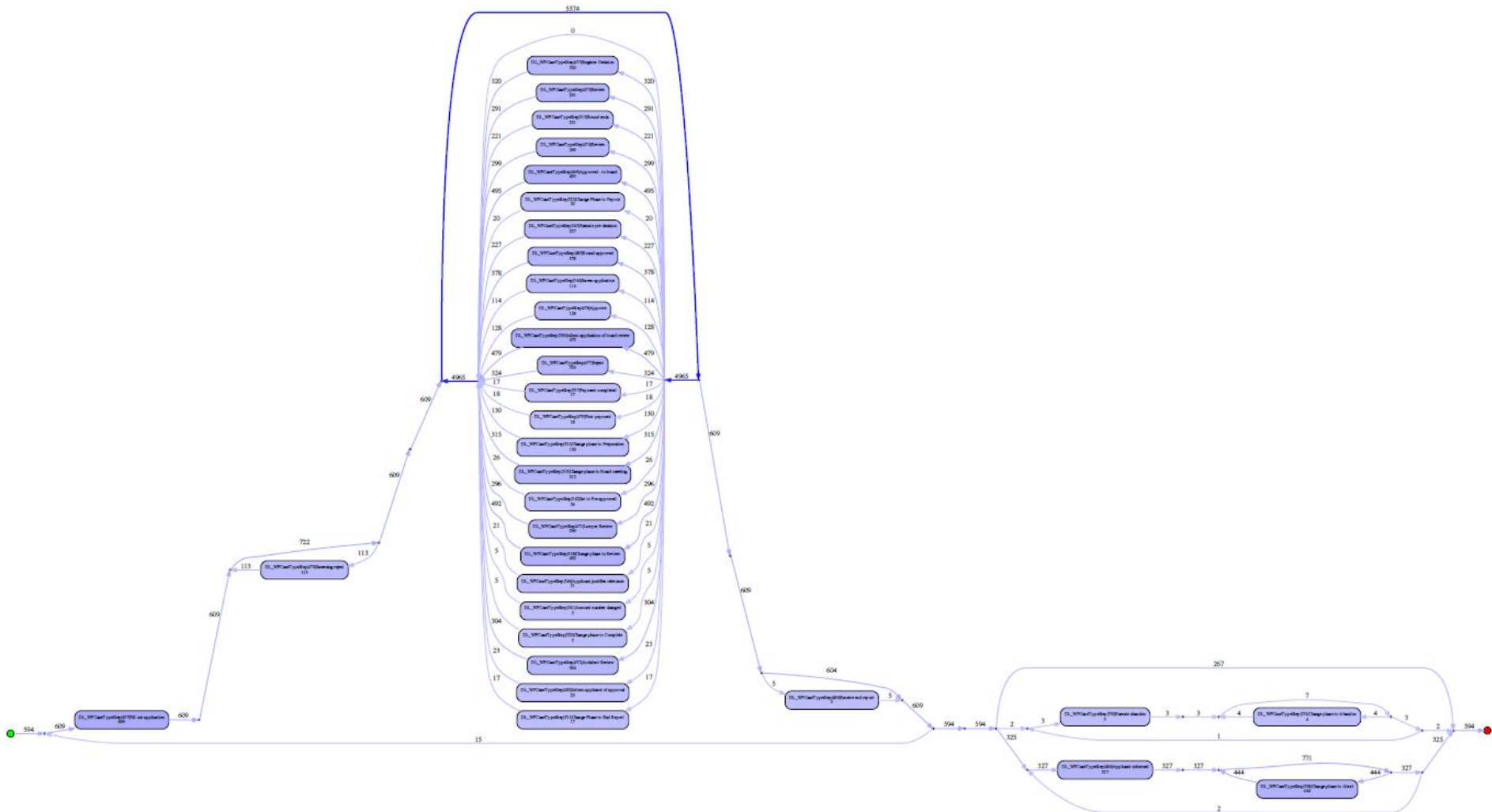
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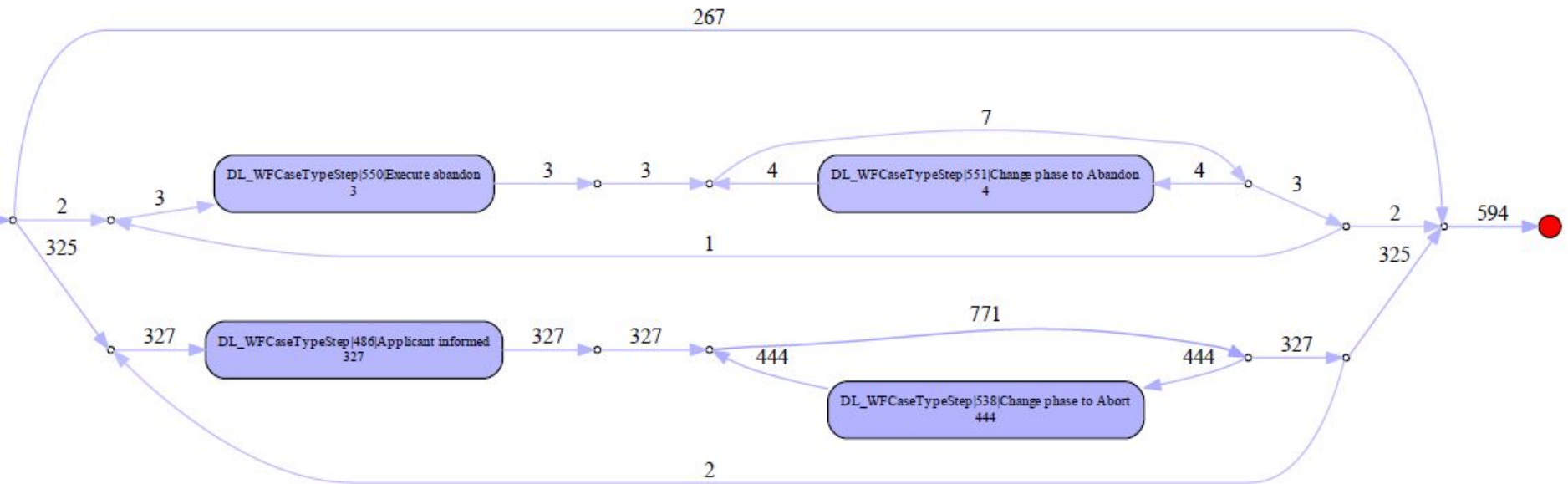


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Process Mining

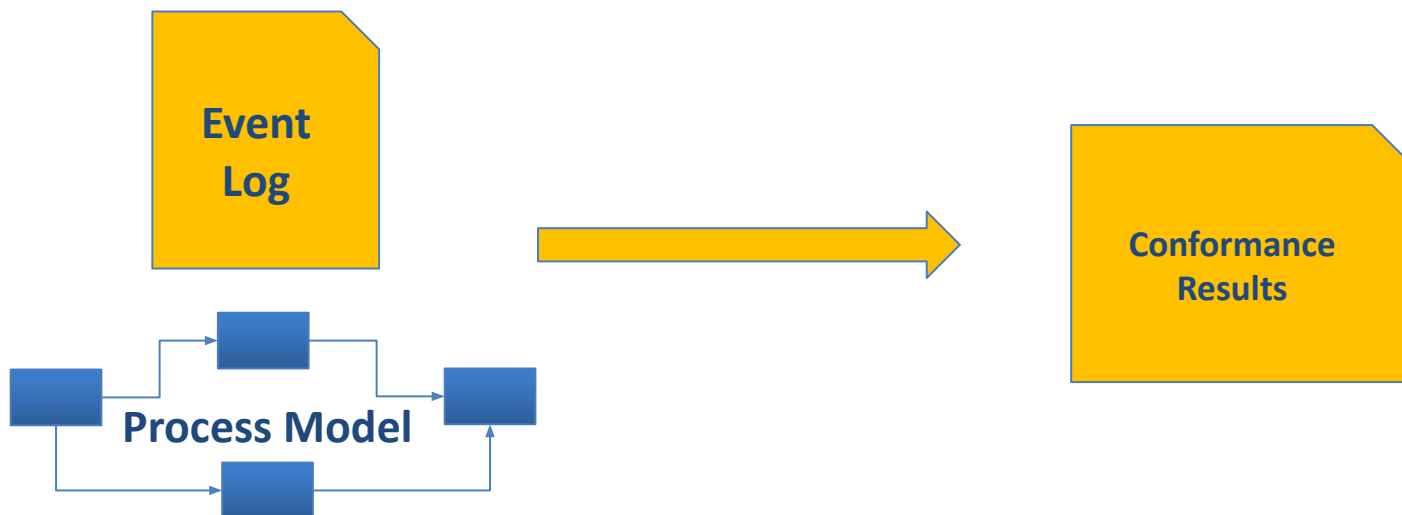
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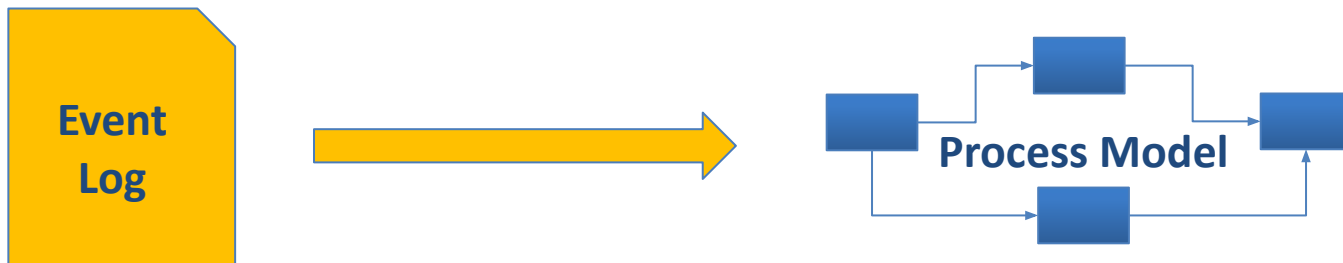
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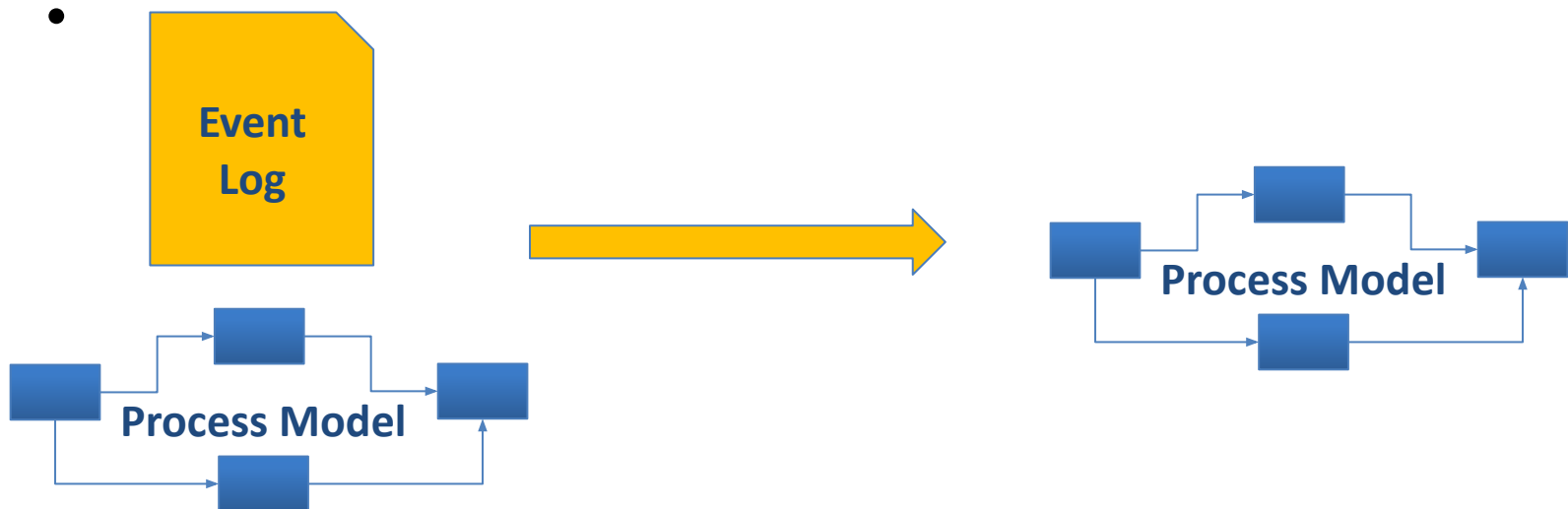
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Graphs

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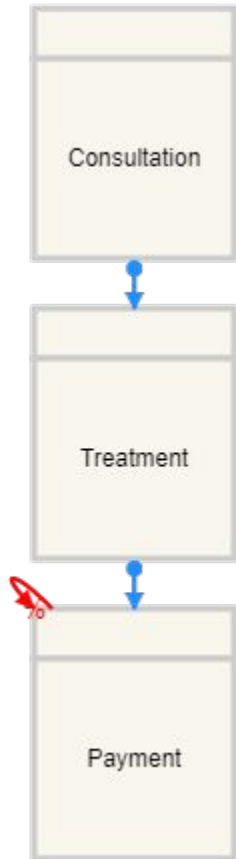
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Cooper: <Consultation, Treatment, Payment, Payment>

David: <Consultation, Treatment, Treatment, Payment>

Model:



Result:

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Question: What is the result for David?

Conformance Checking with DCR Graphs

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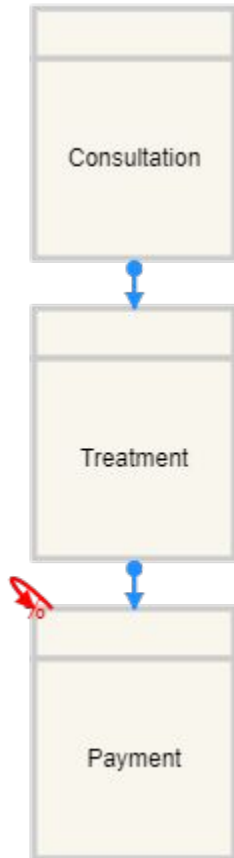
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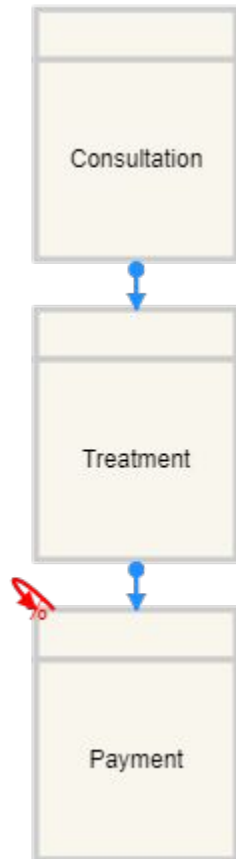
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Note: Good if we want to know what percentage of cases conforms to the model, but not very fine grained...

Trace Alignment

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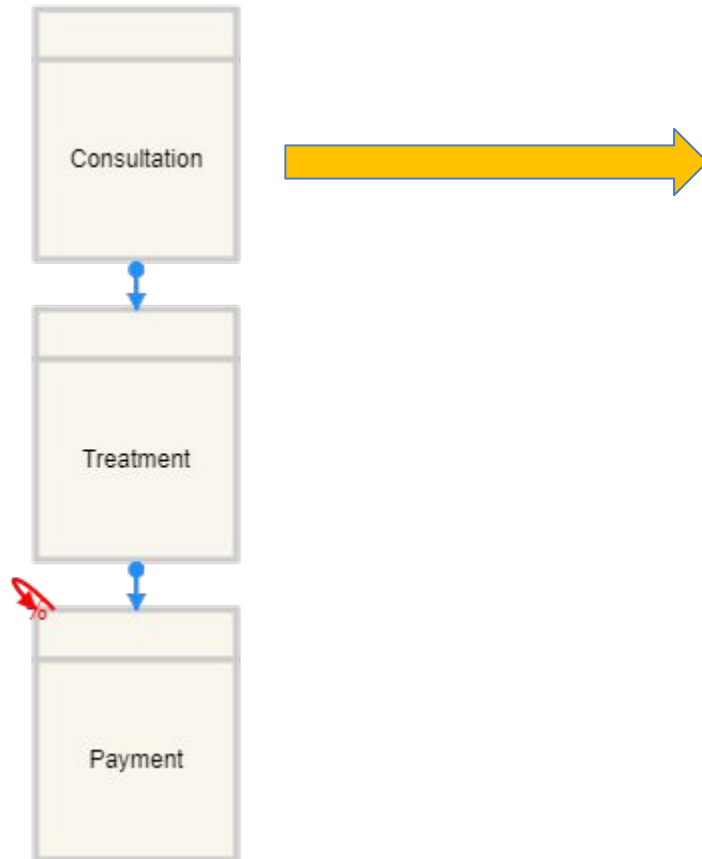
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Model:



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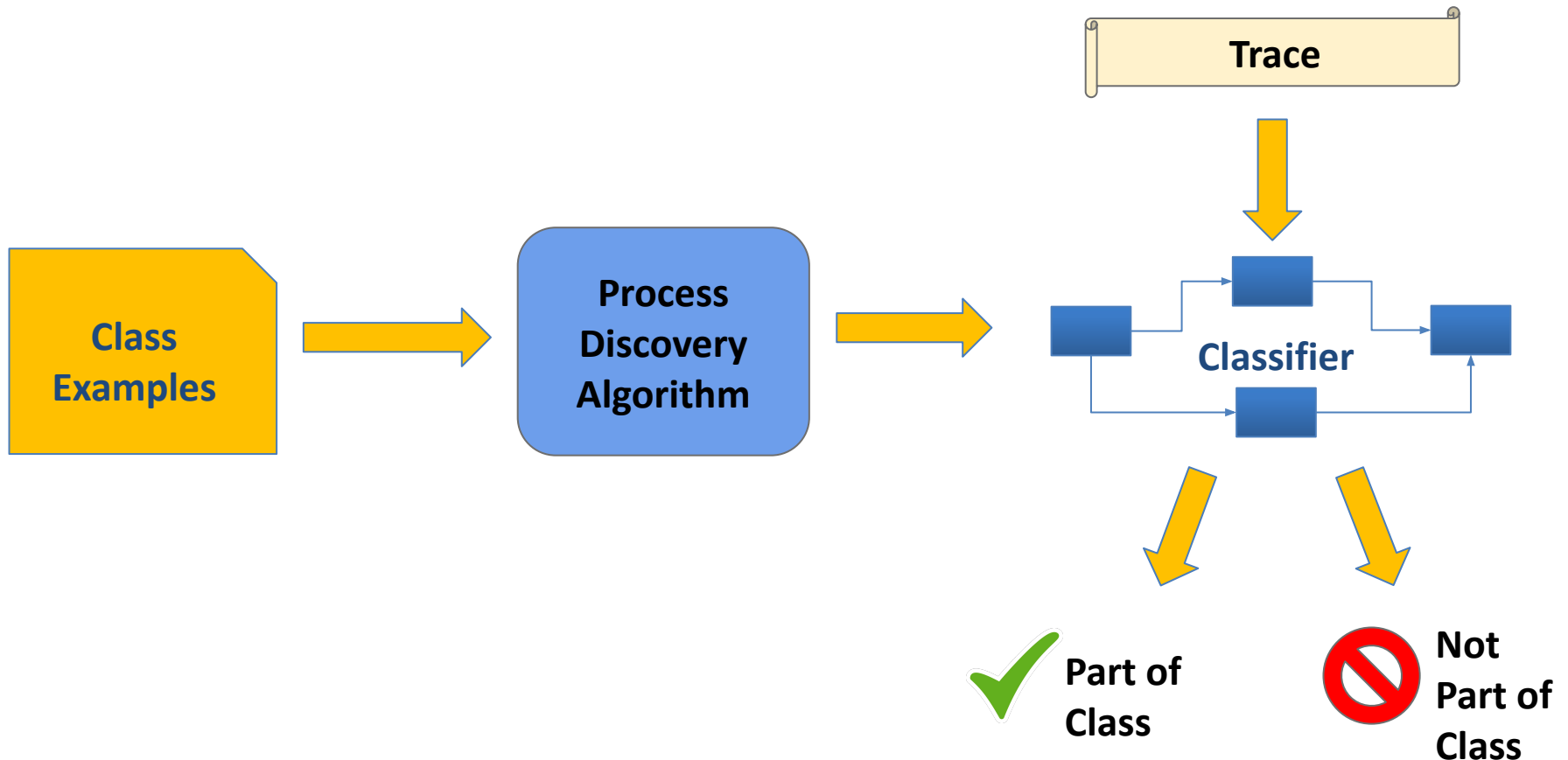
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Alignment cost: 1 **insertion**, 1 **deletion**.

Alignment-based conformance: $(12/14) = 85.7\%$

A Machine Learning Perspective on Process Discovery

- Process discovery has (almost) exclusively been treated as a **one-class classification** task:



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- **Observation:**
 - When looking for a *flexible* model, it's counter-productive to start from a fully constrained model, which allows no behaviour

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DisCoveR

- Goals:
 - Find a good balance between simplicity and precision
 - Guarantee fitness
 - Short runtime (minutes instead of hours)
- Basic approach:
 - Start from a fully unconstrained model
 - Add relations to the model based on an analysis of the log

DisCoveR

Basic Patterns

Exclusions

Dynamic Behaviour

Additional Conditions

An algorithm that finds a number of basic declarative patterns, inspired by the Minerful algorithm.

```
10
11  $\rightarrow\%$  :=  $\rightarrow\%$   $\cup$   $\{ (s, s) \mid s \in AtMostOne(L) \}$ 
12  $\rightarrow\bullet$  :=  $\rightarrow\bullet$   $\cup$   $Precedence(L)$ 
13  $\bullet\rightarrow$  :=  $\bullet\rightarrow$   $\cup$   $Response(L)$ 
14  $\rightarrow+$  :=  $\rightarrow+$   $\cup$   $\{ (s, t) \mid \forall s, s \neq t. (s, t) \in ChainPrecedence(L) \}$ 
15  $\rightarrow\%$  :=  $\rightarrow\%$   $\cup$   $\{ (t, t) \mid \exists s, s \neq t. (s, t) \in ChainPrecedence(L) \}$ 
```

```
// ADD 'DECLARE' TEMPLATES
// self exclusions
// condition relations
// response relations
// alternate precedence
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```



DisCoveR

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An algorithm for finding exclusion relations not covered by the previous algorithm.

```

16                                     // ADD ADDITIONAL EXCLUDES
17  $\rightarrow\% := \rightarrow\% \cup \text{ChooseOneRelation}(\{ (s,t) \mid (s,t) \notin \text{Predecessors}(L) \wedge$  // not coexistence
18                                      $(t,s) \notin \text{Successors}(L) \wedge s \neq t \})$ 
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```


DisCoveR

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An algorithm that adds additional exclusions and inclusions to further constrain when activities are enabled

```
22                                     // ADDITIONAL INCLUDES/EXCLUDES
23  $\rightarrow\%$  :=  $\rightarrow\% \cup \text{NotChainSuccession}(L)$                                      // not chain succession
24  $\rightarrow+$  :=  $\rightarrow+ \cup \{ (u, t) \mid \exists s. (s, t) \in \text{NotChainSuccession}(L) \wedge (s, u, t) \in \text{Between}(L) \}$ 
```

DisCoveR

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An algorithm that finds a small amount of additional conditions, which for some logs provide significant improvements on precision.
Based on the complex interplay between exclusions and conditions.

```

31 // ADD ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS
32  $\rightarrow \bullet := \rightarrow \bullet \cup \{ (s, t) \mid (\exists \sigma \in L. \forall k. s = \sigma(i) \wedge t = \sigma(j) = \sigma(k) \wedge i < j \leq k) \wedge$ 
33  $(\forall \sigma \in L. \forall i > j. s = \sigma(i) \wedge t = \sigma(j) \wedge \exists h < j. (\sigma(h), s) \in \rightarrow \% \wedge$ 
34  $\neg \exists g < j. g > h \wedge (\sigma(g), s) \in \rightarrow ++ ) \}$ 

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Evaluation

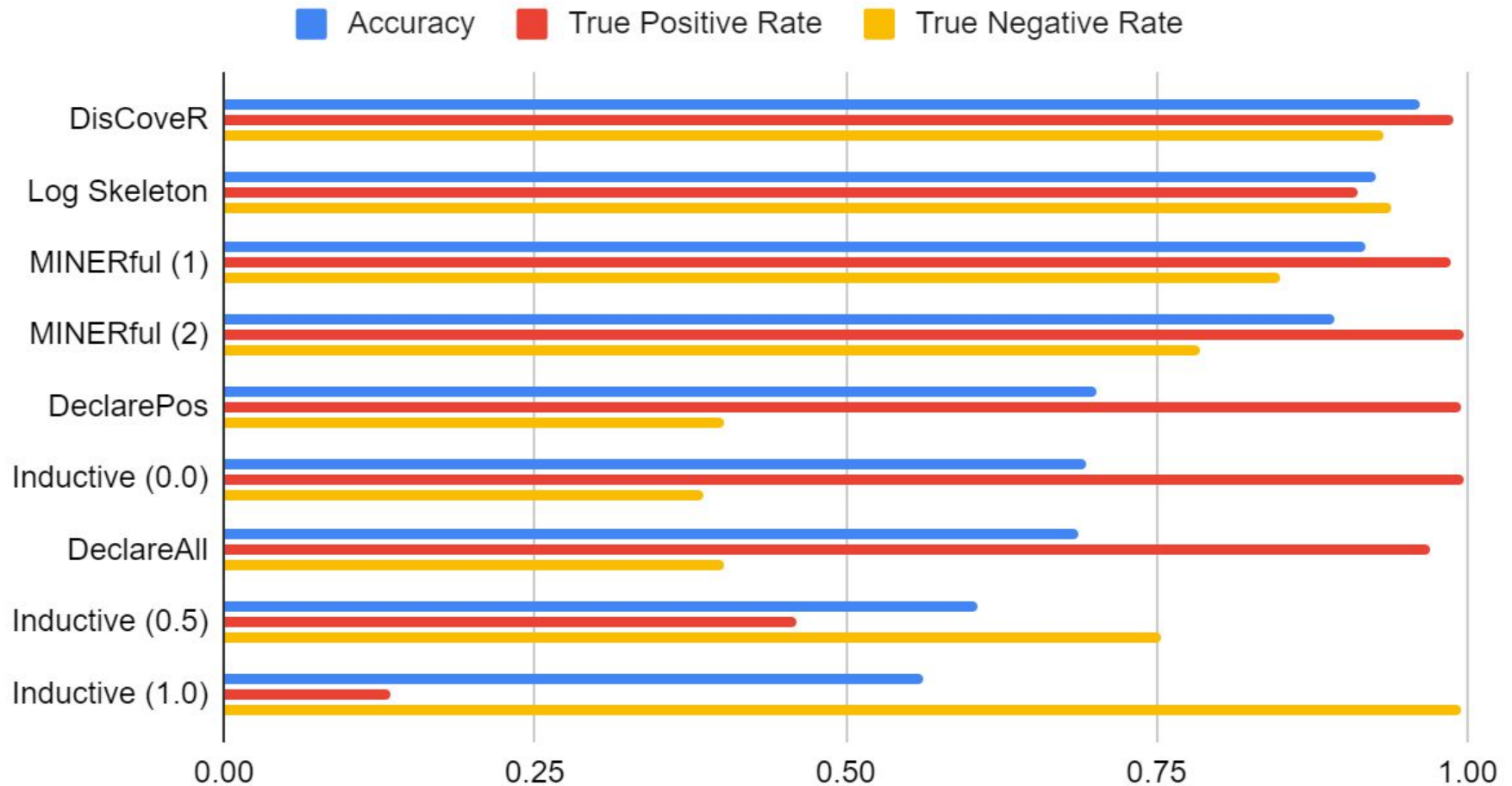
Process Discovery Challenge 2019: mine 10 logs generated from synthetic models, evaluate based on a labelled test set (with both positive and negative outcomes)

DisCoveR (full):

- Correctly classified 865 out of 900 traces (96% accuracy)
- 5 false negatives, 30 false positives
- Used only the control-flow perspective (there was also a data perspective in the ground truth model and logs)

DisCoveR Accuracy

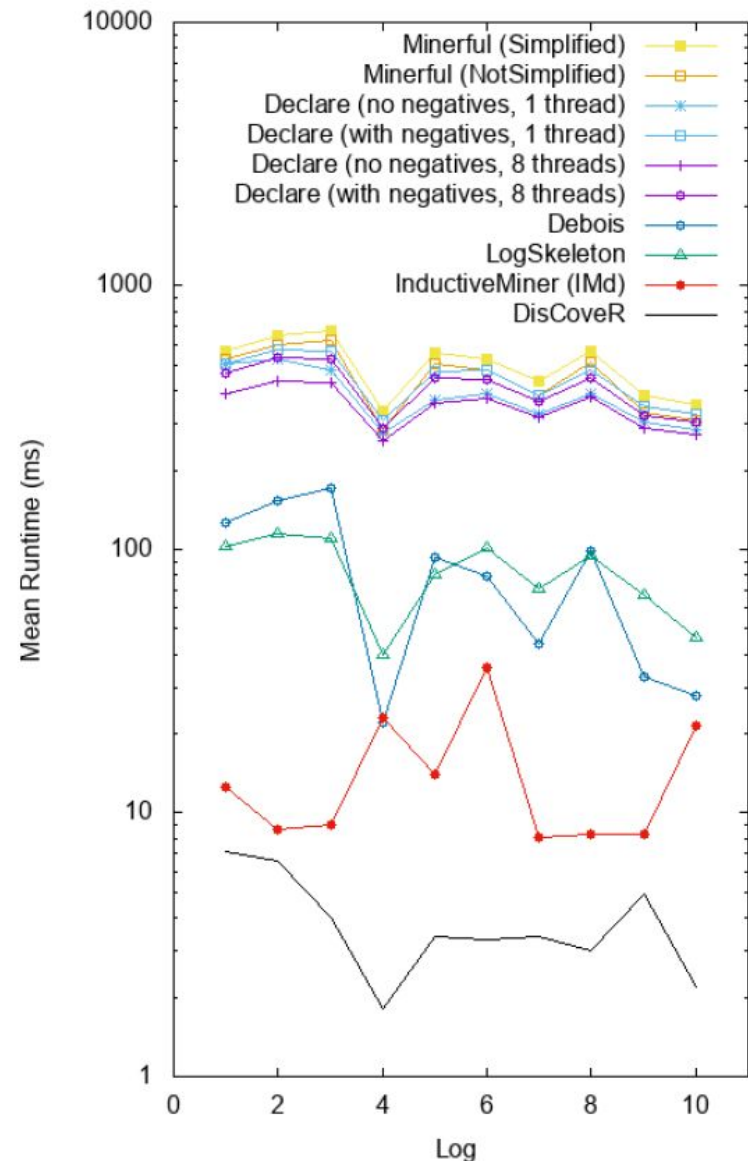
Accuracy, True Positive Rate and True Negative Rate



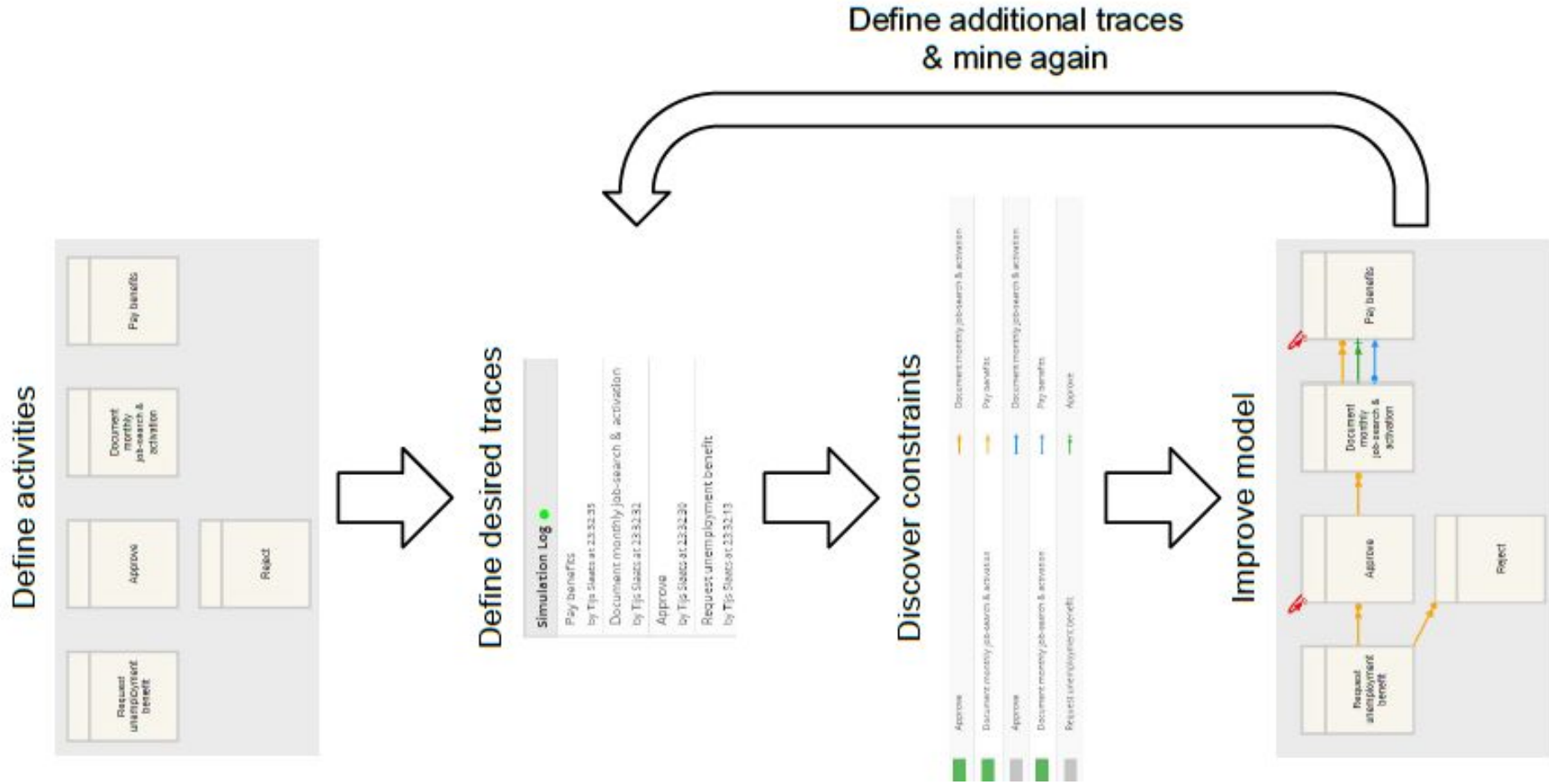
Runtime performance

Faster than any other tested miner due to implementation of large parts of the algorithm and DCR semantics as bit vector operations.

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    BitDCRMarking marking, final int event) {
    // Copy the previous marking
    BitDCRMarking result = marking.clone();
    // Set the event as executed
    result.executed.set(event);
    // Clear the event as no longer pending
    result.pending.clear(event);
    // Add all new pending responses
    result.pending.or(responsesTo.get(event));
    // Exclude excluded events
    result.included.andNot(excludesTo.get(
        event));
    // Include included events
    result.included.or(includesTo.get(event));
    return result;
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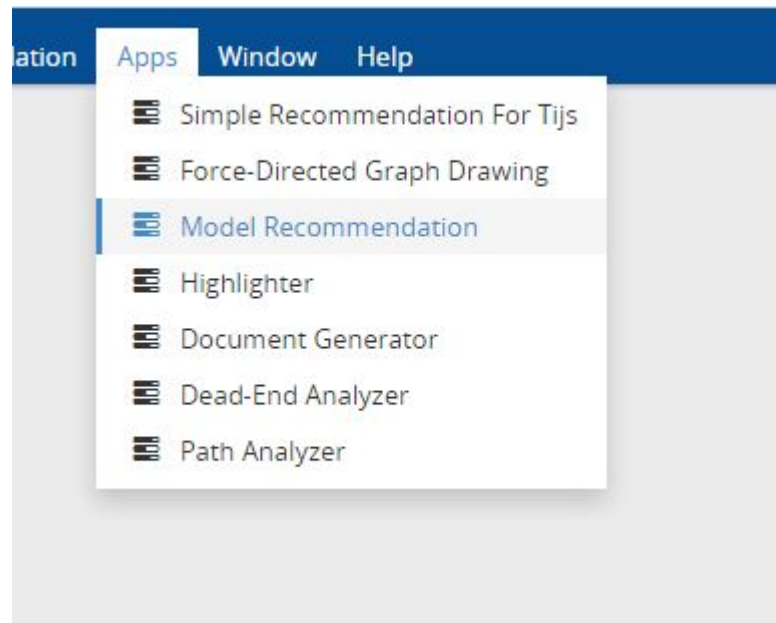


Using DCR Discovery for Model Recommendation



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Demo



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 - Process Discovery
- **Assignment 1**

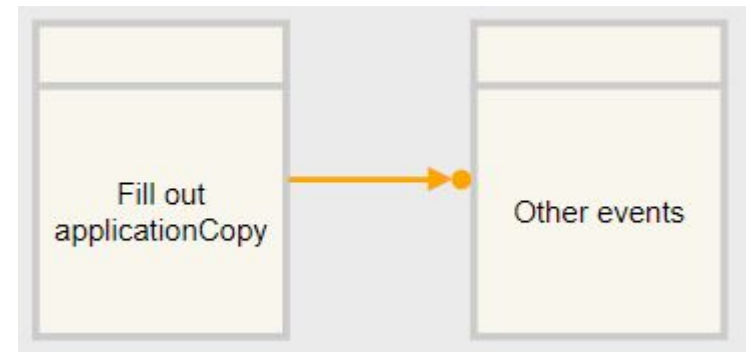
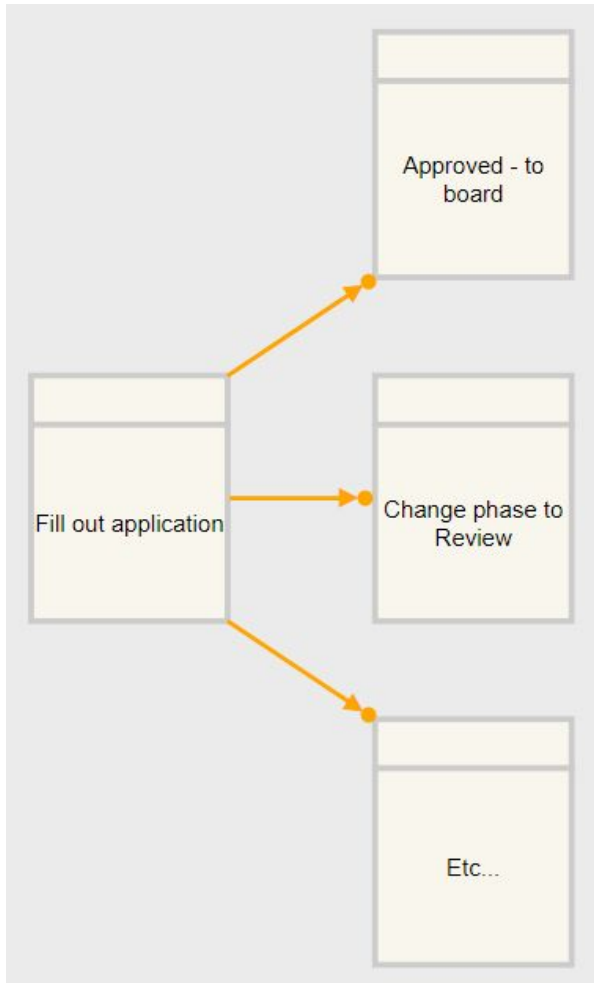
Assignment 1

Part A: Hints

- You do not need to model the entire process, only the 4 individual patterns.
- They are meant to be very straightforward / simple.

Assignment 1

- First pattern: *Fill out application should always be the first event of the case*, several ways to model:



Note: Option 2 requires that you have a special case for “Other events” in your conformance checker (part 2).

Assignment 1

Part 2: Implementing a conformance checker for DCR Graphs

Implement a simple conformance checker for DCR Graphs and use it to check the patterns defined in Part 1 against the Dreyers log .

The conformance checker should be able of taking any DCR Graph and log as input, i.e. it will not suffice to hard code the patterns of part 1. For the logs we advise that you use the CSV format of the Dreyers log. For DCR Graphs we leave the input format to you.

As output the program should show for each pattern how many traces in the log satisfy it, and how many do not.

Assignment 1

Part 2: Implementing a conformance checker for DCR Graphs

In principle you may use any language you like, but for your own convenience you're strongly encouraged to use the sample Javascript engine provided. Note that the code you hand-in should compile and run. If for some reason we cannot compile and run your code on our own machines (e.g. because you used a different programming language), you may be asked to demonstrate that it works on your own machine.

Optional: Have your program output for each trace that does not satisfy a pattern the reason that this is the case.

Assignment 1

Hints for Part 2:

1) Your output will look something like this:

	Satisfied	Not satisfied
Pattern 1	10	20
Pattern 2	15	15
Pattern 3	19	11
Pattern 4	5	25

Assignment 1: Hand-in

1. A ZIP file containing, for Part 1:
 - a. One PNG image file for each pattern, named “pattern_x.png”
 - b. *Or* one text file for each pattern following the language format used in the sample JavaScript program.
2. A second ZIP file containing, for Part 2:
 - a. Your source code.
 - b. *And* a script or batch file that runs your program on the 4 patterns of Part 1 and the Dreyers log.
3. A 2-3 page PDF report containing:
 - a. A front page stating your group name (“assignments x”) and the names of the group members that contributed to the submission. (Not counted towards the 2-3 pages.)
 - b. A short description of how you came to model each pattern (a couple of lines per pattern will suffice).
 - c. A short description of how you implemented the conformance checker (please include an overview of your main design decisions).
 - d. A screenshot of your program running, including the output of results.
 - e. A table showing for each pattern how many traces satisfied it, and how many did not.

The two-page report must use 11-point font of the Times family and be formatted single-column with 2 cm margin.

The Dreyers Log

ID;Event;Title;Role;Date;EventName;EventType

14a-027_0;DL_WFCaseTypeStep|497;Fill out application;AnsÄger;2013-12-25 12:36:38.987;Fill out application;Task

14a-027_0;DL_WFCaseTypeStep|469;Approved - to board;ls;2013-12-30 01:41:21.143;Approved - to board;Task

14a-027_0;DL_WFCaseTypeStep|518;Change phase to Review;suser;2013-12-30 01:41:22.717;Change phase to Review;Task

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Question: Which are the most relevant columns?

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Cases / Traces

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Events

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The Dreyers Log

Timestamps

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Questions?