Homework 2

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Introduction

1 Process Models

1.1 The model of the application's lifecycle

For modeling the application lifecycle first the data has been filtered. Just the events beginning with "App ..." are required. This data set is saved by the name "Filtered App".

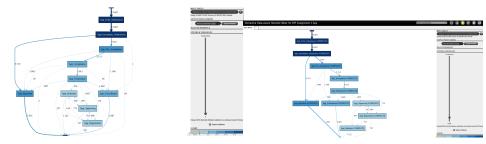
The first try I choose the frequency 0.1 and had a look at the directly followed graph. I also checked 0.2 and 0.51. For comparsion in the end I checked also the original directly followed graph. My first choice was the directly followed graph with 0.1 as threhold for frequency, because it was a simple model that still tells us a lot about the main process. In figure 1 the 4 considered directly followed graphs can be seen. Obviously the original graph does not fullfill the criterium of simplicity and also the graph with frequency 0.051 still looks not as simple as I would like.

In the next step I checked the conformance of the corresponding petri net, which I exported from the Interactive Data-aware Heuristic Miner, by combining the data and the petri net for the conformance checking with the Replay tool for Conformance checking. The results in 2 showed me, that the model with 0.2 also has the same conformance than 0.1, what is not surprising, because they have the same petri-net. Based on this and the fact, that the conformance of 0.1 filtered is still not so bad I considered 0.051 and 0.1 for the precision check.

Applying the Multi-perspective Process Explorer and choosing "show precision mode".

Checking the precision, 4, and combine it with the results before, I came to the conclusion, that 0.1 is not good enough as model and 0.051 is good enough, but too complicated. Starting by this I again tried different frequency filters outgoing by 0.075 to find a model, which has a similar simplicity than the 0.1 frequency model, but a better conformance and precision. And already the frequency filtering 0.076 gives me the wished result.

This model has a good simplicity, but still has a path fitness of 96.58% and precision of 94.8%, so it is still pretty good. Overall I so decided to choose the 0.076 frequency model for the application's lifecycle.



(a) Directly followed graph without fre- (b) Directly followed graph 0.051 frequency quency filtering



- (c) Directly followed graph 0.1 frequency
- (d) Directly followed graph 0.2 frequency

Figure 1: Considered directly followed graphs

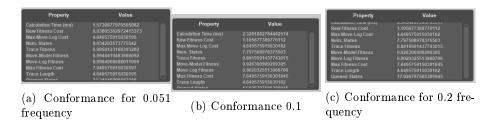


Figure 2: Conformance checking

Avg activity precision	100%	Avg activity precision	88,1%
# Moves Observed	144.789	# Moves Observed	97.074
# Moves Possible	144.789	# Moves Possible	110.161
Avg fitness	99,6%	Avg fitness	88,6%
% Violations	0,8%	% Violations	21,7%
% Event Violations	0,8%	% Event Violations	21,7%
% Data Violations	0%	% Data Violations	0%
# Correct Events	60.849	# Correct Events	52.096
# Wrong Events	0	# Wrong Events	8.753
# Missing Events	498	# Missing Events	5.717

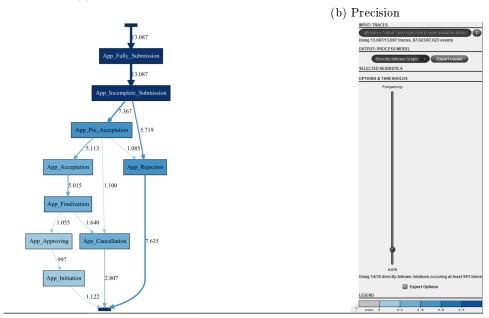
- (a) Precision for 0.051 as frequency
- (b) Precision for 0.1 as frequency

Figure 3: Precision checking



Avg activity precision	94,8%
# Moves Observed	133.936
# Moves Possible	141.304
Avg fitness	96,6%
% Violations	7%
% Event Violations	7%
% Data Violations	0%
# Correct Events	57.772
# Wrong Events	3.077
# Missing Events	1.271

(a) Conformance

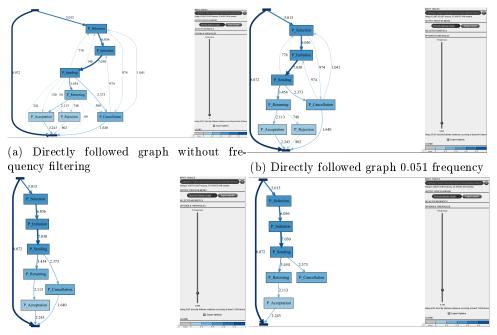


(c) Directly followed graph

Figure 4: Frequency 0.076

The model of the proposal's lifecycle 1.2

Applying the same steps on the proposal lifecycle gave me first 4 models to have a closer look at.

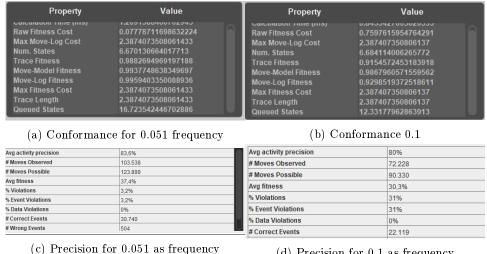


(c) Directly followed graph 0.1 frequency

(d) Directly followed graph 0.126 frequency

Figure 5: Considered directly followed graphs

Because of simplicity I first checked the conformance and precision just for 0.051 and 0.1 frequency filtering.



(d) Precision for 0.1 as frequency

Figure 6: Conformance and precision checking

Having a look at the different conformance and precision outcomes 6, I decided, that the 0.1 frequency model is not good enough, but wanted to check, if there is a model better or in simplicity or in performance for the 0.051 model. The models best for simplicity fitting had 0.08 frequency or 0.025.

After checking all results in 7 I had to choose. This was a hard decision, but I chose simplicity over the precision and picked the model with 0.025. The fitness is above 90% and precision is also okay. Lower frequency threshold just makes the model to complicated.

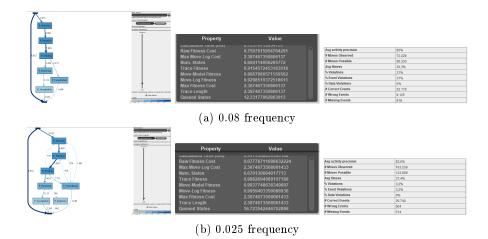


Figure 7: Directly followeg graphs, conformance and precision

1.3 Combinded Model

For combinded Models I first filtered the data to have a dataset with all proposal data combined with the application data. This data I filtered with Heuristic filter (all configurations to 100% and just deciding what the endstate is) with the outcomes/endstates "APP_rejected" or "APP_cancelled" or "APP_approved". I saved them under the names "Filtered P App with approv", "Filtered P App with canc" and "Filtered P App with rej".

1.3.1 Endstate APP Approved

Like for approved and proposal I first checked different frequency filter setting to have a first idea, which models fullfill simplicity. Then for every chosen frequency in begin I checked conformance and precision.

	Frequency			
	0	0.1	0.2	0.3
Simplicity	-	-	+	++
Fitness	99.84	99.47	93.93	93.93
Precision	93.3	94.5	91.7	94.8

Figure 8: Results for approved as endstate

Based on the results, 8, I chose the model with 0.3 filtering. This one has a high simplicity, but still has surprisingly good results.

1.3.2 Endstate APP Cancelled

	Frequency		
	0	0.049	0.1
Simplicity	-	+	++
Fitness	99.96	99.39	96.84
Precision	92.5	91.8	94.6

Figure 9: Results for cancelled as endstate

Like for APP_Approved I checked different configurations and based on the results, 9, I decided to pick 0.1 filtered frequency model. The fitness and precision is still higher than 90%, but it is also the most simpel model.

1.3.3 Endstate APP Rejected

The last analysis is of the models ending in APP_Rejected. In the first step I checked different frequency filters and decided based on simplicity and traceability I had a closer look at 0, 0.025 and 0.1.

	Frequency		
	0	0.025	0.1
Simplicity	-	+	+++
Fitness	1.00	99.60	96.91
Precision	99.3	98.7	100

Figure 10: Results for cancelled as endstate

Based on 10 I chose 0.1 filtered frequency model as the best. It is really easy to follow and has a good fitness.

1.3.4 All 3 Models

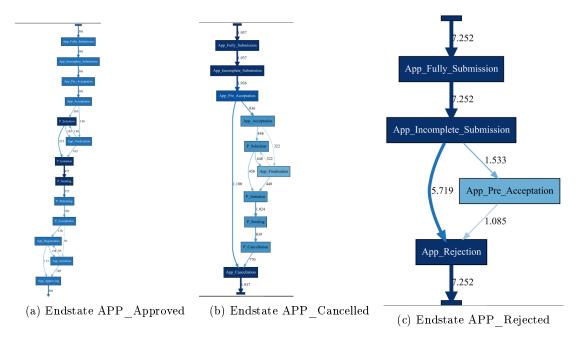


Figure 11: Models for the different endstates

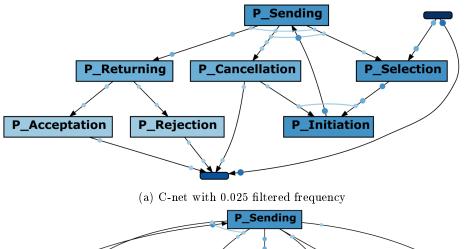
1.4 C-net of the proposal process

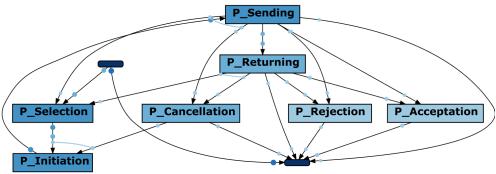
Based on the results of my analysis of the model before I chose the same frequency filtering for the C-net of the proposal process.

In 12 I show two C-nets of the proposal process for comparsion. 12a is the one I picked and I will discuss it later in detail. In 12b the original C-net of the process is to see and obviously it is much more complicated and not so intuitive than the filtered one.

1.4.1 Analysis of the C-net

For simplicity reasons I will not write "P_" as prefix of every activity. The first thing I did is having a look at the maximal number of bindings. This is for sending with 6 possible bindings. The input is always from initiation, but there are 4 different outputs possible. Having a look at all possible traces and the corresponding procedures. Just counting the possible traces shows you, that there are infinite many possible traces, because of a loop between sending and initiation.





(b) C-net without filtered frequency

Figure 12: C-Nets of the proposal process

- Done
- Selection \rightarrow Initiation \rightarrow Sending \rightarrow
 - $\ {\rm Returning} \to$
 - * Acceptation \rightarrow Done
 - * Rejection \rightarrow Done
 - $\ ((Cancellation \ \rightarrow Selection) \ or \ (Selection \ \rightarrow Cancellation)) \ \rightarrow Initiation \ \rightarrow Sending \ ...$
 - Cancellation \rightarrow Done

- 1.5 Own Petri net of the proposal process
- 1.6 Analysis of the performance of Application and work process

Questions

Conclusion