

Embedded Systems and Field Buses

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Agenda

- Fundamentals
- Structure of Embedded Systems
- Behavior of Embedded Systems
- Design of Embedded Systems
- Communication
- Real-time
- Collaborative Embedded Systems

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Behavior of Embedded Systems

Part A: Petri Nets



Group Discussion

Why is Structure not enough?

Formal Languages

Behavior is typically described using formal languages.

The use of formal languages allows (among others)

- Formal **Proof of Concept**
- **Simulation**
- Analyses (e.g. **Deadlock** and **Lifelock** detection, finding an **Equilibrium**)
- **Verification**
- Test Case Generation
- ...

Automata Theory

Finite State Machines

Automata typically have

- A **formal** representation
- A **graphical** representation

Automata foremost consist of

- **States**
- **Transitions**

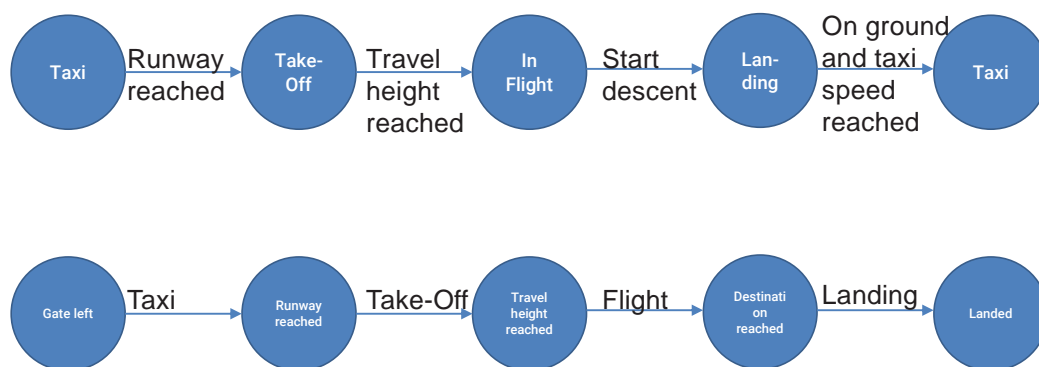
Further concepts include:

- Start/initial states
- Final/accepting states
- Events and Conditions

Depending on the language the focus is either on

- the **States**
- the **Transitions**
- or **Both**

State vs Transition





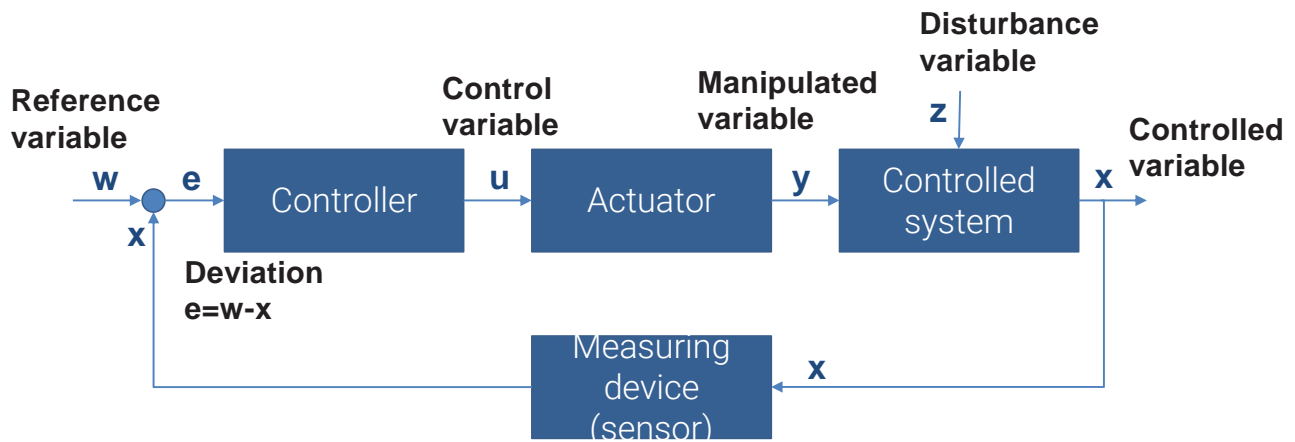
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What is an Alphabet?

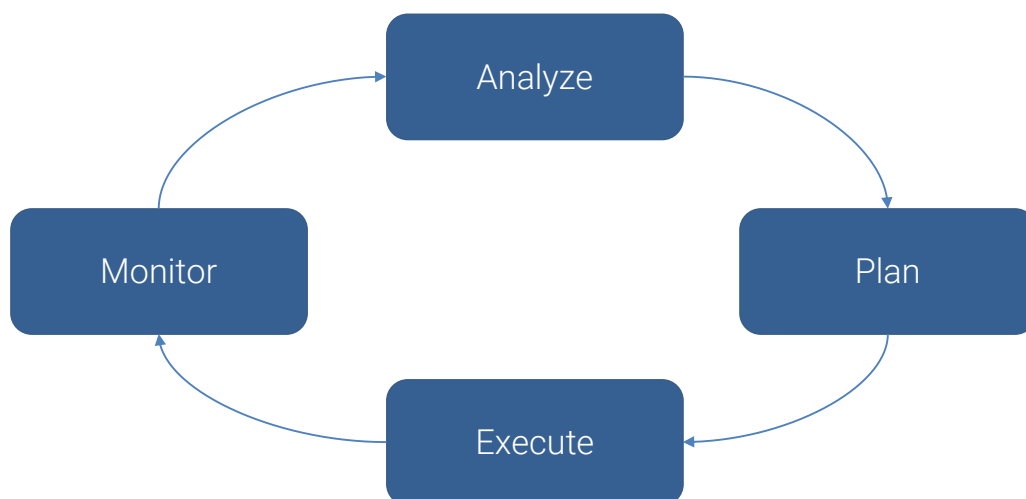
What are basic Operators?

Remember
Control- and MAPE-Loops

Control Loop



MAPE-Loop



Petri Nets

Online-Materials

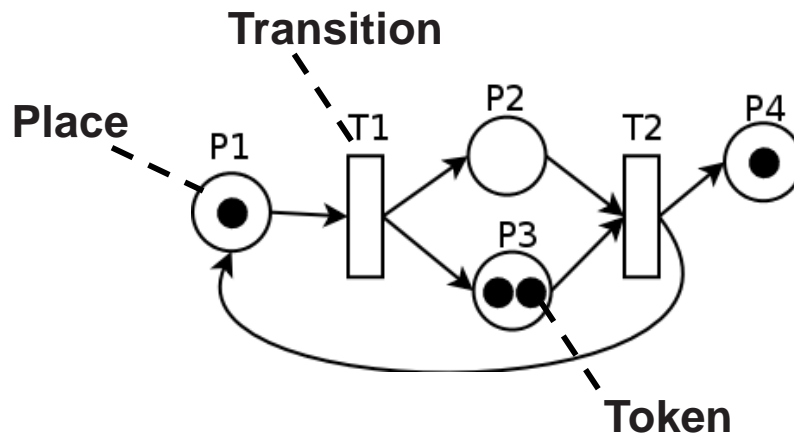
Introduction videos to Petri Nets can be found at:

<https://youtu.be/GCsVxWh995o>

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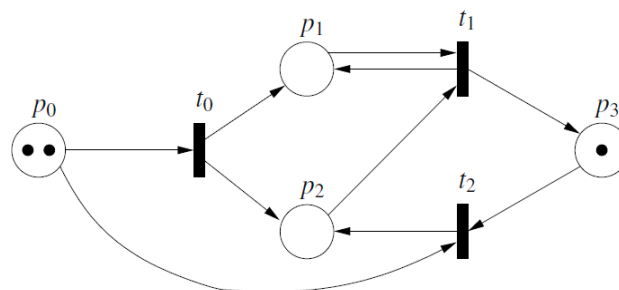
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Elements



Petri nets

Is transition t_2 of the petri net shown below enabled? (Capacity of places is ∞)
What is the marking after t_2 fires?





Exercise

Model a Traffic Light using Petri Nets

Analysis

Terms:

A transition is **dead**, if it is not enabled in any marking.

A transition t is potentially **fireable**, when there is at least one marking reachable, which enables t .

A petri net is **dead**, if no transition is able to fire in a given marking.

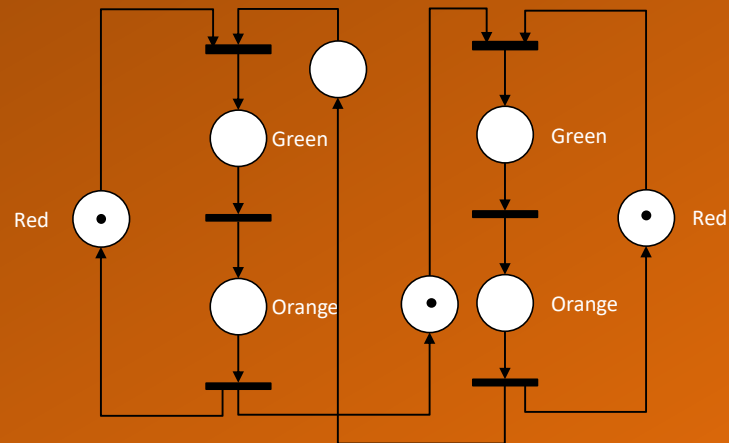
A petri net is **quasi alive**, if not dead under any future marking.

A petri net is **alive**, when all transitions are potentially fireable for all future markings.



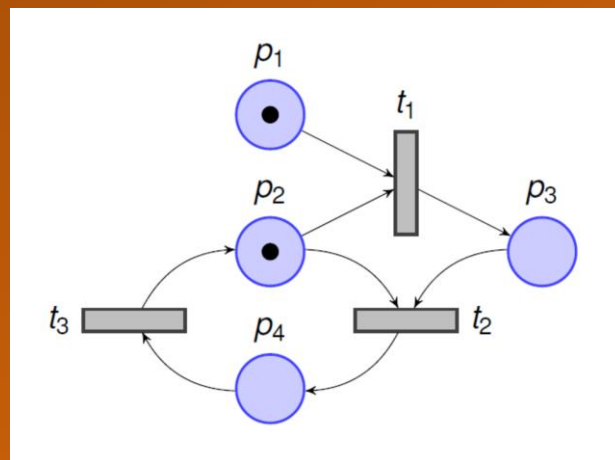
Exercise

Quasi alive or alive?



Exercise

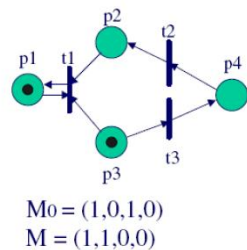
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Reachability Graph

Firing sequence for a petri net G and initial marking M_0 is a sequence of transitions t_0, \dots, t_n , such that $M_0 \xrightarrow{G, t_0} M_1 \xrightarrow{G, t_1} \dots \xrightarrow{G, t_n} M_n$

Reachability graph: The reachability graph of G is the transition relation \xrightarrow{G} restricted to its reachable markings $R(G)$. It is the state space of the net.



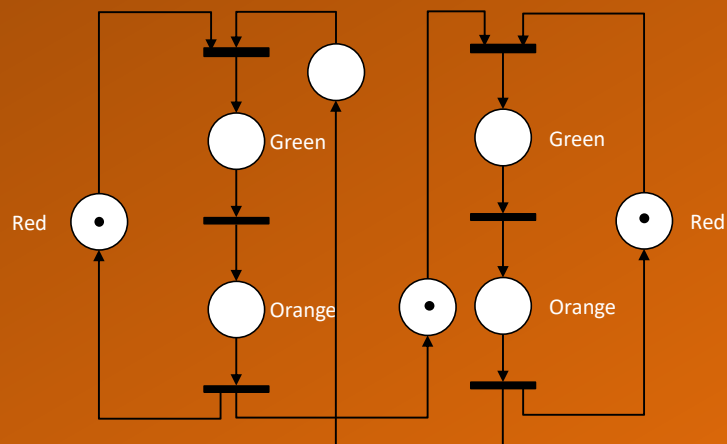
$$\begin{aligned} M_0 &= (1,0,1,0) \\ &\downarrow t_3 \\ M_1 &= (1,0,0,1) \\ &\downarrow t_2 \\ M &= (1,1,0,0) \end{aligned}$$

Nassar, K., & Casavant, A. (2008). Analysis of timed Petri nets for reachability in construction applications. *Journal of Civil Engineering and Management*, 14(3), 189-198.



Exercise

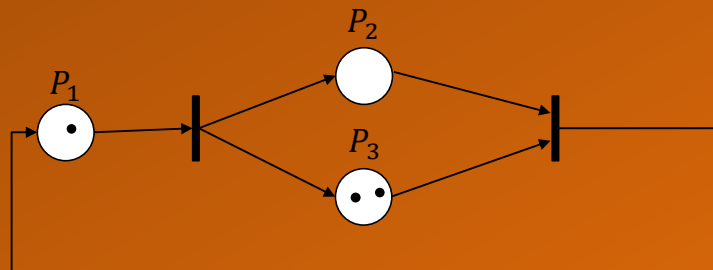
Draw the
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Graph





Exercise

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Group Discussion

Why are Petri Nets commonly suggested
for analysing embedded systems?

Where are Limitations of Petri Nets?

**Exercise**

**For home:
Google the Dining Philosophers Problem
and Model it with Petri Nets**

Questions for Self-Assessment

What are the basic concepts of automata theory?
What is a petri net?
When does a petri net fire?
Are petri nets deterministic?
When is a petri net dead, alive, quasi alive?
What is a reachability graph?
What are shortcomings of petri nets?
Why are petri nets often suggested for modelling embedded systems?

Literature

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