# A Memo on Computability in Time Petri Net

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- feasible transition sequence : σ is feasible if there ex. a feasible run σ(τ)



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- The set of all reachable states in Z is the state space of Z (denoted: StSp(Z)).



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$$\sigma(\tau) := z_0 \xrightarrow{0.7} \xrightarrow{t_1} \xrightarrow{0.0} \xrightarrow{t_3} \xrightarrow{0.4} \xrightarrow{t_4} \xrightarrow{1.2} \xrightarrow{t_2} \xrightarrow{0.5} \xrightarrow{t_3} \xrightarrow{1.4} z$$



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$$B_{\sigma} = \left\{ \begin{array}{lll} 0 \leq x_{0}, & x_{0} \leq 2, & x_{0} + x_{1} + x_{2} \leq 5 \\ 0 \leq x_{1}, & x_{2} \leq 2, & x_{2} + x_{3} \leq 5 \\ 1 \leq x_{2}, & x_{3} \leq 2, & x_{0} + x_{1} + x_{2} + x_{3} \leq 5 \\ 1 \leq x_{3}, & x_{4} \leq 2, & x_{0} + x_{1} + x_{2} + x_{3} + x_{4} \leq 5 \\ 0 \leq x_{4}, & x_{5} \leq 2, & x_{0} + x_{1} + x_{2} + x_{3} + x_{4} + x_{5} \leq 5 \\ 0 \leq x_{5}, & x_{0} + x_{1} \leq 5 & x_{4} + x_{5} \leq 2 \end{array} \right\}$$

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- The length of the shortest and longest time path between two arbitrary p-markings are natural numbers.

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### Example (State Space Reduction)





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**Remark:** The theorem can be generalized for all TPNs (applying a further reduction).

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## Example (The FTPN $Z_2$ and its reachability graph(s))





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# Example (The infinite TPN $Z_3$ and its reachability graph $RG(Z_3)$ )





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# Arbitrary Time Petri Nets

Let  $Z = (P, T, F, V, I, m_o)$  be an arbitrary TPN. Then the following problems can be decided/computed without knowledge of its RG, amongst others:



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# Arbitrary Time Petri Nets

#### Result 1:

- **Input:** The time function *I* is fixed,
  - $\sigma$  is an arbitrary transition sequence.
- **Output:** Feasibility of  $\sigma$  in *Z*?
- **Solution:** Solve a linear system of inequalities in  $\mathbb{R}_0^+$ . (polyn. running time)



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# Arbitrary Time Petri Nets

#### Result 2:

- **Input:** The time function *I* is not fixed,  $\sigma$  is an arbitrary transition sequence. **Output:** Feasibility of  $\sigma$  in *Z* for a fixed *I*?
- **Solution:** Solve a linear system of inequalities in  $\mathbb{Q}_0^+$ . (polyn. running time)



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# Arbitrary Time Petri Nets

#### Result 3:

- **Input:** The time function I is fixed,  $\sigma$  is an arbitrary transition sequence.
- **Output:** min / max-length of  $\sigma$ .
- **Solution:** Solve a linear program in  $\mathbb{R}_0^+$ . (Actually, the solution is in  $\mathbb{N}$ .) (polyn. running time)



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#### Result 4:

Input:	The time function <i>I</i> is not fixed,
	$\sigma$ is an arbitrary transition sequence,
	$\lambda$ is an arbitrary real number.
Output:	Existence of a fixed I and a run $\sigma(\tau)$ in Z
	and the length of $\sigma(\tau) \leq \lambda$ ?
Solution:	Solve a system of linear equalities in $\mathbb{Q}_0^+$ .
	(polyn. running time)



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# Arbitrary Time Petri Nets

#### Result 5:

**Input:** The time function *I* is not fixed,  $\sigma_1 = (\sigma, t')$  is a arbitrary t-sequence and  $\sigma_2 = (\sigma, t'')$  is a arbitrary t-sequence. **Output:** Existence of a fixed *I* so that  $\sigma_1$  is feasible in *Z* and  $\sigma_2$  is not feasible in *Z*? **Solution:** Solve

$$\underbrace{\max\{ < c', x > \mid A' \cdot x \le b'\}}_{\text{linear program in } \mathbb{Q}_0^+} < \underbrace{\min\{ < c'', x > \mid A'' \cdot x \le b''\}}_{\text{linear program in } \mathbb{Q}_0^+}.$$



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# Bounded Time Petri Nets

Let  $Z = (P, T, F, V, I, m_o)$  be a bounded TPN. Additionally the following problems can be decided/computed with the knowledge of its RG, by means of prevalent methods of the graph theory, amongst others:



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**Result 6:** 

**Input:** z and z' - two states (in Z).

**Output:** – Is there a path between z and z' in RG(Z)?

- If yes, compute the path with the shortest time length.

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**Solution:** By means of prevalent methods of the graph theory, e.g. Bellman-Ford algorithm (the running time is  $\mathcal{O}(|V| \cdot |E|)$  and RG(Z) = (V, E))



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# Bounded Time Petri Nets

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**Input:** m and m' - two p-markings (in Z).

**Output:** – Is there a path between m and m'?

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**Solution:** By means of prevalent methods of the graph theory, for computing all-pairs shortest paths. The running time is polynomial, too.



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#### Definition

The **longest path** between two states (vertices in RG(Z)) z and z' is lp(z, z') with

$$lp(z, z') := \begin{cases} \infty & , \text{if a cycle is reachable starting on } z \\ & \text{before reaching } z' \\ \max_{\sigma(\tau)} \sum_{i} \tau_{i} & , \text{else, where } z \xrightarrow{\sigma(\tau)} z' \end{cases}$$



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Result 8:

- **Input:** z and z' two states (in Z).
- **Output:** Is there a path between z and z' in RG(Z)?
  - If yes, compute the path with the longest time length.

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**Solution:** By means of prevalent methods of the graph theory, e.g. Bellman-Ford algorithm (polyn. running time). or by computing all strongly connected components of RG(Z). (linear running time)



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#### Result 9:

- **Input:** m and m' two p-markings (in Z).
- **Output:** Is there a path between m and m'?
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**Solution:** By means of prevalent methods of the graph theory, for computing all-pairs longest paths in the graph RG(Z).



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T-Invariants in an arbitrary Time Petri Nets

#### Definition

The transition sequence  $\sigma$  is a **feasible T-invariant** in a TPN Z if for each marking m in Z holds:  $m \xrightarrow{\sigma} m$ .



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- Input: A TPN Z.
- **Output:** Is there a *T*–Invariance  $\sigma$  in *Z*?
  - If yes, compute  $\sigma$ .

# **Solution:** – Solve the linear system of equations $C \cdot x = 0$ for $x \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- Decide feasibility of a T-invariant  $\sigma$  with  $Parikh(\sigma) = x$  for the Petri Net S(Z).
- $\sigma$  is feasible, then solve the linear system of inequalities  $B_{\sigma}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^+_0$ .

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**Remark:** The reachability graph of a TPN is not used for computing the feasible T-invariants of Z

feasible T-invariants for unbounded nets can be computed!



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 T-Invariances of an arbitrary TPN can be computed without knowledge of its RG.



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