

세미조인을 기반으로 한 페트리 넷의 형식적 정의

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요 약

본 연구에서는 페트리 넷에서의 함수적 축소방법을 제시하였다. 이 방법의 기본 개념은 하나의 관계에서 다른 관계로의 사상함수를 트랜지션의 관계에 적용하는 것이다. 본 연구에서는 먼저 페트리 넷을 관계형 함수로 표현한 후에, 공통의 플레이스를 제거하고 두 개의 트랜지션이 하나의 새로운 트랜지션으로 축소되는 CF-join과 공통의 플레이스를 결합으로 하나의 트랜지션화하는 CE-join, 그리고 공통의 플레이스를 제거함으로 별개의 간소화된 트랜지션으로 나뉘는 EQ-join을 제시하였다. 축소된 페트리 넷은 기존의 넷이 갖는 성질들 - 생존성과 보존성등을 그대로 보존한다.

A formal Definition of Semi-Join Based Reduction Method of Petri Nets

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ABSTRACT

A functional reduction method of Petri nets is proposed. The method is based on interpretation of relations and transitions with functions which map one series of a relation to another. In particular, we propose CF-join which combines two transitions to new one after reduction of the common places, CE-join which superpose two transitions to one after superposition of the common places, and EQ-join which reduces the common places, after the Petri nets were explained by a relational scheme. A reduced net can be obtained without changing the properties such as liveness and boundness.

1. Introduction

Petri nets are graph models usefult for analyzing and modeling the system which has concurrent characteristics, like parallel system, communication protocol and etc. The main advantage of Petri nets consists of the possibility of proving formally some desirable properties such as liveness, boundness or reversibility[5]. However, recently, these systems have become large and complex, which makes it difficult to analyze systems.

Most of the reduction methods[1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15] for solvong complex problems of Petri

nets focus on developing rules for combining several nets with some very specific rules of refinement or compositions, without changing certain properties. This approach has produced synthesis technique which allows to build impressive example. It has been found that no characterization of the expressive power of the technique is given[5]. One of possible solution to this problem is the formal definition of which rules should be used to obtain all and only the well behaved model of a certain class. Actually, the transitions can be agglomerated into new one, with an equivalent interface, after the reduction of common places between them. In all the classes defined in literatures, it is likely that the operation of the reduction has a similar result

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to the composition of two functions and to the join of two relations in the relational database [21, 22]. If Petri nets are explained by a relational formalism like a relational database, we could use composition or join concepts for combining nets.

In this study, we propose a functional formalism which is based on an interpretation of the query and relations as functions which map one column of a relation to another column. The basic idea is that a relation instance maps from a set of output places of transition in Petri nets to the corresponding set of input places in adjacent transition. Then we use this functional formalism to select two joinable transitions and to agglomerate two transitions into one by the reduction of common places. Ordinary Petri nets [11] are considered in this paper.

This paper is organized as follows. In section 2, the functional view of relations for the reduction process is introduced, in section 3, some definitions of the Petri nets are given. In section 4, the reduction rules which combine two transitions into one by reduction of common place and which reduce the common places are proposed. In section 5, the properties of the Petri nets and a reduction algorithm are given. We demonstrate an application of these rules to a version of the ECMA protocol and we also compare our reduction rules to other approaches.

2. Relation and Transitions as Functions

2.1 Functions defined by a relation

Let V be a finite set of attributes $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$. Each attribute A_k has a finite domain $\text{dom}(A_k) = \{p_1, \dots, p_m\}$. $R(V)$, the scheme over V , is the set of relations on A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n . "r" (also called an instance) is an element of $R(V)$, iff r

$A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n$. An element t of r is a tuple $t = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ with $a_i \in \text{dom}(A_i)$, $t[I]$ denotes the projection of t on I , subset of V , $t \in [1, n]$.

Definition 2.1: Functional dependency on a scheme R

Let I, J be two subsets of V . Then there is a functional dependency $I \rightarrow J$ on $R(V)$, iff for each r of $R(V)$, $\forall t_1, t_2 \in r$ such that $t_1[I] = t_2[I]$ $t_1[J] = t_2[J]$.

A function f from $R[I]$ to $R[J]$ is defined by each instance r of $R(V)$ with $I \rightarrow J$ as follows: for each $t \in r$ $f(t[I]) = t[J]$.

"f" is uniquely defined since two tuples that are equal upon I , are also equal upon J . This function is not necessarily a total one.

If $I = \{A'_1, \dots, A'_n\}$, f is not defined on all values of A'_1, \dots, A'_n . f is only defined on those values belonging to $r[I]$.

Definition 2.2: Relational function (RF, for short)

Let us denote $R(V): I \rightarrow J$, the functions defined by all instances r , maps from $R[I]$ to $R[J]$, where the scheme $R(V)$ obeys a functional dependency $I \rightarrow J$. These functions can be characterized by couples (x, y) (such that $y = f(x)$) defined as follows:

$$\{(x, y) \mid t \in r, r \in R(V), t[I] = x, t[J] = y\},$$

also we can show that as follows:

$$\{x, y\} = (\pi_{I \cup J}(\sigma_{A_i = \dots}(R(V))),$$

where π is a projection formular form and σ is a selection formular form in R .

If I (resp J) is a singleton (set with one element i (resp j)), we shall use the notation $R(V): i \rightarrow j$ instead of $R(V)_{(i) \rightarrow (j)}$, when no confusion arises.

Examples:

Let $R(V): 1 \rightarrow 2$, with $V = \{A_1, A_2\}$, then we get:

A1	A2
p1 p1 p2	p3 p4 p5

$$R(V):1 \rightarrow 2(p1) = \{(p1,p1), (p3,p4)\}$$

$$R(V):1 \rightarrow 2(p2) = \{p2,p5\}$$

A relational tableau has a (fixed) number of columns, called attributes and a number of rows, called tuples. The domain of the *i*th column of the tableau, corresponding to an attribute *A_i*.

To simplify our works, we consider all relations which have only two attributes, i.e. $R(V)$, with $V = \{A1A2\}$.

For any one tuple v_i in V , if it has multivalues, such that $|\text{dom}(v_i[A_i])| > 1, (1 \leq i \leq 2)$, then it called the partial tuples, and if $\forall i |\text{dom}(v_i[A_i])| = 1$, then called the total tuple.

Example:

Let $R(V)$, with $V = \{A1A2\}$, for any one tuple $v1, v2$ in V then:

1) partial tuple:

$$\text{if } v1[A_1] = \{p1, p2, p3\}, v1[A_2] = \{p1, p2\}$$

2) total tuple:

$$\text{if } v2[A_1] = \{p1\}, v2[A_2] = \{p2\}$$

	A1	A2
v1	p1 p2 p3	p1 p2
v2	p1	p2

2.2 Composition of relational function

Let $f:A \rightarrow B$ and $g:C \rightarrow D$ be two functions. If the image domain of f is a subset of the domain of g , then the composition $g \circ f$, of the two functions can be formed where $g \circ f: A \rightarrow D$ is defined by $g \circ f = g(f(x))$ for all $x \in A$. The image domain of $g \circ f$ is thus a subset of the image domain of g [10, 18, 19]. We give next definition corresponding to the idea of the

composition of RFs.

Definition 2.3 : Composition of two RFs

Let $S(V):1 \rightarrow 2(x)$, with $V = \{A1A2\}$, $T(W):1 \rightarrow 2$, with $W = \{B1B2\}$ be two RFs. For any two tuples t_1 in V , and t_2 in W , then a composition $(S(V):1 \rightarrow 2 \odot T(W):1 \rightarrow 2)$ is defined as:

- $\text{dom}(S(V):1 \rightarrow 2 \odot T(W):1 \rightarrow 2)$
 $\{x \in \text{dom}(t_1[A_2]) \mid (\text{dom}(t_2[B_1]) \subseteq \text{dom}(t_1[A_2])) \vee (\text{dom}(t_2[B_1]) \supseteq \text{dom}(t_1[A_2]))\}$
- $(S(V):1 \rightarrow 2(x) T(W):1 \rightarrow 2 = T(S(V)):$
 $(\text{dom}(t_1[A_1]) \cup \text{dom}(t_2[B_1])) - (\text{dom}(t_1[A_2]) \text{dom}(t_2[B_1]))$
 $\rightarrow \text{dom}(t_1[A_2]) \cup \text{dom}(t_2[B_2]) - (\text{dom}(t_1[A_2]) \text{dom}(t_2[B_1]))$
 $(x: (\text{dom}(t_1[A_1]) \cup \text{dom}(t_2[B_1])) - (\text{dom}(t_2[A_2]) \cap \text{dom}(t_2[B_1])))$

Composition of two RFs are classified into the following three kinds:

- If all RFs have the total tuples, $(S(V):1 \rightarrow 2(x) T(W):1 \rightarrow 2)$ has a total tuple.
- If $(\text{dom}(t_2[B_1]) \subseteq \text{dom}(t_1[A_2]))$, two RFs $S(V):1 \rightarrow 2$ and $(S(V):1 \rightarrow 2 \odot T(W):1 \rightarrow 2)$ have same domains.
- If $(\text{dom}(t_2[B_2]) \supseteq \text{dom}(t_1[A_2]))$, the range of $S(V):1 \rightarrow 2(x)$ is included in the range of $(S(V):1 \rightarrow 2(x) \odot T(W):1 \rightarrow 2)$, such that $\text{dom}(t_1[A_2]) \cup (\text{dom}(t_1[A_2]) \cup \text{dom}(t_1[B_2])) - (\text{dom}(t_1[A_2]) \cup \text{dom}(t_2[B_1]))$.

Example:

Let $S(V):1 \rightarrow 2$, with $V = \{A1A2\}$, $T(W):1 \rightarrow 2$, with $W = \{A1A2\}$ and $R(X):1 \rightarrow 2$, with $X = \{A1A2\}$, then:

- 1) $S(V):1 \rightarrow 2(x): (p1p2) \rightarrow (p3)$, $T(W):1 \rightarrow 2: (p3) \rightarrow (p4)$
 $(S(V):1 \rightarrow 2(x) \odot T(W):1 \rightarrow 2): (p1p2) \rightarrow (p4)$
- 2) $S(V):1 \rightarrow 2(x): (p1p2) \rightarrow (p3p4)$, $T(W):$

- $1 \rightarrow 2 : (p3) \rightarrow (p5)$
 $(S(V) : 1 \rightarrow 2(x) \odot T(W) : 1 \rightarrow 2) : (p1p2) \rightarrow (p4p5)$
 3) $S(V) : 1 \rightarrow 2(x) : (p1p2) \rightarrow (p3)$, $T(W) : 1 \rightarrow 2 : (p3p5) \rightarrow (p4)$
 $(S(V) : 1 \rightarrow 2(x) \odot T(W) : 1 \rightarrow 2) : (p1p2p5) \rightarrow (p4)$

2.3 Join of RF

The join is an operation that takes two relations and concatenates each tuples of the second relation with those tuples of the first relation that satisfy a specified condition. The condition is defined over the attributes of the two relations[20]. There are several kinds of join operators: equi-join and natural-join and etc., for any total tuple in the general relation models. But in this paper, we consider two cases of tuples such as total tuple and partial tuple which are introduced in previous clause. Hence, in this section, for join of two RFs in the relations, we propose a new join operator the EE-join (note them by $\langle \langle^{EE}$.

The EE-join operator is applied to two relations, R(V) with A1A2 and S(W) with A1A2, via a common attribute where $[R.A_2] = [S.A_1]$. The EE-join of these relations makes a new relation, T(X) with Y1Y2, whose tuples, t X, have new two attributes (Y1 : the domain of the tuples and Y2 : the range of them):

$$t[Y1] = (r[R.A_1] \cup s[S.A_1]) - (r[R.A_2] \cap s[S.A_1])$$

$$t[Y2] = (r[R.A_2] \cup s[S.A_2]) - (r[R.A_2] \cap s[S.A_2]),$$

are formed by concatenating those tuples of R(V) and S(W), $r \in R(V)$, $s \in S(W)$, whose $[R.A_2] = [S.A_1]$ components are $((r[R.A_2] \subseteq s[S.A_1]) \vee (r[R.A_2] \subseteq s[S.A_1]))$, i.e. $R(V)[[R.A_2] = [S.A_1]] \cup S(W) = T(X)$, where,

$$T(X) = \{t \mid \exists r \in V, s \in W, t[Y1] = (r[R.A_1] \cup s[S.A_1]) - (r[R.A_2] \cap s[S.A_1]) \wedge t[Y2] = (r[R.A_2] \cup s[S.A_2]) - (r[R.A_2] \cap s[S.A_1])\}.$$

We shall use the notation of EE-join like as $R(V) : i \rightarrow j \rangle \langle^{EE} S(W) : i \rightarrow j$.

Example : Fig. 1 shows an example EE-join of relational function derived from the relation instances R(V) and S(W).

R(V)		S(W)	
A1	A2	A2	A3
p1 p2 p1 p2p3	p3 p4 p5p6	p3 p4 p4 p5	p5 p6 p5 p1p7

$R(V) \rangle \langle^{EE} S(W)$

Y1	Y2
p1 p2 p4 p1 p2p3	p5 p6 p5 p1p7p6

(Fig. 1) An instance of EE-join from R(V) and S(W) relation

Thus, EE-join of previous RFs defines the following forms:

- (i) $R(V) : i \rightarrow j \rangle \langle^{EE} S(W) : i \rightarrow j (p3p4)$, we get:
 $Y1 = \{p1p2p4\}$, $Y2 = \{p5p6\}$,
- (ii) $R(V) : i \rightarrow j \rangle \langle^{EE} S(W) : i \rightarrow j (p4)$, we get:
 $Y1 = \{p1\}$, $Y2 = \{p5\}$,
- (iii) $R(V) : i \rightarrow j \rangle \langle^{EE} S(W) : i \rightarrow j (p5)$, we get:
 $Y1 = \{p1p3\}$, $Y2 = \{p1p6p7\}$.

2.4 Semi-join as function composition

It is important to point out that the composition of two functions f and g derived from two relations R and S, respectively may be defined using a relation which is a join of R and S. Gardarin demonstrated that a function composition is almost equal to a semi-join in [6].

Lemma 2.5 : Semi-join[21]

The following relational algebra operations:

- 1) selection of a relation $S(V)$, with $V=\{A_1, A_2\}$, on the $\text{dom}(A_1)$,
- 2) EE-join of the result with relation, $T(W)$, with $W=\{B_1, B_2\}$,
- 3) projection of the result on Y and Y' , can be represented as a composition of two RFs derived from $S(V)$ and $T(W)$.

Therefore, the following relation is obtained: $S(V) \otimes^{EE}(W)$.

Proof:Let $S(V)$ with $V=\{A_1, A_2\}$ and $T(W)$ with $W=\{B_1, B_2\}$ be two relations. These two relations EE-semi-joinable then for any two tuples t_1 in $S(V)$, t_2 in $T(W)$, if $t_1[A_2] t_2[B_1]$, where θ is a set of constraints of the form $x\theta y$; $\theta \in \{=, >, <, \geq, \leq\}$. Then we have:

$E = (\pi_{Y_1, Y_2})(\sigma_{\theta}(S(V)) \times T(W))$, where

$$Y_1 = \text{dom}(t_1) \cup \text{dom}(t_2) - (t_1[A_2] \cup t_2[B_1]),$$

$$Y_2 = \text{ran}(t_1) \text{ ran}(t_2) - (t_1[A_2] \cap t_2[B_1]).$$

Let $S(V):1 \rightarrow 2$ with $V=\{A_1, A_2\}$ and $T(W):1 \rightarrow 2$ with $W=\{B_1, B_2\}$ be two RFs in two relations $S(V)$ and $T(W)$, respectively, then let $S(V):1 \rightarrow 2(x) \otimes T(W):1 \rightarrow 2$ be a composition of two RFs:

$$\begin{aligned} E &= T(W):1 \rightarrow 2(x) \otimes S(V):1 \rightarrow 2 \\ &= (\text{dom}(t_1) \text{ dom}(t_2) - (t_1[A_2] \cap t_2[B_1])) \\ &\quad \rightarrow (\text{ran}(t_1) \text{ ran}(t_2) - (t_1[A_2] \cap t_2[B_1])) \\ &\quad (x: (\text{dom}(t_1) \text{ dom}(t_2) - ((t_1[A_2] t_2[B_1])))). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.6 : the composition of two RFs $T(W):1 \rightarrow 2$ [with $W=\{B_1, B_2\}$] $S(V):1 \rightarrow 2(x)$ [with $V=\{A_1, A_2\}$] can be expressed as a unique RF using the EE-join of the two relations defining the RFs $S(V):1 \rightarrow 2$ [with $V=\{A_1, A_2\}$] and $T(W):1 \rightarrow 2$ [with $W=\{B_1, B_2\}$].

Proof : Let $E = T(W):1 \rightarrow 2 \otimes S(V):1 \rightarrow 2(x)$, then we have:

$$E = (\text{dom}(t_1) \cup \text{dom}(t_2) - (t_1[A_2] \cap t_2[B_1]))$$

$$\rightarrow (\text{ran}(t_1) \cup \text{ran}(t_2) - (t_1[A_2] \cap t_2[B_1]))$$

$$(x: (\text{dom}(t_1) \cup \text{dom}(t_2) - ((t_1[A_2] \cap t_2[B_1])))).$$

Let $S(V)$ with $V=\{A_1, A_2\}$ and $T(W)$ with $W=\{B_1, B_2\}$ be two relations. If $t_1[A_2] t_2[B_1]$, where $\theta \in \{=, >, <, \geq, \leq\}$, for any two tuples t_1 in $S(V)$ and t_2 in $T(W)$, then these two relations are semi-joinable. Then new relation $T'(X) = T(W) \times S(V)$, with $X = \{Y_1, Y_2\}$ is:

$$Y_1 = \text{dom}(t_1) \cup \text{dom}(t_2) - (t_1[A_2] \cap t_2[B_1]),$$

$$Y_2 = \text{ran}(t_1) \text{ ran}(t_2) - (t_1[A_2] \cap t_2[B_1]).$$

In this new relation, we can consider one RF:

$T'(X):1 \rightarrow 2(x)$, with Y_1, Y_2 , where

$$X = (\text{dom}(t_1) \text{ dom}(t_2) - ((t_1[A_2] t_2[B_1]))).$$

3. The Notations of Petri net

In this section, we use the common notations of Petri net as in [3,5,9,11] and only recall the most important ones.

3.1 Notations of Petri nets

Definition 3.1 : $PN = (P, T, E, S)$, a Petri net, is a 4-tuple, where $P = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$ is a finite set of symbols, each symbol is called a places, $|P| \neq 0$, $T = (t_1, \dots, t_m)$ is a finite set of transitions, $|T| \neq 0$, and $E = P \times T \rightarrow N$ is a input function, where N is the set of positive integers, and $S = T \times P \rightarrow N$ is a output function.

Definition 3.2 : [21] The transition has 4 modes based on the number of input and output places.

- 1) The transition t is called T mode: it has only one input place and output place, i.e., $|^t| = |t^o| = 1$,
- 2) The transition t is called J mode: it has several input places and only one output place, i.e., $|^t| > 1$, $|t^o| = 1$,
- 3) The transition t is called F mode: it has only one input place and several output

places, i.e., $|^o t| = 1, |t^o| > 1$,

- 4) The transition t is called X mode: it has several input places and several output places, i.e., $|^o t| > 1, |t^o| > 1$.

Definition 3.3: A marked net, $\langle PN, Mo \rangle$ is a Petri net, PN , with an initial marking Mo . A transition $t \in T$ is enabled at a marking M iff $M(p) \geq E(p,t)$ for every $p \in P$. If t is enabled at M , then transition t may be fired yielding a new marking M' given by the equation: $M'(p) = M(p) - E(p,t) + S(t,p)$ for all $p \in P$. $M \xrightarrow{t} M'$ denotes that M' is reached from M by firing t .

Definition 3.4: A finite sequence of transition, $s = t_1, \dots, t_n$, is a finite firing sequence of $\langle PN, Mo \rangle$, iff there exists a sequence of marking $M_0 \xrightarrow{t_1} M_1 \xrightarrow{t_2} \dots \xrightarrow{t_n} M_n$ such that $\forall i, 1 \leq i \leq n: M_i(t_i) > M_{i-1}(t_i)$. Marking M_{i+1} is said to be reachable from M_0 by firing $s: M_0 \xrightarrow{s} M_{i+1}$. An infinite sequence of transitions, $s = t_1, \dots$ is an infinite firing sequence of $\langle PN, Mo \rangle$ iff there exists a sequence $M_0 \xrightarrow{t_1} M_1 \xrightarrow{t_2} \dots$ such that $\forall i, 1 \leq i: M_{i-1}(t_i) > M_i$.

Definition 3.5: Let $R(PN, Mo)$ be the set of all marking reachable from Mo .

Let $L(PN, Mo)$ be the set of all firing sequences and their suffixes in $\langle PN, Mo \rangle: L(PN, Mo) = \{s \mid M \xrightarrow{s} \text{ and } M \in R(PN, Mo)\}$.

Definition 3.6: A marked net $\langle PN, Mo \rangle$ is bounded iff there exists a finite $K \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $p_i \in P$ and for all reachable marking $M, M' \in R(PN, Mo)$, $M(p_i) \leq k$ (if $k=1$ then the marked net is called Condition/event net or Safe net).

A transition t is live in $\langle PN, Mo \rangle$ iff for all marking $M \in R(PN, Mo)$, there exists $M' \in R(PN, Mo)$ such that M' enables t .

The marked net $\langle PN, Mo \rangle$ is live iff $\forall t \in T$ are

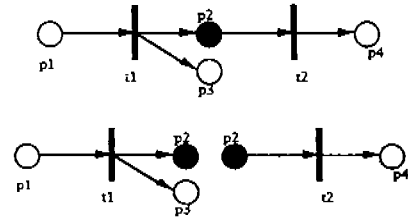
live.

Definition 3.7: [13] Let $\langle PN, Mo \rangle$ be a marked net. P_n is decomposable via a subset P_o of P iff there exists $\{t_1, t_2\}$ a subset of T , such as $(^o(t_1) \cup (t_1)^o) \cup (^o(t_2) \cup (t_2)^o) = P_o$.

Example:

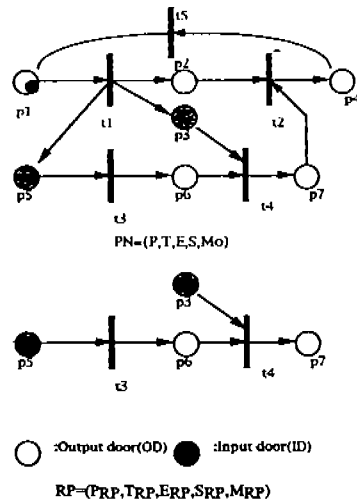
Let $N = \langle PN, Mo \rangle$ be a marked net, where $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4\}$, $T = \{t_1, t_2\}$, then

$$(^o(t_1) \cup (t_1)^o) \cap (^o(t_2) \cup (t_2)^o) = P_o = \{p_2\}.$$



Definition 3.8: [21] Let $\langle PN_{RP}, M_{RP} \rangle$ and $\langle PN, M \rangle$ be two marked nets. PN_{RP} is a subnet of PN and is denoted $PN \supseteq PN_{RP}$ if and only if, $P \supseteq P_{RP}, T \supseteq T_{RP}, E_{rp} = E \cap (P_{RP} \times T_{RP}), S_{RP} = S \cap (T_{RP} \times P_{RP})$ and $M \supseteq M_{RP}$. a place $p \in P_{RP}$ is a input door (ID) (resp output door OD) of RP iff there exists $t \in ^o p$ (resp $t \in p^o$) such that $t \in T_{RP}$.

Example:



Definition 3.9 : [13] Let $PN_1 = \langle PN_{RP1}, M_{RP1} \rangle$, $PN_2 = \langle PN_{RP2}, M_{RP2} \rangle$ be two marked nets. PN_1, PN_2 are composable via P_0 iff $\cap PN_{RP1} \cap PN_{RP2} = P_0$ and $T_{RP1} \cap T_{RP2} = \phi$

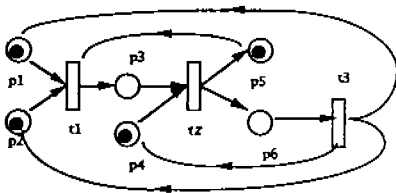
Definition 3.10 : [13] Let $PN_1 = \langle PN_{RP1}, M_{RP1} \rangle$, $PN_2 = \langle PN_{RP2}, M_{RP2} \rangle$ be two marked nets, composable via P_0 . The net $PN = \langle PN_M \rangle$ obtained by the composition PN_1, PN_2 via P_0 is defined by: $P = PN_{RP1} \cap PN_{RP2} = P_0$ and $T = T_{RP1} \cap T_{RP2}$.

3.2 Petri Nets like as logic program

The structure of Petri nets(PN) displays the interrelationships between rules and predicates as specified by the logic program.[21]

We concentrate on logic programs consists of function-free Horn rules r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m , and each rule r (also called a transition) is of the form $B_i, \dots, B_q := A_1, \dots, A_p$, where A_i, B_i are atomic formulas, $:=$ denotes implication, $p \geq 0$ and $q \geq 0$. This clause means that if A_1 and \dots and A_p then B_1 or \dots or B_q . The right-hand side and the left-hand side are each called the condition and the conclusion. A Horn clause is one that is either $q=1$ or $q=0$, where $A_i, 1 \leq i \leq p$, are nonnegated.

Example : Suppose we have the following PN:



The logic program corresponding to the above net will be as follows:

$$T = \{t1, t2, t3\},$$

$$P = \{p1, p2, p3, p4, p5, p6\},$$

$$t1 = ([p3], \{t1[1] \geq t3[2]\}),$$

$$t2 = ([p5, p6], \{t1[2] \geq t2[1]\}),$$

$$t3 = ([p1, p2, p4], \{t2[2] \geq t3[1]\})$$

$$E(t1) = \{p1, p2, p5\},$$

$$E(t2) = \{p3, p4\}, \quad E(t3) = \{p6\},$$

$$S(t1) = \{p3\}, \quad S(t2) = \{p5, p6\},$$

$$S(t3) = \{p1, p2, p4\},$$

and the logic program of this net is:

$$t1: (p3) \leftarrow (p1, p2, p5),$$

$$t2: (p5, p6) \leftarrow (p3, p4),$$

$$t3: (p1, p2, p4) \leftarrow (p6).$$

In addition, the tableau of this net is:

	A1	A2
t1	p1p2p5	p3
t2	p3p4	p5p6
t3	p6	p1p2p4

4. The Composition of Transition in the Petri Nets

In this section, we propose a set of reduction rules which combines two transitions into one or superposes two transitions over the other, or reduces the common places based on EE-join of RFs which is produced in the previous section. And a set of reduction rules are called "Functional reduction". Functional reduction of two RFs are classified into the following three kinds:

- (1) Strong composition: combines two relations to new one after reduction of the common places,
- (2) Superposition: superpose two relations to one after superposition of the common places,
- (3) Equivalence: reduces the common places.

Let $\langle PN_{R1}, M_{R1} \rangle$ be a subnet of $\langle PN, M_0 \rangle = \langle P, T, E, S, M_0 \rangle$, PN_{R1} is decomposed as $T1(V)$ and $T2(W)$. Let $T1(V): 1 \rightarrow 2$ with $V =$

$\{A_1, A_2\}$, $T_2(W): 1 \rightarrow 2$ with $W = \{A_1, A_2\}$ be two transitions. For simplify our research, Ordinary Petri Nets are considered here, and a marked net $\langle P, N, Mo \rangle$ is replaced by $\langle PN^*, Mo^* \rangle$.

4.2.1 Strong composition(CF)

Definition 4.1 : For any tuples t_{1i} in V , and t_{2i} in W , if $t_{1i}[T1.A_j] t_{2i}[T2.A_j]$ and the following conditions are verified:

- (1) $\forall t_{1i}, t_{2i}, T^*, p_{ki} \in P, (j \geq 1)$,
 - $dom(t_{2i}) \cap ran(t_{1i}) = \{p_{ki}\}, \neq \emptyset$
 - $(dom(t_{2i}) \subseteq ran(t_{1i})) \vee ran(t_{1i}) \subseteq dom(t_{2i})$
- (2) $ID = dom(t_{1i}), OD = ran(t_{2i})$,
- (3) $dom(t_{2i}) \cap ran(t_{1i}) \cap ran(t_{2i}) \neq (ran(t_{1i}) \cap dom(t_{2i}))$

then a strong composition made a new RF of transition $T(X): 1 \rightarrow 2$, with $X = \{Y1, Y2\}, t \in X$:

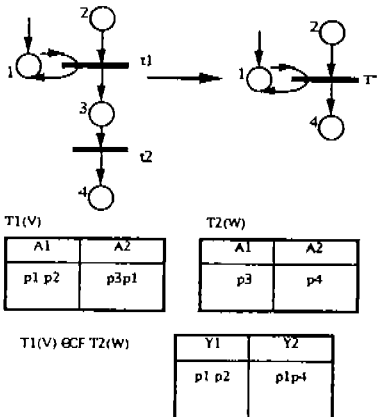
- $t^*[Y1] = dom(t_{1i}) + dom(t_{2i}) - p_{ki}$
- $t^*[Y2] = ran(t_{2i}) + ran(t_{1i}) - p_{ki}$

so a reduced net PN^* is as follows:

- (1) $P^* = P - p_{ki}$
- (2) $T^* = T - t_{1i} - t_{2i} + t^*$
- (3) $Mo^*(p^*) = Mo(p) + M(p_{ki}) + S(p_{ki}, t_{1i}) - E(p_{ki}, t_{2i})$.

Example :

(1)



By the Strong composition CF, we get:

$$P^* = \{p1, p2, p4\}, T^* = \{t^*\}$$

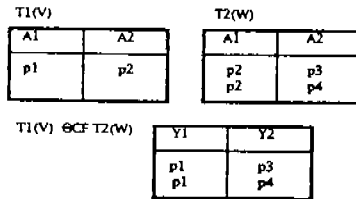
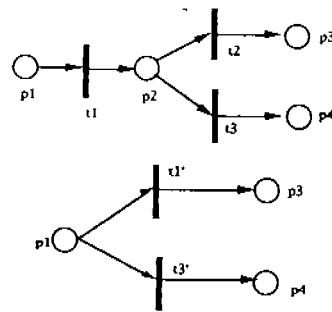
$$t^*[Y1] = p1 + p2 + p3 - p3 = p1 + p2,$$

$$t^*[Y2] = p4 + p1 + p3 - p3 = p1 + p4$$

so, $t^* : \{p1, p2\} \rightarrow \{p1, p4\}$

In this net, t_1 is X mode, t_2 is T mode and an agglomerated transition t^* is X mode

(2)



By the strong composition CF, we get:

$$P^* = \{p1, p3, p4\}.$$

$$T^* = \{t^*1, t^*3\}.$$

$$t^*1[Y1] = p1 + p2 - p2 = p1,$$

$$t^*1[Y2] = p3 + p2 - p2 = p3$$

$$t^*3[Y1] = p1 + p2 - p2 = p1,$$

$$t^*3[Y2] = p4 + p2 - p2 = p4$$

$$M^*(p) = 0.$$

So, $t^*1 : \{p1\} \rightarrow \{p3\}$, $t^*3 : \{p1\} \rightarrow \{p4\}$.

4.2.2 Superposition(CE)

Definition 4.2: For any two tuples t_{1i} in V and t_{2i} in W , if $t_{1i}[T1.A_j] \theta t_{2i}[T2.A_j]$ and if the following conditions are verified:

- (1) Let $\forall t_{1i}, t_{2i}, T^*, p_k, p'_k \in P, (l \leq n, m)$
 - $(dom(t_{1i}) \cap dom(t_{2i})) = \{p_{kn}\} \neq \emptyset \wedge (ran(t_{1i}) \cap ran(t_{2i})) = \{p'_k m\} \neq \emptyset$,
- (where $\geq n-1, m \leq 1$)

(2) $ID = \text{dom}(t_1), OD = \text{ran}(t_2),$

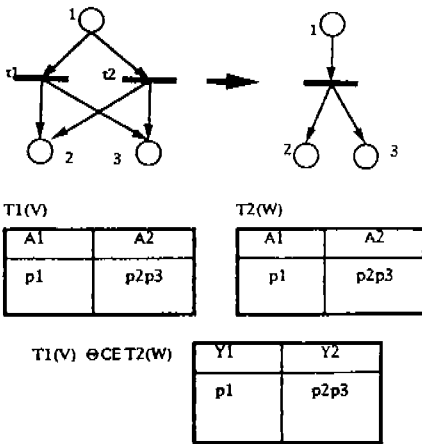
A new RF: $T(X): 1 \rightarrow 2$, with $X = \{Y_1 Y_2\}$, where $t^* \in X$, was derived from a superposition:

- $t^*[Y_1] = \text{dom}(t_1) + \text{dom}(t_2) - k_n(Pk_n)$
- $t^*[Y_2] = \text{ran}(t_1) + \text{ran}(t_2) - k_m(Pk_m)$

so reduced net PN^* is as follows:

- (1) $P^* = P$
- (2) $T^* = T - t_1 - t_2 + t^*$
- (3) $Mo^*(p^*) = Mo(p)$

Example :



By the superposition of composition CE, we get:

$P^* = \{p_1, p_2\}, T^* = \{t^*\}$
 $t^*[Y_1] = p_1 + p_1 - p_1 = p_1,$
 $t^*[Y_2] = p_2 + p_3 + p_2 + p_3 - p_2 - p_3 = p_2 + p_3$
 so, $t^*: \{p_1\} \rightarrow \{p_2, p_3\}$

4.2.4 Equivalence(EQ)

Definition 4.3 : For any two tuples t_1 in V , and t_2 in W , if $t_1[A_1 A_2] \theta t_2[A_1 A_2]$ and if the following conditions are verified:

- (1) Let $\forall t_1, t_2 \in T, pk_j \in P,$
 $(\text{dom}(t_1) \cap \text{ran}(t_2)) = (\text{dom}(t_2) \cap \text{ran}(t_1)) = \{pk_j\} \neq \emptyset$
- (2) $S(pk_j, t_1) - E(pk_j, t_2) = h_j \geq 0, (j \geq 1)$
- (3) $M(pk_j) - \sum k'_j E(pk_j, t_1) \geq 0$

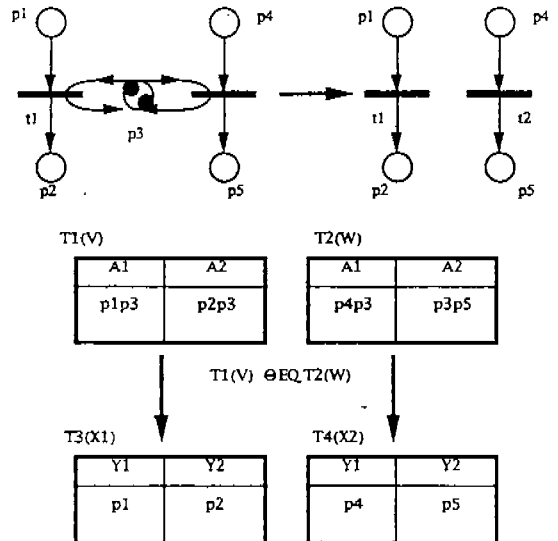
Two new RFs of transition $T_3(X_1): 1 \rightarrow 2$ with $X = \{Y_1 Y_2\}$, where $t^* \in X$ and $T_4(X_2): 1 \rightarrow 2$ with $X = \{Y_1 Y_2\}$, where $t^* \in X$ were derived from a equivalence:

$t^*[Y_1] = \text{dom}(t_1) - (M(pk_j) - \sum E(pk_j, t_2))pk_j, (1 \leq j)$
 $t^*[Y_2] = \text{ran}(t_1) - (M(pk_j) - \sum E(pk_j, t_2))pk_j,$
 $t^*[Y_1] = \text{dom}(t_2) - (M(pk_j) - \sum E(pk_j, t_1))pk_j, (1 \leq j)$
 $t^*[Y_2] = \text{ran}(t_2) - (M(pk_j) - \sum E(pk_j, t_1))pk_j,$

so the reduced net PN^* is as follows:

- (1) $P^* = P, (h_j \leq 0)$
 $P - pk_j, (\text{otherwise}, j \geq 1)$
- (2) $T^* = T - t_i + t^*, (\text{where } i \geq 2)$
- (3) $Mo^*(p^*) = Mo(p)$

Example :



By the equivalence EQ, for any tuples t_1 in V , and t_2 in W , we get:

$P^* = \{p_1, p_2, p_4, p_5\},$
 $T^* = \{t^*, t^*\}$
 $t^*[Y_1] = p_1 + p_3 - p_3 = p_1,$
 $t^*[Y_2] = p_2 + p_3 - p_3 = p_2$

$$t^*[Y1]=p4+p3-p3=p4,$$

$$t^*[Y2]=p5+p3-p3=p5$$

5. Properties of the Petri Nets and Reduction algorithm

In this section, we consider properties of the Petri nets and reduction algorithm which are proposed in section 4, and comparison with other approaches.

5.1 Properties of the Petri nets

Where practical applications are concerned, it is necessary to avoid the analysis of a large complex Petri net. It is convenient to proceed by the reduced net (PN') and reducible module (RP) if they are homogeneous with the original net (PN).

About the properties of the Petri nets, the liveness and safety are defined by the firing sequence of transitions. If a reduction does not change any firing sequence, the liveness is not changed. For prove this property, we concerned as follows three theorems:

Theorem 5.1: A Petri net is live if and only if its reduced net is live.

Proof:The liveness of Petri nets is defined by the firing sequence of transitions and the number of tokens received and produced by transitions, so if a reduction does not change any firing sequence and the number of tokens, the liveness is not changed.[7] Therefore, we prove this theorem by checking whether a reduction changes the firing sequence and number of tokens for each reduction rule.

Strong Composition(CF):In the firing sequence of transition, a reduction of CF by an agglomerated transition is a replacement of the subfiring

sequence by an agglomerated transition, based on the EE-join of RF.

Therefore, the reduction does not change the firing sequence. Also, the number of tokens received and produced by the agglomerated transition is equal to that number of the RP.

Superposition(CE):A reduction of the CE eliminates nondeterministic situation. Transitions having the same input and output place through same weights of arcs and merged in an agglomerated transition. The agglomerated transition has the same input and output place; and the weight arcs is not changed. Therefore, the reduction does not change the firing sequence and the number of token entering ID and leaving OD.

Equivalence(EQ):The reduction rule of EQ does not delete any transition or replace any transition by an agglomerated transition. Therefore, the firing sequence is not changed through the reduction. In a RP, the number of tokens in reduced common place. The transition can be fired without considering the state of reduced common places. Therefore, the reduction does not change the number of tokens entering and leaving the RP.

Theorem 5.2:A Petri net is bounded if and only if its reduced net is bounded.

Proof:The boundedness of Petri net is determined by the number of tokens which flow in the net. If the number of tokens is not changed, the initial property of boundedness is preserved. In the Theorem 5.1, we have seen that all of the reduction rules do not change the number of tokens which flow in the net.

Theorem 5.3:A Petri net is properly terminating if and only if its reduced net is properly terminating.

Proof: In the same way as the earlier theorems, the property of proper termination is preserved because the reduction does not change the number or direction of flow of tokens in the net.

5.2 Reduction algorithm

After the results contained in section 4, we propose a reduction algorithm for functional reduction, and prove that it can reduce any Petri nets to an elementary one.

Reduction Algorithms

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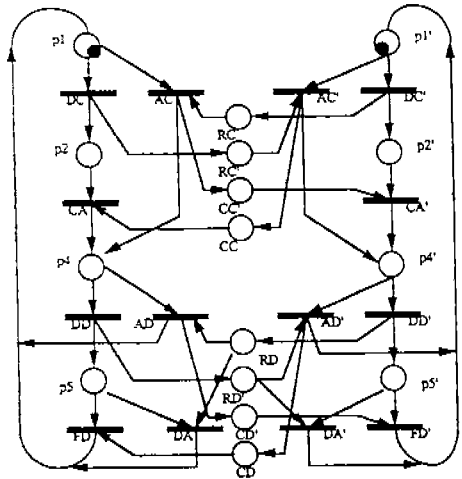
1st step/*search RP in the nets*/
begin
input:= <PN,M0>, a Petri net
i:=0; fini='F'; <PNI,Mi> = <PN,M0>;
repeat
begin
if PNI is CF reducible then T:=3
else if PNI is CE reducible then T:=2
else if PNI is EQ reducible then T:=1
else fini:='T';
end-begin;if fini='F' then do 2nd step;
i:=i+1;
until fini = 'T';
<PN*, M*>=<PNI, Mi>; output <PN*, M*>
end.

2nd step/* reduction step*/
begin
case T:[1,2,3]
1:let <PNI+1,Mi+1> be the result
applying EQ to <PNI,Mi>;
1:let <PNI+1,Mi+1> be the result
applying CE to <PNI,Mi>;
1:let <PNI+1,Mi+1> be the result
applying CF to <PNI,Mi>;
end.
    
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6. Illustrative example and comparisons with other approaches

6.1 Illustrative example

In this section, we informally introduce functional reduction through example. The example net which models a connection and disconnection model of ECMA protocol in which is presented in [2,7].



The relational table of this net and reduced net by functional reduction as follows:

Tr.	input place	output place	Tr.	input place	output place
DC	P1	P2RC	DC	P1	P2RC
AC	P1RC	P4CC	AC	P1RC	P5RD'CC'
CA	P2CC	P4	CA	P2CC	P5RD'
AD	P4	P5RD	AD		
DD	P4RD	P1CD'	DD	P2CCRD	P1CD'
FD	P5CD	P1	FD	P5CD	P1
DA	P5RD	P1	DA	P5RD	P1
DC'	P1'	P2RC	DC'	P1'	P2RC
AC'	P1'RC	P4'CC	AC'	P1'RC	P5RDCC
CA'	P2CC	P4'	CA'	P2CC	P5RD
AD'	P4'RD'	P1'CD	AD'	P2CC'RD'	P1'CD
DD'	P4'	P5RD	DD'		
FD'	P5CD'	P1'	FD'	P5CD'	P1'
DA'	P5RD'	P1'	DA'	P5RD'	P1'

(a) Relational table of example net (b) Relational table of reduced net

The relational table of reduced net which is reduced by the Berthelot method is:

Tr.	input place	output place
DC		
AC		
CA	P1P1'	P4P4'
AD		
AD	P4RD	P1CD'
DD	P4	P5RD'
FD	P5CD	P1
DA	P5RD	P1
DC'		
AC'		
CA'		
AD'	P4'RD'	P1'CD
DD'	P4'	P5RD
FD'	P5CD'	P1'
DA'	P5RD'	P1'

And, we can summarize a table which is explained number of transition and places of the nets(Original example net, reduced net which is reduced by Berthelot method, and by us) like as follows:

	ORIGINAL NET	BERTHELOT METHOD	PROPOSED METHOD
T	14	9	12
P	16	10	14

(P: NO. OF PLACES, T: NO. OF TRANSITION)

This means that proposed method has not strong power than Berthelot method but its an usual reduction method for analysis or verification the protocol.

6.2 Comparisons with other approaches

Our reduction has weaker reduction power than one of Berthelot[2], and also the reduction rules proposed(CF,CE,EQ) are very similar to some ones of [2], but CF comprehend some rules of [2]. Lee[7] has four rules:(1)RSN-1:this rule consists of RSN-1P and RSN-1T,(2)RSN-2P,(3) RSN-3P and (4)RSN-4T. In these four rules, RSN-1P,RSN-2P and RSN-3P can be covered by the join of CF and CE. And rules RSN-1T and RSN-4T can be covered by the join of EQ. Ramamoorthy[12] has two rules:decision free SWBM and non-decision free SWBM. The CF cover all the SWBM's topologies. In addition, Tu [16] proposed 10 rules which have 4 rules of Berthelot. Rule1-7 and 10 are covered by CF,CE and EQ.

7. Conclusion

In this paper,we have suggested a framework for transforming a large class of Petri nets into simply reduced nets. The concerned class includes all reduction rules which may be transformed into functional expressions, that is

what we call the functional reduction class. We claims that the approach is easy to implement for transformation and shows a simpler reduction procedure. The advantages are as follows:

- 1) It is easy to find the reducible module by the relational tableau of transitions.
- 2) The reduction rules is only one type (composition) and is automatically showed the results places(input,output places) with the number of arcs.
- 3) The agglomerated transition mode can be expected.
- 4) A Petri nets explained by the formal definition using relational scheme in relational database.

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