

# SOLUTION

## Petri nets – Endterm

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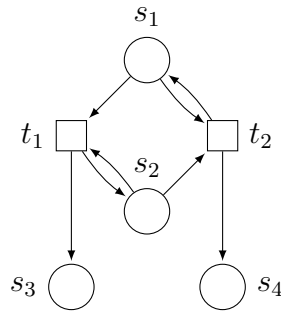
- If you feel ill, let us know immediately.
- Please, **do not write** until told so.
- You will be given **90 minutes** to fill in all the required information and write down your solutions.
- Don't forget to **sign**.
- Write with a non-erasable **pen**, do not use red or green color.
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- You may answer in **English or German**.
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- You can obtain **40 points** in the exam. You need **17 points** in total to pass (grade 4.0).
- Don't fill in the table below.
- Good luck!

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### Exercise 1

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Apply the backwards-reachability algorithm to the net below and the marking  $M = (0, 0, 1, 1)$  to decide if  $M$  can be covered from the initial marking  $M_0 = (1, 1, 0, 0)$ . Record all intermediate steps.



**Solution:**

The table below records all sets  $m$  with their minimal markings and the predecessors of the markings. New non-minimal markings are crossed out.

$m$	$M$	$pre(M, t_1)$	$pre(M, t_2)$
$m_0$	$(0, 0, 1, 1)$	$(1, 1, 0, 1)$	$(1, 1, 1, 0)$
$m_1 \setminus m_0$	$(1, 1, 0, 1)$	<del><math>(2, 1, 0, 1)</math></del>	$(1, 2, 0, 0)$
	$(1, 1, 1, 0)$	$(2, 1, 0, 0)$	<del><math>(1, 2, 1, 0)</math></del>
$m_2 \setminus m_1$	$(1, 2, 0, 0)$	<del><math>(2, 2, 0, 0)</math></del>	<del><math>(1, 3, 0, 0)</math></del>
	$(2, 1, 0, 0)$	<del><math>(3, 1, 0, 0)</math></del>	<del><math>(2, 2, 0, 0)</math></del>

We obtain  $m_3 = m_2 = \{(0, 0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 1, 0), (1, 2, 0, 0), (2, 1, 0, 0)\}$ . For no  $M' \in m_3$ , we have  $M_0 \geq M'$ , therefore  $M$  cannot be covered from  $M_0$ .

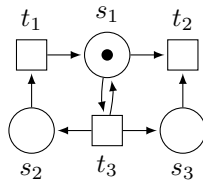
### Exercise 2

9P=3+3+3

- (a) Exhibit a live Petri net  $(N, M_0)$  and a marking  $M \geq M_0$  such that  $(N, M)$  is not live. Argue succinctly why  $(N, M)$  is not live (for example, by giving an occurrence sequence leading to a dead marking).
- (b) Exhibit a connected net  $N$  such that  $I = (1, -1)$  is an S-invariant and  $J = (1, 1)$  is a T-invariant of  $N$ . Explain your answer.
- (c) Exhibit a Petri net  $(N, M_0)$  and a marking  $M$  such that the marking equation  $M = M_0 + \mathbf{N} \cdot X$  has a solution  $X : T \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  with  $X \geq 0$ , but no solution  $X : T \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ . *Hint:* A net with 2 places and 2 transitions, with no tokens in  $M_0$  and one token in  $M$ , suffices.

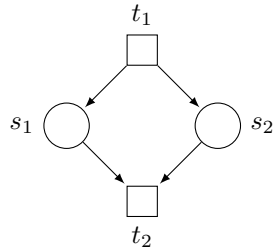
**Solution:**

- (a) The following Petri net is live with  $M_0 = (1, 0, 0)$ , but not live with the initial marking  $M = (1, 0, 1)$ , as firing  $t_2$  leads to a dead marking.

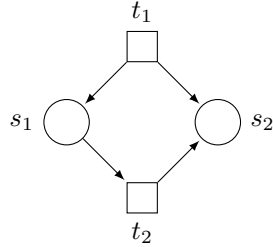


- (b) The net below has  $I = (1, -1)$  as an S-invariant and  $J = (1, 1)$  as a T-invariant, as shown by the invariant equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 t_1 : I(s_1) + I(s_2) &= 0 \\
 t_2 : 0 &= I(s_1) + I(s_2) \\
 s_1 : J(t_1) &= J(t_2) \\
 s_2 : J(t_2) &= J(t_1)
 \end{aligned}$$



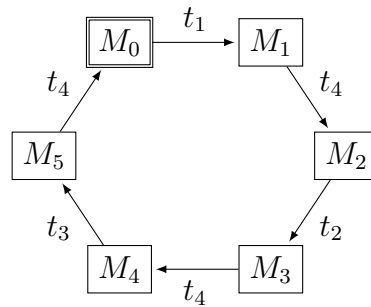
(c) The following Petri net with  $M = (0, 1)$  only has  $X = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  as a solution to the marking equation.



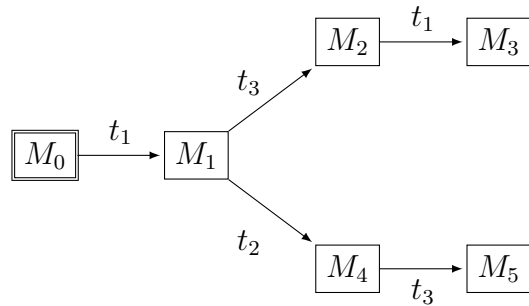
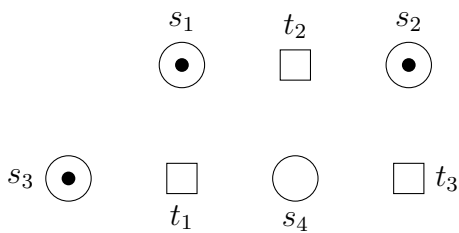
**Exercise 3**

**8P=4+4**

(a) Exhibit a Petri net with the following reachability graph, where  $M_0$  is the initial marking. Provide a clean drawing.

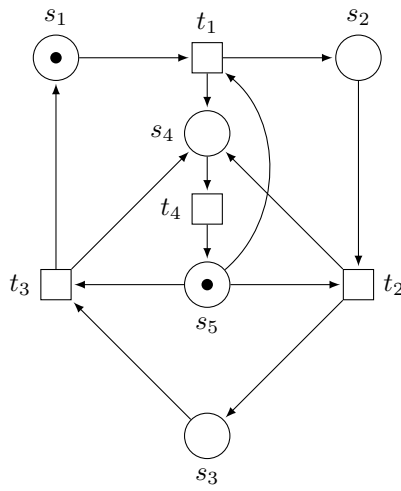


(b) Add arcs to the net below on the left such that it has the reachability graph given on the right, where  $M_0$  is the initial marking. Provide a clean drawing.

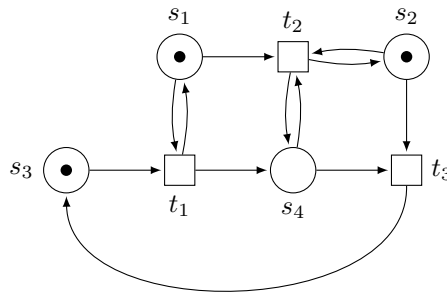


**Solution:**

(a)



(b)



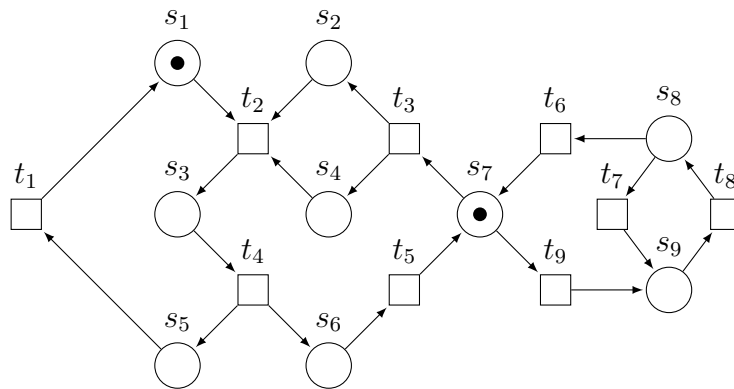
### Exercise 4

8P=4+4

For the following net, give:

- (a) A positive S-invariant  $I$  ( $I$  is positive if  $I(s) > 0$  for all places  $s$ ).
- (b) A positive T-invariant  $J$  ( $J$  is positive if  $J(t) > 0$  for all transitions  $t$ ).

Explain briefly the procedure you have followed to compute  $I$  and  $J$ .



### Solution:

- (a) By following transitions, we can identify the S-components (which are subnet S-nets)  $\{s_1, s_3, s_5\}$ ,  $\{s_2, s_3, s_6, s_7, s_8, s_9\}$  and  $\{s_3, s_4, s_6, s_7, s_8, s_9\}$ , which give us the semi-positive S-invariants  $I_1 = (1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0)$ ,  $I_2 = (0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1)$  and  $I_3 = (0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1)$ . By adding them up, we get the positive S-invariant  $I = (1, 1, 3, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2)$ .
- (b) The left part of the net with transitions  $\{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5\}$  is a T-net, which gives us the semi-positive T-invariant  $J_1 = \{1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0\}$ . In the right part with transitions  $\{t_6, t_7, t_8, t_9\}$ , after firing each transition once, we need to fire  $t_8$  once more for a net change of zero tokens, giving us  $J_2 = \{0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 2, 1\}$ . Adding these up gives us the positive T-invariant  $J = (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1)$ .

A vector  $X$  is *semi-positive* if  $X \geq 0$  and  $X \neq 0$ .

- (a) Prove: Let  $N$  be a net and  $I$  a semi-positive S-invariant of  $N$ . The set  $R = \{s \mid I(s) > 0\}$  of places is a trap of  $N$ .
- (b) Prove: Every live T-system is cyclic.
- (c) Let  $N = (S, T, F)$  be a net. A *T-surinvariant* of  $N$  is a vector  $J : T \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $\mathbf{N} \cdot J \geq 0$ .

Prove: Let  $(N, M_0)$  be a Petri net. If there is an infinite occurrence sequence  $\sigma$  enabled at  $M_0$ , then  $N$  has a semi-positive T-surinvariant. *Hint*: Use Dickson's lemma.

**Solution:**

- (a) Let  $R = \{s \mid I(s) > 0\}$ . For  $t \in R^\bullet$ , there is an  $s \in R$  with  $s \in \bullet t$ . As  $I(s) > 0$ ,  $I(s') \geq 0$  for all  $s' \in S$  and  $\sum_{s \in \bullet t} I(s) = \sum_{s' \in t^\bullet} I(s')$ , there is an  $s' \in t^\bullet$  with  $I(s') > 0$ . Therefore  $s' \in R$  and  $t \in \bullet R$ , so  $R^\bullet \subseteq \bullet R$  and  $R$  is a trap.
- (b) In a live T-system, a marking  $M$  is reachable from  $M_0$  iff  $M_0 \sim M$ . Let  $M$  be a reachable marking. Then  $M_0 \sim M$  and, as the relation is symmetric,  $M \sim M_0$ , so  $M_0$  is reachable from  $M$ . Therefore the net is cyclic.
- (c) Let  $\sigma = t_1 t_2 t_3 \dots$  with  $M_0 \xrightarrow{t_1} M_1 \xrightarrow{t_2} M_2 \xrightarrow{t_3} \dots$ . By Dickson's lemma, there are indices  $i, j$  with  $i < j$  and  $M_i \leq M_j$ . With  $\sigma_1 = t_1 \dots t_i$  and  $\sigma_2 = t_{i+1} \dots t_j$ , we have  $M_0 \xrightarrow{\sigma_1} M_i \xrightarrow{\sigma_2} M_j$ . By the marking equation, we have  $M_j = M_i + \mathbf{N} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2$  and  $\mathbf{N} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 = M_j - M_i \geq 0$ . As  $\sigma_2$  is not empty,  $\vec{\sigma}_2$  is a semi-positive T-surinvariant.