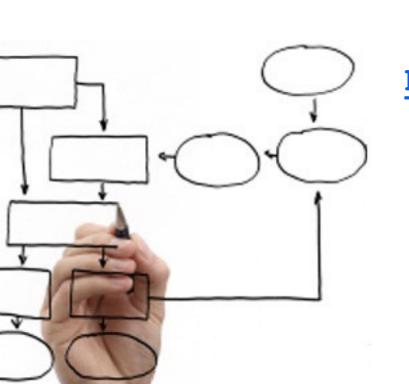
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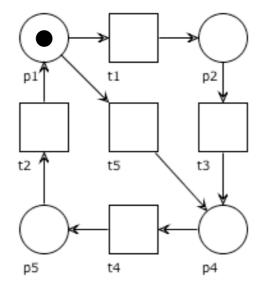


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16 - S-systems

Object



We study some "good" properties of S-systems

Free Choice Nets (book, optional reading)

https://www7.in.tum.de/~esparza/bookfc.html

S-systems

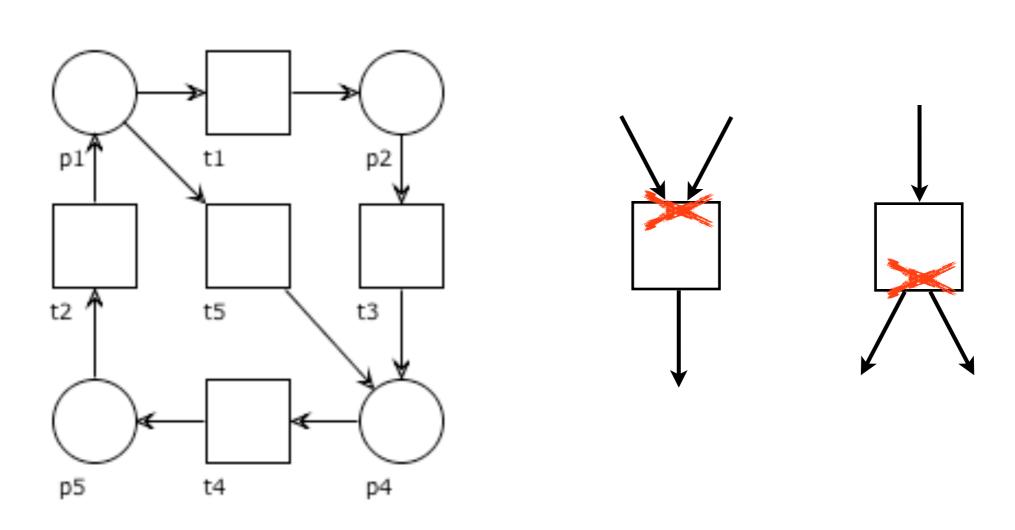
S-system

Definition: We recall that a net N is an S-net if each transition has exactly one input place and exactly one output place

$$\forall t \in T, \qquad |\bullet t| = 1 = |t \bullet|$$

A system (N,M₀) is an S-system if N is an S-net

S-net: example



S-net N*

Proposition: A workflow net N is an S-net iff N* is an S-net

N and N* differ only for the reset transition, that has exactly one incoming arc and exactly one outgoing arc

S-systems: an observation

Observation: each transition t that fires removes exactly one token from some place p and inserts exactly one token in some place q (p and q can also coincide)

Notation: token count

$$M(P) = \sum_{p \in P} M(p)$$

Example

$$P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$$
 $M = 2p_1 + 3p_2$ $M(P) = 2 + 3 + 0 = 5$

Fundamental property of S-systems

The overall number of tokens in the S-net is an invariant under any firing.

Fundamental property of S-systems

Proposition: Let (P,T,F,M_0) be an S-system. If M is a reachable marking, then $M(P) = M_0(P)$

We show that for any $M \stackrel{\sigma}{\longrightarrow} M'$ we have M'(P) = M(P)

base $(\sigma = \epsilon)$: trivial (M' = M)

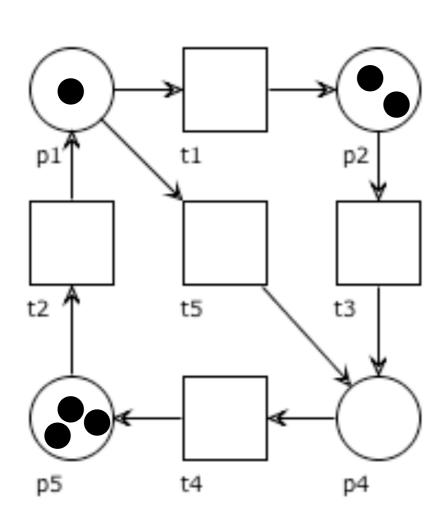
induction ($\sigma = \sigma' t$ for some $\sigma' \in T^*$ and $t \in T$):

Let
$$M \xrightarrow{\sigma'} M'' \xrightarrow{t} M'$$
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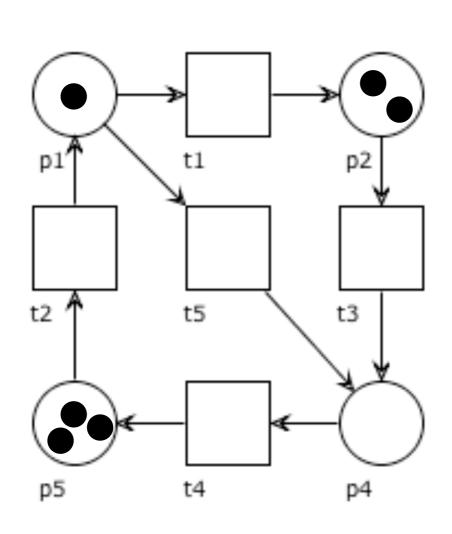
By inductive hypothesis: M''(P) = M(P)

By definition of S-system: $| \bullet t | = |t \bullet | = 1$

Thus,
$$M'(P) = M''(P) - | \bullet t| + |t \bullet | = M(P) - 1 + 1 = M(P)$$



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No: S-system $M_0(P) = 6 \neq 7 = M(P)$

A consequence of the fundamental property

Corollary: Any S-system is bounded

Let $M \in [M_0]$.

By the fundamental property of S-systems: $M(P) = M_0(P)$.

Then, for any $p \in P$ we have $M(p) \leq M(P) = M_0(P)$.

Thus the S-system is k-bounded for any $k \geq M_0(P)$.

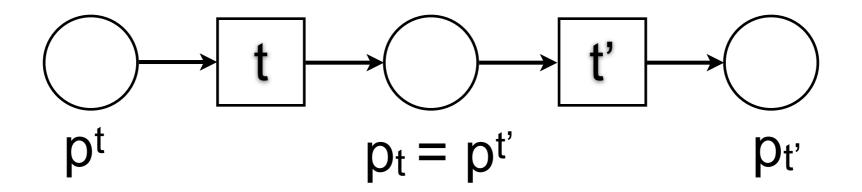
$$M(P) = \sum_{p \in P} M(p)$$

S-invariance
$$\forall t \in T, \sum_{p \in \bullet t} \mathbf{I}(p) = \sum_{p \in t \bullet} \mathbf{I}(p)$$

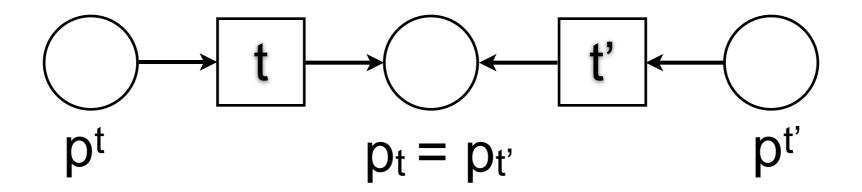
S-nets
$$\forall t \in T, \mid \bullet t \mid = \mid t \bullet \mid = 1$$

Let
$$\bullet t = \{p^t\}$$
 and $t \bullet = \{p_t\}$

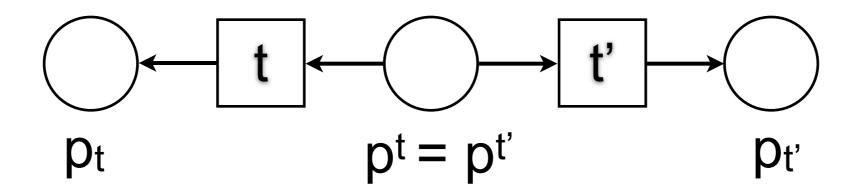
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$$\forall p_0, p_n \in P, \mathbf{I}(p_0) = \mathbf{I}(p_n)$$

Quick Recap

Let N=(P,T,F,M₀) be an S-system

Prop. M reachable implies $M(P) = M_0(P)$

Corollary. N is bounded

Prop. I is an S-invariant iff **I**=[k ... k] for some k

A note on S-invariants and S-nets

S-invariance

$$\forall M \in [M_0\rangle, \quad \mathbf{I} \cdot M = \mathbf{I} \cdot M_0$$

S-invariant of S-nets

$$I = [1 \ 1 \ ... \ 1]$$

consequence $\forall M, \quad \mathbf{I} \cdot M = \sum_{p \in P} 1 \cdot M(p) = \sum_{p \in P} M(p) = M(P)$

We recover the Fundamental property of S-nets

$$\forall M \in [M_0\rangle, \quad M(P) = \mathbf{I} \cdot M = \mathbf{I} \cdot M_0 = M_0(P)$$

Liveness theorem for S-systems

Theorem: An S-system (N,M₀) is live **iff** N is strongly connected and M₀ marks at least one place

 \Rightarrow) (quite obvious)

 (N,M_0) is live by hypothesis and bounded (because S-system). By the strong connectedness theorem, N is strongly connected.

Since (N, M_0) is live, then $M_0 \stackrel{t}{\longrightarrow}$ for some t.

Assume $\bullet t = \{p\}$. Thus, $M_0(p) \ge 1$.

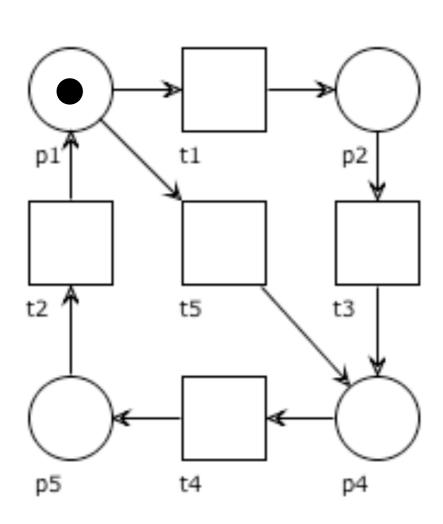
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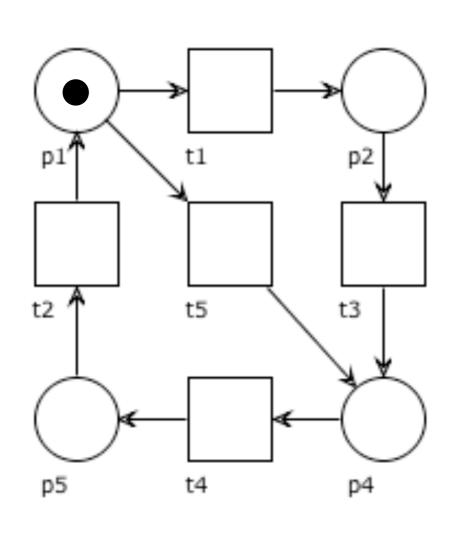
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\Leftarrow) (more interesting) Take any M \in [M_0] and t \in T. We want to find M' \in [M] such that M' \stackrel{t}{\longrightarrow}.
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Take $p_1 \in P$ such that $M(p_1) \geq 1$ (it exists, because $M(P) = M_0(P) \geq 1$). By strong connectedness: there is a path from p_1 to $t_n = t$ $(p_1, t_1)(t_1, p_2)(p_2, t_2)...(p_n, t_n)$

By definition of S-system: $\bullet t_i = \{p_i\}$ and $t_i \bullet = \{p_{i+1}\}$. Thus, $M \xrightarrow{\sigma} M' \xrightarrow{t}$ for $\sigma = t_1 t_2 ... t_{n-1}$.

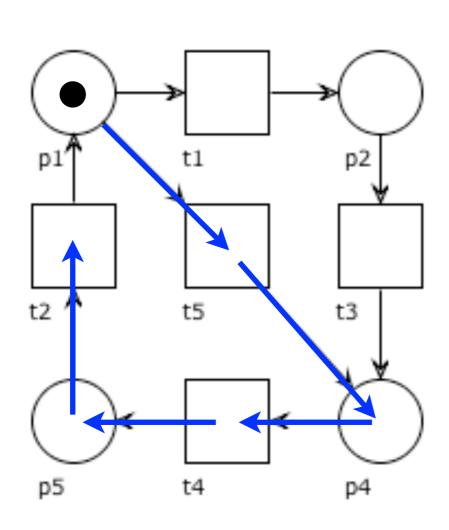


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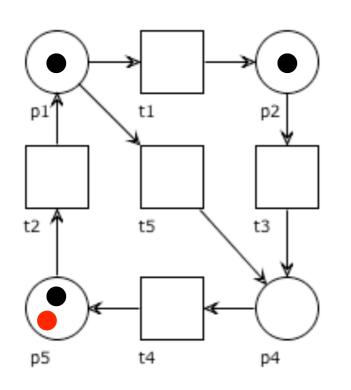
Yes: S-system strongly connected $M_0(P) > 0$

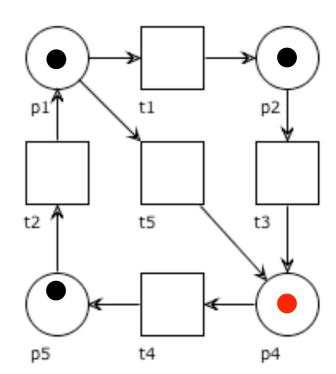


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How to enable t2? just find a path from p1 to t2

Lemma: Let (P,T,F) be a strongly connected S-net. If M(P) = M'(P), then M' is reachable from M

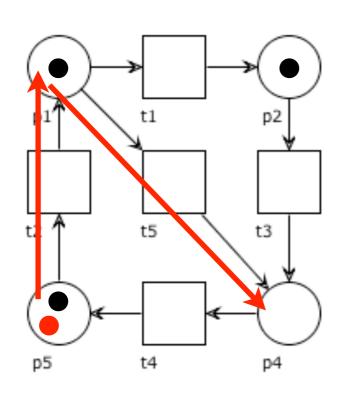




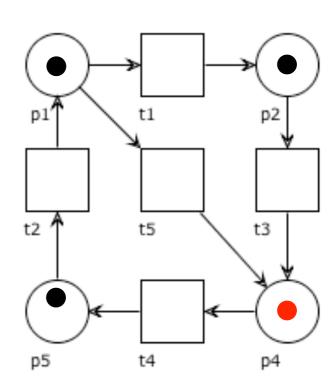
Intuitively:

M and M' has the same number of tokens but maybe they are in different places

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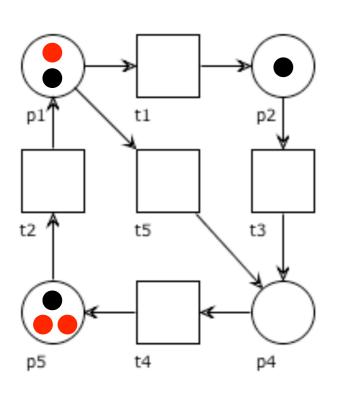
if there is only one token in the wrong place



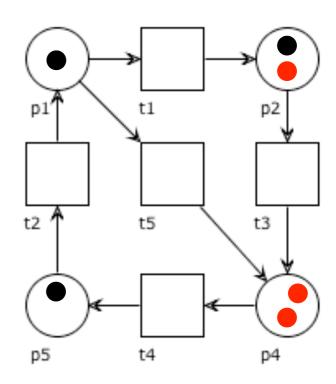
Intuitively:

we need to move the token from p to q by strong connectedness we have a path from p to q by firing the transitions along the path we succeed

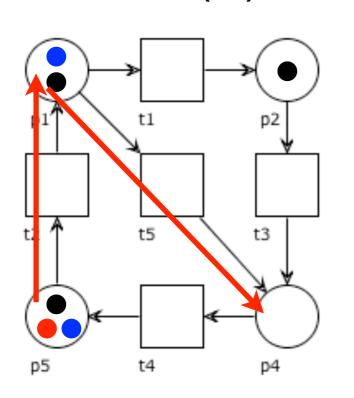
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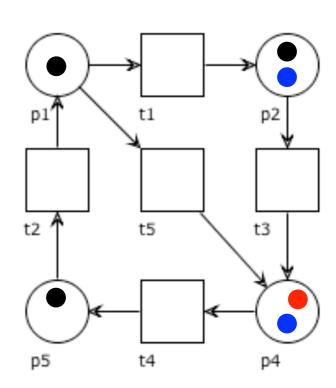
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Intuitively:

we move one of them...
and inductively the remaining n-1

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We proceed by induction on ${\cal M}(P)$

base
$$(M(P) = M'(P) = 0)$$
: trivial $(M' = M)$

induction (M(P) = M'(P) > 0):

Let $p, p' \in P$ be such that M(p) > 0 and M'(p') > 0.

Let K = M - p and K' = M' - p'.

Clearly K'(P) = K(P) < M(P) = M'(P).

By inductive hypothesis: $\exists \sigma, K \xrightarrow{\sigma} K'$

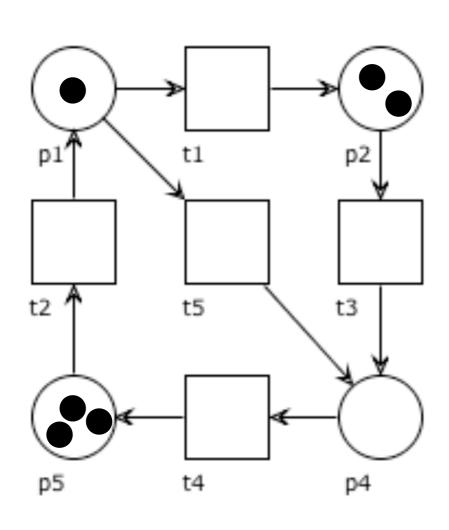
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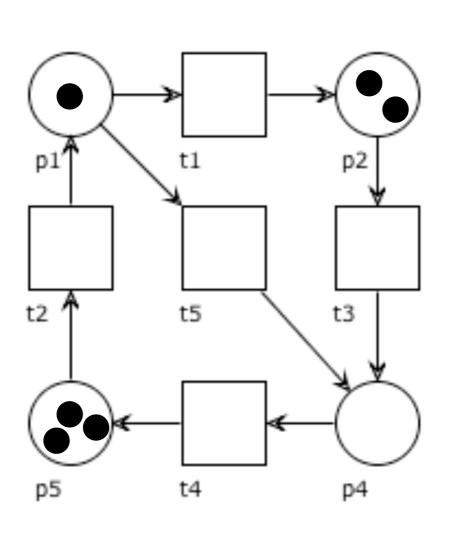
By definition of S-system: $\bullet t_i = \{p_{i-1}\}$ and $t_i \bullet = \{p_i\}$.

Thus,
$$p = p_0 \xrightarrow{\sigma'} p_n = p'$$
 for $\sigma' = t_1 t_2 ... t_n$.

By the monotonicity lemma: $M = K + p \xrightarrow{\sigma} K' + p \xrightarrow{\sigma'} K' + p' = M'$



Is the marking $M = p_2 + 4p_4 + p_5$ reachable?



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Yes: S-system strongly connected $M_0(P) = 6 = M(P)$

Reachability Theorem for S-systems

Theorem: Let (P,T,F,M₀) be a live S-system. A marking M is reachable **iff** M(P)=M₀(P)

- =>) Follows from the fundamental property of S-systems
- <=) By the previous liveness theorem, the S-net is strongly connected. We conclude by applying the reachability lemma for S-systems.

S-systems: recap

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S-system => bounded S-system: strong conn. + M_0(P)>0 <=> live
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S-system + M reachable => M(P) = M_0(P)
S-system + str. conn.: M(P)=M_0(P) <=> M reachable
S-system + live: M(P)=M_0(P) <=> M reachable
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S-system: S-invariant $I \le I = [k k ... k]$

Workflow S-nets

Theorem: If a workflow net N is an S-system then it is sound

N is S-system <=> N* is S-system

N and N* S-systems => N and N* bounded

N workflow net => N* strong connected $M_0(P)=1$ (initially one token in place i) N* strong connected + $M_0(P) > 0 <=> N*$ live

N* bounded and live <=> N sound

Workflow S-nets

Theorem: If a workflow net N is an S-system then it is **safe** and sound

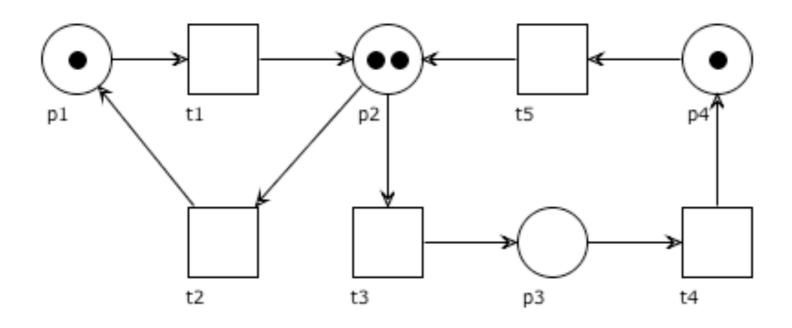
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M₀(P)=1 (initially one token in place i)
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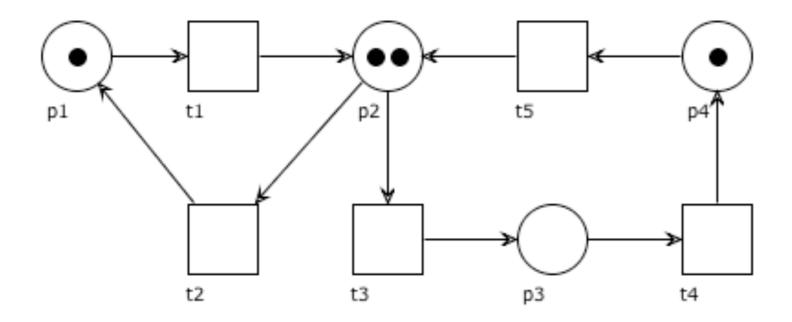
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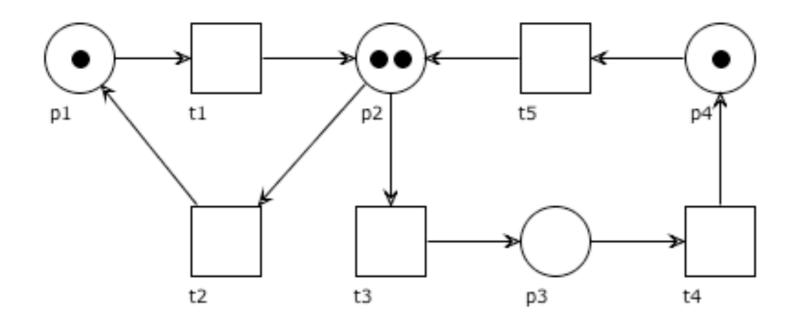
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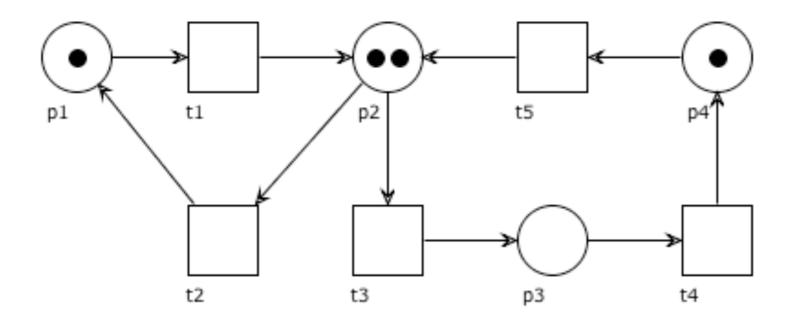
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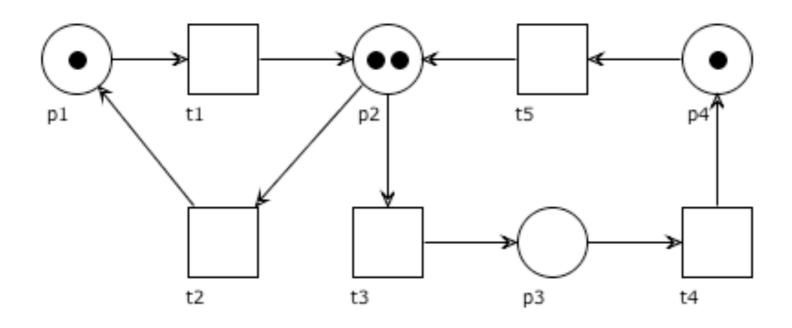
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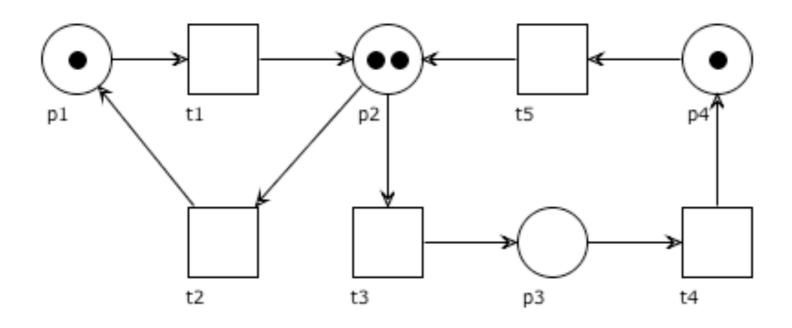
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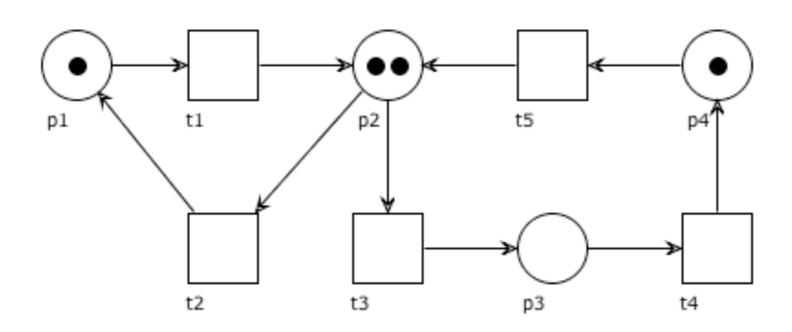


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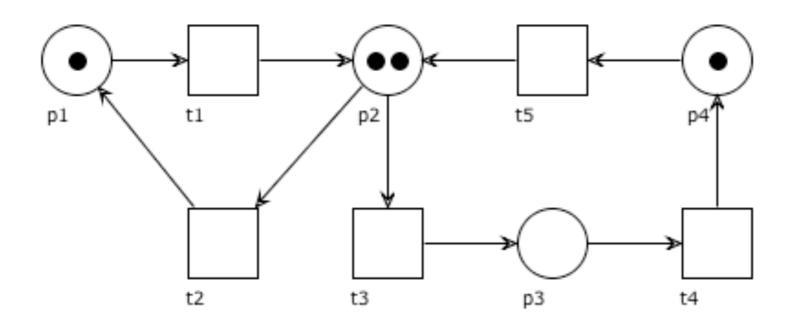


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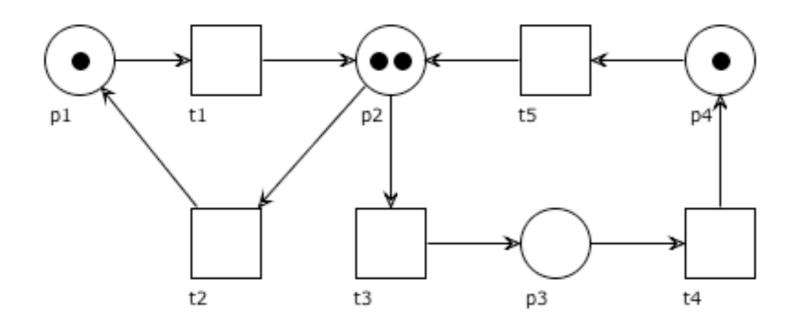
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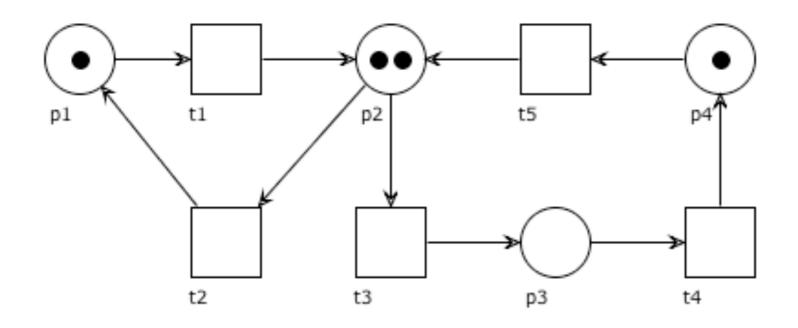
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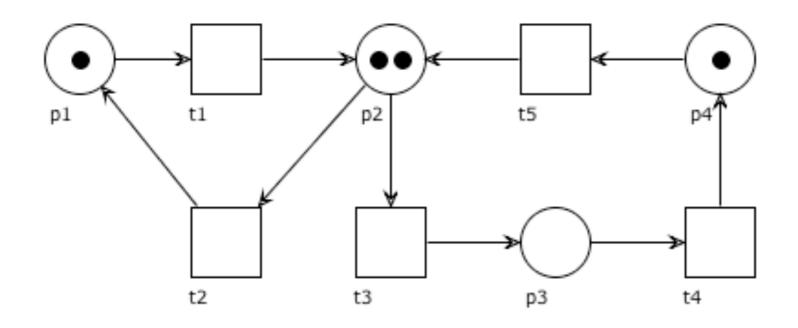
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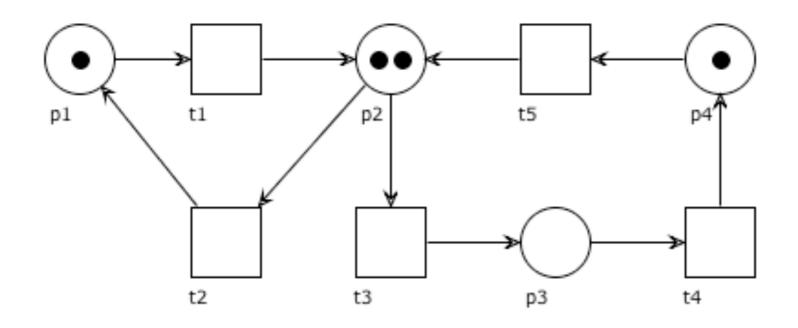
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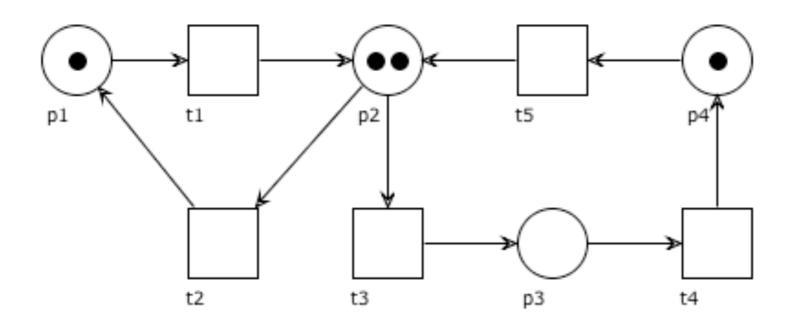
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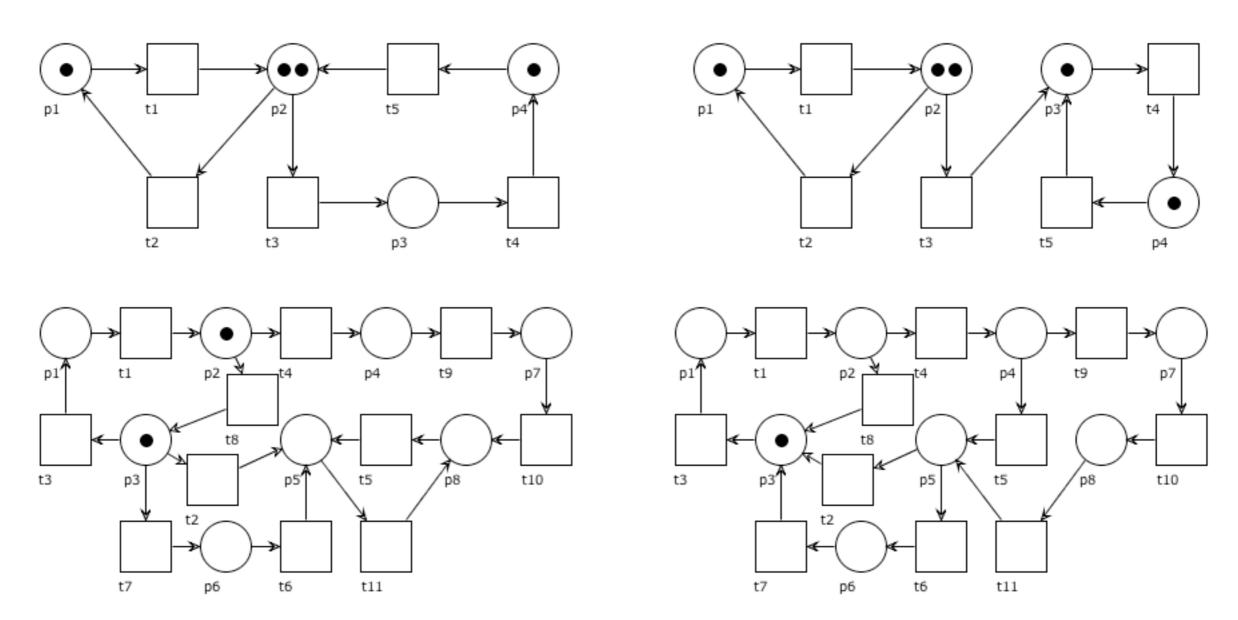
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Exercises

Which of the following S-systems are live? (why?)



Exercise

Is the net below a workflow net? Is it sound?

