

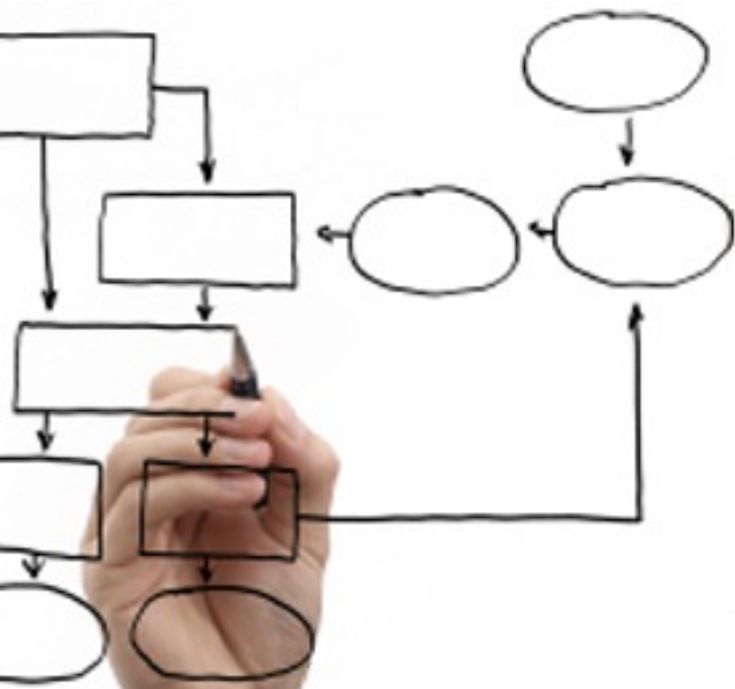
Business Processes Modelling

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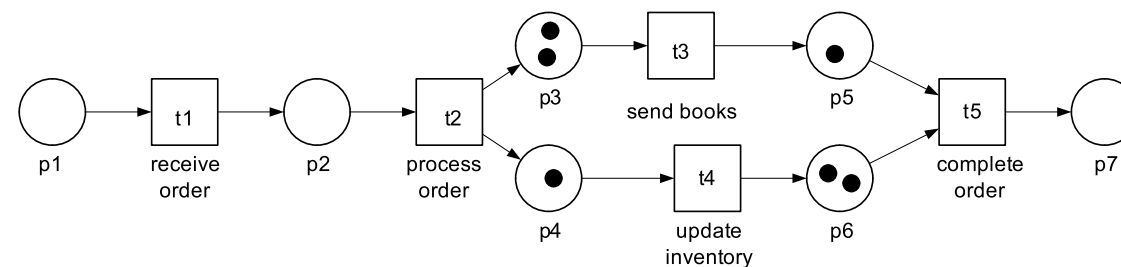
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08 - From automata to nets



Object



M. Weske: Business Process Management,
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Overview of the basic concepts of Petri nets

Free Choice Nets (book, optional reading)

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

Why Petri nets?

Business process analysis:
validation: testing correctness
verification: proving correctness
performance: planning and optimization

Use of Petri nets (or alike)
visual + formal
tool supported

Petri net theory can be studied
at several level of details

We study some basic aspects,
relevant to the analysis of
business processes

Petri nets have a faithful and
convenient graphical
representation, that we
introduce and motivate next

Approaching Petri nets

Are you familiar with
automata / transition systems?
They are fine for sequential
protocols / systems
but do not capture concurrent
behaviour directly

A Petri net is a mathematical model
of a parallel and concurrent system

in the same way that a finite
automaton is a mathematical model of
a sequential system

Applications

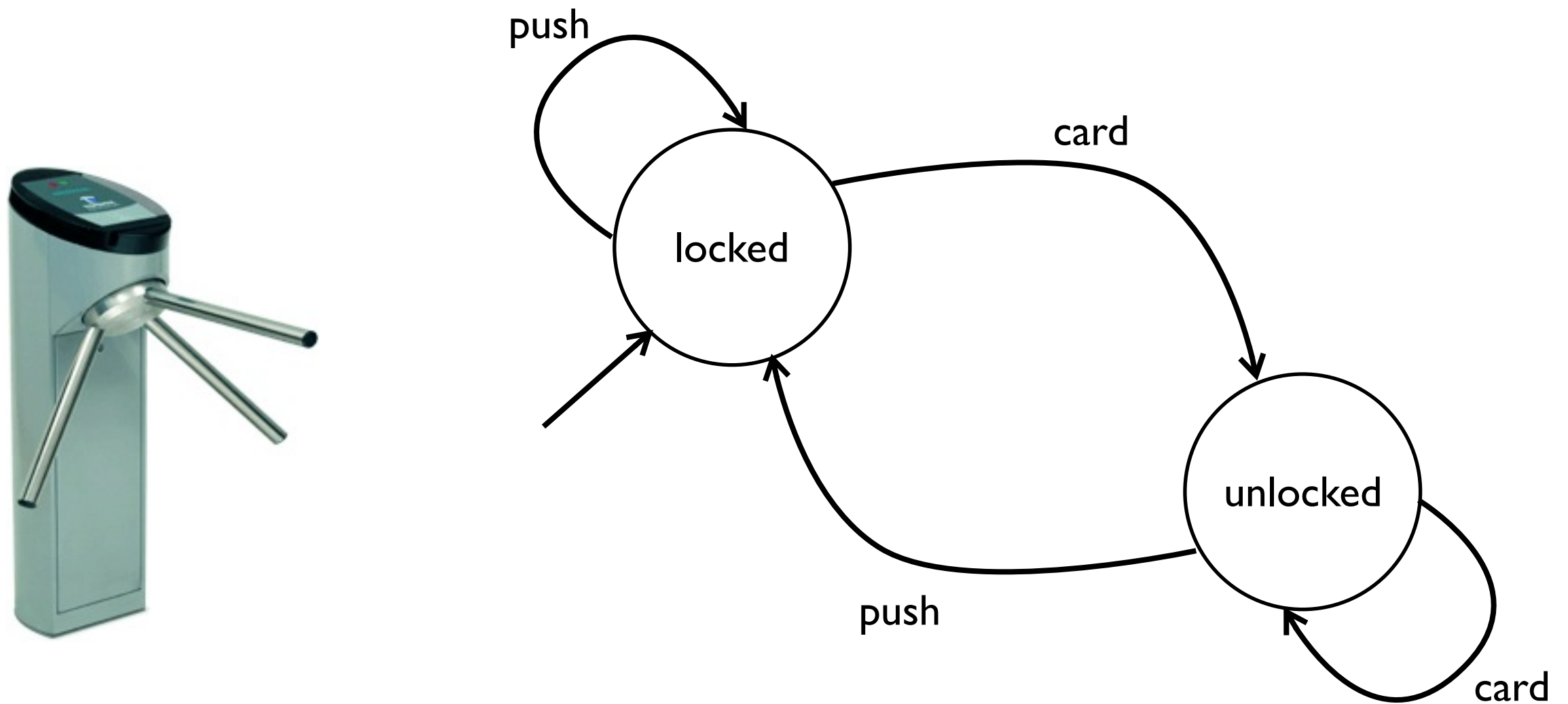
Automata are widely used, e.g., in
protocol analysis,
text parsing,
video game character behaviour,
security analysis,
CPU control units,
natural language processing,
speech recognition,
mechanical devices
(like elevators, vending machines,
traffic lights)
and many more ...

Finite automata examples

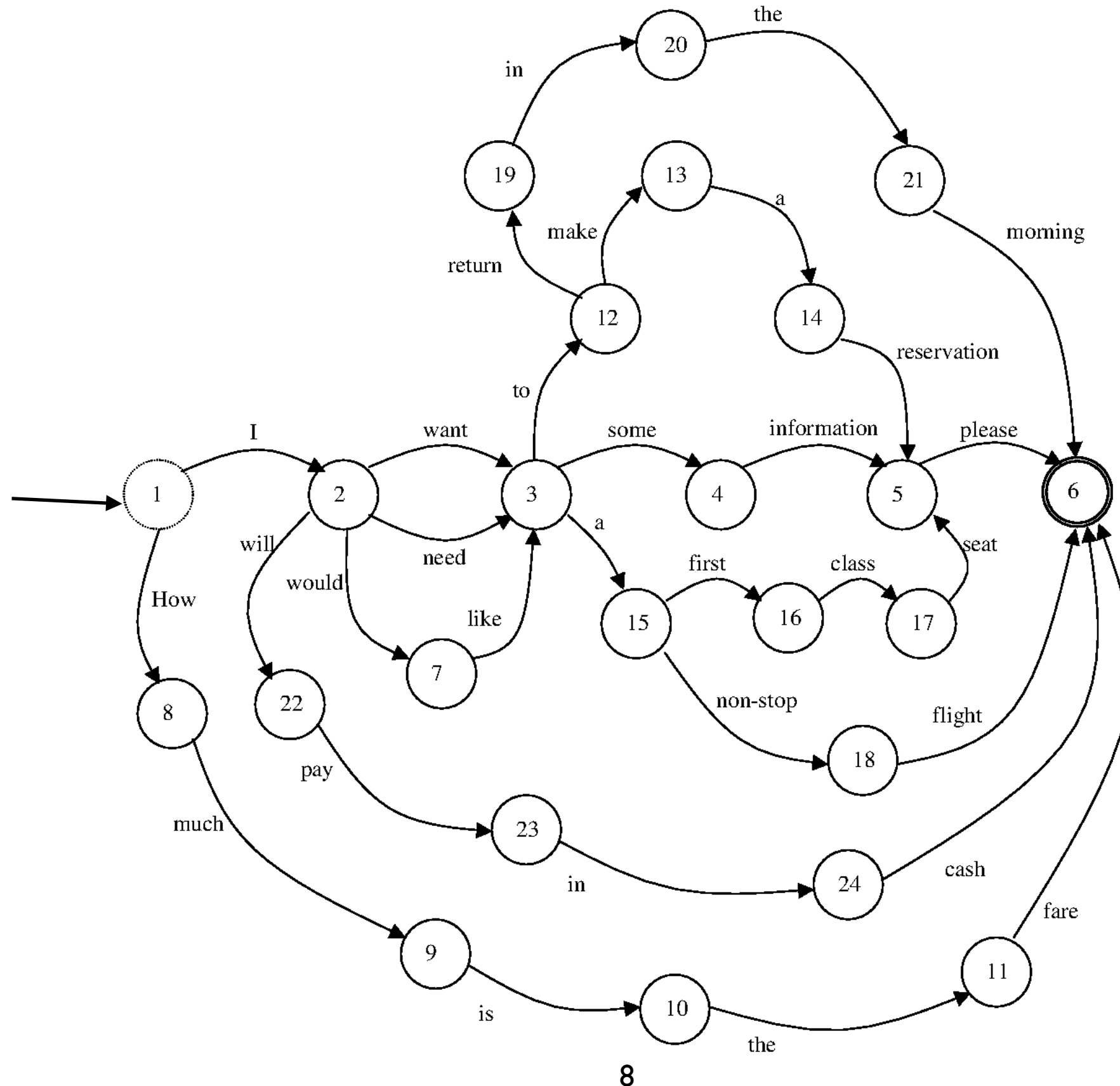
How to define an automaton

1. Identify the admissible **states** of the system
(*Optional: mark some states as error states*)
2. **Add transitions**
to move from one state to another
(no transition to recover from error states)
3. Set the **initial state**
4. (*Optional: mark some states as **final states***)

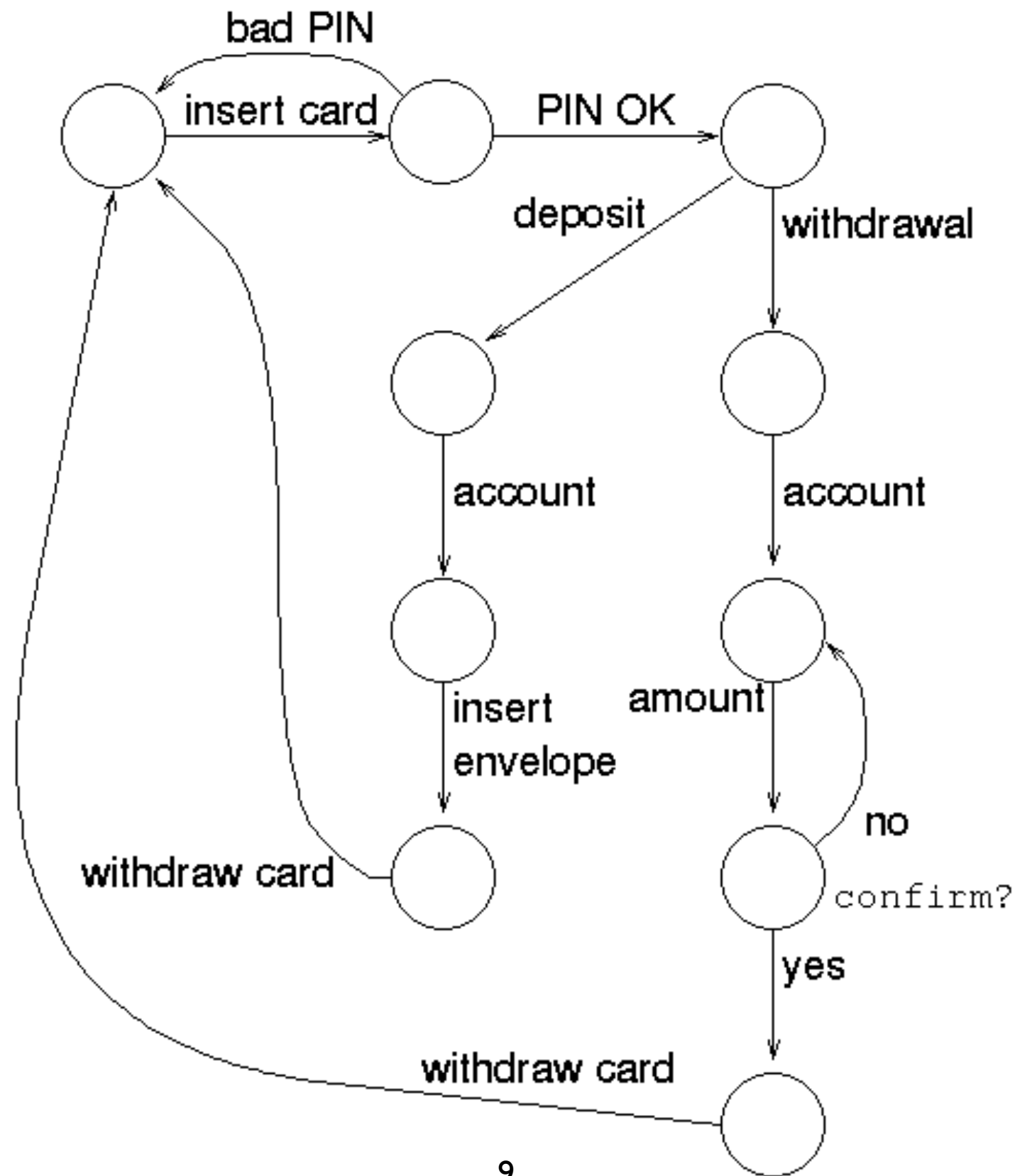
Example: Turnstile



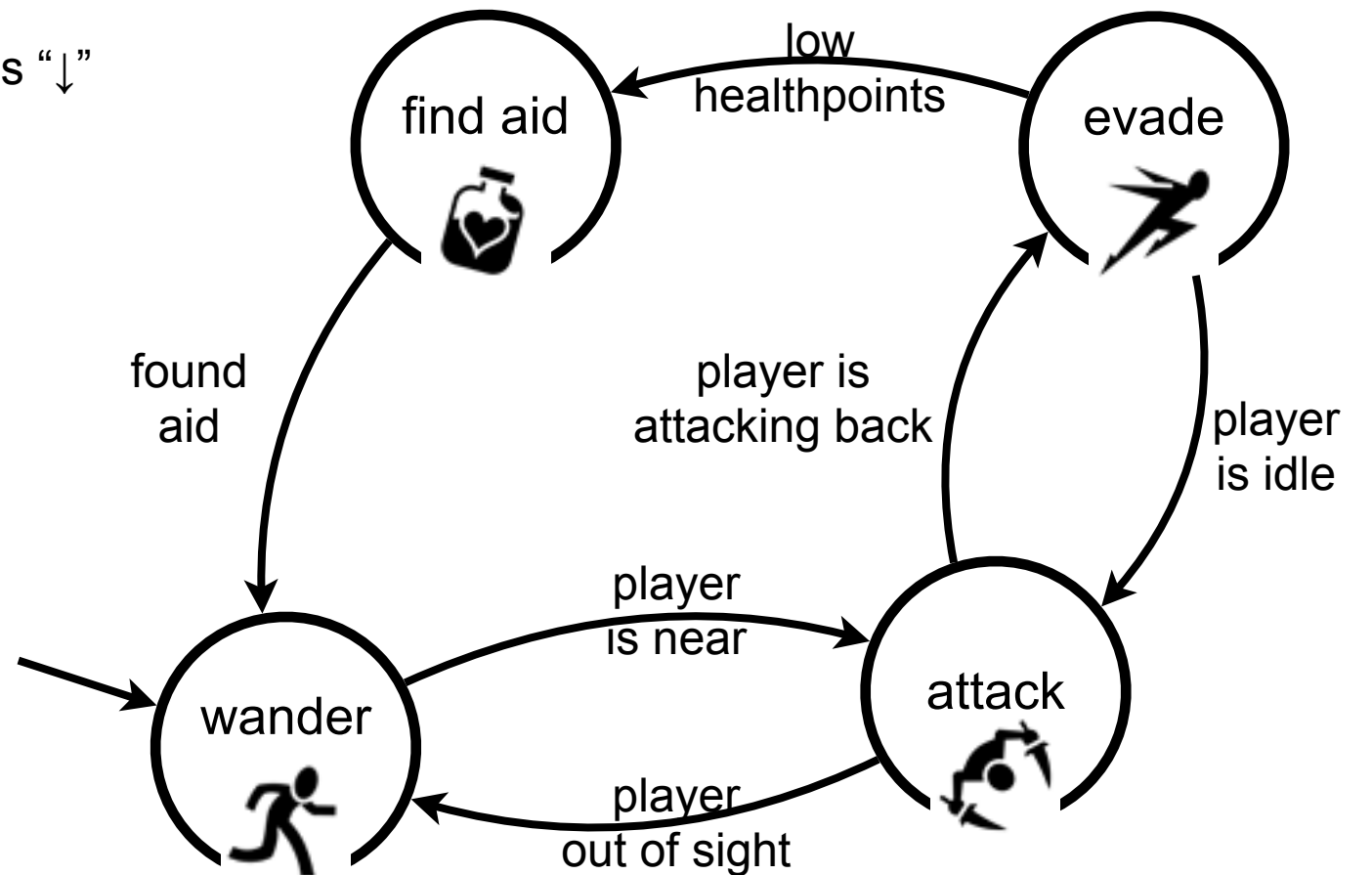
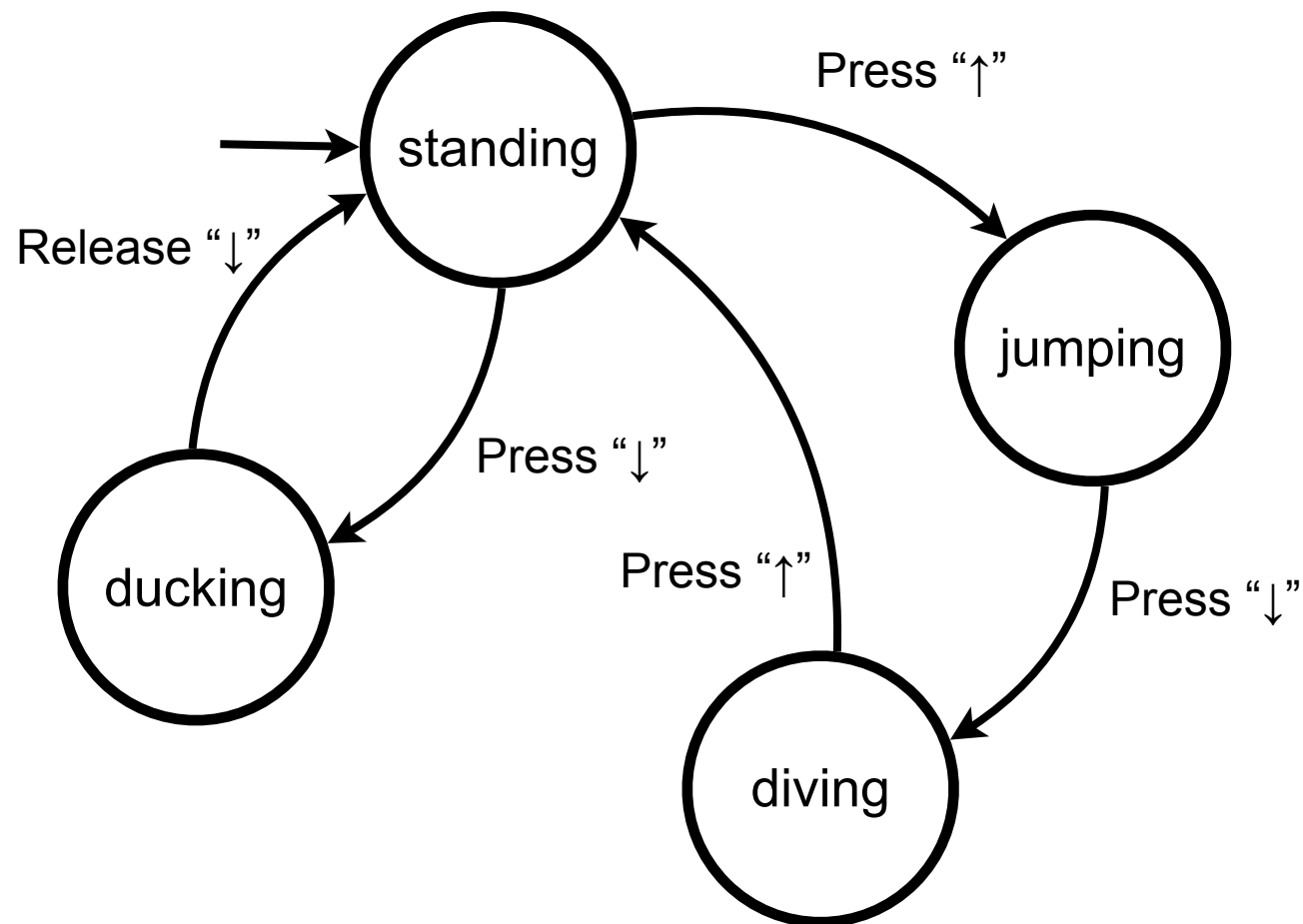
Example: Language Processing



Example: ATM



Other examples



Finite state automata,
formally

So far, which category for this course?

Subjects are divided in two categories:

- 1) too difficult matters, that CANNOT be studied*
 - 2) easy matters, that DO NOT NEED to be studied*
- back of a t-shirt

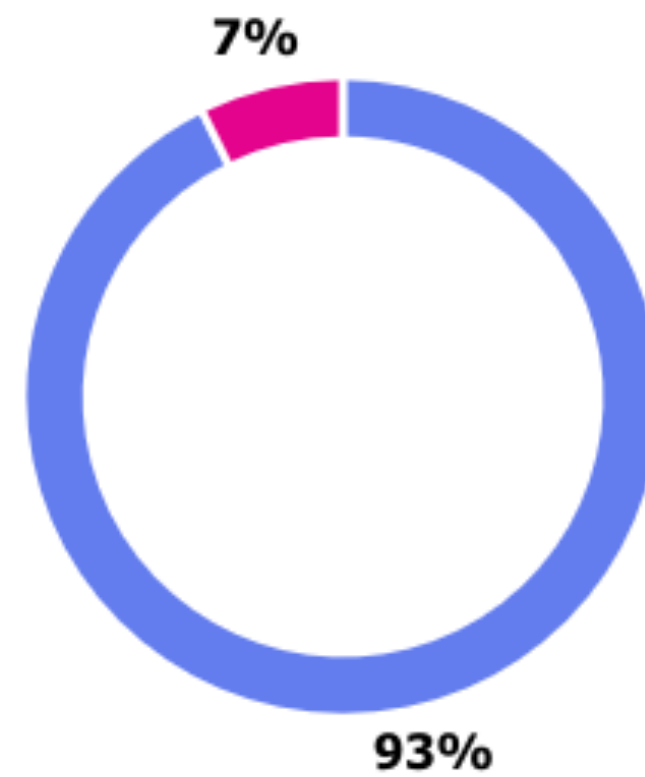
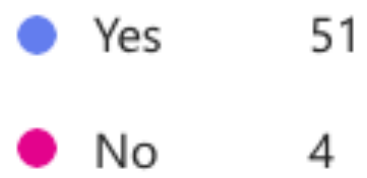


Let us take a U-turn!

Preliminaries

8. Are you familiar with set notation?

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Set notation

$\emptyset$

$A \cap B$

$A \cup B$

$A \setminus B$
 $A - B$

$\overline{A}$

$a \in A$

$A = B$

$A \subseteq B$

$A \subset B$

$A \times B$

$a \notin A$

$A \neq B$

$A \not\subseteq B$

$\wp(A)$

$A \cap B = \emptyset$

$\mathbb{N}$

$\mathbb{Z}$

$\mathbb{Q}$

$\mathbb{R}$

$\mathbb{B}$

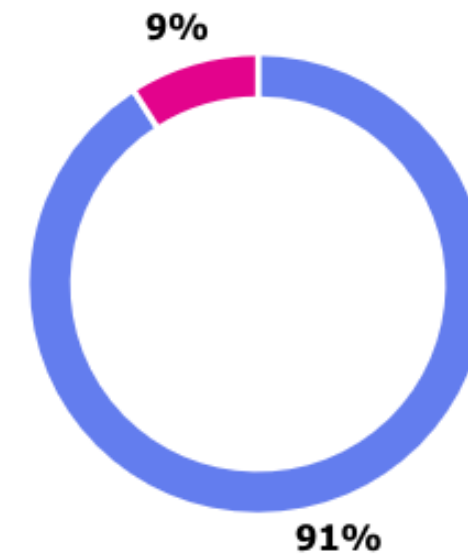
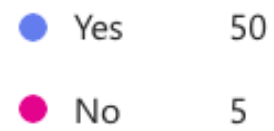
$N \subseteq \mathbb{N}$

$N \in \wp(\mathbb{N})$

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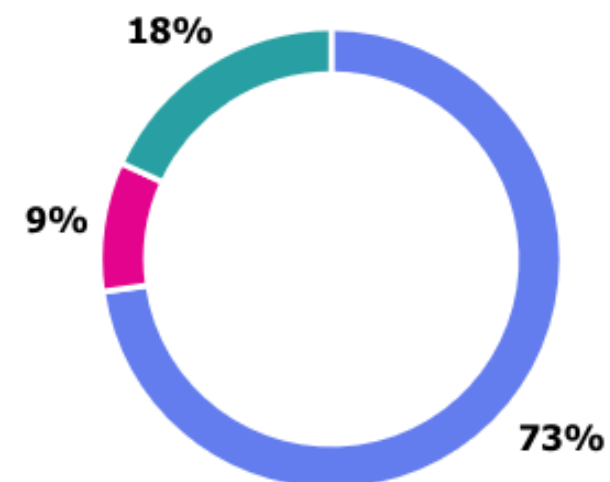
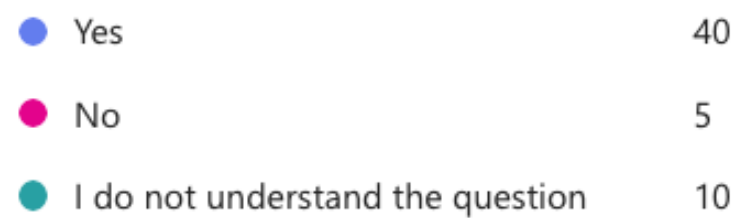
9. Are you familiar with functions ($f:A \rightarrow B$) and relations?

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10. Do you agree that a subset S of A can be seen as a function from A to the set of Booleans?

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Functions, relations

$$f : A \rightarrow B$$

$$R \subseteq A \times B$$

functions as relations

$$R_f \triangleq \{(a, f(a)) \mid a \in A\}$$

sets as functions
(characteristic function)

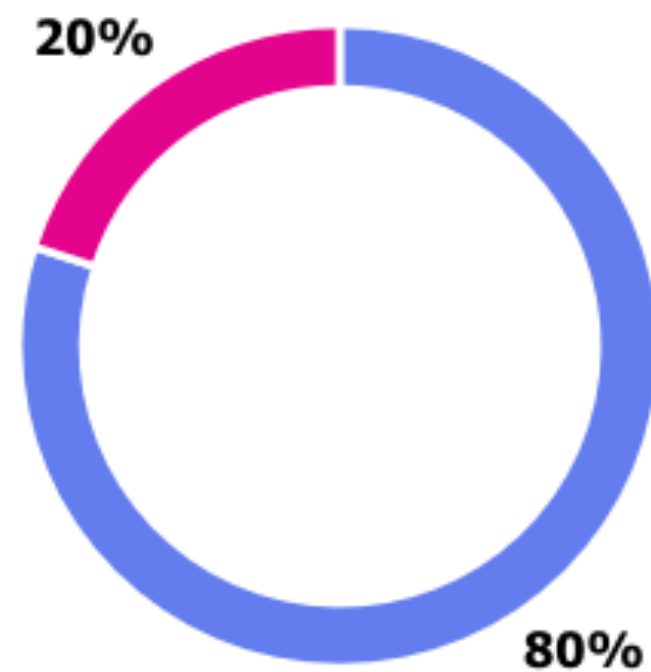
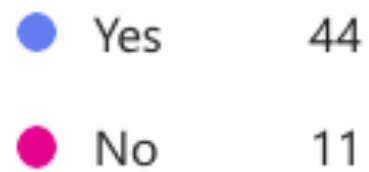
$$f_N : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$$

$$f_N(n) \triangleq \begin{cases} 1 & n \in N \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$N = \{n \mid f_N(n) = 1\}$$

12. Are you familiar with propositional logic?

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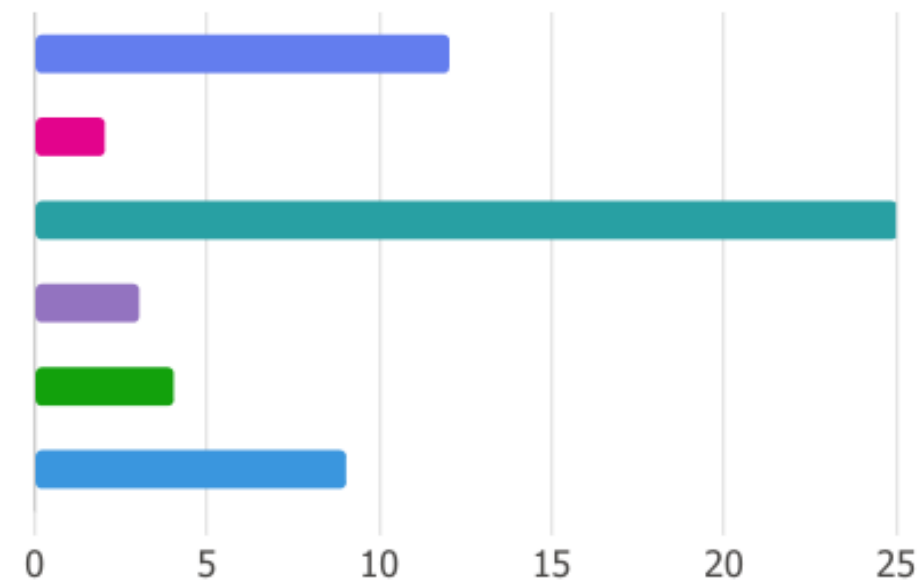
First order logic

ff	false	tt	true			
0	F	1	T	$P \wedge Q$	$P \vee Q$	$\neg P$
	$\exists x. P(x)$	$\forall x. P(x)$		$P \Rightarrow Q$	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$	

13. Logical implication "P implies Q" (also written " $P \Rightarrow Q$ ") is equivalent to:

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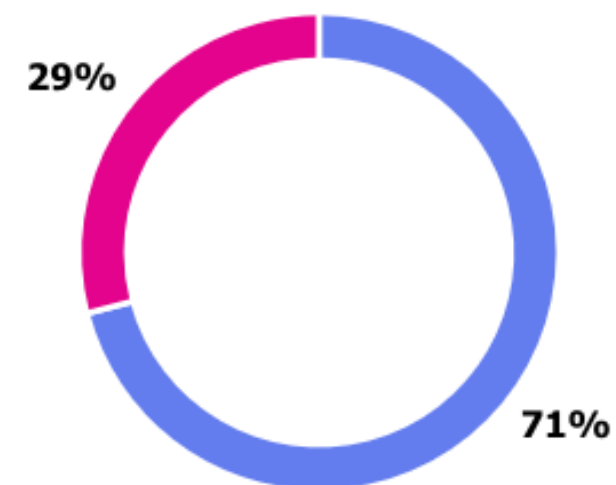
● P and Q	12
● P or Q	2
● (not P) or Q	25
● P or (not Q)	3
● (not P) or (not Q)	4
● none of the above	9



14. Do you agree that "P implies Q" is logically equivalent to "(not Q) implies (not P)"?

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● Yes	39
● No	16



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meaning of implication!

$$P \Rightarrow Q$$

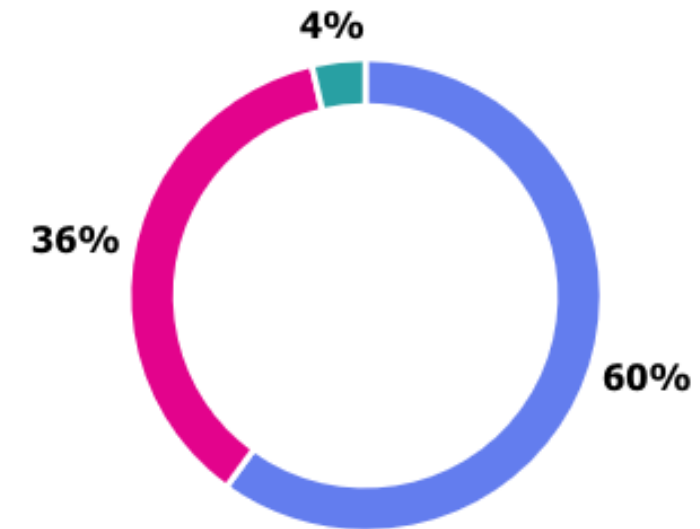
$$Q \vee \neg P$$

$$\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$$

15. Do you remember De Morgan's law about negation, conjunction and disjunction?

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● Yes	33
● No	20
● I do not understand the question	2



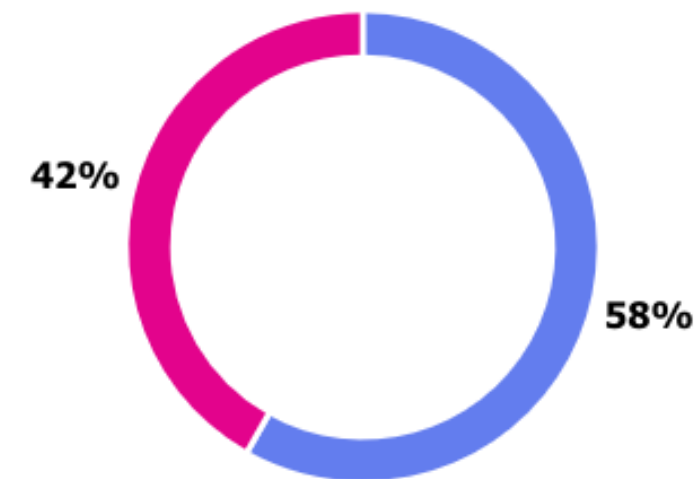
$$\neg(P \wedge Q) = (\neg P) \vee (\neg Q)$$

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16. Do you know what are the universal and existential quantifiers in predicate logic?

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● Yes	32
● No	23



$$\neg(\exists x . P) = \forall x . \neg P$$

$$\neg(\forall x . P) = \exists x . \neg P$$

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meaning of implication!

$$P \Rightarrow Q$$

$$Q \vee \neg P$$

$$\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$$

order of quantifiers matters!

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \exists m \in \mathbb{N}. n < m$$

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Sequences

Given a set A of symbols, we denote by A^n the set of finite sequences of **exactly n** elements in A , i.e.:

$$A^n = \{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n \mid a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A\}$$

$$\text{i.e., } A^n = \underbrace{A \times \cdots \times A}_n$$

We denote the **empty sequence** by ϵ

For example, when $A = \{0,1\}$

$$A^0 = \{\epsilon\} \qquad A^1 = A \qquad A^2 = \{00, 01, 10, 11\}$$

Kleene-star notation A^*

Given a set A of symbols, we denote by A^*
the set of **all finite sequences** of elements in A , i.e.:

$$A^* = \{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n \mid n \geq 0 \wedge a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A\}$$

Clearly, we have $A^* = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} A^n$

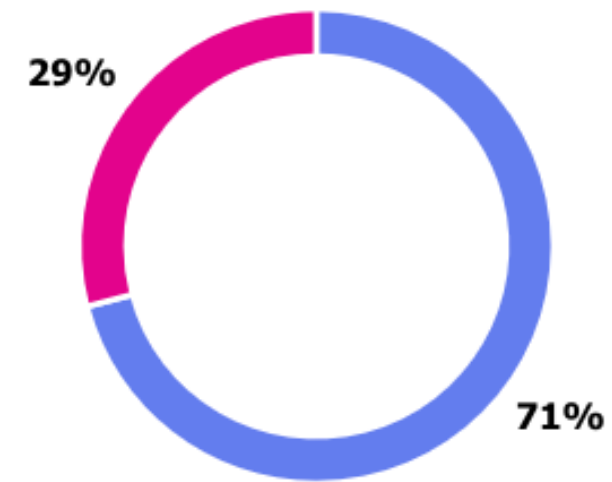
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17. Do you know what is an inductive definition?

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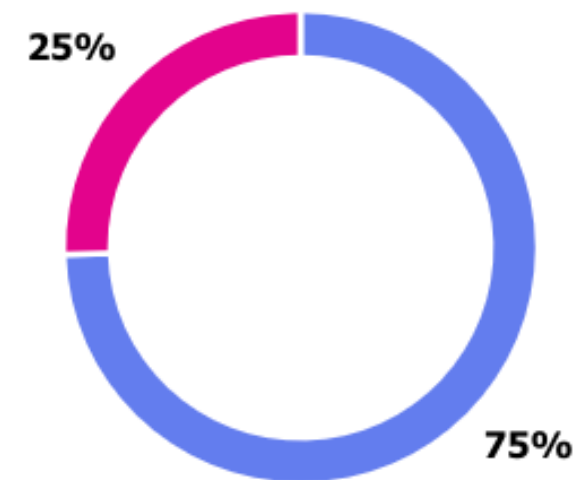
● Yes 39
● No 16



18. Do you know what is a recursive definition?

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● Yes 41
● No 14



Inductive definitions

A natural number is either:

- 0
- or the successor $n + 1$ of a natural number n

A sequence over the alphabet A is either:

- the empty sequence ϵ
- or the juxtaposition wa of a sequence w with an element a of A

Inductively defined functions

Let us define the exponential function k^n

base case: for any $k > 0$ we set
 $\text{exp}(k, 0) = 1$

inductive case: for any $k > 0, n \geq 0$ we set
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More complex
case

Simpler
case

Recursive definitions

$$\binom{n}{k} \triangleq \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!} \qquad \binom{n}{0} \triangleq 1$$
$$\binom{n+1}{k+1} \triangleq \frac{(n+1)}{k+1} \binom{n}{k}$$

$$f(n) \triangleq \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\ f(n/2) & \text{if } n > 1 \wedge n \% 2 = 0 \\ f(3n+1) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f(12) = f(6) = f(3) = f(10) = f(5) = f(16) = f(8) = f(4) = f(2) = f(1) = 1$$

Inductive definitions

$$\begin{aligned} 0! &\triangleq 1 \\ (n+1)! &\triangleq n! \cdot (n+1) \end{aligned}$$

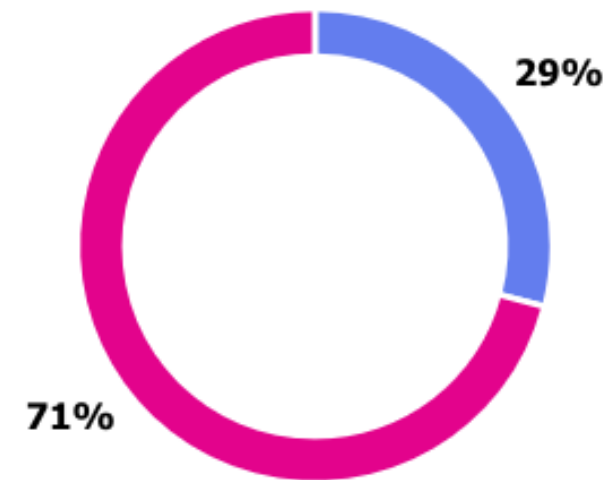
$$\begin{aligned} A^0 &\triangleq \{\epsilon\} \\ A^{(n+1)} &\triangleq A \times A^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\epsilon| &\triangleq 0 \\ |w \ a| &\triangleq |w| + 1 \end{aligned}$$

21. Do you know what is a Finite State Automata?

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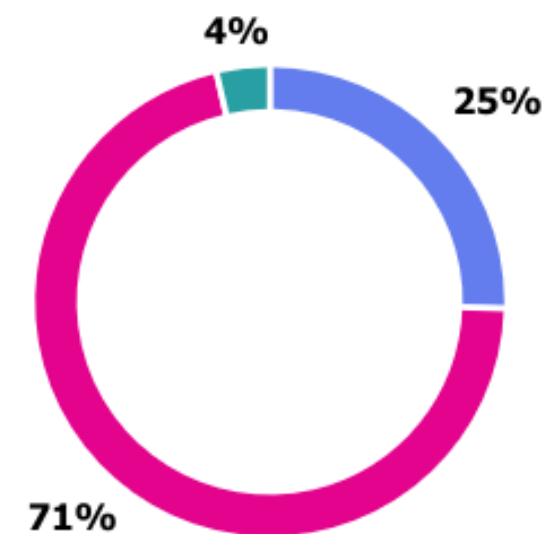
● Yes	16
● No	39



22. Do you know what is the language recognized by an automata?

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● Yes	14
● No	39
● I do not understand the question	2



Don't be scared!

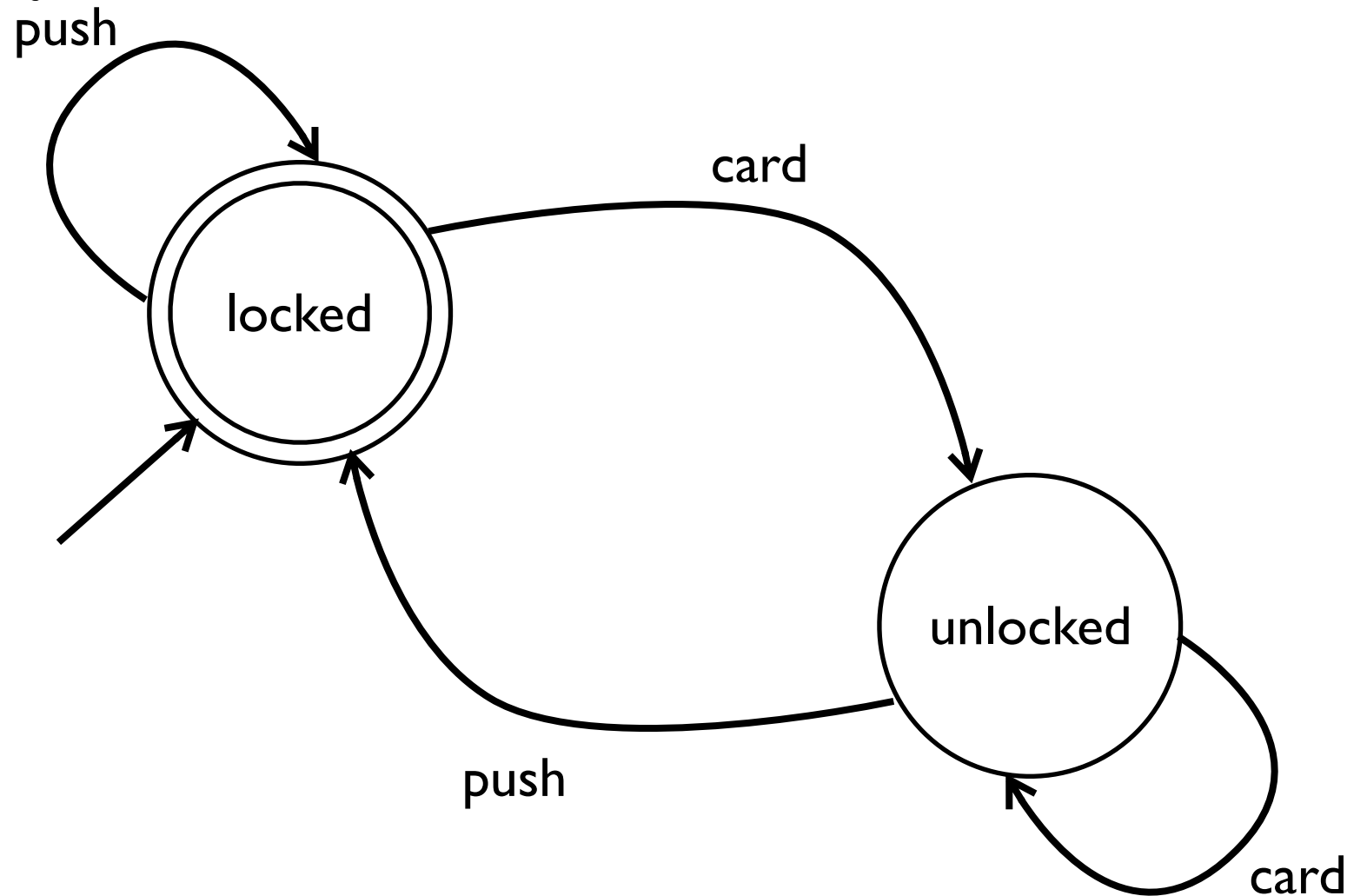


DFA

A **Deterministic Finite Automaton (DFA)** is a tuple $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$, where

- Q is a finite set of states;
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$$\Sigma = \{\text{push}, \text{card}\}$$

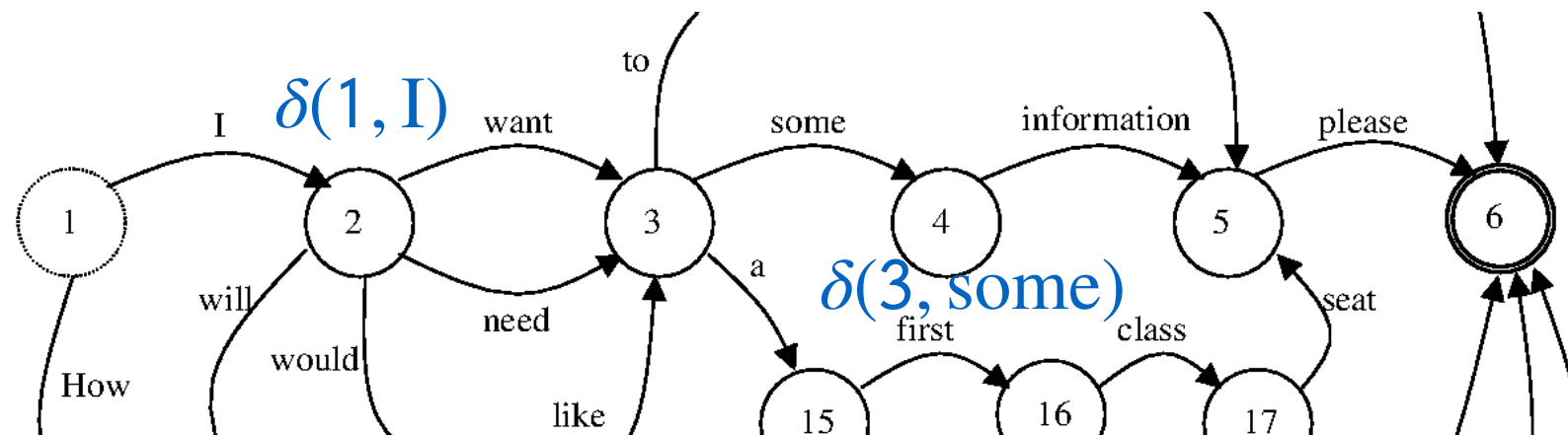
$$\delta(\text{locked}, \text{card}) = \text{unlocked}$$

$$q_0 = \text{locked}$$

$$F = \{\text{locked}\}$$

Transition function

Given the current state q and the input a
the next state is $\delta(q, a)$

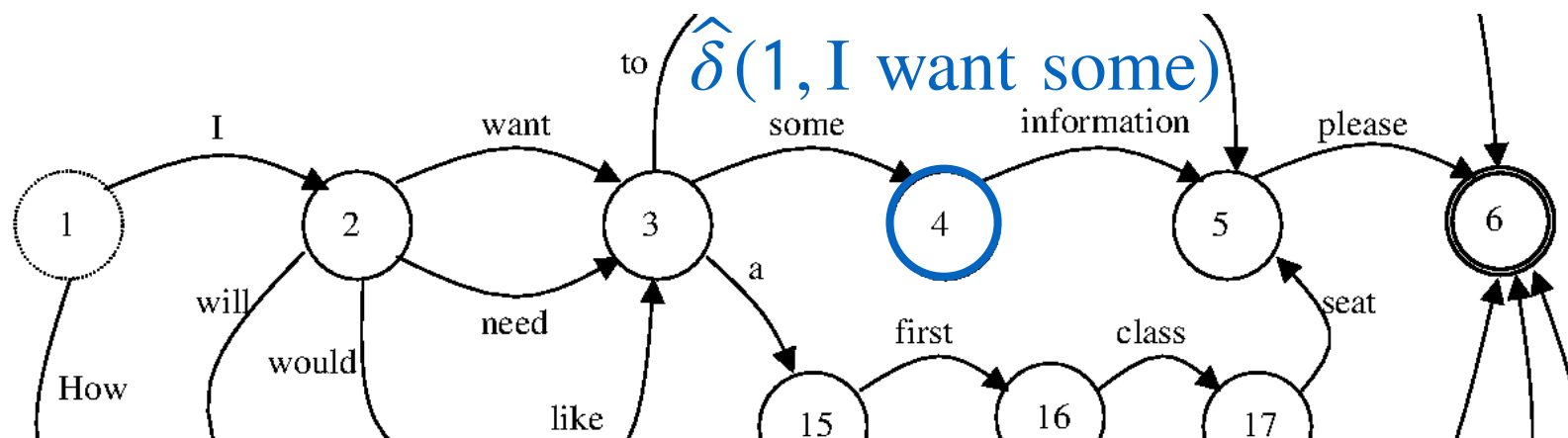


Extended transition function (destination function)

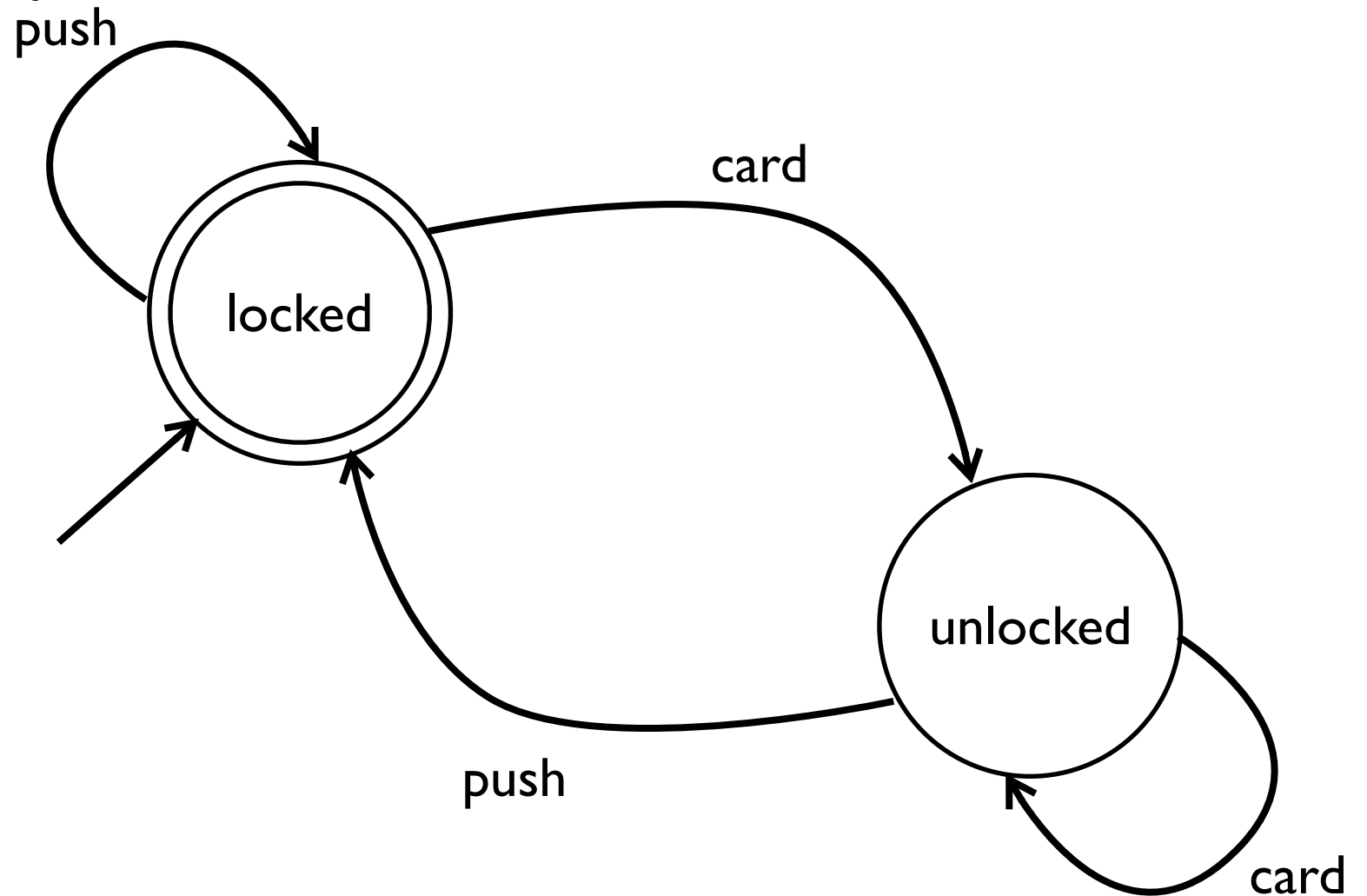
Given the current state q and the input sequence w
the state we reach is $\hat{\delta}(q, w)$

$$w = a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n$$

$$\hat{\delta}(q, w) = \delta(\delta(\cdots \delta(\delta(q, a_1), a_2), \cdots), a_n)$$



Example: Turnstile



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$\hat{\delta}(\text{locked}, \epsilon) = \text{locked}$

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$\hat{\delta}(\text{locked}, \text{card card}) = \text{unlocked}$

$\hat{\delta}(\text{locked}, \text{card card push}) = \text{locked}$

Extended transition function (destination function)

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base case: For any $q \in Q$ we let

$$\hat{\delta}(q, \epsilon) \triangleq q$$

inductive case: For any $q \in Q, a \in \Sigma, w \in \Sigma^*$ we let

$$\hat{\delta}(q, wa) \triangleq \delta(\hat{\delta}(q, w), a)$$

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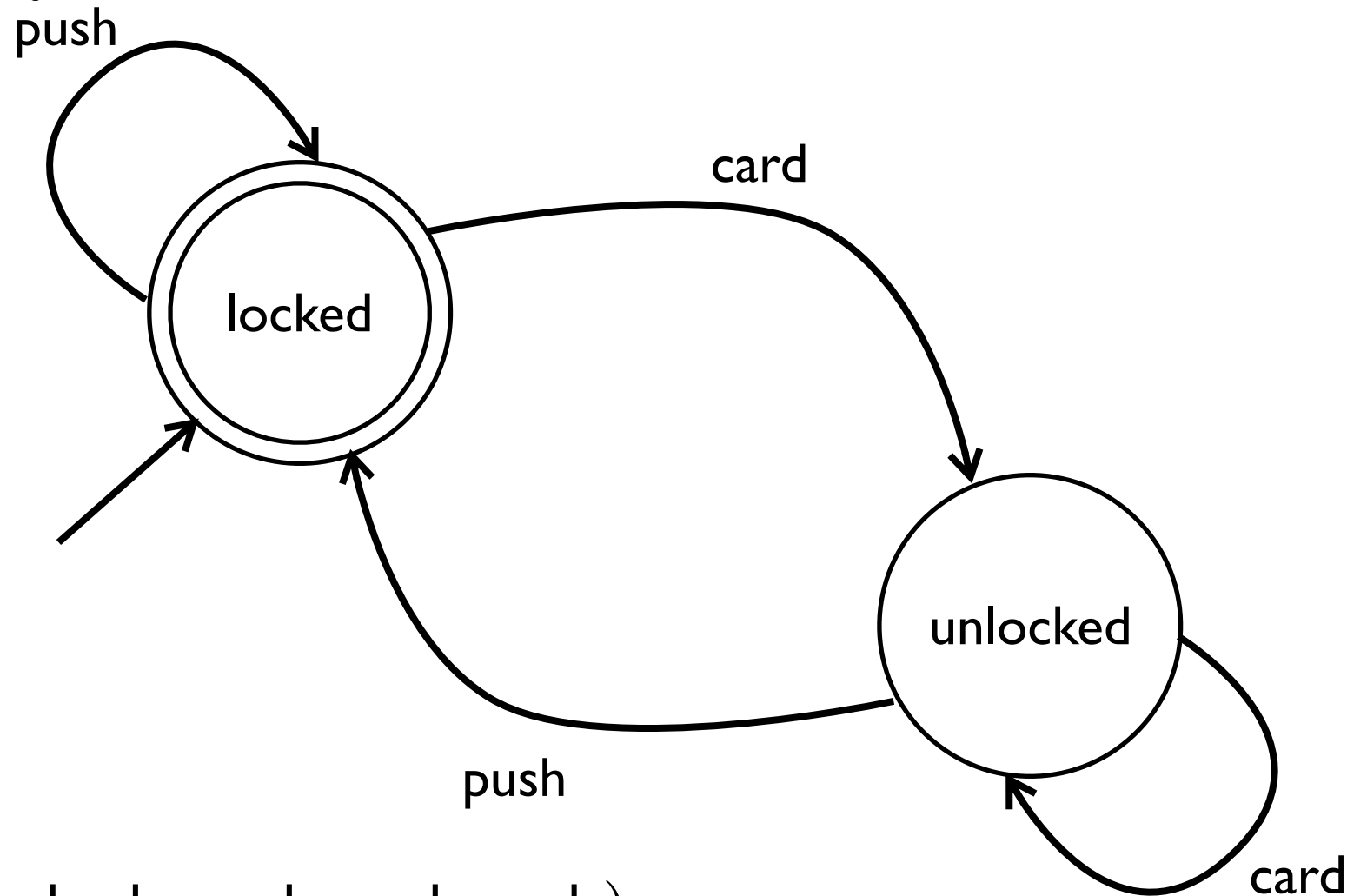
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More complex **Simpler**
case **case**

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Example: Turnstile



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 &= \delta(\delta(\text{unlocked}, \text{card}), \text{push}) \\
 &= \delta(\text{unlocked}, \text{push}) = \text{locked}
 \end{aligned}$$

String processing

Given $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ and $w \in \Sigma^*$ we say that A **accept** w iff

$$\hat{\delta}(q_0, w) \in F$$

The **language** of $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ is

$$L(A) = \{ w \mid \hat{\delta}(q_0, w) \in F \}$$

Transition diagram

We represent $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ as a graph s.t.

- Q is the set of nodes;
- $\{ q \xrightarrow{a} q' \mid q' = \delta(q, a) \}$ is the set of arcs.

Plus some graphical conventions:

- there is one special arrow $Start$ with $\xrightarrow{Start} q_0$
- nodes in F are marked by double circles;
- nodes in $Q \setminus F$ are marked by single circles.

String processing as paths

A DFA accepts a string w , if there is a path in its transition diagram such that:

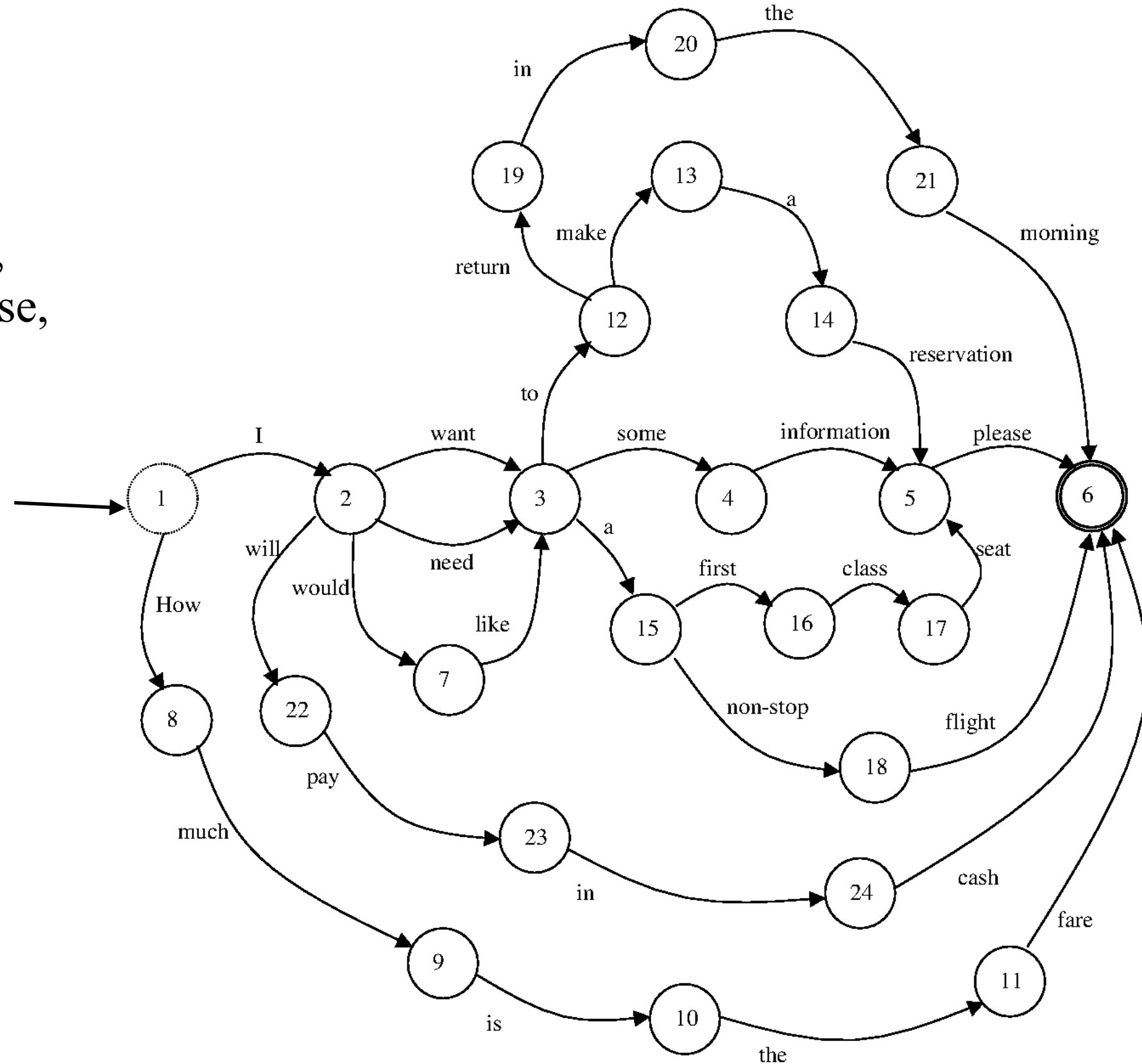
it starts from the initial state

it ends in one final state

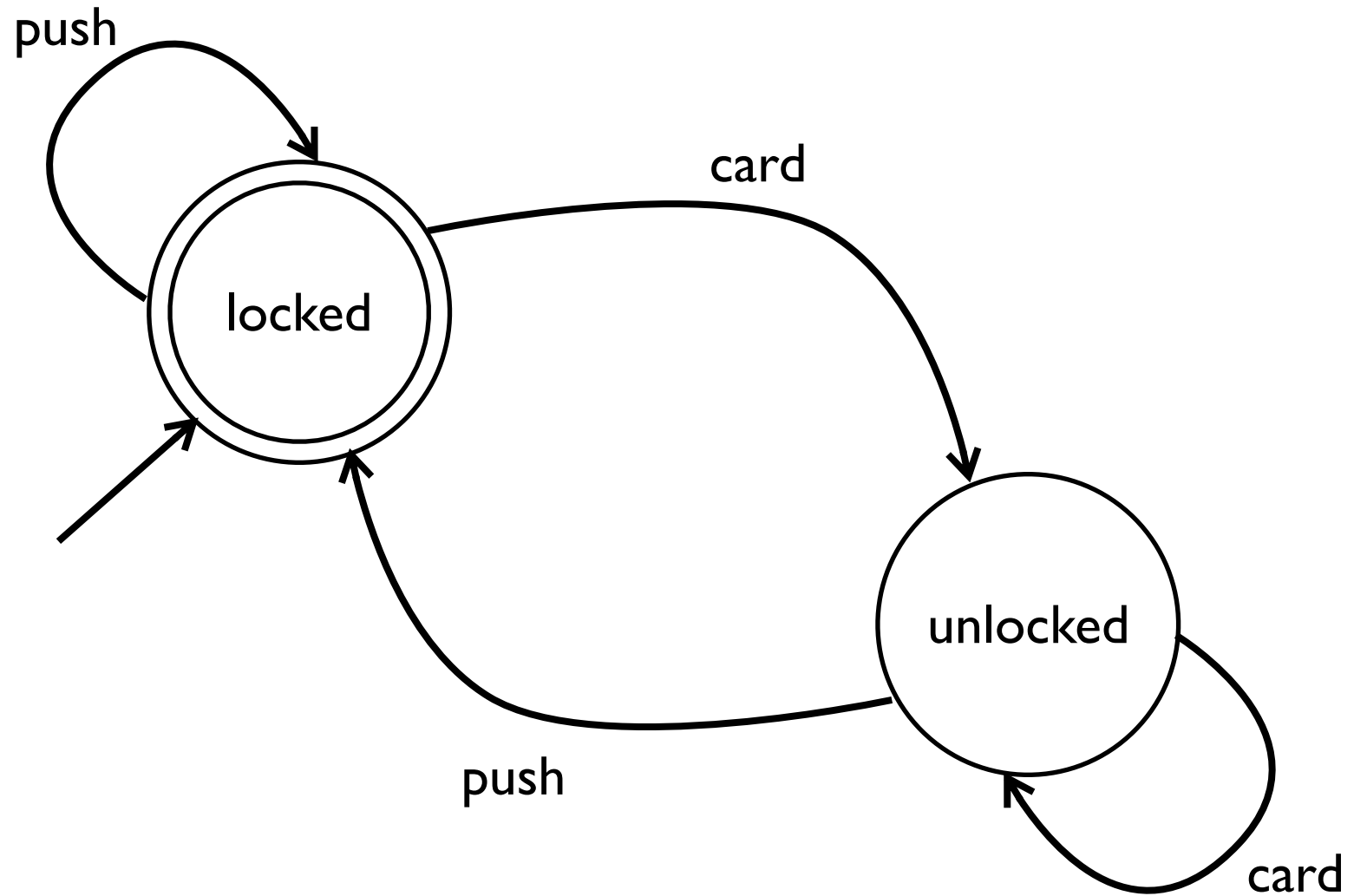
the sequence of labels in the path is exactly w

Example: Language Processing

$L(A) = \{$
How much is the fare,
I will pay in cash,
I would like a non-stop flight,
I want some information please,
...
}



DFA: question time



What is $L(A)$?

Transition table

Conventional tabular representation

its rows are in correspondence with states

its columns are in correspondence with input symbols

its entries are the states reached after the transition

Plus some decoration

start state decorated with an arrow

all final states decorated with *

Transition table

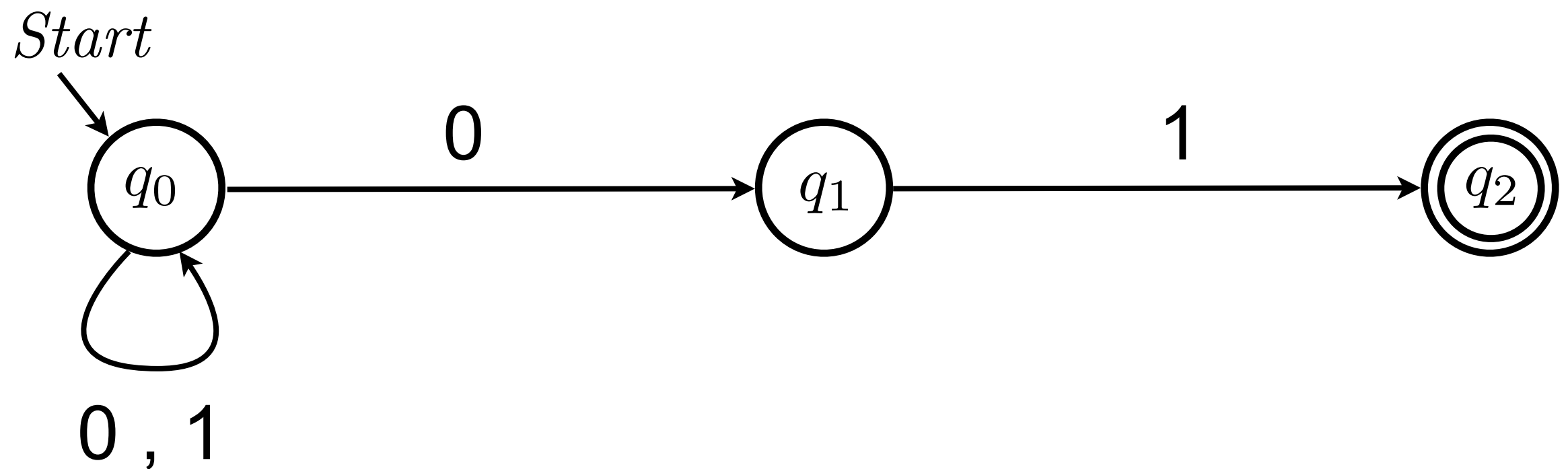
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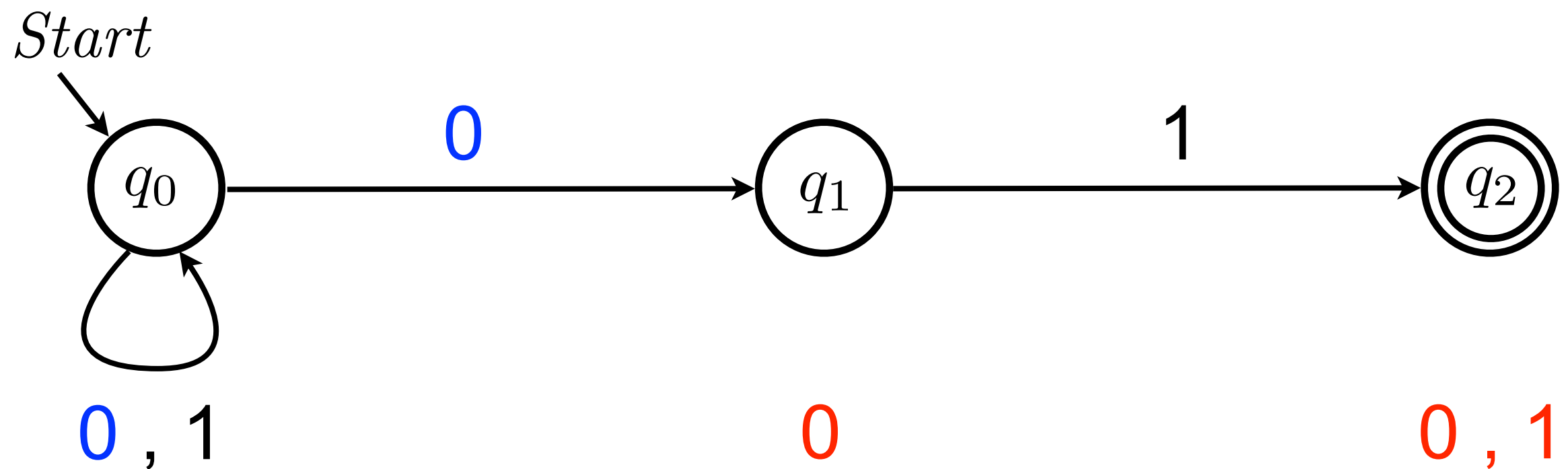
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NFA: example



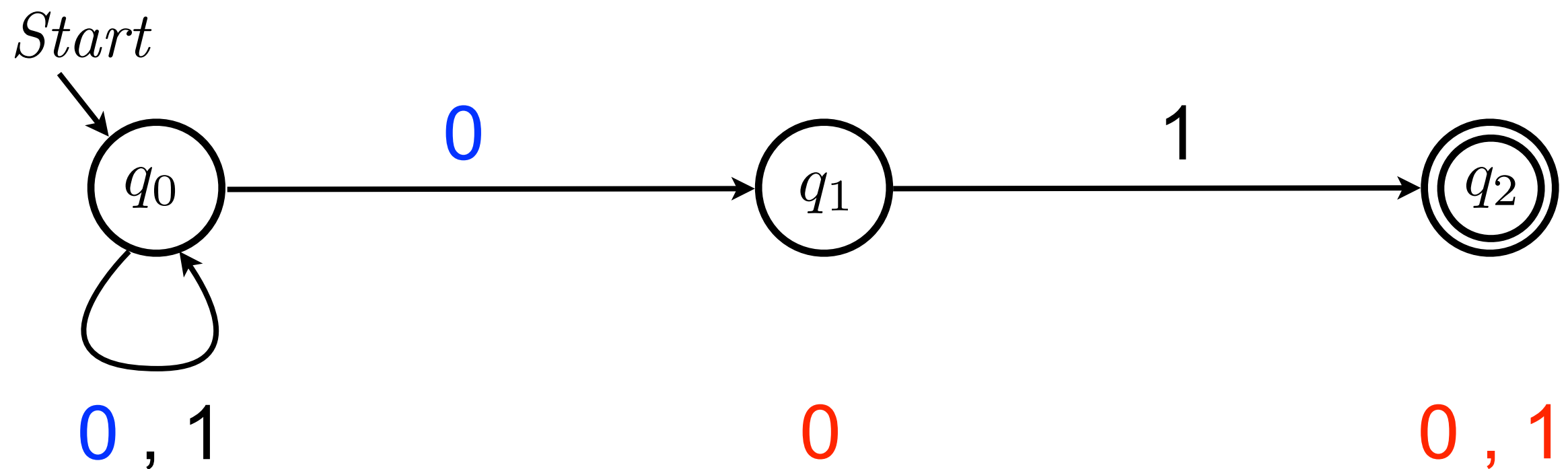
Can you explain why it is not a DFA?

NFA: example



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NFA: example



$$\delta(q_0, 0) = \{q_0, q_1\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, 1) = \{q_0\}$$

$$\delta(q_1, 0) = \emptyset$$

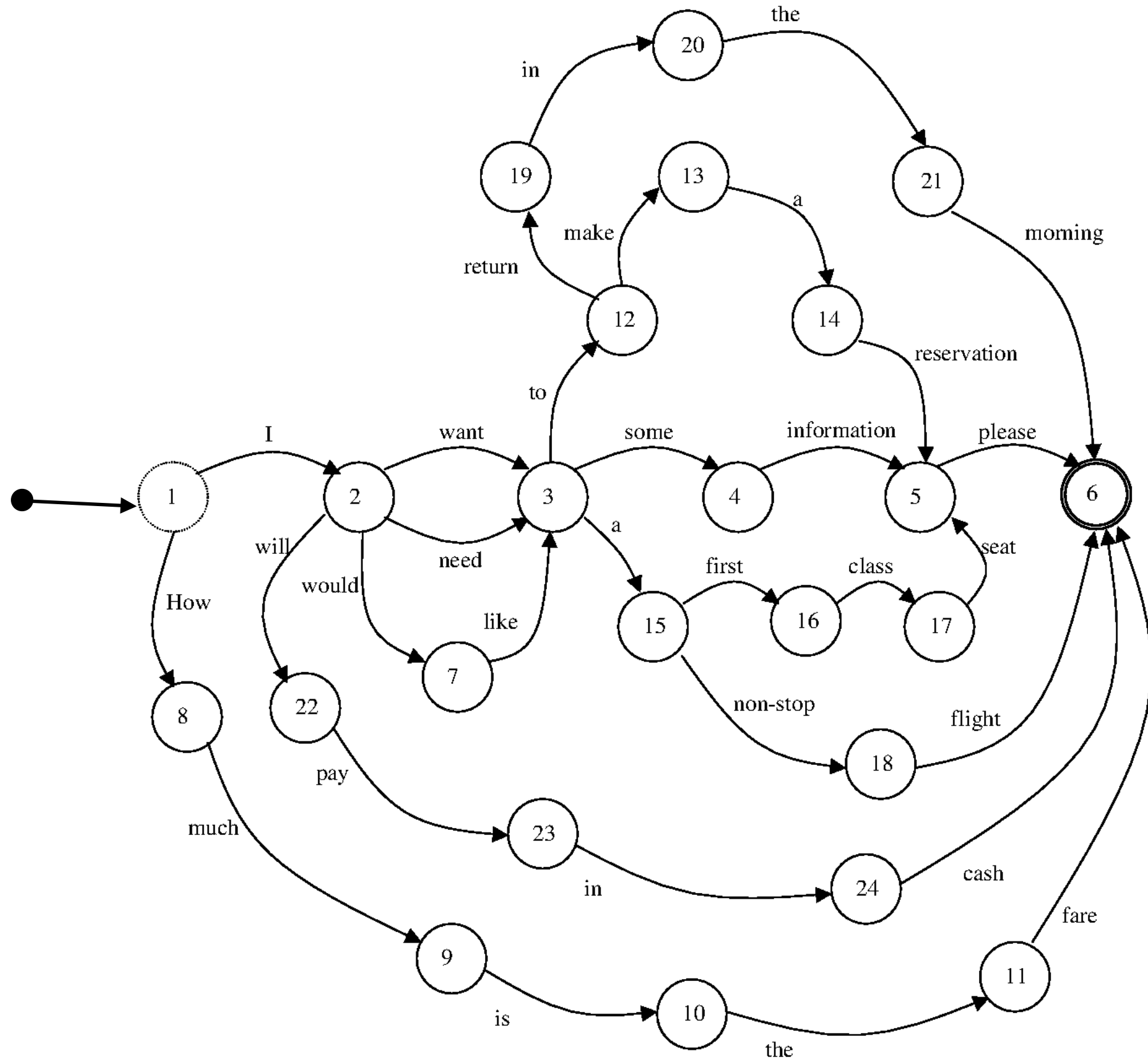
$$\delta(q_1, 1) = \{q_2\}$$

$$\delta(q_2, 0) = \delta(q_2, 1) = \emptyset$$

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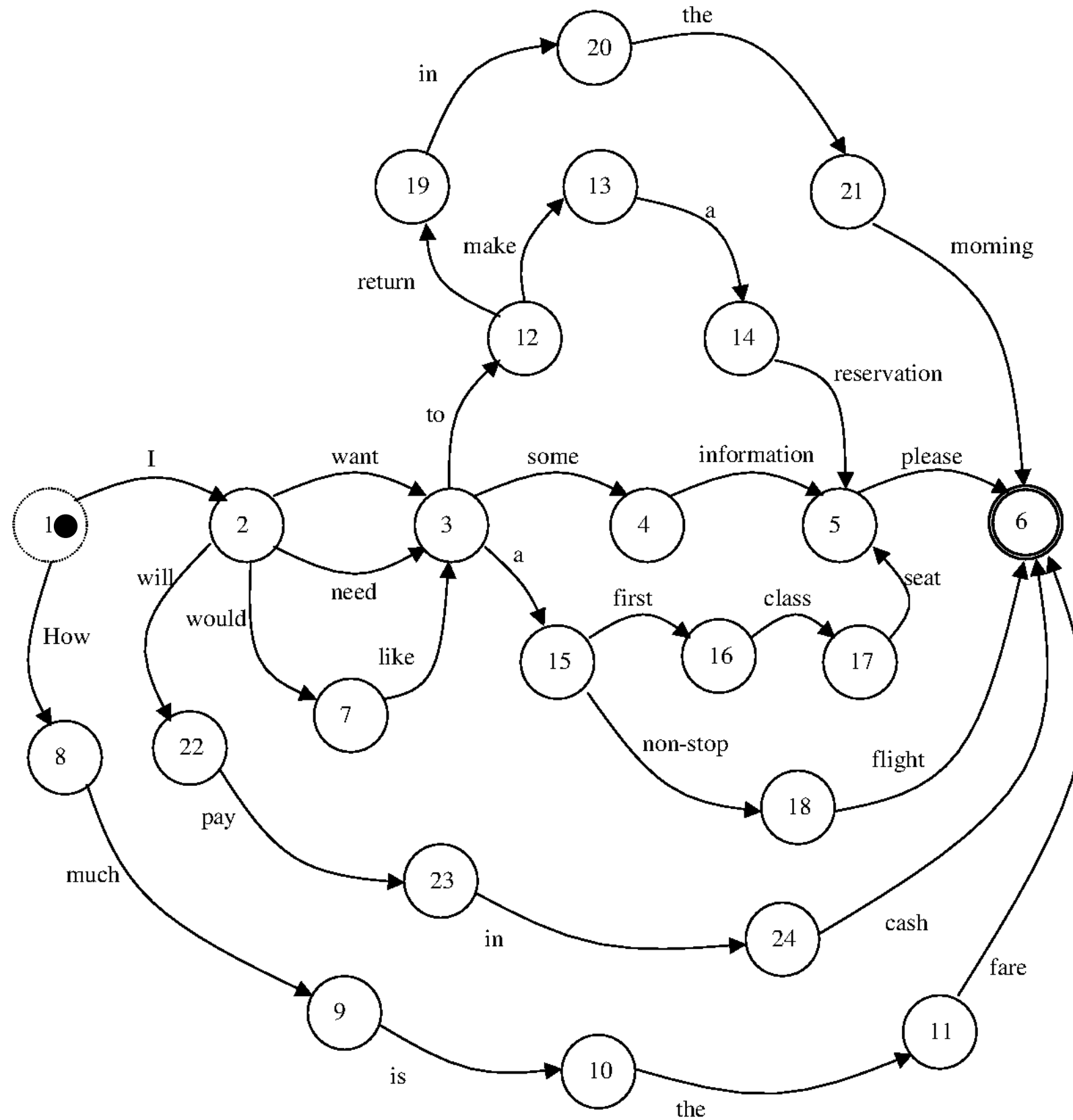
Reshaping

#1: get a token

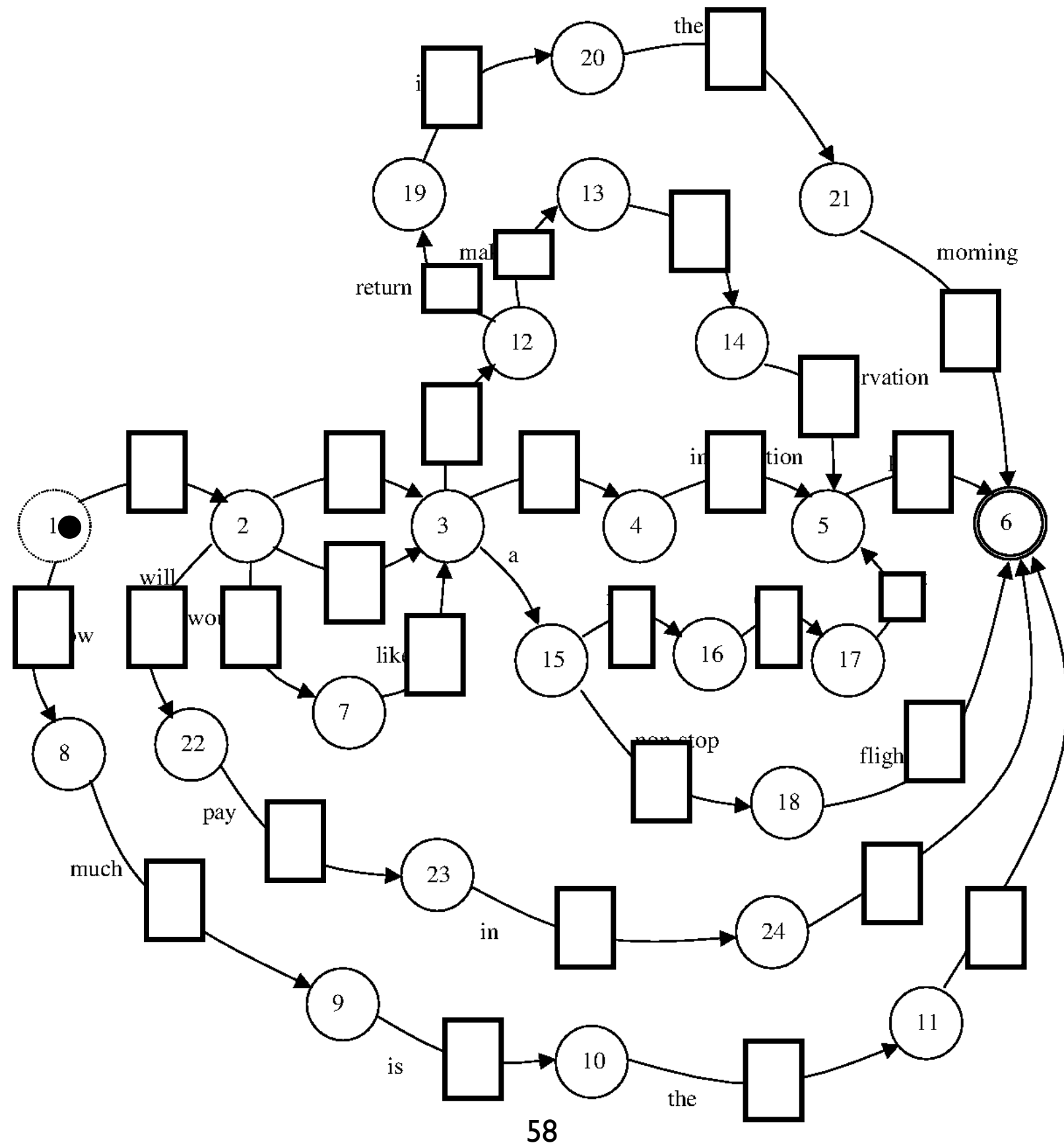


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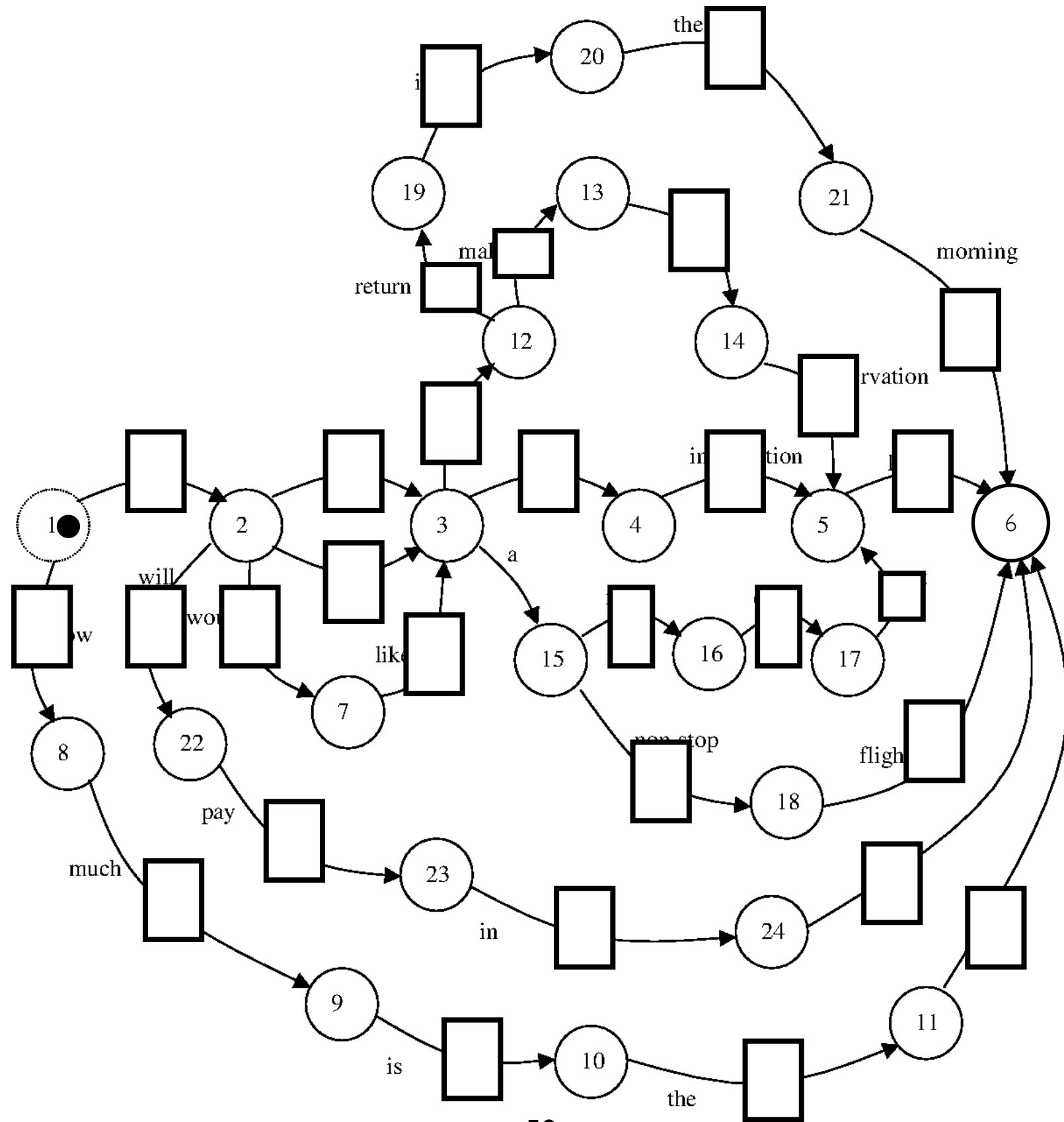
#2: drop initial state arrow



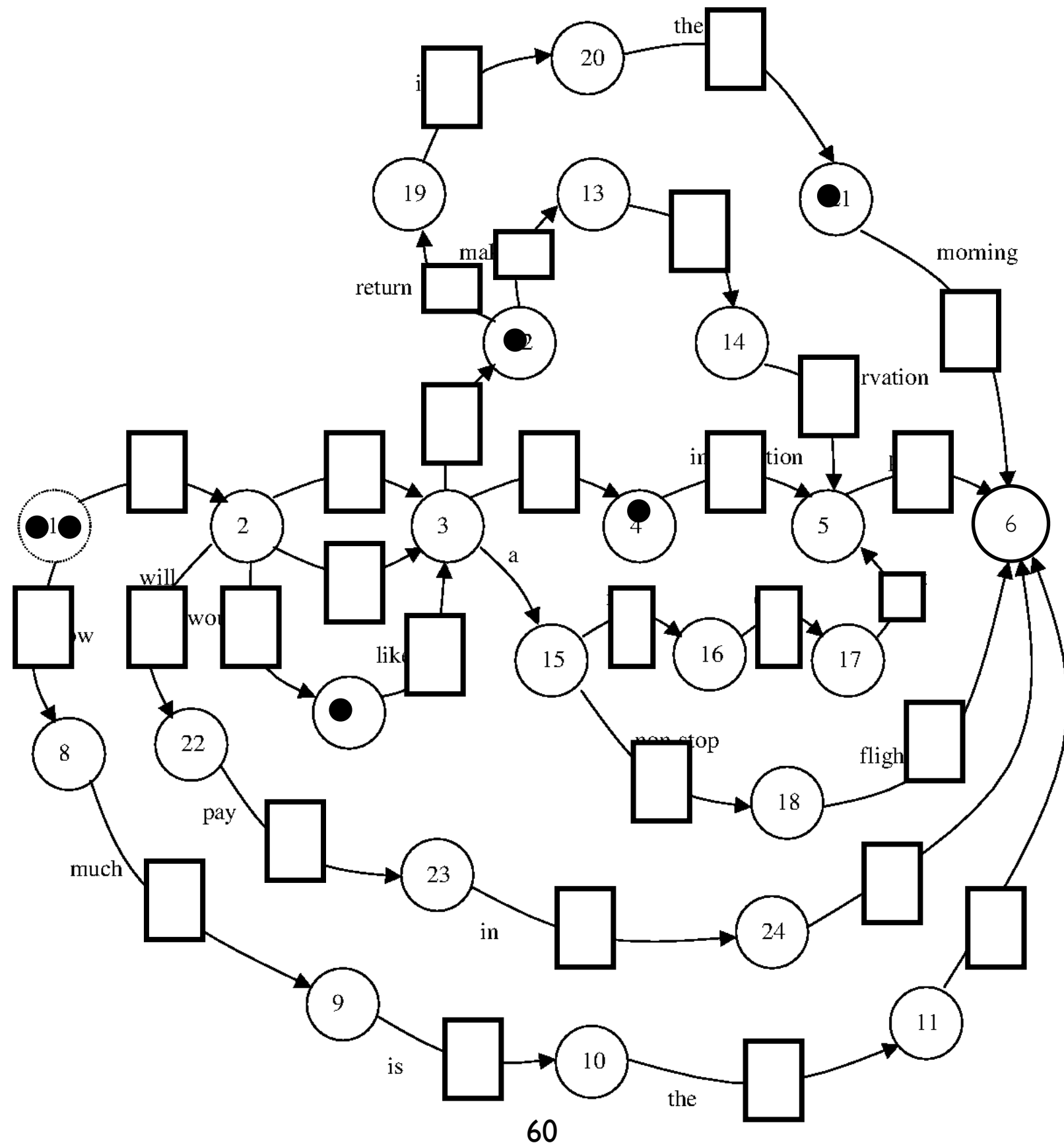
#3: transitions as boxes



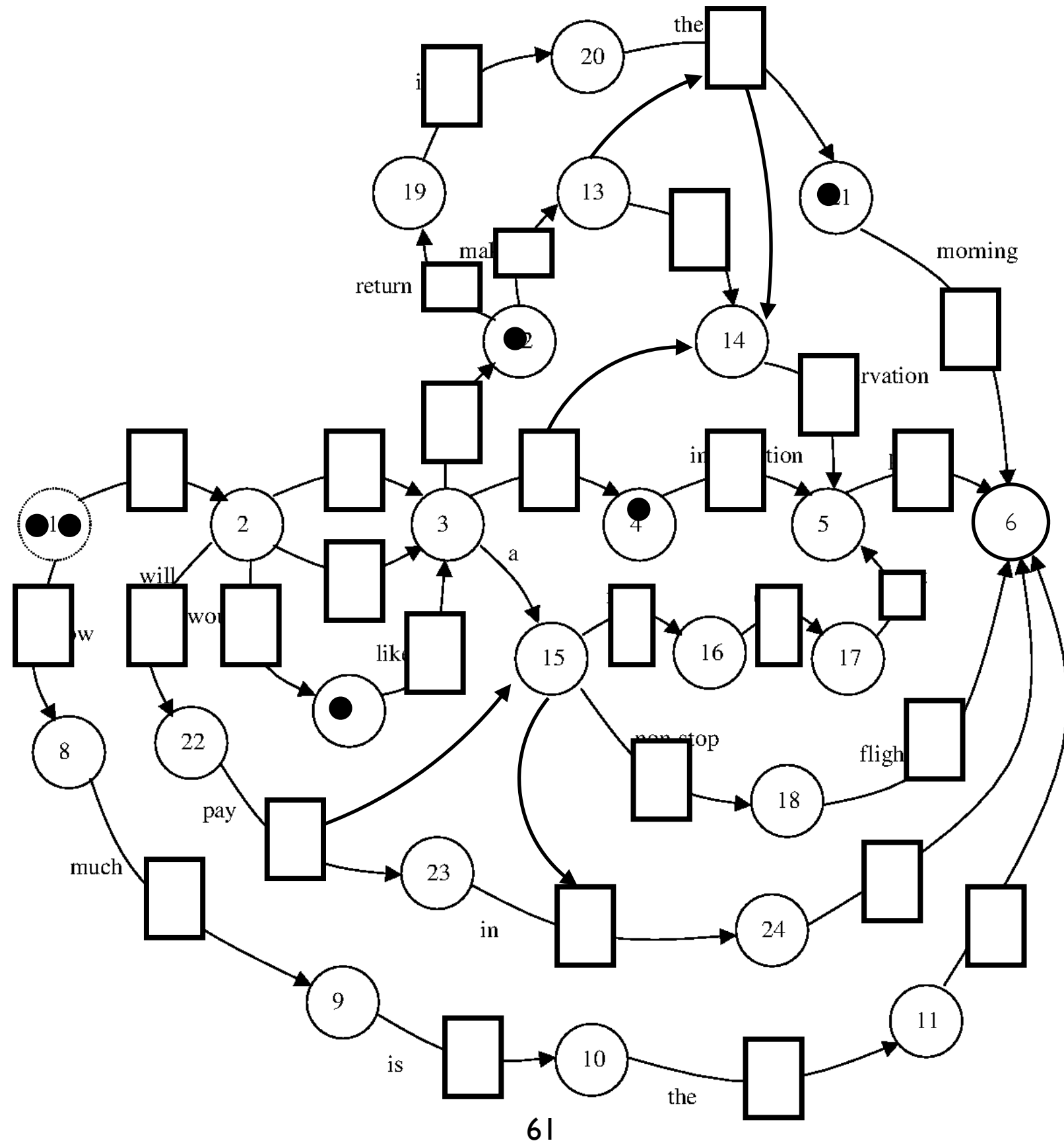
#4: forget final states



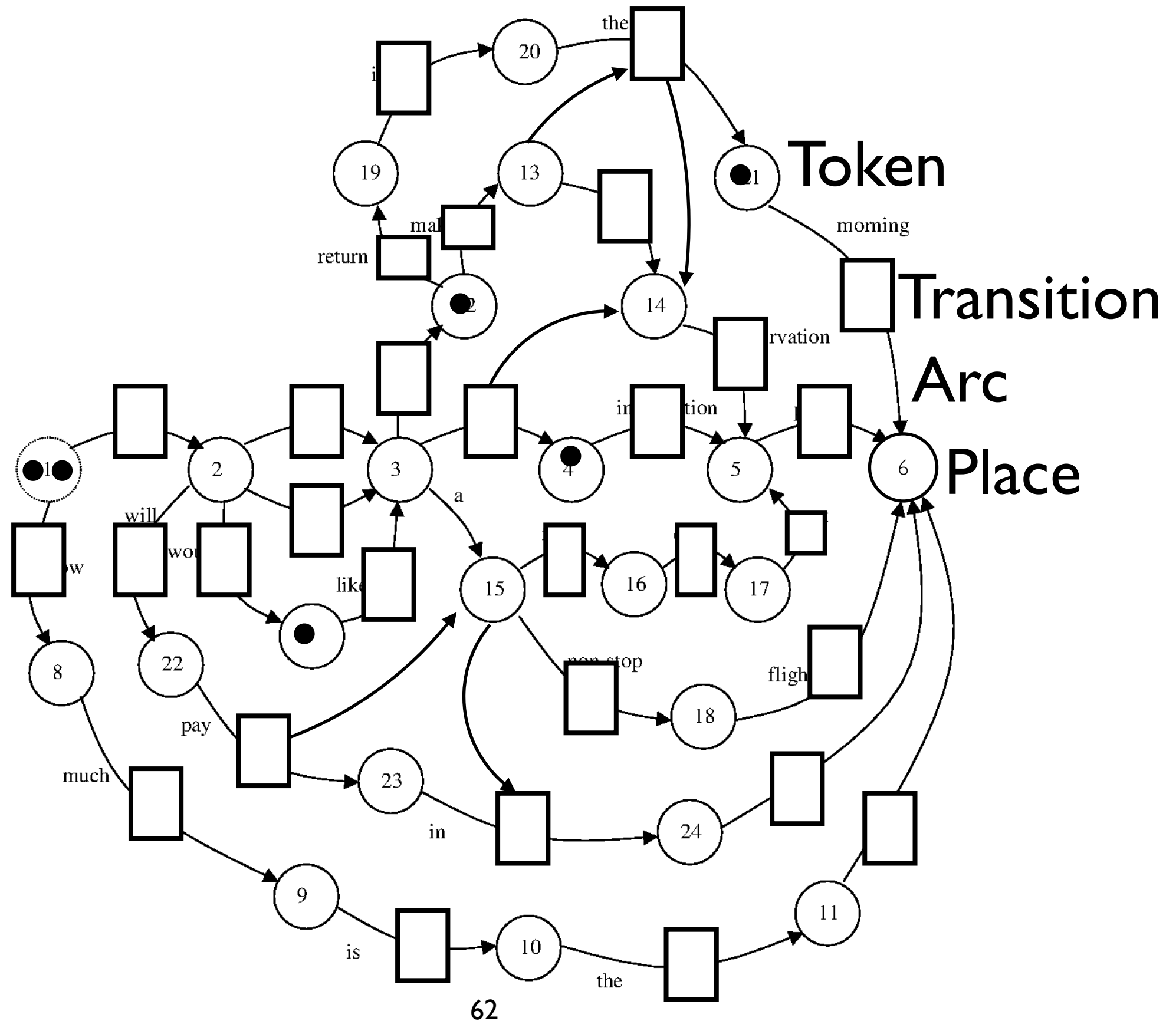
#5: add more tokens



#6: allow for more arcs



Terminology



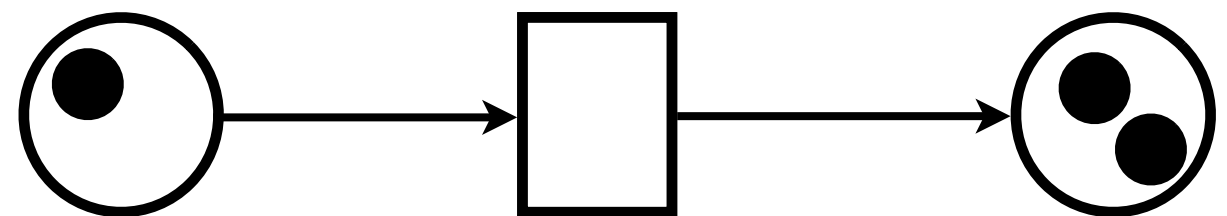
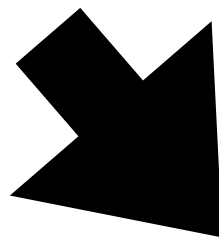
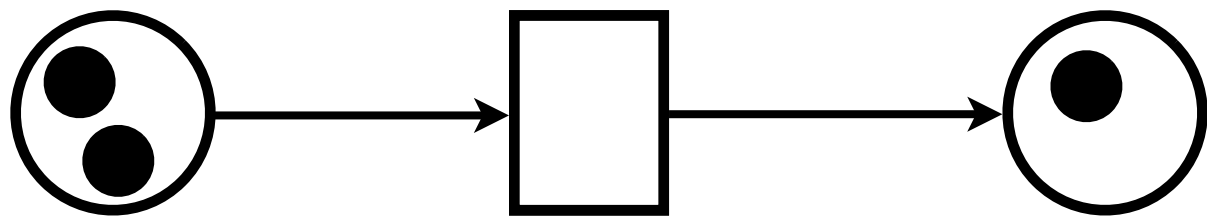
Some facts

Nets are **bipartite graphs**:
arcs never connect two places
arcs never connect two transitions

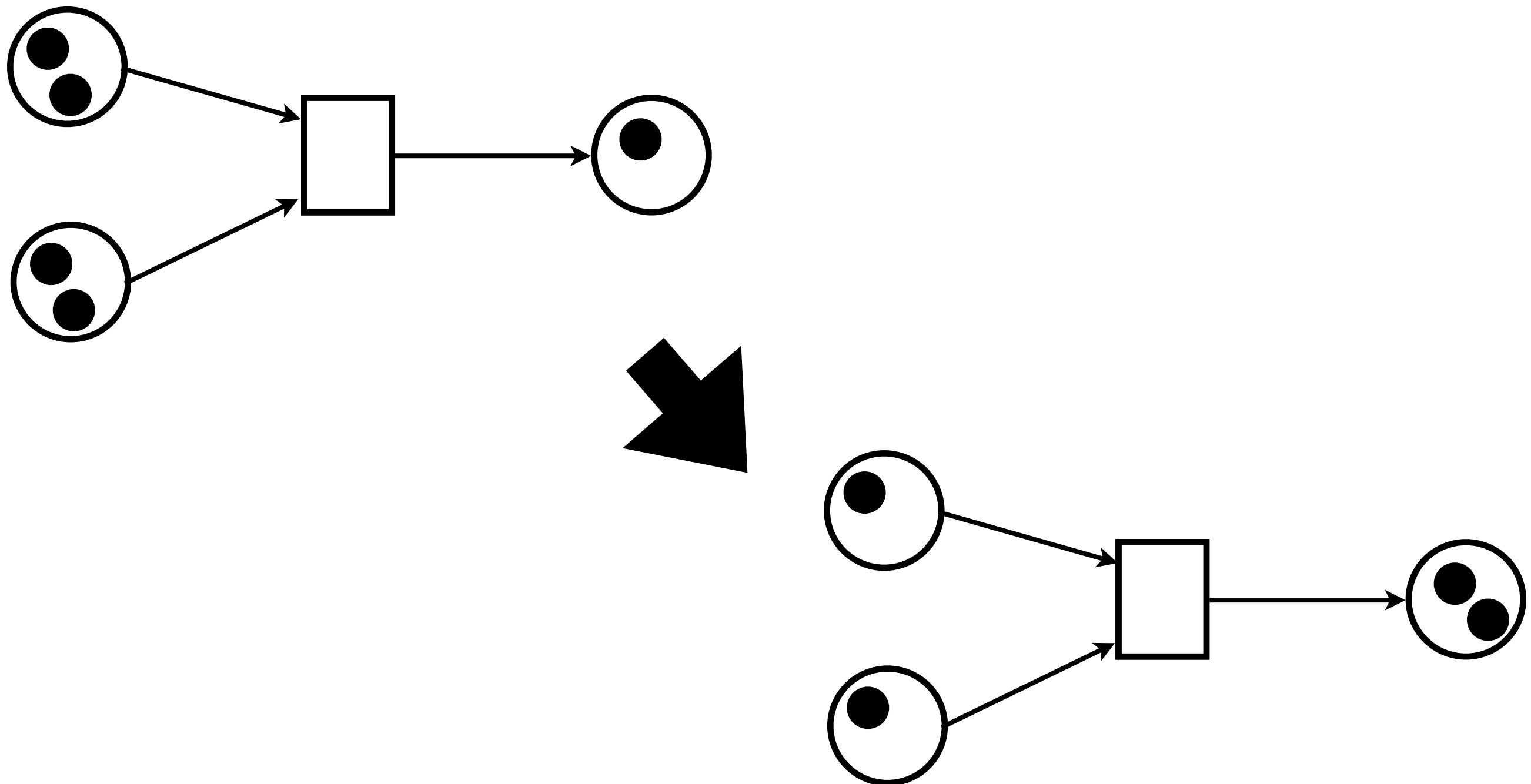
Static structure for dynamic systems:
places, transitions, arcs do not change
tokens move around places

Places are passive components
Transitions are active components:
tokens do not flow!
(they are removed or freshly created)

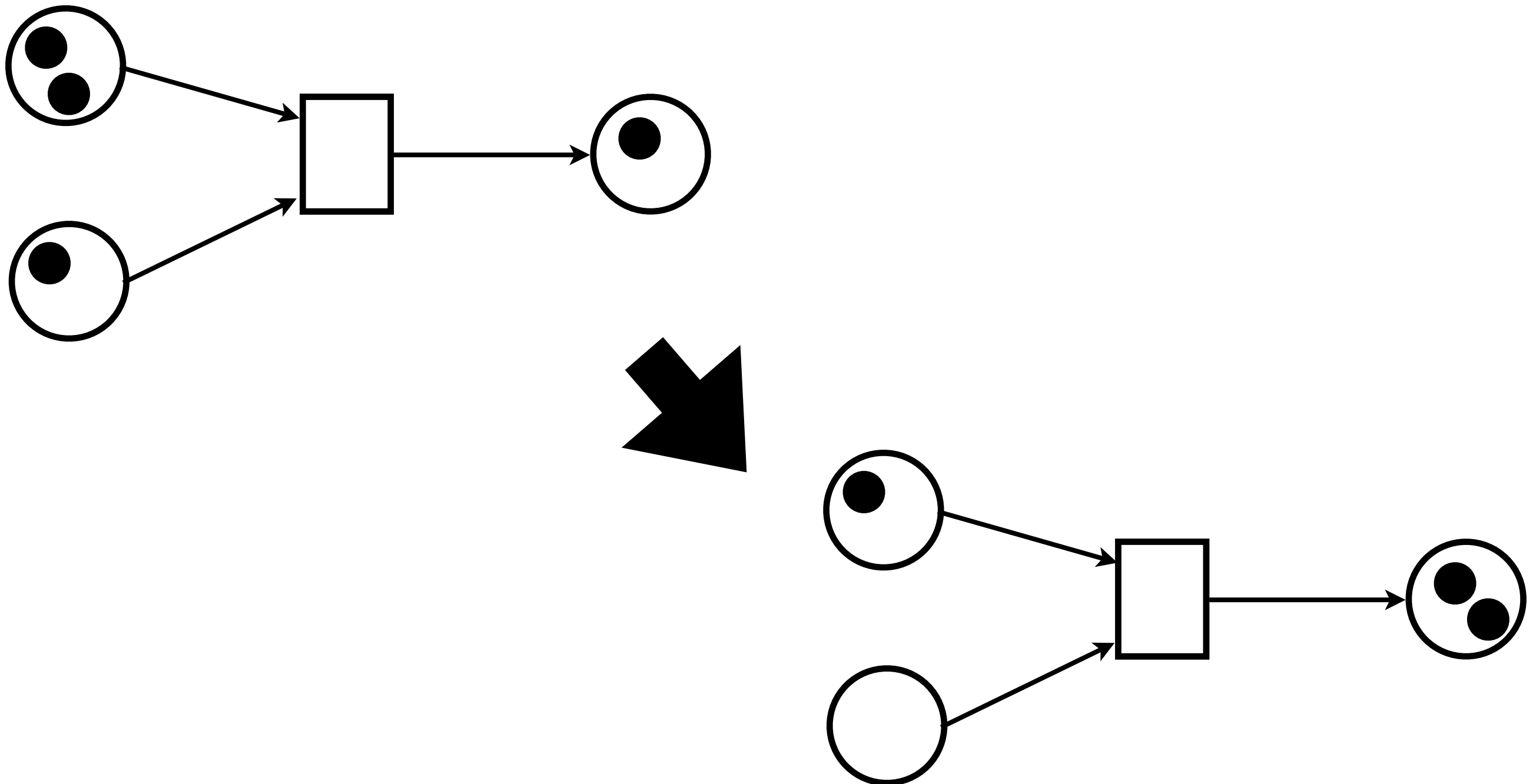
Token game: example



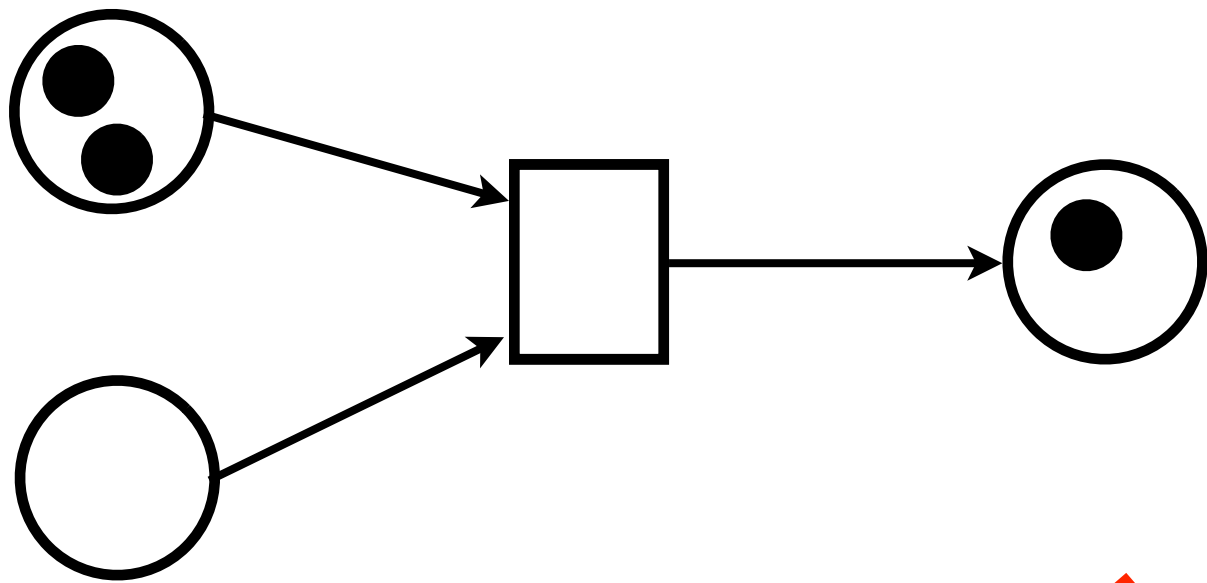
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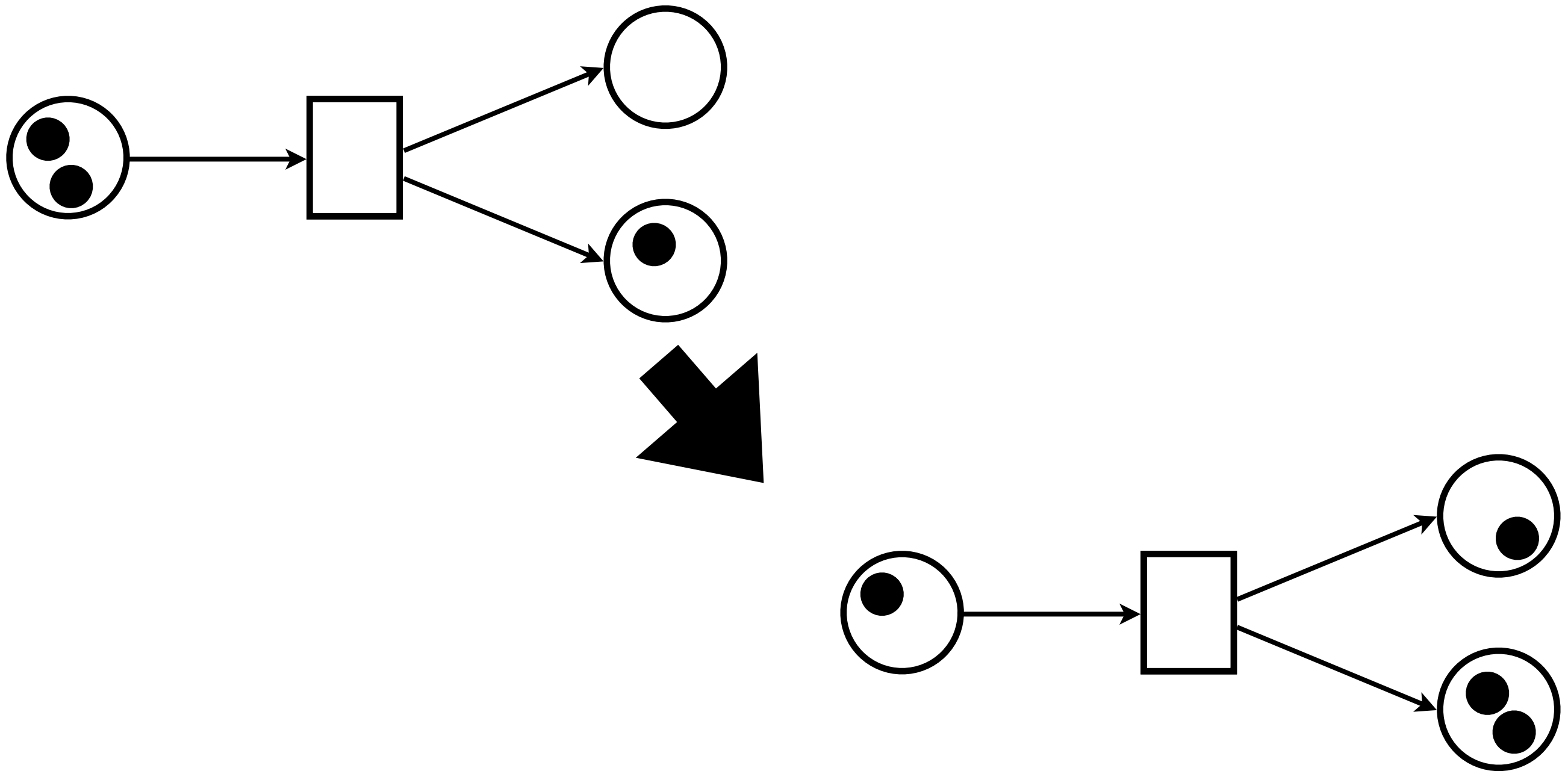
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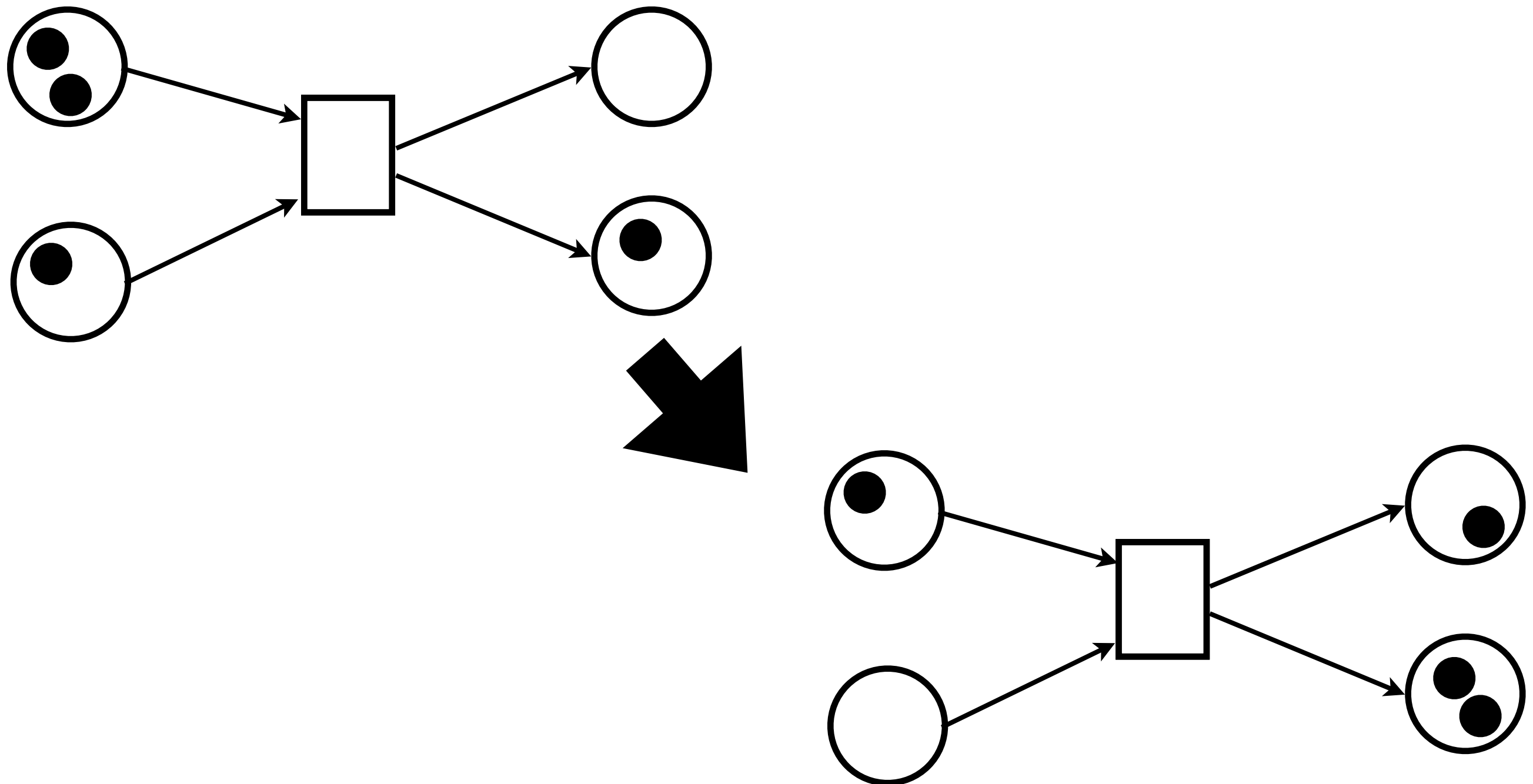
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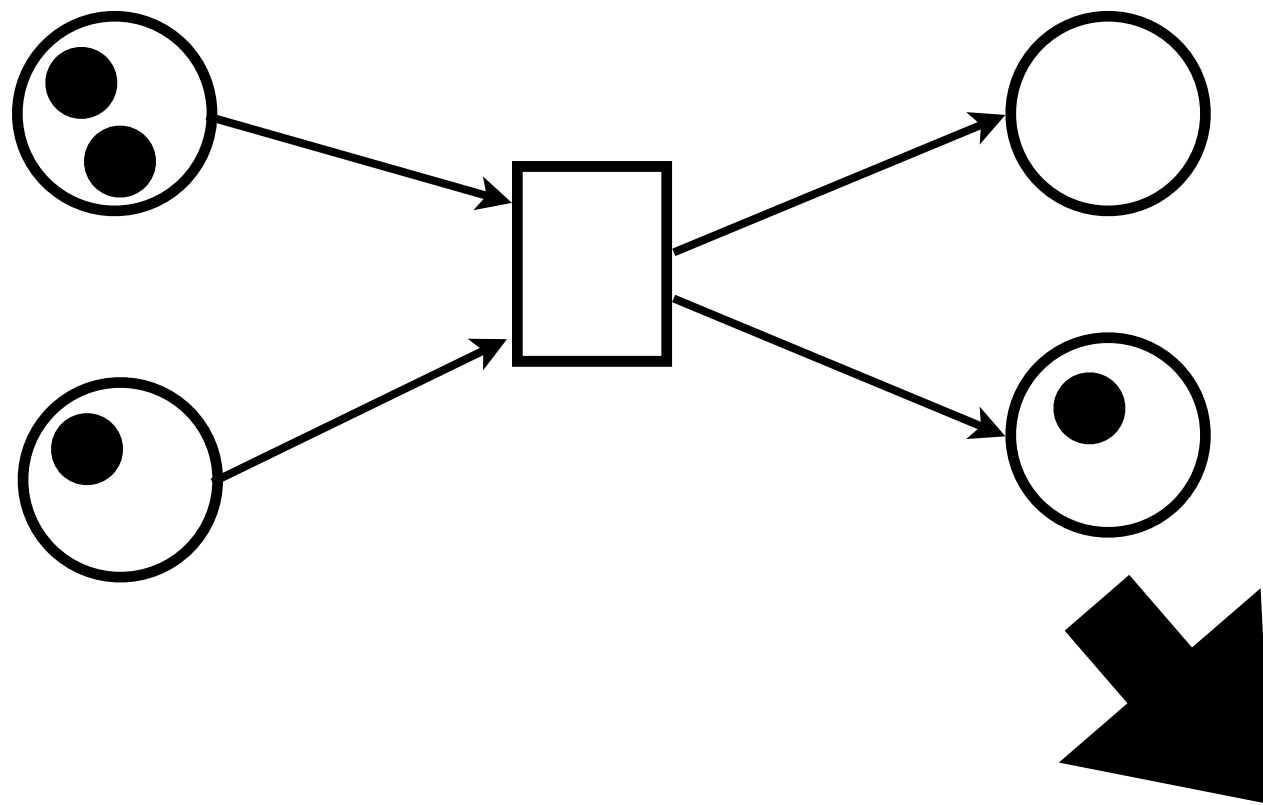
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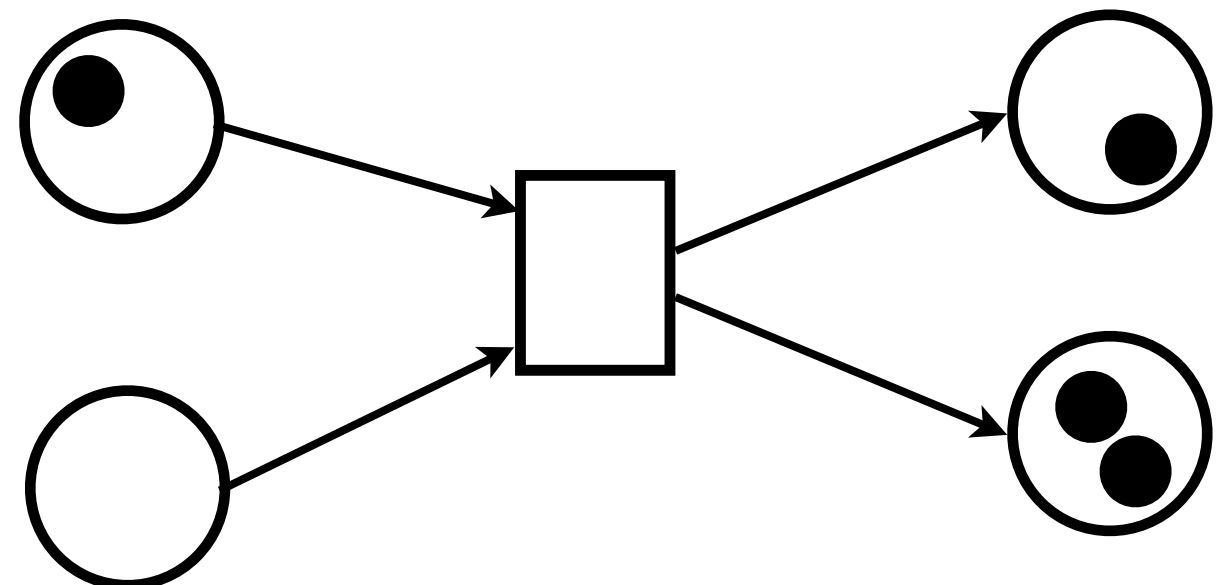


Token game: firing rule

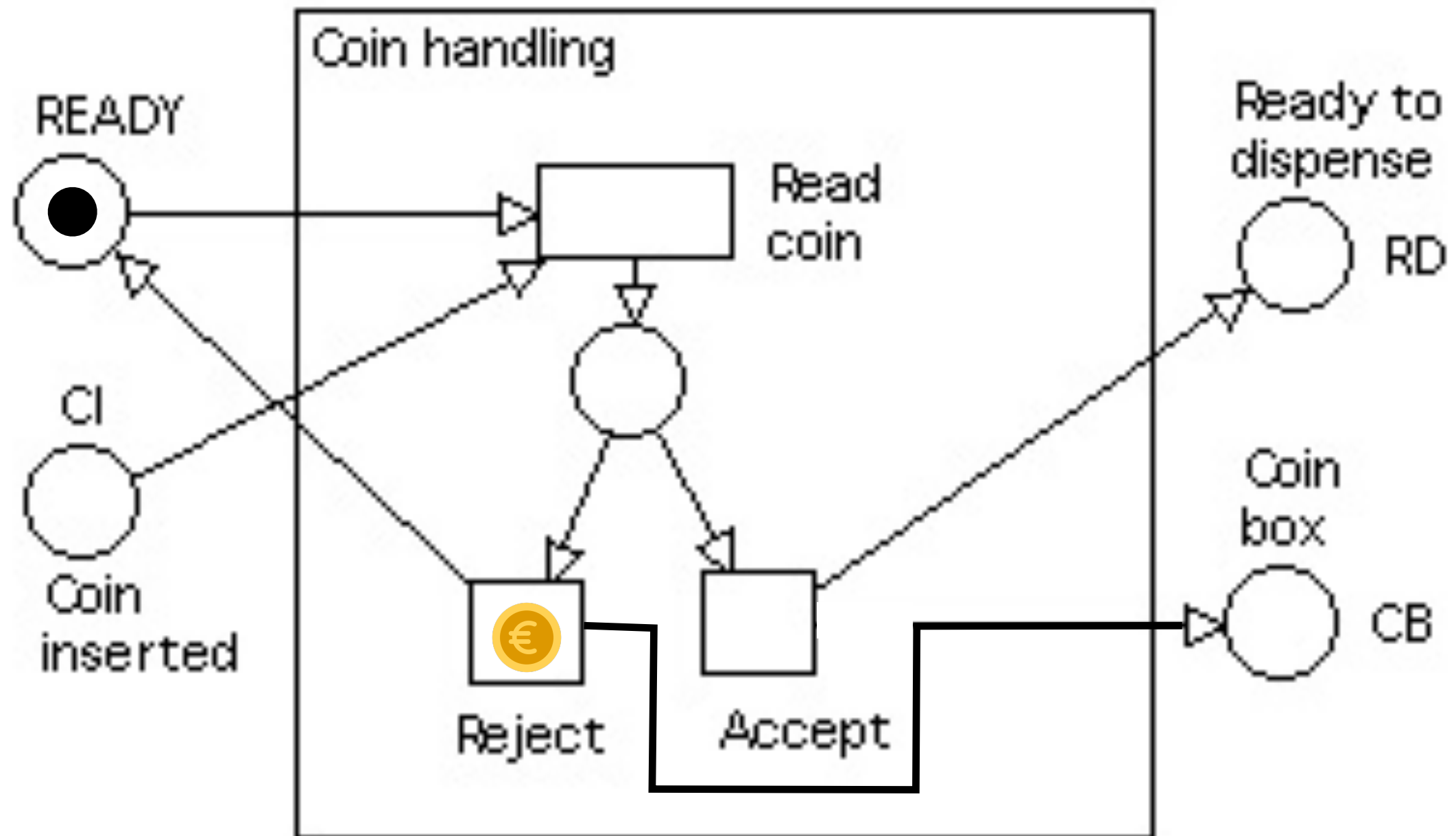


Collect one token from each “input” place

Produce one token into each “output” place



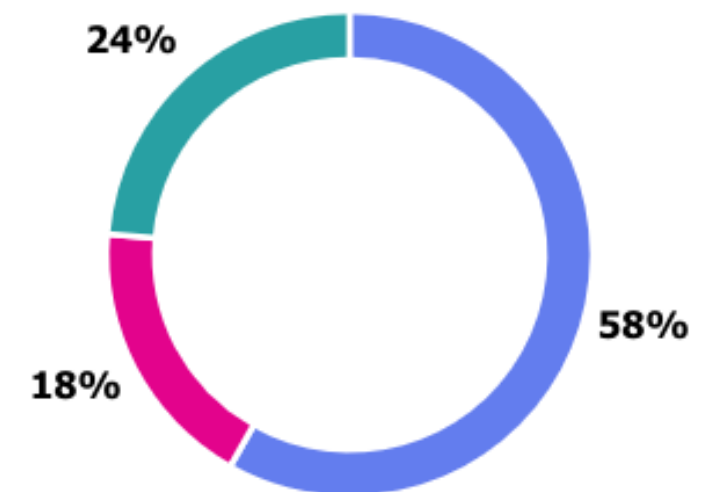
Example: Coin Handling



11. Do you agree that a multiset M of elements in A can be seen as a function from A to the set of natural numbers?

[Più dettagli](#)

● Yes	32
● No	10
● I do not understand the question	13



Notation: from sets...

Let S be a set.

Let $\wp(S)$ denote the set of sets over S .

Elements $A \in \wp(S)$ (i.e., $A \subseteq S$)
are in bijective correspondence with
functions $f : S \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

$$x \in A \text{ iff } f_A(x) = 1$$

Sets vs Multisets

Set



Order of elements does not matter

Each element appears at most once

Multiset



Order of elements does not matter

Each element can appear multiple times

Notation: ... to multisets

Let $\mu(S)$ (or $S^\oplus$) denote the set of multisets over S .

Elements $M \in \mu(S)$ are in bijective correspondence with functions $M : S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

$f_M(x)$ is the number of instances of x in M
 $x \in M$ iff $f_M(x) > 0$

Example: sets



$$f_A(\text{pen}) = 1$$

$$f_A(\text{coin}) = 1$$

$$f_A(\text{button}) = 1$$

$$f_A(\text{key}) = 0$$

Example: multisets



$$M(\text{pen}) = 4$$

$$M(\text{coin}) = 2$$

$$M(\text{button}) = 1$$

$$M(\text{key}) = 0$$

Notation: multisets

$$\text{Multiset } M = \{k_1x_1, k_2x_2, \dots, k_nx_n\}$$

multiplicity
(positive, omitted if 1)

element



$$\{ 3 \text{ pen}, 2 \text{ coin}, 1 \text{ button} \}$$

or just

$$\{ 3 \text{ pen}, 2 \text{ coin}, \text{button} \}$$

Notation: multisets

Multiset $M = \{ k_1x_1, k_2x_2, \dots, k_nx_n \}$ as formal sum:

$$k_1x_1 + k_2x_2 + \dots + k_nx_n$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n k_i x_i$$



As set is just a special case: multiplicity is either 0 or 1

$$x_{i_1} + x_{i_2} + \dots + x_{i_k}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^k x_{i_j}$$

Marking

A **marking** $M : P \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ denotes the number of tokens in each place

The marking of a Petri net represents its state

$M(a) = 0$ denotes the absence of tokens in place a

Notation: sets

Empty set:

$\emptyset = \{ \}$ is such that $x \notin \emptyset$ for all $x \in S$

Set inclusion:

we write $A \subseteq B$ if $x \in A$ implies $x \in B$

Set strict inclusion:

we write $A \subset B$ if $A \subseteq B$ and $A \neq B$

Set union:

$A \cup B$ is the set s.t. $x \in (A \cup B)$ iff $x \in A$ or $x \in B$

Set difference:

$A - B$ is the set s.t. $x \in (A - B)$ iff $x \in A$ and $x \notin B$

Notation: multisets

Empty multiset:

$\emptyset$ is such that $\emptyset(x) = 0$ for all $x \in S$

Multiset containment:

we write $M \subseteq M'$ if $M(x) \leq M'(x)$ for all $x \in S$

Multiset strict containment:

we write $M \subset M'$ if $M \subseteq M'$ and $M \neq M'$

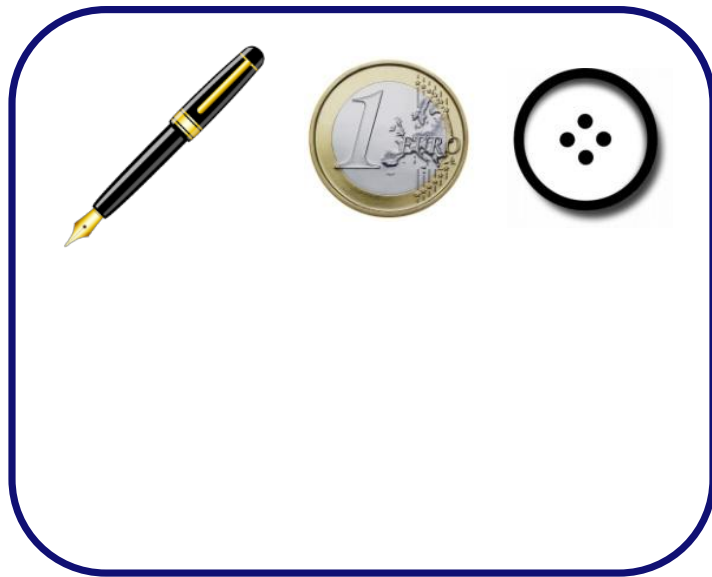
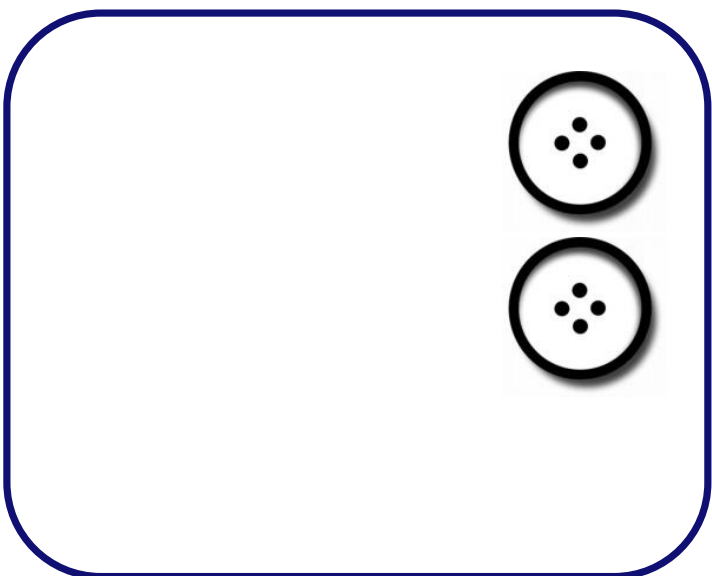
Multiset union:

$M + M'$ is the multiset s.t. $(M + M')(x) = M(x) + M'(x)$ for all $x \in S$

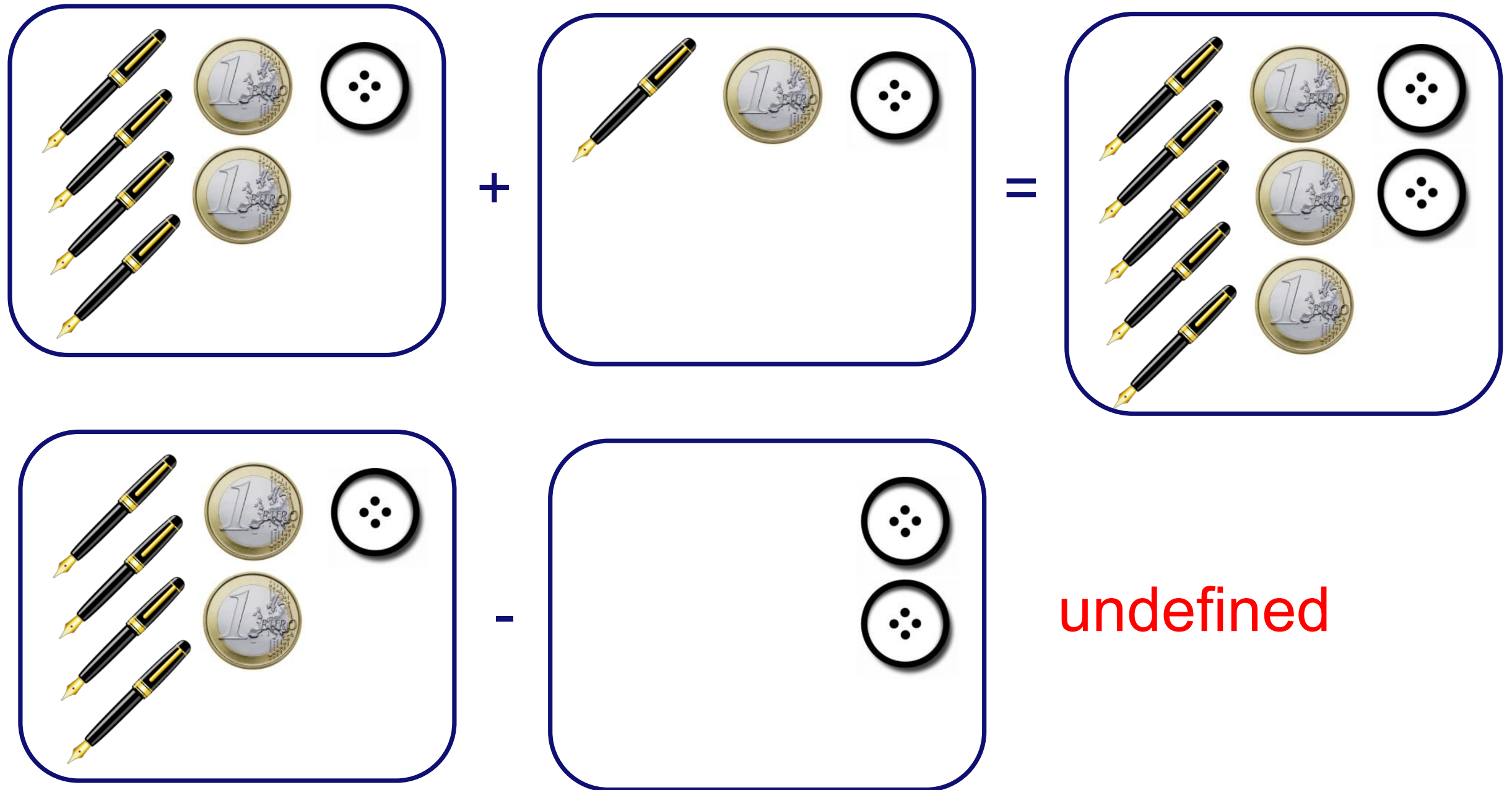
Multiset difference (defined only if $M \supseteq M'$):

$M - M'$ is the multiset s.t. $(M - M')(x) = M(x) - M'(x)$ for all $x \in S$

Multiset containment

 $\subset$ $\cup$  $\not\subset$ $\not\supset$ 

Operations on Multisets



Question time

$$3a + 2b \stackrel{?}{\subseteq} 2a + 3b + c$$

$$3a + 2b \stackrel{?}{\supseteq} 2a + 3b + c$$

$$a + 2b \stackrel{?}{\subset} 2a + 3b$$

$$(a + 2b) + (2a + c) = ?$$

$$(2a + 3b) - (2a + b) = ?$$

$$(2a + 2b) - (a + c) = ?$$

Question time

$$3a + 2b \stackrel{?}{\subseteq} 2a + 3b + c \quad \text{No}$$

$$3a + 2b \stackrel{?}{\supseteq} 2a + 3b + c \quad \text{No}$$

$$a + 2b \stackrel{?}{\subset} 2a + 3b \quad \text{Yes}$$

$$(a + 2b) + (2a + c) = ? \quad 3a + 2b + c$$

$$(2a + 3b) - (2a + b) = ? \quad 2b$$

$$(2a + 2b) - (a + c) = ? \quad \text{Not defined}$$

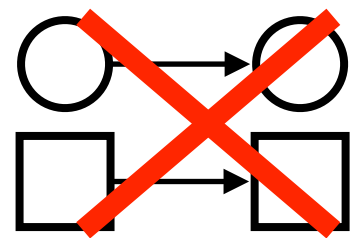
Petri nets

A **Petri net** is a tuple (P, T, F, M_0) where

- P is a finite set of **places**;

$$P \cap T = \emptyset$$

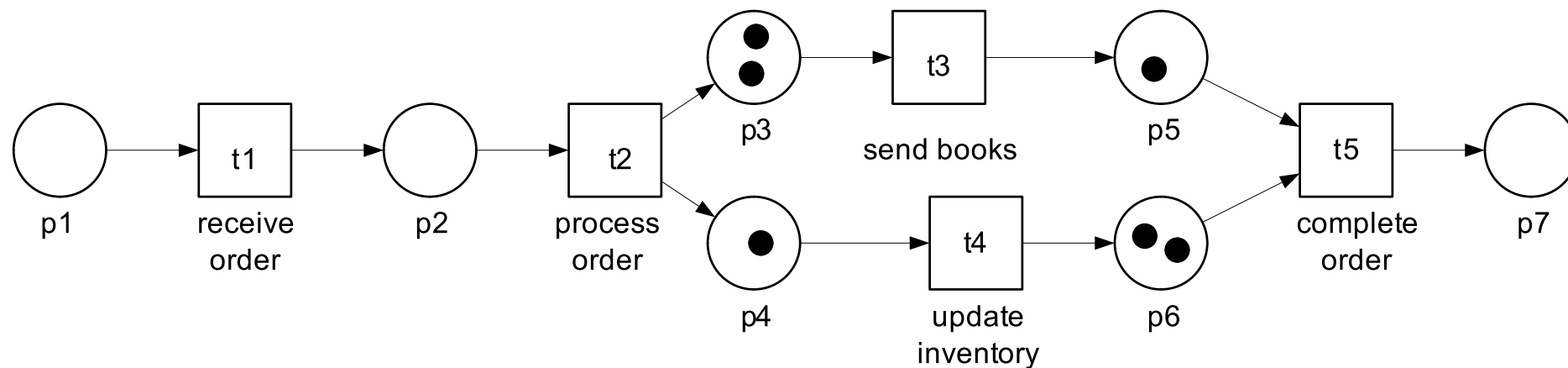
- T is a finite set of **transitions**;



- $F \subseteq (P \times T) \cup (T \times P)$ is a **flow relation**;

- $M_0 : P \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is the **initial marking**.
(i.e. $M_0 \in \mu(P)$)

Exercises



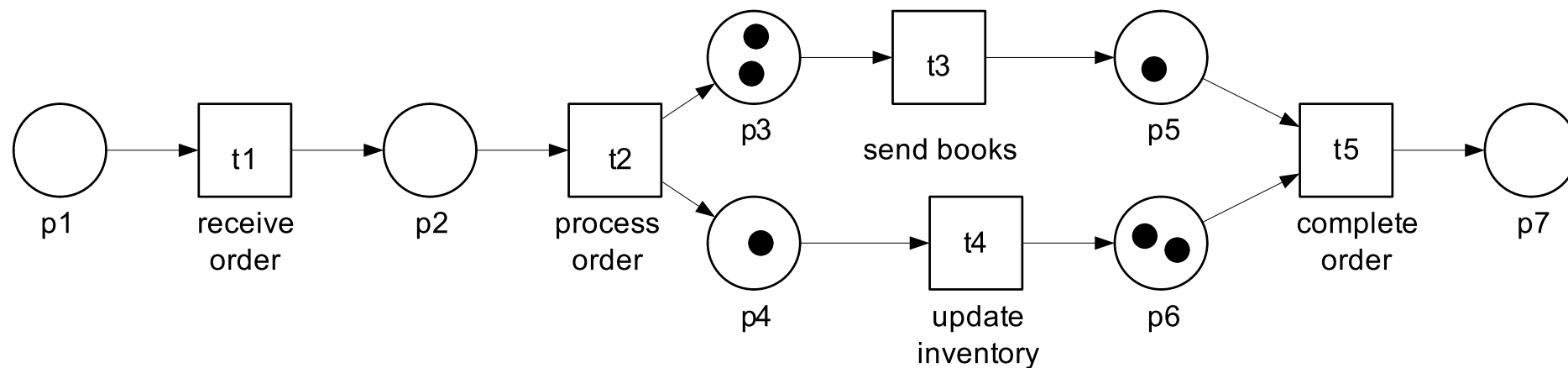
$$P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6, p_7\}$$

$$T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5\}$$

$$F = \{(p_1, t_1), (t_1, p_2), \dots ?\}$$

$$M_0 = 2p_3 + \dots ?$$

Exercises



$$P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6, p_7\}$$

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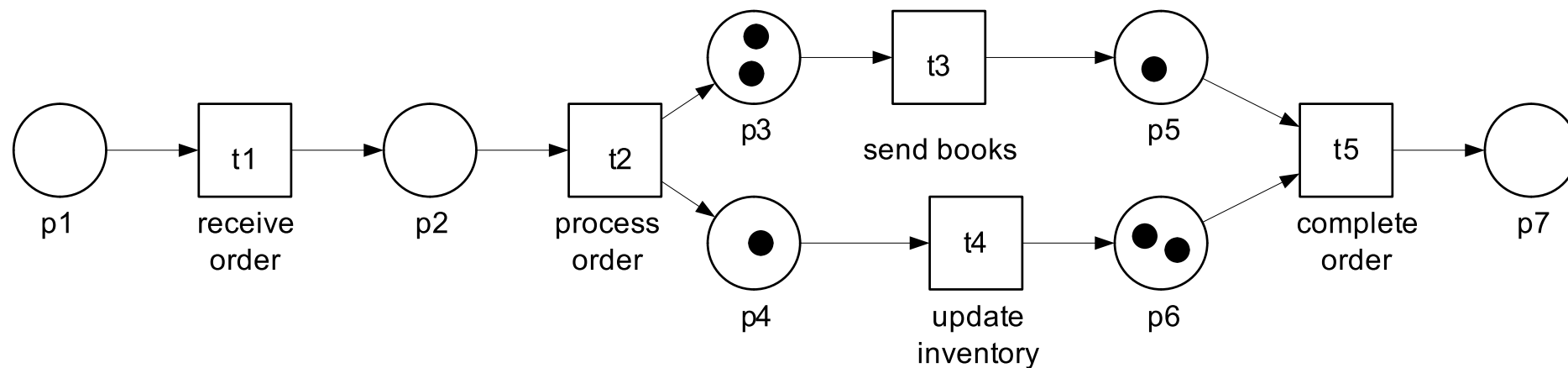
$$M_0 = 2p_3 + p_4 + p_5 + 2p_6$$

Pre-set and post-set

Formally:

$$\begin{aligned}\bullet x &= \{ y \mid (y, x) \in F \} && \text{pre-set} \\ x \bullet &= \{ y \mid (x, y) \in F \} && \text{post-set}\end{aligned}$$

Question time



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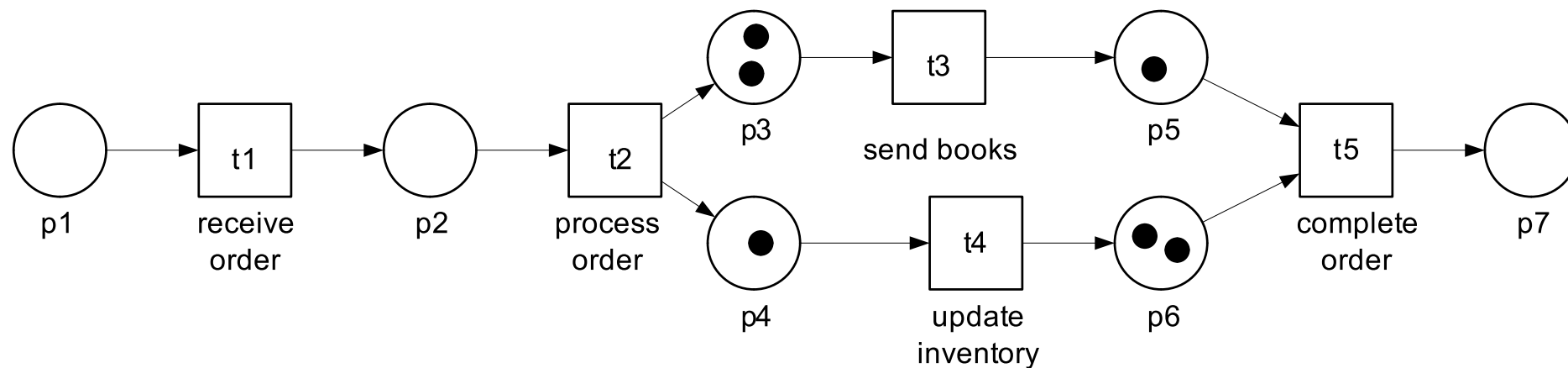
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Exercises



- $p_1 = ? \emptyset$ $p_1 \bullet = ? \{ t_1 \}$
- $p_2 = ? \{ t_1 \}$ $p_2 \bullet = ? \{ t_2 \}$
- $t_1 = ? \{ p_1 \}$ $t_1 \bullet = ? \{ p_2 \}$
- $t_2 = ? \{ p_2 \}$ $t_2 \bullet = ? \{ p_3, p_4 \}$
- $t_5 = ? \{ p_5, p_6 \}$ $t_5 \bullet = ? \{ p_7 \}$

Enabling $M[t\rangle$

(a set can be seen
as a multiset
whose elements
have multiplicity 1)

A transition t is **enabled** at marking M iff $\bullet t \subseteq M$
and we write $M \xrightarrow{t}$ (also $M[t\rangle$)

A transition is enabled if each of its input places
contains at least one token

Firing $M[t\rangle M'$

A transition t that is enabled at M can **fire**.

The **firing** of t at M changes the state to

$$M' = M - \bullet t + t \bullet$$

and we write $M \xrightarrow{t} M'$ (also $M[t\rangle M'$)

When a transition fires
it consumes a token from each input place
it produces a token into each output place

Some remarks

Firing is an atomic action

Our semantics is interleaving:
multiple transitions may be enabled,
but only one fires at a time

The network is static, but
the overall number of tokens may vary over time
(if transitions are fired for which the number of input
places is not equal to the number of output places)

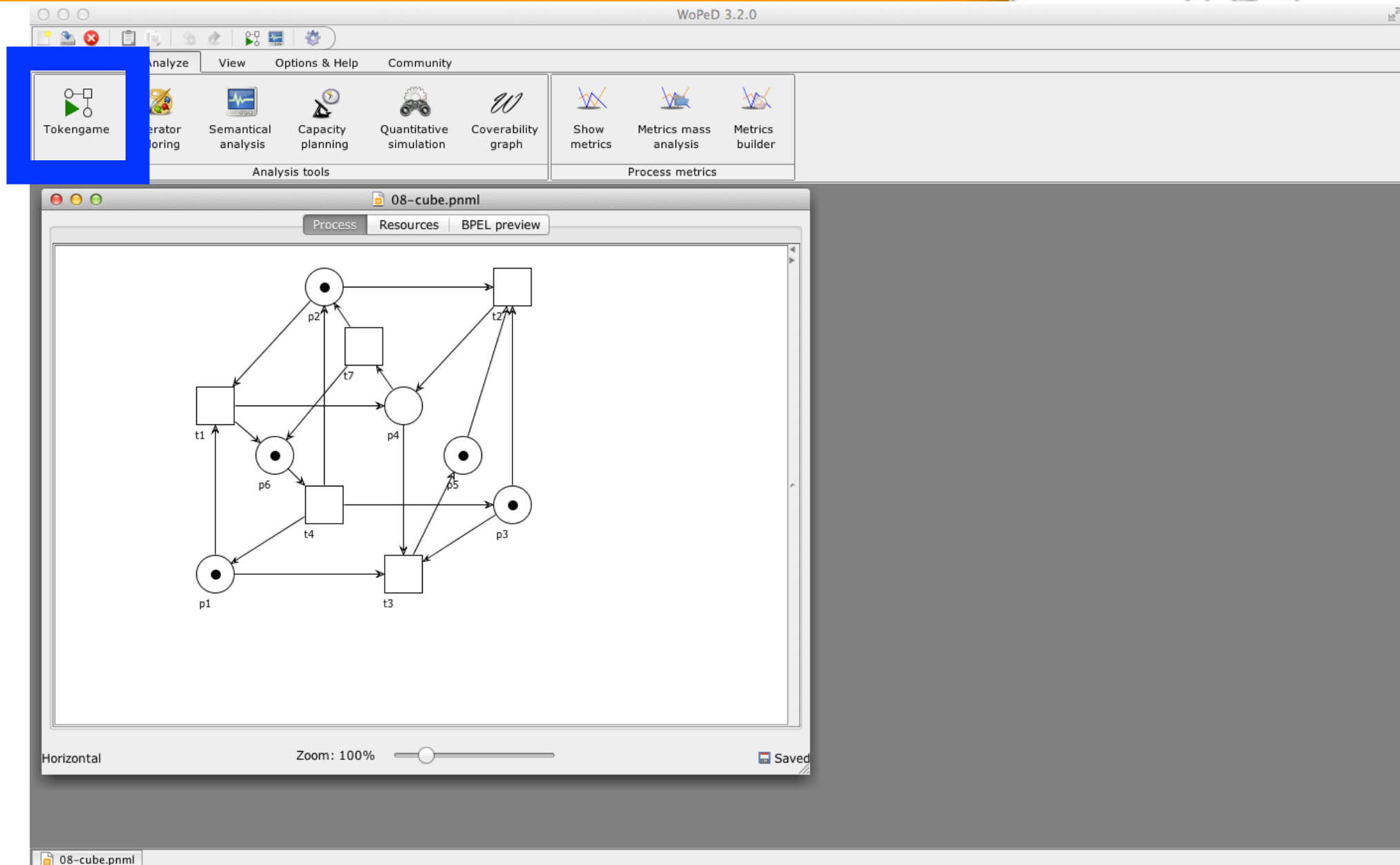
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WoPeD

Workflow Petri Net Designer

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Notation

We write $M \rightarrow$ if $M \xrightarrow{t}$ for some transition t

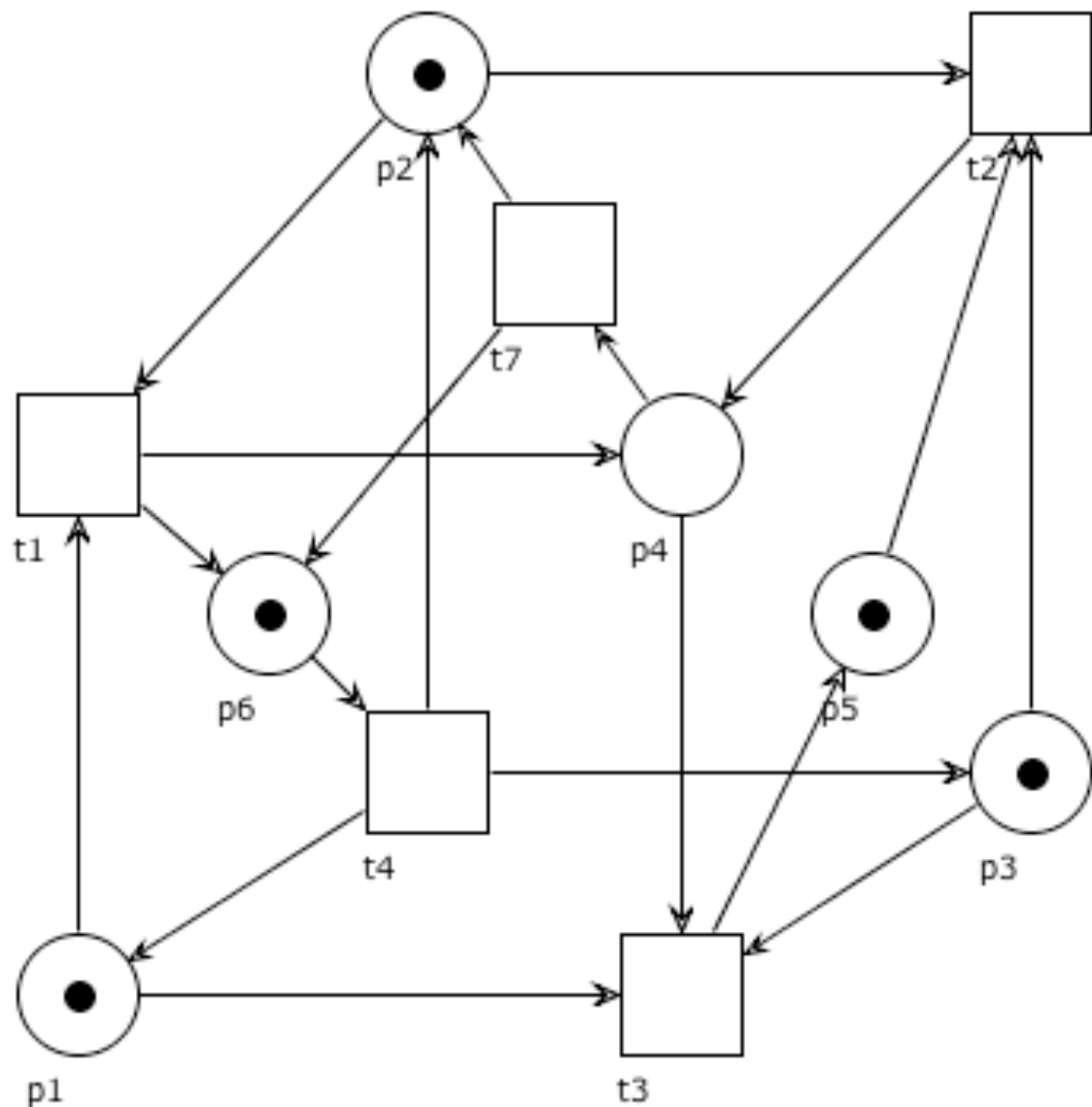
We write $M \rightarrow M'$ if $M \xrightarrow{t} M'$ for some transition t

We write $M \not\xrightarrow{t}$ if transition t is not enabled at M

We write $M \not\rightarrow$ if no transition is enabled at M

Example

$$M_0 = p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + p_5 + p_6$$



We can write that

- $M_0 \longrightarrow$ (there are enabled transitions, e.g., t1)
- $M_0 \longrightarrow p_1 + p_4 + p_6$ (by firing t2)
- $M_0 \not\stackrel{t_7}{\longrightarrow}$
- $p_1 + p_5 \not\longrightarrow$

Firing sequence

Let $\sigma = t_1 t_2 \dots t_{n-1} \in T^*$ be a sequence of transitions.

We write $M \xrightarrow{\sigma} M'$ (and $M \xrightarrow{\sigma}$) if:

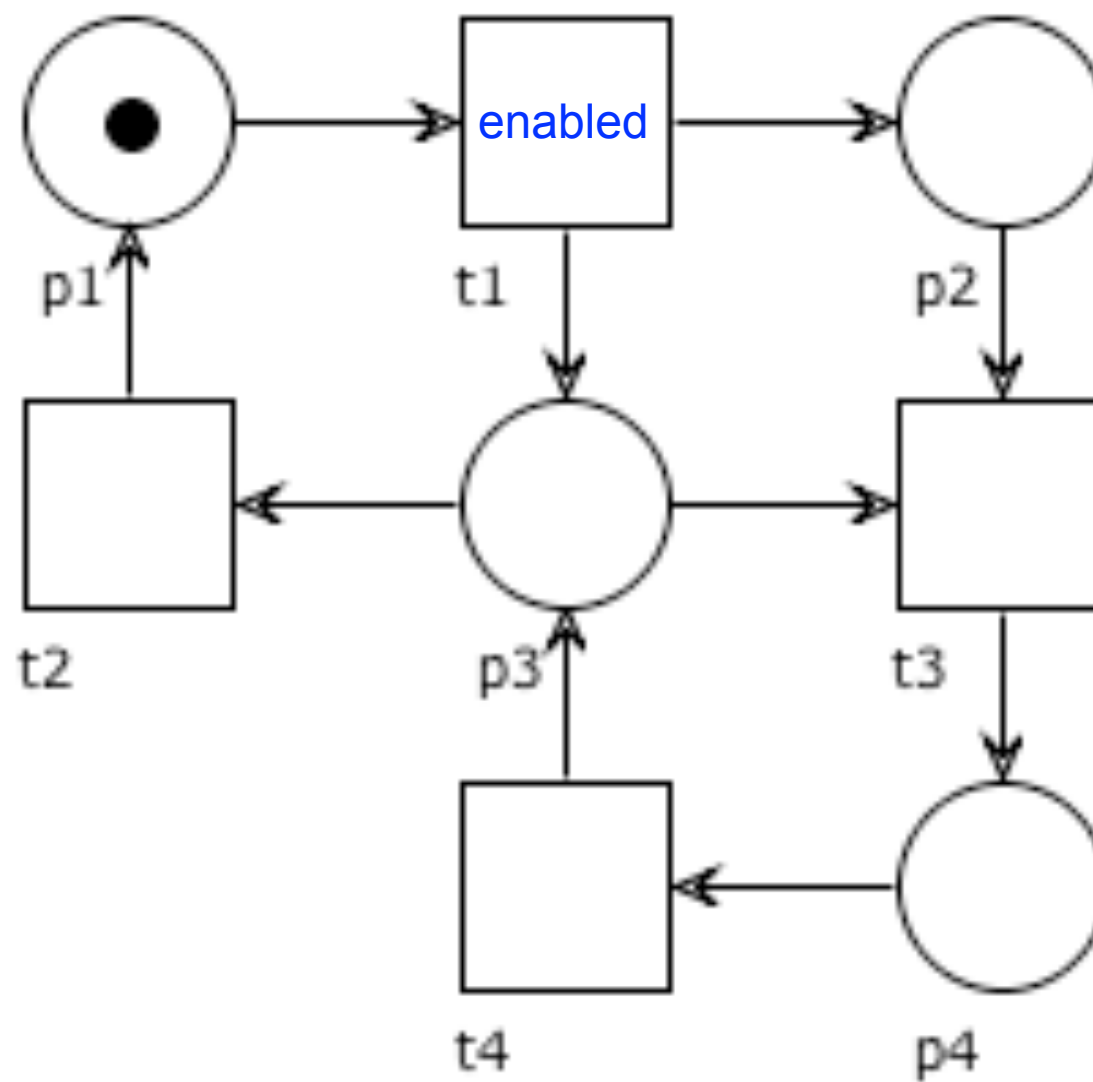
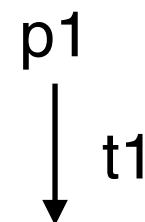
there is a sequence of markings $M_1, \dots, M_n$

with $M = M_1$ and $M' = M_n$

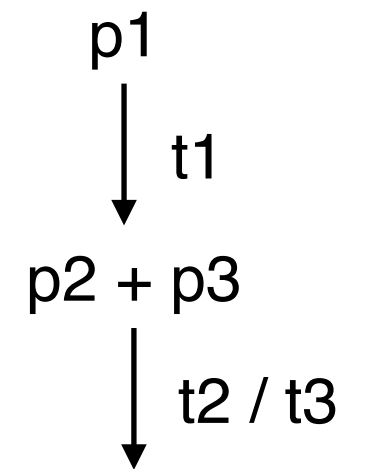
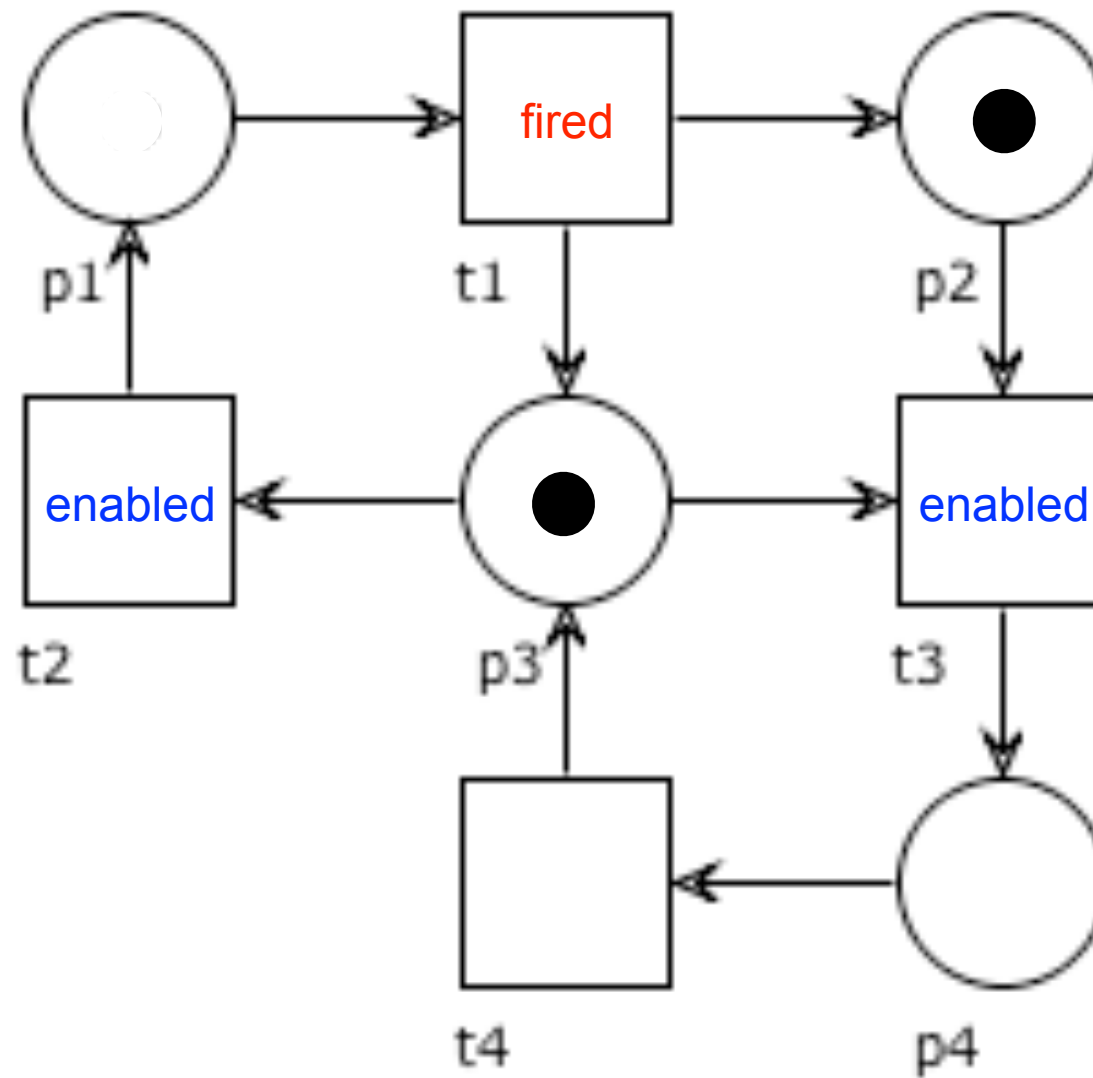
and $M_i \xrightarrow{t_i} M_{i+1}$ for $1 \leq i < n$

(i.e. $M = M_1 \xrightarrow{t_1} M_2 \xrightarrow{t_2} \dots \xrightarrow{t_{n-1}} M_n = M'$)

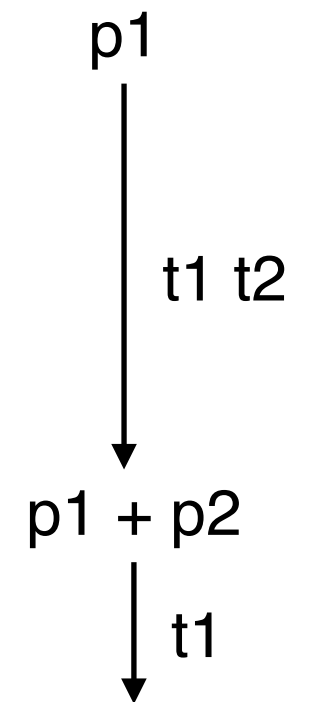
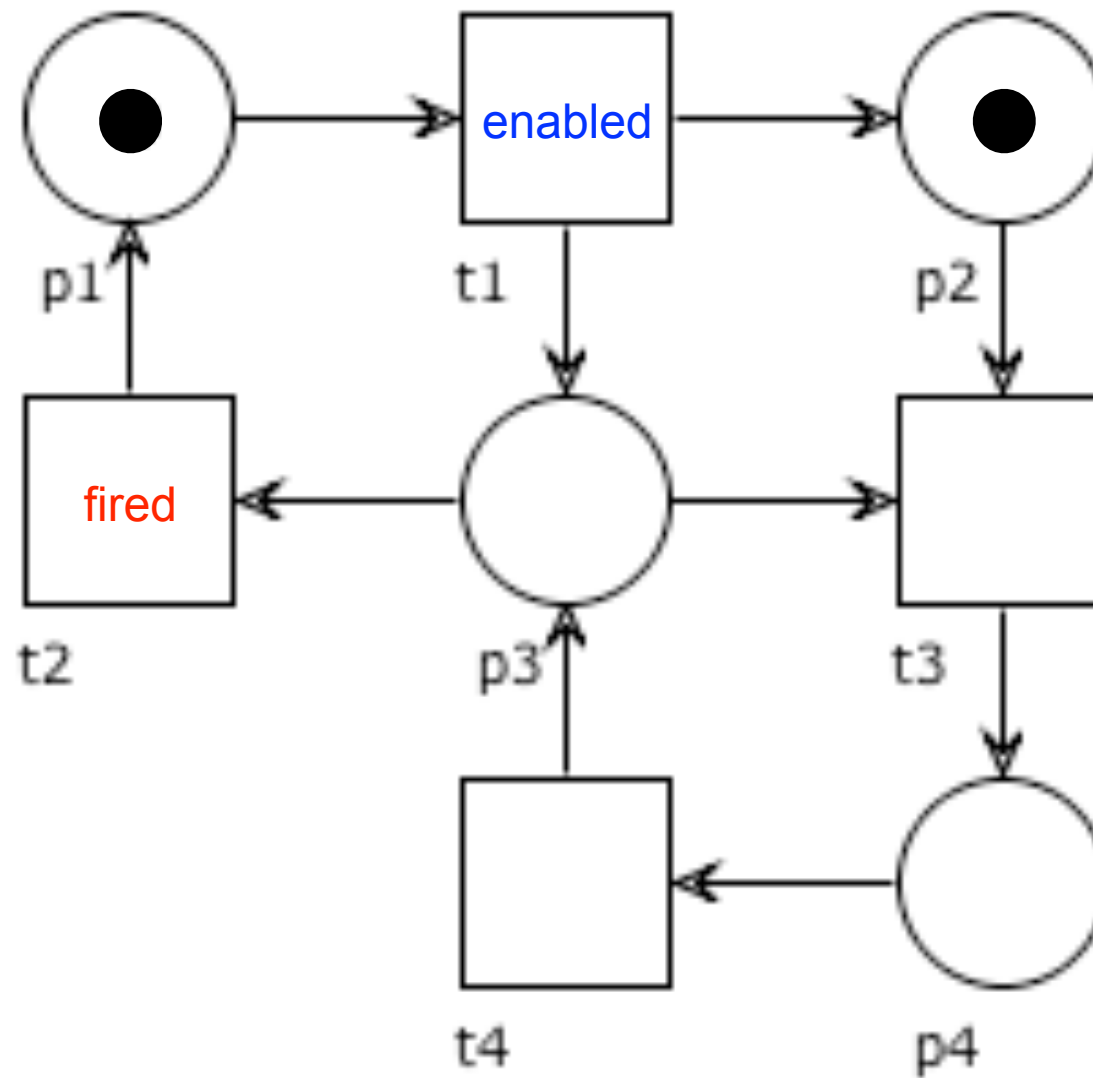
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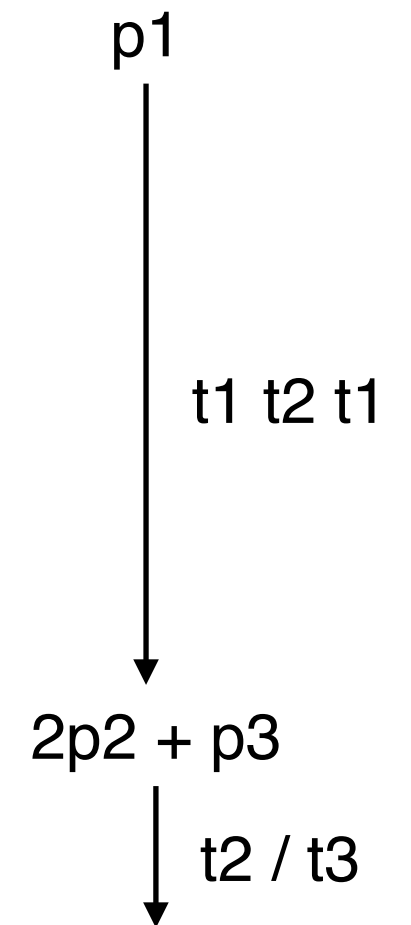
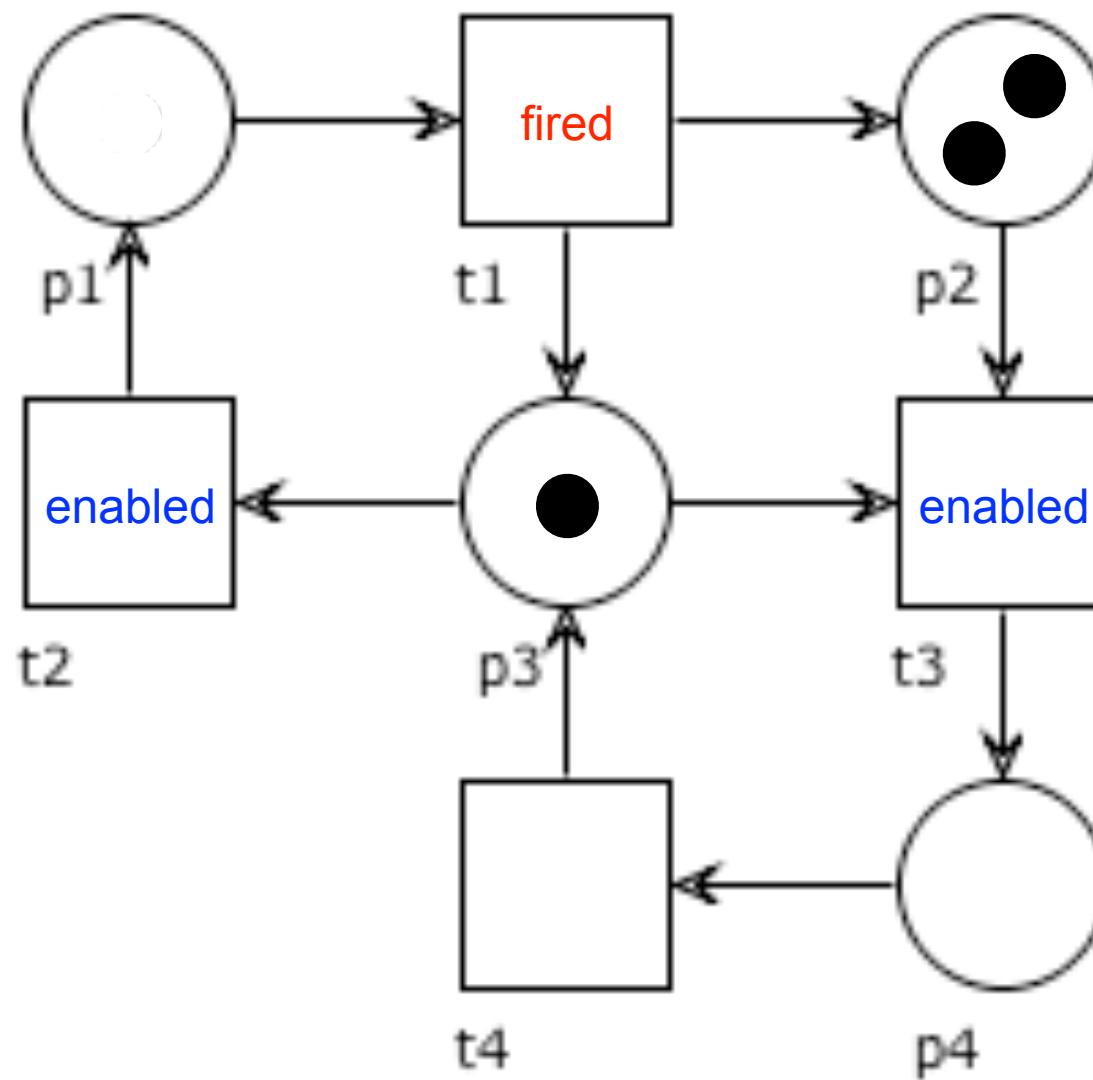
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Reachable markings $[M\rangle$

We write $M \xrightarrow{*} M'$ if $M \xrightarrow{\sigma} M'$ for some $\sigma \in T^*$

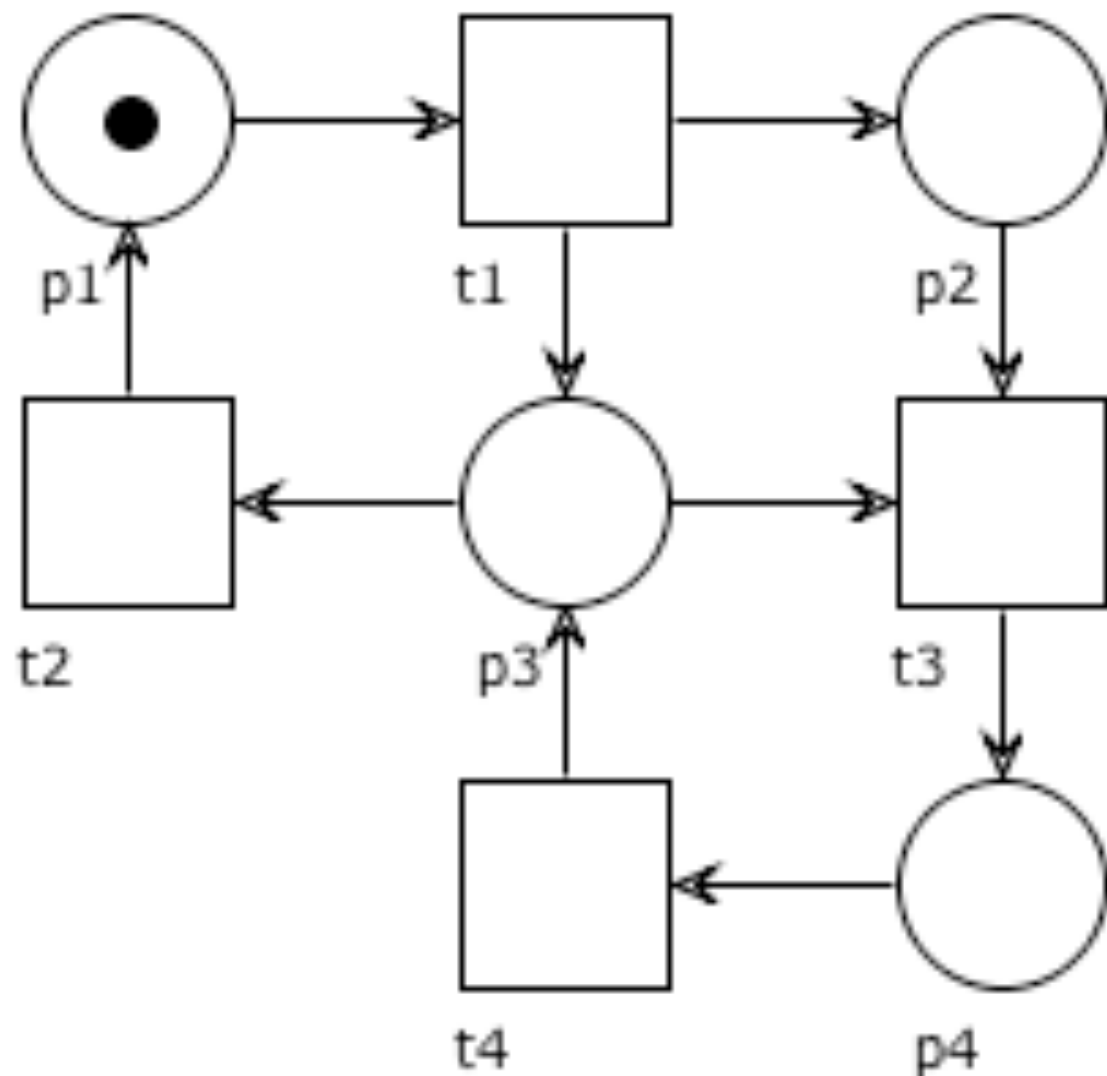
A marking M' is **reachable from** M if $M \xrightarrow{*} M'$

Note that $M \xrightarrow{\epsilon} M$ for ϵ the empty sequence

The set of markings reachable from M is often denoted:

$reach(M)$ or also $[M\rangle$

Example



Which of the following holds true?

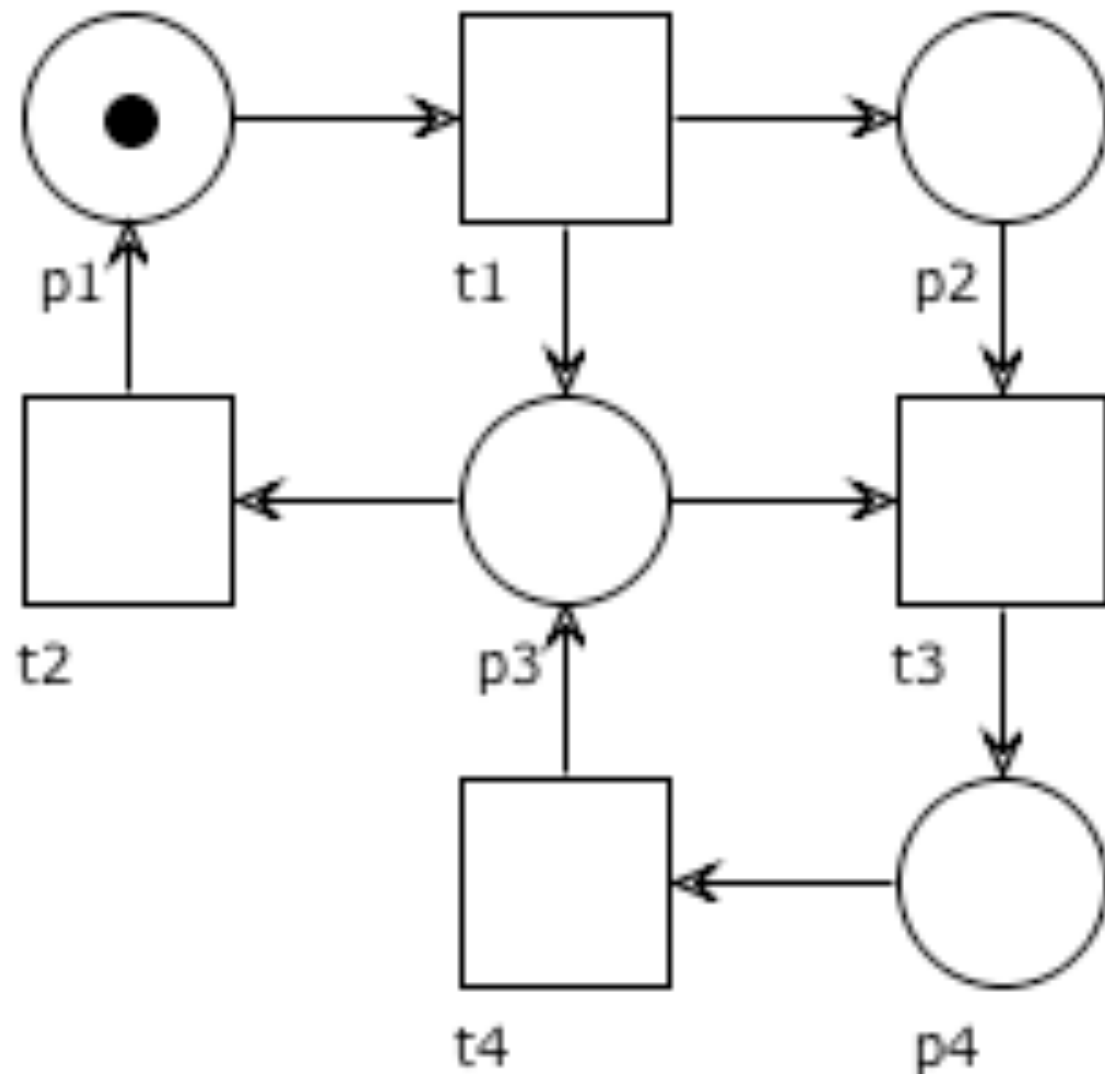
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Example



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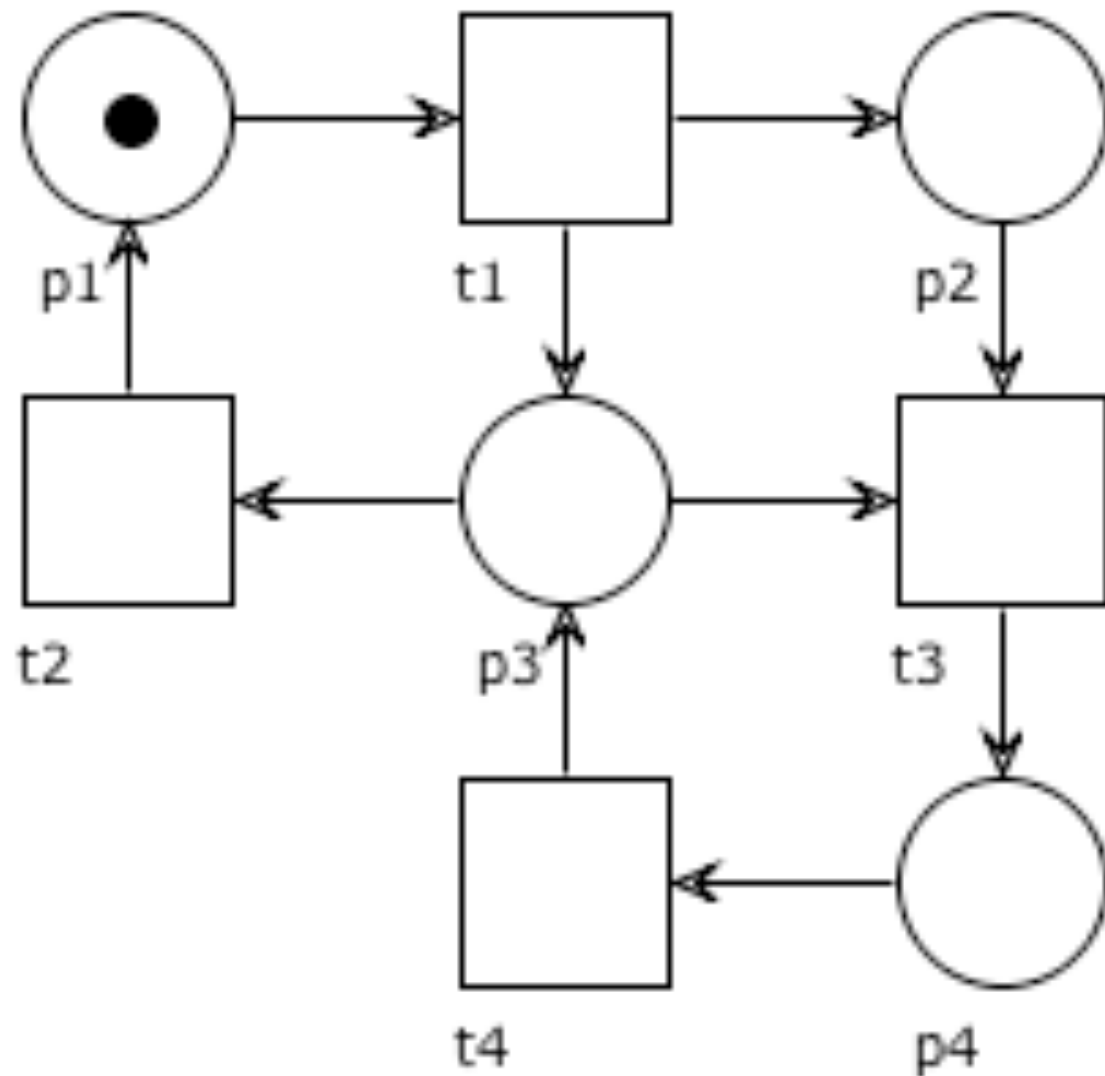
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$p_1 \xrightarrow{t_1 \ t_3 \ t_4 \ t_3}$ No (t_3 not enabled)

$p_1 \xrightarrow{t_1 \ t_3 \ t_3}$ No (t_3 not enabled)

Example



We have that:

$$p_1 \xrightarrow{t_1 \ t_2 \ t_1 \ t_3} p_4$$

$$p_1 \xrightarrow{t_1 \ t_3 \ t_4 \ t_2} p_1$$

Infinite sequence

Let $\sigma = t_1 t_2 \dots \in T^\omega$ be an infinite sequence of transitions.

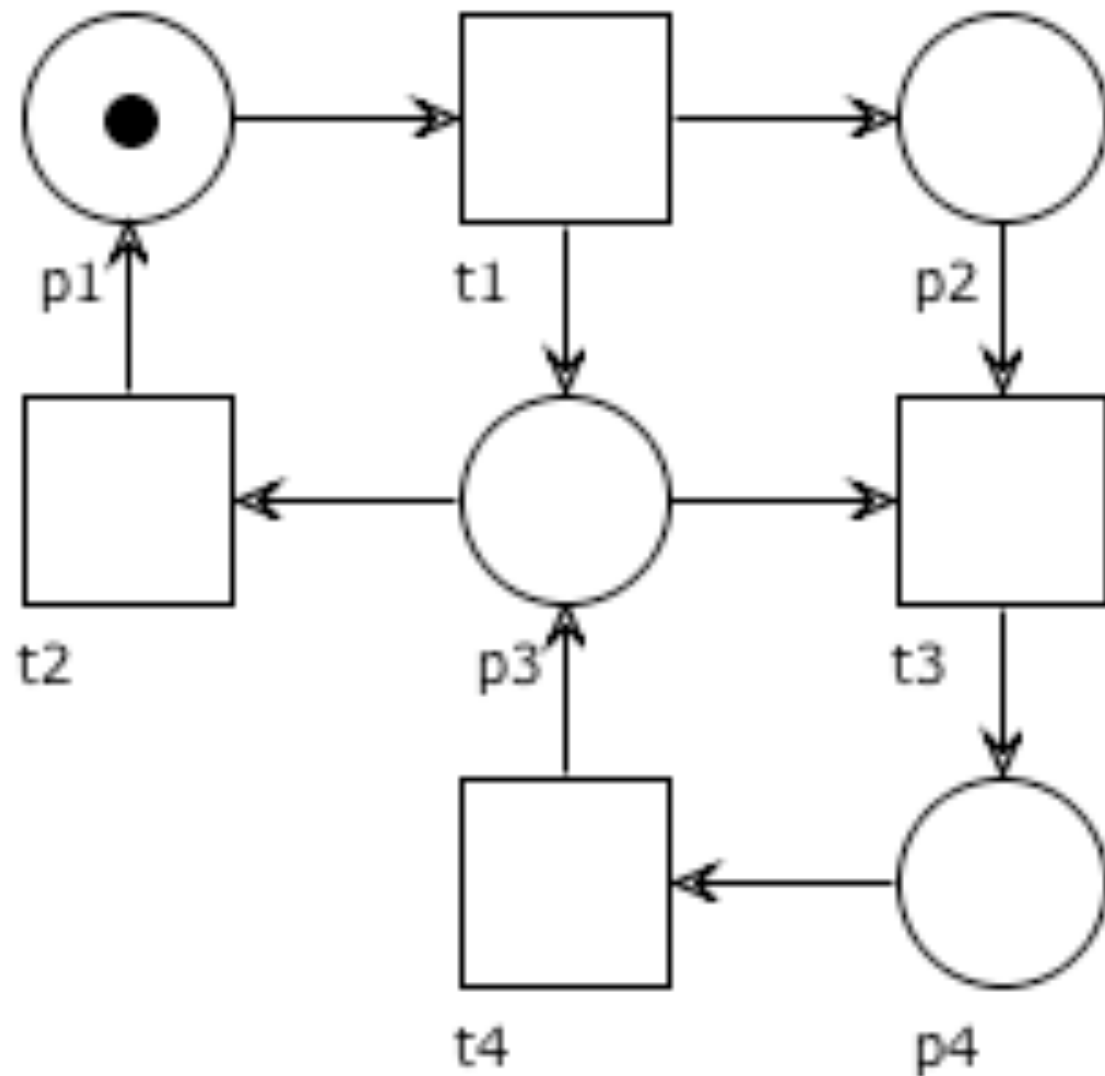
We write $M \xrightarrow{\sigma}$ if:

there is an infinite sequence of markings $M_1, M_2, \dots$

with $M = M_1$ and $M_i \xrightarrow{t_i} M_{i+1}$ for $1 \leq i$

(i.e. $M = M_1 \xrightarrow{t_1} M_2 \xrightarrow{t_2} \dots$)

Example



We have that:

$$p_1 \xrightarrow{t_1 \ t_3 \ t_4 \ t_2 \ t_1 \ t_3 \ t_4 \ t_2 \ t_1 \ t_3 \ t_4 \ t_2 \dots}$$

Concatenation & prefix

Concatenation: given $\sigma_1 = a_1 \cdots a_n$ $\sigma_2 = b_1 \cdots b_m$
 $\sigma_1 \sigma_2 = a_1 \cdots a_n b_1 \cdots b_m$ finite + finite = finite

Concatenation: given $\sigma_1 = a_1 \cdots a_n$ $\sigma_2 = b_1 b_2 \cdots$
 $\sigma_1 \sigma_2 = a_1 \cdots a_n b_1 b_2 \cdots$ finite + infinite = infinite

Prefix: finite

σ_1 is a proper prefix of σ if $\sigma_1 \sigma_2 = \sigma$ for some $\sigma_2 \neq \varepsilon$

σ_1 is a prefix of σ if $\sigma_1 = \sigma$ or $\sigma_1 \sigma_2 = \sigma$ for some $\sigma_2 \neq \varepsilon$
finite or infinite

Example: prefixes

$t_1 t_4 t_2 t_3$

sequence

$t_1 t_4 t_7 t_1 t_4 t_7 t_1 t_4 t_7 \dots$

ϵ

t_1

$t_1 t_4$

$t_1 t_4 t_2$

$t_1 t_4 t_2 t_3$

prefixes

ϵ

t_1

$t_1 t_4$

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$\dots$

$t_1 t_4 t_7 t_1 t_4 t_7 t_1 t_4 t_7 \dots$

Enabled sequence

We say that an occurrence sequence σ is **enabled** if $M \xrightarrow{\sigma}$
(σ can be finite or infinite)

Note that an infinite sequence can be represented as
a map $\sigma : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow T$, where $\sigma(i) = t_i$

Enabledness

Proposition: $M \xrightarrow{\sigma}$ iff $M \xrightarrow{\sigma'}$ for every prefix σ' of σ

($\Rightarrow$) immediate from definition

($\Leftarrow$) trivial if σ is finite (σ itself is a prefix of σ)

When σ is infinite: taken any $i \in \mathbb{N}$ we need to prove that $t_i = \sigma(i)$ is enabled after the firing of the prefix $\sigma' = t_1 t_2 \dots t_{i-1}$ of σ .

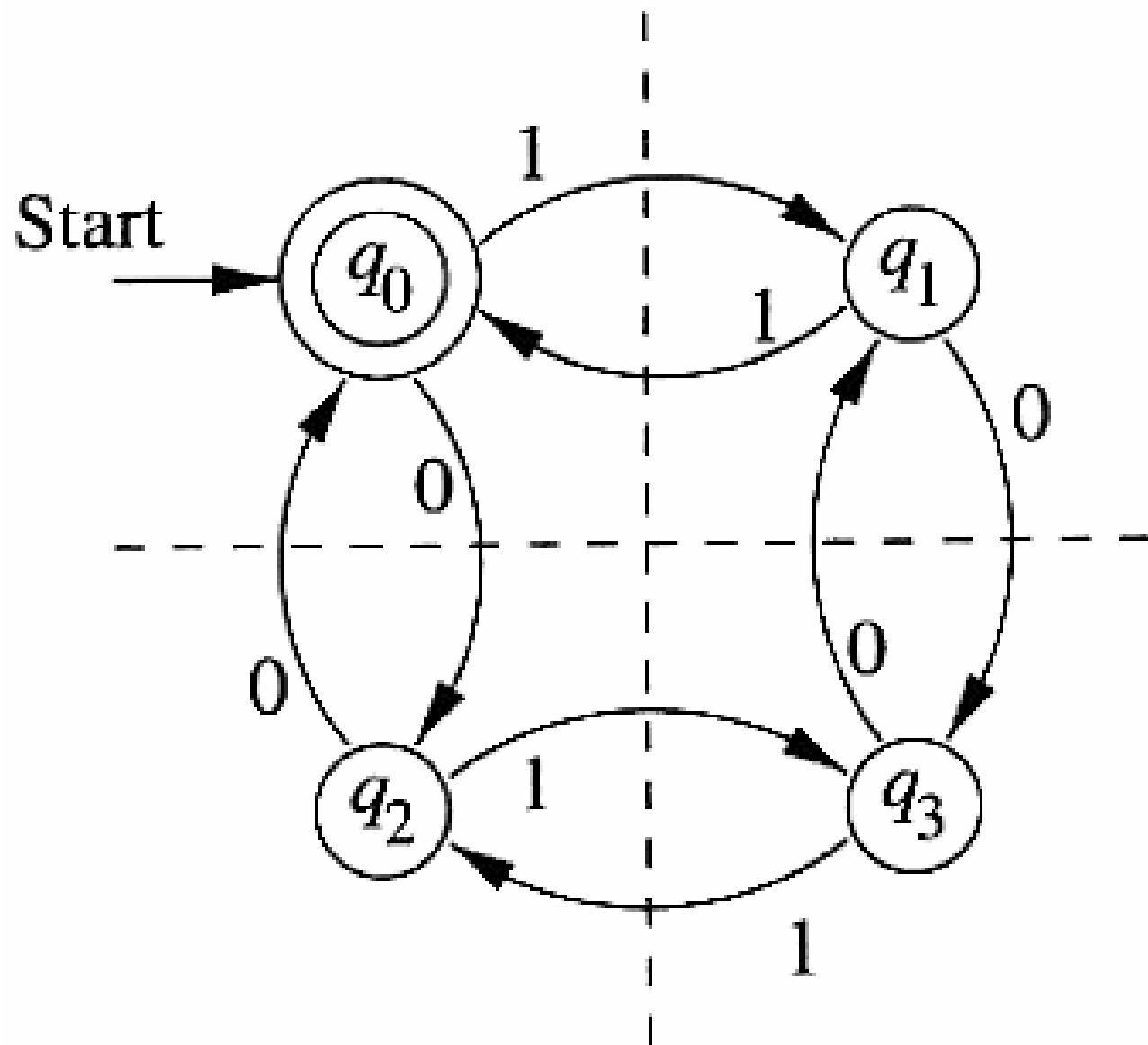
But this is obvious, because

$$M \xrightarrow{t_1} M_1 \xrightarrow{t_2} \dots \xrightarrow{t_{i-1}} M_{i-1} \xrightarrow{t_i} M_i$$

is also a finite prefix of σ and therefore $M_{i-1} \xrightarrow{t_i}$

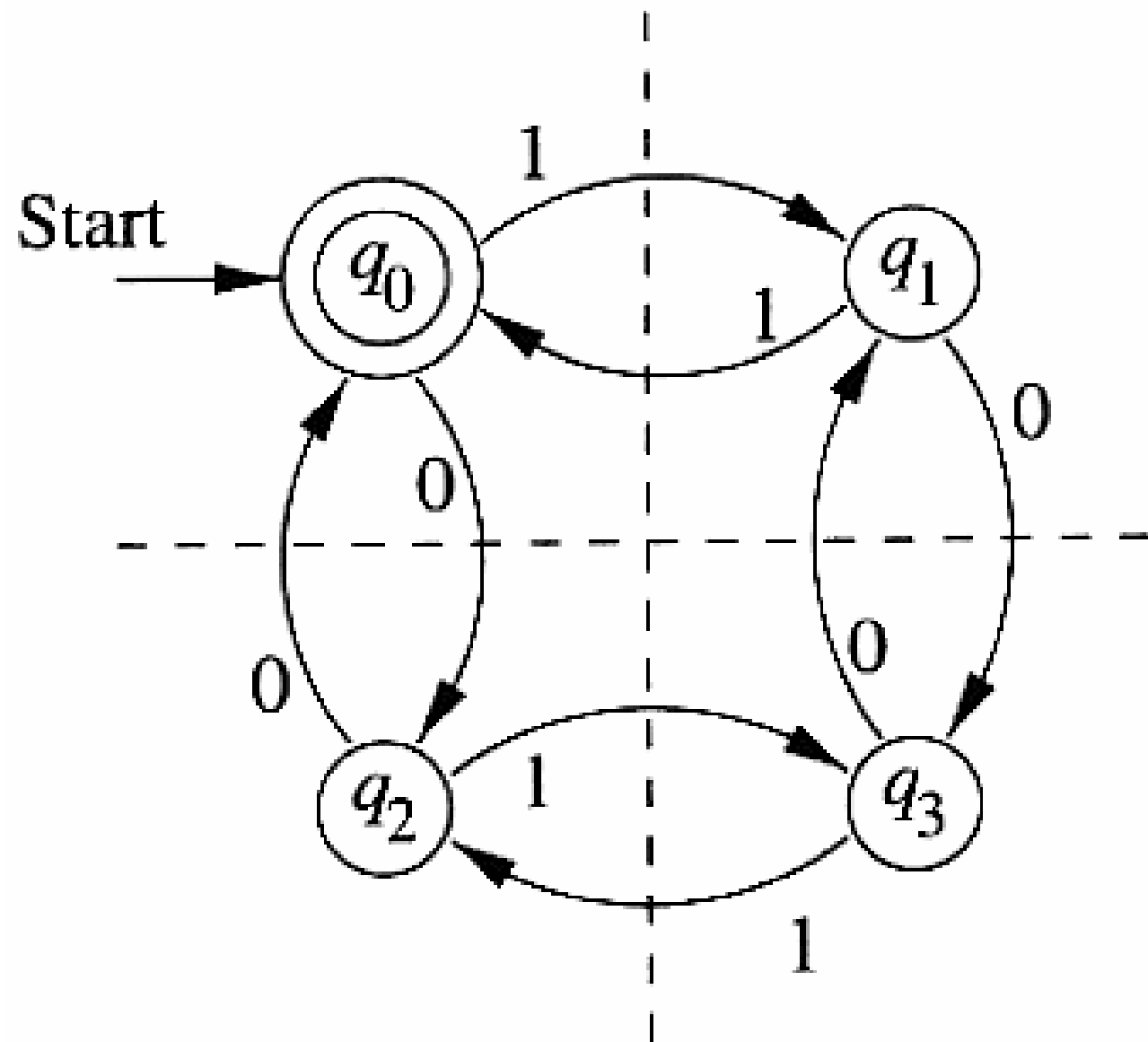
Exercises

DFA: example



		0	1
→ * q_0		q_2	q_1
q_1		q_3	q_0
q_2		q_0	q_3
q_3		q_1	q_2

DFA: exercise

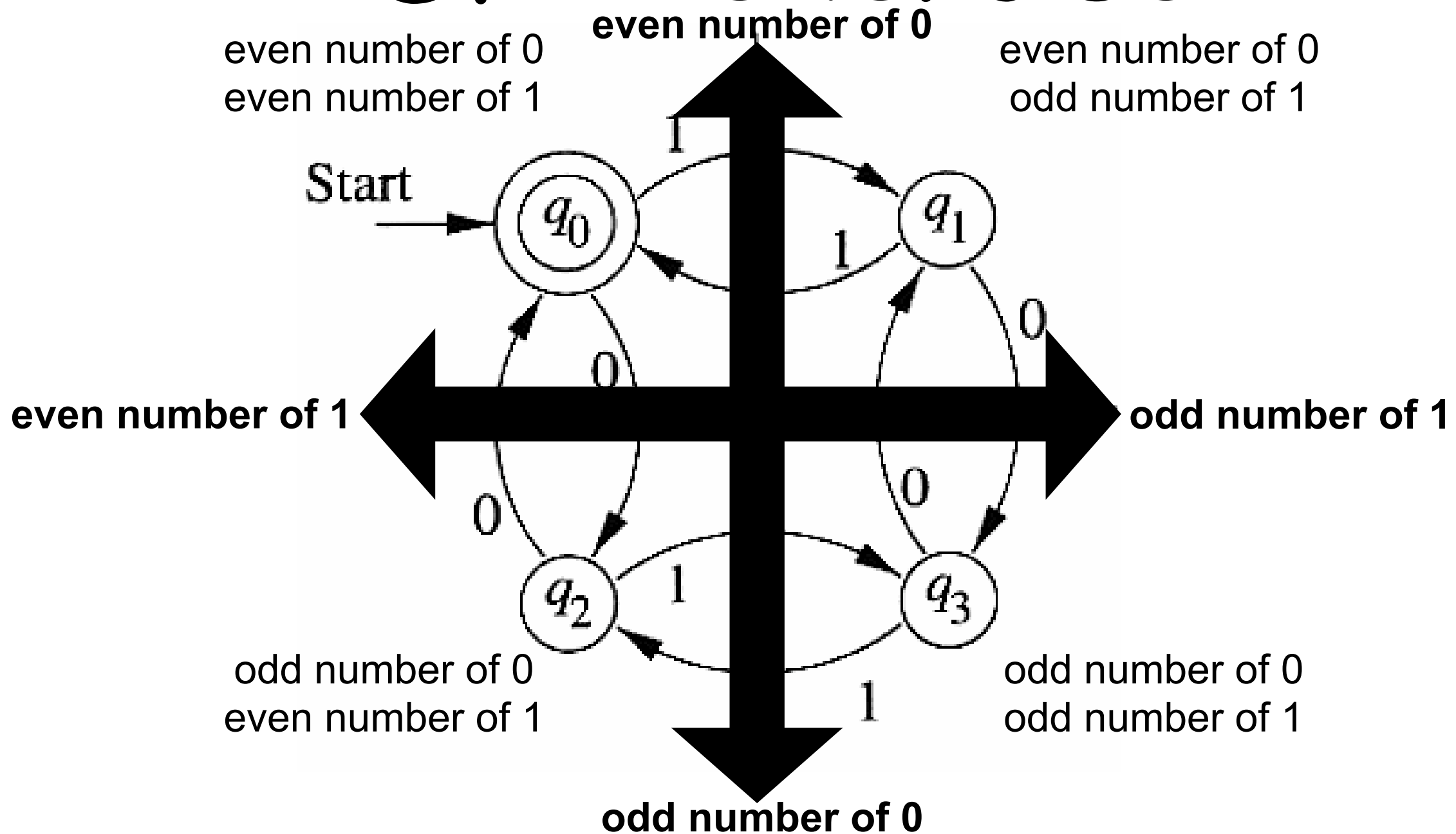


Does it accept 100 ? **No**

Does it accept 1010 ? **Yes**

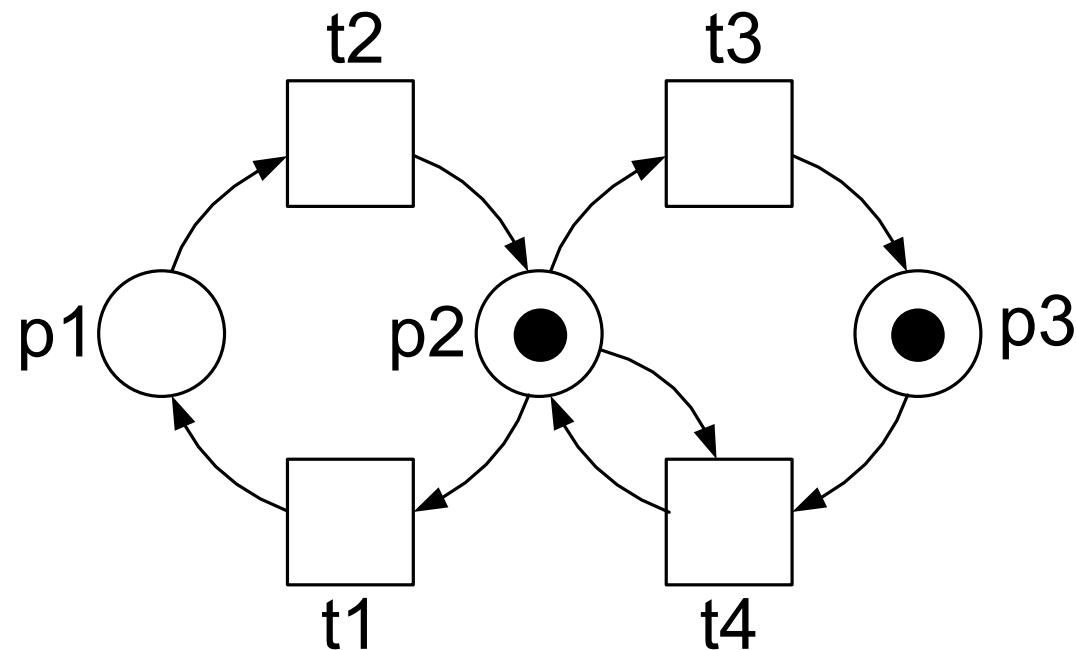
What is $L(A)$?

DFA: exercise



What is $L(A)$? **The set of all binary strings with an even number of occurrences of 0 and 1**

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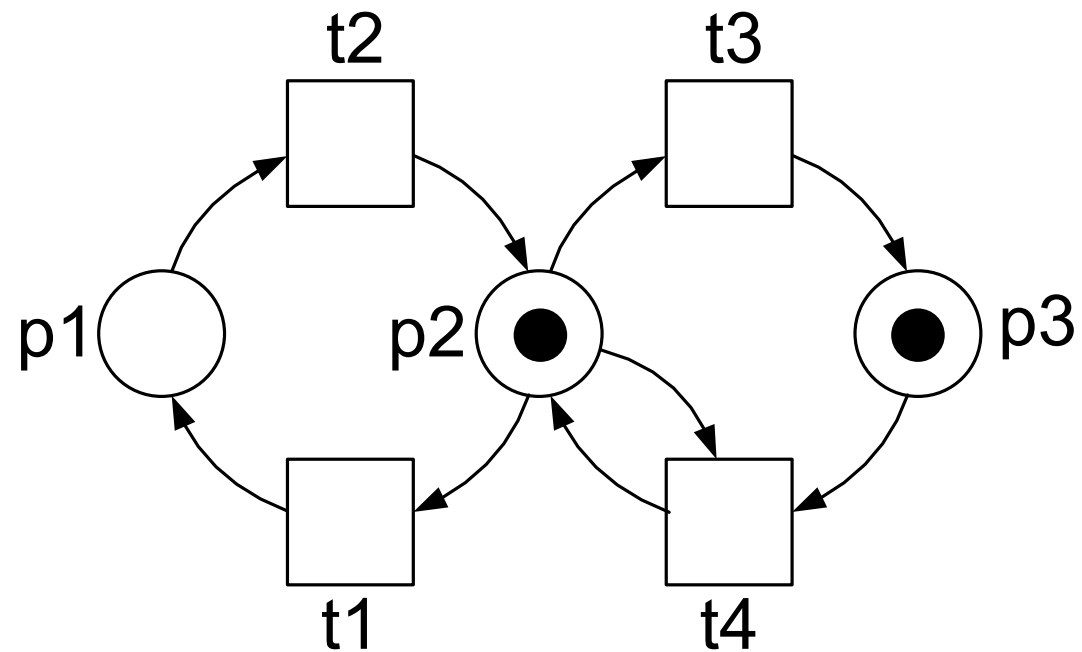
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Which transitions are currently enabled?

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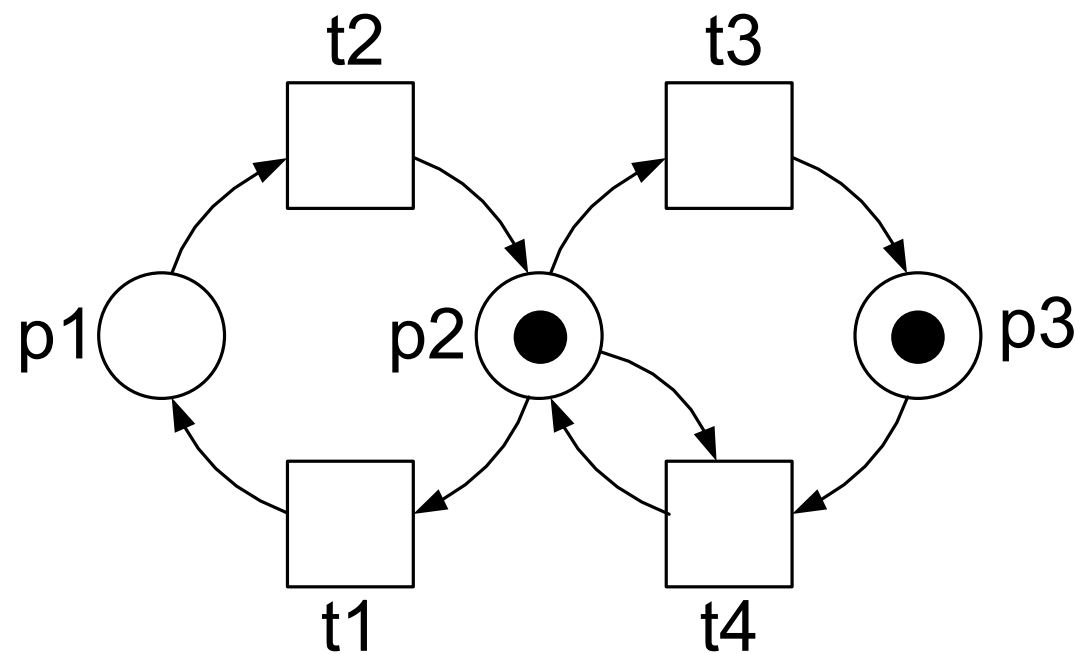
What are the reachable states?

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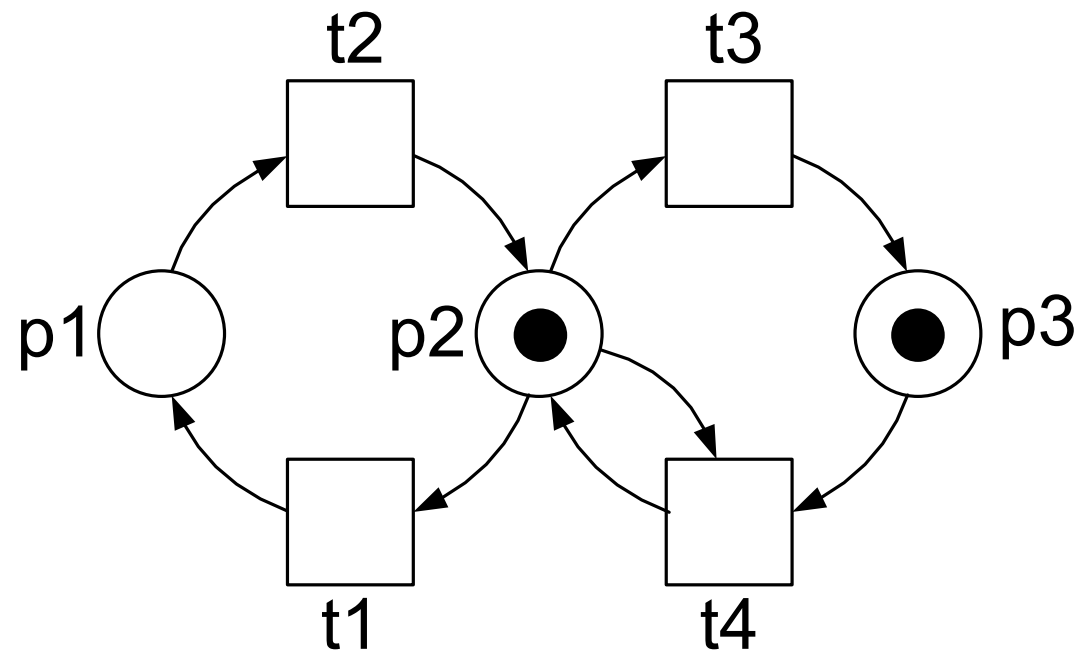
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Which transitions are currently enabled?

t_1, t_3, t_4

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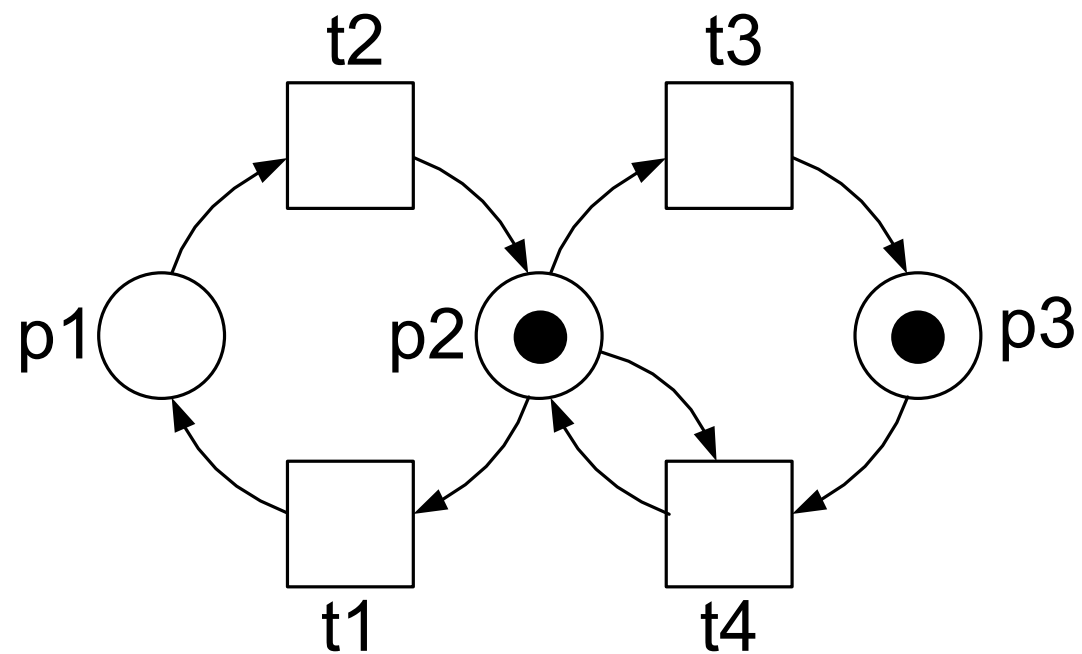
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$$p_2 + p_3 \xrightarrow{t_1} p_1 + p_3$$

$$p_2 + p_3 \xrightarrow{t_3} 2p_3$$

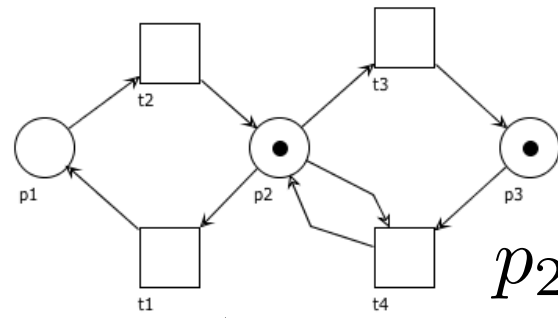
$$p_2 + p_3 \xrightarrow{t_4} p_2$$

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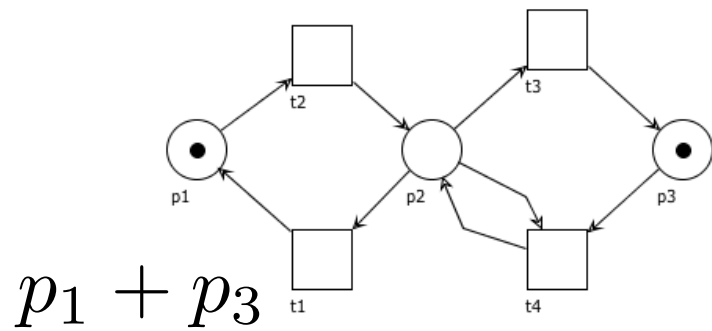
$p_2 + p_3$

t_2

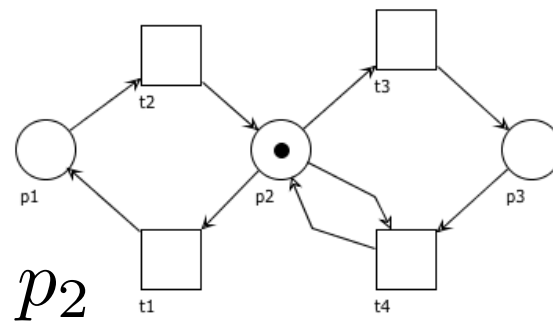
t_1

t_4

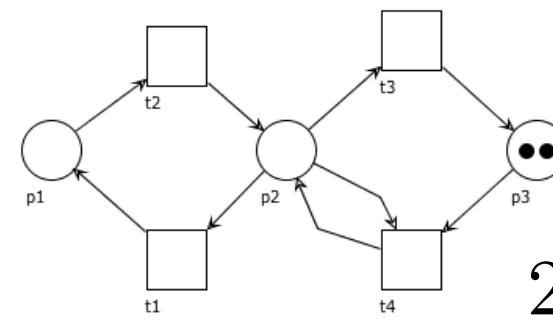
t_3



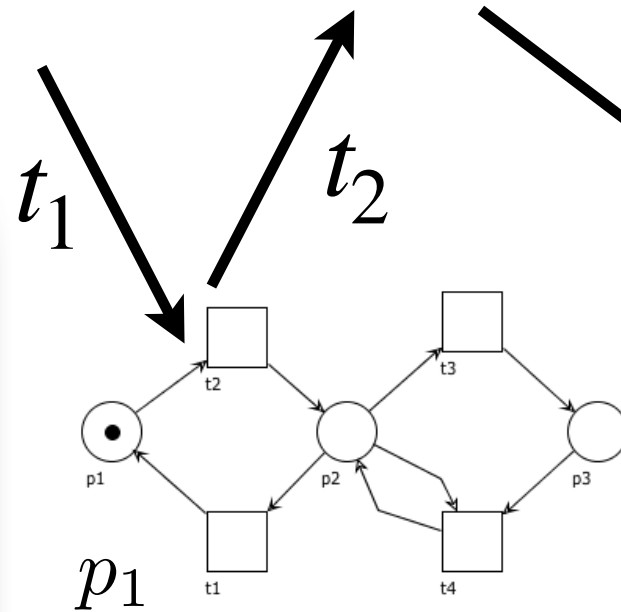
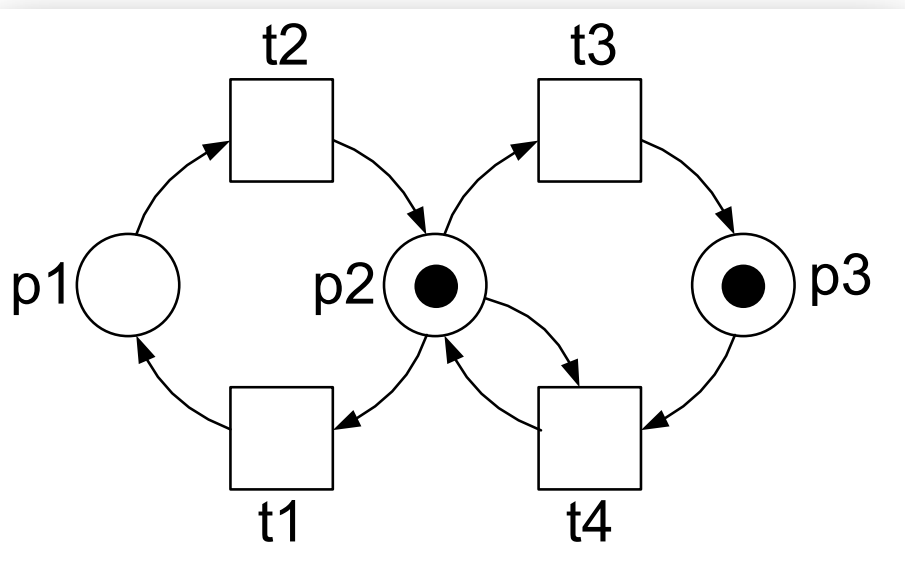
$p_1 + p_3$



p_2

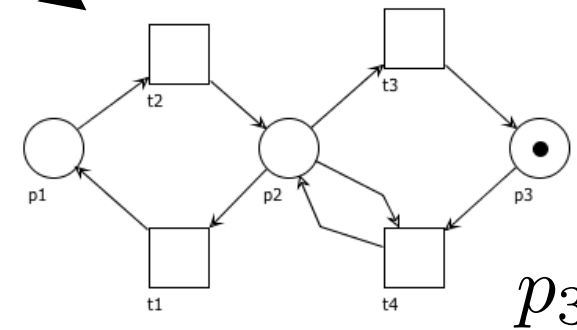


$2p_3$



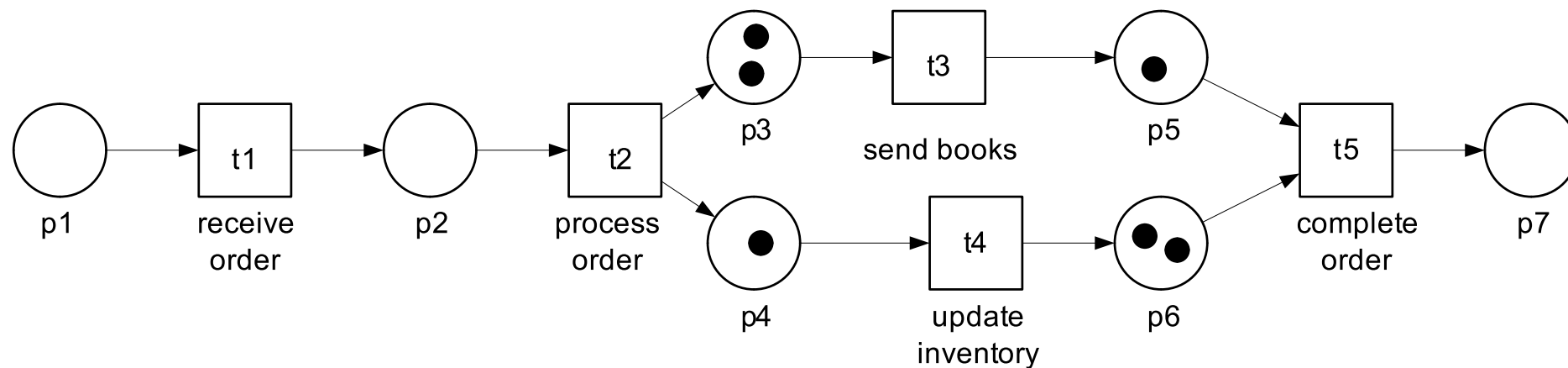
p_1

123



p_3

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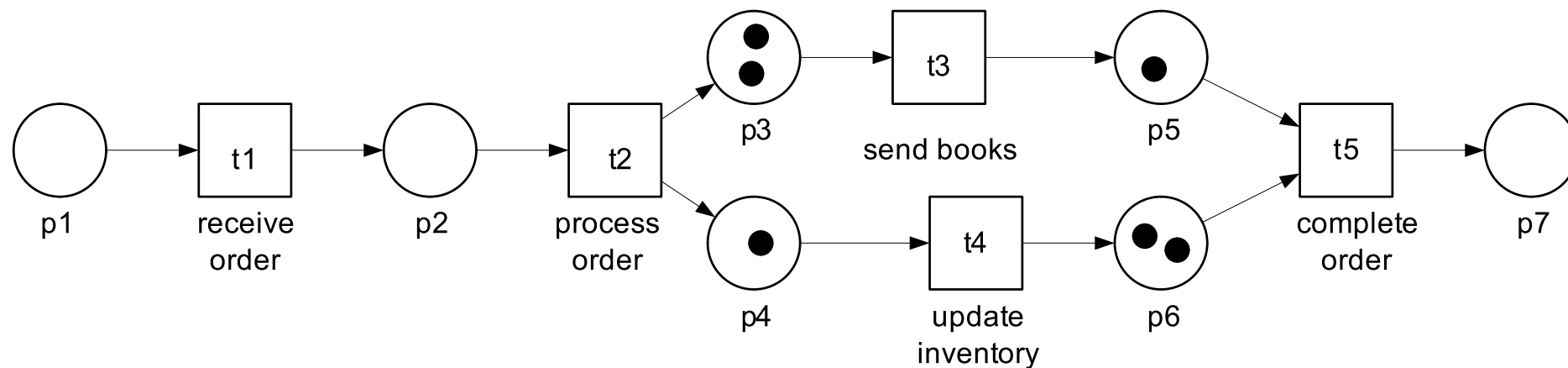
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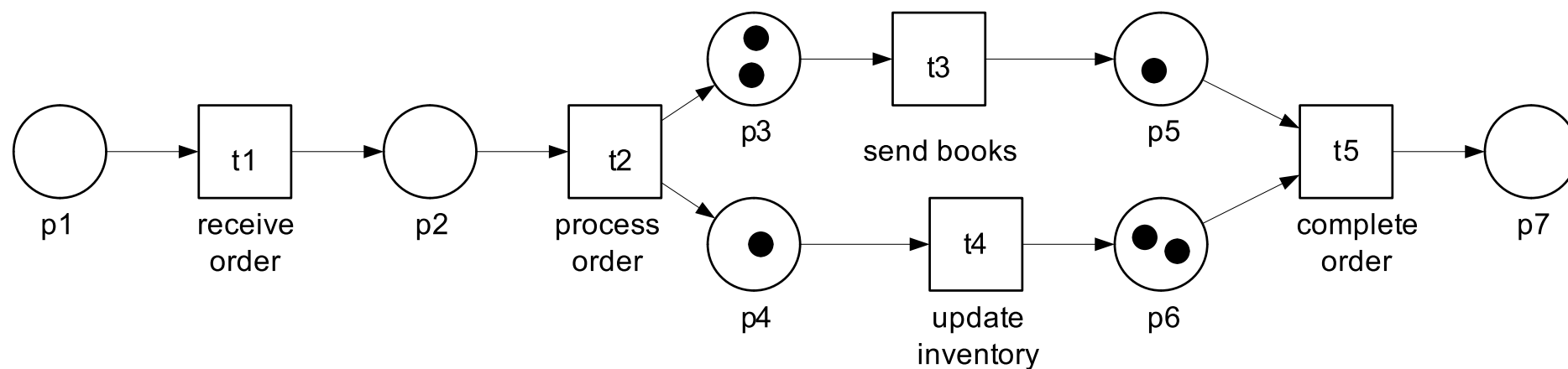
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$$2p_3 + p_4 + p_5 + 2p_6$$

Which are the currently enabled transitions?

t_3, t_4, t_5

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$$2p_3 + p_4 + p_5 + 2p_6$$

Which are the currently enabled transitions?

t_3

t_4

t_5

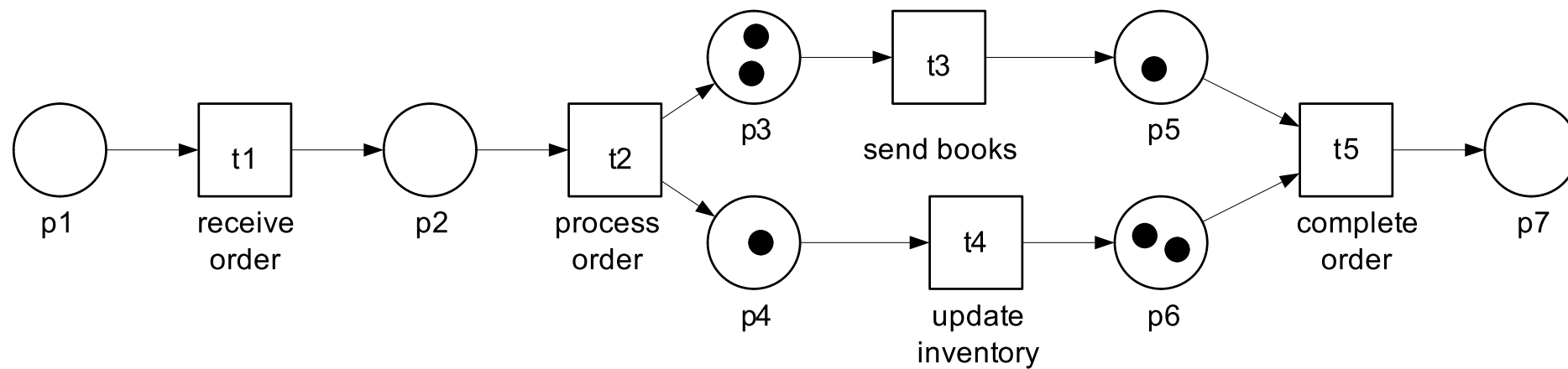
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$$p_3 + p_4 + 2p_5 + 2p_6$$

$$2p_3 + p_4 + p_6 + p_7$$

$$2p_3 + p_5 + 3p_6$$

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