



Network Medicine

Petri Nets: Definitions

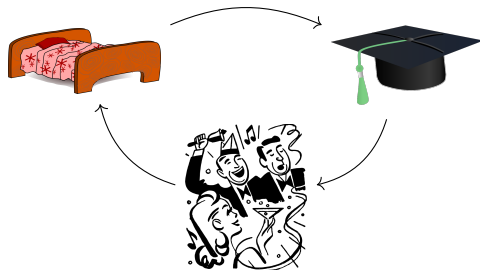
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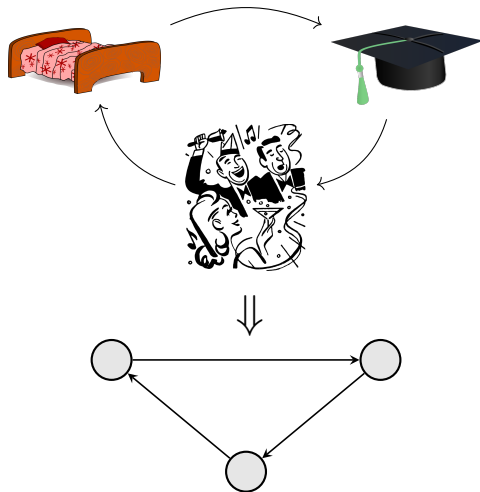
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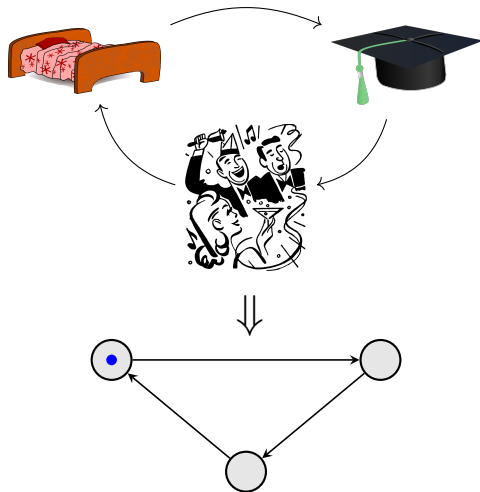
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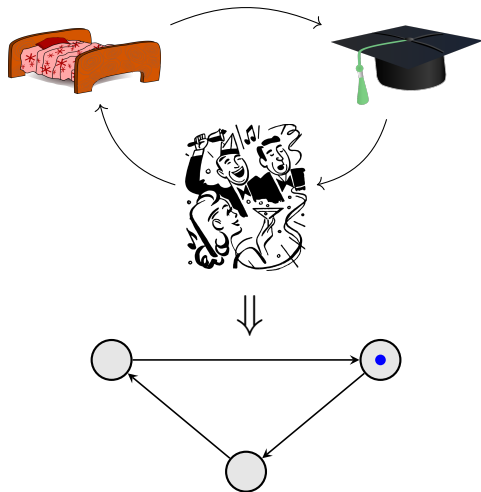
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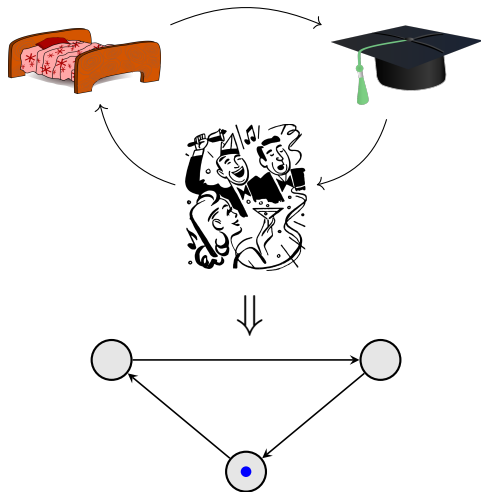
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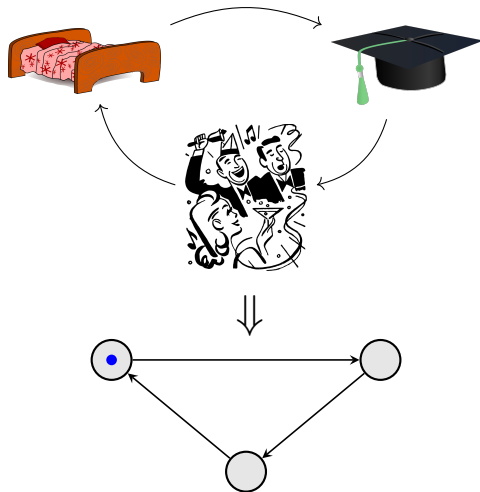
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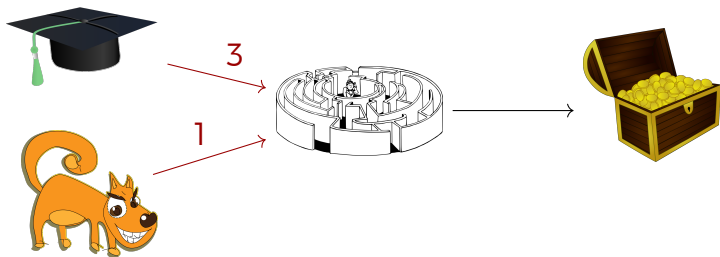
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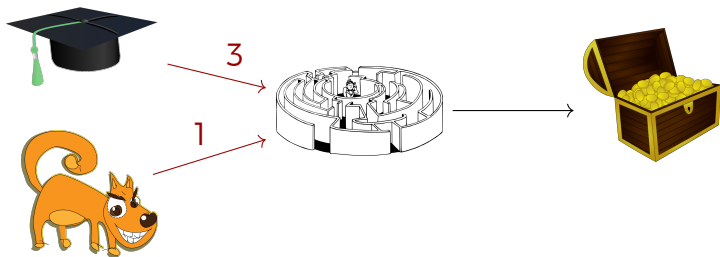
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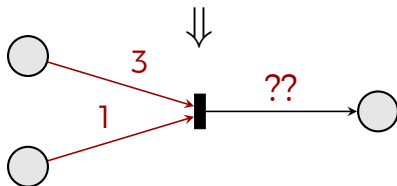


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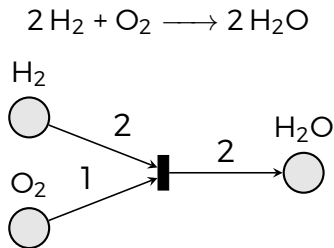
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We can **later** require it for specific models.

- ▶ not in the general case

The numbers do not add up.



Petri Nets: Historical Note

Invented in August 1939 by Carl Adam Petri—at the age of 13—for describing **chemical processes**.

A **graphical notation** for stepwise processes that include choice, iteration, and concurrent execution.

- ▶ discrete dynamical systems

Have a **well developed** theory.



Carl Adam Petri

<https://ww2.informatik.hu-berlin.de/top/lehre/petriweb/>
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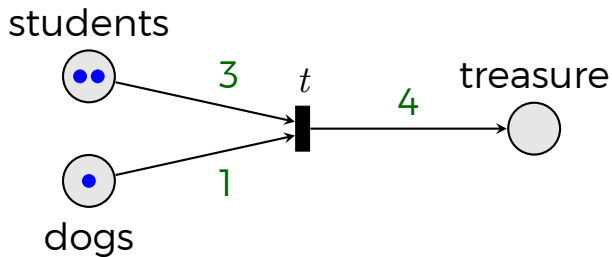
Petri Nets: Definition

$$N = (P, T, W, M_0)$$

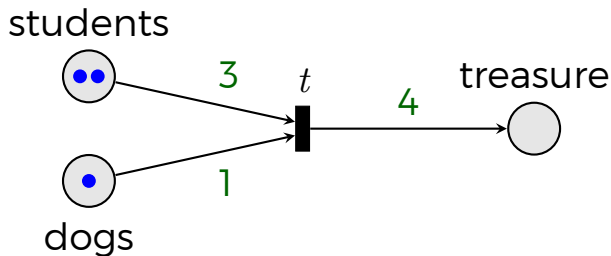
- ▶ $P = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$: the set of places
- ▶ $T = \{t_1, \dots, t_m\}$: the set of transitions
- ▶ $W: ((P \times T) \cup (T \times P)) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$: the weight function
 - ▶ assigns multiplicities to arcs
- ▶ $M_0: P \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$: the initial marking
 - ▶ the initial number of tokens in places



Illustrated Definition



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$$P = \{\text{students, dogs, treasure}\} \quad T = \{t\}$$

	(students, t)	(dogs, t)	(t, treasure)
W	3	1	4
	students	dogs	treasure
M_0	2	1	0

Basic Dynamics

How does this net **evolve**?

students



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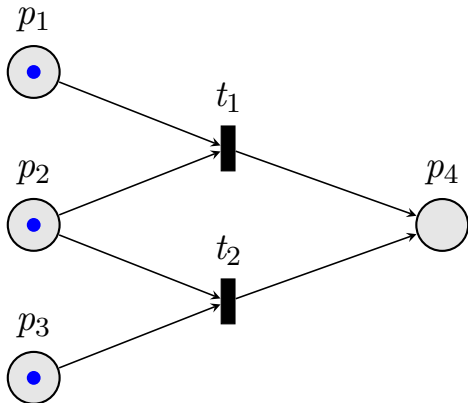


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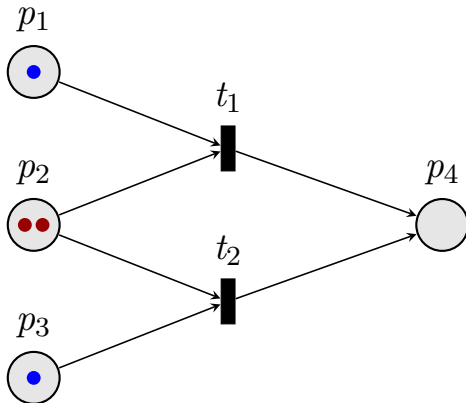
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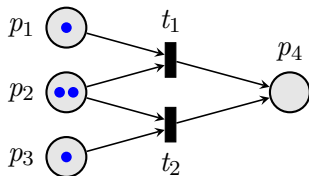


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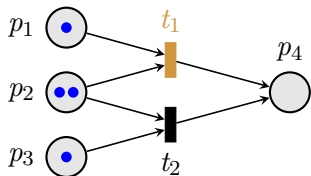
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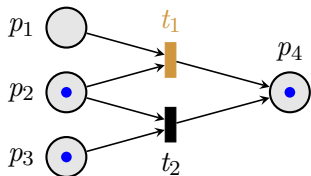
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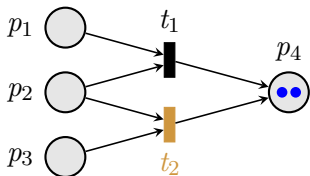
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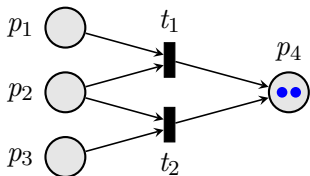
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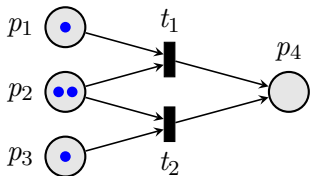
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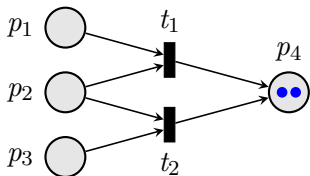


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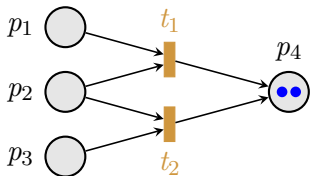
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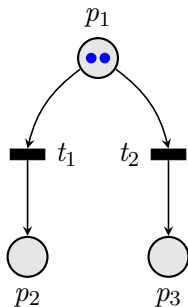


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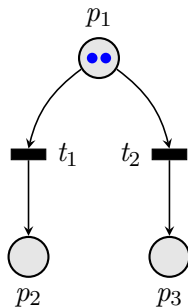
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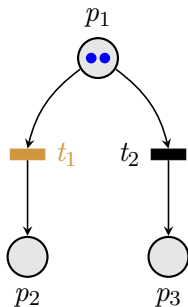
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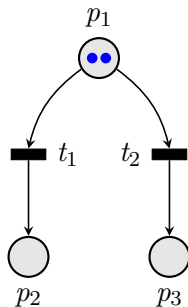
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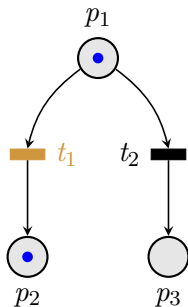
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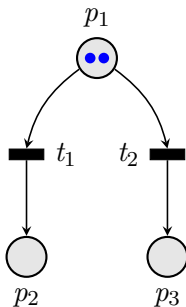
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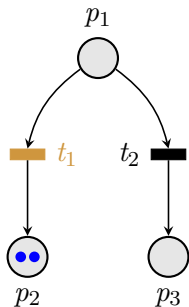
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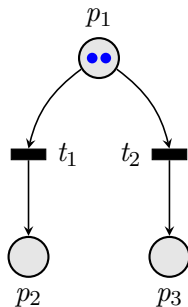
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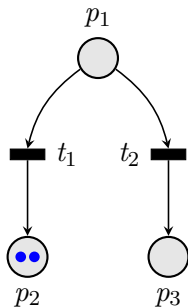
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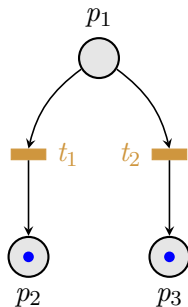
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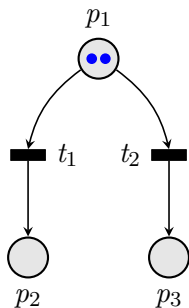
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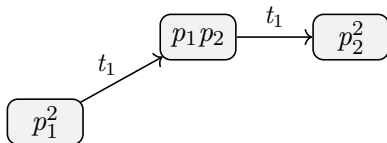
Transitions: t_1
 t_2

The marking p_2^2 is unreachable in synchronous mode.

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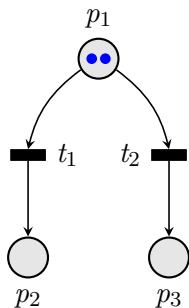


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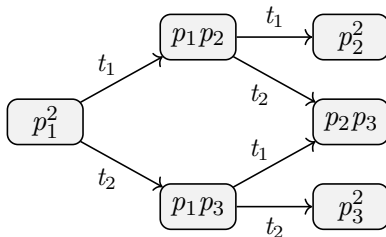


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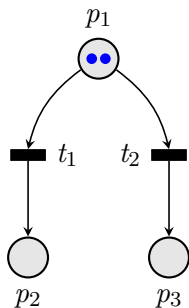


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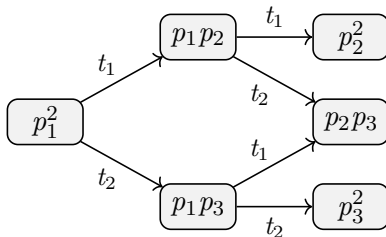


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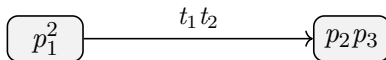
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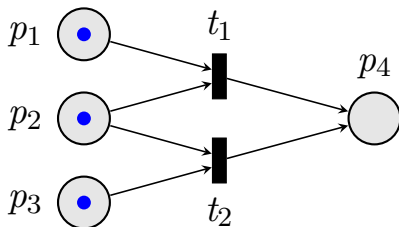
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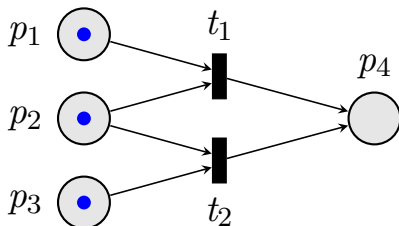
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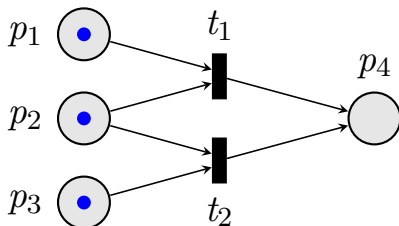
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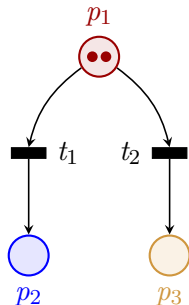
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Petri Nets as Multiset Rewriting

A **multiset** is a set with repetitions.

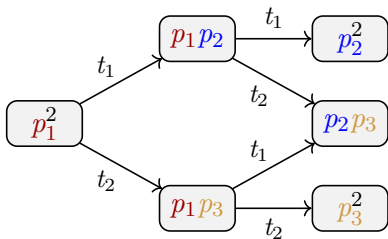
- ▶ $\{a, a, b\}$ and $\{a, b\}$ are different multisets
- ▶ $\{a, a, b\}$ and $\{a, b, a\}$ are the same multiset

Petri net transitions = multiset rewriting rules



$t_1 \mapsto p_1 \rightarrow p_2$

$t_2 \mapsto p_1 \rightarrow p_3$



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multiset>