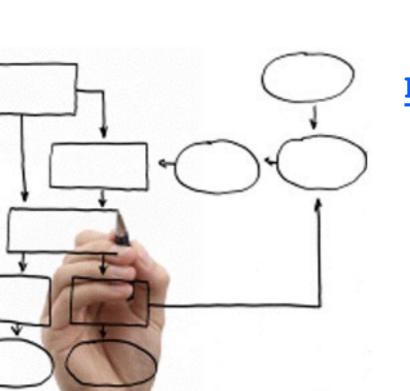
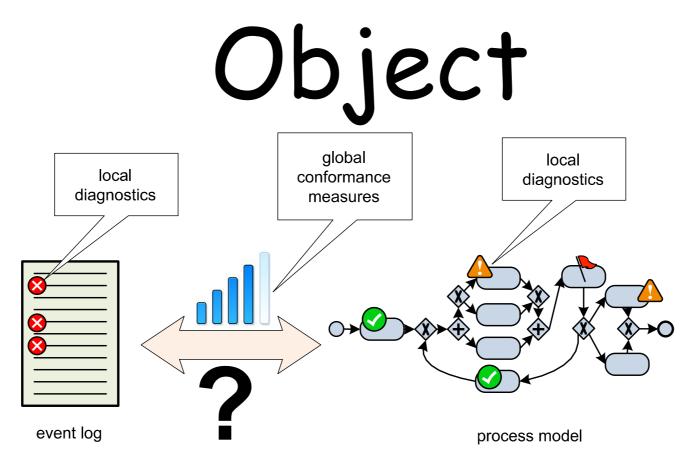
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Process Mining

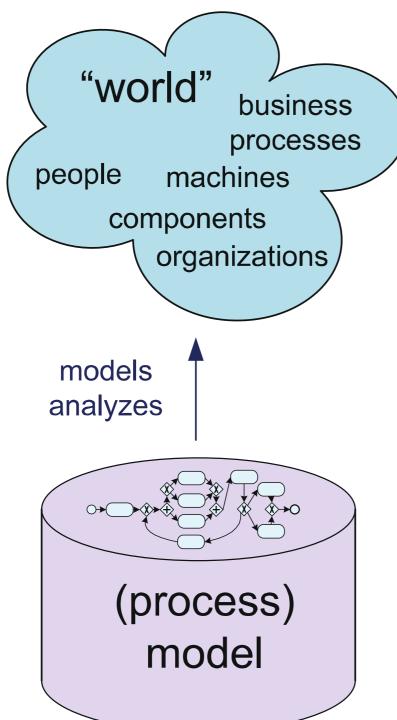
Process mining is a relative young research discipline that sits between

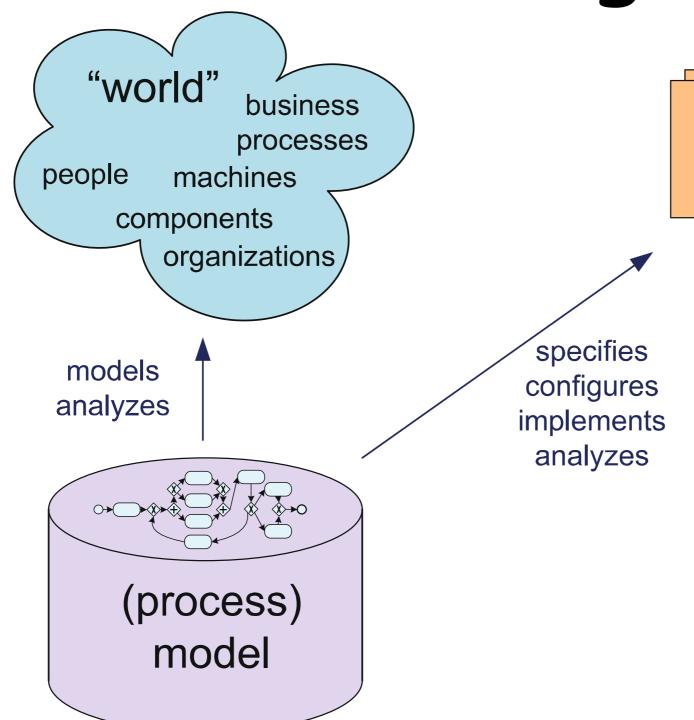
machine learning and data mining on the one hand

and process modeling and analysis on the other hand.

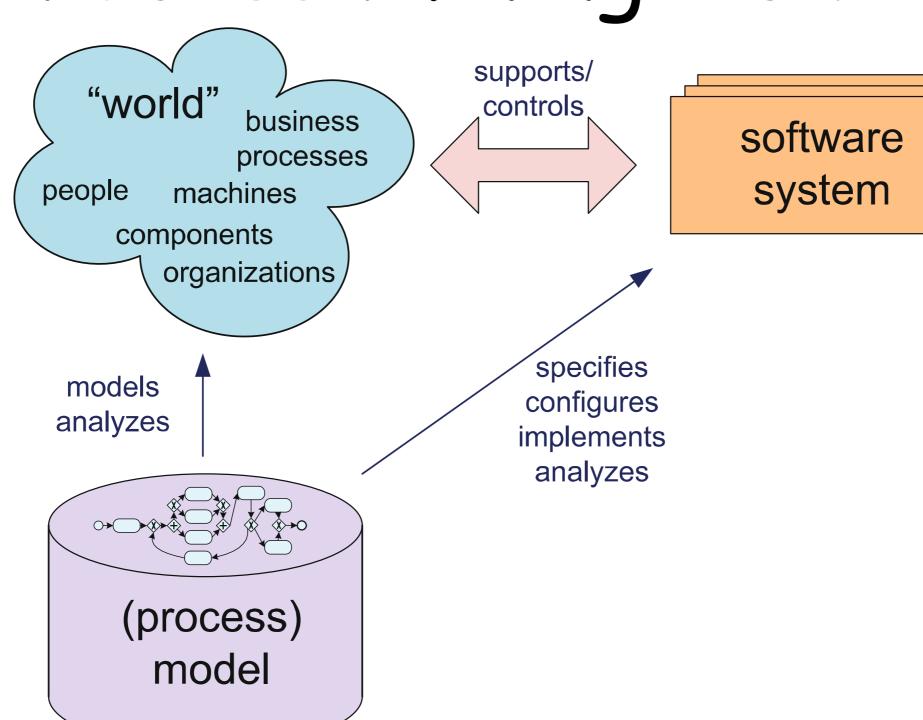
The idea of process mining is to discover, monitor and improve real processes (i.e., not hypothetical ones) by extracting knowledge from event logs readily available in today's systems.

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Processes, Cases, Events, Attributes

A process consists of cases.

A case consists of events such that each event relates to precisely one case.

Events within a case are ordered in time.

Events can have attributes.

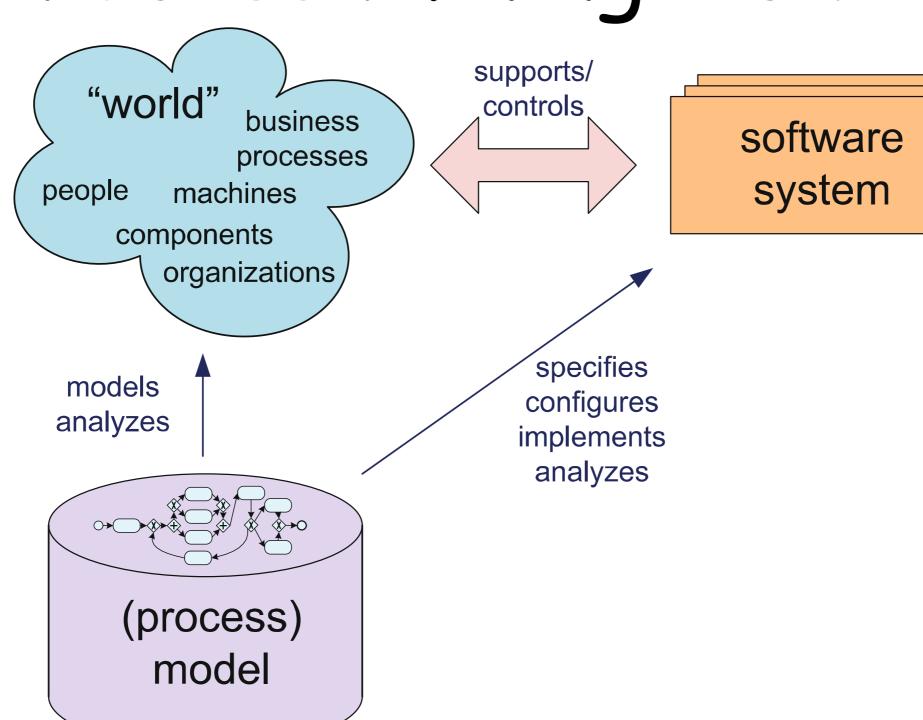
Examples of typical attribute names are activity, time, cost, and resource.

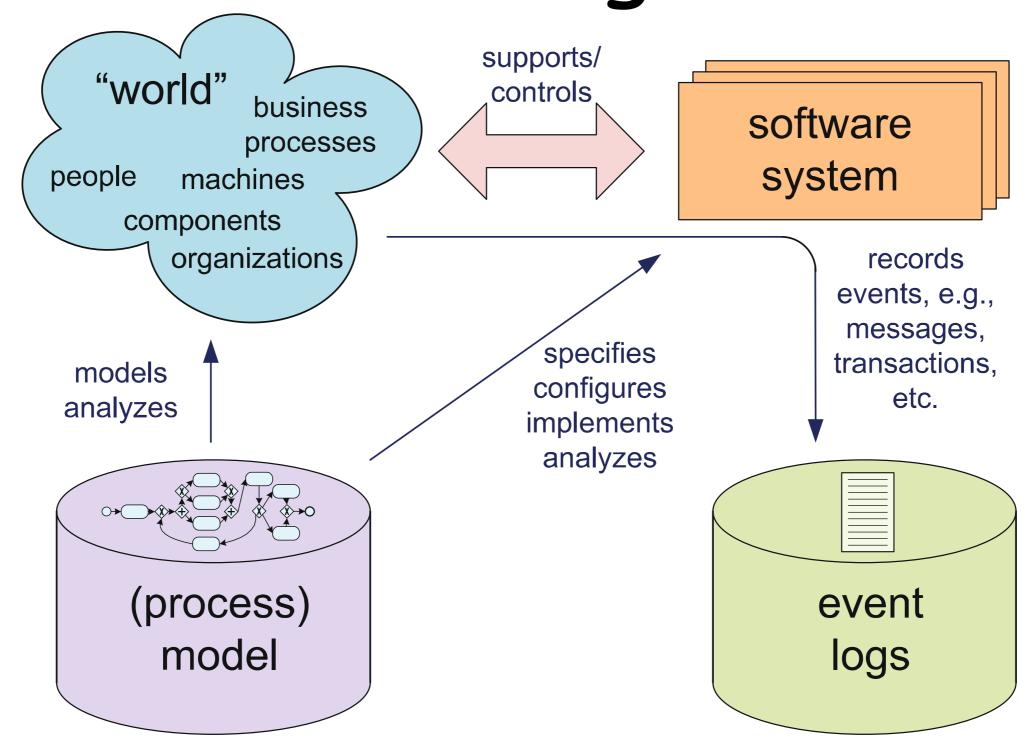
Event Logs

Let us assume that it is possible to sequentially record events of a process such that each event:

refers to an activity (i.e., a well-defined step in the process)

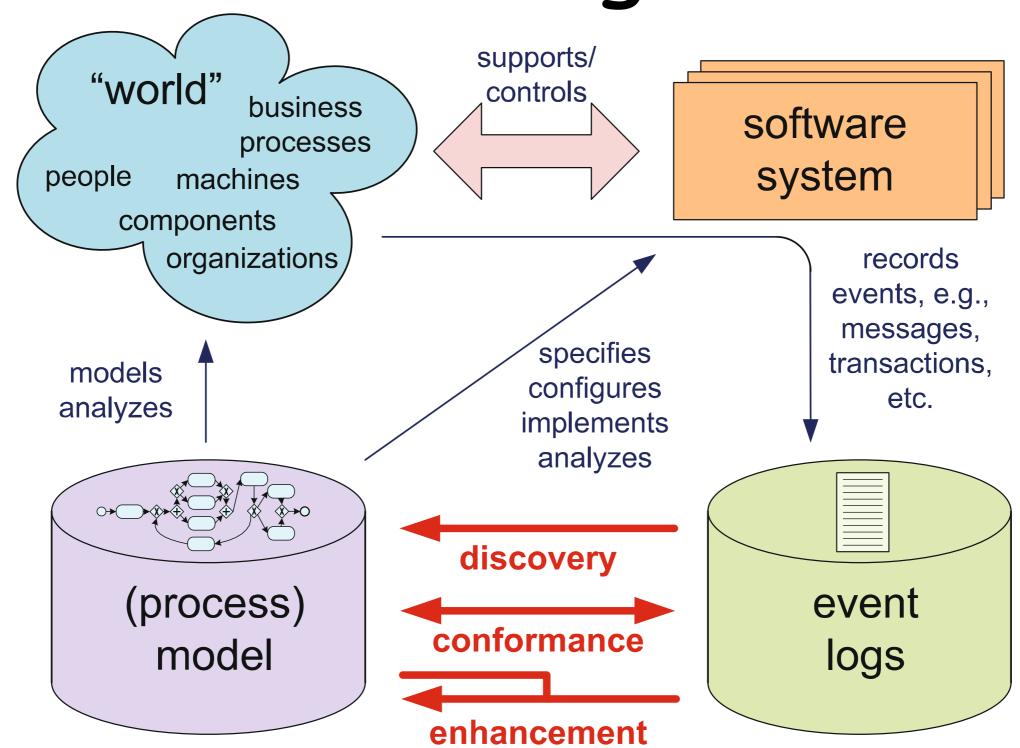
and is related to a particular case (i.e., a process instance).





Event Log Example

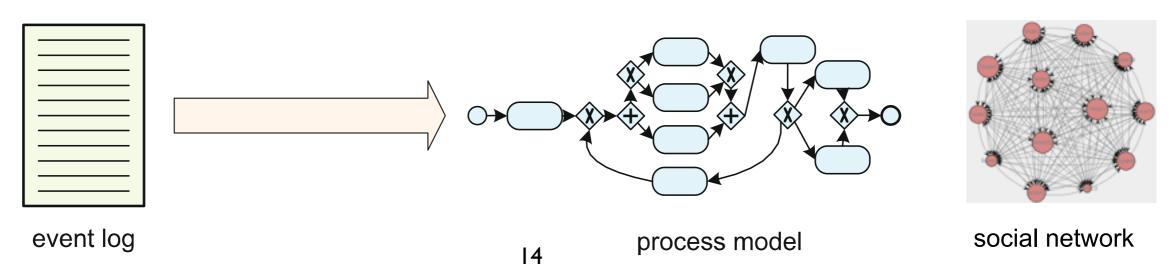
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	35654488	05-01-2011:11.22	Decide	Sara	200	• • •					
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Discovery

A **discovery** technique takes an event log and produces a model (without using any a-priori information)

If the event log contains information about resources, one can also discover resource-related models, e.g., a social network showing how people work together in an organization.

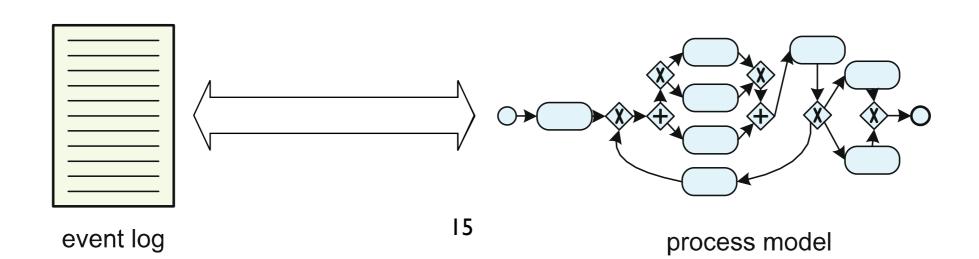


Conformance

Conformance checking can be used to check if reality, as recorded in the log, conforms to the model and vice versa.

An existing process model is compared with an event log.

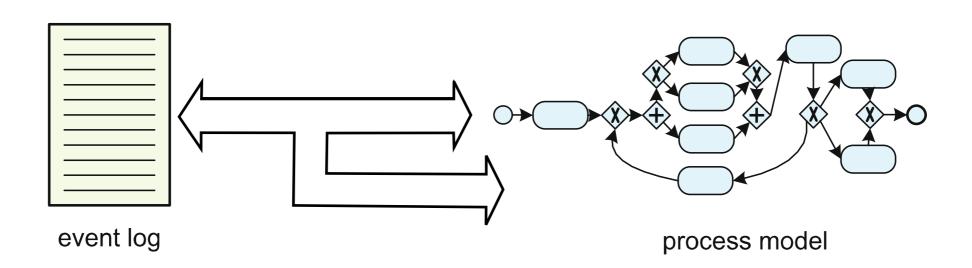
Conformance checking may be used to detect, locate and explain deviations, and to measure the severity of these deviations.



Enhancement

Whereas conformance checking measures the alignment between a model and reality

enhancement aims to extend/improve an existing process model using information about the actual process recorded in some event log.



Two Angles

First viewpoint (the model is supposed to be **descriptive**): the model does not capture the real behavior ("the model is wrong, how to improve it?")

Second viewpoint (the model is **normative**) reality deviates from the desired model ("the event log is wrong, how to control execution?").

Enhancement: Repair

One type of enhancement is **repair**, i.e., modifying the model to better reflect reality.

For example, if two activities are modeled sequentially but in reality can happen in any order, then the model may be corrected to reflect this.

Business Alignment

The goal of business alignment is to make sure that the **information systems** and the **real business processes** are **well aligned**. (People should be supported by the information system rather than work behind its back to get things done)

Process mining can assist in improving the alignment of information systems, business processes, and organization.

By analyzing the real processes and diagnosing discrepancies, new insights can be gathered showing how to improve the support by information systems.

Auditing

Audits are performed to ascertain the validity and reliability of information about organizations and processes.

This is done to check whether business processes are executed within certain boundaries set by managers, governments, and other stakeholders.

Rules violations may indicate fraud, malpractice, risks, and inefficiencies.

The availability of log data and advanced process mining techniques enables new forms of auditing

Four Perspectives

Organizational Perspective

The **organizational perspective** focuses on information about resources, i.e., which actors (e.g., people, systems, roles, and departments) are involved and how they are related.

The goal can be to structure the organization by classifying people in terms of roles and organizational units or to show the social network.

Case Perspective

The case perspective focuses on properties of cases.

Obviously, a case can be characterized by its path in the process or by the resources working on it or by the values of data elements.

For example, it can be interesting to find out commonalities between cases that conclude with negative outcomes

Time Perspective

The **time perspective** is concerned with the timing and frequency of events (performance checking).

When events bear timestamps it is possible to discover bottlenecks, measure service levels, monitor the utilization of resources, and predict the remaining processing time of running cases.

Control-Flow Perspective

The **control-flow perspective** focuses on the control-flow, i.e., the ordering of activities.

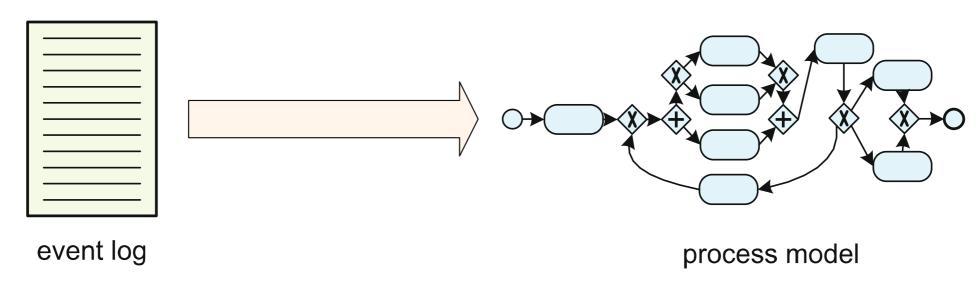
The goal of mining this perspective is to find a good characterization of all possible paths, e.g., expressed in terms of a Petri net or some other notation (e.g., EPC, BPMN, and UML AD).

We shall focus on this perspective only

Three Strategies

Play-in

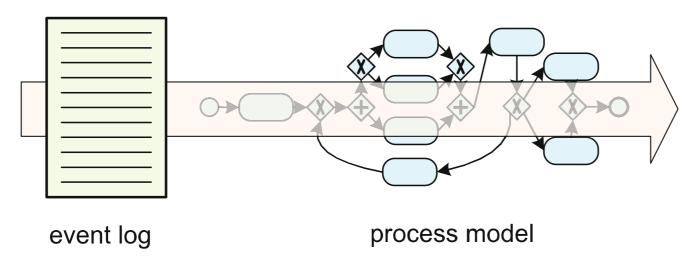
Play-In



Mining **Discovery**

Replay

Replay



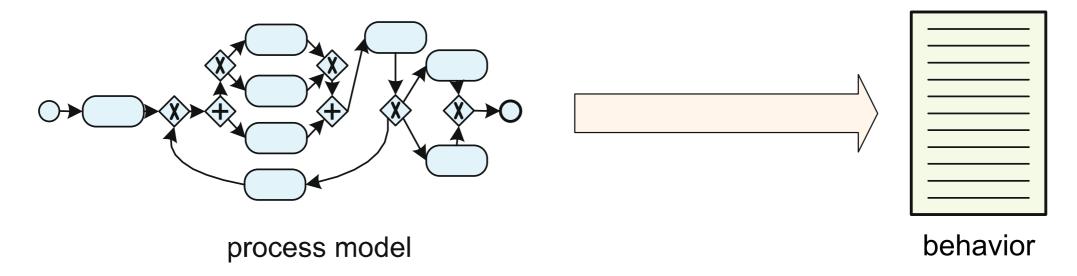
- extended model showing times, frequencies, etc.
- diagnostics
- predictions
- recommendations

Conformance checking

Performance analysis
Bottlenecks detection
Predictive models (based on past)
Operational support (deviation detection)

Play-out

Play-Out



Workflow engine
Simulation engine
Trace generation
Model checking

Discovery and conformance: an example

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Two cases

Two traces

Ten (totally ordered) events

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1			Register request)			
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			G Pay compensation								

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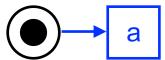
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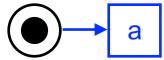
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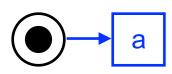
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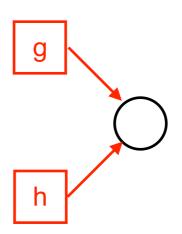




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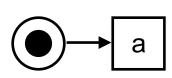
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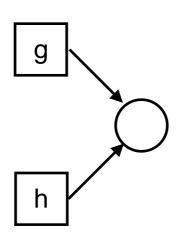




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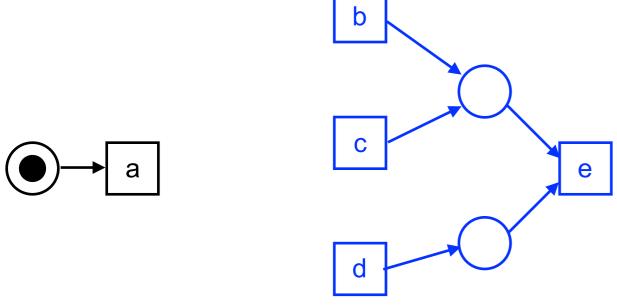
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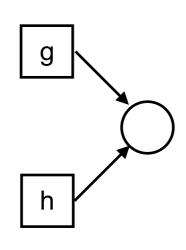




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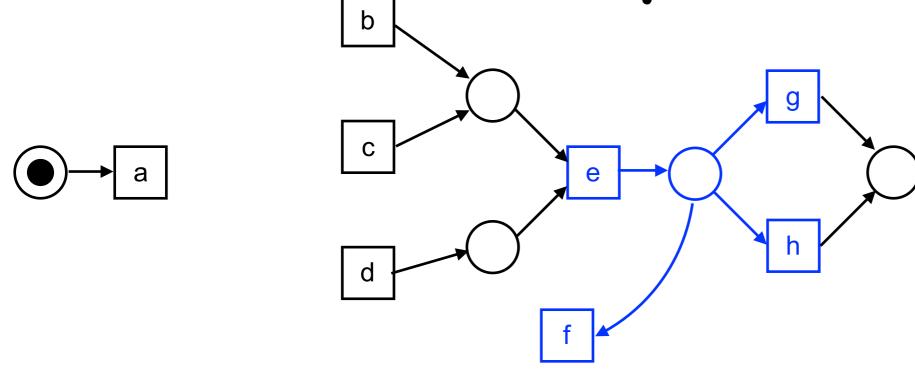
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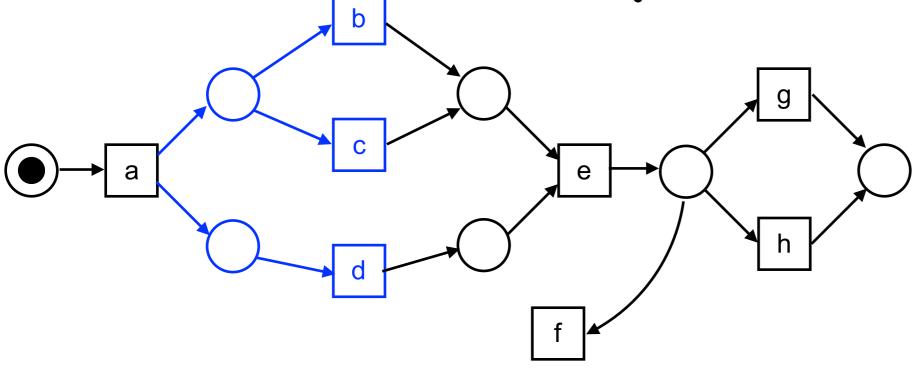
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Moreover, e is always followed by f, g, or h.

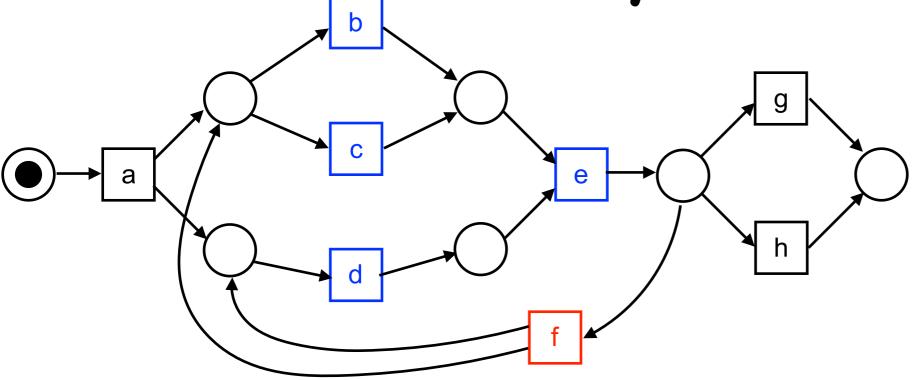
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b/c and d
are executed in any order
(bd,db,cd,dc)
which suggests they are

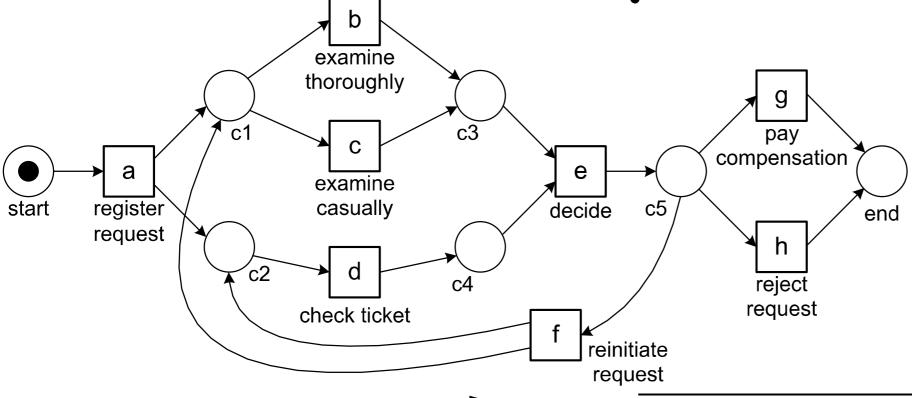
which suggests they are executed in parallel

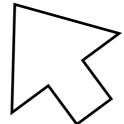
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3	$\langle a(c,d)e, f(b,d)e, g \rangle$
4	$\langle a(d,b),e,h\rangle$
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The repeated execution of b/c, d, and e suggests the presence of a loop (over f).

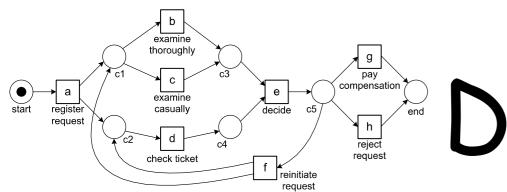
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Replay:
log features are
adequately captured by
the net

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Discussion

Case id	Trace
1	$\langle a,b,d,e,h \rangle$
2	$\langle a, d, c, e, g \rangle$
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6	$\langle a, c, d, e, g \rangle$

The discovered net also allows for traces not in the log, e.g.

(a, c, d, e, f, c, d, e, f, c, d, e, f, c, d, e, f, b, d, e, g >

This is a desired phenomenon:

the goal of a discovery procedure is not to represent exactly the particular set of sample traces in the event log.

Process mining algorithms must generalize the behavior contained in the log to show the most likely underlying model that is not invalidated by the next set of observations

Overfitting and Underfitting

One of the challenges of process mining is to balance between

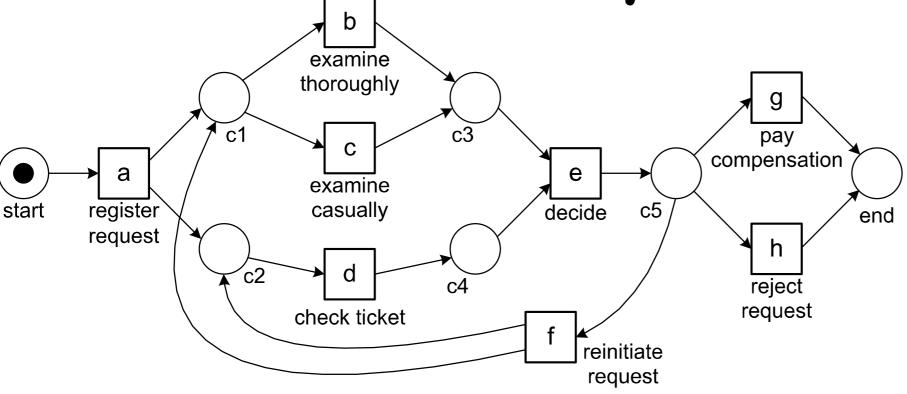
overfitting:

the model is too specific it only allows for the accidental behavior observed

and

underfitting:

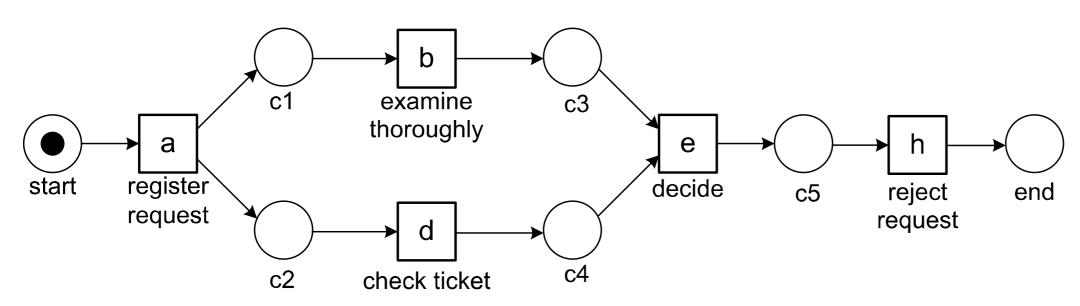
the model is too general it allows for behavior unrelated to the behavior observed



When comparing the event log and the model, there seems to be a good balance between "overfitting" and "underfitting".

Case id	Trace
1	$\langle a,b,d,e,h \rangle$
2	$\langle a, d, c, e, g \rangle$
3	$\langle a, c, d, e, f, b, d, e, g \rangle$
4	$\langle a,d,b,e,h \rangle$
5	$\langle a, c, d, e, f, d, c, e, f, c, d, e, h \rangle$
6	$\langle a, c, d, e, g \rangle$
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Another Discovery Example

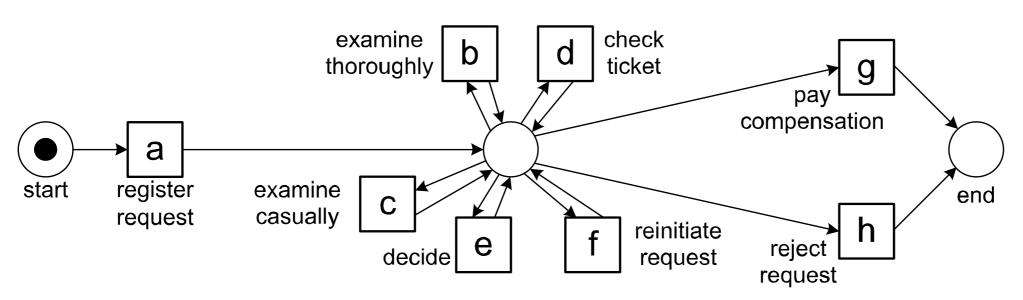


Another net could fail to replay some traces

Case id	Trace
1	$\langle a,b,d,e,h \rangle$
2	$\langle a, d, c, c, g \rangle$
3	$\langle a, c, d, c, f, b, d, c, g \rangle$
4	$\langle a,d,b,e,h \rangle$
5	$\langle a, c, d, c, f, d, c, c, f, c, d, c, h \rangle$
6	$\langle a, c, a, c, g \rangle$
	•••

Another Discovery Example

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Another net could allow for too many other traces (nets of this kind are called **flower nets**) and deliver little information about the underlying process

Case id	Trace
1	$\langle a,b,d,e,h \rangle$
2	$\langle a, d, c, e, g \rangle$
3	$\langle a, c, d, e, f, b, d, e, g \rangle$
4	$\langle a,d,b,e,h \rangle$
5	$\langle a, c, d, e, f, d, c, e, f, c, d, e, h \rangle$
6	$\langle a, c, d, e, g \rangle$
•••	•••

Conformance Example We would like to measure the

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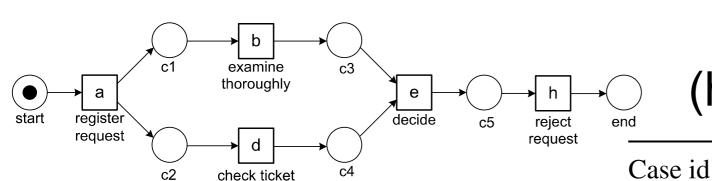
	Case id	Trace
	1	$\langle a, b, d, e, h \rangle$
	2	$\langle a, d, c, e, g \rangle$
y b	3	$\langle a, c, d, e, f, b, d, e, g \rangle$
examine thoroughly	4	$\langle a, d, b, e, h \rangle$
C1 C3	pay 5	$\langle a, c, d, e, f, d, c, e, f, c, d, e, h \rangle$
examine casually decide c5	ompensation 6	$\langle a, c, d, e, g \rangle$
request	h 7	$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{g} \rangle$
check ticket	reject request	$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{e} \rangle$
reinitiate	9	$\langle a, d, c, e, f, d, c, e, f, b, d, e, h \rangle$
7 ok out of 10	0	$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{g} \rangle$

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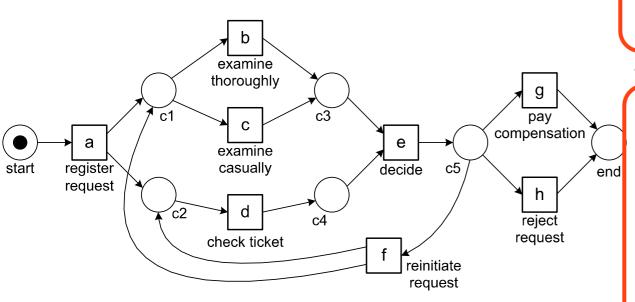
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Trace



2 ok out of 10



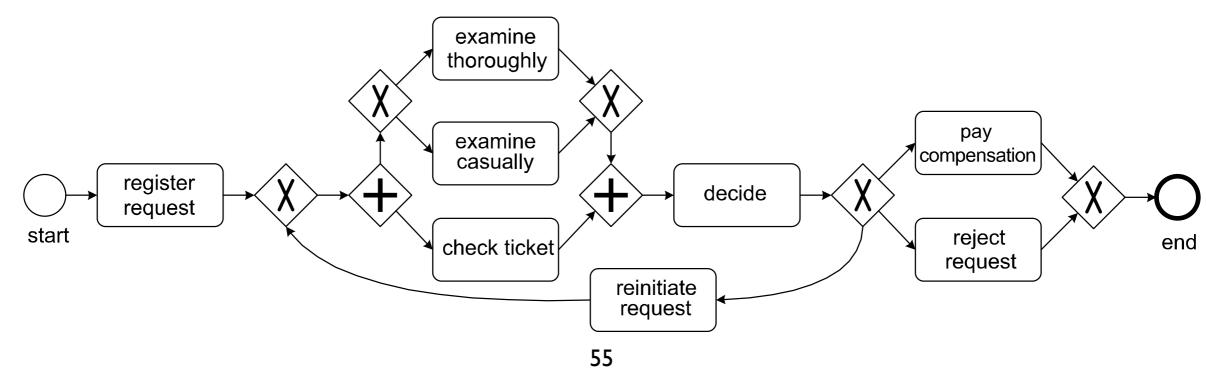
7 ok out of 10

	1	$\langle a, b, d, e, h \rangle$
	2	$\langle a, d, c, e, g \rangle$
	3	$\langle a, c, d, e, f, b, d, e, g \rangle$
	4	$\langle a, d, b, e, h \rangle$
	5	$\langle a, c, d, e, f, d, c, e, f, c, d, e, h \rangle$
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Mining Other Models

We used Petri nets to represent the discovered process models, because Petri nets are a succinct way of representing processes and have unambiguous but intuitive semantics.

However, some mining techniques can apply to other representations as well.



Process Discovery: a-Algorithm

Process Discovery

Process discovery is the activity that combines Discovery with the Control-flow Perspective.

The general problem:

A process discovery algorithm is a function that maps an event log L onto a process model M such that the model M is "representative" for the behavior seen in the event log L.

We focus on *simple event logs* and Petri net models (possibly sound workflow nets).

Simple Event Log

Let A be a set of activities.

A simple trace over A is a finite sequence of activities.

A simple event log over A is a multiset of traces.

$$L_1 = \left[\langle a, b, c, d \rangle^3, \langle a, c, b, d \rangle^2, \langle a, e, d \rangle \right]$$

$$L_2 = \left[\langle a, b, c, d \rangle^3, \langle a, c, b, d \rangle^4, \langle a, b, c, e, f, b, c, d \rangle^2, \langle a, b, c, e, f, c, b, d \rangle, \langle a, c, b, e, f, b, c, d \rangle^2, \langle a, c, b, e, f, b, c, e, f, c, b, d \rangle \right]$$

Quality Criteria

"able to replay event log"

fitness

process discovery

generalization

"not overfitting the log"

Other behaviors allowed

Simple structure

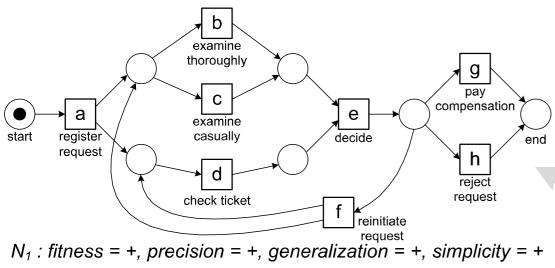
"Occam's razor"

simplicity

precision

"not underfitting the log"

No completely unrelated behavior

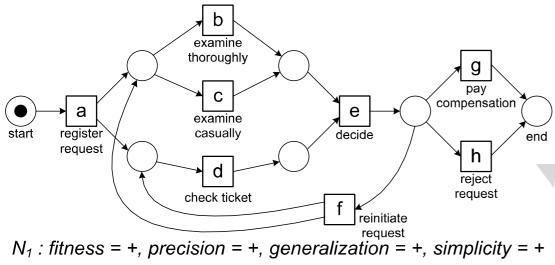


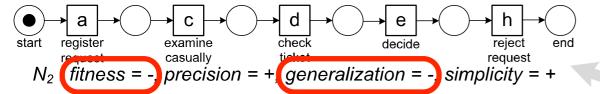
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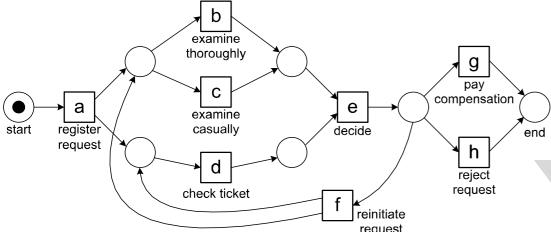
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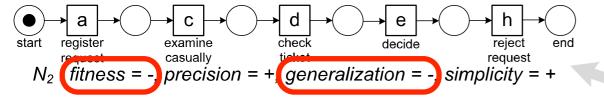
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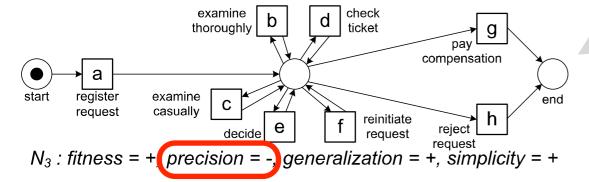
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 N_1 : fitness = +, precision = +, generalization = +, simplicity = +





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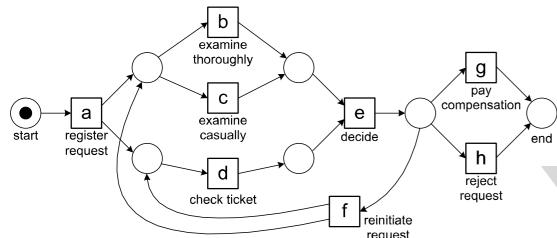
fitness simplicity

process discovery

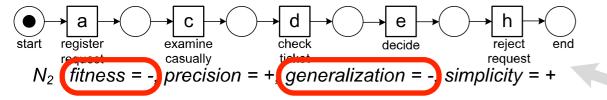
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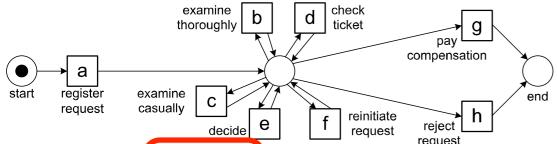
"not overfitting the log" "not underfitting the log"

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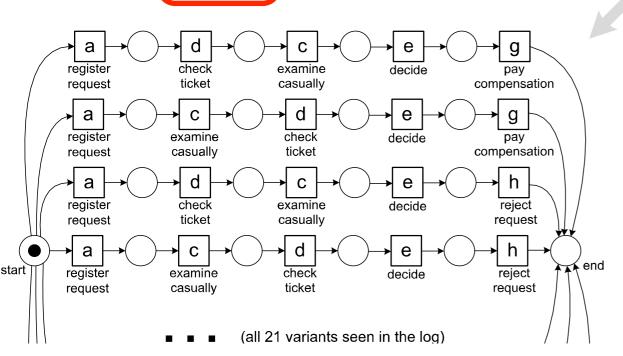


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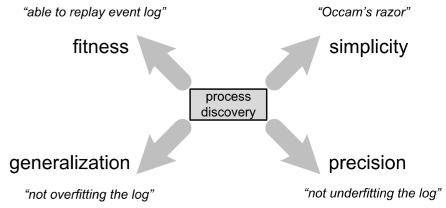


 N_3 : fitness = + precision = -, generalization = +, simplicity = +



N_4 : fitness = +, precision = +	generalization = -,	simplicity = -

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Quality Measures

We have seen four quality criteria: fitness, precision, generalization, and simplicity.

In the example, for each of these models, a subjective judgment is given with respect to the four quality criteria. As the models are rather extreme, the scores +/- for the various quality criteria are evident.

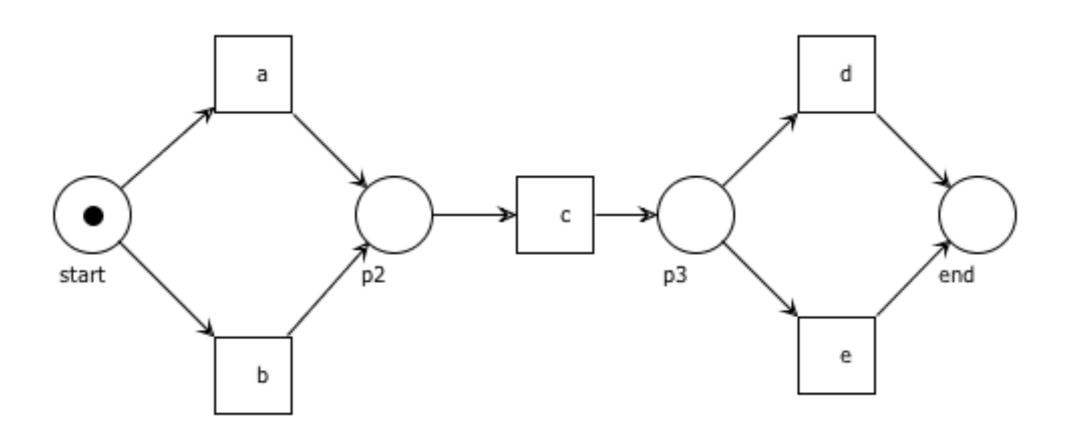
However, in a more realistic setting it would be much more difficult to judge the quality of a model.

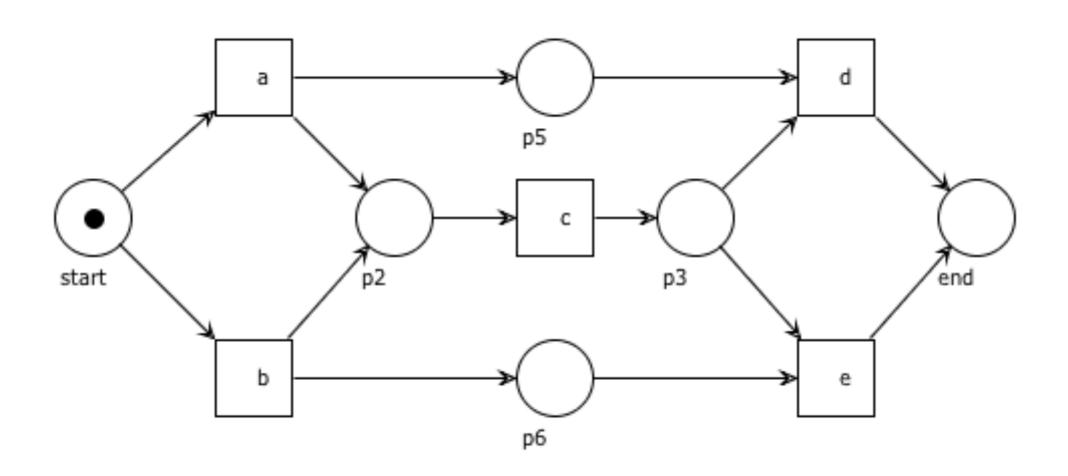
We will discuss how the notion of fitness can be quantified.

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Suppose you are given a log with: #6 traces of the form 〈 a , c , d 〉 #3 traces of the form 〈 b , c , e 〉
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Which model (i.e., Petri net) would you infer?

The Petri net you derive must have exactly five transitions named a, b, c, d, e (and the places / arcs you like)



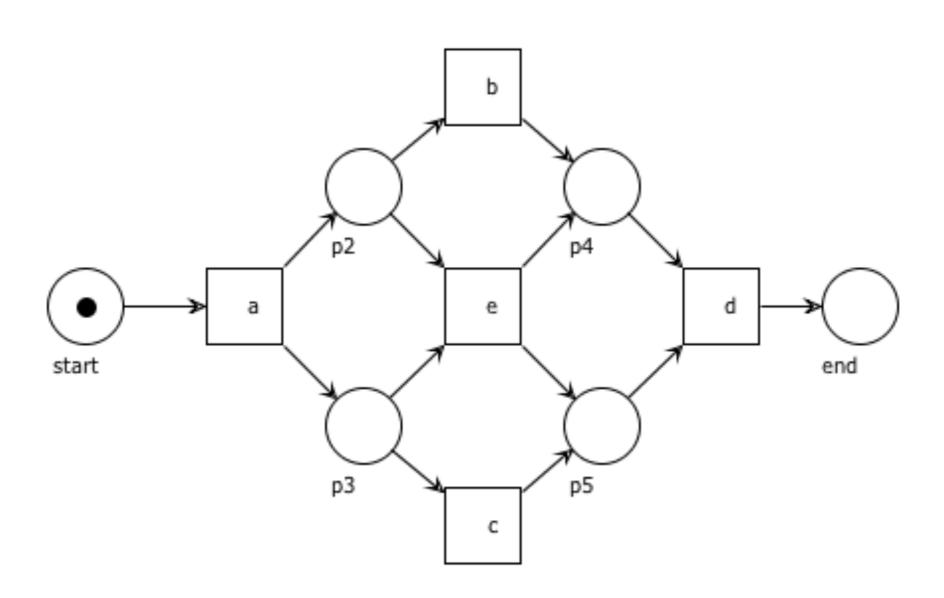


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Suppose you are given a log with: #3 traces of the form 〈 a , b , c , d 〉 #1 traces of the form 〈 a , e , d 〉
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#2 traces of the form (a,c,b,d)

Which model (i.e., Petri net) would you infer?

The Petri net you derive must have exactly five transitions named a, b, c, d, e (and the places / arcs you like)



a-Algorithm

The α-algorithm was one of the first process discovery algorithms that could adequately deal with concurrency.

It has several limitations, but it provides a good introduction into the topic: The α-algorithm is simple and many of its ideas have been embedded in more complex and robust techniques.

The α-algorithm uses the **play-in** strategy to scan the event log for particular patterns, called **log-based ordering relations**, to create a **footprint** of the log.

Log-based Ordering Relations

a is sometimes followed by b

 $(a >_L b)$ if and only if there is a trace $\sigma = \langle t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots, t_n \rangle$ and $i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$ such that $\sigma \in L$ and $t_i = a$ and $t_{i+1} = b$

- $(a \rightarrow_L b)$ if and only if $a >_L b$ and $b \not>_L a$ (causality)
- $(a \#_L b)$ if and only if $a \not>_L b$ and $b \not>_L a$ (mutual exclusion)
- $(a \parallel_L b)$ if and only if $a >_L b$ and $b >_L a$ (concurrency)

$$x \rightarrow_L y$$
, $y \rightarrow_L x$, $x \#_L y$, or $x \parallel_L y$

Log-based Ordering Relations: Example

$$L_1 = [(a,b) c, d)^3, \langle a, c, b, d \rangle^2, \langle a, e, d \rangle]$$

$$>_{L_1} = \{(a,b), (a,c), (a,e), (b,c), (c,b), (b,d), (c,d), (e,d)\}$$

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$$L_1 = [\langle a, b, c, d \rangle^3, \langle a, c, b, d \rangle^2, \langle a, e, d \rangle]$$

$$>_{L_1} = (a,b)(a,c), (a,e), (b,c), (c,b), (b,d), (c,d), (e,d)$$

$$\rightarrow_{L_1} = (a,b)(a,c), (a,e), (b,d), (c,d), (e,d)$$

$$\#_{L_1} = \{(a,a), (a,d), (b,b), (b,e), (c,c), (c,e), (d,a), (d,d), (e,b), (e,c), (e,e) \}$$

$$\|_{L_1} = \{(b,c), (c,b)\}$$

Footprint Matrix: Example

$$L_1 = [\langle a, b, c, d \rangle^3, \langle a, c, b, d \rangle^2, \langle a, e, d \rangle]$$

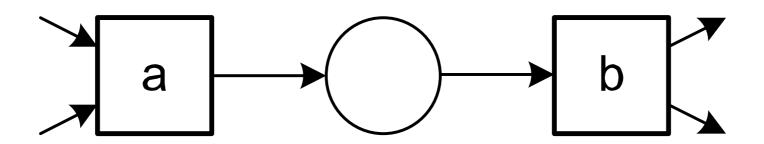
_	a	b	$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{C}}$	d	e
a	$\#_{L_1}$	\rightarrow_{L_1}	\rightarrow_{L_1}	$\#_{L_1}$	\rightarrow_{L_1}
b	\leftarrow_{L_1}	$\#_{L_1}$	$\ _{L_1}$	$\rightarrow L_1$	$\#_{L_1}$
\mathcal{C}	\leftarrow_{L_1}	$\ _{L_1}$	$\#_{L_1}$	\rightarrow_{L_1}	$\#_{L_1}$
d	$\#_{L_1}$	\leftarrow_{L_1}	\leftarrow_{L_1}	$\#_{L_1}$	\leftarrow_{L_1}
e	\leftarrow_{L_1}	$\#_{L_1}$	$\#_{L_1}$	$\rightarrow L_1$	$\#_{L_1}$

Footprint Matrix: Example

Note the symmetry w.r.t. the diagonal

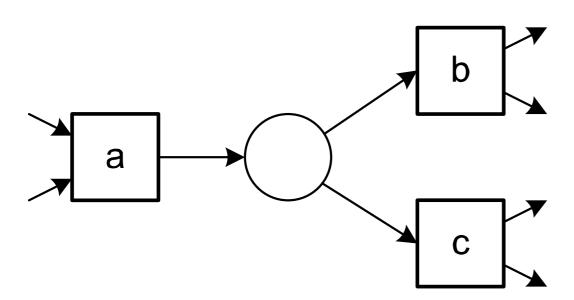
	a	b	C	d	e
a	π_{D_1}	\rightarrow_{L_1}	\rightarrow_{L_1}	$\#_{L_1}$	\rightarrow_{L_1}
b	\leftarrow_{L_1}	π_{D_1}	\parallel_{L_1}	\rightarrow_{L_1}	$\#_{L_1}$
C	\leftarrow_{L_1}	\parallel_{L_1}	"L ₁	$\rightarrow L_1$	$\#_{L_1}$
d	$\left(\begin{array}{c} \#_{L_1} \end{array} \right)$	\leftarrow_{L_1}	\leftarrow_{L_1}	TI DI	\leftarrow_{L_1}
e	\leftarrow_{L_1}	$\#_{L_1}$	$\#_{L_1}$	\rightarrow_{L_1}	

Footprints are useful to discover typical patterns of activities in the corresponding process model



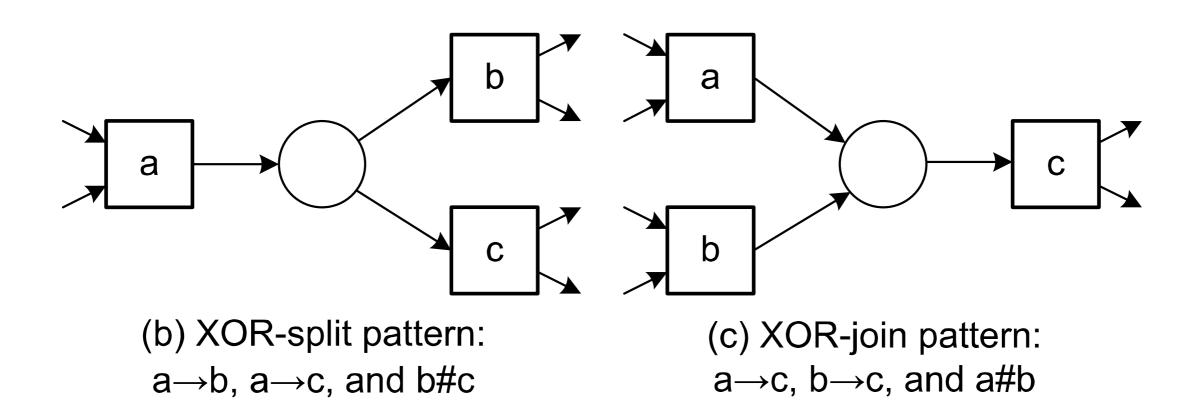
(a) sequence pattern: a→b

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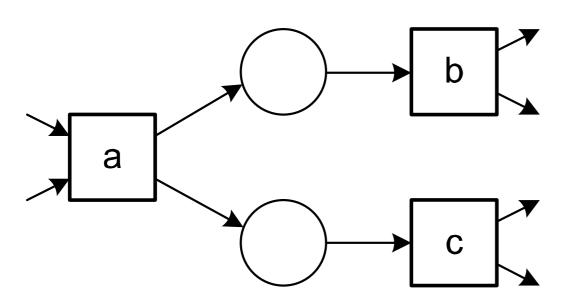


(b) XOR-split pattern: a→b, a→c, and b#c

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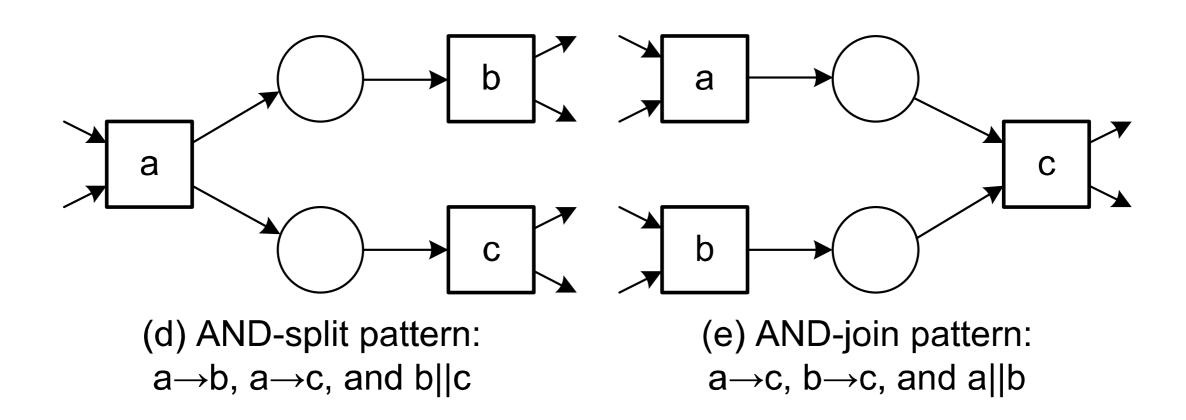


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(d) AND-split pattern: a→b, a→c, and b||c

Footprints are useful to discover typical patterns of activities in the corresponding process model



- 1. $T_L = \{ t \in T \mid \exists_{\sigma \in L} \ t \in \sigma \}$ transitions
- 2. $T_I = \{ t \in T \mid \exists_{\sigma \in L} \ t = first(\sigma) \}$ start events
- 3. $T_O = \{ t \in T \mid \exists_{\sigma \in L} \ t = last(\sigma) \}$ end events

$$4. \ X_L = \left\{ \begin{array}{cccc} A, B \subseteq T_L & \wedge & A, B \neq \emptyset & \wedge \\ \forall a \in A \forall_{b \in B} & a \rightarrow_L b & \wedge \\ \forall_{a_1, a_2 \in A} & a_1 \#_L a_2 & \wedge \\ \forall_{b_1, b_2 \in B} & b_1 \#_L b_2 & \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{decision points}$$

5.
$$Y_L = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} A \subseteq A' \wedge B \subseteq B' \\ (A,B) \in X_L \mid \forall_{(A',B') \in X_L} & \Rightarrow \\ (A',B') = (A,B) \end{array} \right\}$$
 max. dec. points

6.
$$P_L = \{ p_{(A,B)} \mid (A,B) \in Y_L \} \cup \{ i_L, o_L \}$$
 places

7.
$$F_L = \{ (a, p_{(A,B)}) \mid (A,B) \in Y_L \land a \in A \} \cup \{ (p_{(A,B)},b) \mid (A,B) \in Y_L \land b \in B \} \cup \{ (i_L,t) \mid t \in T_I \} \cup \{ (t,o_L) \mid t \in T_O \}$$
 arcs

8.
$$\alpha(L) = (P_L, T_L, F_L, i_L)$$
 net

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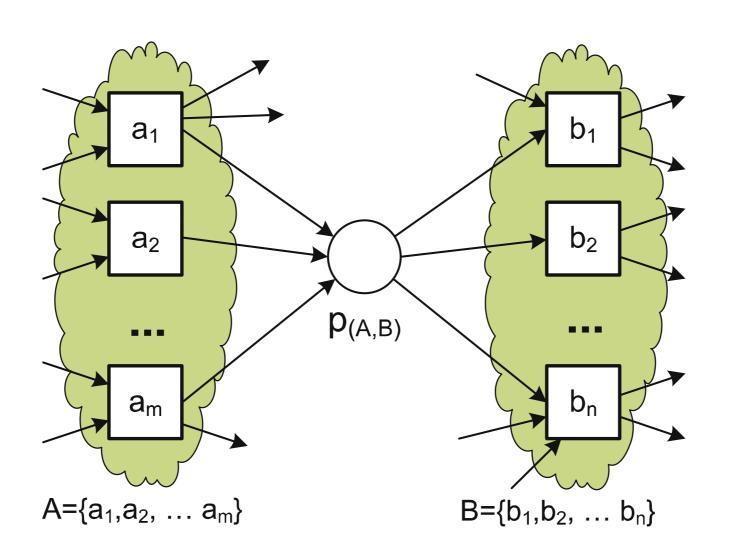
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 decision points

The Core of the algorithm: Steps 4, 5

$$\forall_{a \in A} \forall_{b \in B} \quad a \to_L b
\forall_{a_1, a_2 \in A} \quad a_1 \#_L a_2
\forall_{b_1, b_2 \in B} \quad b_1 \#_L b_2$$

	a_1	a_2	• • •	a_m	b_1	b_2	• • •	b_n
a_1	#	#		#	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow
a_2	#	#		#	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow
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a_m	#	#	• • •	#	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	• • •	\rightarrow
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b_2	\leftarrow	\leftarrow	• • •	\leftarrow	#	#	• • •	#
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The Core of the Algorithm: Step 4, 5



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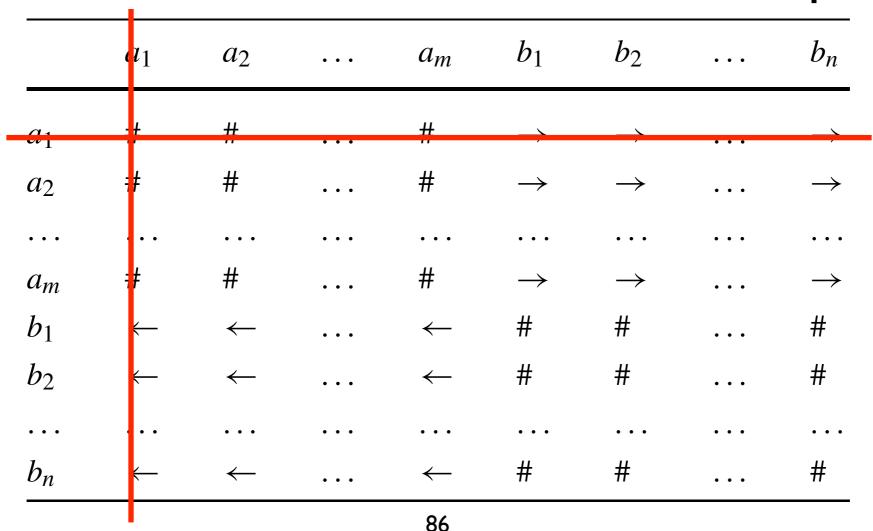
algorithm: Step 5

If (A,B) is a decision point

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\forall_{a \in A} \forall_{b \in B}
\forall_{a_1, a_2 \in A}
\forall_{b_1, b_2 \in B}
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 $a \to_L b$ $a_1 \#_L a_2$ $b_1 \#_L b_2$

If (A,B) is a decision point any pair (A',B') of subsets A'⊆A, B'⊆B is also a decision point



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	a_1	a_2	• • •	a_m	k_{1}	b_2	• • •	b_n
a_1	#	#		#	→	\rightarrow	• • •	\rightarrow
a_2	#	#		#	→	\rightarrow	•••	\rightarrow
• • •			• • •	• • •		• • •		• • •
a_m	#	#	• • •	#	→	\rightarrow	• • •	\rightarrow
b_1			• • •	_	1	#	• • •	11
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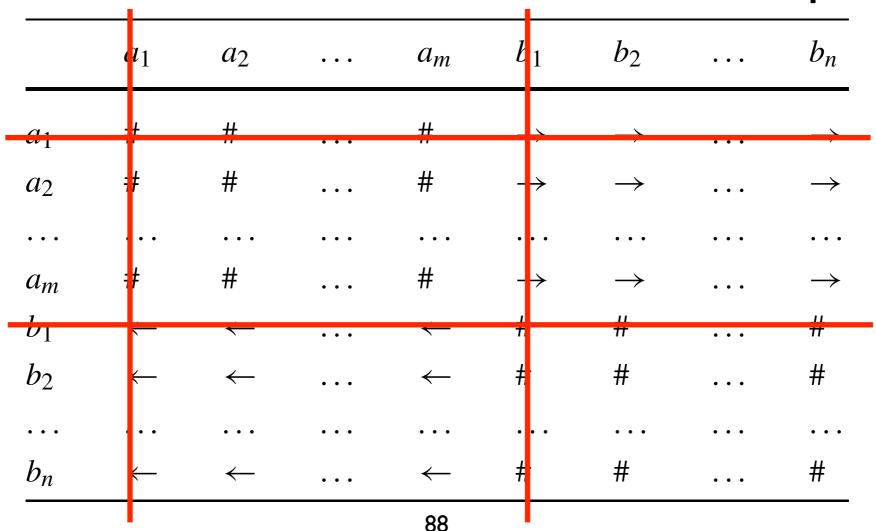
algorithm: Step 5

If (A,B) is a decision point

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\forall_{a \in A} \forall_{b \in B}
\forall_{a_1, a_2 \in A}
\forall_{b_1, b_2 \in B}
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 $a \to_L b$ $a_1 \#_L a_2$ $b_1 \#_L b_2$

If (A,B) is a decision point any pair (A',B') of subsets A'⊆A, B'⊆B is also a decision point



5.
$$Y_L = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} A \subseteq A' \wedge B \subseteq B' \\ (A,B) \in X_L \mid \forall_{(A',B') \in X_L} & \Rightarrow \\ (A',B') = (A,B) \end{array} \right\}$$
 max. dec. points

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	a	b	\boldsymbol{c}	d	e
a	$\#_{L_1}$	\rightarrow_{L_1}	\rightarrow_{L_1}	$\#_{L_1}$	\rightarrow_{L_1}
b	\leftarrow_{L_1}	$\#_{L_1}$	$\ _{L_1}$	\rightarrow_{L_1}	$\#_{L_1}$
C	\leftarrow_{L_1}	$\ _{L_1}$	$\#_{L_1}$	\rightarrow L_1	$\#_{L_1}$
d	$\#_{L_1}$	\leftarrow_{L_1}	\leftarrow_{L_1}	$\#_{L_1}$	\leftarrow_{L_1}
<u>e</u>	\leftarrow_{L_1}	$\#_{L_1}$	$\#_{L_1}$	\rightarrow L_1	$\#_{L_1}$

$$X_{L_1} = \{ (\{a\}, \{b\}), (\{a\}, \{c\}), (\{a\}, \{e\}), (\{a\}, \{b, e\}), (\{a\}, \{c, e\}), (\{b\}, \{d\}), (\{c\}, \{d\}), (\{e\}, \{d\}), (\{b, e\}, \{d\}), (\{c, e\}, \{d\}) \}$$

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and so on for the other pairs

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One place for each pair

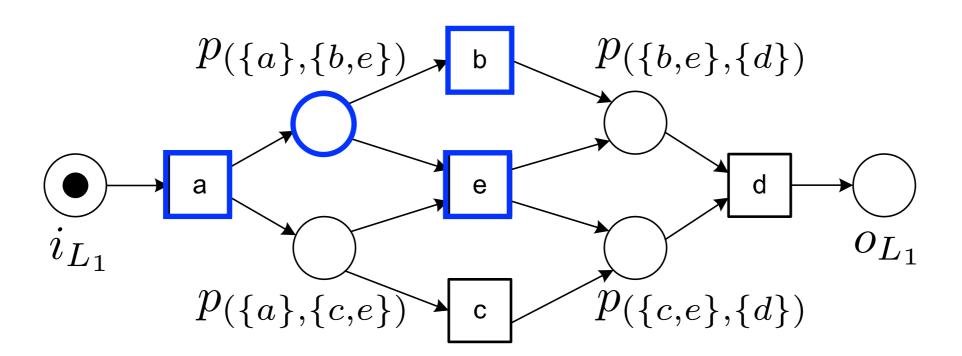
6.
$$P_L = \{ p_{(A,B)} \mid (A,B) \in Y_L \} \cup \{ i_L, o_L \}$$
 places

7.
$$F_L = \{ (a, p_{(A,B)}) \mid (A,B) \in Y_L \land a \in A \} \cup \{ (p_{(A,B)},b) \mid (A,B) \in Y_L \land b \in B \} \cup \{ (i_L,t) \mid t \in T_I \} \cup \{ (t,o_L) \mid t \in T_O \}$$
 arcs

8.
$$\alpha(L) = (P_L, T_L, F_L, i_L)$$
 net

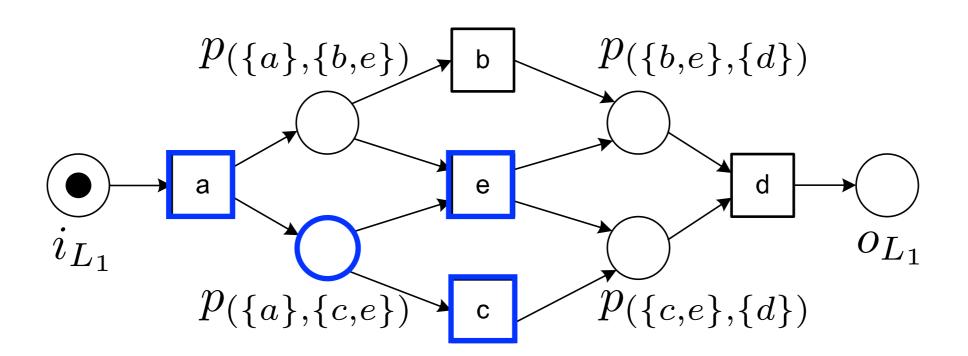
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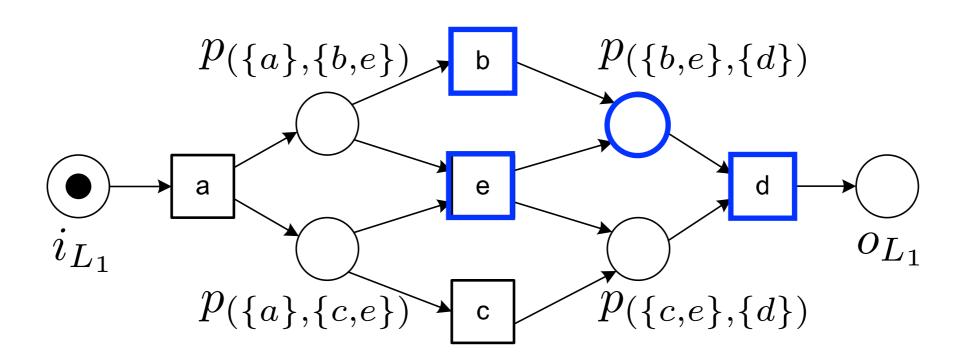
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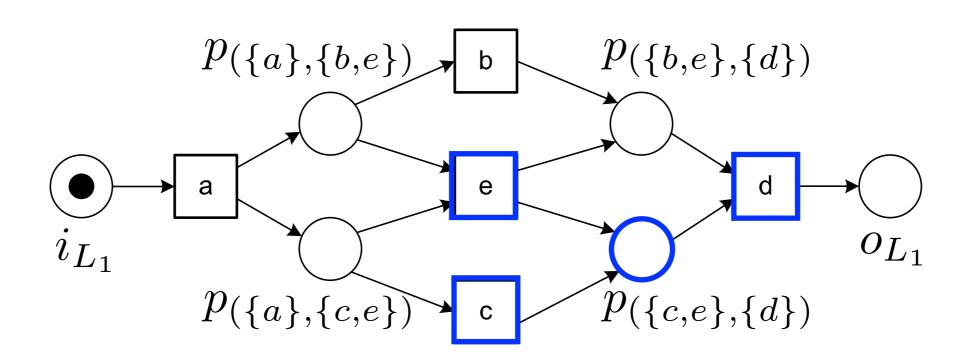
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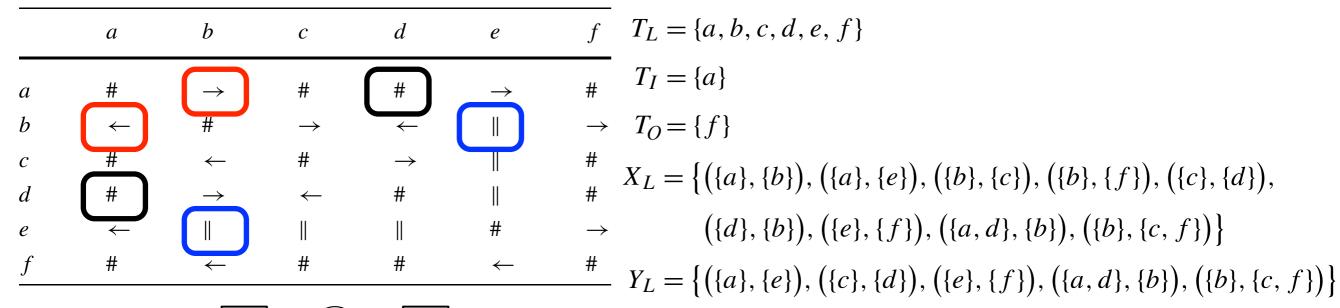
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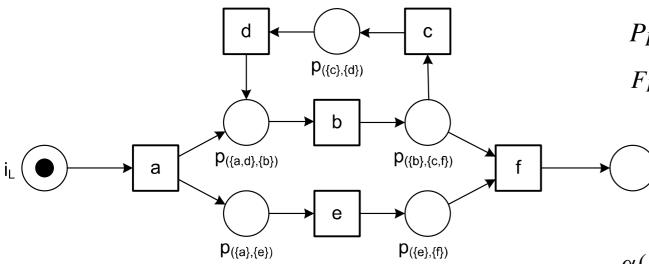
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Another Example

$$L_5 = \left[\langle a, b, e, f \rangle^2, \langle a, b, e, c, d, b, f \rangle^3, \langle a, b, c, e, d, b, f \rangle^2, \\ \langle a, b, c, d, e, b, f \rangle^4, \langle a, e, b, c, d, b, f \rangle^3 \right]$$





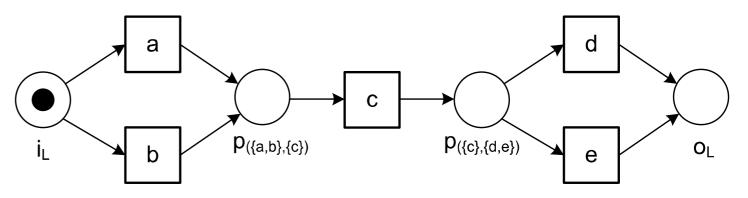
$$\begin{split} P_L &= \left\{ p_{(\{a\},\{e\})}, p_{(\{c\},\{d\})}, p_{(\{e\},\{f\})}, p_{(\{a,d\},\{b\})}, p_{(\{b\},\{c,f\})}, i_L, o_L \right\} \\ F_L &= \left\{ (a, p_{(\{a\},\{e\})}), (p_{(\{a\},\{e\})}, e), (c, p_{(\{c\},\{d\})}), (p_{(\{c\},\{d\})}, d), \\ &\quad (e, p_{(\{e\},\{f\})}), (p_{(\{e\},\{f\})}, f), (a, p_{(\{a,d\},\{b\})}), (d, p_{(\{a,d\},\{b\})}), \\ \bigcirc \circ_{\mathsf{L}} \quad (p_{(\{a,d\},\{b\})}, b), (b, p_{(\{b\},\{c,f\})}), (p_{(\{b\},\{c,f\})}, c), (p_{(\{b\},\{c,f\})}, f), \\ &\quad (i_L, a), (f, o_L) \right\} \\ \alpha(L) &= (P_L, T_L, F_L) \\ 106 \end{split}$$

Exercises

$$L_4 = \left[\langle a, c, d \rangle^{45}, \langle b, c, d \rangle^{42}, \langle a, c, e \rangle^{38}, \langle b, c, e \rangle^{22} \right]$$

	a	b	c	d	e
\overline{a}	#	#	\rightarrow	#	#
b	#	#	\rightarrow	#	#
c	\leftarrow	\leftarrow	#	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
d	#	#	\leftarrow	#	#
e	#	#	\leftarrow	#	#

Check that the footprint matrix corresponds to the log and that the net below is the one discovered by the alpha-algorithm



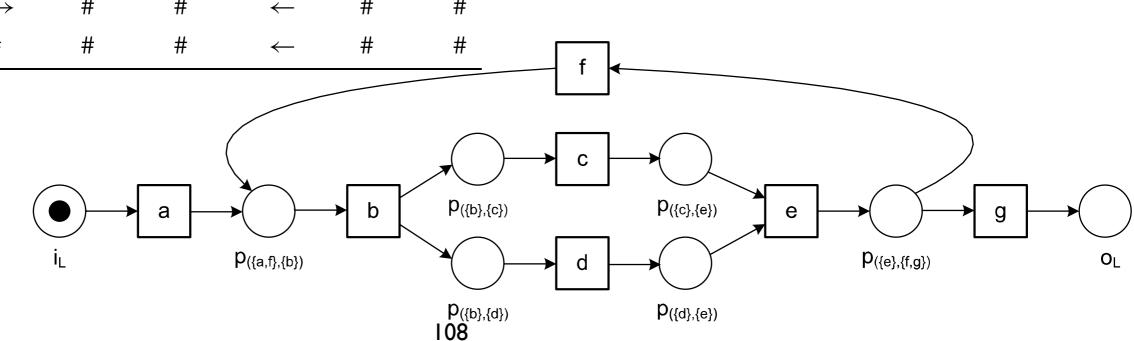
Exercises

 $L_3 = [\langle a, b, c, d, e, f, b, d, c, e, g \rangle, \langle a, b, d, c, e, g \rangle^2,$

 $\langle a, b, c, d, e, f, b, c, d, e, f, b, d, c, e, g \rangle$

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g
a	#	\rightarrow	#	#	#	#	#
b	\leftarrow	#	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	#	\leftarrow	#
c	#	\leftarrow	#		\rightarrow	#	#
d	#	\leftarrow		#	\rightarrow	#	#
e	#	#	\leftarrow	\leftarrow	#	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
f	#	\rightarrow	#	#	\leftarrow	#	#
g	#	#	#	#	\leftarrow	#	#

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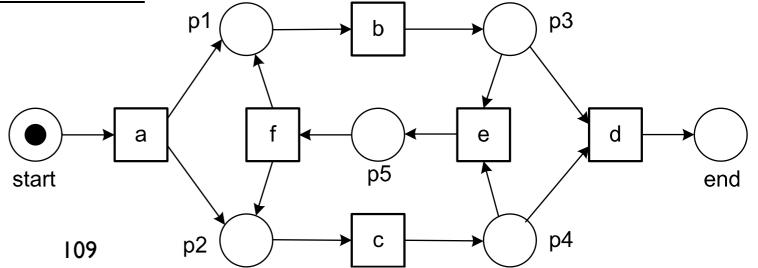


Exercises

$$L_2 = \left[\langle a, b, c, d \rangle^3, \langle a, c, b, d \rangle^4, \langle a, b, c, e, f, b, c, d \rangle^2, \langle a, b, c, e, f, c, b, d \rangle, \langle a, c, b, e, f, b, c, d \rangle^2, \langle a, c, b, e, f, b, c, e, f, c, b, d \rangle \right]$$

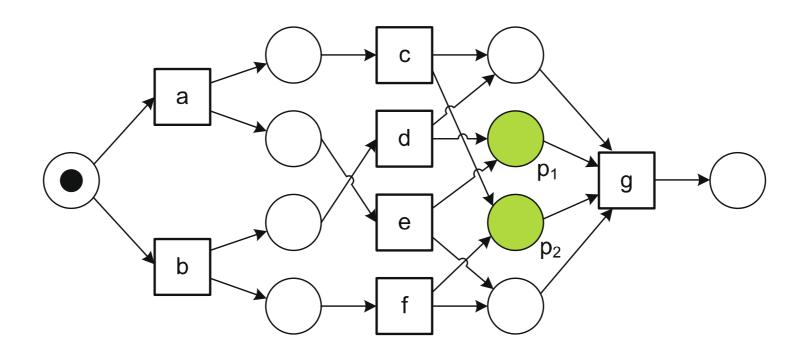
	а	b	C	d	e	f
a	#	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	#	#	#
b	\leftarrow	#		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\leftarrow
\boldsymbol{c}	\leftarrow		#	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\leftarrow
d	#	\leftarrow	\leftarrow	#	#	#
e	#	\leftarrow	\leftarrow	#	#	\rightarrow
f	#	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	#	\leftarrow	#

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Limitation: Implicit Dependencies

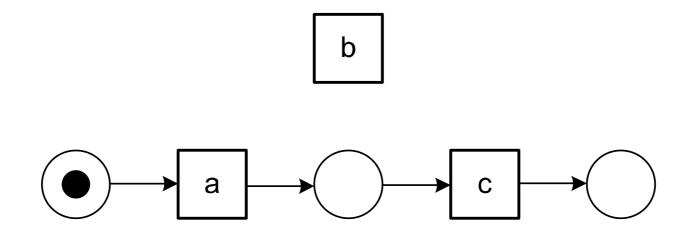
$$L_6 = \left[\langle a, c, e, g \rangle^2, \langle a, e, c, g \rangle^3, \langle b, d, f, g \rangle^2, \langle b, f, d, g \rangle^4 \right]$$



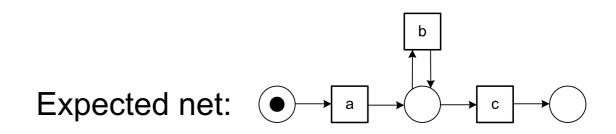
p₁ and p₂ are redundant

Limitation: Short Loop

$$L_7 = \left[\langle a, c \rangle^2, \langle a, b, c \rangle^3, \langle a, b, b, c \rangle^2, \langle a, b, b, b, b, c \rangle^1 \right]$$

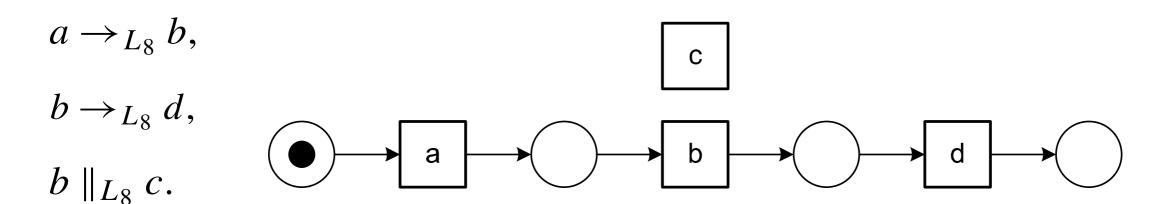


b is disconnected from the model

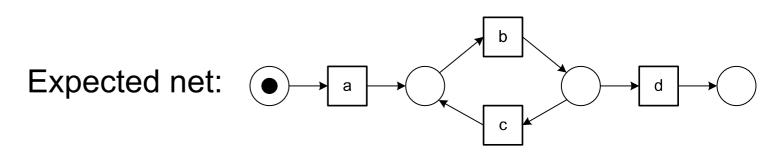


Limitation: Short Loop

$$L_8 = \left[\langle a, b, d \rangle^3, \langle a, b, c, b, d \rangle^2, \langle a, b, c, b, c, b, d \rangle \right]$$



c is disconnected from the model

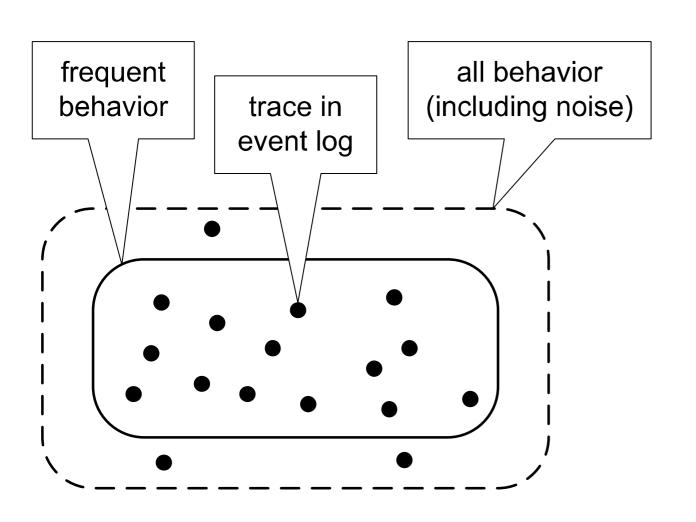


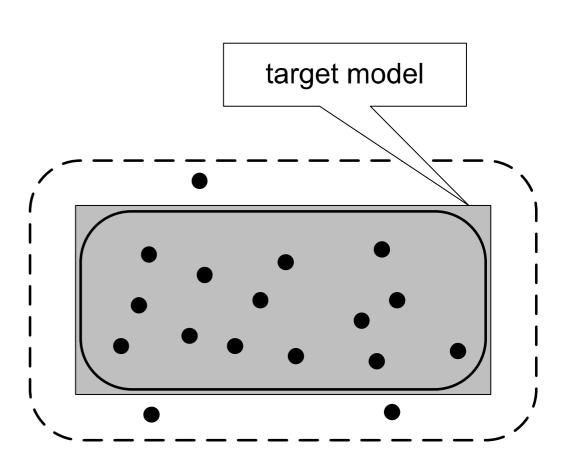
Limitation: Noise

We use the term "noise" to refer to rare and infrequent behavior rather than errors related to event logging.

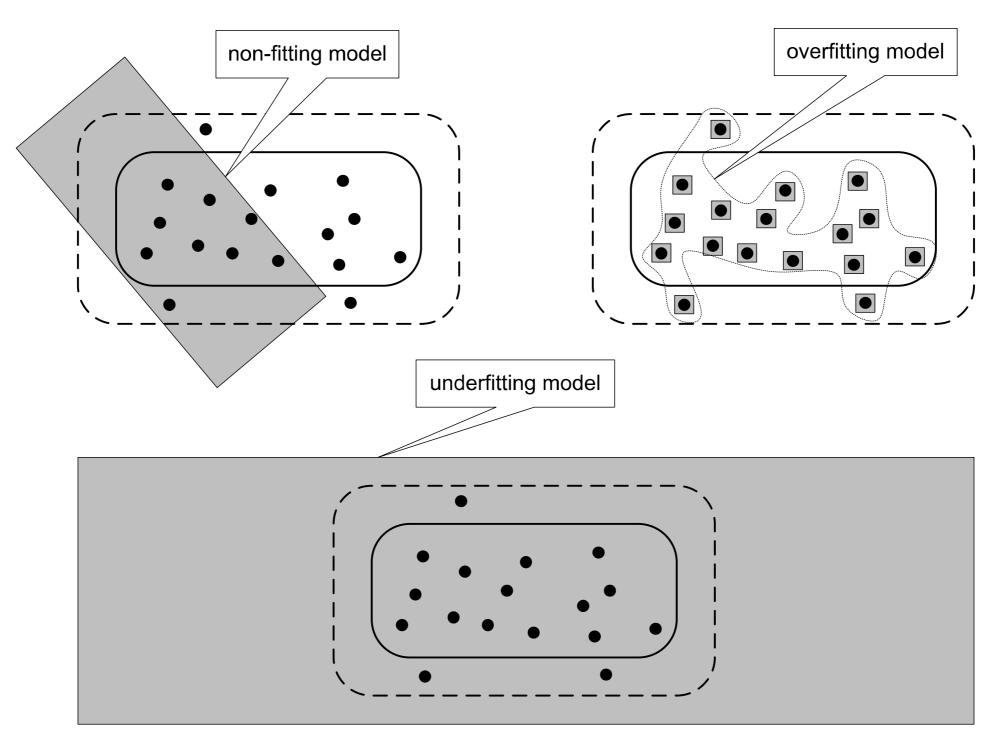
For example, frequencies are not taken into account by the α-algorithm (discard less frequent traces?).

Limitation: Noise





Limitation: Noise



Limitation: Incompleteness

Noise refers to the problem of having "too many data" (including rare behavior), (in)completeness refers to the problem of having "too little data".

Process models typically allow for an exponential or even infinite number of different traces (in case of loops).

Moreover, some traces may have a much lower probability than others. Thus, it is unrealistic to assume that every possible trace is present in the event log.

Limitation: Incompleteness

The α-algorithm uses a **local completeness notion**:

if there are two activities a and b, and a can be directly followed by b, then this should be observed at least once in the log.

Conformance Checking: fitness measures

Measures and Diagnostic

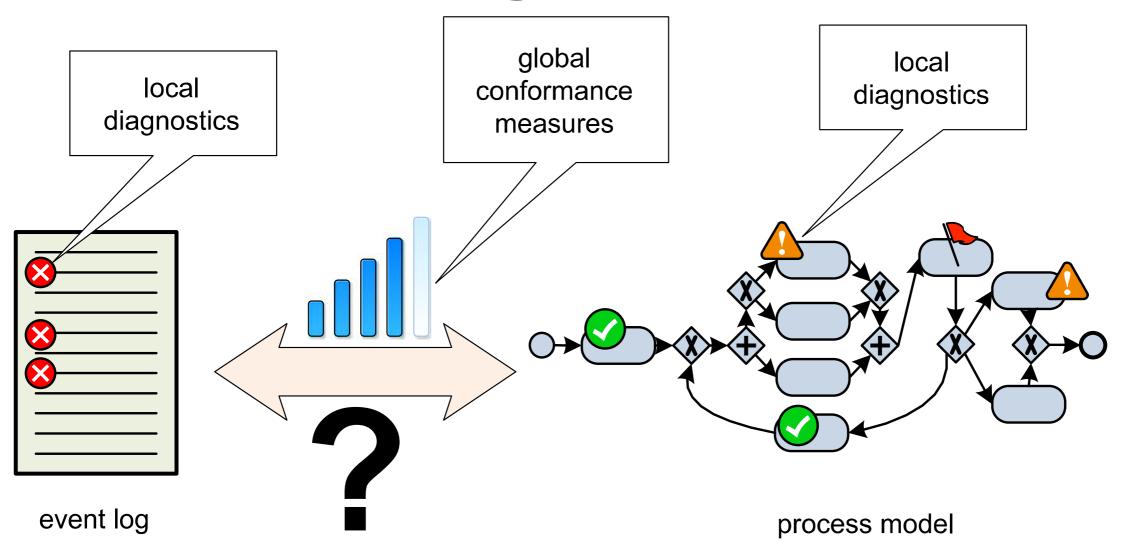


Fig. 7.1 Conformance checking: comparing observed behavior with modeled behavior. Global conformance measures quantify the overall conformance of the model and log. Local diagnostics are given by highlighting the nodes in the model where model and log disagree. Cases that do not fit are highlighted in the visualization of the log 119

Measuring Fitness

Fitness measures "the proportion of behavior in the event log possible according to the model".

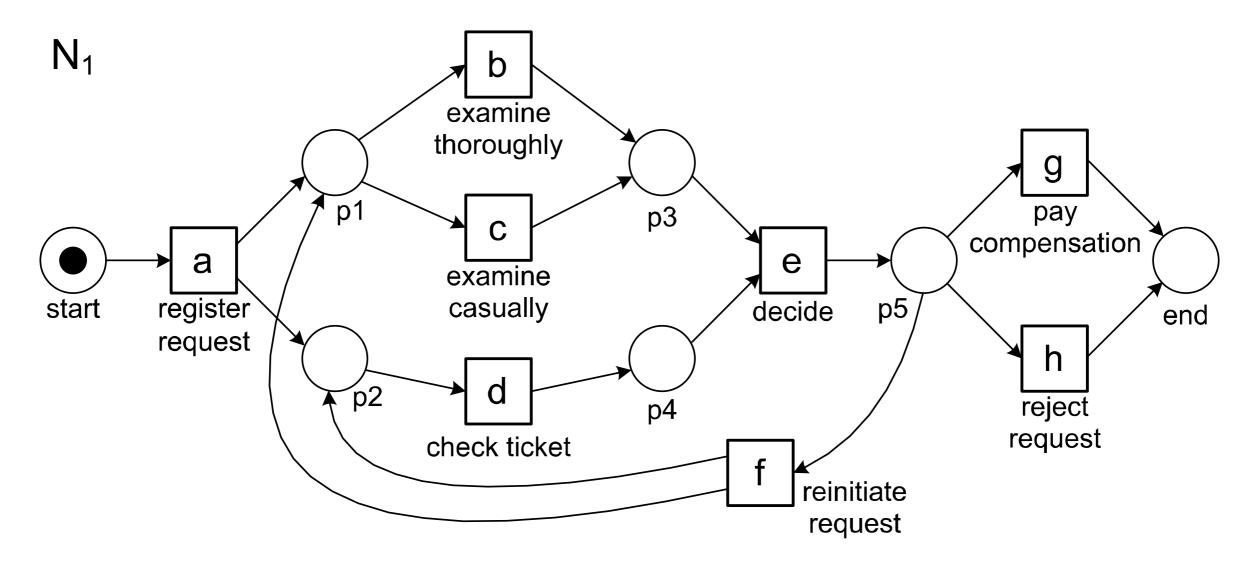
Of the four quality criteria, fitness is the closest to conformance.

A naïve approach toward conformance checking would be to count the fraction of cases that can be "replayed" (i.e., the proportion of cases corresponding to firing sequences leading from [start] to [end]).

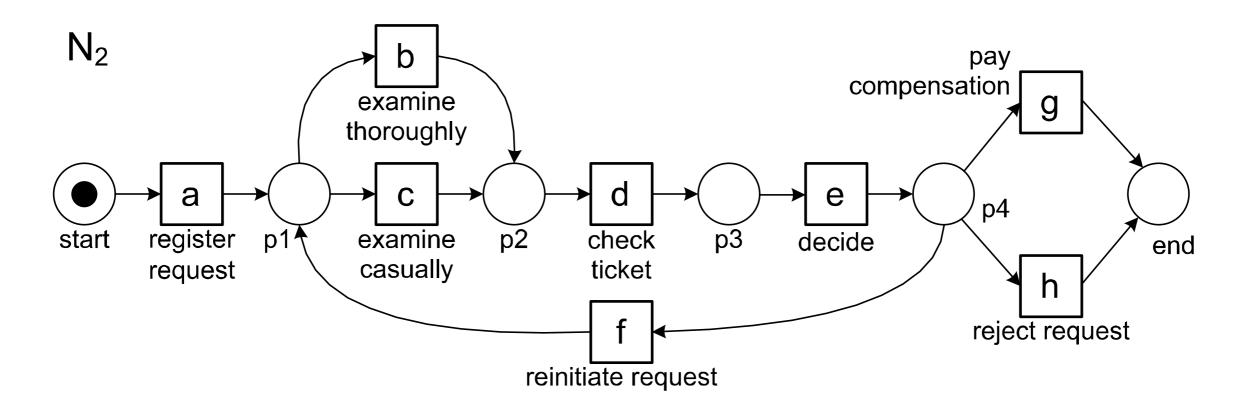
Table 7.1 Event log L_{full} : $a = register\ request$, $b = examine\ thoroughly$, $c = examine\ casually$, $d = check\ ticket$, e = decide, $f = reinitiate\ request$, $g = pay\ compensation$, and $h = reject\ request$

1391 cases

Frequency	Reference	Trace
455	LAunif	$\langle a, c, d, e, h \rangle$
191	σ_2	$\langle a, b, d, e, g \rangle$
177	σ_3	$\langle a, d, c, e, h \rangle$
144	σ_4	$\langle a,b,d,e,h \rangle$
111	σ_5	$\langle a, c, d, e, g \rangle$
82	σ_6	$\langle a, d, c, e, g \rangle$
56	σ_7	$\langle a,d,b,e,h \rangle$
47	σ_8	$\langle a, c, d, e, f, d, b, e, h \rangle$
38	σ_9	$\langle a,d,b,e,g \rangle$
33	σ_{10}	$\langle a, c, d, e, f, b, d, e, h \rangle$
14	σ_{11}	$\langle a, c, d, e, f, b, d, e, g \rangle$
11	σ_{12}	$\langle a, c, d, e, f, d, b, e, g \rangle$
9	σ_{13}	$\langle a, d, c, e, f, c, d, e, h \rangle$
8	σ_{14}	$\langle a, d, c, e, f, d, b, e, h \rangle$
5	σ_{15}	$\langle a, d, c, e, f, b, d, e, g \rangle$
3	σ_{16}	$\langle a, c, d, e, f, b, d, e, f, d, b, e, g \rangle$
2	σ_{17}	$\langle a, d, c, e, f, d, b, e, g \rangle$
2	σ_{18}	$\langle a, d, c, e, f, b, d, e, f, b, d, e, g \rangle$
1	σ_{19}	$\langle a, d, c, e, f, d, b, e, f, b, d, e, h \rangle$
1	σ_{20}	$\langle a, d, b, e, f, b, d, e, f, d, b, e, g \rangle$
1	σ_{21} 12	$\langle a, d, c, e, f, d, b, e, f, c, d, e, f, d, b, e, g \rangle$



naïve fitness $\frac{1391}{1391} = 1$ The net can ``replay" any trace



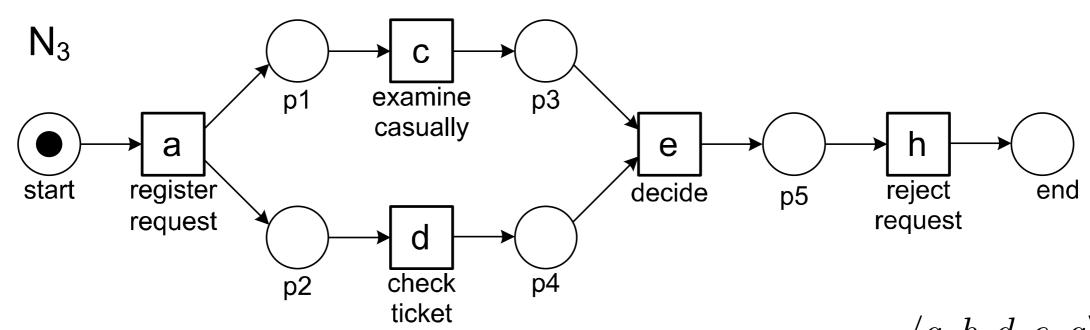
443 cases do not correspond to a firing sequence

$$\langle a, d, c, e, h \rangle^{177}$$

 $\langle a, d, c, e, g \rangle^{82}$
 $\langle a, d, b, e, h \rangle^{56}$

naïve fitness $\frac{948}{1391} = 0.6815$

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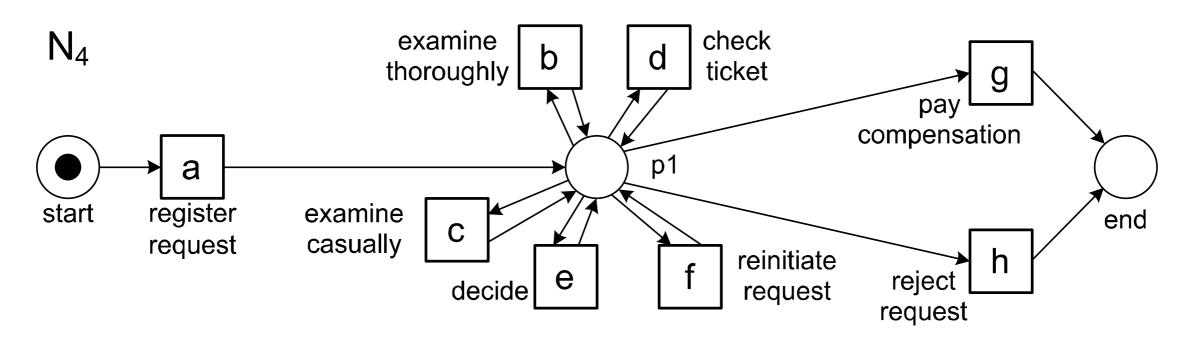
759 cases do not correspond to a firing sequence

$$\langle a, b, d, e, g \rangle^{191}$$

 $\langle a, b, d, e, h \rangle^{144}$
 $\langle a, c, d, e, g \rangle^{111}$

naïve fitness $\frac{632}{1391} = 0.4543$

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"flower model" (poorly structured)

naïve fitness
$$\frac{1391}{1391} = 1$$
 The net can ``replay' any trace

Almost Fitting Traces

This naïve fitness notion seems to be too strict as traces can differ only slightly and not be counted at all.

$$\sigma = \langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{100} \rangle$$

Now consider a model M1 that cannot replay σ , but that can replay 99 of the 100 events in σ . Then, consider another model M2 that can only replay only 10 of the 100 events in σ .

Using the naïve fitness metric, the trace would simply be classified as nonfitting for both models without acknowledging that σ was almost fitting in M1 and in complete disagreement with M2.

Missing and Remaining Tokens

We next introduce a more accurate fitness notion.

When computing the naïve fitness, we stop replaying a trace as soon as we find a problem (and tag that trace as nonfitting).

Let us instead just continue replaying the trace on the model but record all situations where a transition is forced to fire without being enabled, i.e., we count all **missing** tokens.

Moreover, we record the tokens that **remain** at the end.

Four Counters

p (produced tokens)

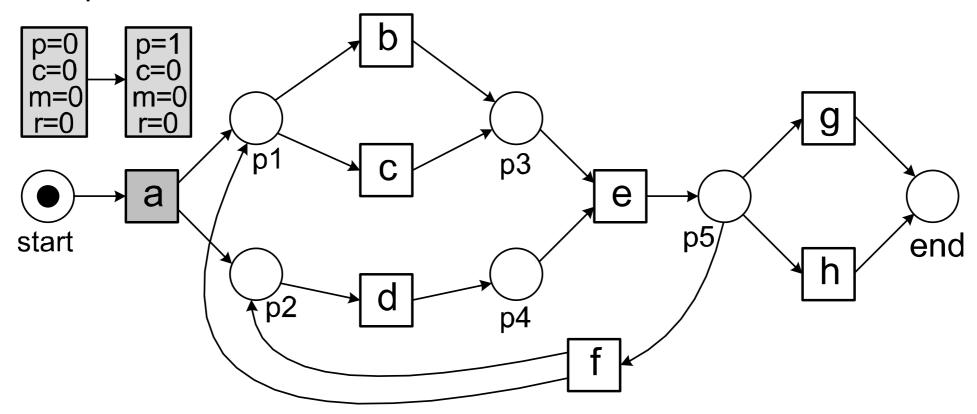
r (remaining tokens)

c (consumed tokens)

m (missing tokens)

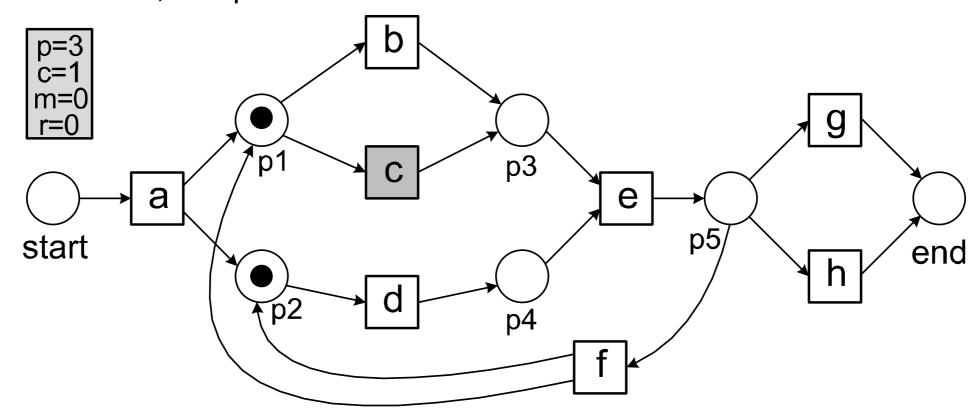
$$fitness(\sigma, N) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{m}{c} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{r}{p} \right)$$

the environment produces a token for place start



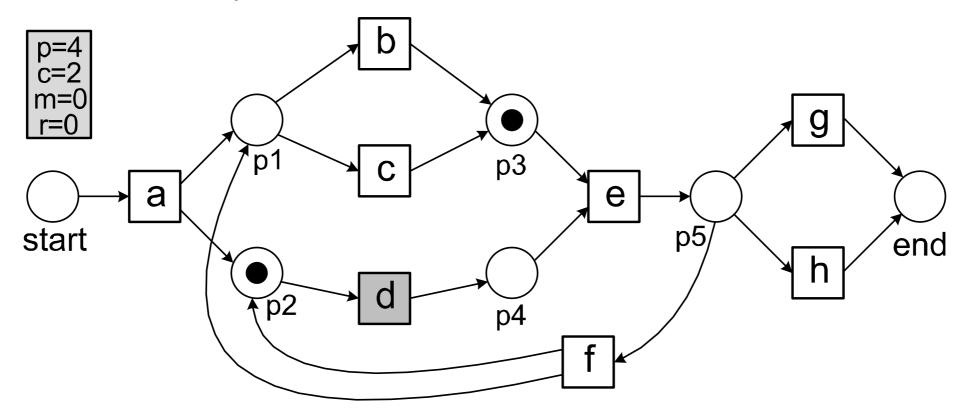
$$\sigma_1 = \langle a, c, d, e, h \rangle$$

replaying a is possible one token is consumed, two produced



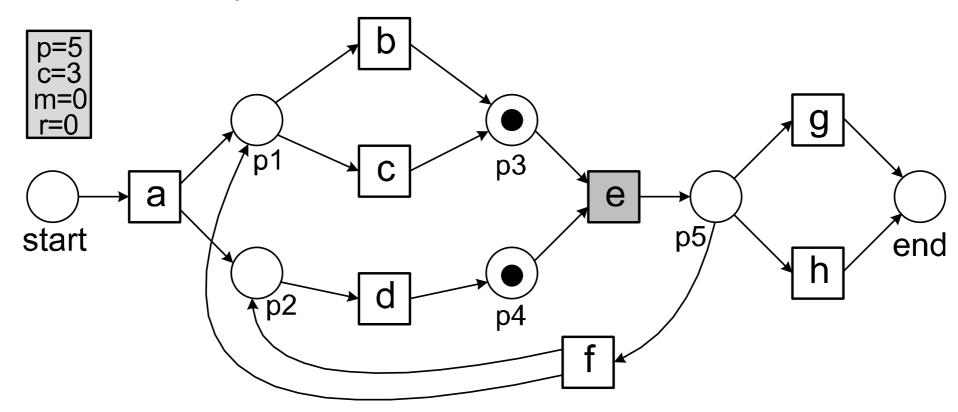
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replaying c is possible one token is consumed, one produced



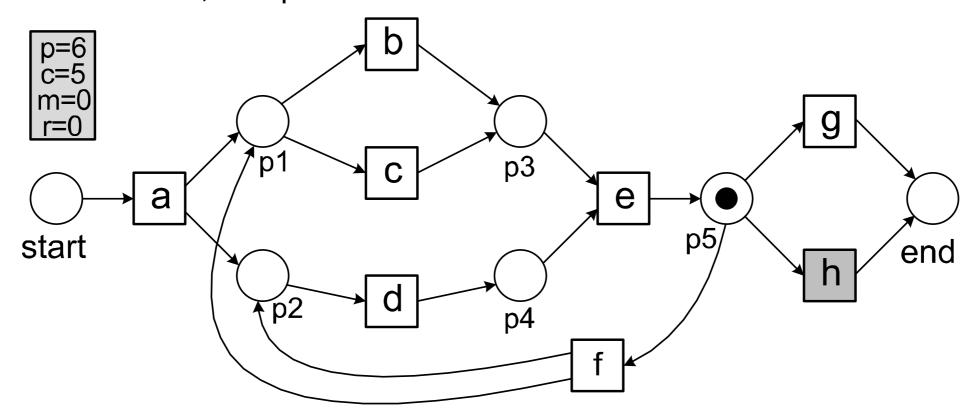
$$\sigma_1 = \langle a, c, d, e, h \rangle$$

replaying d is possible one token is consumed, one produced



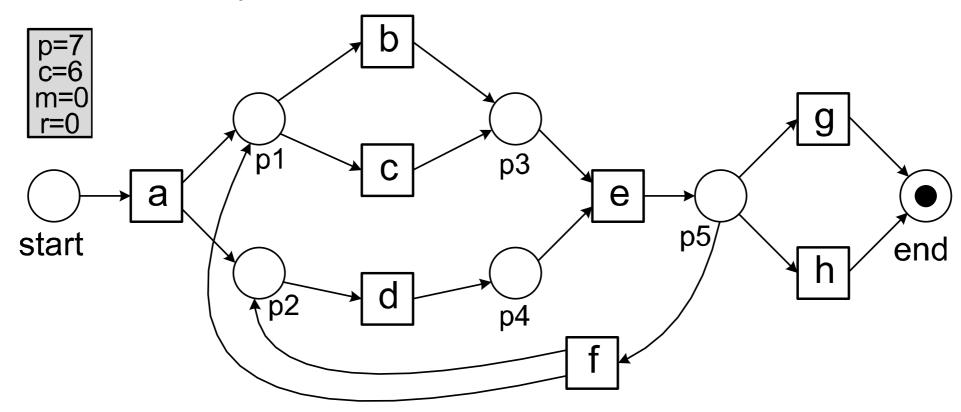
$$\sigma_1 = \langle a, c, d, e, h \rangle$$

replaying e is possible two tokens are consumed, one produced



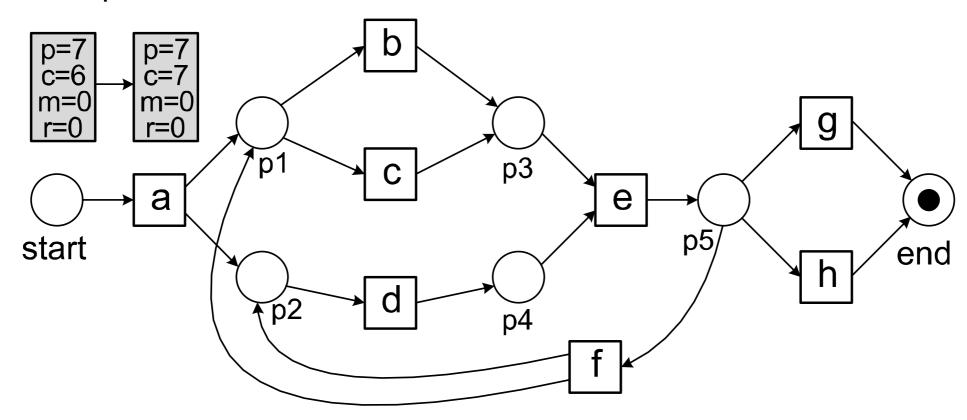
$$\sigma_1 = \langle a, c, d, e, h \rangle$$

replaying h is possible one token is consumed, one produced



$$\sigma_1 = \langle a, c, d, e, h \rangle$$

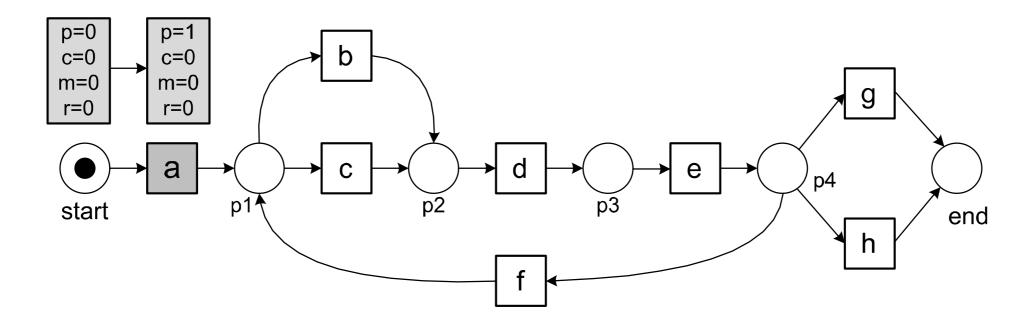
At the end, the environment consumes a token from place end.



fitness
$$(\sigma_1, N_1) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \frac{0}{7}) + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \frac{0}{7}) = 1$$

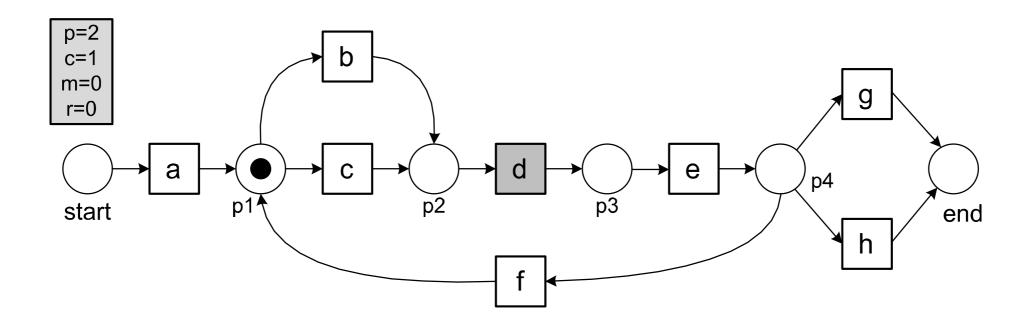
 $\sigma_1 = \langle a, c, d, e, h \rangle$

the environment produces a token for place start



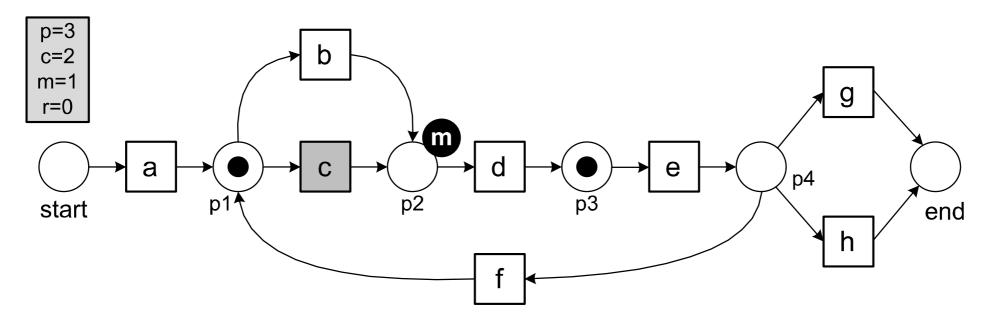
$$\sigma_3 = \langle a, d, c, e, h \rangle$$

replaying a is possible one token is consumed, one produced



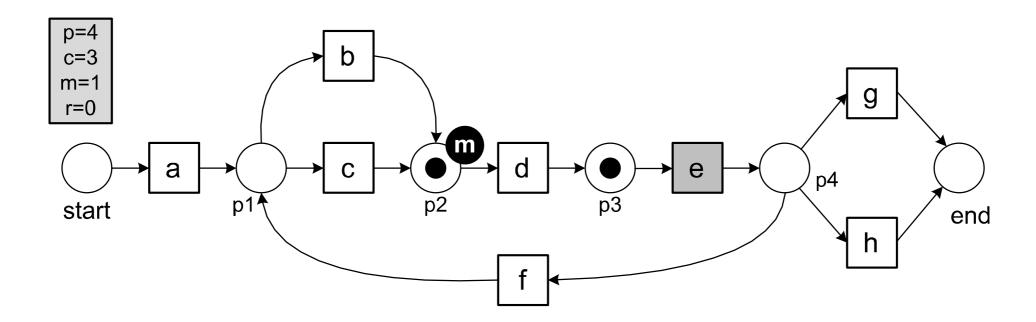
$$\sigma_3 = \langle a, d, c, e, h \rangle$$

replaying d is NOT possible one token is missing, one produced, one consumed



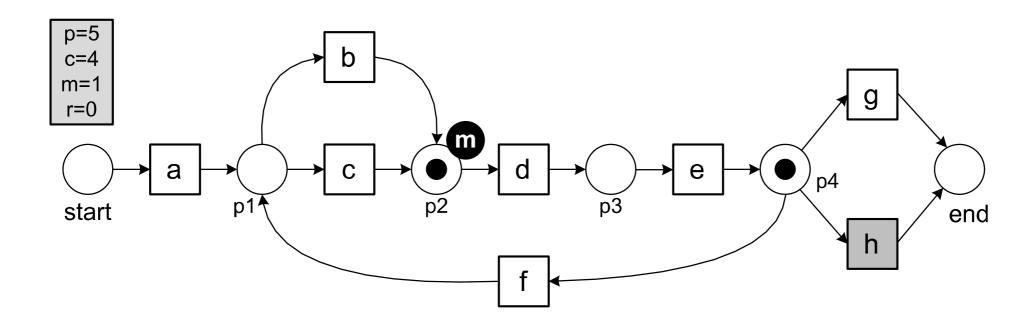
$$\sigma_3 = \langle a, d, c, e, h \rangle$$

replaying c is possible one token is produced, one consumed



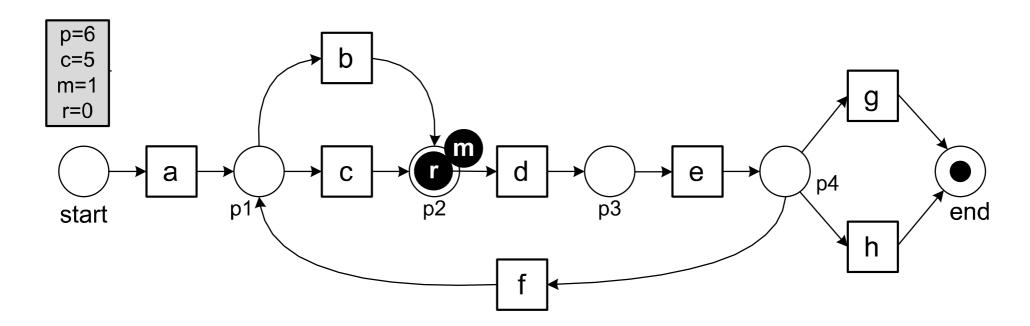
$$\sigma_3 = \langle a, d, c, e, h \rangle$$

replaying e is possible one token is produced, one consumed



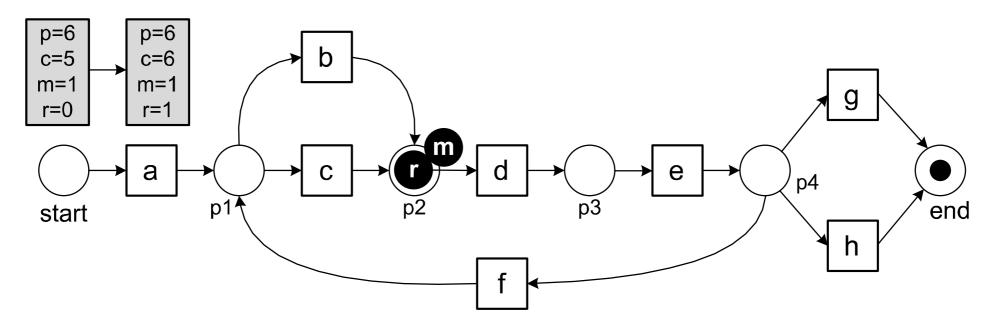
$$\sigma_3 = \langle a, d, c, e, h \rangle$$

replaying h is possible one token is produced, one consumed



$$\sigma_3 = \langle a, d, c, e, h \rangle$$

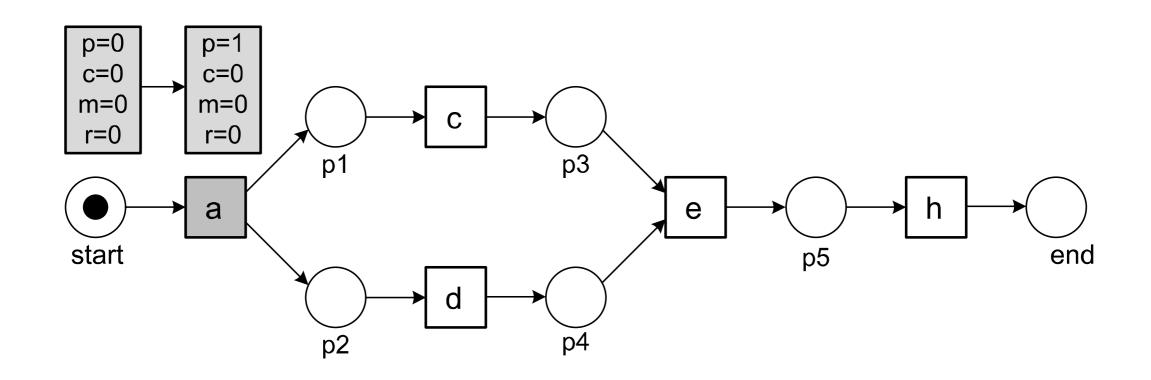
At the end, the environment consumes a token from place end.



$$fitness(\sigma_3, N_2) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{6} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{6} \right) = 0.8333$$

$$\sigma_3 = \langle a, d, c, e, h \rangle$$

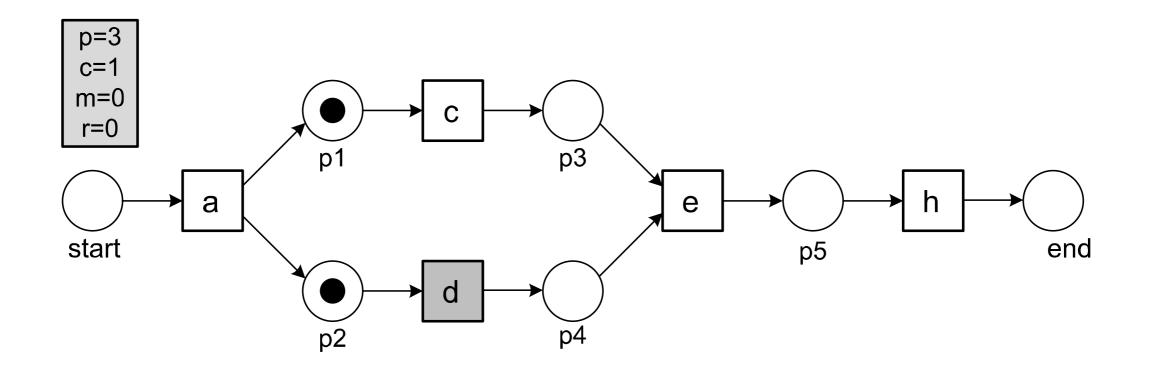
Example: Event Removal



events b and g are not present in the net therefore we remove them from the trace

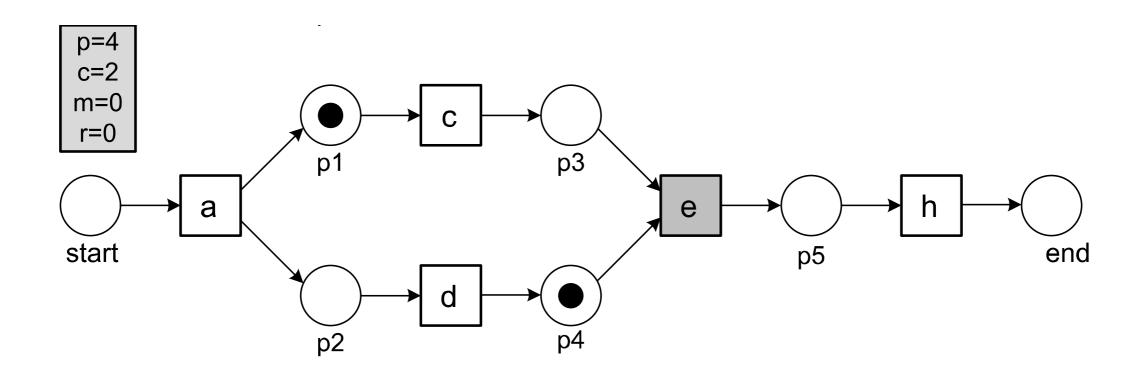
$$\sigma_2 = \langle a, b, d, e, g \rangle$$
 $\sigma'_2 = \langle a, d, e \rangle$

Example: Event Removal



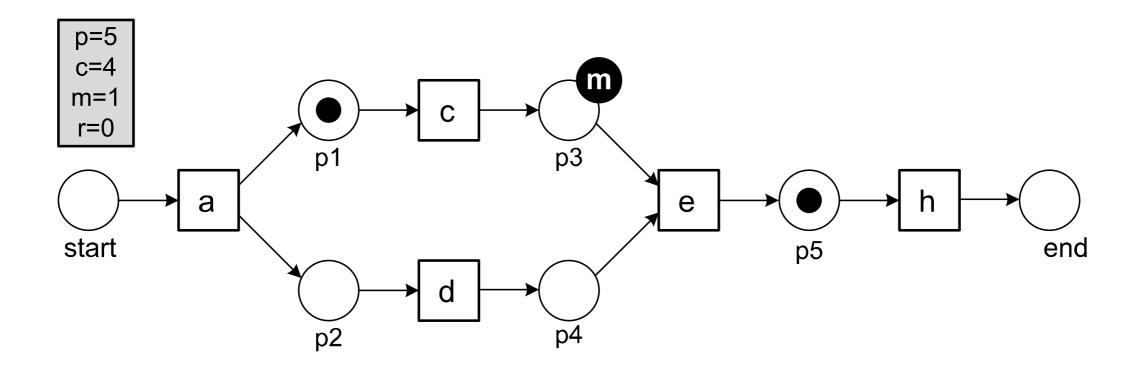
$$\sigma_2' = \langle a, d, e \rangle$$

Example: Event Removal



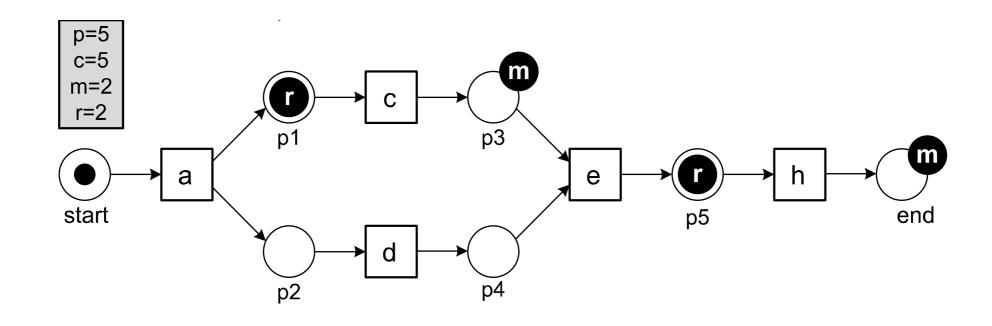
$$\sigma_2' = \langle a, d, e \rangle$$

Example: Event Removal



$$\sigma_2' = \langle a, d, e \rangle$$

Example: Event Removal



$$fitness(\sigma_2, N_3) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{2}{5} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{2}{5} \right) = 0.6$$

$$\sigma_2' = \langle a, d, e \rangle$$

Fitness of a Log

$$\mathit{fitness}(L,N) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\sum_{\sigma \in L} L(\sigma) \times m_{N,\sigma}}{\sum_{\sigma \in L} L(\sigma) \times c_{N,\sigma}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\sum_{\sigma \in L} L(\sigma) \times r_{N,\sigma}}{\sum_{\sigma \in L} L(\sigma) \times p_{N,\sigma}} \right)$$

$$fitness(L_{full}, N_1) = 1$$

 $fitness(L_{full}, N_2) = 0.9504$
 $fitness(L_{full}, N_3) = 0.8797$
 $fitness(L_{full}, N_4) = 1$

Diagnostic Information 566 566 971 971 1537 1537 461 461 1391 1391 b 1537 1537 examine thoroughly pav compensation +443 a **p4** p2 register p1 examine check p3 decide start end casually ticket request h 930 reject request problem 443 tokens remain in place p2, reinitiate 930 because *d* did not occur although 146 request the model expected d to happen 146 problem 443 tokens were missing in place p2 during replay, because *d* happened even though

Fig. 7.6 Diagnostic information showing the deviations ($fitness(L_{full}, N_2) = 0.9504$)

this was not possible according to the model

Diagnostic Information

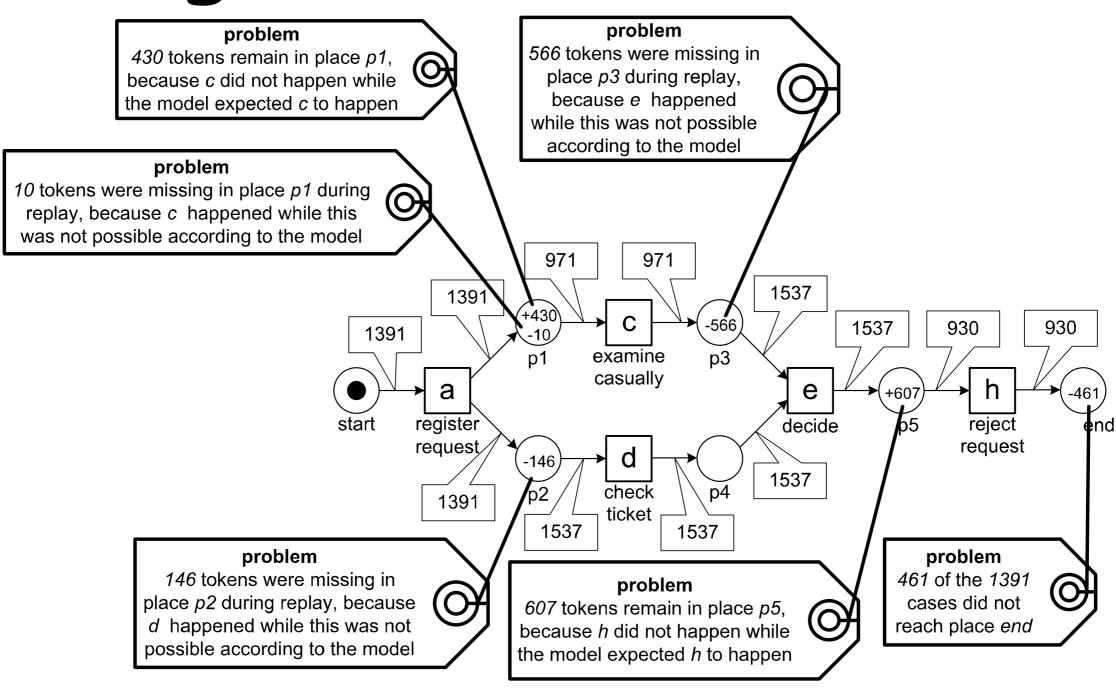


Fig. 7.7 Diagnostic information showing the deviations ($fitness(L_{full}, N_3) = 0.8797$)

Drill Down

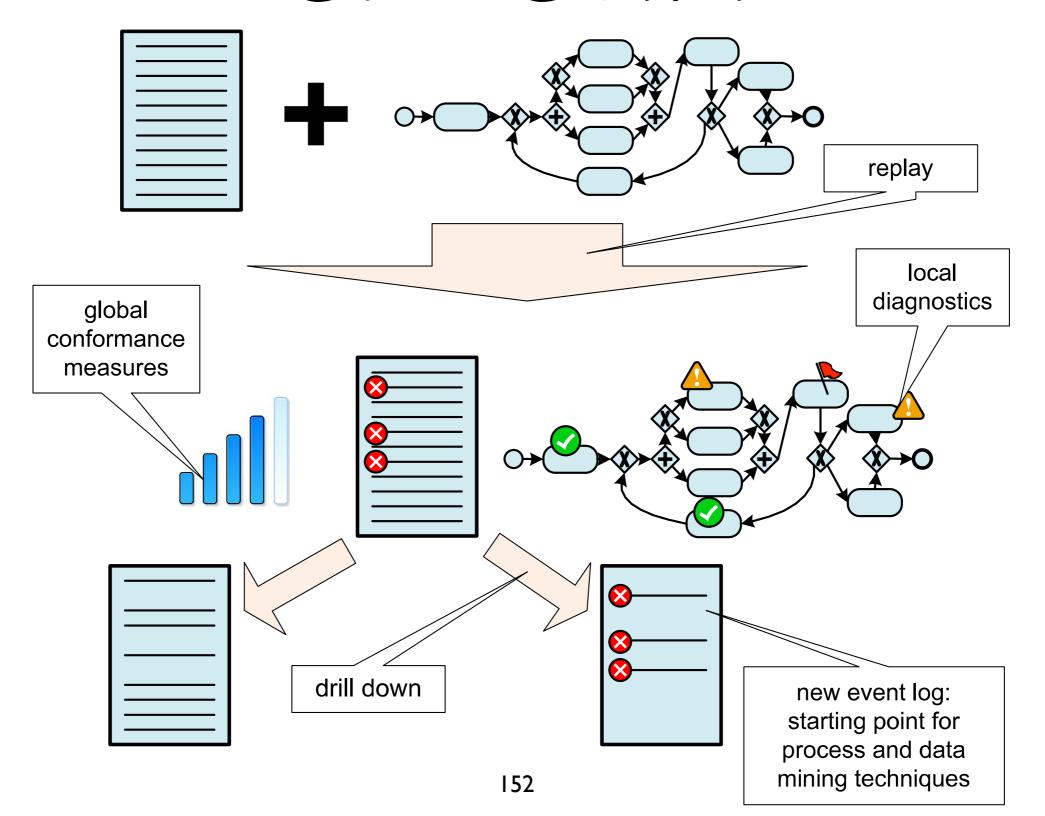
An event log can be split into two sublogs: one event log containing only fitting cases and one event log containing only non-fitting cases.

The second event log can be used to discover a different process model.

Also other data and process mining techniques can be used. For instance, it is interesting to know which people handled the deviating cases and whether these cases took longer or were more costly.

In case fraud is suspected, one may create a social network based on the event log with deviating cases.

Drill Down



Comparing Footprints

Footprint from Play-out

Given a workflow net, the **play-out** technique can be used to extract a **local complete** set of traces.

If we see the set of traces as an event log (without multiplicities), then we can derive the relation >.

Then, we can construct the footprint (i.e. a matrix showing causal dependencies between events) of the net model based on such relation >.

(From the viewpoint of a footprint matrix, an event log is complete if and only if all activities that can follow one another do so at least once in the log.)

Footprint-based Conformance

Footprints are available for logs and models (nets).

This allows for:

log vs model conformance (do the log and the model agree?)

model vs model conformance (quantification of their similarities)

log vs log comparison (concept drift: how does the work changes in sub-logs?)

Conformance based on footprints

The conformance based on footprints can be computed by taking:

n: total number of cells in the footprint matrix

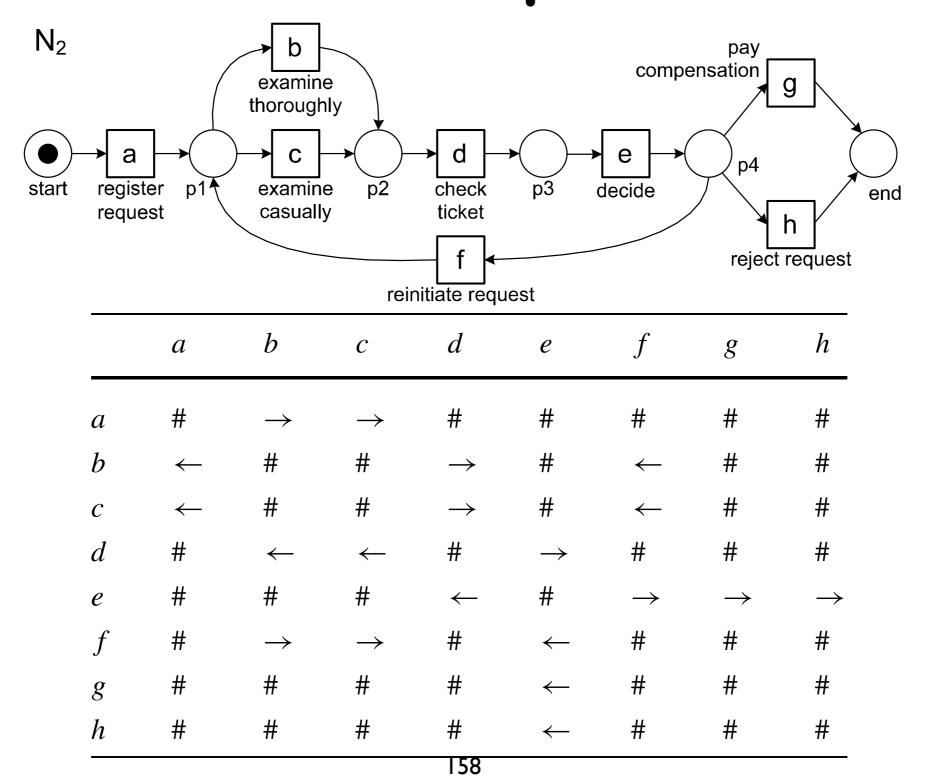
d: number of cells with different content between the two matrices

$$1-rac{d}{n}$$

Example N_1 examine thoroughly g р1 pay р3 compensation е examine register casually decide р5 end request h p2 reject request check ticket reinitiate request bd h $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{C}}$ g ae# # \boldsymbol{a} b# # # # # # e# # # # # # # h# # # # # # \leftarrow

Also Footprint of L_{full}

Example



Example

	a a	b b	c c	d d	e e	f f	<i>g g</i>	h
a a	# #	$\rightarrow \rightarrow$	$\rightarrow \rightarrow$	→#	# #	# #	# #	# #
b b	$\leftarrow \leftarrow$	# #	# #	\parallel \rightarrow	$\rightarrow \#$	$\leftarrow \leftarrow$	# #	# #
c c	$\leftarrow \leftarrow$	# #	# #	\parallel \rightarrow	$\rightarrow \#$	$\leftarrow \leftarrow$	# #	# #
d d	← #	∥ ←	∥ ←	# #	$\rightarrow \rightarrow$	←#	# #	# #
e e	# #	← #	← #	$\leftarrow \leftarrow$	# #	$\rightarrow \rightarrow$	$\rightarrow \rightarrow$	$\rightarrow \rightarrow$
f f	# #	$\rightarrow \rightarrow$	$\rightarrow \rightarrow$	$\rightarrow \#$	$\leftarrow \leftarrow$	# #	# #	# #
g g	# #	# #	# #	# #	$\leftarrow \leftarrow$	# #	# #	# #
h h	# #	# #	# #	# #	$\leftarrow \leftarrow$	# #	# #	# #

Example

$$1 - \frac{12}{64} = 0.8125$$

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
a				→:#				
b				$\ :\rightarrow$	→:#			
c				$\ :\to$	→:#			
d	←:#	∥:←	∥:←			←:#		
e		←:#	←:#					
f				→:#				
g								
h								