

Parameterized Analysis of Immediate Observation Petri Nets

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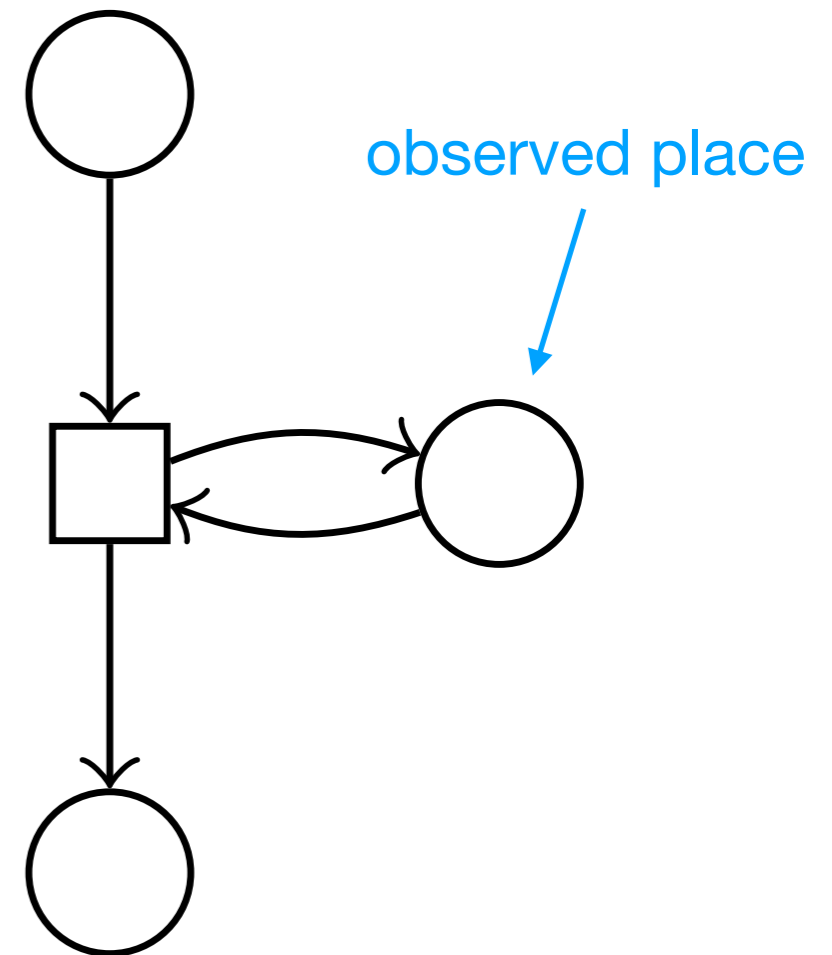
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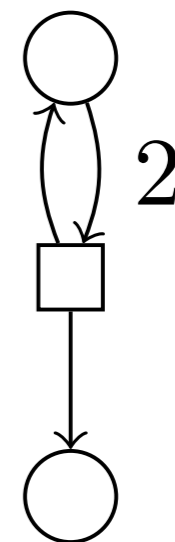
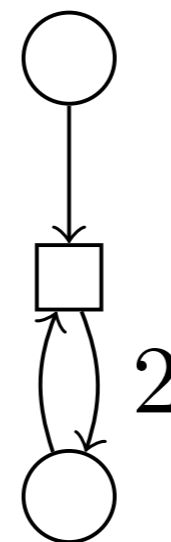
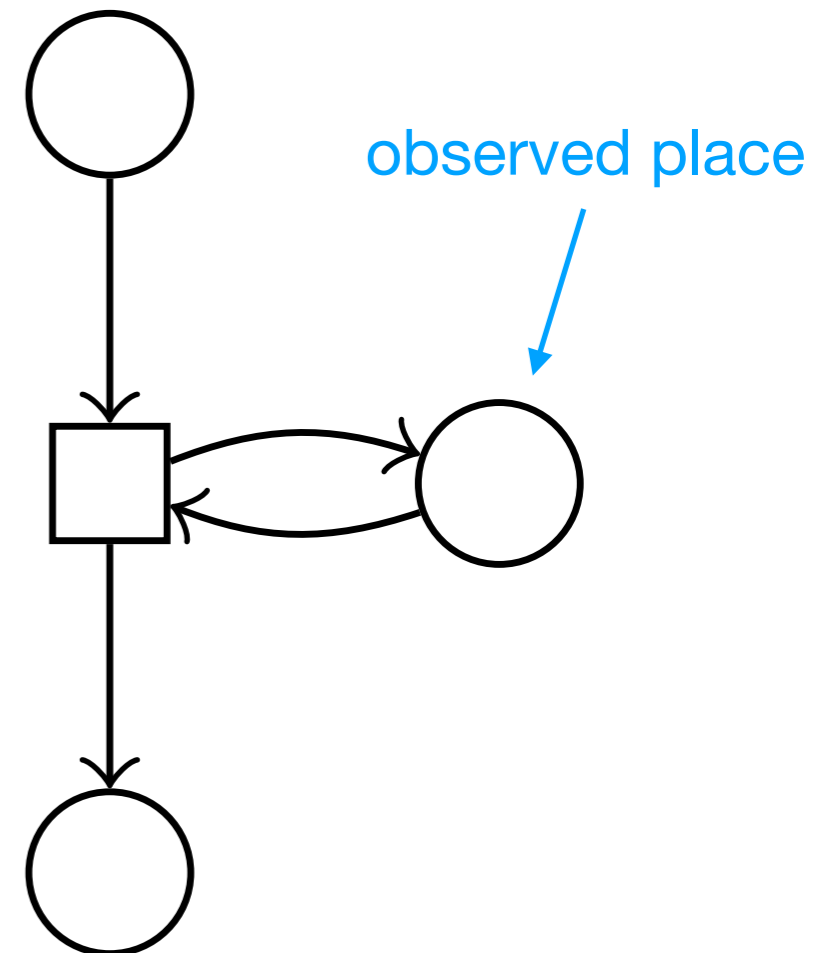
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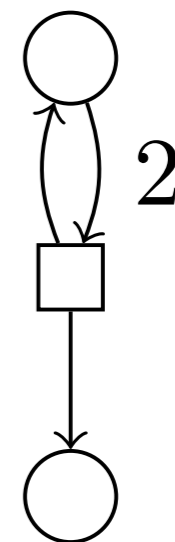
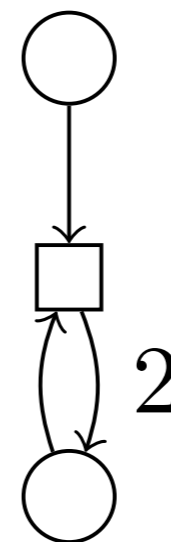
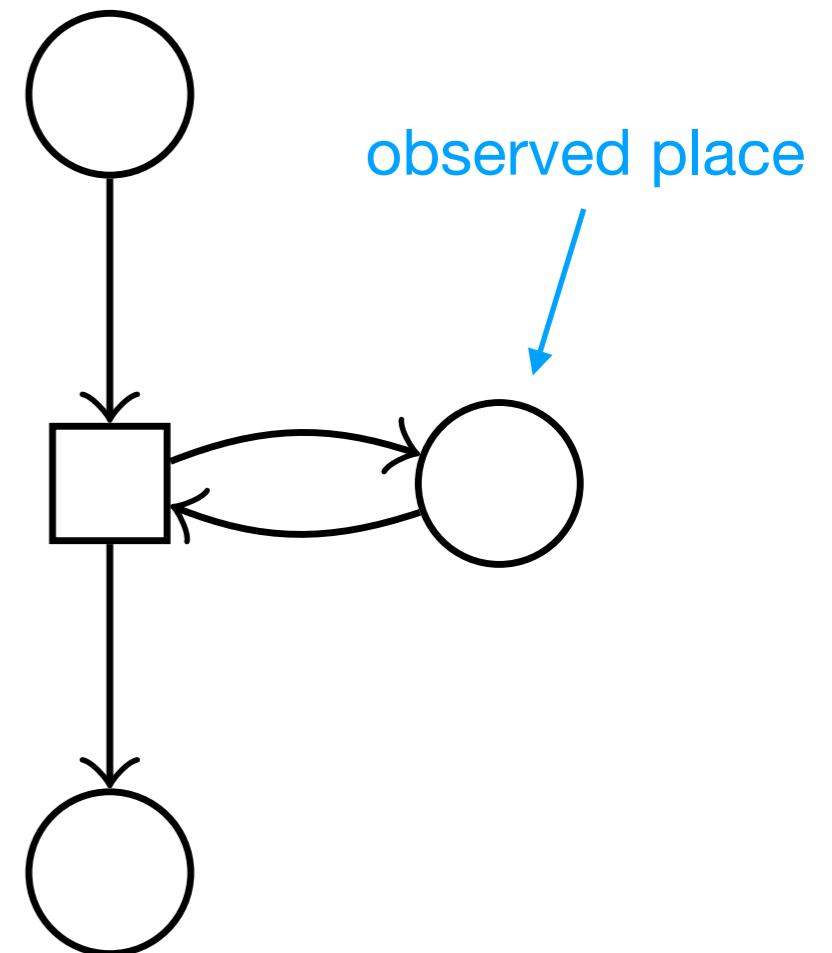


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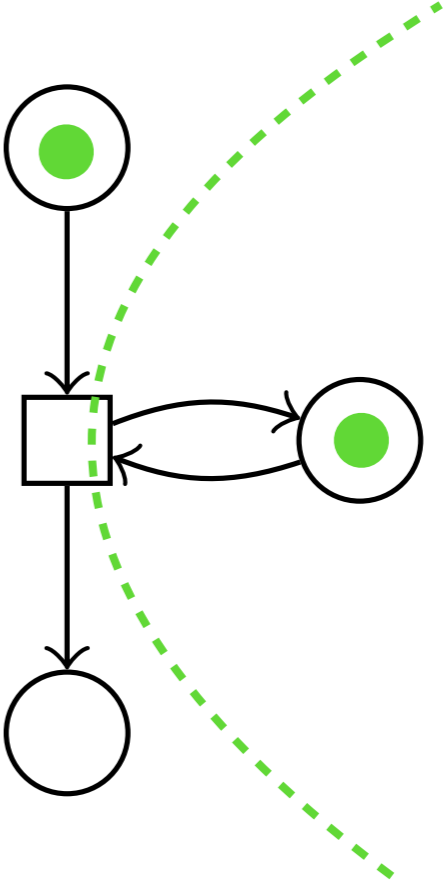
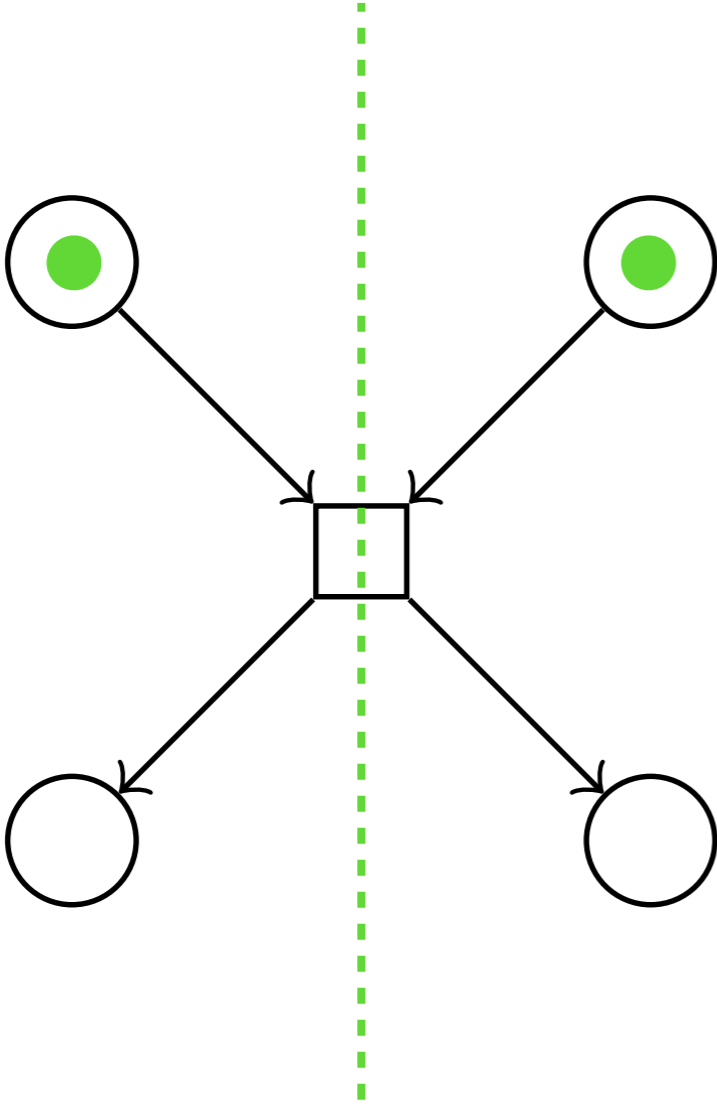
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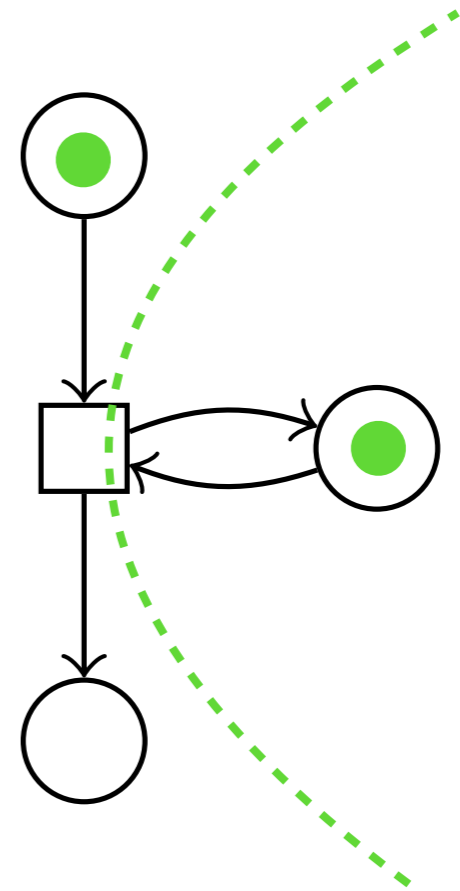
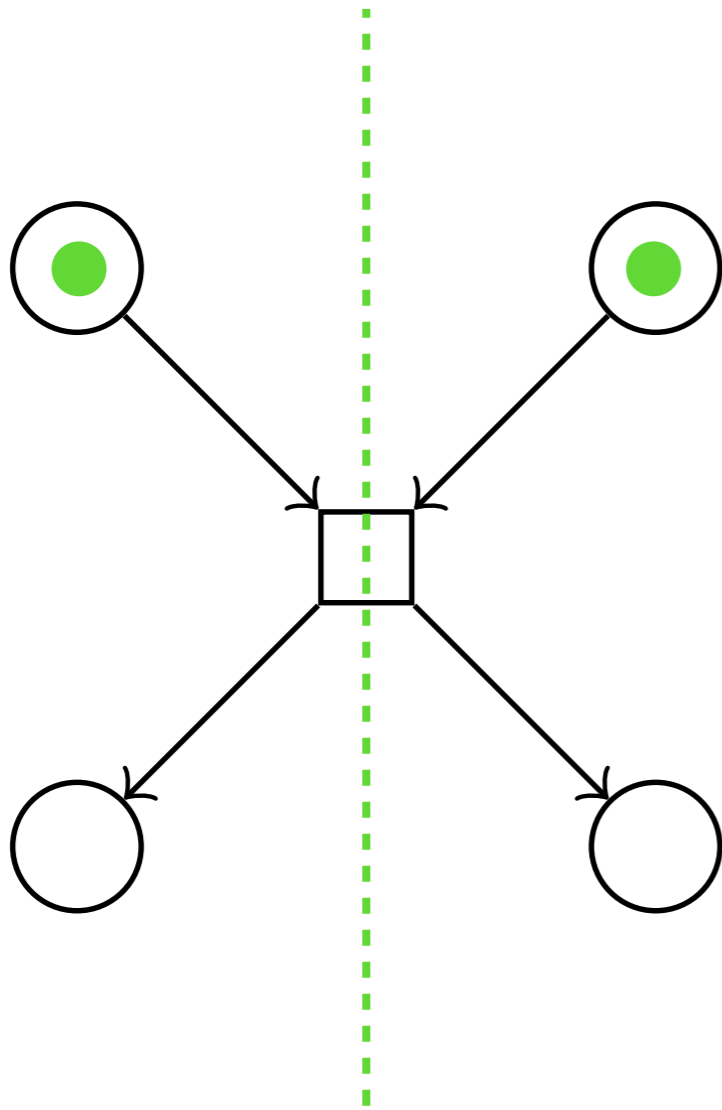
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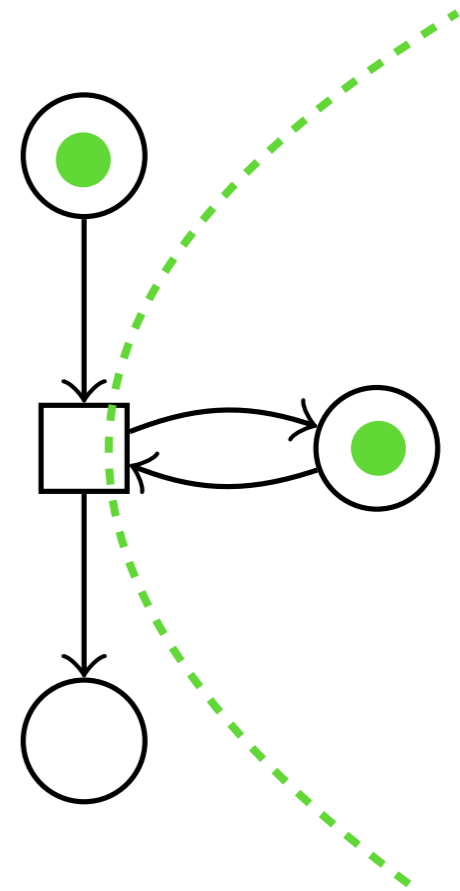
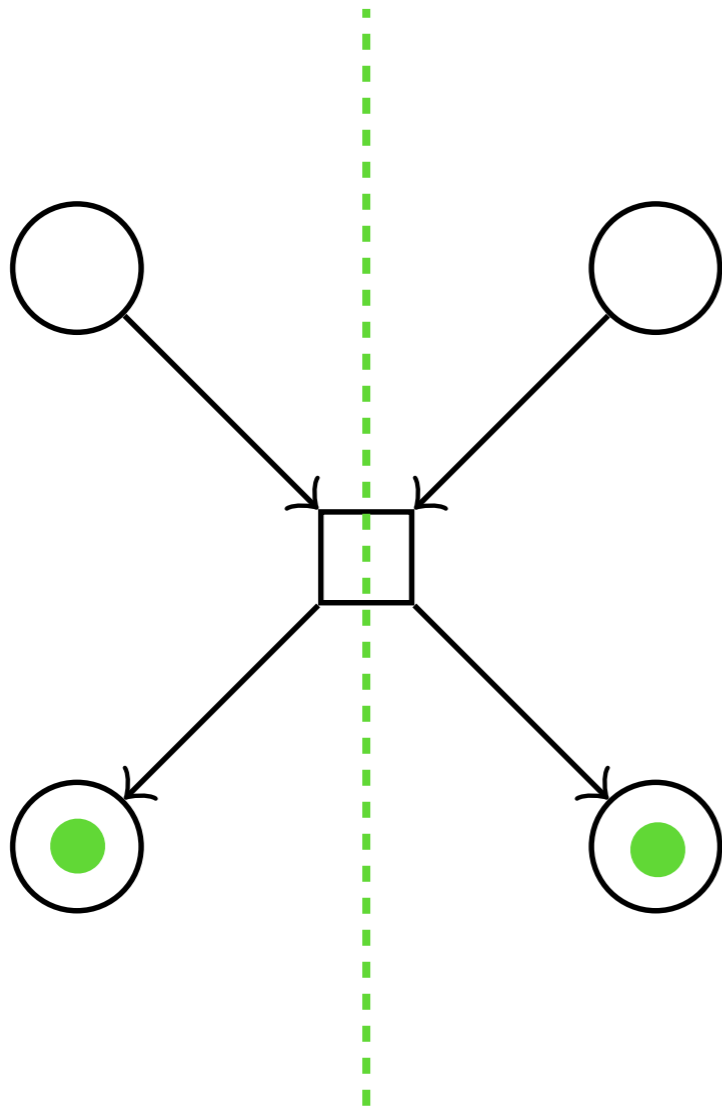


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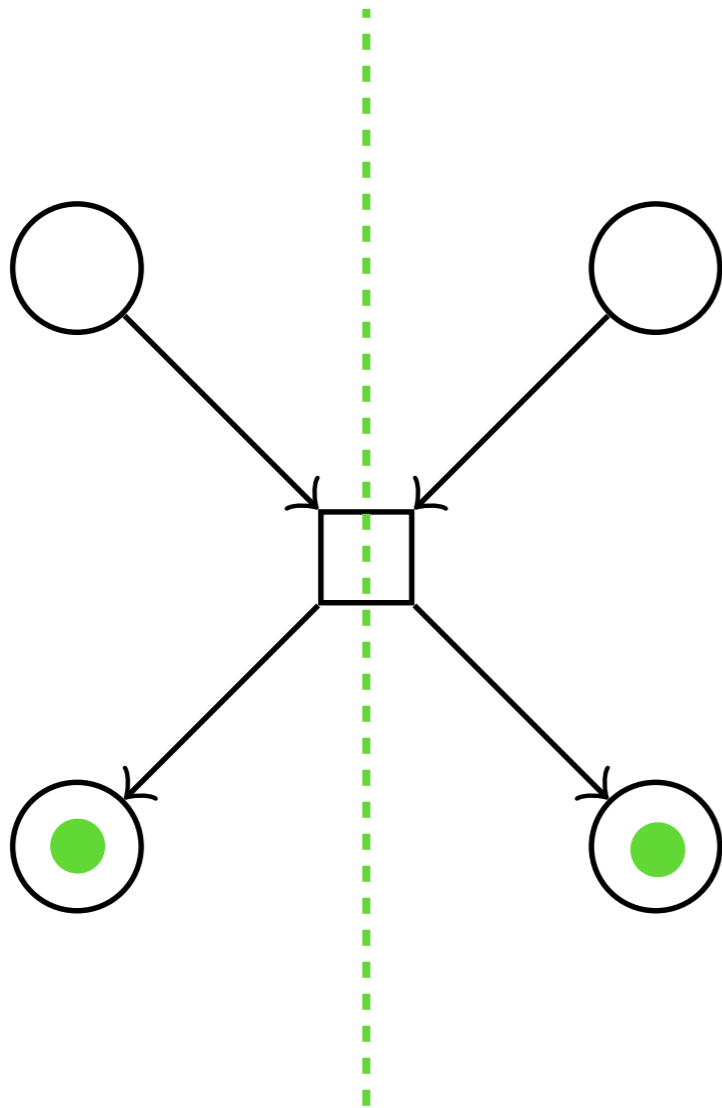
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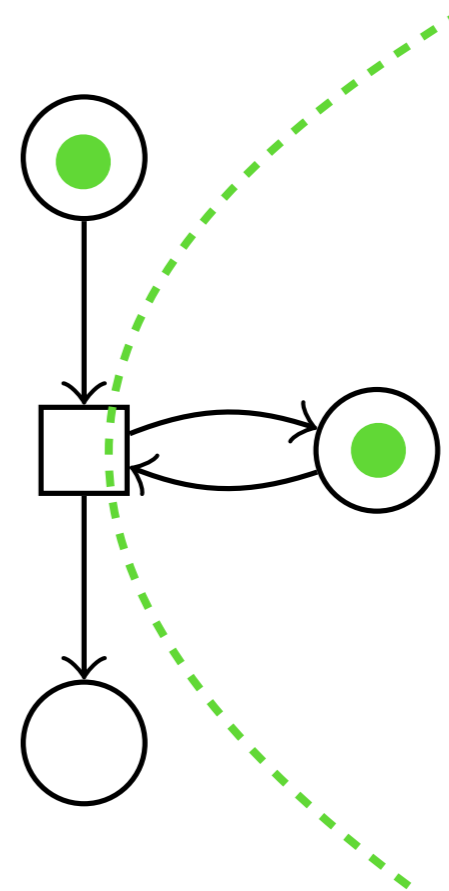


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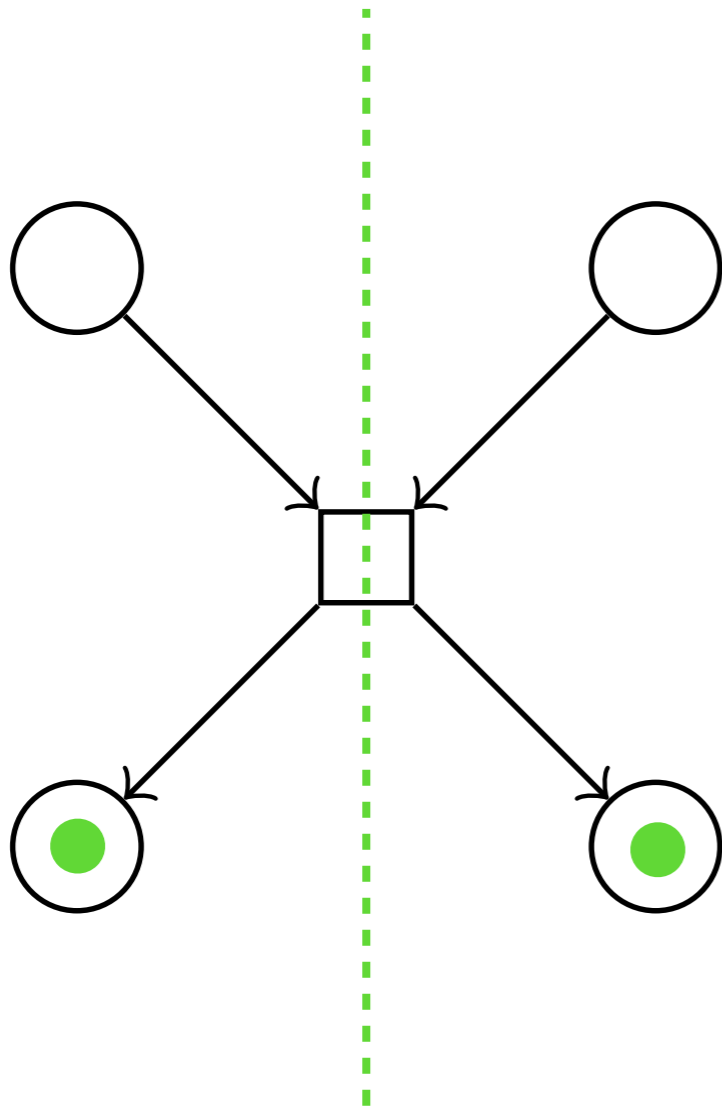


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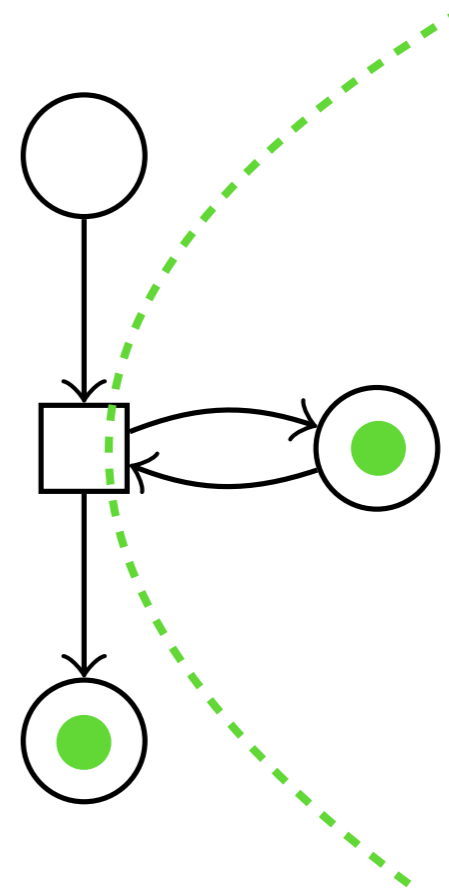


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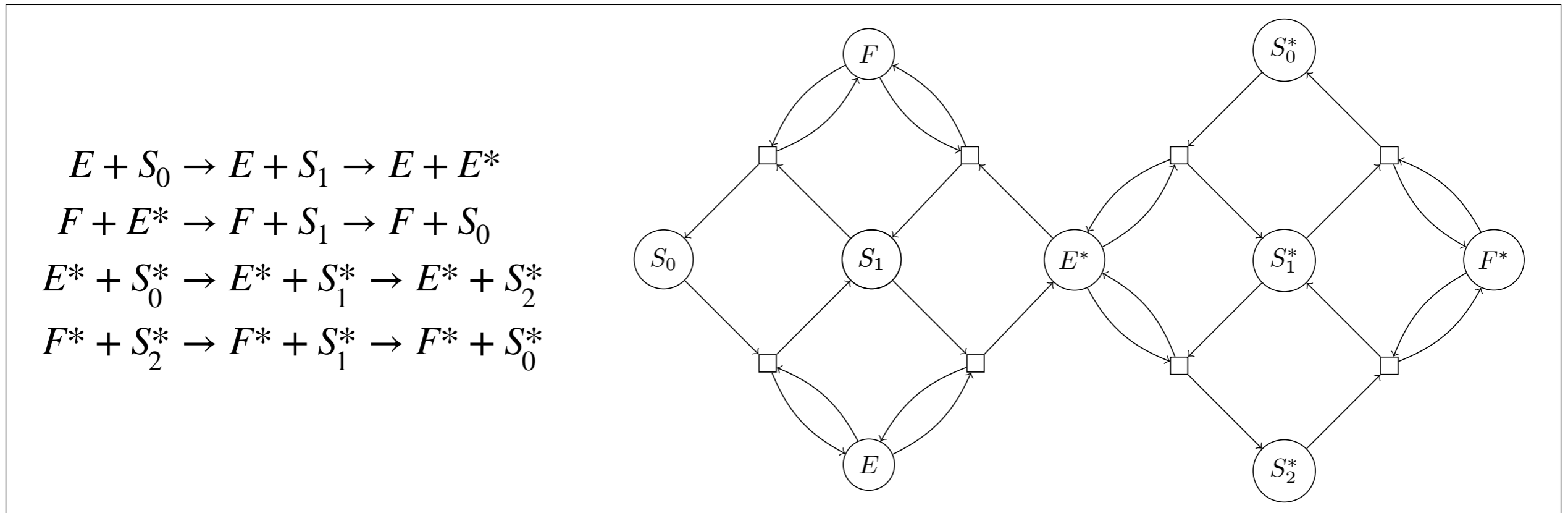
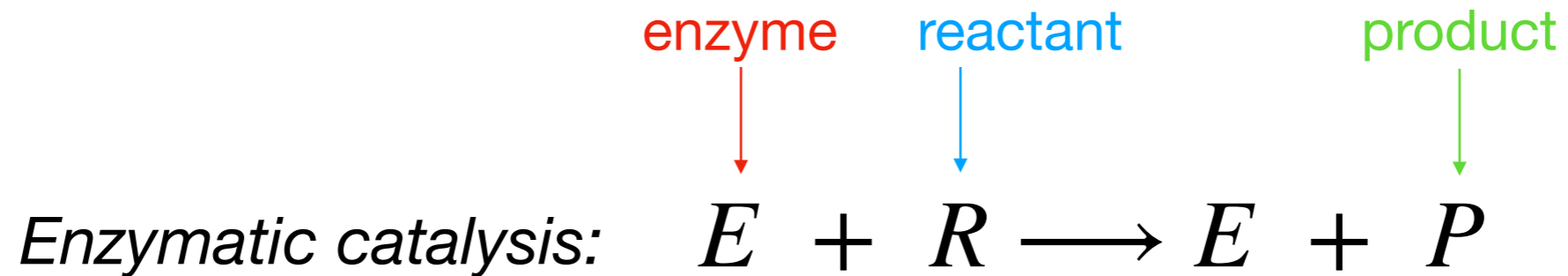


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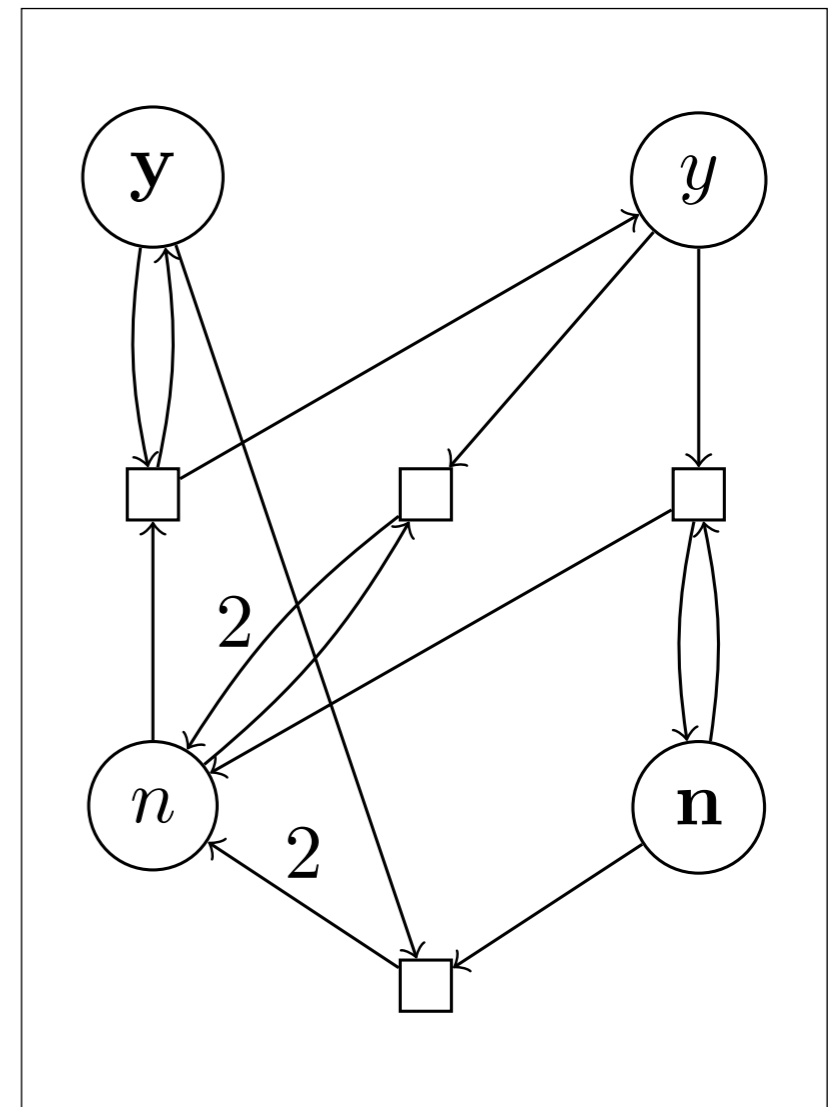
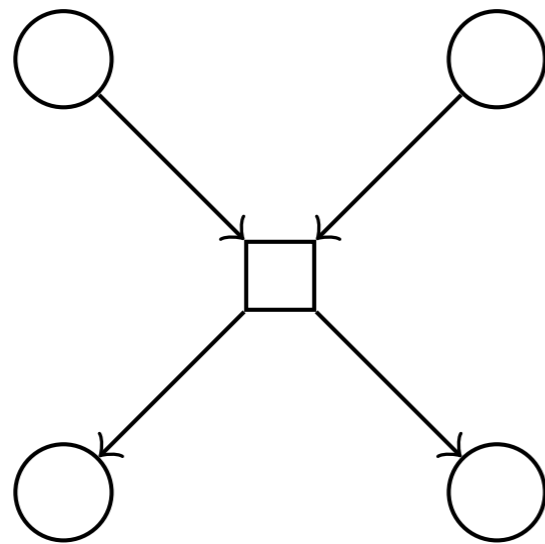
[A Petri net approach to the study of persistence in chemical reaction networks, Angeli et al., '06]

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Agents communicate through *rendez-vous*.



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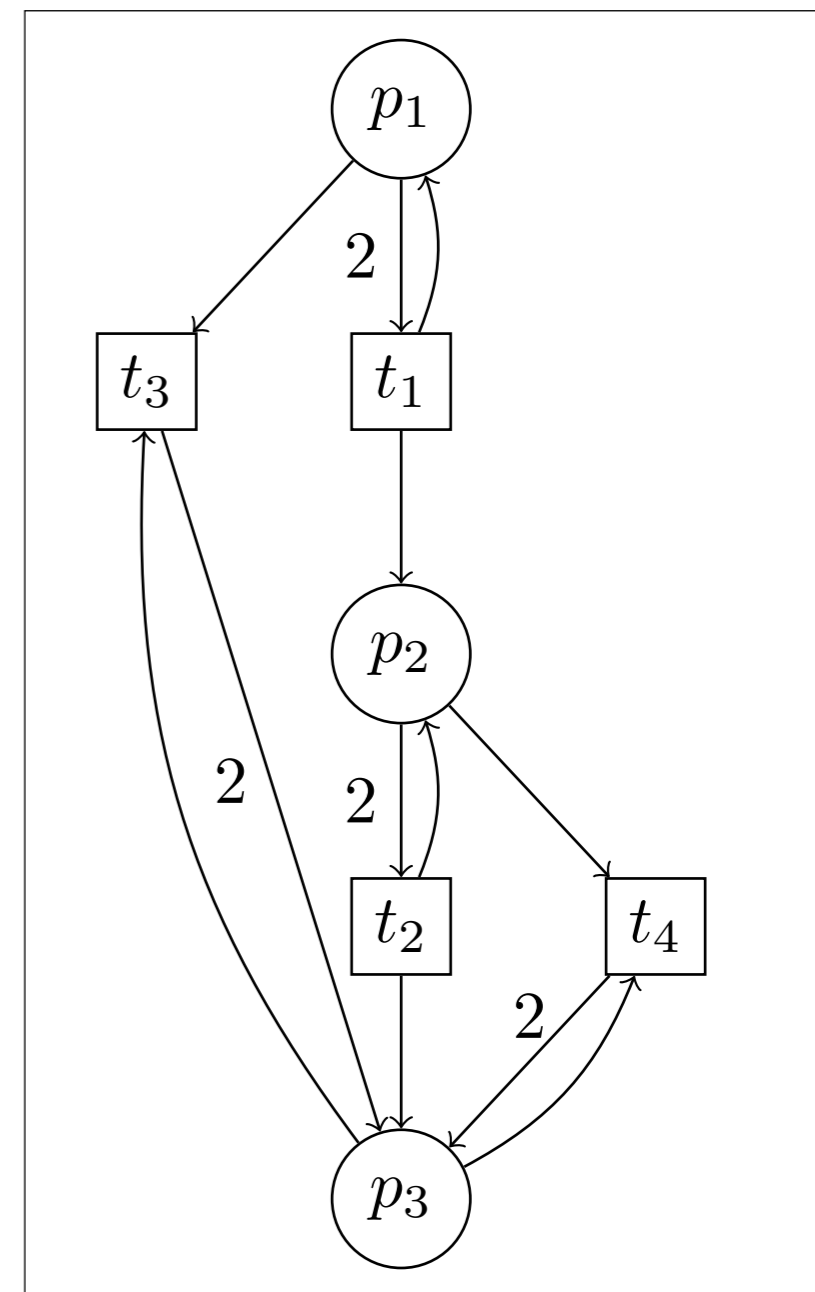
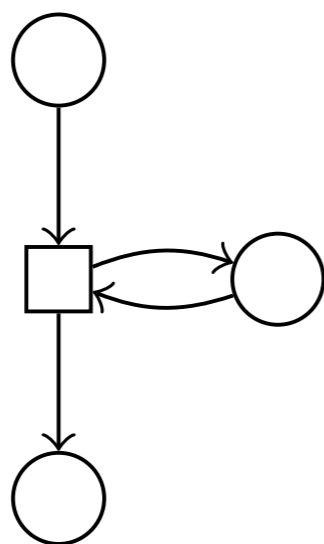
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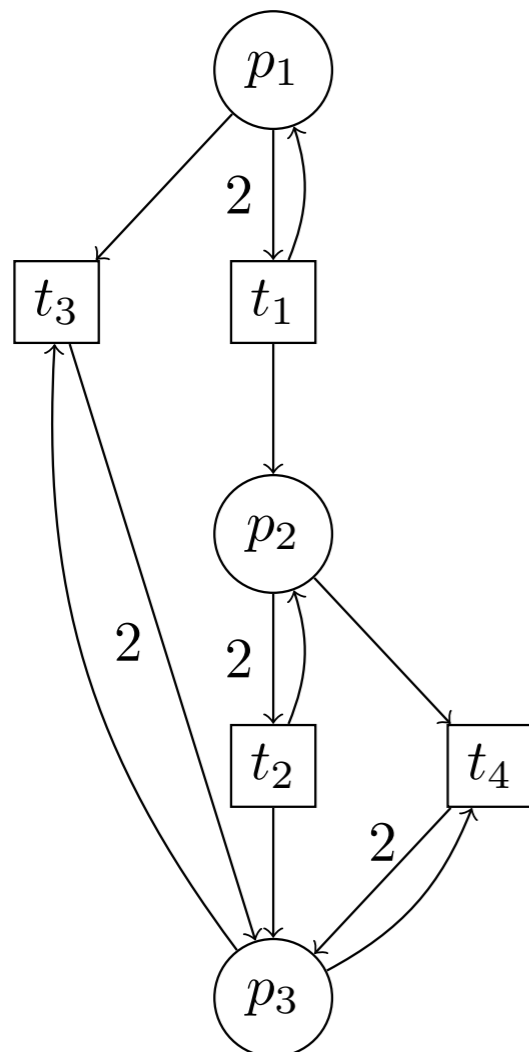
Introduced to model sensor networks.



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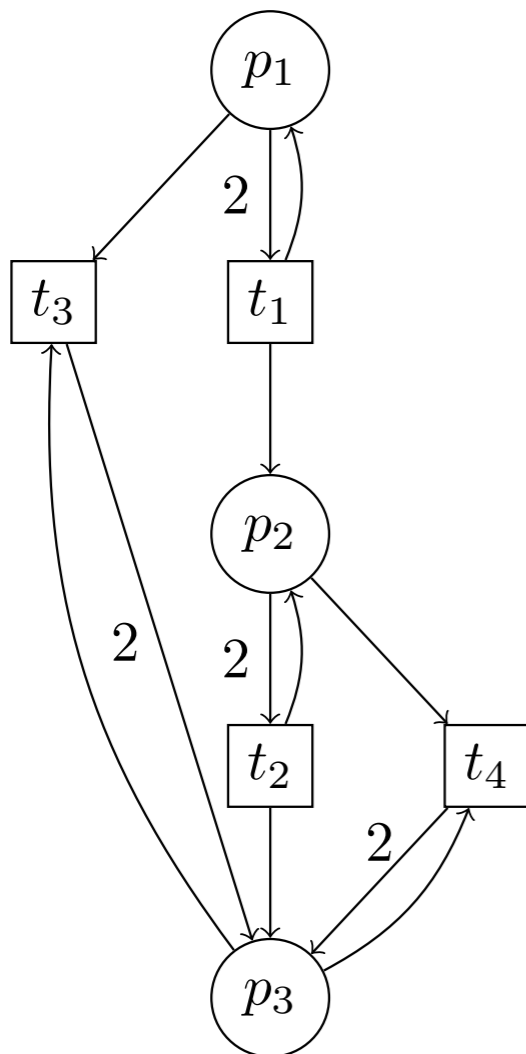


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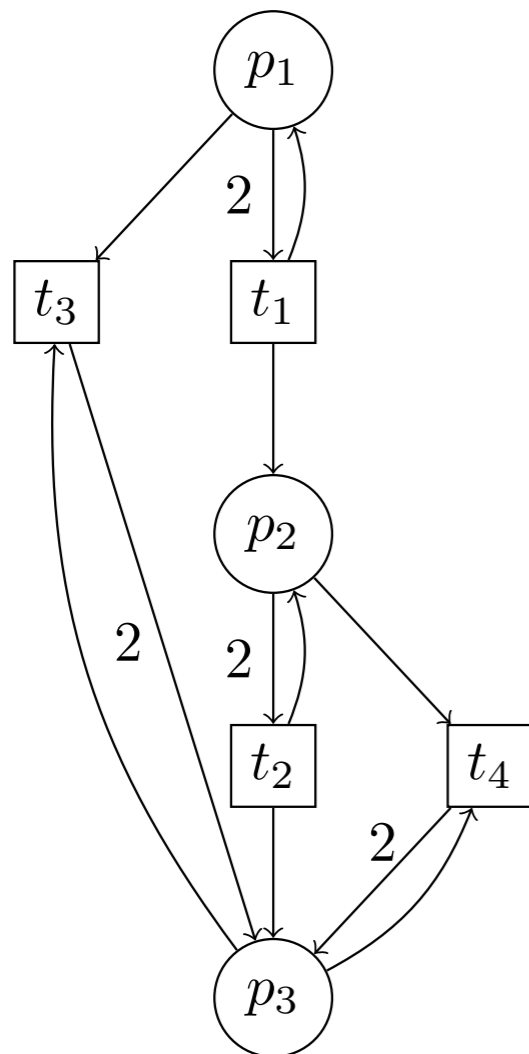


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Initial markings: $M_0^{(n)} = n \cdot p_1$
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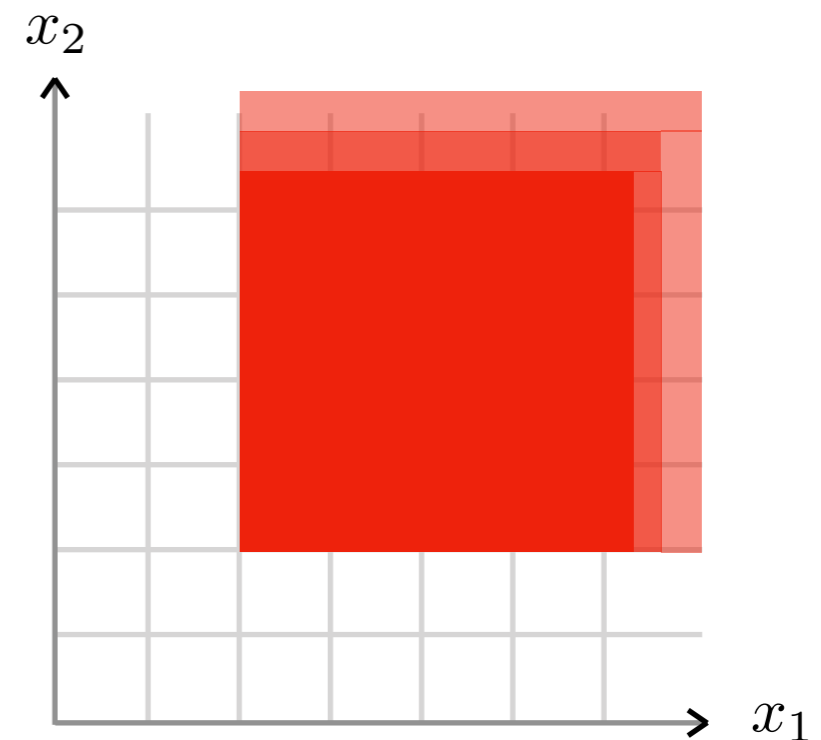
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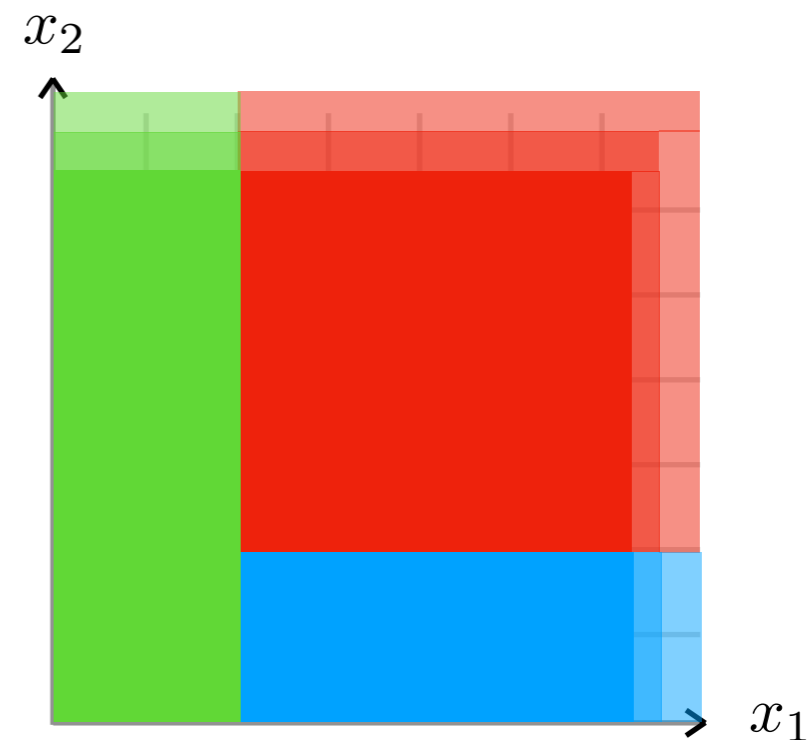
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Compared to arbitrary conservative Petri nets, IO nets

- don't lose expressivity, and
- do much better for parameterized problems: deciding for infinitely many markings is not harder than for a single marking!

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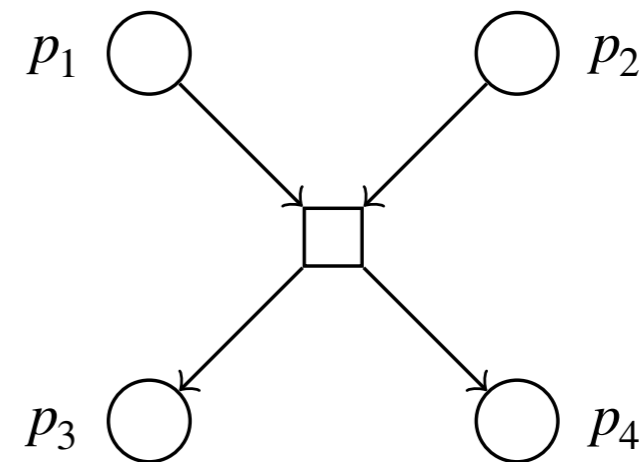
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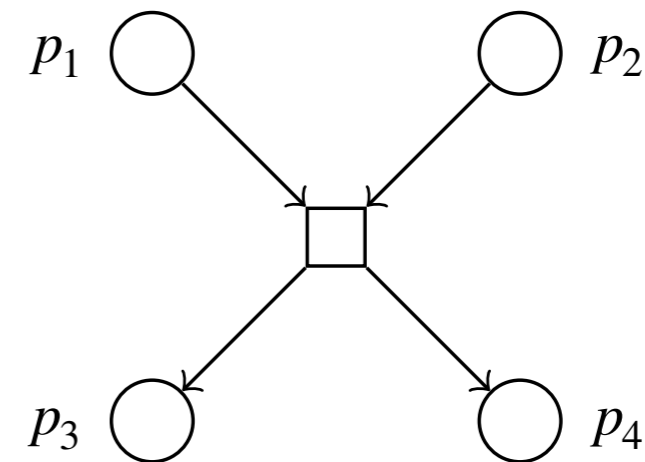
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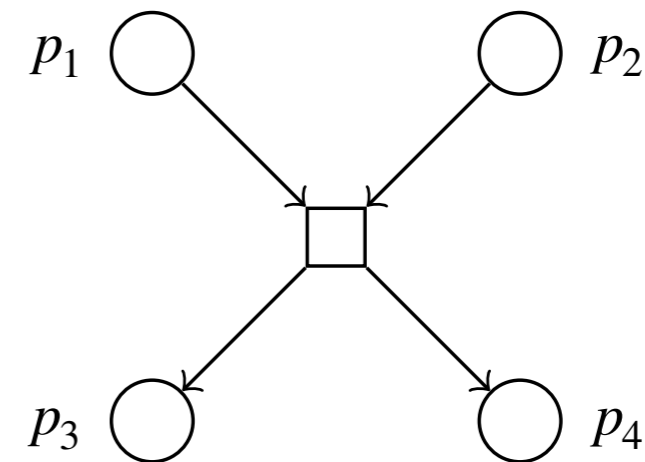
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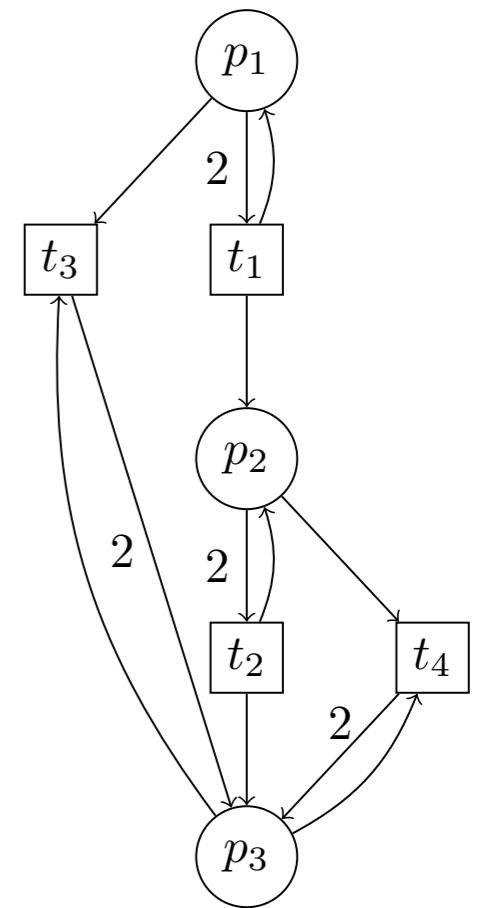


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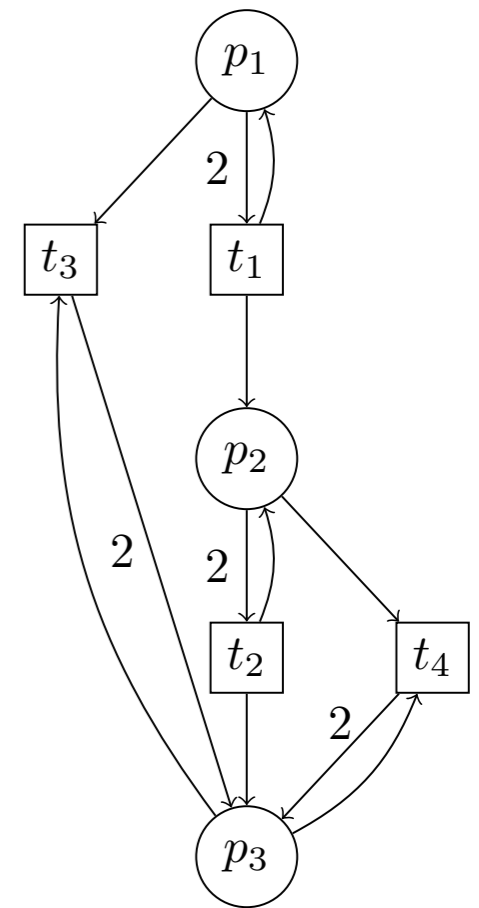


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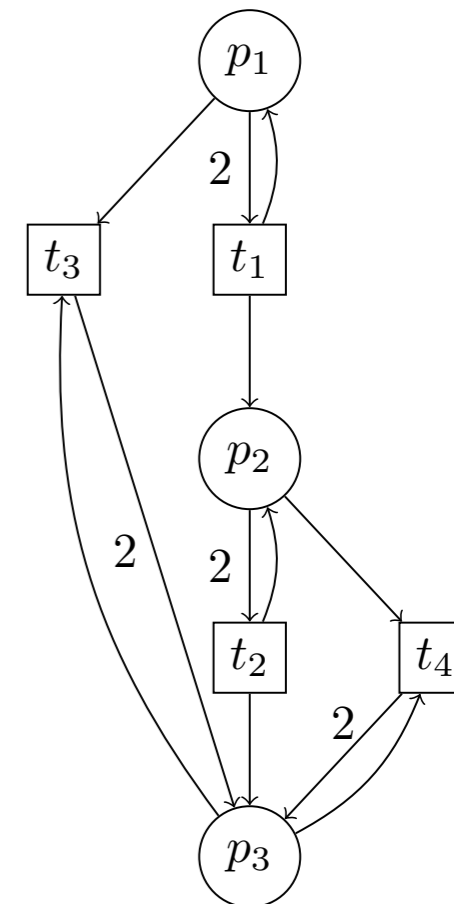
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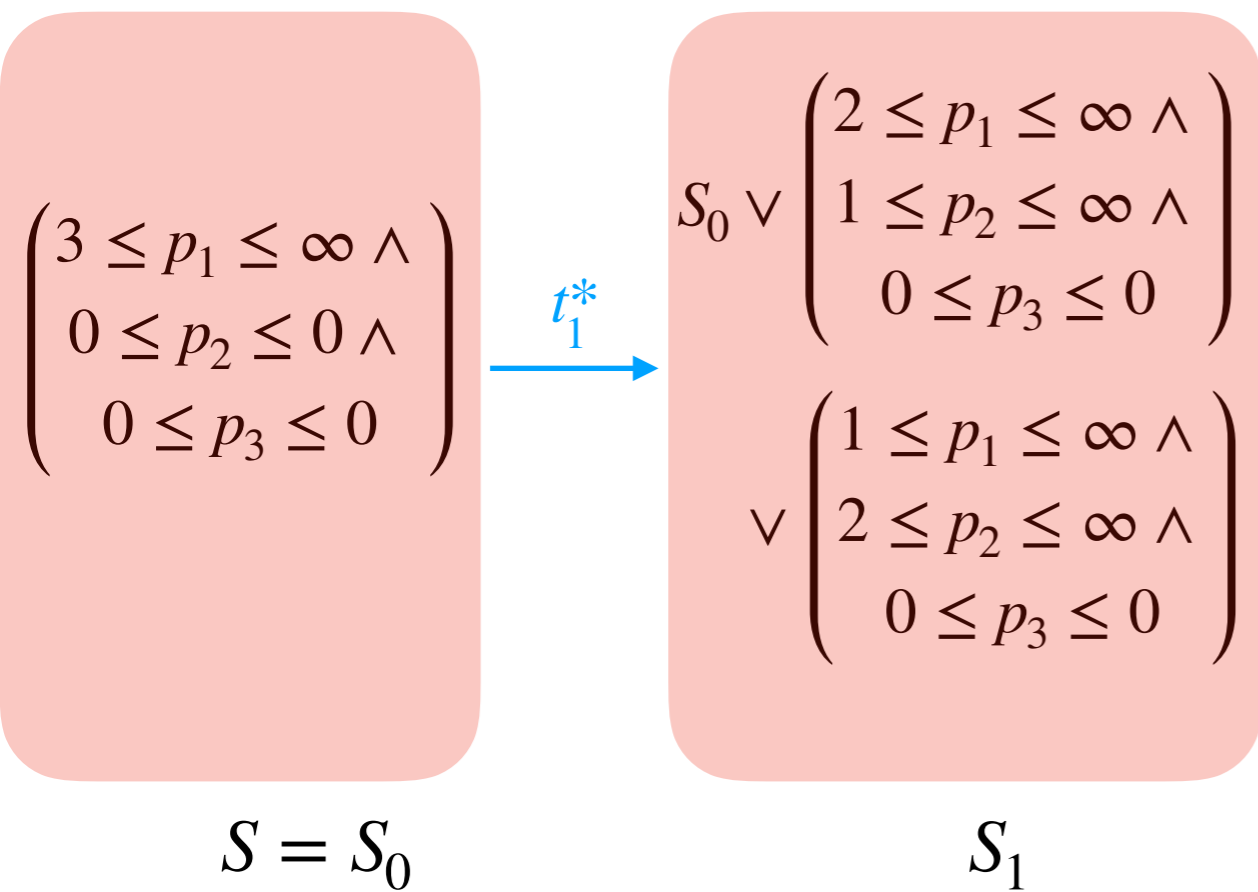
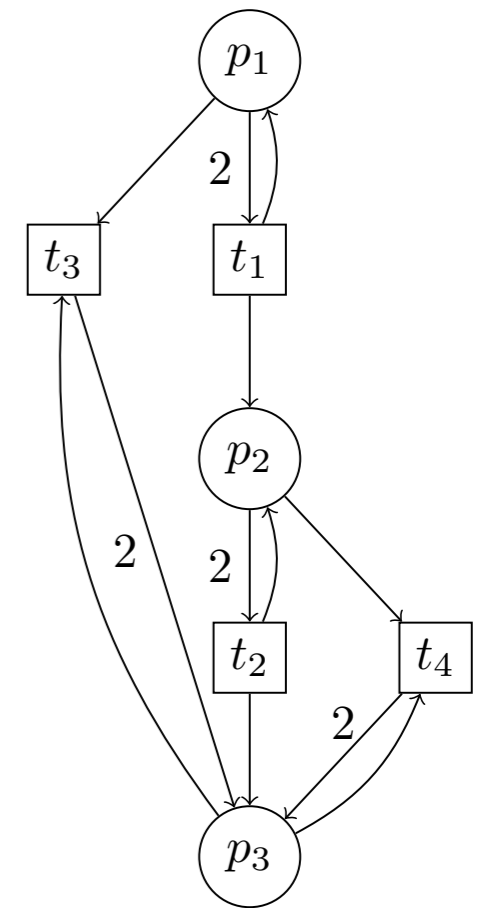
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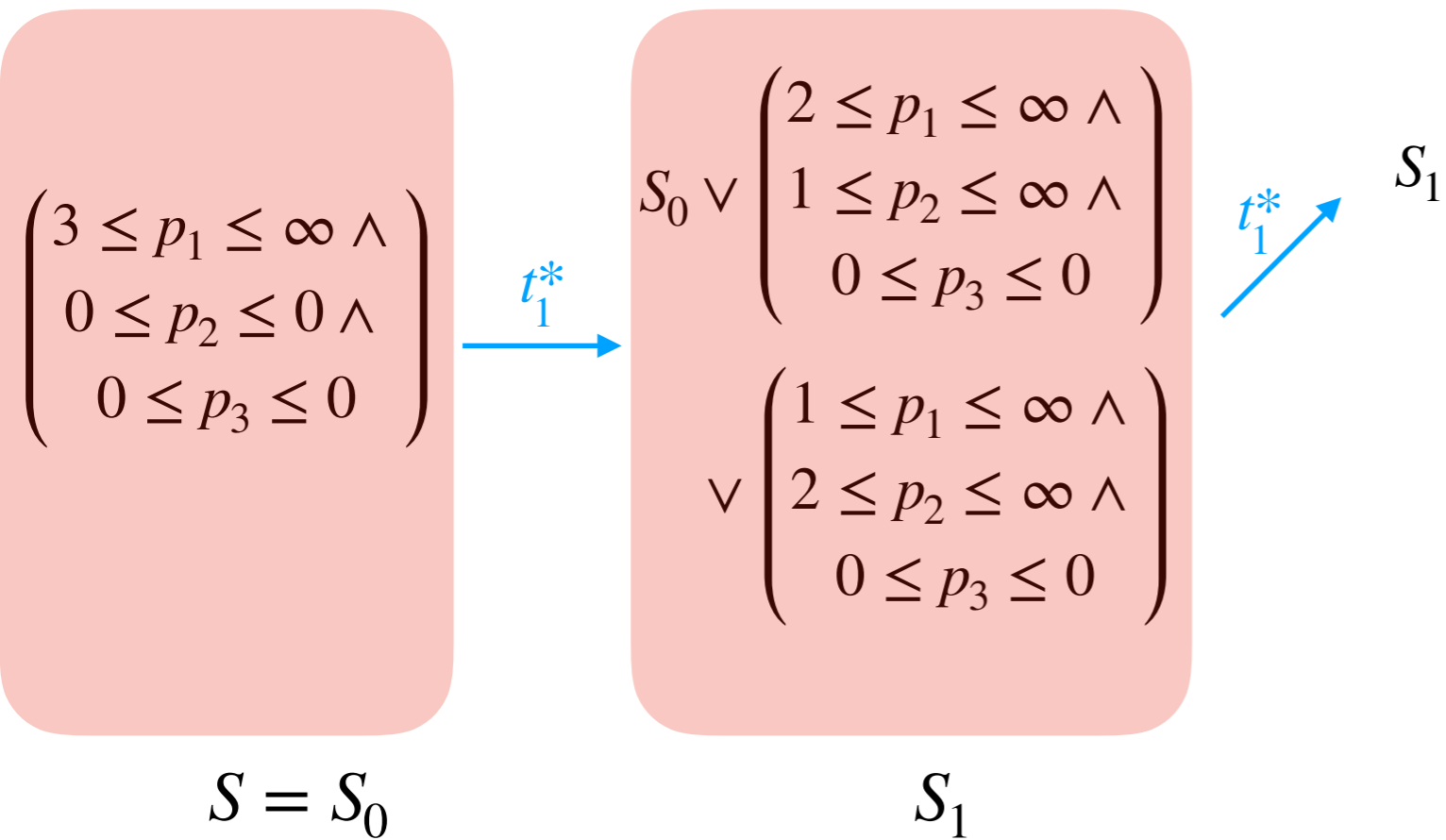
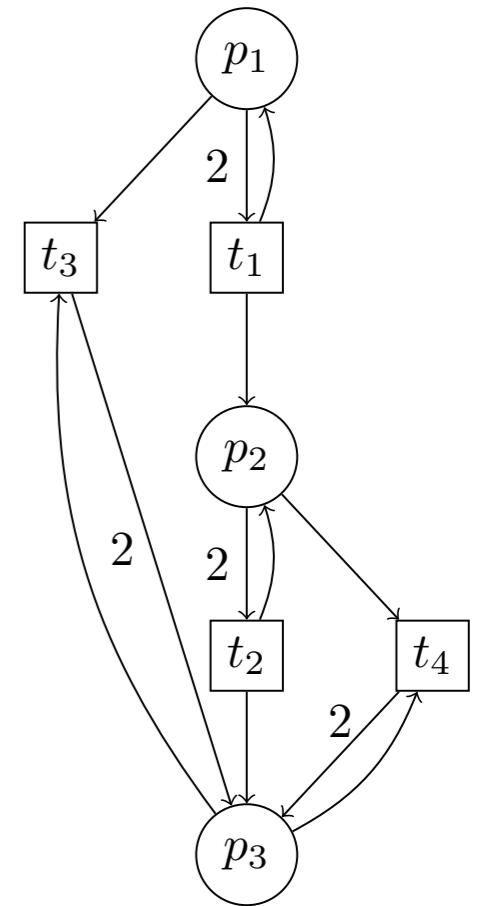
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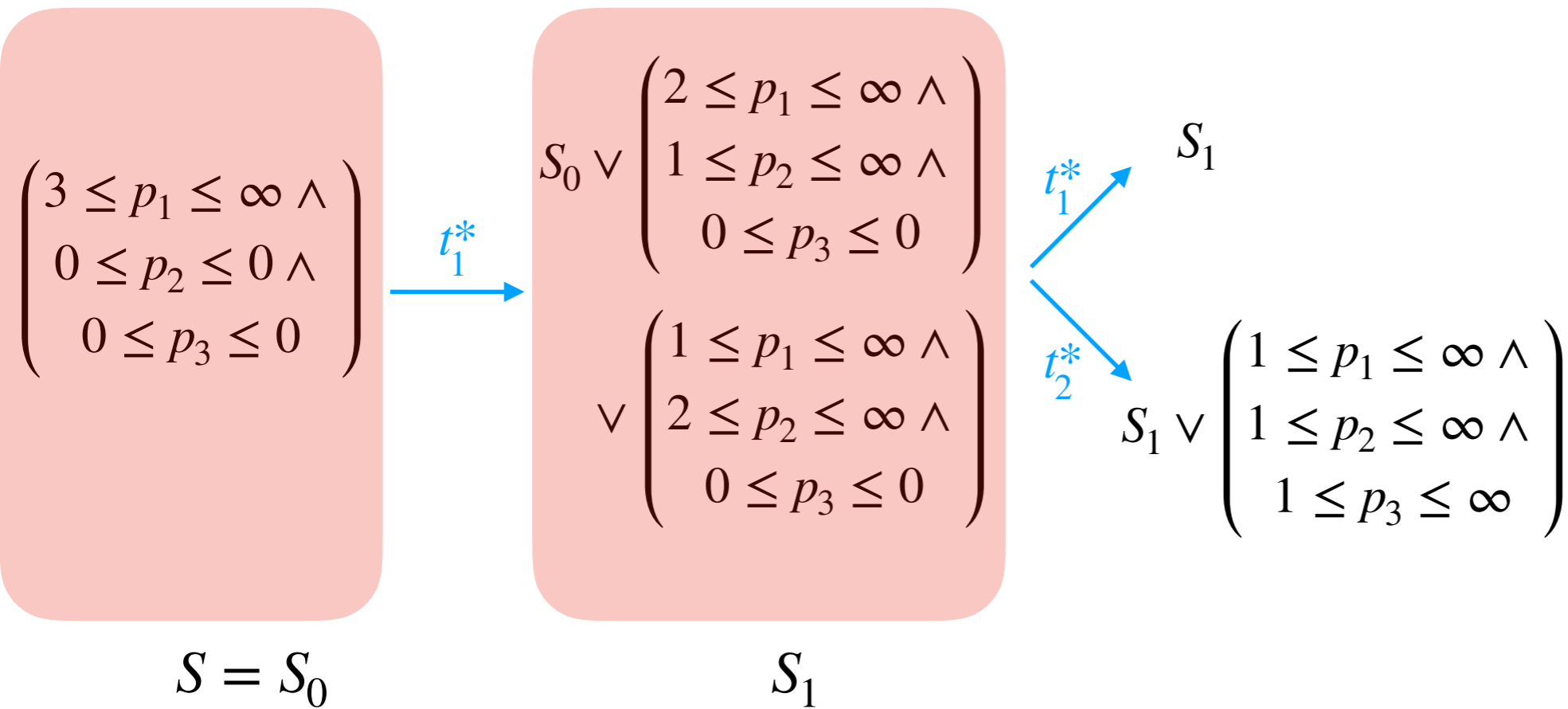
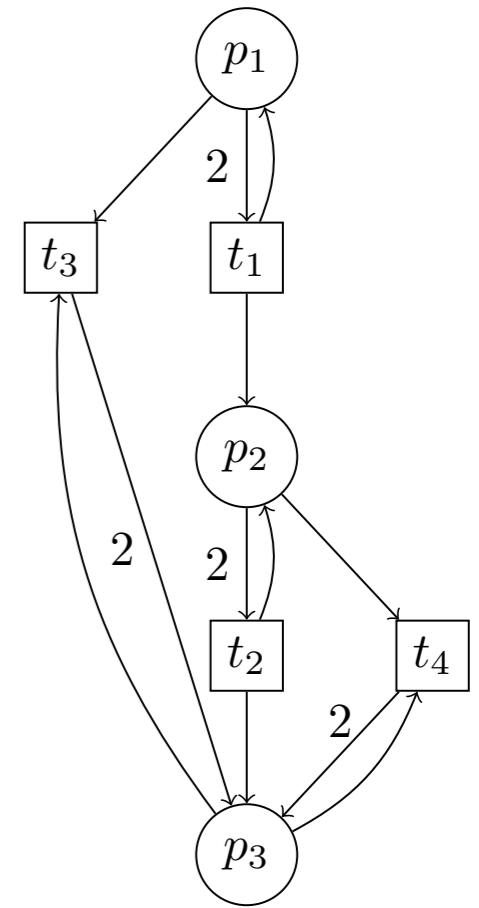
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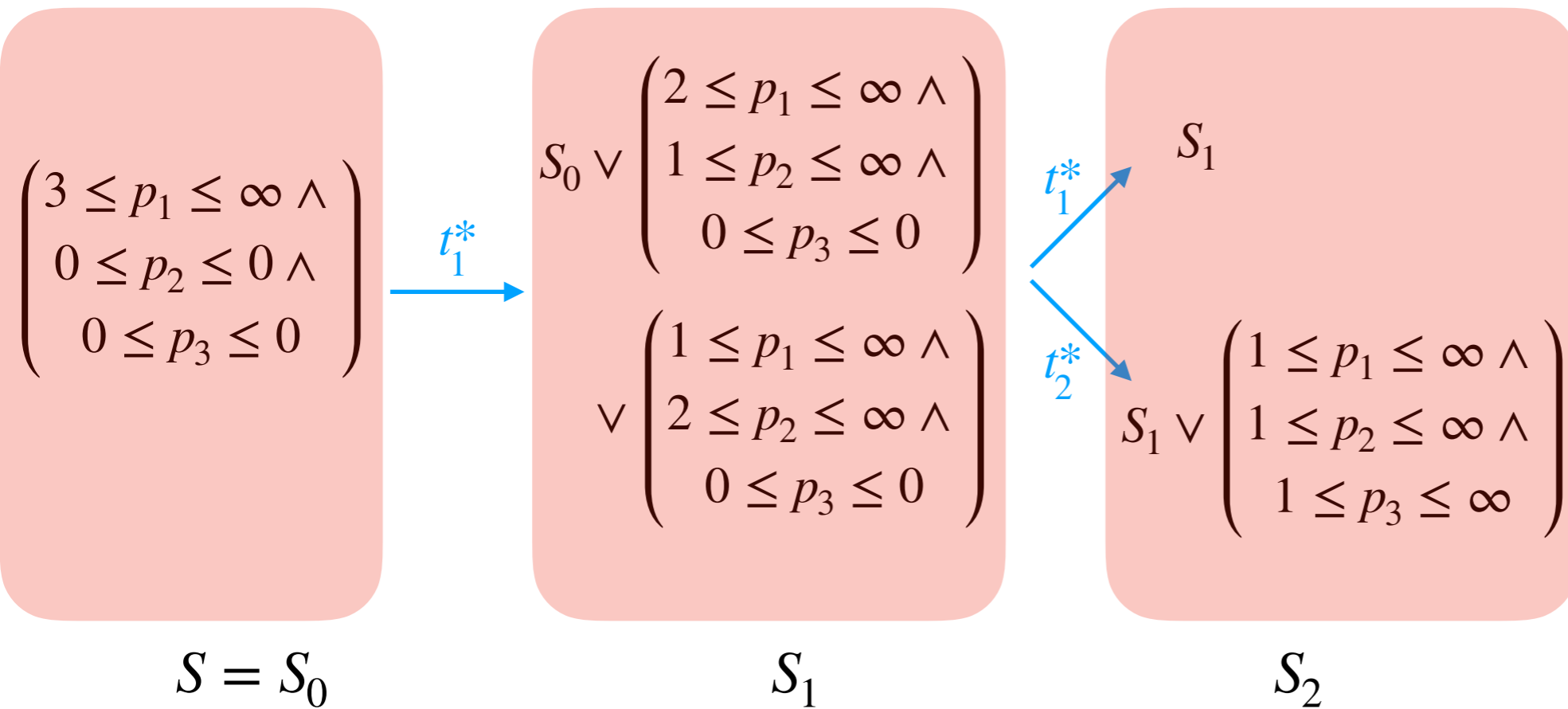
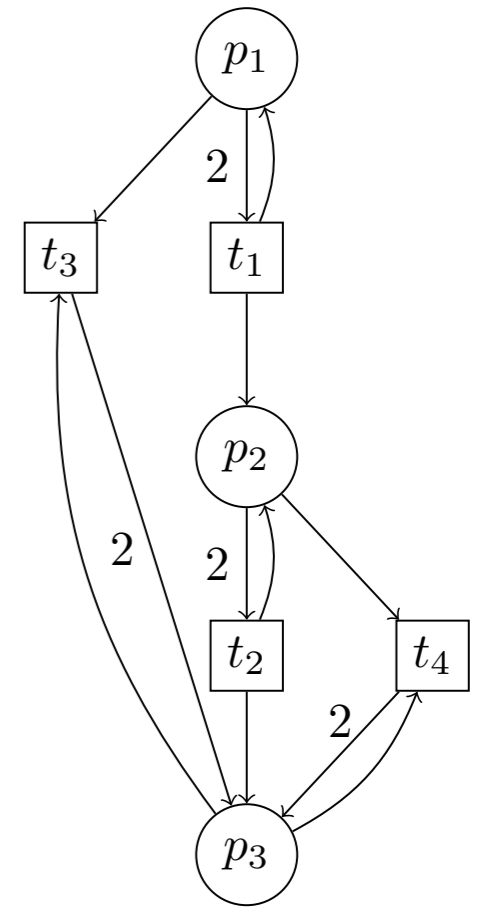
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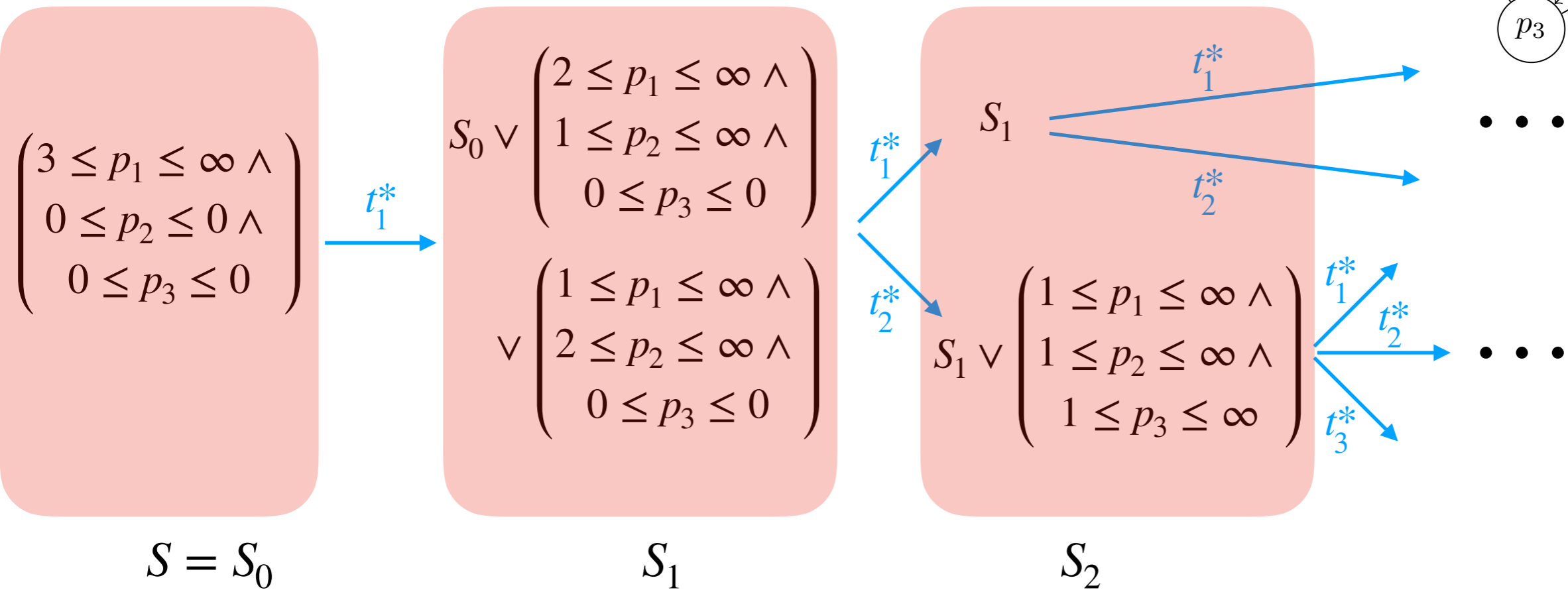
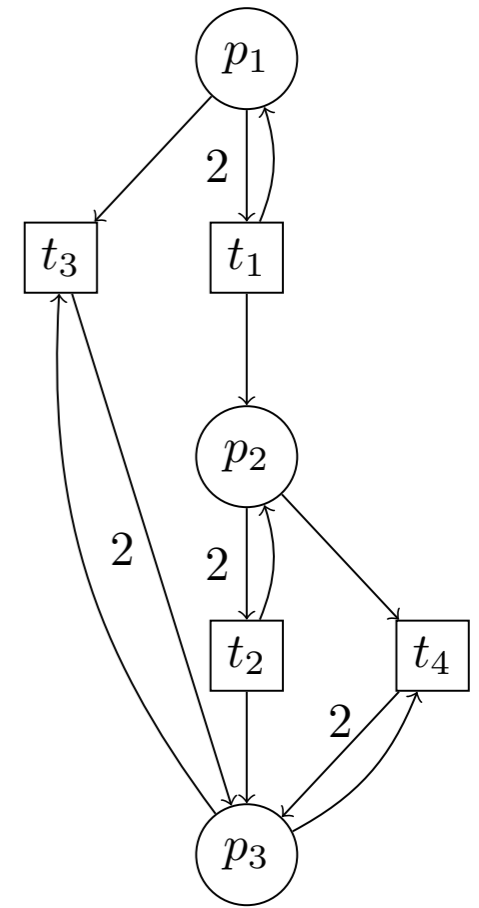
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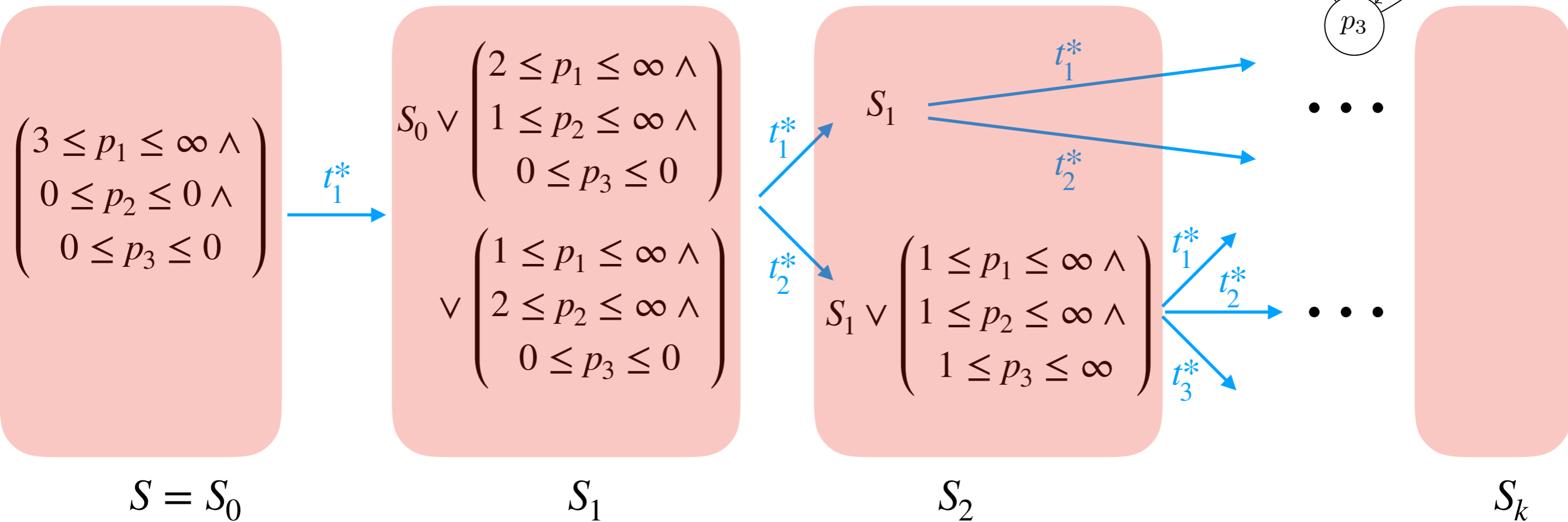
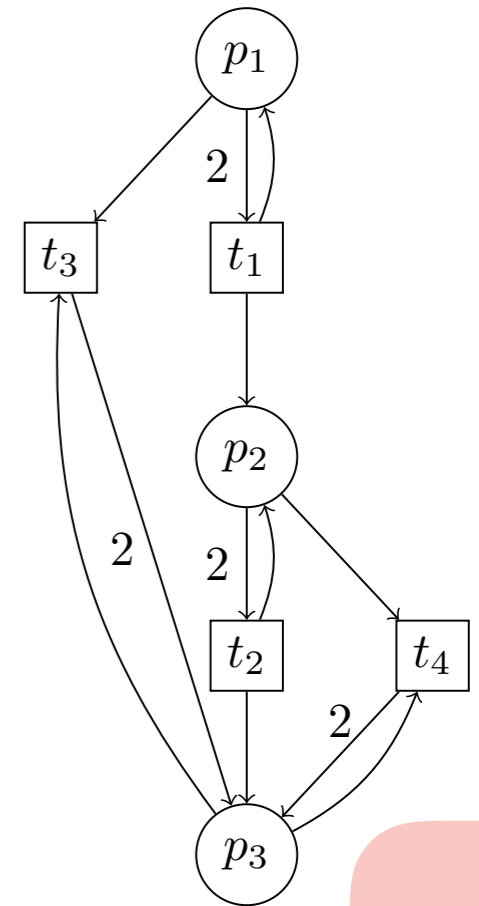
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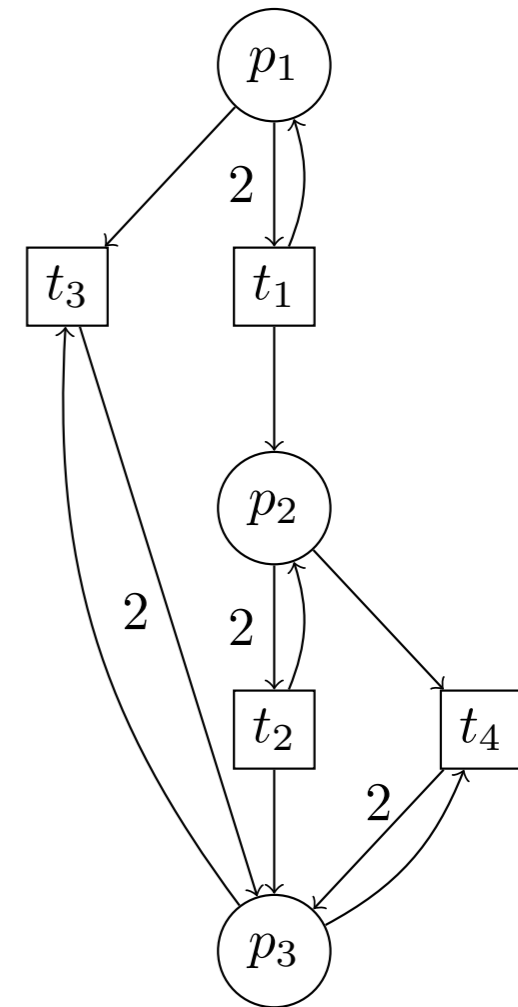


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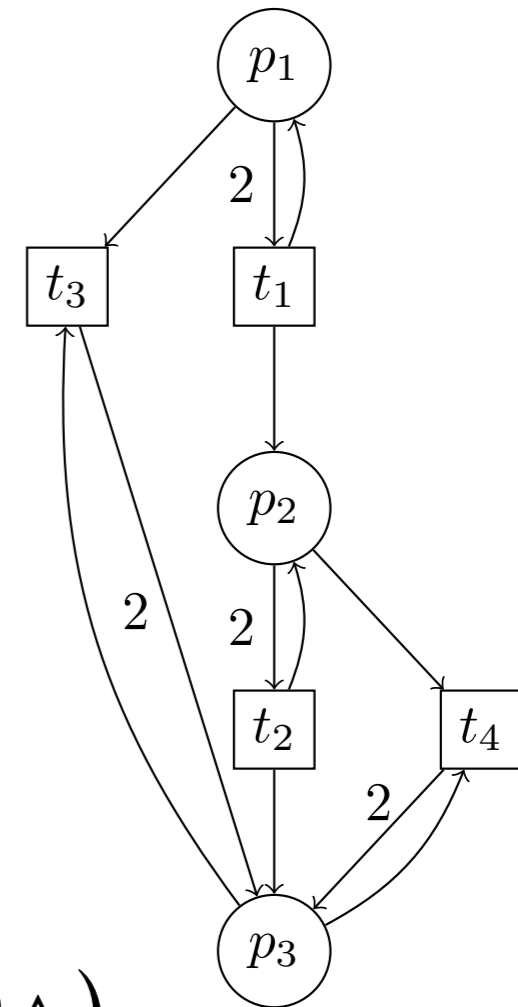
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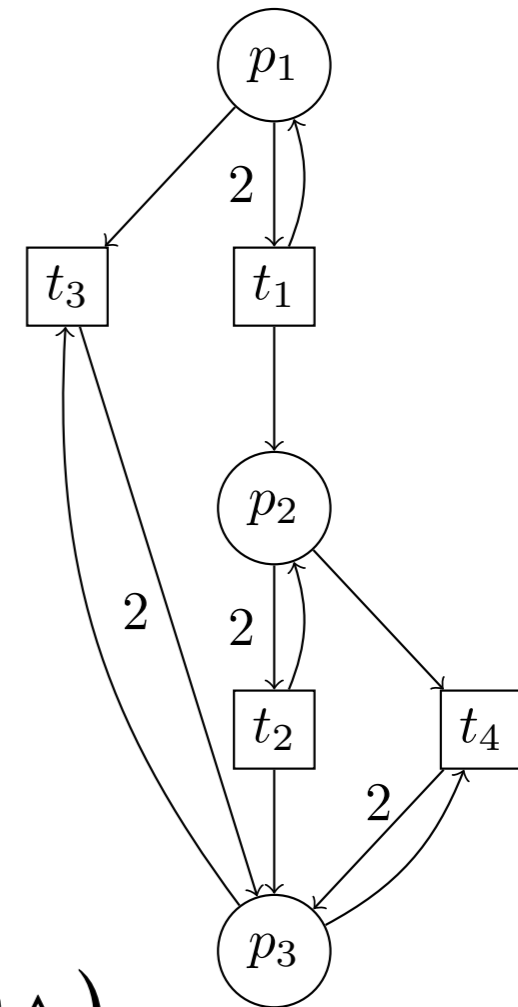


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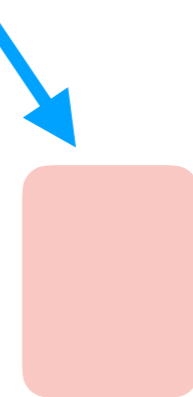
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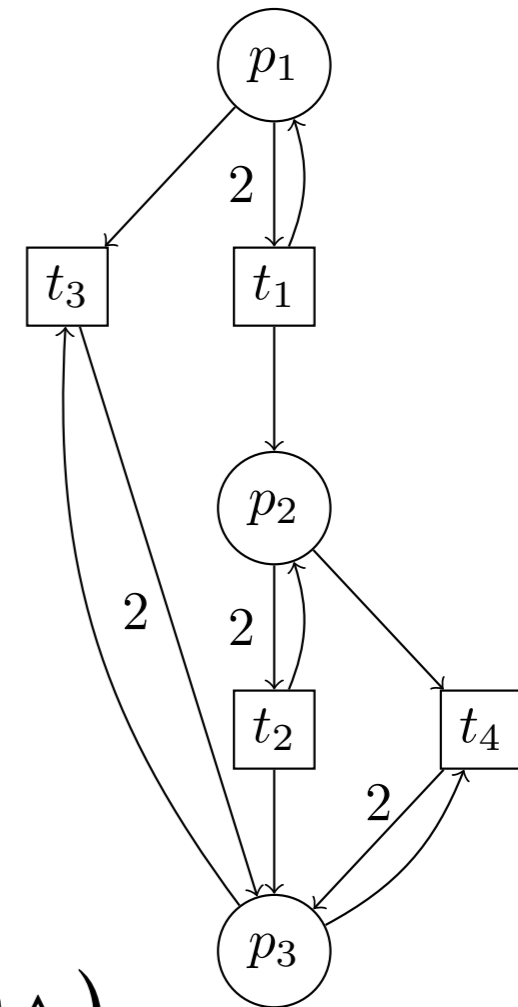
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