

Concurrency Theory

Lecture 17: Interleaving Semantics of Petri Nets

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Carl Adam Petri (1926-2010)



The original work¹ does not contain a single (graphical) Petri net!

¹Petri's PhD dissertation, 1962.

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States: current configurations of the machine

One or more initial states

Possibly some distinguished final states

Transitions: moves between configurations

Lambda calculus	$(\lambda x.xx)(\lambda y.y)$	\longrightarrow	$(\lambda y.y)(\lambda z.z)$
Turing machine	0010 q_1 011	\longrightarrow	001 q_2 01011
Finite automaton	q_1	\xrightarrow{a}	q_2
Pushdown automaton	$(q_1, XYYZ)$	\xrightarrow{a}	$(q_2, XYXYYZ)$

Executions: alternating sequences of states and transitions

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C.A. Petri points out a discrepancy between how **Theoretical Physics** and **Theoretical Computer Science** described systems in 1962:

Theoretical Physics describes systems as a collection of interacting particles (subsystems), without a notion of global clock or simultaneity

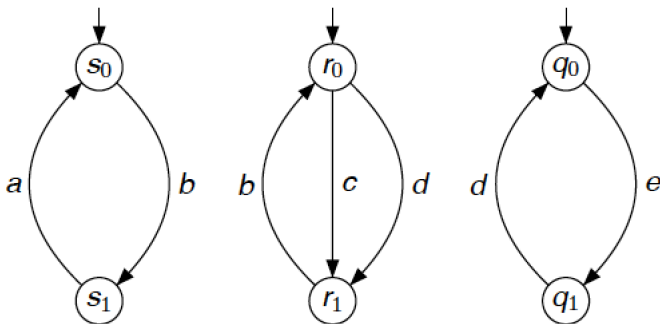
Theoretical Computer Science describes systems as sequential virtual machines going through a temporally ordered sequence of global states

Petri's question:

Which kind of abstract machine should be used to describe the **physical implementation** of a Turing machine?

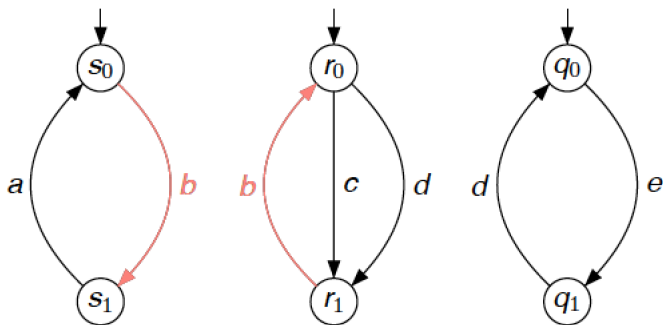
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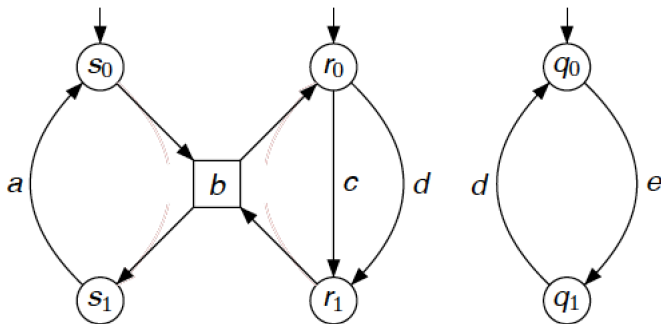
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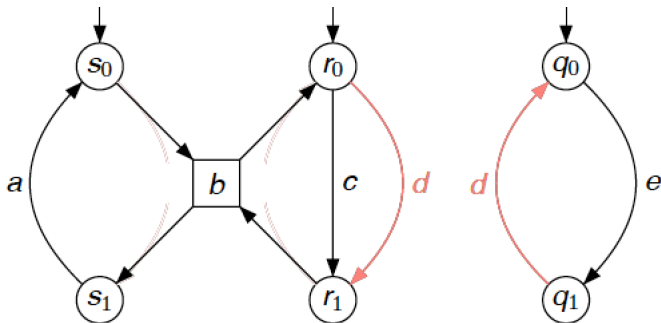
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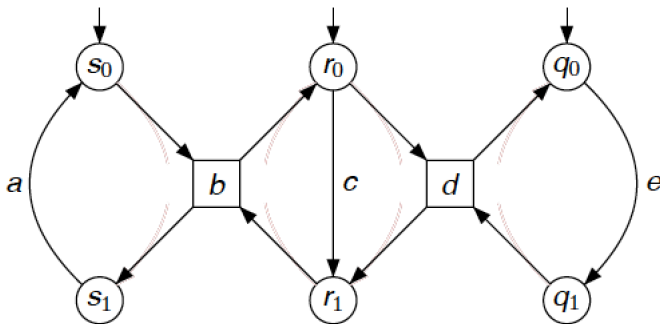
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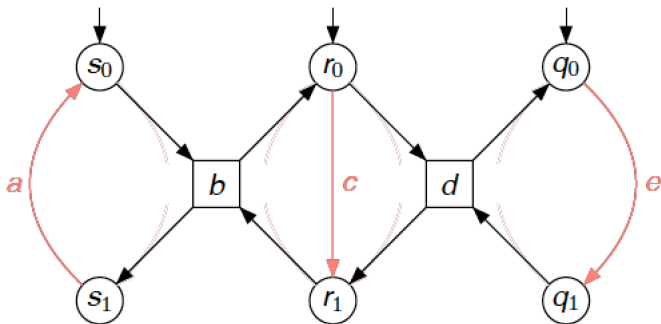
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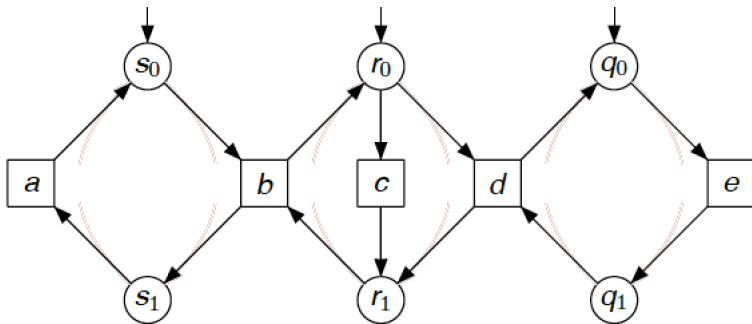
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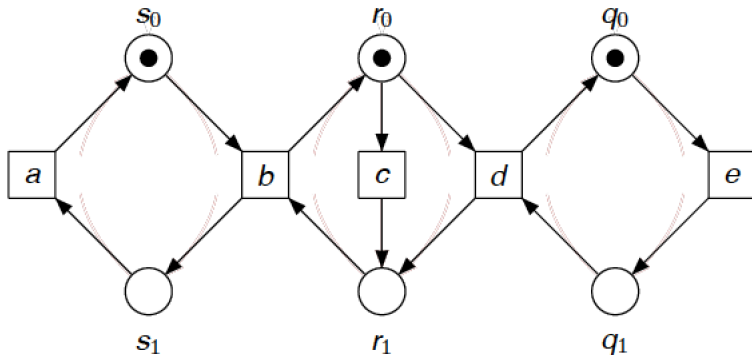
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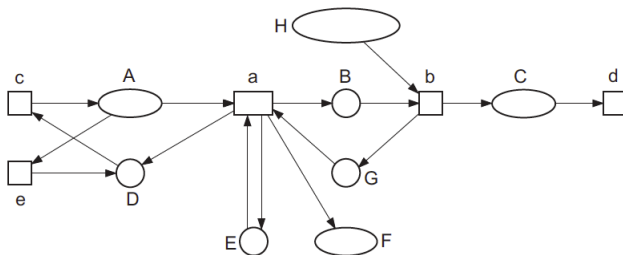
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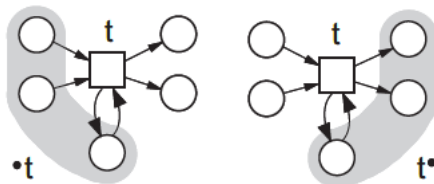
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$$M'(p) = \begin{cases} M(p) - 1 & \text{if } p \in {}^\bullet t \text{ and } p \notin t^\bullet \\ M(p) + 1 & \text{if } p \in t^\bullet \text{ and } p \notin {}^\bullet t \\ M(p) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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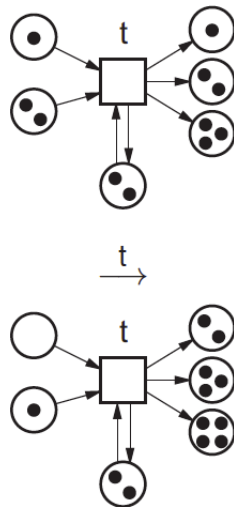
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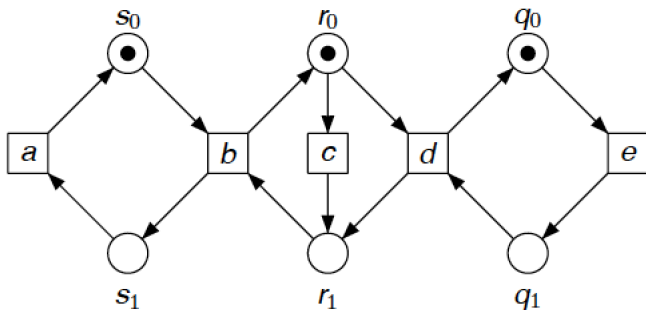
An execution semantics

State: marking (distribution of tokens over the net)

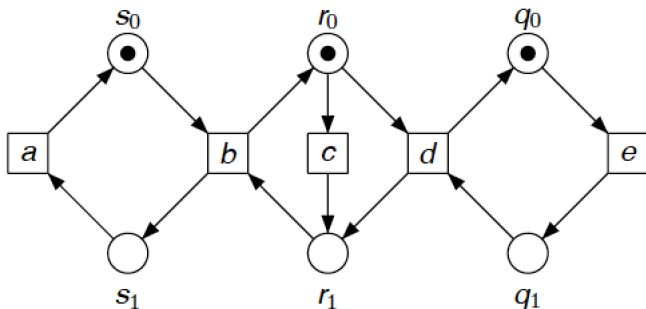
Transitions: $M \xrightarrow{t} M'$

Sequential runs: $M_0 \xrightarrow{t_1} M_1 \xrightarrow{t_2} M_2 \xrightarrow{t_3} \dots$

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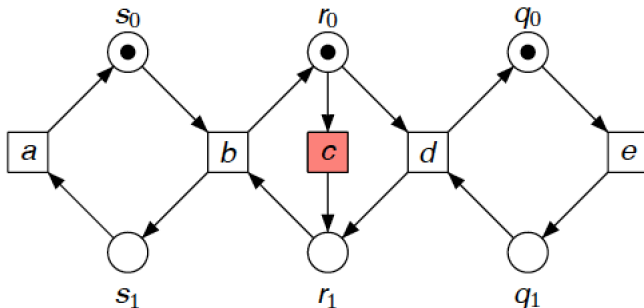
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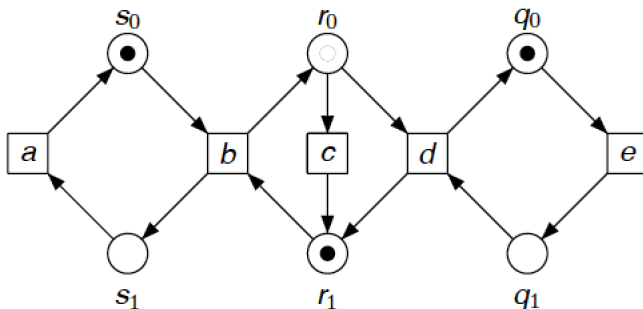
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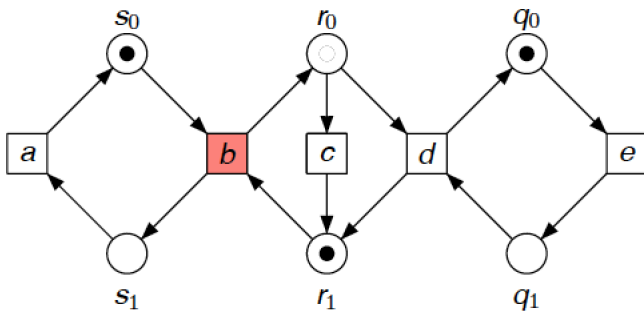
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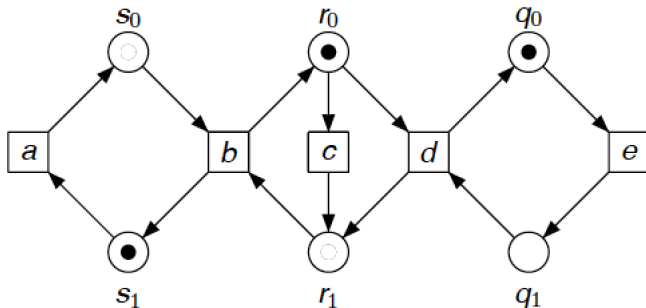
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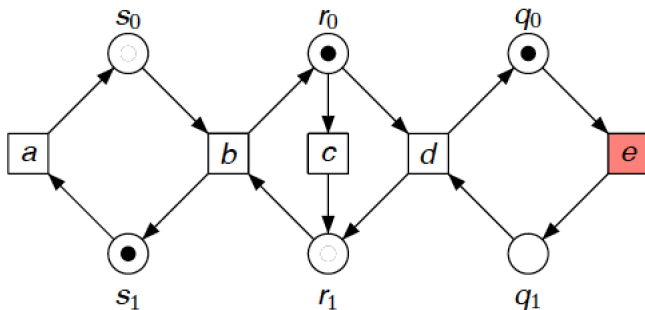
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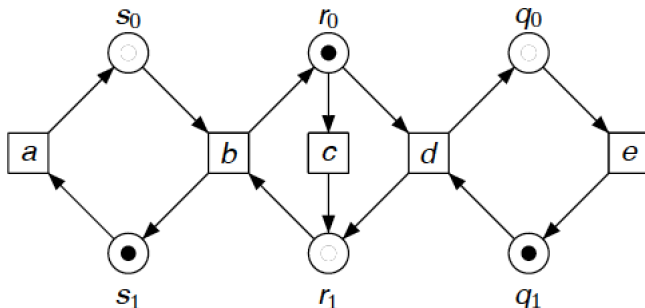
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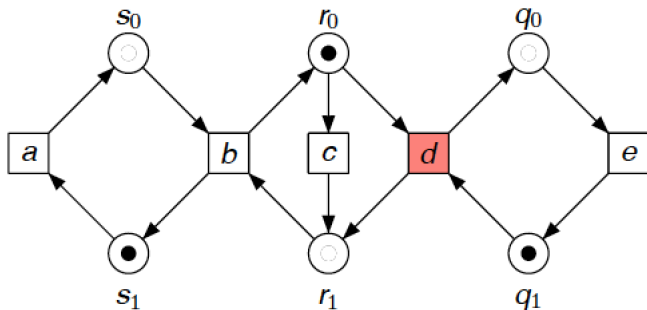
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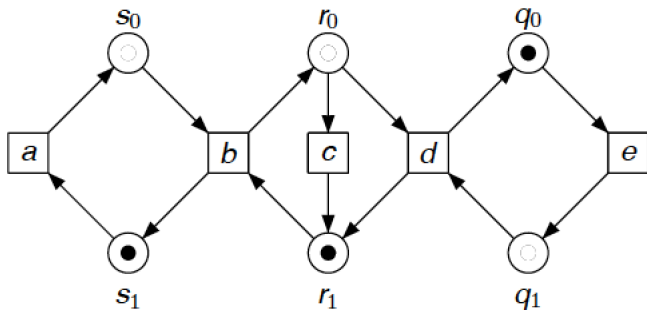
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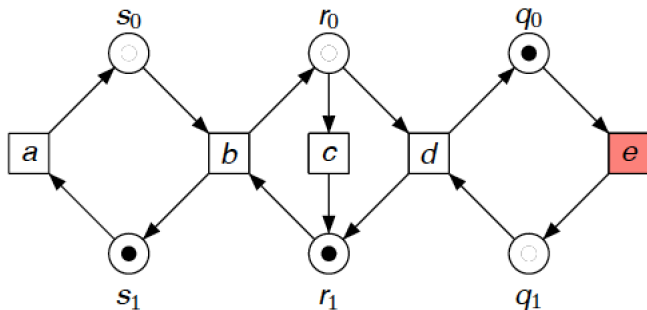
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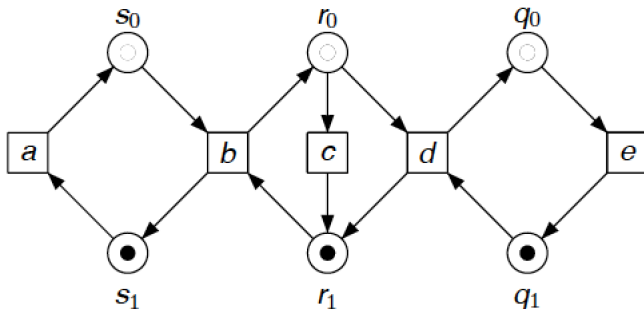
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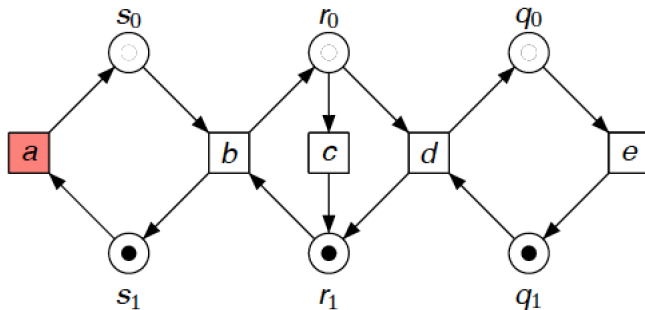
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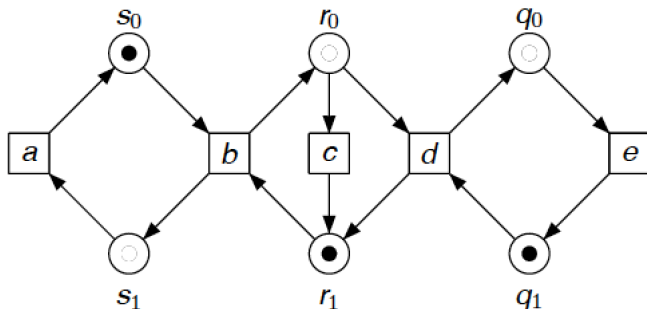
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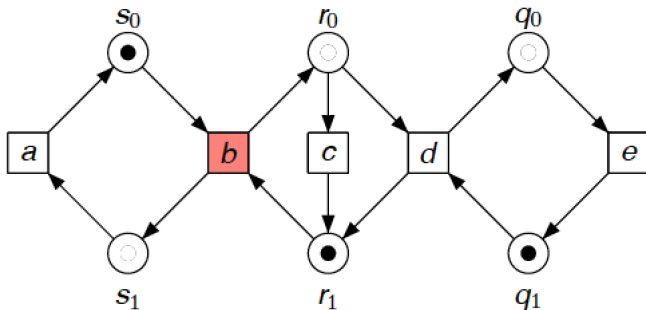
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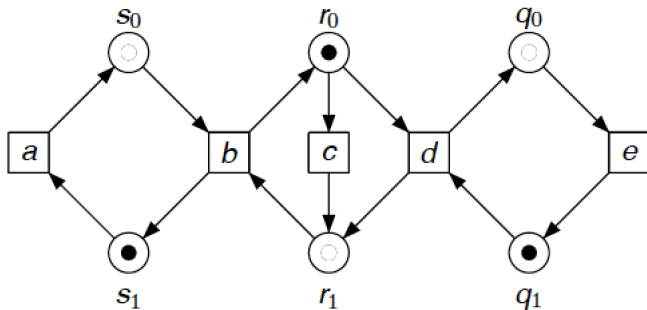
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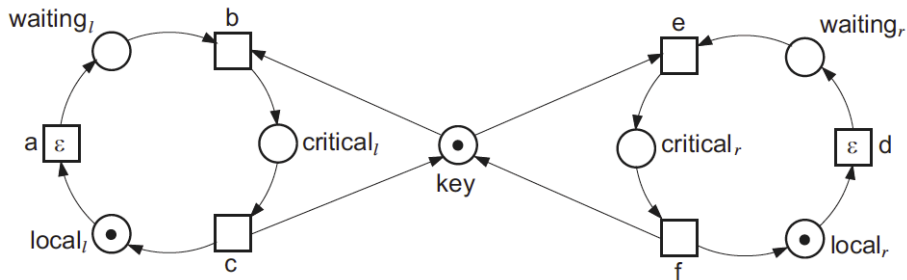
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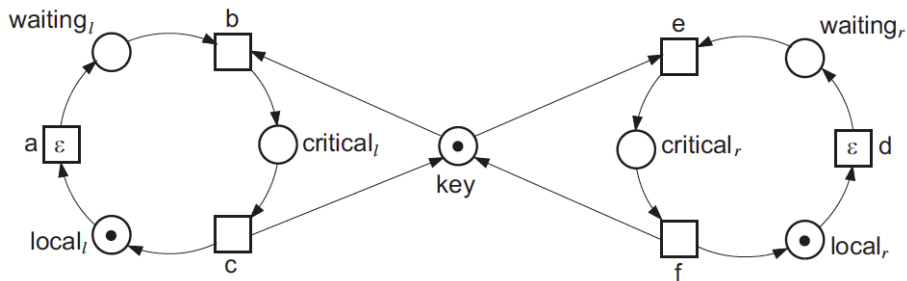
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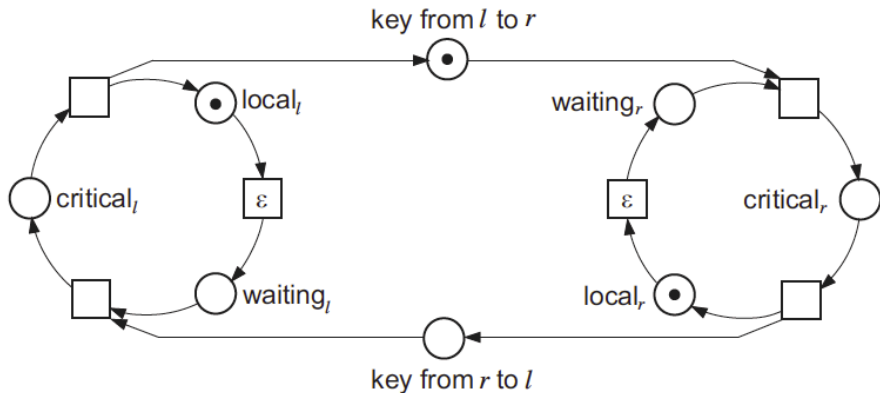
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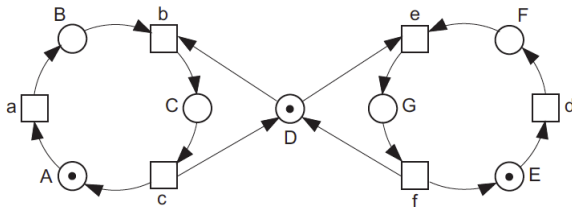
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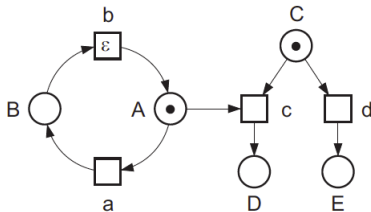
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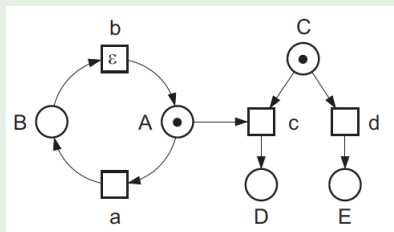
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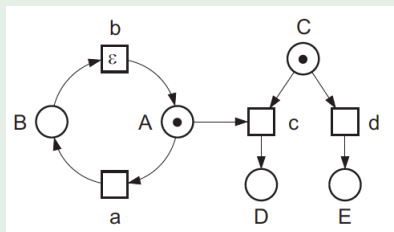
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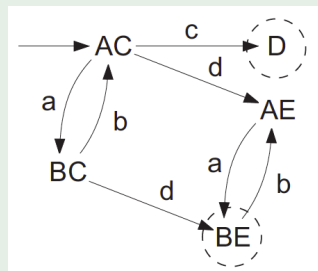
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