

## Supplementary material concerning the paper

## Supervisory Control of Petri Nets in the Presence of Replacement Attacks

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## I. NOMENCLATURE

$\mathbb{N}$	$\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
$\mathbb{N}^+$	$\{1, 2, \dots\}$
$\mathbb{Z}$	set of integers
$N$	$(P, T, F, W)$ , a PN
$[N]$	incidence matrix of $N$
$\bullet x$	$\{y \in P \cup T \mid (y, x) \in F\}$ , the set of <i>inputs</i> of $x \in P \cup T$
$x \bullet$	$\{y \in P \cup T \mid (x, y) \in F\}$ , the set of <i>outputs</i> of $x \in P \cup T$
$\bullet X$	$\bigcup_{x \in X} \bullet x$ , the set of <i>inputs</i> of $X \subseteq P \cup T$
$X \bullet$	$\bigcup_{x \in X} x \bullet$ , the set of <i>outputs</i> of $X \subseteq P \cup T$
$m$	$P \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ , a <i>marking</i> or <i>state</i>
$m(p)$	the number of <i>tokens</i> in place $p$ at marking $m$
$m[t]$	transition $t \in T$ is <i>enabled</i> at a marking $m$
$En(m)$	set of transitions enabled at $m$
$\mathcal{M}$	set of markings
$En(\mathcal{M})$	$\bigcup_{m \in \mathcal{M}} En(m)$
$m[t]m'$	marking $m'$ is reached from $m$ by firing $t$
$m_t$	marking reached by firing $t$ at $m$
$m_\alpha$	marking reached by firing a transition sequence $\alpha \in T^*$ at $m$
$m_0$	<i>initial marking</i> of a PN
$(N, m_0)$	<i>net system</i> with initial marking $m_0$
$L(N, m_0)$	$\{\alpha \in T^* \mid m_0[\alpha]\}$ , the <i>language</i> of $(N, m_0)$
$R(N, m_0)$	$\{m \mid \exists \alpha \in T^*, m_0[\alpha]m\}$ , the set of all <i>reachable</i> markings of $N$ from $m_0$
$L_o(N, m_0)$	observed language of $(N, m_0)$
$\mathcal{P}(\alpha)$	$\{\alpha' \in T^* \mid \exists \alpha'' \in T^* \text{ s.t. } \alpha = \alpha' \alpha''\}$ , the set of all <i>prefixes</i> of a transition sequence $\alpha \in T^*$
$\rho$	$L_o(N, m_0) \rightarrow 2^T$ , a <i>control policy</i> of a PN system $(N, m_0)$
$\delta$	an observation $\delta \in L_o(N, m_0)$
$\rho(\delta)$	<i>disabled set</i> associated with the observation $\delta$
$(N, m_0) _\rho$	system $(N, m_0)$ supervised under policy $\rho$
$R(N, m_0) _\rho$	reachability set of $(N, m_0) _\rho$
$L(N, m_0) _\rho$	language of $(N, m_0) _\rho$
$L_o(N, m_0) _\rho$	observed language of $(N, m_0) _\rho$
$\rho_1 \succ \rho_2$	policy $\rho_1$ is <i>more permissive</i> than policy $\rho_2$
$(\omega, k)$	GMEC
$\mathcal{L}_{(\omega, k)}$	$\{m \in \mathbb{N}^{ P } \mid \omega \cdot m \leq k\}$ , the <i>legal marking set</i> of $(\omega, k)$
$\varpi$	$\omega \cdot [N]$

$\Omega$	$\{(\omega_1, k_1), (\omega_2, k_2), \dots, (\omega_n, k_n)\}$ , a set of GMECs
$\wedge \Omega$	the <i>conjunction</i> of GMECs in $\Omega$
$\mathcal{L}_{\wedge \Omega}$	$\bigcap_{(\omega, k) \in \Omega} \mathcal{L}_{(\omega, k)}$ , the <i>legal marking set</i> of $\wedge \Omega$
$\mathcal{A}$	$\mathcal{A} \in 2^{T \times T}$ , a <i>replacement attack</i>
$(t, t')$	action disguising the firing of transition $t$ as the firing of transition $t'$
$A(t)$	set of all possible observed transitions when transition $t$ really fired
$A^{-1}(t)$	set of all possible really fired transitions producing the observation $t$
$\Gamma_{(\omega, k)}(\mathcal{M})$	$\{t \in En(\mathcal{M}) \mid \exists m \in \mathcal{M}, \text{ s.t. } \omega m_t > k\}$ , the set of <i>violating transitions</i> at $\mathcal{M}$ related to GMEC $(\omega, k)$
$(N^c, m_0^c)$	<i>monitor-controlled PN system</i>
$[N^c]$	<i>incidence matrix</i> of $N^c$
$p_c$	monitor
$m^c$	marking of the monitor-controlled PN $N^c$
$m_{pc}$	marking of the monitor place $p_c$
$Dis(m_{pc})$	$\{t \in p_c \bullet \mid m_{pc} < W^c(p_c, t)\}$ , the set of <i>monitor-disabled transitions</i> related a marking $m_{pc}$
$\Psi(m^c)$	$Dis(m_{pc}) \cap En(m)$ , where $[m^T \ m_{pc}^T]^T = m^c$
$\mathcal{M}^c$	set of markings of $N^c$
$\Psi(\mathcal{M}^c)$	$\bigcup_{m^c \in \mathcal{M}^c} \Psi(m^c)$

## II. PROOF OF THEOREM 3

Let  $(N^c, m_0^c)$  be the monitor-controlled PN system w.r.t.  $(N, m_0)$  and  $(\omega, k)$ . By Property 1,  $\forall m^c \in R(N^c, m_0^c)$ ,  $\omega m + m_{pc} = k$  and  $Dis(m_{pc}) = \{t \in T \mid \omega m + \varpi(t) > k\}$ .

Let  $\rho$  be the policy computed by Method 3. By assumption,  $m_0$  is legal. Let  $m_{pc0}$  be the marking of monitor  $p_c$  such that  $m_0^c = [m_0, m_{pc0}]$ . Since  $\rho(\varepsilon) = Dis(m_{pc0})$ , any fireable transition  $t$  at  $m_0$  satisfies the inequality:  $\omega m_0 + \varpi(t) \leq k$ , i.e., any marking reachable from  $m_0$  by firing a transition is legal.

Let  $t_1$  be the first observed transition. Suppose that  $t_1'$  is the really fired transition producing observation  $t_1$ . Let  $m_1$  and  $m_1^c$  be the markings reached by  $N$  and  $N^c$  after firing  $t_1'$  from  $m_0$  and  $m_0^c$ , respectively. It is  $m_1^c = [m_1, m_{pc1}]$ , where  $m_{pc1} = k - \omega m_1$  and  $m_{pc1} = m_{pc0} + [N^c](p_c, t_1')$ . Let  $m_{pc1}^* = m_{pc0} + \min_{t' \in T_{real}} [N^c](p_c, t')$ , where  $T_{real} = A^{-1}(t_1) \cap En(m_0^c)$  since  $Flag = True$ . We can see that  $m_{pc1}^* \leq m_{pc1}$  since  $t_1' \in T_{real}$ . Hence,  $Dis(m_{pc1}^*) \supseteq Dis(m_{pc1})$ . We

observe that  $\omega m_1 \leq k$  and  $Dis(m_{pc1}) = \{t \in T \mid \omega m_1 + \bar{\omega}(t) > k\}$ . Since  $\rho(t_1) = Dis(m_{pc1}^*)$ , any firable transition  $t$  at  $m_1$  satisfies the condition:  $\omega m_1 + \bar{\omega}(t) \leq k$ , i.e., any marking reachable from  $m_1$  by firing a transition is legal.

If Flag is still "True", when the next transition is observed, by repeating the above reasoning, the reachable markings in the next step are all legal. Let us consider now the case that Flag is changed to "False". Let  $t_2$  be the next observed transition. Suppose that  $t_2'$  is the really fired transition producing observation  $t_2$ . Let  $m_2$  and  $m_2^c$  be the markings reached by  $N$  and  $N^c$  after firing  $t_2'$  from  $m_1$  and  $m_1^c$ , respectively. Clearly,  $m_2^c = [m_2, m_{pc2}]$ , where  $m_{pc2} = k - \omega m_2$  and  $m_{pc2} = m_{pc1} + [N^c](p_c, t_2')$ . Let  $m_{pc2}^* = m_{pc1}^* + \min_{t' \in T_{real}} [N^c](p_c, t')$ , where  $T_{real} = A^{-1}(t_2) \setminus \rho(t_1)$  since Flag=False. Since  $m_{pc1}^* \leq m_{pc1}$  and  $t_2' \in T_{real}$ , it holds that  $m_{pc2}^* \leq m_{pc2}$ . Hence,  $Dis(m_{pc2}^*) \supseteq Dis(m_{pc2})$ . We observe that  $\omega m_2 \leq k$  and  $Dis(m_{pc2}) = \{t \in T \mid \omega m_2 + \bar{\omega}(t) > k\}$ . Since  $\rho(t_1 t_2) = Dis(m_{pc2}^*)$ , any firable transition  $t$  at  $m_2$  satisfies the condition:  $\omega m_2 + \bar{\omega}(t) \leq k$ , i.e., any marking reachable from  $m_1$  by firing a transition is legal.

By repeating the above reasoning, every time we observe a transition, the computed disabled set guarantees that the reachable markings in the next step are all legal. As a result,  $R(N, m_0)|_\rho \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{(a, k)}$ , i.e., the policy  $\rho$  is acceptable.

### III. PROOF OF THEOREM 4

Let  $\rho_3$  and  $\rho_2$  be the policies computed by Methods 3 and 2, respectively. We prove that  $\rho_3$  is as permissive as  $\rho_2$ , i.e.,  $L(N, m_0)|_{\rho_3} = L(N, m_0)|_{\rho_2}$ .

We preliminarily introduce a new notation. Given a policy  $\rho$  and  $\delta \in L_o(N, m_0)$ , we denote  $Next_\rho(\delta) = \{t \in T \mid \sigma \in L(N, m_0)|_\rho, \text{ where } \sigma \in A^{-1}(\delta)\}$ , i.e., the set of transitions that are firable in the next step under the control policy  $\rho$  after observing  $\delta$ .

First, consider  $\delta = \varepsilon$ . It is clear that  $\rho_2(\varepsilon) = \Psi(m_0^c) = Dis(m_{pc0}) \cap En(m_0)$ , while  $\rho_3(\varepsilon) = Dis(m_{pc0})$ , where  $m_{pc0}$  is the marking of monitor  $p_c$  s.t.  $m_0^c = [m_0, m_{pc0}]^T$ . Note that  $Next_{\rho_2}(\varepsilon) = En(m_0) \setminus \rho_2(\varepsilon)$  and  $Next_{\rho_3}(\varepsilon) = En(m_0) \setminus \rho_3(\varepsilon)$ . Hence, it obviously holds that  $Next_{\rho_2}(\varepsilon) = Next_{\rho_3}(\varepsilon)$ .

Next, let  $t_1$  be the first observed transition, i.e.,  $\delta = t_1$ . Consider Method 2. Let  $\mathcal{M}^c$  be the set of possible reached markings of  $(N^c, m_0^c)$  consistent with  $t_1$  under control policy  $\rho_2$ . We observe that,  $\forall m^c \in \mathcal{M}^c$ ,  $m_{pc} = m_{pc0} - \bar{\omega}(t_1)$ , where  $t_1^c \in A^{-1}(t_1)$ . Since  $\bar{\omega}(t_{11}) = \bar{\omega}(t_{12}) = \dots = \bar{\omega}(t_{1n})$ , where  $\{t_{11}, t_{12}, \dots, t_{1n}\} = A^{-1}(t_1)$ , all the markings in  $\mathcal{M}^c$  have the identical token-count in monitor  $p_c$ . Let  $a$  be such a number. It holds that  $\Psi(\mathcal{M}^c) = \bigcup_{m^c \in \mathcal{M}^c} \Psi(m^c) = \bigcup_{m^c \in \mathcal{M}^c} (Dis(m_{pc}) \cap En(m))$ . As a result,  $\rho_2(t_1) = \Psi(\mathcal{M}^c) = En(\mathcal{M}) \cap Dis(a)$ , where  $\mathcal{M}$  is the set of markings by restricting markings in  $\mathcal{M}^c$  to the net  $N$ , which is exactly the set of possible reached markings of  $(N, m_0)$  consistent with  $t_1$  under control policy  $\rho_2$ . Hence,  $Next_{\rho_2}(t_1) = En(\mathcal{M}) \setminus \rho_2(t_1) = En(\mathcal{M}) \setminus Dis(a)$ . Consider Method 3.  $\rho_3(t_1) = Dis(m_{pc}^*)$ , where  $m_{pc}^* = m_{pc0} + \min_{t' \in T_{real}} (-\bar{\omega}(t'))$  and  $T_{real} \subseteq A^{-1}(t_1)$ . Hence,  $m_{pc}^* = a$ . Since  $Next_{\rho_2}(\varepsilon) = Next_{\rho_3}(\varepsilon)$ , the set of possible reached markings of  $(N, m_0)$  consistent with  $t_1$  under

the control of  $\rho_3$  is also  $\mathcal{M}$ . Hence,  $Next_{\rho_3}(t_1) = En(\mathcal{M}) \setminus \rho_3(t_1) = En(\mathcal{M}) \setminus Dis(a)$ . Clearly,  $Next_{\rho_2}(t_1) = Next_{\rho_3}(t_1)$ .

By repeating the same procedure, we can see  $Next_{\rho_2}(\delta) = Next_{\rho_3}(\delta)$ ,  $\forall \delta \in L_o(N, m_0)$ . This implies that  $L(N, m_0)|_{\rho_3} = L(N, m_0)|_{\rho_2}$ . Thus we conclude that, since  $\rho_2$  is optimal,  $\rho_3$  is also optimal.

### IV. CASE STUDY

We consider a tourist attraction consisting of four areas A-D, as shown in Fig. 1. The entrance and exit of the tourist attraction are located in area A and there are several one-way gates between areas. A PN system modelling the flow of visitors in the tourist attraction is depicted in Fig. 2. In more detail, places  $p_1$ - $p_4$  model areas A-D, respectively. Each transition models the transit of one visitor in the corresponding gate, which is physically detected by a sensor installed on the gates. Moreover, each token models one visitor. Initially, the PN system is in a state where each area contains one visitor.

Suppose that there is a restriction on the number of visitors in area C (modeled by place  $p_3$ ) due to safety constraints. Assume that a malicious attacker wants to interfere with the control system with the goal of compromising its safety. Here, we consider a practical scenario in which the control center communicates with sensors/actuators related to all the gates via a communication network. In terms of PNs, this means that a control policy to be designed works by observing the firing of transitions and controlling transitions according to the current observation. Now, suppose that the controller knows that the communication channel related to sensors installed with gate  $g_{BC}$  is vulnerable to attacks and its sensor signals are prone to be disguised as the sensor signals produced by gate  $g_{BD}$ . In this case, when designing a control policy, we need to take into account the replacement attack  $\mathcal{A} = \{(t_3, t_4)\}$ .

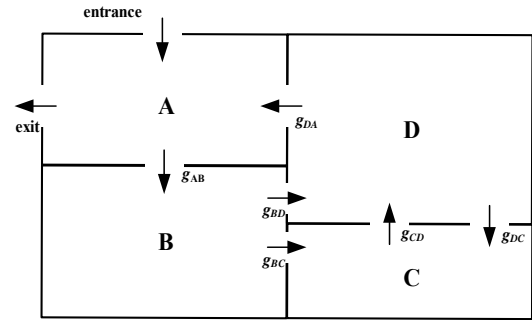


Fig. 1 Sketch map of a tourist attraction

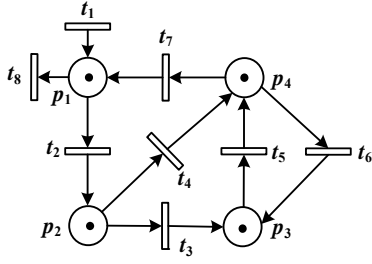


Fig. 2 PN model of the tourist attraction in Fig. 1 vulnerable to the replacement attack  $\mathcal{A}=\{(t_3, t_4)\}$

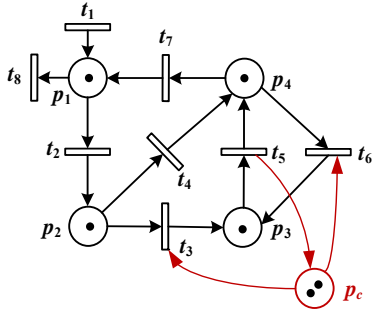


Fig. 3 Monitor-controlled PN system relative to the PN system in Fig. 2 and the GMEC  $(\omega, k): m(p_3) \leq 3$

In what follows, we apply Methods 1-3 in the paper to control the system. We assume that the number of visitors in area C cannot be more than three, i.e., we enforce the GMEC  $(\omega, k): m(p_3) \leq 3$ . The monitor-controlled PN system relative to the GMEC  $(\omega, k): m(p_3) \leq 3$  is shown in Fig. 3. Table 1 illustrates the application of Methods 1-3 for a possible system evolution. In more detail, the first column shows the observed transitions, the second column records the set  $\mathcal{M}$  of markings consistent with the current observation, which is computed in Method 1, the third column records the set  $\mathcal{M}^c$  of markings of the monitor-controlled system consistent with the current observation, which is computed in Method 2, and the fourth column provides the disabled set computed by Methods 1 and 2. The last three columns refer to Method 3 and contain the marking, Flag, and the disabled set computed in Method 3, respectively. Note that, for sake of clarity, the number of tokens in the monitor place  $p_c$  are highlighted in bold in the table. Besides, we write “ $\times$ ” to indicate that we do not record the token count in the corresponding place.

For this example, it can be verified that the condition of Theorem 4 is not satisfied. In more detail, we observe that  $A^{-1}(t_4)=\{t_3, t_4\}$  but  $\omega(t_3) \neq \omega(t_4)$  since  $\omega(t_3)=1$  and  $\omega(t_4)=0$ . Thus, the policy computed by Method 3 is not guaranteed to be optimal. Indeed, from TABLE 1, we can see that the policy computed by Method 3 is more restrictive than those computed by Methods 1 and 2. Nevertheless, we note that Method 3 records one marking only while Methods 1 and 2 both record multiple markings.

TABLE 1 Application of Methods 1-3

$t_i$	Method 1&2			Method 3		
	$\mathcal{M}$	$\mathcal{M}^c$	$\rho(\delta)$	$m^c$	Flag	$\rho(\delta)$
$\mathcal{E}$	$[1, 1, 1, 1]^T$	$[1, 1, 1, 1, \mathbf{2}]^T$	$\emptyset$	$[1, 1, 1, 1, \mathbf{2}]^T$	True	$\emptyset$
$t_1$	$[2, 1, 1, 1]^T$	$[2, 1, 1, 1, \mathbf{2}]^T$	$\emptyset$	$[2, 1, 1, 1, \mathbf{2}]^T$	True	$\emptyset$
$t_1$	$[3, 1, 1, 1]^T$	$[3, 1, 1, 1, \mathbf{2}]^T$	$\emptyset$	$[3, 1, 1, 1, \mathbf{2}]^T$	True	$\emptyset$
$t_2$	$[2, 2, 1, 1]^T$	$[2, 2, 1, 1, \mathbf{2}]^T$	$\emptyset$	$[2, 2, 1, 1, \mathbf{2}]^T$	True	$\emptyset$
$t_4$	$[2, 1, 2, 1]^T$ ; $[2, 1, 1, 2]^T$	$[2, 1, 2, 1, \mathbf{1}]^T$ ; $[2, 1, 1, 2, \mathbf{2}]^T$	$\emptyset$	$[\times, \times, \times, \times, \mathbf{1}]^T$	False	$\emptyset$
$t_7$	$[3, 1, 2, 0]^T$ ; $[3, 1, 1, 1]^T$	$[3, 1, 2, 0, \mathbf{1}]^T$ ; $[3, 1, 1, 1, \mathbf{2}]^T$	$\emptyset$	$[\times, \times, \times, \times, \mathbf{1}]^T$	False	$\emptyset$
$t_2$	$[2, 2, 2, 0]^T$ ; $[2, 2, 1, 1]^T$	$[2, 2, 2, 0, \mathbf{1}]^T$ ; $[2, 2, 1, 1, \mathbf{2}]^T$	$\emptyset$	$[\times, \times, \times, \times, \mathbf{1}]^T$	False	$\emptyset$
$t_4$	$[2, 1, 3, 0]^T$ ; $[2, 1, 2, 1]^T$ ; $[2, 1, 1, 2]^T$	$[2, 1, 3, 0, \mathbf{0}]^T$ ; $[2, 1, 2, 1, \mathbf{1}]^T$ ; $[2, 1, 1, 2, \mathbf{2}]^T$	$\{t_3\}$	$[\times, \times, \times, \times, \mathbf{0}]^T$	False	$\{t_3, t_6\}$
$t_4$	$[2, 0, 3, 1]^T$ ; $[2, 0, 2, 2]^T$ ; $[2, 0, 1, 3]^T$	$[2, 0, 3, 1, \mathbf{0}]^T$ ; $[2, 0, 2, 2, \mathbf{1}]^T$ ; $[2, 0, 1, 3, \mathbf{2}]^T$	$\{t_6\}$	$[\times, \times, \times, \times, \mathbf{0}]^T$	False	$\{t_3, t_6\}$
$t_2$	$[1, 1, 3, 1]^T$ ; $[1, 1, 2, 2]^T$ ; $[1, 1, 1, 3]^T$	$[1, 1, 3, 1, \mathbf{0}]^T$ ; $[1, 1, 2, 2, \mathbf{1}]^T$ ; $[1, 1, 1, 3, \mathbf{2}]^T$	$\{t_3, t_6\}$	$[\times, \times, \times, \times, \mathbf{0}]^T$	False	$\{t_3, t_6\}$
$t_5$	$[1, 1, 2, 2]^T$ ; $[1, 1, 1, 3]^T$ ; $[1, 1, 0, 4]^T$	$[1, 1, 2, 2, \mathbf{1}]^T$ ; $[1, 1, 1, 3, \mathbf{2}]^T$ ; $[1, 1, 0, 4, \mathbf{3}]^T$	$\emptyset$	$[\times, \times, \times, \times, \mathbf{1}]^T$	False	$\emptyset$

$t_2$	$[0, 2, 2, 2]^T$ ; $[0, 2, 1, 3]^T$ ; $[0, 2, 0, 4]^T$	$[0, 2, 2, 2, \mathbf{1}]^T$ ; $[0, 2, 1, 3, \mathbf{2}]^T$ ; $[0, 2, 0, 4, \mathbf{3}]^T$	$\emptyset$	$[\times, \times, \times, \times, \mathbf{1}]^T$	False	$\emptyset$
$t_7$	$[1, 2, 2, 1]^T$ ; $[1, 2, 1, 2]^T$ ; $[1, 2, 0, 3]^T$	$[1, 2, 2, 1, \mathbf{1}]^T$ ; $[1, 2, 1, 2, \mathbf{2}]^T$ ; $[1, 2, 0, 3, \mathbf{3}]^T$	$\emptyset$	$[\times, \times, \times, \times, \mathbf{1}]^T$	False	$\emptyset$
$t_6$	$[1, 2, 3, 0]^T$ ; $[1, 2, 2, 1]^T$ ; $[1, 2, 1, 2]^T$	$[1, 2, 3, 0, \mathbf{0}]^T$ ; $[1, 2, 2, 1, \mathbf{1}]^T$ ; $[1, 2, 1, 2, \mathbf{2}]^T$	$\{t_3\}$	$[\times, \times, \times, \times, \mathbf{0}]^T$	False	$\{t_3, t_6\}$
$t_5$	$[1, 2, 2, 1]^T$ ; $[1, 2, 1, 2]^T$ ; $[1, 2, 0, 3]^T$	$[1, 2, 2, 1, \mathbf{1}]^T$ ; $[1, 2, 1, 2, \mathbf{2}]^T$ ; $[1, 2, 0, 3, \mathbf{3}]^T$	$\emptyset$	$[\times, \times, \times, \times, \mathbf{1}]^T$	False	$\emptyset$
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