Modeling and Evaluating the Cdc2 and Cyclin Interactions in the Cell Division Cycle with a Time Dependent Petri Net (Case Study)

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Leland H. Hartwell, R. Timothy Hunt, and Paul M. Nurse won the 2001 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their complete description of cyclin and cyclin-dependent kinase mechanisms, central molecules in the regulation of the cell cycle.

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The relationship between cyclin and cdc2 in the cell cycle as a PN

A PN model of the continuous system:





Minimum Conditions a Model has to fulfilled

A PN model of the system (a biochemical network) should be bounded and live in the time.



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Computing a min/max duration from a min/max rate using the mass-action equation:

- Each reversible reaction A + B = A' + B' is described by a mass-action equation. It combines the *rate equations* of the both reactions in the equilibrium.
 - For the reaction A + B → A' + B' the simple rate equation is of the form:

affinity = $k[A]^a[B]^b$.

Writing the dissociated active mass at some point in time as x, the rate of reaction is given as

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = k([A] - x)^a ([B] - x)^b$$

• Complicated rate equations are not of the form above.

At equilibrium the two rates of reaction and reverse reaction must be equal.



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• The time dependent model of the system is a DIPN (Duration Interval Petri Net)



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Min/max durations values for the Tyson-PN:

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<i>r</i> ₁	0.015	0.015	0.18	<u>100</u> 18	<u>200</u> 3	[6,67]
r ₃	200	200	28800	1 28800	1 200	[0, 0] ¹
<i>r</i> 4	10	<u>5</u> 18	<u>2560</u> 144	$\frac{144}{2560}$	<u>18</u> 5	[0, 4]
<i>r</i> ₄ ′	0.018	<u>9</u> 500	<u>27</u> 125	<u>125</u> 27	<u>500</u> 9	[5, 56]
<i>r</i> ₆	0.1	0.1	1.2	<u>5</u> 6	10	[1, 10]
r 7	0.6	0.6	7.2	$\frac{5}{36}$	5 3	[1,2]
<i>r</i> ₈	10	10	1200	<u>1</u> 120	<u>1</u> 10	[0 ¹ , 1]
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The relationship between cyclin and cdc2 in the cell cycle as a DIPN

A DIPN model :



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Translation of the DIPN model into a TPN model:





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- The skeleton is bounded. Its state space contains 101,840 markings. Proved with INA and proved with tina.
- The construction of the reachability graph for the TPN failed with "memory exhausted", after computation of 384 millions states in about 41 hours. Proved with tina.



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 0, t8, 6, t0, 0, t1, 2, t2, 0, t10, 0, t7, 0, t11, 0, t6, 0, t8, 4, t0,
 0, t1, 1, t2, 0, t7, 0, t6, 0, t11, 0, t8, 5, t0, 0, t2, 0, t4, 0, t6,
 0, t1, 0, t7, 0, t6, 0, t11, 0, t9
 and it consists of 35 transitions.

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- The feasible run which realizes the distance 107 min consists of 61 transitions.

The Evaluation

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$$r_{3} = k_{3} \cdot [Y] \cdot [CP] \Longrightarrow$$

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Computation the minimal and maximal durations for the transition r_4:

$$r_{4} = k_{4} \cdot [pM] \cdot (\frac{[M]}{[CT]})^{2}, \text{ and } [CT] = [pM] + [M] + [C2] + [CP] \Longrightarrow$$

$$r_{4-min} = 10 \cdot 1 \cdot (\frac{2}{12})^{2} = \frac{10}{36} \Longrightarrow max_dur(r_4) = \frac{18}{5}$$

$$r_{4-max} = 10 \cdot 4 \cdot (\frac{8}{12})^{2} = \frac{160}{9} \Longrightarrow min_dur(r_4) = \frac{9}{160}$$

$$CP = C2$$

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