# Equivalence between a Finite Automaton and a Petri Net 

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## 1 Introduction

It is informally noticed that the description ability of the class of Petri nets including even unbounded Petri nets is greater than that of the class of finite automata，and the class of bounded Petri nets has the equal description ability with the class of finite automata．［1，5］ These are indeed shown by constructing an＂equivalent＂Petri net to a given finite automaton． However，the formal meaning of＂equivalent＂is still left ambiguous．In systems theory＂equiv－ alent＂models mean，in a formal way，that a homomorphism can be constructed between them， for example between two finite automata．In our case in question，since a Petri net and an automaton are of different＂types＂，no homomorphism can be constructed between them．

The purpose of this paper is to show，by constructing an F－morphism which allow us to consider the equivalence of system models of different types，that（1）a finite automaton can be embedded into a Petri net，and the Petri net preserves all the properties of the embedded automaton；and（2）the behavioral properties of a bounded Petri net are equivalent to those of a finite automaton，especially of a state－transition model．

An F－morphism in this paper is introduced to investigate the similarity between system models of different types．It includes a homomorphism as its special case，and satisfies some similar properties to a homomorphism，for example，F－morphism Theorem which corresponds to Homomorphism Theorem．

## 2 System Model and F－morphism

In this paper we use a first order logic as a model description language for Petri nets and finite automata．Within that framework we define a system model and an F－morphism between system models．

## Definition 2．1 System Model

A system model $M$ is composed of：
（1）a base set $|M|$ ；
（2）a set of $\lambda(i)$－ary relations on $|M|,\left\{R_{i} \mid i \in I\right\}$ ，where $\lambda: I \rightarrow N^{+}$；
(3) a set of $\mu(j)$-ary functions on $|M|,\left\{f_{j} \mid j \in J\right\}$, where $\mu: J \rightarrow N$.

We write $M$ as follows:

$$
M=<|M| ;\left\{R_{i} \mid i \in I\right\},\left\{f_{j} \mid j \in J\right\}>
$$

In this paper we describe the properties of a system model with a first order language $\mathbf{L}$, which is of high potential of description and well explored in itself.

The symbols used in $L$ are the language of $M$ :

$$
\mathbf{L}(M)=\left\{\left\{\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}} \mid i \in I\right\},\left\{\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{j}} \mid j \in J\right\}\right\}
$$

$\{\forall, \wedge, \neg,=\}$, variables, parenthesis and commas. We denote the set of variables by $V$.
A property of $M$ is expressed by a formula which consists of some terms corresponding to "words". Terms and formulas are recursively defined:

## term

(1) variables and constants are terms,
(2) if $t_{1}, \ldots, t_{\mu(j)}$ are terms, then $f_{j}\left(t_{1}, \ldots, t_{\mu(j)}\right)$ is term.
formula
(1) if $t_{1}, \ldots, t_{\lambda(i)}$ are terms, then $\mathrm{R}_{\mathbf{i}}\left(t_{1}, \ldots, t_{\lambda(i)}\right)$ and $\left(t_{1}=t_{2}\right)$ are formulas,
(2) if $\phi, \psi$ are formulas, then $(\phi \wedge \psi), \neg \phi, \forall \times \phi$ are formulas(where $x \in V)$.

A formula of the form (1) is said to be atomic formula. A formula $\phi$ is said to be a sentence if all the variables occuring in $\phi$ are bounded.

For the following discussion, we define some notations.
For any formula $\phi$ and any unary relation $Q$,

$$
(\forall x \in Q) \phi \equiv(\forall x)(Q(x) \rightarrow \phi)
$$

For an atomic formula $\Phi\left(\mathrm{x}_{1}, \ldots, \mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{n}}\right), \Phi\left(\mathrm{t}_{1}, \ldots, \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{n}}\right)$ denotes the atomic formula obtained from $\Phi\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)$ by replacing $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}$ with $t_{1}, \ldots, t_{n}$.

If an assignment function of the set $V$ of variables to $|M|$ is defined and the value of $|M|$ is assigned by the assignment function to every variable occuring in a formula $\phi$, then we can determine whether $\phi$ holds in $|M|$ or not. If $\phi$ holds in $|M|$ with an assignment function $\rho$, we write $M \models \phi[\rho]$. Thus we can consider a property of a model $M$ as a formula $\phi$ expressing the property which holds in $M$ with some $\rho$. As for a sentence $\phi$, if $\phi$ holds with some $\rho$, then it holds with any $\rho$. The detail should be consulted to the reference.[4] In this paper we represent a property of a model by a sentence.

## Definition 2.2 Basic Morphism

Let

$$
\begin{aligned}
M_{1} & =<\left|M_{1}\right| ;\left\{R_{i}^{1} \mid i \in I_{1}\right\},\left\{f_{j}^{1} \mid j \in J_{1}\right\}> \\
M_{2} & =<\left|M_{2}\right| ;\left\{R_{i}^{2} \mid i \in I_{2}\right\},\left\{f_{j}^{2} \mid j \in J_{2}\right\}>
\end{aligned}
$$

be system models. Their types may be different. A function $I_{O}$ of $\left|M_{1}\right|$ to $\left|M_{2}\right|$ is said to be basic morphism of $\left|M_{1}\right|$ to $\left|M_{2}\right|$ if the following conditions are satisfied.

There exists a function Bas of $\mathbf{L}\left(M_{1}\right)$ to the set of formulas of $\mathbf{L}\left(M_{2}\right)$ such that for any symbols $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}^{1}, \mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{j}}^{1} \in \mathbf{L}\left(M_{1}\right)$ :
(1) if $M_{1} \vDash R_{i}^{1}\left(\mathrm{x}_{1}, \ldots, \mathrm{x}_{\lambda_{1}(\mathrm{i})}\right)[\rho]$, then $M_{2} \vDash \operatorname{Bas}\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}^{1}\right)\left(\mathrm{x}_{1}, \ldots, \mathrm{x}_{\lambda_{1}(\mathrm{i})}\right)\left[I_{O} \circ \rho\right]$,
where $\operatorname{Bas}\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}^{1}\right)$ is $\left(\lambda_{1}(i)\right)$-ary formula (which means that the free variables occuring in the formula $B a s\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}^{1}\right)$ are $\left.\mathrm{x}_{1}, \ldots, \mathrm{x}_{\lambda(\mathrm{i})}\right)$, and $I_{O} \circ \rho$ denotes the composition of $I_{O}$ and $\rho$;
(2) if $M_{1} \vDash\left(f_{j}^{1}\left(\mathrm{x}_{1}, \ldots, \mathrm{x}_{\mu_{1}}(\mathrm{j})\right)=\mathrm{x}_{\mu_{1}}(\mathrm{j})+1\right)[\rho]$, then

$$
M_{2} \vDash B a s\left(\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{j}}^{1}\right)\left(\mathrm{x}_{1}, \ldots, \mathrm{x}_{\mu_{1}(\mathrm{j})+1}\right)\left[I_{O} \circ \rho\right],
$$

where $B a s\left(f_{j}^{1}\right)$ is $\left(\mu_{1}(j)+1\right)$-ary formula and satisfies the following condition on functions: $M_{2} \vDash\left(\forall \mathrm{x}_{1} \ldots \mathrm{x}_{\mu_{1}(\mathrm{j})}\right)\left(\exists \mathrm{x}_{\mu_{1}(\mathrm{j})+1}\right)\left(\forall \mathrm{y}_{\mu_{1}(\mathrm{j})+1}\right)$

$$
\left(B a s\left(f_{j}^{1}\right)\left(\mathrm{x}_{1}, \ldots, \mathrm{x}_{\mu_{1}}(\mathrm{j}), \mathrm{y}_{\mu_{1}(\mathrm{j})+1}\right) \leftrightarrow \mathrm{x}_{\mu_{1}(\mathrm{j})+1}=\mathrm{y}_{\mu_{1}(\mathrm{j})+1}\right)
$$

$B a s\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}^{1}\right)$ and $B a s\left(f_{j}^{1}\right)$ are called basic interpretations of $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}^{1}$ and $\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{j}}^{1}$ respectively. The identity $=$ is interpreted as the identity of $\mathbf{L}\left(M_{2}\right): B a s\left(=\mathbf{L}\left(M_{1}\right)\right) \equiv={\mathbf{L}\left(M_{2}\right)}$.

For any atomic formula $\Phi\left(\mathrm{t}_{1}, \ldots, \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{n}}\right)$ of a given language, we define the set $T(\Phi)$ of terms as follows.
(1) If $\Phi$ is in the form $f_{j}\left(u_{1}, \ldots, u_{\mu(j)}\right)=x$ (or equivalently $x=f_{j}\left(u_{1}, \ldots, u_{\mu(j)}\right)$ ), where $\mathrm{u}_{1}, \ldots, \mathrm{u}_{\mu(\mathrm{j})}$ are terms and $\mathrm{x} \in V$,

$$
T(\Phi)=\left\{u_{\mathbf{k}} \mid u_{\mathbf{k}} \notin V, k=1, \ldots, \mu(j)\right\} ;
$$

(2) otherwise,

$$
T(\Phi)=\left\{\mathbf{t}_{\mathbf{k}} \mid \mathrm{t}_{\mathbf{k}} \notin V, k=1, \ldots, n\right\} .
$$

In the form (1) the notation $\operatorname{Bas}(\Phi)$ will denote $\operatorname{Bas}\left(\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{j}}\right)$.

## Definition 2.3 F-morphism

Let $M_{1}$ and $M_{2}$ be as in definition1.2. F-morphism, $I: M_{1} \rightarrow M_{2}$, is a pair of functions $\left\langle I_{O}, I_{F}\right\rangle$, where $I_{O}$ is a basic morphism of $M_{1}$ to $M_{2}$ and $I_{F}$ is a founction of the set of formulas of $\mathbf{L}\left(M_{1}\right)$ to the set of the formulas $\mathbf{L}\left(M_{2}\right)$, which is defined as follows.

For any formula $\Phi$ of $\mathbf{L}\left(M_{1}\right)$ :
(1) If $\Phi$ is an atomic formula $P\left(t_{1}, \ldots, t_{n}\right)$, then

$$
I_{F}(\Phi)= \begin{cases}B a s(\Phi)\left(\mathrm{t}_{1}, \ldots, \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{n}}\right), & \text { if } T(\mathrm{P}) \text { is the empty set } \\ \left(\exists \mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{k}_{1}} \ldots \mathrm{x}_{\mathbf{k}_{\mathrm{m}}}\right)\left(B a s(\Phi)\left(\mathrm{x}_{1}, \ldots, \mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{n}}\right)\right. & \\ \left.\wedge\left(\Lambda\left(I_{F}\left(\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{k}_{\mathrm{i}}}=\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{k}_{\mathbf{i}}}\right) / \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{k}_{\mathrm{i}}} \in T(\mathrm{P})\right)\right)\right), & \text { if } T(\mathrm{P})=\left\{\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{k}_{1}}, \ldots, \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{k}_{\mathrm{m}}}\right\}\end{cases}
$$

where every $\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{k}_{\mathrm{i}}}$ is a variable not occuring in $P$ and

$$
x_{i}= \begin{cases}x_{k_{p}}, & \text { if } t_{i}=t_{k_{p}} \in T(P) \\ t_{\mathrm{i}}, & \text { otherwise. }\end{cases}
$$

(2) Otherwise,

$$
\begin{gathered}
I_{F}(\neg \Phi)=\neg\left(I_{F}(\Phi)\right) ; \\
I_{F}\left(\Phi_{1} \wedge \Phi_{2}\right)=\left(I_{F}\left(\Phi_{1}\right)\right) \wedge\left(I_{F}\left(\Phi_{2}\right)\right) ; \\
I_{F}(\forall \times \Phi)=(\forall \times)\left(I_{F}(\Phi)\right) .
\end{gathered}
$$

Since $T(\Phi)$ eventually becomes empty, $I_{F}$ is well-defined.

## 3 Equivalence between a Peti Net Structure and a Finite Automaton

In this section we construct an F-morphism of a given finite automaton structure to a Petri net structure, and show that all the properties holding in the finite automaton also hold in the Petri net.

## Definition 3.1 Finite Automaton Structure

A finite automaton structure $F A$ is the following system model.

$$
F A=\langle A \cup B \cup C ; A, B, C, \phi, \rho\rangle
$$

where

$$
\begin{gathered}
A, B, C: \quad \text { unary relations } \\
\phi, \rho: \quad \text { binary relations such that } \\
\phi:(A \cup B \cup C) \times(A \cup B \cup C) \rightarrow C \\
\phi(a, b)=a \text { if } a \notin C \text { or } b \notin A, \\
\rho:(A \cup B \cup C) \times(A \cup B \cup C) \rightarrow B \\
\rho(a, b)=a \text { if } a \notin C \text { or } b \notin A .
\end{gathered}
$$

The conditions on $a \notin C$ or $b \notin A$ for $\phi$ and $\rho$ need only to make the functions $\phi$ and $\rho$ total, since the first order language we use does not allow partial functions. However, since we will restrict the sentences to the extent as defined later, when we describe the properties of system models, we can regard $\phi$ and $\rho$ intrinsically as $\phi: C \times A \rightarrow C$ and $\rho: C \times A \rightarrow B$.

## Definition 3.2 Petri Net Structure

A Petri net $P N$ is the following system model.

$$
P N=\langle P \cup T \cup N ; P, T, I, O, \hat{N}\rangle
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
P, T & : \text { unary relations } \\
N & : \text { the set of natural numbers } \\
\hat{N} & : \text { the set of constants corresponding to } N \\
I, O & \subset P \times T \times N
\end{aligned}
$$

$P$ denotes the set of places and $T$ the set of transitions. $I(p, t, n)$ means that there are $n$ arcs from the place $p$ to the transition $t . O(p, t, n)$ has similar meaning.

There are some ways to construct $P A$ which is considered to have equivalent structure to $P N$.[5] Following Peterson[5] with some modification, we define $P N$ considered as equivalent to $F A$. Then our aim is to construct an F-morphism between $F A$ and $P N$, and to show that the constructed $P N$ preserves all the properties satisfied in $F A$.

## Definition 3.3

$$
P N=<P \cup T \cup N ; P, T, I, O, \hat{N}>
$$

where

$$
\left.\begin{array}{rl}
P= & C \cup A \cup B \\
T= & \left\{t_{i} \mid i \in C \times A \cup A \cup B\right\} ; \\
I= & I_{1} \cup I_{0} \\
& \text { where } \\
& I_{1}=\left\{\left(p, t_{i}, 1\right) \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}
\text { either } i=(c, a) \in C \times A \text { and }(p=c \text { or } a), \\
\text { or } i=p \in B
\end{array}\right.\right\} \\
& I_{0}=\left\{\left(p, t_{i}, 0\right) \mid\left(p, t_{i}, 1\right) \notin I_{1}, p \in P, t_{i} \in T\right\}: \\
O= & O_{1} \cup O_{0} \\
& \text { where }
\end{array}\right\} \begin{array}{ll} 
\\
& O_{1}=\left\{\left(p, t_{i}, 1\right) \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{c}
\text { either } i=(c, a) \in C \times A \text { and } \\
(\phi(c, a)=p \text { or } \rho(c, a)=p)
\end{array}\right.\right\} \\
& O_{0}=\left\{\left(p, t_{i}, 0\right) \mid\left(p, t_{i}, 1\right) \notin 0_{1}, p \in P, t_{i} \in T\right\} .
\end{array}
$$

Example. Let $F A=\langle A \cup B \cup C ; A, B, C, \phi, \rho\rangle$, where $A=B=\{0,1\}$ and $C=\left\{c_{1}, c_{2}\right\}$. Fig.3.1 illustrates the state transition of $F A$. The graph of the corresponding $P N$ defined in definition 3.3 is depicted in Fig.3.2.


Fig.3.1 An example of a finite automaton


Fig.3.2 An example of a Petri net equivalent to $F A$
Then we can define an F -morphism between $F A$ and the corresponding $P N$.

## Definition 3.4

Let $F A$ and $P N$ be as in definitions 3.1 and 3.3 respectively. An F-morphism $I=<$ $I_{O}, I_{F}>: F A \rightarrow P N$ is defined as follows.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
I_{O} & : \text { the inclusion map; } \\
I_{F}(\mathrm{~A}(\mathrm{x}))= & (\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{x}) \wedge(\exists \mathrm{t} \in \mathrm{~T})((\forall \mathrm{p} \in \mathrm{P})(\mathrm{I}(\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{t}, 0) \wedge \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{t}, 1)))) ; \\
I_{F}(\mathrm{~B}(\mathrm{x}))= & (\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{x}) \wedge(\exists \mathrm{t} \in \mathrm{~T})((\forall \mathrm{p} \in \mathrm{P})(\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{t}, 0) \wedge \mathrm{I}(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{t}, 1)))) ; \\
I_{F}(\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{x}))= & \left(\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{x}) \wedge \neg I_{F}(\mathrm{~A}(\mathrm{x})) \wedge \neg I_{F}(\mathrm{~B}(\mathrm{x}))\right) ; \\
I_{F}(\phi(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y})=\mathrm{z})= & \left(\left(I_{F}(\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{x})) \wedge I_{F}(\mathrm{~A}(\mathrm{y})) \rightarrow(\exists \mathrm{t} \in \mathrm{~T})\left(\mathrm{I}(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{t}, 1) \wedge \mathrm{I}(\mathrm{y}, \mathrm{t}, 1) \wedge \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{z}, \mathrm{t}, 1) \wedge I_{F}(\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{z}))\right)\right)\right. \\
& \left.\wedge\left(\neg I_{F}(\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{x})) \vee \neg I_{F}(\mathrm{~A}(\mathrm{y})) \rightarrow \mathrm{z}=\mathrm{x}\right)\right) ; \\
I_{F}(\rho(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y})=\mathrm{z})= & \left(\left(\left(I_{F}(\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{x})) \wedge I_{F}(\mathrm{~A}(\mathrm{y})) \rightarrow(\exists \mathrm{t} \in \mathrm{~T})\left(\mathrm{I}(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{t}, 1) \wedge \mathrm{I}(\mathrm{y}, \mathrm{t}, 1) \wedge \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{z}, \mathrm{t}, 1) \wedge I_{F}(\mathrm{~B}(\mathrm{z}))\right)\right)\right.\right. \\
& \left.\wedge\left(\neg I_{F}(\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{x})) \vee \neg I_{F}(\mathrm{~A}(\mathrm{y})) \rightarrow \mathrm{z}=\mathrm{x}\right)\right) .
\end{array}
$$

This definition clearly satisfies the condition required for F-morphisms. Also we can see, as the following lemmas show, that the image of the above F-morphism preserves the structure of $F A$.

## Lemma 3.1

$$
\begin{aligned}
A & =\left\{a\left|P N \models I_{F}(\mathrm{~A}(\mathrm{x}))[a], a \in\right| P N \mid\right\} ; \\
B & =\left\{b\left|P N \models I_{F}(\mathrm{~B}(\mathrm{x}))[b], b \in\right| P N \mid\right\} ; \\
C & =\left\{c\left|P N \vDash I_{F}(\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{x}))[c], c \in\right| P N \mid\right\} .
\end{aligned}
$$

## Lemma 3.2

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left\{\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}\right) \mid F A \models(\phi(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y})=\mathrm{z})\left[a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}\right]\right\} \\
=\left\{\left(a_{1}^{\prime}, a_{2}^{\prime}, a_{3}^{\prime}\right) \mid P N \vDash B a s(\phi)(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}, \mathrm{z})\left[a_{1}^{\prime}, a_{2}^{\prime}, a_{3}^{\prime}\right], a_{1}^{\prime}, a_{2}^{\prime}, a_{3}^{\prime} \in P\right\} ; \\
\left\{\left(b_{1}, b_{2}, b_{3}\right) \mid F A \models(\rho(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y})=\mathrm{z})\left[b_{1}, b_{2}, b_{3}\right]\right\} \\
=\left\{\left(b_{1}^{\prime}, b_{2}^{\prime}, b_{3}^{\prime}\right) \mid P N \vDash \operatorname{Bas}(\rho)(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}, \mathrm{z})\left[b_{1}^{\prime}, b_{2}^{\prime}, b_{3}^{\prime}\right], b_{1}^{\prime}, b_{2}^{\prime}, b_{3}^{\prime} \in P\right\} .
\end{gathered}
$$

Our aim is to investigate what properties of $F A$ are preserved by $I$. To this end, we need to define many-sorted sentences.

## Definition 3.5 Many-Sorted Formula

Let $\mathbf{L}$ be a first order language. A many-sorted formula is a formula of $\mathbf{L}$ and defined recursively.
(1) An atomic formula is a many-sorted formula;
(2) if $\phi$ and $\psi$ are many-sorted formulas, then $(\phi \wedge \psi)$ and $\neg \phi$ are many-sorted formulas;
(3) if $Q$ is a unary relation of $\mathbf{L}$ and $\phi$ is many-sorted formula, theb $(\forall x \in Q) \phi$ is a manysorted formula.

A many-sorted formula whose variables are all bounded is said to be a many-sorted sentence.
Even if we restrict sentences for the description to many-sorted sentences, the ability of the description is not less than that with ordinary first order sentences[6].

The following theorem shows a typical type of equivalence between $P N$ and $F A$.

## Theorem 3.1

Let $I=<I_{O}, I_{F}>$ be the $F$-morphism defined in definition 3.4. Then for any many-sorted sentence $\Phi$ of $\mathbf{L}(F A)$,

$$
F A \models \Phi \text { iff } P N \vDash I_{F}(\Phi) .
$$

This theorem implies that the structure of $F A$ is embedded in $P N$ constructed in definition 3.3, and all the properties of $F A$ are preserved there.

We should notice that the dynamic behevior of $P N$ by the transition of marking is implied by the relation $O$ of $P N$, which can also represent the firing of the transitions.

## 4 Equivalence of Behavior between a Petri Net and a Finite Automaton

$P N$ formulated in definition 3.2 has no rule on firing. In this section we formulate a Petri net with marking in the way to specify the transition of marking by firing. Then we discuss the equivalence of behavior between a Petri net with marking and a finite automaton. Through the section we deal with only bounded Petri nets.

## Definition 4.1 Petri Net with Marking

A Petri net with marking $P N_{m}$ is defined as follows.

$$
P N_{m}=<P \cup T \cup N \cup M ; P, T, I, O, \hat{N}, M, \delta>
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
P, T, I, O, N, \hat{N}: & \text { as in definition } 3.2 \\
M: & \text { a unary relation, } M=\{f \mid f: P \rightarrow N\} \\
\delta: & \text { a binary function } \\
& \delta \text { is an arbitrary extension of } \delta^{\prime}: M \times T \rightarrow M
\end{aligned}
$$

$M$ stands for the whole set of the marking of $P N_{m}$ and $\delta$ stands for the transition of the marking by firing.

The behavior of $P N_{m}$ is all represented by $\delta$. We reduct $P N_{m}$ to the model $<T, M, \delta>$ which describes $\delta$, and $F A$ to the state-transition system $<X, C, \phi\rangle$. These reductions do not lose the generality of the consideration on the equivalence of behavior.

Let

$$
P N_{m}^{\delta}=<T \cup M ; T, M, \delta>
$$

be a reducted submodel of $P N_{m}$ and

$$
\left.F A^{\phi}=<A \cup C ; A, C, \phi\right\rangle
$$

a reducted submodel of $F A$. Then the following theorem holds.

## Theorem 4.1

Let $P N_{m}^{\delta}$ and $F A^{\phi}$ be as above. Then if $P N_{m}$ is bounded, there exist $F A^{\phi}$ and an $F$-morphism $I: P N_{m}^{\delta} \rightarrow F A^{\phi}$ such that

$$
P N_{m}^{\delta} \cong F A^{\phi}
$$

This theorem implies that all the sentences about $P N_{m}^{\delta}$ are preserved in $F A^{\phi}$.

## 5 Conclusion

In this paper we showed in a completely formal way that a Petri net structure could simulate a finite automaton. The framework we developed could explicitly and rigorously define the description ability of system models by using F-morphisms. This paper provides a "non-trivial" example of F -morphisms which give similarity between models of different types.

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## 6 Appendix

## Proof of Lemma 3.1

We prove $A=\left\{a \mid P N \vDash I_{F}(\mathrm{~A}(\mathrm{x}))[a]\right\}$. Let $a \in A$. Since $I_{O}$ is the inclusion map, $I_{O}(a)=$ $a \in P$. From the definition of $I$ and $O$, if $i \in A$, then $I\left(p, t_{i}, 0\right)$ for any $p \in P$ and $O\left(a, t_{i}, 1\right)$ hold. So we have $P N \vDash I_{F}(\mathrm{~A}(\mathrm{x}))[a]$.

Conversely let $P N \vDash I_{F}(\mathrm{~A}(\mathrm{x}))[a]$. Then

$$
P(a) \wedge\left(\exists t_{i} \in T\right)\left((\forall p \in P)\left(I\left(p, t_{i}, 0\right) \wedge O\left(a, t_{i}, 1\right)\right)\right)
$$

holds in $P N$. From $P(a), a \in C \cup A \cup B$. From $(\forall p \in P)\left(I\left(p, t_{i}, 0\right)\right)$, we have $i \in A$, hence, $a \in A$ by $O\left(a, t_{i}, 1\right)$.

The rest can be similarly proven.

## Proof of Lemma 3.2

Let $F A \vDash(\phi(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y})=\mathrm{z})\left[a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}\right]$. Then $\phi\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right)=a_{3}$.
Case: $a_{1} \in C$ and $a_{2} \in A$.
From Lemma 3.1, $P N \vDash I_{F}(\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{x}) \wedge \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{y}))\left[a_{1}, a_{2}\right]$. Let $i=\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right) \in C \times A$. From definition 3.3, $\left(a_{1}, t_{i}, 1\right),\left(a_{2}, t_{i}, 1\right) \in I$ and $\left(\phi\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right), t_{i}, 1\right) \in O$. Since $\phi\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right)=a_{3} \in C$ from the definition of $F A$, we have $P N \vDash \operatorname{Bas}(\phi)(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}, \mathrm{z})\left[a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}\right]$ by definition 3.4.

Case: $a_{1} \notin C$ or $a_{2} \notin A$.
From the definition of $F A, a_{1}=a_{3}$. And from Lemma 3.1, $P N \vDash \neg I_{F}(\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{x}) \wedge \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{y}))\left[a_{1}, a_{2}\right]$. So we have $P N \vDash B a s(\phi)(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}, \mathrm{z})\left[a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}\right]$.

Conversely let $P N \vDash B a s(\phi)(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}, \mathrm{z})\left[a_{1}^{\prime}, a_{2}^{\prime}, a_{3}^{\prime}\right]$, where $a_{1}^{\prime}, a_{2}^{\prime}, a_{3}^{\prime} \in P$.
Case: $a_{1}^{\prime} \in C$ and $a_{2}^{\prime} \in A$.
Then

$$
P N \models(\exists t \in \mathrm{~T})\left(\mathrm{I}(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{t}, 1) \wedge \mathrm{I}(\mathrm{y}, \mathrm{t}, 1) \wedge \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{z}, \mathrm{t}, 1) \wedge I_{F}(\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{z}))\right)\left[a_{1}^{\prime}, a_{2}^{\prime}, a_{3}^{\prime}\right]
$$

From the definition of $I, t_{i} \in T$ for $i=\left(a_{1}^{\prime}, a_{2}^{\prime}\right)$ satisfies the above formula. Due to $a_{3}^{\prime} \in C$ and the definition of $O, O\left(a_{3}^{\prime}, t_{i}, 1\right)$ means $\phi\left(a_{1}^{\prime}, a_{2}^{\prime}\right)=a_{3}^{\prime}$. So we have $F A \models(\phi(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y})=\mathrm{z})\left[a_{1}^{\prime}, a_{2}^{\prime}, a_{3}^{\prime}\right]$.

Case: $a_{1}^{\prime} \notin C$ or $a_{2}^{\prime} \notin A$.
Then

$$
P N \vDash(\neg \mathrm{C}(\mathrm{x}) \vee \neg \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{y}) \rightarrow \mathrm{z}=\mathrm{x})\left[a_{1}^{\prime}, a_{2}^{\prime}, a_{3}^{\prime}\right] .
$$

So we have $a_{1}^{\prime}=a_{3}^{\prime}$. From the definition of $F A$, we have $\phi\left(a_{1}^{\prime}, a_{2}^{\prime}\right)=a_{1}^{\prime}=a_{3}^{\prime}$. Hence $F A \vDash$ $(\phi(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y})=\mathrm{z})\left[a_{1}^{\prime}, a_{2}^{\prime}, a_{3}^{\prime}\right]$.

The rest can be similarly proven.

## Proof of Theorem 3.1

First we define the extended models of $F A$ and $P N$ obtained by adjoining to $F A$ and $P N$ a new constant for each element in $C \cup A \cup B$ as follows.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \langle F A, U\rangle=\langle C \cup A \cup B ; A, B, C, \phi, \rho, U\rangle, \\
& \langle P N, U\rangle=<P \cup T \cup N ; P, T, I, O, \hat{N}, U\rangle
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\langle C \cup A \cup B ; A, B, C, \phi, \rho>$ and $\langle P \cup T \cup N ; P, T, I, O, \hat{N}>$ are the underlying models $F A$ and $P N$ respectively, and $U$ is the set of new constants.

Since $F A$ and $P N$ are reducts of $\langle F A, U\rangle$ and $\langle P N, U\rangle$ respectively, each many-sorted sentence of $F A($ or $P N)$ is also a many-sorted sentence of $\langle F A, U\rangle($ or $\langle P N, U\rangle)$. Then for any many-sorted sentence $\Phi$ of $F A$ we have

$$
F A \models \Phi \text { iff }<F A, U>\models \Phi
$$

and

$$
P N \vDash I_{F}(\Phi) \text { iff }<P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}(\Phi),
$$

where the basic morphism Bas* of $I_{F}^{*}$ is an extension of Bas, that is:

$$
B a s^{*}(P)= \begin{cases}B a s(P) & \text { if } P \in \mathbf{L}(F A) \\ P & \text { if } P \in U\end{cases}
$$

So it is sufficient to show that for any many-sorted sentence $\Phi$ of $\langle F A, U\rangle$

$$
<F A, U>\vDash \Phi \text { iff }<P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}(\Phi) .
$$

We show this by induction on the length of $\Phi$.
(1) $\Phi$ is an atomic sentence.

Let $\Phi$ be $\mathrm{R}_{\mathbf{i}}\left(t_{1}, \ldots, t_{\lambda(i)}\right)$, where $t_{1}, \ldots, t_{\lambda(i)}$ are closed terms. We should notice that $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}$ is A or B or C or $=$, and so $\lambda(i) \leq 2$. We define $F_{n}(P)$ for a formula $P$ to indicate the number of the function symbols other than the constants occuring in $P$. We show the claim in the case of atomic sentences by induction on $F_{n}(\Phi)$. The case where $R_{i}$ is $=$ can be ascribed to other cases.
$F_{n}(\Phi)=0$.
$\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}$ must be A or B or C , and $t \in U$. We first show the only if part. Suppose $\langle F A, U\rangle \vDash$ $\mathrm{R}_{\mathbf{i}}(t)$. By the definition, $I_{F}^{*}\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathbf{i}}(t)\right)=(\exists \mathrm{x})\left(\operatorname{Bas}^{*}\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}\right)(\mathrm{x}) \wedge I_{F}^{*}(\mathrm{x}=t)\right.$ ). Since $t \in U$, we have $I_{F}^{*}(\mathrm{x}=t)=(\mathrm{x}=t)$. Let $t^{d}$ be the interpretation of $t$ in $\langle F A, U\rangle$ and $\langle P N, U\rangle$. Then $t^{d} \in R_{i} \subset P$. Therefore $\left\langle F A, U>\vDash\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}(\mathrm{x}) \wedge(\mathrm{x}=t)\right)\left[t^{d}\right]\right.$. Since, by Lemma 3.1, $B a s^{*}\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathfrak{i}}\right)\left(t^{d}\right)$ holds in $\langle P N, U\rangle$, we have $\langle P N, U\rangle \vDash\left(B a s^{*}\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}\right)(\mathrm{x}) \wedge I_{F}^{*}(\mathrm{x}=t)\right)\left[t^{d}\right]$, and so $<P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}(t)\right)$.

Conversely suppose $\left\langle P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}(t)\right)\right.$. By the definition of $I_{F}^{*}$, there exists an interpretation $t^{d}$ of $t$ in $\mathrm{C} \cup \mathrm{A} \cup \mathrm{B}$ such that $B a s^{*}\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}\right)\left(t^{d}\right)$ holds in $\langle P N, U\rangle$. By Lemma 3.1, $R_{i}\left(t^{d}\right)$ holds in $\langle F A, U\rangle$. Therefore $\langle F A, U\rangle \vDash(\exists \mathrm{x})\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}(\mathrm{x}) \wedge(\mathrm{x}=t)\right)$.
$F_{n}(\Phi)=1$.
We devide this case into two cases.
Case 1: $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}$ is $\phi$ or $\rho$.
We denote $\phi$ or $\rho$ by a symbol $f$. Then we have to show $\langle F A, U\rangle \vDash\left(f\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right)=t_{3}\right)$ iff $<P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}\left(f\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right)=t_{3}\right)$ for any $t_{1}, t_{2}, t_{3} \in U$. By the definition of $I_{F}^{*}$ and Lemma 3.2, this is clear.

Case 2: $R_{i}$ is $A$ or $B$ or $C$.
Then we can write $\Phi$ as $\mathrm{R}_{\mathbf{i}}\left(f\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right)\right)$, where $f$ is $\phi$ or $\rho$ and $t_{1}, t_{2} \in U$.

$$
\left.\begin{array}{rl}
\left\langle F A, U>\vDash \mathrm{R}_{\mathbf{i}}\left(f\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right)\right) \quad \text { iff } \quad<F A, U>\vDash\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathbf{i}}\left(t_{3}\right) \wedge t_{3}=f\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right)\right)\right. \\
& \text { for some } t_{3} \in U
\end{array}\right]=\left\{\left(\operatorname{Bas}^{*}\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathbf{i}}\right)\left(t_{3}\right) \wedge I_{F}^{*}\left(t_{3}=f\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right)\right) .\right.\right.
$$

Suppose it holds for $F_{n}(\Phi)<k$. We prove it for $F_{n}(\Phi)=k$.
For the simplicity of notation, but without loss of generality, we consider a unary relation R. Let $t$ be a closed term of $F A$.

Then

$$
<F A, U>\vDash \mathrm{R}(t) \text { iff }<F A, U>\vDash(\mathrm{R}(u) \wedge u=t),
$$

where $u \in U$ and $u^{d}=t^{d}$ (i.e. the interpretations of $u$ and $t$ are equivelent). On the other hand,

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
<P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}(\mathrm{R}(t)) & \text { iff } & <P N, U>\vDash(\exists \mathrm{x})\left(I_{F}^{*}(\mathrm{R}(u)) \wedge I_{F}^{*}(x=t)\right) \\
& \text { iff }<P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}\left(\mathrm{R}(u) \wedge I_{F}^{*}(u=t)\right) \\
\text { iff } \quad<P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}(\mathrm{R}(u)) \text { and } \\
& & <P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}(u=t) .
\end{array}
$$

By the induction hypothesis, we have

$$
<F A, U>\vDash \mathrm{R}(u) \text { iff }<P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}(\mathrm{R}(u))
$$

So it sufficies to show that

$$
<F A, U>\vDash(u=t) \text { iff }<P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}(u=t)
$$

Let $t$ be $\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{j}}\left(s_{1}, \ldots, s_{\mu(j)}\right)$.
Then $<F A, U>\vDash(u=t)$ iff there exist $c_{k_{1}}, \ldots, c_{k_{m}} \in U$ such that

$$
<F A, U>\vDash\left(u=\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{j}}\left(s_{1}^{\prime}, \ldots, s_{\mu(j)}^{\prime}\right) \wedge\left(\bigwedge\left(c_{k_{i}}=s_{k_{i}} \mid s_{k_{i}} \in T\left(\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{j}}\right)\right)\right)\right)
$$

where

$$
s_{i}^{\prime}= \begin{cases}c_{k_{p}} & \text { if } \left.\left.s_{i}=s_{k_{p}} \in T\left(\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{j}}\right)\right)\right) \\ s_{i} & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

iff there exist $c_{k_{1}}, \ldots, c_{k_{m}} \in U$ such that

$$
<P N, U>\vDash\left(I_{F}^{*}\left(u=\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{j}}\left(s_{1}^{\prime}, \ldots, s_{\mu(j)}^{\prime}\right)\right) \wedge\left(\bigwedge I_{F}^{*}\left(c_{k_{i}}=s_{k_{i}} \mid s_{k_{i}} \in T\left(\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{j}}\right)\right)\right)\right)
$$

(by the induction hypothesis),
iff $<P N, U>\vDash\left(\exists \mathrm{x}_{\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{1}}}, \ldots, \mathrm{x}_{\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{m}}}\right)\left(u=\mathrm{f}_{\mathbf{j}}\left(s_{1}^{\prime \prime}, \ldots, s_{\mu(j)}^{\prime \prime}\right) \wedge\left(\wedge\left(I_{F}^{*}\left(\mathrm{x}_{\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{i}}}=s_{k_{i}}\right) \mid s_{k_{i}} \in T\left(\mathrm{f}_{\mathbf{j}}\right)\right)\right)\right.$, where

$$
s_{i}^{\prime \prime}= \begin{cases}x_{\mathrm{k}_{\mathrm{p}}} & \text { if } \left.\left.s_{i}^{\prime}=c_{k_{p}} \in T\left(\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{j}}\right)\right)\right) \\ s_{i} & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

(Notice that the constants occuring in $t$ are only in $U$.)
iff $<P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}(u=t)$.
(2) $\Phi$ is $\psi_{1} \wedge \psi_{2}$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
<F A, U>\vDash \Phi & \text { iff } \quad<F A, U>\vDash \psi_{1} \text { and }<F A, U>\vDash \psi_{2} \\
& \text { iff }<P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}\left(\psi_{1}\right) \text { and }<P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}\left(\psi_{2}\right) \\
& \text { iff }<P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}\left(\psi_{1} \wedge \psi_{2}\right) \\
& \text { iff }<P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}(\Phi) .
\end{aligned}
$$

(3) $\Phi$ is $\neg \psi$.

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
<F A, U>\vDash \Phi & \text { iff } & \text { not }<F A, U>\vDash \psi \\
& \text { iff } & \text { not }<P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}(\psi) \\
& \text { iff } \quad<P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}(\neg \psi) \\
& \text { iff } \quad<P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}(\Phi)
\end{array}
$$

(4) $\Phi$ is $(\forall x \in R) \psi(x)$ where $R$ is a unary relation symbol. Let $t$ be a constant in $U$ whose interpretation $t^{d}$ is in $R$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& <F A, U>\vDash \Phi \quad \text { iff } \quad \text { for any } a \in R,<F A, U>\vDash(\psi(\mathrm{x}))[a] \\
& \text { iff for any } t \in U \text {, where } t^{d}=a \in R \text {, } \\
& <F A, U>\vDash \psi(t) \\
& \text { iff for any } t \in U\left(t^{d} \in R\right),<P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}(\psi(t)) \\
& \text { (by the induction hypothesis) } \\
& \text { iff for any } t^{d} \in R,<P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}(\psi(x))\left[t^{d}\right] \\
& \text { iff for any } t^{d} \in\left\{a \mid P N \models I_{F}(\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{x}))[a]\right\} \text {, } \\
& <P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}(\psi(\mathrm{x}))\left[t^{d}\right] \\
& \text { (by Lemma 3.1) } \\
& \text { iff }<P N, U>\vDash(\forall \mathrm{x})\left(I_{F}^{*}(\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{x})) \rightarrow I_{F}^{*}(\psi(\mathrm{x}))\right) \\
& \left(I_{F}^{*}(\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{x}))=I_{F}(\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{x})) .\right) \\
& \text { iff } \quad<P N, U>\vDash I_{F}^{*}(\Phi),
\end{aligned}
$$

which completes the proof.

