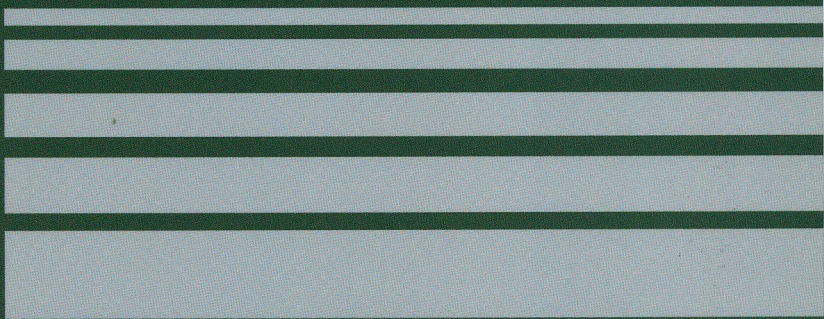
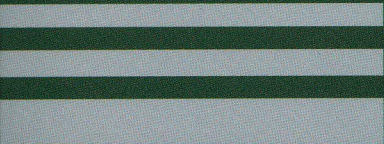


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## PREFACE

Research of discrete event systems is strongly motivated by applications in flexible manufacturing, in traffic control and in concurrent and real-time software verification and design, just to mention a few important areas. Discrete event system theory is a promising and dynamically developing area of both control theory and computer science.

Discrete event systems are systems with non-numerically-valued states, inputs, and outputs. The approaches to the modelling and control of these systems can be roughly divided into two groups. The first group is concerned with the automatic design of controllers from formal specifications of logical requirements. This research owes much to the pioneering work of P.J. Ramadge and W.M. Wonham at the beginning of the eighties. The second group deals with the analysis and optimization of system throughput, waiting time, and other performance measures for discrete event systems.

The present book contains selected papers presented at the Joint Workshop on Discrete Event Systems (WODES'92) held in Prague, Czechoslovakia, on August 26-28, 1992 and organized by the Institute of Information Theory and Automation of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czechoslovakia, by the Automatic Control Laboratory of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich, Switzerland, and by the Department of Computing Science of the University of Groningen, Groningen, the Netherlands.

Thirty research papers of high quality were presented and discussed thoroughly by the participants from fourteen countries. Five invited survey lectures given by leading researchers covered main topics of the discrete event system area. Nine different solutions to a simple control problem, stated at the workshop announcement with the aim to stimulate comparison between different approaches, were presented during a special session.

The book reflects four main topics of current research: models of real-time system behaviour, methods for decreasing computational and model complexity, unifying approaches to modelling, and performance analysis of discrete event systems.

The contributions of all speakers and vivid discussions among the participants as well as the quiet summer days in historical Prague contributed to the success of the meeting. We thank the members of the Institute of Information Theory and Automation for their help, in particular Dr. Jiří Pík, Mrs. Marie Kolářová, and Mrs. Jarmila Zoltánová, without whom all this would not have been possible.

We hope that this book containing both recent results and survey papers will be useful as reference material and also as an introductory reading.

The editors



## SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY ON DISCRETE EVENT SYSTEM CONTROL

The references listed below contain journal papers and books closely related to the modelling and control of discrete event systems. This bibliography, however, does not objectively represent the different research directions of the field. For instance, it does not contain references to stochastic systems, stochastic optimisation, operation research, and simulation. Only some references to perturbation analysis, scheduling, and min-max algebra are included. References to Petri nets are included only if they pertain to the latter topics. Nevertheless, the research area represented by the given references is the well-defined subarea of DES control at the logical level.

An extensive Petri nets bibliography collected by H. Plünnecke and W. Reisig has been published in *Advances in Petri Nets*, Lecture Notes in Computer Science No. 524, Springer Verlag, Berlin, 1991, pages 317–572. A “selected and annotated bibliography on perturbation analysis” by Y.C. Ho has appeared in *Discrete Event Systems: Models and Application*, Lecture Notes in Control and Information Sciences No. 103, Springer Verlag, Berlin, 1987, pages 217–224. Moreover, many interesting papers on DES control can be found in the proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, the American Control Conference, the IFAC World Congress, and the European Control Conference.

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