# Coverability and Termination in Recursive Petri Nets 

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Or equivalently $s_{0} \xrightarrow{\sigma} s_{n}$ for $\sigma=\left(v_{1}, t_{1}\right)\left(v_{2}, t_{2}\right) \ldots\left(v_{n}, t_{n}\right)$.

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