Simulating Causes in Event Logs with Ground Truth



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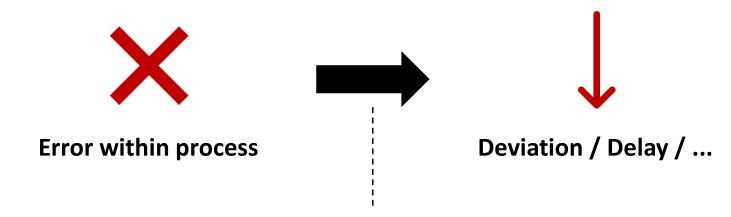




Causal Inference in Process Mining



Goal:



- Establishment of causes is typically done by correlating process characteristics
- However, causes should be in fact causal and not mere correlations
- Therefore, more and more approaches use causal inference in process mining



Problem:

True causes in real-life event logs are not known

-> researchers rely on simulations of causes with ground truth for evaluation purposes



Project Goals



Build a tool that simulates certain errors (concretely, conformance violations) in the process

- Errors should be **measurable within the event log** (i.e., deviations from a process model)
- Errors should be attributable to variations in other attributes
- Tool should incorporate choice of noise level
- General idea: "If the resource ABC is involved into a process instance, the likelihood that error X occurs is increased by 50%"

Project Requirements

- Duration of the project: 6 Months
- Minimum/maximum number of participants: 2-4
- Prerequisites: (IS515 or IS514 or IE692) and (Programming skills in Python and some GUI dev skills (e.g., JS Frameworks))
- Interest in Process Mining
- Applicable for Business Informatics and MMDS

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Illustration of Inserted Causes



Activity "Delete Order" is skipped in various process instances
The reason for that is a higher delivery time which causes the process instance to deviate

A high delivery time increases the likelihood of the deviation by 30%

