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**A *Scheme* Library for Reference Attribute Grammar Controlled Rewriting**

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## Abstract

This report presents *RACR*, a reference attribute grammar library for the programming language *Scheme*.

*RACR* supports incremental attribute evaluation in the presence of arbitrary abstract syntax tree rewrites. It provides a set of functions that can be used to specify abstract syntax tree schemes and their attribution and construct respective trees, query their attributes and node information and annotate and rewrite them. Thereby, both, reference attribute grammars and rewriting, are seamlessly integrated, such that rewrites can reuse attributes and attribute values change depending on performed rewrites – a technique we call Reference Attribute Grammar Controlled Rewriting. To reevaluate attributes influenced by abstract syntax tree rewrites, a demand-driven, incremental evaluation strategy, which incorporates the actual execution paths selected at runtime for control-flows within attribute equations, is used. To realise this strategy, a dynamic attribute dependency graph is constructed throughout attribute evaluation – a technique we call Dynamic Attribute Dependency Analyses.

Besides synthesised and inherited attributes, *RACR* supports reference, parameterised and circular attributes, attribute broadcasting and abstract syntax tree and attribute inheritance. *RACR* also supports graph pattern matching to ease the specification of complex rewrites, whereas patterns can reuse attributes for rewrite conditions such that complex analyses that control rewriting can be specified. Similarly to attribute values, tests for pattern matches are automatically cached. Further, linear pattern matching complexity is guaranteed, if all attributes used in patterns have linear complexity. Thus, the main drawback of graph rewriting, the matching problem of polynomial complexity for bounded pattern sizes, is attenuated.

The report illustrates *RACR*'s motivation, features, instantiation and usage. In particular its application programming interface is documented and exemplified. The report is a reference manual for *RACR* developers. Further, it presents *RACR*'s complete implementation and therefore provides a good foundation for readers interested into the details of reference attribute grammar controlled rewriting and dynamic attribute dependency analyses.



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# 1. Introduction

*RACR* is a reference attribute grammar library for the programming language *Scheme* supporting incremental attribute evaluation in the presence of abstract syntax tree (AST) rewrites. It provides a set of functions that can be used to specify AST schemes and their attribution and construct respective ASTs, query their attributes and node information and annotate and rewrite them. Three main characteristics distinguish *RACR* from other attribute grammar and term rewriting tools:

- **Library Approach** Attribute grammar specifications, applications and AST rewrites can be embedded into ordinary *Scheme* programs; Attribute equations can be implemented using arbitrary *Scheme* code; AST and attribute queries can depend on runtime information permitting dynamic AST and attribute dispatches.
- **Incremental Evaluation based on Dynamic Attribute Dependencies** Attribute evaluation is demand-driven and incremental, incorporating the actual execution paths selected at runtime for control-flows within attribute equations.
- **Reference Attribute Grammar Controlled Rewriting** AST rewrites can depend on attributes and automatically mark the attributes they influence for reevaluation.

Combined, these characteristics permit the expressive and elegant specification of highly flexible but still efficient language processors. The reference attribute grammar facilities can be used to realise complicated analyses, e.g., name, type, control- or data-flow analysis. The rewrite facilities can be used to realise transformations typically performed on the results of such analyses like code generation, optimisation or refinement. Thereby, both, reference attribute grammars and rewriting, are seamlessly integrated, such that rewrites can reuse attributes (in particular the rewrites to apply can be selected and derived using attributes and therefore depend on and are controlled by attributes) and attribute values change depending on performed rewrites. Figure 1.1 illustrates this analyse-synthesize cycle that is at the heart of reference attribute grammar controlled rewriting.

In the rest of the introduction we discuss why reference attribute grammar controlled rewriting is indeed expressive, elegant and efficient and why *RACR* additionally is flexible and reliable.

## 1.1. *RACR* is Expressive, Elegant, Efficient, Flexible and Reliable

**Expressive** The specification of language processors using *RACR* is convenient, because reference attribute grammars and rewriting are well-known techniques for the specification

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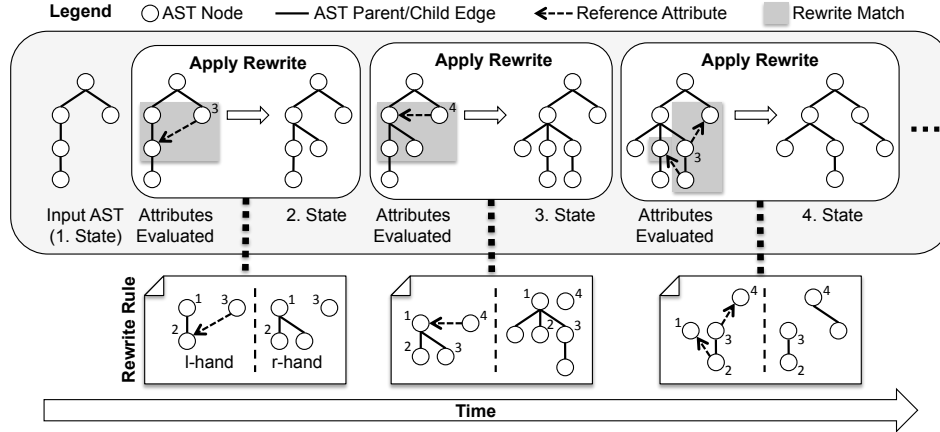


Figure 1.1.: Analyse-Synthesize Cycle of RAG Controlled Rewriting

of static semantic analyses and code transformations. Further, reference attributes extend ASTs to graphs by introducing additional edges connecting remote AST nodes. The reference attributes induce an overlay graph on top of the AST. Since *RACR* rewrites can be applied depending on attribute values, including the special case of dependencies on reference attributes, users can match arbitrary graphs and not only term structures for rewriting. Moreover, attributes can be used to realise complex analyses for graph matching and rewrite application (i.e., to control rewriting).

**Example:** Figure 1.2 presents a set of rewrite rules realising a typical compiler construction task: The implicit coercion of integer typed expressions to real. Many statically typed programming languages permit the provision of integer values in places where real values are expected for which reason their compilers must automatically insert real casts that preserve the type correctness of programs. The *RACR* rewrite rules given in Figure 1.2 specify such coercions for three common cases: (1) Binary expressions, where the first operand is a real and the second an integer value, (2) the assignment of an integer value to a variable of type real and (3) returning an integer value as result of a procedure that is declared to return real values. In all three cases, a real cast must be inserted before the expression of type integer. Note, that the actual transformation (i.e., the insertion of a real cast before an expression) is trivial. The tricky part is to decide for every expression, if it must be casted. The specification of respective rewrite conditions is straightforward however, if name and type analysis can be reused like in our reference attribute grammar controlled rewriting solution. In the binary expression case (1), just the types of the two operands have to be constrained. In case of assignments (2), the name analysis can be used to find the declaration of the assignment's left-hand. Based on the declaration, just its type and the type of the assignment's right-hand expression have to be constrained. In case of procedure returns (3), an inherited reference attribute can be used to distribute to every statement the innermost procedure declaration it is part of. The actual rewrite condition then just has to constraint the return type of the innermost procedure declaration of the return statement and the type of its expression. Note, how the name analyses required in cases (2) and (3)

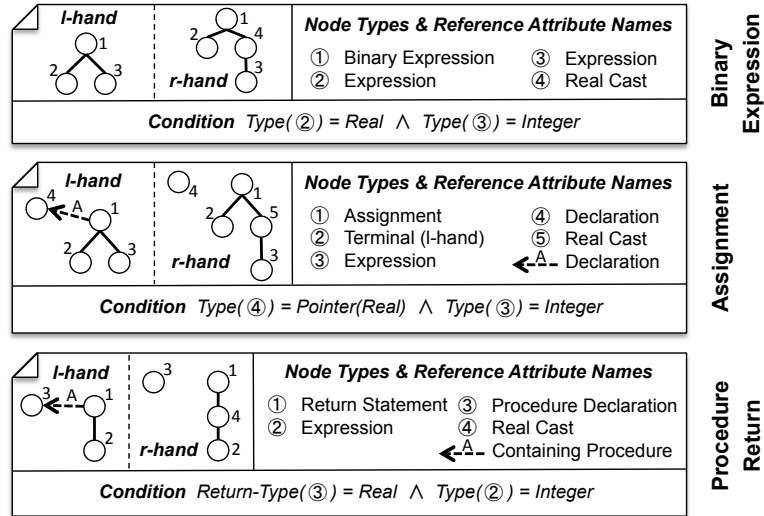


Figure 1.2.: Rewrite Rules for Integer to Real Type Coercion of a Programming Language

naturally correspond to reference edges within left-hand sides of rewrite rules. Also note, that rewrites can only transform AST fragments. The specification of references within right-hand sides of rewrite rules is not permitted.

**Elegant** Even if only ASTs can be rewritten, the analyse synthesise cycle ensures, that attributes influenced by rewrites are automatically reevaluated by the attribute grammar which specifies them, including the special case of reference attributes. Thus, the overlay graph is automatically transformed by AST rewrites whereby these transformations are consistent with existing language semantics (the existing reference attribute grammar). In consequence, developers can focus on the actual AST transformations and are exempt from maintaining semantic information throughout rewriting. The reimplementations of semantic analyses in rewrites, which is often paralleled by cumbersome techniques like blocking or marker nodes and edges, can be avoided.

**Example:** Assume the name analysis of a programming language is implemented using reference attributes and we like to develop a code transformation which reuses existing or introduces new variables. In RACR it is sufficient to apply rewrites that just add the new or reused variables and their respective declarations if necessary; the name resolution edges of the variables will be transparently added by the existing name analysis.

A very nice consequence of reference attribute grammar controlled rewriting is, that rewriting benefits from any attribute grammar improvements, including additional or improved attribute specifications or evaluation time optimisations.

**Efficient Rewriting** To combine reference attribute grammars and rewriting to reference attribute grammar controlled rewriting is also reasonable considering rewrite performance. The main complexity issue of rewriting is to decide for a rewrite rule if and where it can be applied on a given graph (matching problem). In general, matching is NP-complete for arbitrary rules and graphs and polynomial if rules have a finite left-hand size. In reference

attribute grammar controlled rewriting, matching performance can be improved by exploiting the AST and overlay graph structure induced by the reference attribute grammar. It is well-known from mathematics, that for finite, directed, ordered, labeled trees, like ASTs, matching is linear. Starting from mapping an arbitrary node of the left-hand side on an arbitrary node of the host graph, the decision, whether the rest of the left-hand side also matches or not, requires no backtracking; It can be performed in constant time (the pattern size). Likewise, there is no need for backtracking to match reference attributes, because every AST node has at most one reference attribute of a certain name and every reference attribute points to exactly one (other) AST node. The only remaining source for backtracking are left-hand sides with several unconnected AST fragments, where, even if some fragment has been matched, still several different alternatives have to be tested for the remaining ones. If we restrict, that left-hand sides must have a distinguished node from which all other nodes are reachable (with non-directed AST child/parent edges and directed reference edges), also this source for backtracking is eliminated, such that matching is super-linear if, and only if, the complexity of involved attributes is. In other words, the problem of efficient matching is reduced to the problem of efficient attribute evaluation.

**Efficient Attribute Evaluation** A common technique to improve attribute evaluation efficiency is the caching of evaluated attribute instances. If several attribute instances depend on the value of a certain instance *a*, it is sufficient to evaluate *a* only once, memorise the result and reuse it for the evaluation of the depending instances. In case of reference attribute grammar controlled rewriting however, caching is complicated because of the analyse-synthesise cycle. Two main issues arise if attributes are queried in-between AST transformations: First, rewrites only depend on certain attribute instances for which reason it is disproportionate to use (static) attribute evaluation strategies that evaluate all instances; Second, rewrites can change AST information contributing to the value of cached attribute instances for which reason the respective caches must be flushed after their application. In *RACR*, the former is solved by using a demand-driven evaluation strategy that only evaluates the attribute instances required to decide matching, and the latter by tracking dependencies throughout attribute evaluation, such that it can be decided which attribute instances applied rewrites influenced and incremental attribute evaluation can be achieved. In combination, demand-driven, incremental attribute evaluation enables attribute caching – and therefore efficient attribute evaluation – for reference attribute grammar controlled rewriting. Moreover, because dependencies are tracked throughout attribute evaluation, the actual execution paths selected at runtime for control-flows within attribute equations can be incorporated. In the end, the demand-driven evaluator of *RACR* uses runtime information to construct an AST specific dynamic attribute dependency graph that permits more precise attribute cache flushing than a static dependency analysis.

**Example:** Let *att-value* be a function, that given the name of an attribute and an AST node evaluates the respective attribute instance at the given node. Let *n1*, ..., *n4* be arbitrary AST nodes, each with an attribute instance *i1*, ..., *i4* named *a1*, ..., *a4* respectively. Assume, the equation of the attribute instance *i1* for *a1* at *n1* is:

```
(if (att-value a2 n2)
    (att-value a3 n3)
    (att-value a4 n4))
```

*Obviously, i1 always depends on i2, but only on either, i3 or i4. On which of both depends on the actual value of i2, i.e., the execution path selected at runtime for the if control-flow statement. If some rewrite changes an AST information that influences the value of i4, the cache of i1 only has to be flushed if the value of i2 was #f.*

Besides automatic caching, a major strong point of attribute grammars, compared to other declarative formalisms for semantic analyses, always has been their easy adaptation for present programming techniques. Although attribute grammars are declarative, their attribute equation concept based on semantic functions provides sufficient opportunities for tailoring and fine tuning. In particular developers can optimise the efficiency of attribute evaluation by varying attributions and semantic function implementations. *RACR* even improves in that direction. Because of its tight integration with *Scheme* in the form of a library, developers are more encouraged to "*just program*" efficient semantic functions. They benefit from both, the freedom and efficiency of a real programming language and the more abstract attribute grammar concepts. Moreover, *RACR* uses *Scheme*'s advanced macro- and meta-programming facilities to still retain the attribute evaluation efficiency that is rather typical for compilation- than for library-based approaches.

**Flexible** *RACR* is a *Scheme* library. Its AST, attribute and rewrite facilities are ordinary functions or macros. Their application can be controlled by complex *Scheme* programs that compute, or are used within, attribute specifications and rewrites. In particular, *RACR* specifications themselves can be derived using *RACR*. Different language processors developed using *RACR* can interact with each other without limitations and any need for explicit modeling of such interactions. Moreover, all library functions are parameterised with an actual application context. The function for querying attribute values uses a name and node argument to dispatch for a certain attribute instance and the functions to query AST information or perform rewrites expect node arguments designating the nodes to query or rewrite respectively. Since such contexts can be computed using attributes and AST information, dynamic – i.e., input dependent – AST and attribute dispatches within attribute equations and rewrite applications are possible. For example, the name and node arguments of an attribute query within some attribute equation can be the values of other attributes or even terminal nodes. In the end, *RACR*'s library approach and support for dynamic AST and attribute dispatches eases the development and combination of language product lines, metacompilers and highly adaptive language processors.

**Reliable** *RACR* specified language processors that interact with each other to realise a stacked metaarchitecture consisting of several levels of language abstraction can become very complicated. Also dynamic attribute dispatches or user developed *Scheme* programs applying *RACR* can result in complex attribute and rewrite interactions. Nevertheless, *RACR* ensures that only valid specifications and transformations are performed and never outdated attribute values are used, no matter of application context, macros and continuations. In case of incomplete or inconsistent specifications, unspecified AST or attribute queries or transformations yielding invalid ASTs, *RACR* throws appropriate runtime exceptions to indicate program errors. In case of transformations influencing an AST information that has been used to evaluate some attribute instance, the caches of the instance and all instances depending on it are automatically flushed, such that they are reevaluated if queried later on.

The required bookkeeping is transparently performed and cannot be bypassed or disturbed by user code (in particular ASTs can only be queried and manipulated using library functions provided by *RACR*). There is only one restriction developers have to pay attention for: To ensure declarative attribute specifications, attribute equations must be side effect free. If equations only depend on attributes, attribute parameters and AST information and changes of stateful terminal values are always performed by respective terminal value rewrites, this restriction is satisfied.

### 1.2. Structure of the Manual

The next chapter finishes the just presented motivation, application and feature overview of this introduction. It gives an overview about the general architecture of *RACR*, i.e., its embedding into *Scheme*, its library functions and their usage. Chapters 2-6 then present the library functions in detail: Chapter 2 the functions for the specification, construction and querying of ASTs; Chapter 3 the functions for the specification and querying of attributes; Chapter 4 the functions for rewriting ASTs; Chapter 5 the functions for associating and querying entities associated with AST nodes (so called AST annotations); and finally Chapter 6 the functions that ease development for common cases like the configuration of a default *RACR* language processor. The following appendix presents *RACR*'s complete implementation. The implementation is well documented. All algorithms, including attribute evaluation, dependency graph maintenance and the attribute cache flushing of rewrites, are stepwise commented and therefore provide a good foundation for readers interested into the details of reference attribute grammar controlled rewriting. Finally, an API index eases the look-up of library functions within the manual.

## 2. Library Overview

### 2.1. Architecture

To use *RACR* within *Scheme* programs, it must be imported via `(import (racr))`. The imported library provides a set of functions for the specification of AST schemes, their attribution and the construction of respective ASTs, to query their information (e.g., for AST traversal or node type comparison), to evaluate their attributes and to rewrite and annotate them.

Every AST scheme and its attribution define a language – they are a ***RACR* specification**. Every *RACR* specification can be compiled to construct the ***RACR* language processor** it defines. Every *RACR* AST is one word in evaluation by a certain *RACR* language processor, i.e., a runtime snapshot of a word in compilation w.r.t. a certain *RACR* specification. Thus, *Scheme* programs using *RACR* can specify arbitrary many *RACR* specifications and for every *RACR* specification arbitrary many ASTs (i.e., words in compilation) can be instantiated and evaluated. Thereby, every AST has its own **evaluation state**, such that incremental attribute evaluation can be automatically maintained in the presence of rewrites. Figure 2.1 summarises the architecture of *RACR* applications. Note, that specification, compilation and evaluation are realised by ordinary *Scheme* function applications embedded within a single *Scheme* program, for which reason they are just-in-time and on demand.

The relationships between AST rules and attribute definitions and ASTs consisting of nodes and attribute instances are as used to. *RACR* specifications consist of a set of **AST rules**, whereby for every AST rule arbitrary many **attribute definitions** can be specified. ASTs

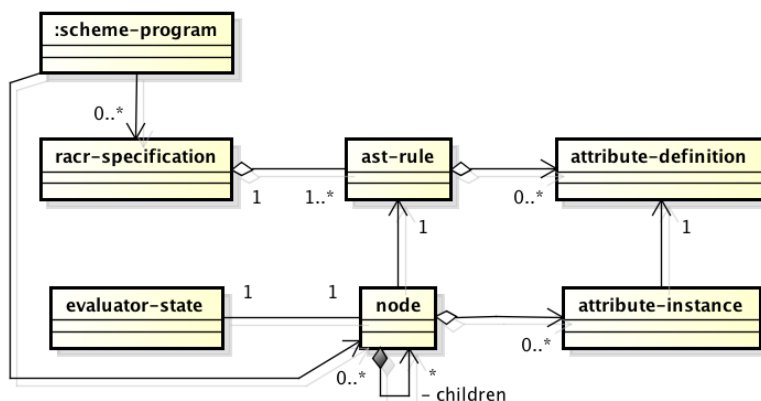


Figure 2.1.: Architecture of RACR Applications

consist of arbitrary many **nodes** with associated **attribute instances**. Each node represents a context w.r.t. an AST rule and its respective attributes.

### 2.2. Instantiation

Three different language specification and application phases are distinguished in *RACR*:

- AST Specification Phase
- AG Specification Phase
- AST construction, query, evaluation, rewriting and annotation phase (Evaluation Phase)

The three phases must be processed in sequence. E.g., if a *Scheme* program tries to construct an AST w.r.t. a *RACR* specification before finishing its AST and AG specification phase, *RACR* will abort with an exception of type `racr-exception` incorporating an appropriate error message. The respective tasks that can be performed in each of the three specification phases are:

- **AST Specification Phase** Specification of AST schemes
- **AG Specification Phase** Definition of attributes
- **Evaluation Phase** One of the following actions:
  - Construction of ASTs
  - Querying AST information
  - Querying the values of attributes
  - Rewriting ASTs
  - Weaving and querying AST annotations

The AST query and attribute evaluation functions are not only used to interact with ASTs but also in attribute equations to query AST nodes and attributes local within the context of the respective equation.

Users can start the next specification phase by special compilation functions, which check the consistency of the specification, throw proper exceptions in case of errors and derive an optimised internal representation of the specified language (thus, compile the specification). The respective compilation functions are:

- `compile-ast-specifications`: AST  $\Rightarrow$  AG specification phase
- `compile-ag-specifications`: AG specification  $\Rightarrow$  Evaluation phase

To construct a new specification the `create-specification` function is used. Its application yields a new internal record representing a *RACR* specification, i.e., a language. Such records are needed by any of the AST and AG specification functions to associate the specified AST rule or attribute with a certain language.



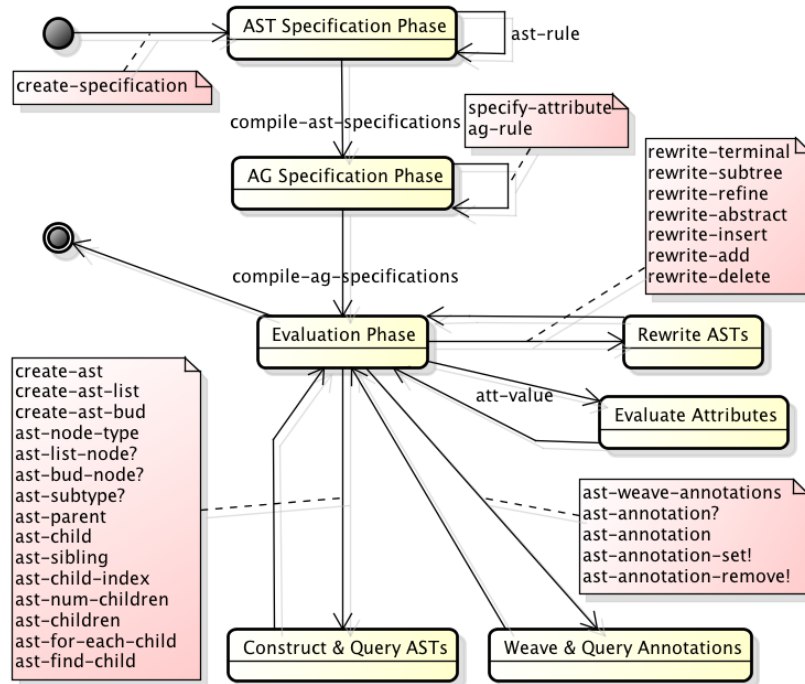


Figure 2.2.: RACR API

## 2.3. API

The state chart of Figure 2.2 summarises the specification and AST and attribute query, rewrite and annotation API of *RACR*. The API functions of a certain specification phase are denoted by labels of edges originating from the respective phase. Transitions between different specification phases represent the compilation of specifications of the source phase, which finishes the respective phase such that now tasks of the destination phase can be performed.

Remember, that *RACR* maintains for every *RACR* specification (i.e., specified language) its specification phase. Different *RACR* specifications can coexist within the same *Scheme* program and each can be in a different phase.



### 3. Abstract Syntax Trees

This chapter presents *RACR*'s abstract syntax tree (AST) API, which provides functions for the specification of AST schemes, the construction of respective ASTs and the querying of ASTs for structural and node information. *RACR* ASTs are based on the following context-free grammar (CFG), Extended Backus-Naur Form (EBNF) and object-oriented concepts:

- **CFG** Non-terminals, terminals, productions, total order of production symbols
- **EBNF** Unbounded repetition (Kleene Star)
- **Object-Oriented Programming** Inheritance, named fields

*RACR* ASTs are directed, typed, ordered trees. Every AST node has a type, called its node type, and a finite number of children. Every child has a name and is either, another AST node (i.e., non-terminal) or a terminal. Non-terminal children can represent unbounded repetitions. Given a node, the number, order, types, names and information, whether they are unbounded repetitions, of its children are induced by its type. The children of a node type must have different names; children of different node types can have equal names. We call names defined for children context names and a node with type *T* an instance of *T*.

Node types can inherit from each other. If a node type *A* inherits from another type *B*, *A* is called direct subtype of *B* and *B* direct supertype of *A*. The transitive closure of direct sub- and supertype are called a node type's sub- and supertypes, i.e., a node type *A* is a sub-/supertype of a type *B*, if *A* is a direct sub-/supertype of *B* or *A* is a direct sub-/supertype of a type *C* that is a sub-/supertype of *B*. Node types can inherit from at most one other type and must not be subtypes of themselves. If a node type is subtype of another one, its instances can be used anywhere an instance of its supertype is expected, i.e., if *A* is a subtype of *B*, every AST node of type *A* also is of type *B*. The children of a node type are the ones of its direct supertype, if it has any, followed by the ones specified for itself.

Node types are specified using AST rules. Every AST rule specifies one node type of a certain name. The set of all AST rules of a *RACR* specification are called an AST scheme.

In terms of object-oriented programming, every node type corresponds to a class; its children are fields. In CFG terms, it corresponds to a production; its name is the left-hand non-terminal and its children are the right-hand symbols. However, in opposite to CFGs, where several productions can be given for a non-terminal, the node types of a *RACR* specification must be unique (i.e., must have different names). To simulate alternative productions, node type inheritance can be used.

*RACR* supports two special node types besides user specified ones: list-nodes and bud-nodes. Bud-nodes are used to represent still missing AST parts. Whenever a node of some type is expected, a bud-node can be used instead. They are typically used to decompose and reuse

decomposed AST fragments using rewrites. List-nodes are used to represent unbounded repetitions. If a child of type  $T$  with name  $c$  of a node type  $N$  is defined to be an unbounded repetition, all  $c$  children of instances of  $N$  will be either, a list-node with arbitrary many children of type  $T$  or a bud-node. Even if list- and bud-nodes are non-terminals, their type is undefined. It is not permitted to query such nodes for their type, including sub- and supertype comparisons. And although bud-nodes never have children, it is not permitted to query them for children related information (e.g., their number of children). After all, bud-nodes represent still missing, i.e., unspecified, AST parts.

## 3.1. Specification

```
(ast-rule spec symbol-encoding-rule)
```

Calling this function adds to the given *RACR* specification the AST rule encoded in the given symbol. To this end, the symbol is parsed. The function aborts with an exception, if the symbol encodes no valid AST rule, there already exists a definition for the l-hand of the rule or the specification is not in the AST specification phase. The grammar used to encode AST rules in symbols is (note, that the grammar has no whitespace):

```
Rule ::= NonTerminal [":" NonTerminal] "→" [ProductionElement {"—" ProductionElement}];
ProductionElement ::= NonTerminal [*] [< ContextName] | Terminal;
NonTerminal ::= UppercaseLetter {Letter} {Number};
Terminal ::= LowercaseLetter {LowercaseLetter} {Number};
ContextName ::= Letter {Letter} {Number};
Letter ::= LowercaseLetter | UppercaseLetter;
LowercaseLetter ::= "a" | "b" | ... | "z";
UppercaseLetter ::= "A" | "B" | ... | "Z";
Number ::= "0" | "1" | ... | "9";
```

Every AST rule starts with a non-terminal (the l-hand), followed by an optional supertype and the actual r-hand consisting of arbitrary many non-terminals and terminals. Every non-terminal of the r-hand can be followed by an optional *Kleene star*, denoting an unbounded repetition (i.e., a list with arbitrary many nodes of the respective non-terminal). Further, r-hand non-terminals can have an explicit context name. Context names can be used to select the respective child for example in attribute definitions (*specify-attribute*, *ag-rule*) or AST traversals (e.g., *ast-child* or *ast-sibling*). If no explicit context name is given, the non-terminal type and optional *Kleene star* are the respective context name. E.g., for a list of non-terminals of type  $N$  without explicit context name the context name is ' $N^*$ '. For terminals, explicit context names are not permitted. Their name also always is their context name. For every AST rule the context names of its children (including inherited ones) must be unique. Otherwise a later compilation of the AST specification will throw an exception.

**Note:** *AST rules, and in particular AST rule inheritance, are object-oriented concepts. The l-hand is the class defined by a rule (i.e., a node type) and the r-hand symbols are its fields, each named like the context name of the respective symbol. Compared to common*

*object-oriented languages however, r-hand symbols, including inherited ones, are ordered and represent compositions rather than arbitrary relations, such that it is valid to index them and call them child. The order of children is the order of the respective r-hand symbols and, in case of inheritance, "inherited r-hand first".*

```
(ast-rule spec 'N->A-terminal-A*)
(ast-rule spec 'Na:N->A<A2-A<A3) ; Context—names 4'th & 5'th child: A2 and A3
(ast-rule spec 'Nb:N->)
(ast-rule spec 'Procedure->name-Declaration*<Parameters-Block<Body)
```

```
(compile-ast-specifications spec start-symbol)
```

Calling this function finishes the AST specification phase of the given *RACR* specification, whereby the given symbol becomes the start symbol. The AST specification is checked for completeness and correctness, i.e., (1) all non-terminals are defined, (2) rule inheritance is cycle-free, (3) the start symbol is defined and (4) all non-terminals are reachable and (5) productive. Further, it is ensured, that (5) for every rule the context names of its children are unique. In case of any violation, an exception is thrown. An exception is also thrown, if the given specification is not in the AST specification phase. After executing `compile-ast-specifications` the given specification is in the AG specification phase, such that attributes now can be defined using `specify-attribute` and `ag-rule`.

## 3.2. Construction

```
(ast-node? scheme-entity)
```

Given an arbitrary *Scheme* entity return `#t` if it is an AST node, otherwise `#f`.

```
(create-ast spec non-terminal list-of-children)
```

Function for the construction of non-terminal nodes. Given a *RACR* specification, the name of a non-terminal to construct (i.e., an AST rule to apply) and a list of children, the function constructs and returns a parentless AST node (i.e., a root) whose type and children are the given ones. Thereby, it is checked, that (1) the given children are of the correct type for the fragment to construct, (2) enough and not too many children are given, (3) every child is a root (i.e., the children do not already belong to/are not already part of another AST) and (4) no attributes of any of the children are in evaluation. In case of any violation an exception is thrown.

**Note:** *Returned fragments do not use the `list-of-children` argument to administer their actual children. Thus, any change to the given list of children (e.g., using `set-car!` or `set-cdr!`) after applying `create-ast` does not change the children of the constructed fragment.*

### 3. Abstract Syntax Trees

---

```
(create-ast spec 'N
  ; List of children :
  (list
    ...
    ; For non-terminal children an AST node is expected:
    (create-ast ...)
    ...
    ; For terminals, not an AST node, but their value is expected:
    "value for a terminal"
    ...
    ; For non-terminal children with unbounded cardinality (Kleene closure)
    ; a list-node containing their elements is expected:
    (create-ast-list ...)
    ...))
```

```
(create-ast-list list-of-children)
```

Given a list `l` of non-terminal nodes that are not AST list-nodes construct an AST list-node whose elements are the elements of `l`. An exception is thrown, if an element of `l` is not an AST node, is a list node, already belongs to another AST or has attributes in evaluation.

**Note:** *Returned list-nodes do not use the `list-of-children` argument to administer their actual children. Thus, any change to the given list of children (e.g., using `set-car!` or `set-cdr!`) after applying `create-ast-list` does not change the children of the constructed list-node.*

**Note:** *It is not possible to construct AST list nodes containing terminal nodes. Instead however, terminals can be ordinary Scheme lists, such that there is no need for special AST terminal lists.*

```
(create-ast-bud)
```

Construct a new AST bud-node, that can be used as placeholder within an AST fragment to designate a subtree still to provide. Bud-nodes are valid substitutions for any kind of expected non-terminal child, i.e., whenever a non-terminal node of some type is expected, a bud node can be used instead (e.g., when constructing AST fragments via `create-ast` or `create-ast-list` or when adding another element to a list-node via `rewrite-add`). Since bud-nodes are placeholders, any query for non-terminal node specific information of a bud-node throws an exception (e.g., bud-nodes have no type or attributes and their number of children is not specified etc.).

**Note:** *There exist two main use cases for incomplete ASTs which have "holes" within their subtrees that denote places where appropriate replacements still have to be provided: (1) when constructing ASTs but required parts are not yet known and (2) for the deconstruction and reuse of existing subtrees, i.e., to remove AST parts such that they can be reused for insertion into other places and ASTs. The later use case can be generalised as the reuse of AST fragments within rewrites. The idea thereby is, to use `rewrite-subtree` to insert bud-nodes and extract the subtree replaced.*

### 3.3. Traversal

```
(ast-parent n)
```

Given a node, return its parent if it has any, otherwise thrown an exception.

```
(ast-child index-or-context-name n)
```

Given a node, return one of its children selected by context name or child index. If the queried child is a terminal node, not the node itself but its value is returned. An exception is thrown, if the child does not exist.

**Note:** *In opposite to many common programming languages where array or list indices start with 0, in RACR the index of the first child is 1, of the second 2 and so on.*

**Note:** *Because element nodes within AST list-nodes have no context name, they must be queried by index.*

```
(let ((ast
      (with-specification
        (create-specification)
        (ast-rule 'S->A-A*-A<MyContextName)
        (ast-rule 'A->)
        (compile-ast-specifications 'S)
        (compile-ag-specifications)
        (create-ast
          'S
          (list
            (create-ast
              'A
              (list))
            (create-ast-list
              (list))
            (create-ast
              'A
              (list))))))
      (assert (eq? (ast-child 'A ast) (ast-child 1 ast)))
      (assert (eq? (ast-child 'A* ast) (ast-child 2 ast)))
      (assert (eq? (ast-child 'MyContextName ast) (ast-child 3 ast)))))
```

```
(ast-sibling index-or-context-name n)
```

Given a node *n* which is child of another node *p*, return a certain child *s* of *p* selected by context name or index (thus, *s* is a sibling of *n* or *n*). Similar to *ast-child*, the value of *s*, and not *s* itself, is returned if it is a terminal node. An exception is thrown, if *n* is a root or the sibling does not exist.

```
(ast-children n . b1 b2 ... bm)
```

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Given a node  $n$  and arbitrary many child intervals  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m$  (each a pair consisting of a lower bound  $lb$  and an upper bound  $ub$ ), return a *Scheme* list that contains for each child interval  $b_i = (lb\ ub)$  the children of  $n$  whose index is within the given interval (i.e.,  $lb \leq \text{child index} \leq ub$ ). The elements of the result list are ordered w.r.t. the order of the child intervals  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m$  and the children of  $n$ . I.e.:

- The result lists returned by the child intervals are appended in the order of the intervals.
- The children of the list computed for a child interval are in increasing index order.

If no child interval is given, a list containing all children of  $n$  in increasing index order is returned. A child interval with unbounded upper bound (specified using `'*` as upper bound) means "select all children with index  $\geq$  the interval's lower bound". The returned list is a copy – any change of it (e.g., using `set-car!` or `set-cdr!`) does not change the AST! An exception is thrown, if a child interval queries for a non existent child.

```
(let ((ast
      (with-specification
        (create-specification)
        (ast-rule 'S->t1-t2-t3-t4-t5)
        (compile-ast-specifications 'S)
        (compile-ag-specifications)
        (create-ast 'S (list 1 2 3 4 5)))))
  (assert
    (equal?
      (ast-children ast (cons 2 2) (cons 2 4) (cons 3 '*))
      (list 2 2 3 4 3 4 5)))
  (assert
    (equal?
      (ast-children ast)
      (list 1 2 3 4 5)))))
```

```
(ast-for-each-child f n . b1 b2 ... bm)
; f: Processing function of arity two: (1) Index of current child, (2) Current child
; n: Node whose children within the given child intervals will be processed in sequence
; b1 b2 ... bm: Lower-bound/upper-bound pairs (child intervals)
```

Given a function  $f$ , a node  $n$  and arbitrary many child intervals  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m$  (each a pair consisting of a lower bound  $lb$  and an upper bound  $ub$ ), apply for each child interval  $b_i = (lb\ ub)$  the function  $f$  to each child  $c$  with index  $i$  with  $lb \leq i \leq ub$ , taking into account the order of child intervals and children. Thereby,  $f$  must be of arity two; Each time  $f$  is called, its arguments are an index  $i$  and the respective  $i$ 'th child of  $n$ . If no child interval is given,  $f$  is applied to each child once. A child interval with unbounded upper bound (specified using `'*` as upper bound) means "apply  $f$  to every child with index  $\geq$  the interval's lower bound". An exception is thrown, if a child interval queries for a non existent child.

**Note:** Like all RACR API functions also `ast-for-each-child` is continuation safe, i.e., it is alright to apply continuations within  $f$ , such that the execution of  $f$  is terminated abnormal.



```
(ast-find-child f n . b1 b2 ... bm)
; f: Search function of arity two: (1) Index of current child, (2) Current child
; n: Node whose children within the given child intervals will be tested in sequence
; b1 b2 ... bm: Lower-bound/upper-bound pairs (child intervals)
```

Given a search function  $f$ , a node  $n$  and arbitrary many child intervals  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m$ , find the first child of  $n$  within the given intervals which satisfies  $f$ . Thereby, the children of  $n$  are tested in the order specified by the child intervals. The search function must accept two parameters – (1) a child index and (2) the actual child – and return a truth value telling whether the actual child is the one searched for or not. If no child within the given intervals, which satisfies the search function, exists,  $\#f$  is returned, otherwise the child found. An exception is thrown, if a child interval queries for a non existent child.

**Note:** *The syntax and semantics of child intervals is the one of `ast-for-each-child`, except the search is aborted as soon as a child satisfying the search condition encoded in  $f$  is found.*

```
(let ((ast
      (with-specification
        (create-specification)

        ; A program consists of declaration and reference statements:
        (ast-rule 'Program->Statement*)
        (ast-rule 'Statement->)
        ; A declaration declares an entity of a certain name:
        (ast-rule 'Declaration:Statement->name)
        ; A reference refers to an entity of a certain name:
        (ast-rule 'Reference:Statement->name)

        (compile-ast-specifications 'Program)

      (ag-rule
        lookup
        ((Program Statement*)
         (lambda (n name)
           (ast-find-child
            (lambda (i child)
              (and
               (ast-subtype? child 'Declaration)
               (string=? (ast-child 'name child) name))))
            (ast-parent n)
            ; Child interval enforcing declare before use rule:
            (cons 1 (ast-child-index n)))))))

      (ag-rule
        correct
        ; A program is correct, if its statements are correct:
        (Program
         (lambda (n)
           (not
            (ast-find-child
```

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        (lambda (i child)
          (not (att-value 'correct child)))
        (ast-child 'Statement* n))))
; A reference is correct, if it is declared:
(Reference
  (lambda (n)
    (att-value 'lookup n (ast-child 'name n))))
; A declaration is correct, if it is no redeclaration:
(Declaration
  (lambda (n)
    (eq?
      (att-value 'lookup n (ast-child 'name n))
      n))))

(compile-ag-specifications)

(create-ast
  'Program
  (list
    (create-ast-list
      (list
        (create-ast 'Declaration (list "var1"))
        ; First undeclared error:
        (create-ast 'Reference (list "var3"))
        (create-ast 'Declaration (list "var2"))
        (create-ast 'Declaration (list "var3"))
        ; Second undeclared error:
        (create-ast 'Reference (list "undeclared-var"))))))))
(assert (not (att-value 'correct ast)))
; Resolve first undeclared error:
(rewrite-terminal 'name (ast-child 2 (ast-child 'Statement* ast)) "var1")
(assert (not (att-value 'correct ast)))
; Resolve second undeclared error:
(rewrite-terminal 'name (ast-child 5 (ast-child 'Statement* ast)) "var2")
(assert (att-value 'correct ast))
; Introduce redeclaration error:
(rewrite-terminal 'name (ast-child 1 (ast-child 'Statement* ast)) "var2")
(assert (not (att-value 'correct ast)))

```

```

(ast-find-child* f n . b1 b2 ... bm)
; f: Search function of arity two: (1) Index of current child, (2) Current child
; n: Node whose children within the given child intervals will be tested in sequence
; b1 b2 ... bm: Lower-bound/upper-bound pairs (child intervals)

```

Similar to `ast-find-child`, except instead of the first child satisfying `f` the result of `f` for the respective child is returned. If no child satisfies `f`, `#f` is returned.

```

(let ((ast
      (with-specification
        (create-specification)

```

```

      (ast-rule 'A->B)
      (ast-rule 'B->t)
      (compile-ast-specifications 'A)
      (compile-ag-specifications)
      (create-ast 'A (list (create-ast 'B (list 1))))))
(assert
  (ast-node?
    (ast-find-child ; Return the first child satisfying the search condition
      (lambda (i c)
        (ast-child 't c))
      ast)))
(assert
  (=
    (ast-find-child* ; Return test result of the first child satisfying the search condition
      (lambda (i c)
        (ast-child 't c))
      ast)
    1)))

```

### 3.4. Node Information

```
(ast-has-parent? n)
```

Given a node, return its parent if it has any and `#f` otherwise.

```
(ast-child-index n)
```

Given a node, return its position within the list of children of its parent. If the node is a root, an exception is thrown.

```
(ast-has-child? context-name n)
```

Given a node and context name, return whether the node has a child with the given name or not.

```
(ast-num-children n)
```

Given a node, return its number of children.

```
(ast-has-sibling? context-name n)
```

Given a node and context name, return whether the node has a parent node that has a child with the given name or not.

```
(ast-node-type n)
```

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Given a node, return its type, i.e., the non-terminal it is an instance of. If the node is a list- or bud-node an exception is thrown.

```
(ast-list-node? n)
```

Given a node, return whether it represents a list of children, i.e., is a list node, or not.

```
(ast-bud-node? n)
```

Given a node, return whether it is a bud node or not.

```
(ast-subtype? a1 a2)
```

Given at least one node and another node or non-terminal symbol, return if the first argument is a subtype of the second. The considered subtype relationship is reflexive, i.e., every type is a subtype of itself. An exception is thrown, if non of the arguments is an AST node, any of the arguments is a list- or bud-node or a given non-terminal argument is not defined (the grammar used to decide whether a symbol is a valid non-terminal or not is the one of the node argument).

; Let n, n1 and n2 be AST nodes and t a Scheme symbol encoding a non-terminal:

(ast-subtype? n1 n2) ; Is the type of node n1 a subtype of the type of node n2

(ast-subtype? t n) ; Is the type t a subtype of the type of node n

(ast-subtype? n t) ; Is the type of node n a subtype of the type t

## 4. Attribution

*RACR* supports synthesised and inherited attributes that can be parameterised, circular and references. Attribute definitions are inherited w.r.t. AST inheritance. Thereby, the subtypes of an AST node type can overwrite inherited definitions by providing their own definition. *RACR* also supports attribute broadcasting, such that there is no need to specify equations that just copy propagate attribute values from parent to child nodes. Some of these features differ from common attribute grammar systems however:

- **Broadcasting** Inherited *and* synthesised attributes are broadcasted *on demand*.
- **Shadowing** Synthesised attribute instances *dynamically* shadow inherited instances.
- **AST Fragment Evaluation** Attributes of incomplete ASTs can be evaluated.
- **Normal Form / AST Query Restrictions** Attribute equations can query AST information without restrictions because of attribute types or contexts.
- **Completeness** It is not checked if for all attribute contexts a definition exists.

Of course, *RACR* also differs in its automatic tracking of dynamic attribute dependencies and the incremental attribute evaluation based on it (cf. Chapter 1.1: Efficient Attribute Evaluation). Its differences regarding broadcasting, shadowing, AST fragment evaluation, AST query restrictions and completeness are discussed in the following.

**Broadcasting** If an attribute is queried at some AST node and there exists no definition for the context the node represents, the first successor node with a definition is queried instead. If such a node does not exist a runtime exception is thrown. In opposite to most broadcasting concepts however, *RACR* makes no difference between synthesised and inherited attributes, i.e., not only inherited attributes are broadcasted, but also synthesised. In combination with the absence of normal form or AST query restrictions, broadcasting of synthesised attributes eases attribute specifications. E.g., if some information has to be broadcasted to  $n$  children, a synthesised attribute definition computing the information is sufficient. There is no need to specify additional  $n$  inherited definitions for broadcasting.

**Shadowing** By default, attribute definitions are inherited w.r.t. AST inheritance. If an attribute definition is given for some node type, the definition also holds for all its subtypes. Of course, inherited definitions can be overwritten as used to from object-oriented programming in which case the definitions for subtypes are preferred to inherited ones. Further, the sets of synthesised and inherited attributes are not disjunct. An attribute of a certain name can be synthesised in one context and inherited in another one. If for some attribute instance a synthesised and inherited definition exists, the synthesised is preferred.

**AST Fragment Evaluation** Attribute instances of ASTs that contain bud-nodes or whose root does not represent a derivation w.r.t. the start symbol still can be evaluated if they are well-defined, i.e., do not depend on unspecified AST information. If an attribute instance depends on unspecified AST information, its evaluation throws a runtime exception.

**Normal Form / AST Query Restrictions** A major attribute grammar concept is the local definition of attributes. Given an equation for some attribute and context (i.e., attribute name, node type and children) it must only depend on attributes and AST information provided by the given context. Attribute grammar systems requiring normal form are even more restrictive by enforcing that the defined attributes of a context must only depend on its undefined. In practice, enforcing normal form has turned out to be inconvenient for developers, such that most attribute grammar systems abandoned it. Its main application area is to ease proofs in attribute grammar theories. Also recent research in reference attribute grammars demonstrated, that less restrictive locality requirements can considerably improve attribute grammar development. *RACR* even goes one step further, by enforcing no restrictions about attribute and AST queries within equations. Developers are free to query ASTs, in particular traverse them, however they like. *RACR*'s leitmotif is, that users are experienced language developers that should not be restricted or patronised. For example, if a developer knows that for some attribute the information required to implement its equation is always located at a certain non-local but relative position from the node the attribute is associated with, he should be able to just retrieve it. And if a software project emphasises a certain architecture, the usage of *RACR* should not enforce any restrictions, even if "weird" attribute grammar designs may result. There are also theoretic and technical reasons why locality requirements are abandoned. Local dependencies are a prerequisite for static evaluation order and cycle test analyses. With the increasing popularity of demand-driven evaluation, because of much less memory restrictions than twenty years ago, combined with automatic caching and support for circular attributes, the reasons for such restrictions vanish.

**Completeness** Traditionally, attribute grammar systems exploit attribute locality to proof, that for every valid AST all its attribute instances are defined, i.e., an equation is specified for every context. Because of reference attributes and dynamic AST and attribute dispatches, such a static attribute grammar completeness check is impossible for *RACR*. In consequence, it is possible that throughout attribute evaluation an undefined or unknown attribute instance is queried, in which case *RACR* throws a runtime exception. On the other hand, *RACR* developers are never confronted with situations where artificial attribute definitions must be given for ASTs that, even they are valid w.r.t. their AST scheme, are never constructed, because of some reason unknown to the attribute grammar system. Such issues are very common, since parsers often only construct a subset of the permitted ASTs. For example, assume an imperative programming language with pointers. In this case, it is much more easy to model the left-hand side of assignments as ordinary expression instead of defining another special AST node type. A check, that left-hands are only dereference expressions or variables, can be realised within the concrete syntax used for parsing. If however, completeness is enforced and some expression that is not a dereference expression or variable has an inherited attribute, the attribute must be defined for the left-hand of assignments, although it will never occur in this context.

## 4.1. Specification

```
(specify-attribute spec att-name non-terminal index cached? equation circ-def)
; spec: RACR specification
; att-name: Scheme symbol
; non-terminal: AST rule R in whose context the attribute is defined.
; index: Index or Scheme symbol representing a context-name. Specifies the
;         non-terminal within the context of R for which the definition is.
; cached?: Boolean flag determining, whether the values of instances of
;         the attribute are cached or not.
; equation: Equation used to compute the value of instances of the attribute.
;         Equations have at least one parameter – the node the attribute instance
;         to evaluate is associated with (first parameter).
; circ-def: #f if not circular, otherwise bottom-value/equivalence-function pair
```

Calling this function adds to the given *RACR* specification the given attribute definition. To this end, it is checked, that the given definition is (1) properly encoded (syntax check), (2) its context is defined, (3) the context is a non-terminal position and (4) the definition is unique (no redefinition error). In case of any violation, an exception is thrown. To specify synthesised attributes the index 0 or the context name '\*' can be used.

**Note:** *There exist only few exceptions when attributes should not be cached. In general, parameterized attributes with parameters whose memoization (i.e., permanent storage in memory) might cause garbage collection problems should never be cached. E.g., when parameters are functions, callers of such attributes often construct the respective arguments – i.e., functions – on the fly as anonymous functions. In most Scheme systems every time an anonymous function is constructed it forms a new entity in memory, even if the same function constructing code is consecutively executed. Since attributes are cached w.r.t. their parameters, the cache of such attributes with anonymous function arguments might be cluttered up. If a piece of code constructing an anonymous function and using it as an argument for a cached attribute is executed several times, it might never have a cache hit and always store a cache entry for the function argument/attribute value pair. There is no guarantee that RACR handles this issue, because there is no guaranteed way in Scheme to decide if two anonymous function entities are actually the same function (RACR uses `equal?` for parameter comparison). A similar caching issue arises if attribute parameters can be AST nodes. Consider a node that has been argument of an attribute is deleted by a rewrite. Even the node is deleted, it and the AST it spans will still be stored as key in the cache of the attribute. It is only deleted from the cache of the attribute, if the cache of the attribute is flushed because of an AST rewrite influencing its value (including the special case, that the attribute is influenced by the deleted node).*

```
(specify-attribute spec
  'att ; Define the attribute att ...
  'N   ; in the context of N nodes their ...
  'B   ; B child (thus, the attribute is inherited). Further, the attribute is ...
  #f   ; not cached ,...
  (lambda (n para) ; parameterised (one parameter named para) and...
```

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```
...)  
(cons ; circular .  
  bottom-value  
  equivalence-function)) ; E.g., equal?  
; Meta specification : Specify an attribute using another attribute grammar:  
(apply  
  specify-attribute  
  (att-value 'attribute-computing-attribute-definition meta-compiler-ast))
```

```
(ag-rule  
  attribute-name  
  ; Arbitrary many, but at least one, definitions of any of the following forms:  
  ((non-terminal context-name) equation) ; Default: cached and non-circular  
  ((non-terminal context-name) cached? equation)  
  ((non-terminal context-name) equation bottom equivalence-function)  
  ((non-terminal context-name) cached? equation bottom equivalence-function)  
  (non-terminal equation) ; No context name = synthesized attribute  
  (non-terminal cached? equation)  
  (non-terminal equation bottom equivalence-function)  
  (non-terminal cached? equation bottom equivalence-function))  
; attribute-name, non-terminal, context-name: Scheme identifiers, not symbols!
```

Syntax definition which eases the specification of attributes by:

- Permitting the specification of arbitrary many definitions for a certain attribute for different contexts without the need to repeat the attribute name several times
- Automatic quoting of attribute names (thus, the given name must be an ordinary identifier)
- Automatic quoting of non-terminals and context names (thus, contexts must be ordinary identifiers)
- Optional caching and circularity information (by default caching is enabled and attribute definitions are non-circular)
- Context names of synthesized attribute definitions can be left

The `ag-rule` form exists only for convenient reasons. All its functionalities can also be achieved using `specify-attribute`.

**Note:** *Sometimes attribute definitions shall be computed by a Scheme function rather than being statically defined. In such cases the `ag-rule` form is not appropriate, because it expects identifiers for the attribute name and contexts. Moreover, the automatic context name quoting prohibits the specification of contexts using child indices. The `specify-attribute` function must be used instead.*

```
(compile-ag-specifications spec)
```

Calling this function finishes the AG specification phase of the given *RACR* specification, such that it is now in the evaluation phase where ASTs can be instantiated, evaluated,



annotated and rewritten. An exception is thrown, if the given specification is not in the AG specification phase.

## 4.2. Evaluation and Querying

```
(att-value attribute-name node . arguments)
```

Given a node, return the value of one of its attribute instances. In case no proper attribute instance is associated with the node itself, the search is extended to find a broadcast solution. If required, the found attribute instance is evaluated, whereupon all its meta-information like dependencies etc. are computed. The function has a variable number of arguments, whereas its optional parameters are the actual arguments for parameterized attributes. An exception is thrown, if the given node is a bud-node, no properly named attribute instance can be found, the wrong number of arguments is given, the attribute instance depends on itself but its definition is not declared to be circular or the attribute equation is erroneous (i.e., its evaluation aborts with an exception).

; Let n be an AST node:

(att-value 'att n) ; Query attribute instance of n that represents attribute att

(att-value 'lookup n "myVar") ; Query parameterised attribute with one argument

; Dynamic attribute dispatch:

(att-value

  (att-value 'attribute-computing-attribute-name n)

  (att-value 'reference-attribute-computing-AST-node n))



## 5. Rewriting

A very common compiler construction task is to incrementally change the structure of ASTs and evaluate some of their attributes in-between. Typical examples are interactive editors with static semantic analyses, code optimisations or incremental AST transformations. In such scenarios, some means to rewrite (partially) evaluated ASTs, without discarding already evaluated and still valid attribute values, is required. On the other hand, the caches of evaluated attributes, whose value can change because of an AST manipulation, must be flushed. Attribute grammar systems supporting such a behaviour are called incremental. *RACR* supports incremental attribute evaluation in the form of rewrite functions. The rewrite functions of *RACR* provide an advanced and convenient interface to perform complex AST manipulations and ensure optimal incremental attribute evaluation (i.e., rewrites only flush the caches of the attributes they influence).

Of course, rewrite functions can be arbitrarily applied within complex *Scheme* programs. In particular, attribute values can be used to compute the rewrites to apply, e.g., rewrites may be only applied for certain program execution paths with the respective control-flow depending on attribute values. However, *RACR* does not permit rewrites throughout the evaluation of an attribute associated with the rewritten AST. The reason for this restriction is, that rewrites within attribute equations can easily yield unexpected results, because the final AST resulting after evaluating all attributes queried can depend on the order of queries (e.g., the order in which a user accesses attributes for their value). By prohibiting rewrites during attribute evaluation, *RACR* protects users before non-confluent behaviour.

Additionally, *RACR* ensures, that rewrites always yield valid ASTs. It is not permitted to insert an AST fragment into a context expecting a fragment of different type or to insert a single AST fragment into several different ASTs, into several places within the same AST or into its own subtree using rewrites. In case of violation, the respective rewrite throws a runtime exception. The reason for this restrictions are, that attribute grammars are not defined for arbitrary graphs but only for trees.

Figure 5.1 summarises the conditions under which *RACR*'s rewrite functions throw runtime exceptions. Marks denote exception cases. E.g., applications of `rewrite-add` whereat the context 1 is not a list-node are not permitted. Rewrite exceptions are thrown at runtime, because in general it is impossible to check for proper rewriting using source code analyses. *Scheme* is Turing complete and ASTs, rewrite applications and their arguments can be computed by arbitrary *Scheme* programs.

### 5.1. Primitive Rewrite Functions

		<div> <div>(rewrite-terminal n i v)</div> <div>(rewrite-refine n t . c)</div> <div>(rewrite-abstract n t)</div> <div>(rewrite-add l e)</div> <div>(rewrite-insert l i e)</div> <div>(rewrite-delete n)</div> <div>(rewrite-subtree n n2)</div> </div>						
Context	Not AST Node	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Bud-Node	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	List-Node	x	x	x			x	
	Not List-Node				x	x		
	Not Element of List-Node						x	
New Node(s)	Wrong Number		x					
	Do not fit		x		x	x		x
	No Root(s)		x		x	x		x
	Context is in Subtree		x		x	x		x
New Type	Not AST Node Type		x	x				
	Not Subtype of Context		x					
	Not Supertype of Context			x				
	Does not fit in Context			x				
Attribute(s) in Evaluation		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Child does not exist		x				x		
Child is AST Node		x						
Context: n, 1		New Nodes: c, e, n2			New Type: t			

Figure 5.1.: Runtime Exceptions of RACR's Primitive Rewrite Functions

```
(rewrite-terminal i n new-value)
```

Given a node *n*, a child index *i* and an arbitrary value *new-value*, change the value of *n*'s *i*'th child, which must be a terminal, to *new-value*. Thereby, the caches of any influenced attributes are flushed and dependencies are maintained. An exception is thrown, if *n* has no *i*'th child, *n*'s *i*'th child is no terminal or any attributes of the AST *n* is part of are in evaluation. If rewriting succeeds, the old/rewritten value of the terminal is returned.

**Note:** *rewrite-terminal* does not compare the old and new value for equivalence. If they are equal, the rewrite is still performed such that the caches of depending attributes are flushed. Developers are responsible to avoid such unnecessary rewrites.

```
(rewrite-refine n t . c)
```

Given a node *n* of arbitrary type, a non-terminal type *t*, which is a subtype of *n*'s current type, and arbitrary many non-terminal nodes and terminal values *c*, rewrite the type of *n* to *t* and add *c* as children for the additional contexts *t* introduces compared to *n*'s current type. Thereby, the caches of any influenced attributes are flushed and dependencies are maintained. An exception is thrown, if *t* is no subtype of *n*, not enough or too much additional context children are given, any of the additional context children does not fit, any attributes of the AST *n* is part of or of any of the ASTs spanned by the additional children are in evaluation, any of the additional children already is part of another AST or *n* is within the AST of any of the additional children.

**Note:** Since *list*, *bud* and *terminal* nodes have no type, they cannot be refined.

```
(let* ((spec (create-specification))
      (A
        (with-specification
          spec
          (ast-rule 'S->A)
          (ast-rule 'A->a)
          (ast-rule 'Aa:A->b-c)
          (compile-ast-specifications 'S)
          (compile-ag-specifications)
          (ast-child 'A
            (create-ast
              'S
              (list
                (create-ast 'A (list 1))))))))
  (assert (= (ast-num-children A) 1))
  (assert (eq? (ast-node-type A) 'A))
  ; Refine an A node to an Aa node. Note, that Aa nodes have two
  ; additional child contexts beside the one they inherit :
  (rewrite-refine A 'Aa 2 3)
  (assert (= (ast-num-children A) 3))
  (assert (eq? (ast-node-type A) 'Aa))
  (assert (= (- (ast-child 'c A) (ast-child 'a A)) (ast-child 'b A))))
```

```
(rewrite-abstract n t)
```

Given a node `n` of arbitrary type and a non-terminal type `t`, which is a supertype of `n`'s current type, rewrite the type of `n` to `t`. Superfluous children of `n` representing child contexts not known anymore by `n`'s new type `t` are deleted. Further, the caches of all influenced attributes are flushed and dependencies are maintained. An exception is thrown, if `t` is not a supertype of `n`'s current type, `t` does not fit w.r.t. the context in which `n` is or any attributes of the AST `n` is part of are in evaluation. If rewriting succeeds, a list containing the deleted superfluous children in their original order is returned.

**Note:** *Since list-, bud- and terminal nodes have no type, they cannot be abstracted.*

```
(let* ((spec (create-specification))
      (A
        (with-specification
          spec
          (ast-rule 'S->A)
          (ast-rule 'A->a)
          (ast-rule 'Aa:A->b-c)
          (compile-ast-specifications 'S)
          (compile-ag-specifications)
          (ast-child 'A
            (create-ast
              'S
              (list
                (create-ast 'Aa (list 1 2 3))))))))
      (assert (= (ast-num-children A) 3))
      (assert (eq? (ast-node-type A) 'Aa))
      ; Abstract an Aa node to an A node. Note, that A nodes have two
      ; less child contexts than Aa nodes:
      (rewrite-abstract A 'A)
      (assert (= (ast-num-children A) 1))
      (assert (eq? (ast-node-type A) 'A)))
```

```
(rewrite-subtree old-fragment new-fragment)
```

Given an AST node to replace (`old-fragment`) and its replacement (`new-fragment`) replace `old-fragment` by `new-fragment`. Thereby, the caches of any influenced attributes are flushed and dependencies are maintained. An exception is thrown, if `new-fragment` does not fit, `old-fragment` is not part of an AST (i.e., has no parent node), any attributes of either fragment are in evaluation, `new-fragment` already is part of another AST or `old-fragment` is within the AST spanned by `new-fragment`. If rewriting succeeds, the removed `old-fragment` is returned.

**Note:** *Besides ordinary node replacement also list-node replacement is supported. In case of a list-node replacement `rewrite-subtree` checks, that the elements of the replacement list `new-fragment` fit w.r.t. their new context.*

```
(rewrite-add l e)
```

Given a list-node `l` and another node `e` add `e` to `l`'s list of children (i.e., `e` becomes an element of `l`). Thereby, the caches of any influenced attributes are flushed and dependencies are maintained. An exception is thrown, if `l` is not a list-node, `e` does not fit w.r.t. `l`'s context, any attributes of either `l` or `e` are in evaluation, `e` already is part of another AST or `l` is within the AST spanned by `e`.

```
(rewrite-insert l i e)
```

Given a list-node `l`, a child index `i` and an AST node `e`, insert `e` as `i`'th element into `l`. Thereby, the caches of any influenced attributes are flushed and dependencies are maintained. An exception is thrown, if `l` is no list-node, `e` does not fit w.r.t. `l`'s context, `l` has not enough elements, such that no `i`'th position exists, any attributes of either `l` or `e` are in evaluation, `e` already is part of another AST or `l` is within the AST spanned by `e`.

```
(rewrite-delete n)
```

Given a node `n`, which is element of a list-node (i.e., its parent node is a list-node), delete it within the list. Thereby, the caches of any influenced attributes are flushed and dependencies are maintained. An exception is thrown, if `n` is no list-node element or any attributes of the AST it is part of are in evaluation. If rewriting succeeds, the deleted list element `n` is returned.

## 5.2. Rewrite Strategies

```
(perform-rewrites n strategy . transformers)
```

Given an AST root `n`, a strategy for traversing the subtree spanned by `n` and a set of transformers, apply the transformers on the nodes visited by the given strategy until no further transformations are possible (i.e., a normal form is established). Each transformer is a function with a single parameter which is the node currently visited by the strategy. The visit strategy applies each transformer on the currently visited node until either, one matches (i.e., performs a rewrite) or all fail. Thereby, each transformer decides, if it performs any rewrite for the currently visited node. If it does, it performs the rewrite and returns a truth value equal to `#t`, otherwise `#f`. If all transformers failed (i.e., non performed any rewrite), the visit strategy selects the next node to visit. If any transformer matched (i.e., performed a rewrite), the visit strategy is reseted and starts all over again. If the visit strategy has no further node to visit (i.e., all nodes to visit have been visited and no transformer matched) `perform-rewrites` terminates.

`Perform-rewrites` supports two general visit strategies, both deduced from term rewriting: (1) outermost (leftmost redex) and (2) innermost (rightmost redex) rewriting. In terms of ASTs, outermost rewriting prefers to rewrite the node closest to the root (top-down rewriting), whereas innermost rewriting only rewrites nodes when there does not exist any

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applicable rewrite within their subtree (bottom-up rewriting). In case several topmost or bottommost rewritable nodes exist, the leftmost is preferred in both approaches. The strategies can be selected by using `'top-down` and `'bottom-up` respectively as strategy argument.

An exception is thrown by `perform-rewrites`, if the given node `n` is no AST root or any applied transformer changes its root status by inserting it into some AST. Exceptions are also thrown, if the given transformers are not functions of arity one or do not accept an AST node as argument.

When terminating, `perform-rewrites` returns a list containing the respective result returned by each applied transformer in the order of their application (thus, the length of the list is the total number of transformations performed).

**Note:** *Transformers must realise their actual rewrites using primitive rewrite functions; They are responsible to ensure all constraints of applied primitive rewrite functions are satisfied since the rewrite functions throw exceptions as usual in case of any violation.*

**Note:** *It is the responsibility of the user to ensure, that transformers are properly implemented, i.e., they return true if, and only if, they perform any rewrite and if they perform a rewrite the rewrite does not cause any exception. In particular, `perform-rewrites` has no control about performed rewrites for which reason it is possible to implement a transformer violating the intension of a rewrite strategy, e.g., a transformer traversing the AST on its own and thereby rewriting arbitrary parts.*



## 6. AST Annotations

Often, additional information or functionalities, which can arbitrarily change or whose value and behaviour depends on time, have to be supported by ASTs. Examples are special node markers denoting certain imperative actions or stateful functions for certain AST nodes. Attributes are not appropriate in such cases, since their intension is to be side-effect free, such that their value does not depend on their query order or if they are cached. Further, it is not possible to arbitrarily attach attributes to ASTs. Equal contexts will always use equal attribute definitions for their attribute instances. To realise stateful or side-effect causing node dependent functionalities, the annotation API of *RACR* can be used. AST annotations are named entities associated with AST nodes that can be arbitrarily attached, detached, changed and queried. Thereby, annotation names are ordinary *Scheme* symbols and their values are arbitrary *Scheme* entities. However, to protect users against misuse, *RACR* does not permit, throughout the evaluation of an attribute, the application of any annotation functionalities on (other) nodes within the same AST the attribute is associated with.

### 6.1. Attachment

```
(ast-annotation-set! n a v)
```

Given a node *n*, a *Scheme* symbol *a* representing an annotation name and an arbitrary value *v*, add an annotation with name *a* and value *v* to *n*. If *n* already has an annotation named *a*, set its value to *v*. If *v* is a function, the value of the annotation is a function calling *v* with the node the annotation is associated with (i.e., *n*) as first argument and arbitrary many further given arguments. An exception is thrown if any attributes of the AST *n* is part of are in evaluation.

**Note:** Since terminal nodes as such cannot be retrieved (cf. *ast-child*), but only their value, the annotation of terminal nodes is not possible.

```
(let ((n (function-returning-an-ast)))
  ; Attach annotations:
  (ast-annotation-set! n 'integer-value 3)
  (ast-annotation-set!
   n
   'function-value
   (lambda (associated-node integer-argument)
     integer-argument))
  ; Query annotations:
  (assert
```

```
(=
  (ast-annotation n 'integer-value)
  ; Apply the value of the 'function-value annotation. Note, that
  ; the returned function has one parameter (integer-argument). The
  ; associated-node parameter is automatically bound to n:
  ((ast-annotation n 'function-value) 3)))
```

```
(ast-weave-annotations n t a v)
```

Given a node `n` spanning an arbitrary AST fragment, a node type `t` and an annotation name `a` and value `v`, add to each node of type `t` of the fragment, which does not yet have an equally named annotation, the given annotation using `ast-annotation-set!`. An exception is thrown, if any attributes of the AST `n` is part of are in evaluation.

**Note:** To annotate all list- or bud-nodes within ASTs, `'list-node` or `'bud-node` can be used as node type `t` respectively.

```
(ast-annotation-remove! n a)
```

Given a node `n` and an annotation name `a`, remove any equally named annotation associated with `n`. An exception is thrown, if any attributes of the AST `n` is part of are in evaluation.

### 6.2. Querying

```
(ast-annotation? n a)
```

Given a node `n` and an annotation name `a`, return whether `n` has an annotation with name `a` or not. An exception is thrown, if any attributes of the AST `n` is part of are in evaluation.

```
(ast-annotation n a)
```

Given a node `n` and an annotation name `a`, return the value of the respective annotation of `n` (i.e., the value of the annotation with name `a` that is associated with the node `n`). An exception is thrown, if `n` has no such annotation or any attributes of the AST it is part of are in evaluation.

## 7. Support API

```
(with-specification
  expression-yielding-specification
  ; Arbitrary many further expressions :
  ...)
```

Syntax definition which eases the use of common *RACR* library functions by providing an environment where mandatory *RACR* specification parameters are already bound to a given specification. The `with-specification` form defines for every *RACR* function with a specification parameter an equally named version without the specification parameter and uses the value of its first expression argument as default specification for the newly defined functions (colloquially explained, it rebinds the *RACR* functions with specification parameters to simplified versions where the specification parameters are already bounded). The scope of the simplified functions are the expressions following the first one. Similarly to the `begin` form, `with-specification` evaluates each of its expression arguments in sequence and returns the value of its last argument. If the value of the last argument is not defined, also the value of `with-specification` is not defined.

```
(assert
  (=
    (att-value
      'length
      (with-specification
        (create-specification)

        (ast-rule 'S->List)
        (ast-rule 'List->)
        (ast-rule 'NonNil:List->elem-List<Rest)
        (ast-rule 'Nil:List->)
        (compile-ast-specifications 'S)

        (ag-rule
          length
          (S
            (lambda (n)
              (att-value 'length (ast-child 'List n))))
          (NonNil
            (lambda (n)
              (+ (att-value 'length (ast-child 'Rest n)) 1)))
          (Nil
            (lambda (n)
              0))))
```

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```
(compile-ag-specifications)

(create-ast 'S (list
  (create-ast 'NonNil (list
    1
    (create-ast 'NonNil (list
      2
      (create-ast 'Nil (list))))))))
2))
```

```
(specification->phase spec)
```

Given a *RACR* specification, return in which specification phase it currently is. Possible return values are:

- AST specification phase: 1
- AG specification phase: 2
- Evaluation phase: 3

```
(let ((spec (create-specification)))
  (assert (= (specification->phase spec) 1))
  (ast-rule spec 'S->)
  (compile-ast-specifications spec 'S)
  (assert (= (specification->phase spec) 2))
  (compile-ag-specifications spec)
  (assert (= (specification->phase spec) 3)))
```

# Appendix



## A. Bibliography

*RACR* is based on previous research in the fields of attribute grammars and rewriting. For convenient programming, *RACR* developers should be familiar with the basic concepts of these fields. This includes attribute grammar extensions and techniques like reference, parameterised and circular attributes and demand-driven and incremental attribute evaluation and rewriting basics like matching and rules consisting of left- and right-hand sides.

To understand the advantages, in particular regarding expressiveness and complexity, of combining attribute grammars and rewriting, it is also helpful to know basic rewrite approaches, their limitations and relationships (term rewriting, context-free and sensitive graph rewriting). Knowledge in programmed or strategic rewriting may be additionally helpful to get started in the development of more complex rewrites whose applications are steered by attributes.

The following bibliography summarises the literature most important for *RACR*. It is grouped w.r.t. attribute grammars and rewriting and respective research problems. References are not exclusively classified; Instead references are listed in all problem categories they are related to. To support *Scheme* and compiler construction novices, also some basic literature is given. It is highly recommended to become used to *Scheme* programming and compiler construction concepts before looking into *RACR*, attribute grammar or rewriting details. An overview of recent and historically important attribute grammar and rewrite systems and applications complements the bibliography.

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1 ; This program and the accompanying materials are made available under the
2 ; terms of the MIT license (X11 license) which accompanies this distribution.
3
4 ; Author: C. Bürger
5
6 #!r6rs
7
8 (library
9   (racr)
10  (export
11    ; Specification interface:
12    (rename (make-racr-specification create-specification))
13    with-specification
14    (rename (specify-ast-rule ast-rule))
15    (rename (specify-ag-rule ag-rule))
16    specify-attribute
17    specify-pattern-attribute
18    compile-ast-specifications
19    compile-ag-specifications
20    ; Specification query interface:
21    (rename
22      (racr-specification-specification-phase specification->phase)
23      (racr-specification-start-symbol specification->start-symbol)
24      (racr-specification-rules-list specification->ast-rules)
25      (racr-specification-find-rule specification->find-ast-rule)
26      (ast-rule-as-symbol ast-rule->symbolic-representation)
27      (ast-rule-supertype? ast-rule->supertype)
28      (symbol-name symbol->name)
29      (symbol-non-terminal? symbol->non-terminal?)
30      (symbol-kleene? symbol->kleene?)
31      (symbol-context-name symbol->context-name)
32      (attribute-definition-name attribute->name)
33      (attribute-definition-circular? attribute->circular?)
34      (attribute-definition-synthesized? attribute->synthesized?)
35      (attribute-definition-inherited? attribute->inherited?)
36      (attribute-definition-cached? attribute->cached?))
37    ast-rule->production
38    symbol->attributes
39    ; AST construction interface:
40    create-ast
41    create-ast-list
42    create-ast-bud
43    create-ast-mockup
44    ; AST & attribute query interface:
45    (rename (node? ast-node?))
46    ast-specification
47    ast-node-type
48    (rename
49      (node-list-node? ast-list-node?)
50      (node-bud-node? ast-bud-node?))
51    ast-subtype?
52    ast-has-parent?
53    ast-parent
54    ast-has-child?
55    ast-child
56    ast-has-sibling?
57    ast-sibling
58    ast-child-index
59    ast-num-children
60    ast-children
61    ast-for-each-child
62    ast-find-child
63    ast-find-child*
64    att-value
65    ; Rewrite interface:
66    perform-rewrites
67    rewrite-terminal
68    rewrite-refine
69    rewrite-abstract
70    rewrite-subtree
71    rewrite-add
72    rewrite-insert
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73  rewrite-delete
74  ; AST annotation interface:
75  ast-weave-annotations
76  ast-annotation?
77  ast-annotation
78  ast-annotation-set!
79  ast-annotation-remove!
80  ; Utility interface:
81  print-ast
82  racr-exception?
83  (import (rnrs) (rnrs mutable-pairs))
84
85  ;
86  ; ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
87  ; :::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::: Internal Data Structures ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
88  ;
89  ; Constructor for unique entities internally used by the RACR system
90  (define-record-type racr-nil-record
91    (sealed #t)(opaque #t))
92  (define racr-nil (make-racr-nil-record)) ; Unique value indicating undefined RACR entities
93
94  ; Record type representing RACR compiler specifications. A compiler specification consists of arbitrary
95  ; many AST rule, attribute and rewrite specifications, all aggregated into a set of rules stored in a
96  ; non-terminal-symbol -> ast-rule hashtable, an actual compiler specification phase and a distinguished
97  ; start symbol. The specification phase is an internal flag indicating the RACR system the compiler's
98  ; specification progress. Possible phases are:
99  ; 1 : AST specification
100 ; 2 : AG specification
101 ; 3 : Rewrite specification
102 ; 4 : Specification finished
103 (define-record-type racr-specification
104   (fields (mutable specification-phase) rules-table (mutable start-symbol))
105   (opaque #t)(sealed #t)
106   (protocol
107     (lambda (new)
108       (lambda ()
109         (new 1 (make-eq-hashtable 50) racr-nil))))))
110
111 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given a RACR specification and a non-terminal, return the
112 ; non-terminal's AST rule or #f if it is undefined.
113 (define racr-specification-find-rule
114   (lambda (spec non-terminal)
115     (hashtable-ref (racr-specification-rules-table spec) non-terminal #f)))
116
117 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given a RACR specification return a list of its AST rules.
118 (define racr-specification-rules-list
119   (lambda (spec)
120     (call-with-values
121       (lambda ()
122         (hashtable-entries (racr-specification-rules-table spec)))
123       (lambda (key-vector value-vector)
124         (vector->list value-vector))))))
125
126 ; Record type for AST rules; An AST rule has a reference to the RACR specification it belongs to and consist
127 ; of its symbolic encoding, a production (i.e., a list of production-symbols) and an optional supertype.
128 (define-record-type ast-rule
129   (fields specification as-symbol (mutable production) (mutable supertype?))
130   (opaque #t)(sealed #t))
131
132 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an AST rule find a certain child context by name. If the rule defines no such
133 ; context, return #f, otherwise the the production symbol defining the respective context.
134 (define ast-rule-find-child-context
135   (lambda (r context-name)
136     (find
137       (lambda (symbol)
138         (eq? (symbol-context-name symbol) context-name))
139       (cdr (ast-rule-production r)))))
140
141 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given two rules r1 and r2, return whether r1 is a subtype of r2 or not. The subtype
142 ; relationship is reflexive, i.e., every type is a subtype of itself.
143 ; BEWARE: Only works correct if supertypes are resolved, otherwise an exception can be thrown!
144 (define ast-rule-subtype?
145   (lambda (r1 r2)
146     (and
147       (eq? (ast-rule-specification r1) (ast-rule-specification r2))
148       (let loop ((r1 r1))
149         (cond
150           ((eq? r1 r2) #t)
151           ((ast-rule-supertype? r1) (loop (ast-rule-supertype? r1)))
152           (else #f)))))
153
154 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given a rule, return a list containing all its subtypes except the rule itself.
155 ; BEWARE: Only works correct if supertypes are resolved, otherwise an exception can be thrown!
156 (define ast-rule-subtypes
157   (lambda (rule1)
158     (filter
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159      (lambda (rule2)
160        (and (not (eq? rule2 rule1)) (ast-rule-subtype? rule2 rule1)))
161      (racr-specification-rules-list (ast-rule-specification rule1))))))
162
163 ; Record type for production symbols; A production symbol is part of a certain ast rule and has name,
164 ; a flag indicating whether it is a non-terminal or not (later resolved to the actual AST rule representing
165 ; the respective non-terminal), a flag indicating whether it represents a Kleene closure (i.e., is a list
166 ; of certain type) or not, a context-name unambiguously referencing it within the production it is part of
167 ; and a list of attributes defined for it.
168 (define-record-type (symbol make-production-symbol production-symbol?)
169   (fields name ast-rule (mutable non-terminal?) kleene? context-name (mutable attributes))
170   (opaque #t)(sealed #t))
171
172 ; Record type for attribute definitions. An attribute definition has a certain name, a definition context
173 ; (i.e., a symbol of an AST rule), an equation and an optional circularity-definition used for fix-point
174 ; computations. Further, attribute definitions specify whether the value of instances of the defined
175 ; attribute are cached. Circularity-definitions are (bottom-value equivalence-function) pairs, whereby
176 ; bottom-value is the value fix-point computations start with and equivalence-functions are used to decide
177 ; whether a fix-point is reached or not (i.e., equivalence-functions are arbitrary functions of arity two
178 ; computing whether two given arguments are equal or not).
179 (define-record-type attribute-definition
180   (fields name context equation circularity-definition cached?)
181   (opaque #t)(sealed #t))
182
183 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an attribute definition, check if instances can depend on
184 ; themselves (i.e., be circular) or not.
185 (define attribute-definition-circular?
186   (lambda (att)
187     (if (attribute-definition-circularity-definition att) #t #f)))
188
189 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an attribute definition, return whether it specifies
190 ; a synthesized attribute or not.
191 (define attribute-definition-synthesized?
192   (lambda (att-def)
193     (let ((symbol (attribute-definition-context att-def)))
194       (eq? (car (ast-rule-production (symbol-ast-rule symbol))) symbol))))
195
196 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an attribute definition, return whether it specifies
197 ; an inherited attribute or not.
198 (define attribute-definition-inherited?
199   (lambda (att-def)
200     (not (attribute-definition-synthesized? att-def))))
201
202 ; Record type for AST nodes. AST nodes have a reference to the evaluator state used for evaluating their
203 ; attributes and rewrites, the AST rule they represent a context of, their parent, children, attribute
204 ; instances, attribute cache entries they influence and annotations.
205 (define-record-type node
206   (fields
207     (mutable evaluator-state)
208     (mutable ast-rule)
209     (mutable parent)
210     (mutable children)
211     (mutable attributes)
212     (mutable cache-influences)
213     (mutable annotations))
214   (opaque #t)(sealed #t)
215   (protocol
216     (lambda (new)
217       (lambda (ast-rule parent children)
218         (new
219          #f
220          ast-rule
221          parent
222          children
223          (list)
224          (list)
225          (list))))))
226
227 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given a node, return whether it is a terminal or not.
228 (define node-terminal?
229   (lambda (n)
230     (eq? (node-ast-rule n) 'terminal)))
231
232 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given a node, return whether it is a non-terminal or not.
233 (define node-non-terminal?
234   (lambda (n)
235     (not (node-terminal? n))))
236
237 (define node-list-node?
238   (lambda (n)
239     (eq? (node-ast-rule n) 'list-node)))
240
241 (define node-bud-node?
242   (lambda (n)
243     (eq? (node-ast-rule n) 'bud-node)))
244

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245 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given a node, return its child-index if it has a parent, otherwise return #f.
246 (define node-child-index?
247   (lambda (n)
248     (if (node-parent n)
249         (let loop ((children (node-children (node-parent n)))
250                     (pos 1))
251           (if (eq? (car children) n)
252               pos
253               (loop (cdr children) (+ pos 1))))
254         #f)))
255
256 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given a node find a certain child by name. If the node has
257 ; no such child, return #f, otherwise the child.
258 (define node-find-child
259   (lambda (n context-name)
260     (and (not (node-list-node? n))
261          (not (node-bud-node? n))
262          (not (node-terminal? n))
263          (let loop ((contexts (cdr (ast-rule-production (node-ast-rule n)))
264                          (children (node-children n)))
265                    (if (null? contexts)
266                        #f
267                        (if (eq? (symbol-context-name (car contexts)) context-name
268                            (car children)
269                            (loop (cdr contexts) (cdr children)))))))
270
271 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given a node find a certain attribute associated with it. If the node
272 ; has no such attribute, return #f, otherwise the attribute.
273 (define node-find-attribute
274   (lambda (n name)
275     (find
276      (lambda (att)
277        (eq? (attribute-definition-name (attribute-instance-definition att)) name))
278      (node-attributes n)))
279
280 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given two nodes n1 and n2, return whether n1 is within the subtree spanned by n2 or not.
281 (define node-inside-of?
282   (lambda (n1 n2)
283     (cond
284       ((eq? n1 n2) #t)
285       ((node-parent n1) (node-inside-of? (node-parent n1) n2))
286       (else #f))))
287
288 ; Record type for attribute instances of a certain attribute definition, associated with
289 ; a certain node (context) and a cache.
290 (define-record-type attribute-instance
291   (fields (mutable definition) (mutable context) cache)
292   (opaque #t)(sealed #t)
293   (protocol
294    (lambda (new)
295      (lambda (definition context)
296        (new definition context (make-hashtable equal-hash equal? 1))))))
297
298 ; Record type for attribute cache entries. Attribute cache entries represent the values of
299 ; and dependencies between attribute instances evaluated for certain arguments. The attribute
300 ; instance of which an entry represents a value is called its context. If an entry already
301 ; is evaluated, it caches the result of its context evaluated for its arguments. If an entry is
302 ; not evaluated but its context is circular it stores an intermediate result of its fixpoint
303 ; computation, called cycle value. Entries also track whether they are already in evaluation or
304 ; not, such that the attribute evaluator can detect unexpected cycles.
305 (define-record-type attribute-cache-entry
306   (fields
307     (mutable context)
308     (mutable arguments)
309     (mutable value)
310     (mutable cycle-value)
311     (mutable entered?)
312     (mutable node-dependencies)
313     (mutable cache-dependencies)
314     (mutable cache-influences))
315   (opaque #t)(sealed #t)
316   (protocol
317    (lambda (new)
318      (lambda (att arguments) ; att: The attribute instance for which to construct a cache entry
319        (new
320         att
321         arguments
322         racr-nil
323         (let ((circular? (attribute-definition-circularity-definition (attribute-instance-definition att))))
324           (if circular?
325               (car circular?)
326               racr-nil))
327         #f
328         (list)
329         (list)
330         (list))))))
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331
332 ; Record type representing the internal state of RACR systems throughout their execution, i.e., while
333 ; evaluating attributes and rewriting ASTs. An evaluator state consists of a flag indicating if the AG
334 ; currently performs a fix-point evaluation, a flag indicating if throughout a fix-point iteration the
335 ; value of an attribute changed and an attribute evaluation stack used for dependency tracking.
336 (define-record-type evaluator-state
337   (fields (mutable ag-in-cycle?) (mutable ag-cycle-change?) (mutable evaluation-stack))
338   (opaque #t)(sealed #t)
339   (protocol
340     (lambda (new)
341       (lambda ()
342         (new #f #f (list))))))
343
344 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an evaluator state, return whether it represents an evaluation in progress or
345 ; not; If it represents an evaluation in progress return the current attribute in evaluation, otherwise #f.
346 (define evaluator-state-in-evaluation?
347   (lambda (state)
348     (and (not (null? (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack state))) (car (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack state)))))
349
350 ;
351 ; ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
352 ; :::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::: Specification Query Interface ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
353 ; ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
354 (define ast-rule->production
355   (lambda (rule)
356     (append (ast-rule-production rule) (list)))) ; Create copy!
357
358 (define symbol->attributes
359   (lambda (symbol)
360     (append (symbol-attributes symbol) (list)))) ; Create copy!
361
362 ;
363 ; :::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::: Utility ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
364 ; ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
365
366 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an arbitrary Scheme entity, construct a string
367 ; representation of it using display.
368 (define object->string
369   (lambda (x)
370     (call-with-string-output-port
371       (lambda (port)
372         (display x port))))))
373
374 (define-condition-type racr-exception &violation make-racr-exception racr-exception?)
375
376 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an arbitrary sequence of strings and other Scheme entities, concatenate them to
377 ; form an error message and throw a special RACR exception with the constructed message. Any entity that is
378 ; not a string is treated as error information embedded in the error message between [ and ] characters,
379 ; whereby the actual string representation of the entity is obtained using object->string.
380 (define-syntax throw-exception
381   (syntax-rules ()
382     ((_ m-part ...)
383      (raise-continuable
384        (condition
385          (make-racr-exception)
386          (make-message-condition
387            (string-append
388              "RACR exception: "
389              (let ((m-part* m-part*))
390                (if (string? m-part*)
391                  m-part*
392                  (string-append "[" (object->string m-part*) "]"))) ...)))))))
393
394 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Procedure sequentially applying a function on all the AST rules of a set of rules which
395 ; inherit, whereby supertypes are processed before their subtypes.
396 (define apply-wrt-ast-inheritance
397   (lambda (func rules)
398     (let loop ((resolved ; The set of all AST rules that are already processed....
399                 (filter ; ...Initially it consists of all the rules that have no supertypes.
400                   (lambda (rule)
401                     (not (ast-rule-supertype? rule)))
402                   rules))
403       (to-check ; The set of all AST rules that still must be processed....
404         (filter ; ...Initially it consists of all the rules that have supertypes.
405           (lambda (rule)
406             (ast-rule-supertype? rule))
407           rules)))
408     (let ((to-resolve ; ...Find a rule that still must be processed and...
409             (find
410               (lambda (rule)
411                 (memq (ast-rule-supertype? rule) resolved)) ; ...whose supertype already has been processed....
412               to-check)))
413       (when to-resolve ; ...If such a rule exists,...
414         (func to-resolve) ; ...process it and...
415         (loop (cons to-resolve resolved) (remq to-resolve to-check)))))) ; ...recur.
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418 ; ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
419 ; :::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::: Support API ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
420 ;
421 ; Given an AST, an association list L of attribute pretty-printers and an output port, print a
422 ; human-readable ASCII representation of the AST on the output port. The elements of the association list
423 ; L are (attribute-name pretty-printing-function) pairs. Every attribute for which L contains an entry is
424 ; printed when the AST node it is associated with is printed. Thereby, the given pretty printing function
425 ; is applied to the attribute's value before printing it. Beware: The output port is never closed by this
426 ; function - neither in case of an io-exception nor after finishing printing the AST.
427 (define print-ast
428   (lambda (ast attribute-pretty-printer-list output-port)
429     (letrec ((print-indentation
430               (lambda (n)
431                 (if (> n 0)
432                     (begin
433                       (print-indentation (- n 1))
434                       (my-display " |")
435                       (my-display #\newline))))
436             (my-display
437               (lambda (to-display)
438                 (display to-display output-port))))
439       (let loop ((ast-depth 0)
440                 (ast ast))
441         (cond
442          ((node-list-node? ast) ; Print list nodes
443           (print-indentation ast-depth)
444           (print-indentation ast-depth)
445           (my-display "-* ")
446           (my-display
447             (symbol->string
448              (symbol-name
449               (list-ref
450                (ast-rule-production (node-ast-rule (node-parent ast)))
451                (ast-child-index ast))))))
452          (for-each
453           (lambda (element)
454             (loop (+ ast-depth 1) element))
455           (node-children ast)))
456          ((node-bud-node? ast) ; Print bud nodes
457           (print-indentation ast-depth)
458           (print-indentation ast-depth)
459           (my-display "-@ bud-node"))
460          ((node-non-terminal? ast) ; Print non-terminal
461           (print-indentation ast-depth)
462           (print-indentation ast-depth)
463           (my-display "-\\ ")
464           (my-display (symbol->string (ast-node-type ast)))
465           (for-each
466            (lambda (att)
467              (let* ((name (attribute-definition-name (attribute-instance-definition att)))
468                     (pretty-printer-entry (assq name attribute-pretty-printer-list)))
469                (when pretty-printer-entry
470                  (print-indentation (+ ast-depth 1))
471                  (my-display " <")
472                  (my-display (symbol->string name))
473                  (my-display "> ")
474                  (my-display ((cdr pretty-printer-entry) (att-value name ast))))))
475            (node-attributes ast))
476          (for-each
477           (lambda (child)
478             (loop (+ ast-depth 1) child))
479           (node-children ast)))
480          (else ; Print terminal
481           (print-indentation ast-depth)
482           (my-display "- ")
483           (my-display (node-children ast))))
484       (my-display #\newline))))
485
486 (define-syntax with-specification
487   (lambda (x)
488     (syntax-case x ()
489       ((k spec body ...)
490        #'(let* ((spec* spec)
491                  (#,(datum->syntax #'k 'ast-rule)
492                   (lambda (rule)
493                     (specify-ast-rule spec* rule)))
494                  (#,(datum->syntax #'k 'compile-ast-specifications)
495                   (lambda (start-symbol)
496                     (compile-ast-specifications spec* start-symbol)))
497                  (#,(datum->syntax #'k 'compile-ag-specifications)
498                   (lambda ()
499                     (compile-ag-specifications spec*)))
500                  (#,(datum->syntax #'k 'create-ast)
501                   (lambda (rule children)
502                     (create-ast spec* rule children))))
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503         (#,(datum->syntax #'k 'specification-phase)
504         (lambda ()
505           (racr-specification-specification-phase spec*)))
506         (#,(datum->syntax #'k 'specify-attribute)
507         (lambda (att-name non-terminal index cached? equation circ-def)
508           (specify-attribute spec* att-name non-terminal index cached? equation circ-def)))
509         (#,(datum->syntax #'k 'specify-pattern-attribute)
510         (lambda (att-name distinguished-node fragments references)
511           (specify-pattern-attribute spec* att-name distinguished-node fragments references))))
512   (let-syntax ((#,(datum->syntax #'k 'ag-rule)
513               (syntax-rules ()
514                 ((_ attribute-name definition (... ...))
515                  (specify-ag-rule spec* attribute-name definition (... ...))))))
516     body ...))))
517
518 ; .....
519 ; ..... Abstract Syntax Tree Annotations .....
520 ; .....
521
522 (define ast-weave-annotations
523   (lambda (node type name value)
524     (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state node))
525       (throw-exception
526        "Cannot weave " name " annotation; "
527        "There are attributes in evaluation."))
528     (when (not (ast-annotation? node name))
529       (cond
530        ((and (not (node-list-node? node)) (not (node-bud-node? node)) (ast-subtype? node type))
531         (ast-annotation-set! node name value))
532        ((and (node-list-node? node) (eq? type 'list-node))
533         (ast-annotation-set! node name value))
534        ((and (node-bud-node? node) (eq? type 'bud-node))
535         (ast-annotation-set! node name value))))
536     (for-each
537      (lambda (child)
538        (unless (node-terminal? child)
539          (ast-weave-annotations child type name value)))
540      (node-children node)))
541
542 (define ast-annotation?
543   (lambda (node name)
544     (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state node))
545       (throw-exception
546        "Cannot check for " name " annotation; "
547        "There are attributes in evaluation."))
548     (assq name (node-annotations node))))
549
550 (define ast-annotation
551   (lambda (node name)
552     (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state node))
553       (throw-exception
554        "Cannot access " name " annotation; "
555        "There are attributes in evaluation."))
556     (let ((annotation (ast-annotation? node name)))
557       (if annotation
558         (cdr annotation)
559         (throw-exception
560          "Cannot access " name " annotation; "
561          "The given node has no such annotation."))))))
562
563 (define ast-annotation-set!
564   (lambda (node name value)
565     (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state node))
566       (throw-exception
567        "Cannot set " name " annotation; "
568        "There are attributes in evaluation."))
569     (when (not (symbol? name))
570       (throw-exception
571        "Cannot set " name " annotation; "
572        "Annotation names must be Scheme symbols."))
573     (let ((annotation (ast-annotation? node name))
574           (value
575            (if (procedure? value)
576                (lambda args
577                  (apply value node args))
578                value)))
579       (if annotation
580         (set-cdr! annotation value)
581         (node-annotations-set! node (cons (cons name value) (node-annotations node))))))
582
583 (define ast-annotation-remove!
584   (lambda (node name)
585     (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state node))
586       (throw-exception
587        "Cannot remove " name " annotation; "
588        "There are attributes in evaluation."))

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589 (node-annotations-set!
590   node
591   (remp
592     (lambda (entry)
593       (eq? (car entry) name))
594     (node-annotations node))))))
595
596 ;
597 ; ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
598 ; ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
599 ;
600 (define specify-ast-rule
601   (lambda (spec rule)
602     ;; Ensure, that the RACR system is in the correct specification phase:
603     (when (> (racr-specification-specification-phase spec) 1)
604       (throw-exception
605         "Unexpected AST rule " rule "; "
606         "AST rules can only be defined in the AST specification phase."))
607     (letrec* ((ast-rule ; The parsed AST rule that will be added to the given specification.
608               (make-ast-rule
609                 spec
610                 rule
611                 racr-nil
612                 racr-nil))
613               (rule-string (symbol->string rule)) ; String representation of the encoded rule (used for parsing)
614               (pos 0) ; The current parsing position
615               ; Support function returning, whether the end of the parsing string is reached or not:
616               (eos?
617                 (lambda ()
618                   (= pos (string-length rule-string))))
619               ; Support function returning the current character to parse:
620               (my-peek-char
621                 (lambda ()
622                   (string-ref rule-string pos)))
623               ; Support function returning the current character to parse and incrementing the parsing position:
624               (my-read-char
625                 (lambda ()
626                   (let ((c (my-peek-char)))
627                     (set! pos (+ pos 1))
628                     c)))
629               ; Support function matching a certain character:
630               (match-char!
631                 (lambda (c)
632                   (if (eos?)
633                     (throw-exception
634                       "Unexpected end of AST rule " rule "; "
635                       "Expected " c " character.")
636                     (if (char=? (my-peek-char) c)
637                       (set! pos (+ pos 1))
638                       (throw-exception
639                         "Invalid AST rule " rule "; "
640                         "Unexpected " (my-peek-char) " character."))))))
641               ; Support function parsing a symbol, i.e., retrieving its name, type, if it is a list and optional context name.
642               (parse-symbol
643                 (lambda (location) ; location: l-hand, r-hand
644                   (let ((symbol-type (if (eq? location 'l-hand) "non-terminal" "terminal")))
645                     (when (eos?)
646                       (throw-exception
647                         "Unexpected end of AST rule " rule "; "
648                         "Expected " symbol-type "."))
649                     (let* ((parse-name
650                           (lambda (terminal?)
651                             (let ((name
652                                   (append
653                                     (let loop ((chars (list)))
654                                       (if (and (not (eos?)) (char-alphabetic? (my-peek-char)))
655                                         (begin
656                                           (when (and terminal? (not (char-lower-case? (my-peek-char))))
657                                             (throw-exception
658                                               "Invalid AST rule " rule "; "
659                                               "Unexpected " (my-peek-char) " character."))
660                                           (loop (cons (my-read-char) chars)))
661                                         (reverse chars)))
662                                     (let loop ((chars (list)))
663                                       (if (and (not (eos?)) (char-numeric? (my-peek-char)))
664                                           (loop (cons (my-read-char) chars))
665                                           (reverse chars))))))
666                               (when (null? name)
667                                 (throw-exception
668                                   "Unexpected " (my-peek-char) " character in AST rule " rule "; "
669                                   "Expected " symbol-type "."))
670                               (unless (char-alphabetic? (car name))
671                                 (throw-exception
672                                   "Malformed name in AST rule " rule "; "
673                                   "Names must start with a letter."))
674                               name))))))
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675         (terminal? (char-lower-case? (my-peek-char)))
676         (name (parse-name terminal?))
677         (kleene?
678         (and
679         (not terminal?)
680         (eq? location 'r-hand)
681         (not (eos?))
682         (char=? (my-peek-char) #\*)
683         (my-read-char)))
684         (context-name?
685         (and
686         (not terminal?)
687         (eq? location 'r-hand)
688         (not (eos?))
689         (char=? (my-peek-char) #\<)
690         (my-read-char)
691         (parse-name #f)))
692         (name-string (list->string name))
693         (name-symbol (string->symbol name-string)))
694         (when (and terminal? (eq? location 'l-hand))
695         (throw-exception
696         "Unexpected " name " terminal in AST rule " rule "; "
697         "Left hand side symbols must be non-terminals.))
698         (make-production-symbol
699         name-symbol
700         ast-rule
701         (not terminal?)
702         kleene?
703         (if context-name?
704         (string->symbol (list->string context-name?))
705         (if kleene?
706         (string->symbol (string-append name-string "*"))
707         name-symbol))
708         (list))))))
709         (l-hand (parse-symbol 'l-hand)); The rule's l-hand
710         (supertype ; The rule's super-type
711         (and (not (eos?)) (char=? (my-peek-char) #\.) (my-read-char) (symbol-name (parse-symbol 'l-hand)))))
712         (match-char! #\-)
713         (match-char! #\>)
714         (ast-rule-production-set!
715         ast-rule
716         (append
717         (list l-hand)
718         (let loop ((r-hand
719         (if (not (eos?))
720         (list (parse-symbol 'r-hand))
721         (list))))
722         (if (eos?)
723         (reverse r-hand)
724         (begin
725         (match-char! #\-)
726         (loop (cons (parse-symbol 'r-hand) r-hand)))))))
727         (ast-rule-supertype?-set!
728         ast-rule
729         supertype)
730         ; Check, that the rule's l-hand is not already defined:
731         (when (racr-specification-find-rule spec (symbol-name l-hand))
732         (throw-exception
733         "Invalid AST rule " rule "; "
734         "Redefinition of " (symbol-name l-hand) "."))
735         (hashtable-set! ; Add the rule to the RACR specification.
736         (racr-specification-rules-table spec)
737         (symbol-name l-hand)
738         ast-rule)))
739
740 (define compile-ast-specifications
741 (lambda (spec start-symbol)
742   ;; Ensure, that the RACR system is in the correct specification phase and...
743   (let ((current-phase (racr-specification-specification-phase spec)))
744     (if (> current-phase 1)
745       (throw-exception
746       "Unexpected AST compilation; "
747       "The AST specifications already have been compiled.")
748       ; ... iff so proceed to the next specification phase:
749       (racr-specification-specification-phase-set! spec (+ current-phase 1))))
750
751 (racr-specification-start-symbol-set! spec start-symbol)
752 (let* ((rules-list (racr-specification-rules-list spec))
753        ; Support function, that given a rule R returns a list of all rules directly derivable from R:
754        (derivable-rules
755        (lambda (rule*)
756        (fold-left
757        (lambda (result symb*)
758        (if (symbol-non-terminal? symb*)
759        (append result (list (symbol-non-terminal? symb*)) (ast-rule-subtypes (symbol-non-terminal? symb*)))
760        result))

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761         (list)
762         (cdr (ast-rule-production rule*))))))
763
764 ;; Resolve supertypes and non-terminals occurring in productions and ensure all non-terminals are defined:
765 (for-each
766   (lambda (rule*)
767     (when (ast-rule-supertype? rule*)
768       (let ((supertype-entry (racr-specification-find-rule spec (ast-rule-supertype? rule*))))
769         (if (not supertype-entry)
770             (throw-exception
771              "Invalid AST rule " (ast-rule-as-symbol rule*) " "; "
772              "The supertype " (ast-rule-supertype? rule*) " is not defined.")
773             (ast-rule-supertype?-set! rule* supertype-entry))))
774   (for-each
775     (lambda (symbol*)
776       (when (symbol-non-terminal? symbol*)
777         (let ((symb-definition (racr-specification-find-rule spec (symbol-name symbol*))))
778           (when (not symb-definition)
779             (throw-exception
780              "Invalid AST rule " (ast-rule-as-symbol rule*) " "; "
781              "Non-terminal " (symbol-name symbol*) " is not defined.")
782             (symbol-non-terminal?-set! symb* symb-definition))))
783     (cdr (ast-rule-production rule*))))
784   rules-list)
785
786 ;; Ensure, that inheritance is cycle-free:
787 (for-each
788   (lambda (rule*)
789     (when (memq rule* (ast-rule-subtypes rule*))
790       (throw-exception
791        "Invalid AST grammar; "
792        "The definition of " (ast-rule-as-symbol rule*) " depends on itself (cyclic inheritance)."))
793   rules-list)
794
795 ;; Ensure, that the start symbol is defined:
796 (unless (racr-specification-find-rule spec start-symbol)
797   (throw-exception
798    "Invalid AST grammar; "
799    "The start symbol " start-symbol " is not defined.))
800
801 ;; Resolve inherited production symbols:
802 (apply-wrt-ast-inheritance
803   (lambda (rule)
804     (ast-rule-production-set!
805      rule
806      (append
807       (list (car (ast-rule-production rule)))
808       (map
809        (lambda (symbol)
810          (make-production-symbol
811           (symbol-name symbol)
812           rule
813           (symbol-non-terminal? symbol)
814           (symbol-kleene? symbol)
815           (symbol-context-name symbol)
816           (list)))
817        (cdr (ast-rule-production (ast-rule-supertype? rule*))))
818       (cdr (ast-rule-production rule))))
819   rules-list)
820
821 ;; Ensure context-names are unique:
822 (for-each
823   (lambda (ast-rule)
824     (for-each
825      (lambda (symbol)
826        (unless (eq? (ast-rule-find-child-context ast-rule (symbol-context-name symbol)) symbol)
827          (throw-exception
828           "Invalid AST grammar; "
829           "The context name " (symbol-context-name symbol) " is not unique for rule " (ast-rule-as-symbol ast-rule) "."))
830      (cdr (ast-rule-production ast-rule))))
831   rules-list)
832
833 ;; Ensure, that all non-terminals can be derived from the start symbol:
834 (let* ((start-rule (racr-specification-find-rule spec start-symbol))
835        (to-check (cons start-rule (ast-rule-subtypes start-rule))
836              (checked (list))))
837   (let loop ()
838     (unless (null? to-check)
839       (let ((rule* (car to-check)))
840         (set! to-check (cdr to-check))
841         (set! checked (cons rule* checked))
842         (for-each
843          (lambda (derivable-rule)
844            (when (and
845                  (not (memq derivable-rule checked))
846                  (not (memq derivable-rule to-check)))
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847         (set! to-check (cons derivable-rule to-check)))
848         (derivable-rules rule*))
849         (loop)))
850 (let ((non-derivable-rules
851       (filter
852         (lambda (rule*)
853           (not (memq rule* checked)))
854         rules-list)))
855 (unless (null? non-derivable-rules)
856   (throw-exception
857     "Invalid AST grammar; "
858     "The rules " (map ast-rule-as-symbol non-derivable-rules) " cannot be derived.))))
859
860 ;; Ensure, that all non-terminals are productive:
861 (let* ((productive-rules (list))
862        (to-check rules-list)
863        (productive-rule?
864         (lambda (rule*)
865           (not (find
866                 (lambda (symb*)
867                   (and
868                     (symbol-non-terminal? symb*)
869                     (not (symbol-kleene? symb*)) ; Unbounded repetitions are always productive because of the empty list.
870                     (not (memq (symbol-non-terminal? symb*) productive-rules))))
871                 (cdr (ast-rule-production rule*)))))))
872 (let loop ()
873   (let ((productive-rule
874         (find productive-rule? to-check)))
875     (when productive-rule
876       (set! to-check (remq productive-rule to-check))
877       (set! productive-rules (cons productive-rule productive-rules))
878       (loop)))
879 (unless (null? to-check)
880   (throw-exception
881     "Invalid AST grammar; "
882     "The rules " (map ast-rule-as-symbol to-check) " are not productive.))))))
883
884 ; .....
885 ; ..... Attribute Grammar Specifications .....
886 ; .....
887
888 (define-syntax specify-ag-rule
889   (lambda (x)
890     (syntax-case x ()
891       ((_ spec att-name definition ...)
892        (and (identifier? #'att-name) (not (null? #'(definition ...))))
893        #'(let ((spec* spec)
894                (att-name* 'att-name))
895            (let-syntax
896              ((specify-attribute*
897               (syntax-rules ()
898                 ((_ spec* att-name* ((non-terminal index) equation))
899                  (specify-attribute spec* att-name* 'non-terminal 'index #t equation #f))
900                 ((_ spec* att-name* ((non-terminal index) cached? equation))
901                  (specify-attribute spec* att-name* 'non-terminal 'index cached? equation #f))
902                 ((_ spec* att-name* ((non-terminal index) equation bottom equivalence-function))
903                  (specify-attribute spec* att-name* 'non-terminal 'index #t equation (cons bottom equivalence-function)))
904                 ((_ spec* att-name* ((non-terminal index) cached? equation bottom equivalence-function))
905                  (specify-attribute spec* att-name* 'non-terminal 'index cached? equation (cons bottom equivalence-function)))
906                 ((_ spec* att-name* (non-terminal equation))
907                  (specify-attribute spec* att-name* 'non-terminal 0 #t equation #f))
908                 ((_ spec* att-name* (non-terminal cached? equation))
909                  (specify-attribute spec* att-name* 'non-terminal 0 cached? equation #f))
910                 ((_ spec* att-name* (non-terminal equation bottom equivalence-function))
911                  (specify-attribute spec* att-name* 'non-terminal 0 #t equation (cons bottom equivalence-function)))
912                 ((_ spec* att-name* (non-terminal cached? equation bottom equivalence-function))
913                  (specify-attribute spec* att-name* 'non-terminal 0 cached? equation (cons bottom equivalence-function))))
914                (specify-attribute* spec* att-name* definition) ...))))))
915
916 (define specify-attribute
917   (lambda (spec attribute-name non-terminal context-name-or-position cached? equation circularity-definition)
918     ;; Before adding the attribute definition, ensure...
919     (let ((wrong-argument-type ; ...correct argument types,...
920           (or
921             (and (not (symbol? attribute-name))
922                  "Attribute name : symbol")
923             (and (not (symbol? non-terminal))
924                  "AST rule : non-terminal")
925             (and (not (symbol? context-name-or-position))
926                  (or (not (integer? context-name-or-position)) (< context-name-or-position 0))
927                  "Production position : index or context-name")
928             (and (not (procedure? equation))
929                  "Attribute equation : function")
930             (and circularity-definition
931                  (not (pair? circularity-definition))
932                  (not (procedure? (cdr circularity-definition))))
929

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933         "Circularity definition : #f or (bottom-value equivalence-function) pair"))))
934     (when wrong-argument-type
935       (throw-exception
936         "Invalid attribute definition; "
937         "Wrong argument type (" wrong-argument-type ".)"))
938     (unless (= (racr-specification-specification-phase spec) 2) ; ...that the RACR system is in the correct specification phase,...
939       (throw-exception
940         "Unexpected " attribute-name " attribute definition; "
941         "Attributes can only be defined in the AG specification phase."))
942     (let ((ast-rule (racr-specification-find-rule spec non-terminal)))
943       (unless ast-rule ; ...the given AST rule is defined,...
944         (throw-exception
945           "Invalid attribute definition; "
946           "The non-terminal " non-terminal " is not defined."))
947       (let* ((context? ; ...the given context exists,...
948             (if (symbol? context-name-or-position)
949                 (if (eq? context-name-or-position '*)
950                     (car (ast-rule-production ast-rule))
951                     (ast-rule-find-child-context ast-rule context-name-or-position))
952                 (if (>= context-name-or-position (length (ast-rule-production ast-rule)))
953                     (throw-exception
954                       "Invalid attribute definition; "
955                       "There exists no " context-name-or-position "'th position in the context of " non-terminal "."
956                     (list-ref (ast-rule-production ast-rule) context-name-or-position))))))
957         (unless context?
958           (throw-exception
959             "Invalid attribute definition; "
960             "The non-terminal " non-terminal " has no " context-name-or-position " context."))
961         (unless (symbol-non-terminal? context?) ; ...it is a non-terminal and...
962           (throw-exception
963             "Invalid attribute definition; "
964             non-terminal context-name-or-position " is a terminal."))
965         ; ...the attribute is not already defined for it:
966         (when (memq attribute-name (map attribute-definition-name (symbol-attributes context?)))
967           (throw-exception
968             "Invalid attribute definition; "
969             "Redefinition of " attribute-name " for " non-terminal context-name-or-position "."))
970         ;; Everything is fine. Thus, add the definition to the AST rule's respective symbol:
971         (symbol-attributes-set!
972           context?
973           (cons
974             (make-attribute-definition
975               attribute-name
976               context?
977               equation
978               circularity-definition
979               cached?)
980             (symbol-attributes context?))))))
981
982 (define compile-ag-specifications
983   (lambda (spec)
984     ;; Ensure, that the RACR system is in the correct specification phase and...
985     (let ((current-phase (racr-specification-specification-phase spec)))
986       (when (< current-phase 2)
987         (throw-exception
988           "Unexpected AG compilation; "
989           "The AST specifications are not yet compiled."))
990       (if (> current-phase 2)
991         (throw-exception
992           "Unexpected AG compilation; "
993           "The AG specifications already have been compiled.")
994         (racr-specification-specification-phase-set! spec (+ current-phase 1)))) ; ...if so proceed to the next specification phase.
995
996 ;; Resolve attribute definitions inherited from a supertype. Thus,...
997 (apply-wrt-ast-inheritance ; ...for every AST rule R which has a supertype...
998   (lambda (rule)
999     (let loop ((super-prod (ast-rule-production (ast-rule-supertype? rule)))
1000              (sub-prod (ast-rule-production rule)))
1001       (unless (null? super-prod)
1002         (for-each ; ...check for every attribute definition of R's supertype...
1003           (lambda (super-att-def)
1004             (unless (find ; ...if it is shadowed by an attribute definition of R...
1005               (lambda (sub-att-def)
1006                 (eq? (attribute-definition-name sub-att-def) (attribute-definition-name super-att-def)))
1007               (symbol-attributes (car sub-prod)))
1008             (symbol-attributes-set! ; ...If not, add...
1009               (car sub-prod)
1010               (cons
1011                 (make-attribute-definition ; ...a copy of the attribute definition inherited...
1012                   (attribute-definition-name super-att-def)
1013                   (car sub-prod) ; ...to R.
1014                   (attribute-definition-equation super-att-def)
1015                   (attribute-definition-circularity-definition super-att-def)
1016                   (attribute-definition-cached? super-att-def))
1017                 (symbol-attributes (car sub-prod))))))
1018       (symbol-attributes (car super-prod)))
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1019      (loop (cdr super-prod) (cdr sub-prod))))
1020      (racr-specification-rules-list spec))))
1021
1022      ; .....
1023      ; ..... Attribute Evaluator .....
1024      ; .....
1025
1026      ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given a node n find a certain attribute associated with it, whereas in case no proper
1027      ; attribute is associated with n itself the search is extended to find a broadcast solution. If the
1028      ; extended search finds a solution, appropriate copy propagation attributes (i.e., broadcasters) are added.
1029      ; If no attribute instance can be found or n is a bud node, an exception is thrown. Otherwise, the
1030      ; attribute or its respective last broadcaster is returned.
1031      (define lookup-attribute
1032        (lambda (name n)
1033          (when (node-bud-node? n)
1034            (throw-exception
1035              "AG evaluator exception; "
1036              "Cannot access " name " attribute - the given node is a bud.)))
1037          (let loop ((n n)) ; Recursively...
1038            (let ((att (node-find-attribute n name))) ; ...check if the current node has a proper attribute instance....
1039              (if att
1040                att ; ... If it has, return the found defining attribute instance.
1041                (let ((parent (node-parent n))) ; ...If no defining attribute instance can be found...
1042                  (if (not parent) ; ...check if there exists a parent node that may provide a definition....
1043                    (throw-exception ; ...If not, throw an exception,...
1044                      "AG evaluator exception; "
1045                      "Cannot access unknown " name " attribute.")
1046                    (let* ((att (loop parent)) ; ...otherwise proceed the search at the parent node. If it succeeds...
1047                          (broadcaster ; ...construct a broadcasting attribute instance...
1048                            (make-attribute-instance
1049                              (make-attribute-definition ; ...whose definition context depends...
1050                                name
1051                                (if (eq? (node-ast-rule parent) 'list-node) ; ...if the parent node is a list node or not....
1052                                  (list-ref ; ...If it is a list node the broadcaster's context is...
1053                                    (ast-rule-production (node-ast-rule (node-parent parent))) ; ...the list node's parent node and...
1054                                    (node-child-index? parent)) ; ...child position.
1055                                  (list-ref ; ...If the parent node is not a list node the broadcaster's context is...
1056                                    (ast-rule-production (node-ast-rule parent)) ; ...the parent node and...
1057                                    (node-child-index? n))) ; ...the current node's child position. Further,...
1058                                  (lambda (n . args) ; ...the broadcaster's equation just calls the parent node's counterpart. Finally,...
1059                                    (apply att-value name (ast-parent n) args))
1060                                  (attribute-definition-circularity-definition (attribute-instance-definition att))
1061                                  #f)
1062                                n)))
1063                    (node-attributes-set! n (cons broadcaster (node-attributes n))) ; ...add the constructed broadcaster and...
1064                    broadcaster)))))) ; ...return it as the current node's look-up result.
1065
1066      (define att-value
1067        (lambda (name n . args)
1068          (let*-values (; The evaluator state used and changed throughout evaluation:
1069            ((evaluator-state) (values (node-evaluator-state n)))
1070            ; The attribute instance to evaluate:
1071            ((att) (values (lookup-attribute name n)))
1072            ; The attribute's definition:
1073            ((att-def) (values (attribute-instance-definition att)))
1074            ; The attribute cache entries used for evaluation and dependency tracking:
1075            ((evaluation-att-cache dependency-att-cache)
1076             (if (attribute-definition-cached? att-def)
1077               ; If the attribute instance is cached, no special action is required, except...
1078               (let ((att-cache
1079                     (or
1080                      ; ...finding the attribute cache entry to use...
1081                      (hashtable-ref (attribute-instance-cache att) args #f)
1082                      ; ...or construct a respective one.
1083                      (let ((new-entry (make-attribute-cache-entry att args)))
1084                        (hashtable-set! (attribute-instance-cache att) args new-entry)
1085                        new-entry))))
1086                 (values att-cache att-cache))
1087               ; If the attribute is not cached, special attention must be paid to avoid the permanent storing
1088               ; of fixpoint results and attribute arguments on the one hand but still retaining correct
1089               ; evaluation which requires these information on the other hand. To do so we introduce two
1090               ; different types of attribute cache entries:
1091               ; (1) A parameter approximating entry for tracking dependencies and influences of the uncached
1092               ;     attribute instance.
1093               ; (2) A set of temporary cycle entries for correct cycle detection and fixpoint computation.
1094               ; The "cycle-value" field of the parameter approximating entry is misused to store the hashtable
1095               ; containing the temporary cycle entries and must be deleted when evaluation finished.
1096               (let* ((dependency-att-cache
1097                     (or
1098                      (hashtable-ref (attribute-instance-cache att) racr-nil #f)
1099                      (let ((new-entry (make-attribute-cache-entry att racr-nil)))
1100                        (hashtable-set! (attribute-instance-cache att) racr-nil new-entry)
1101                        (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value-set!
1102                          new-entry
1103                          (make-hashtable equal-hash equal? 1))
1104                        new-entry))))

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1105 (evaluation-att-cache
1106 (or
1107 (hashtable-ref (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value dependency-att-cache) args #f)
1108 (let ((new-entry (make-attribute-cache-entry att args)))
1109 (hashtable-set!
1110 (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value dependency-att-cache)
1111 args
1112 new-entry)
1113 new-entry))))
1114 (values evaluation-att-cache dependency-att-cache)))
1115 ; Support function that given an intermediate fixpoint result checks if it is different from the
1116 ; current cycle value and updates the cycle value and evaluator state accordingly:
1117 ((update-cycle-cache)
1118 (values
1119 (lambda (new-result)
1120 (unless ((cdr (attribute-definition-circularity-definition att-def))
1121 new-result
1122 (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value evaluation-att-cache))
1123 (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value-set! evaluation-att-cache new-result)
1124 (evaluator-state-ag-cycle-change?-set! evaluator-state #t))))))
1125 ; Decide how to evaluate the attribute depending on whether its value already is cached or its respective
1126 ; cache entry is circular, already in evaluation or starting point of a fix-point computation:
1127 (cond
1128 ; CASE (0): Attribute already evaluated for given arguments:
1129 ((not (eq? (attribute-cache-entry-value evaluation-att-cache) racr-nil))
1130 ; Maintaine attribute cache entry dependencies, i.e., if this entry is evaluated throughout the
1131 ; evaluation of another entry, the other entry depends on this one. Afterwards,...
1132 (add-dependency:cache->cache dependency-att-cache)
1133 (attribute-cache-entry-value evaluation-att-cache)) ; ...return the cached value.
1134 ; CASE (1): Circular attribute that is starting point of a fixpoint computation:
1135 ((and (attribute-definition-circular? att-def) (not (evaluator-state-ag-in-cycle? evaluator-state)))
1136 (dynamic-wind
1137 (lambda ()
1138 ; Maintaine attribute cache entry dependencies, i.e., if this entry is evaluated throughout the
1139 ; evaluation of another entry, the other depends on this one. Further this entry depends
1140 ; on any other entry that will be evaluated through its own evaluation. Further,...
1141 (add-dependency:cache->cache dependency-att-cache)
1142 (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack-set!
1143 evaluator-state
1144 (cons dependency-att-cache (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack evaluator-state)))
1145 ; ...mark, that the entry is in evaluation and...
1146 (attribute-cache-entry-entered?-set! evaluation-att-cache #t)
1147 ; ...update the evaluator's state that we are about to start a fix-point computation.
1148 (evaluator-state-ag-in-cycle?-set! evaluator-state #t))
1149 (lambda ()
1150 (let loop () ; Start fix-point computation. Thus, as long as...
1151 (evaluator-state-ag-cycle-change?-set! evaluator-state #f) ; ...an entry's value changes...
1152 (update-cycle-cache (apply (attribute-definition-equation att-def) n args)) ; ...evaluate this entry.
1153 (when (evaluator-state-ag-cycle-change? evaluator-state)
1154 (loop)))
1155 (let ((result (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value evaluation-att-cache)))
1156 ; When fixpoint computation finished update the caches of all circular entries evaluated. To do so,...
1157 (let loop ((att-cache
1158 (if (attribute-definition-cached? att-def)
1159 evaluation-att-cache
1160 dependency-att-cache)))
1161 (let ((att-def (attribute-instance-definition (attribute-cache-entry-context att-cache))))
1162 (if (not (attribute-definition-circular? att-def))
1163 ; ...ignore non-circular entries and just proceed with the entries they depend on (to
1164 ; ensure all strongly connected components within a weakly connected one are updated)....
1165 (for-each
1166 loop
1167 (attribute-cache-entry-cache-dependencies att-cache))
1168 ; ...In case of circular entries...
1169 (if (attribute-definition-cached? att-def) ; ...check if they have to be cached and...
1170 (when (eq? (attribute-cache-entry-value att-cache) racr-nil) ; ...are not already processed....
1171 ; ...If so cache them,...
1172 (attribute-cache-entry-value-set!
1173 att-cache
1174 (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value att-cache))
1175 (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value-set! ; ...reset their cycle values to the bottom value and...
1176 att-cache
1177 att-cache)
1178 (car (attribute-definition-circularity-definition att-def)))
1179 (for-each ; ...proceed with the entries they depend on.
1180 loop
1181 (attribute-cache-entry-cache-dependencies att-cache)))
1182 ; ...If a circular entry is not cached, check if it already is processed....
1183 (when (> (hashtable-size (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value att-cache)) 0)
1184 ; ...If not, delete its temporary cycle cache and...
1185 (hashtable-clear! (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value att-cache))
1186 (for-each ; ...proceed with the entries it depends on.
1187 loop
1188 (attribute-cache-entry-cache-dependencies att-cache))))))
1189 result))
1190 (lambda ()
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1191         ; Mark that fixpoint computation finished,...
1192         (evaluator-state-ag-in-cycle?-set! evaluator-state #f)
1193         ; the evaluation of the attribute cache entry finished and...
1194         (attribute-cache-entry-entered?-set! evaluation-att-cache #f)
1195         ; ...pop the entry from the evaluation stack.
1196         (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack-set!
1197          evaluator-state
1198          (cdr (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack evaluator-state))))))
1199
1200 ; CASE (2): Circular attribute already in evaluation for the given arguments:
1201 ((and (attribute-definition-circular? att-def) (attribute-cache-entry-entered? evaluation-att-cache))
1202  ; Maintaine attribute cache entry dependencies, i.e., if this entry is evaluated throughout the
1203  ; evaluation of another entry, the other entry depends on this one. Finally,...
1204  (add-dependency:cache->cache dependency-att-cache)
1205  ; ...the intermediate fixpoint result is the attribute cache entry's cycle value.
1206  (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value evaluation-att-cache))
1207
1208 ; CASE (3): Circular attribute not in evaluation and entered throughout a fixpoint computation:
1209 ((attribute-definition-circular? att-def)
1210  (dynamic-wind
1211   (lambda ()
1212    ; Maintaine attribute cache entry dependencies, i.e., if this entry is evaluated throughout the
1213    ; evaluation of another entry, the other depends on this one. Further this entry depends
1214    ; on any other entry that will be evaluated through its own evaluation. Further,..
1215    (add-dependency:cache->cache dependency-att-cache)
1216    (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack-set!
1217     evaluator-state
1218     (cons dependency-att-cache (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack evaluator-state)))
1219    ; ...mark, that the entry is in evaluation.
1220    (attribute-cache-entry-entered?-set! evaluation-att-cache #t))
1221   (lambda ()
1222    (let ((result (apply (attribute-definition-equation att-def) n args))) ; Evaluate the entry and...
1223          (update-cycle-cache result) ; ...update its cycle value.
1224          result))
1225   (lambda ()
1226    ; Mark that the evaluation of the attribute cache entry finished and...
1227    (attribute-cache-entry-entered?-set! evaluation-att-cache #f)
1228    ; ...pop it from the evaluation stack.
1229    (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack-set!
1230     evaluator-state
1231     (cdr (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack evaluator-state))))))
1232
1233 ; CASE (4): Non-circular attribute already in evaluation, i.e., unexpected cycle:
1234 ((attribute-cache-entry-entered? evaluation-att-cache)
1235  ; Maintaine attribute cache entry dependencies, i.e., if this entry is evaluated throughout the
1236  ; evaluation of another entry, the other entry depends on this one. Then,...
1237  (add-dependency:cache->cache dependency-att-cache)
1238  (throw-exception ; ...thrown an exception because we encountered an unexpected dependency cycle.
1239   "AG evaluator exception; "
1240   "Unexpected " name " cycle."))
1241
1242 (else ; CASE (5): Non-circular attribute not in evaluation:
1243  (dynamic-wind
1244   (lambda ()
1245    ; Maintaine attribute cache entry dependencies, i.e., if this entry is evaluated throughout the
1246    ; evaluation of another entry, the other depends on this one. Further this entry depends
1247    ; on any other entry that will be evaluated through its own evaluation. Further,...
1248    (add-dependency:cache->cache dependency-att-cache)
1249    (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack-set!
1250     evaluator-state
1251     (cons dependency-att-cache (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack evaluator-state)))
1252    ; ...mark, that the entry is in evaluation.
1253    (attribute-cache-entry-entered?-set! evaluation-att-cache #t))
1254   (lambda ()
1255    (let ((result (apply (attribute-definition-equation att-def) n args))) ; Evaluate the entry and,...
1256          (when (attribute-definition-cached? att-def) ; ...if caching is enabled,...
1257                (attribute-cache-entry-value-set! evaluation-att-cache result)) ; ...cache its value.
1258          result))
1259   (lambda ()
1260    ; Mark that the evaluation of the attribute cache entry finished and...
1261    (if (attribute-definition-cached? att-def)
1262        (attribute-cache-entry-entered?-set! evaluation-att-cache #f)
1263        (hashtable-delete! (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value dependency-att-cache) args))
1264    ; ...pop it from the evaluation stack.
1265    (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack-set!
1266     evaluator-state
1267     (cdr (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack evaluator-state))))))
1268
1269 ; .....
1270 ; ..... Abstract Syntax Tree Access Interface .....
1271 ; .....
1272
1273 (define ast-specification
1274  (lambda (n)
1275    (when (or (node-list-node? n) (node-bud-node? n)) ; Remember: (node-terminal? n) is not possible
1276      (throw-exception

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1277         "Cannot query specification; "
1278         "List and bud nodes are not part of any specification.")
1279 ; The specification of a node can never change => no need to add dependencies!
1280 (ast-rule-specification (node-ast-rule n)))
1281
1282 (define ast-node-type
1283   (lambda (n)
1284     (when (or (node-list-node? n) (node-bud-node? n)) ; Remember: (node-terminal? n) is not possible
1285       (throw-exception
1286         "Cannot query type; "
1287         "List and bud nodes have no type."))
1288     (add-dependency:cache->node-type n)
1289     (symbol-name (car (ast-rule-production (node-ast-rule n))))))
1290
1291 (define ast-subtype?
1292   (lambda (a1 a2)
1293     (when (or
1294       (and (node? a1) (or (node-list-node? a1) (node-bud-node? a1)))
1295       (and (node? a2) (or (node-list-node? a2) (node-bud-node? a2))))
1296       (throw-exception
1297         "Cannot perform subtype check; "
1298         "List and bud nodes cannot be tested for subtyping."))
1299     (when (and (not (node? a1)) (not (node? a2)))
1300       (throw-exception
1301         "Cannot perform subtype check; "
1302         "At least one argument must be an AST node."))
1303     ((lambda (t1/t2)
1304       (and
1305         (car t1/t2)
1306         (cdr t1/t2)
1307         (ast-rule-subtype? (car t1/t2) (cdr t1/t2))))
1308       (if (symbol? a1)
1309         (let* ((t2 (node-ast-rule a2))
1310               (t1 (racr-specification-find-rule (ast-rule-specification t2) a1)))
1311           (unless t1
1312             (throw-exception
1313               "Cannot perform subtype check; "
1314               a1 " is no valid non-terminal (first argument undefined non-terminal)."))
1315           (add-dependency:cache->node-super-type a2 t1)
1316           (cons t1 t2))
1317         (if (symbol? a2)
1318           (let* ((t1 (node-ast-rule a1))
1319                 (t2 (racr-specification-find-rule (ast-rule-specification t1) a2)))
1320             (unless t1
1321               (throw-exception
1322                 "Cannot perform subtype check; "
1323                 a2 " is no valid non-terminal (second argument undefined non-terminal)."))
1324             (add-dependency:cache->node-sub-type a1 t2)
1325             (cons t1 t2))
1326           (begin
1327             (add-dependency:cache->node-sub-type a1 (node-ast-rule a2))
1328             (add-dependency:cache->node-super-type a2 (node-ast-rule a1))
1329             (cons (node-ast-rule a1) (node-ast-rule a2)))))))
1330
1331 (define ast-has-parent?
1332   (lambda (n)
1333     (let ((parent (node-parent n)))
1334       (if parent
1335         (begin
1336           (add-dependency:cache->node parent)
1337           parent)
1338         (begin
1339           (add-dependency:cache->node-is-root n)
1340           #f)))))
1341
1342 (define ast-parent
1343   (lambda (n)
1344     (let ((parent (node-parent n)))
1345       (unless parent
1346         (throw-exception "Cannot query parent of roots."))
1347       (add-dependency:cache->node parent)
1348       parent)))
1349
1350 (define ast-has-child?
1351   (lambda (context-name n)
1352     (add-dependency:cache->node-defines-context n context-name)
1353     (if (node-find-child n context-name) #t #f)) ; BEWARE: Never return the child if it exists, but instead just #t!
1354
1355 (define ast-child
1356   (lambda (i n)
1357     (let ((child
1358       (if (symbol? i)
1359         (node-find-child n i)
1360         (and (>= i 1) (<= i (length (node-children n))) (list-ref (node-children n) (- i 1))))))
1361       (unless child
1362         (throw-exception "Cannot query non-existent " i (if (symbol? i) "" "'th") " child."))
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1363      (add-dependency:cache->node child)
1364      (if (node-terminal? child)
1365          (node-children child)
1366          child))))
1367
1368 (define ast-has-sibling?
1369   (lambda (context-name n)
1370     (let ((parent? (ast-has-parent? n)))
1371       (and parent? (ast-has-child? context-name parent?))))))
1372
1373 (define ast-sibling
1374   (lambda (i n)
1375     (ast-child i (ast-parent n))))
1376
1377 (define ast-child-index
1378   (lambda (n)
1379     (ast-find-child*
1380      (lambda (i child)
1381        (if (eq? child n) i #f))
1382      (ast-parent n))))
1383
1384 (define ast-num-children
1385   (lambda (n)
1386     (add-dependency:cache->node-num-children n)
1387     (length (node-children n))))
1388
1389 (define ast-children
1390   (lambda (n . b)
1391     (reverse
1392      (let ((result (list)))
1393        (apply
1394         ast-for-each-child
1395         (lambda (i child)
1396           (set! result (cons child result)))
1397         n
1398         b)
1399      result))))
1400
1401 (define ast-for-each-child
1402   (lambda (f n . b)
1403     (let ((b (if (null? b) (list (cons 1 '*)) b)))
1404       (for-each
1405        (lambda (b)
1406          (if (eq? (cdr b) '*)
1407              (let ((pos (car b))
                    (ub (length (node-children n))))
                (dynamic-wind
                 (lambda () #f)
                 (lambda ()
                  (let loop ()
                    (when (<= pos ub)
                      (f pos (ast-child pos n))
                      (set! pos (+ pos 1))
                      (loop))))
                 (lambda ()
                  (when (> pos ub)
                    (ast-num-children n))))))
              (let loop ((pos (car b)))
                (when (<= pos (cdr b))
                  (f pos (ast-child pos n))
                  (loop (+ pos 1))))))
1408        b))))
1409
1410 (define ast-find-child
1411   (lambda (f n . b)
1412     (call/cc
1413      (lambda (c)
1414        (apply
1415         ast-for-each-child
1416         (lambda (i child)
1417           (when (f i child)
1418             (c child)))
1419         n
1420         b)
1421      #f))))
1422
1423 (define ast-find-child*
1424   (lambda (f n . b)
1425     (call/cc
1426      (lambda (c)
1427        (apply
1428         ast-for-each-child
1429         (lambda (i child)
1430           (let ((res (f i child)))
1431             (when res
1432               (c res))))
1433         n
1434         b)
1435      #f))))
1436
1437 (define ast-find-child*
1438   (lambda (f n . b)
1439     (call/cc
1440      (lambda (c)
1441        (apply
1442         ast-for-each-child
1443         (lambda (i child)
1444           (let ((res (f i child)))
1445             (when res
1446               (c res))))
1447         n
1448         b)
1449      #f))))

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1449         n
1450         b)
1451         #f))))
1452
1453 ; .....
1454 ; ..... Abstract Syntax Tree Construction Interface .....
1455 ; .....
1456
1457 (define create-ast
1458   (lambda (spec rule children)
1459     ;; Before constructing the node ensure, that...
1460     (when (< (racr-specification-specification-phase spec) 3) ; ...the RACR system is completely specified,...
1461       (throw-exception
1462         "Cannot construct " rule " fragment; "
1463         "The RACR specification still must be compiled."))
1464     (let* ((ast-rule (racr-specification-find-rule spec rule))
1465            (new-fragment
1466              (make-node
1467                ast-rule
1468                #f
1469                (list))))
1470      (unless ast-rule ; ...the given AST rule is defined,...
1471        (throw-exception
1472          "Cannot construct " rule " fragment; "
1473          "Unknown non-terminal/rule."))
1474      (unless (satisfies-contexts? children (cdr (ast-rule-production ast-rule))) ; ...and the children fit.
1475        (throw-exception
1476          "Cannot construct " rule " fragment; "
1477          "The given children do not fit."))
1478      ;; When all constraints are satisfied, construct the new fragment,...
1479      (node-children-set! ; ...add its children,...
1480        new-fragment
1481        (map ; ...set it as parent of each child,...
1482          (lambda (symbol child)
1483            (if (symbol-non-terminal? symbol)
1484              (begin
1485                (for-each ; ...flush all attribute cache entries depending on any added child being a root,...
1486                  (lambda (influence)
1487                    (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
1488                  (filter
1489                    (lambda (influence)
1490                      (vector-ref (cdr influence) 1))
1491                    (node-cache-influences child)))
1492                (node-parent-set! child new-fragment)
1493                child)
1494              (make-node 'terminal new-fragment child)))
1495          (cdr (ast-rule-production ast-rule))
1496          children))
1497      (distribute-evaluator-state (make-evaluator-state) new-fragment) ; ...distribute the new fragment's evaluator state and...
1498      (update-synthesized-attribution new-fragment) ; ...initialize its synthesized and...
1499      (for-each ; ...each child's inherited attributes.
1500        update-inherited-attribution
1501        (node-children new-fragment))
1502      new-fragment))) ; Finally, return the newly constructed fragment.
1503
1504 (define create-ast-list
1505   (lambda (children)
1506     ;; Before constructing the list node ensure, that...
1507     (let ((new-list
1508           (make-node
1509             'list-node
1510             #f
1511             (append children (list)))))) ; BEWARE: create copy of children!
1512      (unless
1513        (for-all ; ...all children fit.
1514          (lambda (child)
1515            (valid-list-element-candidate? new-list child))
1516          children)
1517        (throw-exception
1518          "Cannot construct list node; "
1519          "The given children do not fit."))
1520      ;; When all constraints are satisfied,...
1521      (for-each ; ...flush all attribute cache entries depending on the children being roots,...
1522        (lambda (child)
1523          (for-each
1524            (lambda (influence)
1525              (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
1526            (filter
1527              (lambda (influence)
1528                (vector-ref (cdr influence) 1))
1529              (node-cache-influences child))))
1530          children)
1531      (for-each ; ...set the new list node as parent of every child,...
1532        (lambda (child)
1533          (node-parent-set! child new-list))
1534        children))
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1535     (distribute-evaluator-state (make-evaluator-state) new-list) ; ...construct and distribute its evaluator state and...
1536     new-list))) ; ...return it.
1537
1538 (define create-ast-bud
1539   (lambda ()
1540     (let ((bud-node (make-node 'bud-node #f (list))))
1541       (distribute-evaluator-state (make-evaluator-state) bud-node)
1542       bud-node)))
1543
1544 (define create-ast-mockup
1545   (lambda (rule)
1546     (create-ast
1547      (ast-rule-specification rule)
1548      (symbol-name (car (ast-rule-production rule)))
1549      (map
1550       (lambda (symbol)
1551         (cond
1552          ((not (symbol-non-terminal? symbol))
1553           racr-nil)
1554          ((symbol-kleene? symbol)
1555           (create-ast-list (list)))
1556          (else (create-ast-bud))))
1557      (cdr (ast-rule-production rule))))))
1558
1559 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given two non-terminal nodes, return if the second can replace the first regarding its context.
1560 (define valid-replacement-candidate?
1561   (lambda (node candidate)
1562     (if (node-list-node? (node-parent node))
1563       (valid-list-element-candidate? (node-parent node) candidate)
1564       (and
1565        (satisfies-context?
1566         candidate
1567         (list-ref (ast-rule-production (node-ast-rule (node-parent node))) (node-child-index? node)))
1568        (not (node-inside-of? node candidate))))))
1569
1570 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given a list node and another node, return if the other node can become element of
1571 ; the list node regarding its context.
1572 (define valid-list-element-candidate?
1573   (lambda (list-node candidate)
1574     (let ((expected-type? ; If the list node has a parent, its parent induces a type for the list's elements.
1575           (if (node-parent list-node)
1576               (symbol-non-terminal?
1577                (list-ref
1578                 (ast-rule-production (node-ast-rule (node-parent list-node)))
1579                 (node-child-index? list-node)))
1580               #f)))
1581       (and ; The given candidate can be element of the list,...
1582        (if expected-type? ; ...if either,...
1583            (satisfies-context? candidate expected-type? #f) ; ...the candidate fits regarding the context in which the list is, or,...
1584            (and ; ...in case no type is induced for the list's elements,...
1585             (node? candidate) ; ...the candidate is a non-terminal node,...
1586             (not (node-list-node? candidate)) ; ...not a list node,...
1587             (not (node-parent candidate)) ; ...not already part of another AST and...
1588             (not (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state candidate)))))) ; ...non of its attributes are in evaluation,
1589        (not (node-inside-of? list-node candidate)))))) ; ...its spanned AST does not contain the list node.
1590
1591 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given a node or terminal value and a context, return if the
1592 ; node/terminal value can become a child of the given context.
1593 (define satisfies-context?
1594   (case-lambda
1595     ((child context)
1596      (satisfies-context? child (symbol-non-terminal? context) (symbol-kleene? context)))
1597     ((child non-terminal? kleene?)
1598      (or ; The given child is valid if either,...
1599       (not non-terminal?) ; ...a terminal is expected or,...
1600       (and ; ...in case a non-terminal is expected,...
1601        (node? child) ; ...the given child is an AST node,...
1602        (not (node-parent child)) ; ...does not already belong to another AST,...
1603        (not (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state child))) ; ...non of its attributes are in evaluation and...
1604        (or
1605         (node-bud-node? child) ; ...the child either is a bud node or,...
1606         (if kleene?
1607             (and ; ...in case a list node is expected,...
1608              (node-list-node? child) ; ...is a list...
1609              (for-all ; ...whose children are...
1610               (lambda (child)
1611                 (or ; ...either bud nodes or nodes of the expected type, or,...
1612                  (node-bud-node? child)
1613                  (ast-rule-subtype? (node-ast-rule child) non-terminal?))))
1614              (node-children child))))
1615             (and ; ...in case a non-list node is expected,...
1616              (not (node-list-node? child)) ; ...is a non-list node of...
1617              (ast-rule-subtype? (node-ast-rule child) non-terminal?)))))) ; ...the expected type.
1618
1619 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given list of nodes or terminal values and a list of contexts, return if the

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1620 ; nodes/terminal values can become children of the given contexts.
1621 (define satisfies-contexts?
1622   (lambda (children contexts)
1623     (and
1624       (= (length children) (length contexts))
1625       (for-all satisfies-context? children contexts))))
1626
1627 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an AST node update its synthesized attribution (i.e., add missing synthesized
1628 ; attributes, delete superfluous ones, shadow equally named inherited attributes and update the
1629 ; definitions of existing synthesized attributes.
1630 (define update-synthesized-attribution
1631   (lambda (n)
1632     (when (and (not (node-terminal? n)) (not (node-list-node? n)) (not (node-bud-node? n)))
1633       (for-each
1634         (lambda (att-def)
1635           (let ((att (node-find-attribute n (attribute-definition-name att-def))))
1636             (cond
1637              ((not att)
1638               (node-attributes-set! n (cons (make-attribute-instance att-def n) (node-attributes n))))
1639              ((eq? (attribute-definition-equation (attribute-instance-definition att)) (attribute-definition-equation att-def))
1640               (attribute-instance-definition-set! att att-def))
1641              (else
1642               (flush-attribute-instance att)
1643               (node-attributes-set!
1644                n
1645                (cons (make-attribute-instance att-def n) (remq att (node-attributes n)))))))
1646         (symbol-attributes (car (ast-rule-production (node-ast-rule n)))))
1647     (node-attributes-set! ; Delete all synthesized attribute instances not defined anymore:
1648      n
1649      (remp
1650       (lambda (att)
1651         (let ((remove?
1652              (and
1653                (attribute-definition-synthesized? (attribute-instance-definition att))
1654                (not
1655                 (eq?
1656                  (symbol-ast-rule (attribute-definition-context (attribute-instance-definition att))
1657                               (node-ast-rule n)))))))
1658           (when remove?
1659             (flush-attribute-instance att))
1660           remove?))
1661       (node-attributes n))))))
1662
1663 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an AST node update its inherited attribution (i.e., add missing inherited
1664 ; attributes, delete superfluous ones and update the definitions of existing inherited attributes.
1665 ; If the given node is a list-node the inherited attributes of its elements are updated.
1666 (define update-inherited-attribution
1667   (lambda (n)
1668     ;; Support function updating n's inherited attribution w.r.t. a list of inherited attribute definitions:
1669     (define update-by-defs
1670       (lambda (n att-defs)
1671         (for-each ; Add new and update existing inherited attribute instances:
1672           (lambda (att-def)
1673             (let ((att (node-find-attribute n (attribute-definition-name att-def))))
1674               (cond
1675                ((not att)
1676                 (node-attributes-set! n (cons (make-attribute-instance att-def n) (node-attributes n))))
1677                ((not (attribute-definition-synthesized? (attribute-instance-definition att)))
1678                 (if (eq?
1679                     (attribute-definition-equation (attribute-instance-definition att))
1680                     (attribute-definition-equation att-def))
1681                     (attribute-instance-definition-set! att att-def)
1682                     (begin
1683                       (flush-attribute-instance att)
1684                       (node-attributes-set!
1685                        n
1686                        (cons (make-attribute-instance att-def n) (remq att (node-attributes n)))))))
1687             att-def))
1688         (node-attributes-set! ; Delete all inherited attribute instances not defined anymore:
1689          n
1690          (remp
1691           (lambda (att)
1692             (let ((remove?
1693                  (and
1694                    (attribute-definition-inherited? (attribute-instance-definition att))
1695                    (not (memq (attribute-instance-definition att) att-defs))))))
1696               (when remove?
1697                 (flush-attribute-instance att))
1698               remove?))
1699           (node-attributes n))))))
1700     ;; Perform the update:
1701     (let* ((parent (node-parent n))
1702            (att-defs
1703             (cond
1704              ((not parent)
1705               (list))
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1706         ((not (node-list-node? parent))
1707          (symbol-attributes
1708           (list-ref
1709            (ast-rule-production (node-ast-rule parent))
1710             (node-child-index? n))))
1711         ((node-parent parent)
1712          (symbol-attributes
1713           (list-ref
1714            (ast-rule-production (node-ast-rule (node-parent parent)))
1715             (node-child-index? parent))))
1716         (else (list))))))
1717 (if (node-list-node? n)
1718     (for-each
1719      (lambda (n)
1720        (unless (node-bud-node? n)
1721         (update-by-defs n att-defs)))
1722      (node-children n))
1723     (unless (node-bud-node? n)
1724      (update-by-defs n att-defs))))))
1725
1726 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an AST node delete its inherited attribute instances. If the given node
1727 ; is a list node, the inherited attributes of its elements are deleted.
1728 (define detach-inherited-attributes
1729   (lambda (n)
1730     (cond
1731      ((node-list-node? n)
1732       (for-each
1733        detach-inherited-attributes
1734        (node-children n)))
1735      ((node-non-terminal? n)
1736       (node-attributes-set!
1737        n
1738        (remap
1739         (lambda (att)
1740           (let ((remove? (attribute-definition-inherited? (attribute-instance-definition att))))
1741             (when remove?
1742              (flush-attribute-instance att)
1743              remove?)))
1744         (node-attributes n))))))
1745
1746 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an evaluator state and an AST fragment, change the
1747 ; fragment's evaluator state to the given one.
1748 (define distribute-evaluator-state
1749   (lambda (evaluator-state n)
1750     (node-evaluator-state-set! n evaluator-state)
1751     (unless (node-terminal? n)
1752      (for-each
1753       (lambda (n)
1754         (distribute-evaluator-state evaluator-state n))
1755       (node-children n))))))
1756
1757 ; ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
1758 ; ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
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1760
1761 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: See "add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic".
1762 (define add-dependency:cache->node
1763   (lambda (influencing-node)
1764     (add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic influencing-node (cons 0 racr-nil))))
1765
1766 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: See "add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic".
1767 (define add-dependency:cache->node-is-root
1768   (lambda (influencing-node)
1769     (add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic influencing-node (cons 1 racr-nil))))
1770
1771 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: See "add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic".
1772 (define add-dependency:cache->node-num-children
1773   (lambda (influencing-node)
1774     (add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic influencing-node (cons 2 racr-nil))))
1775
1776 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: See "add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic".
1777 (define add-dependency:cache->node-type
1778   (lambda (influencing-node)
1779     (add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic influencing-node (cons 3 racr-nil))))
1780
1781 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: See "add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic".
1782 (define add-dependency:cache->node-super-type
1783   (lambda (influencing-node comparison-type)
1784     (add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic influencing-node (cons 4 comparison-type))))
1785
1786 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: See "add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic".
1787 (define add-dependency:cache->node-sub-type
1788   (lambda (influencing-node comparison-type)
1789     (add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic influencing-node (cons 5 comparison-type))))
1790
1791 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: See "add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic".

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1792 (define add-dependency:cache->node-defines-context
1793   (lambda (influencing-node context-name)
1794     (add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic influencing-node (cons 6 context-name))))
1795
1796 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given a node N and a correlation C add an dependency-edge marked with C from
1797 ; the attribute cache entry currently in evaluation (considering the evaluator state of the AST N
1798 ; is part of) to N and an influence-edge vice versa. If no attribute cache entry is in evaluation
1799 ; no edges are added. The following seven correlations exist:
1800 ; 0) Dependency on the existence of the node (i.e., existence of a node at the same location)
1801 ; 1) Dependency on the node being a root (i.e., the node has no parent)
1802 ; 2) Dependency on the node's number of children (i.e., existence of a node at the same location and with
1803 ;    the same number of children)
1804 ; 3) Dependency on the node's type (i.e., existence of a node at the same location and with the same type)
1805 ; 4) Dependency on whether the node's type is a supertype w.r.t. a certain type encoded in C or not
1806 ; 5) Dependency on whether the node's type is a subtype w.r.t. a certain type encoded in C or not
1807 ; 6) Dependency on whether the node defines a certain context (i.e., has child with a certain name) or not
1808 (define add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic
1809   (lambda (influencing-node correlation)
1810     (let ((dependent-cache (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state influencing-node))))
1811       (when dependent-cache
1812         (let ((dependency-vector
1813               (let ((dc-hit (assq influencing-node (attribute-cache-entry-node-dependencies dependent-cache))))
1814                 (and dc-hit (cdr dc-hit)))))
1815           (unless dependency-vector
1816             (set! dependency-vector (vector #f #f #f #f (list) (list) (list)))
1817             (attribute-cache-entry-node-dependencies-set!
1818              dependent-cache
1819              (cons
1820               (cons influencing-node dependency-vector)
1821               (attribute-cache-entry-node-dependencies dependent-cache)))
1822             (node-cache-influences-set!
1823              influencing-node
1824              (cons
1825               (cons dependent-cache dependency-vector)
1826               (node-cache-influences influencing-node))))
1827           (let ((correlation-type (car correlation))
1828                 (correlation-arg (cdr correlation)))
1829             (vector-set!
1830              dependency-vector
1831              correlation-type
1832              (case correlation-type
1833                ((0 1 2 3)
1834                 #t)
1835                ((4 5 6)
1836                 (let ((known-args (vector-ref dependency-vector correlation-type)))
1837                   (if (memq correlation-arg known-args)
1838                       known-args
1839                       (cons correlation-arg known-args)))))))
1840
1841 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an attribute cache entry C, add an dependency-edge from C to the entry currently
1842 ; in evaluation (considering the evaluator state of the AST C is part of) and an influence-edge vice-versa.
1843 ; If no attribute cache entry is in evaluation no edges are added.
1844 (define add-dependency:cache->cache
1845   (lambda (influencing-cache)
1846     (let ((dependent-cache
1847           (evaluator-state-in-evaluation?
1848            (node-evaluator-state
1849             (attribute-instance-context
1850              (attribute-cache-entry-context influencing-cache))))))
1851       (when (and dependent-cache (not (memq influencing-cache (attribute-cache-entry-cache-dependencies dependent-cache))))
1852         (attribute-cache-entry-cache-dependencies-set!
1853          dependent-cache
1854          (cons
1855           influencing-cache
1856           (attribute-cache-entry-cache-dependencies dependent-cache)))
1857         (attribute-cache-entry-cache-influences-set!
1858          influencing-cache
1859          (cons
1860           dependent-cache
1861           (attribute-cache-entry-cache-influences influencing-cache))))))
1862
1863 ; .....
1864 ; ..... Primitive Rewrite Interface .....
1865 ; .....
1866
1867 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an attribute instance, flush all its cache entries.
1868 (define flush-attribute-instance
1869   (lambda (att)
1870     (call-with-values
1871      (lambda ()
1872        (hashtable-entries (attribute-instance-cache att)))
1873      (lambda (keys values)
1874        (vector-for-each
1875         flush-attribute-cache-entry
1876         values))))
1877
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1878 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an attribute cache entry, delete it and all depending entries.
1879 (define flush-attribute-cache-entry
1880   (lambda (att-cache)
1881     (let ((influenced-caches (attribute-cache-entry-cache-influences att-cache))) ; Save all influenced attribute cache entries.
1882       ; Delete foreign influences:
1883       (for-each ; For every cache entry I the entry depends on,...
1884         (lambda (influencing-cache)
1885           (attribute-cache-entry-cache-influences-set! ; ...remove the influence edge from I to the entry.
1886             influencing-cache
1887             (remq att-cache (attribute-cache-entry-cache-influences influencing-cache))))
1888         (attribute-cache-entry-cache-dependencies att-cache))
1889       (for-each ; For every node N the attribute cache entry depends on...
1890         (lambda (node-dependency)
1891           (node-cache-influences-set!
1892             (car node-dependency)
1893             (remq ; ...remove the influence edge from N to the entry.
1894               (lambda (cache-influence)
1895                 (eq? (car cache-influence) att-cache))
1896               (node-cache-influences (car node-dependency))))))
1897         (attribute-cache-entry-node-dependencies att-cache))
1898       ; Delete the attribute cache entry:
1899       (hashtable-delete!
1900         (attribute-instance-cache (attribute-cache-entry-context att-cache))
1901         (attribute-cache-entry-arguments att-cache))
1902         (attribute-cache-entry-cache-dependencies-set! att-cache (list))
1903         (attribute-cache-entry-node-dependencies-set! att-cache (list))
1904         (attribute-cache-entry-cache-influences-set! att-cache (list))
1905         ; Proceed flushing, i.e., for every attribute cache entry D the entry originally influenced,...
1906         (for-each
1907           (lambda (dependent-cache)
1908             (flush-attribute-cache-entry dependent-cache)) ; ...flush D.
1909           influenced-caches))))
1910
1911 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an AST node n, flush all attribute cache entries that depend on
1912 ; information of the subtree spanned by n but are outside of it and, if requested, all attribute
1913 ; cache entries within the subtree spanned by n that depend on information outside of it.
1914 (define flush-inter-fragment-dependent-attribute-cache-entries
1915   (lambda (n flush-outgoing?)
1916     (let loop ((n* n))
1917       (for-each
1918         (lambda (influence)
1919           (unless (node-inside-of? (attribute-instance-context (attribute-cache-entry-context (car influence))) n)
1920             (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence))))
1921         (node-cache-influences n*))
1922       (for-each
1923         (lambda (att)
1924           (vector-for-each
1925             (lambda (att-cache)
1926               (let ((flush-att-cache?
1927                 (and
1928                   flush-outgoing?
1929                   (or
1930                     (find
1931                       (lambda (dependency)
1932                         (not (node-inside-of? (car dependency) n)))
1933                       (attribute-cache-entry-node-dependencies att-cache))
1934                     (find
1935                       (lambda (influencing-cache)
1936                         (not (node-inside-of? (attribute-instance-context (attribute-cache-entry-context influencing-cache)) n))
1937                       (attribute-cache-entry-cache-dependencies att-cache))))))
1938                 (if flush-att-cache?
1939                   (flush-attribute-cache-entry att-cache)
1940                   (for-each
1941                     (lambda (dependent-cache)
1942                       (unless (node-inside-of? (attribute-instance-context (attribute-cache-entry-context dependent-cache)) n)
1943                         (flush-attribute-cache-entry dependent-cache)))
1944                     (attribute-cache-entry-cache-influences att-cache))))))
1945             (call-with-values
1946               (lambda ()
1947                 (hashtable-entries (attribute-instance-cache att)))
1948               (lambda (key-vector value-vector)
1949                 value-vector))))
1950             (node-attributes n*))
1951         (unless (node-terminal? n*)
1952           (for-each
1953             loop
1954             (node-children n*))))))
1955
1956 (define rewrite-terminal
1957   (lambda (i n new-value)
1958     ;; Before changing the value of the terminal ensure, that...
1959     (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state n)) ; ...no attributes are in evaluation and...
1960       (throw-exception
1961         "Cannot change terminal value; "
1962         "There are attributes in evaluation."))
1963     (let ((n

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1964         (if (symbol? i)
1965             (node-find-child n i)
1966             (and (>= i 1) (<= i (length (node-children n))) (list-ref (node-children n) (- i 1))))))
1967 (unless (and n (node-terminal? n)) ; ...the given context is a terminal.
1968     (throw-exception
1969         "Cannot change terminal value; "
1970         "The given context does not exist or is no terminal."))
1971 ;; Everything is fine. Thus...
1972 (let ((old-value (node-children n)))
1973     (for-each ; ...flush all attribute cache entries influenced by the terminal,...
1974         (lambda (influence)
1975             (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence))))
1976     (node-cache-influences n))
1977 (node-children-set! n new-value) ; ...rewrite its value and...
1978 old-value))) ; ...return its old value.
1979
1980 (define rewrite-refine
1981     (lambda (n t . c)
1982         ;; Before refining the non-terminal node ensure, that...
1983         (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state n)) ; ...non of its attributes are in evaluation,...
1984             (throw-exception
1985                 "Cannot refine node; "
1986                 "There are attributes in evaluation."))
1987         (when (or (node-list-node? n) (node-bud-node? n)) ; ...it is not a list or bud node,...
1988             (throw-exception
1989                 "Cannot refine node; "
1990                 "The node is a " (if (node-list-node? n) "list" "bud") " node."))
1991         (let* ((old-rule (node-ast-rule n))
1992                (new-rule (racr-specification-find-rule (ast-rule-specification old-rule) t)))
1993             (unless (and new-rule (ast-rule-subtype? new-rule old-rule)) ; ...the given type is a subtype and...
1994                 (throw-exception
1995                     "Cannot refine node; "
1996                     t " is not a subtype of " (symbol-name (car (ast-rule-production old-rule))) ".")
1997                 (let ((additional-children (list-tail (ast-rule-production new-rule) (length (ast-rule-production old-rule)))))
1998                     (unless (satisfies-contexts? c additional-children) ; ...all additional children fit.
1999                         (throw-exception
2000                             "Cannot refine node; "
2001                             "The given additional children do not fit."))
2002                     ;; Everything is fine. Thus...
2003                     (for-each ; ...flush the influenced attribute cache entries, i.e., all entries influenced by the node's...
2004                         (lambda (influence)
2005                             (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence))))
2006                     (filter
2007                         (lambda (influence)
2008                             (or
2009                                 (and (vector-ref (cdr influence) 2) (not (null? c))) ; ...number of children,...
2010                                 (and (vector-ref (cdr influence) 3) (not (eq? old-rule new-rule))) ; ...type,...
2011                                 (find ; ...supertype,...
2012                                     (lambda (t2)
2013                                         (not (eq? (ast-rule-subtype? t2 old-rule) (ast-rule-subtype? t2 new-rule))))
2014                                     (vector-ref (cdr influence) 4))
2015                                 (find ; ...subtype or...
2016                                     (lambda (t2)
2017                                         (not (eq? (ast-rule-subtype? old-rule t2) (ast-rule-subtype? new-rule t2))))
2018                                     (vector-ref (cdr influence) 5))
2019                                 (find ; ...defined contexts and...
2020                                     (lambda (context-name)
2021                                         (let ((old-defines-context? (ast-rule-find-child-context old-rule context-name))
2022                                               (new-defines-context? (ast-rule-find-child-context new-rule context-name)))
2023                                             (if old-defines-context? (not new-defines-context?) new-defines-context?)))
2024                                     (vector-ref (cdr influence) 6))))
2025                         (node-cache-influences n)))
2026                     (for-each ; ...all entries depending on the new children being roots. Afterwards,...
2027                         (lambda (child)
2028                             (for-each
2029                                 (lambda (influence)
2030                                     (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
2031                                 (filter
2032                                     (lambda (influence)
2033                                         (vector-ref (cdr influence) 1))
2034                                     (node-cache-influences child))))
2035                         c)
2036                     (node-ast-rule-set! n new-rule) ; ...update the node's type,...
2037                     (update-synthesized-attribution n) ; ...synthesized attribution,...
2038                     (node-children-set! ; ...insert the new children and...
2039                         n
2040                         (append
2041                             (node-children n)
2042                             (map
2043                                 (lambda (child context)
2044                                     (let ((child
2045                                         (if (symbol-non-terminal? context)
2046                                             child
2047                                             (make-node 'terminal n child))))
2048                                         (node-parent-set! child n)
2049                                         (distribute-evaluator-state (node-evaluator-state n) child) ; ...update their evaluator state and...
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2050         child))
2051     c
2052     additional-children)))
2053 (for-each
2054   update-inherited-attribution ; ...inherited attribution.
2055   (node-children n))))))
2056
2057 (define rewrite-abstract
2058   (lambda (n t)
2059     ;; Before abstracting the node ensure, that...
2060     (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state n)) ; ...no attributes are in evaluation,...
2061       (throw-exception
2062         "Cannot abstract node; "
2063         "There are attributes in evaluation."))
2064     (when (or (node-list-node? n) (node-bud-node? n)) ; ...the node is not a list or bud node,...
2065       (throw-exception
2066         "Cannot abstract node; "
2067         "The node is a " (if (node-list-node? n) "list" "bud") " node."))
2068     (let* ((old-rule (node-ast-rule n))
2069            (new-rule (racr-specification-find-rule (ast-rule-specification old-rule) t)))
2070       (unless (and new-rule (ast-rule-subtype? old-rule new-rule)) ; ...the new type is a supertype and...
2071         (throw-exception
2072           "Cannot abstract node; "
2073           t " is not a supertype of " (symbol-name (car (ast-rule-production old-rule))) ".")
2074         ; ...permitted in the context in which the node is:
2075         (unless (or (not (node-parent n)) (valid-replacement-candidate? n (create-ast-mockup new-rule)))
2076           (throw-exception
2077             "Cannot abstract node; "
2078             "Abstraction to type " t " not permitted by context."))
2079         ;; Everything is fine. Thus,...
2080         (let* ((num-new-children (length (cdr (ast-rule-production new-rule))))
2081                (children-to-remove (list-tail (node-children n) num-new-children)))
2082           (for-each ; ...flush all influenced attribute cache entries, i.e., all entries influenced by the node's...
2083             (lambda (influence)
2084               (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
2085             (filter
2086               (lambda (influence)
2087                 (or
2088                   (and (vector-ref (cdr influence) 2) (not (null? children-to-remove))) ; ...number of children,...
2089                   (and (vector-ref (cdr influence) 3) (not (eq? old-rule new-rule))) ; ...type...
2090                   (find ; ...supertype,...
2091                     (lambda (t2)
2092                       (not (eq? (ast-rule-subtype? t2 old-rule) (ast-rule-subtype? t2 new-rule))))
2093                     (vector-ref (cdr influence) 4))
2094                   (find ; ...subtype or...
2095                     (lambda (t2)
2096                       (not (eq? (ast-rule-subtype? old-rule t2) (ast-rule-subtype? new-rule t2))))
2097                     (vector-ref (cdr influence) 5))
2098                   (find ; ...defined contexts and...
2099                     (lambda (context-name)
2100                       (let ((old-defines-context? (ast-rule-find-child-context old-rule context-name))
2101                             (new-defines-context? (ast-rule-find-child-context new-rule context-name)))
2102                         (if old-defines-context? (not new-defines-context?) new-defines-context?)))
2103                     (vector-ref (cdr influence) 6))))
2104               (node-cache-influences n)))
2105           (for-each ; ...all entries cross—depending the removed ASTs. Afterwards,...
2106             (lambda (child-to-remove)
2107               (flush-inter-fragment-dependent-attribute-cache-entries child-to-remove #t))
2108             children-to-remove)
2109           (node-ast-rule-set! n new-rule) ; ...update the node's type and its...
2110           (update-synthesized-attribution n) ; ...synthesized (because of possibly less) and...
2111           (update-inherited-attribution n) ; ...inherited (because of unshadowed) attributes. Further,...
2112           (for-each ; ...for every child to remove,...
2113             (lambda (child)
2114               (detach-inherited-attributes child) ; ...delete its inherited attributes,...
2115               (node-parent-set! child #f) ; ...detach it from the AST and...
2116               (distribute-evaluator-state (make-evaluator-state) child)) ; ...update its evaluator state. Then,...
2117             children-to-remove)
2118           (unless (null? children-to-remove)
2119             (if (> num-new-children 0)
2120               (set-cdr! (list-tail (node-children n) (- num-new-children 1)) (list))
2121               (node-children-set! n (list))))
2122           (for-each ; ...update the inherited attribution of all remaining children. Finally,...
2123             update-inherited-attribution
2124             (node-children n))
2125           children-to-remove)))) ; ...return the removed children.
2126
2127 (define rewrite-add
2128   (lambda (l e)
2129     ;; Before adding the element ensure, that...
2130     (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state l)) ; ...no attributes of the list are in evaluation,...
2131       (throw-exception
2132         "Cannot add list element; "
2133         "There are attributes in evaluation."))
2134     (unless (node-list-node? l) ; ...indeed a list is given as context and...
2135       (throw-exception

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2136 "Cannot add list element; "
2137 "The given context is no list-node.))
2138 (unless (valid-list-element-candidate? l e) ; ...the new element fits.
2139 (throw-exception
2140 "Cannot add list element; "
2141 "The new element does not fit.))
2142 ;; When all rewrite constraints are satisfied,...
2143 (for-each ; ...flush all attribute cache entries influenced by the list-node's number of children and...
2144 (lambda (influence)
2145 (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
2146 (filter
2147 (lambda (influence)
2148 (vector-ref (cdr influence) 2))
2149 (node-cache-influences l)))
2150 (for-each ; ...all entries depending on the new element being a root. Afterwards,...
2151 (lambda (influence)
2152 (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
2153 (filter
2154 (lambda (influence)
2155 (vector-ref (cdr influence) 1))
2156 (node-cache-influences e)))
2157 (node-children-set! l (append (node-children l) (list e))) ; ...add the new element,...
2158 (node-parent-set! e l)
2159 (distribute-evaluator-state (node-evaluator-state l) e) ; ...initialize its evaluator state and...
2160 (when (node-parent l)
2161 (update-inherited-attribution e))) ; ...any inherited attributes defined for its new context.
2162
2163 (define rewrite-subtree
2164 (lambda (old-fragment new-fragment)
2165 ;; Before replacing the subtree ensure, that...
2166 (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state old-fragment)) ; ...no attributes of the old fragment are in
    evaluation and...
2167 (throw-exception
2168 "Cannot replace subtree; "
2169 "There are attributes in evaluation.))
2170 (unless (valid-replacement-candidate? old-fragment new-fragment) ; ...the new fragment fits in its context.
2171 (throw-exception
2172 "Cannot replace subtree; "
2173 "The replacement does not fit.))
2174 ;; When all rewrite constraints are satisfied,...
2175 (detach-inherited-attributes old-fragment) ; ...delete the old fragment's inherited attribution. Then,...
2176 ; ...flush all attribute cache entries cross-depending the old fragment and...
2177 (flush-inter-fragment-dependent-attribute-cache-entries old-fragment #t)
2178 (for-each ; ...all entries depending on the new fragment being a root. Afterwards,...
2179 (lambda (influence)
2180 (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
2181 (filter
2182 (lambda (influence)
2183 (vector-ref (cdr influence) 1))
2184 (node-cache-influences new-fragment)))
2185 (distribute-evaluator-state (node-evaluator-state old-fragment) new-fragment) ; ...update both fragments' evaluator state,...
2186 (distribute-evaluator-state (make-evaluator-state) old-fragment)
2187 (set-car! ; ...replace the old fragment by the new one and...
2188 (list-tail (node-children (node-parent old-fragment)) (- (node-child-index? old-fragment) 1))
2189 new-fragment)
2190 (node-parent-set! new-fragment (node-parent old-fragment))
2191 (node-parent-set! old-fragment #f)
2192 (update-inherited-attribution new-fragment) ; ...update the new fragment's inherited attribution. Finally,...
2193 old-fragment)) ; ...return the removed old fragment.
2194
2195 (define rewrite-insert
2196 (lambda (l i e)
2197 ;; Before inserting the new element ensure, that...
2198 (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state l)) ; ...no attributes of the list are in evaluation,...
2199 (throw-exception
2200 "Cannot insert list element; "
2201 "There are attributes in evaluation.))
2202 (unless (node-list-node? l) ; ...indeed a list is given as context,...
2203 (throw-exception
2204 "Cannot insert list element; "
2205 "The given context is no list-node.))
2206 (when (or (< i 1) (> i (+ (length (node-children l)) 1))) ; ...the list has enough elements and...
2207 (throw-exception
2208 "Cannot insert list element; "
2209 "The given index is out of range.))
2210 (unless (valid-list-element-candidate? l e) ; ...the new element fits.
2211 (throw-exception
2212 "Cannot add list element; "
2213 "The new element does not fit.))
2214 ;; When all rewrite constraints are satisfied...
2215 (for-each ; ...flush all attribute cache entries influenced by the list's number of children. Further,...
2216 (lambda (influence)
2217 (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
2218 (filter
2219 (lambda (influence)
2220 (vector-ref (cdr influence) 2))
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2221      (node-cache-influences 1)))
2222 (for-each ; ...for each tree spanned by the successor element's of the insertion position,...
2223 ; ...flush all attribute cache entries depending on, but still outside of, the respective tree. Then,...
2224 (lambda (successor)
2225   (flush-inter-fragment-dependent-attribute-cache-entries successor #f))
2226 (list-tail (node-children 1) (- i 1)))
2227 (for-each ; ...flush all attribute cache entries depending on the new element being a root. Afterwards,...
2228 (lambda (influence)
2229   (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
2230 (filter
2231   (lambda (influence)
2232     (vector-ref (cdr influence) 1))
2233   (node-cache-influences e)))
2234 (let ((insert-head (list-tail (node-children 1) (- i 1)))) ; ...insert the new element,...
2235   (set-cdr! insert-head (cons (car insert-head) (cdr insert-head)))
2236   (set-car! insert-head e))
2237 (node-parent-set! e 1)
2238 (distribute-evaluator-state (node-evaluator-state 1) e) ; ...initialize its evaluator state and...
2239 (when (node-parent 1)
2240   (update-inherited-attributes e))) ; ...any inherited attributes defined for its new context.
2241
2242 (define rewrite-delete
2243 (lambda (n)
2244   ;; Before deleting the element ensure, that...
2245   (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state n)) ; ...no attributes are in evaluation and...
2246     (throw-exception
2247      "Cannot delete list element; "
2248      "There are attributes in evaluation."))
2249   (unless (and (node-parent n) (node-list-node? (node-parent n))) ; ...the given node is element of a list.
2250     (throw-exception
2251      "Cannot delete list element; "
2252      "The given node is not element of a list."))
2253   ;; When all rewrite constraints are satisfied, flush all attribute cache entries influenced by...
2254   (for-each ; ...the number of children of the list node the element is part of. Further,...
2255     (lambda (influence)
2256       (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
2257   (filter
2258     (lambda (influence)
2259       (vector-ref (cdr influence) 2))
2260     (node-cache-influences (node-parent n))))
2261 (detach-inherited-attributes n) ; ...delete the element's inherited attributes and...
2262 (flush-inter-fragment-dependent-attribute-cache-entries n #t) ; ...the attribute cache entries cross-depending its subtree...
2263 (for-each ; ...and for each tree spanned by its successor elements,...
2264 ; ...flush all attribute cache entries depending on, but still outside of, the respective tree. Then,...
2265 (lambda (successor)
2266   (flush-inter-fragment-dependent-attribute-cache-entries successor #f))
2267 (list-tail (node-children (node-parent n)) (node-child-index? n)))
2268 (node-children-set! (node-parent n) (remq n (node-children (node-parent n)))) ; ...remove the element from the list,...
2269 (node-parent-set! n #f)
2270 (distribute-evaluator-state (make-evaluator-state) n) ; ...reset its evaluator state and...
2271 n)) ; ...return it.
2272
2273 ; .....
2274 ; ..... Rewrite Interface .....
2275 ; .....
2276
2277 (define perform-rewrites
2278 (lambda (n strategy . transformers)
2279   (define find-and-apply
2280     (case strategy
2281       ((top-down)
2282        (lambda (n)
2283          (and
2284            (not (node-terminal? n))
2285            (or
2286              (find (lambda (r) (r n)) transformers)
2287              (find find-and-apply (node-children n))))))
2288       ((bottom-up)
2289        (lambda (n)
2290          (and
2291            (not (node-terminal? n))
2292            (or
2293              (find find-and-apply (node-children n))
2294              (find (lambda (r) (r n)) transformers))))))
2295     (else (throw-exception
2296            "Cannot perform rewrites; "
2297            "Unknown " strategy " strategy."))))
2298 (let loop ()
2299   (when (node-parent n)
2300     (throw-exception
2301      "Cannot perform rewrites; "
2302      "The given starting point is not (anymore) an AST root."))
2303   (let ((match (find-and-apply n)))
2304     (if match
2305       (cons match (loop))
2306       (list))))))

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2307
2308 ;
2309 ; :::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::: Pattern Matching ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
2310 ;
2311
2312 (define pattern-language (make-racr-specification))
2313
2314 (define specify-pattern-attribute
2315   (lambda (spec att-name distinguished-node fragments references)
2316     (define process-fragment
2317       (lambda (context type binding children)
2318         (unless (and
2319                 (or (symbol? context) (integer? context))
2320                 (or (not type) (symbol? type))
2321                 (or (not binding) (symbol? binding)))
2322           (throw-exception
2323            "Invalid pattern definition; "
2324            "Wrong argument type (context, type or binding of fragment)."))
2325         (create-ast
2326          pattern-language
2327          'Node
2328          (list
2329           context
2330           type
2331           binding
2332           (create-ast-list
2333            (map
2334             (lambda (child)
2335               (apply process-fragment child))
2336             children))))))
2337     (define process-reference
2338       (lambda (name source target)
2339         (unless (and (symbol? name) (symbol? source) (symbol? target))
2340           (throw-exception
2341            "Invalid pattern definition; "
2342            "Wrong argument type (name, source and target of references must be symbols)."))
2343         (create-ast pattern-language 'Ref (list name source target)))
2344     (let ((ast
2345           (create-ast
2346            pattern-language
2347            'Pattern
2348            (list
2349             (create-ast-list (map (lambda (frag) (apply process-fragment (cons 'racr-nil frag))) fragments))
2350             (create-ast-list (map (lambda (ref) (apply process-reference ref)) references))
2351             #f
2352             spec))))
2353       ; Resolve symbolic node references (i.e., perform name analysis):
2354       (rewrite-terminal 'dnode ast (att-value 'lookup-node ast distinguished-node))
2355       (for-each
2356        (lambda (ref)
2357          (let ((source (att-value 'lookup-node ast (ast-child 'source ref)))
2358                (target (att-value 'lookup-node ast (ast-child 'target ref))))
2359            (if source
2360                (rewrite-terminal 'source ref source)
2361                (throw-exception
2362                 "Invalid pattern definition; "
2363                 "Undefined reference source " (ast-child 'source ref) "."))
2364            (if target
2365                (rewrite-terminal 'target ref target)
2366                (throw-exception
2367                 "Invalid pattern definition; "
2368                 "Undefined reference target " (ast-child 'target ref) "."))
2369            (ast-children (ast-child 'Ref* ast)))
2370       ; Ensure well-formedness of the pattern (valid distinguished node, reachability, typing, unique node naming):
2371       (unless (att-value 'well-formed? ast)
2372         (throw-exception
2373          "Invalid pattern definition; "
2374          "The pattern is not well-formed.))
2375       ; Every thing is fine. Thus, add a respective matching attribute to the given specification:
2376       (specify-attribute
2377        spec
2378        att-name
2379        (ast-child 'type (ast-child 'dnode ast))
2380        '*
2381        #t
2382        (att-value 'pmm-code ast)
2383        #f))))
2384
2385 ;; -----
2386 ;; -- Pattern Matching Machine Instructions --
2387 ;; -----
2388
2389 (define pmmi-load-node ; Make already stored node the new current one.
2390   (lambda (next-instruction index)
2391     (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2392       (next-instruction (vector-ref node-memory index) node-memory))))
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2393
2394 (define pmmi-store-node ; Store current node for later reference.
2395   (lambda (next-instruction index)
2396     (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2397       (vector-set! node-memory index current-node)
2398       (next-instruction current-node node-memory))))
2399
2400 (define pmmi-ensure-context-by-name ; Ensure, the current node is certain child & make its parent the new current node.
2401   (lambda (next-instruction context-name)
2402     (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2403       (let ((parent? (ast-has-parent? current-node)))
2404         (if (and parent? (ast-has-child? context-name parent?) (eq? (ast-child context-name parent?) current-node))
2405             (next-instruction parent? node-memory)
2406             #f)))))
2407
2408 (define pmmi-ensure-context-by-index ; Ensure, the current node is certain child & make its parent the new current node.
2409   (lambda (next-instruction index)
2410     (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2411       (let ((parent? (ast-has-parent? current-node)))
2412         (if (and parent? (>= (ast-num-children parent?) index) (eq? (ast-child index parent?) current-node))
2413             (next-instruction parent? node-memory)
2414             #f)))))
2415
2416 (define pmmi-ensure-subtype ; Ensure, the current node is of a certain type or a subtype.
2417   (lambda (next-instruction super-type)
2418     (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2419       (if (and
2420           (not (node-list-node? current-node))
2421           (not (node-bud-node? current-node))
2422           (ast-subtype? current-node super-type))
2423           (next-instruction current-node node-memory)
2424           #f)))))
2425
2426 (define pmmi-ensure-list ; Ensure, the current node is a list node.
2427   (lambda (next-instruction)
2428     (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2429       (if (node-list-node? current-node)
2430           (next-instruction current-node node-memory)
2431           #f)))))
2432
2433 (define pmmi-ensure-child-by-name ; Ensure, the current node has a certain child & make the child the new current node.
2434   (lambda (next-instruction context-name)
2435     (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2436       (if (ast-has-child? context-name current-node)
2437           (next-instruction (ast-child context-name current-node) node-memory)
2438           #f)))))
2439
2440 (define pmmi-ensure-child-by-index ; Ensure, the current node has a certain child & make the child the new current node.
2441   (lambda (next-instruction index)
2442     (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2443       (if (>= (ast-num-children current-node) index)
2444           (next-instruction (ast-child index current-node) node-memory)
2445           #f)))))
2446
2447 (define pmmi-ensure-node ; Ensure, the current node is a certain, already stored node.
2448   (lambda (next-instruction index)
2449     (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2450       (if (eq? current-node (vector-ref node-memory index))
2451           (next-instruction current-node node-memory)
2452           #f)))))
2453
2454 (define pmmi-traverse-reference ; Evaluate certain attribute of current node, ensure its value is a node & make it the new
2455   current one.
2456   (lambda (next-instruction reference-name)
2457     (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2458       (if (and (not (node-bud-node? current-node)) (att-value reference-name current-node))
2459           (next-instruction (att-value reference-name current-node) node-memory)
2460           #f)))))
2461
2462 (define pmmi-terminate ; Construct association list of all binded nodes.
2463   (lambda (bindings)
2464     (let ((bindings ; Precompute (key, index) pairs, such that the instruction's closure has no references to the pattern AST
2465           (map
2466            (lambda (n)
2467              (cons (ast-child 'binding n) (att-value 'node-memory-index n)))
2468            bindings)))
2469       (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2470         (map
2471          (lambda (binding)
2472            (cons (car binding) (vector-ref node-memory (cdr binding)))))
2473          bindings)))))
2474
2475 (define pmmi-initialize ; First instruction of any PMM program. Allocates memory used to store nodes throughout matching.
2476   (lambda (next-instruction node-memory-size)
2477     (lambda (current-node)
2478       (next-instruction current-node (make-vector node-memory-size))))))

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2478
2479 ;; -----
2480 ;; -- Pattern Language --
2481 ;; -----
2482
2483 (when (= (racr-specification-specification-phase pattern-language) 1)
2484   (with-specification
2485     pattern-language
2486
2487     (ast-rule 'Pattern->Node*-Ref*-dnode-spec)
2488     (ast-rule 'Node->context-type-binding-Node*)
2489     (ast-rule 'Ref->name-source-target)
2490     (compile-ast-specifications 'Pattern)
2491
2492     ;; Name Analysis:
2493
2494     (ag-rule ; Given a binding name, find its respective binded node.
2495       lookup-node
2496       (Pattern
2497         (lambda (n name)
2498           (ast-find-child*
2499             (lambda (i n)
2500               (att-value 'local-lookup-node n name))
2501             (ast-child 'Node* n))))))
2502
2503     (ag-rule
2504       local-lookup-node
2505       (Node
2506         (lambda (n name)
2507           (if (eq? (ast-child 'binding n) name)
2508             n
2509             (ast-find-child*
2510               (lambda (i n)
2511                 (att-value 'local-lookup-node n name))
2512               (ast-child 'Node* n))))))
2513
2514     (ag-rule ; Given a non-terminal, find its respective RACR AST rule.
2515       lookup-type
2516       (Pattern
2517         (lambda (n type)
2518           (racr-specification-find-rule (ast-child 'spec n) type))))
2519
2520     ;; Support API:
2521
2522     (ag-rule ; Root of the AST fragment a node is part of.
2523       fragment-root
2524       ((Pattern Node*)
2525        (lambda (n)
2526          n)))
2527
2528     (ag-rule ; Is the node a fragment root?
2529       fragment-root?
2530       ((Pattern Node*)
2531        (lambda (n) #t))
2532       ((Node Node*)
2533        (lambda (n) #f)))
2534
2535     (ag-rule ; List of all references of the pattern.
2536       references
2537       (Pattern
2538         (lambda (n)
2539           (ast-children (ast-child 'Ref* n)))))
2540
2541     (ag-rule ; List of all named nodes of the pattern.
2542       bindings
2543       (Pattern
2544         (lambda (n)
2545           (fold-left
2546             (lambda (result n)
2547               (append result (att-value 'bindings n)))
2548             (list)
2549             (ast-children (ast-child 'Node* n)))))
2550       (Node
2551         (lambda (n)
2552           (fold-left
2553             (lambda (result n)
2554               (append result (att-value 'bindings n)))
2555             (if (ast-child 'binding n) (list n) (list))
2556             (ast-children (ast-child 'Node* n)))))
2557
2558     (ag-rule ; Number of pattern nodes of the pattern/the subtree spanned by a node (including the node itself).
2559       nodes-count
2560       (Pattern
2561         (lambda (n)
2562           (fold-left
2563             (lambda (result n)
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2564      (+ result (att-value 'nodes-count n)))
2565      0
2566      (ast-children (ast-child 'Node* n))))
2567 (Node
2568   (lambda (n)
2569     (fold-left
2570      (lambda (result n)
2571        (+ result (att-value 'nodes-count n)))
2572      1
2573      (ast-children (ast-child 'Node* n))))))
2574
2575 ;; Type Analysis:
2576
2577 (ag-rule ; Must the node be a list?
2578 must-be-list?
2579 (Node ; A node must be a list if:
2580   (lambda (n)
2581     (or
2582      (eq? (ast-child 'type n) '*) ; (1) the pattern developer defines so,
2583      (ast-find-child ; (2) any of its children is referenced by index.
2584       (lambda (i n)
2585         (integer? (ast-child 'context n)))
2586       (ast-child 'Node* n))))))
2587
2588 (ag-rule ; Must the node not be a list?
2589 must-not-be-list?
2590 (Node ; A node must not be a list if:
2591   (lambda (n)
2592     (or
2593      (and ; (1) the pattern developer defines so,
2594       (ast-child 'type n)
2595       (not (eq? (ast-child 'type n) '*)))
2596      (and ; (2) it is child of a list,
2597       (not (att-value 'fragment-root? n))
2598       (att-value 'must-be-list? (ast-parent n)))
2599      (ast-find-child ; (3) any of its children is referenced by name or must be a list.
2600       (lambda (i n)
2601         (or
2602          (symbol? (ast-child 'context n))
2603          (att-value 'must-be-list? n)))
2604       (ast-child 'Node* n))))))
2605
2606 (ag-rule ; List of all types being subject of a Kleene closure, i.e., all list types.
2607 most-general-list-types
2608 (Pattern
2609   (lambda (n)
2610     (let ((list-types
2611           (fold-left
2612            (lambda (result ast-rule)
2613              (fold-left
2614               (lambda (result symbol)
2615                 (if (and (symbol-kleene? symbol) (not (memq (symbol-non-terminal? symbol) result)))
2616                     (cons (symbol-non-terminal? symbol) result)
2617                     result)))
2618             result
2619             (cdr (ast-rule-production ast-rule))))
2620       (list)
2621       (att-value 'most-concrete-types n))))
2622   (filter
2623    (lambda (type1)
2624      (not
2625       (find
2626        (lambda (type2)
2627          (and
2628           (not (eq? type1 type2))
2629           (ast-rule-subtype? type1 type2)))
2630        list-types)))
2631    list-types))))
2632
2633 (ag-rule ; List of all types (of a certain type) no other type inherits from.
2634 most-concrete-types
2635 (Pattern
2636   (case-lambda
2637     ((n)
2638      (filter
2639       (lambda (type)
2640         (null? (ast-rule-subtypes type)))
2641       (racr-specification-rules-list (ast-child 'spec n))))
2642     ((n type)
2643      (filter
2644       (lambda (type)
2645         (null? (ast-rule-subtypes type)))
2646       (cons type (ast-rule-subtypes type))))))
2647
2648 (ag-rule ; Satisfies a certain type a node's user defined type constraints?
2649 valid-user-induced-type?

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2650 (Node
2651 (lambda (n type kleene?)
2652   (or
2653     (not (ast-child 'type n))
2654     (if (eq? (ast-child 'type n) '*))
2655       kleene?
2656       (let ((user-induced-type (att-value 'lookup-type n (ast-child 'type n))))
2657         (and
2658           user-induced-type
2659           (ast-rule-subtype? type user-induced-type))))))
2660
2661 (ag-rule ; Satisfies a certain type all type constraint of a node and its subtree?
2662 valid-type?
2663 (Node
2664 (lambda (n type kleene?)
2665   (and
2666     (not (and (att-value 'must-be-list? n) (not kleene?)))
2667     (not (and (att-value 'must-not-be-list? n) kleene?))
2668     (att-value 'valid-user-induced-type? n type kleene?)
2669     (if kleene?
2670       (not
2671         (ast-find-child
2672           (lambda (i child)
2673             (not
2674               (find
2675                 (lambda (child-type)
2676                   (att-value 'valid-type? child child-type #f))
2677                   (att-value 'most-concrete-types n type))))
2678             (ast-child 'Node* n)))
2679       (not
2680         (ast-find-child
2681           (lambda (i child)
2682             (let* ((context? (ast-rule-find-child-context type (ast-child 'context child)))
2683                   (context-types?
2684                     (cond
2685                       ((not (and context? (symbol-non-terminal? context?))) (list))
2686                       ((symbol-kleene? context?) (list (symbol-non-terminal? context?)))
2687                       (else (att-value 'most-concrete-types n (symbol-non-terminal? context?))))))
2688             (not
2689               (find
2690                 (lambda (type)
2691                   (att-value 'valid-type? child type (symbol-kleene? context?)))
2692                 context-types?))))
2693             (ast-child 'Node* n))))))
2694
2695 (ag-rule ; Is the pattern satisfiable (a matching AST exists regarding fragment syntax & type constraints)?
2696 well-typed?
2697 ((Pattern Node*)
2698 (lambda (n)
2699   (or
2700     (find
2701       (lambda (type)
2702         (att-value 'valid-type? n type #f))
2703       (att-value 'most-concrete-types n))
2704     (find
2705       (lambda (type)
2706         (att-value 'valid-type? n type #t))
2707       (att-value 'most-general-list-types n))))))
2708
2709 ;; Reachability:
2710
2711 (ag-rule ; Is the reference connecting two different fragments?
2712 inter-fragment-reference?
2713 (Ref
2714 (lambda (n)
2715   (not
2716     (eq?
2717       (att-value 'fragment-root (ast-child 'source n))
2718       (att-value 'fragment-root (ast-child 'target n))))))
2719
2720 (ag-rule ; List of the child contexts to follow to reach the root.
2721 fragment-root-path
2722
2723 ((Pattern Node*)
2724 (lambda (n)
2725   (list)))
2726
2727 ((Node Node*)
2728 (lambda (n)
2729   (cons (ast-child 'context n) (att-value 'fragment-root-path (ast-parent n))))))
2730
2731 (ag-rule ; List of the cheapest inter fragment references of a fragment and their respective costs.
2732 inter-fragment-references
2733 ((Pattern Node*)
2734 (lambda (n)
2735   (define walk-costs ; Sum of distances of a reference's source & target to their roots.
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2736 (lambda (ref)
2737   (+
2738     (length (att-value 'fragment-root-path (ast-child 'source ref)))
2739     (length (att-value 'fragment-root-path (ast-child 'target ref)))))
2740 (reverse
2741   (fold-left ; Filter for each target the cheapest inter fragment reference:
2742     (lambda (result ref)
2743       (if
2744         (memp
2745           (lambda (weighted-ref)
2746             (eq?
2747               (att-value 'fragment-root (ast-child 'target ref))
2748               (att-value 'fragment-root (ast-child 'target (car weighted-ref))))))
2749         result
2750         (cons (cons ref (walk-costs ref)) result)))
2751   (list)
2752   (list-sort ; Sort the inter fragment references according to their costs:
2753     (lambda (ref1 ref2)
2754       (< (walk-costs ref1) (walk-costs ref2)))
2755     (filter ; Find all inter fragment references of the fragment:
2756       (lambda (ref)
2757         (and
2758           (eq? (att-value 'fragment-root (ast-child 'source ref)) n)
2759           (att-value 'inter-fragment-reference? ref)))
2760       (att-value 'references n))))))
2761
2762 (ag-rule ; List of references best suited to reach other fragments from the distinguished node.
2763 fragment-walk
2764 (Pattern
2765   (lambda (n)
2766     (let ((dummy-walk
2767           (cons
2768             (create-ast 'Ref (list #f (ast-child 'dnode n) (ast-child 'dnode n)))
2769             0)))
2770       (let loop ((walked ; List of pairs of already followed references and their total costs.
2771                     (list dummy-walk))
2772                 (to-visit ; Fragment roots still to visit.
2773                     (remq
2774                       (att-value 'fragment-root (ast-child 'dnode n))
2775                       (ast-children (ast-child 'Node* n))))))
2776         (let ((next-walk? ; Find the next inter fragment reference to follow if there is any,...
2777                     (fold-left ; ...i.e., for every already walked inter fragment reference R,...
2778                       (lambda (best-next-walk performed-walk)
2779                         (let ((possible-next-walk ; ...find the best walk reaching a new fragment from its target....
2780                               (find
2781                                (lambda (weighted-ref)
2782                                  (memp
2783                                    (att-value 'fragment-root (ast-child 'target (car weighted-ref)))
2784                                    to-visit))
2785                                (att-value 'inter-fragment-references (ast-child 'target (car performed-walk))))))
2786                           (cond
2787                             ((not possible-next-walk) ; ...If no new fragment is reachable from the target of R,...
2788                              best-next-walk) ; ...keep the currently best walk. Otherwise,...
2789                             ((not best-next-walk) ; ...if no next best walk has been selected yet,...
2790                              possible-next-walk) ; ...make the found one the best....
2791                             (else ; Otherwise,...
2792                              (let ((costs-possible-next-walk (+ (cdr possible-next-walk) (cdr performed-walk)))
2793                                    (if (< costs-possible-next-walk (cdr best-next-walk)) ; ...select the better one.
2794                                        (cons (car possible-next-walk) costs-possible-next-walk)
2795                                        best-next-walk))))))
2796                             (let ((#f
2797                                   walked)))
2798                               (if next-walk? ; If a new fragment can be reached,...
2799                                 (loop ; ...try to find another reachable one. Otherwise,...
2800                                   (append walked (list next-walk?))
2801                                   (remq
2802                                     (att-value 'fragment-root (ast-child 'target (car next-walk?)))
2803                                     to-visit))
2804                                 (map car (cdr walked))))))))) ; ...return the references defining all reachable fragments.
2805
2806 ;; Well-formedness:
2807
2808 (ag-rule ; Is the pattern specification valid, such that PMM code can be generated?
2809 well-formed?
2810 (Pattern
2811   (lambda (n)
2812     (and
2813       (att-value 'local-correct? n)
2814       (not
2815         (ast-find-child
2816           (lambda (i n)
2817             (not (att-value 'well-formed? n)))
2818           (ast-child 'Node* n))))))
2819
2820
2821

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## B. RACR Source Code

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2822 (Node
2823   (lambda (n)
2824     (and
2825       (att-value 'local-correct? n)
2826       (not
2827         (ast-find-child
2828           (lambda (i n)
2829             (not (att-value 'well-formed? n)))
2830             (ast-child 'Node* n))))))
2831
2832 (ag-rule ; Is a certain part of the pattern AST valid?
2833   local-correct?
2834
2835   (Pattern
2836     (lambda (n)
2837       (and
2838         (node? (ast-child 'dnode n)) ; A distinguished node must be defined, whose...
2839         (ast-child 'type (ast-child 'dnode n)) ; ...type is user specified and...
2840         (not (att-value 'must-be-list? (ast-child 'dnode n))) ; ...not a list.
2841         (= ; All fragments must be reachable from the distinguished node:
2842           (+ (length (att-value 'fragment-walk n)) 1)
2843           (ast-num-children (ast-child 'Node* n)))
2844         (not ; All fragments must be well typed, i.e., there exists an AST where they match:
2845           (ast-find-child
2846             (lambda (i n)
2847               (not (att-value 'well-typed? n)))
2848             (ast-child 'Node* n))))))
2849
2850   (Node
2851     (lambda (n)
2852       (and
2853         (or ; Binded names must be unique:
2854           (not (ast-child 'binding n))
2855           (eq? (att-value 'lookup-node n (ast-child 'binding n)) n))
2856         (let loop ((children (ast-children (ast-child 'Node* n)))) ; Contexts must be unique:
2857           (cond
2858             ((null? children) #t)
2859             ((find
2860               (lambda (child)
2861                 (eqv? (ast-child 'context (car children)) (ast-child 'context child)))
2862               (cdr children))
2863              #f)
2864             (else (loop (cdr children)))))))
2865
2866   ;; Code generation:
2867
2868   (ag-rule ; Index within node memory. Used during pattern matching to store and later load matched nodes.
2869     node-memory-index
2870
2871     ((Pattern Node*)
2872       (lambda (n)
2873         (if (> (ast-child-index n) 1)
2874           (+
2875             (att-value 'node-memory-index (ast-sibling (- (ast-child-index n) 1) n))
2876             (att-value 'nodes-count (ast-sibling (- (ast-child-index n) 1) n)))
2877           0)))
2878
2879     ((Node Node*)
2880       (lambda (n)
2881         (if (> (ast-child-index n) 1)
2882           (+
2883             (att-value 'node-memory-index (ast-sibling (- (ast-child-index n) 1) n))
2884             (att-value 'nodes-count (ast-sibling (- (ast-child-index n) 1) n))
2885             (+ (att-value 'node-memory-index (ast-parent n) 1))))
2886
2887   (ag-rule ; Function encoding pattern matching machine (PMM) specialised to match the pattern.
2888     pmm-code
2889     (Pattern
2890       (lambda (n)
2891         (pmmi-initialize
2892           (att-value
2893             'pmm-code:match-fragment
2894             (ast-child 'dnode n)
2895             (fold-right
2896               (lambda (reference result)
2897                 (pmmi-load-node
2898                   (pmmi-traverse-reference
2899                     (att-value 'pmm-code:match-fragment (ast-child 'target reference) result)
2900                     (ast-child 'name reference))
2901                     (att-value 'node-memory-index (ast-child 'source reference))))
2902                 (att-value
2903                   'pmm-code:check-references
2904                   n
2905                   (pmmi-terminate (att-value 'bindings n)))
2906                 (att-value 'fragment-walk n)))
2907           (+ (att-value 'nodes-count n) 1))))
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2908
2909 (ag-rule ; Function encoding PMM specialised to match the fragment the pattern node is part of.
2910 pmm-code:match-fragment
2911 (Node
2912   (lambda (n continuation-code)
2913     (fold-right
2914       (lambda (context result)
2915         (if (integer? context)
2916             (pmmi-ensure-context-by-index result context)
2917             (pmmi-ensure-context-by-name result context)))
2918       (att-value 'pmm-code:match-subtree (att-value 'fragment-root n) continuation-code)
2919       (att-value 'fragment-root-path n))))))
2920
2921 (ag-rule ; Function encoding PMM specialised to match the subtree the pattern node spans.
2922 pmm-code:match-subtree
2923 (Node
2924   (lambda (n continuation-code)
2925     (let ((store-instruction
2926           (pmmi-store-node
2927             (fold-right
2928               (lambda (child result)
2929                 (pmmi-load-node
2930                   (if (integer? (ast-child 'context child))
2931                       (pmmi-ensure-child-by-index
2932                         (att-value 'pmm-code:match-subtree child result)
2933                         (ast-child 'context child))
2934                       (pmmi-ensure-child-by-name
2935                         (att-value 'pmm-code:match-subtree child result)
2936                         (ast-child 'context child)))
2937                   (att-value 'node-memory-index n)))
2938               continuation-code
2939               (ast-children (ast-child 'Node* n)))
2940             (att-value 'node-memory-index n))))
2941       (cond
2942         ((att-value 'must-be-list? n)
2943          (pmmi-ensure-list store-instruction))
2944         ((ast-child 'type n)
2945          (pmmi-ensure-subtype store-instruction (ast-child 'type n)))
2946         (else store-instruction))))))
2947
2948 (ag-rule ; Function encoding PMM specialised to match the reference integrity of the pattern.
2949 pmm-code:check-references
2950 (Pattern
2951   (lambda (n continuation-code)
2952     (fold-left
2953       (lambda (result reference)
2954         (pmmi-load-node
2955           (pmmi-traverse-reference
2956             (pmmi-ensure-node
2957               result
2958               (att-value 'node-memory-index (ast-child 'target reference)))
2959               (ast-child 'name reference))
2960             (att-value 'node-memory-index (ast-child 'source reference))))
2961       continuation-code
2962       (filter
2963         (lambda (reference)
2964           (not (memq reference (att-value 'fragment-walk n))))
2965         (ast-children (ast-child 'Ref* n))))))
2966
2967 (compile-ag-specifications)))

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