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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 incrementally evaluated and automatically cached. Further, linear pattern matching complexity is guaranteed if involved attributes are already evaluated. 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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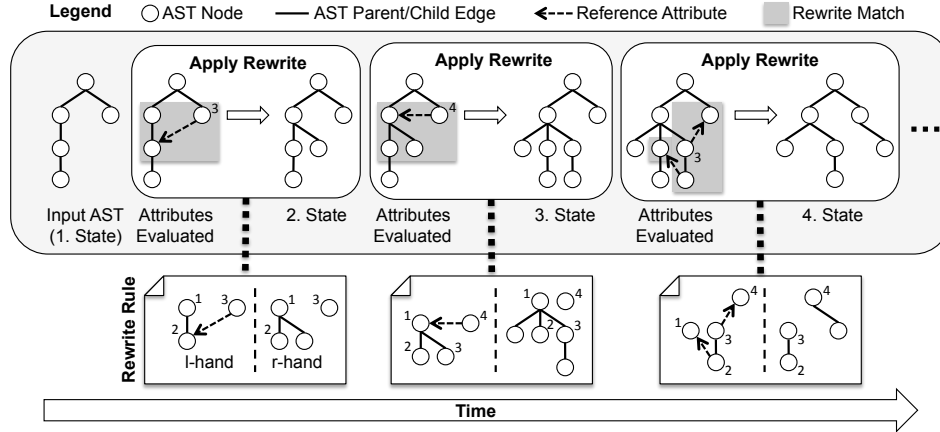


Figure 1.1.: Analyse-Synthesize Cycle of RAG Controlled Rewriting

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)

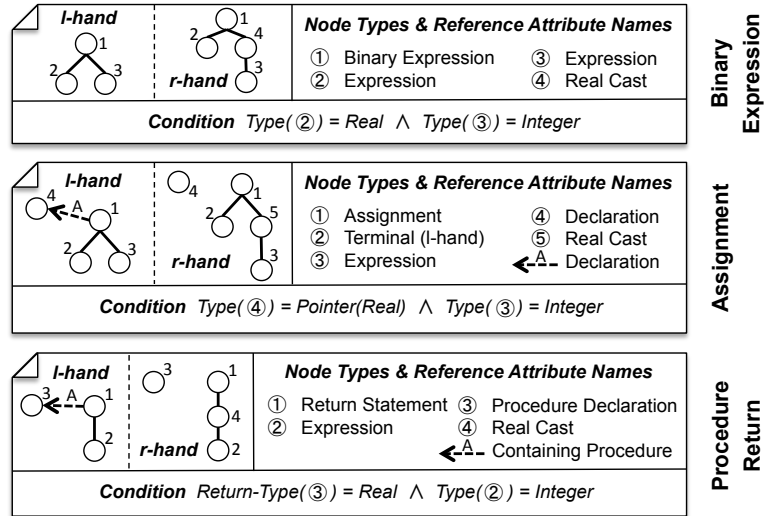


Figure 1.2.: Rewrite Rules for Integer to Real Type Coercion of a Programming Language

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 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 under the assumption that all involved reference attributes are already evaluated, matching is linear (to be precise, the test if the rest of a pattern matches after mapping its distinguished node to some node of a host graph is constant and to find all matches of a pattern in a host graph is linear). 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  $\text{att-value}$  be a function, that given the name of an attribute and an AST node evaluates the respective attribute instance at the given node. Let  $n_1, \dots, n_4$  be arbitrary AST nodes, each with an attribute instance  $i_1, \dots, i_4$  named  $a_1, \dots, a_4$  respectively. Assume, the equation of the attribute instance  $i_1$  for  $a_1$  at  $n_1$  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 core))`. 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

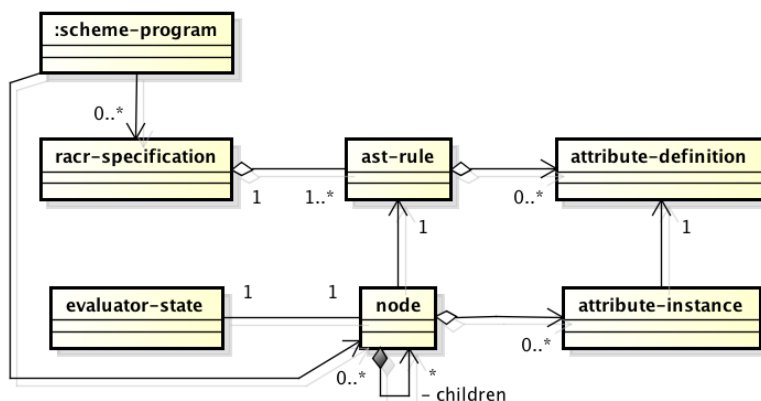


Figure 2.1.: Architecture of RACR Applications

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.



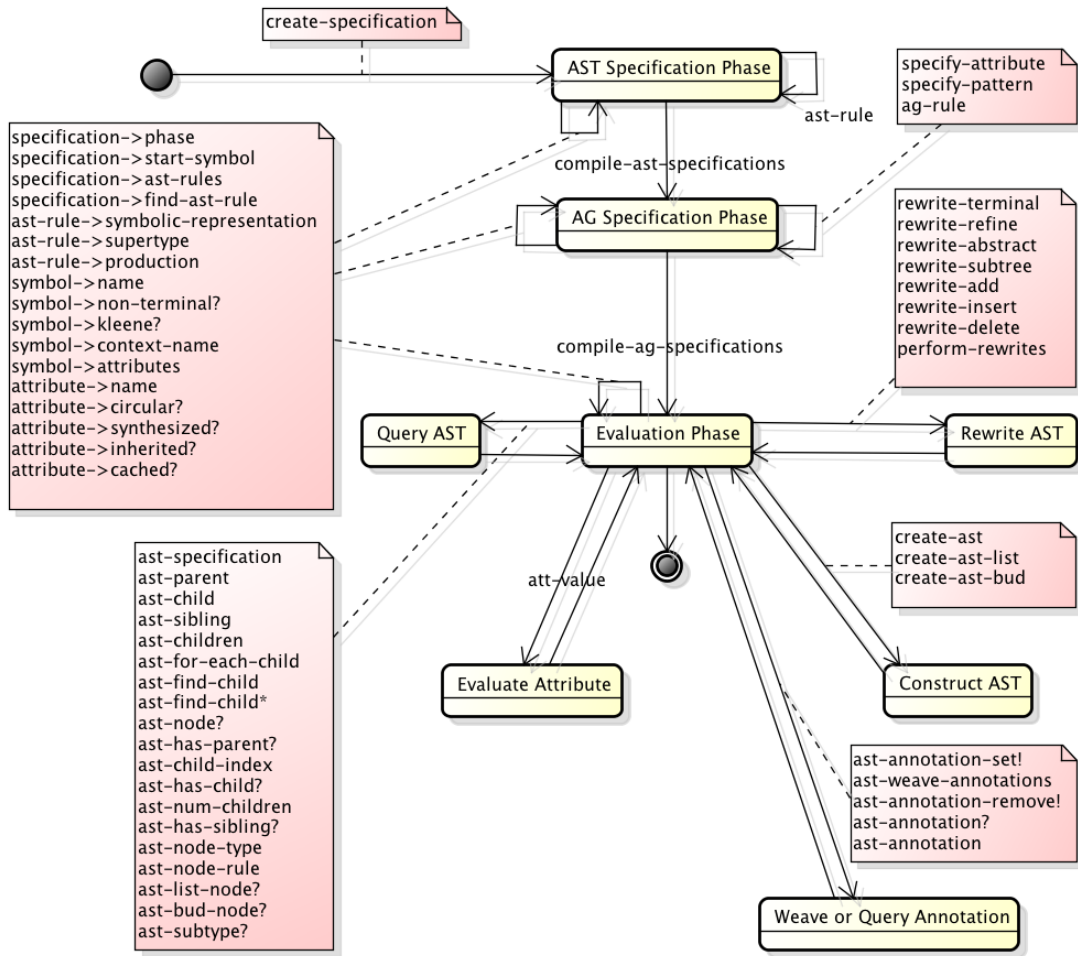


Figure 2.2.: RACR API

## 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 represents either, another AST node spanning a subtree or an arbitrary *Scheme* value. If it spans a subtree, it has a node type and is called a non-terminal child of the respective type, otherwise a terminal child. Non-terminal children can be unbounded repetitions, which means instead of a single node of the non-terminal's type the child is a so called list node that has arbitrary many children of the respective 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*. Given a node, the number, order, types, names and information, whether they are unbounded repetitions, of its children are induced by its type.

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 induced by 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. The set of all AST rules of a *RACR* specification are called an AST scheme. Every AST rule specifies a node type of a certain name. AST rules are first class entities in *RACR*. They can be queried about the children they induce for nodes of the type they define. It is important to distinguish the names of defined node types from their defining AST rules. Each AST rule precisely defines a node type in the context of a certain *RACR* specification. Its name however, must be unique only regarding

the AST rules of the specification it is part of. It is just a *Scheme* symbol without any meaning outside the scope of some *RACR* specification.

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

```
(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)

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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.*

```
(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))))
```

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```
(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)
```

Given a node *n* and arbitrary many child intervals *b1*, *b2*, ..., *bm* (each a pair consisting of a lower bound *lb* and an upper bound *ub*), return a *Scheme* list that contains for each child interval *bi* = (*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 *b1*, *b2*, ..., *bm* 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 *b1*, *b2*, ..., *bm* (each a pair consisting of a lower bound *lb* and an upper bound *ub*), apply for each child interval *bi* = (*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))
```

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

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

```
(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)
```

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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)
```

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-node-rule n)
```

Given a node, return the AST rule it represents a derivation 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: Name of the specified attribute (Scheme symbol).
; non-terminal: AST rule R in whose context the attribute is defined (Scheme symbol).
; 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))
```

```
(specify-pattern  
  spec ; RACR specification  
  att-name ; Name of the specified pattern attribute (a Scheme symbol).  
  ; Pattern specification consisting of:  
  distinguished-node ; Name of the distinguished node (a Scheme symbol).  
  fragments ; List of connected AST fragments reachable from the distinguished node.  
  references ; List of references connecting pattern nodes.  
  condition?) ; #f or function restricting the applicability of the pattern.
```

Calling this function adds to the given *RACR* specification an attribute of the given name that can be used to decide if the given pattern matches at the location a queried instance of the attribute is associated with. The attribute's definition context is the type of the distinguished node of the given pattern (cf. below for distinguished node). Attributes defined using `specify-pattern` are called pattern attribute. They are ordinary *RACR* attributes.

The specified pattern of a pattern attribute consists of arbitrary many AST fragments (`fragments` argument), references between nodes of fragments (`references` argument), a distinguished node that is part of some fragment (`distinguished-node` argument) and a condition (`condition?` argument). Each reference represents a directed edge induced by a parameterless reference attribute. To describe fragments and references, *Scheme* lists of the following structure are used ( ( and ) are the ordinary list delimiters and *Scheme-Symbol* and *Scheme-Integer* are arbitrary *Scheme* symbol and integer values respectively):

```
fragments ::= Fragment*;  
Fragment ::= (TypeRestriction NodeName (Node*));  
Node ::= (ContextName TypeRestriction NodeName (Node*));  
ContextName ::= Scheme-Symbol | Scheme-Integer;  
TypeRestriction ::= "#f" | Scheme-Symbol;  
NodeName ::= "#f" | Scheme-Symbol;  
  
references ::= (Reference*);  
Reference ::= (AttributeName Source Target);  
AttributeName ::= Scheme-Symbol;  
Source ::= Scheme-Symbol;  
Target ::= Scheme-Symbol;
```

The non-terminals of the above grammars have the following semantics regarding the homomorph mapping of pattern nodes and edges to a host graph:

- **TypeRestriction** The node must be of the given type or a subtype. In case of `#f` it can be of arbitrary type (including list and bud nodes).



- **NodeName** If the node name is not `#f`, the node `n` of the host graph the respective pattern node is mapped to is bound to the given name. To do so a pair of the form `(node-name host-graph-node)` is constructed. The list of these pairs is called binding list. It is a proper association list and returned if the pattern matches. Node names are also required to specify the distinguished node and references between nodes. The distinguished node of a pattern is the node named like the given `distinguished-node` argument when `specify-pattern` was called.
- **ContextName** If the context name is a *Scheme* symbol `s`, the node must be an `s` child. If the context is an integer `i`, the node must be the `i`'th element of a list.
- **Node\*** The children of a node.
- **AttributeName** Name of the parameterless reference attribute inducing the respective reference edge.
- **Source** Name of the node the reference edge starts from.
- **Target** Name of the node the reference edge points to.

Given an attribute instance for a pattern, the pattern does not match at the respective instance, if and only if, it does not match structurally or conditionally. A pattern does not match structurally, if and only if, mapping the distinguished node of the pattern to the node its respective pattern attribute instance is associated with, the rest of the pattern cannot be mapped. A pattern does not match conditionally, if and only if, it does not match structurally or it has a condition which is not satisfied. A given condition is not satisfied if, and only if, it evaluates to `#f` when applied to the binding list constructed throughout structural matching and the arguments given when calling the pattern attribute. If `#f` is given as `condition?` argument, the pattern has no condition, otherwise the given `condition?` argument is used as condition during matching.

If a pattern attribute instance is queried and its pattern does not match at the instance, it returns `#f`, otherwise it returns the binding list constructed throughout structural matching.

Patterns must satisfy certain conditions to be well-formed:

- A node of the pattern is named like the given `distinguished-node` argument.
- Node names are unique.
- The distinguished node has a type restriction which is not a list.
- If a node of the pattern has a type restriction, the type is defined according to the given *RACR* specification.
- For every source and target of a reference there exists an equally named node in the pattern.
- All nodes of the pattern are reachable from the distinguished node considering bidirectional child/parent edges and directed references.
- There exists an AST w.r.t. the given *RACR* specification where the pattern matches only considering its AST fragments. In case of any violation, `specify-pattern` throws an exception.

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**Note:** The binding list given to a condition for its evaluation is **not** a copy. Conditions can manipulate it and therefore the bindings returned in case the pattern matches. This is considered to be bad style however.

**Note:** Conditions often depend on nodes bound throughout structural matching. To ease their development, the `with-bindings` form can be used. It provides convenient means to establish bindings for matched nodes without manual searches in binding lists.

**Note:** Patterns can be used for the convenient specification of complex AST rewrites. The general idea is to specify patterns that only match in situations when to rewrite and bind all the nodes relevant for rewriting. The patterns, in combination with `perform-rewrites` and `create-transformer-for-pattern`, can then be reused to define a set of transformers that rewrite the AST until no further rewrites are possible. This scenario corresponds to the application of a set of rewrite rules on a host graph. The patterns are the l-hands of the rewrite rules, the transformers are their respective r-hands and `perform-rewrites` is their application.

**Note:** Attributes specified using `specify-pattern` are ordinary non-circular synthesised attributes. They are inherited, shadowed, broadcasted, automatically cached, demand-driven and incrementally evaluated and can reuse other attributes in pattern conditions. They can also be parameterised, in which case their condition is applied to the binding list and the additional arguments, if they have any condition at all.

**Note:** Assuming the reference edges induced by reference attributes of a pattern are already evaluated, RACR guarantees constant structural matching time for the evaluation of pattern attributes. In consequence, matching is linear in RACR and not polynomial as in general graph rewriting with bounded pattern sizes. To find all matches of a pattern, each node of the host graph has to be visited once and, in case the node is of the type of the pattern's distinguished node, its respective pattern attribute evaluated.

```
(specify-pattern
  some-racr-specification
  some-pattern-attribute-name
  some-distinguished-node-name
  some-ast-fragments
  some-references
  ; Assume the pattern establishes bindings A and B, we can specify
  ; a pattern condition depending on both:
  (with-bindings (A B)
    ...)) ; Arbitrary code that somehow uses A and B
```

```
(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).

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```
; 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))))
```

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```
(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 node  $n$ , part of some AST fragment  $G$  called work graph, a strategy for traversing  $G$  and a set of transformers, apply the transformers on the nodes of  $G$  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 the transformers one by one 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 of  $G$  to visit. If there are no further nodes to visit (i.e., all nodes to visit have been visited and no transformer performed any rewrite) `perform-rewrites` terminates. If any transformer performed a rewrite, the visit strategy starts from scratch, i.e., the AST fragment resulting after the just performed rewrite becomes the new work graph  $G'$  and the visit strategy is initialised to the state it would have if `perform-rewrites` has just been applied on  $G'$  with the given transformers.

`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 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 at any time a transformer performs a rewrite that inserts the work graph `G` into another 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 executed transformers).

**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 developer to ensure, that transformers are properly implemented, i.e., they return `#f` if, and only if, they perform no 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.*

**Note:** *To ease the development of transformers for patterns specified using `specify-pattern`, the `create-transformer-for-pattern` function can be used. Similarly to attribute specifications it provides convenient means to describe the context for which a transformer is defined and the pattern that must match for the transformer to apply. The actual rewrites that reuse the bindings established by respective pattern attributes can be conveniently specified using `with-bindings`.*

```
(create-transformer-for-pattern spec node-type att-name rewrite-fun . args)
; spec: RACR specification
; node-type: Type of the pattern's distinguished node (Scheme symbol)
; att-name: Name of the pattern attribute (Scheme symbol)
; rewrite-fun: Function performing the actual rewrite
; args: Additional arguments for the pattern's condition and the rewrite function
```

Given a *RACR* specification, a context describing a certain pattern attribute, an arbitrary function called rewrite function and additional attribute arguments, construct a proper transformer that can be argument for `perform-rewrites`. The constructed transformer returns `#f` if, and only if, either, its node argument does not have a non-broadcasted instance of the given pattern attribute or its respective instance applied to the given pattern arguments returns `#f`. Otherwise, the transformer applies the given rewrite function to the binding list returned by the pattern attribute and the given pattern arguments. If the result of this application is not `#f`, it is the result of the transformer; otherwise the transformer returns `#t`.

An exception is thrown, if the given pattern attribute is not defined considering the given RACR specification, the given rewrite function's arity is not  $|\text{pattern-arguments}| + 1$  or it throws an exception throughout execution.

**Note:** *For the convenient specification of rewrite functions, `with-bindings` can be used to provide bindings for the pattern's named nodes. The actual rewrites have to be performed by primitive rewrite function applications within the rewrite function's body. The constraints of such primitive rewrites must be satisfied however, or exceptions are thrown as used to. It is the developers responsibility to ensure, that rewrite functions indeed perform any rewrites at all if applied. In particular, applied rewrite functions should manipulate the AST in such a way that their respective pattern attribute evaluates to `#f` at some point, otherwise `perform-rewrites` will not terminate.*



## 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
```

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```
(=
  (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 bound). 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))
```

```
(with-bindings ((association-list-keys ...)
                (parameter-names ...))
  ; Arbitrary code with references to keys and parameters:
  ...)
(with-bindings (association-list-keys ...)
  ; Arbitrary code with references to keys:
  ...)
```

Syntax form, that given a list of key variables *k*, an optional list of parameter variables *p* and arbitrary many *s*-expressions *s* constructs an  $1 + |p|$  arity function *f* whose body is *s* and which provides for each key in *k* and parameter in *p* a respective binding. The bindings are established as follows: The first argument of the constructed function *f* must be an association list *l*. Each key in *k* is bound to the *cdr* of its respective entry in *l*. The further arguments of *f* are bound to the respective parameter variables in *p* regarding the order of *p* (i.e., the second argument is bound to the first variable in *p*, the third to the second, etc.).

An exception is thrown, if the first argument to the constructed function *f* is not an association list, does not contain a key for a variable in *k* or the number of further arguments does not equal the number of parameter variables in *p*.

**Note:** *With-bindings* eases the specification of pattern conditions for *specify-pattern* and of transformers for these patterns using *create-transformer-for-pattern*. Using *with-bindings*, developers can denote the nodes bound throughout matching without writing boilerplate code to search through and bind the values of returned binding lists.

```
(assert
  (=
    ((with-bindings (A C)
      (+ A C))
      (list (cons 'A 1) (cons 'B 2) (cons 'C 3) (cons 'D 4)))
    4))
(assert
  (=
    ((with-bindings ((A B)
                     (X Y Z))
      (- (+ A B Z) X Y))
      (list (cons 'A 1) (cons 'B 2))
      100
      200
      1000))
```



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`(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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## B. *RACR* Source Code

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

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245 (define node-list-node?
246   (lambda (n)
247     (eq? (node-ast-rule n) 'list-node)))
248
249 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given a node, return whether it is a bud node or not.
250 (define node-bud-node?
251   (lambda (n)
252     (eq? (node-ast-rule n) 'bud-node)))
253
254 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given a node, return its child-index if it has a parent, otherwise return #f.
255 (define node-child-index?
256   (lambda (n)
257     (if (node-parent n)
258         (let loop ((children (node-children (node-parent n)))
259                    (pos 1))
260           (if (eq? (car children) n)
261               pos
262               (loop (cdr children) (+ pos 1))))
263         #f)))
264
265 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given a node find a certain child by name. If the node has
266 ; no such child, return #f, otherwise the child.
267 (define node-find-child
268   (lambda (n context-name)
269     (and (not (node-list-node? n))
270          (not (node-bud-node? n))
271          (not (node-terminal? n))
272          (let loop ((contexts (cdr (ast-rule-production (node-ast-rule n)))
273                        (children (node-children n)))
274                    (if (null? contexts)
275                        #f
276                        (if (eq? (symbol-context-name (car contexts)) context-name)
277                            (car children)
278                            (loop (cdr contexts) (cdr children)))))))
279
280 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given a node find a certain attribute associated with it. If the node
281 ; has no such attribute, return #f, otherwise the attribute.
282 (define node-find-attribute
283   (lambda (n name)
284     (find
285      (lambda (att)
286        (eq? (attribute-definition-name (attribute-instance-definition att)) name))
287      (node-attributes n))))
288
289 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given two nodes n1 and n2, return whether n1 is within the subtree spanned by n2 or not.
290 (define node-inside-of?
291   (lambda (n1 n2)
292     (cond
293       ((eq? n1 n2) #t)
294       ((node-parent n1) (node-inside-of? (node-parent n1) n2))
295       (else #f))))
296
297 ; Record type for attribute instances of a certain attribute definition, associated with
298 ; a certain node (context) and a cache.
299 (define-record-type attribute-instance
300   (fields (mutable definition) (mutable context) cache)
301   (opaque #t)(sealed #t)
302   (protocol
303    (lambda (new)
304      (lambda (definition context)
305        (new definition context (make-hashtable equal-hash equal? 1))))))
306
307 ; Record type for attribute cache entries. Attribute cache entries represent the values of
308 ; and dependencies between attribute instances evaluated for certain arguments. The attribute
309 ; instance of which an entry represents a value is called its context. If an entry already
310 ; is evaluated, it caches the result of its context evaluated for its arguments. If an entry is
311 ; not evaluated but its context is circular it stores an intermediate result of its fixpoint
312 ; computation, called cycle value. Entries also track whether they are already in evaluation or
313 ; not, such that the attribute evaluator can detect unexpected cycles.
314 (define-record-type attribute-cache-entry
315   (fields
316    (mutable context)
317    (mutable arguments)
318    (mutable value)
319    (mutable cycle-value)
320    (mutable entered?)
321    (mutable node-dependencies)
322    (mutable cache-dependencies)
323    (mutable cache-influences))
324   (opaque #t)(sealed #t)
325   (protocol
326    (lambda (new)
327      (lambda (att arguments) ; att: The attribute instance for which to construct a cache entry
328        (new
329         att
330         arguments
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331     racr-nil
332     (let ((circular? (attribute-definition-circularity-definition (attribute-instance-definition att))))
333         (if circular?
334             (car circular?)
335             racr-nil))
336     #f
337     (list)
338     (list)
339     (list))))))
340
341 ; Record type representing the internal state of RACR systems throughout their execution, i.e., while
342 ; evaluating attributes and rewriting ASTs. An evaluator state consists of a flag indicating if the AG
343 ; currently performs a fix-point evaluation, a flag indicating if throughout a fix-point iteration the
344 ; value of an attribute changed and an attribute evaluation stack used for dependency tracking.
345 (define-record-type evaluator-state
346     (fields (mutable ag-in-cycle?) (mutable ag-cycle-change?) (mutable evaluation-stack))
347     (opaque #t)(sealed #t)
348     (protocol
349         (lambda (new)
350             (lambda ()
351                 (new #f #f (list))))))
352
353 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an evaluator state, return whether it represents an evaluation in progress or
354 ; not; If it represents an evaluation in progress return the current attribute in evaluation, otherwise #f.
355 (define evaluator-state-in-evaluation?
356     (lambda (state)
357         (and (not (null? (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack state))) (car (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack state)))))
358
359 ;
360 ; ..... Utility .....
361 ; .....
362
363 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an arbitrary Scheme entity, construct a string
364 ; representation of it using display.
365 (define object->string
366     (lambda (x)
367         (call-with-string-output-port
368             (lambda (port)
369                 (display x port))))))
370
371 (define-condition-type racr-exception &violation make-racr-exception racr-exception?)
372
373 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an arbitrary sequence of strings and other Scheme entities, concatenate them to
374 ; form an error message and throw a special RACR exception with the constructed message. Any entity that is
375 ; not a string is treated as error information embedded in the error message between [ and ] characters,
376 ; whereby the actual string representation of the entity is obtained using object->string.
377 (define-syntax throw-exception
378     (syntax-rules ()
379         ((_ m-part ...)
380             (raise-continuable
381                 (condition
382                     (make-racr-exception)
383                     (make-message-condition
384                         (string-append
385                             "RACR exception: "
386                             (let ((m-part* m-part))
387                                 (if (string? m-part*)
388                                     m-part*
389                                     (string-append "[" (object->string m-part*) "]")))) ...))))))
390
391 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Procedure sequentially applying a function on all the AST rules of a set of rules which
392 ; inherit, whereby supertypes are processed before their subtypes.
393 (define apply-wrt-ast-inheritance
394     (lambda (func rules)
395         (let loop ((resolved ; The set of all AST rules that are already processed....
396             (filter ; ...Initially it consists of all the rules that have no supertypes.
397                 (lambda (rule)
398                     (not (ast-rule-supertype? rule)))
399                 rules))
400             (to-check ; The set of all AST rules that still must be processed....
401                 (filter ; ...Initially it consists of all the rules that have supertypes.
402                     (lambda (rule)
403                         (ast-rule-supertype? rule))
404                     rules)))
405             (let ((to-resolve ; ...Find a rule that still must be processed and...
406                 (find
407                     (lambda (rule)
408                         (memq (ast-rule-supertype? rule) resolved)) ; ...whose supertype already has been processed....
409                     to-check)))
410                 (when to-resolve ; ...If such a rule exists,...
411                     (func to-resolve) ; ...process it and...
412                     (loop (cons to-resolve resolved) (remq to-resolve to-check)))))) ; ...recur.
413
414 ; .....
415 ; ..... Support API .....
416 ; .....

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417
418 (define-syntax with-specification
419   (lambda (x)
420     (syntax-case x ()
421       ((k spec body ...)
422        #'(let* ((spec* spec)
423                 (#,(datum->syntax #'k 'ast-rule)
424                  (lambda (rule)
425                    (specify-ast-rule spec* rule)))
426                 (#,(datum->syntax #'k 'compile-ast-specifications)
427                  (lambda (start-symbol)
428                    (compile-ast-specifications spec* start-symbol)))
429                 (#,(datum->syntax #'k 'compile-ag-specifications)
430                  (lambda ()
431                    (compile-ag-specifications spec*)))
432                 (#,(datum->syntax #'k 'create-ast)
433                  (lambda (rule children)
434                    (create-ast spec* rule children)))
435                 (#,(datum->syntax #'k 'specification->phase)
436                  (lambda ()
437                    (specification->phase spec*)))
438                 (#,(datum->syntax #'k 'specify-attribute)
439                  (lambda (att-name non-terminal index cached? equation circ-def)
440                    (specify-attribute spec* att-name non-terminal index cached? equation circ-def)))
441                 (#,(datum->syntax #'k 'specify-pattern)
442                  (lambda (att-name distinguished-node fragments references condition)
443                    (specify-pattern spec* att-name distinguished-node fragments references condition)))
444                 (#,(datum->syntax #'k 'create-transformer-for-pattern)
445                  (lambda (node-type pattern-attribute rewrite-function . pattern-arguments)
446                    (apply create-transformer-for-pattern spec* node-type pattern-attribute rewrite-function pattern-arguments))))
447         (let-syntax ((#,(datum->syntax #'k 'ag-rule)
448                      (syntax-rules ()
449                        ((_ attribute-name definition (... ...))
450                         (specify-ag-rule spec* attribute-name definition (... ...))))))
451           body ...))))))
452
453 (define-syntax with-bindings
454   (syntax-rules ()
455     ((_ ((binding ...) (parameter ...)) body body* ...)
456      (lambda (l parameter ...)
457        (let ((binding (cdr (assq 'binding l))) ...)
458          body
459          body* ...)))
460     ((_ (binding ...) body body* ...)
461      (with-bindings ((binding ...) ()) body body* ...))))
462
463 ; .....
464 ; ..... Abstract Syntax Tree Annotations .....
465 ; .....
466
467 (define ast-weave-annotations
468   (lambda (node type name value)
469     (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state node))
470       (throw-exception
471        "Cannot weave " name " annotation; "
472        "There are attributes in evaluation."))
473     (when (not (ast-annotation? node name))
474       (cond
475        ((and (not (ast-list-node? node)) (not (ast-bud-node? node)) (ast-subtype? node type))
476         (ast-annotation-set! node name value))
477        ((and (ast-list-node? node) (eq? type 'list-node))
478         (ast-annotation-set! node name value))
479        ((and (ast-bud-node? node) (eq? type 'bud-node))
480         (ast-annotation-set! node name value))))
481     (for-each
482      (lambda (child)
483        (unless (node-terminal? child)
484          (ast-weave-annotations child type name value)))
485      (node-children node)))
486
487 (define ast-annotation?
488   (lambda (node name)
489     (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state node))
490       (throw-exception
491        "Cannot check for " name " annotation; "
492        "There are attributes in evaluation."))
493     (assq name (node-annotations node))))
494
495 (define ast-annotation
496   (lambda (node name)
497     (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state node))
498       (throw-exception
499        "Cannot access " name " annotation; "
500        "There are attributes in evaluation."))
501     (let ((annotation (ast-annotation? node name)))
502       (if annotation
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503         (cdr annotation)
504         (throw-exception
505          "Cannot access " name " annotation; "
506          "The given node has no such annotation."))))
507
508 (define ast-annotation-set!
509   (lambda (node name value)
510     (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state node))
511       (throw-exception
512        "Cannot set " name " annotation; "
513        "There are attributes in evaluation."))
514     (when (not (symbol? name))
515       (throw-exception
516        "Cannot set " name " annotation; "
517        "Annotation names must be Scheme symbols."))
518     (let ((annotation (ast-annotation? node name))
519           (value
520            (if (procedure? value)
521                (lambda args
522                  (apply value node args))
523                  value)))
524       (if annotation
525         (set-cdr! annotation value)
526         (node-annotations-set! node (cons (cons name value) (node-annotations node)))))))
527
528 (define ast-annotation-remove!
529   (lambda (node name)
530     (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state node))
531       (throw-exception
532        "Cannot remove " name " annotation; "
533        "There are attributes in evaluation."))
534     (node-annotations-set!
535      node
536      (remf
537       (lambda (entry)
538         (eq? (car entry) name))
539       (node-annotations node)))))
540
541 ;
542 ;   ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
543 ;   :::::::::::::::::::::::::::::: Abstract Syntax Tree Specifications ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
544 ;   ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
545
546 (define specify-ast-rule
547   (lambda (spec rule)
548     ;; Ensure, that the RACR system is in the correct specification phase:
549     (when (> (racr-specification-specification-phase spec) 1)
550       (throw-exception
551        "Unexpected AST rule " rule "; "
552        "AST rules can only be defined in the AST specification phase."))
553     (letrec* ((ast-rule ; The parsed AST rule that will be added to the given specification.
554               (make-ast-rule
555                spec
556                rule
557                racr-nil
558                racr-nil))
559              (rule-string (symbol->string rule)) ; String representation of the encoded rule (used for parsing)
560              (pos 0) ; The current parsing position
561              (when (> (racr-specification-specification-phase spec) 1)
562                (throw-exception
563                 "Unexpected AST rule " rule "; "
564                 "AST rules can only be defined in the AST specification phase."))
565              (letrec* ((eos?
566                        (lambda ()
567                          (= pos (string-length rule-string))))
568                        (my-peek-char
569                         (lambda ()
570                           (string-ref rule-string pos)))
571                        (my-read-char
572                         (lambda ()
573                           (let ((c (my-peek-char)))
574                             (set! pos (+ pos 1))
575                             c)))
576                        (match-char!
577                         (lambda (c)
578                           (if (eos?)
579                               (throw-exception
580                                "Unexpected end of AST rule " rule "; "
581                                "Expected " c " character."
582                                (if (char=? (my-peek-char) c)
583                                    (set! pos (+ pos 1))
584                                    (throw-exception
585                                     "Invalid AST rule " rule "; "
586                                     "Unexpected " (my-peek-char) " character."))))))
587                        (parse-symbol
588                         (lambda (location) ; location: l—hand, r—hand

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

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761         (list)))
762         (cdr (ast-rule-production (ast-rule-supertype? rule))))
763         (cdr (ast-rule-production rule))))))
764     rules-list)
765
766 ;; Ensure context-names are unique:
767 (for-each
768   (lambda (ast-rule)
769     (for-each
770       (lambda (symbol)
771         (unless (eq? (ast-rule-find-child-context ast-rule (symbol-context-name symbol)) symbol)
772           (throw-exception
773            "Invalid AST grammar; "
774            "The context name " (symbol-context-name symbol) " is not unique for rule " (ast-rule-as-symbol ast-rule) ".")))
775       (cdr (ast-rule-production ast-rule))))
776   rules-list)
777
778 ;; Ensure, that all non-terminals can be derived from the start symbol:
779 (let* ((start-rule (racr-specification-find-rule spec start-symbol))
780        (to-check (cons start-rule (ast-rule-subtypes start-rule))
781          (checked (list))))
782   (let loop ()
783     (unless (null? to-check)
784       (let ((rule* (car to-check)))
785         (set! to-check (cdr to-check))
786         (set! checked (cons rule* checked))
787         (for-each
788           (lambda (derivable-rule)
789             (when (and
790                   (not (memq derivable-rule checked))
791                   (not (memq derivable-rule to-check)))
792               (set! to-check (cons derivable-rule to-check)))
793           (derivable-rules rule*))
794         (loop))))
795   (let ((non-derivable-rules
796         (filter
797          (lambda (rule*)
798            (not (memq rule* checked)))
799          rules-list)))
800     (unless (null? non-derivable-rules)
801       (throw-exception
802        "Invalid AST grammar; "
803        "The rules " (map ast-rule-as-symbol non-derivable-rules) " cannot be derived."))))
804
805 ;; Ensure, that all non-terminals are productive:
806 (let* ((productive-rules (list))
807        (to-check rules-list)
808        (productive-rule?
809         (lambda (rule*)
810           (not (find
811                (lambda (symb*)
812                  (and
813                   (symbol-non-terminal? symb*)
814                   (not (symbol-kleene? symb*)) ; Unbounded repetitions are always productive because of the empty list.
815                   (not (memq (symbol-non-terminal? symb*) productive-rules)))
816                (cdr (ast-rule-production rule*)))))))
817   (let loop ()
818     (let ((productive-rule
819           (find productive-rule? to-check)))
820       (when productive-rule
821         (set! to-check (remq productive-rule to-check))
822         (set! productive-rules (cons productive-rule productive-rules))
823         (loop)))
824     (unless (null? to-check)
825       (throw-exception
826        "Invalid AST grammar; "
827        "The rules " (map ast-rule-as-symbol to-check) " are not productive."))))
828
829 ; .....
830 ; ..... Attribute Grammar Specifications .....
831 ; .....
832
833 (define-syntax specify-ag-rule
834   (lambda (x)
835     (syntax-case x ()
836       ((_ spec att-name definition ...)
837        (and (identifier? #'att-name) (not (null? #'(definition ...))))
838        #'(let ((spec* spec)
839                (att-name* 'att-name))
840            (let-syntax
841              ((specify-attribute*
842               (syntax-rules ()
843                ((_ spec* att-name* ((non-terminal index) equation))
844                 (specify-attribute spec* att-name* 'non-terminal 'index #t equation #f))
845                ((_ spec* att-name* ((non-terminal index) cached? equation))
846                 (specify-attribute spec* att-name* 'non-terminal 'index cached? equation #f))
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847      (_ spec* att-name* ((non-terminal index) equation bottom equivalence-function))
848      (specify-attribute spec* att-name* 'non-terminal 'index #t equation (cons bottom equivalence-function)))
849      (_ spec* att-name* ((non-terminal index) cached? equation bottom equivalence-function))
850      (specify-attribute spec* att-name* 'non-terminal 'index cached? equation (cons bottom equivalence-function)))
851      (_ spec* att-name* (non-terminal equation))
852      (specify-attribute spec* att-name* 'non-terminal 0 #t equation #f))
853      (_ spec* att-name* (non-terminal cached? equation))
854      (specify-attribute spec* att-name* 'non-terminal 0 cached? equation #f))
855      (_ spec* att-name* (non-terminal equation bottom equivalence-function))
856      (specify-attribute spec* att-name* 'non-terminal 0 #t equation (cons bottom equivalence-function)))
857      (_ spec* att-name* (non-terminal cached? equation bottom equivalence-function))
858      (specify-attribute spec* att-name* 'non-terminal 0 cached? equation (cons bottom equivalence-function))))))
859      (specify-attribute* spec* att-name* definition) ...))))))
860
861 (define specify-attribute
862   (lambda (spec attribute-name non-terminal context-name-or-position cached? equation circularity-definition)
863     ;; Before adding the attribute definition, ensure...
864     (let ((wrong-argument-type ; ...correct argument types,...
865           (or
866             (and (not (symbol? attribute-name))
867                  "Attribute name : symbol")
868             (and (not (symbol? non-terminal))
869                  "AST rule : non-terminal")
870             (and (not (symbol? context-name-or-position))
871                  (or (not (integer? context-name-or-position)) (< context-name-or-position 0))
872                     "Production position : index or context-name")
873             (and (not (procedure? equation))
874                  "Attribute equation : function")
875             (and circularity-definition
876                  (not (pair? circularity-definition))
877                  (not (procedure? (cdr circularity-definition)))
878                  "Circularity definition : #f or (bottom-value equivalence-function pair))))))
879       (when wrong-argument-type
880         (throw-exception
881          "Invalid attribute definition; "
882          "Wrong argument type (" wrong-argument-type ")."))))
883     (unless (= (racr-specification-specification-phase spec) 2) ; ...that the RACR system is in the correct specification phase,...
884       (throw-exception
885        "Unexpected " attribute-name " attribute definition; "
886        "Attributes can only be defined in the AG specification phase."))
887     (let ((ast-rule (racr-specification-find-rule spec non-terminal)))
888       (unless ast-rule ; ...the given AST rule is defined,...
889         (throw-exception
890          "Invalid attribute definition; "
891          "The non-terminal " non-terminal " is not defined."))
892       (let* ((context? ; ...the given context exists,...
893              (if (symbol? context-name-or-position)
894                  (if (eq? context-name-or-position '*)
895                      (car (ast-rule-production ast-rule))
896                      (ast-rule-find-child-context ast-rule context-name-or-position))
897                  (if (>= context-name-or-position (length (ast-rule-production ast-rule)))
898                      (throw-exception
899                       "Invalid attribute definition; "
900                       "There exists no " context-name-or-position "'th position in the context of " non-terminal ".")
901                      (list-ref (ast-rule-production ast-rule) context-name-or-position))))))
902         (unless context?
903           (throw-exception
904            "Invalid attribute definition; "
905            "The non-terminal " non-terminal " has no " context-name-or-position " context."))
906         (unless (symbol-non-terminal? context?) ; ...it is a non-terminal and...
907           (throw-exception
908            "Invalid attribute definition; "
909            non-terminal context-name-or-position " is a terminal."))
910         ; ...the attribute is not already defined for it:
911         (when (memq attribute-name (map attribute-definition-name (symbol-attributes context?)))
912           (throw-exception
913            "Invalid attribute definition; "
914            "Redefinition of " attribute-name " for " non-terminal context-name-or-position "."))
915         ;; Everything is fine. Thus, add the definition to the AST rule's respective symbol:
916         (symbol-attributes-set!
917          context?
918          (cons
919           (make-attribute-definition
920            attribute-name
921            context?
922            equation
923            circularity-definition
924            cached?)
925           (symbol-attributes context?))))))
926
927 (define compile-ag-specifications
928   (lambda (spec)
929     ;; Ensure, that the RACR system is in the correct specification phase and...
930     (let ((current-phase (racr-specification-specification-phase spec)))
931       (when (< current-phase 2)
932         (throw-exception

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933      "Unexpected AG compilation; "
934      "The AST specifications are not yet compiled.")
935      (if (> current-phase 2)
936        (throw-exception
937          "Unexpected AG compilation; "
938          "The AG specifications already have been compiled.")
939        (racr-specification-specification-phase-set! spec (+ current-phase 1)))) ; ...if so proceed to the next specification phase.
940
941 ;;; Resolve attribute definitions inherited from a supertype. Thus,...
942 (apply-wrt-ast-inheritance ; ...for every AST rule R which has a supertype...
943   (lambda (rule)
944     (let loop ((super-prod (ast-rule-production (ast-rule-supertype? rule)))
945               (sub-prod (ast-rule-production rule)))
946       (unless (null? super-prod)
947         (for-each ; ...check for every attribute definition of R's supertype...
948           (lambda (super-att-def)
949             (unless (find ; ...if it is shadowed by an attribute definition of R....
950               (lambda (sub-att-def)
951                 (eq? (attribute-definition-name sub-att-def) (attribute-definition-name super-att-def)))
952               (symbol-attributes (car sub-prod)))
953             (symbol-attributes-set! ; ...If not, add...
954               (car sub-prod)
955               (cons
956                 (make-attribute-definition ; ...a copy of the attribute definition inherited...
957                   (attribute-definition-name super-att-def)
958                   (car sub-prod) ; ...to R.
959                   (attribute-definition-equation super-att-def)
960                   (attribute-definition-circularity-definition super-att-def)
961                   (attribute-definition-cached? super-att-def)
962                   (symbol-attributes (car sub-prod)))))
963               (symbol-attributes (car super-prod)))
964             (loop (cdr super-prod) (cdr sub-prod)))))
965     (racr-specification-rules-list spec))))
966
967 ; .....
968 ; ..... Attribute Evaluator .....
969 ; .....
970
971 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given a node n find a certain attribute associated with it, whereas in case no proper
972 ; attribute is associated with n itself the search is extended to find a broadcast solution. If the
973 ; extended search finds a solution, appropriate copy propagation attributes (i.e., broadcasters) are added.
974 ; If no attribute instance can be found or n is a bud node, an exception is thrown. Otherwise, the
975 ; attribute or its respective last broadcaster is returned.
976 (define lookup-attribute
977   (lambda (name n)
978     (when (node-bud-node? n)
979       (throw-exception
980         "AG evaluator exception; "
981         "Cannot access " name " attribute - the given node is a bud."))
982     (let loop ((n n) ; Recursively...
983               (att (node-find-attribute n name))) ; ...check if the current node has a proper attribute instance....
984       (if att
985         att ; ... If it has, return the found defining attribute instance.
986         (let ((parent (node-parent n))) ; ...If no defining attribute instance can be found...
987           (if (not parent) ; ...check if there exists a parent node that may provide a definition...
988             (throw-exception ; ...If not, throw an exception,...
989               "AG evaluator exception; "
990               "Cannot access unknown " name " attribute.")
991             (let* ((att (loop parent)) ; ...otherwise proceed the search at the parent node. If it succeeds...
992                    (broadcaster ; ...construct a broadcasting attribute instance...
993                      (make-attribute-instance
994                        (make-attribute-definition ; ...whose definition context depends...
995                          name
996                          (if (eq? (node-ast-rule parent) 'list-node) ; ...if the parent node is a list node or not...
997                            (list-ref ; ...If it is a list node the broadcaster's context is...
998                              (ast-rule-production (node-ast-rule (node-parent parent))) ; ...the list node's parent node and...
999                              (node-child-index? parent)) ; ...child position.
1000                            (list-ref ; ...If the parent node is not a list node the broadcaster's context is...
1001                              (ast-rule-production (node-ast-rule parent)) ; ...the parent node and...
1002                              (node-child-index? n))) ; ...the current node's child position. Further,...
1003                          (lambda (n . args) ; ...the broadcaster's equation just calls the parent node's counterpart. Finally,...
1004                            (apply att-value name (ast-parent n) args))
1005                          (attribute-definition-circularity-definition (attribute-instance-definition att))
1006                          #f)
1007                        n)))
1008           (node-attributes-set! n (cons broadcaster (node-attributes n))) ; ...add the constructed broadcaster and...
1009           (broadcaster)))))) ; ...return it as the current node's look-up result.
1010
1011 (define att-value
1012   (lambda (name n . args)
1013     (let*-values ((; The evaluator state used and changed throughout evaluation:
1014                   (evaluator-state) (values (node-evaluator-state n)))
1015                  ; The attribute instance to evaluate:
1016                  ((att) (values (lookup-attribute name n)))
1017                  ; The attribute's definition:
1018                  ((att-def) (values (attribute-instance-definition att))))
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1019 ; The attribute cache entries used for evaluation and dependency tracking:
1020 ((evaluation-att-cache dependency-att-cache)
1021 (if (attribute-definition-cached? att-def)
1022 ; If the attribute instance is cached, no special action is required, except...
1023 (let ((att-cache
1024 (or
1025 ; ...finding the attribute cache entry to use...
1026 (hashtable-ref (attribute-instance-cache att) args #f)
1027 ; ...or construct a respective one.
1028 (let ((new-entry (make-attribute-cache-entry att args)))
1029 (hashtable-set! (attribute-instance-cache att) args new-entry)
1030 new-entry))))
1031 (values att-cache att-cache))
1032 ; If the attribute is not cached, special attention must be paid to avoid the permanent storing
1033 ; of fixpoint results and attribute arguments on the one hand but still retaining correct
1034 ; evaluation which requires these information on the other hand. To do so we introduce two
1035 ; different types of attribute cache entries:
1036 ; (1) A parameter approximating entry for tracking dependencies and influences of the uncached
1037 ; attribute instance.
1038 ; (2) A set of temporary cycle entries for correct cycle detection and fixpoint computation.
1039 ; The "cycle-value" field of the parameter approximating entry is misused to store the hashtable
1040 ; containing the temporary cycle entries and must be deleted when evaluation finished.
1041 (let* ((dependency-att-cache
1042 (or
1043 (hashtable-ref (attribute-instance-cache att) racr-nil #f)
1044 (let ((new-entry (make-attribute-cache-entry att racr-nil)))
1045 (hashtable-set! (attribute-instance-cache att) racr-nil new-entry)
1046 (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value-set!
1047 new-entry
1048 (make-hashtable equal-hash equal? 1))
1049 new-entry)))
1050 (evaluation-att-cache
1051 (or
1052 (hashtable-ref (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value dependency-att-cache) args #f)
1053 (let ((new-entry (make-attribute-cache-entry att args)))
1054 (hashtable-set!
1055 (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value dependency-att-cache)
1056 args
1057 new-entry)
1058 new-entry))))
1059 (values evaluation-att-cache dependency-att-cache))))
1060 ; Support function that given an intermediate fixpoint result checks if it is different from the
1061 ; current cycle value and updates the cycle value and evaluator state accordingly:
1062 ((update-cycle-cache)
1063 (values
1064 (lambda (new-result)
1065 (unless ((cdr (attribute-definition-circularity-definition att-def))
1066 new-result
1067 (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value evaluation-att-cache))
1068 (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value-set! evaluation-att-cache new-result)
1069 (evaluator-state-ag-cycle-change?-set! evaluator-state #t))))))
1070 ; Decide how to evaluate the attribute depending on whether its value already is cached or its respective
1071 ; cache entry is circular, already in evaluation or starting point of a fix-point computation:
1072 (cond
1073 ; CASE (0): Attribute already evaluated for given arguments:
1074 ((not (eq? (attribute-cache-entry-value evaluation-att-cache) racr-nil)))
1075 ; Maintains attribute cache entry dependencies, i.e., if this entry is evaluated throughout the
1076 ; evaluation of another entry, the other entry depends on this one. Afterwards,...
1077 (add-dependency:cache->cache dependency-att-cache)
1078 (attribute-cache-entry-value evaluation-att-cache)) ; ...return the cached value.
1079
1080 ; CASE (1): Circular attribute that is starting point of a fixpoint computation:
1081 ((and (attribute-definition-circular? att-def) (not (evaluator-state-ag-in-cycle? evaluator-state)))
1082 (dynamic-wind
1083 (lambda ()
1084 ; Maintains attribute cache entry dependencies, i.e., if this entry is evaluated throughout the
1085 ; evaluation of another entry, the other depends on this one. Further this entry depends
1086 ; on any other entry that will be evaluated through its own evaluation. Further,..
1087 (add-dependency:cache->cache dependency-att-cache)
1088 (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack-set!
1089 evaluator-state
1090 (cons dependency-att-cache (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack evaluator-state)))
1091 ; ...mark, that the entry is in evaluation and...
1092 (attribute-cache-entry-entered?-set! evaluation-att-cache #t)
1093 ; ...update the evaluator's state that we are about to start a fix-point computation.
1094 (evaluator-state-ag-in-cycle?-set! evaluator-state #t))
1095 (lambda ()
1096 (let loop () ; Start fix-point computation. Thus, as long as...
1097 (evaluator-state-ag-cycle-change?-set! evaluator-state #f) ; ...an entry's value changes...
1098 (update-cycle-cache (apply (attribute-definition-equation att-def) n args)) ; ...evaluate this entry.
1099 (when (evaluator-state-ag-cycle-change? evaluator-state)
1100 (loop)))
1101 (let ((result (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value evaluation-att-cache)))
1102 ; When fixpoint computation finished update the caches of all circular entries evaluated. To do so,...
1103 (let loop ((att-cache
1104 (if (attribute-definition-cached? att-def)

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1105         evaluation-att-cache
1106         dependency-att-cache)))
1107 (let ((att-def (attribute-instance-definition (attribute-cache-entry-context att-cache))))
1108   (if (not (attribute-definition-circular? att-def))
1109       ; ...ignore non-circular entries and just proceed with the entries they depend on (to
1110       ; ensure all strongly connected components within a weakly connected one are updated)....
1111       (for-each
1112         loop
1113         (attribute-cache-entry-cache-dependencies att-cache))
1114       ; ...In case of circular entries...
1115       (if (attribute-definition-cached? att-def) ; ...check if they have to be cached and...
1116           (when (eq? (attribute-cache-entry-value att-cache) racr-nil) ; ...are not already processed....
1117               ; ...If so cache them,...
1118               (attribute-cache-entry-value-set!
1119                 att-cache
1120                 (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value att-cache))
1121               (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value-set! ; ...reset their cycle values to the bottom value and...
1122                 att-cache
1123                 (car (attribute-definition-circularity-definition att-def)))
1124               (for-each ; ...proceed with the entries they depend on.
1125                 loop
1126                 (attribute-cache-entry-cache-dependencies att-cache)))
1127           ; ...If a circular entry is not cached, check if it already is processed....
1128           (when (> (hashtable-size (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value att-cache)) 0)
1129               ; ...If not, delete its temporary cycle cache and...
1130               (hashtable-clear! (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value att-cache))
1131               (for-each ; ...proceed with the entries it depends on.
1132                 loop
1133                 (attribute-cache-entry-cache-dependencies att-cache))))))
1134   result))
1135 (lambda ()
1136   ; Mark that fixpoint computation finished,...
1137   (evaluator-state-ag-in-cycle?-set! evaluator-state #f)
1138   ; the evaluation of the attribute cache entry finished and...
1139   (attribute-cache-entry-entered?-set! evaluation-att-cache #f)
1140   ; ...pop the entry from the evaluation stack.
1141   (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack-set!
1142     evaluator-state
1143     (cdr (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack evaluator-state))))))
1144
1145 ; CASE (2): Circular attribute already in evaluation for the given arguments:
1146 ((and (attribute-definition-circular? att-def) (attribute-cache-entry-entered? evaluation-att-cache))
1147   ; Maintaine attribute cache entry dependencies, i.e., if this entry is evaluated throughout the
1148   ; evaluation of another entry, the other entry depends on this one. Finally,...
1149   (add-dependency:cache->cache dependency-att-cache)
1150   ; ...the intermediate fixpoint result is the attribute cache entry's cycle value.
1151   (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value evaluation-att-cache))
1152
1153 ; CASE (3): Circular attribute not in evaluation and entered throughout a fixpoint computation:
1154 ((attribute-definition-circular? att-def)
1155   (dynamic-wind
1156     (lambda ()
1157       ; Maintaine attribute cache entry dependencies, i.e., if this entry is evaluated throughout the
1158       ; evaluation of another entry, the other depends on this one. Further this entry depends
1159       ; on any other entry that will be evaluated through its own evaluation. Further,...
1160       (add-dependency:cache->cache dependency-att-cache)
1161       (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack-set!
1162         evaluator-state
1163         (cons dependency-att-cache (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack evaluator-state)))
1164       ; ...mark, that the entry is in evaluation.
1165       (attribute-cache-entry-entered?-set! evaluation-att-cache #t))
1166     (lambda ()
1167       (let ((result (apply (attribute-definition-equation att-def) n args))) ; Evaluate the entry and...
1168         (update-cycle-cache result) ; ...update its cycle value.
1169         result))
1170     (lambda ()
1171       ; Mark that the evaluation of the attribute cache entry finished and...
1172       (attribute-cache-entry-entered?-set! evaluation-att-cache #f)
1173       ; ...pop it from the evaluation stack.
1174       (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack-set!
1175         evaluator-state
1176         (cdr (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack evaluator-state))))))
1177
1178 ; CASE (4): Non-circular attribute already in evaluation, i.e., unexpected cycle:
1179 ((attribute-cache-entry-entered? evaluation-att-cache)
1180   ; Maintaine attribute cache entry dependencies, i.e., if this entry is evaluated throughout the
1181   ; evaluation of another entry, the other entry depends on this one. Then,...
1182   (add-dependency:cache->cache dependency-att-cache)
1183   (throw-exception ; ...thrown an exception because we encountered an unexpected dependency cycle.
1184     "AG evaluator exception; "
1185     "Unexpected " name " cycle."))
1186
1187 (else ; CASE (5): Non-circular attribute not in evaluation:
1188   (dynamic-wind
1189     (lambda ()
1190       ; Maintaine attribute cache entry dependencies, i.e., if this entry is evaluated throughout the
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1191         ; evaluation of another entry, the other depends on this one. Further this entry depends
1192         ; on any other entry that will be evaluated through its own evaluation. Further,...
1193         (add-dependency:cache->cache dependency-att-cache)
1194         (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack-set!
1195          evaluator-state
1196          (cons dependency-att-cache (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack evaluator-state)))
1197         ; ...mark, that the entry is in evaluation.
1198         (attribute-cache-entry-entered?-set! evaluation-att-cache #t))
1199     (lambda ()
1200       (let ((result (apply (attribute-definition-equation att-def) n args))) ; Evaluate the entry and,...
1201         (when (attribute-definition-cached? att-def) ; ...if caching is enabled,...
1202           (attribute-cache-entry-value-set! evaluation-att-cache result)) ; ...cache its value.
1203         result))
1204     (lambda ()
1205       ; Mark that the evaluation of the attribute cache entry finished and...
1206       (if (attribute-definition-cached? att-def)
1207         (attribute-cache-entry-entered?-set! evaluation-att-cache #f)
1208         (hashtable-delete! (attribute-cache-entry-cycle-value dependency-att-cache) args))
1209       ; ...pop it from the evaluation stack.
1210       (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack-set!
1211        evaluator-state
1212        (cdr (evaluator-state-evaluation-stack evaluator-state)))))))))
1213
1214 ; .....
1215 ; ..... Specification Query Interface .....
1216 ; .....
1217
1218 ; General Note: Because RACR specifications never change after compilation, there is no need to add and
1219 ; maintain dependencies when attributes query specifications. The specification query API therefore just
1220 ; forwards to the respective internal functions. Lists must be copied before they are returned however.
1221
1222 ; Specification Queries:
1223
1224 (define specification->phase
1225   (lambda (spec)
1226     (racr-specification-specification-phase spec)))
1227
1228 (define specification->start-symbol
1229   (lambda (spec)
1230     (racr-specification-start-symbol spec)))
1231
1232 (define specification->ast-rules
1233   (lambda (spec)
1234     (racr-specification-rules-list spec))) ; Already creates copy!
1235
1236 (define specification->find-ast-rule
1237   (lambda (spec node-type)
1238     (racr-specification-find-rule spec node-type)))
1239
1240 ; AST Rule Queries:
1241
1242 (define ast-rule->symbolic-representation
1243   (lambda (ast-rule)
1244     (ast-rule-as-symbol ast-rule)))
1245
1246 (define ast-rule->supertype
1247   (lambda (ast-rule)
1248     (ast-rule-supertype? ast-rule)))
1249
1250 (define ast-rule->production
1251   (lambda (rule)
1252     (append (ast-rule-production rule) (list)))) ; Create copy!
1253
1254 ; Production Symbol Queries:
1255
1256 (define symbol->name
1257   (lambda (symb)
1258     (symbol-name symb)))
1259
1260 (define symbol->non-terminal?
1261   (lambda (symb)
1262     (symbol-non-terminal? symb)))
1263
1264 (define symbol->kleene?
1265   (lambda (symb)
1266     (symbol-kleene? symb)))
1267
1268 (define symbol->context-name
1269   (lambda (symb)
1270     (symbol-context-name symb)))
1271
1272 (define symbol->attributes
1273   (lambda (symbol)
1274     (append (symbol-attributes symbol) (list)))) ; Create copy!
1275
1276 ; Attribute Definition Queries:

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

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1449 (for-each
1450 (lambda (b)
1451 (if (eq? (cdr b) '*)
1452 (let ((pos (car b))
1453       (ub (length (node-children n))))
1454 (dynamic-wind
1455 (lambda () #f)
1456 (lambda ()
1457 (let loop ()
1458 (when (<= pos ub)
1459 (f pos (ast-child pos n))
1460 (set! pos (+ pos 1))
1461 (loop))))
1462 (lambda ()
1463 (when (> pos ub)
1464 (ast-num-children n)))))) ; BEWARE: Access to number of children ensures proper dependency tracking!
1465 (let loop ((pos (car b)))
1466 (when (<= pos (cdr b))
1467 (f pos (ast-child pos n))
1468 (loop (+ pos 1))))))
1469 b))))
1470
1471 (define ast-find-child
1472 (lambda (f n . b)
1473 (call/cc
1474 (lambda (c)
1475 (apply
1476 ast-for-each-child
1477 (lambda (i child)
1478 (when (f i child)
1479 (c child)))
1480 n
1481 b)
1482 #f))))
1483
1484 (define ast-find-child*
1485 (lambda (f n . b)
1486 (call/cc
1487 (lambda (c)
1488 (apply
1489 ast-for-each-child
1490 (lambda (i child)
1491 (let ((res (f i child)))
1492 (when res
1493 (c res))))
1494 n
1495 b)
1496 #f))))
1497
1498 ;
1499 ; ..... Abstract Syntax Tree Construction Interface .....
1500 ; .....
1501
1502 (define create-ast
1503 (lambda (spec rule children)
1504 ;; Before constructing the node ensure, that...
1505 (when (< (racr-specification-specification-phase spec) 3) ; ...the RACR system is completely specified,...
1506 (throw-exception
1507 "Cannot construct " rule " fragment; "
1508 "The RACR specification still must be compiled.))
1509 (let* ((ast-rule (racr-specification-find-rule spec rule))
1510 (new-fragment
1511 (make-node
1512 ast-rule
1513 #f
1514 (list))))
1515 (unless ast-rule ; ...the given AST rule is defined,...
1516 (throw-exception
1517 "Cannot construct " rule " fragment; "
1518 "Unknown non-terminal/rule.))
1519 (unless (satisfies-contexts? children (cdr (ast-rule-production ast-rule))) ; ...and the children fit.
1520 (throw-exception
1521 "Cannot construct " rule " fragment; "
1522 "The given children do not fit.))
1523 ;; When all constraints are satisfied, construct the new fragment,...
1524 (node-children-set! ; ...add its children,...
1525 new-fragment
1526 (map ; ...set it as parent of each child,...
1527 (lambda (symbol child)
1528 (if (symbol-non-terminal? symbol)
1529 (begin
1530 (for-each ; ...flush all attribute cache entries depending on any added child being a root,...
1531 (lambda (influence)
1532 (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
1533 (filter
1534 (lambda (influence)
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1535         (vector-ref (cdr influence) 1))
1536         (node-cache-influences child)))
1537         (node-parent-set! child new-fragment)
1538         child)
1539         (make-node 'terminal new-fragment child)))
1540         (cdr (ast-rule-production ast-rule))
1541         children))
1542         (distribute-evaluator-state (make-evaluator-state) new-fragment) ; ...distribute the new fragment's evaluator state and...
1543         (update-synthesized-attribution new-fragment) ; ...initialize its synthesized and...
1544         (for-each ; ...each child's inherited attributes.
1545         update-inherited-attribution
1546         (node-children new-fragment))
1547         new-fragment))) ; Finally, return the newly constructed fragment.
1548
1549 (define create-ast-list
1550 (lambda (children)
1551   ;; Before constructing the list node ensure, that...
1552   (let ((new-list
1553         (make-node
1554          'list-node
1555          #f
1556          (append children (list)))))) ; BEWARE: create copy of children!
1557     (unless
1558       (for-all ; ...all children fit.
1559         (lambda (child)
1560           (valid-list-element-candidate? new-list child))
1561         children)
1562       (throw-exception
1563        "Cannot construct list node; "
1564        "The given children do not fit."))
1565     ;; When all constraints are satisfied,...
1566     (for-each ; ...flush all attribute cache entries depending on the children being roots,...
1567       (lambda (child)
1568         (for-each
1569          (lambda (influence)
1570            (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
1571          (filter
1572           (lambda (influence)
1573             (vector-ref (cdr influence) 1))
1574           (node-cache-influences child))))
1575       children)
1576     (for-each ; ...set the new list node as parent of every child,...
1577       (lambda (child)
1578         (node-parent-set! child new-list))
1579       children)
1580     (distribute-evaluator-state (make-evaluator-state) new-list) ; ...construct and distribute its evaluator state and...
1581     new-list))) ; ...return it.
1582
1583 (define create-ast-bud
1584 (lambda ()
1585   (let ((bud-node (make-node 'bud-node #f (list))))
1586     (distribute-evaluator-state (make-evaluator-state) bud-node)
1587     bud-node)))
1588
1589 (define create-ast-mockup
1590 (lambda (rule)
1591   (create-ast
1592    (ast-rule-specification rule)
1593    (symbol-name (car (ast-rule-production rule)))
1594    (map
1595     (lambda (symbol)
1596       (cond
1597        ((not (symbol-non-terminal? symbol))
1598         racr-nil)
1599        ((symbol-kleene? symbol)
1600         (create-ast-list (list)))
1601        (else (create-ast-bud))))
1602     (cdr (ast-rule-production rule))))))
1603
1604 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given two non-terminal nodes, return if the second can replace the first regarding its context.
1605 (define valid-replacement-candidate?
1606 (lambda (node candidate)
1607   (if (node-list-node? (node-parent node))
1608       (valid-list-element-candidate? (node-parent node) candidate)
1609       (and
1610        (satisfies-context?
1611         candidate
1612         (list-ref (ast-rule-production (node-ast-rule (node-parent node))) (node-child-index? node)))
1613        (not (node-inside-of? node candidate))))))
1614
1615 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given a list node and another node, return if the other node can become element of
1616 ; the list node regarding its context.
1617 (define valid-list-element-candidate?
1618 (lambda (list-node candidate)
1619   (let ((expected-type? ; If the list node has a parent, its parent induces a type for the list's elements.
1620         (if (node-parent list-node)

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1621         (symbol-non-terminal?
1622         (list-ref
1623         (ast-rule-production (node-ast-rule (node-parent list-node)))
1624         (node-child-index? list-node)))
1625         #f)))
1626 (and ; The given candidate can be element of the list, if (1)...
1627 (if expected-type? ; ...either,...
1628 (satisfies-context? candidate expected-type? #f) ; ...the candidate fits regarding the context in which the list is, or,...
1629 (and ; ...in case no type is induced for the list's elements,...
1630 (ast-node? candidate) ; ...the candidate is a non-terminal node,...
1631 (not (node-list-node? candidate)) ; ...not a list node,...
1632 (not (node-parent candidate)) ; ...not already part of another AST and...
1633 (not (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state candidate)))))) ; ...non of its attributes are in evaluation,...
1634 (not (node-inside-of? list-node candidate)))))) ; ...and (2) its spanned AST does not contain the list node.
1635
1636 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given a node or terminal value and a context, return if the
1637 ; node/terminal value can become a child of the given context.
1638 (define satisfies-context?
1639   (case-lambda
1640     ((child context)
1641      (satisfies-context? child (symbol-non-terminal? context) (symbol-kleene? context)))
1642     ((child non-terminal? kleene?)
1643      (or ; The given child is valid if either,...
1644        (not non-terminal?) ; ...a terminal is expected or,...
1645        (and ; ...in case a non-terminal is expected,...
1646          (ast-node? child) ; ...the given child is an AST node,...
1647          (not (node-parent child)) ; ...does not already belong to another AST,...
1648          (not (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state child))) ; ...non of its attributes are in evaluation and...
1649          (or
1650            (node-bud-node? child) ; ...the child either is a bud node or,...
1651            (if kleene?
1652              (and ; ...in case a list node is expected,...
1653                (node-list-node? child) ; ...is a list...
1654                (for-all ; ...whose children are...
1655                  (lambda (child)
1656                    (or ; ...either bud nodes or nodes of the expected type, or,...
1657                      (node-bud-node? child)
1658                      (ast-rule-subtype? (node-ast-rule child) non-terminal?)))
1659                  (node-children child)))
1660              (and ; ...in case a non-list node is expected,...
1661                (not (node-list-node? child)) ; ...is a non-list node of...
1662                (ast-rule-subtype? (node-ast-rule child) non-terminal?)))))) ; ...the expected type.
1663
1664 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given list of nodes or terminal values and a list of contexts, return if the
1665 ; nodes/terminal values can become children of the given contexts.
1666 (define satisfies-contexts?
1667   (lambda (children contexts)
1668     (and
1669       (= (length children) (length contexts))
1670       (for-all satisfies-context? children contexts))))
1671
1672 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an AST node update its synthesized attribution (i.e., add missing synthesized
1673 ; attributes, delete superfluous ones, shadow equally named inherited attributes and update the
1674 ; definitions of existing synthesized attributes.
1675 (define update-synthesized-attribution
1676   (lambda (n)
1677     (when (and (not (node-terminal? n)) (not (node-list-node? n)) (not (node-bud-node? n)))
1678       (for-each
1679         (lambda (att-def)
1680           (let ((att (node-find-attribute n (attribute-definition-name att-def))))
1681             (cond
1682               ((not att)
1683                (node-attributes-set! n (cons (make-attribute-instance att-def n) (node-attributes n))))
1684               ((eq? (attribute-definition-equation (attribute-instance-definition att)) (attribute-definition-equation att-def))
1685                (attribute-instance-definition-set! att att-def))
1686               (else
1687                (flush-attribute-instance att)
1688                (node-attributes-set!
1689                 n
1690                 (cons (make-attribute-instance att-def n) (remq att (node-attributes n)))))))
1691         (symbol-attributes (car (ast-rule-production (node-ast-rule n)))))
1692     (node-attributes-set! ; Delete all synthesized attribute instances not defined anymore:
1693     n
1694     (remp
1695       (lambda (att)
1696         (let ((remove?
1697              (and
1698                (attribute-definition-synthesized? (attribute-instance-definition att))
1699                (not
1700                  (eq?
1701                    (symbol-ast-rule (attribute-definition-context (attribute-instance-definition att)))
1702                    (node-ast-rule n))))))
1703          (when remove?
1704            (flush-attribute-instance att))
1705          remove?))
1706       (node-attributes n))))))
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1707
1708 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an AST node update its inherited attribution (i.e., add missing inherited
1709 ; attributes, delete superfluous ones and update the definitions of existing inherited attributes.
1710 ; If the given node is a list-node the inherited attributes of its elements are updated.
1711 (define update-inherited-attribution
1712   (lambda (n)
1713     ;; Support function updating n's inherited attribution w.r.t. a list of inherited attribute definitions:
1714     (define update-by-defs
1715       (lambda (n att-defs)
1716         (for-each ; Add new and update existing inherited attribute instances:
1717           (lambda (att-def)
1718             (let ((att (node-find-attribute n (attribute-definition-name att-def))))
1719               (cond
1720                ((not att)
1721                 (node-attributes-set! n (cons (make-attribute-instance att-def n) (node-attributes n))))
1722                ((not (attribute-definition-synthesized? (attribute-instance-definition att)))
1723                 (if (eq?
1724                     (attribute-definition-equation (attribute-instance-definition att))
1725                     (attribute-definition-equation att-def))
1726                     (attribute-instance-definition-set! att att-def)
1727                     (begin
1728                       (flush-attribute-instance att)
1729                       (node-attributes-set!
1730                        n
1731                        (cons (make-attribute-instance att-def n) (remq att (node-attributes n))))))))
1732               att-defs)
1733             (node-attributes-set! ; Delete all inherited attribute instances not defined anymore:
1734              n
1735              (remp
1736               (lambda (att)
1737                 (let ((remove?
1738                     (and
1739                      (attribute-definition-inherited? (attribute-instance-definition att))
1740                      (not (memq (attribute-instance-definition att) att-defs))))
1741                   (when remove?
1742                     (flush-attribute-instance att)
1743                     (remove?))
1744                   (node-attributes n))))))
1745             ;; Perform the update:
1746             (let* ((parent (node-parent n))
1747                    (att-defs
1748                     (cond
1749                      ((not parent)
1750                       (list))
1751                      ((not (node-list-node? parent))
1752                       (symbol-attributes
1753                        (list-ref
1754                         (ast-rule-production (node-ast-rule parent))
1755                         (node-child-index? n))))
1756                      ((node-parent parent)
1757                       (symbol-attributes
1758                        (list-ref
1759                         (ast-rule-production (node-ast-rule (node-parent parent)))
1760                         (node-child-index? parent))))
1761                      (else (list))))
1762              (if (node-list-node? n)
1763                  (for-each
1764                   (lambda (n)
1765                     (unless (node-bud-node? n)
1766                       (update-by-defs n att-defs)))
1767                   (node-children n))
1768                  (unless (node-bud-node? n)
1769                    (update-by-defs n att-defs))))))
1770
1771 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an AST node delete its inherited attribute instances. If the given node
1772 ; is a list node, the inherited attributes of its elements are deleted.
1773 (define detach-inherited-attributes
1774   (lambda (n)
1775     (cond
1776      ((node-list-node? n)
1777       (for-each
1778        detach-inherited-attributes
1779        (node-children n)))
1780      ((node-non-terminal? n)
1781       (node-attributes-set!
1782        n
1783        (remp
1784         (lambda (att)
1785           (let ((remove? (attribute-definition-inherited? (attribute-instance-definition att))))
1786             (when remove?
1787               (flush-attribute-instance att)
1788               (remove?))
1789             (node-attributes n))))))
1790
1791 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an evaluator state and an AST fragment, change the
1792 ; fragment's evaluator state to the given one.

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1793 (define distribute-evaluator-state
1794   (lambda (evaluator-state n)
1795     (node-evaluator-state-set! n evaluator-state)
1796     (unless (node-terminal? n)
1797       (for-each
1798         (lambda (n)
1799           (distribute-evaluator-state evaluator-state n))
1800         (node-children n))))))
1801
1802 ; .....
1803 ; ..... Dependency Tracking Support .....
1804 ; .....
1805
1806 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: See "add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic".
1807 (define add-dependency:cache->node
1808   (lambda (influencing-node)
1809     (add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic influencing-node (cons 0 racr-nil))))
1810
1811 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: See "add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic".
1812 (define add-dependency:cache->node-is-root
1813   (lambda (influencing-node)
1814     (add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic influencing-node (cons 1 racr-nil))))
1815
1816 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: See "add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic".
1817 (define add-dependency:cache->node-num-children
1818   (lambda (influencing-node)
1819     (add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic influencing-node (cons 2 racr-nil))))
1820
1821 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: See "add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic".
1822 (define add-dependency:cache->node-type
1823   (lambda (influencing-node)
1824     (add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic influencing-node (cons 3 racr-nil))))
1825
1826 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: See "add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic".
1827 (define add-dependency:cache->node-super-type
1828   (lambda (influencing-node comparison-type)
1829     (add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic influencing-node (cons 4 comparison-type))))
1830
1831 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: See "add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic".
1832 (define add-dependency:cache->node-sub-type
1833   (lambda (influencing-node comparison-type)
1834     (add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic influencing-node (cons 5 comparison-type))))
1835
1836 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: See "add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic".
1837 (define add-dependency:cache->node-defines-context
1838   (lambda (influencing-node context-name)
1839     (add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic influencing-node (cons 6 context-name))))
1840
1841 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given a node N and a correlation C add an dependency-edge marked with C from
1842 ; the attribute cache entry currently in evaluation (considering the evaluator state of the AST N
1843 ; is part of) to N and an influence-edge vice versa. If no attribute cache entry is in evaluation
1844 ; no edges are added. The following seven correlations exist:
1845 ; 0) Dependency on the existence of the node (i.e., existence of a node at the same location)
1846 ; 1) Dependency on the node being a root (i.e., the node has no parent)
1847 ; 2) Dependency on the node's number of children (i.e., existence of a node at the same location and with
1848 ;    the same number of children)
1849 ; 3) Dependency on the node's type (i.e., existence of a node at the same location and with the same type)
1850 ; 4) Dependency on whether the node's type is a supertype w.r.t. a certain type encoded in C or not
1851 ; 5) Dependency on whether the node's type is a subtype w.r.t. a certain type encoded in C or not
1852 ; 6) Dependency on whether the node defines a certain context (i.e., has child with a certain name) or not
1853 (define add-dependency:cache->node-characteristic
1854   (lambda (influencing-node correlation)
1855     (let ((dependent-cache (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state influencing-node))))
1856       (when dependent-cache
1857         (let ((dependency-vector
1858               (let ((dc-hit (assq influencing-node (attribute-cache-entry-node-dependencies dependent-cache))))
1859                 (and dc-hit (cdr dc-hit)))))
1860           (unless dependency-vector
1861             (set! dependency-vector (vector #f #f #f #f (list) (list) (list))))
1862           (attribute-cache-entry-node-dependencies-set!
1863             dependent-cache
1864             (cons
1865              (cons influencing-node dependency-vector)
1866              (attribute-cache-entry-node-dependencies dependent-cache)))
1867           (node-cache-influences-set!
1868             influencing-node
1869             (cons
1870              (cons dependent-cache dependency-vector)
1871              (node-cache-influences influencing-node))))
1872     (let ((correlation-type (car correlation))
1873           (correlation-arg (cdr correlation)))
1874       (vector-set!
1875         dependency-vector
1876         correlation-type
1877         (case correlation-type
1878           ((0 1 2 3)
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1879         #t)
1880         ((4 5 6)
1881         (let ((known-args (vector-ref dependency-vector correlation-type)))
1882         (if (memq correlation-arg known-args)
1883             known-args
1884             (cons correlation-arg known-args)))))))))
1885
1886 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an attribute cache entry C, add an dependency-edge from C to the entry currently
1887 ; in evaluation (considering the evaluator state of the AST C is part of) and an influence-edge vice-versa.
1888 ; If no attribute cache entry is in evaluation no edges are added.
1889 (define add-dependency:cache->cache
1890   (lambda (influencing-cache)
1891     (let ((dependent-cache
1892           (evaluator-state-in-evaluation?
1893            (node-evaluator-state
1894             (attribute-instance-context
1895              (attribute-cache-entry-context influencing-cache))))))
1896       (when (and dependent-cache (not (memq influencing-cache (attribute-cache-entry-cache-dependencies dependent-cache))))
1897         (attribute-cache-entry-cache-dependencies-set!
1898          dependent-cache
1899          (cons
1900           influencing-cache
1901           (attribute-cache-entry-cache-dependencies dependent-cache)))
1902         (attribute-cache-entry-cache-influences-set!
1903          influencing-cache
1904          (cons
1905           dependent-cache
1906           (attribute-cache-entry-cache-influences influencing-cache))))))
1907
1908 ;
1909 ; ..... Primitive Rewrite Interface .....
1910 ; .....
1911
1912 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an attribute instance, flush all its cache entries.
1913 (define flush-attribute-instance
1914   (lambda (att)
1915     (call-with-values
1916      (lambda ()
1917        (hashtable-entries (attribute-instance-cache att)))
1918      (lambda (keys values)
1919        (vector-for-each
1920         flush-attribute-cache-entry
1921         values))))))
1922
1923 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an attribute cache entry, delete it and all depending entries.
1924 (define flush-attribute-cache-entry
1925   (lambda (att-cache)
1926     (let ((influenced-caches (attribute-cache-entry-cache-influences att-cache))) ; Save all influenced attribute cache entries.
1927       ; Delete foreign influences:
1928       (for-each ; For every cache entry I the entry depends on,...
1929        (lambda (influencing-cache)
1930          (attribute-cache-entry-cache-influences-set! ; ...remove the influence edge from I to the entry.
1931           influencing-cache
1932           (remq att-cache (attribute-cache-entry-cache-influences influencing-cache))))
1933        (attribute-cache-entry-cache-dependencies att-cache))
1934       (for-each ; For every node N the attribute cache entry depends on...
1935        (lambda (node-dependency)
1936          (node-cache-influences-set!
1937           (car node-dependency)
1938           (remq ; ...remove the influence edge from N to the entry.
1939            (lambda (cache-influence)
1940              (eq? (car cache-influence) att-cache))
1941            (node-cache-influences (car node-dependency)))))
1942        (attribute-cache-entry-node-dependencies att-cache))
1943       ; Delete the attribute cache entry:
1944       (hashtable-delete!
1945        (attribute-instance-cache (attribute-cache-entry-context att-cache))
1946        (attribute-cache-entry-arguments att-cache))
1947       (attribute-cache-entry-cache-dependencies-set! att-cache (list))
1948       (attribute-cache-entry-node-dependencies-set! att-cache (list))
1949       (attribute-cache-entry-cache-influences-set! att-cache (list))
1950       ; Proceed flushing, i.e., for every attribute cache entry D the entry originally influenced,...
1951       (for-each
1952        (lambda (dependent-cache)
1953          (flush-attribute-cache-entry dependent-cache)) ; ...flush D.
1954        influenced-caches)))
1955
1956 ; INTERNAL FUNCTION: Given an AST node n, flush all attribute cache entries that depend on
1957 ; information of the subtree spanned by n but are outside of it and, if requested, all attribute
1958 ; cache entries within the subtree spanned by n that depend on information outside of it.
1959 (define flush-inter-fragment-dependent-attribute-cache-entries
1960   (lambda (n flush-outgoing?)
1961     (let loop ((n* n))
1962       (for-each
1963        (lambda (influence)
1964          (unless (node-inside-of? (attribute-instance-context (attribute-cache-entry-context (car influence))) n)

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1965     (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence))))
1966 (node-cache-influences n*))
1967 (for-each
1968   (lambda (att)
1969     (vector-for-each
1970       (lambda (att-cache)
1971         (let ((flush-att-cache?
1972               (and
1973                 flush-outgoing?
1974                 (or
1975                  (find
1976                    (lambda (dependency)
1977                      (not (node-inside-of? (car dependency) n)))
1978                    (attribute-cache-entry-node-dependencies att-cache))
1979                  (find
1980                    (lambda (influencing-cache)
1981                      (not (node-inside-of? (attribute-instance-context (attribute-cache-entry-context influencing-cache)) n))
1982                    (attribute-cache-entry-cache-dependencies att-cache))))))
1983           (if flush-att-cache?
1984             (flush-attribute-cache-entry att-cache)
1985             (for-each
1986               (lambda (dependent-cache)
1987                 (unless (node-inside-of? (attribute-instance-context (attribute-cache-entry-context dependent-cache)) n)
1988                   (flush-attribute-cache-entry dependent-cache)))
1989               (attribute-cache-entry-cache-influences att-cache))))))
1990   (call-with-values
1991     (lambda ()
1992       (hashtable-entries (attribute-instance-cache att)))
1993     (lambda (key-vector value-vector)
1994       value-vector))))
1995 (node-attributes n*))
1996 (unless (node-terminal? n*)
1997   (for-each
1998     loop
1999     (node-children n*))))))
2000
2001 (define rewrite-terminal
2002   (lambda (i n new-value)
2003     ;; Before changing the value of the terminal ensure, that...
2004     (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state n)) ; ...no attributes are in evaluation and...
2005       (throw-exception
2006         "Cannot change terminal value; "
2007         "There are attributes in evaluation."))
2008     (let ((n
2009           (if (symbol? i)
2010             (node-find-child n i)
2011             (and (>= i 1) (<= i (length (node-children n))) (list-ref (node-children n) (- i 1))))))
2012       (unless (and n (node-terminal? n)) ; ...the given context is a terminal.
2013         (throw-exception
2014           "Cannot change terminal value; "
2015           "The given context does not exist or is no terminal."))
2016       ;; Everything is fine. Thus,...
2017       (let ((old-value (node-children n)))
2018         (for-each ; ...flush all attribute cache entries influenced by the terminal,...
2019           (lambda (influence)
2020             (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
2021           (node-cache-influences n))
2022         (node-children-set! n new-value) ; ...rewrite its value and...
2023         old-value))) ; ...return its old value.
2024
2025 (define rewrite-refine
2026   (lambda (n t . c)
2027     ;; Before refining the non-terminal node ensure, that...
2028     (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state n)) ; ...non of its attributes are in evaluation,...
2029       (throw-exception
2030         "Cannot refine node; "
2031         "There are attributes in evaluation."))
2032     (when (or (node-list-node? n) (node-bud-node? n)) ; ...it is not a list or bud node,...
2033       (throw-exception
2034         "Cannot refine node; "
2035         "The node is a " (if (node-list-node? n) "list" "bud") " node."))
2036     (let* ((old-rule (node-ast-rule n))
2037            (new-rule (racr-specification-find-rule (ast-rule-specification old-rule) t)))
2038       (unless (and new-rule (ast-rule-subtype? new-rule old-rule)) ; ...the given type is a subtype and...
2039         (throw-exception
2040           "Cannot refine node; "
2041           t " is not a subtype of " (symbol-name (car (ast-rule-production old-rule))) ".")
2042         (let ((additional-children (list-tail (ast-rule-production new-rule) (length (ast-rule-production old-rule)))))
2043           (unless (satisfies-contexts? c additional-children) ; ...all additional children fit.
2044             (throw-exception
2045               "Cannot refine node; "
2046               "The given additional children do not fit."))
2047           ;; Everything is fine. Thus,...
2048           (for-each ; ...flush the influenced attribute cache entries, i.e., all entries influenced by the node's...
2049             (lambda (influence)
2050               (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
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2051 (filter
2052 (lambda (influence)
2053   (or
2054     (and (vector-ref (cdr influence) 2) (not (null? c))) ; ...number of children,...
2055     (and (vector-ref (cdr influence) 3) (not (eq? old-rule new-rule))) ; ...type,...
2056     (find ; ...supertype,...
2057       (lambda (t2)
2058         (not (eq? (ast-rule-subtype? t2 old-rule) (ast-rule-subtype? t2 new-rule))))
2059     (vector-ref (cdr influence) 4))
2060   (find ; ...subtype or...
2061     (lambda (t2)
2062       (not (eq? (ast-rule-subtype? old-rule t2) (ast-rule-subtype? new-rule t2))))
2063   (vector-ref (cdr influence) 5))
2064   (find ; ...defined contexts and...
2065     (lambda (context-name)
2066       (let ((old-defines-context? (ast-rule-find-child-context old-rule context-name))
2067             (new-defines-context? (ast-rule-find-child-context new-rule context-name))
2068             (if old-defines-context? (not new-defines-context?) new-defines-context?)))
2069       (vector-ref (cdr influence) 6))))
2070 (node-cache-influences n)))
2071 (for-each ; ...all entries depending on the new children being roots. Afterwards,...
2072 (lambda (child)
2073   (for-each
2074     (lambda (influence)
2075       (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
2076     (filter
2077       (lambda (influence)
2078         (vector-ref (cdr influence) 1))
2079       (node-cache-influences child))))
2080 c)
2081 (node-ast-rule-set! n new-rule) ; ...update the node's type,...
2082 (update-synthesized-attribution n) ; ...synthesized attribution,...
2083 (node-children-set! ; ...insert the new children and...
2084 n
2085 (append
2086   (node-children n)
2087   (map
2088     (lambda (child context)
2089       (let ((child
2090             (if (symbol-non-terminal? context)
2091               child
2092               (make-node 'terminal n child))))
2093         (node-parent-set! child n)
2094         (distribute-evaluator-state (node-evaluator-state n) child) ; ...update their evaluator state and...
2095         child)))
2096   c
2097   additional-children)))
2098 (for-each
2099   update-inherited-attribution ; ...inherited attribution.
2100   (node-children n))))))
2101
2102 (define rewrite-abstract
2103 (lambda (n t)
2104   ;; Before abstracting the node ensure, that...
2105   (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state n)) ; ...no attributes are in evaluation,...
2106     (throw-exception
2107       "Cannot abstract node; "
2108       "There are attributes in evaluation."))
2109   (when (or (node-list-node? n) (node-bud-node? n)) ; ...the node is not a list or bud node,...
2110     (throw-exception
2111       "Cannot abstract node; "
2112       "The node is a " (if (node-list-node? n) "list" "bud") " node."))
2113   (let* ((old-rule (node-ast-rule n))
2114         (new-rule (racr-specification-find-rule (ast-rule-specification old-rule) t)))
2115     (unless (and new-rule (ast-rule-subtype? old-rule new-rule)) ; ...the new type is a supertype and...
2116       (throw-exception
2117         "Cannot abstract node; "
2118         t " is not a supertype of " (symbol-name (car (ast-rule-production old-rule))) ".")
2119       ; ...permitted in the context in which the node is:
2120       (unless (or (not (node-parent n)) (valid-replacement-candidate? n (create-ast-mockup new-rule)))
2121         (throw-exception
2122           "Cannot abstract node; "
2123           "Abstraction to type " t " not permitted by context."))
2124       ;; Everything is fine. Thus,...
2125       (let* ((num-new-children (length (cdr (ast-rule-production new-rule))))
2126             (children-to-remove (list-tail (node-children n) num-new-children)))
2127         (for-each ; ...flush all influenced attribute cache entries, i.e., all entries influenced by the node's...
2128           (lambda (influence)
2129             (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
2130         (filter
2131           (lambda (influence)
2132             (or
2133               (and (vector-ref (cdr influence) 2) (not (null? children-to-remove))) ; ...number of children,...
2134               (and (vector-ref (cdr influence) 3) (not (eq? old-rule new-rule))) ; ...type...
2135               (find ; ...supertype,...
2136                 (lambda (t2)

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2137         (not (eq? (ast-rule-subtype? t2 old-rule) (ast-rule-subtype? t2 new-rule))))
2138         (vector-ref (cdr influence) 4))
2139         (find ; ...subtype or...
2140         (lambda (t2)
2141         (not (eq? (ast-rule-subtype? old-rule t2) (ast-rule-subtype? new-rule t2))))
2142         (vector-ref (cdr influence) 5))
2143         (find ; ...defined contexts and...
2144         (lambda (context-name)
2145         (let ((old-defines-context? (ast-rule-find-child-context old-rule context-name))
2146               (new-defines-context? (ast-rule-find-child-context new-rule context-name)))
2147         (if old-defines-context? (not new-defines-context?) new-defines-context?)))
2148         (vector-ref (cdr influence) 6))))
2149         (node-cache-influences n)))
2150     (for-each ; ...all entries cross—depending the removed ASTs. Afterwards,...
2151     (lambda (child-to-remove)
2152     (flush-inter-fragment-dependent-attribute-cache-entries child-to-remove #t))
2153     children-to-remove)
2154     (node-ast-rule-set! n new-rule) ; ...update the node's type and its...
2155     (update-synthesized-attribution n) ; ...synthesized (because of possibly less) and...
2156     (update-inherited-attribution n) ; ...inherited (because of unshadowed) attributes. Further,...
2157     (for-each ; ...for every child to remove,...
2158     (lambda (child)
2159     (detach-inherited-attributes child) ; ...delete its inherited attributes,...
2160     (node-parent-set! child #f) ; ...detach it from the AST and...
2161     (distribute-evaluator-state (make-evaluator-state) child)) ; ...update its evaluator state. Then,...
2162     children-to-remove)
2163     (unless (null? children-to-remove)
2164     (if (> num-new-children 0)
2165     (set-cdr! (list-tail (node-children n) (- num-new-children 1)) (list))
2166     (node-children-set! n (list))))
2167     (for-each ; ...update the inherited attribution of all remaining children. Finally,...
2168     update-inherited-attribution
2169     (node-children n))
2170     children-to-remove))) ; ...return the removed children.
2171
2172 (define rewrite-add
2173 (lambda (l e)
2174   ;; Before adding the element ensure, that...
2175   (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state l)) ; ...no attributes of the list are in evaluation,...
2176   (throw-exception
2177   "Cannot add list element; "
2178   "There are attributes in evaluation.))
2179   (unless (node-list-node? l) ; ...indeed a list is given as context and...
2180   (throw-exception
2181   "Cannot add list element; "
2182   "The given context is no list-node.))
2183   (unless (valid-list-element-candidate? l e) ; ...the new element fits.
2184   (throw-exception
2185   "Cannot add list element; "
2186   "The new element does not fit.))
2187   ;; When all rewrite constraints are satisfied,...
2188   (for-each ; ...flush all attribute cache entries influenced by the list—node's number of children and...
2189   (lambda (influence)
2190   (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
2191   (filter
2192   (lambda (influence)
2193   (vector-ref (cdr influence) 2))
2194   (node-cache-influences l)))
2195   (for-each ; ...all entries depending on the new element being a root. Afterwards,...
2196   (lambda (influence)
2197   (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
2198   (filter
2199   (lambda (influence)
2200   (vector-ref (cdr influence) 1))
2201   (node-cache-influences e)))
2202   (node-children-set! l (append (node-children l) (list e))) ; ...add the new element,...
2203   (node-parent-set! e l)
2204   (distribute-evaluator-state (node-evaluator-state l) e) ; ...initialize its evaluator state and...
2205   (when (node-parent l)
2206   (update-inherited-attribution e))) ; ...any inherited attributes defined for its new context.
2207
2208 (define rewrite-subtree
2209 (lambda (old-fragment new-fragment)
2210   ;; Before replacing the subtree ensure, that no attributes of the old fragment are in evaluation and...
2211   (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state old-fragment))
2212   (throw-exception
2213   "Cannot replace subtree; "
2214   "There are attributes in evaluation.))
2215   (unless (valid-replacement-candidate? old-fragment new-fragment) ; ...the new fragment fits in its context.
2216   (throw-exception
2217   "Cannot replace subtree; "
2218   "The replacement does not fit.))
2219   ;; When all rewrite constraints are satisfied,...
2220   (detach-inherited-attributes old-fragment) ; ...delete the old fragment's inherited attribution. Then,...
2221   ; ...flush all attribute cache entries cross—depending the old fragment and...
2222   (flush-inter-fragment-dependent-attribute-cache-entries old-fragment #t))
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2223 (for-each ; ...all entries depending on the new fragment being a root. Afterwards,...
2224 (lambda (influence)
2225   (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
2226 (filter
2227   (lambda (influence)
2228     (vector-ref (cdr influence) 1))
2229   (node-cache-influences new-fragment)))
2230 (distribute-evaluator-state (node-evaluator-state old-fragment) new-fragment) ; ...update both fragments' evaluator state,...
2231 (distribute-evaluator-state (make-evaluator-state) old-fragment)
2232 (set-car! ; ...replace the old fragment by the new one and...
2233   (list-tail (node-children (node-parent old-fragment)) (- (node-child-index? old-fragment) 1))
2234   new-fragment)
2235 (node-parent-set! new-fragment (node-parent old-fragment))
2236 (node-parent-set! old-fragment #f)
2237 (update-inherited-attribution new-fragment) ; ...update the new fragment's inherited attribution. Finally,...
2238 old-fragment)) ; ...return the removed old fragment.
2239
2240 (define rewrite-insert
2241   (lambda (l i e)
2242     ;; Before inserting the new element ensure, that...
2243     (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state l)) ; ...no attributes of the list are in evaluation,...
2244       (throw-exception
2245         "Cannot insert list element; "
2246         "There are attributes in evaluation."))
2247     (unless (node-list-node? l) ; ...indeed a list is given as context,...
2248       (throw-exception
2249         "Cannot insert list element; "
2250         "The given context is no list-node."))
2251     (when (or (< i 1) (> i (+ (length (node-children l)) 1))) ; ...the list has enough elements and...
2252       (throw-exception
2253         "Cannot insert list element; "
2254         "The given index is out of range."))
2255     (unless (valid-list-element-candidate? l e) ; ...the new element fits.
2256       (throw-exception
2257         "Cannot add list element; "
2258         "The new element does not fit."))
2259     ;; When all rewrite constraints are satisfied...
2260     (for-each ; ...flush all attribute cache entries influenced by the list's number of children. Further,...
2261       (lambda (influence)
2262         (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
2263     (filter
2264       (lambda (influence)
2265         (vector-ref (cdr influence) 2))
2266       (node-cache-influences l)))
2267     (for-each ; ...for each tree spanned by the successor element's of the insertion position,...
2268       ; ...flush all attribute cache entries depending on, but still outside of, the respective tree. Then,...
2269       (lambda (successor)
2270         (flush-inter-fragment-dependent-attribute-cache-entries successor #f))
2271     (list-tail (node-children l) (- i 1)))
2272     (for-each ; ...flush all attribute cache entries depending on the new element being a root. Afterwards,...
2273       (lambda (influence)
2274         (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
2275     (filter
2276       (lambda (influence)
2277         (vector-ref (cdr influence) 1))
2278       (node-cache-influences e)))
2279     (let ((insert-head (list-tail (node-children l) (- i 1)))) ; ...insert the new element,...
2280       (set-cdr! insert-head (cons (car insert-head) (cdr insert-head)))
2281       (set-car! insert-head e))
2282     (node-parent-set! e l)
2283     (distribute-evaluator-state (node-evaluator-state l) e) ; ...initialize its evaluator state and...
2284     (when (node-parent l)
2285       (update-inherited-attribution e))) ; ...any inherited attributes defined for its new context.
2286
2287 (define rewrite-delete
2288   (lambda (n)
2289     ;; Before deleting the element ensure, that...
2290     (when (evaluator-state-in-evaluation? (node-evaluator-state n)) ; ...no attributes are in evaluation and...
2291       (throw-exception
2292         "Cannot delete list element; "
2293         "There are attributes in evaluation."))
2294     (unless (and (node-parent n) (node-list-node? (node-parent n))) ; ...the given node is element of a list.
2295       (throw-exception
2296         "Cannot delete list element; "
2297         "The given node is not element of a list."))
2298     ;; When all rewrite constraints are satisfied, flush all attribute cache entries influenced by...
2299     (for-each ; ...the number of children of the list node the element is part of. Further,...
2300       (lambda (influence)
2301         (flush-attribute-cache-entry (car influence)))
2302     (filter
2303       (lambda (influence)
2304         (vector-ref (cdr influence) 2))
2305       (node-cache-influences (node-parent n))))
2306     (detach-inherited-attributes n) ; ...delete the element's inherited attributes and...
2307     (flush-inter-fragment-dependent-attribute-cache-entries n #t) ; ...the attribute cache entries cross-depending its subtree...
2308     (for-each ; ...and for each tree spanned by its successor elements,...

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2309 ; ...flush all attribute cache entries depending on, but still outside of, the respective tree. Then,...
2310 (lambda (successor)
2311   (flush-inter-fragment-dependent-attribute-cache-entries successor #f))
2312 (list-tail (node-children (node-parent n)) (node-child-index? n)))
2313 (node-children-set! (node-parent n) (remq n (node-children (node-parent n)))) ; ...remove the element from the list,...
2314 (node-parent-set! n #f)
2315 (distribute-evaluator-state (make-evaluator-state) n) ; ...reset its evaluator state and...
2316 n)) ; ...return it.
2317
2318 ; .....
2319 ; ..... Rewrite Interface .....
2320 ; .....
2321
2322 (define perform-rewrites
2323   (lambda (n strategy . transformers)
2324     (define root
2325       (let loop ((n n))
2326         (if (ast-has-parent? n)
2327             (loop (ast-parent n))
2328             n)))
2329     (define root-deleted/inserted?
2330       (let ((evaluator-state (node-evaluator-state root)))
2331         (lambda ()
2332           (not (eq? evaluator-state (node-evaluator-state root))))))
2333     (define find-and-apply
2334       (case strategy
2335         ((top-down)
2336          (lambda (n)
2337            (and
2338              (not (node-terminal? n))
2339              (or
2340               (find (lambda (transformer) (transformer n)) transformers)
2341               (find find-and-apply (node-children n)))))))
2342         ((bottom-up)
2343          (lambda (n)
2344            (and
2345              (not (node-terminal? n))
2346              (or
2347               (find find-and-apply (node-children n))
2348               (find (lambda (transformer) (transformer n)) transformers))))))
2349         (else (throw-exception
2350                "Cannot perform rewrites; "
2351                "Unknown " strategy " strategy."))))
2352     (let loop ()
2353       (when (root-deleted/inserted?)
2354         (throw-exception
2355          "Cannot perform rewrites; "
2356          "A given transformer manipulated the root of the AST."))
2357       (let ((match (find-and-apply root)))
2358         (if match
2359             (cons match (loop))
2360             (list))))))
2361
2362 (define create-transformer-for-pattern
2363   (lambda (spec node-type pattern-attribute rewrite-function . pattern-arguments)
2364     (let ((ast-rule (specification->find-ast-rule spec node-type)))
2365       (unless ast-rule
2366         (throw-exception
2367          "Cannot construct transformer; "
2368          "Undefined " node-type " node type."))
2369       (unless (find
2370               (lambda (attribute-definition)
2371                 (eq? (attribute->name attribute-definition) pattern-attribute))
2372               (symbol->attributes (car (ast-rule->production ast-rule))))
2373         (throw-exception
2374          "Cannot construct transformer; "
2375          "No " pattern-attribute " attribute defined in the context of " node-type " nodes."))
2376       (lambda (n)
2377         (when (and (not (or (ast-bud-node? n) (ast-list-node? n))) (ast-subtype? n node-type))
2378           (let ((match? (apply att-value pattern-attribute n pattern-arguments)))
2379             (if match?
2380                 (or
2381                  (apply rewrite-function match? pattern-arguments)
2382                  #t)
2383                 #f))))))
2384
2385 ; .....
2386 ; ..... Pattern Matching .....
2387 ; .....
2388
2389 (define pattern-language (make-racr-specification))
2390
2391 (define specify-pattern
2392   (lambda (spec att-name distinguished-node fragments references condition?)
2393     (define process-fragment
2394       (lambda (context type binding children)
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2395     (unless (and
2396               (or (symbol? context) (integer? context))
2397               (or (not type) (symbol? type))
2398               (or (not binding) (symbol? binding))))
2399     (throw-exception
2400      "Invalid pattern definition; "
2401      "Wrong argument type (context, type or binding of fragment)."))
2402 (create-ast
2403  pattern-language
2404  'Node
2405  (list
2406   context
2407   type
2408   binding
2409   (create-ast-list
2410    (map
2411     (lambda (child)
2412       (apply process-fragment child))
2413     children))))))
2414 (define process-reference
2415  (lambda (name source target)
2416    (unless (and (symbol? name) (symbol? source) (symbol? target))
2417      (throw-exception
2418       "Invalid pattern definition; "
2419       "Wrong argument type (name, source and target of references must be symbols)."))
2420    (create-ast pattern-language 'Ref (list name source target))))
2421 (let ((ast
2422       (create-ast
2423        pattern-language
2424        'Pattern
2425        (list
2426         (create-ast-list (map (lambda (frag) (apply process-fragment (cons 'racr-nil frag))) fragments))
2427         (create-ast-list (map (lambda (ref) (apply process-reference ref)) references))
2428         #f
2429         spec))))
2430 ; Resolve symbolic node references (i.e., perform name analysis):
2431 (rewrite-terminal 'dnode ast (att-value 'lookup-node ast distinguished-node))
2432 (for-each
2433  (lambda (ref)
2434    (let ((source? (att-value 'lookup-node ast (ast-child 'source ref)))
2435          (target? (att-value 'lookup-node ast (ast-child 'target ref))))
2436      (if source?
2437          (rewrite-terminal 'source ref source?)
2438          (throw-exception
2439           "Invalid pattern definition; "
2440           "Undefined reference source " (ast-child 'source ref) "."))
2441      (if target?
2442          (rewrite-terminal 'target ref target?)
2443          (throw-exception
2444           "Invalid pattern definition; "
2445           "Undefined reference target " (ast-child 'target ref) "."))))
2446  (ast-children (ast-child 'Ref* ast)))
2447 ; Ensure well-formedness of the pattern (valid distinguished node, reachability, typing, unique node naming):
2448 (unless (att-value 'well-formed? ast)
2449   (throw-exception
2450    "Invalid pattern definition; "
2451    "The pattern is not well-formed.))
2452 ; Every thing is fine. Thus, add a respective matching attribute to the given specification:
2453 (specify-attribute
2454  spec
2455  att-name
2456  (ast-child 'type (ast-child 'dnode ast))
2457  '*
2458  #t
2459  (let ((pmm (att-value 'pmm-code ast))) ; Precompute the PMM => The pattern AST is not in the equation's closure
2460    (if condition?
2461        (lambda (n . args)
2462          (let ((bindings (pmm n)))
2463            (if (and bindings (apply condition? bindings args))
2464                bindings
2465                #f)))
2466        pmm))
2467  #f)))
2468
2469 ;; Pattern Matching Machine Instructions:
2470
2471 (define pmmi-load-node ; Make already stored node the new current one.
2472  (lambda (next-instruction index)
2473    (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2474      (next-instruction (vector-ref node-memory index) node-memory))))
2475
2476 (define pmmi-store-node ; Store current node for later reference.
2477  (lambda (next-instruction index)
2478    (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2479      (vector-set! node-memory index current-node)
2480      (next-instruction current-node node-memory))))

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2481
2482 (define pmmi-ensure-context-by-name ; Ensure, the current node is certain child & make its parent the new current node.
2483   (lambda (next-instruction context-name)
2484     (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2485       (let ((parent? (ast-has-parent? current-node)))
2486         (if (and parent? (ast-has-child? context-name parent?) (eq? (ast-child context-name parent?) current-node))
2487             (next-instruction parent? node-memory)
2488             #f)))))
2489
2490 (define pmmi-ensure-context-by-index ; Ensure, the current node is certain child & make its parent the new current node.
2491   (lambda (next-instruction index)
2492     (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2493       (let ((parent? (ast-has-parent? current-node)))
2494         (if (and parent? (>= (ast-num-children parent?) index) (eq? (ast-child index parent?) current-node))
2495             (next-instruction parent? node-memory)
2496             #f)))))
2497
2498 (define pmmi-ensure-subtype ; Ensure, the current node is of a certain type or a subtype.
2499   (lambda (next-instruction super-type)
2500     (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2501       (if (and
2502           (not (ast-list-node? current-node))
2503           (not (ast-bud-node? current-node))
2504           (ast-subtype? current-node super-type))
2505           (next-instruction current-node node-memory)
2506           #f))))
2507
2508 (define pmmi-ensure-list ; Ensure, the current node is a list node.
2509   (lambda (next-instruction)
2510     (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2511       (if (ast-list-node? current-node)
2512           (next-instruction current-node node-memory)
2513           #f))))
2514
2515 (define pmmi-ensure-child-by-name ; Ensure, the current node has a certain child & make the child the new current node.
2516   (lambda (next-instruction context-name)
2517     (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2518       (if (ast-has-child? context-name current-node)
2519           (next-instruction (ast-child context-name current-node) node-memory)
2520           #f))))
2521
2522 (define pmmi-ensure-child-by-index ; Ensure, the current node has a certain child & make the child the new current node.
2523   (lambda (next-instruction index)
2524     (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2525       (if (>= (ast-num-children current-node) index)
2526           (next-instruction (ast-child index current-node) node-memory)
2527           #f))))
2528
2529 (define pmmi-ensure-node ; Ensure, the current node is a certain, already stored node.
2530   (lambda (next-instruction index)
2531     (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2532       (if (eq? current-node (vector-ref node-memory index))
2533           (next-instruction current-node node-memory)
2534           #f))))
2535
2536 (define pmmi-traverse-reference ; Evaluate attribute of current node, ensure value is a node & make it the new current one.
2537   (lambda (next-instruction reference-name)
2538     (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2539       (if (and (not (ast-bud-node? current-node)) (ast-node? (att-value reference-name current-node)))
2540           (next-instruction (att-value reference-name current-node) node-memory)
2541           #f))))
2542
2543 (define pmmi-terminate ; Construct association list of all binded nodes.
2544   (lambda (bindings)
2545     (let ((bindings ; Precompute list of (key, index) pairs => The pattern AST is not in the instruction's closure
2546           (map
2547             (lambda (n)
2548               (cons (ast-child 'binding n) (att-value 'node-memory-index n)))
2549             bindings)))
2550       (lambda (current-node node-memory)
2551         (map
2552           (lambda (binding)
2553             (cons (car binding) (vector-ref node-memory (cdr binding)))))
2554         bindings))))
2555
2556 (define pmmi-initialize ; First instruction of any PMM program. Allocates memory used to store nodes throughout matching.
2557   (lambda (next-instruction node-memory-size)
2558     (lambda (current-node)
2559       (next-instruction current-node (make-vector node-memory-size)))))
2560
2561 ;; Pattern Language:
2562
2563 (when (= (specification->phase pattern-language) 1)
2564   (with-specification
2565     pattern-language
2566     pattern-language
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2567 (ast-rule 'Pattern->Node*-Ref*-dnode-spec)
2568 (ast-rule 'Node->context-type-binding-Node*)
2569 (ast-rule 'Ref->name-source-target)
2570 (compile-ast-specifications 'Pattern)
2571
2572 ;; Name Analysis:
2573
2574 (ag-rule ; Given a binding name, find its respective binded node.
2575 lookup-node
2576 (Pattern
2577   (lambda (n name)
2578     (ast-find-child*
2579       (lambda (i n)
2580         (att-value 'local-lookup-node n name))
2581       (ast-child 'Node* n))))))
2582
2583 (ag-rule
2584 local-lookup-node
2585 (Node
2586   (lambda (n name)
2587     (if (eq? (ast-child 'binding n) name)
2588         n
2589         (ast-find-child*
2590           (lambda (i n)
2591             (att-value 'local-lookup-node n name))
2592           (ast-child 'Node* n))))))
2593
2594 (ag-rule ; Given a non-terminal, find its respective RACR AST rule.
2595 lookup-type
2596 (Pattern
2597   (lambda (n type)
2598     (specification->find-ast-rule (ast-child 'spec n) type))))
2599
2600 ;; Support API:
2601
2602 (ag-rule ; Root of the AST fragment a node is part of.
2603 fragment-root
2604 ((Pattern Node*)
2605   (lambda (n)
2606     n)))
2607
2608 (ag-rule ; Is the node a fragment root?
2609 fragment-root?
2610 ((Pattern Node*)
2611   (lambda (n) #t))
2612 ((Node Node*)
2613   (lambda (n) #f)))
2614
2615 (ag-rule ; List of all references of the pattern.
2616 references
2617 (Pattern
2618   (lambda (n)
2619     (ast-children (ast-child 'Ref* n)))))
2620
2621 (ag-rule ; List of all named nodes of the pattern.
2622 bindings
2623 (Pattern
2624   (lambda (n)
2625     (fold-left
2626       (lambda (result n)
2627         (append result (att-value 'bindings n)))
2628       (list)
2629       (ast-children (ast-child 'Node* n)))))
2630 (Node
2631   (lambda (n)
2632     (fold-left
2633       (lambda (result n)
2634         (append result (att-value 'bindings n)))
2635       (if (ast-child 'binding n) (list n) (list))
2636       (ast-children (ast-child 'Node* n)))))
2637
2638 (ag-rule ; Number of pattern nodes of the pattern/the subtree spanned by a node (including the node itself).
2639 nodes-count
2640 (Pattern
2641   (lambda (n)
2642     (fold-left
2643       (lambda (result n)
2644         (+ result (att-value 'nodes-count n)))
2645       0
2646       (ast-children (ast-child 'Node* n)))))
2647 (Node
2648   (lambda (n)
2649     (fold-left
2650       (lambda (result n)
2651         (+ result (att-value 'nodes-count n)))
2652       1

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2653      (ast-children (ast-child 'Node* n))))))
2654
2655 ;;; Type Analysis:
2656
2657 (ag-rule ; Must the node be a list?
2658 must-be-list?
2659 (Node ; A node must be a list if:
2660 (lambda (n)
2661 (or
2662 (eq? (ast-child 'type n) '*); (1) the pattern developer defines so,
2663 (ast-find-child ; (2) any of its children is referenced by index.
2664 (lambda (i n)
2665 (integer? (ast-child 'context n)))
2666 (ast-child 'Node* n))))))
2667
2668 (ag-rule ; Must the node not be a list?
2669 must-not-be-list?
2670 (Node ; A node must not be a list if:
2671 (lambda (n)
2672 (or
2673 (and ; (1) the pattern developer defines so,
2674 (ast-child 'type n)
2675 (not (eq? (ast-child 'type n) '*)))
2676 (and ; (2) it is child of a list,
2677 (not (att-value 'fragment-root? n))
2678 (att-value 'must-be-list? (ast-parent n)))
2679 (ast-find-child ; (3) any of its children is referenced by name or must be a list.
2680 (lambda (i n)
2681 (or
2682 (symbol? (ast-child 'context n))
2683 (att-value 'must-be-list? n)))
2684 (ast-child 'Node* n))))))
2685
2686 (ag-rule ; List of all types being subject of a Kleene closure, i.e., all list types.
2687 most-general-list-types
2688 (Pattern
2689 (lambda (n)
2690 (let ((list-types
2691 (fold-left
2692 (lambda (result ast-rule)
2693 (fold-left
2694 (lambda (result symbol)
2695 (if (and (symbol->kleene? symbol) (not (memq (symbol->non-terminal? symbol) result)))
2696 (cons (symbol->non-terminal? symbol) result)
2697 result))
2698 result
2699 (cdr (ast-rule->production ast-rule))))
2700 (list)
2701 (att-value 'most-concrete-types n))))
2702 (filter
2703 (lambda (type1)
2704 (not
2705 (find
2706 (lambda (type2)
2707 (and
2708 (not (eq? type1 type2))
2709 (ast-rule-subtype? type1 type2)))
2710 list-types)))
2711 list-types))))))
2712
2713 (ag-rule ; List of all types (of a certain type) no other type inherits from.
2714 most-concrete-types
2715 (Pattern
2716 (case-lambda
2717 ((n)
2718 (filter
2719 (lambda (type)
2720 (null? (ast-rule-subtypes type)))
2721 (specification->ast-rules (ast-child 'spec n))))
2722 ((n type)
2723 (filter
2724 (lambda (type)
2725 (null? (ast-rule-subtypes type)))
2726 (cons type (ast-rule-subtypes type))))))
2727
2728 (ag-rule ; Satisfies a certain type a node's user defined type constraints?
2729 valid-user-induced-type?
2730 (Node
2731 (lambda (n type kleene?)
2732 (or
2733 (not (ast-child 'type n))
2734 (if (eq? (ast-child 'type n) '*)
2735 kleene?
2736 (let ((user-induced-type (att-value 'lookup-type n (ast-child 'type n))))
2737 (and
2738 user-induced-type
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2739      (ast-rule-subtype? type user-induced-type))))))
2740
2741 (ag-rule ; Satisfies a certain type all type constraint of a node and its subtree?
2742 valid-type?
2743 (Node
2744   (lambda (n type kleene?)
2745     (and
2746       (not (and (att-value 'must-be-list? n) (not kleene?)))
2747       (not (and (att-value 'must-not-be-list? n) kleene?))
2748       (att-value 'valid-user-induced-type? n type kleene?)
2749       (if kleene?
2750         (not
2751           (ast-find-child
2752             (lambda (i child)
2753               (not
2754                 (find
2755                   (lambda (child-type)
2756                     (att-value 'valid-type? child child-type #f))
2757                     (att-value 'most-concrete-types n type))))
2758             (ast-child 'Node* n)))
2759         (not
2760           (ast-find-child
2761             (lambda (i child)
2762               (let* ((context? (ast-rule-find-child-context type (ast-child 'context child)))
2763                     (context-types?
2764                      (cond
2765                        ((not (and context? (symbol->non-terminal? context?))) (list))
2766                        ((symbol->kleene? context?) (list (symbol->non-terminal? context?)))
2767                        (else (att-value 'most-concrete-types n (symbol->non-terminal? context?))))))
2768                 (not
2769                   (find
2770                     (lambda (type)
2771                       (att-value 'valid-type? child type (symbol->kleene? context?)))
2772                     (context-types?))))
2773             (ast-child 'Node* n)))))))))
2774
2775 (ag-rule ; Is the pattern satisfiable (a matching AST exists regarding fragment syntax & type constraints)?
2776 well-typed?
2777 ((Pattern Node*)
2778   (lambda (n)
2779     (or
2780       (find
2781         (lambda (type)
2782           (att-value 'valid-type? n type #f))
2783         (att-value 'most-concrete-types n))
2784       (find
2785         (lambda (type)
2786           (att-value 'valid-type? n type #t))
2787         (att-value 'most-general-list-types n))))))
2788
2789 ;; Reachability:
2790
2791 (ag-rule ; Is the reference connecting two different fragments?
2792 inter-fragment-reference?
2793 (Ref
2794   (lambda (n)
2795     (not
2796       (eq?
2797         (att-value 'fragment-root (ast-child 'source n))
2798         (att-value 'fragment-root (ast-child 'target n))))))
2799
2800 (ag-rule ; List of the child contexts to follow to reach the root.
2801 fragment-root-path
2802
2803 ((Pattern Node*)
2804   (lambda (n)
2805     (list)))
2806
2807 ((Node Node*)
2808   (lambda (n)
2809     (cons (ast-child 'context n) (att-value 'fragment-root-path (ast-parent n)))))
2810
2811 (ag-rule ; List of the cheapest inter fragment references of a fragment and their respective costs.
2812 inter-fragment-references
2813 ((Pattern Node*)
2814   (lambda (n)
2815     (define walk-costs ; Sum of distances of a reference's source & target to their roots.
2816       (lambda (ref)
2817         (+
2818           (length (att-value 'fragment-root-path (ast-child 'source ref)))
2819           (length (att-value 'fragment-root-path (ast-child 'target ref))))))
2820     (reverse
2821       (fold-left ; Filter for each target the cheapest inter fragment reference:
2822         (lambda (result ref)
2823           (if
2824             (memp

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2825         (lambda (weighted-ref)
2826           (eq?
2827             (att-value 'fragment-root (ast-child 'target ref))
2828             (att-value 'fragment-root (ast-child 'target (car weighted-ref)))))
2829         result)
2830     result
2831     (cons (cons ref (walk-costs ref)) result)))
2832 (list)
2833 (list-sort ; Sort the inter fragment references according to their costs:
2834   (lambda (ref1 ref2)
2835     (< (walk-costs ref1) (walk-costs ref2))))
2836 (filter ; Find all inter fragment references of the fragment:
2837   (lambda (ref)
2838     (and
2839       (eq? (att-value 'fragment-root (ast-child 'source ref)) n)
2840       (att-value 'inter-fragment-reference? ref)))
2841     (att-value 'references n))))))
2842
2843 (ag-rule ; List of references best suited to reach other fragments from the distinguished node.
2844 fragment-walk
2845 (Pattern
2846   (lambda (n)
2847     (let ((dummy-walk
2848           (cons
2849             (create-ast 'Ref (list #f (ast-child 'dnode n) (ast-child 'dnode n)))
2850             0)))
2851       (let loop ((walked ; List of pairs of already followed references and their total costs.
2852                 (list dummy-walk))
2853                 (to-visit ; Fragment roots still to visit.
2854                   (remq
2855                     (att-value 'fragment-root (ast-child 'dnode n))
2856                     (ast-children (ast-child 'Node* n))))))
2857         (let ((next-walk? ; Find the next inter fragment reference to follow if there is any,...
2858               (fold-left ; ...i.e., for every already walked inter fragment reference R,...
2859                 (lambda (best-next-walk performed-walk)
2860                   (let ((possible-next-walk ; ...find the best walk reaching a new fragment from its target....
2861                         (find
2862                           (lambda (weighted-ref)
2863                             (memq
2864                               (att-value 'fragment-root (ast-child 'target (car weighted-ref)))
2865                               to-visit))
2866                             (att-value 'inter-fragment-references (ast-child 'target (car performed-walk))))))
2867                     (cond
2868                       ((not possible-next-walk) ; ...If no new fragment is reachable from the target of R,...
2869                        best-next-walk) ; ...keep the currently best walk. Otherwise,...
2870                       ((not best-next-walk) ; ...if no next best walk has been selected yet,...
2871                        possible-next-walk) ; ...make the found one the best....
2872                       (else ; Otherwise,...
2873                        (let ((costs-possible-next-walk (+ (cdr possible-next-walk) (cdr performed-walk)))
2874                              (if (< costs-possible-next-walk (cdr best-next-walk)) ; ...select the better one.
2875                                  (cons (car possible-next-walk) costs-possible-next-walk)
2876                                  best-next-walk))))))
2877                     #f
2878                     walked)))
2879                 (if next-walk? ; If a new fragment can be reached,...
2880                     (loop ; ...try to find another reachable one. Otherwise,...
2881                       (append walked (list next-walk?))
2882                       (remq
2883                         (att-value 'fragment-root (ast-child 'target (car next-walk?)))
2884                         to-visit))
2885                     (map car (cdr walked))))))))) ; ...return the references defining all reachable fragments.
2886
2887 ;; Well-formedness:
2888
2889 (ag-rule ; Is the pattern specification valid, such that PMM code can be generated?
2890 well-formed?
2891
2892 (Pattern
2893   (lambda (n)
2894     (and
2895       (att-value 'local-correct? n)
2896       (not
2897         (ast-find-child
2898           (lambda (i n)
2899             (not (att-value 'well-formed? n)))
2900           (ast-child 'Node* n))))))
2901
2902 (Node
2903   (lambda (n)
2904     (and
2905       (att-value 'local-correct? n)
2906       (not
2907         (ast-find-child
2908           (lambda (i n)
2909             (not (att-value 'well-formed? n)))
2910           (ast-child 'Node* n))))))

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2911
2912 (ag-rule ; Is a certain part of the pattern AST valid?
2913 local-correct?
2914
2915 (Pattern
2916   (lambda (n)
2917     (and
2918       (ast-node? (ast-child 'dnode n)) ; A distinguished node must be defined, whose...
2919       (ast-child 'type (ast-child 'dnode n)) ; ...type is user specified and...
2920       (not (att-value 'must-be-list? (ast-child 'dnode n))) ; ...not a list.
2921       (= ; All fragments must be reachable from the distinguished node:
2922         (+ (length (att-value 'fragment-walk n)) 1)
2923         (ast-num-children (ast-child 'Node* n))))
2924       (not ; All fragments must be well typed, i.e., there exists an AST where they match:
2925         (ast-find-child
2926           (lambda (i n)
2927             (not (att-value 'well-typed? n)))
2928           (ast-child 'Node* n))))))
2929
2930 (Node
2931   (lambda (n)
2932     (and
2933       (or ; Binded names must be unique:
2934         (not (ast-child 'binding n))
2935         (eq? (att-value 'lookup-node n (ast-child 'binding n)) n))
2936       (let loop ((children (ast-children (ast-child 'Node* n)))) ; Contexts must be unique:
2937         (cond
2938           ((null? children) #t)
2939           ((find
2940             (lambda (child)
2941               (eqv? (ast-child 'context (car children)) (ast-child 'context child)))
2942             (cdr children))
2943            #f)
2944           (else (loop (cdr children))))))))
2945
2946 ;; Code generation:
2947
2948 (ag-rule ; Index within node memory. Used during pattern matching to store and later load matched nodes.
2949 node-memory-index
2950
2951 ((Pattern Node*)
2952   (lambda (n)
2953     (if (> (ast-child-index n) 1)
2954       (+
2955         (att-value 'node-memory-index (ast-sibling (- (ast-child-index n) 1) n))
2956         (att-value 'nodes-count (ast-sibling (- (ast-child-index n) 1) n)))
2957       0)))
2958
2959 ((Node Node*)
2960   (lambda (n)
2961     (if (> (ast-child-index n) 1)
2962       (+
2963         (att-value 'node-memory-index (ast-sibling (- (ast-child-index n) 1) n))
2964         (att-value 'nodes-count (ast-sibling (- (ast-child-index n) 1) n))
2965         (+ (att-value 'node-memory-index (ast-parent n)) 1))))
2966
2967 (ag-rule ; Function encoding pattern matching machine (PMM) specialised to match the pattern.
2968 pmm-code
2969 (Pattern
2970   (lambda (n)
2971     (pmmi-initialize
2972       (att-value
2973         'pmm-code:match-fragment
2974         (ast-child 'dnode n)
2975         (fold-right
2976           (lambda (reference result)
2977             (pmmi-load-node
2978               (pmmi-traverse-reference
2979                 (att-value 'pmm-code:match-fragment (ast-child 'target reference)) result)
2980                 (ast-child 'name reference))
2981               (att-value 'node-memory-index (ast-child 'source reference))))
2982           (att-value
2983             'pmm-code:check-references
2984             n
2985             (pmmi-terminate (att-value 'bindings n)))
2986           (att-value 'fragment-walk n)))
2987       (+ (att-value 'nodes-count n) 1))))
2988
2989 (ag-rule ; Function encoding PMM specialised to match the fragment the pattern node is part of.
2990 pmm-code:match-fragment
2991 (Node
2992   (lambda (n continuation-code)
2993     (fold-right
2994       (lambda (context result)
2995         (if (integer? context)
2996           (pmmi-ensure-context-by-index result context)

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2997      (pmmi-ensure-context-by-name result context)))
2998      (att-value 'pmm-code:match-subtree (att-value 'fragment-root n) continuation-code)
2999      (att-value 'fragment-root-path n))))))
3000
3001 (ag-rule ; Function encoding PMM specialised to match the subtree the pattern node spans.
3002 pmm-code:match-subtree
3003 (Node
3004   (lambda (n continuation-code)
3005     (let ((store-instruction
3006           (pmmi-store-node
3007             (fold-right
3008               (lambda (child result)
3009                 (pmmi-load-node
3010                   (if (integer? (ast-child 'context child))
3011                     (pmmi-ensure-child-by-index
3012                       (att-value 'pmm-code:match-subtree child result)
3013                       (ast-child 'context child))
3014                     (pmmi-ensure-child-by-name
3015                       (att-value 'pmm-code:match-subtree child result)
3016                       (ast-child 'context child))))
3017                   (att-value 'node-memory-index n)))
3018               continuation-code
3019               (ast-children (ast-child 'Node* n)))
3020             (att-value 'node-memory-index n))))
3021     (cond
3022       ((att-value 'must-be-list? n)
3023        (pmmi-ensure-list store-instruction))
3024       ((ast-child 'type n)
3025        (pmmi-ensure-subtype store-instruction (ast-child 'type n)))
3026       (else store-instruction))))))
3027
3028 (ag-rule ; Function encoding PMM specialised to match the reference integrity of the pattern.
3029 pmm-code:check-references
3030 (Pattern
3031   (lambda (n continuation-code)
3032     (fold-left
3033       (lambda (result reference)
3034         (pmmi-load-node
3035           (pmmi-traverse-reference
3036             (pmmi-ensure-node
3037               result
3038               (att-value 'node-memory-index (ast-child 'target reference)))
3039               (ast-child 'name reference))
3040             (att-value 'node-memory-index (ast-child 'source reference))))
3041         continuation-code
3042         (filter
3043           (lambda (reference)
3044             (not (memq reference (att-value 'fragment-walk n))))
3045           (ast-children (ast-child 'Ref* n))))))
3046   (compile-ag-specifications))))
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