

# Online Appendix to “PATAXÓ: a framework to allow updates through XML views”

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## A. THEOREM PROOFS

In this section, we present the proofs of theorems 6.5, 6.7, 6.8 and 6.9.

**THEOREM 6.5** *Given a query tree  $qt$  defined over a database  $\mathcal{D}$  and an instance  $d$  of  $\mathcal{D}$ , then:  $\text{evalRel}(\text{eval}(qt, d)) \subseteq \text{relOuterUnion}(\text{map}(\text{split}(qt)), d)$ .*

**PROOF.** The  $\subseteq$  operation needs the two multi-sets being compared to be union compatible. By definition, the schema of *evalRel* is the *evaluation schema*  $S$ , which is composed of all leaf node names in  $qt$ . The execution of  $\text{map}(\text{split}(qt), d)$  results in a set of relational views  $\{V_1, \dots, V_n\}$ . Each view  $V_i$  is a schema composed of names of leaf nodes in  $qt_i$  (which is produced by  $\text{split}(qt)$ ). By definition of *split*,

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each split tree  $qt_i$  contains a single  $\tau_N$  node  $n_i$ : the subtrees rooted at  $\tau_N$  nodes different from  $n_i$  are deleted from  $qt_i$ . However, nodes deleted in  $qt_i$  are preserved in  $qt_j$ , so that each node  $n$  in  $qt$  is in at least one of the  $qt_1, \dots, qt_n$ . Consequently, the schema of  $V_1 \cup \dots \cup V_n$  equals  $S$ .

Assume  $t$  is in  $evalRel(eval(qt, d))$ , but not in  $relOuterUnion(map(split(qt)), d)$ . Let  $x$  be the XML view resulting from  $eval(qt, d)$ . Since  $t$  is in  $evalRel(eval(qt, d))$ , it was constructed by taking values from the leaf nodes in a given path  $p$ . The path  $p$  starts in a node  $n$  which is the deepest node of type  $\tau_N$  or  $\tau_T$  in a given subtree and goes up to the root of  $x$ . If  $n$  is of type  $\tau_N$ , and  $V_i$  is the view corresponding to  $n$ , then  $t$  is in  $evalV(V_i, d)$ , and consequently,  $t$  is in  $relOuterUnion(map(split(qt)), d)$ , a contradiction. If  $n$  is of type  $\tau_T$ , then the node that originated  $n$  in the query tree has at least one node of type  $\tau_N$  in its subtree. Assume  $V_j, \dots, V_k$  are the relational views corresponding to those  $\tau_N$  nodes. Consequently,  $t$  is in  $V_j \cup \dots \cup V_k$ , and thus in  $relOuterUnion(map(split(qt)), d)$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

**THEOREM 6.7** *Given a query tree  $qt$  defined over a database  $\mathcal{D}$  and an instance  $d$  of  $\mathcal{D}$ , then every tuple  $t$  in  $relOuterUnion(map(split(qt)), d) - evalRel(eval(qt, d)) \subseteq stubs(x)$ .*

**PROOF.** Tuples in  $relOuterUnion(map(split(qt)), d)$  that are not in  $evalRel(eval(qt, d))$  are those resulting from left outer joins with no match in a given relational view  $V_i \in map(split(qt), d)$ . Since  $stubs(x)$  contains tuples that has *nulls* in attributes related to descendant nodes, and a LEFT JOIN always keeps information of the ancestor, then:

$$relOuterUnion(map(split(qt)), d) - evalRel(eval(qt, d)) \subseteq stubs(x). \quad \square$$

**THEOREM 6.8** *Given a query tree  $qt$  defined over database  $\mathcal{D}$ , then for any instance  $d$  of  $\mathcal{D}$  and correct update  $u$  over  $qt$ ,  $evalRel(apply(x, u)) \subseteq v'_1 \cup \dots \cup v'_n$ , where  $\cup$  denotes outer union.*

**PROOF.** Since the update  $u$  does not change the view schema, and the application of an update  $U_{ij}$  over view  $v_i$  also does not change  $v_i$ 's schema, by Theorem 6.5 we have that  $evalRel(apply(x, u))$  and  $v'_1 \cup \dots \cup v'_n$  have the same schema (are union compatible).

**Insertions.** Suppose  $t$  is a tuple in  $evalRel(apply(x, u))$ , resulting from a insertion of a subtree in  $x$ . Assume  $t$  is not in  $v'_1 \cup \dots \cup v'_n$ , and that update  $U_{ij}$  is the translation of  $u$ .

Consider a tuple  $t'$  which was inserted by update  $U_{ij}$  in  $v_i$ . Since  $U_{ij}$  is the translation of  $u$ ,  $t'$  has the values of one of the subtrees that were inserted in  $x$  by  $u$ , and also the values of  $x$  that were above the update point  $ref$  of  $u$ . As a consequence,  $t = t'$  and  $t$  is in  $v'_1 \cup \dots \cup v'_n$ , a contradiction.

The same applies for the insertion of a more complex subtree. It will generate several tuples  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  to appear in  $evalRel(apply(x, u))$ . Each of these tuples will be inserted in the relational views by a set of updates  $U_{ij}, \dots, U_{kl}$ . So  $evalRel(apply(x, u)) \subseteq v'_1 \cup \dots \cup v'_n$  holds for insertions.

**Modifications.** Suppose  $t$  is a tuple in  $evalRel(apply(x, u))$ , resulting from a modification of a leaf value in  $x$ . Assume  $t$  is not in  $v'_1 \cup \dots \cup v'_n$ , and that update

$U_{ij}$  is the translation of  $u$ .

Consider a tuple  $t'$  which was modified by update  $U_{ij}$  in  $v_i$ . Since  $U_{ij}$  is the translation of  $u$ ,  $t'$  had a single attribute modified - the one that was updated in  $x$ . As a consequence,  $t = t'$  and  $t$  is in  $v'_1 \cup \dots \cup v'_n$ , a contradiction.

The same applies for modifications that affect more than one leaf in  $x$ , that is, when  $ref$  in  $u$  evaluates to more than one update point. For every node affected by the modification, will be generated one modification  $U_{ij}$ . Since by Theorem 6.5 all tuples in  $evalRel(x)$  are in  $v_1 \cup \dots \cup v_n$ , then  $evalRel(apply(x, u)) \subseteq v'_1 \cup \dots \cup v'_n$ .

**Deletions.** Following the inverse reasoning for insertions, every subtree deleted from  $x$  makes a tuple disappear from  $evalRel(apply(x, u))$ s. Analogously, the translation  $U_{ij}$  of  $u$  will make that tuple disappear from  $v'_1 \cup \dots \cup v'_n$ , so  $evalRel(apply(x, u)) \subseteq v'_1 \cup \dots \cup v'_n$  holds.  $\square$

**THEOREM 6.9** *Given a query tree  $qt$  defined over a database  $\mathcal{D}$  and an instance  $d$  of  $\mathcal{D}$ , then  $v'_1 \cup \dots \cup v'_n - evalRel(apply(x, u)) \subseteq stubs(apply(x, u))$ .*

**PROOF.** Insertions of incomplete subtrees or deletions of incomplete subtrees may cause tuples to be filled in with nulls because of the LEFT JOINS in some  $v'_i$ . These tuples, however, will be in  $stubs$ . The reasoning is the same as in proof of Theorem 6.7.  $\square$

## B. ALGORITHMS TO TRANSLATE UPDATES

This section presents algorithms to translate insertions, deletions and modifications from the XML view to updates over the corresponding relational views. Such algorithms are mentioned in Section 6.2.

### B.1 Insertions

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translateInsert(V, qt, ref,  $\Delta$ )
//Inserts  $\Delta$  in the XML view V using ref as insertion point.  $\Delta$  must be inserted under every node
  resulting from the evaluation of ref in V. qt is the query tree.
//Assumes that view(n) returns the name of the rel. view associated with node n

Let p be the unqualified portion of ref concatenated with the root of  $\Delta$ 
Let m be the node resulting from the evaluation of p against qt
Let N be the set of nodes resulting from the evaluation of ref in V
for each n in N
  if abstract_type(m) =  $\tau_N$ 
    generateInsertSQL(view(m), root( $\Delta$ ), n, V)
  else Let X be the set of nodes of abstract type  $\tau_N$  in  $\Delta$ 
    for each x in X
      generateInsertSQL(view(x), x, n, V)
    end for
  end if
end for

generateInsertSQL(RelView, r, InsertionPoint, V)
//Inserts the subtree rooted at r into RelView
sql = "INSERT INTO" + RelView + getAttribueView
sql = sql + " VALUES ("
for i = 0 to getTotalNumberAttributes(RelView) - 1
  att = getAttribute(RelView, i)
  if att is a child n of r
    sql = sql + getValue(n)
  else Find att in V, starting from InsertionPoint examining the leaf nodes
    until V's root is found

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    Let the node found be m
    sql = sql + getValue(m)
  end if
  if i < getTotalNumberAttributes(RelView) - 1
    sql = sql + ", "
  else sql = sql + ")"
  end if
end if
end for

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## B.2 Modifications

translateModify(V, qt, ref,  $\Delta$ )

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Let p be the unqualified portion of ref
Let m be the node resulting from the evaluation of p against qt
if abstract_type(m) =  $\tau_N$ 
  r = m
else Let r be the ancestor of m whose abstract type is  $\tau_T$ ,  $\tau_G$  or  $\tau_N$ 
end if
if abstract_type(r) =  $\tau_N$ 
  generateModifySQL(view(r),  $\Delta$ , ref)
else Let X be the set of nodes with abstract type  $\tau_N$  under r
  for each x in X
    generateModifySQL(view(x),  $\Delta$ , ref)
  end for
end if

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generateModifySQL(RelView,  $\Delta$ , ref)

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sql = "UPDATE " + RelView + " SET "
Let t be the terminal node in ref
sql = sql + t + "=" +  $\Delta$ 
for each filter f in ref
  if f is the first filter in ref
    sql = sql + " WHERE " + f
  else sql = sql + " AND " + f
  end if
end for

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## B.3 Deletions

translateDelete(V, qt, ref)

//Deletes the subtree rooted at ref from V

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Let p be the unqualified portion of ref concatenated with the root of  $\Delta$ 
Let m be the node resulting from the evaluation of p against qt
if abstract_type(m) =  $\tau_N$ 
  generateDeleteSQL(view(m), ref)
else Let X be the set of nodes of abstract type  $\tau_N$  under m
  for each x in X
    generateDeleteSQL(view(x), ref)
  end for
end if

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generateDeleteSQL(RelView, ref)

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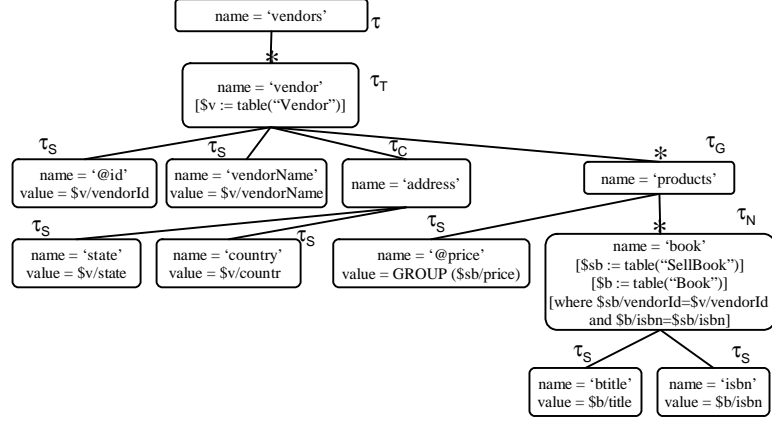
sql = "DELETE FROM " + RelView
for each filter f in ref
  if f is the first filter in ref
    sql = sql + " WHERE " + f
  else sql = sql + " AND " + f
  end if
end for

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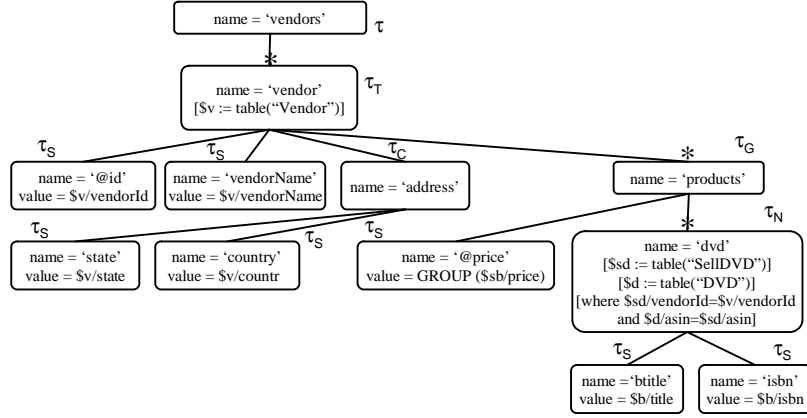
## C. PARTITIONED QUERY TREES

In this section, we present the partitioned query trees corresponding to the application of algorithm *split* to the query tree of Figure 11.

Partitioned query tree for  $\tau_N(\text{book})$ :



Partitioned query tree for  $\tau_N(\text{dvd})$ :



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