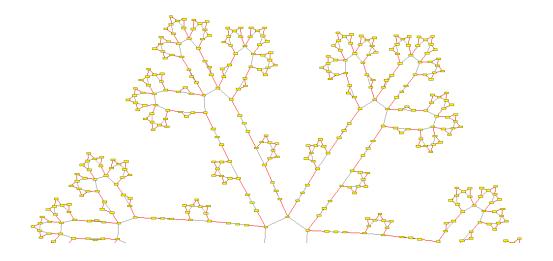


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The GRGEN.NET User Manual

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ABSTRACT

GRGEN.NET is a graph rewrite tool enabling elegant and convenient development of graph rewriting applications with comparable performance to conventionally developed ones. GRGEN.NET uses attributed, typed, and directed multigraphs with multiple inheritance on node and edge types. Extensive graphical debugging integrated into an interactive shell complements the feature highlights of GRGEN.NET. This user manual contains both, normative statements in the sense of a reference manual as well as an informal guide to the features and usage of GRGEN.NET.

FOREWORD

First of all a word about the term "graph rewriting". Some would rather say "graph transformation"; some even think there is a difference between these two. We don't see such differences and use graph rewriting for consistency.

The Grgen project started in spring 2003 with the diploma thesis of Sebastian Hack under supervision of Rubino Geiß. At that time we needed a tool to find patterns in graph based intermediate representations used in compiler construction. We imagined a tool that is fast, expressive, and easy to integrate into our compiler infrastructure. So far Optimix was the only tool that brought together the areas of compiler construction and graph rewriting [Ass00]. However its approach is to feature many provable properties of the system per se, such as termination, confluence of derivations, and complete coverage of graphs. This is achieved by restricting the expressiveness of the whole formalism below Turing-completeness. Our tool Grgen in contrast should be Turing-complete. Thus Grgen.Net provides the user with strong expressiveness but leaves the task of proving such properties to the user.

To get a prototype quickly, we delegated the costly task of subgraph matching to a relational database system [Hac03]. Albeit the performance of this implementation could be improved substantially over the years, we believed that there was more to come. Inspired by the PhD thesis of Heiko Dörr [Dör95] we reimplemented our tool to use search plan driven graph pattern matching of its own. This matching algorithm evolved over time [Sza05, Bat05b, Bat05a, Bat06, BKG07] and has been ported from C to C# [KG07, Kro07]. In the year 2005 Varró [VVF06] independently proposed a similar search plan based approach.

Though we started four years ago to facilitate some compiler construction problems, in the meantime GRGEN.NET has grown into a general purpose tool for graph rewriting.

We want to thank all co-workers and students that helped during the design and implementation of GRGEN.NET as well as the writing of this manual. Especially we want to thank Dr. Sebastian Hack, G. Veit Batz, Michael Beck, Tom Gelhausen, Moritz Kroll, Dr. Andreas Ludwig, and Dr. Markus Noga. Finally, all this would not happened without the productive atmosphere and the generous support that Prof. Goos provides at his chair.

We wish all readers of the manual—and especially all users of GRGEN.NET—a pleasant graph rewrite experience. We hope you enjoy using GRGEN.NET as much as we enjoy developing it.

If you find that any statement in this manual needs improvement, we encourage you to contact the maintainer of GRGEN.NET: rubino@ipd.uni-karlsruhe.de. Thank you for using GRGEN.NET.

Karlsruhe in July 2007, the authors of GRGEN.NET

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 What is GRGEN.NET?

GRGEN (Graph Rewrite Generator) is a generative programming system for graph rewriting. For the potentially expensive matching problem, GRGEN applies several novel heuristic optimizations. According to Varró's benchmark[VSV05], it is at least one order of magnitude faster than any other tool known to us.

In order to accelerate the matching step, we internally introduce search plans to represent different matching strategies and equip these search plans with a cost model, taking the present host graph into account. The task of selecting a good search plan is then considered as an optimization problem [BKG07, Bat06]. For the rewrite step, our tool implements the well-founded single-pushout approach (SPO, for explanation see [EHK⁺99]). We also support the double-pushout approach (DPO, for explanation see [CMR⁺99]).

For ease of use, GRGEN features an expressive specification language and generates program code with a convenient interface. In contrast to systems like Fujaba [Fuj07], our pattern matching algorithm is fully automatic and does not need to be tuned nor to be partly implemented by hand. GRGEN.NET [Gei07] is the successor of the GRGEN tool presented at ICGT 2006 [GBG⁺06]. The ".NET" postfix of the new name indicates that GRGEN has been reimplemented in C# for the Microsoft .NET or Mono environment [Mic07, Tea07].

1.2 Features of GRGEN.NET

The process of graph rewriting can be divided into four steps: Representing a graph according to a model, searching a pattern aka finding a match, performing changes to the matched spot in the host graph, and, finally, selecting the next rule(s) for application. We have organized the features of Grgen.Net according to this breakdown of graph rewriting.

- The graph model (meta-model) supports:
 - Typed nodes and edges, with multiple inheritance on types
 - Directed multigraphs (including multiple edges of the same type)
 - Undirected and arbitrarily directed edges (will be implemented in version 2.0)
 - Node and edge types can be equipped with typed attributes (like structs)
 - Connection assertions to restrict the "shape" of graphs
 - Turing complete language for checking complex conditions
- The pattern language supports:
 - Plain isomorphic subgraph matching (injective mapping)
 - Homomorphic matching for a selectable set of nodes / edges, so that the matching is not injective

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 Besides SPO, three additional modes for the semantics of a rule application can be choosen: matching of exact patterns only, matching of induced subgraphs only, and DPO semantics

- Attribute conditions (including arithmetic operations on the attributes)
- Type conditions (including powerful instance-of-like type expressions)
- Parameter passing to rules
- Dynamic patterns with iterative or recursive paths and graphs (to be implemented in version 2.0)

• The rewrite language supports:

- Attribute re-calculation (using arithmetic operations on the attributes)
- Retyping of nodes/edges (a more general version of casts known from common programming languages)
- Creation of new nodes/edges of statically as well as dynamically computed types (some kind of generic templates)
- Two modes of specification: A rule can either express changes to be made to the match or replace the whole match (the semantics is always mapped to SPO)
- Returning certain edges/nodes for further computations
- Copying (duplicating) of elements form the match—comparable with sesqui-pushout rewriting [CHHK06] (to be implemented in version 2.0)
- Composing several rules with logical and iterative sequence control (called graph rewrite sequences, GRS), including support for nested transactions
- Emitting user-defined text to stdout during the rewrite steps
- The rule application language (GRSHELL) supports:
 - Various methods for creation/deletion/input/output of graphs/nodes/edges
 - Stepwise and graphic debugging of rule application
- Alternatively to GRSHELL, you can access the match and rewrite facility through LIBGR. In this way you can build your own algorithmic rule applications in a .NET language of your choice.
- As of version 2.0 Grgen.NET's functionality will be available as an embedded extension to C# (like embedded SQL)

1.3 System Overview

Figure 1.1 gives an overview of the GRGEN.NET system components.

A graph rewrite system¹ is defined by a rule set file (*.grg) and zero or more graph model description files (*.gm). It is generated from these specifications by GrGen.exe and can be used by applications such as GRSHELL. Figure 1.2 shows the generation process.

In general you have to distinguish carefully between a graph model (meta level), a host graph, a pattern graph and a rewrite rule. In GRGEN.NET pattern graphs are implicitly defined by rules, i.e. each rule defines its pattern. On the technical side, specification documents for a graph rewrite system can be available as source documents for graph models and rule sets (plain text *.gm and *.grg files) or as their translated .NET modules, either C# source files or their compiled assemblies (*.dll).

¹In this context, system is not a CH0-like grammar rewrite system, but rather a set of interacting software components.

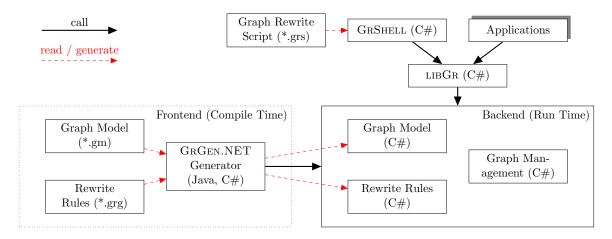


Figure 1.1: GRGEN.NET system components [Kro07]

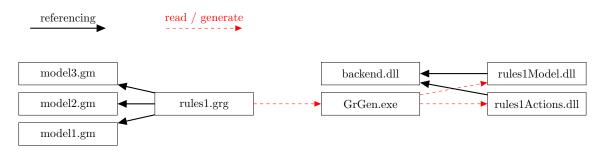


Figure 1.2: Generating a graph rewrite system

Generating a GRGEN.NET graph rewrite system may be considered a preliminary task. The actual process of rewriting as well as dealing with host graphs is performed by GRGEN.NET's backend. GRGEN.NET provides a backend API—the .NET library LIBGR. For most issues—in particular for experimental purposes—you might rather want to work with the GRSHELL because of its more convenient interface. However, GRSHELL does not provide the full power of the LIBGR; see also note 11 on page 31.

1.4 What is Graph Rewriting?

The notion of graph rewriting as understood by GRGEN.NET is a method for declaratively specifying "changes" to a graph. This is comparable to the well-known term rewriting. Normally you use one or more graph rewrite rules to accomplish a certain task. GRGEN.NET implements an SPO-based approach. In the simplest case such a graph rewrite rule consists of a tuple $L \to R$, whereas L—the left hand side of the rule—is called pattern graph and R—the right hand side of the rule—is the replacement graph.

Moreover we need to identify graph elements (nodes or edges) of L and R for preserving them during rewrite. This is done by a preservation morphism r mapping elements from L to R; the morphism r is injective, but needs to be neither surjective nor total. Together with a rule name p we have $p: L \xrightarrow{r} R$.

The transformation is done by application of a rule to a host graph H. To do so, we have to find an occurrence of the pattern graph in the host graph. Mathematically speaking, such a match m is an isomorphism from L to a subgraph of H. This morphism may not be unique, i.e. there may be several matches. Afterwards we change the matched spot m(L) of the host graph, such that it becomes an isomorphic subgraph of the replacement graph R. Elements of L not mapped by r are deleted from m(L) during rewrite. Elements of R not in the image of r are inserted into H, all others (elements that are mapped by r) are retained. The outcome of these steps is the resulting graph H'. In symbolic language: $H \xrightarrow{m,p} H'$.

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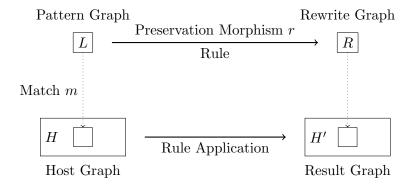
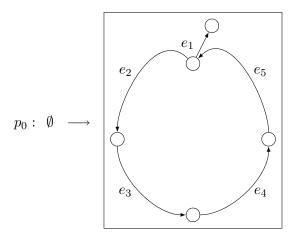


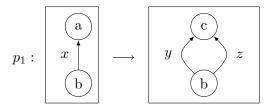
Figure 1.3: Basic Idea of Graph Rewriting

1.5 An Example

We'll have a look at a small example. Graph elements (nodes and edges) are labeled with and identifier. If a type is necessary then it is stated after a colon. We start using a special case to construct our host graph: an empty pattern always produces exactly one² match (independent of the host graph). So we construct an apple by applying



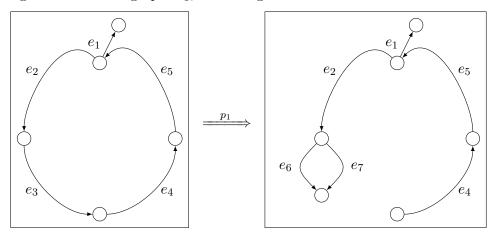
to the empty host graph. As the result we get an apple as new host graph H. Now we want to rewrite our apple with stem to an apple with a leaflet. So we apply



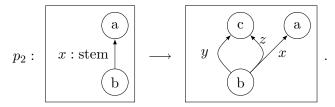
 $^{^2}$ Because of the uniqueness of the total and totally undefined morphism.

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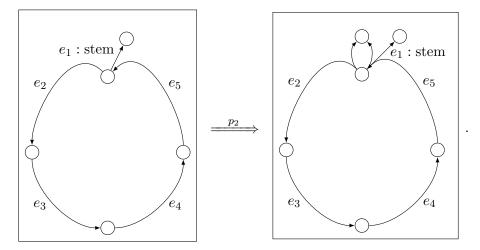
to H and get the new host graph H_1 , something like this:



What happened? GRGEN.NET has arbitrarily chosen one match out of the set of possible matches, because x matches edge e_3 as well as e_1 . A correct solution could make use of edge type information. We have to change rule p_0 to generate the edge e_1 with a special type "stem". And this time we will even keep the stem. So let



If we apply p_2 to the modified H_1 this leads to



1.6 The Tools

All the programs and libraries of GRGEN.NET are licensed under LGPL. Notice that the YCOMP graph viewer is not a part of GRGEN.NET; YCOMP ships with its own license. Although YCOMP is not free software, it's free for use in academic and non-commercial areas. You'll find the tools in the bin subdirectory of your GRGEN.NET installation.

1.6.1 GrGen.exe

The GrGen.exe assembly implements the GrGen.NET generator. The GrGen.NET generator parses a rule set and its model files and compiles them into .NET assemblies. The compiled assemblies form a specific graph rewriting system by interacting with the GrGen.NET backend.

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rule-set is a file containing a rule set specification according to chapter 4. Usually such a file has the suffix .grg. The suffix .grg may be omitted. By default GRGEN.NET tries to write the compiled assemblies into the same directory as the rule set file. This can be changed by the optional parameter output-dir.

Options

-keep Keep the generated C# source files. If dest-dir is omitted, a subdirectory tmpgrgen n^3 within the current directory will be created. The destination directory contains:

- printOutput.txt—a snapshot of stdout during program execution.
- NameModel.cs—the C# source file(s) of the rule-setModell.dll assembly.
- NameActions_intermediate.cs—a preliminary version of the C# source file of the rule-set's actions assembly. This file is for internal debug purposes only.
- NameActions.cs—the C# source file of the rule-setActions.dll assembly.
- -use Don't re-generate C# source files. Instead use the files in *existing-dir* to build the assemblies.
- -debug Compile the assemblies with debug information.
- -b Use the backend library backend-dll (default is LGSPBackend).
- -o Store generated assemblies in *output-dir*.

Requires

.NET 2.0 (or above) or Mono 1.2.3 (or above). Java Runtime Environment 1.5 (or above).

1.6.2 GrShell.exe

The GRSHELL is a shell application of the LIBGR. GRSHELL is capable of creating, manipulating, and dumping graphs as well as performing graph rewriting with graphical debug support. For further information about the GRSHELL language see chapter 6.

Usage

[mono] grShell.exe [-C "<commands>"] <grshell-script>*

Opens the interactive shell. The GRSHELL will include and execute the commands in the optional list of *grshell-scripts* (usually *.grs files) in the given order. The grs suffixes may be omitted.

Options

-C Execute the quoted GRSHELL commands immediately (before the first script file). Instead of a line break use a double semicolon;; to separate commands.

Requires

.NET 2.0 (or above) or Mono 1.2.3 (or above).

1.6.3 LibGr.dll

The LIBGR is a .NET assembly implementing GRGEN.NET's API. See the extracted HTML documentation for interface descriptions at http://www.grgen.net/doc/libGr/.

 $^{^{3}}n$ is an increasing number.

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1.6.4 yComp.jar

YCOMP [KBG⁺07] is a graph visualization tool based on YFILES [yWo07]. It is well integrated and shipped with GRGEN.NET, but it's not a part of GRGEN.NET. YCOMP implements several graph layout algorithms and has file format support for VCG, GML and YGF among others.

Usage

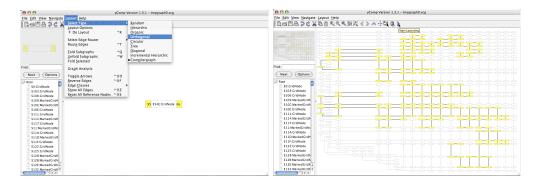
Usually YCOMP will be loaded by the GRSHELL. You might want to open YCOMP manually by typing

java -jar yComp.jar [<graph-file>]

The *graph-file* may be any graph file in a supported format. YCOMP will open this file on startup.

Hints

Do not use the compiler graph layout algorithm (YCOMP's default setting). Instead organic or orthogonal might be good choices. Use the rightmost blue play button to start layout process. Depending on the graph size this may take a while:



Requires

Java Runtime Environment 1.5 (or above).

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CHAPTER 2

QUICKSTART

In this chapter we'll build a GRGEN.NET system from scratch. You should already have read chapter 1 to have a glimpse of the GRGEN.NET system and its components. We will use GRGEN.NET to construct non-deterministic state machines. We further show some actual graph rewriting by removing ε -transitions from our state machines. This chapter is mostly about the GRGEN.NET look and feel; please take a look at the succeeding chapters for comprehensive specifications.

2.1 Downloading & Installing

If you are reading this document, you probably did already download the GRGEN.NET software from our website (http://www.grgen.net). Make sure you have the following system requirements installed

- Java 1.5 or above
- Mono 1.2.3 or above on Unix-like platforms / .NET 2.0 or above on Microsoft Windows

Unpack the package to a directory of your choice, for example into /opt/grgen and /opt/ycomp:

```
mkdir /opt/grgen
tar xvfj GrGenNET-V1_3_1-2007-12-06.tar.bz2
mv GrGenNET-V1_3_1-2007-12-06/* /opt/grgen/
rmdir GrGenNET-V1_3_1-2007-12-06
```

Add the /opt/grgen/bin directory to your search paths, for instance if you use bash add a line to your /home/.profile file.

```
export PATH=/opt/grgen/bin:$PATH
```

Furthermore we create a directory for our GRGEN.NET data, for instance by mkdir /home/grgen.

NOTE (1)

If you're using Microsoft Windows: On Windows make sure you have the .NET 2.0 (or above) framework installed. GRGEN.NET does not need to be "installed", just copy the extracted files to a directory of your choice. Add this directory to your search paths via control panel \rightarrow system properties. You might rather want to download the zip archive instead of the bz2 archive. Execute the GRGEN.NET assemblies from a command line window (Start $\rightarrow Run... \rightarrow cmd$); On Windows / .NET the mono prefix is not applicable, of course.

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2.2 Creating a Graph Model

In the directory /home/grgen we create a text file StateMachine.gm that contains the graph meta model for our state machine¹. By graph meta model we mean a set of node types and edge types which are available for building state machine graphs (see chapter 3). Figure 2.1 shows the meta model. What have we done? You can see two base types, State for

```
node class State {
2
      id: int;
  }
3
  abstract node class SpecialState extends State;
5
  node class StartState extends SpecialState;
  node class FinalState extends SpecialState;
  node class StartFinalState extends StartState, FinalState;
  edge class Transition {
10
      Trigger: string;
11
12
13
  const edge class EpsilonTransition extends Transition;
```

Figure 2.1: Meta Model for State Machines

state nodes and Transition for transition edges that will connect the state nodes. State has an integer attribute id and Transition has a string attribute Trigger which indicates the character sequence for switching from the source state node to the destination state node. For the rest of the types we use inheritance (keyword extends) which works more or less like inheritance in object oriented languages. Accordingly the abstract modifier for SpecialState means that you cannot create a node of that precise type, but you might create nodes of non-abstract subtypes. As you can see GRGEN.NET supports multiple inheritance, and with StartFinalState we have constructed a "diamond" type hierarchy.

2.3 Creating Graphs

Let's test our graph meta model by creating a state machine graph. We will use the GRSHELL (see chapter 6) and—for visualization—YCOMP. To get everything working we need a rule set file, too. For the moment we just create an almost empty file removeEpsilons.grg in the /home/grgen directory, containing only the line

```
using StateMachine;
```

Now, we could start by launching the GRSHELL and typing the commands interactively. This is, however, in most of the cases not the preferred way. We rather create a GRSHELL script, say removeEpsilons.grs, in the /home/grgen directory. Figure 2.2 shows this script. Run the script by executing grshell removeEpsilons.grs. The first time you execute the script, it might take a while because GRGEN.NET has to compile the meta model and the rule set into .NET assemblies. The graph viewer YCOMP opens and after clicking the blue "layout graph" button on the very right side of the button bar, you get a window similiar to figure 2.3 (see also section 1.6.4). The graph looks still a bit confusing. In fact it is quite normal that YCOMP's automatic layout algorithm needs manual adjustments. Quit YCOMP and exit the GRSHELL by typing exit.

¹You'll find the source code of this quick start example shipped with the GRGEN.NET package in the examples/FiniteStateMachine/ directory.

```
new graph removeEpsilons "StateMachineGraph"

new :StartState($=S, id=0)
new :FinalState($=F, id=3)
new :State($="1", id=1)
new :State($="2", id=2)
new @(S)-:Transition(Trigger="a")-> @("1")
new @("1")-:Transition(Trigger="b")-> @("2")
new @("2")-:Transition(Trigger="c")-> @(F)
new @(S)-:EpsilonTransition-> @("2")
new @("1")-:EpsilonTransition-> @(F)
new @(S)-:EpsilonTransition-> @(F)
show graph ycomp
```

Figure 2.2: Constructing a state machine graph in GRSHELL

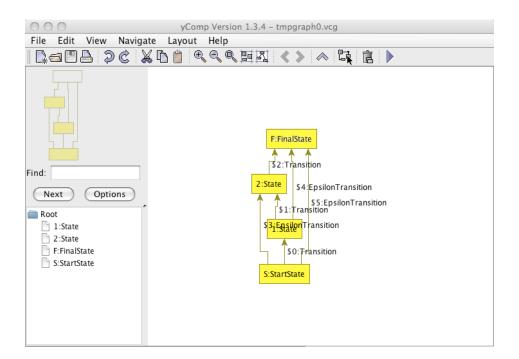


Figure 2.3: A first state machine

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This script starts with creating an empty graph of the meta model StateMachine (which is referenced by the rule set removeEpsilons.grg) with the name StateMachineGraph. Thereafter we create nodes and edges. The colon notation indicates a node or edge type. Also note the inplace-arrow notation for edges (-Edge-> resp. -: EdgeType->). As you can see, attributes of graph elements can be set during creation with a call-like syntax. The \$ and @ notation is due to the fact that we have two kinds of "names" in the GRSHELL. Namely we have shell variables—which we did not use, no shell variable is explicitly defined in this script—and persistent names that denote a specific graph element. Persistent names are set by \$=Identifier on creation and they are accessed by @(Identifier). The quote chars around "1" and "2" are used to type these characters as (identifier) strings rather than numbers.

2.4 The Rewrite Rules

We will now add the real rewrite rules to the rule set file removeEpsilons.grg. The idea is to "forward" the ε -transitions one after another, i.e. if we have a pattern like a:State -EpsilonTransition-> b:State -e:Transition-> c:State we forward to a -e-> c. After all such transitions are forwarded we can remove the ε -transitions alltogether. The complete rule set is shown in figure 2.4. See chapter 4 for the rule set language reference.

In detail: The rule set file consists of a number of rules and tests, each of them bearing a name, like forwardTransition. Rules contain a pattern expressed as several semicolon-separated pattern statements and a modify part or a rewrite part. Tests contain only a pattern; they are used to check for a certain pattern without doing any rewrite operation. If a rule is applied, GRGEN.NET tries to find the pattern within a host graph, for instance within the graph we created in section 2.3. Of course there could be several matches for a pattern—GRGEN.NET will choose one of them arbitrarily.

Figure 2.4 also shows the syntax x:NodeType for nodes and -e:EdgeType-> for Edges, which we have already seen in section 2.3. There are also statements like:FinalState or -:EpsilonTransistion->, i.e. we are searching for a node of type FinalState resp. an edge of type EpsilonTransition, but we are not assigning these graph elements to a name (like x or e above). Defining of names is a key concept of the GRGEN.NET rule sets: names work as connection points between several pattern statements and between the pattern and the replace / modify part. As a rule of thumb: If you want to do something with your found graph element, define a name; otherwise an anonymous graph element will do fine. Also have a look at example 8 on page 27 for additional pattern specifications. The difference between a replace part and a modify part is that a replace part deletes every graph element of the pattern which is not explicitly mentioned within its body. The modify part, in contrast, deletes nothing (by default), but just adds or adjusts graph elements. However, the modify part allows for explicit deletion of graph elements by using the delete statement.

What else can we do? We have negative application conditions (NACs), expressed by negative {...}; they prevent rules to be applied if the negative pattern is found. We also have boolean conditions, expressed by if {...}; a rule is only applicable if all such conditions hold true. Note, the dot notation to access attributes (as in e.Trigger). The emit statement prints a string to stdout. The hom(x,y) and hom(x,y,z) statements mean "match the embraced nodes homomorphically", i.e. they can (but they don't have to) actually be matched to the same node within the host graph. The eval {...} statement is used to recalculate attributes of graph elements. Have a look at the statement y:StartFinalState<x> in addStartFinalState: we retype the node x. That means the newly created node y is actually the node x (including its incident edges and attribute values) except for the node type which is changed to StartFinalState. Imagine retyping as a kind of a type cast.

The created rewrite rules might be considered as rewrite primitives. In order to implement more complex functionality, we will compose a sequence of rewrite rules out of them. For

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```
using StateMachine;
2
   test checkStartState {
       x:StartState;
4
       negative {
5
6
           y:StartState;
8
9
  }
10
   test checkDoublettes {
       negative {
12
           x:State -e:Transition-> y:State;
13
           hom(x,y);
14
           x -doublette:Transition-> y;
15
            if {typeof(doublette) == typeof(e);}
16
            if { ((typeof(e) == EpsilonTransition) || (e.Trigger == doublette.Trigger)); }
17
       }
  }
19
20
   rule forwardTransition {
21
       x:State -:EpsilonTransition-> y:State -e:Transition-> z:State;
22
23
       hom(x,y,z);
       negative {
24
           x -exists:Transition-> z;
25
            if {typeof(exists) == typeof(e);}
26
            if { ((typeof(e) == EpsilonTransition) || (e.Trigger == exists.Trigger)); }
27
28
       modify \{
29
           x -forward:typeof(e)-> z;
30
            eval {forward.Trigger = e.Trigger;}
31
32
33
  }
34
   rule addStartFinalState {
35
       x:StartState -:EpsilonTransition-> :FinalState;
36
       \textit{modify}\ \{
37
38
            y:StartFinalState<x>;
39
            emit("Start_state_{\sqcup}(" + x.id + ")_mutated_{\sqcup}into_{\sqcup}a_start-and-final_state");
       }
40
  }
41
42
   rule addFinalState {
43
       x:State -:EpsilonTransition-> :FinalState;
44
       if {typeof(x) < SpecialState;}</pre>
45
       modify {
46
           y:FinalState<x>;
47
48
49
  }
50
  rule removeEpsilonTransition {
51
       -: EpsilonTransition->;
52
53
       replace {}
54 }
```

Figure 2.4: Rule set for removing ε -transitions

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instance we don't want to forward just one ε -transition as forwardTransition would do; we want to forward them all. Such a rule composing is called *graph rewrite sequence* (see section 4.6). We add the following line to our shell script removeEpsilons.grs:

```
debug xgrs (checkStartState && checkDoublettes) && <forwardTransition* | addStartFinalState | addFinalState* | removeEpsilonTransition*>
```

This looks like a boolean expression and in fact it behaves similar. The whole expression is evaluated from left to right. A rule is successfully evaluated if a match could be found. We first check for a valid state machine, i.e. if the host graph contains exactly one start state and no redundant transitions. Thereafter we do the actual rewriting. These three steps are connected by lazy-evaluation-ands (&&), i.e. if one of them fails the evaluation will be canceled. We continue by disjunctively connected rules (connected by |). The angle brackets (<>) around the transformation rules indicate transactional processing: If the enclosed sequence returns false for some reason, all the already performed graph operations will be rolled back. That means not all of the rules must find a match. The * is used to apply the rule repeatedly as long as a match can be found. This includes applying the rule zero times. Even in this case Rule* is still successful.

2.5 Debugging and Output

If you execute the modified GRSHELL script, GRGEN.NET starts its debugger. This way you can follow the evaluation of the graph rewrite sequence step by step in YCOMP. Just play around with the keys d, s, and r in GRSHELL: the d key lets you follow a single rewrite operation in multiple steps; the s key jumps to the next rule; and the r key runs to the end of the graph rewrite sequence. Finally you should get a graph like the one in figure 2.5

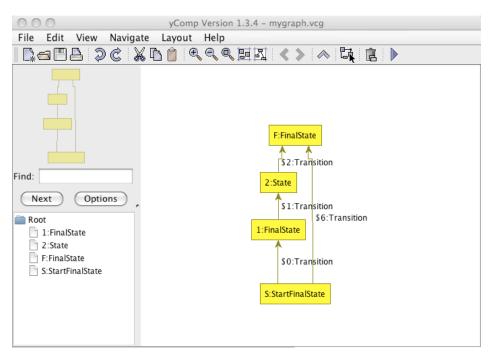


Figure 2.5: A state machine without ε -transitions

If everything is working fine you can delete the debug keyword in front of xgrs. Maybe you want to save the resulting graph. This is possible by typing dump graph mygraph.vcg in the Grshell writes the graph in mygraph.vcg into the current directory. Files in VCG format are readable by YCOMP. Feel free to browse the examples folder shiped with Grgen.NET and have a look at further capabilities of the software.

CHAPTER 3

GRAPH MODEL LANGUAGE

The key features of GRGEN.NET graph models as described by Geiß et al. [GBG⁺06, KG07] are given below:

Types

Nodes and edges are typed. This is similar to classes in common programming languages, except for the concept of methods that GRGEN.NET nodes and edges don't support. GRGEN.NET edge types can be directed and undirected.

Attributes

Nodes and edges may possess attributes. The set of attributes assigned to a node or edge is determined by its type. The attributes themselves are typed, too.

Inheritance

Node and edge types (classes) can be composed by multiple inheritance. Node and Edge are built-in root types of node and edge types, respectively. Inheritance eases the specification of attributes because subtypes inherit the attributes of their super types. Note that GRGEN.NET lacks a concept of overwriting. On a path in the type hierarchy graph from a type up to the built-in root type there must be exactly one declaration for each attribute identifier. Furthermore, if multiple paths from a type up to the built-in root type exist, the declaring types for an attribute identifier must be the same on all such paths.

Connection Assertions

To specify that certain edge types should only connect specific nodes, we include connection assertions. In particular this allows for constraints on the number of outgoing and incoming edges.

In this chapter as well as in chapter 6 (GRSHELL) we use excerpts of Example 1 (the Map model) for illustration purposes.

3.1 Building Blocks

NOTE (2)

The following syntax specifications make heavy use of *syntax diagrams* (also known as rail diagrams). Syntax diagrams provide a visualization of EBNF^a grammars. Follow a path along the arrows through a diagram to get a valid sentence (or subsentence) of the language. Ellipses represent terminals whereas rectangles represent non-terminals. For further information on syntax diagrams see [MMJW91].

^aExtended Backus–Naur Form.

EXAMPLE (1)

The following toy example of a model of road maps gives a rough picture of the language:

```
enum Resident {VILLAGE = 500, TOWN = 5000, CITY = 50000}
  node class Sight;
  node class City {
     Size:Resident;
6
  const node class Metropolis extends City {
    River:String;
11 }
12
13 abstract node class AbandonedCity extends City;
14 node class GhostTown extends AbandonedCity;
15
16 edge class Street;
17 edge class Trail extends Street;
18 edge class Highway extends Street
       connect Metropolis[+] -> Metropolis[+]
19
20
21
      Jam:boolean = false;
22 }
```

Basic elements of the GRGEN.NET graph model language are identifiers to denominate nodes, edges, and attributes. The model's name itself is given by its file name. The GRGEN.NET graph model language is case sensitive.

Ident, IdentDecl

A non-empty character sequence of arbitrary length consisting of letters, digits, or underscores. The first character must not be a digit. *Ident* and *IdentDecl* differ in their role: While *IdentDecl* is a *defining* occurrence of an identifier, *Ident* is a *using* occurrence. An *IdentDecl* non-terminal may be annotated. See Section 5.4 for annotations of declarations.

NOTE (3)

The GRGEN.NET model language does not distinguish between declarations and definitions. More precisely, every declaration is also a definition. For instance, the following C-like pseudo GRGEN.NET model language code is illegal:

```
node class t_node;
node class t_node {
    ...
}
```

Using an identifier before defining it is allowed. Every used identifier has to be defined exactly once.

Node Type, Edge Type, Enum Type

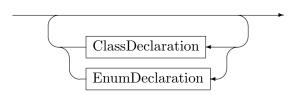
These are (semantic) specializations of *Ident* to restrict an identifier to denote a node type, an edge type, or an enum type, respectively.

3.1.1 Base Types

The GRGEN.NET model language has built-in types for nodes and edges. All nodes have the attribute-less, built-in type Node as their ancestor. All edges have the abstract (see section 3.2), attribute-less, built-in type AEdge as their ancestor. rest of type system

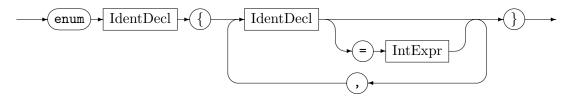
3.2 Type Declarations

Graph Model



The graph model consists of zero or multiple type declarations. Whereas *ClassDeclaration* defines a node type or an edge type, *EnumDeclaration* defines an enum type to be used as a type for a attributes of nodes or edges. Like all identifier definitions, types do not need to be declared before they are used.

EnumDeclaration



Defines an enum type. An enum type is a collection of so called *enum items* that are associated with integral numbers, each. Accordingly, a GRGEN.NET enum is internally represented as int (see Section 5.1).

NOTE (4)

An enum type and an int are different things, but in expressions enum values are implicitly casted to int values (see section 5.1).

NOTE (5)

Normally, assignments of int values to something that has an enum type are forbidden (see section 5.1). Only inside a declaration of an enum type an int value may be assigned to the enum item that is currently declared. This also includes the usage of items taken from other enum types (because they are implicitly casted to int). However, items from other enum types must be written fully qualified in this case (which, e.g., looks like MyEnum::a, where MyEnum is the name of the other enum type).

EXAMPLE (2)

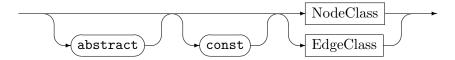
```
enum Color {RED, GREEN, BLUE}
enum Resident {VILLAGE = 500, TOWN = 5000, CITY = 50000}
enum AsInC {A = 2, B, C = 1, D, e = (int)Resident::VILLAGE + C}
```

Consider, e.g., the declaration of the enum item e: By implicit casts of Resident::VILLAGE and C to int we get the int value 501, which is assigned to E. Moreover, the semantics is as in C [SAI⁺90]. So, the following holds: RED = 0, GREEN = 1, BLUE = 2, A = 2, B = 3, C = 1, D = 2, and E = 501.

NOTE (6)

The C-like semantics of enum item declarations implies, that multiple items of one enum type can be associated with the same same int value. Moreover, it implies, that an enum item must not be used *before* its definition. This also holds for items of other enum types, meaning that the items of another enum type can only be used in the definition of an enum item, when the other enum type is defined *before* the enum type currently defined.

ClassDeclaration



Defines a new node type or edge type. The keyword abstract indicates that you cannot instantiate graph elements of this type. Instead you have to derive non-abstract types to create graph elements. The abstract-property will not be inherited by subclasses, of course.

EXAMPLE (3)

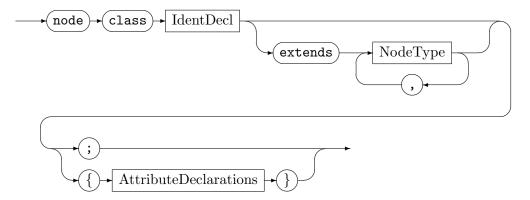
We adjust our map model and make city abstract:

```
abstract node class City {
Size:int;
}
abstract node class AbandonedCity extends City;
node class GhostTown extends AbandonedCity;
```

You will be able to create nodes of type GhostTown, but not of type City or AbandonedCity. However, nodes of type GhostTown are also of type AbandonedCity as well as of type City and they have the attribute Size, hence.

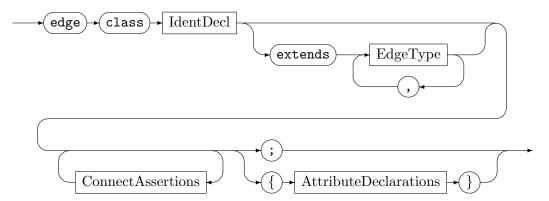
The keyword const indicates that rules may not write to attributes (see also Section 4.4, eval). However, such attributes are still writable by LIBGR and GRSHELL directly. This property applies to attributes defined in the current class, only. It does not apply to inherited attributes. The const property will not be inherited by subclasses, either. If you want a subclass to have the const property, you have to set the const modifier explicitly.

NodeClass



Defines a new node type. Node types can inherit from other node types defined within the same file. If the extends clause is omitted, *NodeType* will inherit from the built-in type Node. Optionally nodes can possess attributes.

EdgeClass

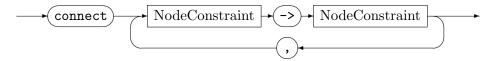


Defines a new edge type. Edge types can inherit from other edge types defined within the same file. If the extends clause is omitted, EdgeType will inherit from the built-in type Edge. Optionally edges can possess attributes. A connection assertion specifies that certain edge types should only connect specific nodes. Moreover, the number of outgoing and incoming edges can be constrained.

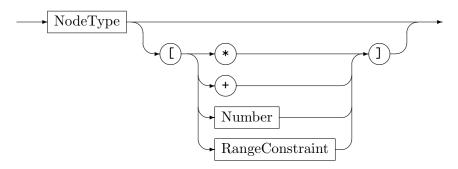
NOTE (7)

It is not forbidden to create graphs that are invalid according to connection assertions. GR-GEN.NET just enables you to check, whether a graph is valid or not. See also Section 6.2.2, validate.

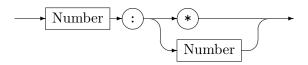
Connect Assertions



Node Constraint



Range Constraint



A connection assertion is denoted as a pair of node types in conjunction with their multiplicities. A corresponding edge may connect a node of the first node type or one of its subtypes (source) with a node of the second node type or one of its subtypes (target). The multiplicity is a constraint on the out-degree and in-degree of the source and target node type, respectively. *Number* is an int constant as defined in Section 5.2. See Section 6.2.2, validate, for an example. Table 3.1 describes the multiplicity definitions. Multiple connection assertions are connected by conjunction, i.e. all of them must be fulfilled.

NOTE (8)

Connection assertions must be consistent according to the type hierarchy. That means—roughly spoken—the assertions for subtypes must get monotonously more restrictive or monotonously less restrictive. For instance, the following connection assertions are illegal for node types A, B, C, D with A inherits from B and C inherits from B:

```
connect A[*] -> D, B[0:5] -> D, C[*] -> D
```

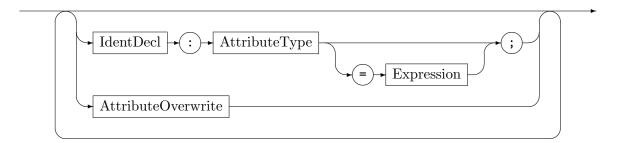
The GRGEN.NET compiler will warn you, if you're using inconsistent connection assertions.

[n:*]	The number of edges incident to a node of that type is unbounded. At least n
	edges must be incident to nodes of that type.
[n:m]	At least n edges must be incident to nodes of that type, but at most m edges
	may be incident to nodes of that type $(m \ge n \ge 0 \text{ must hold})$.
[*]	Abbreviation for [0:*].
[+]	Abbreviation for [1:*].
[n]	Abbreviation for $[n:n]$.
	Abbreviation for [1].

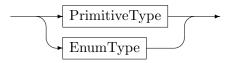
Table 3.1: GRGEN.NET node constraint multiplicities

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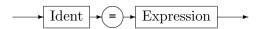
Attribute Declarations



Attribute Type



Attribute Overwrite



Defines a node or edge attribute. Possible types are enumeration types (enum) and primitive types. See Section 5.1 for a list of built-in primitive types. Optionally attributes may be initialized with a constant expression. The expression has to be of a compatible type of the declared attribute, of course. See chapter 5 for the GRGEN.NET types and expressions reference. The AttributeOverwrite clause lets you overwrite initialization values for attributes of super classes. The initialization values are evaluated in the order as they appear in the rule set file.

EXAMPLE (4)

The following attribute declarations are *illegal* because of the order of evaluation of initialization values:

```
x:int = y;
y:int = 42;
```

CHAPTER 4

RULE SET LANGUAGE

The rule set language forms the core of GRGEN.NET. Rule files refer to zero¹ or more graph models and specify a set of rewrite rules. The rule language covers the pattern specification and the replace/modify specification. Attributes of graph elements can be re-evaluated during an application of a rule. The following rewrite rule mentioned in Geiß et al. [GBG⁺06] gives a rough picture of the language:

EXAMPLE (5)

```
using SomeModel;
  rule SomeRule {
    n1:NodeTypeA;
    n2:NodeTypeA;
    hom(n1, n2);
    n1 --> n2;
    n3:NodeTypeB;
    negative {
       n3 -e1:EdgeTypeA-> n1;
       if \{n3.a1 == 42*n2.a1;\}
11
12
    negative {
       n4:Node\(NodeTypeB);
14
       n3 -e1:EdgeTypeB-> n4;
15
       if {typeof(e1) >= EdgeTypeA;}
16
    }
17
     replace {
18
       n5:NodeTypeC<n1>;
19
       n3 -e1:EdgeTypeB-> n5;
20
       eval {n5.a3 = n3.a1*n1.a2;}
21
22
23 }
```

In this chapter we use excerpts of Example 5 (SomeRule) for illustration purposes.

4.1 Building Blocks

The GRGEN.NET rule set language is case sensitive. The language makes use of several identifier specializations in order to denominate all the GRGEN.NET entities.

¹Omitting a graph meta model means that GRGEN.NET uses a default graph model. The default model consists of the base type Node for vertices and the base type Edge for edges.

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Ident, IdentDecl

A non-empty character sequence of arbitrary length consisting of letters, digits, or underscores. The first character must not be a digit. *Ident* may be an identifier defined in a graph model (see Section 3.1). *Ident* and *IdentDecl* differ in their role: While *IdentDecl* is a *defining* occurrence of an identifier, *Ident* is a *using* occurrence. An *IdentDecl* non-terminal can be annotated. See Section 5.4 for annotations of declarations.

NOTE (9)

As in the GRGEN.NET model language (see note 3) every declaration is also a definition. Using an identifier before defining it is allowed. Every used identifier has to be defined exactly once.

ModelIdent, TypeIdent, NodeType, EdgeType

These are (semantic) specializations of *Ident. TypeIdent* matches every type identifier, i.e. a node type, an edge type, an enumeration type or a primitive type. All the type identifiers are actually type *expressions*. See Section 5.3 for the use of type expressions.

Graphlet Node Continuation Continuation GraphletEdge GraphletNode Continuation

A graphlet specifies a connected subgraph. GRGEN.NET provides graphlets as a descriptive notation to define both, patterns to search for as well as the subgraphs that replace or modify matched spots in a host graph. Any graph can be specified piecewise by a set of graphlets. In Example 5, line 7, the statement n1 --> n2 is the node identifier n1 followed by the continuation graphlet --> n2.

All the graph elements of a graphlet have names. The name is either user assigned or a unique internal, non-accessible name. In the second case the graph element is called anonymous. For illustration purposes we use a \$<number> notation to denote anonymous graph elements in this document. For example the graphlet n1 --> n2 contains an anonymous edge; thus can be understood as n1 -\$1:Edge-> n2. Names must not be redefined; once defined, a name is bound to a graph element. We use the term "binding of names" because a name not only denotes a graph element of a graphlet but also denotes the mapping of the abstract graph element of a graphlet to a concrete graph element of a host graph. So graph elements of different names are pair wise distinct except for homomorphically matched graph elements (see Section 4.3). For instance v:NodeType1 -e:EdgeType-> w:NodeType2 selects some node of type NodeType1 that is connected to a node of type NodeType2 by an edge of type EdgeType and binds the names v, w, and e. If v and w are not explicitly marked as homomorphic, the graph elements they bind to are distinct. Binding of names allows for splitting a single graphlet into multiple graphlets as well as defining cyclic structures.

EXAMPLE (6)

```
The following graphlet (n1, n2, and n3 are defined somewhere else)
```

```
n1 --> n2 --> n3 <-- n1;
```

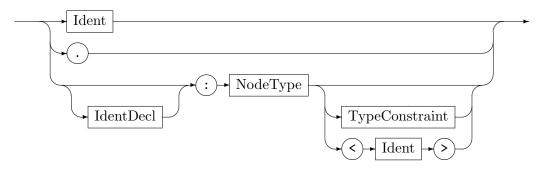
is equivalent to

```
n2 --> n3;
n1 --> n2;
n3 <-- n1;
```

and n1 --> n3 is equivalent to n3 <-- n1, of course.

The visibility of names is determined by scopes. Scopes can be nested. Names of surrounding scopes are visible in inner scopes. Usually a scope is defined by { and }. In contrast to pure syntactic scoping, the replace/modify part is a direct inner scope of the pattern part. In Example 5, lines 13 to 17, the negative condition uses n3 from the surrounding scope and defines n4 and e1. We may safely reuse the variable name e1 in the replace part.

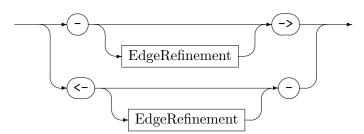
GraphletNode



Specifies a node of type NodeType with respect to TypeConstraint (see Section 5.3, TypeConstraint). Type constraints are allowed in the pattern part only. The . is an anonymous node of the base type Node. Remember that every node type has Node as super type. The \Leftrightarrow operator retypes a node. Retyping is allowed in the replace/modify part only (see Section 4.4, Retyping).

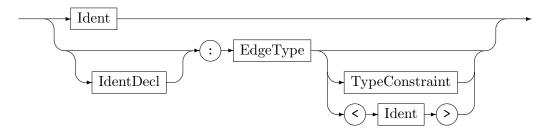
Graphlet	Meaning
x:NodeType;	The name x is bound to a node of type NodeType or one of its subtypes.
:NodeType;	\$1:NodeType
.;	\$1:Node
x:	The node, x is bound to.

GraphletEdge



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EdgeRefinement



undirected, unspecified edges Specifies an edge. Anonymous edges are specified by --> or <-- resp. -: T-> or <-: T- for an edge type T. For a more detailed specification you can use the inplace notated *EdgeRefinement* clause. Type constraints are allowed in the pattern part only (see Section 5.3, *TypeConstraint*). The <> operator retypes an edge. Retyping is allowed in the replace/modify part only (see Section 4.4, *Retyping*).

Graphlet Meaning -e:EdgeType->; The name e is bound to an edge of type EdgeType or one of its subtypes. -:EdgeType->; -\$1:EdgeType->; -->; -\$1:Edge->; -e->; The edge, e is bound to.

As the above table shows, edges can be defined and used separately, i.e. without their incident nodes. Beware of accidentally "redirecting" an edge: The graphlets

```
-e:Edge-> .;
x:Node -e-> y:Node;
```

are illegal, because the edge **e** would have two destinations: an anonymous node and **y**. However, the graphlets

```
-e-> ;
x:Node -e:Edge-> y:Node;
```

are allowed, but the first graphlet -e-> is superfluous. In particular this graphlet does not identify or create any "copies", neither if the graphlet occurs in the pattern part nor if it occurs in the replace part.

EXAMPLE (7)

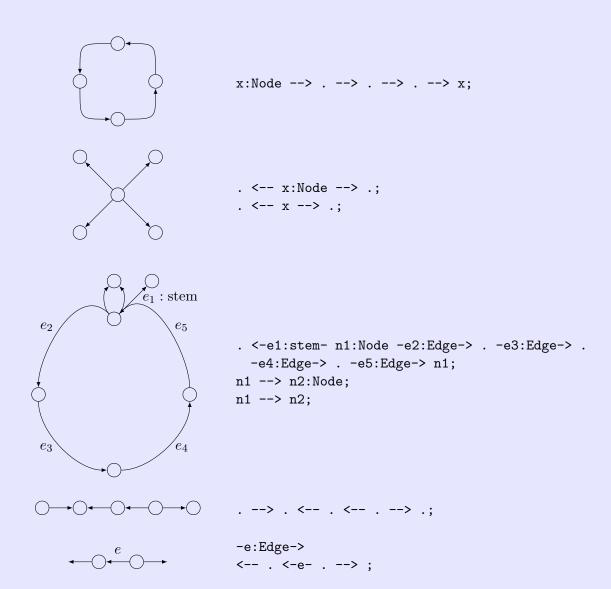
Some attempts to specify a loop edge:

```
GraphletMeaningx:Node -e:Edge-> x;The edge e is a loop.x:Node -e:Edge-> ; -e-> x;The edge e is a loop.-e:Edge-> x:Node;The edge e may or may not be a loop.. -e:Edge-> .;The edge e is certainly not a loop.
```

²You cannot directly express the redirection of edges. This a direct consequence of the SPO approach. Redirection of edges can be "simulated" by either deleting and re-inserting an edge, or more indirect by re-typing of nodes.

EXAMPLE (8)

Some graphlets:



And some illegal graphlets:

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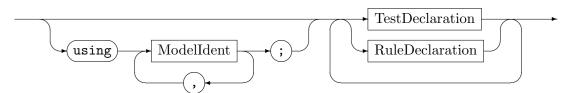
NOTE (10)

Although both, the pattern part and the replace/modify part use graphlets, there are subtle differences between them. These concern the *TypeConstraint* clause, the retype operator <>, and the scope of defined graph element names: Names defined within the pattern part are valid in the pattern part as well as in the replace/modify part. Names defined within the replace/modify part are unknown to the pattern part.

4.2 Rules and Tests

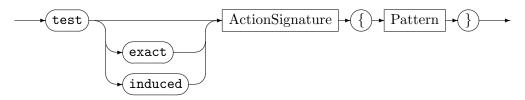
The structure of a rule set file is as follows:

RuleSet



A rule set consists of the underlying graph models and several rewrite rules. In case of multiple graph models, GRGEN.NET uses the union of these models. In this case beware of conflicting declarations. There is no built-in conflict resolution mechanism like packages or namespaces for models. If necessary you can use prefixes as you might do in C.

Test Declaration



RuleDeclaration



Declares a single rewrite rule such as SomeRule. It consists of a pattern part (see Section 4.3) in conjunction with its rewrite/modify part (see Section 4.4). A *test* has no rewrite specification. It's intended to check whether (and maybe how many times) a pattern occurs (see example 9). For an explanation of the exact, induced, and dpo pattern modifiers see section 4.5.

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EXAMPLE (9)

We define a test SomeCond

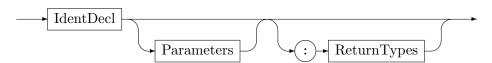
```
test SomeCond {
n:SeldomNodeType;
```

and execute in GRSHELL:

```
grs SomeCond & SomeRule
```

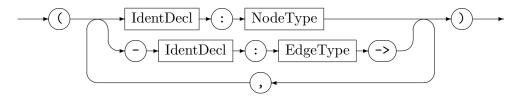
SomeRule will only be executed, if a node of type SeldomNodeType exists. For graph rewrite sequences in GRSHELL see Section 6.2.6.

Action Signature



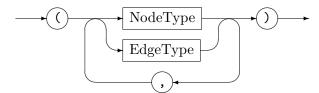
The signature sets the name of a rewrite rule to *IdentDecl* and optionally names and types of formal parameters as well as a list of return types. Parameters and return types provide users with the ability to exchange graph elements with rule. This is similar to parameters of procedural languages.

Parameters 1 4 1



Within a rule, parameters are treated as (predefined) graph elements of the pattern. Even if a supplied parameter value is undefined, it is treated as valid node or edge definition. So in any case a graph element of the specified type has to be mapped. GRGEN.NET assumes the lookup operation for parameters to be in $\mathcal{O}(1)$. In case of an undefined parameter value this might lead to bad search plans, because GRGEN.NET has to actually search for such a graph element.

Return Types



The return types specify edge and node types of graph elements that are returned by the replace/modify part. If return types are specified, the return statement is mandatory. Otherwise no return statement must occur. See also Section 4.4, return.

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EXAMPLE (10)

Assume the following test that checks whether the edge e is not incident to x:

```
test r(-e:Edge->, x:Node) {
    negative {
        -e-> x;
    }
    negative {
        x -e-> ;
    }
}
```

If x and e are undefined, test r is equivalent to test s:

```
test s {
    x:Node;
    -e:Edge->;
    negative {
        -e-> x;
    }
    negative {
        x -e-> ;
    }
}
```

In particular, test **s** is successful if there is some edge in the host graph that is not incident to **x**.

EXAMPLE (11)

We extend SomeRule (Example 5) with a user defined node to match and we want it to return the rewritten graph elements n5 and e1.

```
rule SomeRuleExt(varnode:Node):(Node, EdgeTypeB) {
    n1:NodeTypeA;
    ...

replace {
    varnode;
    ...
    return(n5, e1);
    eval {
        ...
}
```

We do not define varnode within the pattern part because this is already covered by the parameter specification itself.

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4.3 Pattern Part

Pattern



A pattern consists of zero or more pattern statements. All the pattern statements must be fulfilled by a subgraph of the host graph in order to form a match. An empty pattern always produces exactly one (empty) match. This is caused by the uniqueness of the total and totally undefined function. For an explanation of the pattern modifiers dpo, induced, and exact see section 4.5.

Names defined for graph elements may be used by other pattern statements as well as by replace/modify statements. Like all identifier definitions, such names may be used before their declaration. See Section 4.1 for a detailed explanation of names and graphlets.

NOTE (11)

The application of a rule is not deterministic (remember the example of the introduction in Section 1.5); in particular there may be more than one subgraph that matches the pattern. Whereas the GRSHELL selects one of them arbitrarily (without further abilities to control the selection), the underlying LIBGR provides a mechanism to deal with such ambiguities. LIBGR allows for splitting a rule application into two steps: Find all the subgraphs of the host graph that match the pattern and rewrite one of these matches. By returning a collection of all matches, the LIBGR retains the complete graph rewrite process under control. As a LIBGR user have a look at the following methods of the IAction interface:

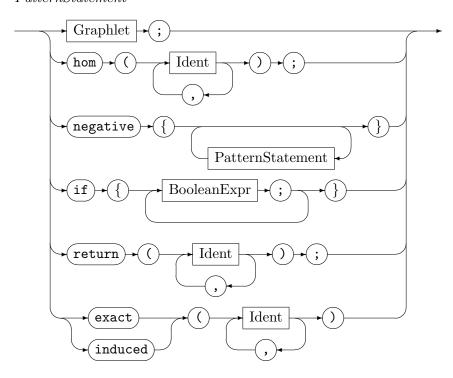
```
IMatches Match(IGraph graph, int maxMatches, IGraphElement[] parameters);
IGraphElement[] Modify(IGraph graph, IMatch match);
In C#, this might look like:

IMatches myMatches = myAction.Match(myGraph, -1, null); /* -1: get all the matches */
for (int i = 0; i < myMatches.NumMatches; i++)
{
    if (inspectCarefully(myMatches.GetMatch(i))
    {
        myAction.Modify(myGraph, myMatches.GetMatch(i));
        break;
    }
}</pre>
```

Also notice that graph rewrite *sequences* introduce a further variant of non-determinism on rule application level: The \$<op> flag marks the operator <op> as commutative, i.e. the execution order of its operands (rules) is non-deterministic. See Section 4.6 for further information on graph rewrite sequences.

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PatternStatement



The semantics of the various pattern statements are given below:

Graphlet

Graphlets specify connected subgraphs. See Section 4.1 for a detailed explanation of graphlets.

Isomorphic/Homomorphic Matching

The hom operator specifies the nodes or edges that may be matched homomorphically. In contrast to the default isomorphic matching, the specified graph elements may be mapped to the same graph element in the host graph. Note that the graph elements must have a common subtype. Several homomorphically matched graph elements will be mapped to a graph element of a common subtype. In Example 5 nodes n1 and n2 may be the same node. This is possible because they are of the same type (NodeTypeA). A name may not occur in multiple hom statements. For instance it is illegal to write hom(a, b); hom(b, c); Instead write hom(a, b, c); Inside a NAC the hom operator may only operate on graph elements that are either defined or used in the NAC.

Negative Application Conditions (NACs)

With negative application conditions (keyword negative) we can specify graph patterns which forbid the application of a rule if any of them is present in the host graph (cf. [Sza05]). NACs must not be nested. NACs possess a scope of their own. Names defined within a NAC do not exist outside the NAC. Identifiers from surrounding scopes must not be redefined. In general NACs do not care about bindings within the outer scope. Nevertheless, if you use an *identifier* that is defined in the outer scope, this specifies exactly the graph element, the identifier is bound to in the outer scope.

EXAMPLE (12)

We specify a node x which is not connected to a node of type BadType:

Because NACs have their "own" binding, using NACs leads to specifications which might look a bit redundant.

EXAMPLE (13)

Let's specify a singleton, a node of type T which is the only one of this type. The following specification is wrong (it will never return a match):

```
x:T;
negative {
 y:T;
}
```

Instead we have to specify the *complete* forbidden pattern inside the NAC. This is done by:

Attribute Conditions

The Java-like attribute conditions (keyword if) in the pattern part allow for further restriction of the applicability of a rule.

Return values

The return statement is only allowed for tests. Otherwise the return statement belongs to the replace part. See Section 4.4, Return Values.

Pattern Modifiers

Additionally to modifiers that apply to a pattern as a whole, you may also specify pattern modifiers for a specific set of nodes. Accordingly the list of identifiers for a pattern modifier must not contain any edge identifier. See section 4.5 for an explanation of the exact and induced modifiers.

Keep in mind that using type constraints or the typeof operator might be helpful. See Section 5.3 for further information.

4.4 Replace/Modify Part

Besides specifying the pattern, a main task of a rule is to specify the transformation of a matched subgraph within the host graph. Such a transformation specification defines the transition from the left hand side (LHS) to the right hand side (RHS), i.e. which graph

elements of a match will be kept, which of them will be deleted and which graph elements have to be newly created.

4.4.1 Implicit Definition of the Preservation Morphism r

In theory the transformation specification is done by defining the preservation morphism r. In GRGEN.NET the preservation morphism r is defined implicitly by using names both in

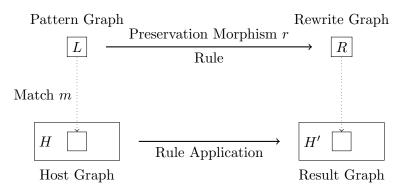


Figure 4.1: Process of Graph Transformation

pattern graphlets and replace graphlets. Remember that to each of the graph elements a name is bound to, either user defined or internally defined. If such a name is used in a replace graphlet, the denoted graph element will be kept. Otherwise the graph element will be deleted. By defining a name in a replace graphlet a corresponding graph element will be newly created. So in a replace pattern anonymous graph elements will always be created. Using a name multiple times has the same effect as a single using occurrence. In case of a conflict between deletion and preservation, deletion is prioritized. If an incident node of an edge gets deleted, the edge will be deleted as well (in compliance to the SPO semantics).

Pattern (LHS)	Replace (RHS)	$r:L\longrightarrow R$	Meaning
x:T;	х;	$r: \text{lhs.} x \mapsto \text{rhs.} x$	Preservation
x:T;		$lhs.x \notin def(r)$	Deletion
	x:T;	$\operatorname{rhs} x \notin \operatorname{ran}(r)$	Creation
x:T;	x:T;	_	Illegal, redefinition of x
-e:T-> ;	-e-> x:Node;	_	Illegal, redirection of e
x:N -e:E-> y:N;	x -e-> ;	$r: \{\operatorname{lhs}.x\} \mapsto \{\operatorname{rhs}.x\}$	Deletion of y. Hence del-
•			etion of e.

Table 4.1: Definition of the preservation morphism r

4.4.2 Specification Modes for Graph Transformation

For the task of rewriting, GRGEN.NET provides two different modes: A replace mode and a modify mode.

$Replace\ mode$

The semantics of this mode is to delete every graph element of the pattern that is not used (occur) in the replace part, keep every graph element that is used, and create every additionally defined graph elements. "Using" means that the name of a graph element occurs in a replace graphlet. Attribute calculations are no using occurrences. In Example 11 the nodes varnode and n3 will be kept. The node n1 is replaced by the node n5 preserving n1's edges. The anonymous edge instance between n1 and n2 only occurs in the pattern and therefore gets deleted.

See Section 4.4.1 for a detailed explanation of the transformation semantics.

Modify mode

The modify mode can be regarded as a replace part in replace mode, where every pattern graph element is added (occurs) before the first replace statement. In particular all the anonymous graph elements are kept. Additionally this mode supports the delete operator that deletes every element given as an argument. Deletion takes place after all other rewrite operations. Multiple deletion of the same graph element is allowed (but pointless) as well as deletion of just created elements (pointless, too).

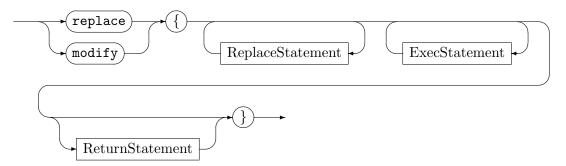
EXAMPLE (14)

How might Example 11 look in modify mode? We have to denominate the anonymous edge between n1 and n2 in order to delete it. The node varnode should be kept and does not need to appear in the modify part. So we have

```
rule SomeRuleExtModify(varnode: Node): (Node, EdgeTypeB) {
    ...
    n1 -e0:Edge-> n2;
    ...
    modify {
        n5:NodeTypeC<n1>;
        n3 -e1:EdgeTypeB-> n5;
        delete(e0);
        eval {
        ...
        ...
}
```

4.4.3 Syntax

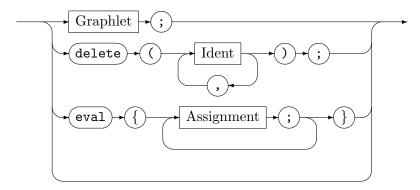
Replace



Selects whether the replace mode or the modify mode is used. Several replace statements describe the transformation from the pattern subgraph to the destination subgraph.

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ReplaceStatement



The semantics of the various replace statements are given below:

Graphlet

Analogous to a pattern graphlet; a specification of a connected subgraph. Its graph elements are either kept because they are elements of the pattern or added otherwise. Names defined in the pattern part must not be redefined in the replace graphlet. See Section 4.1 for a detailed explanation of graphlets.

Deletion

The delete operator is only available in the modify mode. It deletes the specified pattern graph elements. Multiple occurrences of delete statements are allowed. Deletion statements are executed after all other replace statements. Multiple deletion of the same graph element is allowed (but pointless) as well as deletion of just created elements (pointless, too).

Attribute Evaluation

If a rule is applied, then the attributes of matched and inserted graph elements will be recalculated according to the eval statements.

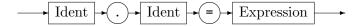
Retyping

Retyping enables us to keep all adjacent nodes and all attributes stemming from common super types of a graph element while changing its type (table 4.2 shows how retyping can be expressed both for nodes and edges). Retyping differs from a type cast: During replacement both of the graph elements are alive. Specifically both of them are available for evaluation, a respective evaluation could, e.g., look like this:

```
eval {
  y.b = (2*x.i == 42);
  f.a = e.a;
}
```

Furthermore the source and destination types need *not* to be on a path in the directed type hierarchy graph, rather their relation can be arbitrary. However, if source and destination type have one ore more common super types, then the respective attribute values are adopted by the retyped version of the respective node (or edge). The edge specification as well as *ReplaceNode* supports retyping. In Example 5 node n5 is a retyped node stemming from node n1. Note, that—conceptually—the retyping is performed *after* the SPO conform rewrite.

Assignment



Pattern (LHS)	Replace (RHS)	$r:L\longrightarrow R$	Meaning
x:N1;	y:N2 <x>;</x>	$r: \operatorname{lhs}.x \mapsto \operatorname{rhs}.x$	Preserve x, then retype x from
			N1 to N2 and bind name y to
			retyped version of x.
e:E1;	f:E2 <e>;</e>	$r: \text{lhs.} e \mapsto \text{rhs.} e$	Preserve e, then retype e from
			E1 to $E2$ and bind name f to
			the retyped version of e.

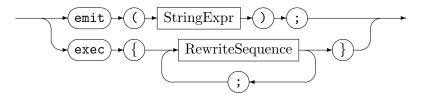
Table 4.2: Retyping of preserved nodes and edges

Several evaluation parts are allowed within the replace part. Multiple evaluation statements will be internally concatenated, preserving their order. Evaluation statements have imperative semantics. In particular, GRGEN.NET does not care about data dependencies. Evaluation takes place before any graph element gets deleted and after all the new elements have been created. You may read (and write, although this is pointless) attributes of graph elements to be deleted.

EXAMPLE (15)

This toy example yields y.i = 42, y.j = 1.

ExecStatement



The statements emit and exec enhance the declarative rewrite part by imperative clauses. That means, these statements are executed in the same order as they appear within the rule. The execution statements take place after all the rewrite operations are done, i.e. they operate on the modified host graph. However, attribute values of deleted graph elements are still available for reading. The eval statements are executed before the execution statements, i.e. the execution statements work on the recalculated attributes.

Text Output

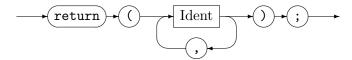
The emit statement prints a string to stdout. See section 5.2 for a description of string expressions.

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XGRS Execution

The exec statement executes a graph rewrite sequence, which is a composition of graph rewrite rules. See section 4.6 for a description of graph rewrite sequences.

ReturnStatement



Graph elements of the replace/modify part can be returned according to the return types in the signature (see Section 4.2, ActionSignature). The graph element names have to be in the same order as the corresponding return types in the signature. The named elements must be compatible to the declared type.

4.5 Rule and Pattern Modifiers

By default GRGEN.NET performs rewriting according to semantics as explained in section 4.4.1. This behaviour can be changed with rule / pattern modifiers. Such modifiers add certain conditions to the applicability of a pattern. The idea is to match only parts of the host graph that look more or less exactly like the pattern. The level of "exactness" depends on the choosen modifier. A modifier in front of the pattern-keyword is equivalent to one modifier-statement inside the pattern containing all the specified nodes (including anonymous nodes). Table 4.3 lists the modifiers with their semantics. Example 16 explains the modifiers by small toy-graphs.

NOTE (12)

Internally all the modifier-annotated rules are resolved into equivalent rules in standard SPO semantics. The semantics of the modifiers is mostly implemented by NACs. In particular you might want to use such modifiers in order to avoid writing a bunch of NACs yourself. The number of internally created NACs is bounded by $\mathcal{O}(n)$ for exact and dpo and by $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ for induced respectively, where n is the number of specified nodes.

4.6 Extended Graph Rewrite Sequences (XGRS)

Graph rewrite sequences are an imperative enhancement to the rule set language. Graph rewrite sequences are syntactically expressed as expressions similar to boolean expressions. Composing an expression out of single graph rewrite rules not only yields more complex host graph operations but also determines sort of a control flow by means of evaluation order of the operands. Graph rewrite sequences have a boolean return value; for a single rule, true means the rule was successfully applied to the host graph. A false return value means that the pattern was not found in the host graph. Graph rewrite sequences can be processed transactionally by using angle brackets (<>). If the return value is false, all the related operations on the host graph will be rolled back. Nested transactions are supported.

In order to store return values of rewrite terms and to pass return values of rules to other rules, *variables* can be defined. A variable is an arbitrary identifier which is defined by assigning a graph element, a boolean value, or another variable to it. You may use named graph elements of the enclosing rule as read-only variables. A parameter is alive from its first assignment until the end of the enclosing exec statement.

Modifier	Meaning		
exact	Switches to the most restrictive mode. An exactly-matched node is matched,		
	if all its incident edges in the host graph are specified in the pattern.		
induced	Switches to the induced-mode, where nodes contained in the same induced		
	statement require their induced subgraph within the host graph to be spec-		
	ified, in order to be matched. In particular this means that in general		
	<pre>induced(a,b,c) differs from induced(a,b); induced(b,c).</pre>		
dpo	Switches to DPO semantics. This modifier affects only nodes that are to be		
	deleted during the rewrite. DPO says—roughly spoken—that implicit dele-		
	tions must not occur by all means. Accordingly nodes going to be deleted due		
	to the rewrite part have to be specified exactly (exact semantics) in order		
	to be matched. Furthermore if you specify two pattern graph elements to be		
	homomorphically matched but only one of them is subject to deletion during		
	rewrite, those pattern graph elements will never actually be matched to the		
	same host graph element. In contrast to exact and induced this modifier		
	applies neither to a pattern as such nor to a single statement but only to an		
	entire rule. See Corradini et al. [CMR ⁺ 99] for a DPO reference.		

Table 4.3: Semantics of rule and pattern modifiers

EXAMPLE (16)		
Host Graph	Pattern / Rule	Effect
	{> .; }	Produces no match for exact nor induced
	{ x:node> y:node; }	Produces three matches for induced(x,y) but no match for exact(x,y)
♥	{ x:node; induced(x); }	Produces no match
	<pre>pattern{> x:node> ; } modify{ delete(x); }</pre>	Produces no match in DPO-mode because of edge e

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Note that we have two kinds of return values in graph rewrite sequences. Every rewrite term returns a boolean value, indicating whether the rewriting could be successfully processed. Additionally rules may return graph elements. These return values can be assigned to variables on the fly (see example 17).

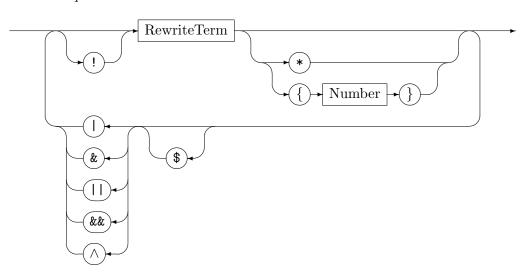
EXAMPLE (17)

The graph rewrite sequence

$$a = ((b,c) = R(x,y,z))$$

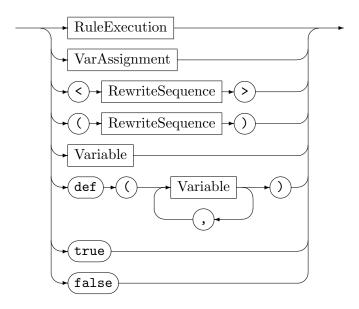
is valid. It assigns returned graph elements from rule R to variables b and c and the information whether R mached or not to variable a.

Rewrite Sequence



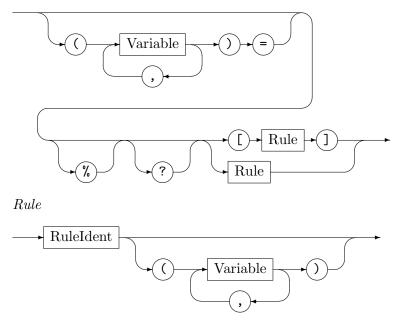
A graph rewrite sequence consists of several, logically linked rewrite terms. The modifier \$ flags the following operator to act commutative: Usually operands are executed / evaluated from left to right with respect to bracketing (left-associative). In contrast the sequences s, t, u in s \$<op> t \$<op> u are executed / evaluated in arbitrary order. A sequence can further be executed multiple times: The star (*) executes a sequence repeatedly as long as its execution does not fail. Such a sequence always returns true. The braces ({}}) let execute a sequence repeatedly as long as its execution does not fail but Number times at most.

RewriteTerm



Rewrite terms are the building blocks of graph rewrite sequences. They either act as a rule application or assign a value to a variable A variable in the *Variable* term must contain a boolean value, accordingly. A def term is successful if all the the variables are defined.

RuleExecution

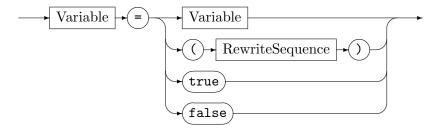


The RuleExecution clause applies a single rule or test. In case of a rule, the first found pattern match will be rewritten. Variables and named graph elements from the enclosing rule can be passed. The returned graph elements can be assigned to variables again. The operator? switches the rule to a test, i.e. the rule application does not perform the rewrite part of the rule but only tests if a match exists. The operator % is a multi-purpose flag. In the GRSHELL (see chapter 6) it dumps the matched graph elements to stdout; in debug-mode (see section 6.3) it acts as a break point; you are also able to use this flag for your own purposes, when using GRGEN.NET via its API interface (see section 1.6.3). The sqare braces ([]) introduce a special kind of multiple rule application: Every pattern match produced by the will be rewritten. Be careful: Its semantics is not equal to Rule*. Instead this operator collects all the matches first before starting rewritings. In particular the semantics is unsafe, i.e. one

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needs to avoid deleting a graph element that is bound by another match. If *Rule* returns values, the values of *one* of the executed rules will be returned.

Var Assignment



Variables can hold graph elements or boolean values. Graph elments are initially assigned by the *RuleExecution* statement. An *VarAssignment* rewrite term ist always true.

Table 4.4 lists operations of graph rewrite expressions at a glance.

s I t	First execute s afterwards execute t. The sequence s t is success-
	fully executed if s or t is successfully executed.
s t	The same as s t but with lazy evaluation, i.e. if s is successful, t
	will not be executed,
s & t	First execute s, afterwards execute t. The sequence s & t is success-
	fully executed if s and t is successful.
s && t	The same as s & t but with lazy evaluation, i.e. if s fails, t will not
	be executed.
s ^ t	First execute s afterwards execute t. The sequence s ^ t is success-
	fully executed if s is successful or t successfully but not both; i.e. this
	an XOR sequence.
<s></s>	Execute s transactionally.
!s	Switch the result of ${\tt s}$ from successful to fail and vice versa.
\$ <op></op>	Flag the operator <op> as commutative.</op>
s *	Execute s repeatedly as long as its execution does not fail.
$s \{n\}$	Execute s repeatedly as long as its execution does not fail but n times
	at most.
?Rule	Switches Rule to a test.
%Rule	This is the multi-purpose flag when accessed from LIBGR. Also used
	for graph dumping and break points.
[Rule]	Rewrite every pattern match produced by the action <i>Rule</i> .
def(Parameters)	Check if all the variables are defined.
true	A constant acting as a successful match.
false	A constant acting as a failed match.

Let s, t, u be graph rewrite sequences, v, w variable identifiers, $op> \in \{1,11,\&,\&\&\}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

Table 4.4: GRS expressions at a glance

EXAMPLE (18)

The following example works on a hypothetical network flow. We don't define all the rules nor the graph meta model. It's just about the look and feel of the exec and emit statements

```
rule AddRedundancy {
    s: SourceNode;
    t: DestinationNode;
    modify {
        emit ("Source_node_is_" + s.name + "._Destination_node_is_" + t.name + ".");
        exec { (x) = DuplicateNode(s) & ConnectNeighbors(s, x)* }
        exec { [DuplicateCriticalEdge] }
        exec { MaxCapacityIncidentEdge(t)* }
        emit ("Redundancy_added");
}
```

CHAPTER 5

TYPES AND EXPRESSIONS

In the following sections *Ident* refers to an identifier of the graph model language (see Section 3.1) or the rule set language (see Section 4.1). *TypeIdent* is an identifier of a node type or an edge type, *NodeOrEdge* is an identifier of a node or an edge.

5.1 Built-In Types

Besides user-defined node types, edge types, and enumeration types, GRGEN.NET supports the built-in primitive types in Table 5.1. The exact type format is backend specific. The LGSPBackend maps the GRGEN.NET primitive types to the corresponding C# primitive types. Table 5.2 lists GRGEN.NET's implicit type casts and the allowed explicit type casts.

boolean	Covers the values true and false	
int	A signed integer with at least 32 bits	
float, double	A floating-point number with single precision or double precision respec-	
	tively	
string	A character sequence of arbitrary length	
object	Contains a .NET object	

Table 5.1: GRGEN.NET built-in primitive types

Of course you are free to express an implicit type cast by an explicit type cast as well as "cast" a type to itself.

According to table 5.2 neither implicit nor explicit casts from int to any enum type are allowed. This is because the range of an enum type is very sparse in general. For the same reason implicit and explicit casts between enum types are also forbidden. Thus, enum values can only be assigned to attributes having the same enum type. A cast of an enum value to a string value will return the declared name of the enum value. A cast of an object value to a string value will return "null" or it will call the toString() method of the .NET object. Be careful with assignments of objects: GRGEN.NET does not know your .NET type hierarchy and therefore it cannot check two objects for type compatibility.

from	enum	boolean	int	float	double	string	object
enum	=/						
boolean		=					
int	implicit		=	(int)	(int)		
float	implicit		implicit	=	(float)		
double	implicit		implicit	implicit	=		
string	implicit	implicit	implicit	implicit	implicit	=	implicit
object							=

Table 5.2: GRGEN.NET type casts

EXAMPLE (19)

• Allowed:

```
x.myfloat = x.myint; x.mydouble = (float) x.myint;
x.mystring = (string) x.mybool;
```

• Forbidden:

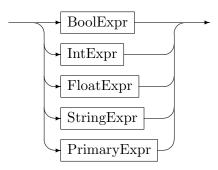
```
x.myfloat = x.mydouble; and x.myint = (int) x.mybool;
MyEnum1 = (MyEnum1Type) int; and MyEnum2 = (MyEnum2Type) MyEnum1; where
myenum1 and myenum2 are different enum types.
```

NOTE (13)

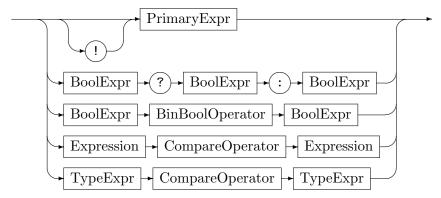
Unlike an eval part (which must not contain assignments to node or edge attributes) the declaration of an enum type can contain assignments of int values to enum items (see section 3.2). The reason is, that the range of an enum type is just defined in that context.

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Expression



BoolExpr



The ! operator negates a Boolean. Table 5.4 lists the binary operators for Boolean expressions. The ? operator is a simple if-then-else: If the first BoolExpr is evaluated to true, the operator returns the second BoolExpr, otherwise it returns the third BoolExpr. The BinBool-Operator is one of the operators in Table 5.4. The CompareOperator is one of the following operators:

```
< <= == != >= >
```

These operators are supported by int types and float/double types (but by implicit casting they can also by used with all enum types). String types, boolean types, and object types

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support only the == and the != operators. Table 5.3 describes the semantics of compare operators on type expressions.

A == B	True, iff A and B are identical. Different types in a type hierarchy are not
	identical.
A != B	True, iff A and B are not identical.
A < B	True, iff A is a supertype of B , but A and B are not identical.
A > B	True, iff A is a subtype of B , but A and B are not identical.
A <= B	True, iff A is a supertype of B or A and B are identical.
A >= B	True, iff A is a subtype of B or A and B are identical.

Table 5.3: Compare operators on type expressions

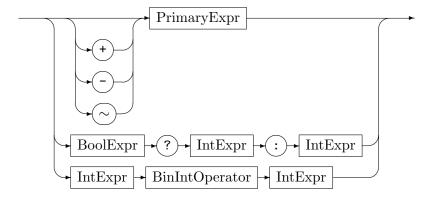
NOTE (14)

A < B corresponds to the direction of the arrow in an UML class diagram.

^	Logical XOR. True, iff either the first or the second
	Boolean expression is true.
&& 	Logical AND and OR. Lazy evaluation.
& 	Logical AND and OR. Strict evaluation.

Table 5.4: Binary Boolean operators, in ascending order of precedence

IntExpr

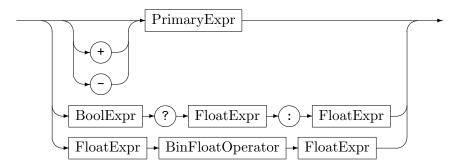


The \sim operator is the bitwise complement. That means every bit of an integer value will be flipped. The ? operator is a simple if-then-else: If the BoolExpr is evaluated to true, the operator returns the first IntExpr, otherwise it returns the second IntExpr. The BinIntOperator is one of the operators in Table 5.5.

& 	Bitwise XOR, AND and OR
<< >> >>>	Bitwise shift left, bitwise shift right and bitwise shift right preserving the sign
+ -	Addition and subtraction
* / %	Multiplication, integer division, and modulo

Table 5.5: Binary integer operators, in ascending order of precedence

FloatExpr



The ? operator is a simple if-then-else: If the *BoolExpr* is evaluated to true, the operator returns the first *FloatExpr*, otherwise it returns the second *FloatExpr*. The *BinFloatOperator* is one of the operators in Table 5.6.

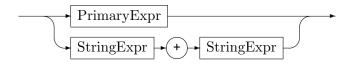
+	Addition and subtraction
*	
/	Multiplication, division and modulo
%	

Table 5.6: Binary float operators, in ascending order of precedence

NOTE (15)

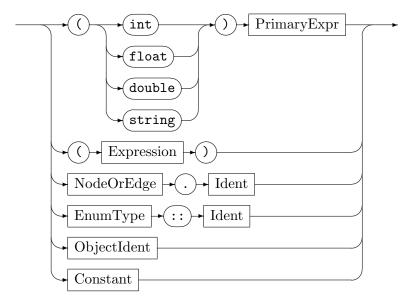
The % operator on float values works analogous to the integer modulo operator. For instance 4.5 % 2.3 == 2.2.

StringExpr

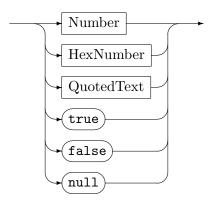


The operator + concatenates two strings.

PrimaryExpr



Constant



Number

Is an int, float, or double constant in decimal notation.

HexNumber

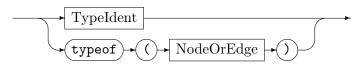
Is an int constant in hexadecimal notation starting with 0x.

Quoted Text

Is a string constant. It consists of a sequence of characters, enclosed by double quotes.

5.3 Type Related Conditions

TypeExpr



A type expression identifies a type (and—in terms of matching—also its subtypes). A type expression is either a type identifier itself or the type of a graph element. The type expression typeof(x) stands for the type of the host graph element x is actually bound to.

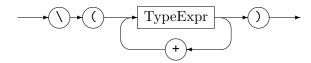
EXAMPLE (20)

The following rule will add a reverse edge to a one-way street.

```
rule oneway {
    a:Node -x:street-> y:Node;
    negative {
        y -:typeof(x)-> a;
    }
    replace {
        a -x-> y;
        y -:typeof(x)-> a;
}
```

Remember that we have several subtypes of street. By the aid of the typeof operator, the reverse edge will be automatically typed correctly (the same type as the one-way edge). This behavior is not possible without the typeof operator.

TypeConstraint



A type constraint is used to exclude parts of the type hierarchy. The operator + is used to create a union of its operand types. So the following pattern statements are identical:

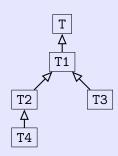
```
x:T;

x:T \setminus (T1 + \cdots + Tn);

x:T;

x:T
```

EXAMPLE (21)

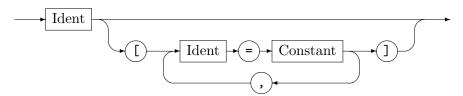


The expression $T\(T2+T3)$ applied to the type hierarchy on the left side yields only the types T and T1 as valid.

5.4 Annotations

Identifier definitions can be annotated by pragmas. Annotations are key-value pairs.

IdentDecl



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Although you can use any key-value pairs between the brackets, only the identifier has an effect so far.

Key	Value Type	Applies to	Meaning
prio	int	node, edge	Changes the ranking of a graph element for search
			plans. The default is prio=1000. Graph elements
			with high values are likely to appear prior to graph
			elements with low values in search plans.

Table 5.7: Annotations

EXAMPLE (22)

We search the pattern v:NodeTypeA -e:EdgeType-> w:NodeTypeB. We have a host graph with about 100 nodes of NodeTypeA, 1,000 nodes of NodeTypeB and 10,000 edges of EdgeType. Furthermore we know that between each pair of NodeTypeA and NodeTypeB there exists at most one edge of EdgeType. GRGEN.NET can use this information to improve the initial search plan if we adjust the pattern like v[prio=10000]:NodeTypeA -e[prio=5000]:EdgeType-> w:NodeTypeB.

CHAPTER 6

GRSHELL LANGUAGE

GRSHELL is a shell application of LIBGR. It belongs to GRGEN.NET's standard equipment. GRSHELL is capable of creating, manipulating, and dumping graphs as well as performing and debugging graph rewriting. The GRSHELL provides a line oriented scripting language. GRSHELL scripts are structured by simple statements separated by line breaks.

6.1 Building Blocks

GRSHELL is case sensitive. A comment starts with a # and is terminated by end-of-line or end-of-file. Any text left of the # will be treated as a statement. The following items are required for representing text, numbers, and rule parameters.

Text

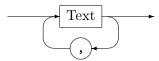
May be one of the following:

- A non-empty character sequence consisting of letters, digits, and underscores. The first character must not be a digit.
- Arbitrary text enclosed by double quotes ("").
- Arbitrary text enclosed by single quotes (',').

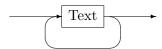
Number

Is an int or float constant in decimal notation (see also Section 5.1).

Parameters



SpacedParameters



In order to describe the commands more precisely, the following (semantic) specializations of *Text* are defined:

Filename

A fully qualified file name without spaces (e.g. /Users/Bob/amazing_file.txt) or a single quoted or double quoted fully qualified file name that may contain spaces ("/Users/Bob/amazing file.txt").

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Variable

Identifier of a variable that contains a graph element.

NodeType, EdgeType

Identifier of a node type resp. edge type defined in the model of the current graph.

AttributeName

Identifier of an attribute.

Graph

Identifies a graph by its name.

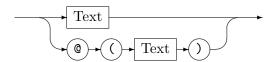
Action

Identifies a rule by its name.

Color

One of the following color identifiers: Black, Blue, Green, Cyan, Red, Purple, Brown, Grey, LightGrey, LightGreen, LightCyan, LightRed, LightPurple, Yellow, White, DarkBlue, DarkRed, DarkGreen, DarkYellow, DarkMagenta, DarkCyan, Gold, Lilac, Turquoise, Aquamarine, Khaki, Pink, Orange, Orchid. These are the same color identifiers as in VCG/YCOMP files (for a VCG definition see [San95]).

GraphElement



The elements of a graph (nodes and edges) can be accessed both by their variable identifier and by their *persistent name* specified through a constructor (see Section 6.2.3). The specializations *Node* and *Edge* of *GraphElement* require the corresponding graph element to be a node or an edge respectively.

EXAMPLE (23)

We insert a node, anonymously and with a constructor (see also Section 6.2.3):

```
> new graph "../lib/lgsp-TuringModel.dll" G
New graph "G" of model "Turing" created.

# insert an anonymous node...

# it will get a persistent pseudo name
> new :State
New node "$0" of type "State" has been created.

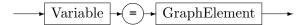
> delete node @("$0")

# and now with constructor
> new v:State($=start)
new node "start" of type "State" has been created.

# Now we have a node named "start" and a variable v assigned to "start"
```

NOTE (16)

Persistent names belong to a specific graph whereas variables belong to the current GRSHELL environment. Persistent names will be saved (save graph..., see Section 6.2.5) and, if you visualize a graph (dump graph..., see Section 6.2.5), graph elements will be labeled with their persistent names. Persistent names have to be unique for a graph.

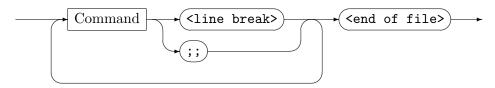


Assigns the variable or persistent name *GraphElement* to *Variable*. If *Variable* has not been defined yet, it will be defined implicitly. As usual for scripting languages, variables have neither static types nor declarations.

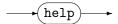
6.2 GRSHELL Commands

This section describes the GRSHELL commands. Commands are assembled from basic elements. As stated before commands are terminated by line breaks. Alternatively commands can be terminated by the ;; symbol. Like an operating system shell, the GRSHELL allows you to span a single command over n lines by terminating the first n-1 lines with a backslash.

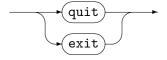
Script



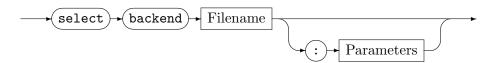
6.2.1 Common Commands



Displays an information message describing supported commands.

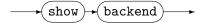


Quits GrShell. If GrShell is opened in debug mode, a currently active graph viewer (such as YCOMP) will be closed as well.



Selects a backend that handles graph and rule representation. *Filename* has to be a .NET assembly (e.g. lgspBackend.dll). Comma-separated parameters can be supplied optionally; if so, the backend must support these parameters. By default the LGSPBackend is used.

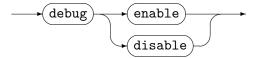
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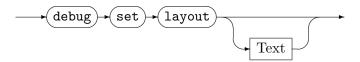
List all the parameters supported by the currently selected backend. The parameters can be provided to the select backend command.



Executes the GRSHELL script *Filename*. A GRSHELL script is just a plain text file containing GRSHELL commands. They are treated as they would be entered interactively, except for parser errors. If a parser error occurs, execution of the script will stop immediately.



Enables and disables the debug mode. The debug mode shows the current working graph in a YCOMP window. All changes to the working graph are tracked by YCOMP immediately.



Sets the default graph layout algorithm to *Text*. If *Text* is omitted, a list of available layout algorithms is displayed. See Section 1.6.4 on YCOMP layouters.

Prints Text onto the GRSHELL command prompt.

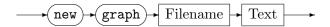
$$\longrightarrow$$
 (!) \rightarrow CommandLine

CommandLine is an arbitrary text, the operating system attempts to execute.

EXAMPLE (24)

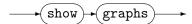
On a Linux machine you might execute

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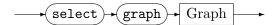


Creates a new graph with the model specified in *Filename*. Its name is set to *Text*. The model file can be either source code (e.g. turing_machineModel.cs) or a .NET assembly (e.g. lgsp-turing_machineModel.dll). It's also possible to specify a rule set file as *Filename*. In this case the necessary assemblies will be created on the fly.

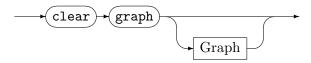
Opens the graph Text stored in the backend. However, the LGSPBackend doesn't support persistent graphs. The LGSPBackend is the only backend so far. Therefore this command is currently useless.



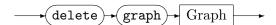
Displays a list of currently available graphs.



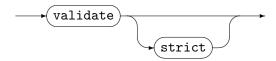
Selects the current working graph. This graph acts as *host graph* for graph rewrite sequences (see also Sections 1.4 and 6.2.6). Though you can define multiple graphs, only one graph can be the active "working graph".



Deletes all graph elements of the current working graph resp. the graph Graph.



Deletes the graph Graph from the backend storage.



Validates if the current working graph fulfills the connection assertions specified in the corresponding graph model. The *strict* mode additionally requires all the edges of the working graph to be specified in order to get a "valid". Otherwise edges between nodes without specified constraints are ignored.

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EXAMPLE (25)

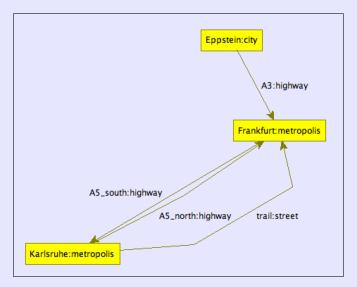
We reuse a simplified version of the road map model from chapter 3:

```
model Map;

node class city;
node class metropolis;

edge class street;
edge class highway
connect metropolis [+] -> metropolis [+];
```

The node constraint on *highway* requires all the metropolises to be connected by highways. Now have a look at the following graph:



This graph is valid but not strict valid.

```
> validate
The graph is valid.
> validate strict
The graph is NOT valid:
CAE: city "Eppstein" -- highway "A3" --> metropolis "Frankfurt" not specified
CAE: metropolis "Karlsruhe" -- street "trail" --> metropolis "Frankfurt" not specified
> >
```

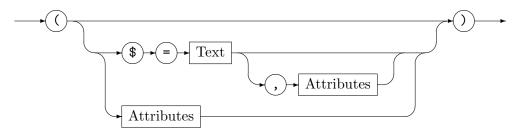


Executes a command specific to the current backend. If *SpacedParameters* is omitted, a list of available commands will be displayed (for the LGSP backend see Sections 6.4).

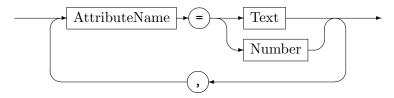
6.2.3 Graph Manipulation Commands

Graph manipulation commands alter existing graphs including creating and deleting graph elements and setting attributes.

Constructor

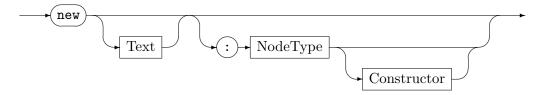


Attributes



A constructor is used to initialize a new graph element (see new ... below). A comma separated list of attribute declarations is supplied to the constructor. Available attribute names are specified by the graph model of the current working graph. All the undeclared attributes will be initialized with default values, depending on their type (int \leftarrow 0, enum \leftarrow unspecified; boolean \leftarrow false; float, double \leftarrow 0.0; string \leftarrow "").

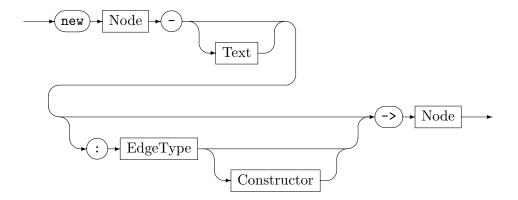
The \$ is a special attribute name: a unique identifier of the new graph element. This identifier is also called *persistent name* (see Example 23). This name can be specified by a constructor only.



Creates a new node within the current graph. Optionally a variable Text is assigned to the new node. If NodeType is supplied, the new node will be of type NodeType and attributes can be initialized by a constructor. Otherwise the node will be of the base node class type Node.

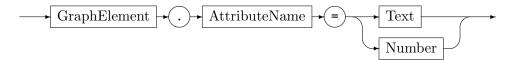
NOTE (17)

The GRSHELL can reassign variables. This is in contrast to the rule language (chapter 4), where we use *names*.



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Creates a new edge within the current graph between the specified nodes, directed towards the second Node. Optionally a variable Text is assigned to the new edge. If EdgeType is supplied, the new edge will be of type EdgeType and attributes can be initialized by a constructor. Otherwise the edge will be of the base edge class type Edge.



Set the attribute AttributeName of the graph element GraphElement to the value of Text or Number.

$$\longrightarrow (\text{delete}) \rightarrow (\text{node}) \rightarrow |\text{Node}| \longrightarrow$$

Deletes the node Node from the current graph. Incident edges will be deleted as well.

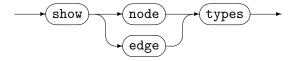
$$\longrightarrow \boxed{\texttt{delete}} \rightarrow \boxed{\texttt{edge}} \rightarrow \boxed{\texttt{Edge}}$$

Deletes the edge Edge from the current graph.

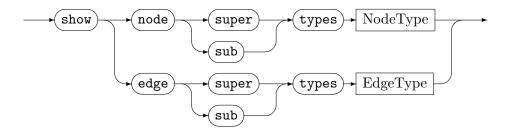
6.2.4 Graph Query Commands



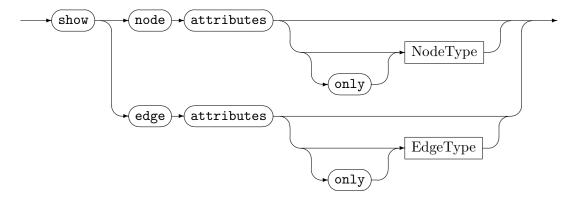
Gets the persistent names and the types of all the nodes/edges of the current graph. If a node type or edge type is supplied, only elements compatible to this type are considered. The only keyword excludes subtypes. Nodes/edges without persistent names are shown with a pseudo-name. If the command is specified with num, only the number of nodes/edges will be displayed.



Gets the node/edge types of the current graph model.



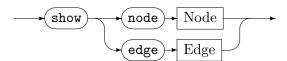
Gets the inherited/descendant types of NodeType/EdgeType.



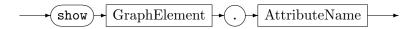
Gets the available node/edge attribute types. If NodeType/EdgeType is supplied, only attributes defined in NodeType/EdgeType are diplayed. The only keyword excludes inherited attributes.

NOTE (18)

The show nodes/edges attributes... command covers types and *inherited* types. This is in contrast to the other show... commands where types and *sub* types are specified or the direction in the type hierarchy is specified explicitly, respectively.



Gets the attribute types and values of a specific graph element.

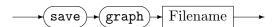


Gets the value of a specific attribute.



Gets the information whether the first element is type-compatible to the second element.

6.2.5 Graph Output Commands



Dumps the current graph as GRSHELL script into Filename. The created script includes

- selecting the backend
- creating all nodes and edges

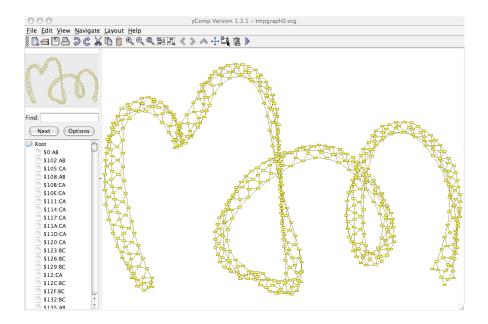
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• restoring the persistent names (see Section 6.2.3)

but not necessarily using the same commands you typed in during construction. Such a script can be loaded and executed by the include command (see Section 6.2.1).



Dumps the current graph as VCG formatted file into a temporary file. *Filename* specifies an executable. The temporary VCG file will be passed to *Filename* as last parameter. Additional parameters, such as program options, can be specified by *Text*. If you use YCOMP¹ as executable, this may look like



The temporary file will be deleted, when the application *Filename* is terminated if GRSHELL is still running at this time.

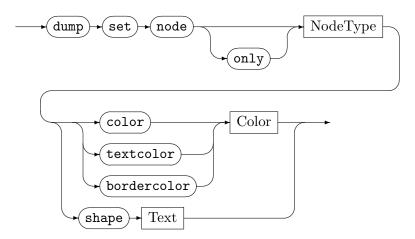


Dumps the current graph in VCG format into the file *Filename*.

Visualization Styles

The following commands control the style of the VCG output. This affects dump graph, show graph, and enable debug.

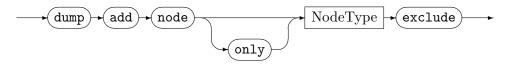
¹See Section 1.6.4.



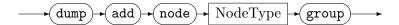
Sets the color, text color, border color, or the shape of the nodes of type *NodeType* and all of its subtypes. The keyword only excludes the subtypes. The following shapes are supported: box, triangle, circle, ellipse, rhom, hexagon, trapeze, uptrapeze, lparallelogram, rparallelogram. Those are shape names of YCOMP (for a VCG definition see [San95]).



Sets the color or text color of the edges of type EdgeType and all of its subtypes. The keyword only excludes the subtypes.

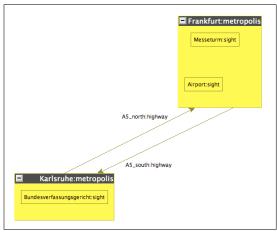


Excludes nodes of type *NodeType* and all of its subtypes as well as their incident edges from output. The keyword only excludes the subtypes, i.e. subtypes of *NodeType* are dumped.



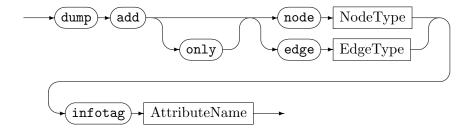
Declares NodeType and subtypes of NodeType as group node type. All the differently typed nodes that point to a node of type NodeType (i.e. there is a directed edge between such nodes) will be grouped and visibly enclosed by the NodeType-node. The following example shows metropolis ungrouped and grouped:



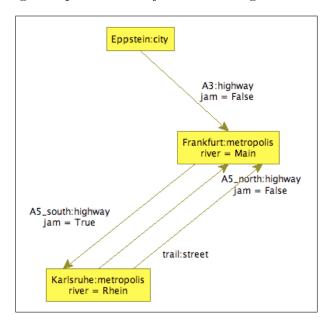


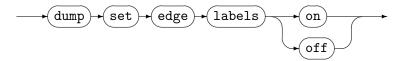
right side: dumped with dump add node metropolis group

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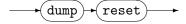


Declares the attribute *AttributeName* to be an "info tag". Info tags are displayed like additional node/edge labels. The keyword only excludes the subtypes of *NodeType* resp. *EdgeType*. In the following example *river* and *jam* are info tags:





Specifies whether edge labels will be displayed or not (defaults to "on").



Reset all style options (dump set...) to their default values.

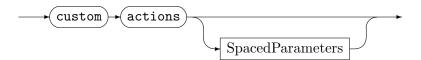
6.2.6 Action Commands (XGRS)

An action denotes a graph rewrite rule.

$$\longrightarrow$$
 (select) \rightarrow (actions) \rightarrow Filename

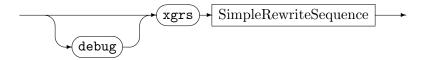
Selects a rule set. *Filename* can either be a .NET assembly (e.g. "rules.dll") or a source file ("rules.cs"). Only one rule set can be loaded simultaneously.

Lists all the rules of the loaded rule set, their parameters, and their return values. Rules can return a set of graph elements.



Executes an action specific to the current backend. If *SpacedParameters* is omitted, a list of available commands will be displayed (for the LGSPBackend see Section 6.4).

GraphRewriteSequence



This executes the graph rewrite sequence SimpleRewriteSequence. See section 4.6 for graph rewrite sequences. Additionally to the variable assignment in rule-embedded graph rewrite sequences, you are also able to assign $persistant\ names$ to parameters via Variable = (Text).

Graph elements returned by rules can be assigned to variables using (Parameters) = Action. The desired variable identifiers have to be listed in Parameters. Graph elements required by rules must be provided using Action (Parameters), where Parameters is a list of variable identifiers. For undefined variables see Section 4.2, Parameters.

6.3 Graphical Debugger

The Grshell together with YComp build Grgen.Net's graphical debugger. Use the debug grs option to trace the rewriting process step-by-step. During execution YComp² will display every single step. The debugger can be controlled by Grshell. Remember that the "modifier before a rule works as break point in a graph rewrite sequence. The debug commands are shown in Table 6.1.

s(tep)	Execute the next rewrite rule (match and rewrite)
d(etailed step)	Execute a rewrite rule in a three-step procedure: matching, highlighting
	elements to be changed, doing rewriting
n(ext)	Ascend one level up within the Kantorowitsch tree of the current rewrite
	sequence (see Example 26)
(step) o(ut)	Continue a rewrite sequence until the end of the current loop. If the
	execution is not in a loop at this moment, the complete sequence will be
	executed
r(un)	Continue execution without further stops
a(bort)	Cancel the execution immediately

Table 6.1: Grshell debug commands

6.4 LGSPBackend Custom Commands

The LGSPBackend supports the following custom commands:

²Make sure, that the path to your yComp.jar package is set correctly in the ycomp shell script within GRGEN.NET's /bin directory.

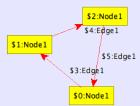
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EXAMPLE (26)

We demonstrate the debug commands with a slightly adjusted script for the Koch snowflake from GRGEN.NET's examples (see also Section 7.1). The graph rewriting sequence is

```
debug xgrs (makeFlake1* & (beautify & doNothing)* & makeFlake2* & beautify*){1}
```

YCOMP will be opened with an initial graph (resulting from grs init):



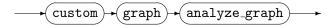
We type d(etailed step) to apply makeFlake1 step by step resulting in the following graphs:



The following table shows the "break points" of further debug commands, entered one after another:

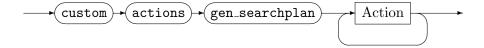
Command	Active rule
s	makeFlake1
0	beautify
s	doNothing
s	beautify
n	beautify
0	makeFlake2
r	_

6.4.1 Graph Related Commands



Analyzes the current working graph. The analysis data provides vital information for efficient search plans. Analysis data is available as long as GRSHELL is running, i.e. when the working graph changes, the analysis data is still available but maybe obsolete.

6.4.2 Action Related Commands



Creates a search plan for each rewrite rule *Action* using a heuristic method and the analyzes data (if the graph has been analyzed by custom graph analyze_graph). Otherwise a default search plan is used. For efficiency reasons it is recommended to do analyzing and search plan creation during the rewriting procedure. Therefore the host graph should be in a stage "similar" to the final result. Indeed there might be some trial-and-error steps necessary to get an efficient search plan. A search plan is available as long as the current rule set remains loaded. Specify multiple rewrite rules instead of using multiple commands for each rule to improve the search plan generation performance.



Sets the maximum amount of possible pattern matches to *Number*. This command affects the expression [Rule]. If *Number* is less or equal to zero, the constraint is reset.

7.1 Fractals

The GRGEN.NET package ships with samples for fractal generation. We will construct the Sierpinski triangle and the Koch snowflake. They are created by consecutive rule applications starting with the initial host graphs



for the Sierpinski triangle resp. the Koch snowflake. First of all we have to compile the model and rule set files. So execute in GRGEN.NET's bin directory

```
GrGen.exe ..\specs\sierpinski.grg
GrGen.exe ..\specs\snowflake.grg
or
mono GrGen.exe ../specs/sierpinski.grg
mono GrGen.exe ../specs/snowflake.grg
```

respectively. If you are on a Unix-like system you have to adjust the path separators of the GRShell scripts. Just edit the first three lines of /test/Sierpinski.grs and /test/Snowflake.grs. And as we have the file Sierpinski.grs already opened, we can increase the number of iterations to get even more beautiful graphs¹. Just follow the comments. Be careful when increasing the number of iterations of Koch's snowflake—YCOMP's layout algorithm might need some time and attempts to layout it nicely. We execute the Sierpinski script by

```
GrShell.exe ..\test\Sierpinski.grs
```

or

mono GrShell.exe ../test/Sierpinski.grs

respectively. Because both of the scripts are using the debug mode, we complete execution by typing r(un). See Section 6.2.6 for further information. The resulting graphs should look like Figures 7.1 and 7.2.

¹Be careful: The running time increases exponentially in the number of iterations.



Figure 7.1: Sierpinski triangle



Figure 7.2: Koch snowflake

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We want GRGEN.NET to work as hard as a busy beaver [Kro07, Dew84]. Our busy beaver is a Turing machine that has got five states plus a "halt"-state; it writes 1,471 bars onto the tape and terminates [MB00]. So first of all we design a Turing machine as graph model. Besides, this example shows that GRGEN.NET is Turing complete.

We use the graph model and the rewrite rules to define a general Turing machine. Our approach is to basically draw the machine as a graph. The busy beaver logic is implemented by rule applications in GRSHELL.

7.2.1 Graph Model

The tape will be a chain of TapePosition nodes connected by right edges. A cell value is modeled by a reflexive value edge, attached to a TapePosition node. The leftmost and the rightmost cells (TapePosition) do not have an incoming and outgoing edge respectively. Therefore we have the node constraint [0:1].

```
node class TapePosition;
edge class right
connect TapePosition[0:1] -> TapePosition[0:1];

edge class value
connect TapePosition[1] -> TapePosition[1];
edge class zero extends value;
edge class one extends value;
edge class empty extends value;
```

Furthermore we need states and transitions. The machine's current configuration is modeled with a RWHead edge pointing to a TapePosition node. State nodes are connected with WriteValue nodes via value edges, a moveLeft/moveRight/dontMove edge leads from a WriteValue node to the next state (cf. the picture on page 75).

```
node class State;

edge class RWHead;

node class WriteValue;

node class WriteZero extends WriteValue;

node class WriteOne extends WriteValue;

node class WriteEmpty extends WriteValue;

edge class moveLeft;

edge class moveRight;

edge class dontMove;
```

7.2.2 Rule Set

Now the rule set: We begin the rule set file Turing.grg with

```
using TuringModel;
```

We need rewrite rules for the following steps of the Turing machine:

- 1. Read the value of the current tape cell and select an outgoing edge of the current state.
- 2. Write a new value into the current cell, according to the sub type of the WriteValue node.
- 3. Move the read-write-head along the tape and select a new state as current state.

As you can see a transition of the Turing machine is split into two graph rewrite steps: Writing the new value onto the tape and performing the state transition. We need eleven rules: Three rules for each step (for "zero", "one", and "empty") and two rules for extending the tape to the left and the right, respectively.

```
rule readZeroRule {
    s:State -h:RWHead-> tp:TapePosition -:zero-> tp;
    s -:zero-> wv:WriteValue;
    modify {
        delete(h);
        wv -:RWHead-> tp;
    }
}
```

We take the current state s and the current cell tp which is implicitly given by the unique RWHead edge and check whether the cell value is zero. Furthermore we check if the state has a transition for zero. The replacement part deletes the RWHead edge between s and tp and adds it between wv and tp. The remaining rules are analogous:

```
rule readOneRule {
10
      s:State -h:RWHead-> tp:TapePosition -:one-> tp;
11
      s -: one-> wv:WriteValue;
12
      modify {
13
         delete(h);
14
         wv -: RWHead-> tp;
15
16
  }
17
18
  rule readEmptyRule {
      s:State -h:RWHead-> tp:TapePosition -:empty-> tp;
20
      s -:empty-> wv:WriteValue;
21
      modify {
22
23
         delete(h);
         wv -: RWHead-> tp;
24
      }
25
26
  }
27
  rule writeZeroRule {
28
      wv:WriteZero -rw:RWHead-> tp:TapePosition -:value-> tp;
29
      replace {
         wv -rw-> tp -:zero-> tp;
31
32
33 }
34
  rule writeOneRule {
35
      wv:WriteOne -rw:RWHead-> tp:TapePosition -:value-> tp;
36
      replace {
37
         wv -rw-> tp -:one-> tp;
38
39
  }
40
41
  rule writeEmptyRule {
      wv:WriteEmpty -rw:RWHead-> tp:TapePosition -:value-> tp;
43
      replace {
44
         wv -rw-> tp -:empty-> tp;
45
46
  }
47
48
  rule moveLeftRule {
49
      wv:WriteValue -:moveLeft-> s:State;
```

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```
wv -h:RWHead-> tp:TapePosition <-r:right- ltp:TapePosition;
51
      modify {
52
         delete(h);
53
         s -: RWHead-> ltp;
54
      }
55
  }
56
57
  rule moveRightRule {
58
      wv:WriteValue -:moveRight-> s:State;
59
      wv -h:RWHead-> tp:TapePosition -r:right-> rtp:TapePosition;
60
      modify {
61
         delete(h);
62
         s -: RWHead-> rtp;
63
      }
64
  }
65
66
  rule dontMoveRule {
67
      wv:WriteValue -:dontMove-> s:State;
68
      wv -h:RWHead-> tp:TapePosition;
69
      modify {
70
         delete(h);
71
         s -: RWHead-> tp;
72
73
  }
74
75
  rule ensureMoveLeftValidRule {
76
      wv:WriteValue -:moveLeft-> :State;
77
      wv -:RWHead-> tp:TapePosition;
78
      negative {
79
80
         tp <-:right-;</pre>
81
      modify {
82
         tp <-:right- ltp:TapePosition -:empty-> ltp;
83
84
      }
  }
85
86
  rule ensureMoveRightValidRule {
87
      wv:WriteValue -:moveRight-> :State;
88
      wv -:RWHead-> tp:TapePosition;
89
      negative {
90
         tp -:right->;
91
      }
92
      modify {
93
94
         tp -:right-> rtp:TapePosition -:empty-> rtp;
95
      }
96 }
```

Have a look at the negative conditions within the ensureMove... rules. They ensure that the current cell is indeed at the end of the tape: An edge to a right/left neighboring cell must not exist. Now don't forget to compile your model and the rule set with GrGen.exe (see Section 7.1).

7.2.3 Rule Execution with GRSHELL

Finally we construct the busy beaver and let it work with GRSHELL. The following script starts with building the Turing machine that is modeling the six states with their transitions in our Turing machine model:

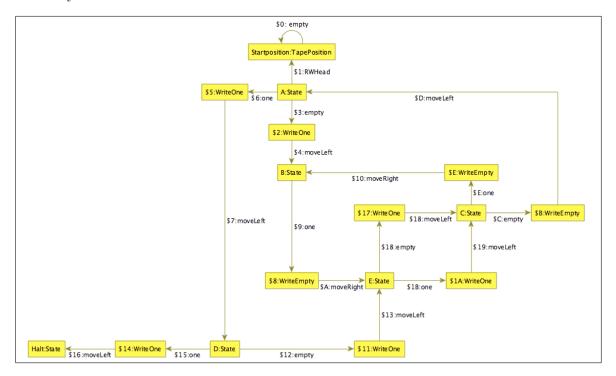
```
select backend "../bin/lgspBackend.dll"
```

```
new graph "../lib/lgsp-TuringModel.dll" "Busy_Beaver"
select actions "../lib/lgsp-TuringActions.dll"
5 # Initialize tape
6 new tp:TapePosition($="Startposition")
7 new tp -:empty-> tp
  # States
9
10 new sA:State($="A")
new sB:State($="B")
new sC:State($="C")
13 new sD:State($="D")
14 new sE:State($="E")
new sH:State($ = "Halt")
16
17 new sA -: RWHead-> tp
18
19 # Transitions: three lines per state and input symbol for
20 # - updating cell value
21 # - moving read-write-head
22 # respectively
24 new sA_0: WriteOne
25 new sA -: empty-> sA_0
26 new sA_0 -:moveLeft-> sB
28 new sA_1: WriteOne
29 new sA -: one-> sA_1
30 new sA_1 -:moveLeft-> sD
31
32 new sB_0: WriteOne
33 new sB -:empty-> sB_0
34 new sB_0 -:moveRight-> sC
36 new sB_1: WriteEmpty
37 new sB -:one-> sB_1
38 new sB_1 -: moveRight-> sE
40 new sC_0: WriteEmpty
1 new sC -: empty-> sC_0
42 new sC_0 -:moveLeft-> sA
44 new sC_1: WriteEmpty
45 new sC -: one-> sC_1
46 new sC_1 -:moveRight-> sB
48 new sD_0: WriteOne
49 new sD -: empty-> sD_0
50 new sD_0 -:moveLeft->sE
52 new sD_1: WriteOne
53 new sD -: one-> sD_1
new sD_1 -:moveLeft-> sH
55
56 new sE_0: WriteOne
57 new sE -: empty-> sE_0
58 new sE_0 -:moveRight-> sC
59
60 new sE_1: WriteOne
```

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```
61 new sE -: one-> sE_1
62 new sE_1 -: moveLeft-> sC
```

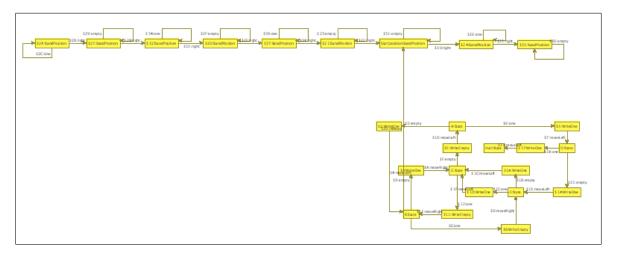
Our busy beaver looks like this:



We have an initial host graph now. The graph rewrite sequence is quite straight forward and generic to the Turing graph model. Note that for each state the "...Empty... — ...One..." selection is unambiguous.

```
xgrs ((readOneRule | readEmptyRule) & (writeOneRule | writeEmptyRule) & (ensureMoveLeftValidRule | ensureMoveRightValidRule) & (moveLeftRule | moveRightRule)){32}
```

We interrupt the machine after 32 iterations and look at the result so far:



In order to improve the performance we generate better search plans. This is a crucial step for execution time: With the initial search plans the beaver runs for 1 minute and 30 seconds. With improved search plans after the first 32 steps he takes about 8.5 seconds².

²On a Pentium 4, 3.2Ghz, with 2GiB RAM.

64 custom graph analyze_graph

custom actions gen_searchplan readOneRule readEmptyRule writeOneRule writeEmptyRule ensureMoveLeftValidRule ensureMoveRightValidRule moveLeftRule moveRightRule

Let the beaver run:

xgrs ((readOneRule | readEmptyRule) & (writeOneRule | writeEmptyRule) & (ensureMoveLeftValidRule | ensureMoveRightValidRule) & (moveLeftRule | moveRightRule))*

APPENDIX A

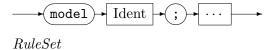
DEPRECATED SYNTAX

This appendix describes deprecated GRGEN.NET constructs of versions prior to 1.4. The following constructs may or may not work with the current GRGEN.NET release. Support for such constructs will eventually be terminated.

A.1 Graph Model and Rule Set Language

The graph model and the rule set were previously introduced by keywords:

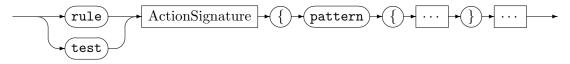
Graph Model



These keywords are not used any more. The name of a graph model resp. a rule set is determinated by its file name.

In previous GRGEN.NET versions the pattern was a syntactical block within a rule:

Rule Declaration

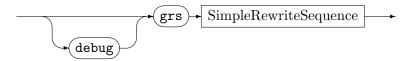


The current version does not use the pattern keyword but expects the pattern statements to be placed as direct members of the rule block (see sections 4.2, 4.3). The pattern keyword will be used in GRGEN.NET version 2.0 for a different purpose.

A.2 Graph Rewrite Sequences (GRS)

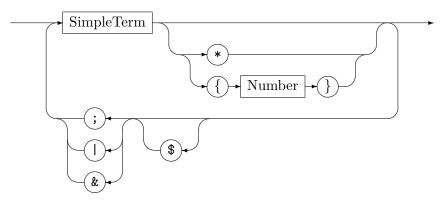
The non-extended graph rewrite sequence was part of the GRSHELL. The extended graph rewrite sequences (XGRS) are available within the GRSHELL as well as within the rule set language (see section 4.6).

Graph Rewrite Sequence

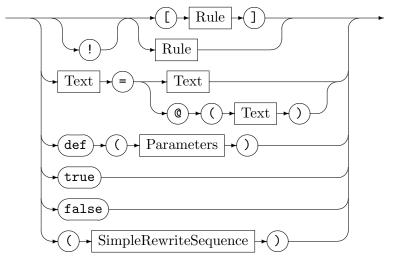


This executes the graph rewrite sequence SimpleRewriteSequence.

Simple Rewrite Sequence



$Simple \, Term$



Rule

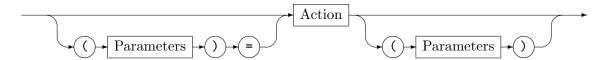


Table A.1 lists graph rewrite expressions at a glance. The operators hold the following order of precedence, starting with the lowest priority:

; | &

s; t	Concatenation. First execute s afterwards execute t . The sequence
, ,	s; t is successfully executed iff s or t is successfully executed.
s t	XOR. First execute s. Only if s fails (i.e. can not be executed suc-
	cessfully) then execute t. The sequence s t is successfully executed
	iff s or t is successfully executed.
s & t	Transactional AND. First execute s, afterwards execute t. If s
	or t fails, the action will be terminated and a rollback to the state
	before s & t is performed.
\$ <op></op>	Flag the operator <op></op> as commutative. Usually operands are ex-
Ψίορ	ecuted/evaluated from left to right with respect to bracketing (left-
	associative). But the sequences s, t, u in s \$ <op> t \$<op> u are</op></op>
	executed/evaluated in arbitrary order.
s *	Execute s repeatedly as long as its execution does not fail.
s {n}	Execute s repeatedly as long as its execution does not fail but n times
b (ii)	at most.
·!	Dump found matches into VCG formatted files (for a VCG definition
•	see [San95]). Every match produces three files within the current
	directory:
	directory.
	1. The complete graph that has the matched graph elements
	marked
	2. The complete graph with additional information about match-
	ing details
	ing devemb
	3. A subgraph containing only the matched graph elements
Rule	Rewrite the first found pattern match produced by the action <i>Rule</i> .
[Rule]	Rewrite every pattern match produced by the action Rule. Note:
	This operator is mainly added for benchmark purposes. Its semantics
	is not equal to Rule*. Instead this operator collects all the matches
	first before starting rewritings. In particular one needs to avoid delet-
	ing a graph element that is bound by another match.
v = w	Assign the variable w to v. If w is undefined, v will be undefined, too.
v = O(x)	Assign the graph element identified by x to the variable v. If x is not
	defined, v will be undefined, too.
def(Parameters)	Is successful if all the graph elements in Parameters exist, i.e. if all
	the variables are defined.
true	A constant acting as a successful match.
false	A constant acting as a failed match.

Let s, t, u be graph rewrite sequences, v, w variable identifiers, x an identifier of a graph element, $op > \in \{;, l, \&\}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

Table A.1: Graph rewrite expressions

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