Foundations of Model Transformation

Model Driven Systems Development

Lecture 9-10





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Models and Transformations in Critical Systems



Definition of Model Transformation







Motivating Example

Object Relational Schema mapping





Example: Object-relational maping

Important as:

- Model transformation benchmark
- Most widely used industrial model transformation (pl. Hibernate, EJB, CDO)

- Objective:
 - Input:
 UML class diagram
 - Output
 Relational database schema





Topmost (generalization) classes → Database table + 2 column:

•Unique identifier (primary key),

• type definition



Subclasses \rightarrow Store instances in the same table as the root class







Class attributes Column of the table







Type of the attributes \rightarrow foreign key







Association \rightarrow A table with two columns

- source and target identifiers
- foreign keys (for consistency)

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Language structure (UML)







Language structure (RDB Schema)



Concrete syntax

Abstract syntax





Metamodel of the O-R mapping





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Revision: graph pattern matching



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 - Something is missing...







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 - Table with primary key and type columns
 - Correspondence (traceability) between table and class







- Which table should the column belong to?
 O Build on previous steps, using correspondence
- Apply the same idea for the rest:
 - Associate subclass to table of parent class
 - Map associations, map types of attributes, etc.





Chaining and Traceability of Model Transformations





Code Generation by Model Transformations



Model-to-Model (M2M) Transformation

- SRC: In-memory model (objects)
- TRG: In-memory model (objects)

Model-to-Text (M2T) Transformation

- SRC: In-memory model (objects)
- TRG: Textual code (string)





Chaining of Model Transformations



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Model Transformation Flows / Chains



Traceability in Model Transformations



Traceability / correspondence links:

Connect SRC and TRG models

Objectives:

- Make transformation specification easier
- Support end-to-end traceability
- Improve incrementality (see later)





Forms of Traceability







Rule-based Transformations





Model Transformation Specification

- Imperative with direct model manipulation
 - Quick&easy for simple batch transformations
 - But what if we need...
 - Incrementality?
 - Bidirectionality?

Rule-based declarative

- Graph Transformation based
- Hybrid: query + imperative action (VIATRA etc.)
- o "Relational" (QVT-R, TGG, ATL, etc.)
- o "Explicit"



Rule-based MT core idea

Unit: MT rule

For each occurrence of	transform it like this
Root class in inheritance hierarchy	Create entity table with default columns
Attribute of class	Add columns to table of class
Association between classes	Create switch with foreign key columns
PRECONDITION Declarative Model Query	ACTION May be imperative

This is just the core idea, many variants
 O We'll discuss two formalisms later (VIATRA, GT)





Inversion of Control (IoC)

- Declarative rule execution
 - Transformation engine interprets preconditions
 - Rules are fired by engine when&where enabled

Several variants

- o "As long as possible" / "fire why possible" semantics
 - Iterate while there are rule activations
 - Select one activation (conflict resolution), fire it
- o "Fire all current" semantics
 - Select all current activations, fire them all, stop
- Arbbitrary control flow





Rule-based Systems

- Where have I seen rule-based systems?
 - Model transformations / We are interested in this
 - Build scripts (MAKEFILE, Maven, etc.)
 - Easy example • Rule: build this artifact like this (action) when those others are ready and dirty (precondition)
 - Business rule & expert systems (Jboss Drools, etc.)
 - Context-free grammars (see Textual Syntax Lecture)

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There are some vague commonalities





Build Script Example



Example execution trace Rule Application







State

Common Rule-based Problems

Problem 1: Termination



O Vital to ensure!

Non-terminating examples

- Makefile: a build step overwrites (re-dirties) one of its inputs
- MT rule creates new object, has to be xformed same rule
- MT Rule1 creates element, Rule2 deletes it, Rule 1 again, ...
- No systematic way to guarantee, requires thought





Common Rule-based Problems

Problem 2: Ordering of steps (rule applications)



May be required for correctness

- MT example: transform attribute only after relevant class
- In other cases, only performance is impacted
 - Makefile: if client is built before dirty .uml, must rebuild
- o How to manage?
 - Smart engine (limited applicability, works for Makefile)
 - Express in precondition (attribute rule requires class)
 - Rule priorities (execute class rules before attribute rules)



Common Rule-based Problems

Problem 3: Confluence



Final state must be determined by start state

- No matter the internal choices (which rule to apply now?)
- Confluence is important; full determinism is optional
- Examples
 - ORM: Which root class to transform first? Doesn't matter.
 - Makefile: Which dirty file to recompile first? Doesn't matter.
- No systematic way to guarantee, requires thought



Graph Transformation (GT) Rules





The Motivation for GT

Writing correct rule-based MTs may be hard



- Graph Transformation (GT)
 - Formal mathematical model...
 - ...to represent MT rules...
 - ...and reason about them




Model = Labelled Graph







Operation = Graph Transformation

Graph transformation as graph rewriting rules

Left Hand Side: Precondition
Right Hand Side: Postcondition































State Space



Initial Graph + Transformations -> State Space





State Space



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State Space



Initial Graph + Transformations -> State Space





Structure of a GT rule



Graph Transformation (GT):

- Declarative and formal paradigm
- Rule base transformation
- Match of the LHS→ match of the RHS
- Generalization of Chomsky grammars (hierarchy) (text → graph)

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 - Graph pattern
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5. Creation (and binding)

 Creation of RHS \ LHS in G with their corresponding relations

• Output:

a "match" of RHS in G

Customer	
РК	id
	kind





Typical problems...

1) Saving the source model, traceability



2) Application of the same rule along the same match







Semantics : Handling of Dangling edges



Dangling edges:

- Delete a node
 - What to do with the dangling edges?

Greedy approach

Delete all dangling edges

o Pro:

- Intuitive for engineers
- Easy to implement

• **Con**:

 Verification is hard (side effect of rules)



Semantics : Handling of Dangling edges



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 - What to do with the dangling edges?

Conservative approach

 The rule cannot be applied if it would produce a dangling edge

o Pro:

- Side effect free rules
- Helps verification

o Con:

- Harder to implement
- What is its meaning for engineers (not mathematicans)



Semantics: Injective matching



- Injective matching ("kisajátító")
 - For all nodes in the LHS→ separate nodes are matched in G

Pro:

Intuitive for engineers

Con:

 Verbose specification of rules

(many alternate subrules)



Semantics: Non-injective matching



- Non-Injective matching ("közösködő")
 - For multiple nodes in the LHS →
 the same node can be matched in G

Con:

- Contradictionary specification for a node
 - For **CF** : keep it
 - For **CT** : delete

Solution:

 Nodes to be deleted in LHS are matched with injective semantics



Conflict / Parallel independence





Sequential independence





Sequential independence





Causal dependence I.





Causally dependence II.





Summary

Graphtransformation,

as a modeltransformation paradigm

- Rule and pattern based formal specification
- Querying and manipulating graph based models
- Intuitive graph based specification

Structure

- LHS graph pattern: precondition
- RHS graph pattern: postcondition
- NAC: negative condition
- Rule application
 - Graph pattern matching
 - Deletition + Creation
 - Dangling edges and injectivity
 - Affect of multiple rule application (conflicts and causality)





Incrementality in model transformations





No Incrementality: Batch Transformations













1. First transformation

2. Source model changes

3. Re-execute from scratch for all source models





Dirty Incrementality













Pros:

- Large-step incrementality
- Avoids continuous exec.Cons:
- Complex MT can be slow
- Cleanup (after an error)?
- Chaining?

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1. First transformation

2. Source model changes

3. Re-execute from scratch only for changed models



Incrementality by Traceability











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Pros:

- Small-step incrementality
- Better performance

Cons:

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- Highly depends on traceability links
- Smart matcher needed

1. First transformation

- 2. Source model changes
- 3. Detect missing trace links
- 4. Re-execute MT only for untraceable elements

Event Driven Transformations













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Pros:

- Refined context: driven by changes of query result set
- Chaining

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- Avoids continuous comp. Cons:
- Language-level restrictions

1. First transformation

- 2. Source model changes
- 3. Process change notification
 - 4. Propagate change

Aspects of Incrementality

Goals: to save work by...

Target Incrementality

- ...reusing unchanged parts of the target
- Further benefits
 - Existing links to unchanged parts preserved
 - Existing analysis on unchanged parts preserved
 - Does not propagate along transformation chains

Source Incrementality

- ...ignoring unchanged parts of the source
- Use incremental model query!





Incremental Forward Transformation



Practical application scenarios:

- Incremental model synchronization
- Tool integration

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Revisit Motivating Example

Map new, unmapped root classes to tables



Remove old tables no longer having a source class



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Incremental Backward Transformation



Extra challenge if not hard enough: SRC→TRG specified TRG→SRC inferred

Recent Approaches:

A. Schürr, P. Stevens, N. Foster, T. Hettel, Cicchetti&Pierantonio, Czarnecki&Diskin

VIATRA: A Reactive Incremental Transformation Platform





Reactive Event Driven Transformations







Reactive Event Driven Transformations



- "Run" button pushed
- Consistent state reached after editing
- Transaction committed



Reactive Event Driven Transformations



























Activation Lifecycles







Scheduling





Conflict Resolution

- Multiple actions available
 - Activations of different rules
 - Different activations in the same rule
 - Different matches of the precondition pattern
- Which activation to execute next?
- Conflict resolver can be selected
 - Global conflict set: deals with all rules
 - Scoped conflict set: selected rules
 - Customizable resolution strategy: e.g. priority-based





VIATRA: Overview of Features

Reactive MT Platform

- MT Language:
 - Internal DSL over Xtend
 - Transformation API

• MT Engine:

- Event-driven virtual machine
- Batch + Incremental MTs
- Control flow library
- Compiles to Java
- Debugger
- High performance

Integrations:

• EMF, Viatra Query, Xtend, EMF-UML, ...



Performance benchmarks

https://github.com/viatra/viatra-cps-benchmark





CPS Reallocation Benchmark

- Benchmark setup
 - Rule-based redeployment for cloud-based CPS
 - Model generator + Unit tests
 - M2M + M2T transformations

- Different target architecture / platform
 - Industrial (Low-Synch)
 - Client-Server
 - Publish-Subscribe





Test Scenario

- Different transformation variants
 - o Batch
 - Xtend (2 versions)
 - IncQuery+Xtend
 - Incremental
 - Dirty (2 approaches)
 - Explicit traceability
 - Query-driven
 - Change-driven (VIATRA-EVM)

- Executions
 - First transformation execution
 - Small modification + (re)execution
- Environment
 - New machine with 16 GB RAM
- Parameters
 - \circ 10 GB Heap
 - Maximum 10 minutes execution times for complete chain

Scale S	RC Objects	SRC References	TRG Objects	TRG References	Trace Objects	Trace References	SUM Objects	SUM References
1	395	772	366	736	354	720	1 115	2 228
Trace model's size				5	762	1 535	2 384	4 891
similar to target model				2	1 522	3 056	4 750	10 725
8	3 004	1/ 111		B 108	3 254	6 520	10 124	29 739
16	7 820	89 193	7 124	12 395	7 112	14 236	22 056	115 824
32	17 714	594 181	16 308	24 837	16 297	32 605	50 319	651 623
64	43 795	4 424 529	40 960	50 028	40 948	81 908	125 703	4 556 465

Benchmark results

Runtime of initialization and first M2M phase





Benchmark results

Runtime of model modification and M2M phase





Design Space Exploration

Á. Hegedüs, Á. Horváth, D. Varró:
A model-driven framework for guided design space exploration.
Automated Software Engineering (August 2014)
DOI: 10.1007/s10515-014-0163-1





Model-Driven Guided Design Space Exploration



Design Space Exploration



Model Driven Guided Design Space Exploration



Guided Design Space Exploration





Design Space Exploration for IMA Config. Design



Designing ARINC653 configurations

SW functionality (critical + non-critical)

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Job instances, Partitions, Modules



Allocating communication channels



Model Driven Development of IMA Configs

Inputs:

- Platform Independent Model (PIM) (functional + nonfunc. reqs; Simulink)
 Platform Description Model (PDM)
 - for ARINC 653 (DSML)



Output:

- Integrated system model
- Ready for simulation
- End-to-end traceability



Model Driven Development of IMA Configs

