

Application of Attribute NCE Graph Grammars to Syntactic Editing of Tabular Forms

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Terms

- **Tabular forms with syntax**
- **Graph grammars** for tabular form syntax
- **Attribute** : used for drawing
- **NCE** : Neighborhood Controlled Embedding
(cf. NLC : Node Labeled Controlled) :
A type of embedding mechanisms of right hand side graph into host graph for **graph rewriting**
- **Syntactic editing** : editing defined by sequence of rewriting rules

Types of Visual Data

(e.g. Power Point)

- Text
- Organization Charts
- **Table(Our Target)**
- Charts, Graphs
- Images

Why Graph Grammars ?

- Tabular Forms have syntax
- To determine the scope of rewriting by cell insertion, deletion etc.
- Without graph grammars, often to collapse whole structure of tables

1. Introduction

- ◆ Background
- ◆ Related Works
- ◆ Motivation
- ◆ Purpose
- ◆ Results

Background

Models

Graph Grammars

Precedence Graph Grammars
(Franck 1978)

Attribute Graph Grammars
(Nishino 1989)

Precedence Attribute Graph Grammars
(Arita et al, IASTED AI2001)

Syntax-Directed Editors

CPS
(Teitelbaum et al 1981)

Syntactic Diagram Editing
(Yaku et al, 1993)

Application

Tables

Table in WORD
Table in HTML

Marked Graph for Modular Tables
(Tomiyama, Arita, et al IFIP WCC2000)

Related Works

- Related works for **syntactic editing methods** are **CPS, DIAGEN(Minas et al.)** and so on.

Motivation

- To investigate whether graph grammars can effectively formalize table editing.

Purpose

- To formalize editing by graph grammars
- To investigate validity of editing model
- To construct algorithms of editing by graph grammars

Results

- Definitions of insertion by rewriting rules of edNCE graph grammars [Definition 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4]
- Editing order doesn't influence the editing results [Proposition 3.5]
- Linear time algorithm for editing [Proposition 3.6]

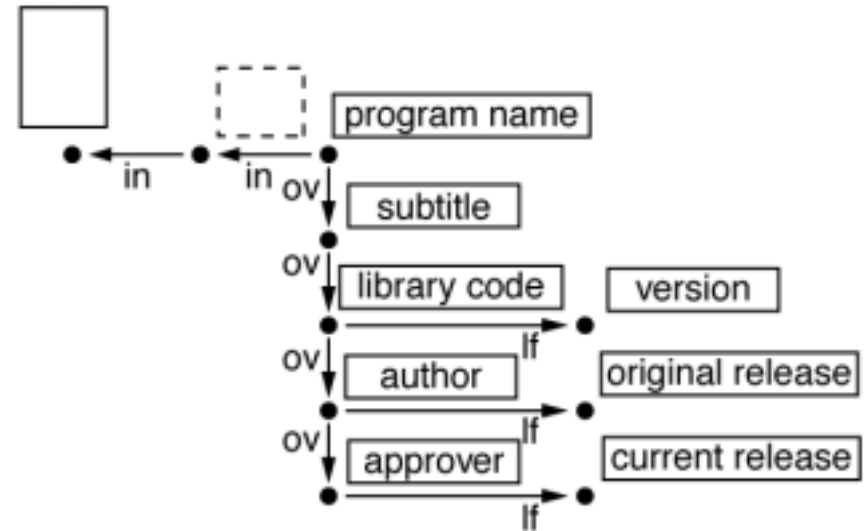
2. Preliminaries



Modular Tabular Form and Its Corresponding Marked Graph

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Tabular Form for Hiform

A documentation Language for Program Specification

- 17 types of forms based on ISO6592
- A collection of tabular forms

Project Code:	A 5
Program Name:	Program Specification-1 p
Library Code:	Version:
Author:	Original Release:
Approver:	Current Release:
Problem Description:	
Problem Supplementary Information (Theoretical Principles, Methods and References):	
Problem Solution: 1.Conventions and Terminology 2.Principles and Algorithms	

edNCE Graph Grammar

[1987 Rozenberg et al]

Definition 2.1

An edNCE graph grammar : $G = (\Sigma, \Delta, \Gamma, \Omega, P, S)$,

where

Σ : the alphabet of node labels,

$\Delta \subseteq \Sigma$: the alphabet of terminal node labels,

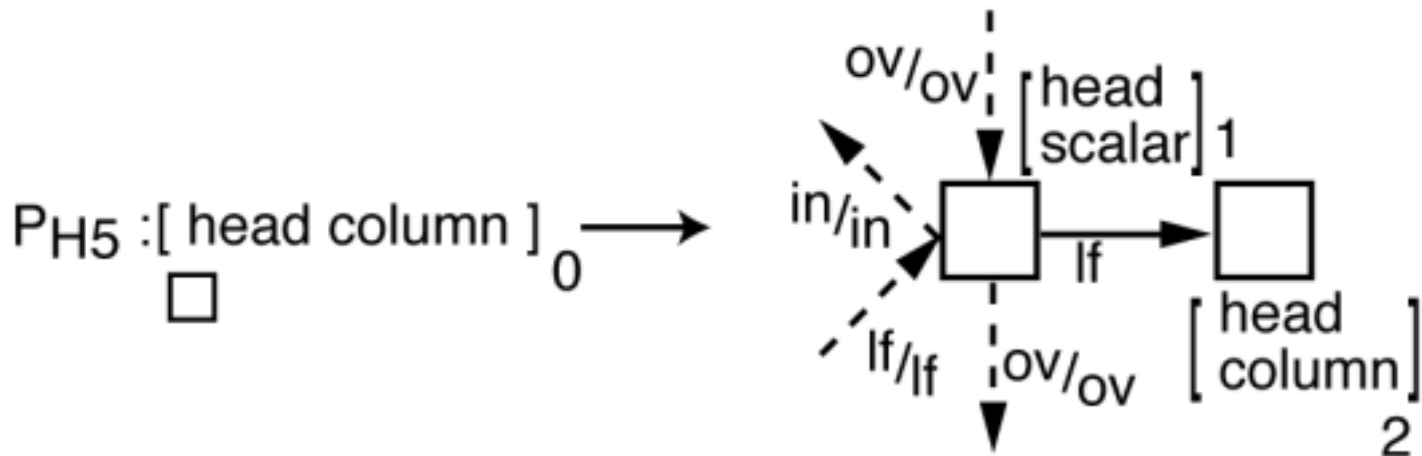
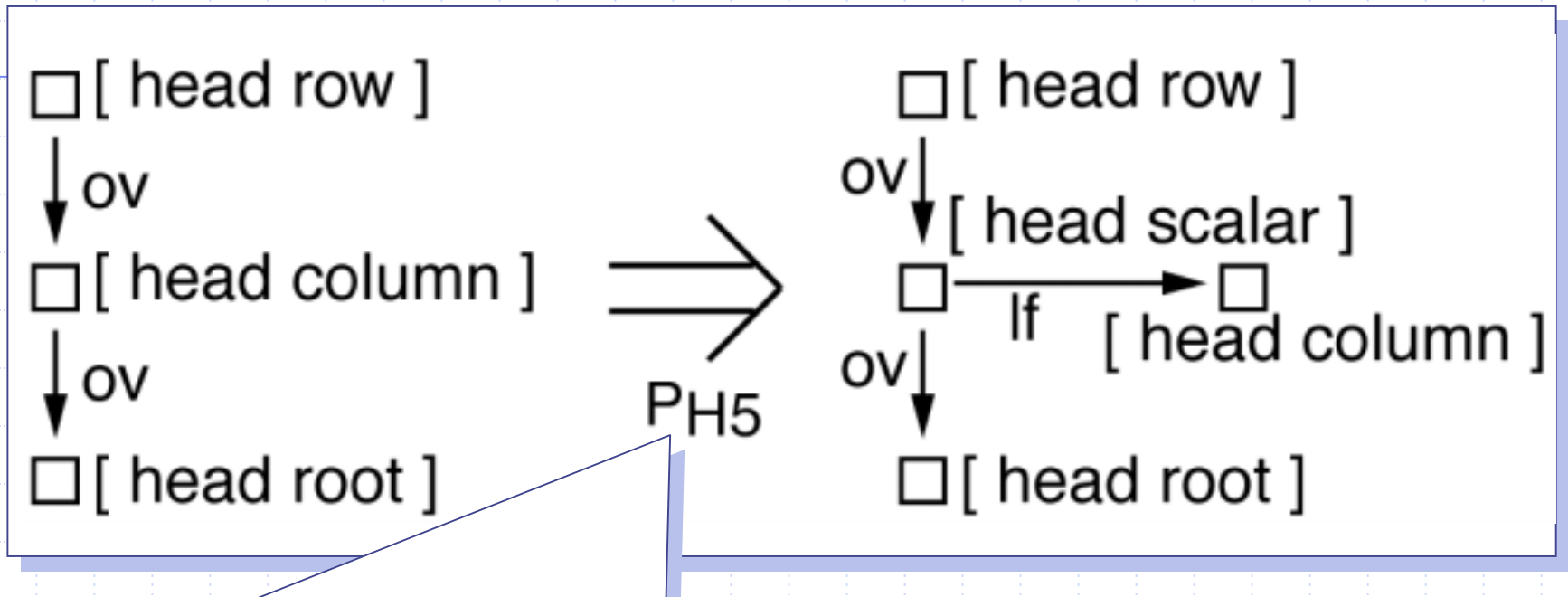
Γ : the alphabet of edge labels,

$\Omega \subseteq \Gamma$: the alphabet of final edge labels,

P : the finite set of productions,

$S \in \Sigma - \Delta$: the initial nonterminal.

Rewriting a graph by production



Composite Production Copy

[Adachi, Tsuchida, Yaku et al]

Definition 2.2

Let $G = (\Sigma, \Delta, \Gamma, \Omega, P, S)$ be an edNCE graph grammar.

Let $p_1 : X_1 \rightarrow (D_1, C_1)$ ($D_1 = (V_{D_1}, E_{D_1}, \lambda_{D_1})$)

and $p_2 : X_2 \rightarrow (D_2, C_2)$ ($D_2 = (V_{D_2}, E_{D_2}, \lambda_{D_2})$)

be production copies of G .

If $u \in V_{D_1}$ and $X_2 = \lambda_{D_1}(u)$, and D_1 and D_2 are disjoint,

then a composite production copy $p : X_1 \rightarrow (D, C)$

is defined as follows:

D is a graph as $V_D = \{V_{D_1} - \{u\}\} \cup V_{D_2}$ about nodes.

$C = \{ (\sigma, \beta / \gamma, \omega, d) \in C_1 \mid \omega \in V_{D_1} - \{u\} \}$

$\cup \{ (\sigma, \beta / \delta, y, d) \mid \exists \gamma \in \Gamma, (\sigma, \beta / \gamma, u, d) \in C_1,$

$(\sigma, \gamma / \delta, y, d) \in C_2 \}$

The composite production copy p composed by p_1 and p_2 ,

and denoted by $p_1 \circ p_2$.

□

Confluence Property

Definition 2.3 [Rozenberg, 1997]

An edNCE graph grammar $G=(\Sigma, \Delta, \Gamma, \Omega, P, S)$

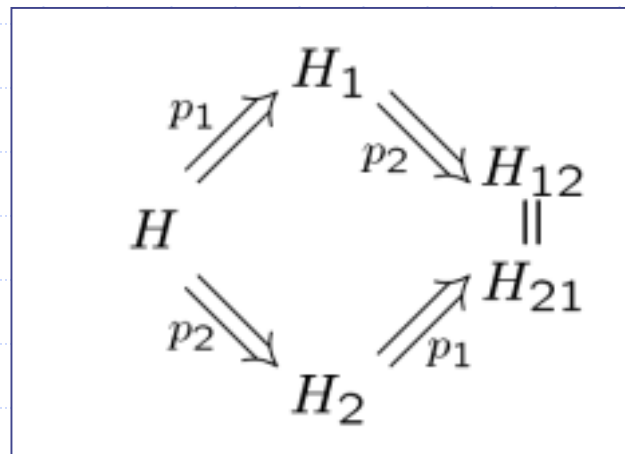
is dynamically confluent

if the following holds for every intermediate graph H generated by G :

if $H \Rightarrow_{u_1, p_1} H_1 \Rightarrow_{u_2, p_2} H_{12}$ and $H \Rightarrow_{u_2, p_2} H_2 \Rightarrow_{u_1, p_1} H_{21}$

($p_1, p_2 \in P$) are derivations of G with $u_1, u_2 \in V_H$ and $u_1 \neq u_2$,

then $H_{12} = H_{21}$. □



Attribute NCE Graph Grammar

Definition 2.4 [Arita et al, IASTED 2001]

An attribute NCE graph grammar :

$AGG = \langle G, Att, F \rangle$ where

1. $G = (\Sigma, \Delta, \Gamma, \Omega, P, S)$:
an underlying graph grammar of AGG .
2. $Att = \bigcup_{Y \in \Sigma} Att(Y)$,
($Att(Y) = Inh(Y) \cup Syn(Y)$.)
3. $F = \bigcup_{p \in P} F_p$:
the set of semantic rules of AGG .

HNGG [Arita et al, IASTED2001]

Hiform Nested tabular form Graph Grammar :

$$HNGG = (G_N, Att_N, F_N),$$

where

$$G_N = (\Sigma_N, \Delta_N, \Gamma_N, \Omega_N, P_N, S_N) \text{ s.t.}$$

Σ_N : node labels,

$\Delta_N \subseteq \Sigma$: for items of program specifications,

$\Gamma_N = \{in, ov, lf\}$: for relations between items,

$$\Omega_N = \Gamma_N$$

P_N : the finite set of productions,

$$S_N = [struct]$$

$$Att_N = \{x, y, width, height\}$$

F_N : used for drawing tabular forms.

3. Editing of Modular Tabular Forms

Production Instance

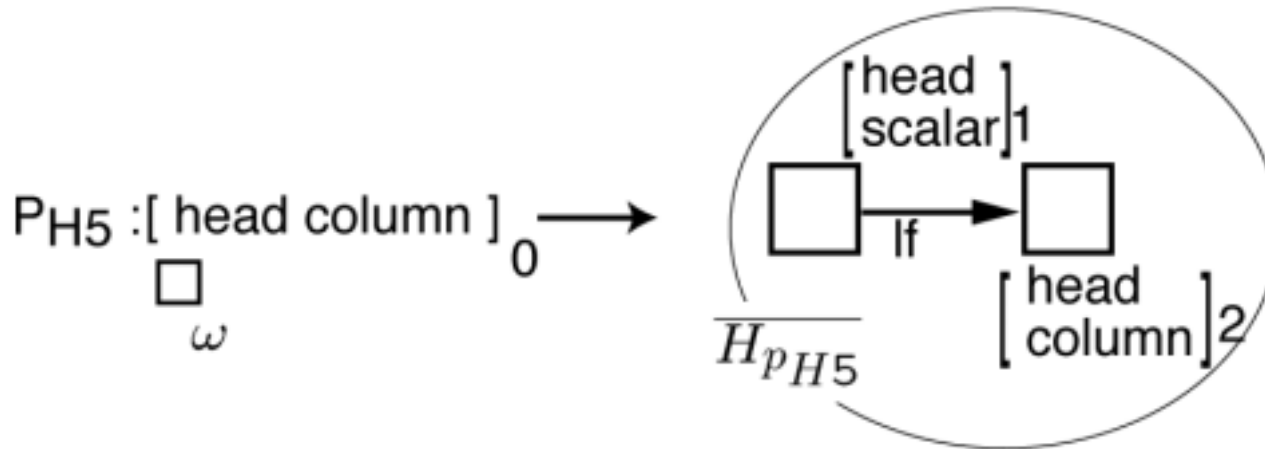
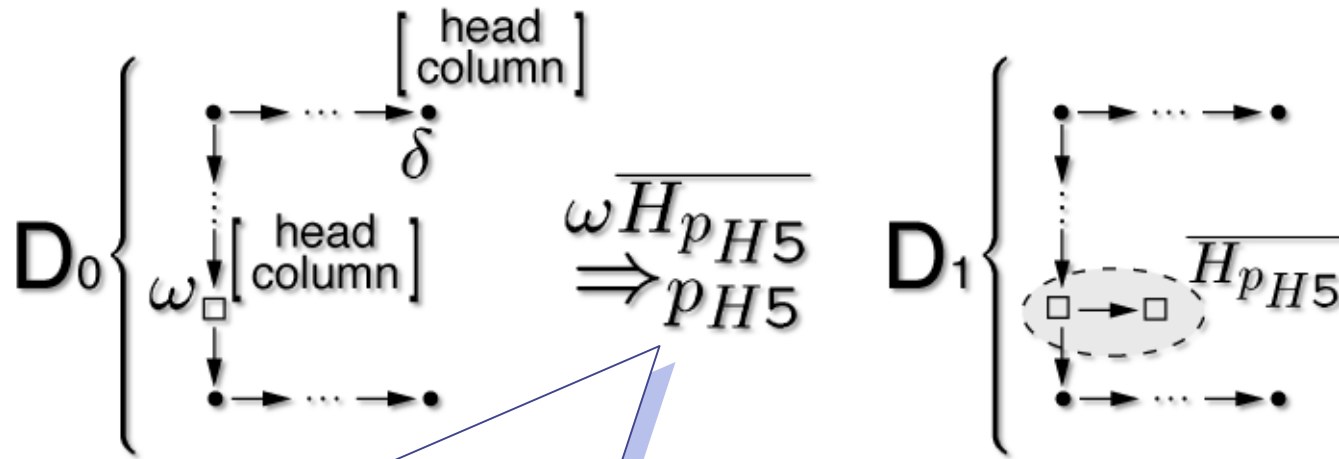
Definition 3.1

A production instance : $(\omega, p_i, \overline{H_{p_i}})$, where

1. $\omega \in V_{D_{i-1}}$: a node removed during the derivation $D_{i-1} \Rightarrow_{p_i} D_i$.
2. $p_i : X_{p_i} \rightarrow (H_{p_i}, C_{p_i}) \in P$
3. $\overline{H_{p_i}}$: an particular graph isomorphic to H_{p_i} during $D_{i-1} \Rightarrow_{p_i} D_i$.

We denote $D_{i-1} \xrightarrow[\overline{p_i}]{\omega \overline{H_{p_i}}} D_i$
if D_{i-1} is directly derived D_i by $(\omega, p_i, \overline{H_{p_i}})$.

A derivation by a production instance $(\omega, p_{H5}, \overline{H_{p_{H5}}})$:



Insertable production

Definition 3.2

Consider $(\omega, p_i, \overline{H_{p_i}})$

A production q : insertable for p_i and $(\omega, p_i, \overline{H_{p_i}})$

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$

\exists A production instance $(\omega, q, \overline{H_q})$

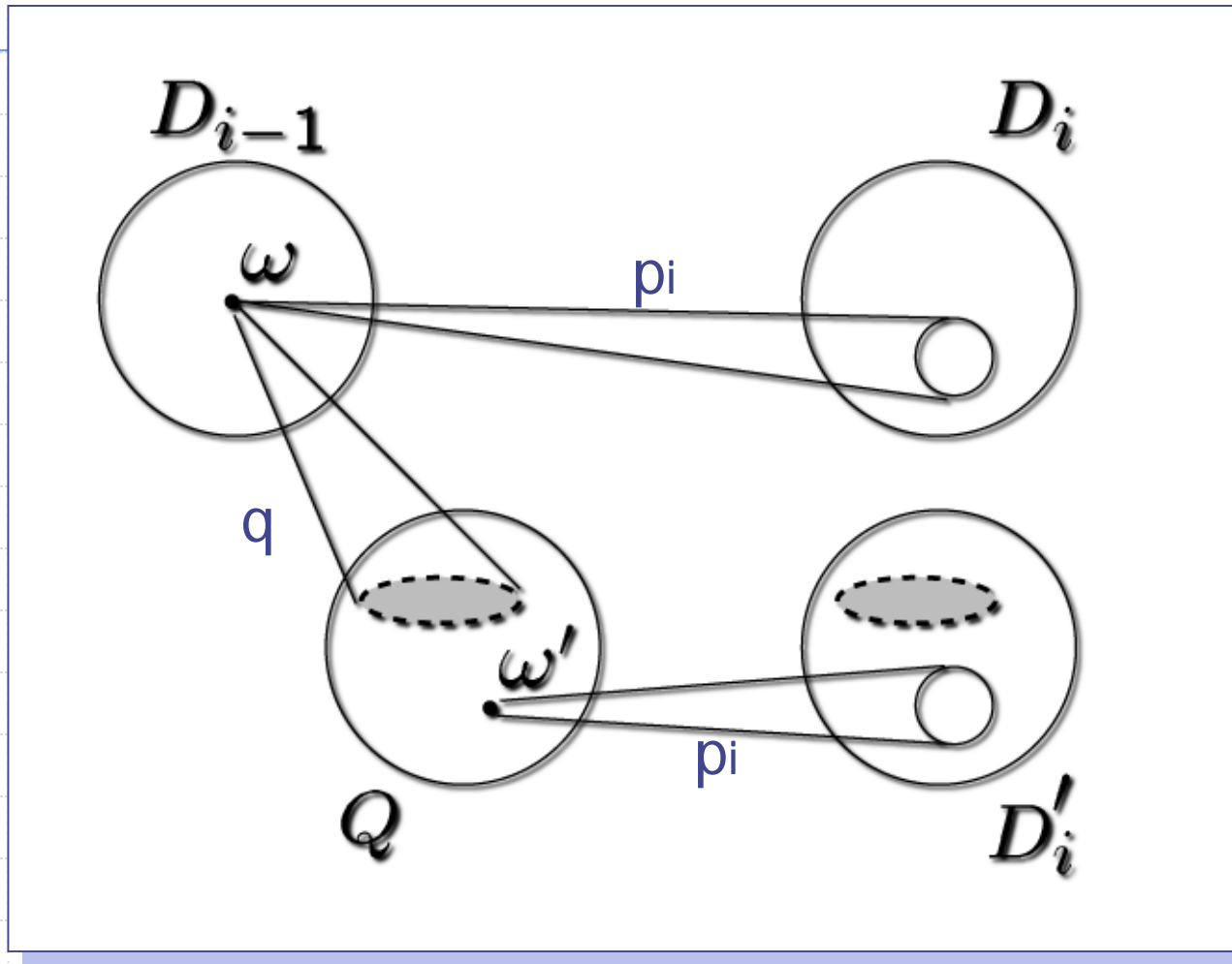
$$\text{s.t. } D_{i-1} \xRightarrow{\omega \overline{H_q}} Q \xRightarrow{\omega' \overline{H_{p_i}}} D'_i$$

and

$$D'_i - (\overline{H_q} - \omega') \approx D'_i$$

for any D_{i-1}

An image of Definition 3.2



Syntactic Insertion of a production instance

Definition 3.3

For a production $q : X_q \rightarrow (H_q, C_q) \in P_N$,

An instance sequence S is obtained by insertion of a production instance $(\omega, q, \overline{H}_q)$ into “valid” instance sequence $((\omega_1, p_1, \overline{H}_{p_1}), \dots, (\omega, p_i, \overline{H}_{p_i}), \dots, (\omega_n, p_n, \overline{H}_{p_n}))$
 $\xleftrightarrow{\text{def}}$

1. q : insertable for $p_i : X_{p_i} \rightarrow (H_{p_i}, C_{p_i})$ and $(\omega, p_i, \overline{H}_{p_i})$,
and $\cup_{i=1}^n \overline{H}_{p_i} \cap \overline{H}_q = \phi$.
2. S is of the form $((\omega_1, p_1, \overline{H}_{p_1}), \dots, (\omega_{i-1}, p_{i-1}, \overline{H}_{p_{i-1}}),$
 $(\omega, q, \overline{H}_q), (\omega', p_i, \overline{H}_{p_i}), \dots, (\omega'_n, p_n, \overline{H}_{p_n}))$
and S is obtained by following algorithm:

1. Trace a derivation with instance from $(\omega_n, p_n, \overline{H_{p_i}})$ back to $(\omega_{i-1}, p_{i-1}, \overline{H_{p_{i-1}}})$.
2. Apply the production instance $(\omega, q, \overline{H_q})$ to $(\omega_{i-1}, p_{i-1}, \overline{H_{p_{i-1}}})$
3. Apply the production instance sequence $((\omega', p_i, \overline{H_{p_i}}), (\omega'_{i+1}, p_{i+1}, \overline{H_{p_{i+1}}}), \dots, (\omega'_n, p_n, \overline{H_{p_n}}))$ □

insertable by composite production copy
is similarly defined.

Notation

ω
p
$\overline{H_p}$

denotes $(\omega, p, \overline{H_p})$.

Example (application of insertable production):

Host Derivation

ω_1	ω_2	...	ω_{i-1}	ω	ω_{i+1}	...	ω_n
p_1	p_2	...	p_{i-1}	p_i	p_{i+1}	...	p_n
H_{p_1}	H_{p_2}	...	$H_{p_{i-1}}$	H_{p_i}	$H_{p_{i+1}}$...	H_{p_n}

↓ Insertable production q

Resultant Derivation

ω_1	ω_2	...	ω_{i-1}	ω	ω'	ω_{i+1}	...	ω_n
p_1	p_2	...	p_{i-1}	q	p_i	p_{i+1}	...	p_n
H_{p_1}	H_{p_2}	...	$H_{p_{i-1}}$	H_q	H_{p_i}	$H_{p_{i+1}}$...	H_{p_n}

Syntactic Insertion of Graph

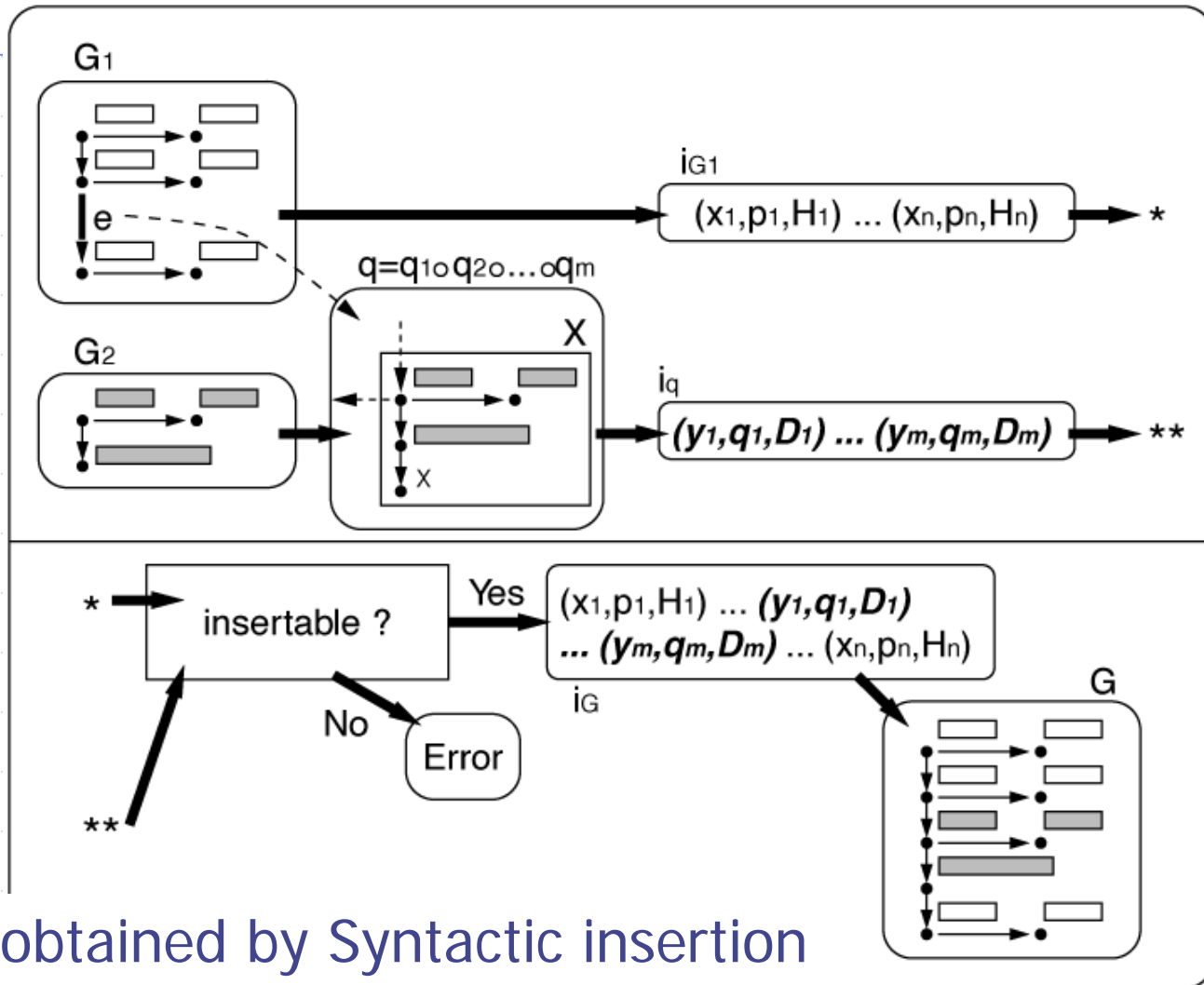
Definition 3.4

A graph H' is obtained by syntactic insertion of a graph A at an edge x in a graph H .
 $\overset{\leftarrow}{\underset{\rightarrow}{def}}$

1. A composite production copy q for A and x exists.
2. There exists an instance sequence i_q for q and an instance sequence i_H for H . An instance sequence S is obtained by insertion of i_q into i_H .
3. H' is derived by S . □

Illustration of Definition 3.4

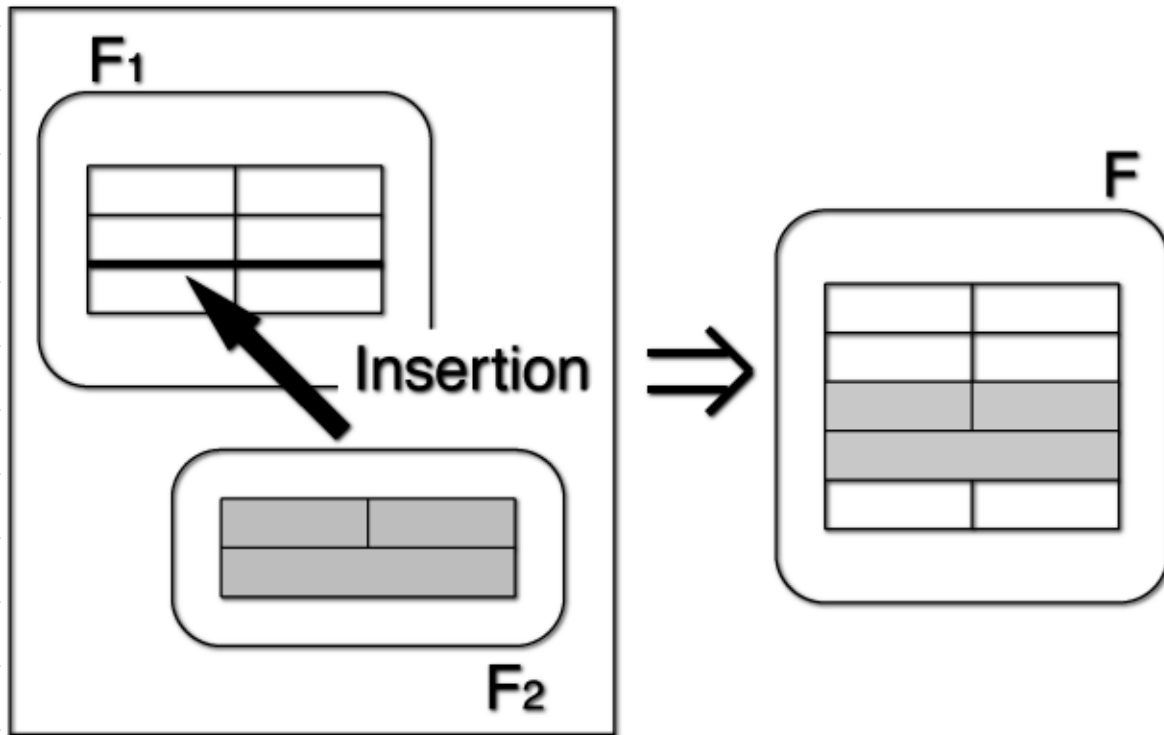
Insertion of G_2 into G_1 at edge e :



G is obtained by Syntactic insertion of G_2 at e in G_1

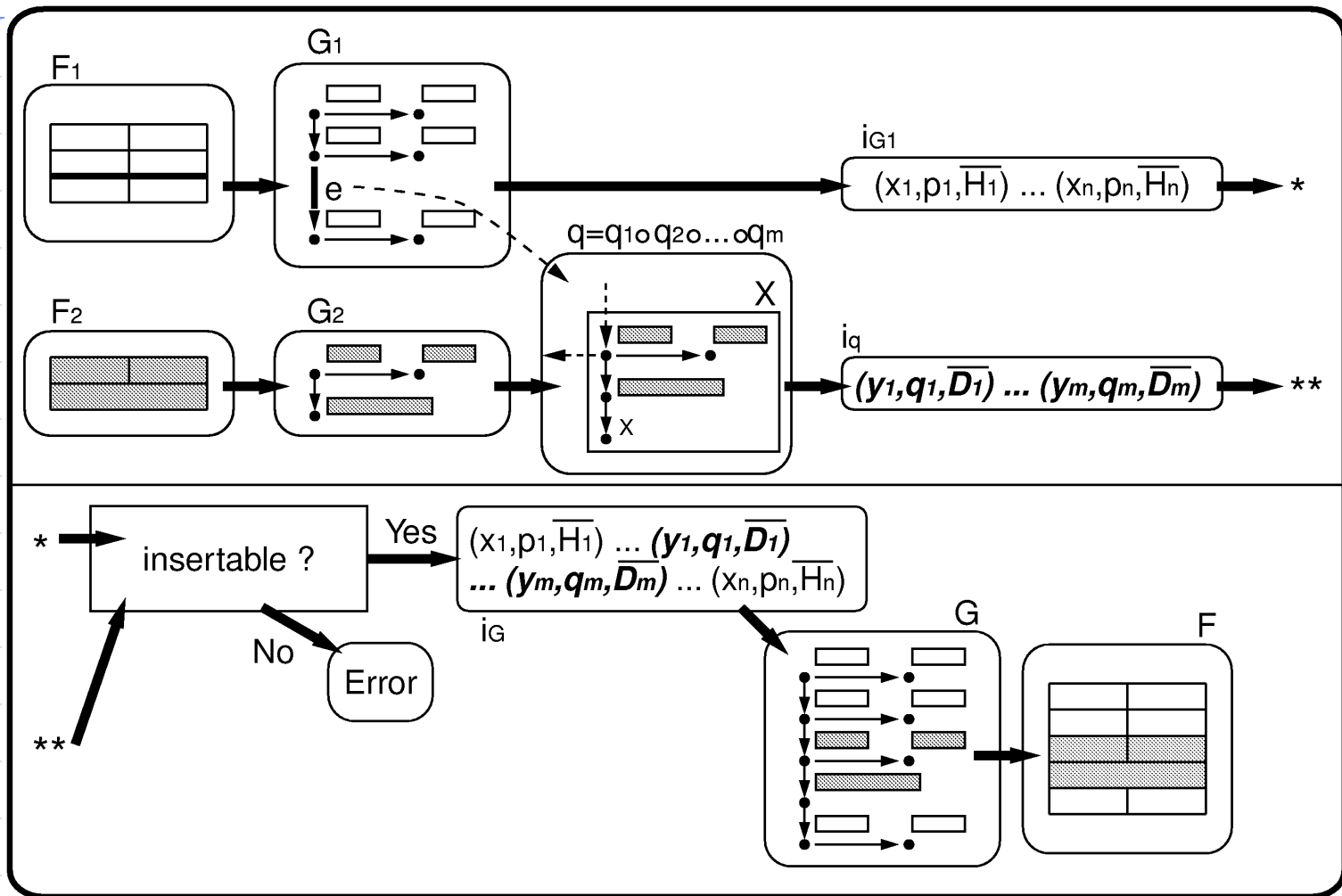
Consider following Form's insertion

Insertion of F2 into F1



An insertion process of a form by Def. 3.4.

Insertion of F2 into F1 at edge e.

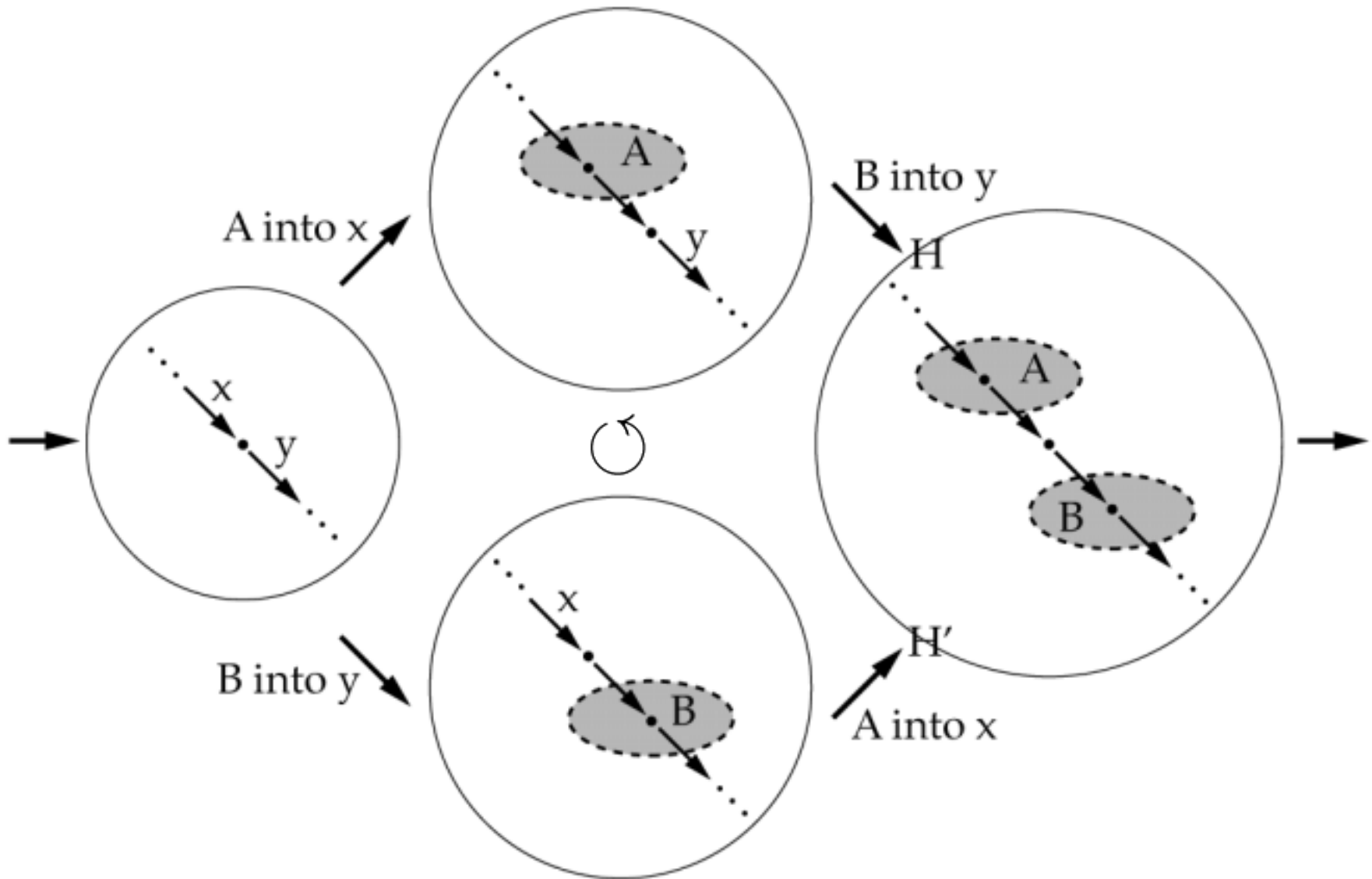


Proposition 3.6

Let H be the graph obtained from G by the insertion of graph a and b at edge x and y respectively in this order, in HNGG. H' be the graph obtained from G by the insertion of b and a at y and x respectively in this order, in HNGG.

$\implies H = H'$.

Diagram of Proposition 3.5





Proposition 3.7

Insertion in HNGG is executed in linear time.

Algorithm of insertion

Step1. Construct instances on parsing graphs.

Step2. Syntactic insertion of instance at insert point.

Step3. Attribute evaluation based on an instance of step2.

Step4. Drawing a form based on values of attributes.

4. Conclusion

■ Summary

- ◆ We proposed a syntactic editing method for tabular forms, based on the attribute edNCE graph grammar.
- ◆ The order of commands in editing doesn't influence the editing results.
- ◆ Linear time editing algorithm with attribute rules for primitive drawing.

■ Future Works

- ◆ Attribute rules for more sophisticated drawing
- ◆ Other edit manipulations representing a cell division manipulation, a cell combination manipulation and so on.
- ◆ We are now developing a tabular form editor system utilizing this approach.

Example (application of insertable production):

