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**Abstract.** Our aim is to extend the framework of typed attributed graphs in [1] to generalized typed attributed graphs. They are based on generalized attributed graph morphisms, short GAG-morphisms, which allow to change the type graph, data signature, and domain. This allows to formulate type hierarchies and views of visual languages defined by GAG-morphisms between type graphs, short GATG-morphisms. In order to study

- interaction and integration of views,
- restriction of views along type hierarchies,
- restriction and integration of consistent view models and
- reflection of behaviour between different typed attributed graph transformation systems

we present suitable conditions for the construction of pushouts and pullbacks, and special van Kampen properties in the category **GAGraphs** of generalized attributed graphs. Moreover, we show that  $(\mathbf{GAGraphs}, \mathcal{M})$  and  $(\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{\text{ATG}}, \mathcal{M})$  are adhesive HLR categories for the class  $\mathcal{M}$  of injective, persistent, and signature preserving morphisms.

## 1 Generalized Attributed Graph Morphisms

According to [1] attributed graphs are defined by

**Definition 1 (Attributed graph).** An attributed graph  $AG = (G, DSIG, D)$  consists of

- an E-graph  $G = (V_G, V_D, E_G, E_{NA}, E_{EA}, (source_j, target_j)_{j \in \{G, NA, EA\}})$ ,
- a data signature  $DSIG = (S, S_D, OP)$  with attribute value sorts  $S_D \subseteq S$ , and
- a DSIG-algebra  $D$  such that  $\dot{\bigcup}_{s \in S_D} D_s = V_D$ .

In addition to attributed graph morphisms as presented in [1], generalized attributed graph morphisms are mappings of attributed graphs with possibly different data signatures.

**Definition 2 (Generalized attributed graph morphism).** Given attributed graphs  $AG^i = (G^i, DSIG^i, D^i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , a generalized attributed graph morphism (*GAG-morphism*)  $f = (f_G, f_S, f_D) : AG^1 \rightarrow AG^2$  is given by

- an *E*-graph morphism  $f_G : G^1 \rightarrow G^2$ ,
- a signature morphism  $f_S : DSIG^1 \rightarrow DSIG^2$ , and
- a generalized homomorphism  $f_D : D^1 \rightarrow D^2$ , which is a  $DSIG^1$ -morphism  $f_D : D^1 \rightarrow V_{f_S}(D^2)$  with  $f_D = (f_{D, s_1} : D_{s_1}^1 \rightarrow D_{f_S(s_1)}^2)_{s_1 \in S^1}$

with the following compatibility property:  $f_S(S_D^1) \subseteq S_D^2$  and the following diagram commutes for all  $s_1 \in S_D^1$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D_{s_1}^1 & \xrightarrow{f_{D, s_1}} & D_{f_S(s_1)}^2 \\ \downarrow & = & \downarrow \\ V_D^1 & \xrightarrow{f_{G, V_D}} & V_D^2 \end{array}$$

**Definition 3 (Category  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}$ ).** Attributed graphs with generalized attributed graph morphisms and the usual definition of composition and identity form the category  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}$ .

According to [1], attributed type graphs and typed attributed graphs are defined by

**Definition 4 (Attributed type graph).** An attributed type graph  $ATG = (TG, DSIG, Z_{DSIG})$  is an attributed graph, where  $Z_{DSIG}$  is the final  $DSIG$ -algebra, i.e.  $Z_{DSIG, s} = \{s\}$  for all  $s \in S$ , and  $V_D = \dot{\cup}_{s \in S_D} Z_{DSIG, s} = S_D$ .

**Definition 5 (Typed attributed graph).** Given an attributed type graph  $ATG$ , a typed attributed graph  $TAG = (AG, t)$  (over  $ATG$ ) is given by an attributed graph  $AG$  and a *GAG-morphism*  $t : AG \rightarrow ATG$ .

**Definition 6 (Typed attributed graph morphism).** Given an attributed type graph  $ATG$  and typed attributed graphs  $TAG^i = (AG^i, t : AG^i \rightarrow ATG)$  over  $ATG$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , a typed attributed graph morphism  $f : TAG^1 \rightarrow TAG^2$  is given by a *GAG-morphism*  $f : AG^1 \rightarrow AG^2$  such that  $t_2 \circ f = t_1$ .

**Definition 7 (Category  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG}$ ).** Given an attributed type graph  $ATG$ , typed attributed graphs over  $ATG$  and typed attributed graph morphisms form the category  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG}$ .

*Remark 1.*  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG} \cong \mathbf{GAGraphs} \setminus ATG$  (slice category).

As a special case of Def. 2 and Def. 4 we obtain

**Definition 8 (Generalized attributed type graph morphism).** Given attributed type graphs  $ATG^i = (TG^i, DSIG^i, Z_{DSIG^i})$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , a generalized attributed type graph morphism (*GATG-morphism*)  $f = (f_G, f_S, f_D) : ATG^1 \rightarrow ATG^2$  is given by

- an  $E$ -graph morphism  $f_G : TG^1 \rightarrow TG^2$ ,
- a signature morphism  $f_S : DSIG^1 \rightarrow DSIG^2$ , and
- a generalized homomorphism  $f_D : Z_{DSIG^1} \rightarrow Z_{DSIG^2}$ , which is uniquely determined by  $f_{D,s_1}(s_1) = f_S(s_1)$  for all  $s_1 \in S^1$ .

*Remark 2.* A generalized attributed type graph morphism  $f$  is also a generalized attributed graph morphism since the compatibility property is automatically satisfied. This is shown in the following diagram, where  $f_{G,V_D}(s_1) = f_S(s_1)$  for all  $s_1 \in S_D^1$  and  $f_D, f_{G,V_D}$  are uniquely determined by  $f_S$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \{s_1\} & \xrightarrow{f_{D,s_1}} & \{f_S(s_1)\} \\
 \downarrow & = & \downarrow \\
 S^1 = V_D^1 & \xrightarrow{f_{G,V_D}} & V_D^2 = S^2
 \end{array}$$

**Definition 9 (properties of GAG-morphisms).** A GAG-morphism  $f = (f_G, f_S, f_D) : (G^1, DSIG^1, D^1) \rightarrow (G^2, DSIG^2, D^2)$  is called

1. injective, if  $f_G, f_S, f_D$  are injective,
2. signature preserving, if  $f_S$  is isomorphic,
3. persistent, if  $f_D$  is isomorphic.

*Remark 3.* By definition we have

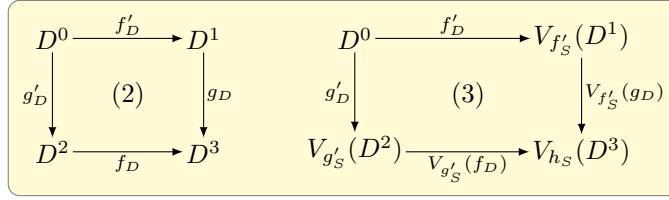
- $f$  AG-morphism  $\Leftrightarrow f$  signature preserving GAG-morphism,
- $f$  AG-morphism in  $\mathcal{M} \Leftrightarrow f$  injective, persistent, signature preserving GAG-morphism,
- $f$  GATG-morphism  $\Rightarrow f$  persistent.

**Theorem 1 (Pullback construction in GAGraphs).** Given GAG-morphisms  $f : AG^2 \rightarrow AG^3$  and  $g : AG^1 \rightarrow AG^3$  then the following construction (1) is a pullback in **GAGraphs**. Moreover, the pullback construction preserves injective, signature preserving, and persistent morphisms.

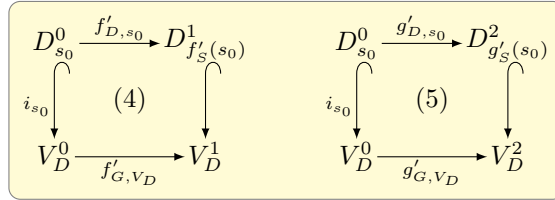
*Construction.*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 AG^0 = (G^0, DSIG^0, D^0) & \xrightarrow{f'=(f'_G, f'_S, f'_D)} & (G^1, DSIG^1, D^1) = AG^1 \\
 \downarrow g'=(g'_G, g'_S, g'_D) & (1) & \downarrow g=(g_G, g_S, g_D) \\
 AG^2 = (G^2, DSIG^2, D^2) & \xrightarrow{f=(f_G, f_S, f_D)} & (G^3, DSIG^3, D^3) = AG^3
 \end{array}$$

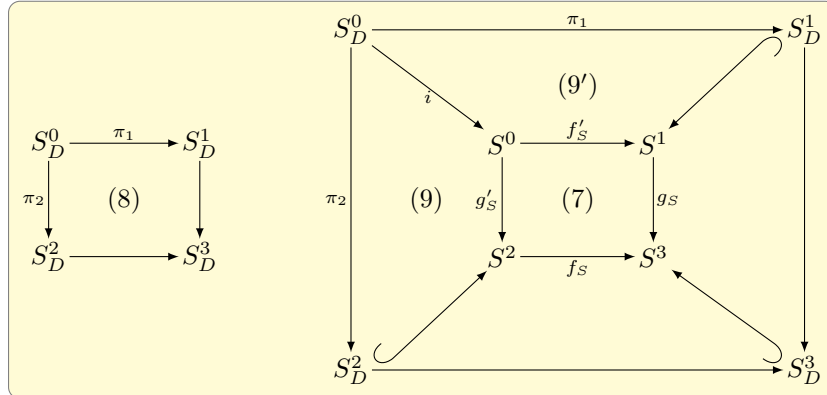
In the  $G$ - and  $S$ -components, we have pullbacks in the categories **EGraphs** and **Signatures** which are constructed componentwise in **Sets**, with attribute value sorts  $S_D^0$  as the corresponding pullback of the attribute value sorts. In the  $D$ -component, we have the pullback (2) of generalized algebras given by the pullback (3) in  $DSIG^0$ -**Algs** which is constructed componentwise in **Sets**, with  $h_S = g_S \circ f'_S = f_S \circ g'_S$ .



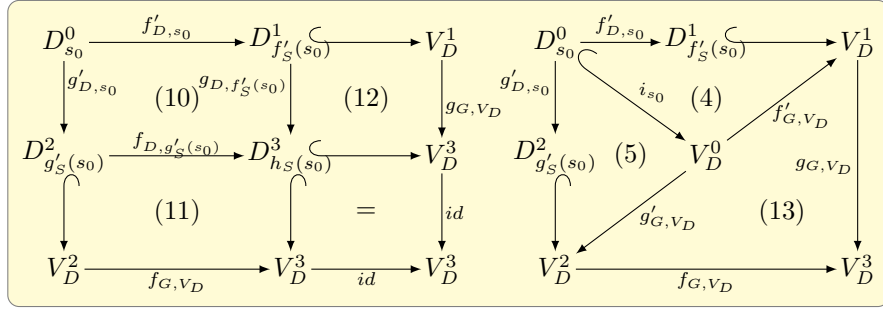
*Proof.* For the well-definedness of this construction we have to find an injective  $i : S_D^0 \rightarrow S^0$  and injective  $i_{s_0} : D_{s_0}^0 \rightarrow V_D^0$  for all  $s_0 \in S_D^0$  such that the compatibility diagrams (4) and (5) commute and we have (6)  $\dot{\bigcup}_{s_0 \in S_D^0} D_{s_0}^0 = V_D^0$  with coproduct injections  $i_{s_0}$ . Finally the universal pullback properties have to be shown.



Consider the pullbacks (7) and (8) as the pullbacks of the sorts and the attribute value sorts in **Sets**, respectively. Since (7) is a pullback and (8) commutes we obtain a unique  $i : S_D^0 \rightarrow S^0$  such that (9) and (9') commute. For  $x, y \in S_D^0$  with  $i(x) = i(y)$  we have that  $\pi_1(x) = f'_S(i(x)) = f'_S(i(y)) = \pi_1(y)$  and  $\pi_2(x) = g'_S(i(x)) = g'_S(i(y)) = \pi_2(y)$ . Since (8) is also a pullback it follows that  $x = y$ , hence  $i$  is injective.



By construction of  $D^0$  as pullback in (2) and (3) we obtain for all  $s_0 \in S_D^0$  diagram (10), and (11) and (12) are the compatibility diagrams for GAG-morphisms  $f$  and  $g$ , respectively. Moreover, let (13) be the  $V_D$ -component of the pullback in **EGraphs**, which leads to a unique  $i_{s_0} : D_{s_0}^0 \rightarrow V_D^0$  such that (4) and (5) commute, where the left diagram shows that the outer diagram on the right commutes.



To show that  $i_{s_0}$  is injective, suppose we have  $d_1, d_2 \in D_{s_0}^0$  with  $i_{s_0}(d_1) = i_{s_0}(d_2)$ . Then we have that

- (4) commutes and  $D_{f'_S(s_0)}^1 \rightarrow V_D^1$  being injective implies that  $f'_{D,s_0}(d_1) = f'_{D,s_0}(d_2)$  and
- (5) commutes and  $D_{g'_S(s_0)}^2 \rightarrow V_D^2$  being injective implies that  $g'_{D,s_0}(d_1) = g'_{D,s_0}(d_2)$ .

By construction, (10) is a pullback in **Sets** and hence  $f'_{D,s_0}$  and  $g'_{D,s_0}$  are jointly injective. Thus we have  $d_1 = d_2$  and  $i_{s_0}$  is injective.

It remains to show (6) or, more precisely, that the injective  $i_{s_0} : D_{s_0}^0 \rightarrow V_D^0$  are coproduct injections, i.e.

1.  $i_{s_0}(D_{s_0}^0) \cap i_{s'_0}(D_{s'_0}^0) = \emptyset$  for all  $s_0 \neq s'_0 \in S_D^0$  and
2. for all  $s_0 \in S_D^0$ ,  $i_{s_0}$  are jointly surjective.

1. Assume  $x_0 \in D_{s_0}^0$ ,  $x'_0 \in D_{s'_0}^0$  with  $i_{s_0}(x_0) = i_{s'_0}(x'_0) = x \in V_D^0$  with  $f'_{G,V_D}(x) = x_1 \in V_D^1$ ,  $g'_{G,V_D}(x) = x_2 \in V_D^2$ . Then  $x_1 \in D_{f'_S(s_0)}^1 \cap D_{f'_S(s'_0)}^1$  by (4) for  $s_0$  and  $s'_0$ , and  $V_D^1 = \dot{\bigcup}_{s_1 \in S_D^1} D_{s_1}^1$  implies  $f'_S(s_0) = f'_S(s'_0)$ . Analogously,  $x_2 \in D_{g'_S(s_0)}^2 \cap D_{g'_S(s'_0)}^2$  by (5), and  $V_D^2 = \dot{\bigcup}_{s_2 \in S_D^2} D_{s_2}^2$  implies  $g'_S(s_0) = g'_S(s'_0)$ .

From the pullback (7) we obtain that  $f'_S$  and  $g'_S$  are jointly injective, hence it follows that  $s_0 = s'_0$ , which is a contradiction.

2. Given  $x \in V_D^0$  with  $f'_{G,V_D}(x) = x_1 \in V_D^1$ ,  $g'_{G,V_D}(x) = x_2 \in V_D^2$ , and  $x_3 = g_{G,V_D}(x_1) = f_{G,V_D}(x_2) \in V_D^3$ . We have to find  $s_0 \in S_D^0$  and  $x_0 \in D_{s_0}^0$  with  $i_{s_0}(x_0) = x$ .

$x_1 \in V_D^1$  and  $V_D^1 = \dot{\bigcup}_{s_1 \in S_D^1} D_{s_1}^1$ , and  $x_2 \in V_D^2$  and  $V_D^2 = \dot{\bigcup}_{s_2 \in S_D^2} D_{s_2}^2$  imply

$\exists! s_1 \in S_D^1$  with  $x_1 \in D_{s_1}^1$  and  $\exists! s_2 \in S_D^2$  with  $x_2 \in D_{s_2}^2$ , respectively. By (13) and compatibility of  $f$  and  $g$  we have that  $g_{G,V_D}(x_1) = g_{D,s_1}(x_1) = x_3 = f_{G,V_D}(x_2) = f_{D,s_2}(x_2)$ .  $x_3 \in V_D^3$  implies that there exists a unique  $s_3 \in S_D^3$  with  $x_3 \in D_{s_3}^3$ . Using  $g_{D,s_1}(x_1) = x_3 \in D_{s_3}^3$  implies  $s_3 = g_S(s_1)$  by compatibility of  $g$ . Similar  $f_{D,s_2}(x_2) = x_3 \in D_{s_3}^3$  implies  $s_3 = f_S(s_2)$  by compatibility of  $f$ .

From the signatur pullback and  $g_S(s_1) = s_3 = f_S(s_2)$  we obtain a unique  $s_0 \in S_D^0$  with  $f'_S(s_0) = s_1$  and  $g'_S(s_0) = s_2$ . From the data type pullback we obtain the following pullback (14) in **Sets**.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 D_{s_0}^0 & \xrightarrow{f'_{D,s_0}} & D_{s_1}^1 \\
 g'_{D,s_0} \downarrow & (14) & \downarrow g_{D,s_1} \\
 D_{s_2}^2 & \xrightarrow{f_{D,s_2}} & D_{s_3}^3
 \end{array}$$

(14) being a pullback and  $g_{D,s_1}(x_1) = x_3 = f_{D,s_2}(x_2)$  imply that there exists a unique  $x_0 \in D_{s_0}^0$  with  $f'_{D,s_0}(x_0) = x_1$  and  $g'_{D,s_0}(x_0) = x_2$ . Now we have that  $f'_{G,V_D} \circ i_{s_0}(x_0) = f'_{D,s_0}(x_0) = x_1$  by (4) and  $g'_{G,V_D} \circ i_{s_0}(x_0) = g'_{D,s_0}(x_0) = x_2$  by (5). By construction we have  $f'_{G,V_D}(x) = x_1$  and  $g'_{G,V_D}(x) = x_2$ . Since (13) is a pullback it follows that  $i_{s_0}(x_0) = x$  as required.

It remains to show the universal pullback property. The induced morphism  $k = (k_G, k_S, k_D)$  is unique in each component by pullback construction in each component, and it suffices to show the compatibility property for  $k : AG^4 \rightarrow AG^0$ . We have to show the commutativity of (15) for all  $s_4 \in S_D^4$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 AG^4 & & & & \\
 & \searrow^{k_1} & & & \\
 & & AG^0 & \xrightarrow{f'} & AG^1 \\
 & \searrow^k & \downarrow g' & (1) & \downarrow g \\
 & & AG^2 & \xrightarrow{f} & AG^3 \\
 & \searrow_{k_2} & & & 
 \end{array}$$

(15+16), (15+17), (16) and (17) commute by compatibility of  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ,  $f'$  and  $g'$ , respectively. Hence (15) is equalized by  $f'_{G,V_D}$  and  $g'_{G,V_D}$ , which are jointly monomorphisms from the pullback in the  $V_D$ -component. This implies that (15) commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 D_{s_4}^4 & \xrightarrow{k_{D,s_4}} & D_{k_S(s_4)}^0 & \xrightarrow{f'_{D,k_S(s_4)}} & D_{f'_S(k_S(s_4))}^1 & & D_{s_4}^4 & \xrightarrow{k_{D,s_4}} & D_{k_S(s_4)}^0 & \xrightarrow{g'_{D,k_S(s_4)}} & D_{g'_S(k_S(s_4))}^2 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 V_D^4 & \xrightarrow{k_{G,V_D}} & V_D^0 & \xrightarrow{f'_{G,V_D}} & V_D^1 & & V_D^4 & \xrightarrow{k_{G,V_D}} & V_D^0 & \xrightarrow{g'_{G,V_D}} & V_D^2
 \end{array}$$

(15)                      (16)                      (15)                      (17)

Moreover, the pullback constructions preserve injectivity and isomorphisms of all the different components. This implies that injective, signature preserving, and persistent GAG-morphisms are preserved.

*Remark 4.* Given a commutative diagram (1) in **GAGraphs** as in the construction with pullbacks in the  $G$ -,  $S$ -, and  $D$ -components then (1) is a pullback in **GAGraphs**. This is a consequence of the fact that the universal pullback property in **GAGraphs** above only requires pullbacks in each component.

*Example 1.* Given a GATG-morphism  $f : ATG^1 \rightarrow ATG^2$  and a signature preserving  $g : AG^2 \rightarrow ATG^2$ , by definition of GATG-morphisms this means that  $f$  is persistent, which implies that also  $f'$  is persistent and  $g'$  is signature preserving in the following pullback (1), where  $G^1$  is the pullback of  $G^2$  and  $TG^1$  along  $TG^2$  in **EGraphs**, and persistency of  $f'$  implies  $D_{s_1}^1 = D_{f'_S(s_1)}^2$  for all  $s_1 \in S^1$ , and hence  $D^1 \cong V_{f'_S}(D^2)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 AG^1 = (G^1, DSIG^1, D^1) & \xrightarrow{f'} & (G^2, DSIG^2, D^2) = AG^2 \\
 \downarrow g' & & \downarrow g \\
 ATG^1 = (TG^1, DSIG^1, Z_{DSIG^1}) & \xrightarrow{f} & (TG^2, DSIG^2, Z_{DSIG^2}) = ATG^2
 \end{array} \quad (1)$$

**Definition 10 (Forward and backward typing).** Given a GATG-morphism  $f : ATG^1 \rightarrow ATG^2$ , then we have that

- the forward typing  $f^> : \mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG^1} \rightarrow \mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG^2}$  is given by  $f^>(AG^1 \xrightarrow{t^1} ATG^1) = (AG^1 \xrightarrow{t^1} ATG^1 \xrightarrow{f} ATG^2)$ ,
- the backward typing  $f^< : \mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG^2} \rightarrow \mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG^1}$  is given by  $f^<(AG^2 \xrightarrow{t^2} ATG^2) = (AG^1 \xrightarrow{t^1} ATG^1)$ , where  $t^1$  is given by the following pullback (1) in **GAGraphs**.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 AG^1 & \xrightarrow{f'} & AG^2 \\
 \downarrow t^1 & & \downarrow t^2 \\
 ATG^1 & \xrightarrow{f} & ATG^2
 \end{array} \quad (1)$$

*Remark 5.* Note that  $t^1$  is signature preserving if this holds for  $t^2$ , which allows to restrict  $f^<$  to  $f^< : \mathbf{AGraphs}_{ATG^2} \rightarrow \mathbf{AGraphs}_{ATG^1}$ . This restriction does not hold for  $f^>$ .

**Theorem 2 (Forward and backward typing are adjoint).** Given a GATG-morphism  $f : ATG^1 \rightarrow ATG^2$  then forward typing  $f^>$  is left adjoint to backward typing  $f^<$

$$f^> \dashv f^< : \mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG^2} \rightarrow \mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG^1}.$$

*Proof.* Forward typing is a functor  $f^> : \mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG^1} \rightarrow \mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG^2}$  defined on morphisms  $h : (AG_1^1, t_1^1) \rightarrow (AG_2^1, t_2^1)$  by  $f^>(h) = h : (AG_1^1, f \circ t_1^1) \rightarrow (AG_2^1, f \circ t_2^1)$ .





a  $DSIG^2$ -data type  $D^2$  of  $f^>(AG^1, t^1)$ , where  $D^2 = F_{f_S}(D^1)$  may be a suitable choice.

In the following Thms. 3 and 4 we shall consider two different cases for componentwise pushout constructions in **GAGraphs**.

**Theorem 3 (Pushouts in GAGraphs over persistent morphisms).** *Given persistent morphisms  $f' : AG^0 \rightarrow AG^1$  and  $g' : AG^0 \rightarrow AG^2$  in **GAGraphs** then the following construction (1) is a pushout in **GAGraphs**. Moreover, the pushout construction preserves injective, signature preserving, and persistent morphisms.*

*Construction.*

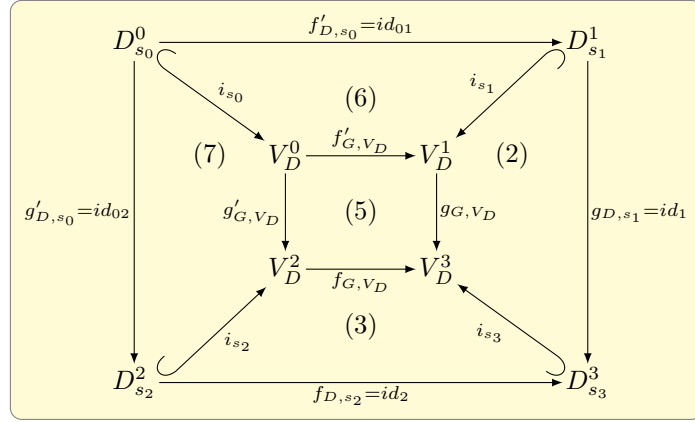
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 AG^0 = (G^0, DSIG^0, D^0) & \xrightarrow{f'=(f'_G, f'_S, f'_D)} & (G^1, DSIG^1, D^1) = AG^1 \\
 g'=(g'_G, g'_S, g'_D) \downarrow & (1) & \downarrow g=(g_G, g_S, g_D) \\
 AG^2 = (G^2, DSIG^2, D^2) & \xrightarrow{f=(f_G, f_S, f_D)} & (G^3, DSIG^3, D^3) = AG^3
 \end{array}$$

For the  $G$ - and  $S$ -components, we have pushouts in the categories **EGraphs** and **Signatures** which are constructed componentwise in **Sets**, with attribute value sorts  $S_D^3 = g_S(S_D^1) \cup f_S(S_D^2)$ . In the  $D$ -component we assume w.l.o.g.  $f'_D = id$  and  $g'_D = id$ , i.e.  $V_{f'_S}(D^1) = D^0 = V_{g'_S}(D^2)$ , and define  $D_3$  by amalgamation as  $D_3 = D^1 +_{D^0} D^2$  with  $g_D = id$  and  $f_D = id$ .

*Proof.* By construction, we have pushouts in all three components in the categories **EGraphs**, **Signatures** and **GenAlgs** of generalized algebras, and  $S_D^3 \subseteq S^3$ . For the well-definedness of the pushout construction it remains to construct injective  $i_{s_3} : D_{s_3}^3 \rightarrow V_D^3$  for all  $s_3 \in S_D^3$  such that the compatibility diagrams (2) and (3) commute with  $s_3 = g_S(s_1)$  and  $s_3 = f_S(s_2)$ , respectively, and we have (4)  $\dot{\bigcup}_{s_3 \in S_D^3} D_{s_3}^3 = V_D^3$ . Finally, the universal pushout properties have to be shown.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 D_{s_1}^1 & \xrightarrow{id} & D_{g_S(s_1)}^3 \\
 i_{s_1} \downarrow & (2) & \downarrow i_{s_3} \\
 V_D^1 & \xrightarrow{g_{G, V_D}} & V_D^3
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 D_{s_2}^2 & \xrightarrow{id} & D_{f_S(s_2)}^3 \\
 i_{s_2} \downarrow & (3) & \downarrow i_{s_3} \\
 V_D^2 & \xrightarrow{f'_{G, V_D}} & V_D^3
 \end{array}$$

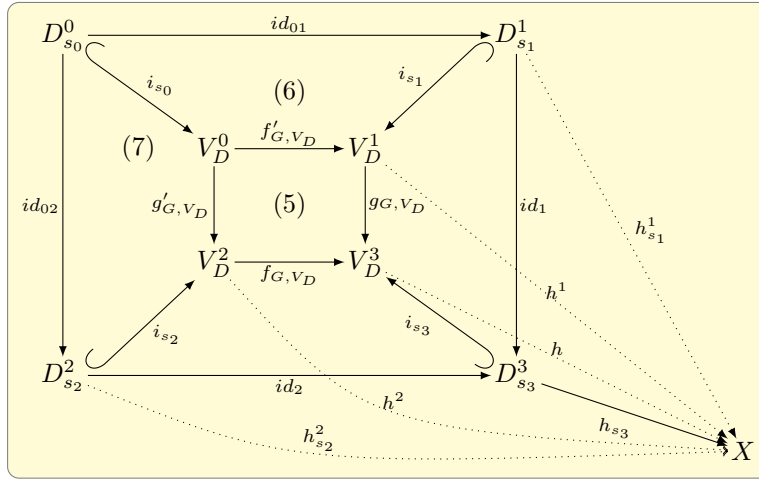
In the following diagram, let (5) be the pushout in the  $V_D$ -component of **EGraphs**, and (6) and (7) the compatibility diagrams for  $f'$  and  $g'$ , respectively. We shall construct  $i_{s_3}$  such that (2) and (3) commute.



For  $s_3 \in S_D^3$  we have by pushout construction in the  $S$ -component one of the following three cases:

1. There exists a unique  $s_1 \in S_D^1 \setminus f'_S(S_D^0)$  such that  $g_S(s_1) = s_3$ . Then we define  $i_{s_3} = g_{G,V_D} \circ i_{s_1}$  such that (2) commutes.
2. There exists a unique  $s_2 \in S_D^2 \setminus g'_S(S_D^0)$  such that  $f_S(s_2) = s_3$ . Then we define  $i_{s_3} = f_{G,V_D} \circ i_{s_2}$  such that (3) commutes.
3. There exist  $s_0 \in S_D^0$  such that  $(*) f'_S(g_S(s_0)) = g'_S(f_S(s_0)) = s_3$ . By amalgamation we have  $D_{s_0}^0 = D_{s_3}^3$  for all  $s_0 \in S^0$  that fulfil  $(*)$ . In this case we define  $i_{s_3} = f_{G,V_D} \circ g'_{G,V_D} \circ i_{s_0}$ , and the commutativity of (6) and (7) implies that of (2) and (3), respectively.

In order to show that  $i_{s_3} : D_{s_3}^3 \rightarrow V_D^3$  for  $s_3 \in S_D^3$  defines a coproduct in **Sets** as required in (4) we assume to have  $h_{s_3} : D_{s_3}^3 \rightarrow X$  for all  $s_3 \in S_D^3$  and shall construct a unique  $h : V_D^3 \rightarrow X$  with  $h \circ i_{s_3} = h_{s_3}$ .



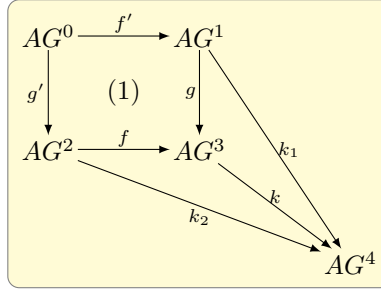
For all  $s_1 \in S_D^1$  define  $h_{s_1}^1 = h_{s_3}$  for  $s_3 = g_S(s_1)$  leading to a unique  $h^1 : V_D^1 \rightarrow X$  with  $h^1 \circ i_{s_1} = h_{s_1}^1$ . Similarly, for  $s_2 \in S_D^2$  define  $h_{s_2}^2 = h_{s_3}$  for  $s_3 = f_S(s_2)$

leading to a unique  $h^2 : V_D^2 \rightarrow X$  with  $h^2 \circ i_{s_2} = h_{s_2}^2$ . Now  $h^1 \circ f'_{G,V_D} \circ i_{s_0} = h^2 \circ g'_{G,V_D} \circ i_{s_0}$  for all  $s_0 \in S_D^0$  follows from commutativity of the diagram and implies  $h^1 \circ f'_{G,V_D} = h^2 \circ g'_{G,V_D}$  because  $V_D^0$  is coproduct. This implies a unique  $h : V_D^3 \rightarrow X$  with  $h \circ g_{G,V_D} = h^1$  and  $h \circ f_{G,V_D} = h^2$  by pushout (5).

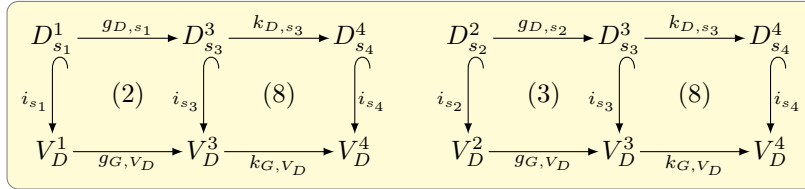
Now we have for  $s_3 = g_S(s_1)$  (and similarly for  $s_3 = f_S(s_2)$ ) that  $h \circ i_{s_3} = h \circ i_{s_3} \circ id_1 = h \circ g_{G,V_D} \circ i_{s_1} = h^1 \circ i_{s_1} = h_{s_1}^1 = h_{s_3}$ .

In order to show the uniqueness of  $h$  let  $h' \circ i_{s_3} = h_{s_3}$  for all  $s_3 \in S_D^3$ . For all  $s_1 \in S_D^1$  we have that  $h' \circ g_{G,V_D} \circ i_{s_1} = h' \circ i_{s_3} \circ id_1 = h_{s_3} = h_{s_1}^1 = h^1 \circ i_{s_1}$ . This implies  $h' \circ g_{G,V_D} = h^1$ , and similarly  $h' \circ f_{G,V_D} = h^2$ . Uniqueness in pushout (5) implies  $h' = h$ . This completes the proof of (4).

The universal property of pushout (1) in **GAGraphs** follows from that in the components, where it remains to show the commutativity of the compatibility diagram (8) for the induced morphism  $k$ .



In the case  $s_3 = g_S(s_1)$  we have commutativity of (2) and of (2 + 8) by compatibility of  $g$  and  $k_1$ , respectively. This implies commutativity of (8) because  $g_{D,s_1} = id_1$  is an identity. In the case  $s_3 = f_S(s_2)$  a similar argument holds with (3) instead of (2).



Finally, the pushout construction preserves persistent, injective, and signature preserving morphisms because in each component injective and isomorphic morphisms are preserved.

*Remark 7.* Given a commutative diagram (1) in **GAGraphs** as in the construction where we have pushouts in each component and  $f', g'$  persistent then the diagram (1) is a pushout in **GAGraphs**.

**Theorem 4 (Pushouts in GAGraphs along persistent, signature preserving morphisms).**

Given a persistent and signature preserving morphism  $f' : AG^0 \rightarrow AG^1$  and general  $g' : AG^0 \rightarrow AG^2$  in **GAGraphs** then the following construction (1) is a pushout in **GAGraphs**. Moreover, the pushout construction preserves injective, signature preserving, and persistent morphisms.

*Construction.* Since  $f'$  is persistent and signature perserving we assume w.l.o.g.  $f'_S = id$  and  $f'_D = id$  which implies that  $DSIG^1 = DSIG^0$  and  $D^1 = D^0$ . Now let  $DSIG^3 = DSIG^2$ ,  $S_D^3 = S_D^2$ ,  $D^3 = D^2$ ,  $f_S = id$ ,  $f_D = id$ ,  $g_S = g'_S$ , and  $g_D = g'_D$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 AG^0 = (G^0, DSIG^0, D^0) & \xrightarrow{f'=(f'_G, id, id)} & (G^1, DSIG^0, D^0) = AG^1 \\
 \downarrow g'=(g'_G, g'_S, g'_D) & (1) & \downarrow g=(g_G, g'_S, g'_D) \\
 AG^2 = (G^2, DSIG^2, D^2) & \xrightarrow{f=(f_G, id, id)} & (G^3, DSIG^2, D^2) = AG^3
 \end{array}$$

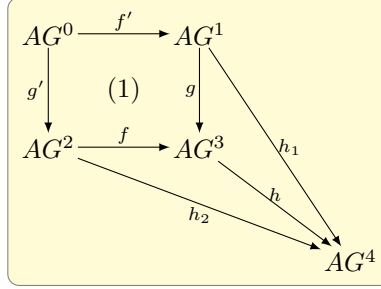
In the  $G$ -component we have a pushout in the category **EGraphs**, and in the  $S$ - and  $D$ -components we have special pushouts with identities. Compatibility of  $f'$  and  $g'$  allows to consider the following special pushout (1') with identities in the  $V_D$ -component of E-Graphs.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 V_D^0 & \xrightarrow{id} & V_D^1 \\
 \downarrow g'_{G, V_D} & (1') & \downarrow g_{G, V_D} \\
 V_D^2 & \xrightarrow{id} & V_D^3
 \end{array}$$

*Proof.* By construction we have pushouts in all three components and  $V_D^3 = \dot{\bigcup}_{s_3 \in S_D^3} D_{s_3}^3$  because  $V_D^3 = V_D^2 = \dot{\bigcup}_{s_2 \in S_D^2} D_{s_2}^2 = \dot{\bigcup}_{s_3 \in S_D^3} D_{s_3}^3$  using (1'),  $S_D^3 = S_D^2$  and  $D^3 = D^2$ . Moreover, compatibility of  $f$  is trivial, and that of  $g$  follows from that of  $g'$  using  $g_{G, V_D} = g'_{G, V_D}$ ,  $g_S = g'_S$ , and  $g_D = g'_D$  as shown in the following diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 D_{s_0}^0 & & \xrightarrow{f'_{D, s_0}=id} & & D_{s_0}^1 \\
 \downarrow i_{s_0} & & = & & \downarrow i_{s_1} \\
 & & V_D^0 & \xrightarrow{f'_{G, V_D}=id} & V_D^1 & = \\
 \downarrow g'_{D, s_0} & & \downarrow g'_{G, V_D} & (1') & \downarrow g_{G, V_D} & \downarrow g_{D, s_0} \\
 & & V_D^2 & \xrightarrow{f_{G, V_D}=id} & V_D^3 & \\
 \downarrow i_{s_2} & & = & & \downarrow i_{s_3} & \\
 D_{s_2}^2 & & \xrightarrow{f_{D, s_2}=id} & & D_{s_2}^3 = D_{s_2}^2
 \end{array}$$

The universal property of pushout (1) in **GAGraphs** follows from that of the components where the compatibility for the induced morphism  $h : AG^3 \rightarrow AG^4$  follows from that of  $h_2$  using  $f_{G,V_D} = id$  and  $f_{D,s_2} = id$ .



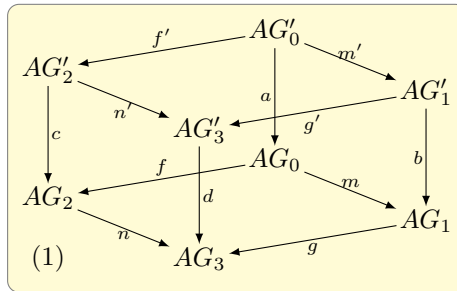
- Remark 8.*
1. Pushouts in **AGraphs** along  $\mathcal{M}$ -morphisms are special cases of the pushouts above, where in addition  $f'$  is injective and  $g'$  is signature preserving. Hence pushouts in **AGraphs** along  $\mathcal{M}$ -morphisms are also pushouts in **GAGraphs**.
  2. Given a commutative diagram (1) in **GAGraphs**, let the  $G$ -component be a pushout in **EGraphs**, and  $f'$  and  $f$  are persistent and signature preserving, then (1) is a pushout in **GAGraphs**, because then it is isomorphic to the construction in (1) where we have used identities instead of isomorphisms.
  3. The pushout construction in (1) with  $f'$  persistent and signature preserving is also a pullback in the  $S$ - and  $D$ -components, because  $f'_S, f'_D, f_S$  and  $f_D$  are identities or isomorphisms.

Using the different pushout constructions in Thms. 3 and 4 we obtain two different special van Kampen properties in **GAGraphs** in Thm. 5 and can show that  $(\mathbf{GAGraphs}, \mathcal{M})$  is an adhesive HLR category in Thm. 6.

**Theorem 5 (Special van Kampen properties in GAGraphs).**

1. Given the following commutative cube (1) in **GAGraphs**, where  $m$  is persistent and injective,  $f$  is persistent, the bottom face is a pushout and the back faces are pullbacks in **GAGraphs**, then we have:

*the top face is a pushout  $\Leftrightarrow$  the front faces are pullbacks.*



2. Given the above commutative cube (1) in **GAGraphs** where  $m$  is persistent, injective and signature preserving, the bottom face is a pushout and the back faces are pullbacks in **GAGraphs**, then we have:

*the top face is a pushout  $\Leftrightarrow$  the front faces are pullbacks.*

*Proof.* Since **(EGraphs,  $\mathcal{M}$ )** and **(Signatures,  $\mathcal{M}_{inj}$ )** are adhesive HLR categories we know that the van Kampen property is valid in the  $G$ - and  $S$ -components in **GAGraphs**. It remains to show the corresponding property for the  $D$ -component.

1. By Thms. 1 and 3, persistency is preserved and we know that  $m, n, f, g, m'$  and  $f'$  are persistent.

If the top face is a pushout then also  $n'$  and  $g'$  are persistent. Hence the front faces have opposite pairs of persistent morphisms leading to pullbacks in the  $D$ -component of these faces.

Vice versa, given that the front faces are pullbacks we can conclude that  $n'$  and  $g'$  are persistent. Hence the amalgamation lemma for data types implies that  $D'_3 = D'_1 +_{D'_0} D'_2$  which implies that we have a pushout in the  $D$ -component.

2. By Thms. 1 and 4, pushouts and pullbacks preserve persistent and signature preserving morphisms, and thus we know that  $m, n$ , and  $m'$  are persistent and signature preserving. Since either the top face is a pushout or the front left face is a pullback by precondition, also  $n'$  is persistent and signature preserving. It follows that  $D_0 \cong D_1$ ,  $D'_0 \cong D'_1$ ,  $D_2 \cong D_3$  and  $D'_2 \cong D'_3$ .

If the top face is a pushout, the front left face as a commutative diagram with an opposite pair of isomorphisms becomes a pullback. The front right face is isomorphic to the back left face and thus also a pullback.

Vice versa, if the front faces are pullbacks, the top face is a commutative diagram with an opposite pair of isomorphisms and thus a pushout.

**Theorem 6 ((GAGraphs,  $\mathcal{M}$ ) is an adhesive HLR category).** *Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be the class of all injective, persistent, and signature preserving morphisms in GAGraphs, then (GAGraphs,  $\mathcal{M}$ ) is an adhesive HLR category.*

*Remark 9.*  $\mathcal{M}$  coincides with the corresponding class in **(AGraphs,  $\mathcal{M}$ )**.

*Proof.* The van Kampen property follows directly from Part 2 of Thm. 5.

Moreover, the class  $\mathcal{M}$  is closed under composition and decomposition. According to Thm. 4 we have pushouts in **GAGraphs** along  $\mathcal{M}$ -morphisms and  $\mathcal{M}$ -morphisms are closed under pushouts. According to Thm. 1 we have pullbacks in **GAGraphs** along  $\mathcal{M}$ -morphisms and  $\mathcal{M}$ -morphisms are closed under pullbacks.

**Corollary 1. (GAGraphs<sub>ATG</sub>,  $\mathcal{M}$ ) is an adhesive HLR category.**

**Theorem 7 (Coproduct in GAGraphs).** *In GAGraphs we have general coproducts compatible with  $\mathcal{M}$ .*

*Construction.* Given attributed graphs  $AG^i = (G^i, DSIG^i, D^i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , then the coproduct is given by  $AG^1 + AG^2 = AG^{12} = (G^1 + G^2, DSIG^1 + DSIG^2, D^{12})$ , where  $G^1 + G^2$  and  $DSIG^1 + DSIG^2$  are the coproducts in **EGraphs** and **Signatures**, respectively, which are constructed as component-wise disjoint unions in **Sets**. For  $D^{12}$  we define  $D_s^{12} = \begin{cases} D_s^1 & ; s \in S^1 \\ D_s^2 & ; s \in S^2 \end{cases}$  and

$$op_{D^{12}} = \begin{cases} op_{D^1} & ; op \in OP^1 \\ op_{D^2} & ; op \in OP^2 \end{cases}.$$

The coproduct injections  $j^i = (j_G^i, j_S^i, j_D^i) : AG^i \rightarrow AG^{12}$  are given by the corresponding coproduct injections  $j_G^i : G^i \rightarrow G^{12}$  and  $j_S^i : DSIG^i \rightarrow DSIG^{12}$ , and by  $j_D^i : D^i \rightarrow D^{12}$  with  $j_{D,s}^i = id_{D_s^i}$ , i.e.  $j^i = id : D^i \rightarrow V_{j_S^i}(D^{12}) = D^i$ .

*Proof.* We have to show that  $AG^{12}$  is a well-defined attributed graph, that the coproduct injections are well-defined GAG-morphisms, and that the universal coproduct property is fulfilled.

1. We have to show that  $\dot{\bigcup}_{s \in S_D^1 + S_D^2} D_s^{12} = V_D^{12}$ .

$$\text{By definition, we have } \dot{\bigcup}_{s \in S_D^1 + S_D^2} D_s^{12} = \dot{\bigcup}_{s \in S_D^1} D_s^{12} \dot{\bigcup}_{s \in S_D^2} D_s^{12} =$$

$$\dot{\bigcup}_{s \in S_D^1} D_s^1 \dot{\bigcup}_{s \in S_D^2} D_s^2 = V_D^1 \dot{\bigcup} V_D^2 = V_D^{12}.$$

2. We have to show the compatibility property for the injection  $j^1$  (and analogously for  $j^2$ ). The commutativity of the following diagram is obvious since all morphisms are inclusions or identities.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D_{s_1}^1 & \xrightarrow{j_{D,s_1}^1 = id} & D_{s_1}^{12} = D_{s_1}^1 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ V_D^1 & \xrightarrow{j_{G,V_D}^1} & V_D^{12} \end{array} =$$

3. For the universal coproduct property, consider morphisms  $f^1 : AG^1 \rightarrow AG^3$  and  $f^2 : AG^2 \rightarrow AG^3$ . We have to find a unique  $f : AG^{12} \rightarrow AG^3$  such that (1) and (2) commute.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} AG^1 & \xrightarrow{j_1} & AG^{12} & \xleftarrow{j_2} & AG^2 \\ & \searrow f^1 & \downarrow f & \swarrow f^2 & \\ & & AG^3 & & \end{array}$$

(1)                      (2)

Define  $f = (f_G, f_S, f_D)$  with  $f_G$  induced by  $f_G^1$  and  $f_G^2$ ,  $f_S$  induced by  $f_S^1$  and  $f_S^2$ , and  $f_D : D^{12} \rightarrow D^3$  with  $f_{D,s} = \begin{cases} f_{D,s}^1 & ; s \in S^1 \\ f_{D,s}^2 & ; s \in S^2 \end{cases}$  such that (1) and (2) commute.



For  $s_1 \in S^1$ , (3) and (3 + 4) commute by compatibility of  $j^1$  and  $f^1$ , respectively. Since  $j_{D,s}^i$  is surjective, also (4) commutes. Analogously, for  $s_2 \in S^2$ , (5) commutes. This shows that  $f$  fulfils the compatibility property for all  $s \in S^{12} = S^1 \dot{\cup} S^2$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
D_{s_1}^1 & \xrightarrow{j_{D,s_1}^1} & D_{s_1}^{12} & \xrightarrow{f_{D,s_1}} & D_{f_S(s_1)}^3 & & D_{s_2}^{12} & \xrightarrow{f_{D,s_2}} & D_{f_S(s_2)}^3 \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
V_D^1 & \xrightarrow{j_{G,V_D}^1} & V_D^{12} & \xrightarrow{f_{G,V_D}} & V_D^3 & & V_D^{12} & \xrightarrow{f_{G,V_D}} & V_D^3 \\
(3) & & (4) & & & & (5) & & 
\end{array}$$

The uniqueness of  $f$  follows from the uniqueness of  $f_G$  and  $f_S$  and, for the  $D$ -component, from the surjectivity of  $j_{s_1}^1$  for  $s_1 \in S^1$  and  $j_{s_2}^2$  for  $s_2 \in S^2$ .

4. If  $f^1$  and  $f^2$  are injective, also  $f$  is injective, since binary coproducts in **Sets** are compatible with injective morphisms and  $f_{D,s}$  is defined by an injective  $f_s^1$  or  $f_s^2$ .

## 2 Type Hierarchies and Views of Visual Languages

In the metamodel approach of visual languages, a metamodel is given by an attributed type graph  $ATG$  together with structural constraints, and the corresponding visual language  $VL$  is given by all attributed graphs typed over  $ATG$  which satisfy these constraints. In the following, we study type hierarchies and views of visual languages based on morphisms in **GAGraphs**, which allows to change not only the graph structure but also the data signature and data type.

**Definition 11 (Visual language).** *Given an attributed type graph  $ATG$ , the visual language  $VL$  of  $ATG$  consists of all typed attributed graphs  $(AG, t : AG \rightarrow ATG)$  typed over  $ATG$ , i.e.  $VL = Ob_{\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG}}$ .*

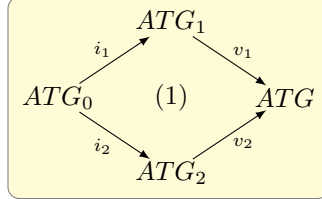
*Remark 10.* In contrast to  $\mathbf{AGraphs}_{ATG}$ , the typing  $t : AG \rightarrow ATG$  in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG}$  allows a change of the data signature from  $AG$  to  $ATG$ .

This more general concept of typing allows forward typing  $f^> : \mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_1} \rightarrow \mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_2}$  in a straight forward way by  $f^>(AG_1, t_1) = (AG_1, f \circ t_1)$  (see Def. 10). Otherwise we would have to define  $f^>(AG_1, t_1) = (AG_2, f \circ t_2)$  where  $AG_2$  is obtained by extending the  $DSIG_1$ -data type  $D_1$  to a  $DSIG_2$ -data type  $D_2$ .

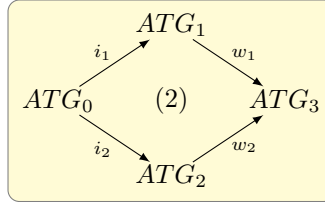
**Definition 12 (Type hierarchies of visual languages).** *A type hierarchy of visual languages  $VL_1$  and  $VL_2$  of attributed type graphs  $ATG_1$  and  $ATG_2$ , respectively, is given by a GATG-morphism  $f : ATG_1 \rightarrow ATG_2$ .*

**Definition 13 (View).** *A view of a visual language  $VL$  over an attributed type graph  $ATG$  is given by an injective GATG-morphism  $v_1 : ATG_1 \rightarrow ATG$ .*

**Definition 14 (Interaction and integration of views).** Given views  $(ATG_1, v_1)$  and  $(ATG_2, v_2)$  over  $ATG$  the interaction  $(ATG_0, i_1, i_2)$  is given by the following pullback (1) in **GAGraphs**, where  $(ATG_0, v_0)$  with  $v_0 = v_1 \circ i_1 = v_2 \circ i_2$  is a view over  $ATG$  and also called subview of  $(ATG_1, v_1)$  and  $(ATG_2, v_2)$ .



The integration of views  $(ATG_1, v_1)$  and  $(ATG_2, v_2)$  with interaction  $(ATG_0, i_1, i_2)$  is given by the following pushout (2) in **GAGraphs**.

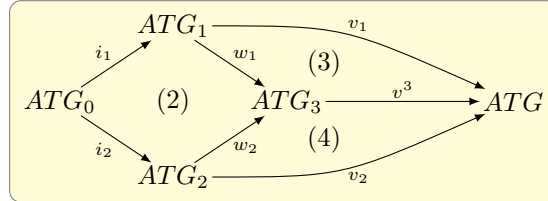


Due to the universal pushout property there is a unique injective GATG-morphism  $v_3 : ATG_3 \rightarrow ATG$  such that  $(ATG_3, v_3)$  is a view over  $ATG$ .

$ATG$  is covered by views  $(ATG_i, v_i)$  with  $i \in I$  if the family  $(v_i : ATG_i \rightarrow ATG)$  is jointly surjective.

**Fact 1.** If  $ATG$  is covered by views  $(ATG_i, v_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$  then the integration  $ATG_3$  is equal to  $ATG$  up to isomorphism.

*Proof.* The unique morphism  $v_3$  with commutativity of (3) and (4) is injective in the  $G$ - and  $S$ -components due to general properties of adhesive HLR categories and injective in the  $D$ -component as a general property of GATG-morphisms. Surjectivity of  $v_3$  follows from joint surjectivity of  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  in (3) and (4).



**Definition 15 (Restriction of views).** Given a type hierarchy morphism  $h : ATG' \rightarrow ATG$  and a view  $(ATG_1, v_1)$  over  $ATG$  then the restriction  $(ATG'_1, v'_1)$  of this view along  $h$  is defined by the following pullback (1) in **GAGraphs**.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
ATG'_1 & \xrightarrow{h'} & ATG_1 \\
v'_1 \downarrow & (1) & \downarrow v_1 \\
ATG' & \xrightarrow{h} & ATG
\end{array}$$

*Remark 11.* Note that the restriction  $(ATG'_1, v'_1)$  is a view over  $ATG'$  because pullbacks preserve injectivity.

**Fact 2.** Given a hierarchy morphism  $h : ATG' \rightarrow ATG$  and views  $(ATG_i, v_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$  covering  $ATG$ , then the restrictions  $(ATG'_i, v'_i)$  along  $h$  are covering  $ATG'$ .

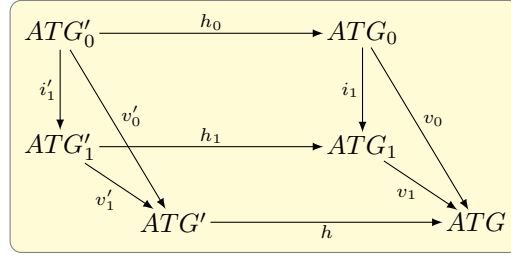
*Proof.* In the following diagram,  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  being jointly surjective implies that also  $v'_1$  and  $v'_2$  are jointly surjective because (1) and (2) are componentwise pullbacks.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
ATG'_1 & \xrightarrow{h_1} & & ATG_1 & \\
& \searrow v'_1 & & & \searrow v_1 \\
& & (1) & & \\
& & & ATG' & \xrightarrow{h} & ATG \\
& \nearrow v'_2 & & & \nearrow v_2 \\
ATG'_2 & \xrightarrow{h_2} & & ATG_2 & \\
& & (2) & & 
\end{array}$$

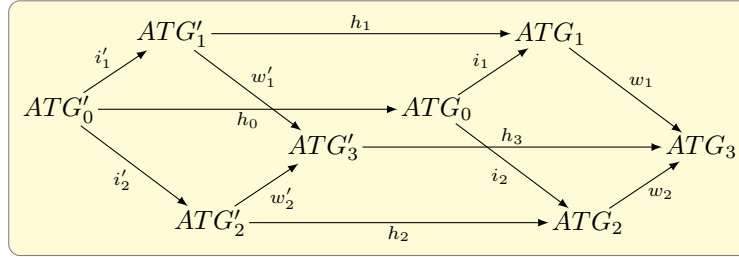
**Fact 3.** Given a hierarchy morphism  $h : ATG' \rightarrow ATG$  and views  $(ATG_i, v_i)$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2$  over  $ATG$  with restrictions  $(ATG'_i, v'_i)$  along  $h$  and induced hierarchy morphisms  $h_i : ATG'_i \rightarrow ATG_i$  then we have the following properties:

1. If  $(ATG_0, v_0)$  is a subview of  $(ATG_1, v_1)$  with  $i_1 : ATG_0 \rightarrow ATG_1$  then also  $(ATG'_0, v'_0)$  is a subview of  $(ATG'_1, v'_1)$  with  $i' : ATG'_0 \rightarrow ATG'_1$ , and  $(ATG'_0, i'_1)$  is the restriction of  $(ATG_0, i_1)$  along  $h_1$ .
2. If  $(ATG_3, v_3)$  is the integration of  $(ATG_i, v_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$  with interaction  $(ATG_0, i_1, i_2)$  then also the restriction  $(ATG'_3, v'_3)$  is the integration of the restrictions  $(ATG_i, v_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$  with an interaction  $(ATG'_0, i'_1, i'_2)$ .

*Proof.* 1. In the following diagram, the right triangle commutes because  $(ATG_0, v_0)$  is a subview of  $(ATG_1, v_1)$  with injective  $i_1 : ATG_0 \rightarrow ATG_1$ . The bottom and diagonal squares are pullbacks by the definition of the restrictions  $(ATG'_1, v'_1)$  and  $(ATG'_0, v'_0)$ . The pullback property implies that there exists a unique injective  $i'_1 : ATG'_0 \rightarrow ATG'_1$  such that the left triangle and the back square commute. Moreover, the back square is a pullback by pullback decomposition which shows that  $(ATG'_0, i'_1)$  is the restriction of  $(ATG_0, i_1)$  along  $h_1 : ATG'_1 \rightarrow ATG_1$ .

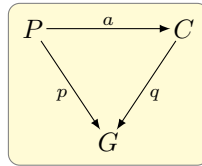


2. In the following cube, the right face is a pushout because  $(ATG_3, v_3)$  is the integration of  $(ATG_i, v_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$  with the interaction  $(ATG_0, i_1, i_2)$ . The front and back faces are pullbacks due to Part 1. Since all morphisms in the right and left faces are injective and also persistent as GATG-morphisms we can apply Part 1 of Thm. 5 to conclude that also the left face is a pushout and hence  $(ATG'_3, v'_3)$  is the integration of  $(ATG'_i, v'_i)$  with  $i = 1, 2$  with the interaction  $(ATG'_0, v'_0)$ .



## 2.1 Type Hierarchies and Views with Constraints

In this subsection we consider visual languages  $VL$  given by an attributed type graph  $ATG$  with a set of constraints  $PC$ , where the visual language is defined by  $VL = \{G \in \mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG} \mid G \models c \forall c \in PC\}$ . A constraint  $c = ((P, t_P) \xrightarrow{a} (C, t_C))$  is given by typed attributed graphs  $(P, t_P)$  and  $(C, t_C)$  typed over  $ATG$ , where we omit the typing morphisms if they are not necessary, i.e. write  $c = (P \xrightarrow{a} C)$ , and a typed attributed graph morphism  $a : P \rightarrow C$ . A typed attributed graph  $G$  typed over  $ATG$  fulfills a constraint  $c = (P \xrightarrow{a} C) \in PC$  iff for all typed attributed graph morphisms  $p : P \rightarrow G$  there exists an injective  $q : C \rightarrow G$  such that  $q \circ a = p$ .



**Definition 16 (Forward translation of constraints).** Given a GATG-morphism  $f : ATG_1 \rightarrow ATG_2$  and a constraint  $c_1 = ((P, t_P) \xrightarrow{a} (C, t_C))$

over  $ATG_1$ , the forward translated constraint  $f^>(c_1) = c_2$  over  $ATG_2$  is given by  $c_2 = ((P, f \circ t_P) \xrightarrow{a} (C, f \circ t_C))$ .

For a set  $PC_1$  of constraints over  $ATG_1$  define  $f^>(PC_1) = \{f^>(c_1) \mid c_1 \in PC_1\}$ .

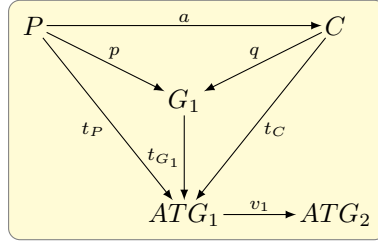
**Fact 4.** Given a view  $(ATG_1, v_1)$  over  $ATG_2$ , a constraint  $c_1 \in PC_1$  typed over  $ATG_1$ , and a typed attributed graph  $G_1$  typed over  $ATG_1$ , then we have:

$$G_1 \models c_1 \Leftrightarrow v_1^>(G_1) \models v_1^>(c_1),$$

where  $v_1^>(G_1)$  and  $v_1^>(c_1)$  are the corresponding forward translations over  $ATG_2$ .

*Proof.* For  $c_1 = ((P, t_P) \xrightarrow{a} (C, t_C))$  we have  $v_1^>(c_1) = ((P, v_1 \circ t_P) \xrightarrow{a} (C, v_1 \circ t_C))$ , and  $v_1^>(G_1, t_{G_1}) = (G_1, v_1 \circ t_{G_1})$ .

$\Rightarrow$  We have to show that for each injective  $p : P \rightarrow G_1$  in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_2}$  there is an injective  $q : C \rightarrow G_1$  in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_2}$  with  $q \circ a = p$ . Given an injective  $p : P \rightarrow G_1$  in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_2}$  we have  $p : P \rightarrow G_1$  in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}$  with  $v_1 \circ t_P = v_1 \circ t_{G_1} \circ p$ . Since  $v_1$  is injective it follows that  $t_P = t_{G_1} \circ p$ , i.e.  $p$  is also an  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_1}$ -morphism. Since  $G_1 \models c_1$  there exists an injective  $q : C \rightarrow G_1$  with  $q \circ a = p$  in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_1}$ , i.e.  $t_{G_1} \circ q = t_C$ . Hence  $v_1 \circ t_{G_1} \circ q = v_1 \circ t_C$  and  $q$  is the required  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_2}$ -morphism.



$\Leftarrow$  We have to show that for each injective  $p : P \rightarrow G_1$  in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_1}$  there is an injective  $q : C \rightarrow G_1$  in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_1}$  with  $q \circ a = p$ . Given an injective  $p : P \rightarrow G_1$  in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_1}$  we have  $p : P \rightarrow G_1$  in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}$  with  $t_P = t_{G_1} \circ p$ . With  $v_1 \circ t_P = v_1 \circ t_{G_1} \circ p$ ,  $p$  is also a  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_2}$ -morphism. Since  $v_1^>(G_1) \models v_1^>(c_1)$  there exists an injective  $q : C \rightarrow G_1$  with  $q \circ a = p$  in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_2}$ , i.e.  $v_1 \circ t_{G_1} \circ q = v_1 \circ t_C$ . Since  $v_1$  is injective it follows that  $t_{G_1} \circ q = t_C$ , hence  $q$  is the required  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_1}$ -morphism.

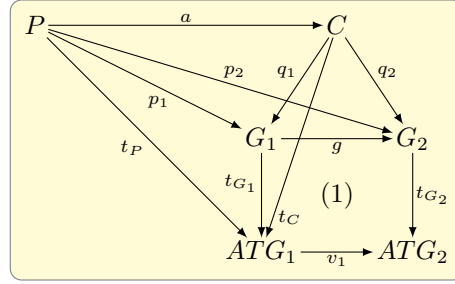
**Fact 5.** Given a view  $(ATG_1, v_1)$  over  $ATG_2$ , a constraint  $c_1 \in PC_1$  typed over  $ATG_1$ , and a typed attributed graph  $G_2$  typed over  $ATG_2$ , then we have:

$$G_2 \models v_1^>(c_1) \Leftrightarrow v_1^<(G_2) \models c_1,$$

where  $v_1^>(c_1)$  is the forward translation of  $c_1$  and  $v_1^<(G_2)$  is the backward translation of  $G_2$ .

*Proof.* For  $c_1 = ((P, t_P) \xrightarrow{a} (C, t_C))$  we have  $v_1^>(c_1) = ((P, v_1 \circ t_P) \xrightarrow{a} (C, v_1 \circ t_C))$ , and  $v_1^<(G_2, t_{G_2}) = (G_1, t_{G_1})$  with pullback (1).

$\Rightarrow$  We have to show that for each injective  $p_1 : P \rightarrow G_1$  in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_1}$  there is an injective  $q_1 : C \rightarrow G_1$  in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_1}$  with  $q_1 \circ a = p_1$ . Given an injective  $p_2 : P \rightarrow G_2$  in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_2}$ , with  $t_{G_2} \circ p_2 = v_1 \circ t_P$  and (1) being a pullback also  $g$  and hence  $g \circ p_1$  are injective. Thus we have that  $t_{G_2} \circ g \circ p_1 = v_1 \circ t_{G_1} \circ p_1 = v_1 \circ t_P$  and since  $G_2 \models v_1^>(c_1)$  there exists an injective  $q_2 : C \rightarrow G_2$  with  $q_2 \circ a = g \circ p_1$  in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_2}$ , i.e.  $t_{G_2} \circ q_2 = v_1 \circ t_C$ . Now pullback (1) implies a unique  $q_1 : C \rightarrow G_1$  with  $t_{G_1} \circ q_1 = t_C$  and  $g \circ q_1 = q_2$ . The latter implies that  $q_1$  is injective by decomposition of monomorphisms. Hence  $q_1$  is the required  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_1}$ -morphism.



$\Leftarrow$  We have to show that for each injective  $p_2 : P \rightarrow G_2$  in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_2}$  there is an injective  $q_2 : C \rightarrow G_2$  in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_2}$  with  $q_2 \circ a = p_2$ . Given an injective  $p_2 : P \rightarrow G_2$  in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_2}$  we have  $t_{G_2} \circ p_2 = v_1 \circ t_P$ . Pullback (1) implies a unique  $p_1 : P \rightarrow G_1$  with  $t_{G_1} \circ p_1 = t_P$  and  $g \circ p_1 = p_2$ . The latter implies that  $p_1$  is injective by decomposition of monomorphisms. Since  $G_1 \models c_1$  there exists an injective  $q_1 : C \rightarrow G_1$  with  $q_1 \circ a = p_1$  in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_1}$ , i.e.  $t_{G_1} \circ q_1 = t_C$ . It follows that  $g \circ q_1$  is injective. Thus we have that  $t_{G_2} \circ g \circ q_1 = v_1 \circ t_{G_1} \circ q_1 = v_1 \circ t_C$ . Hence  $q_2 = g \circ q_1$  is the required  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_2}$ -morphism with  $q_2 \circ a = g \circ q_1 \circ a = g \circ p_1 = p_2$ .

**Fact 6.** Given attributed type graphs  $ATG_1$  and  $ATG_2$ , constraints  $PC_1$  and  $PC_2$  over  $ATG_1$  and  $ATG_2$  leading to visual languages  $VL_1$  and  $VL_2$ , respectively, and a view  $(ATG_1, v_1)$  over  $ATG_2$ , then we have the following results:

1. If  $v_1^>(PC_1) \Rightarrow PC_2$  then  $v_1^>(G_1) \in VL_2$  for all  $G_1 \in VL_1$ , i.e.  $v_1^> : VL_1 \rightarrow VL_2$ .
2. If  $PC_2 \Rightarrow v_1^>(PC_1)$  then  $v_1^<(G_2) \in VL_1$  for all  $G_2 \in VL_2$ , i.e.  $v_1^< : VL_2 \rightarrow VL_1$ .

*Proof.* 1. Given  $G_1 \in VL_1$  this means that  $G_1 \models PC_1$ . Now Fact 4 implies that  $v_1^>(G_1) \models v_1^>(PC_1)$  and if  $v_1^>(PC_1) \Rightarrow PC_2$  also  $v_1^>(G_1) \models PC_2$ , i.e.  $v_1^>(G_1) \in VL_2$ .

2. Given  $G_2 \in VL_2$  this means that  $G_2 \models PC_2$ , and if  $PC_2 \Rightarrow v_1^>(PC_1)$  also  $G_2 \models v_1^>(PC_1)$ . Now Fact 5 implies that  $v_1^<(G_2) \models PC_1$ , i.e.  $v_1^<(G_2) \in VL_1$ .

**Definition 17 (View with constraints).** Given attributed type graphs  $ATG_1$  and  $ATG_2$ , constraints  $PC_1$  and  $PC_2$  over  $ATG_1$  and  $ATG_2$ , respectively, and a view  $(ATG_1, v_1)$  over  $ATG_2$ , then  $(ATG_1, v_1)$  is a view with constraints if  $PC_2 \Rightarrow v_1^>(PC_1)$ .

$(ATG, PC)$  is covered by views with constraints  $(ATG_1, PC_1, v_1)$  and  $(ATG_2, PC_2, v_2)$  if  $ATG$  is covered by  $(ATG_1, v_1)$  and  $(ATG_2, v_2)$ , and  $PC = v_1^>(PC_1) \cup v_2^>(PC_2)$ .

### 3 Models and View-Models of Visual Languages

In this section we study models of visual languages and of views of visual languages, called view-models.

**Definition 18 (Model).** Given a metamodel of a visual language  $VL$  by an attributed type graph  $ATG$  then a model of  $VL$  is a typed attributed graph  $AG$  typed over  $ATG$ , where the typing  $t : AG \rightarrow ATG$  is a GAG-morphism.

The model  $(AG, t)$  is called signature-conform if  $t$  is signature-preserving.

All models of  $ATG$  define the category  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG}$ , while all signature conform models define the category  $\mathbf{AGraphs}_{ATG}$  which is the subcategory of  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG}$  where all morphisms are signature preserving. In the following we consider both kinds of models.

**Definition 19 (Restriction).** Given a view  $f : ATG_1 \rightarrow ATG$ , i.e. an injective GATG-morphism, and an  $ATG$ -model  $(AG, t)$  then the restriction  $(AG_1, t_1)$  of  $(AG, t)$  to the view  $(ATG_1, f)$  is defined by the following pullback (1), written  $f^<(AG, t) = (AG_1, t_1)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 AG_1 & \longrightarrow & AG \\
 \downarrow t_1 & & \downarrow t \\
 ATG_1 & \xrightarrow{f} & ATG
 \end{array}
 \quad (1)$$

The construction  $f^< : \mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG} \rightarrow \mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_1}$  is called backward typing (see Def. 10). Backward typing can be restricted to signature conform models  $f^< : \mathbf{AGraphs}_{ATG} \rightarrow \mathbf{AGraphs}_{ATG_1}$ , because signature preservation of  $t$  implies that of  $t_1$ .

**Definition 20 (Extension).** Given a view  $f : ATG_1 \rightarrow ATG_2$  the extension of a view-model  $(AG_1, t_1)$  along  $f$  is given by  $(AG_1, f \circ t_1)$ , written  $f^>(AG_1, t_1) = (AG_1, f \circ t_1)$ .

The construction  $f^> : \mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG_1} \rightarrow \mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG}$  is called forward typing (see Def. 10). According to Thm. 2, we have adjoint functors

$$f^> \dashv f^< : \mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG^2} \rightarrow \mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG^1}$$





Decomposition. *Vice versa*, each model  $(AG, t)$  of  $ATG$  can be decomposed uniquely into view-models  $(AG_i, t_i)$  with  $i = 1, 2$  such that  $(AG, t)$  is the integration of  $(AG_1, t_1)$  and  $(AG_2, t_2)$  via  $(AG_0, t_0)$ .

Bijjective Correspondence. *Integration and decomposition are inverse to each other up to isomorphism.*

*Proof. Integration.* Since  $ATG$  is covered by  $(ATG_i, v_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$  it is also the integration of these views by Fact 1. This means that the bottom pullback is already a pushout in **GAGraphs** with injective and persistent morphisms. Now assume that  $(AG_i, t_i)$  with  $i = 1, 2$  are consistent models. This means that the back faces of the cube are pullbacks with injective and persistent  $j_1$  and  $j_2$ . This allows to construct  $AG$  in the top face as pushout in **GAGraphs** leading to a unique  $t$  such that the front faces commute. According to the van Kampen property in Part 1 of Thm. 5 the front faces are pullbacks such that  $(AG, t)$  is the integration of  $(AG_i, t_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$  via  $(AG_0, t_0)$ . In order to show the uniqueness let also  $(AG', t' : AG' \rightarrow ATG)$  be an integration of  $(AG_i, t_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$  via  $(AG_0, t_0)$ . Then the front faces are pullbacks with  $(AG', t')$  and the top face commutes. Now the van Kampen property in the opposite direction implies that the top face is a pushout in **GAGraphs**. This implies that  $(AG, t)$  and  $(AG', t')$  are equal up to isomorphism.

*Decomposition.* Vice versa, given a model  $(AG, t)$  of  $ATG$  we construct the front and one of the back faces as pullbacks such that the remaining back face also becomes a pullback and the top face commutes. This shows that  $(AG_1, t_1)$  and  $(AG_2, t_2)$  are consistent w.r.t  $(AG_0, t_0)$ , and  $(AG, t)$  is the integration of both via  $(AG_0, t_0)$ . The decomposition is unique up to isomorphism because the pullbacks in the front faces are unique up to isomorphism.

*Bijjective Correspondence.* Uniqueness of integration and decomposition as shown above implies that both constructions are inverse to each other up to isomorphism.

**Theorem 9 (Integration and decomposition with constraints).** *Let  $(ATG, PC)$  be covered by the views  $(ATG_i, PC_i, v_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . If  $(AG_i, t_i) \models PC_i$  are consistent models of  $(ATG_i, v_i)$  via  $(AG_0, t_0)$  then we have for the integration  $(AG, t)$  that  $AG \models PC$ .*

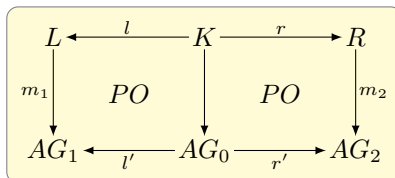
*Vice versa, for the decomposition of  $(AG, t)$  into view-models  $(AG_i, t_i)$  with  $i = 1, 2$  it holds that  $AG_i \models PC_i$ .*

*Proof.* Given the integration  $(AG, t)$  we have that  $v_1^<(AG, t) = (AG_1, t_1) \models PC_1$ . Now Fact 5 shows that this is equivalent to the fact that  $AG \models v_1^>(PC_1)$ . Analogously we have that  $AG \models v_2^>(PC_1)$ , and altogether  $AG \models PC$  because  $PC = v_1^>(PC_1) \cup v_2^>(PC_2)$  by Def. 17.

Vice versa,  $AG \models PC$  implies  $AG \models v_i^>(PC_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$  and hence  $AG_i = v_i^<(AG) \models PC_i$  by Fact 5.

## 4 Generalized Typed Graph Transformation Systems

According to Thm. 6, the category  $(\mathbf{GAGraphs}, \mathcal{M})$  with the class  $\mathcal{M}$  of all injective, persistent, and signature preserving morphisms and also the corresponding typed variant  $(\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG}, \mathcal{M})$  are adhesive HLR categories. This allows us to apply main parts of the theory for typed attributed graph transformations developed on the basis of the categories  $(\mathbf{AGraphs}, \mathcal{M})$  and  $(\mathbf{AGraphs}_{ATG}, \mathcal{M})$ , respectively, also to the generalized case. The main difference is that graphs in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG}$  allow for the typing  $t : AG \rightarrow ATG$  a change of the data type signature. The productions  $p = (L \xleftarrow{l} K \xrightarrow{r} R)$  with  $l, r \in \mathcal{M}$  are the same, but the double pushout transformations in  $(\mathbf{GAGraphs}, \mathcal{M})$  and  $(\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG}, \mathcal{M})$  allow matches  $m_1$  and comatches  $m_2$  with change of the signature. But  $l, r \in \mathcal{M}$  implies  $l', r' \in \mathcal{M}$  such that  $AG_1, AG_0$  and  $AG_2$  have, up to isomorphism, the same data signature and data type.



**Definition 22 (Generalized typed graph transformation system).** A generalized typed graph transformation system  $GTGTS = (ATG, P, \pi)$  consists of an attributed type graph  $ATG$ , a set of production names  $P$  and a mapping  $\pi$  that assigns to each  $p \in P$  a production  $\pi(p) = (L_p \xleftarrow{l_p} K_p \xrightarrow{r_p} R_p)$  with  $l_p, r_p \in \mathcal{M}$ .

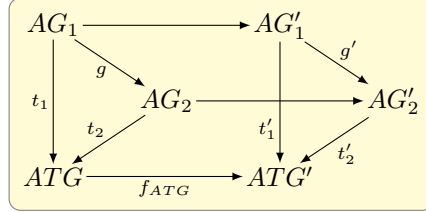
**Definition 23 (GTGTS-embedding).** Given generalized typed graph transformation systems  $GTGTS = (ATG, P, \pi)$  and  $GTGTS' = (ATG', P', \pi')$ , a GTGTS-embedding  $f = (f_{ATG}, f_P) : GTGTS \rightarrow GTGTS'$  consists of an injective GATG-morphism  $f_{ATG} : ATG \rightarrow ATG'$  and a mapping  $f_P : P \rightarrow P'$  such that for each  $p \in P$  we have  $\pi(p) = f_{ATG}^<(\pi'(f_P(p)))$ .

Note that we do not require that  $\pi(P)$  consists of all restrictions of productions  $\pi'(P')$ . In this case,  $f$  is called full GTGTS-embedding.

*Remark 12.* Given a forward embedding  $f$ , i.e.  $f^>(\pi(P)) \subseteq \pi'(P')$ , then  $f$  is also a GTGTS-embedding, because  $\pi(P) = f^< \circ f^>(\pi(P)) \subseteq f^<(\pi'(P'))$ . By forward typing each direct transformation  $G \xrightarrow{p} H$  in  $GTGTS$  becomes a transformation  $f^>(G) \xrightarrow{f^>(p)} f^>(H)$  in  $GTGTS'$  because forward typing as a left adjoint functor preserves pushouts.

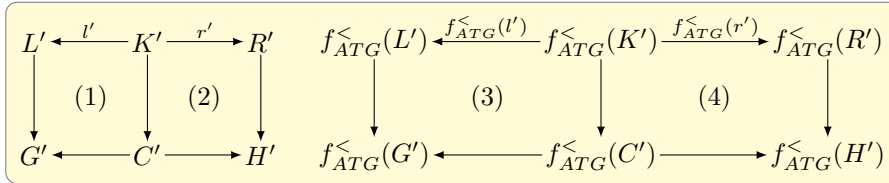
**Fact 8.** Backward typing  $f_{ATG}^<$  and hence GTGTS-embeddings preserve injective, persistent, and signature preserving morphisms, respectively, and hence also the class  $\mathcal{M}$ .

*Proof.* Given  $g' : (AG'_1, t'_1) \rightarrow (AG'_2, t'_2)$  in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG}$  then  $f_{ATG}^{\leftarrow}(g') = g$  defined by the following pullbacks in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}$ .

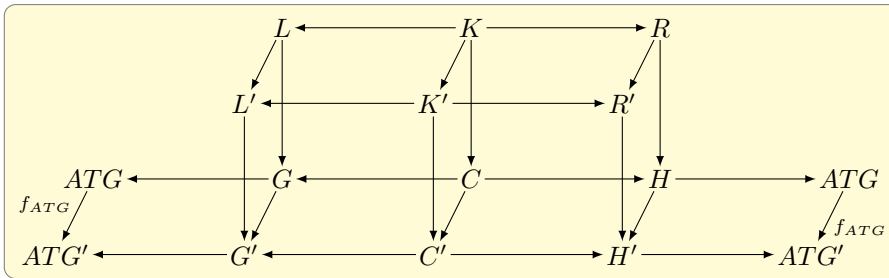


Pullbacks in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}$  preserve injective, persistent, and signature preserving morphisms, respectively.

**Theorem 10 (Reflection of behaviour by GTGTS-embeddings).** *Given a GTGTS-embedding  $f = (f_{ATG}, f_P) : GTGTS \rightarrow GTGTS'$  and a direct transformation  $G' \xrightarrow{\pi'(f_P(p))} H'$  in  $GTGTS'$  by pushouts (1) and (2) via  $\pi'(f_P(p)) = (L' \xleftarrow{l'} K' \xrightarrow{r'} R')$  then backwards typing leads to a direct transformation in  $GTGTS$  by pushouts (3) and (4) via  $\pi(p) = f_{ATG}^{\leftarrow}(\pi'(f_P(p)))$ .*



*Proof.* We have to show that (3) and (4) are pushouts in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}_{ATG}$ . Given pushouts (1) and (2), and  $f_{ATG} : ATG \rightarrow ATG'$  injective we construct  $G, L, K, C, H$  and  $R$  as restrictions of  $G', L', K', C', H'$  and  $R'$ , respectively, leading to the following diagram where we have pushouts in the front faces and all the other faces except the back faces are pullbacks in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}$ .



In the left cube, the front face is the pushout (1) with  $l' : K' \rightarrow L' \in \mathcal{M}$ . This allows us to apply the van Kampen property in Part 2 of Thm. 5 to conclude that also the back face is a pushout in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}$ .

Similarly, in the right cube the front face is the pushout (2) with  $r' : K' \rightarrow R' \in \mathcal{M}$  which implies that the back face is a pushout in  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}$ .

These back faces correspond exactly to the diagrams (3) and (4). Hence (3) and (4) are pushouts defining a direct transformation in  $GTGTS$ .

If  $f$  is a full GTGTS-embedding, by backward typing each direct transformation in  $GTGTS'$  leads to a direct transformation in  $GTGTS$ .

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**Definition 24 (Generalized typed attributed graph morphism).** *Given typed attributed graphs  $TAG^i = (AG^i, t^i : AG^i \rightarrow ATG^i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , a generalized typed attributed graph morphisms  $f = (f_{AG}, f_{ATG}) : TAG^1 \rightarrow TAG^2$  is given by a GAG-morphism  $f_{AG} : AG^1 \rightarrow AG^2$  and a GATG-morphism  $f_{ATG} : ATG^1 \rightarrow ATG^2$  such that  $f_{ATG} \circ t^1 = t^2 \circ f_{AG}$ .*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 AG^1 & \xrightarrow{f_{AG}} & AG^2 \\
 \downarrow t_1 & = & \downarrow t_2 \\
 ATG^1 & \xrightarrow{f_{ATG}} & ATG^2
 \end{array}$$

**Definition 25 (Category GTAGraphs).** *Typed attributed graphs and generalized typed attributed graph morphisms form the category **GTAGraphs**.*

*Remark 13.*  $\mathbf{GTAGraphs} \cong \mathbf{ComCat}(F, G; \{1\})$  with  $F = ID : \mathbf{GAGraphs} \rightarrow \mathbf{GAGraphs}$ ,  $G = Inc : \mathbf{GAGraphs}|_T \rightarrow \mathbf{GAGraphs}$ , where  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}|_T$  is the subcategory of  $\mathbf{GAGraphs}$  containing all attributed type graphs.