Semantics and Translation of Grammars and ALGOL-like Languages

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A notion of translation is defined in usual mathematical way as a mapping of the expressions under which their meanings are invariant. Further this mapping is described in certain constructive way.

The language L is determined by the set of expressions E and by a semantics S. E contains certain strings of basic symbols choosen from V_T and S is a function which joins a meaning S(x) to each expression $x \in E$.

The translation from the language L into the language L' is the function T such that $T(x) \in E'$ and S(x) = S'(T(x)) for each $x \in E$. The problem si how to determine the translation T in some economical and constructive way (not as the set of couples x, T(x) for all $x \in E$). This may be done if we use suitable grammars generating the given languages.

The set E is generated by the contex-free grammar $G = \langle V_T, V_N, \mathfrak{R} \rangle$ if $E = \bigcup_{x \in V_N} G(x)$, where G(x) denotes the set of all expressions $e \in E$ such that there is a derivation in G beginning with x and ending with e. V_N contains the matalinguistic variables and \mathfrak{R} syntactical definitions (or rules) $\mathfrak{w} = a_0 ::= a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$, where $a_0 \in V_N$ and $a_i \in V_N \cup V_T$ for each i = 1, 2, ..., n.

In regard to the translation T the set V_T is divided in two parts V_A and V_P . V_A contains auxiliary symbols (as brackets, space, coma and other separators) and V_P the proper symbols (the symbols in V_P usually are again the strings over an alphabet A_P). Each rule $\mathfrak{w} \in \Re$ can be unically expressed in the standard form $a_0 ::= b_0 a_1 b_1 \dots a_k b_k$, where b_i are either zero-strings or strings over V_A and $a_i \in V_P \cup V_N$; a_i is said to be the ith standard symbol of i.

Further we define an extension \overline{S} of S as follows: $\overline{S}(x) = S(x)$ for $x \in E$ and $\overline{S}(x) = \bigcup_{w \in G(x)} S(y)$ for $x \in V_N$.

- The grammar G of the language L(i.e. G generates E of L) is said to be well translatable into the grammar G' of L' if there is a mapping Φ of \Re into \Re' and another mapping τ of V_P into V_P' and of V_N into V_N' satisfying the following conditions:
- (1) if $a_0 := b_0 a_1 b_1 \dots a_n b_n$ and $c_0 := d_0 c_1 d_1 \dots c_m d_m$ are the standard forms of the rules w and $\Phi(w)$ resp. then m = n and there is a permutation π of the set $\{1, 2, ..., n\}$ such that $c_{\pi(i)} = \pi(a_i)$ for each i = 1, 2, ..., n and
- (2) if $x_i \in G(a_i)$ and $y_i \in G'(c_i)$ and $S(x_i) = S'(y_{\pi(i)})$ for all i = 1, 2, ..., n then $S(b_0x_1b_1...x_nb_n) = S'(d_0y_1d_1...y_nd_n)$.

If G is well translatable into G' we obtain the expression $T(x) \in E'$ from the expression $x \in E$ using three algorithms (A), (B) and (C) as follows:

(A) Analysis

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- 1. We begin with $x_0 = x$ and we make the 1st step $(x_0$ does not contain any symbol from V_N).
- 2. In the *i*th step we deal with x_{i-1} and we take a rule $\mathfrak{m} \in \mathfrak{R}$ (it is necessary to search it) such that $x_{i-1} = vb_0a_1b_1\dots a_kb_k w$, where v a w are some suitable strings and $a_0 :: = b_0a_1b_1\dots a_kb_k$ is the standard form of \mathfrak{m} . We construct $x_i = va_0w$ and we put $r(a_0) = i$, where the integer $r(a_0)$ is called the rang of $metalinguistic variable <math>a_0$ in x_i . The rangs of metalinguistic variables contained in v or w in x_{i-1} remains unchanded also in x_i . We store the statements "the ith rule is" as the pair (i, \mathfrak{m}) and "th rule was used to the jth standard symbol of the ith rule" as the triple (h,j,i) if $a_i \in V_N$ and $r(a_j) = h$ in x_{i-1} .

3. We stop if $x_n \in V_N$.

The result of analysis is a set P of pairs (i, w) and a set Q of triples (h, j, i). It is clear that by P and Q is determined the phrase marker of x in G.

(B) Translation of phrase marker

We construct $P' = \{(i, \Phi(w)); (i, w) \in P\}$ and $Q' = \{(h, \pi_i(j), i); (h, j, i) \in Q\}$, where π_i is the permutation belonging in Φ to the *i*th rule (i.e. to the rule w such that $(i, w) \in P$). It is clear that by P' and Q' is determined a phrase marker in G' of the required expression x' = T(x).

(C) Synthesis

- 1. We begin with $x'_n = \tau(x_n)$, where x_n is the last string in our analysis, we define $r(x'_n) = n$ and we make the 1st step.
- 2. In the *i*th step we deal with x'_{n-i+1} and we take the rule w' such that $(i, w') \in P'$. We concern $c_0 \in V'_N$ such that $x'_{n-i+1} = vc_0 w$ for some strings v and w and $r(c_0) = i$. We construct $x'_{n-1} = vd_0c_1d_1 \dots c_kd_k w$, where $c_0 ::= d_0c_1d_1 \dots c_kd_k$ is the standard

form of \mathfrak{w}' and we define $r(c_j)=h$ in x'_{n-1} if $(h,j,i)\in Q'$. The rangs of other metalinguistic variables remain unchanged again.

3. We stop with x'_0 and put $x' = x'_0$.

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Běžným matematickým způsobem je zaveden pojem překladu z jednoho jazyka do druhého jako zobrazení, které výrazům prvního jazyka přiřazuje takové výrazy druhého, které mají stejný význam jako výrazy výchozí. Toto zobrazení je dále popsáno jistým konstruktivním způsobem a lze je rozdělit do tří hlavních části: analýza daného výrazu, jejímž výsledkem je příslušný frázový ukazatel; překlad symbolů a pravidel, jehož výsledkem je odpovídající frázový ukazatel v druhém jazyku a nakonec syntéza výsledného výrazu.

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