

IMPLEMENTING TOPOLOGICAL INTEGRITY CONSTRAINTS ON TEMPORAL DATABASES

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Abstract. Checking integrity constraints in real-time the database is an important field of investigation. In this paper, we implement topological integrity constraints depending on which user has chosen an integrity constraint on different times on many existing integrity constraints of temporal databases. We suggested using the Hamiltonian paths in directed graphs order to implement a test program on data simulated by a college's real data. The object needs to satisfy integrity constraints in temporal databases as students who have enrolled in the subjects. Moreover, the program also monitors the learning process and advises students to choose courses in the school's training program.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Checking integrity constraints in temporal databases is a problem that many people study. There have been some approaches to this issue, such as:

- Doucet and et al. [1], [2] performed the process of checking many integrity constraints by sorting versions and data cohesion on the object-oriented model. Time logic identifies constraints and then transforms into revisions

- Cordeiro RLF and et al. [3], [4] improved the old method by offering a number of methods such as time query language defined valid areas of constraints, versions of constraint distinguished over time, the unbounded points of data are found and version language represented the evolution of schemas.

In this paper, we implemented a test program using the Hamiltonian paths in directed graphs approach as in [5], [6],[7] to check topological integrity constraints in a temporal database. This approach has studied how to check multiple integrity constraints of systematic data over time imposed on a temporal database, instead of constraint on multiple database versions like [3].

Using a data structure is a graph to build tasks to check multiple integrity constraints, called shortlisted: Topological integrity constraint (TIC). The integrity constraints are full-state sequences (FSS) that exist in the temporal database that an object must satisfy FSS during the time updating. Also, every object at some points can follow one of many integrity constraint versions. At different times released these versions and they are valid when updating data for the objects. Each version is a full-state sequence, it is a Hamiltonian path in a direct transition graph (TG).

In the temporary database, there are many versions of integrity that are valid when of update and some versions that are outdated or newly released. This is quite complicated, to solve this problem systematically, we use the version diagram (VG) to make and update versions over time, each vertex of VG is a version. ; Each edge of VG indicates the link between the two versions.

An object first recorded in the database will choose a version (called original version) in existing versions and must follow the constraints of that version for a fixed period of time in real-time. However, during this time, an object can be converted to a certain version (based on the set of rule (file) written in the database, this file is updated over time), but eventually, the object must return to the original version to end the process of satisfying the constraint and end the data update overtime for it.

This test program can help students register for courses according to the credit system of each semester in a college. Students can query academic results over time. The rest of the article includes: Section 2 presents some data structures such as transition graph, version graph, the rule set, and their relationships. Section 3 presents procedures for checking topological integrity constraints. Section 4 implements and finally the conclusion and future works.

2 CREATING DATA STRUCTURES

This section presents the data structures used in implementing test programs, including transition graph, version graph and set of rules.

2.1 Transition graph

Each constraint version is described by a template with statements (see [9]), then converted into a directed transition graph, which has a starting vertex (outgoing edges only) and an end vertex (no outgoing edges). Each vertex represents a state of the object, each a directed edge indicates the next constraint state that the object must follow. The starting vertex is the first constraint for the object and the end vertex is the last constraint. For example, in Figure 1, representing a version with six constraints, s_0 is the first constraint, s_5 is the last constraint.

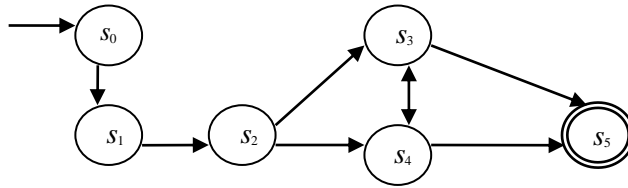


Figure 1: Transition graph [8]

The transition state graph must satisfy: There is at least one path from begin vertex to end vertex and through all the remaining vertices, each vertex only passes once, can check this with the cost of linear-time [7], [10]. Such paths are Hamiltonian paths in directed graphs [11], we call them full-state sequences (FSS) and use the procedure `SEARCHING_SEQUENCE` [7] to search them. For example, in Figure 1 there are two full-state sequences: $s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, s_5$ and $s_0, s_1, s_2, s_4, s_3, s_5$.

2.1 Version graph

In temporal multi-version databases, there may be multiple versions of integrity constraints. Use version graphs (VB) to represent existing and effective versions, it is also updated over time, meaning there are deleted versions and new versions are created. Each version has many FSS as mentioned in 2.1. In addition, VB is considered as a hyper-graph in addition to managing versions, it also links to transition graph (TG) to check the multi-version integrity constraints. In Figure 2, depicting a VB with six vertices corresponding to six existing and effective versions, each edge has a direction to show an object in the database being executed in this version, can be transferred to another version. Note that each version in Figure 2 will have a corresponding TG.

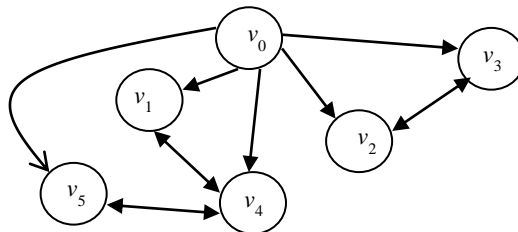


Figure 2. Version graph

An object in the database at time t_1 is executing the s_i version constraint, and by the time t_2 has executed a certain state in s_i , it can switch to another version s_j , if this is written in the set of rules, the form of rules is written as if-then clauses. This ruleset is updated when new versions are released or deleted.

3 THE PROCEDURE CHECKING INTEGRITY CONSTRAINTS

Some of the following procedures are implemented to check multiple topological integrity constraints [6].

3.1 Procedures on Version graph

- **Inserting a version**

procedure INSERT-VERSION (v_i : version, VG : version graph, TG : transition graph)

begin

insert the new transition rules into set of rules;

insert vertex v_i into VG ;

based on the new transition rules relating to v_i to insert the paths between v_i with other vertices in VG ; create TG ;

perform procedure SEARCH-SEQUENCE;

update new rule into set of rules;

end;

- **Deleting a version**

Deleting a version according to the DELETE-VERSION procedure needs to satisfy:

i) An objects in that version have completed the last state in the corresponding TG.

ii) In VB there is at least one version other than the version that needs to be deleted.

procedure DELETE-VERSION (v_i : version, TG : transition graph)

begin

if met two conditions (i) and (ii) then

begin

delete the edges go out and go to v_i , then delete v_i ;

delete the corresponding rules in set of rules;

delete TG corresponds to v_i ;

end

end;

3.2 Procedures on transition graph

- **Inserting data of the object**

In the procedure INSERT-DAT, the data of object Ob is inserted at the top of the v_n version, and Ob has completed the constraint at vertex s_i under version v_m , and must satisfy a rule in the set of rules. This is the main problem when inserting data.

procedure INSERT-DATA (s_i, s_j : vertex, v_m, v_n : version, Ob : object, TG : transition graph corresponding to v_m)

/*Data of Ob is inserted to vertex s_j under version v_n */

begin

if vertex s_i in TG no outgoing edge **then** rejection message

else /*vertex s_k is a vertex in TG of version v_m */

if (there is direct path from v_m to v_n in VG and check in SRs , if met and Ob never once had transferred to s_j)

then insert data of Ob to vertex s_i of TG ;

else rejection message

end;

- **Deleting data of the object**

Use the procedures as shown in [5].

3.3 Object checking procedures enforce multiple version integrity constraints

Based on full-state sequences (FSS) to track objects satisfies integrity constraints. The first time an

object chooses one of FSS to do integrity constraints and must execute in the order of the selected sequence. However, because of multiple integrity constraints, an object can enforce constraints in intermediate states (except beginning state and end state in the initially selected FSS), it can pass through executing another state in another version, as long as a set of rules allows.

- *Mark the constraints that the object has finished executing*

Each constraint in FSS will be marked with the MARKED_ELEMENTS procedure when an object is executed.

procedure MARKED_ELEMENTS

*/*input: full-state sequences σ_i of an object Ob ,
list C contains integrity constraints from users selected */*

begin

for each element c_i in C

for each σ_i

mark elements in σ_i corresponding to c_i ;
delete the contents of C ;

end ;

- List of constraints that objects can chooses

Procedure LIST_INTEGRITY CONSTRAINTS lists the constraints that an object can select to execute when the user queries.

procedure LIST_INTEGRITY CONSTRAINTS

*/*input: full-state sequences σ_i of an object Ob ,
output: List C contains integrity constraints from
users selected */*

begin

create an empty list L ;

for each σ_i of an object Ob

copy elements are not marked in σ_i to L ;
keep the various elements in L ;

if L is empty **then**

message “ Ob has fully executed”;

else

print L ;

end ;

- List of constraints that the object has satisfied

Procedure CHECKING, list the constraints that an object has satisfied when the query or message object has fully satisfied constraints.

procedure CHECKING

*/*input: full-state sequences σ_i of an object Ob */*

begin

create an empty list $Temp$;

if the elements in a sequence of σ_i have been marked **then** message
“It has completed ”;

else for each σ_i

copy the marked elements to $Temp$;

remove duplicate elements in $Temp$; show $Temp$;

end;

4 IMPLEMENTING

This section implements a test program for students to enroll in the semester credit-based courses of information technology faculty of a college. First students choose a training program according to a

specific discipline, then they can choose the subjects in other programs when the training program allows (set of rules). The tool selected to build the program is Windows Form C # (Visual. Net 2010) and SQL Server 2008R2.

4.1 Relational schemas

- *Schemas to check TIC*
PHIEN_BAN_SV (MaSV, MaMH, StartDate, MaPB, EndDate, KetQua),
PHIEN_BAN (MaPB, EffectiveDate, EndDate),
MON_HOC (MaMH, MaPB, TenMH),
STATE_SEQUENCE (MaSV, FullStateSequence, MaPB).
- *Other schemas for faculties, student registration and student learning outcomes*
KHOA (MaKhoa, TenKhoa)
LOP (MaLop, TenLop, MaKhoa, HeDaoTao, SiSo)
SINH_VIEN (MaSV, HoTenSV, Nam, NgaySinh, NoiSinh, NamHoc, NamKT, Pass)
MON_THAY_THE (MaMH, PbCu, MaMH_Moi, PbMoi)
CHON_CHUONG_TRINH (MaSV, MaPB, NgayChon, NamHoc)
DANG_KY (MaDKy, MaSV, NgayDKy, HocKy)
CHUONG_TRINH_D_KY (MaDKy, MaMH, MaPB, NgayBDHoc, NgayKTHoc)

4.2 Interface and tasks



Figure 3. Interface for administrator



Figure 4. Creating the new versions

In Figure 4, performing the version update task and updating into the set of rules, if it is the new version, also insert into the MON_THAY_THE schema.



Figure 5. Students choose the training program.

In Figure 5, students choose a training program (version) in many of the college's programs that are now in effect and studied throughout the process until graduation.

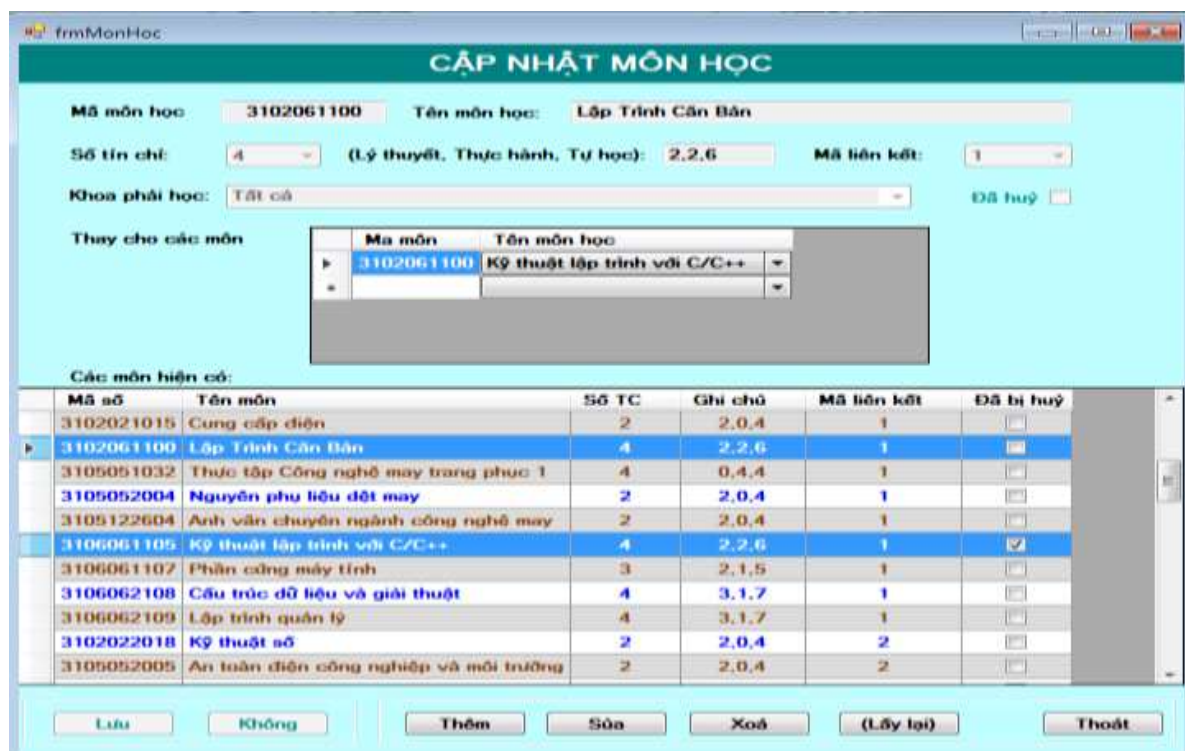


Figure 6. Students register for new subjects

The functions in Figure 6 perform checking integrity constraints on full-state sequences.

The screenshot shows a web application interface for updating subject results. At the top, it says "Nhập điểm môn học" and "Ngày nhập điểm: 01/07/2017". Below this, there is a dropdown menu for "Chọn môn học cần nhập điểm" with "Hệ Quản trị cơ sở dữ liệu" selected. A list of subjects is shown on the left, including "Công nghệ Thông tin" and "Cao đẳng Công nghệ phần mềm" for various years. On the right, there are buttons for "Sửa điểm", "Nhập mới", "Điểm thi: 3.5", "Lần thi: 1", "Lưu", and "Thoát". Below the subject list, there is a table of students with columns "Mã SV" and "Họ tên". A table on the right shows the results for "Hệ Quản trị cơ sở dữ liệu (Cử đăng ký)" with columns "Điểm", "Ngày vào điểm", and "Lần thi".

Mã SV	Họ tên
15001007	Trần Bảo Giang
15001009	Nguyễn Văn Hải
15001013	Nguyễn Quốc Cường
15001014	Nguyễn Văn Hồng
15001039	Bùi Trung Kiên
15001081	Trương Ngọc Chung
15001084	Nguyễn Quang Hữu
15001154	Đỗ Đức Huy
15001226	Phan Đình Chung
15001231	Nguyễn Trọng Dương
15001232	Ngô Quốc Cường
15001235	Nguyễn Trọng Khánh
15001246	Nguyễn Trọng Hiếu

Điểm	Ngày vào điểm	Lần thi
3.5	11/06/2017	1
7.3	14/06/2017	2

Figure 7. The function of updating subject results for students

The functions in Figure 7 update the results. If the score of the subject of an object (the student) is satisfactory when it has completed constraints on a state (subject) in FSS but otherwise, it has not completed the constraints. The student must then re-enroll in this subject until the required results are obtained.

The screenshot shows a web application interface for querying all students' learning results. At the top, it says "Sinh viên: Nguyễn An Bình - Học lớp: 14CD-TP - Thuộc khoa: Công nghệ Thông tin (Đã chọn lộ trình học là: 0 1 2 3 4 5)". Below this, there is a table with columns "Số TT", "Mã môn học", "Tên môn học", "Điểm thi", "Lần thi", and "Nhóm học phần". The table is divided into sections for "Học kỳ: 3", "Học kỳ: 4", "Học kỳ: 5", and "Học kỳ: 6". At the bottom, it says "Đã hoàn thành khoá học".

Số TT	Mã môn học	Tên môn học	Điểm thi	Lần thi	Nhóm học phần
Học kỳ: 3					
09	3106062112	Mạng máy tính và Quản trị mạng	6.8	1	2
10	3106062114	Phân tích Thiết kế hệ thống	6.5	1	2
11	3106062115	Lập trình Hướng đối tượng	8.3	1	2
12	3106062144	Thiết kế ảnh động với Flash	8.3	1	2
Học kỳ: 4					
13	3106062110	Lập trình Windows	8.3	1	3
14	3106062111	Thiết kế Web	9.6	1	3
15	3106062113	Hệ Quản trị cơ sở dữ liệu	6.8	1	3
16	3106062127	Thiết lập hệ thống mạng	9.0	1	3
Học kỳ: 5					
17	3106062117	Lập trình cơ sở dữ liệu	8.8	1	4
18	3106062129	Mạng Linux	7.8	1	4
19	3106062130	Mạng nâng cao	6.8	1	4
20	3106062141	Lập trình ASP.Net 1	7.3	1	4
Học kỳ: 6					
21	3102023042	Thực tập tốt nghiệp	7.0	1	5
22	3102023043	Khảo luận tốt nghiệp	9.6	1	5

Figure 8. Query all students' learning results

In Figure 8, perform the CHECKING procedure to check whether the object has fully satisfied the TIC or listed the subjects that have passed (training requirements).

CONCLUSIONS

This paper has used graph structure and the Hamiltonian paths in directed graphs to track the process of checking multiple topological integrity constraints on the temporal database. The problem of finding the Hamiltonian paths in a directed graph is NP-complete [11]. But in this program, the complexity of the

procedure SEARCH_SEQUENCE is only $O(k^{n-2})$, (see details in [7]).

Versions are training programs that are released over time. In a school, the training of one discipline usually lasts 3 to 4 years. The current trend, the training program will change each year, so students can learn new subjects instead of studying subjects follow the old training program. To make this systematically, the article has implemented a test program on data simulated by the current training program at a college of information technology faculty. This program manages students who enroll in credit and annuity academic programs and monitor their academic progress as well as advising students to register for courses.

The program uses structures: transition state graph, version graph and set of rules that allow students to transfer to equivalent subjects of other programs (students do not have to wait to save time study), and use the orderly Hamiltonian paths on the transition graph to build the full range of constraints that objects in the database must follow in real-time.

The program initially has prospects, encouragement, and suggestions from colleagues, future research direction is:

- Implementing programs for other faculties, supplementing the detailed curriculum of the subject, reference books, teaching teachers to help students consider the general curriculum.
- Develop procedures to check for inconsistency or duplication of a set of rules.

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