5.3 all_differ_from_at_most_k_pos

DESCRIPTION LINKS GRAPH

Origin Inspired by all_differ_from_at_least_k_pos.

Constraint all_differ_from_at_most_k_pos(K, VECTORS)

Arguments K : int

VECTORS : collection(vec - VECTOR)

Restrictions required(VECTOR, var)

 $\begin{aligned} |\text{VECTOR}| &\geq 1 \\ |\text{VECTOR}| &\geq \mathsf{K} \end{aligned}$

 $\mathsf{K} \geq 0$

required(VECTORS, vec)
same_size(VECTORS, vec)

Purpose Enforce all pairs of distinct vectors of the VECTORS collection to differ from at most K positions.

Example $(2, \langle \text{vec} - \langle 0, 3, 0, 6 \rangle, \text{vec} - \langle 0, 3, 4, 1 \rangle, \text{vec} - \langle 0, 3, 4, 6 \rangle \rangle)$

The all_differ_from_at_most_k_pos constraint holds since:

- ullet The first and second vectors differ from 2 positions, which is less than or equal to ${\tt K}=2.$
- The first and third vectors differ from 1 position, which is less than or equal to K = 2.
- The second and third vectors differ from 1 position, which is less than or equal to K = 2.

Typical K > 0

K < |VECTOR||VECTORS| > 1

Symmetries

- Items of VECTORS are permutable.
- Items of VECTORS.vec are permutable (same permutation used).

Arg. properties

- Contractible wrt. VECTORS.
- Contractible wrt. VECTORS.vec (remove items from same position).

See also implied by: all_differ_from_exactly_k_pos (\leq K replaced by = K).

part of system of constraints: differ_from_at_most_k_pos.
used in graph description: differ_from_at_most_k_pos.

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Keywords

characteristic of a constraint: disequality, vector.constraint type: system of constraints, decomposition.final graph structure: no loop, symmetric.

Arc input(s)	VECTORS
Arc generator	$CLIQUE(\neq) \mapsto collection(vectors1, vectors2)$
Arc arity	2
Arc constraint(s)	${\tt differ_from_at_most_k_pos}(\tt K, \tt vectors1.vec, \tt vectors2.vec)$
Graph property(ies)	$\mathbf{NARC} = \mathtt{VECTORS} * \mathtt{VECTORS} - \mathtt{VECTORS} $
Graph class	• NO_LOOP • SYMMETRIC

Graph model

The Arc constraint(s) slot uses the differ_from_at_most_k_pos constraint defined in this catalogue.

Parts (A) and (B) of Figure 5.3 respectively show the initial and final graph associated with the **Example** slot. Since we use the **NARC** graph property, the arcs of the final graph are stressed in bold. The previous constraint holds since exactly $3 \cdot (3-1) = 6$ arc constraints hold.

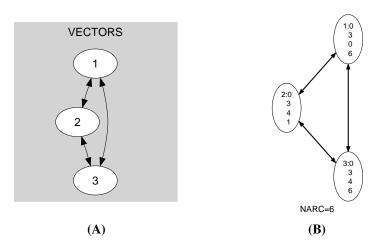


Figure 5.3: Initial and final graph of the all_differ_from_at_most_k_pos constraint

Signature

Since we use the $CLIQUE(\neq)$ arc generator on the items of the VECTORS collection, the expression $|VECTORS| \cdot |VECTORS| - |VECTORS|$ corresponds to the maximum number of arcs of the final graph. Therefore we can rewrite the graph property $NARC = |VECTORS| \cdot |VECTORS| - |VECTORS|$ to $NARC \ge |VECTORS| \cdot |VECTORS| - |VECTORS|$. This leads to simplify $NARC \ge |VECTORS| \cdot |VECTORS|$.

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