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DESCRIPTION

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Origin

Design.

Constraint

max_occ_of_tuples_of_values(MAX, K, VECTORS)

Type

VECTOR : collection(var-dvar)

Arguments

MAX : int K : int

VECTORS : collection(vec - VECTOR)

Restrictions

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required(VECTOR, var)
|VECTOR| > 2
strictly_increasing(VECTOR)
MAX > 1
K > 2
K < |VECTOR|
required(VECTORS, vec)
|VECTORS| > 1
same_size(VECTORS, vec)
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Purpose

MAX is equal to the maximum number of occurrences of identical vectors derived from the vectors VECTORS in the following way. To each vector $\langle v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_m \rangle$ (with $v_1 < v_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_{m-1} < v_m$) of VECTORS we generate all vectors $\langle u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_K \rangle$ such that $u_1 = v_{i_1}, u_2 = v_{i_2}, \ldots, u_K = v_{i_K}$ (with $1 \le i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_K \le m$).

Example

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\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{vec} - \langle 1,2,4\rangle\,,\\ \text{vec} - \langle 2,3,5\rangle\,,\\ \text{vec} - \langle 3,4,6\rangle\,,\\ 1,2,\left\langle\begin{array}{c} \text{vec} - \langle 4,5,7\rangle\,,\\ \text{vec} - \langle 1,5,6\rangle\,,\\ \text{vec} - \langle 2,6,7\rangle\,,\\ \text{vec} - \langle 1,3,7\rangle \end{array}\right)
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Given the seven vectors of the example we respectively generate:

- the pairs $\langle 1, 2 \rangle$, $\langle 1, 4 \rangle$ and $\langle 2, 4 \rangle$ from the triple $\langle 1, 2, 4 \rangle$,
- the pairs $\langle 2, 3 \rangle$, $\langle 2, 5 \rangle$ and $\langle 3, 5 \rangle$ from the triple $\langle 2, 3, 5 \rangle$,
- the pairs $\langle 3, 4 \rangle$, $\langle 3, 6 \rangle$ and $\langle 4, 6 \rangle$ from the triple $\langle 3, 4, 6 \rangle$,
- the pairs $\langle 4, 5 \rangle$, $\langle 4, 7 \rangle$ and $\langle 5, 7 \rangle$ from the triple $\langle 4, 5, 7 \rangle$,
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- the pairs $\langle 2, 6 \rangle$, $\langle 2, 7 \rangle$ and $\langle 6, 7 \rangle$ from the triple $\langle 2, 6, 7 \rangle$,

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• the pairs $\langle 1, 3 \rangle$, $\langle 1, 7 \rangle$ and $\langle 3, 7 \rangle$ from the triple $\langle 1, 3, 7 \rangle$.

Putting these pairs together, we get the set of pairs $\{\langle 1,2\rangle,\langle 1,3\rangle,\langle 1,4\rangle,\langle 1,5\rangle,\langle 1,6\rangle,\langle 1,7\rangle,\langle 2,3\rangle,\langle 2,4\rangle,\langle 2,5\rangle,\langle 2,6\rangle,\langle 2,7\rangle,\langle 3,4\rangle,\langle 3,5\rangle,\langle 3,6\rangle,\langle 3,7\rangle,\langle 4,5\rangle,\langle 4,6\rangle,\langle 4,7\rangle,\langle 5,6\rangle,\langle 5,7\rangle,\langle 6,7\rangle\}$. The max_occ_of_tuples_of_values constraint holds since the components of the original seven vectors are strictly increasing, and since MAX is set to one and all the generated pairs are distinct.

Typical

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\begin{aligned} \text{MAX} &\leq 2 \\ |\text{VECTOR}| &< \text{K} + 5 \\ \text{K} &= 2 \vee \text{K} + 1 = |\text{VECTOR}| \\ |\text{VECTORS}| &> 2 \end{aligned}
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Arg. properties

- Functional dependency: MAX determined by K and VECTORS.
- Contractible wrt. VECTORS when MAX = 1.

Usage

This constraint occurs in balanced block design problems [207, 262] such as Steiner or Kirkman triples.

See also

implies: max_occ_of_sorted_tuples_of_values.

Keywords

characteristic of a constraint: vector.
modelling: functional dependency.