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# 5.419 visible

# DESCRIPTION

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Origin

Extension of *accessibility* parameter of diffn.

Constraint

visible(K, DIMS, FROM, OBJECTS, SBOXES)

Types	VARIABLES	:	collection(v-dvar)
	INTEGERS	:	collection(v-int)
	POSITIVES	:	collection(v-int)
	DIMDIR	:	<pre>collection(dim-int, dir-int)</pre>

Arguments	K DIMS FROM	: : :	int sint DIMDIR	
	OBJECTS	:	collection	<pre>( oid-int, sid-dvar, x - VARIABLES, start-dvar, duration-dvar, end-dvar</pre>
	SBOXES	:	collection	$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{sid-int,} \\ \text{t} - \text{INTEGERS,} \\ \text{l} - \text{POSITIVES,} \\ \text{f} - \text{DIMDIR} \end{array} \right)$

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## Restrictions

 $|VARIABLES| \ge 1$  $|INTEGERS| \ge 1$  $|POSITIVES| \ge 1$ required(VARIABLES, v) |VARIABLES| = K required(INTEGERS, v) |INTEGERS| = Krequired(POSITIVES, v) |POSITIVES| = KPOSITIVES.v > 0required(DIMDIR, [dim, dir]) |DIMDIR| > 0 $|\texttt{DIMDIR}| \leq \texttt{K} + \texttt{K}$ distinct(DIMDIR,[]) DIMDIR.dim > 0DIMDIR.dim < K DIMDIR.dir > 0 $\texttt{DIMDIR.dir} \leq 1$  $\mathtt{K}\geq 0$  $\texttt{DIMS} \geq 0$  $\mathtt{DIMS} < \mathtt{K}$ distinct(OBJECTS,oid) required(OBJECTS,[oid,sid,x]) require\_at\_least(2, OBJECTS, [start, duration, end])  $\texttt{OBJECTS.oid} \geq 1$  $OBJECTS.oid \leq |OBJECTS|$  $\texttt{OBJECTS.sid} \geq 1$  $OBJECTS.sid \leq |SBOXES|$  $\texttt{OBJECTS.duration} \geq 0$  $|\text{SBOXES}| \ge 1$ required(SBOXES, [sid, t, 1])  $\texttt{SBOXES.sid} \geq 1$  $SBOXES.sid \leq |SBOXES|$ do\_not\_overlap(SBOXES)

## Holds if and only if:

- 1. The difference between the end in time and the start in time of each object is equal to its duration in time.
- 2. Given a collection of potential observations places FROM, where each observation place is specified by a *dimension* (i.e., an integer between 0 and k 1) and by a *direction* (i.e., an integer between 0 and 1), and given for each shifted box of SBOXES a set of visible faces, enforce that *at least one visible face of each shifted box associated with an object*  $o \in OBJECTS$  *should be entirely visible from at least one observation place of* FROM *at time o.start as well as at time o.end* -1. This notion is defined in a more formal way in the **Remark** slot.

Purpose

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} 2, \{0, 1\}, \\ \langle \dim - 0 \operatorname{dir} - 1 \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{oid} - 1 \ \operatorname{sid} - 1 \ \operatorname{x} - \langle 1, 2 \rangle \ \operatorname{start} - 8 \ \operatorname{duration} - 8 \ \operatorname{end} - 16, \\ \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{sid} - 2 \ \operatorname{sid} - 2 \ \operatorname{x} - \langle 4, 2 \rangle \ \operatorname{start} - 1 \ \operatorname{duration} - 15 \ \operatorname{end} - 16 \\ \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{sid} - 1 \ \operatorname{t} - \langle 0, 0 \rangle \ 1 - \langle 1, 2 \rangle \ \operatorname{f} - \langle \dim - 0 \ \operatorname{dir} - 1 \rangle, \\ \rangle \ \operatorname{sid} - 2 \ \operatorname{t} - \langle 0, 0 \rangle \ 1 - \langle 2, 3 \rangle \ \operatorname{f} - \langle \dim - 0 \ \operatorname{dir} - 1 \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{sid} - 0 \ \operatorname{dir} - 1 \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{oid} - 1 \ \operatorname{sid} - 1 \ \operatorname{x} - \langle 1, 2 \rangle \ \operatorname{start} - 1 \ \operatorname{duration} - 8 \ \operatorname{end} - 9, \\ \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{oid} - 2 \ \operatorname{sid} - 2 \ \operatorname{x} - \langle 4, 2 \rangle \ \operatorname{start} - 1 \ \operatorname{duration} - 15 \ \operatorname{end} - 16 \\ \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{sid} - 1 \ \operatorname{sid} - 1 \ \operatorname{x} - \langle 1, 2 \rangle \ \operatorname{f} - \langle \operatorname{dim} - 0 \ \operatorname{dir} - 1 \rangle, \\ \rangle \ \operatorname{sid} - 2 \ \operatorname{sid} - 2 \ \operatorname{x} - \langle 4, 2 \rangle \ \operatorname{start} - 1 \ \operatorname{duration} - 15 \ \operatorname{end} - 16 \\ \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{sid} - 1 \ \operatorname{t} - \langle 0, 0 \rangle \ 1 - \langle 1, 2 \rangle \ \operatorname{f} - \langle \operatorname{dim} - 0 \ \operatorname{dir} - 1 \rangle, \\ \rangle \ \operatorname{sid} - 2 \ \operatorname{t} - \langle 0, 0 \rangle \ 1 - \langle 2, 3 \rangle \ \operatorname{f} - \langle \operatorname{dim} - 0 \ \operatorname{dir} - 1 \rangle \\ \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{dim} - 0 \ \operatorname{dir} - 1 \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{dim} - 0 \ \operatorname{dir} - 1 \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{oid} - 1 \ \operatorname{sid} - 1 \ \operatorname{x} - \langle 1, 1 \rangle \ \operatorname{start} - 1 \ \operatorname{duration} - 6 \ \operatorname{end} - 16 \\ \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{sid} - 1 \ \operatorname{t} - \langle 0, 0 \rangle \ 1 - \langle 1, 2 \rangle \ \operatorname{f} - \langle \operatorname{dim} - 0 \ \operatorname{dir} - 1 \rangle \\ \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{sid} - 2 \ \operatorname{sid} - 2 \ \operatorname{x} - \langle 2, 2 \rangle \ \operatorname{start} - 6 \ \operatorname{duration} - 6 \ \operatorname{end} - 12 \\ \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{sid} - 1 \ \operatorname{sid} - 1 \ \operatorname{x} - \langle 4, 1 \rangle \ \operatorname{start} - 1 \ \operatorname{duration} - 8 \ \operatorname{end} - 9, \\ \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{sid} - 2 \ \operatorname{sid} - 2 \ \operatorname{x} - \langle 1, 2 \rangle \ \operatorname{start} - 1 \ \operatorname{duration} - 15 \ \operatorname{end} - 16 \\ \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{sid} - 1 \ \operatorname{sid} - 1 \ \operatorname{x} - \langle 2, 1 \rangle \ \operatorname{start} - 1 \ \operatorname{duration} - 15 \ \operatorname{end} - 16 \\ \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{sid} - 1 \ \operatorname{sid} - 1 \ \operatorname{x} - \langle 2, 1 \rangle \ \operatorname{start} - 1 \ \operatorname{duration} - 8 \ \operatorname{end} - 9, \\ \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{sid} - 1 \ \operatorname{sid} - 1 \ \operatorname{x} - \langle 2, 1 \rangle \ \operatorname{start} - 1 \ \operatorname{duration} - 8 \ \operatorname{end} - 9, \\ \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{sid} - 1 \ \operatorname{sid} - 1 \ \operatorname{x} - \langle 2, 1 \rangle \ \operatorname{start} - 1 \ \operatorname{duration} - 8 \ \operatorname{end} - 9, \\ \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{sid} - 1 \ \operatorname{sid} - 1 \ \operatorname{x} - \langle 2, 1 \rangle \ \operatorname{start} - 1 \ \operatorname{duration} - 15 \ \operatorname{end} - 16 \\ \rangle, \\ \langle \operatorname{sid}$$

The five previous examples correspond respectively to parts (I), (II) of Figure 5.798, to parts (III) and (IV) of Figure 5.799, and to Figure 5.800. Before introducing these five examples Figure 5.797 first illustrates the notion of *observations places* and of *visible faces*.

We first need to introduce a number of definitions in order to illustrate the notion of *visibility*.

**Definition 1.** Consider two distinct objects o and o' of the visible constraint (i.e.,  $o, o' \in iobjects$ ) as well as an observation place defined by the pair  $\langle \dim, \dim \rangle \in FROM$ . The object o is masked by the object o' according to the observation place  $\langle \dim, \dim \rangle$  if there exist two shifted boxes s and s' respectively associated with o and o' such that conditions A, B, C, D and E all hold:

- (A) o.duration  $> 0 \land o'$ .duration  $> 0 \land o$ .end > o'.start  $\land o'$ .end > o.start (*i.e.*, the time intervals associated with o and o' intersect).
- (B) Discarding dimension dim, s and s' intersect in all dimensions specified by DIMS (i.e., objects o and o' are in vis-à-vis).
- (C) If dir = 0

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Example



Figure 5.797: Entirely visible faces (depicted by a thick line) of rectangles (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7) from the four observation places  $\langle \dim = 0, \dim = 1 \rangle$ ,  $\langle \dim = 0, \dim = 0, \dim = 0 \rangle$ ,  $\langle \dim = 1, \dim = 1 \rangle$  and  $\langle \dim = 1, \dim = 0 \rangle$  (depicted by a small triangle)

then  $o.x[\dim] + s.t[\dim] \ge o'.x[\dim] + s'.t[\dim] + s'.l[\dim]$ else  $o'.x[\dim] + s'.t[\dim] \ge o.x[\dim] + s.t[\dim] + s.t[\dim]$  (i.e., in dimension dim, o and o' are ordered in the wrong way according to direction dir).

- (D) o.start > o'.start ∨ o.end < o'.end (i.e., instants o.start or o.end are located within interval [o'.start, o'.end]; we consider also condition A.).</li>
- (E) The observation place  $\langle \dim, \dim \rangle$  occurs within the list of visible faces associated with the face attribute f of the shifted box s (i.e., the pair  $\langle \dim, \dim \rangle$  is a potentially visible face of o).

**Definition 2.** Consider an object o of the collection OBJECTS as well as a possible observation place defined by the pair  $\langle \dim, \dim \rangle$ . The object o is masked according to the observation place  $\langle \dim, \dim \rangle$  if and only if at least one of the following conditions holds:

- No shifted box associated with o has the pair (dim, dir) as one of its potentially visible face.
- The object o is masked according to the possible observation place (dim, dir) by another object o'.

Figures 5.798, 5.799, and 5.800 respectively illustrate Definition 1 in the context of an observation place (depicted by a triangle) that is equal to the pair  $\langle \dim = 0, \dim = 1 \rangle$ . Note

that, in the context of Figure 5.800, as the DIMS parameter of the visible constraint only mentions dimension 0 (and not dimension 1), one object may be masked by another object even though the two objects do not intersect in any dimension: i.e., only their respective ordering in the dimension dim = 0 as well as their positions in time matter.

**Definition 3.** Consider an object o of the collection OBJECTS as well as a possible observation place defined by the pair  $\langle \dim, \dim \rangle$ . The object o is masked according to the observation place  $\langle \dim, \dim \rangle$  if and only if at least one of the following conditions holds:

- No shifted box associated with o has the pair (dim, dir) as one of its potentially visible face.
- The object o is masked according to the possible observation place (dim, dir) by another object o'.

**Definition 4.** An object of the collection OBJECTS constraint is masked according to a set of possible observation places FROM *if it is masked according to each observation place of* FROM.

We are now in position to define the visible constraint.

**Definition 5.** Given a visible(K, DIMS, FROM, OBJECTS, SBOXES) constraint, the visible constraint holds if none of the objects of OBJECTS is masked according to the dimensions of DIMS and to the set of possible observation places defined by FROM.



Figure 5.798: Illustration of Definition 1: two examples (I) and (II) where an object o is masked by an object o' according to dimensions  $\{0, 1\}$  and to the observation place  $\langle \dim = 0, \dim = 1 \rangle$  because (A) o and o' intersect in time, (B) o and o' intersect in dimension 1, (C) o and o' are not well ordered according to the observation place, (D) there exists an instant where o' if present (but not o) and (E)  $\langle \dim = 0, \dim = 1 \rangle$  is a potentially visible face of o.



Figure 5.799: Illustration of Definition 1: two examples (III) and (IV) where an object o is not masked by an object o' according to the observation place  $\langle \dim = 0, \dim = 1 \rangle$ .



- **B.** in dimension 0, o' starts after the end of o,
- C. the end in time of o is located before the end in time of o',
- **D.**  $\langle \dim = 0, \dim = 1 \rangle$  is a potentially visible face of *o*.

Figure 5.800: Illustration of Definition 1: the case where an object o is masked by an object o' according to dimension 0 and to the observation place  $\langle \dim = 0, \dim = 1 \rangle$  because: (A) o and o' intersect in time, (C) o and o' are not well ordered according to the observation place and (D) there exists an instant where o' if present (but not o) and (E)  $\langle \dim = 0, \dim = 1 \rangle$  is a potentially visible face of o.

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Symmetries	<ul><li>Items of OBJECTS are permutable.</li><li>Items of SBOXES are permutable.</li></ul>
Usage	We now give several typical concrete uses of the visible constraint, which all mention the diffst as well as the visible constraints:
	• Figure 5.801 corresponds to a <i>ship loading problem</i> where containers are piled within a ship by a crane each time the ship visits a given harbour. In this context we have first to express the fact that <i>a container can only be placed on top of an already placed container</i> and second, that <i>a container can only be taken away if no container is placed on top of it</i> . These two conditions are expressed by a single visible constraint for which the DIMS parameter mentions all three dimensions of the placement space and the FROM parameter mentions the pair (dim = 2, dir = 1) as its unique observation place. In addition we also use a diffst constraint for expressing non-overlapping.
	$ \left( \begin{array}{c} 3, \ \{0,1,2\}, \ \langle \dim - 2 \ \operatorname{dir} - 1 \rangle, \\ \operatorname{oid} - 1  \operatorname{sid} - 1  x - \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle  \operatorname{start} - 0  \operatorname{duration} - 17  \operatorname{end} - 17, \\ \operatorname{oid} - 2  \operatorname{sid} - 1  x - \langle 1, 1, 3 \rangle  \operatorname{start} - 0  \operatorname{duration} - 8  \operatorname{end} - 8, \\ \operatorname{oid} - 3  \operatorname{sid} - 1  x - \langle 4, 1, 1 \rangle  \operatorname{start} - 0  \operatorname{duration} - 8  \operatorname{end} - 8, \\ \operatorname{oid} - 4  \operatorname{sid} - 1  x - \langle 1, 1, 3 \rangle  \operatorname{start} - 8  \operatorname{duration} - 9  \operatorname{end} - 17, \\ \operatorname{oid} - 5  \operatorname{sid} - 1  x - \langle 4, 1, 1 \rangle  \operatorname{start} - 8  \operatorname{duration} - 16  \operatorname{end} - 24, \\ \operatorname{oid} - 6  \operatorname{sid} - 1  x - \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle  \operatorname{start} - 17  \operatorname{duration} - 7  \operatorname{end} - 24 \\ \left\langle  \operatorname{sid} - 1  \operatorname{t} - \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle  1 - \langle 2, 4, 2 \rangle  \operatorname{f} - \langle \operatorname{dim} - 2 \ \operatorname{dir} - 1 \rangle \right\rangle \right) $
stozije 6 5 4 3 2 1	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Sp}\\ \text{Sp}\\ \text{G}\\ \text{G}\\ \text{Sp}\\ \text{G}\\ \text{G}\\ \text{Sp}\\ \text{G}\\ \text{G}\\ \text{Sp}\\ Sp$
	dim = 2, dir = 1 $5 \frac{1}{2}$ $1 \frac{2}{1}$ $1 \frac{3}{2}$ $1 \frac{3}{1}$ $1 \frac{3}{2}$ $1 \frac{3}{1}$ $1 \frac{3}{2}$ $1 \frac{3}{1}$ $1 \frac{3}{2}$ $1 \frac{3}{2}$
	Figure 5.801: Illustration of the ship loading problem

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- Figure 5.802 corresponds to a *container loading/unloading problem* in the context of a pick-up delivery problem where the loading/unloading takes place with respect to the front door of the container. Beside the diffst constraint used for expressing non-overlapping, we use two distinct visible constraints:
  - The first visible constraint takes care of the location of the front door of the container (each object *o* has to be loaded/unloaded without moving around any other object, i.e., objects that are in the vis-à-vis of *o* according to the front door of the container). This is expressed by a single visible constraint for which the DIMS parameter mentions all three dimensions of the placement space and the FROM parameter mentions the pair  $\langle \dim = 1, \dim = 0 \rangle$  as its unique observation place.
  - The second visible constraint takes care of the *gravity dimension* (i.e., each object that has to be loaded should not be put under another object, and reciprocally each object that has to be unloaded should not be located under another object). This is expressed by the same visible constraint that was used for the ship loading problem, i.e., a visible constraint for which the DIMS parameter mentions all three dimensions of the placement space and the FROM parameter mentions the pair  $\langle \dim = 2, \dim = 1 \rangle$  as its unique observation place.
- Figure 5.803 corresponds to a *pallet loading problem* where one has to place six objects on a pallet. Each object corresponds to a parallelepiped that has a bar code on one of its four sides (i.e., the sides that are different from the top and the bottom of the parallelepiped). If, for some reason, an object has no bar code then we simply remove it from the objects that will be passed to the visible constraint: this is for instance the case for the sixth object. In this context the constraint to enforce (beside the non-overlapping constraint between the parallelepipeds that are assigned to a same pallet) is the fact that the bar code of each object should be visible (i.e., visible from one of the four sides of the pallet). This is expressed by the visible constraint given in Part (F) of Figure 5.803.
- **Remark** The visible constraint is a generalisation of the accessibility constraint initially introduced in the context of the diffn constraint.
- See alsocommon keyword: diffn (geometrical constraint),<br/>geost, geost\_time (geometrical constraint, sweep),<br/>non\_overlap\_sboxes (geometrical constraint).Keywordsconstraint type: decomposition, predefined constraint.

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Figure 5.802: Illustration of the pick-up delivery problem



Figure 5.803: Illustration of the pallet loading problem