5.118 element_greatereq

DESCRIPTION LINKS GRAPH AUTOMATON

Origin [271]

Constraint element_greatereq(ITEM, TABLE)

Arguments

ITEM	:	collection(index−dvar, value−dvar)
TABLE	:	collection(index−int, value−int)

Restrictions

required(ITEM, [index, value])
ITEM.index ≥ 1
ITEM.index ≤ |TABLE|
|ITEM| = 1
required(TABLE, [index, value])
TABLE.index ≥ 1
TABLE.index ≤ |TABLE|
distinct(TABLE, index)

Purpose ITEM[1].value is greater than or equal to one of the entries (i.e., the value attribute) of the table TABLE.

Example

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \langle \texttt{index} - 1\ \texttt{value} - 8\rangle, \\ \left\langle \begin{array}{ll} \texttt{index} - 1 & \texttt{value} - 6, \\ \texttt{index} - 2 & \texttt{value} - 9, \\ \texttt{index} - 3 & \texttt{value} - 2, \\ \texttt{index} - 4 & \texttt{value} - 9 \end{array} \right\rangle \end{array}\right)$$

The element_greatereq constraint holds since ITEM[1].value = 8 is greater than or equal to TABLE[ITEM[1].index].value = TABLE[1].value = 6.

Typical

|TABLE| > 1
range(TABLE.value) > 1

Symmetries

- Items of TABLE are permutable.
- All occurrences of two distinct values in ITEM.value or TABLE.value can be swapped; all occurrences of a value in ITEM.value or TABLE.value can be renamed to any unused value.

Usage Used for modelling variable subscripts in linear constraints [271].

Reformulation By introducing an extra variable VAL, the element_greatereq(⟨index − INDEX value − VALUE⟩, TABLE) constraint can be expressed in term of an elem(⟨index − INDEX value − VAL⟩, TABLE) constraint and of an inequality constraint VALUE ≥ VAL.

See also **common keyword:** element, element_lesseq, element_product *(array constraint)*.
implied by: elem.

Keywords

characteristic of a constraint: automaton, automaton without counters, reified automaton constraint.

constraint arguments: binary constraint.

constraint network structure: centered cyclic(2) constraint network(1).

constraint type: data constraint.

filtering: linear programming, arc-consistency.

modelling: array constraint, table, variable subscript, variable indexing.

Arc input(s)	ITEM TABLE
Arc generator	$PRODUCT \mapsto$ collection(item, table)
Arc arity	2
Arc constraint(s)	• item.index = table.index • item.value $\geq$ table.value
Graph property(ies)	NARC= 1

Graph model Similar to the element constraint except that the *equality* constraint of the second condition of the arc constraint is replaced by a *greater than or equal to* constraint.

Parts (A) and (B) of Figure 5.240 respectively show the initial and final graph associated with the **Example** slot. Since we use the NARC graph property, the unique arc of the final graph is stressed in bold.

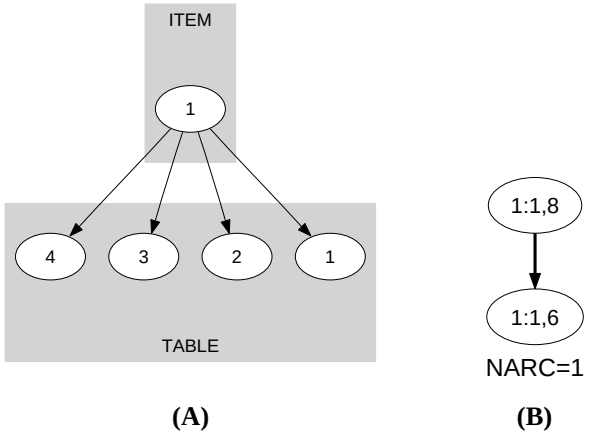

Figure 5.240: Initial and final graph of the element_greatereq constraint

Signature Since all the index attributes of TABLE are distinct and because of the first arc constraint the final graph cannot have more than one arc. Therefore we can rewrite NARC $= 1$ to NARC ≥ 1 and simplify NARC to NARC.

Automaton

Figure 5.241 depicts the automaton associated with the `element_greatereq` constraint. Let `INDEX` and `VALUE` respectively be the `index` and the `value` attributes of the unique item of the `ITEM` collection. Let $\texttt{INDEX}_i$ and $\texttt{VALUE}_i$ respectively be the `index` and the `value` attributes of the i^{th} item of the `TABLE` collection. To each quadruple $(\texttt{INDEX}, \texttt{VALUE}, \texttt{INDEX}_i, \texttt{VALUE}_i)$ corresponds a 0-1 signature variable $\texttt{S}_i$ as well as the following signature constraint: $((\texttt{INDEX} = \texttt{INDEX}_i) \wedge (\texttt{VALUE} \geq \texttt{VALUE}_i)) \Leftrightarrow \texttt{S}_i$.

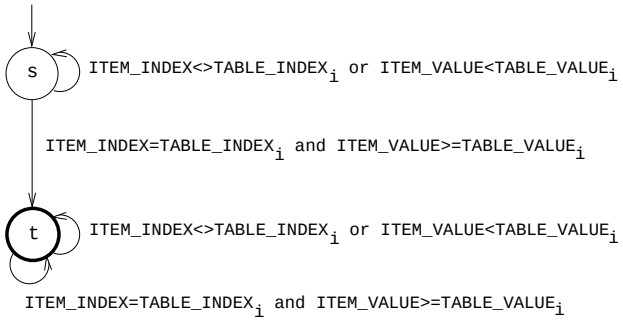

Figure 5.241: Automaton of the `element_greatereq` constraint

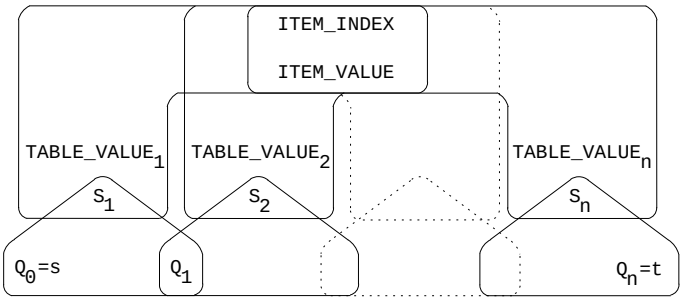

Figure 5.242: Hypergraph of the reformulation corresponding to the automaton of the `element_greatereq` constraint