

## 5.322 period\_vectors

	DESCRIPTION	LINKS
Origin	Derived from <a href="#">period</a>	
Constraint	<code>period_vectors(PERIOD, VECTORS, CTRS)</code>	
Types	VECTOR : <a href="#">collection</a> (var-dvar) CTR : <a href="#">atom</a>	
Arguments	PERIOD : <a href="#">dvar</a> VECTORS : <a href="#">collection</a> (vec - VECTOR) CTRS : <a href="#">collection</a> (ctr - CTR)	
Restrictions	$ VECTOR  \geq 1$ <a href="#">required</a> (VECTOR, var) $CTR \in [=, \neq, <, \geq, >, \leq]$ $PERIOD \geq 1$ $PERIOD \leq  VECTORS $ <a href="#">required</a> (VECTORS, vec) <a href="#">same_size</a> (VECTORS, vec) <a href="#">required</a> (CTRS, ctr) $ CTRS  =  VECTOR $	
Purpose	<p>Let us note <math>VECTOR_0, VECTOR_1, \dots, VECTOR_{n-1}</math> the vectors of the VECTORS collection, and <math>d</math> the number of components of each vector (all vectors have the same size). PERIOD is the <i>period</i> of the sequence of vectors <math>VECTOR_0, VECTOR_1, \dots, VECTOR_{n-1}</math> according to constraints CTRS. This means that PERIOD is the smallest natural number such that <math>\forall i \in [0, n - PERIOD - 1], \forall j \in [0, d - 1] : VECTOR_i.vec[j] CTRS[j] VECTOR_{i+PERIOD}.vec[j]</math>.</p>	
Example	<div><math display="block">3, \left\langle \begin{array}{c} vec - \langle 1, 0 \rangle, \\ vec - \langle 1, 5 \rangle, \\ vec - \langle 4, 4 \rangle, \\ vec - \langle 1, 0 \rangle, \\ vec - \langle 1, 5 \rangle, \\ vec - \langle 4, 4 \rangle, \\ vec - \langle 1, 0 \rangle, \\ vec - \langle 1, 5 \rangle \end{array} \right\rangle, \\ \langle =, = \rangle</math></div> <p>The <code>period_vectors</code> constraint holds since its first argument <math>PERIOD = 3</math> is equal (i.e., since CTRS is set to <math>\langle =, = \rangle</math>) to the period of the sequence <math>vec - \langle 1, 0 \rangle, vec - \langle 1, 5 \rangle, vec - \langle 4, 4 \rangle, vec - \langle 1, 0 \rangle, vec - \langle 1, 5 \rangle, vec - \langle 4, 4 \rangle, vec - \langle 1, 0 \rangle, vec - \langle 1, 5 \rangle</math>.</p>	

**Typical**

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CTR ∈ [≡]  
|VECTOR| > 1  
PERIOD > 1  
PERIOD < |VECTORS|  
|VECTORS| > 2
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**Symmetry**

Items of VECTORS can be [reversed](#).

**Arg. properties**

- [Functional dependency](#): PERIOD determined by VECTORS and CTRS.
- [Prefix-contractible](#) wrt. VECTORS.
- [Suffix-contractible](#) wrt. VECTORS.

**See also**

[specialisation](#): [period](#) (*vector replaced by variable*).

**Keywords**

[characteristic of a constraint](#): [vector](#).

[combinatorial object](#): [periodic](#), [sequence](#).

[constraint arguments](#): [pure functional dependency](#).

[constraint type](#): [predefined constraint](#).

[modelling](#): [functional dependency](#).