

The `element_matrix` constraint holds since its last argument `VALUE = 7` is equal to the `v` attribute of the k^{th} item of the `MATRIX` collection such that `MATRIX[k].i = INDEX_I = 1` and `MATRIX[k].j = INDEX_J = 3`.

Typical

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MAX_I > 1
MAX_J > 1
|MATRIX| > 3
maxval(MATRIX.i) > 1
maxval(MATRIX.j) > 1
range(MATRIX.v) > 1
```

Symmetry

All occurrences of two distinct values in `MATRIX.v` or `VALUE` can be [swapped](#); all occurrences of a value in `MATRIX.v` or `VALUE` can be [renamed](#) to any unused value.

Reformulation

The `element_matrix(MAX_I, MAX_J, INDEX_I, INDEX_J, MATRIX, VALUE)` constraint can be expressed in term of `MAX_I` [element](#)(`INDEX_J, LINEi, VARi`) ($i \in [1, \text{MAX_I}]$), where `LINEi` corresponds to the i -th line of the matrix `MATRIX` and of one [element](#)(`INDEX_I, <VAR1, VAR2, ..., VARMAX_I>, VALUE`) constraint.

If we consider the **Example** slot we get the following [element](#) constraints:

- [element](#)(3, <4, 1, 7>, 7),
- [element](#)(3, <1, 0, 8>, 8),
- [element](#)(3, <3, 2, 1>, 1),
- [element](#)(3, <0, 0, 6>, 6),
- [element](#)(1, <7, 8, 1, 6>, 7).

Systems

[nth](#) in [Choco](#), [element](#) in [Gecode](#).

See also

common keyword: [elem](#), [element](#) (*array constraint*).

Keywords

characteristic of a constraint: [automaton](#), [automaton without counters](#), [reified automaton constraint](#), [derived collection](#).

constraint arguments: [ternary constraint](#).

constraint network structure: [centered cyclic\(3\) constraint network\(1\)](#).

constraint type: [data constraint](#).

filtering: [arc-consistency](#).

modelling: [array constraint](#), [matrix](#).

Derived Collection	$\text{col} \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{ITEM-collection}(\text{index_i-dvar}, \text{index_j-dvar}, \text{value-dvar}), \\ [\text{item}(\text{index_i} - \text{INDEX_I}, \text{index_j} - \text{INDEX_J}, \text{value} - \text{VALUE})] \end{array} \right)$
Arc input(s)	ITEM MATRIX
Arc generator	<i>PRODUCT</i> \mapsto collection(item, matrix)
Arc arity	2
Arc constraint(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• item.index_i = matrix.i• item.index_j = matrix.j• item.value = matrix.v
Graph property(ies)	<u>NARC</u> = 1

Graph model Similar to the *element* constraint except that the arc constraint is updated according to the fact that we have a two-dimensional matrix.

Parts (A) and (B) of Figure 5.328 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.

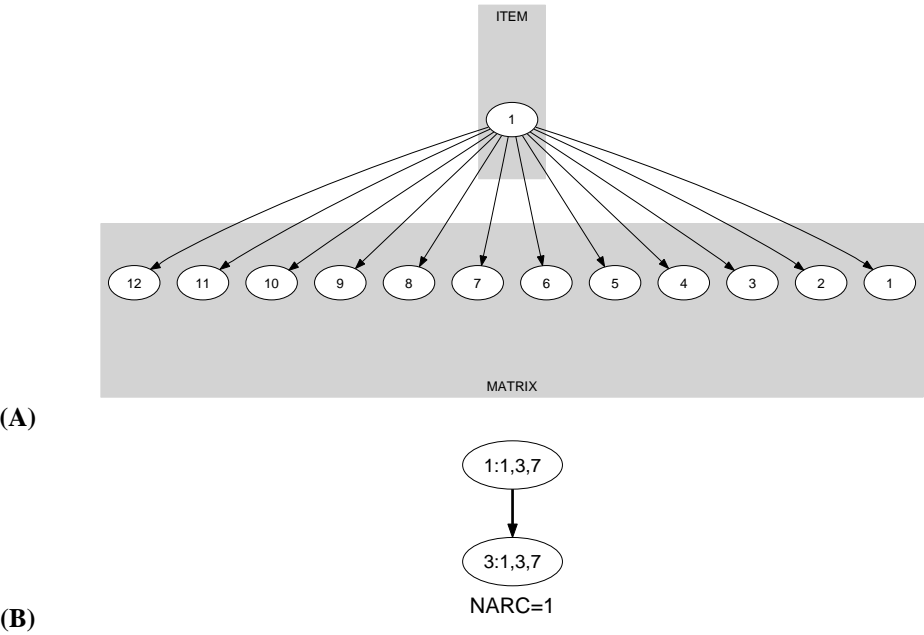
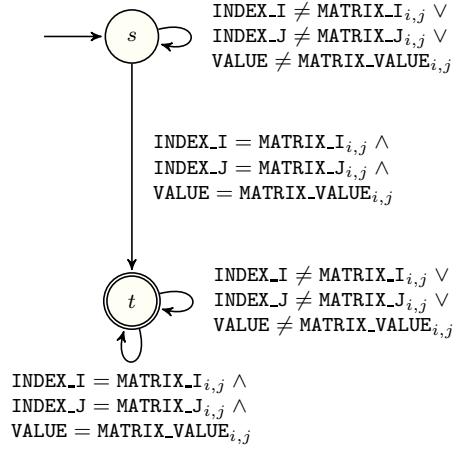
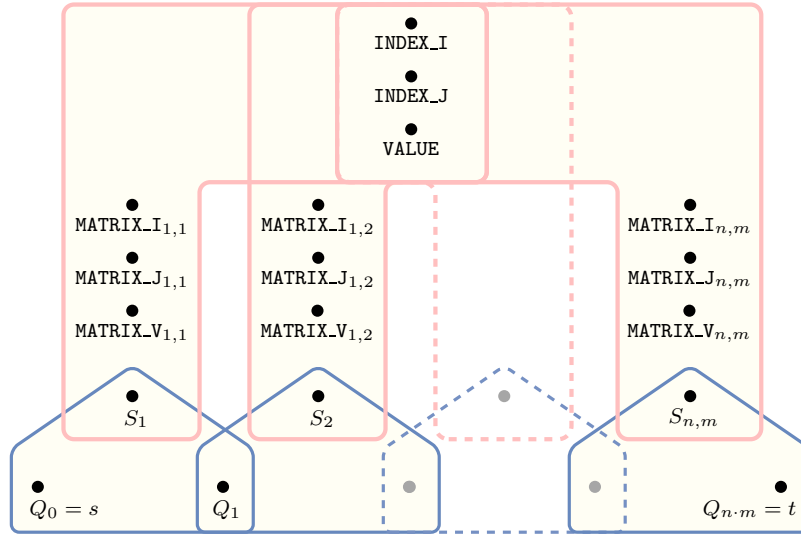


Figure 5.328: Initial and final graph of the *element_matrix* constraint

Signature Because of the first condition of the arc constraint the final graph cannot have more than one arc. Therefore we can rewrite $\text{NARC} = 1$ to $\text{NARC} \geq 1$ and simplify NARC to NARC.

Automaton

Figure 5.329 depicts the automaton associated with the `element_matrix` constraint. Let I_k , J_k and V_k respectively be the i , the j and the v k^{th} attributes of the `MATRIX` collection. To each sextuple $(INDEX_I, INDEX_J, VALUE, I_k, J_k, V_k)$ corresponds a 0-1 signature variable S_k as well as the following signature constraint: $((INDEX_I = I_k) \wedge (INDEX_J = J_k) \wedge (VALUE = V_k)) \Leftrightarrow S_k$.

Figure 5.329: Automaton of the `element_matrix` constraintFigure 5.330: Hypergraph of the reformulation corresponding to the automaton of the `element_matrix` constraint where n and m respectively stands for `MAX_I` and `MAX_J`