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## open\_minimum 5.302

**DESCRIPTION** LINKS **AUTOMATON** 

Origin Derived from minimum

Constraint open\_minimum(MIN, VARIABLES)

Arguments MIN : dvar

> : collection(var-dvar, bool-dvar) VARIABLES

Restrictions |VARIABLES| > 0

required(VARIABLES, [var, bool])

 ${\tt VARIABLES.bool} \geq 0$  ${\tt VARIABLES.bool} \leq 1$ 

Purpose

MIN is the minimum value of the variables VARIABLES[i].var,  $(1 \le i \le |VARIABLES|)$ for which VARIABLES[i].bool = 1 (at least one of the Boolean variables is set to 1).

**Example** 

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bool -1,
var - 5
          bool -1.
          bool - 1
\mathtt{var}-5
```

The open\_minimum constraint holds since its first argument MIN = 3 is set to the minimum value of values 3, 1, 7, 5, 5 for which the corresponding Boolean 1, 0, 0, 1, 1 is set to 1 (i.e., values 3, 5, 5).

**Typical** |VARIABLES| > 1

range(VARIABLES.var) > 1

**Symmetries** 

- Items of VARIABLES are permutable.
- One and the same constant can be added to MIN as well as to the var attribute of all items of VARIABLES.

Remark

The open\_minimum constraint is used in the reformulation of the tree\_range constraint.

See also

comparison swapped: open\_maximum.

hard version: minimum.

used in graph description: in\_set. uses in its reformulation: tree\_range.

Keywords

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

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

constraint type: order constraint, open constraint, open automaton constraint.

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Automaton

Figure 5.638 depicts the automaton associated with the open\_minimum constraint. Let VAR $_i$ , B $_i$  be the  $i^{th}$  item of the VARIABLES collection. To each triple (MIN, VAR $_i$ , B $_i$ ) corresponds a signature variable  $S_i$  as well as the following signature constraint: (B $_i = 1 \land \text{MIN} < \text{VAR}_i \Leftrightarrow S_i = 0$ )  $\land$  (B $_i = 1 \land \text{MIN} = \text{VAR}_i \Leftrightarrow S_i = 1$ )  $\land$  (B $_i = 1 \land \text{MIN} > \text{VAR}_i \Leftrightarrow S_i = 2$ )  $\land$  (B $_i = 0 \land \text{MIN} < \text{VAR}_i \Leftrightarrow S_i = 3$ )  $\land$  (B $_i = 0 \land \text{MIN} = \text{VAR}_i \Leftrightarrow S_i = 4$ )  $\land$  (B $_i = 0 \land \text{MIN} > \text{VAR}_i \Leftrightarrow S_i = 5$ ).

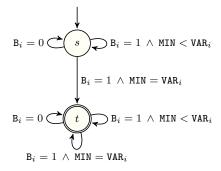


Figure 5.638: Automaton of the open\_minimum constraint

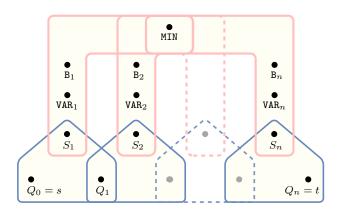


Figure 5.639: Hypergraph of the reformulation corresponding to the automaton of the open\_minimum constraint