## 5.116 differ\_from\_at\_most\_k\_pos

DESCRIPTION LINKS GRAPH
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Origin Inspired by differ\_from\_at\_least\_k\_pos.

Constraint differ\_from\_at\_most\_k\_pos(K, VECTOR1, VECTOR2)

Type VECTOR : collection(var-dvar)

Arguments K : int

VECTOR1 : VECTOR VECTOR2 : VECTOR

**Restrictions**  $|VECTOR| \ge 1$ 

required(VECTOR, var)

 $K \ge 0$ 

 $K \leq |VECTOR1|$ 

|VECTOR1| = |VECTOR2|

Purpose Enforce two vectors VECTOR1 and VECTOR2 to differ from at most K positions.

**Example**  $(3, \langle 2, 5, 2, 0 \rangle, \langle 3, 6, 2, 0 \rangle)$ 

The differ\_from\_at\_most\_k\_pos constraint holds since the first and second vectors differ from 2 positions, which is less than or equal to K=3.

Typical K > 0

Arg. properties

Used in

K < |VECTOR1||VECTOR1| > 1

Symmetries • Arguments are permutable w.r.t. permutation (K) (VECTOR1, VECTOR2).

• K can be increased to any value  $\leq$  |VECTOR1|.

• Items of VECTOR1 and VECTOR2 are permutable (same permutation used).

Contractible wrt. VARIABLES1 and VARIABLES2 (remove items from same position).

See also implied by: differ\_from\_exactly\_k\_pos ( $\leq$  K replaced by = K).

all\_differ\_from\_at\_most\_k\_pos.

 $system\ of\ constraints: \verb|all_differ_from_at_most_k_pos.|$ 

**Keywords** characteristic of a constraint: vector.

constraint type: value constraint.

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 Arc input(s)
 VECTOR1 VECTOR2

 Arc generator
  $PRODUCT(=) \mapsto collection(vector1, vector2)$  

 Arc arity
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 Arc constraint(s)
  $vector1.var \neq vector2.var$  

 Graph property(ies)
  $NARC \leq K$ 

Graph model

Parts (A) and (B) of Figure 5.275 respectively show the initial and final graph associated with the **Example** slot. Since we use the **NARC** graph property, the arcs of the final graph are stressed in bold.

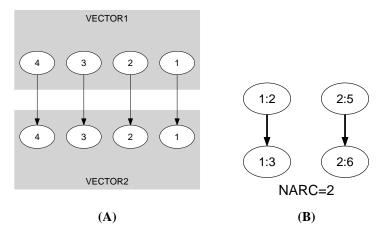


Figure 5.275: Initial and final graph of the differ\_from\_at\_most\_k\_pos constraint