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## 5.81 cond\_lex\_greater

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**Origin** Inspired by [437].

Constraint cond\_lex\_greater(VECTOR1, VECTOR2, PREFERENCE\_TABLE)

Type
TUPLE\_OF\_VALS : collection(val-int)

Arguments VECTOR1 : collection(var-dvar)

VECTOR2 : collection(var-dvar)

PREFERENCE\_TABLE : collection(tuple - TUPLE\_OF\_VALS)

Restrictions

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|TUPLE_OF_VALS| ≥ 1
required(TUPLE_OF_VALS, val)
required(VECTOR1, var)
required(VECTOR2, var)
|VECTOR1| = |VECTOR2|
|VECTOR1| = |TUPLE_OF_VALS|
required(PREFERENCE_TABLE, tuple)
same_size(PREFERENCE_TABLE, tuple)
distinct(PREFERENCE_TABLE, [])
in_relation(VECTOR1, PREFERENCE_TABLE)
in_relation(VECTOR2, PREFERENCE_TABLE)
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Purpose

VECTOR1 and VECTOR2 are both assigned to the  $\mathbf{I}^{th}$  and  $\mathbf{J}^{th}$  items of the collection PREFERENCE\_TABLE such that  $\mathbf{I}>\mathbf{J}$ .

Example

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\left(\begin{array}{c} \langle 0,0\rangle\,,\\ \langle 1,0\rangle\,,\\ \text{tuple} - \langle 1,0\rangle\,,\\ \langle \text{tuple} - \langle 0,1\rangle\,,\\ \text{tuple} - \langle 0,0\rangle\,,\\ \text{tuple} - \langle 1,1\rangle \end{array}\right)
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The cond\_lex\_greater constraint holds since VECTOR1 and VECTOR2 are respectively assigned to the third and first items of the collection PREFERENCE\_TABLE.

**Typical** 

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\begin{split} |\text{TUPLE\_OF\_VALS}| &> 1 \\ |\text{VECTOR1}| &> 1 \\ |\text{VECTOR2}| &> 1 \\ |\text{PREFERENCE\_TABLE}| &> 1 \end{split}
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## **Symmetries**

• Items of VECTOR1, VECTOR2 and PREFERENCE\_TABLE.tuple are permutable (same permutation used).

 All occurrences of two distinct tuples of values in VECTOR1, VECTOR2 or PREFERENCE\_TABLE.tuple can be swapped; all occurrences of a tuple of values in VECTOR1, VECTOR2 or PREFERENCE\_TABLE.tuple can be renamed to any unused tuple of values.

Usage See cond\_lex\_cost.

See also common keyword: cond\_lex\_cost, cond\_lex\_greatereq, cond\_lex\_less,

cond\_lex\_lesseq(preferences), lex\_greater(lexicographic order).

implies: cond\_lex\_greatereq.

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

constraint network structure: Berge-acyclic constraint network.

constraint type: order constraint.

**filtering:** arc-consistency. **modelling:** preferences.

symmetry: lexicographic order.

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Automaton

Figure 5.204 depicts the automaton associated with the preference table of the cond\_lex\_greater constraint given in the example. Let  ${\tt VAR1}_k$  and  ${\tt VAR2}_k$  respectively be the var attributes of the  $k^{th}$  items of the VECTOR1 and the VECTOR2 collections. Figure 5.205 depicts the reformulation of the cond\_lex\_greater constraint. This reformulation uses:

- Two occurrences of the automaton depicted by Figure 5.204 for computing the positions I and J within the preference table corresponding to VECTOR1 and VECTOR2.
- The binary constraint I > J.

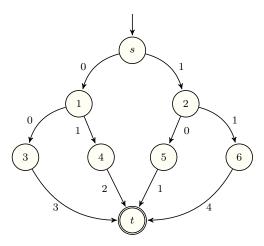


Figure 5.204: Automaton associated with the preference table of the cond\_lex\_greater constraint given in the **Example** slot

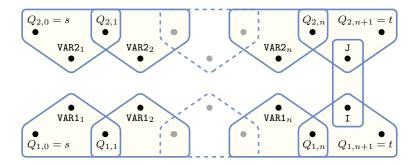


Figure 5.205: Hypergraph of the reformulation corresponding to the condlex\_greater constraint: it uses two occurrences of the automaton of Figure 5.204 and the constraint I > J

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