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Introduction

This International Standard defines a means to express and evaluate constraints on topic maps conforming to the Topic Map Data Model [TMDM].

Topic Maps Constraint Language

1 Scope

This International Standard defines a data model for representing constraints on instances of the topic map data model and the formal semantics for the interpretation of different constraint types. This International Standard expresses constraints using topic map constructs and the interpretation of these constraints as TMQL. In addition, This International Standard defines a number of CTM templates to faciliate the construction of TMCL constraints.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

NOTE Each of the following documents has a unique identifier that is used to cite the document in the text. The unique identifier consists of the part of the reference up to the first comma.

Unicode, *The Unicode Standard, Version 4.0*, The Unicode Consortium, Boston, MA, USA, Addison-Wesley , 2003, ISBN 0-321-18578-1

TMDM, ISO 13250-2 Topic Maps — Data Model, ISO, 2005, available at http://www.isotopicmaps.org/sam/sam-model/

TMQL, ISO Topic Maps Query Language Working Draft, ISO, 2005, available at http://www.isotopicmaps.org/tmql/

CTM, ISO Compact Topic Map Notation Working Draft, ISO, 2006, available at http://www.isotopicmaps.org/ctm/

XML 1.0, Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.0, W3C, Third Edition, W3C Recommendation, 04 February 2004, available at http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-xml/

RFC3986, *RFC 3986 - Uniform Resource Identifiers (URI): Generic Syntax*, The Internet Society, 2005, available at http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3986.txt

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3 Notation and Conventions

3.1 Notation and Syntax

TMCL constraints are represented as topic map structures using the TMDM [TMDM]. Any syntax that can be used to create TMDM structures is a valid authoring syntax for TMCL constraints and therefor no special syntax is defined.

3.2 Formal Semantics

The formal semantics of TMCL constraints are defined using TMQL.

4 TMCL

TMCL defines constraint types and an interpretation for instances of those types. The interpretation indicates in an unambiguous fashion what it means for an instance of a given constraint type to be evaluated as true or false in the context of a TMDM instance.

The TMCL constraint types are defined in terms of the topic map data model. The formal interpretation of each constraint type is defined using TMQL.

All constraint types defined follow a common pattern. They are all defined as subtypes of the topic type called 'Constraint'. They all have an occurrence of type 'validation expression'. It is possible to define new constraint types that address specific domain requirements while still fitting into the overall TMCL validation framework. The constraint types defined in TMCL are intended for use in a entity constraint language fashion, such as ERM, UML etc. They are intended to be used to define the set of identities, occurrences, names and played association roles that a topic of a given type must have in order to been deemed valid e.g. topics of type person must have one unscoped name and be related to one other topic of type person who is their mother. The generalised constraint model, that of constraint and validation expression, is intended to facilitate map wide constraints that are not centered on one particular type. e.g. If a person works in department X then they must also be the author of at least 5 research papers.

4.1 Validation Semantics

A TMCL constraint type MUST have a validation expression occurrence. This occurrence contains the TMQL expression that formally defines what it means to evaluate instances of that constraint type in the context of a given topic map. The evaluation of this expression MUST return true or false. If the expression returns true, validation is said to have succeeded.

TMQL expressions that are contained in the validation expression occurrence may contain the unbound variable \$THIS is a placeholder for the constraint instance being validated.

For the purposes of evaluating the validation expression it is assumed that the constraint structure, the TMDM fragment representing the constraint, is virtually merged with the map being validated. However, the evaluating application must not permanently modify the topic map instance. This temporary, or virtual merging, is to allow the TMQL expression to access both the constraint structure and the TMDM instance data at the same time.

If a given topic map is valid in respect to a constraint, then validation is said to have succeeded. More formally it can be said that :

```
Given:
TopicMap: t
Constraint: c
Then:
Validate(t, c) => true | false
```

A schema is defined as a collection of constraints and if all constraints in that schema are valid then the schema can be said to be valid for a given topic map. More formally:

```
Given:
TopicMap: t
Schema: s

Then:
Validate(t, s) =>
ForAll Constraint c In s
Validate(t, c)
End
=> true | false
```

Constraints are independent from each other and can be evaluated in any order.

The following TMQL expressions are evaluated before each constraint is evaluated.

for \$CARDMAX in \$this / cardmax || MAX_INT for \$CARDMIN in \$this / cardmin || 0

4.2 TMCL Syntax

TMCL does not define its own syntax. Each constraint type has a corresponding TMDM representation and thus any TMDM authoring syntax is considered a valid syntax for authoring TMCL constraints. To facilitate the authoring of TMCL from CTM this International Standard defines a number of templates. These templates exist in a resource 'http://www.topicmaps.org/tmcl/templates.ctm' that can be downloaded and included in any CTM file.

4.2.1 Including TMCL templates in a CTM document

To include the TMCL templates the following CTM import directive must be used.

%import http://www.topicmaps.org/tmcl/templates.ctm

4.2.2 TMCL namespace

The following namespace is defined in the template.ctm file.

% prefix tmcl http://psi.topicmaps.org/tmcl/

This International Standard also makes use of the Topic Map Data Model namespace.

%prefix tm http://psi.topicmaps.org/tmdm/

In addition this namespace is set to be the default namespace in the templates.ctm file.

% prefix http://psi.topicmaps.org/tmcl/

All following CTM fragments are assumed to be in the context of this namespace unless otherwise stated.

4.3 Metamodel

TMCL requires a metamodel in order to define constraint types using TMDM. This section defines the metamodel topics.

4.3.1 Topic Type

Instances of this topic are considered to be valid for use as topic types.

The topic type topic is defined as follows:

topictype isa topictype

4.3.2 Association Type

Instances of this topic are considered to be valid for use as association types.

The association type topic is defined as follows:

associationtype isa topictype

4.3.3 Occurrence Type

Instances of this topic are considered to be valid for use as occurrence types.

The occurrence type topic is defined as follows:

occurrencetype is a topictype

4.3.4 Role Type

Instances of this topic are considered to be valid for use as role types.

The role type topic is defined as follows:

roletype isa topictype

4.3.5 Name Type

Instances of this topic are considered to be valid for use as name types.

The name type topic is defined as follows:

nametype isa topictype

4.3.6 Constraint

This topic is used as the base type for all topics that are to be considered as constraint types.

The constraint type is defined as follows:

constraint is a topictype

4.3.7 Validation Expression

This topic is an occurrence type. It is used to type the occurrence on a constraint type that contains the TMQL expression used to evaluate constraint instances.

The validation expression occurrence type topic is defined as follows:

validation-expression is a occurrence type

4.4 TMCL Constraint Types

The following sections contain the constraint types defined by TMCL. The model for each constraint type is defined using the TMCL model. The formal interpretation of the constraint is defined as an occurrence value in the form of TMQL.

4.4.1 Constraint

The *Constraint topic* is the root type of all constraint types in TMCL. It has one required occurrence of type validation-expression.

The constraint type is defined as:

constraint is a topictype

4.4.2 Topic Type Constraint

The *topic type constraint* provides a way to constrain that only topics explicitly defined as topic types can can play the role of type in the type instance relationship.

The topic type constraint is defined as:

topictype-constraint ako constraint

The value of the evaluation-expression occurrence and the evaluation semantics are defined as:

```
not (uniq ( // tm:topic >> types ) -- // tmcl:topicType)
```

There is no special CTM template for constructing instances of this constraint type. It can be created with the following line of CTM:

ttc isa topictype-constraint

4.4.3 Association Type Constraint

The association type constraint provides a way to constrain that only topics explicitly defined as association types are used to type associations.

The association type constraint is defined as:

associationtype-constraint ako constraint

The value of the evaluation-expression occurrence and the evaluation semantics are defined as:

not (uniq (// tm:association >> types) -- // tmcl:associationtype)

There is no special CTM template for constructing instances of this constraint type. It can be created with the following line of CTM:

atc isa associationtype-constraint

4.4.4 Association Role Type Constraint

The association role type constraint provides a way to constrain that only topics explicitly defined as association role types are used to type roles.

The association role type constraint is defined as:

roletype-constraint ako constraint

The value of the evaluation-expression occurrence and the evaluation semantics are defined as:

```
not (uniq ( // tm:role >> types ) -- // tmcl:roletype)
```

There is no special CTM template for constructing instances of this constraint type. It can be created with the following line of CTM:

rtc isa roletype-constraint

4.4.5 Occurrence Type Constraint

The occurrence type constraint provides a way to constrain that only topics explicitly defined as occurrence types are used to type occurrences.

The occurrence type constraint is defined as:

occurrencetype-constraint ako constraint

The value of the evaluation-expression occurrence and the evaluation semantics are defined as:

```
not (uniq ( // tm:occurrence >> types ) -- // tmcl:occurrenceType)
```

There is no special CTM template for constructing instances of this constraint type. It can be created with the following line of CTM:

otc isa occurrencetype-constraint

4.4.6 Name Type Constraint

The *name type constraint* provides a way to constrain that only topics explicitly defined as name types are used to type names.

The association role type constraint is defined as:

nametype-constraint ako constraint

The value of the evaluation-expression occurrence and the evaluation semantics are defined as:

```
not (uniq ( // tm:name >> types ) -- // tmcl:nameType)
```

There is no special CTM template for constructing instances of this constraint type. It can be created with the following line of CTM:

ntc isa nametype-constraint

4.4.7 Abstract Topic Type Constraint

The abstract topic type constraint provides a way to express that a given topic type is abstract and must therefor not have any direct instances. Direct instances are those instances connected to the topic itself and not infered via the transitive nature of the supersubtype association type.

Instances of this constraint type have the following structure. An association between the constraint instance and the topic type that is defined as being abstract. The association type is applies-to. The constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the topic type plays the role of topictype-role.

The abstract topic type constraint is defined as:

abstract-topictype-constraint ako constraint

The following CTM shows a sample instance:

```
c isa abstract-topictype-constraint applies-to(c : constraint-role, $topictype : topictype-role)
```

The value of the evaluation-expression occurrence and the evaluation semantics are defined as:

%taxonometrics off for \$atc in //abstract-topictype-constraint where \$atc <- constraint-role -> topictype-role >> instances return \$atc

The following CTM template is defined:

```
def isAbstract($topictype)
  ?c isa abstract-topictype-constraint
  applies-to(?c : constraint-role, $topictype : topictype-role)
end
```

Example usage:

```
# create a topic type and use the isAbstract CTM template to define it as abstract vehicle isa topictype isAbstract()

# create a substype of vehicle.
car iko vehicle
```

4.4.8 Exclusive Type Constraint

An exclusive type constraint provides a way to express that two topic types cannot have the same instance.

Instances of this type have the following structure. An association between each of the topic types that must have exclusive instances and the constraint instance. The association type is applies-to. The constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the topic type plays the role of topictype-role.

The exclusive type constraint is defined as:

exclusive-instance ako constraint

The following CTM shows a sample instance

```
c isa exclusive-instance
atype isa topictype
btype isa topictype
applies-to(c: constraint-role, atype: topictype-role)
applies-to(c: constraint-role, btype: topictype-role)
```

The value of the evaluation-expression occurrence and the evaluation semantics are defined as:

```
for $atc in // exclusive-constraint
for $tt in $atc <- constraint-role -> topictype-role
where
uniq ($tt >> instances >> types) -- $tt << supertypes
return $atc
```

The following CTM template is defined:

```
def exclusive-with($atype, $btype)
?c isa exclusive-instance
applies-to(?c : constraint-role, $atype : topictype-role)
applies-to(?c : constraint-role, $btype : topictype-role)
end
```

Example usage:

```
vehicle is a topictype

person is a topictype

exclusive-with(vehicle)
```

4.4.9 Subject Identifier Constraint

A subject identifier constraint provides a way to constrain the subject identifiers of a topic of a given type.

Instances of this type have the following structure. An association between the constraint topic and the topic type to which the constraint applies. The association type is applies-to. The constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the topic type plays the role of topictype-role. In addition, the constraint may have the following occurrences;

- card-min indicating the minimum number of subject identifiers a valid instance must have
- card-max indicating the maximum number of subject identifiers a valid instance must have
- regexp, a regular expression that must be valid in terms of the string representation of the subject identifier IRI

The subject identifier constraint is defined as:

subjectidentifier-constraint ako constraint

The following CTM shows a sample instance

```
atype isa topictype

c isa subjectidentifier-constraint
    card-min: 0
    card-max: 1
    regexp: """*"""

applies-to(c : constraint-role, atype : topictype-role)
```

The value of the evaluation-expression occurrence and the evaluation semantics are defined as:

```
for $CARDMAX in $this / cardmax || MAX_INT for $CARDMIN in $this / cardmin || 0

for $sic in // subjectidentifier-constraint for $instance in $sic <- constraint-role -> topictype-role >> instances where

$sic / cardmin & count($instance ~) < $sic / cardmin

$sic / cardmax & count($instance ~) > $sic / cardmax

$sic / regexp & not every $si in $instance~ satifies

$si =~ $sic / regexp

return $sic
```

The following CTM template is defined:

Example usage:

```
# define topic type with subject identifier constraint
person is a topictype
has-subjectidentifier(1, 1, "*")
```

4.4.10 Subject Locator Constraint

A subject locator constraint provides a way to constrain the subject locators of a topic of a given type.

Instances of this type have the following structure. An association between the constraint topic and the topic type to which the constraint applies. The association type is applies-to. The constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the topic type plays the role of topictype-role. In addition, the constraint may have the following occurrences;

- card-min indicating the minimum number of subject locators a valid instance must have
- card-max indicating the maximum number of subject locators a valid instance must have
- regexp, a regular expression that must be valid in terms of the string representation of the subject locator IRI.

The subject locator constraint is defined as:

```
subjectlocator-constraint ako constraint
```

The following CTM shows a sample instance

```
atype isa topictype

c isa subjectlocator-constraint
    card-min: 0
    card-max: 1
    regexp: """*"""

applies-to(c : constraint-role, atype : topictype-role)
```

The value of the evaluation-expression occurrence and the evaluation semantics are defined as:

```
for $CARDMAX in $this / cardmax || MAX_INT for $CARDMIN in $this / cardmin || 0
```

```
for $slc in // subjectlocator-constraint
for $instance in $slc <- constraint-role -> topictype-role >> instances
where
$slc / cardmin & count($instance ~) < $slc / cardmin

$slc / cardmax & count($instance ~) > $slc / cardmax

$slc / regexp &

not every $sl in $instance~

satifies
$sl =~ $slc / regexp

return $slc
```

The following CTM template is defined:

Example usage:

```
# define topic type with subject locator constraint docuemnt is a topictype has-subjectloctor(1, 1, "file://*")
```

4.4.11 Topic Name Constraint

A *topic name constraint* provides a way to constrain the type and cardinality of topic names for instances of a given topic type.

Instances of this type have the following structure.

- An association between the constraint topic and the topic type to which the constraint applies. The
 association type is applies-to. The constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the topic type plays
 the role of topictype-role
- An association between the constraint topic and a name type. The association type is applies-to. The constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the name type plays the role of nametype-role. This association is to indicate the type of name to which the constraint applies.

In addition, the constraint may have the following occurrences;

- card-min indicating the minimum number of names a valid instance must have
- card-max indicating the maximum number of names a valid instance must have
- regexp, a regular expression that must match the string value of the name value property.

The topicname-constraint constraint is defined as:

topicname-constraint ako constraint

The following CTM shows a sample instance

The value of the evaluation-expression occurrence and the evaluation semantics are defined as:

```
for $tnc in // topicname-constraint
for $instance in $tnc <- constraint-role -> topictype-role >> instances
for $nametype in $tnc <- constraint-role -> nametype-role
where
$tnc / cardmin & count($instance / $nametype) < $tnc / cardmin

$tnc / cardmax & count($instance / $nametype) > $tnc / cardmax

$tnc / regexp &
not every $name in $instance / $nametype
satifies
$name =~ $tnc / regexp
return $tnc
```

The following CTM template is defined:

Example usage:

```
person is a topictype has-name(shortname, 1, 1, """*""")
```

4.4.12 Name Type Scope Constraint

A name type scope constraint provides a way to constrain the type and number of scoping topics required on a name of a given type.

Instances of this type have the following structure.

- An association between the constraint topic and the name type to which the constraint applies. The
 association type is applies-to. The constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the name type plays
 the role of nametype-role
- An association between the constraint topic and a scope type. The association type is applies-to. The
 constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the scope type plays the role of scopetype-role.

In addition, the constraint may have the following occurrences;

- card-min indicating the minimum number of scoping topics that must be present
- card-max indicating the maximum number of scoping topics that must be present

The name type scope constraint is defined as:

nametypescope-constraint ako constraint

The following CTM shows a sample instance

The value of the evaluation-expression occurrence and the evaluation semantics are defined as:

The following CTM template is defined:

Example usage:

```
language isa scopetype
displayname isa nametype
has-scope(language, 0, 1)
```

4.4.13 Occurrence Type Scope Constraint

A occurrence type scope constraint provides a way to constrain the type and number of scoping topics required on an occurrence of a given type.

Instances of this type have the following structure.

- An association between the constraint topic and the occurrence type to which the constraint applies. The
 association type is applies-to. The constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the name type plays
 the role of occurrencetype-role
- An association between the constraint topic and a scope type. The association type is applies-to. The
 constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the scope type plays the role of scopetype-role.

In addition, the constraint may have the following occurrences;

- card-min indicating the minimum number of scoping topics that must be present
- card-max indicating the maximum number of scoping topics that must be present

The occurrence type scope constraint constraint is defined as:

```
occurrencetypescope-constraint ako constraint
```

The following CTM shows a sample instance

The value of the evaluation-expression occurrence and the evaluation semantics are defined as:

```
// $occurrencetype >> scope >> types == $occurrencetype
for $otsc in // occurrencetypescope-constraint
    for $occurrencetype in $ntsc <- constraint-role -> occurrencetype-role
    for $occurrence in $occurrencetype >> instances

where
    $otsc / cardmax & count ($occurrence @ [. == $occurrencetype]) > $otsc / cardmax
    |
    $otsc / cardmin & count ($occurrence @ [. == $occurrencetype]) < $otsc / cardmin
    return $ntsc
```

The following CTM template is defined:

Example usage:

```
securitylevel isa scopetype
documentlink isa occurrencetype
has-occurrence-scope(securitylevel, 1, 1)
```

4.4.14 Association Type Scope Constraint

An association type scope constraint provides a way to constrain the type and number of scoping topics required on an association of a given type.

Instances of this type have the following structure.

An association between the constraint topic and the association type to which the constraint applies. The association type is applies-to. The constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the name type plays the role of associationtype-role

An association between the constraint topic and a scope type. The association type is applies-to. The constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the scope type plays the role of scopetype-role.

In addition, the constraint may have the following occurrences;

- card-min indicating the minimum number of scoping topics that must be present
- card-max indicating the maximum number of scoping topics that must be present

The association type scope constraint is defined as:

```
associationtypescope-constraint ako constraint
```

The following CTM template is defined:

Example usage:

```
timeperiod isa scopetype
personworksforcompany isa associationtype
has-association-scope(timeperiod, 1, 1)
```

4.4.15 Occurrence Data Type Constraint

An occurrence data type constraint provides a way to constrain the allowed datatype of an occurrence of a given type.

Instances of this type have the following structure. An association between the constraint topic and the occurrence type to which the constraint applies. The association type is applies-to. The constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the topic type plays the role of occurrencetype-role. In addition, the constraint may have the following occurrences;

datatype an IRI that must match the datatype property of an occurrence of the specified type

The occurrence data type constraint is defined as:

occurrencedatatype-constraint ako constraint

```
ot isa occurrencetype
c isa occurrencedatatype-constraint
datatype: IRI
applies-to(c : constraint-role, ot : occurrencetype-role)
```

```
for $odtc in // occurrencedatatype-constraint
for $occurrencetype in $odtc <- constraint-role -> occurrencetype-role
for $occurrence in $occurrencetype >> instances
where
not (datatype($occurrence) == $odtc / datatype)
return $odtc
```

The following CTM template is defined:

Example usage:

```
age is a occurrence type has-datatype(http://www.xmlschema.com/types/integer)
```

4.4.16 Topic Occurrence Constraint

A *topic occurrence constraint* defines a way to constrain the type, cardinality and value of occurrences connected to a topic of a given type.

Instances of this type have the following structure.

- An association between the constraint topic and the topic type to which the constraint applies. The
 association type is applies-to. The constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the topic type plays
 the role of topictype-role
- An association between the constraint topic and an occurrence type. The association type is applies-to. The
 constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the occurrence type plays the role of occurrencetype-role.
 This association is to indicate the type of occurrence to which the constraint applies.

In addition, the constraint may have the following occurrences;

- card-min indicating the minimum number of occurrences a valid instance must have
- card-max indicating the maximum number of occurrences a valid instance must have
- regexp a regular expression that must match the string value of the occurrence value property.

The topic name constraint is defined as:

topicname-constraint ako constraint

The following CTM template is defined:

Example usage:

```
article is atopictype has-occurrence(summary, 0, 1, """*""")
```

4.4.17 Association Role Constraint

A association role constraint defines how many and of what type the roles in associations of given a type must be.

Instances of this type have the following structure.

An association between the constraint topic and the association type to which the constraint applies. The
association type is applies-to. The constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the topic type plays
the role of associationtype-role

— An association between the constraint topic and a role type. The association type is applies-to. The constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the role type plays the role of roletype-role. This association is to indicate the type of role to which the constraint applies.

In addition, the constraint may have the following occurrences;

- card-min indicating the minimum number of times the role can appear in the association
- card-max indicating the maximum number of times the role can appear in the association

The association role constraint is defined as:

associationrole-constraint ako constraint

The following CTM shows a sample instance

```
at isa associationtype
rt isa roletype

c isa associationrole-constraint
    card-min: $cardmin
    card-max: $cardmax

applies-to(c : constraint-role, at : associationtype-role)
applies-to(c : constraint-role, rt : roletype-role)
```

The value of the evaluation-expression occurrence and the evaluation semantics are defined as:

```
for $asrc in // associationrole-constraint
for $associationtype in $arsc <- constraint-role -> associationtype-role
for $roletype in $arsc <- constraint-role -> associationroletype-role
for $association in $associationtype >> instances
where
$asrc / cardmin & count ($association >> roles [. == $roletype]) < $arsc / cardmin
$asrc / cardmax & count ($association >> roles [. == $roletype]) > $arsc / cardmax
return $asrc
```

The following CTM template is defined:

Example usage:

```
employee isa roletype
employer isa roletype
worksfor isa associationtype
```

```
has-role(employee, 1, 1)
has-role(employer, 1, 1)
```

4.4.18 Role Player Constraint

A *role player constraint* defines a way to constrain the type of allowed role players of a given role with a given type in an association of a given type..

Instances of this type have the following structure.

- An association between the constraint topic and the topic type to which the constraint applies. The
 association type is applies-to. The constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the topic type plays
 the role of topictype-role
- An association between the constraint topic and an association type. The association type is applies-to. The
 constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the association type plays the role of associationtype-role.
- An association between the constraint topic and a role type. The association type is applies-to. The constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the role type plays the role of roletype-role.

In addition, the constraint may have the following occurrences;

- card-min indicating the minimum number of times a topic can play the a role with the given type in the given an association of the given type
- card-max indicating the maximum number of times a topic can play the a role with the given type in the given an association of the given type

The role player constraint is defined as:

roleplayer-constraint ako constraint

The following CTM shows a sample instance

```
at isa associationtype
tt isa topictype
rt isa roletype

c isa roleplayer-constraint
card-min: 0
card-max: 1
applies-to(c: constraint-role, at: assoctype-role)
applies-to(c: constraint-role, rt: roletype-role)
applies-to(c: constraint-role, tt: topictype-role)
```

The value of the evaluation-expression occurrence and the evaluation semantics are defined as:

```
for $rpc in // roleplayercardinality-constraint
for $associationtype in $rpc <- constraint-role -> associationtype-role
for $roletype in $rpc <- constraint-role -> associationroletype-role
for $topictype in $rpcc <- constraint-role -> topictype-role
where
$rpc / cardmax & count
($topictype >> instances <- $roletype [^$associationtype]) > $rpcc / cardmax

|
$rpc / cardmin & count
```

```
($topictype >> instances <- $roletype [^$associationtype]) > $rpcc / cardmin return $rpc
```

The following CTM template is defined:

```
def plays-role($assoctype, $roletype, $topictype, $cardmin, $cardmax)
?c isa roleplayer-constraint
    card-min: $cardmin
    card-max: $cardmax
        applies-to(?c: constraint-role, $assoctype: assoctype-role)
        applies-to(?c: constraint-role, $roletype: roletype-role)
        applies-to(?c: constraint-role, $topictype: topictype-role)
end
```

Example usage:

```
employee isa roletype
employer isa roletype

worksfor isa associationtype
    has-role(employee, 1, 1)
    has-role(employer, 1, 1)

person isa topictype
    plays-role(employee, worksfor, 1)

company isa topictype
    plays-role(employer, worksfor, MAX_INT)
```

4.4.19 Other Role Constraint

A *other role constraint* defines a way to constrain the allowed type of role player given the existence of another role player type in an association..

Instances of this type have the following structure.

- An association between the constraint topic and one topic type to which the constraint applies. The
 association type is applies-to. The constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the topic type plays
 the role of topictype-role
- An association between the constraint topic and an association type. The association type is applies-to. The
 constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the association type plays the role of associationtype-role.
- An association between the constraint topic and one role type. The association type is applies-to. The
 constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the role type plays the role of roletype-role.
- An association between the constraint topic and the other topic type to which the constraint applies. The
 association type is applies-to. The constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the topic type plays
 the role of othertopictype-role
- An association between the constraint topic and the other role type. The association type is applies-to. The constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the role type plays the role of otherroletype-role.

In addition, the constraint may have the following occurrences;

- card-min indicating the minimum number of times the other role can occur
- card-max indicating the maximum number of times the other role can occur

The other role constraint is defined as:

otherrole-constraint ako constraint

The following CTM shows a sample instance

```
at isa associationtype
tt1 isa topictype
tt2 isa topictype
rt1 isa roletype
rt2 isa roletype
c isa otherrole-constraint
card-min: $cardmin
card-max: $cardmin
card-max: $cardmax

applies-to(c : constraint-role, at : assoctype-role)
applies-to(c : constraint-role, tt1 : topictype-role)
applies-to(c : constraint-role, tt1 : topictype-role)
applies-to(c : constraint-role, tt2 : otherroletype-role)
applies-to(c : constraint-role, tt2 : othertopictype-role)
```

The value of the evaluation-expression occurrence and the evaluation semantics are defined as:

```
for $associationtype in $orc <- constraint-role -> associationtype-role
    for $roletype in $orc <- constraint-role -> associationroletype-role
    for $topictype in $orc <- constraint-role -> topictype-role
    for $othertopictype in $orc <- constraint-role -> othertopictype-role
    for $otherroletype in $orc <- constraint-role -> otherroletype-role
    for $association in $associationtype >> instances
    where
        $association -> $roletype isa $topictype
        &
        (
            count ($association -> $otherroletype isa $othertopictype) > $CARDMAX
        |
            count ($association -> $otherroletype isa $othertopictype) < $CARDMIN
        )
        return false
```

The following CTM template is defined:

```
applies-to(?c: constraint-role, $otherroletype: otherroletype-role) applies-to(?c: constraint-role, $othertopictype: topictype-role) end
```

Example usage:

locatedin isa associationtype

city isa topictype
country isa topictype
continent isa topictype
region isa topictype

containee isa roletype

container isa roletype
other-role(locatedin, country, containee, city, 1, *)

4.4.20 Unique Occurrence Constraint

A unique occurrence constraint defines a way to constrain that occurrences of a given type with the same value can only be present once.

Instances of this type have the following structure.

- An association between the constraint topic and the topic type to which the constraint applies. The
 association type is applies-to. The constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the topic type plays
 the role of topictype-role
- An association between the constraint topic and an occurrence type. The association type is applies-to. The
 constraint topic plays the role of constraint-role, and the occurrence type plays the role of occurrencetype-role.
 This association is to indicate the type of occurrence to which the constraint applies.

In addition, the constraint may have the following occurrences;

- card-min indicating the minimum number of names a valid instance must have
- card-max indicating the maximum number of names a valid instance must have
- regexp a regular expression that must match the string value of the occurrence value property.

The unique occurrence constraint is defined as:

uniqueoccurrence-constraint ako constraint

```
tt isa topictype
ot isa occurrencetype
c isa uniqueoccurrence-constraint
applies-to(?c: constraint-role, tt: topictype-role)
applies-to(?c: constraint-role, ot: occurrencetype-role)
```

```
for $uoc in // uniqueoccurrence-constraint
for $occurrencetype in $uoc <- constraint-role -> occurrencetype-role
for $topictype in $uoc <- constraint-role -> topictype-role
for $occurrence in $occurrencetype
where
not (count ($occurrence \ $occurrencetype [^$topictype]) == 1)
return $uoc
```

The following CTM template is defined:

```
def unique-occurrence($topictype, $occurrencetype)
?c isa uniqueoccurrence-constraint
applies-to(?c: constraint-role, $topictype: topictype-role)
applies-to(?c: constraint-role, $occurrencetype: occurrencetype-role)
end
```

Example usage:

```
emailaddress isa occurrencetype
person isa topictype
unique-occurrence(emailaddress)
```

5 Additional TMCL Templates

The following templates are defined to aid authoring:

```
def BinaryAssociation($assoctype, $r1type, $r2type, $r1playertype, $r2playertype)
AssociationRoleConstraint($assoctype, $r1type, 1, 1)
AssociationRoleConstraint($assoctype, $r2type, 1, 1)

RolePlayerConstraint($assoctype, $r1type, $r1playertype)
RolePlayerConstraint($assoctype, $r2type, $r2playertype)
end

def associated-to($r1type, $r2type, $assoctype, $r1playertype, $r2playertype)
AssociationRoleConstraint($assoctype, $r1type, 1, 1)
AssociationRoleConstraint($assoctype, $r2type, 1, 1)

RolePlayerConstraint($assoctype, $r1type, $r1playertype)
RolePlayerConstraint($assoctype, $r2type, $r2type, $r2playertype)
```

6 TMCL Extensions

The TMCL data model in its most basic form supports any TMQL expression that returns true or false to be used as a constraint predicate.

A new constraint type can be created by creating a subtype of constraint and ensuring that the new type has a validation-expression occurrence. When evaluating this constraint type the value of the validation-expression occurrence will be evaluated as TMQL as described in the validation semantics clause above.

7 TMCL Conformance

There are two levels of conformance defined by this International Standard.

7.1 TMCL Level One Conformance

Level one conformance includes all processors that can validate a topic map against a schema where that schema is composed only of constraint types defined in This International Standard.

7.2 TMCL Level Two Conformance

Level two conformance is defined as processors that can validate a topic map against a schema where that schema uses any type of constraint, providing the constraint meets the basic criteria of having a TMQL expression occurrence value.

8 TMCL Templates CTM

The CTM defined below is the same that can be located online at http://isotopicmaps.org/tmcl/templates.ctm

```
#TMCL - Topic Map Constraint Language
# This file defines the set of templates defined by TMCL document no: N458
# This document is located at http://www.topicmaps.org/tmcl/templates.ctm
# and should be considered normative.
# the TMCL prefix declaration.
% prefix tmcl http://psi.topicmaps.org/tmcl/
# the TMDM prefic declaration
% prefix tm http://psi.topicmaps.org/tmdm/model
# use tmcl as the default prefix
%prefix http://psi.topicmaps.org/tmcl/
# TMCL meta-model topics
topictype isa topictype
occurrencetype is a topictype
associationtype is a topictype
roletype isa topictype
nametype is a topictype
scopetype is a topictype
# role types used to include the topictype metatypes in associations
topictype-role isa roletype
occurrencetype-role is a roletype
```

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```
associationtype-role is a roletype
roletype-role is a roletype
otherroletype-role is a roletype
nametype-role is a roletype
scopetype-role is a roletype
constraint-role is a roletype
# TMCL model topics
# the constraint topic is the common supertype of all constraint types
# defined by TMCL.
constraint is a topictype
# this occurrence type is used to type a single occurrence on each
# constraint type. This occurrence holds the TMQL value used to
# evaluate constraint instances for validity.
validation-expression is a occurrence type
# the association type used to bind different components into a
# constraint
applies-to is a association type
# the card min facet is used on many constraint types
card-min is a occurrence type
# the card max facet is used on many constraint types
card-max is a occurrence type
# the reg exp facet is used on many constraint types
regexp is a occurrence type
# the datatype facet is used on many constraint types
datatype is a occurrence type
# TMCL constraint types
#TopicType constraint
topictype-constraint ako constraint
         validation-expression """
                   not (uniq ( // tm:topic >> types ) -- // tmcl:topictype)
#AssociationType constraint
associationtype-constraint ako constraint
            validation-expression """
                  not (uniq ( // tm:association >> types ) -- // tmcl:associationtype)
#AssociationRoleType constraint
roletype-constraint ako constraint
         validation-expression """
                  not (uniq ( // tm:roletype >> types ) -- // tmcl:roletype)
```

****** # OccurrenceType constraint occurrencetype-constraint ako constraint validation-expression """ not (uniq (// tm:occurrence >> types) -- // tmcl:occurrencetype) #NameType constraint nametype-constraint ako constraint validation-expression """ not (uniq (// tm:name >> types) -- // tmcl:nametype) #Abstract topic type constraint abstract-topictype-constraint ako constraint validation-expression """ %taxonometrics off for \$atc in //abstract-topictype-constraint \$atc <- constraint-role -> topictype-role >> instances return \$atc #Abstract topic type constraint construction template def is-abstract(\$topictype) ?c isa abstract-topictype-constraint applies-to(?c : constraint-role, \$topictype : topictype-role) # Exclusive Instance type and evaluation semantics exclusive-instance ako constraint validation-expression """ for \$atc in // exclusive-constraint for \$tt in \$atc <- constraint-role -> topictype-role uniq (\$tt >> instances >> types) -- \$tt << supertypes return \$atc # constraint construction template def exclusive-with(\$atype, \$btype) ?c isa exclusive-instance applies-to(?c: constraint-role, \$atype: topictype-role) applies-to(?c: constraint-role, \$btype: topictype-role) end # subject identifier constraint subjectidentifier-constraint ako constraint validation_expression for \$CARDMAX in \$this / cardmax || MAX_INT for \$CARDMIN in \$this / cardmin || 0 for \$sic in // subjectidentifier-constraint

for \$instance in \$sic <- constraint-role -> topictype-role >> instances

```
where
                          $sic / cardmin & count($instance ~) < $sic / cardmin
                          $sic / cardmax & count($instance ~) > $sic / cardmax
                          $sic / regexp &
                               not every $si in $instance~
                                   satifies
                                        si = \sim sic / regexp
                      return $sic
# constraint construction template
def has-subjectidentifier($topictype, $cardmin, $cardmax, $expression)
    ?c isa subjectidentifier-constraint
        card-min: $cardmin
        card-max: $cardmax
        reg-exp: $expression
    applies-to(?c : constraint-role, $topictype : topictype-role)
subjectlocator-constraint ako constraint
                validation_expression
      for $CARDMAX in $this / cardmax || MAX_INT
             for $CARDMIN in $this / cardmin || 0
             for $slc in // subjectlocator-constraint
                  for $instance in $slc <- constraint-role -> topictype-role >> instances
                      where
                           $slc / cardmin & count($instance ~) < $slc / cardmin
                          $slc / cardmax & count($instance ~) > $slc / cardmax
                          $slc / regexp &
                               not every $sl in $instance~
                                   satifies
                                        sl = sic / regexp
                      return $slc
# constraint construction template
def has-subjectlocator($topictype, $cardmin, $cardmax, $expression)
  ?c isa subjectlocator-constraint
       card-min: $cardmin
        card-max: $cardmax
     reg-exp: $expression
    applies-to(?c : constraint-role, $topictype : topictype-role)
# topicname constraint
topicname-constraint ako constraint
           validation-expression: """
                  for $tnc in // topicname-constraint
                      for $instance in $tnc <- constraint-role -> topictype-role >> instances
                           for $nametype in $tnc <- constraint-role -> nametype-role
                               $tnc / cardmin & count($instance / $nametype) < $tnc / cardmin
                               $tnc / cardmax & count($instance / $nametype) > $tnc / cardmax
```

```
$tnc / regexp &
                                   not every $name in $instance / $nametype
                                        satifies
                                            ne = \infty  regexp
                          return $tnc
# constraint construction template
def has-name($topictype, $nametype, $cardmin, $cardmax, $expression)
  ?c isa topicname-constraint
       card-min: $cardmin
       card-max: $cardmax
       regularexpr: $expression
  applies-to(?c: constraint-role, $topictype: topictype-role)
  applies-to(?c : constraint-role, $nametype : nametype-role)
# nametypescope constraint
nametypescope-constraint ako constraint
             validation-expression
                 // $nametype >> scope >> types == $nametype
                 for $ntsc in // nametypescope-constraint
                      for $nametype in $ntsc <- constraint-role -> nametype-role
                      for $name in $nametype >> instances
                 where
                      $ntsc / cardmax & count ($name @ [. == $nametype]) > $ntsc / cardmax
                      $ntsc / cardmin & count ($name @ [. == $nametype]) < $ntsc / cardmin</pre>
                      return $ntsc
             ,,,,,,
# constraint construction template
def has-name-scope($nametype, $scopetype, $cardmin, $cardmax)
  ?c isa nametypescope-constraint
        card-min: $cardmin
        card-max: $cardmax
  applies-to(?c : constraint-role, $nametype : nametype-role)
  applies-to(?c : constraint-role, $scopetype : scopetype-role)
end
# occurrence constraint
occurrencetypescope-constraint ako constraint
             validation-expression
             // $occurrencetype >> scope >> types == $occurrencetype
             for $otsc in // occurrencetypescope-constraint
                 for $occurrencetype in $otsc <- constraint-role -> occurrencetype-role
                 for $occurrence in $occurrencetype >> instances
             where
                 $otsc / cardmax & count ($occurrence @ [. == $occurrencetype]) > $otsc / cardmax
                 $otsc / cardmin & count ($occurrence @ [. == $occurrencetype]) < $otsc / cardmin
                 return $otsc
# constraint construction template
def has-occurrence-scope($occurrencetype, $scopetype, $cardmin, $cardmax)
```

```
?c isa occurrencetypescope-constraint
        card-min: $cardmin
        card-max: $cardmax
  applies-to(?c: constraint-role, $occurrencetype: occurrencetype-role)
  applies-to(?c : constraint-role, $scopetype : scopetype-role)
associationtypescope-constraint ako constraint
                 validation-expression
  // $associationtype >> scope >> types == $associationtype
    for $atsc in // associationtypescope-constraint
        for $associationtype in $atsc <- constraint-role -> associationtype-role
        for $association in $associationtype >> instances
    where
         $atsc / cardmax & count ($association @ [. == $associationtype]) > $atsc / cardmax
         $atsc / cardmin & count ($association @ [. == $associationtype]) < $atsc / cardmin
        return $atsc
def has-association-scope($associationtype, $scopetype, $cardmin, $cardmax)
  ?c isa associationtypescope-constraint
        card-min: $cardmin
        card-max: $cardmax
  applies-to(?c: constraint-role, $associationtype: associationtype-role)
  applies-to(?c: constraint-role, $scopetype: scopetype-role)
occurrencedatatype-constraint ako constraint
                validation-expression ""
        for $odtc in // occurrencedatatype-constraint
             for $occurrencetype in $odtc <- constraint-role -> occurrencetype-role
                 for $occurrence in $occurrencetype >> instances
                 where
                     not (datatype($occurrence) == $odtc / datatypeuri)
                 return $odtc
def has-datatype($occurrencetype, $datatype)
  ?c isa occurrencedatatype-constraint
        datatype: $datatype
  applies-to(?c: constraint-role, $occurrencetype: occurrencetype-role)
end
topicoccurrence-constraint ako constraint
              validation-expression
    for $toc in // topicname-constraint
        for $instance in $toc <- constraint-role -> occurrencetype-role >> instances
             for $occurrencetype in $tnc <- constraint-role -> occurrencetype-role
             where
                 $toc / cardmin & count($instance / $occurrencetype) < $toc / cardmin
                 $toc / cardmax & count($instance / $occurrencetype) > $toc / cardmax
                 $toc / regexp &
```

```
not every $occurrence in $instance / $occurrencetype
                           satifies
                                $occurrence =~ $toc / regexp
              return $toc
def has-occurrence($topictype, $occurrencetype, $cardmin, $cardmax, $expression)
  ?c isa topicoccurrence-constraint
        card-min: $cardmin
        card-max: $cardmax
        regexp: $expression
    applies-to(?c : constraint-role, $topictype : topictype-role)
  applies-to(?c : constraint-role, $occurrencetype : occurrencetype-role)
associationrole-constraint ako constraint
                 validation-expression
for $asrc in // associationrole-constraint
for $associationtype in $arsc <- constraint-role -> associationtype-role
    for $roletype in $arsc <- constraint-role -> associationroletype-role
         for $association in $associationtype >> instances
              $asrc / cardmin & count ($association >> roles [. == $roletype]) < $arsc / cardmin
              $asrc / cardmax & count ($association >> roles [. == $roletype]) > $arsc / cardmax
         return $asrc
def has-role($assoctype, $roletype, $cardmin, $cardmax)
  ?c isa associationrole-constraint
        card-min: $cardmin
        card-max: $cardmax
  applies-to(?c: constraint-role, $assoctype: associationtype-role)
  applies-to(?c : constraint-role, $roletype : roletype-role)
end
roleplayer-constraint ako constraint
            validation_expression
    for $rpc in // roleplayercardinality-constraint
         for $associationtype in $rpc <- constraint-role -> associationtype-role
              for $roletype in $rpc <- constraint-role -> associationroletype-role
                  for $topictype in $rpcc <- constraint-role -> topictype-role
                  where
                       $rpc / cardmax & count ($topictype >> instances <- $roletype [^$associationtype]) > $rpcc / cardmax
                       $rpc / cardmin & count ($topictype >> instances <- $roletype [^$associationtype]) > $rpcc / cardmin
                  return $rpc
,,,,,,
def plays-role($assoctype, $roletype, $topictype, $cardmin, $cardmax)
  ?c isa roleplayer-constraint
    card-min: $cardmin
    card-max: $cardmax
         applies-to(?c : constraint-role, $assoctype : assoctype-role)
         applies-to(?c : constraint-role, $roletype : roletype-role)
```

end

applies-to(?c: constraint-role, \$topictype: topictype-role)

```
otherrole-constraint ako constraint
           validation-expression
    for $associationtype in $orc <- constraint-role -> associationtype-role
        for $roletype in $orc <- constraint-role -> associationroletype-role
             for $topictype in $orc <- constraint-role -> topictype-role
                 for $othertopictype in $orc <- constraint-role -> othertopictype-role
                      for $otherroletype in $orc <- constraint-role -> otherroletype-role
                          for $association in $associationtype >> instances
                          where
                              $association -> $roletype is a $topictype
                              &
                              count ($association -> $otherroletype is a $othertopictype) > $CARDMAX
                              count ($association -> $otherroletype is a $othertopictype) < $CARDMIN
                          return false
def other-role($roletype, $assoctype, $topictype, $otherroletype, $otherropictype, $cardmin, $cardmax)
  ?c isa otherrole-constraint
       card-min: $cardmin
       card-max: $cardmax
    applies-to(?c: constraint-role, $assoctype: assoctype-role)
  applies-to(?c : constraint-role, $roletype : roletype-role)
    applies-to(?c: constraint-role, $topictype: topictype-role)
    applies-to(?c: constraint-role, $otherroletype: otherroletype-role)
    applies-to(?c : constraint-role, $othertopictype : othertopictype-role)
uniqueoccurrence-constraint ako constraint
             validation-expression:
    for $uoc in // uniqueoccurrence-constraint
             for $occurrencetype in $uoc <- constraint-role -> occurrencetype-role
                 for $topictype in $uoc <- constraint-role -> topictype-role
                      for $occurrence in $occurrencetype
                      where
                          not (count ($occurrence \ $occurrencetype [^$topictype]) == 1)
                      return $uoc
      ,,,,,,
def UniqueOccurrenceConstraint($topictype, $occurrencetype)
  ?c isa uniqueoccurrence-constraint
    applies-to(?c : constraint-role, $topictype : topictype-role)
  applies-to(?c: constraint-role, $occurrencetype: occurrencetype-role)
end
def BinaryAssociation($assoctype, $r1type, $r2type, $r1playertype, $r2playertype)
 AssociationRoleConstraint($assoctype, $r1type, 1, 1)
 AssociationRoleConstraint($assoctype, $r2type, 1, 1)
 RolePlayerConstraint($assoctype, $r1type, $r1playertype)
 RolePlayerConstraint($assoctype, $r2type, $r2playertype)
end
```

def associated-to(\$r1type, \$r2type, \$assoctype, \$r1playertype, \$r2playertype) AssociationRoleConstraint(\$assoctype, \$r1type, 1, 1) AssociationRoleConstraint(\$assoctype, \$r2type, 1, 1)

RolePlayerConstraint(\$assoctype, \$r1type, \$r1playertype) RolePlayerConstraint(\$assoctype, \$r2type, \$r2playertype) end

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