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## Definition

The *higher adjacency set* or *higher neighborhood* of a vertex  $v$  in an ordered undirected graph is all vertices in the neighborhood of  $v$  whose index is greater the  $v$ . Similarly, the *lower adjacency set* or *lower neighborhood* of  $v$  is all vertices in the neighborhood of  $v$  whose index is less the  $v$ . We call these *monotone neighborhoods*.

The *higher degree* of a vertex is the size of the higher adjacency set and the *lower degree* of a vertex is the size of its lower adjacency set.

The *closed monotone neighborhoods* are the *closed higher adjacency set*, the higher adjacency set of  $v$  union with the singleton  $\{v\}$  and the *closed lower adjacency set*, the lower adjacency set of  $v$  union with the singleton  $\{v\}$ .

## Notation

We denote the higher neighborhood of  $v$  by  $\text{adj}^+(v)$  and the lower neighborhood by  $\text{adj}^-(v)$ .

## Visualization

To help think about the monotone neighborhoods of the graph we visualize ordered graphs as triangular arrays with vertices along the diagonal and a bullet in row  $i$  and column  $j$  of the array if  $i > j$  and the vertices  $\sigma(i)$  and  $\sigma(j)$  are adjacent.

An example is shown below for the ordered undirected graph in the figure (to understand this visualization, see [Ordered Undirected Graphs](#))

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<sup>1</sup>Future editions will include. This sheet is needed, for example, in discussing perfect elimination orderings.

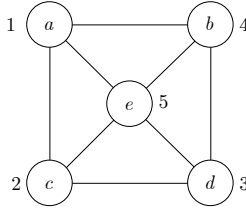


Figure 1: Ordered undirected graph.

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$$\begin{bmatrix} a & & & & \\ \bullet & c & & & \\ & \bullet & d & & \\ \bullet & & \bullet & b & \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & e \end{bmatrix}$$

In this array representation the higher and lower neighborhoods are easily identified. The indices of the elements of  $\text{adj}^+(v)$  are the column indices of the entries in row  $\sigma^{-1}(v)$  of the array. For example,  $\sigma^{-1}(d) = 3$ , and the only bullet entry in row three is  $c$  so  $\text{adj}^-(d) = \{c\}$ . Likewise,  $\text{adj}^-(c) = \{a\}$ . And so on. Similarly, the indices of  $\text{adj}^+(v)$  are the row indices of the entries in column  $\sigma^{-1}(v)$ . For example,  $\sigma^{-1}(d)$  is 3, and there are indices 4 and 5 corresponding to  $b$  and  $e$  so  $\text{adj}^+(d) = \{b, e\}$ . Likewise,  $\text{adj}^+(c) = \{d, e\}$ .

For this reason, we use the notation  $\text{col}(v)$  and  $\text{row}(v)$  for the closed upper and lower neighborhoods. So  $\text{col}(v) = \text{adj}^+(v) \cup \{v\}$  and  $\text{row}(v) = \text{adj}^-(v) \cup \{v\}$ .



