

INTERVAL GRAPHS

Why

They arise in scheduling problems. They are chordal.

Definition

The *intersection graph* of a finite family of sets is the undirected graph on the family containing an edge between any two vertices whose intersection is non-empty. An *interval graph* is the intersection graph of a family of intervals on the real line.

Notation

Chordality

Prop. 1. All interval graphs are chordal.

