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There is a natural orientation of an ordered undirected graph.

Motivating Result

An ordered undirected graph can be converted into a directed graph by orienting the edges from lower to higher index. The *orientation* of an ordered undirected graph $((V, E), \sigma)$ is the directed graph (V, F) where

$$\{v, w\} \in V \longrightarrow (v, w) \in F \text{ and } \sigma^{-1}(v) < \sigma^{-1}(w).$$

In other words, we can “convert” the ordered undirected graph by “orienting” the edges from lower to higher index.

Proposition 1. *Let $G = ((V, E), \sigma)$ be an ordered undirected graph. The orientation of G is acyclic.*

Proof. Contradiction on the existence of a cycle.² □

Conversely, consider the directed acyclic graph (V, F) . To each topological numbering of $\sigma(V, F)$ (see Directed Paths) there exists an ordered undirected graph $((V, E), \sigma)$ where (V, E) is the skeleton of (V, F) .

¹Future editions will include.

²Future editions will expand.

