

## ORDERED UNDIRECTED GRAPHS

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### **Definition**

An ordering of an undirected graph is an ordering (see Sequences) of its vertices. An ordered undirected graph is an ordered pair  $((V, E), \sigma : \{1, 2, ..., |V|\} \to V)$  where (V, E) is an undirected graph (see Undirected Graphs) and  $\sigma$  is an ordering of the vertex set V.

### **Notation**

Let  $((V, E), \sigma)$  be an ordered undirected graph. We commonly associate it with  $(V, E, \sigma)$  and call this ordered triple an undirected graph as well. But, throughout these sheets, an ordered undirected graph is an ordered pair.

We denote that  $\sigma^{-1}(v) < \sigma^{-1}(w)$  by  $v \prec_{\sigma} w$  and  $v \preceq_{\sigma} w$  by  $\sigma^{-1}(v) \leq \sigma^{-1}(w)$ . We occasionally omit the subscripts in  $\prec_{\sigma}$  and  $\preceq_{\sigma}$  when clear from context.

#### Visualization

We visualize an ordered undirected graph by labeling its nodes with the indices of each vertex. Let (V, E) be an undirected

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

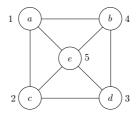


Figure 1: Ordered undirected graph.

graph with  $V = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  and

$$E = \{\{a,b\},\{a,c\},\{a,e\},\{b,d\},\{b,e\},\{c,d\},\{c,e\},\{d,e\}\}.$$

Let  $\sigma:\{1,\ldots,5\}\to V$  be an ordering with

$$\sigma(1) = a$$
  $\sigma(2) = c$   $\sigma(3) = d$   $\sigma(4) = b$   $\sigma(e) = 5$ .

We visualize the ordered graph in the figure.

