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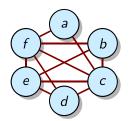
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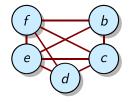
- ightharpoonup Select any node with < k neighbours. Remove the node and all its edges.
- ► Push into stack.
- ▶ Repeat until all nodes pushed into the stack.
- ► Start popping nodes from stack.
- ► Assign colours as necessary.



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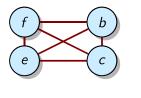
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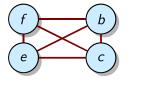


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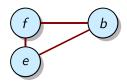


Observations:

- 1. Now, all nodes have < k neighbours \rightarrow the graph colouring will succeed.
- 2. Some nodes with originally $\geq k$ neighbours now have < k nodes.



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b	
С	
d	
а	

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e
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Example

f
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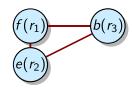
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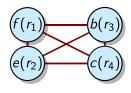
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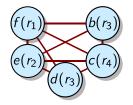


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