DIU-EIL bloc 5

Graphes : coloriage et transition vers la calculabilité

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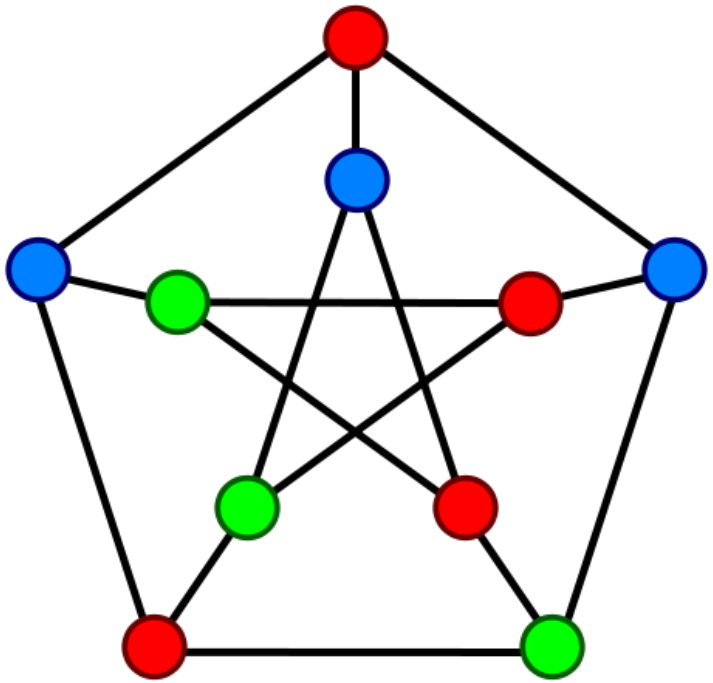
Graph Coloring Problem

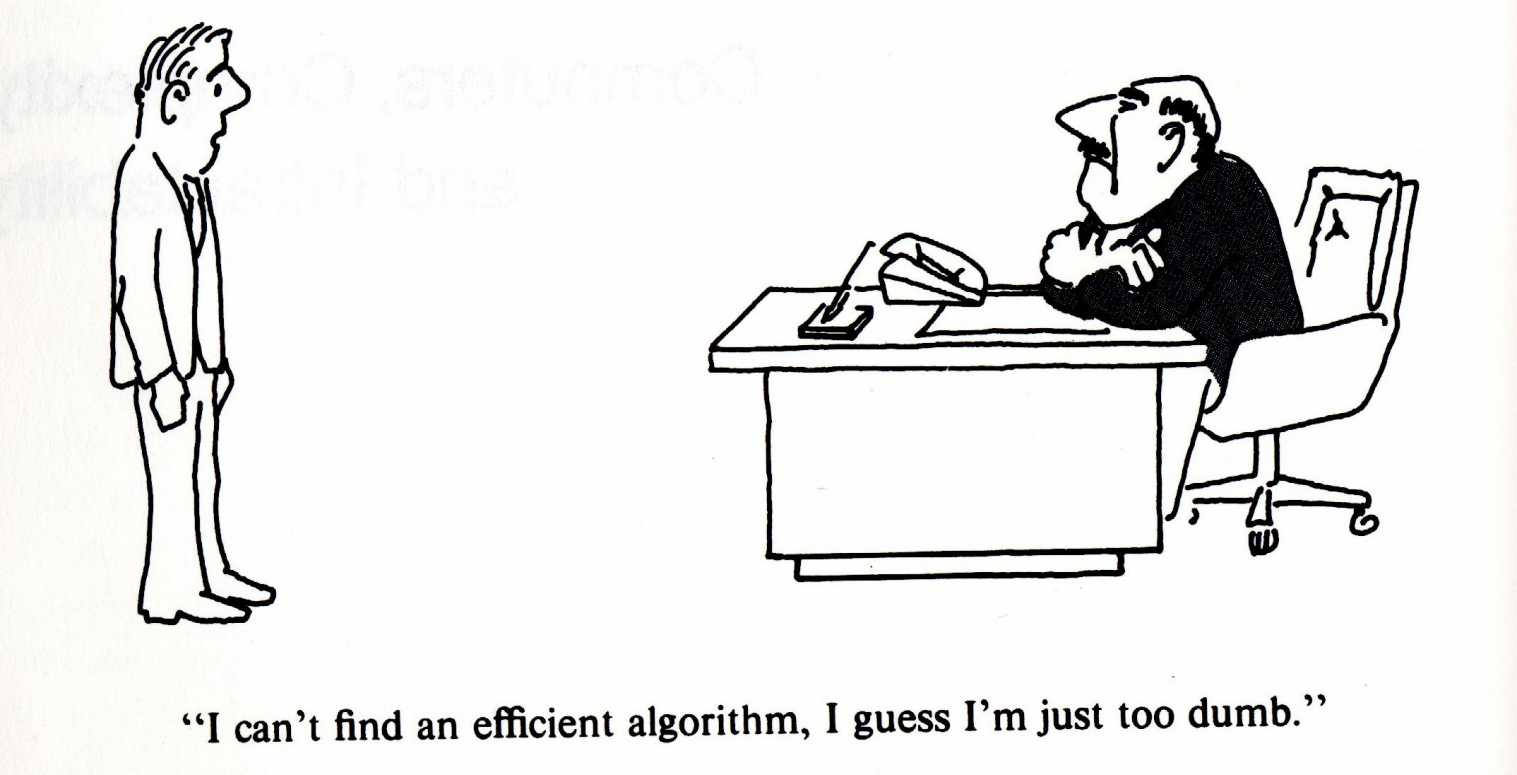


Color with the minimal number of colors !

- Application to the **register allocation** in compilers.
- The sudoku problem (9-coloring of a 81-vertices graph)

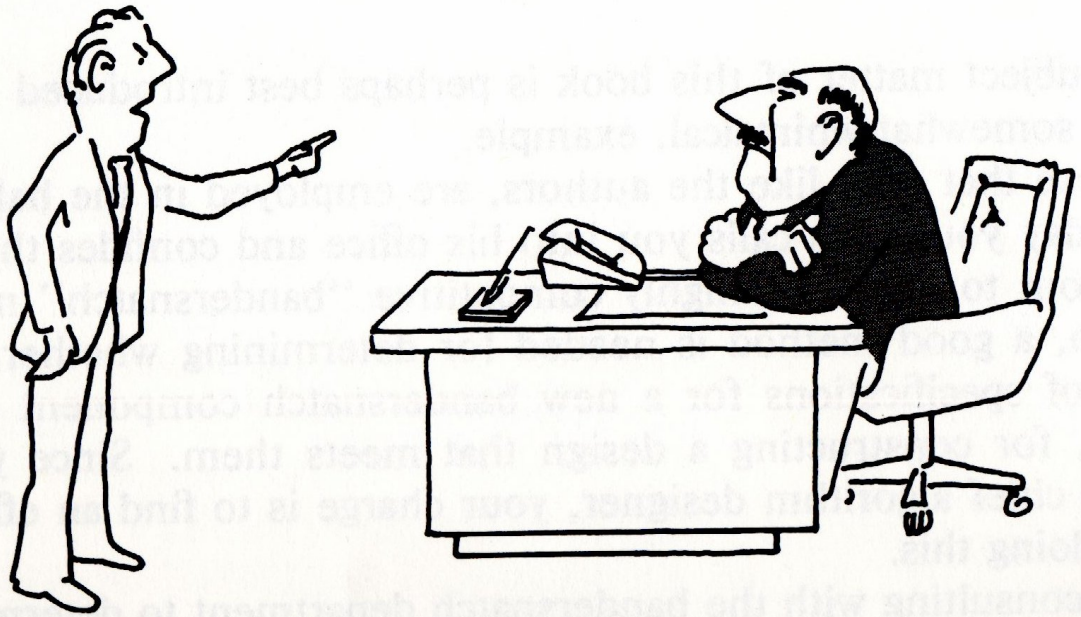
Graph Coloring Problem - 2

Are **you** able to design a polynomial algorithm ?



Graph Coloring Problem - 3

We do not know any polynomial algorithm for this problem (see next course).

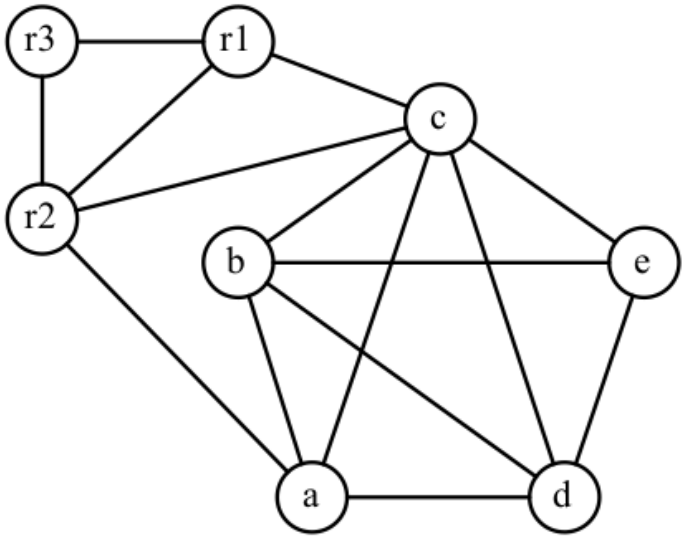


"I can't find an efficient algorithm, because no such algorithm is possible!"

Graph Coloring Problem - A Polynomial algorithm

An algorithm to color a graph (but without optimising the number) with $\leqslant K$ colors.

Running example :



Kempe's simplification algorithm 1/2

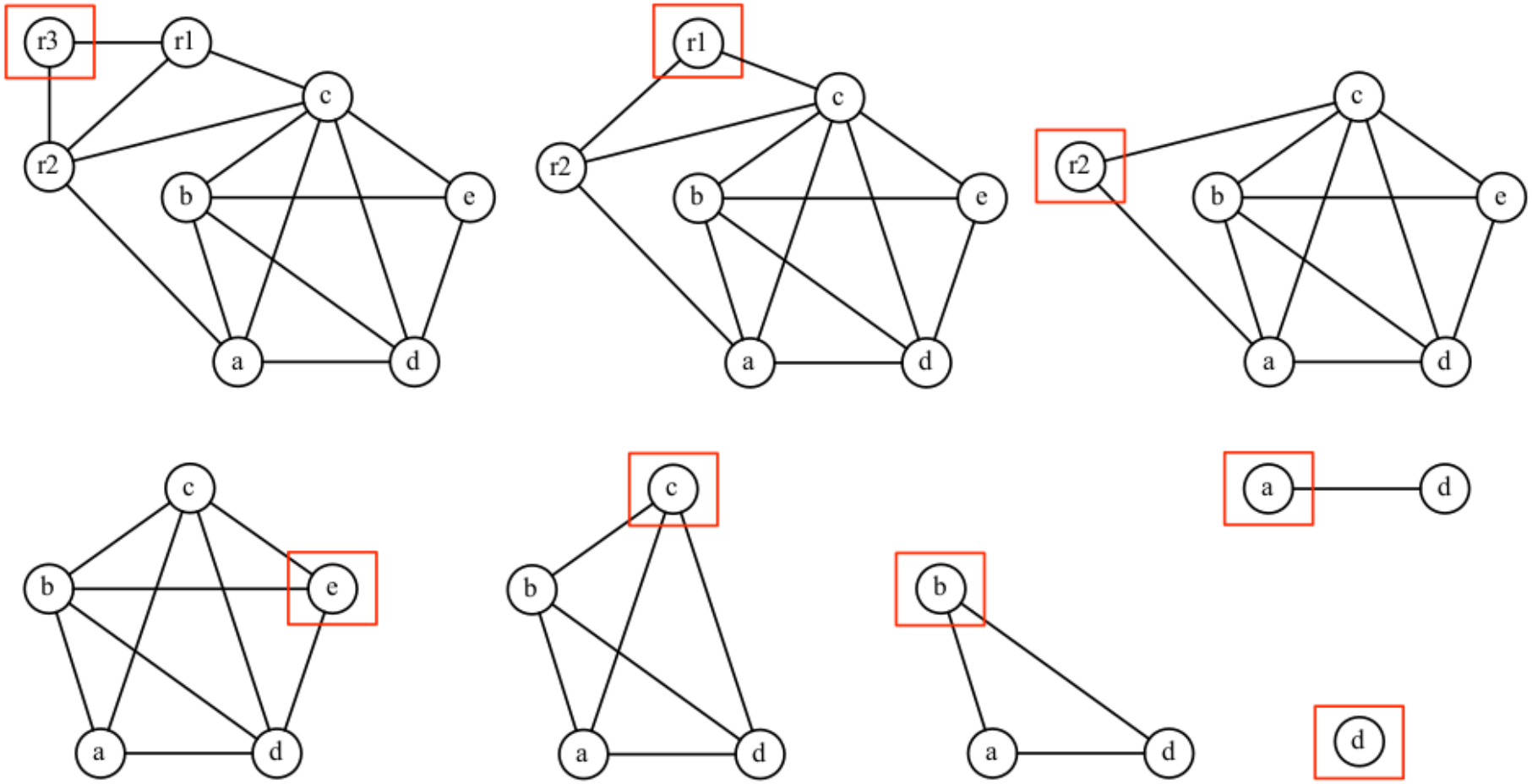
A "simple remark" :

Proposition (Kempe 1879)

Suppose the graph contains a node m with fewer than K neighbours. Then if $G' = G \setminus \{m\}$ can be colored, then G can be colored as well.

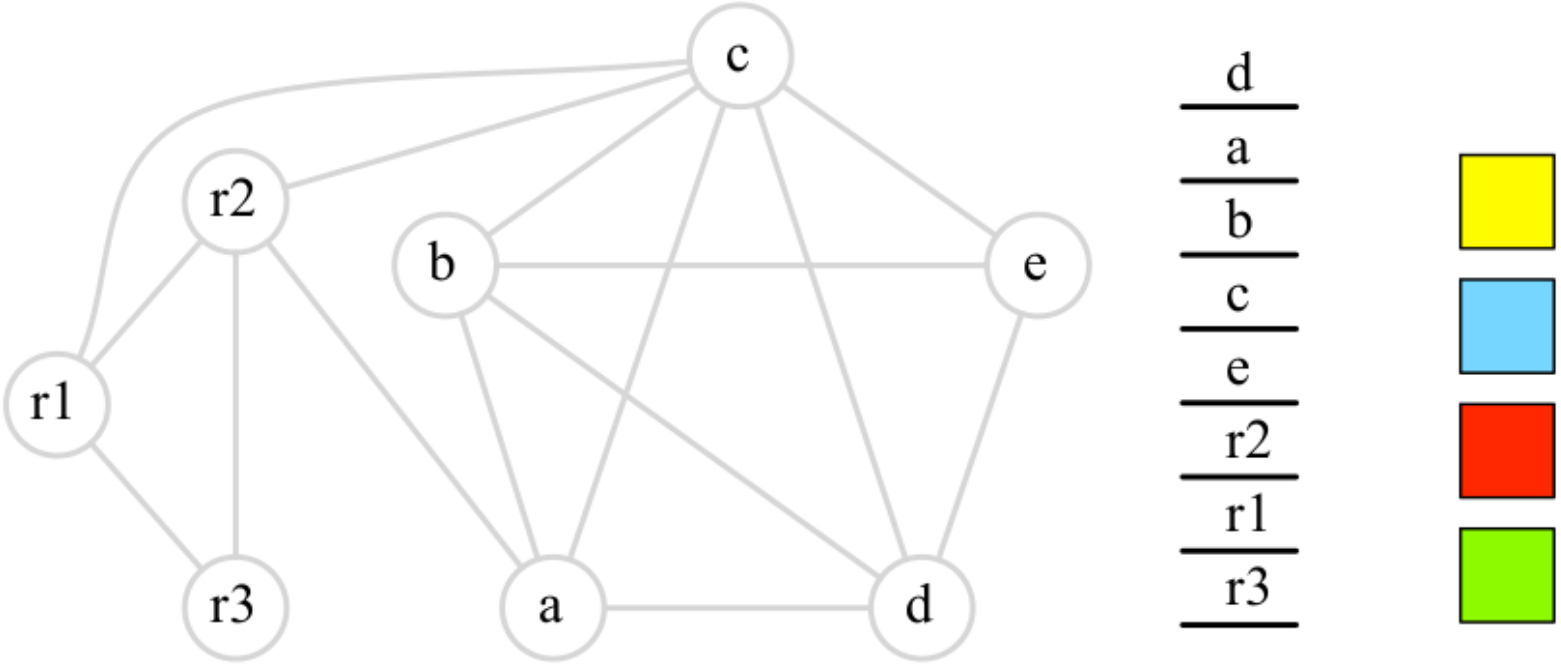
- Pick a low degree node, and remove it, and continue until remove all (the graph is K-colorable) or . . .

Kempe's simplification algorithm 2/2

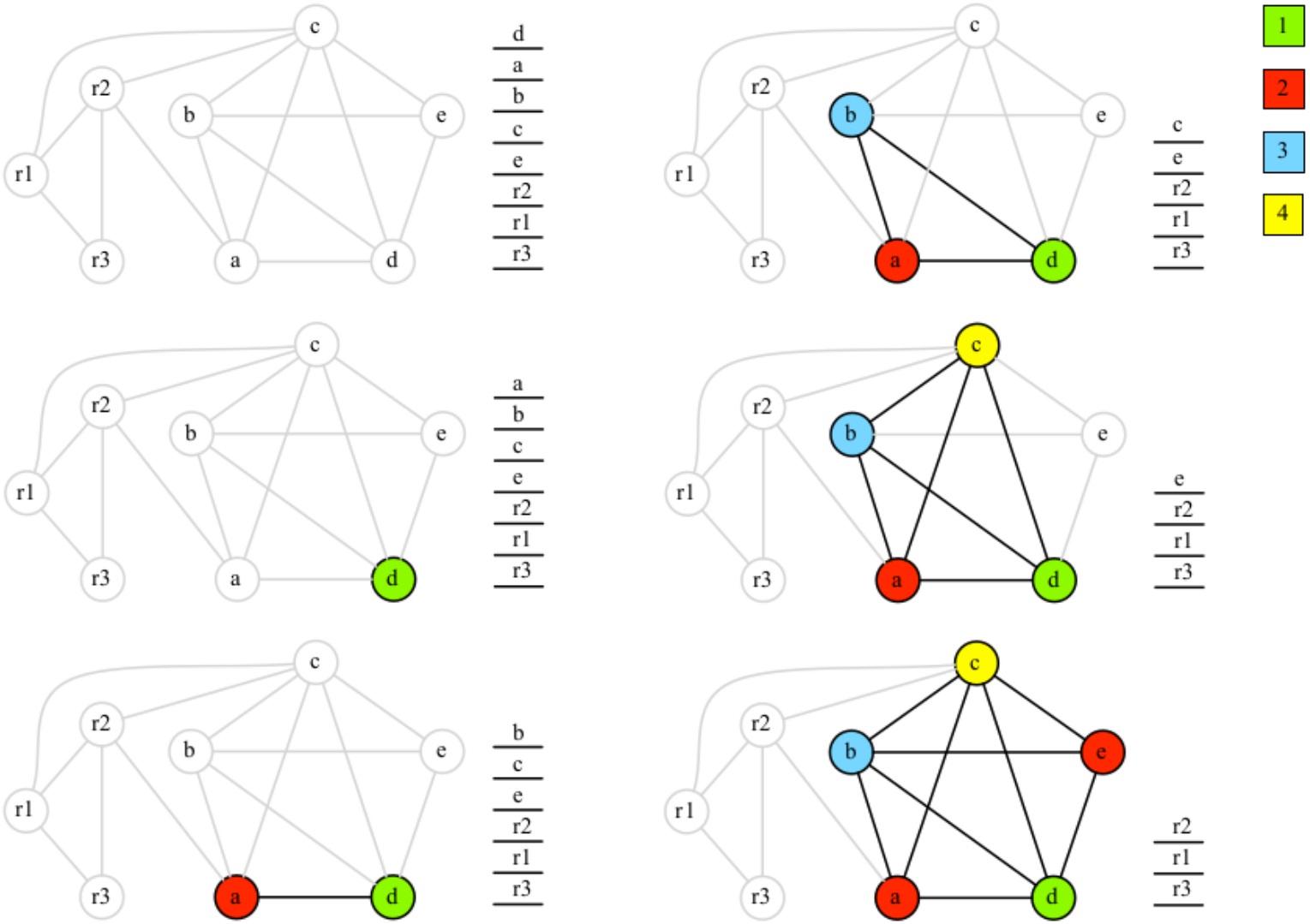


Let's color !

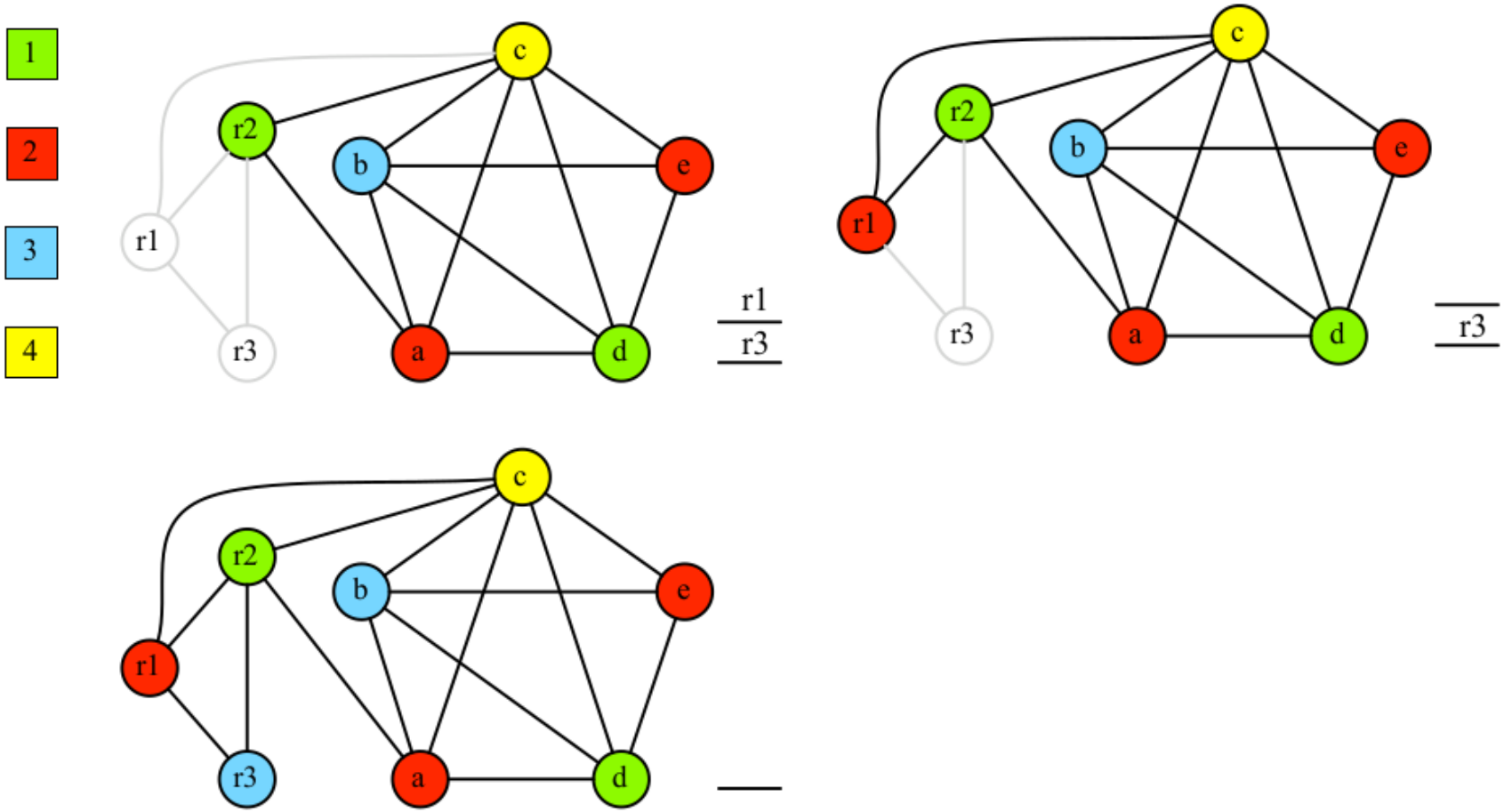
- We assign colors to the nodes greedily, in the reverse order in which nodes are removed from the graph.
- The color of the next node is the first color that is available, *i.e.* not used by any neighbour.



Greedy coloring example 1/2



Greedy coloring example 2/2



- see the Python implementation !