Coloring in Graph Streams via Deterministic and Adversarially Robust Algorithms

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To what extent is randomization necessary for streaming algorithms that compute a Δ -based coloring?

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