

1. Try to solve the following system of equations using Gaussian elimination.

(a)

$$x_1 - 3x_2 + 2x_3 = 2$$

$$x_1 + 4x_2 - 3x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 + 5x_2 - 4x_3 = 0$$

(b)

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 - 4x_4 = 10$$

$$5x_1 + 3x_3 - 3x_4 = 0$$

$$x_1 + 5x_2 - 4x_3 + x_4 = 0$$

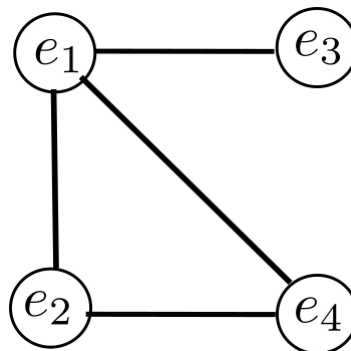
(c)

$$x_1 + 5x_2 = 2$$

$$3x_1 - 4x_2 = 5$$

$$-2x_1 + x_2 = -3$$

2. Let e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4 denote four elective courses that were offered to your seniors. Students were asked to pre-register for their electives before the beginning of the semester. During the add-drop period (first week of the semester), once the students became aware of the evaluation policy and due to the influence of their seniors, there were a lot of changes in the registration. While half of the students remained in the courses as per the pre-registration, the remaining half were equally distributed in the courses connected by edges as shown in the figure below. After the add-drop period, the number of students in the courses is 425, 150, 250, 175. Can you find the number of students after pre-registration (i.e., before the add-drop period)?



3. A general quadratic polynomial is given by the equation: $y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$. Find a specific quadratic polynomial using Gaussian elimination that passes through the points $(-1, 3), (1, 2), (3, 6)$, if possible.