

# Announcements

 Recitation change form closes tonight!

## Assignments:

- P2: Optimization
  - Due Thurs 2/23, 10pm
- HW4 (online)
  - Covers LP, IP
  - Due Tues 2/14, 10 pm (Happy Valentine's Day)

**EXAM 1 2/16!!**



# Plan

## Last Time

- Linear programming formulation
  - Problem description
  - Graphical representation
  - Optimization representation

## Today

- Solving linear programs
- Higher dimensions than just 2
- Integer programs

From last time...

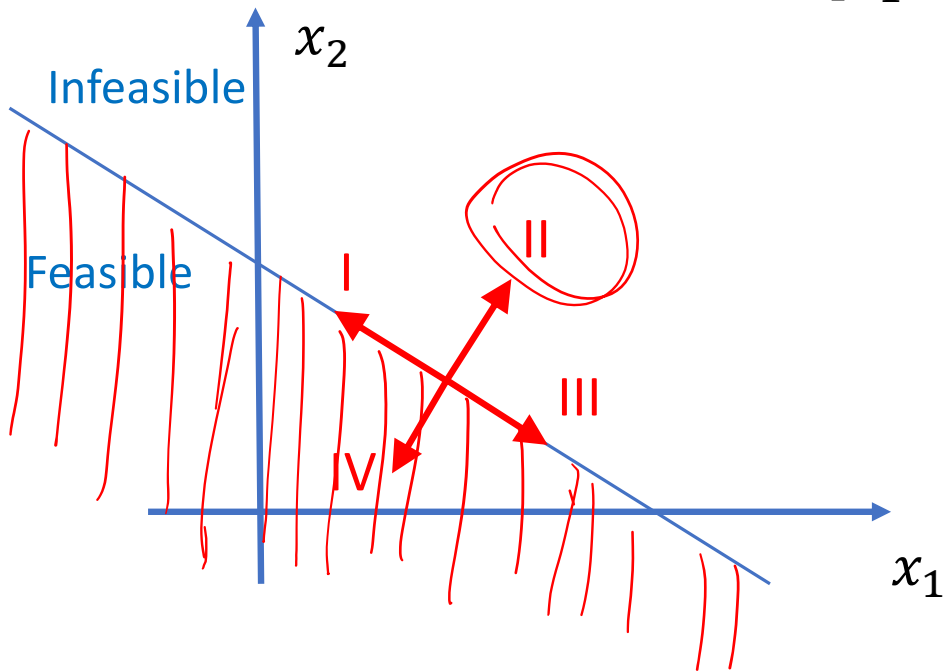
## Poll 4 (already completed)

What is the relationship between the half plane:

$$\underline{a_1} x_1 + \underline{a_2} x_2 \leq b_1$$

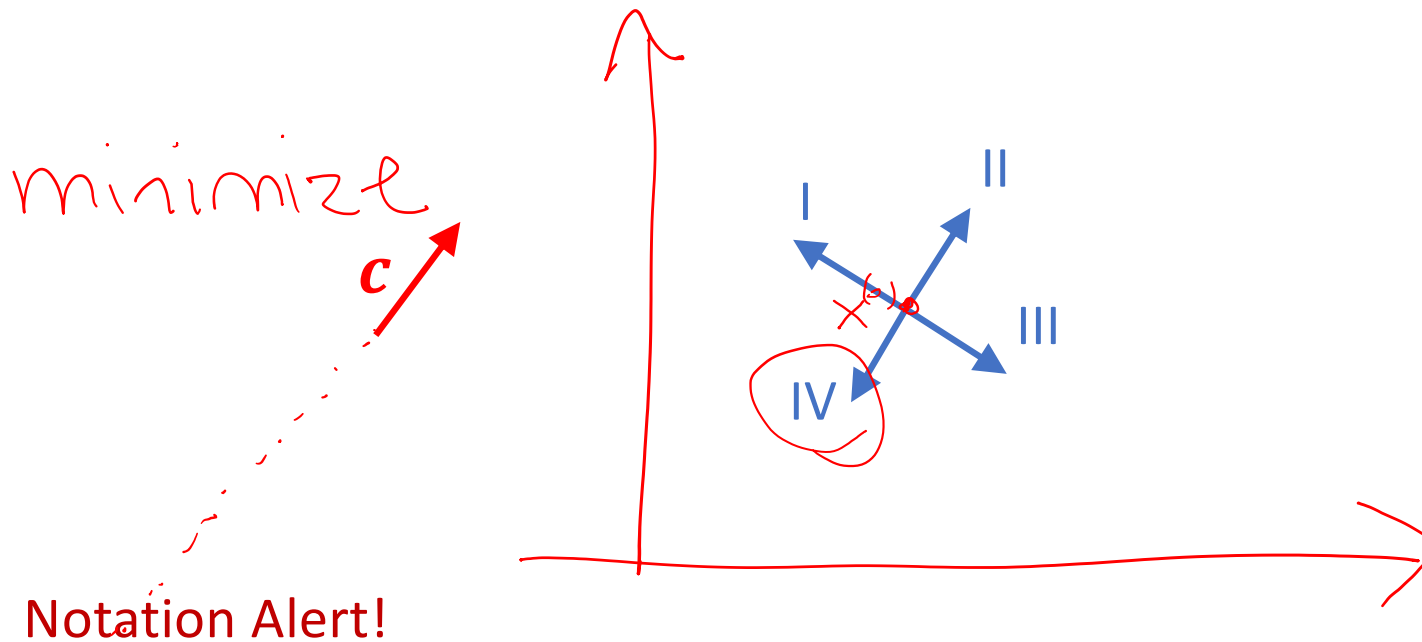
and the vector:

$$[a_1, a_2]^T$$



## Question

Given the cost vector  $[c_1, c_2]^T$  and initial point  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$ ,  
Which unit vector step  $\Delta \mathbf{x}$  will cause  $\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(0)} + \Delta \mathbf{x}$   
to have the lowest cost  $\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ ?



# Cost Contours

Given the cost vector  $[c_1, c_2]^T$  where will

$$c^T x = 0 ?$$

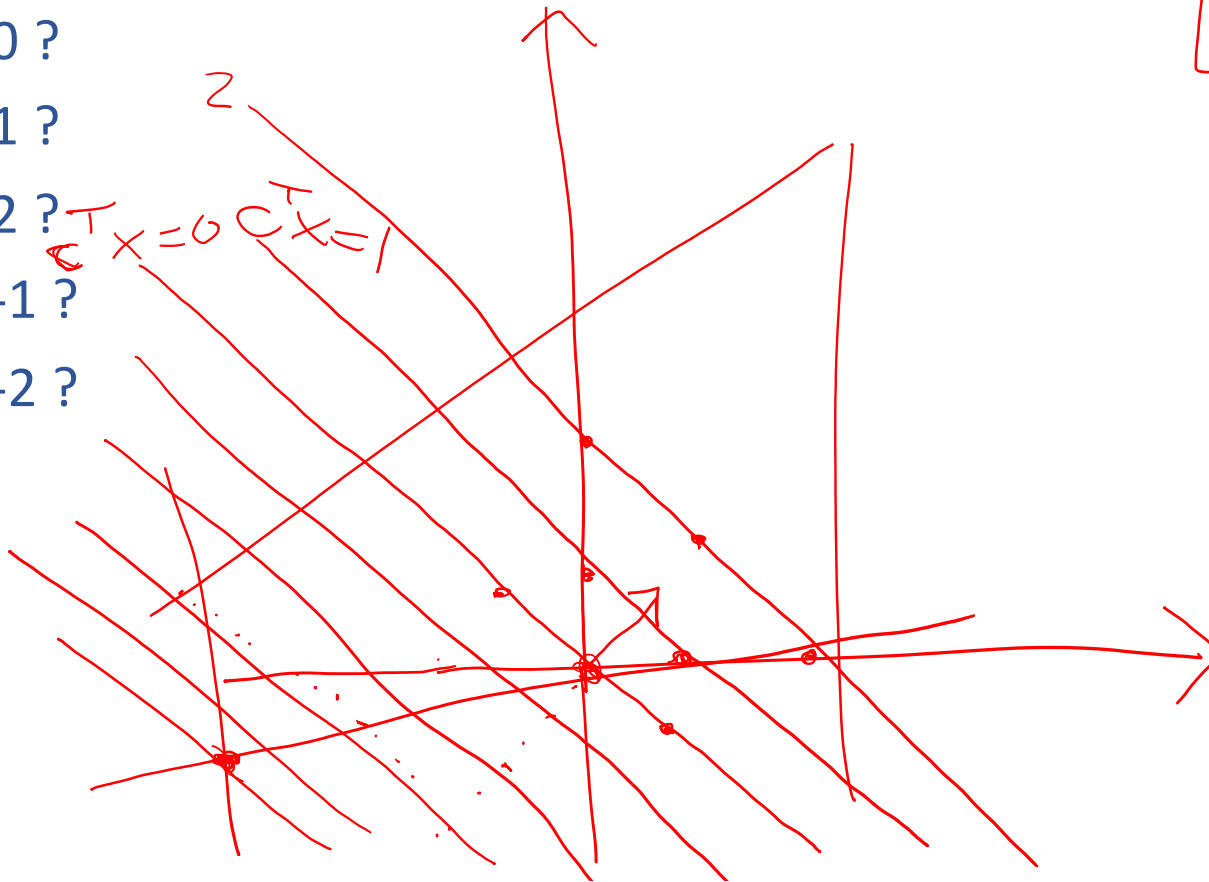
$$c^T x = 1 ?$$

$$c^T x = 2 ?$$

$$c^T x = -1 ?$$

$$c^T x = -2 ?$$

$$[1, 1] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

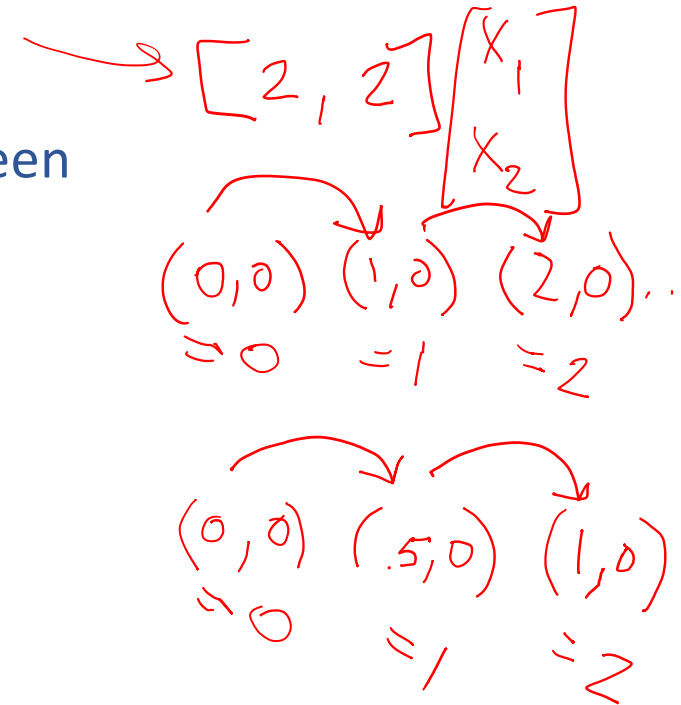


## Question

As the magnitude of  $c$  increases, the distance between the contours lines of the objective  $c^T x$ :

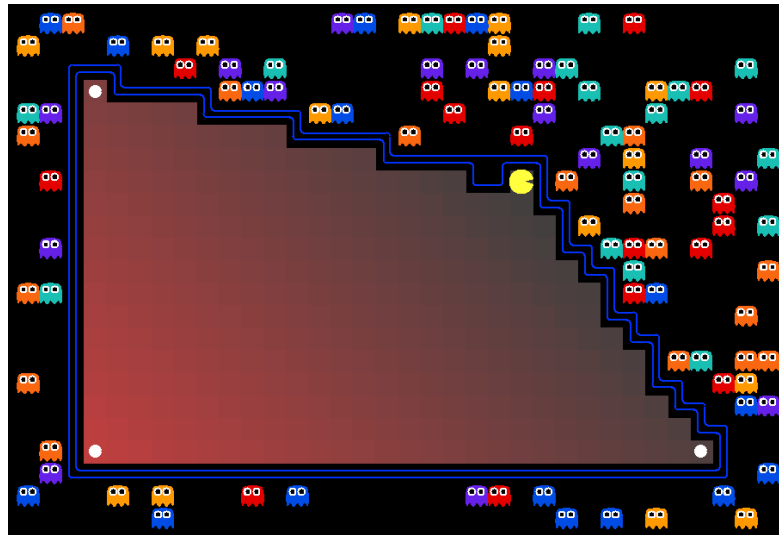
A) Increases

B) Decreases



# AI: Representation and Problem Solving

## Integer Programming



Instructor: Stephanie Rosenthal

Slide credits: CMU AI with drawings from <http://ai.berkeley.edu>



# Solving a Linear Program

Inequality form, with no constraints

$$\min_x \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}$$

$$(-\infty, \infty)$$



$$(\infty, -\infty)$$

# Solving a Linear Program

Inequality form, with one constraint

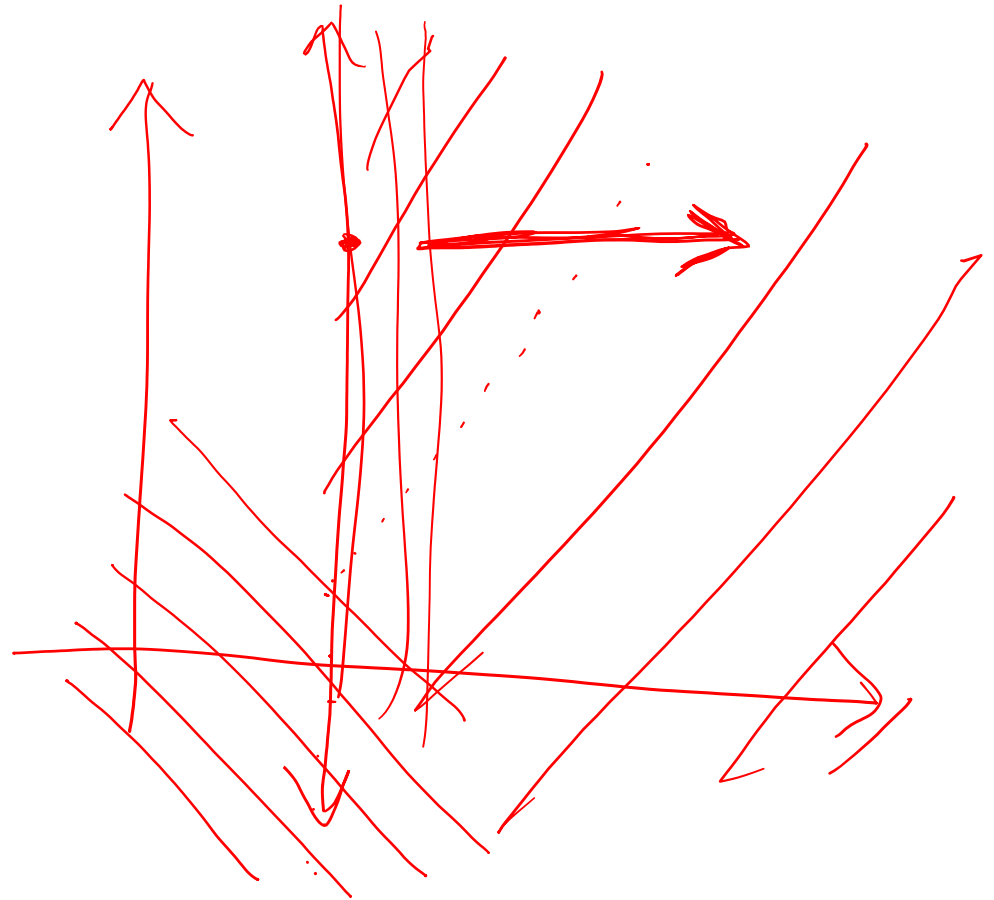
$$\begin{array}{ll} \min. & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ & \mathbf{x} \\ \text{s.t.} & a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 \leq b \end{array}$$

## Poll 1

True or False: A minimizing LP with exactly one constraint, will always have a minimum objective at  $-\infty$ .

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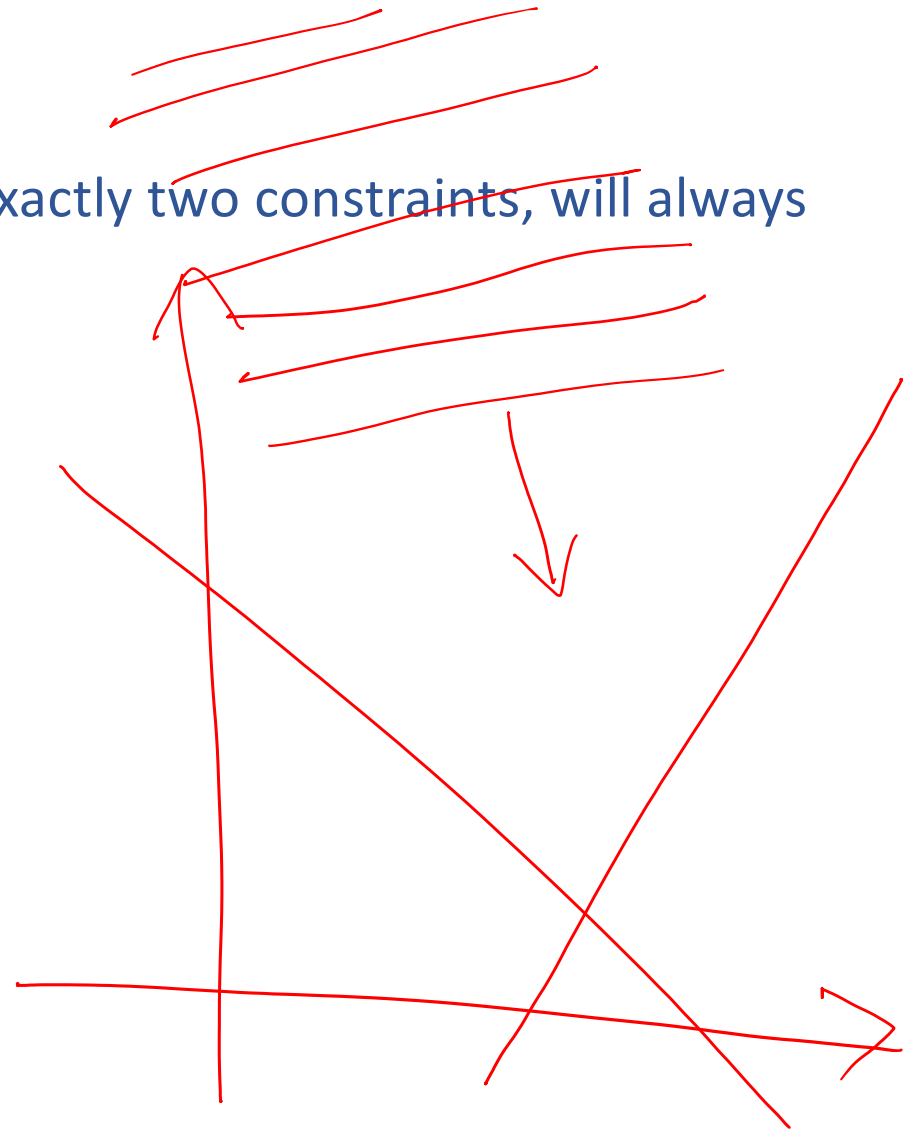
False



## Question

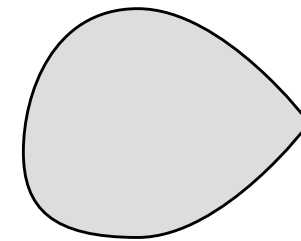
True or False: A minimizing LP with exactly two constraints, will always have a minimum objective  $> -\infty$ .

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min. & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ \text{s.t.} & a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 \leq b_1 \\ & a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 \leq b_2 \end{array}$$

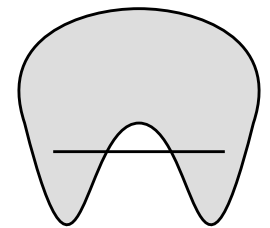


# Convexity

Convex sets are those in which you can draw a line between two points and all the points between them are also in the set

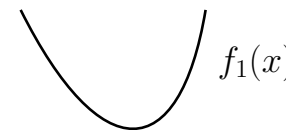


**Convex set**



**Nonconvex set**

Convex optimization problems are ones in which the local minimum is also the global minimum

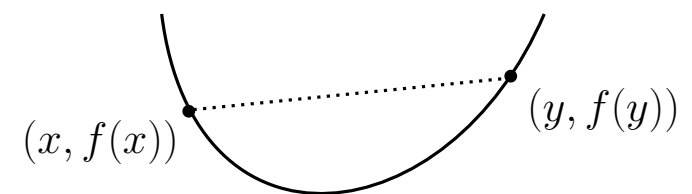


**Convex function**



**Nonconvex function**

Convex functions have the property that for any point between two points  $x$  and  $y$  in a convex set:  
 $f(\theta x + (1 - \theta)y) \leq \theta f(x) + (1 - \theta)f(y)$



Linear functions (like our costs) are convex!

# Convexity and LPs

LPs are constrained convex problems.

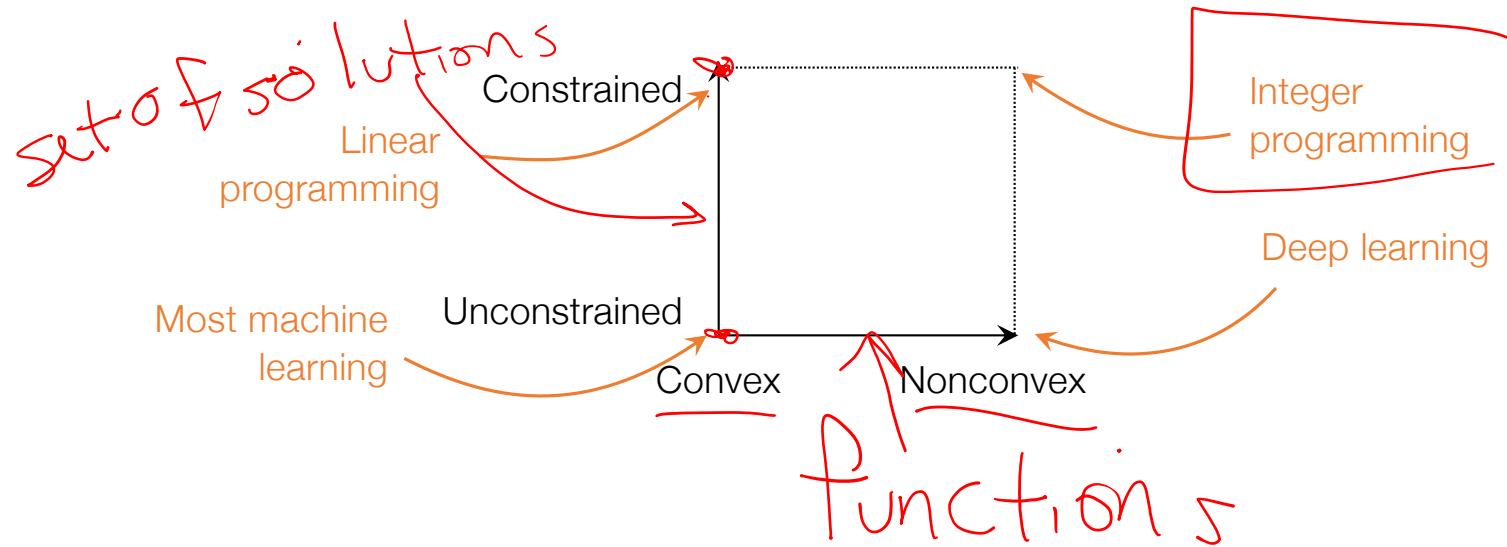
The constraints form a convex set

The objective function is convex

What does this tell us about the costs at the corners of a constrained polygon?

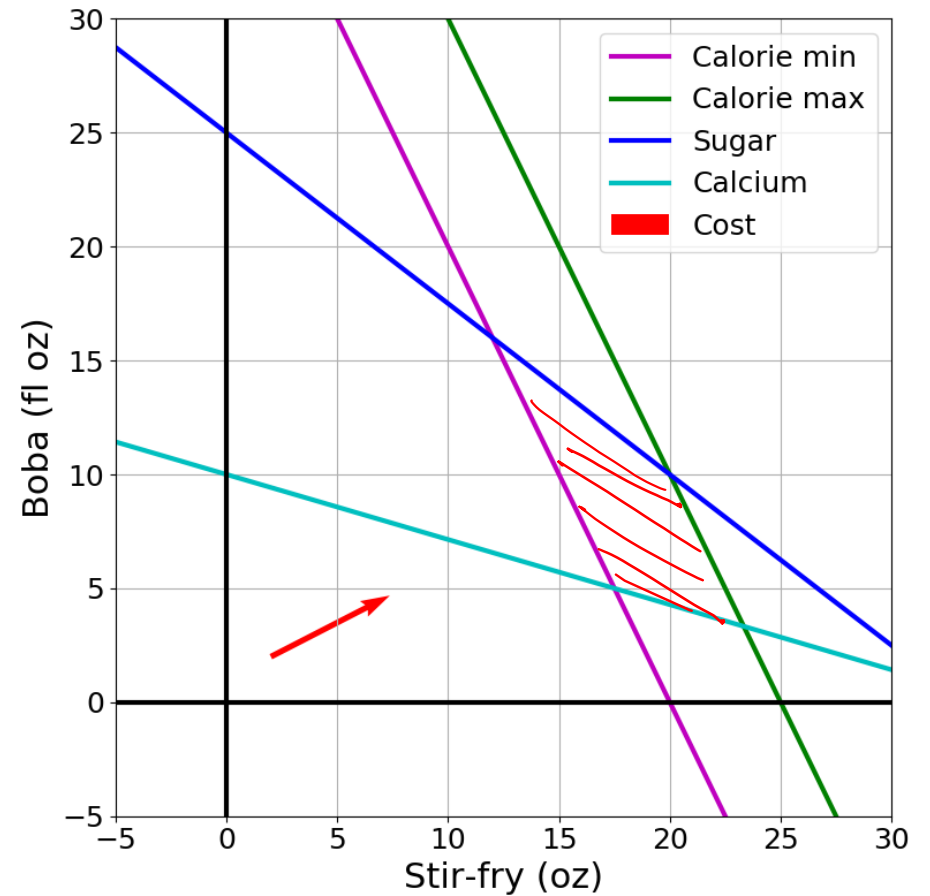
exactly the solutions

# Bigger Picture



# Convexity and LP Solutions

Solutions are at feasible intersections of constraint boundaries!!





# Solving an LP

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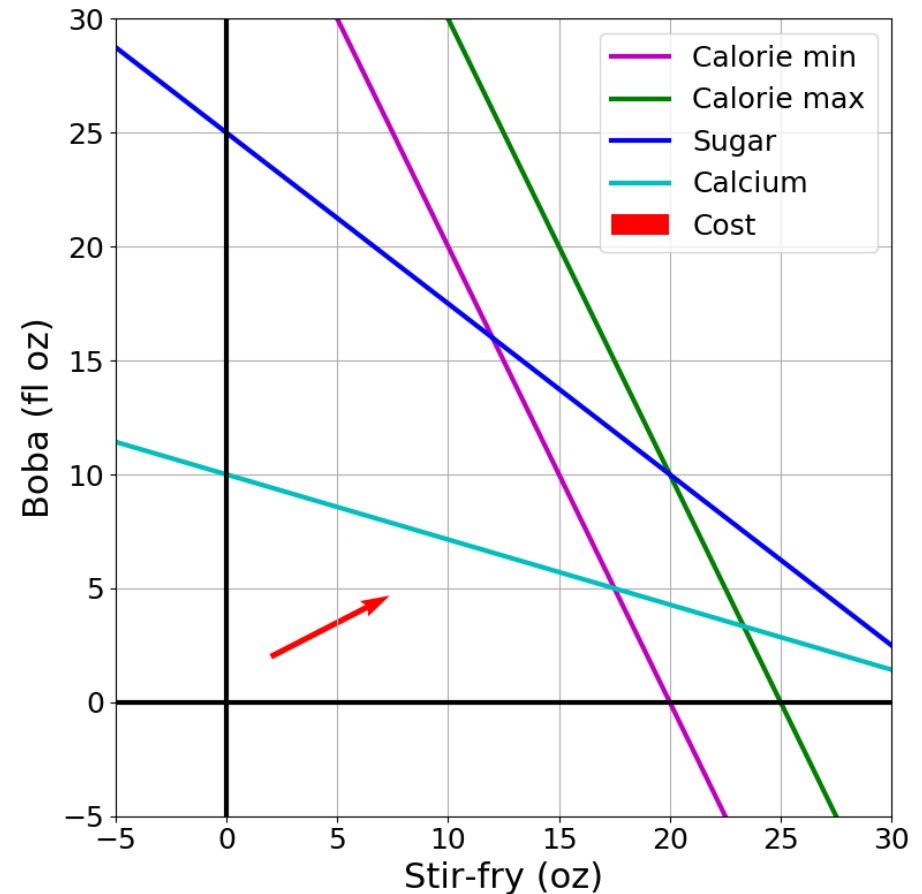
Algorithm

$C^T x$

- Check objective at all feasible intersections

In more detail:

- Enumerate all intersections
- Keep only those that are feasible (satisfy *all* inequalities)
- Return feasible intersection with the lowest objective value



# Solving an LP

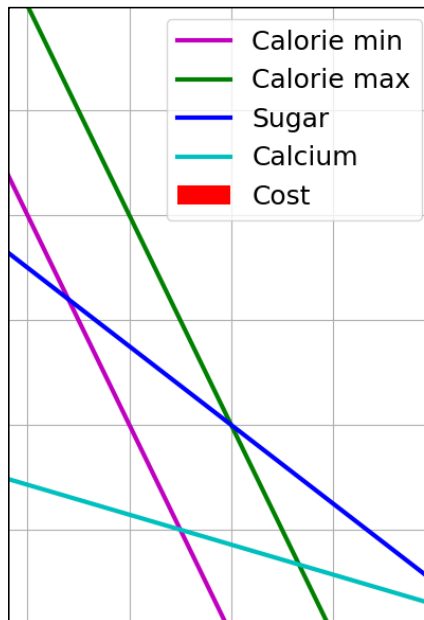
But, how do we find the intersection between boundaries?

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$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -2000 \\ 2500 \\ 100 \\ -700 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Calorie max  
Sugar  
Calcium



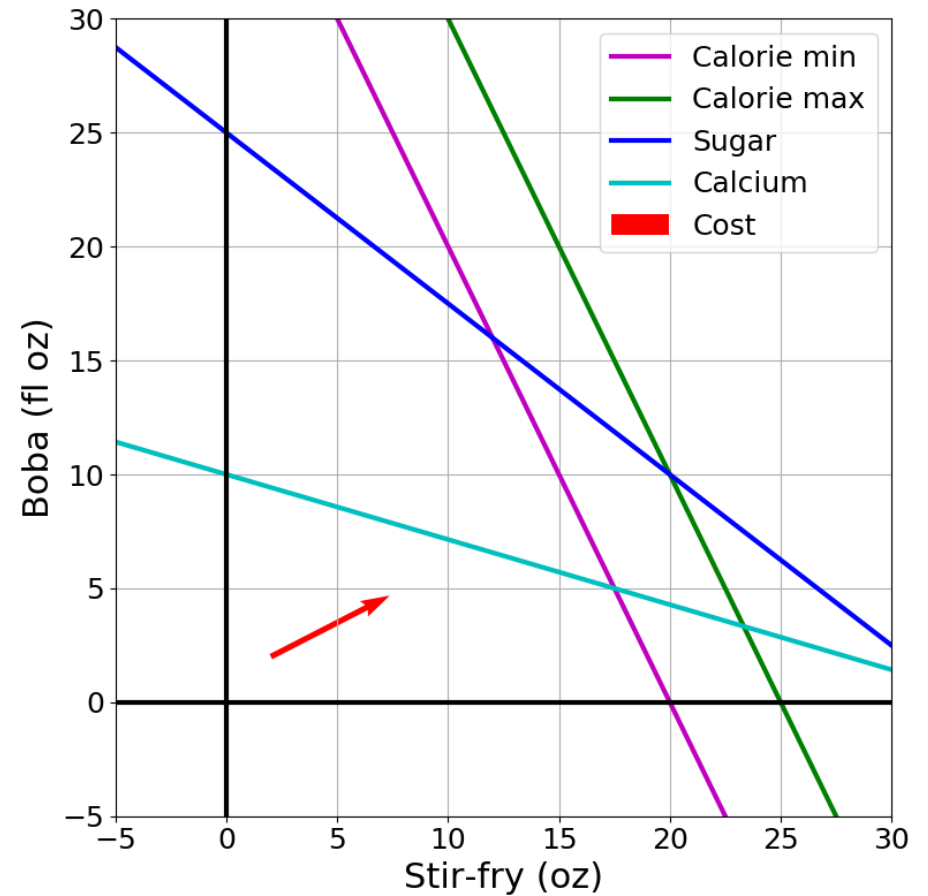
all pairs of constraints

# Solving an LP

Solutions are at feasible intersections of constraint boundaries!!

## Algorithms

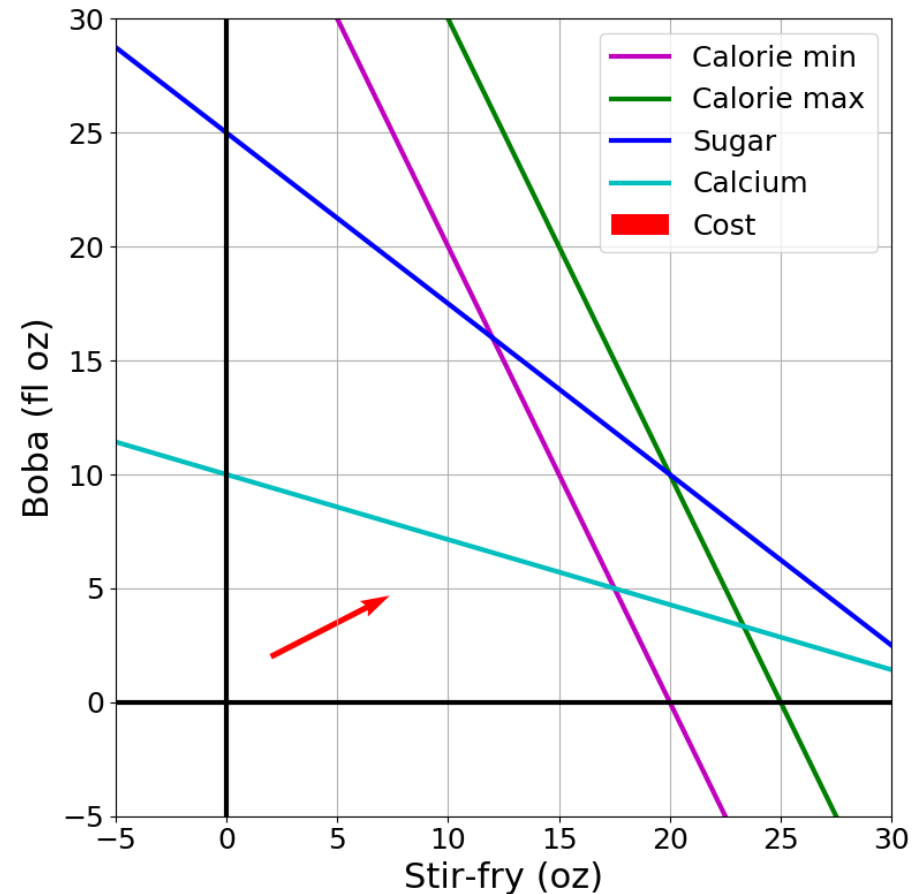
- Check objective at all feasible intersections
- Simplex *hill climbing*



# Solving an LP

## Simplex algorithm

- Start at a feasible intersection (if not trivial, can solve another LP to find one)
- Define successors as “neighbors” of current intersection
  - i.e., remove one row from our square subset of  $A$ , and add another row not in the subset; then check feasibility
- Move to any successor with lower objective than current intersection
  - If no such successors, we are done



Greedy local hill-climbing search! ... but always finds *optimal* solution

# Solving an LP

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- Check objective at all feasible intersections
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- Interior Point

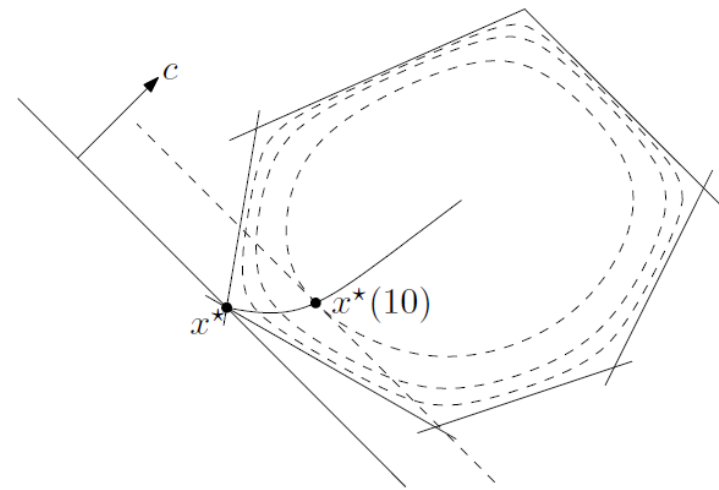


Figure 11.2 from Boyd and Vandenberghe, *Convex Optimization*

# What about higher dimensions?

## Problem Description

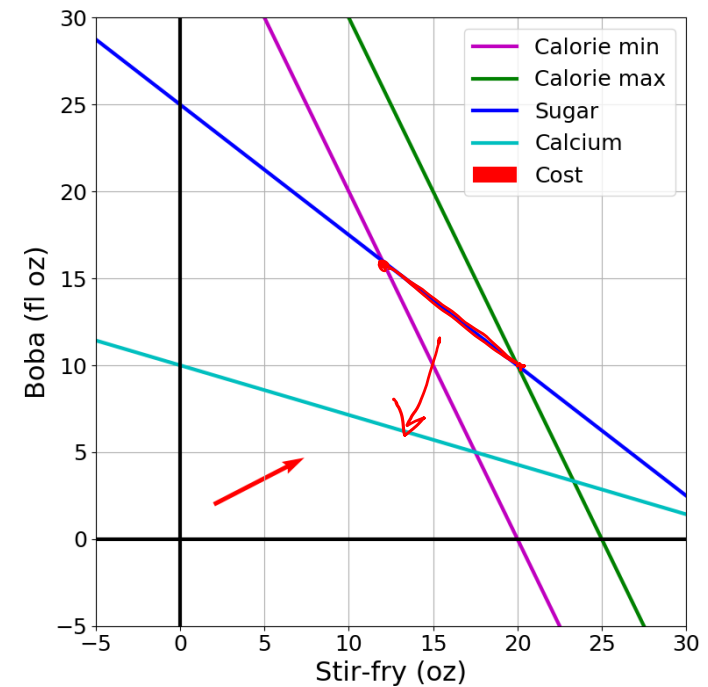
*m* constraints  
*n* dimensional ~~x~~

## Optimization Representation

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*(m)*  
*(n)*

## Graphical Representation



“Marty, you’re not thinking fourth-dimensionally”



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUCNM7OsdY>

# Shapes in higher dimensions

How do these linear shapes extend to 3-D, N-D?

$$a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 = b_1$$

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$$a_{3,1} x_1 + a_{3,2} x_2 \leq b_3$$

$$a_{4,1} x_1 + a_{4,2} x_2 \leq b_4$$



# What are intersections in higher dimensions?

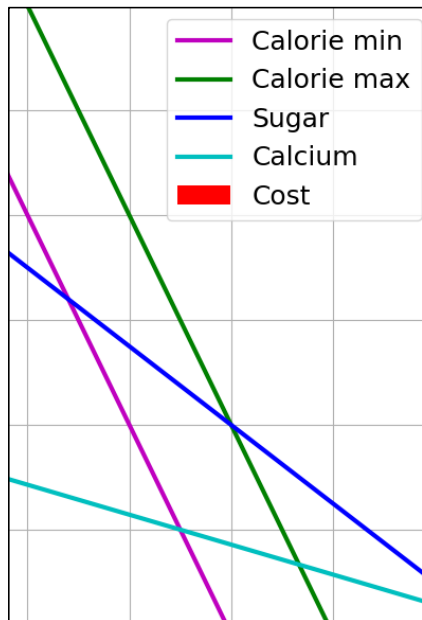
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# How do we find intersections in higher dimensions?

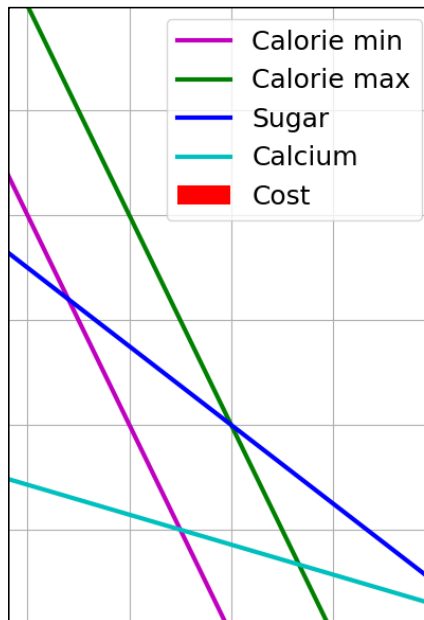
Still looking at subsets of  $A$  matrix

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# Linear Programming

We are trying to stay healthy by finding the optimal food to purchase.  
We can choose the amount of **stir-fry** (ounce) and **boba** (fluid ounces).

## Healthy Squad Goals

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What is the cheapest way to stay “healthy” with this menu?

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# Linear Programming → Integer Programming

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# Linear Programming vs Integer Programming

Linear objective with linear constraints, but now with additional constraint that all values in  $x$  must be integers

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$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^N$$

*integer*

We could also do:

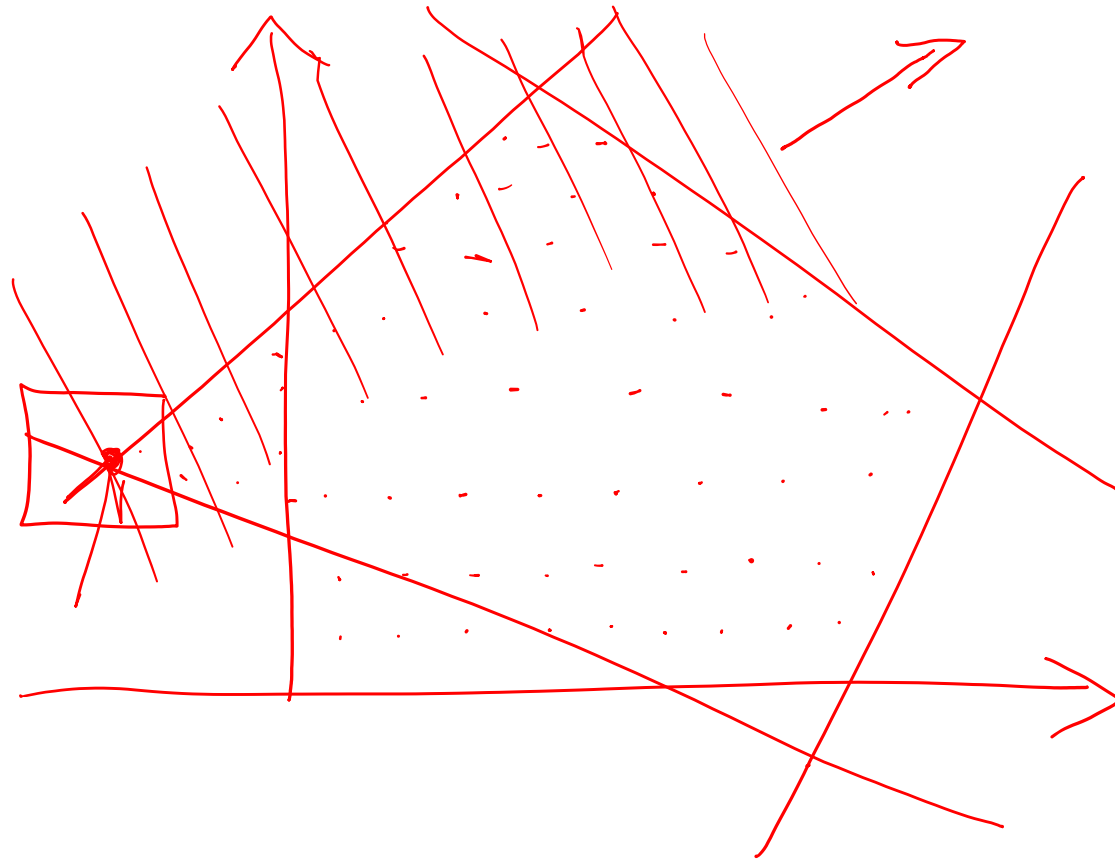
- Even more constrained: Binary Integer Programming
- A hybrid: Mixed Integer Linear Programming

**Notation Alert!**

# Integer Programming: Graphical Representation

Just add a grid of integer points onto our LP representation

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min. & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ \text{s.t.} & A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b} \\ & \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^N \end{array}$$



# Integer Programming: Scheduling

How would we formulate our CSP as an **integer** program?

How would we could we solve it?



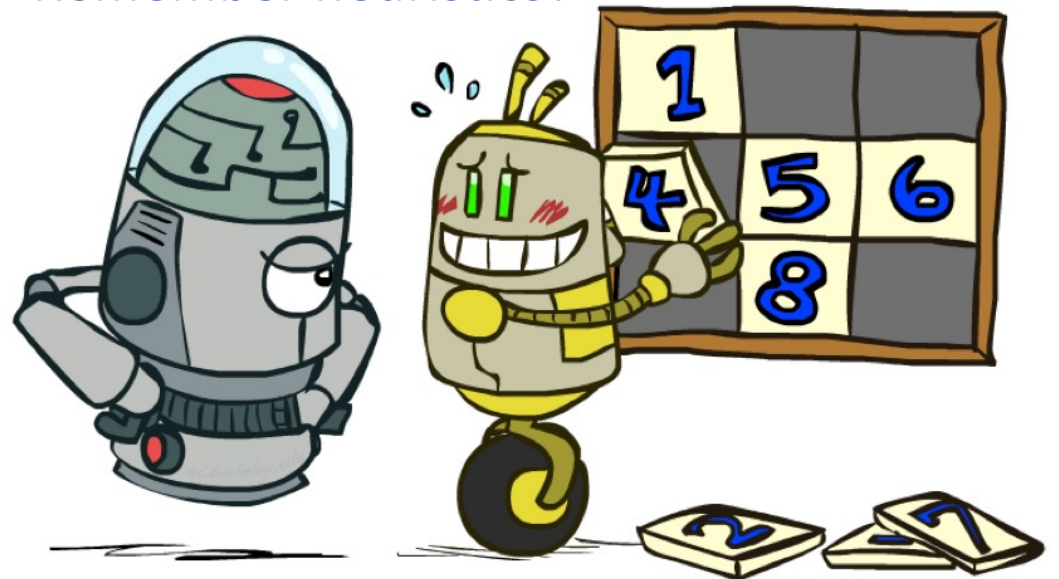
# Convexity and IPs

Integer programs are not convex, but perhaps we can use the LP solvers to find solutions to integer programs?

Relax IP to LP by dropping integer constraints

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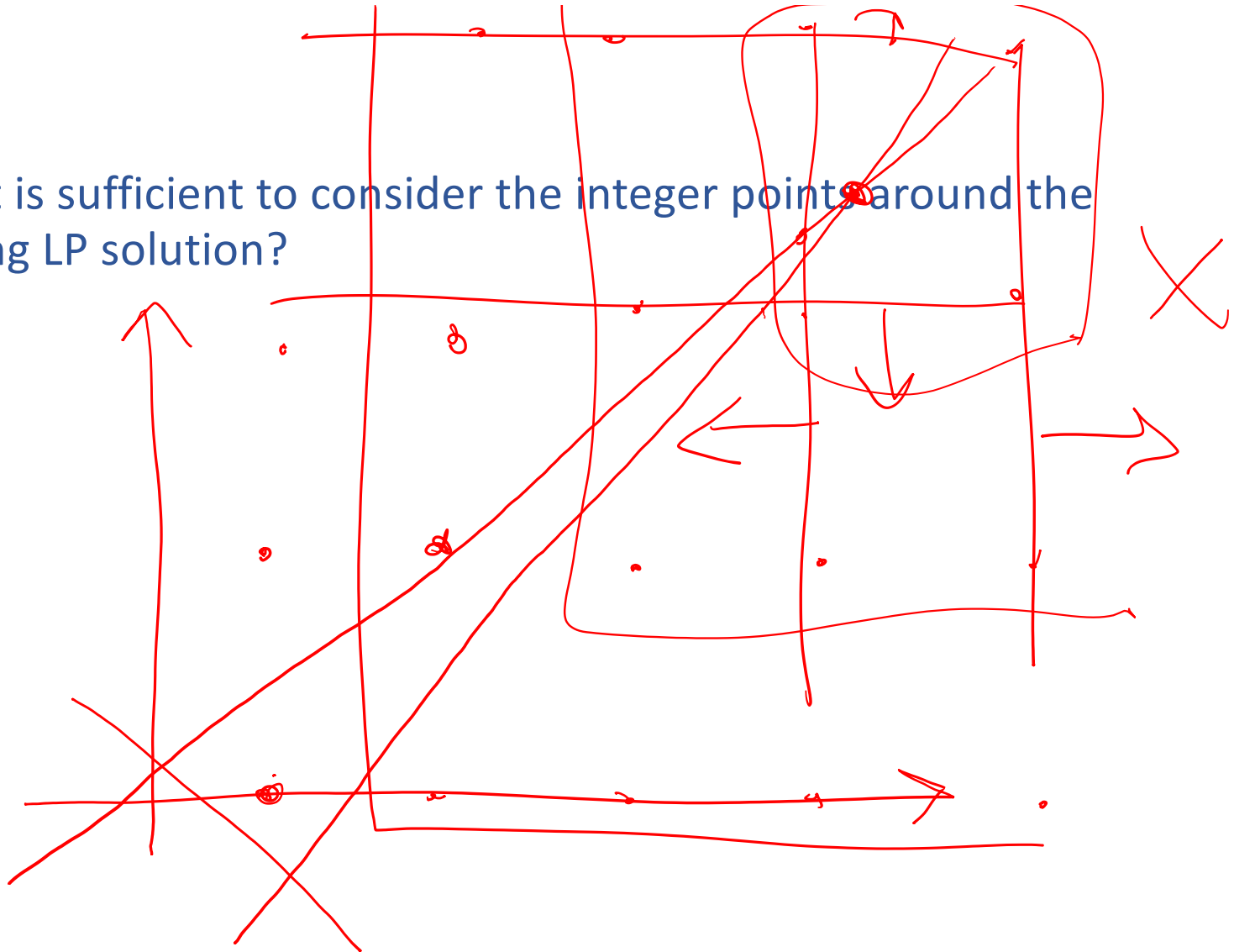
Remember heuristics?





Poll 2:

True/False: It is sufficient to consider the integer points around the corresponding LP solution?



## Poll 3:

Let  $y_{IP}^*$  be the optimal objective of an integer program  $P$ .

Let  $\mathbf{x}_{IP}^*$  be an optimal point of an integer program  $P$ .

Let  $y_{LP}^*$  be the optimal objective of the LP-relaxed version of  $P$ .

Let  $\mathbf{x}_{LP}^*$  be an optimal point of the LP-relaxed version of  $P$ .

Assume that  $P$  is a minimization problem.

Which of the following are true? Select all that apply.

A)  $\mathbf{x}_{IP}^* = \mathbf{x}_{LP}^*$

B)  $y_{IP}^* \leq y_{LP}^*$

C)  $y_{IP}^* \geq y_{LP}^*$

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# Solving an IP

## Branch and Bound algorithm

1. Push LP solution of problem into priority queue,

ordered by **objective value of LP solution**

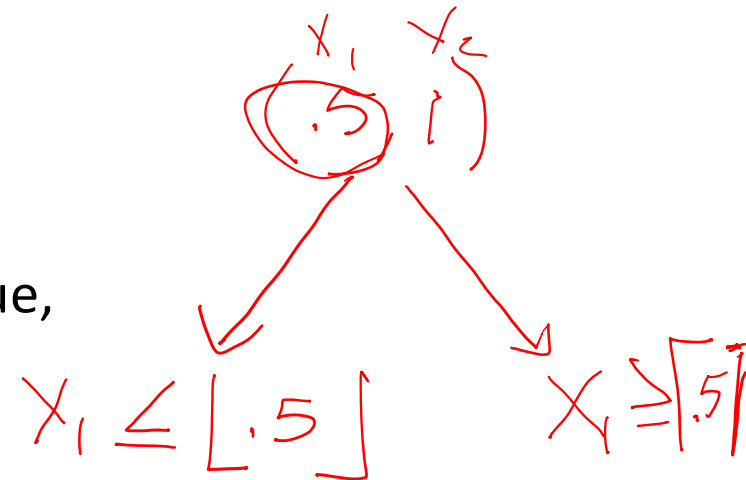
2. Repeat:

- If queue is empty, return IP is infeasible
- Pop candidate solution  $x_{LP}^*$  from priority queue
- If  $x_{LP}^*$  is all integer valued, we are done; return solution
- Otherwise, select a coordinate  $x_i$  that is not integer valued, and add two additional LPs to the priority queue:

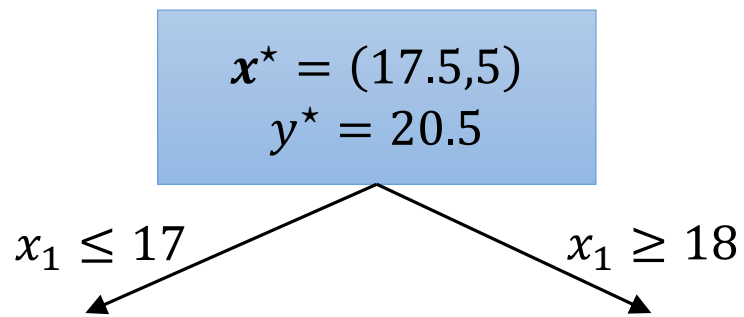
*Left branch:* Added constraint  $x_i \leq \text{floor}(x_i)$

*Right branch:* Added constraint  $x_i \geq \text{ceil}(x_i)$

Note: Only add LPs to the queue if they are feasible

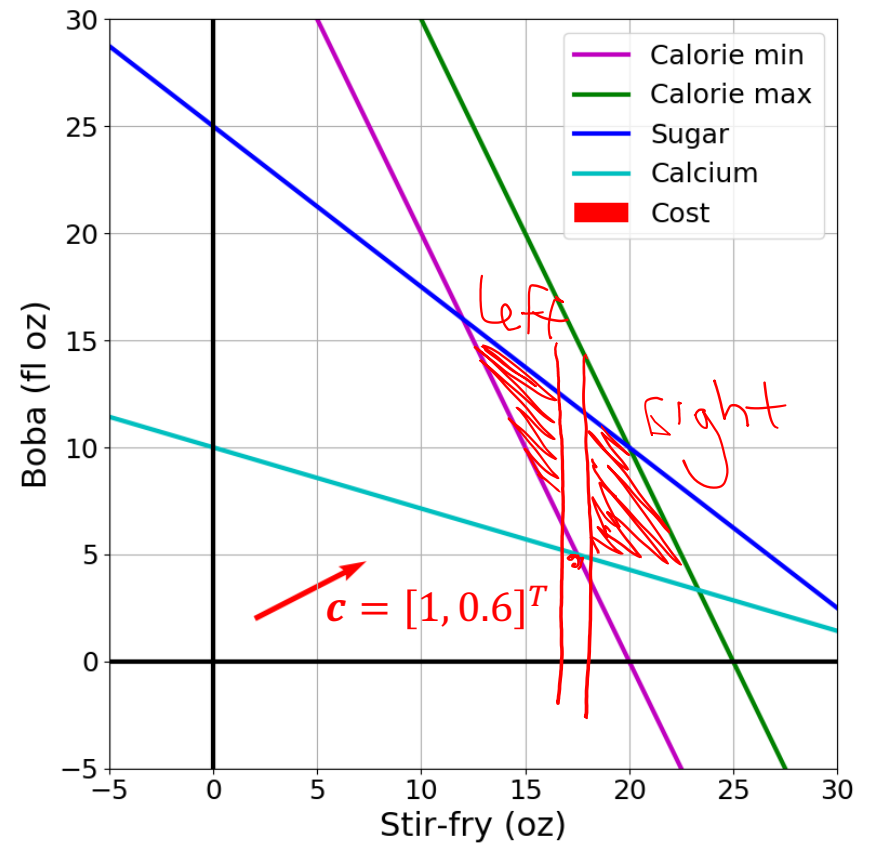


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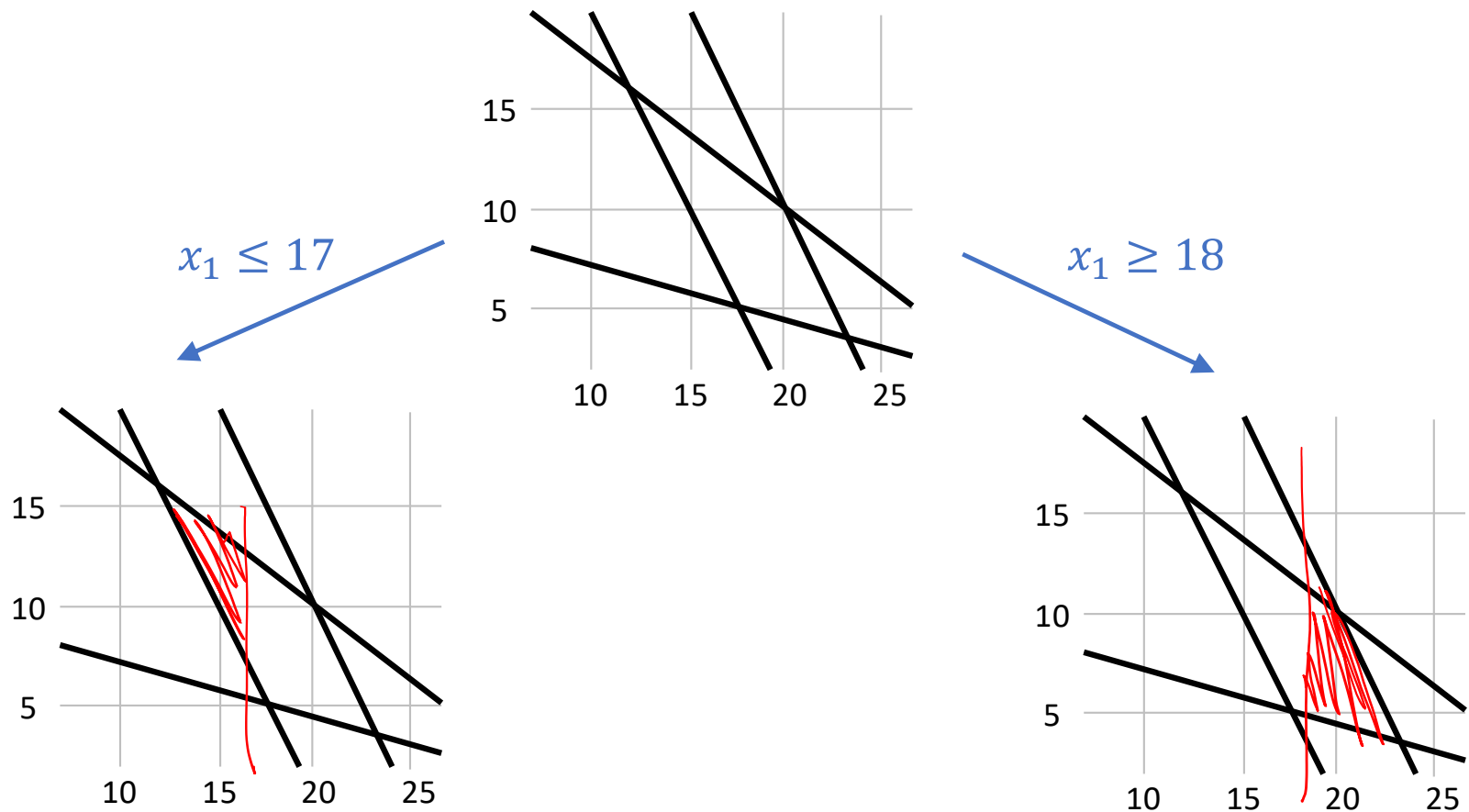


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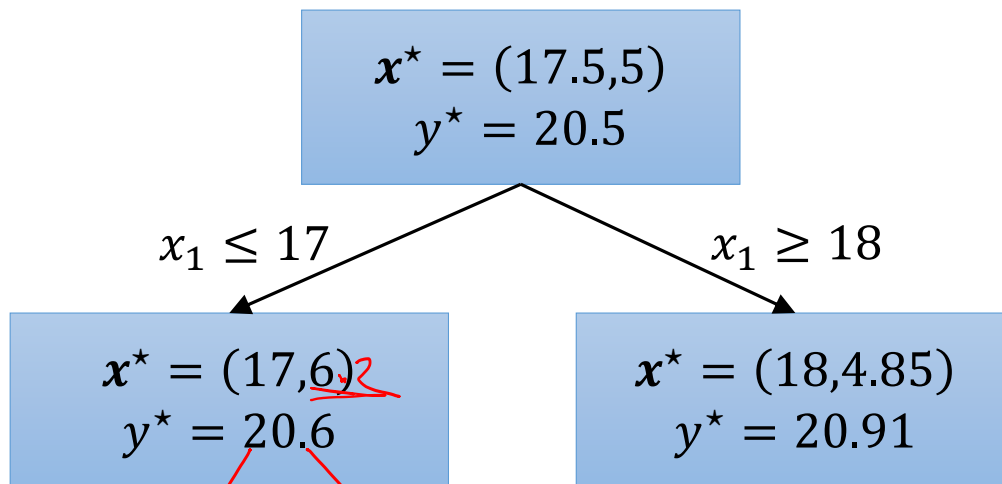
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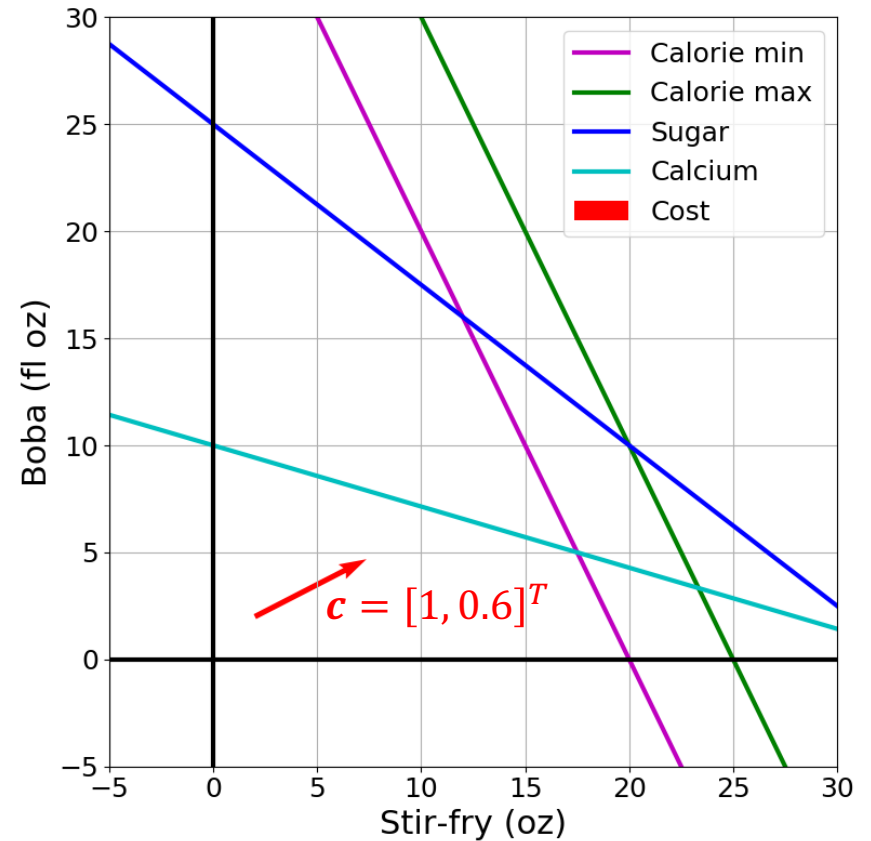


# Branch and Bound Example



Priority Queue:

1.  $x^* = (17, 6), y^* = 20.6$
2.  $x^* = (18, 4.85), y^* = 20.91$



# Activity + Poll

Constraints :

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$$y = 1.56x + 3.41$$

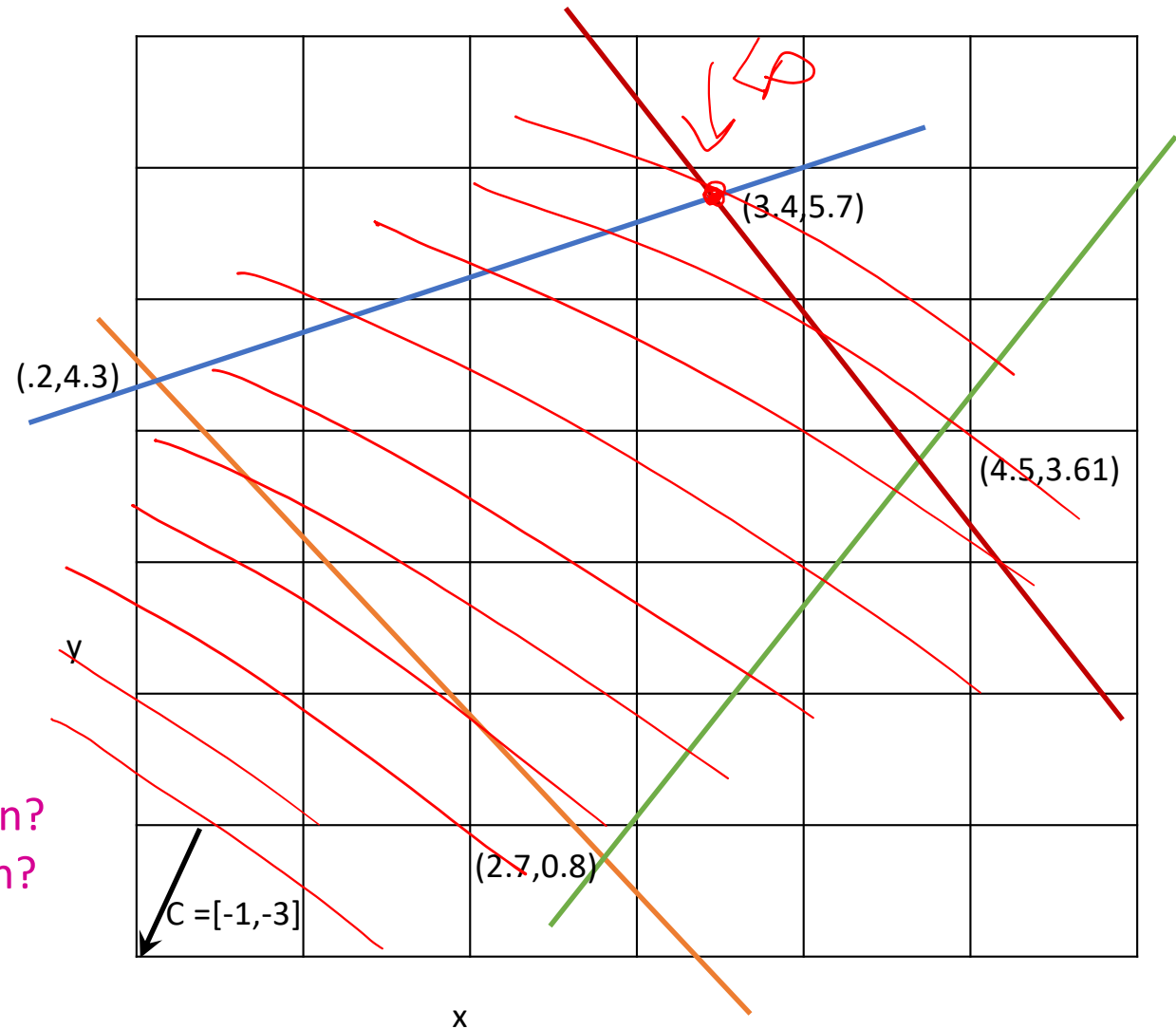
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Priority Queue:

Poll 4: What is the LP solution?

Poll 5: What is the IP solution?



# Activity

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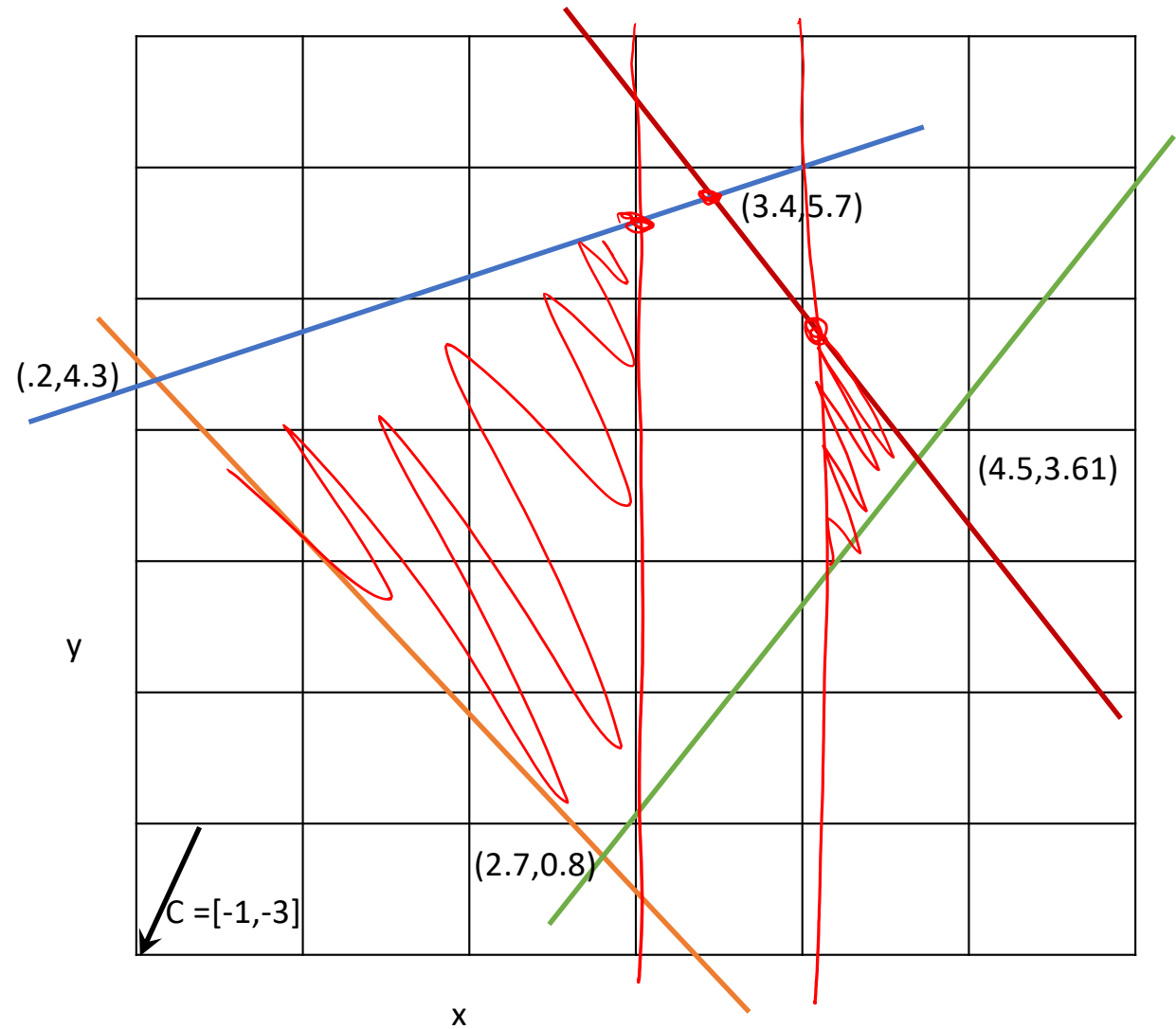
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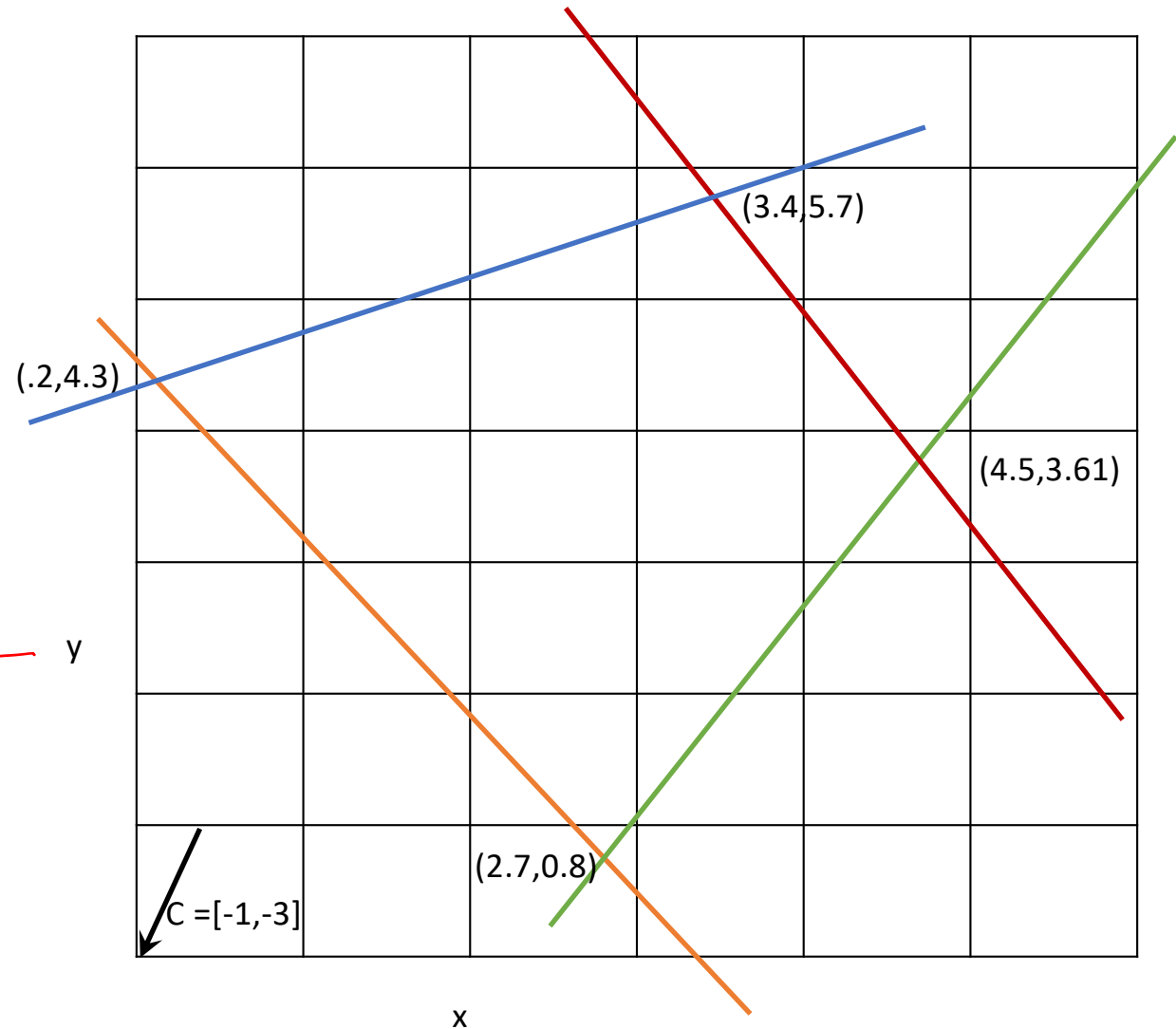
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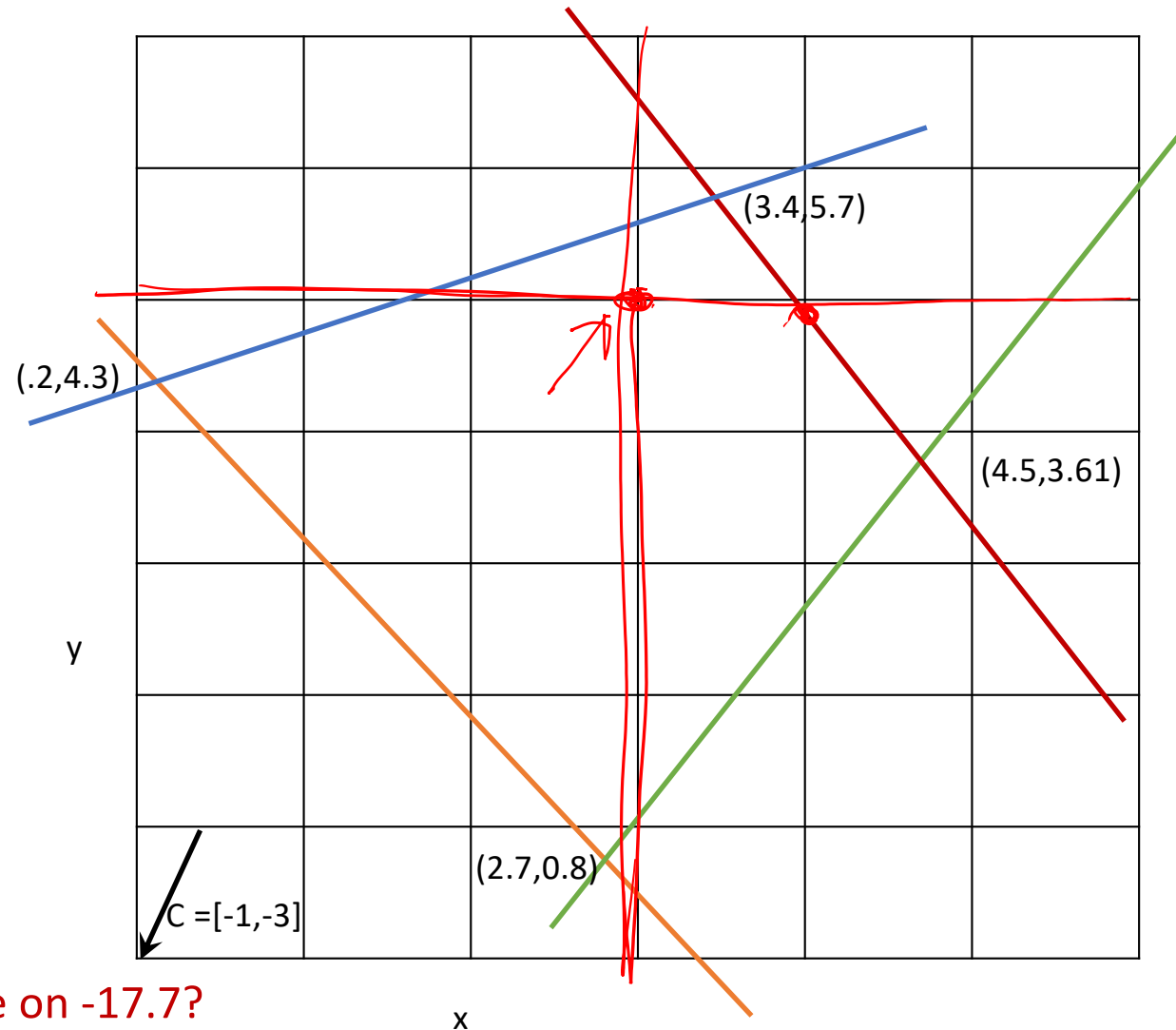
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-17.7: (4,4.56) (x ≥ 4) ←

-18.0: (3,5) (x ≤ 3, y ≤ 5)

Inf: (x ≤ 3, y ≥ 6)



Why do we not need to recurse on -17.7?