



People & Places

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Location

All lectures and exercises will take place in B421-A73

Course Objectives

Main Objective

To give a well-founded knowledge, both theoretical and practical, of static and dynamic optimization models for data-based decision making. You will be able to formulate and solve operations research and technical-economic models, and to appreciate the interplay between optimization models and the real-life problems described by these.

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Learning Objectives (1)

- **Analyze** a given problem in order to **formulate** an optimization model
- **Formulate** and **analyze** models as these are met in static and dynamic optimization.
- **Describe** and **explain** the assumptions underlying models and computations
- **Analyze** an optimization problem in order to identify an appropriate solution method
- **Understand** and - using software - **solve** systems of equations for given optimization problems
- **Interpret** the solutions from a given optimization model

Learning Objectives (2)

- **Describe** and **explain** the mathematical background for the applied solution methods.
- **Perform** sensitivity analysis as part of the evaluating of what-if scenarios in decision making.
- **Make use** of the possibilities for sensitivity analysis in standard optimization software.

Course Evaluation

- Two written projects (one for static, one for dynamic)
- To be completed individually
- If you collaborate with another student, this must be documented
- Your final mark will be based on the evaluation of the two projects
- Reports **must** be submitted electronically via CampusNet
 - Static report due: Friday, **October 13th**
 - Dynamic report due: Friday, **December 22nd**
- Project one will be distributed **next** week

Calendar - Lecture Plan

Date	Topic
04 September	Introduction
11 September	Linear programming and duality
18 September	Convexity and optimality
25 September	Optimization with (in)equality constraints
02 October	More on Lagrange
09 October	(Approximate) Solution Algorithms for Non-linear problems

Recommended Reading Material:

- HL: Hillier and Lieberman: Introduction to Operations Research, McGraw- Hill 2010 (or earlier)
- BS: Bazaraa and Shetty: Non-linear Programming - Theory and Algorithms, Wiley 1979 (or later)
- BT: Brinkhuis and Tikhomirov Optimization: Insights and Applications, Princeton University Press 2005

Mathematical Programming

- Components:
 - Decision variables
 - Objective function
 - Constraints
- Model types:
 - Linear Programming
 - Integer Programming
 - Non-linear Programming
- Today's Agenda:
 - Linear programming review
 - Non-linear programming intro
 - Chapter 12 Hillier & Liberman 9th Edition

Linear Programming (1)

Example

The WYNDOR GLASS CO. produces high quality glass products, including windows and glass doors. It has 3 plants. Aluminium frames and hardware are made in Plant 1, wood frames are made in Plant 2, and Plant 3 produces the glass and assembles the products. Management is introducing the following two products (in batches of 20):

- Product 1: An 8-foot glass door with an aluminum frame (ppb = \$3,000)
- Product 2: A 4×6 foot double hung wood-framed window (ppb = \$5,000)

Data

	Production Time Required (hrs)		
Plant	Product 1	Product 2	Hours avail.
1	1	0	4
2	0	2	12
3	3	2	18

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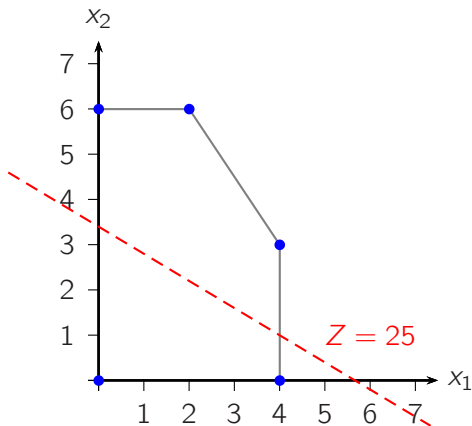
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- Consider the polyhedron $\mathcal{X} = \{x \mid Ax \leq b\}$
- A solution x' is **feasible** if $Ax' \leq b$
- A solution x^* is **optimal** if $Ax^* \leq b, c^T x^* \geq c^T x \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}$
- The set of feasible solutions to an LP is termed the **feasible region**
 - forms a (possibly **unbounded**) **convex** set.
- An **extreme point** of \mathcal{X} cannot be written as a linear combination of other points in \mathcal{X}
$$\nexists \lambda \in (0, 1) : x = \lambda y + (1 - \lambda)z, \quad x, y, z \in \mathcal{X}, x \neq y, x \neq z$$
- A solution x' is a **basic feasible solution** if $Ax' \leq b, \exists B : x' = A_B^{-1}b$
- or, x' is a basic feasible solution if and only if x' is an extreme point

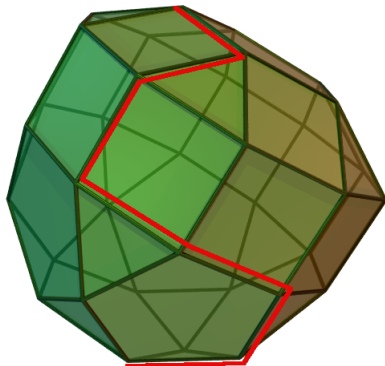
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Solution Method



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Non Linear Programming

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{maximize} & f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{subject to:} & g_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq b_i \quad \forall i \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq 0\end{array}$$

Product-mix problem

- Production: y
- Price required to sell y units: $p(y)$
- Total cost of producing y units: $c(y)$
- Profit:

$$\pi(y) = yp(y) - c(y)$$

- hours needed in department i : $a_i(y)$

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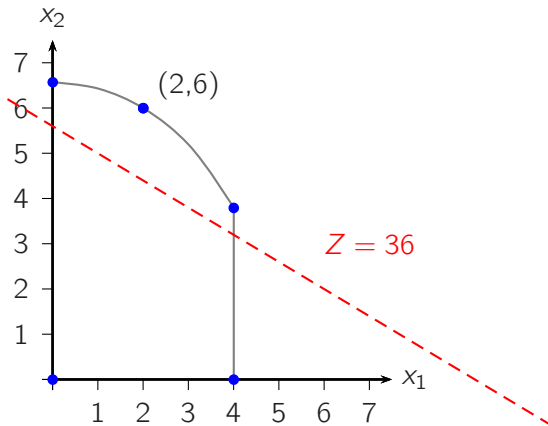
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Non-Linear Programming Example 1

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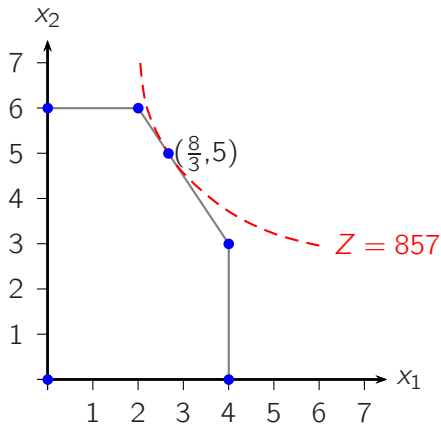
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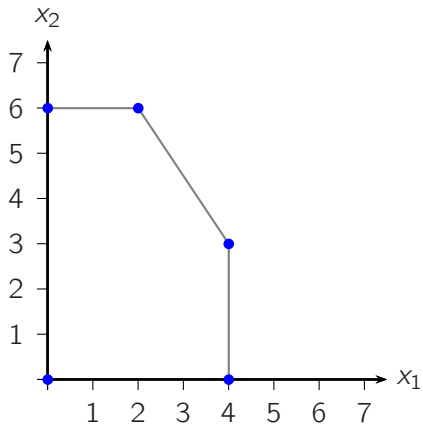
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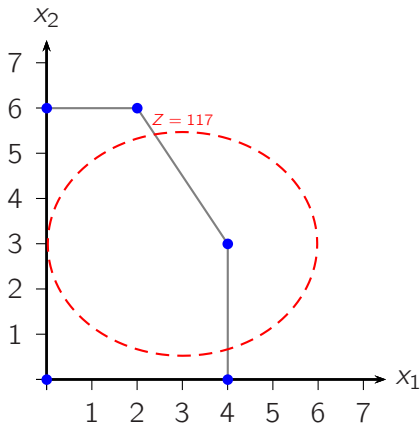
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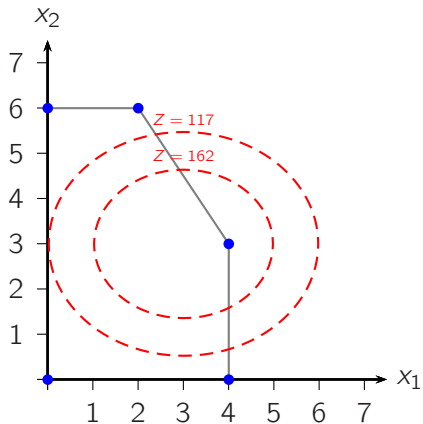
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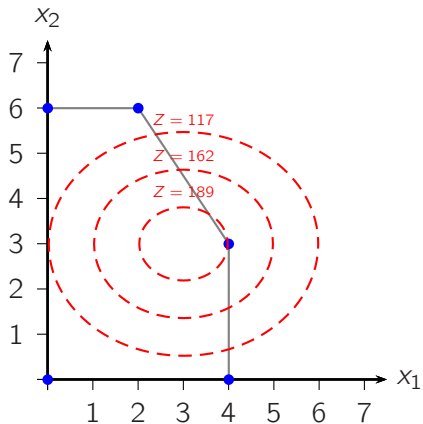
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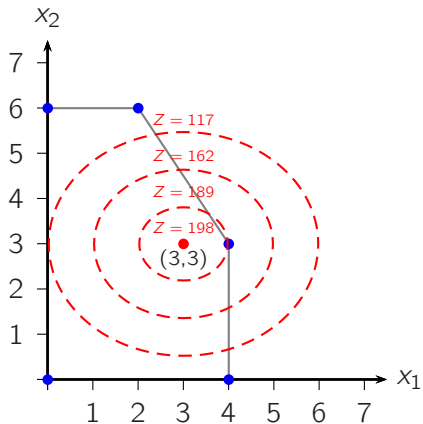
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Convex Programming Problem

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & f(x) \\ \text{subject to:} & g_i(x) \leq b_i \quad \forall i \\ & x \geq 0 \end{array}$$

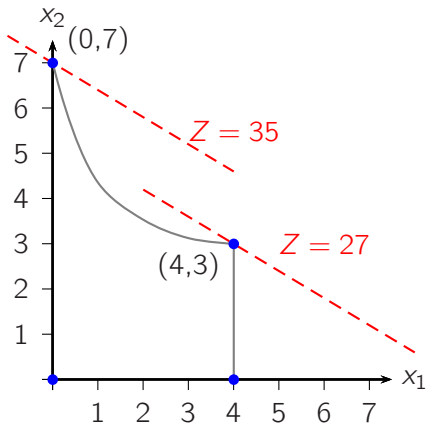
- f is concave, each g_i is convex

→ a local maximum is also global

Non-Linear Programming Example 4

$$\left(\begin{array}{lll} \text{maximize} & Z = & 3x_1 \quad + 5x_2 \\ \text{subject to:} & & x_1 \leq 4 \\ & & 8x_1 - x_1^2 + 14x_2 - x_2^2 \leq 49 \\ & & x_1 \geq 0 \\ & & x_2 \geq 0 \end{array} \right)$$

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Problem Types

- Unconstrained Optimization
 - No constraints
- Linearly Constrained Optimization
 - linear constraints
- Quadratic Programming
 - quadratic objective function, linear constraints
- Convex Programming
 - minimize a convex function on a convex set
- Separable Programming
 - objective function and constraints are separable i.e. sum of functions of individual decision variables

Problem 1

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize} \quad & (x_1 - 255)^2 + 10(x_1 - 220) \\ & + (x_2 - x_1)^2 + 10(x_2 - 240) \\ & + (x_3 - x_2)^2 + 10(x_3 - 200) + (255 - x_3)^2 \\ \text{subject to:} \quad & x_1 \geq 220 \qquad x_2 \geq 240 \qquad x_3 \geq 200 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2

$$\begin{aligned} \text{maximize} \quad & 36x_1 + 9x_1^2 - 6x_1^3 + 36x_2 - 3x_2^3 \\ \text{subject to:} \quad & x_1 + x_2 \leq 3, x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

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