

Approximation Algorithms

Lecture 4:
Linear Programming and LP-Duality

Part I:
Introduction to Linear Programming

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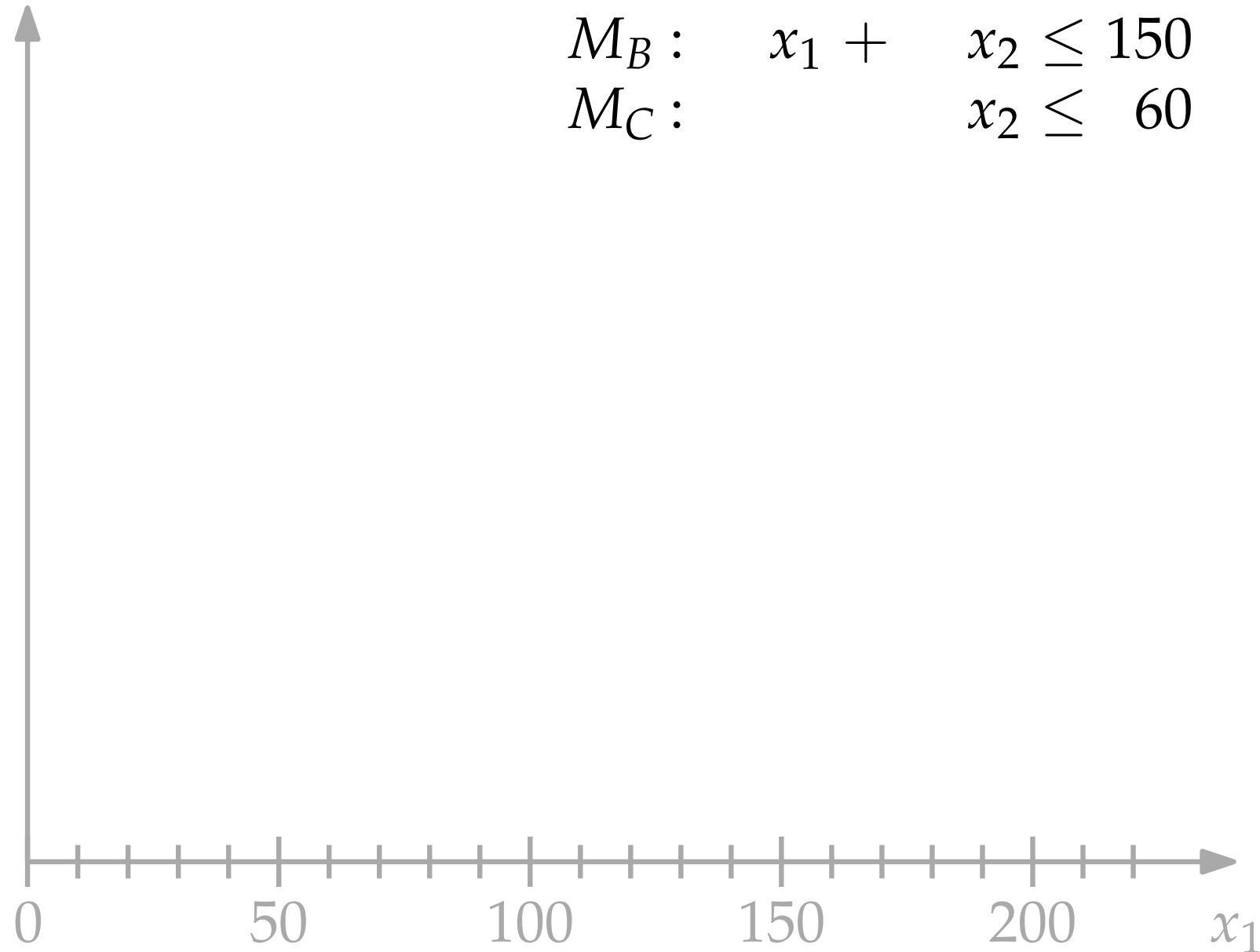
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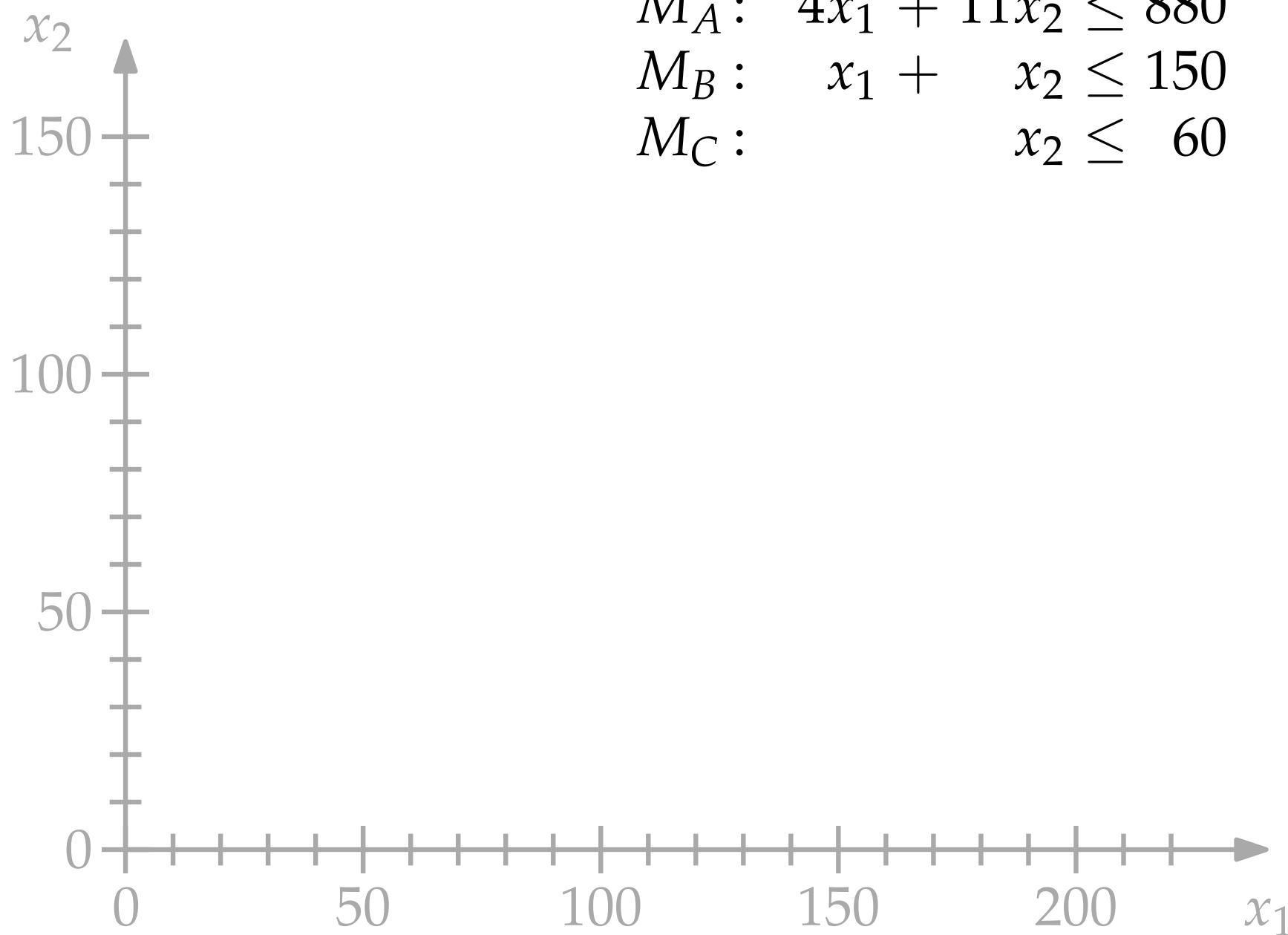
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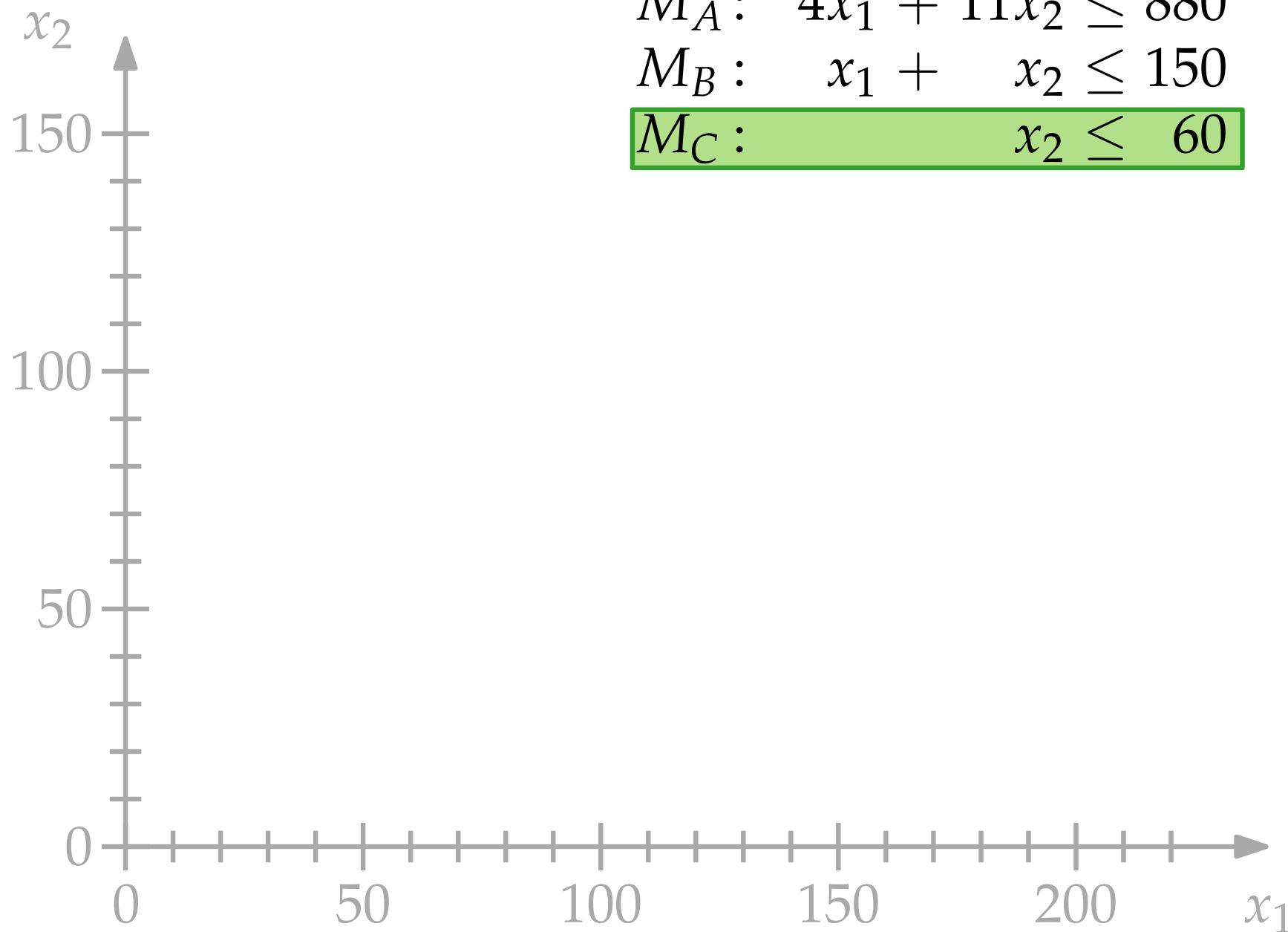
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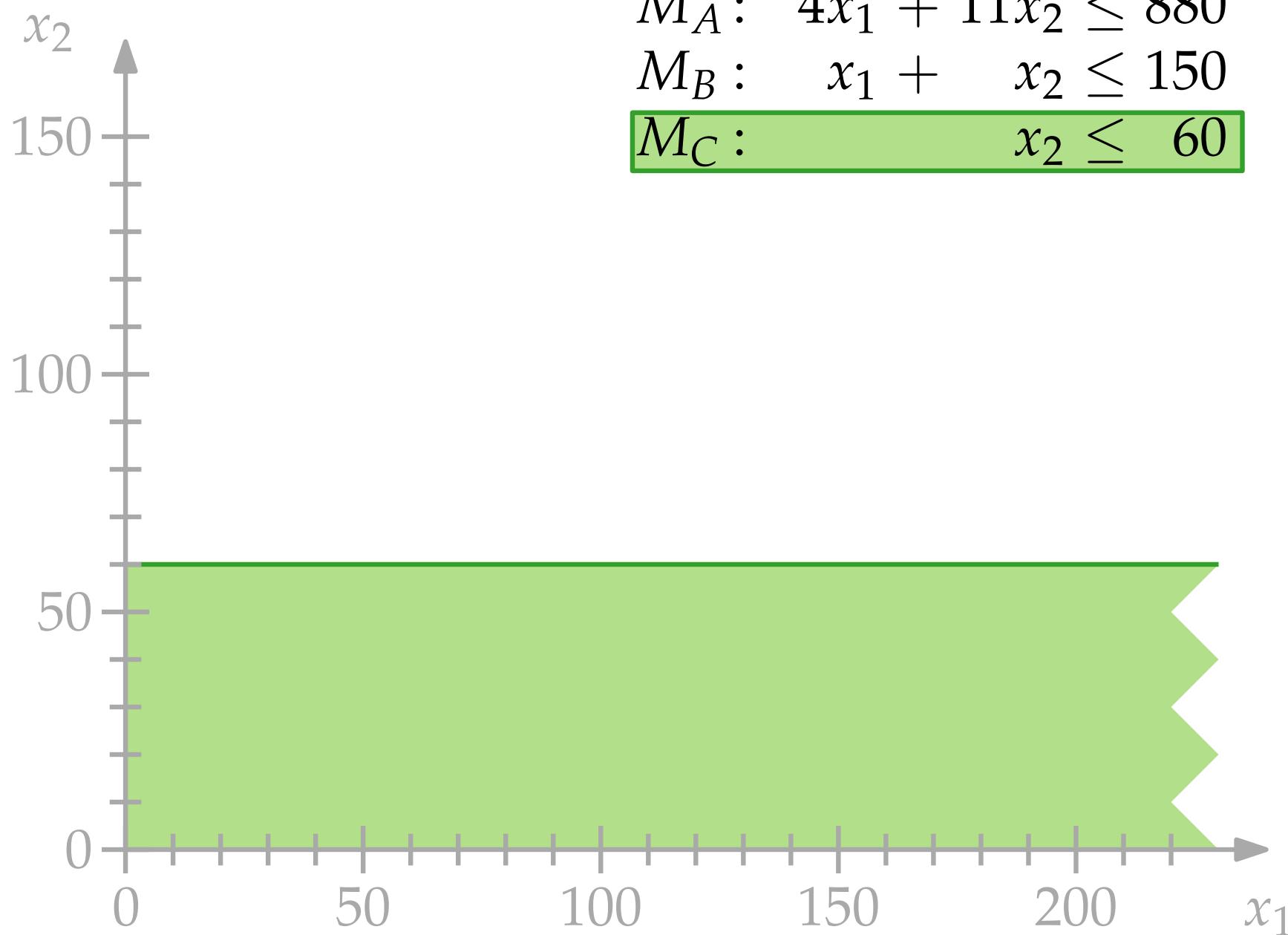
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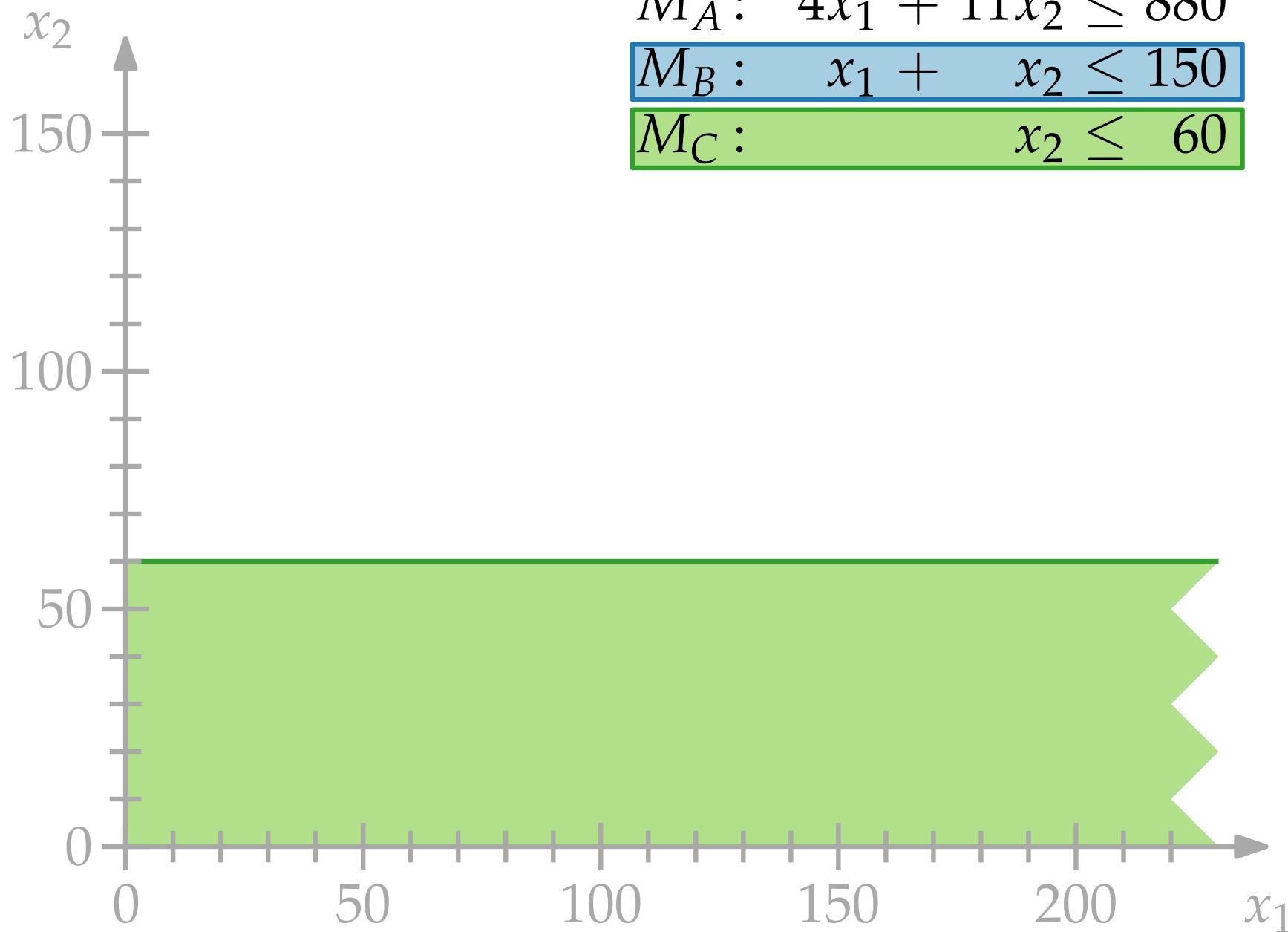
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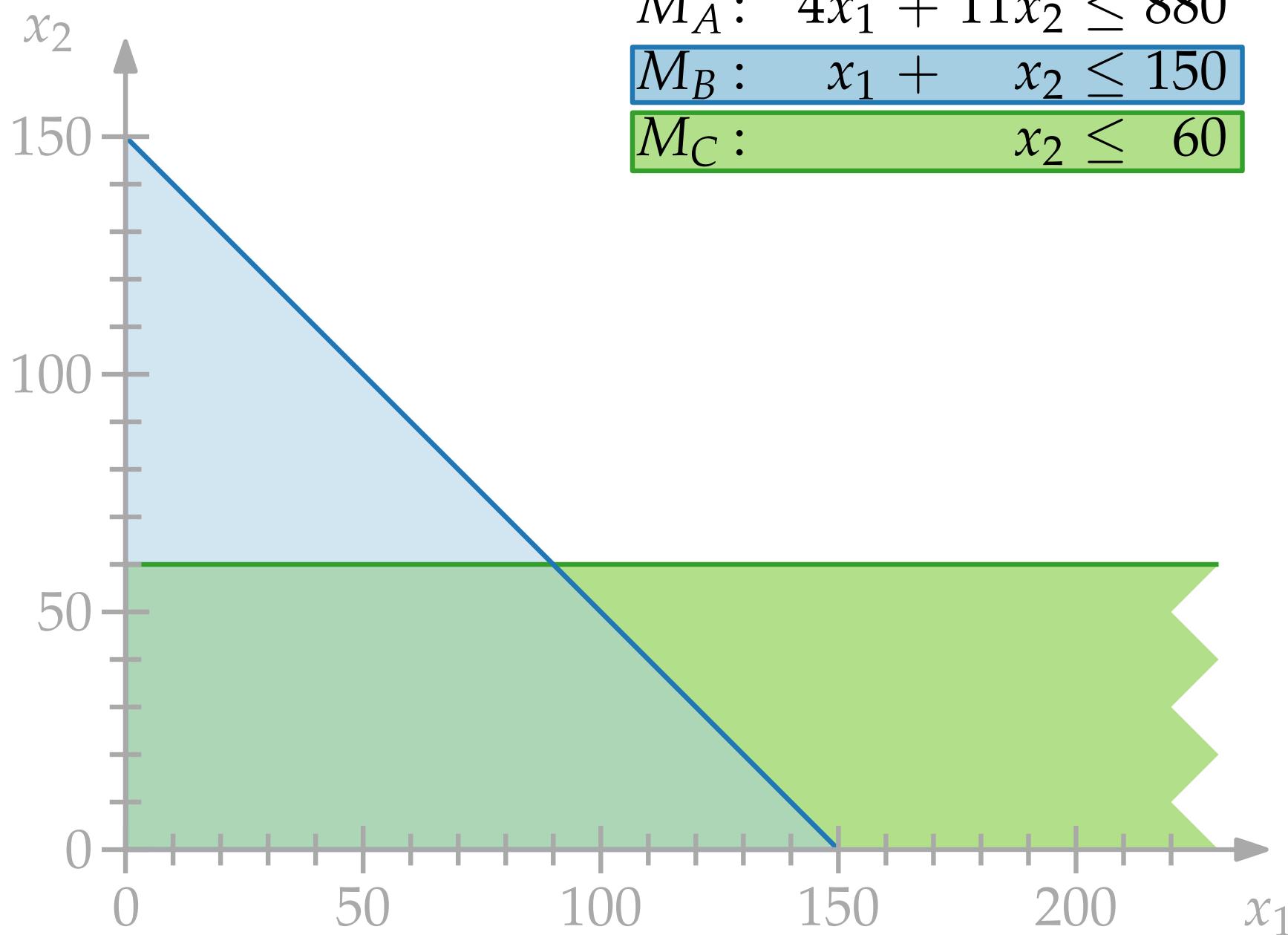
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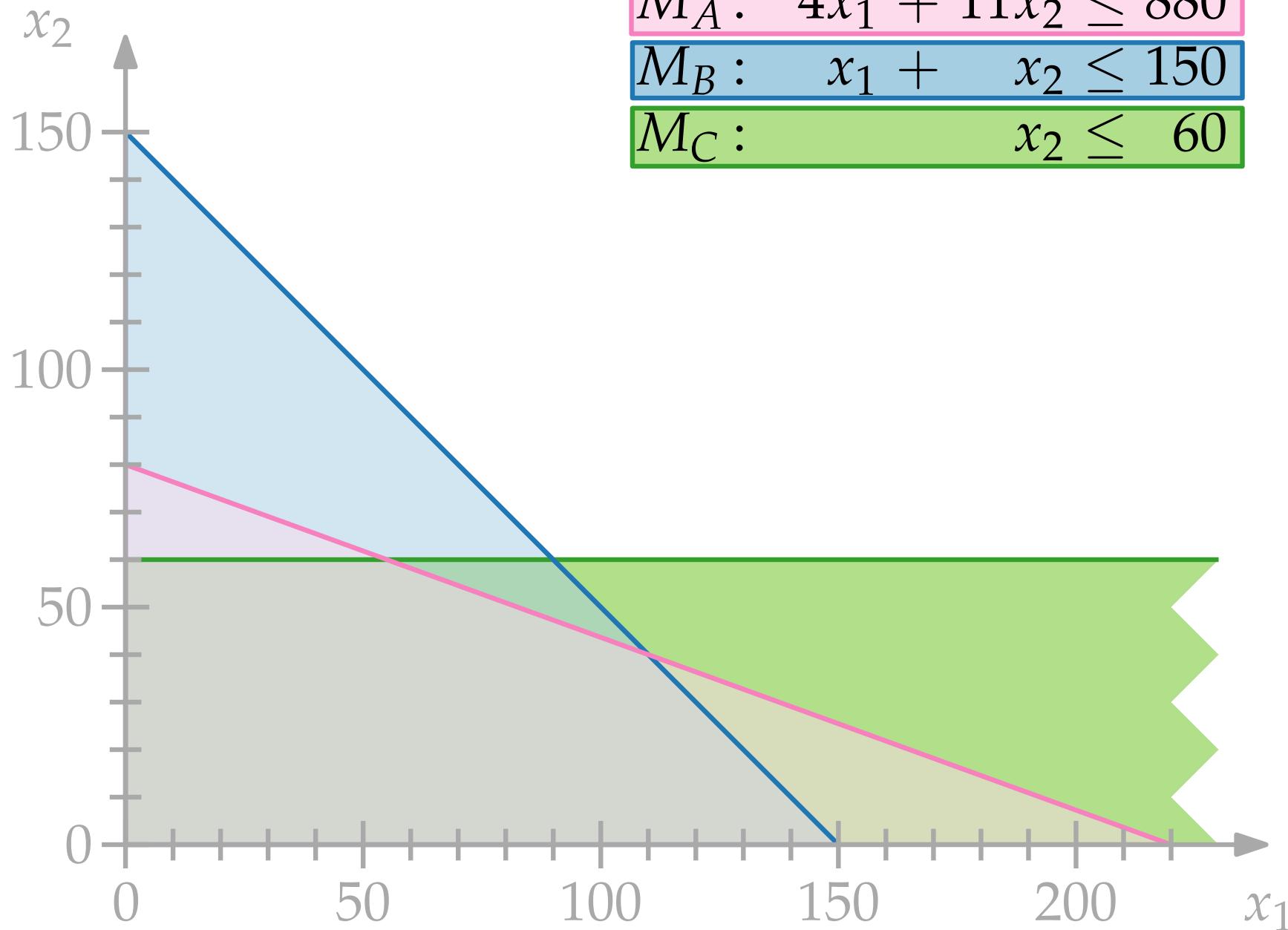
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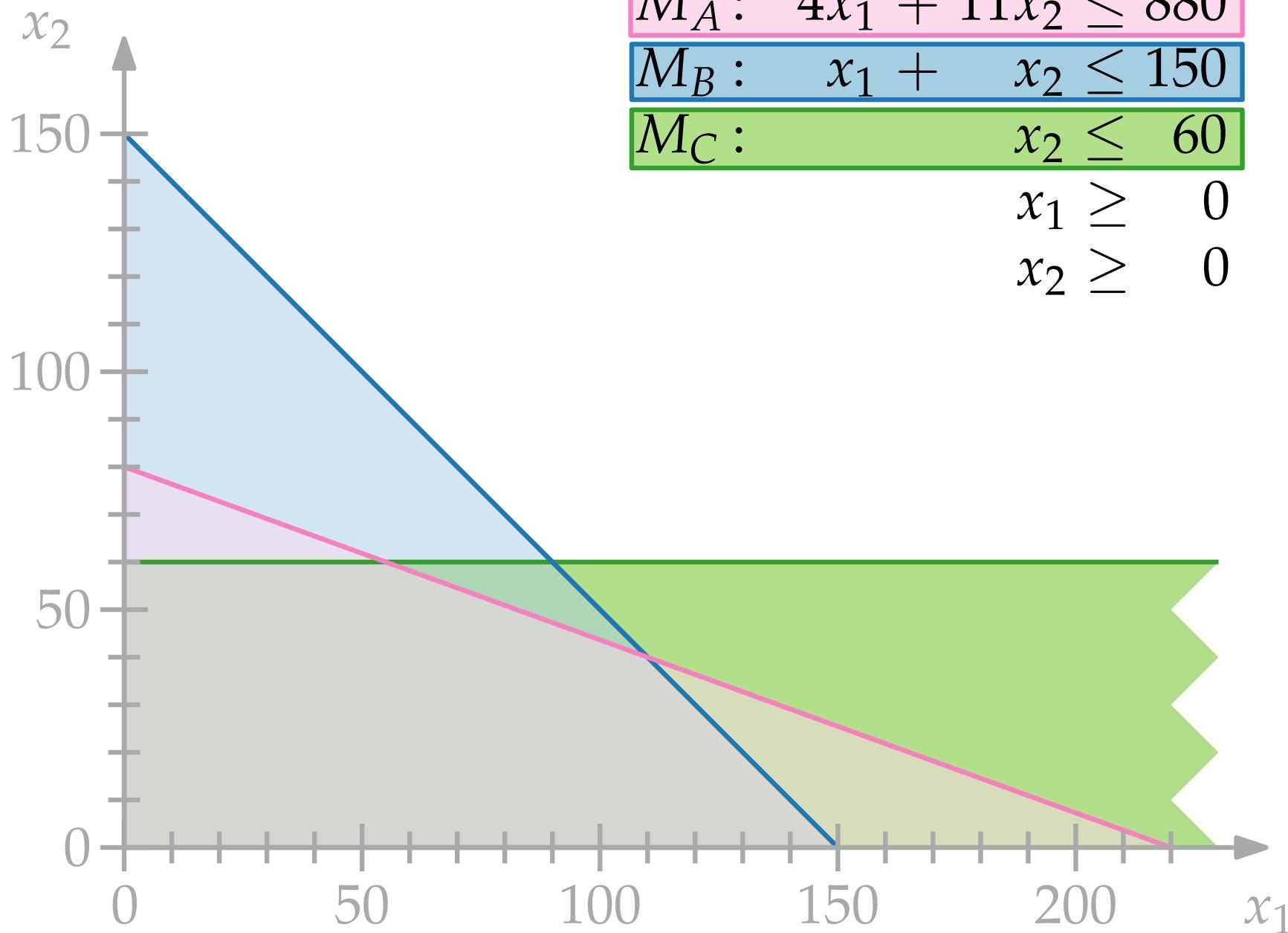
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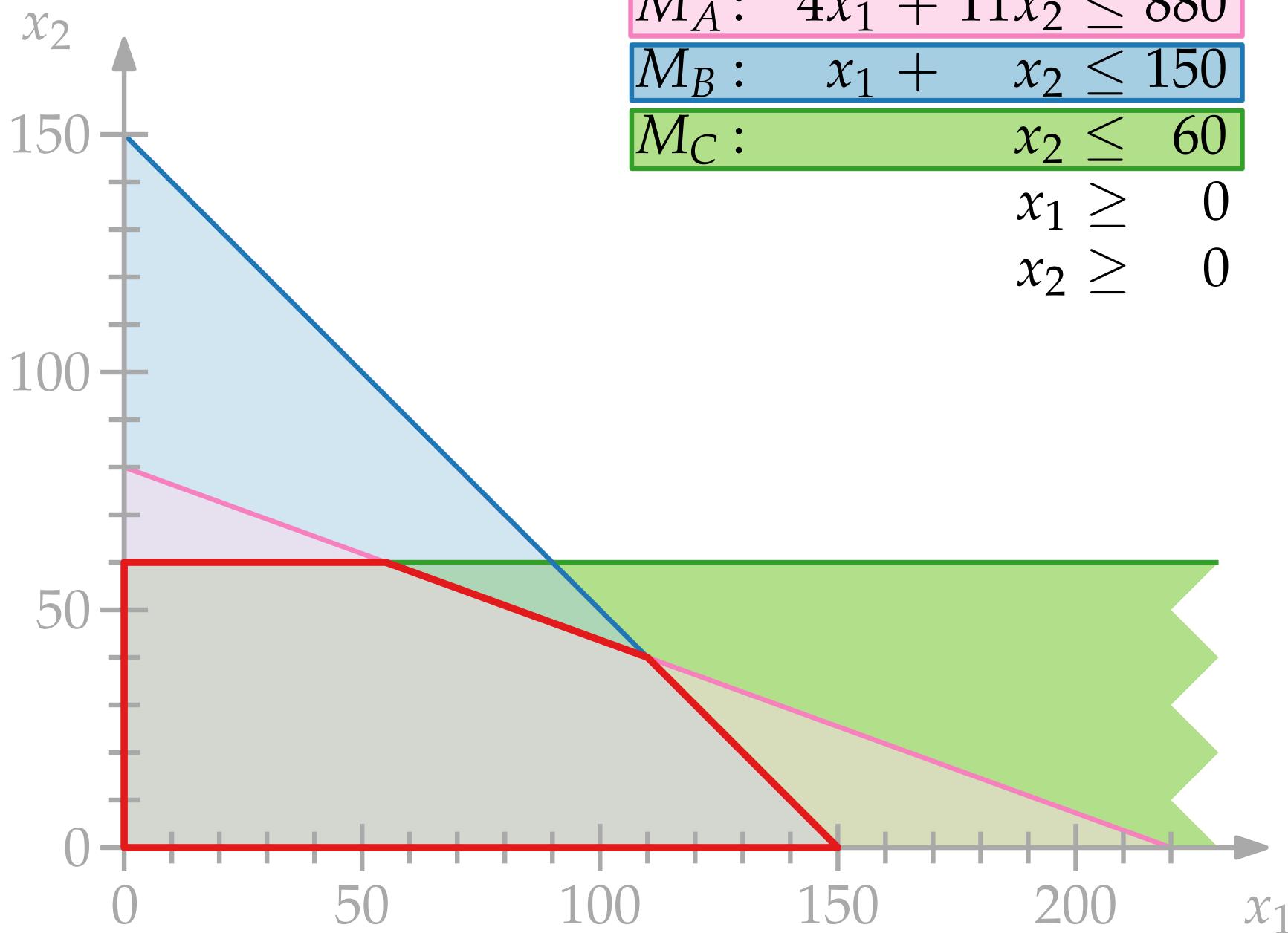
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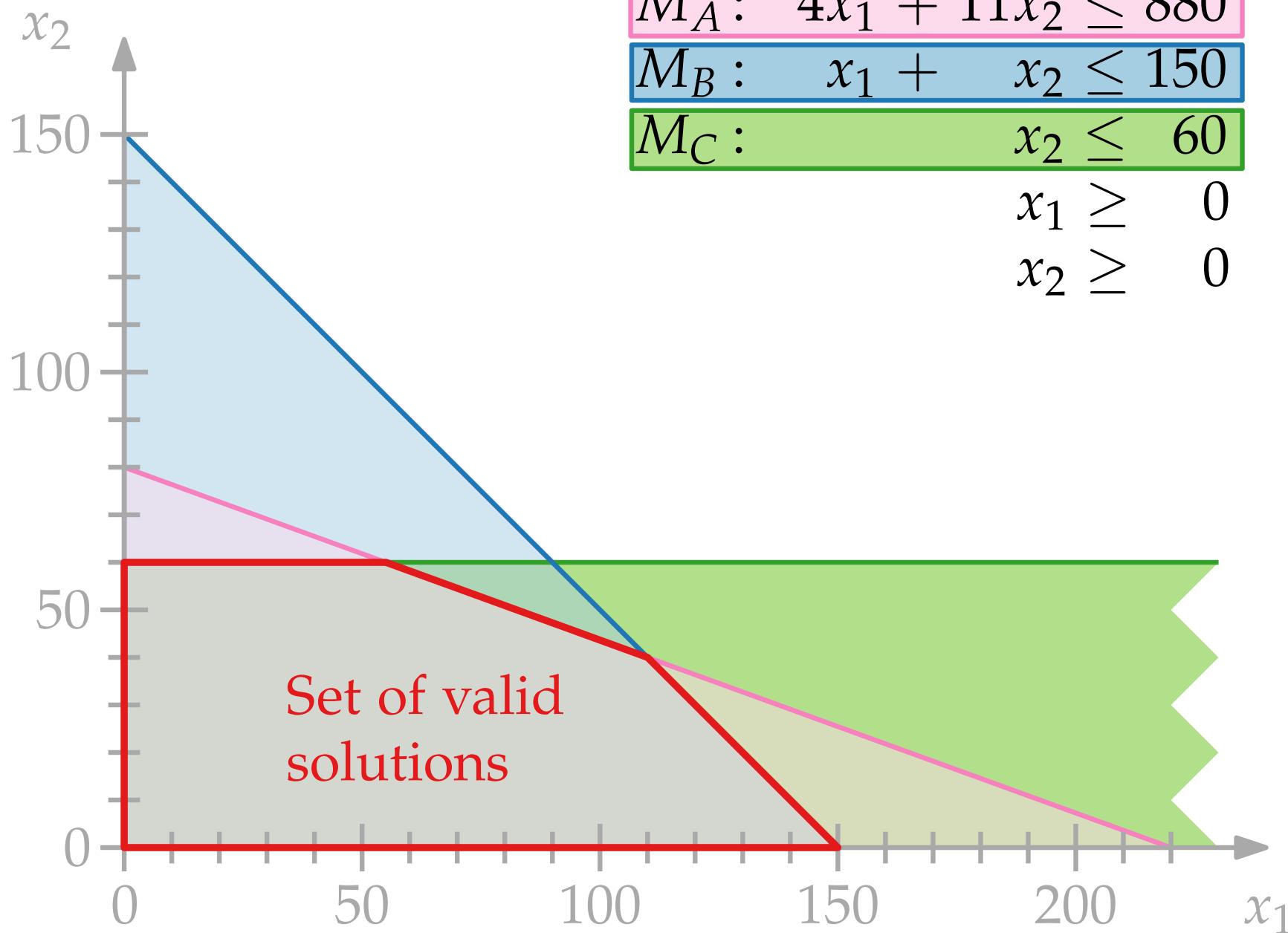
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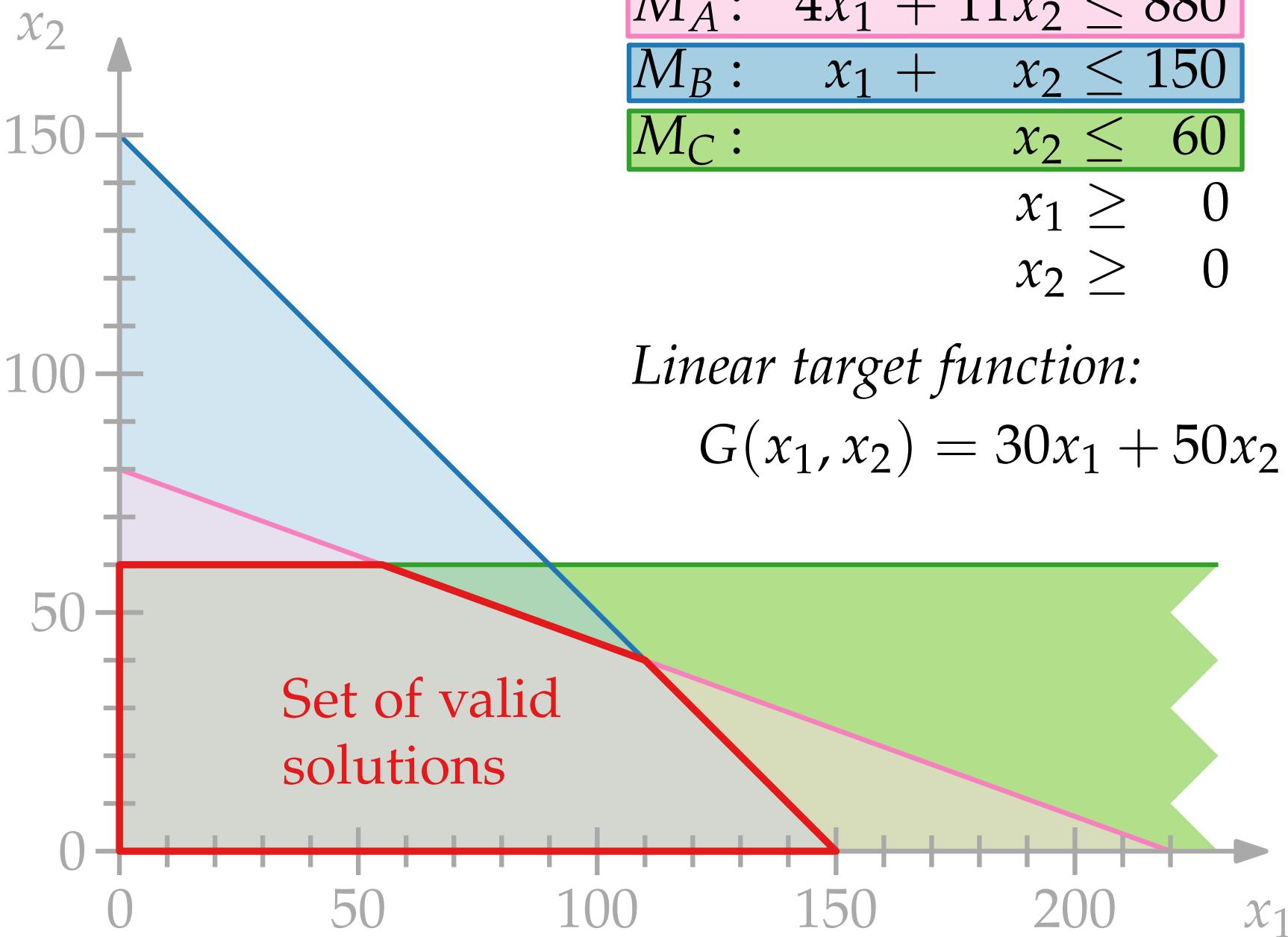
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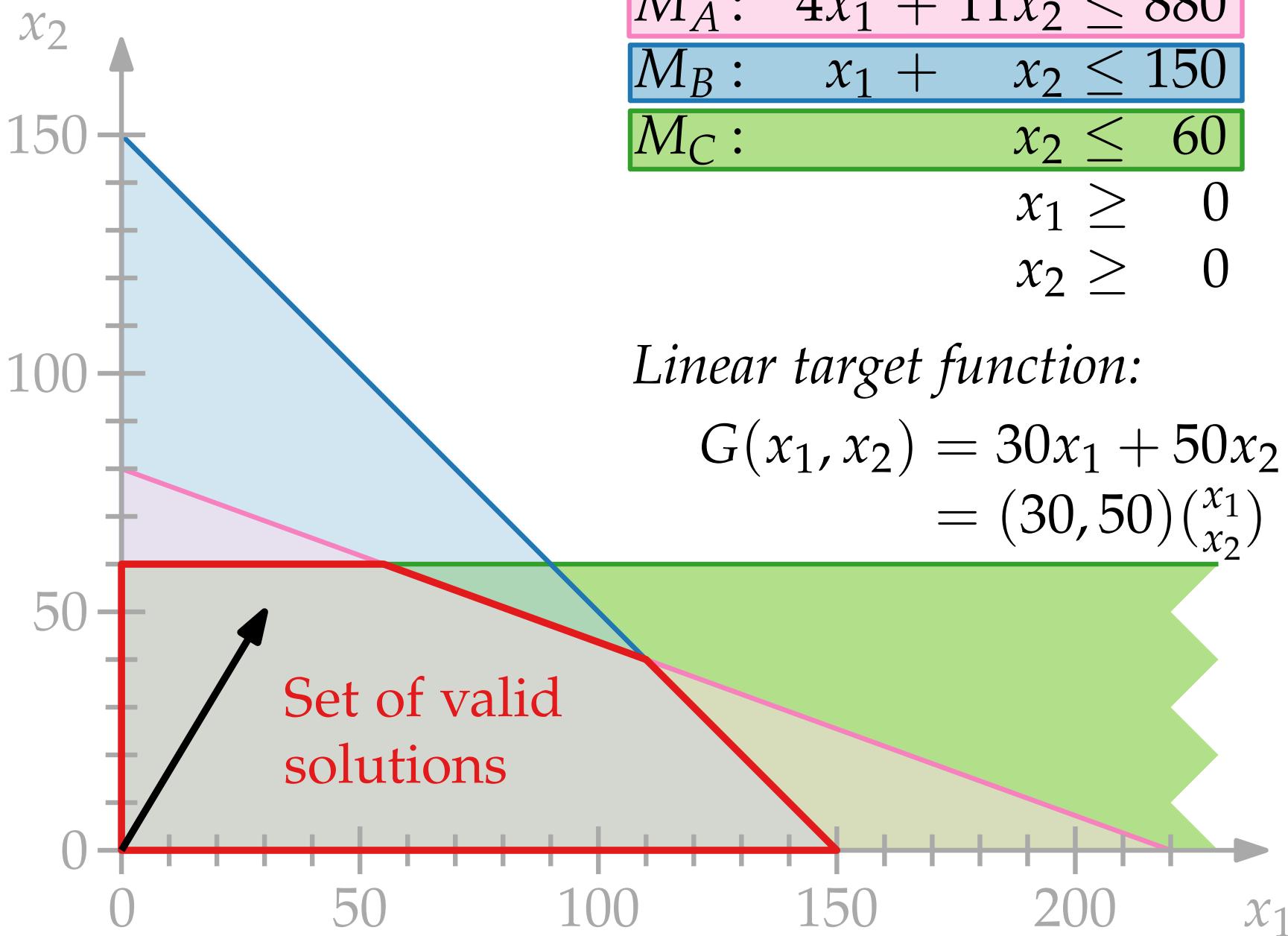
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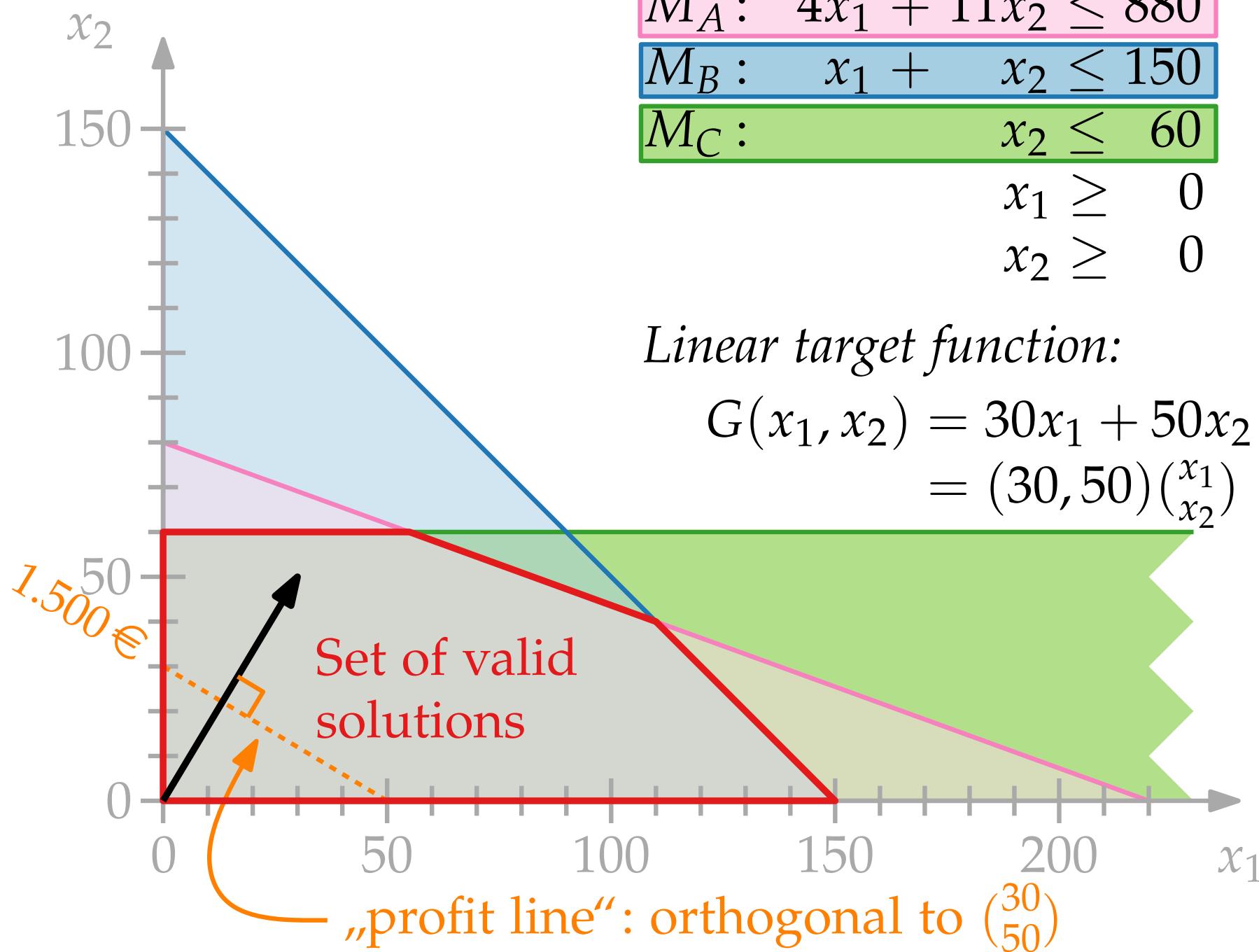
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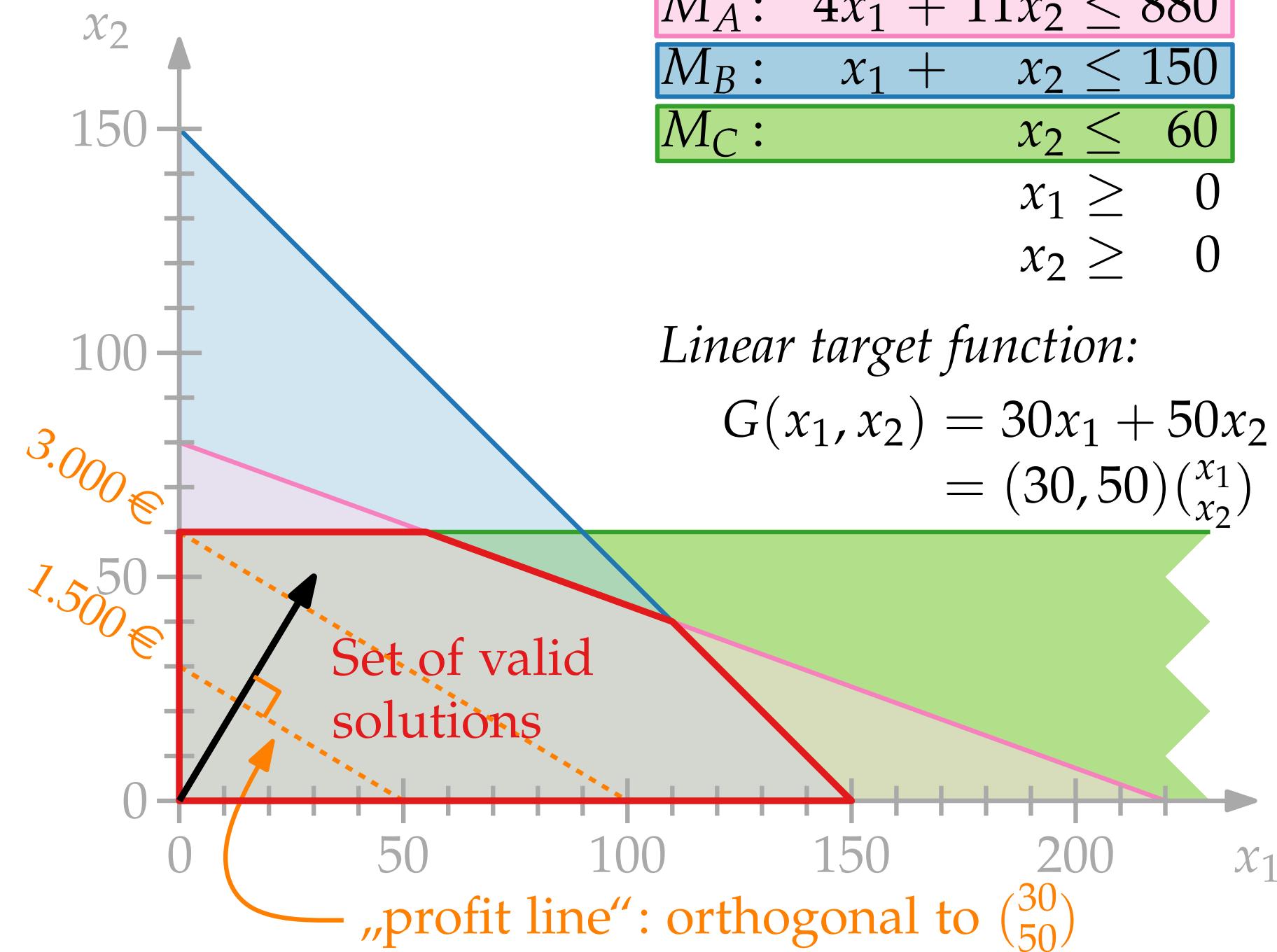
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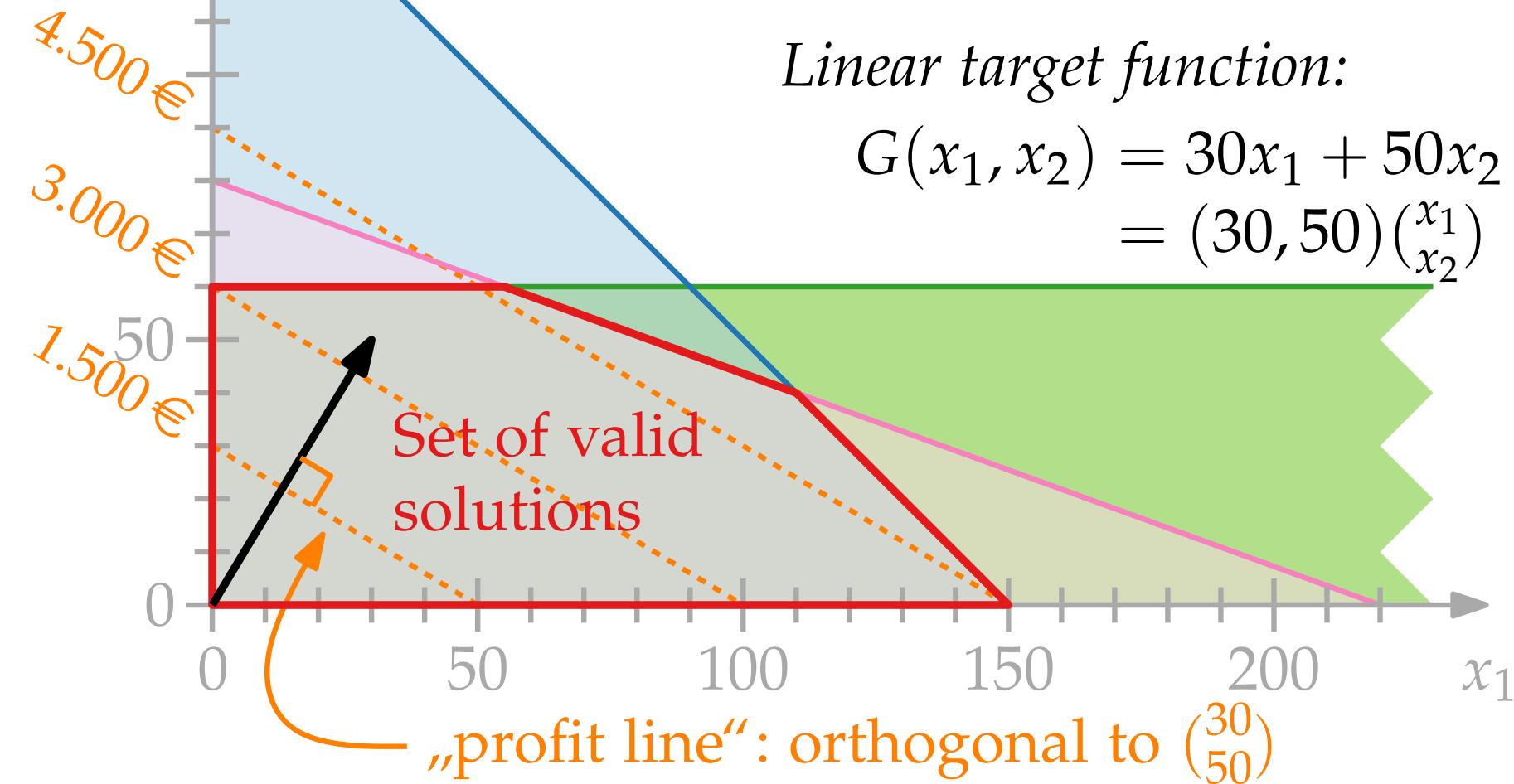
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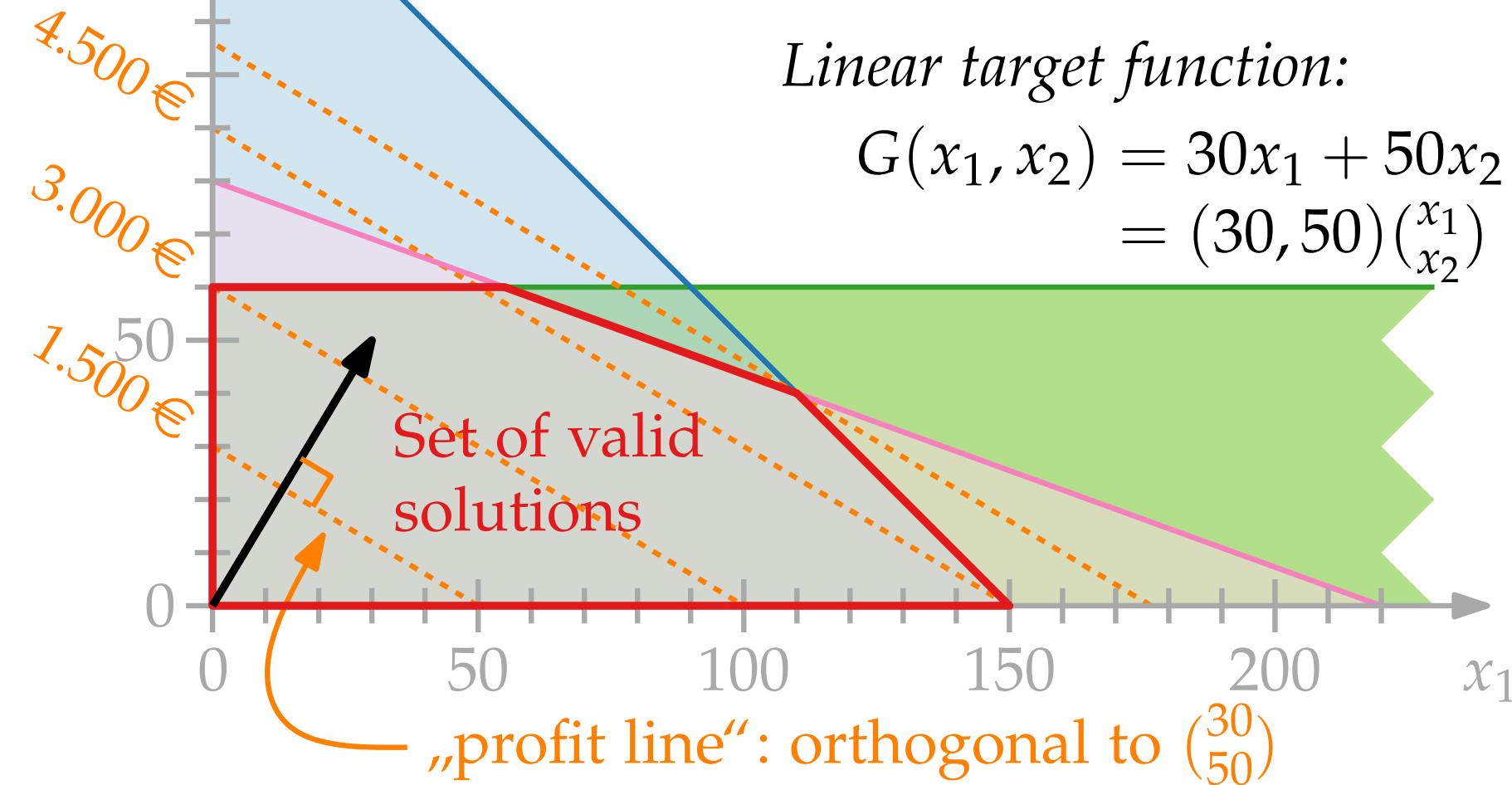
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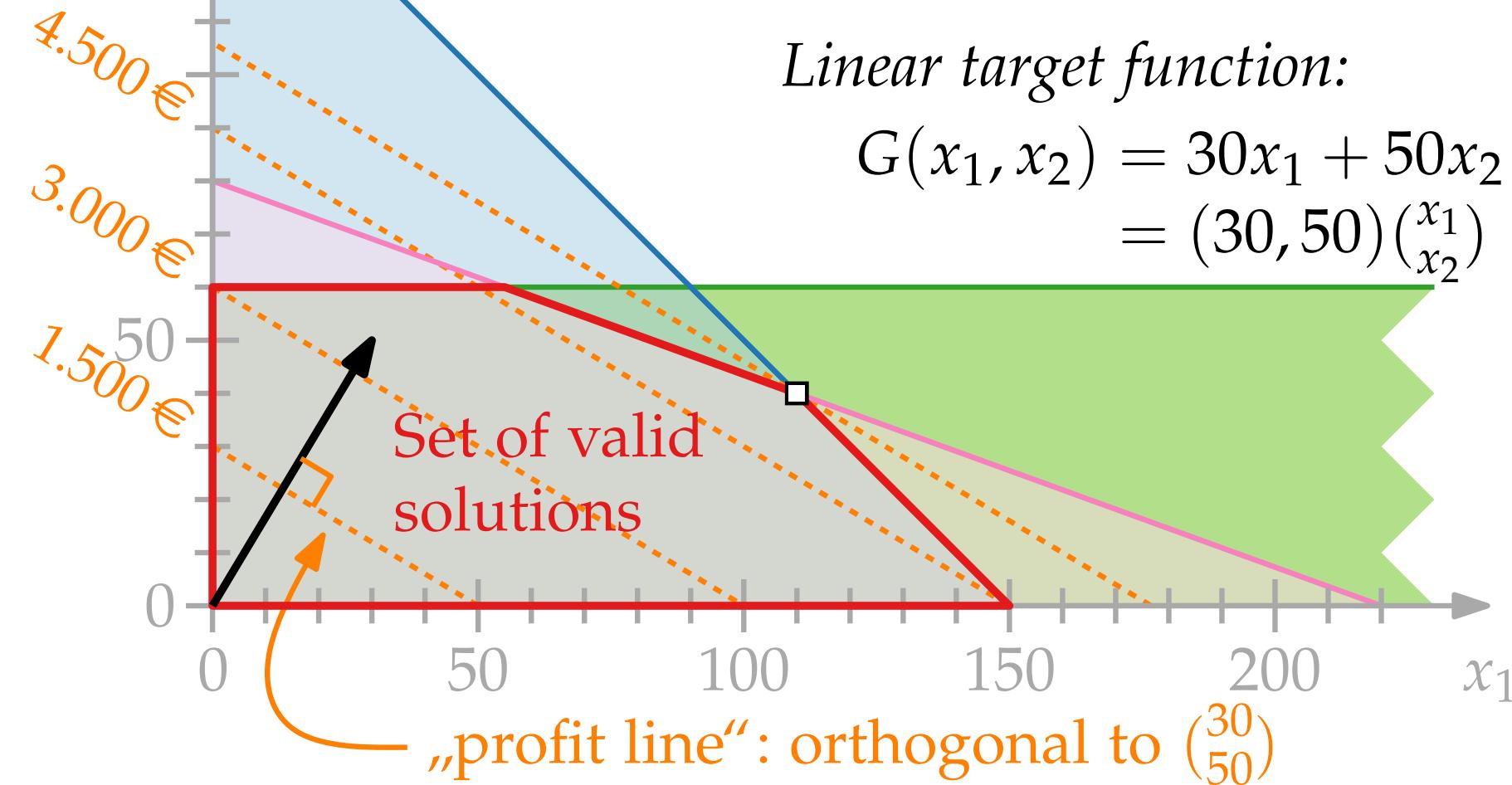
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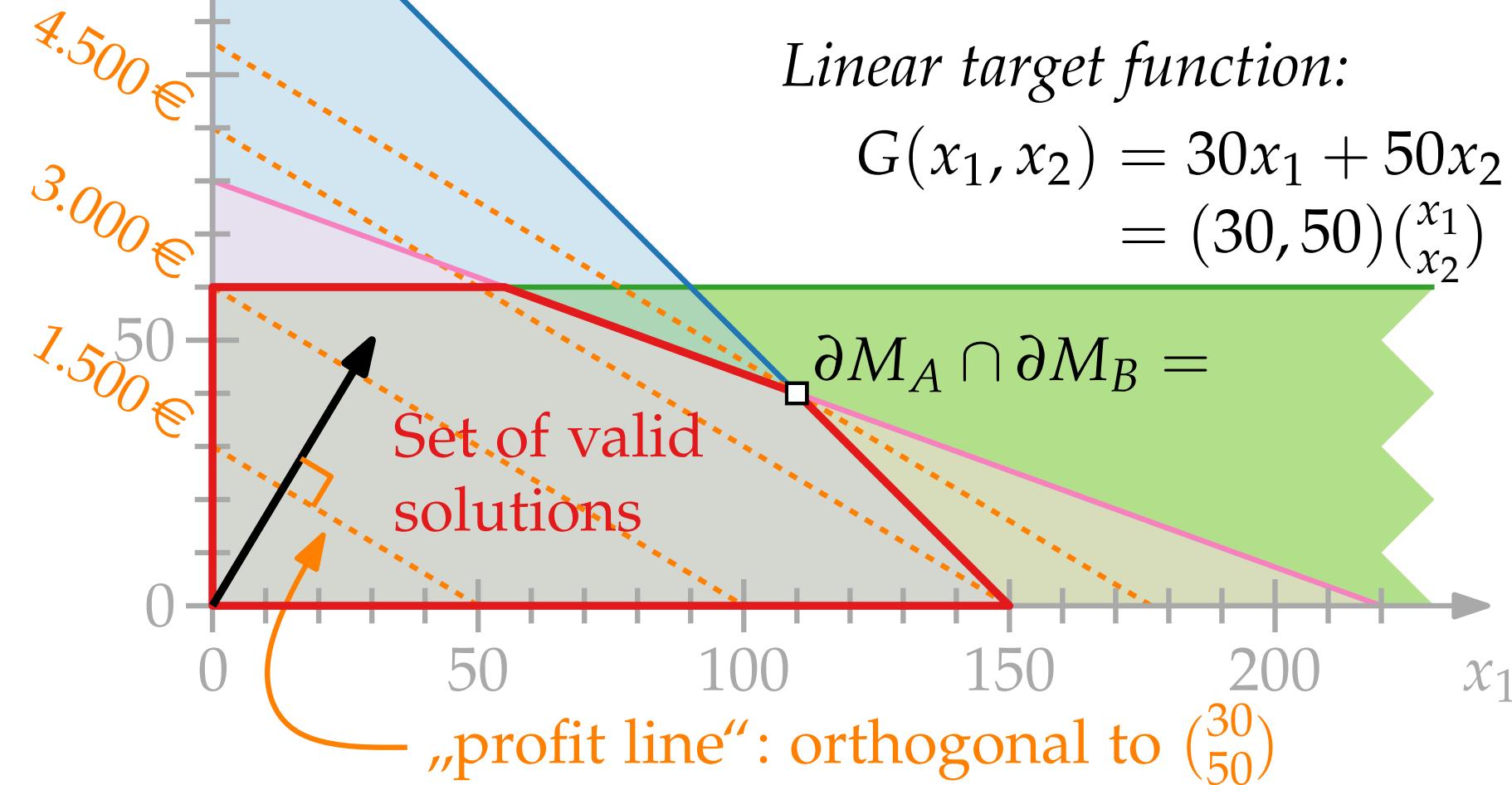
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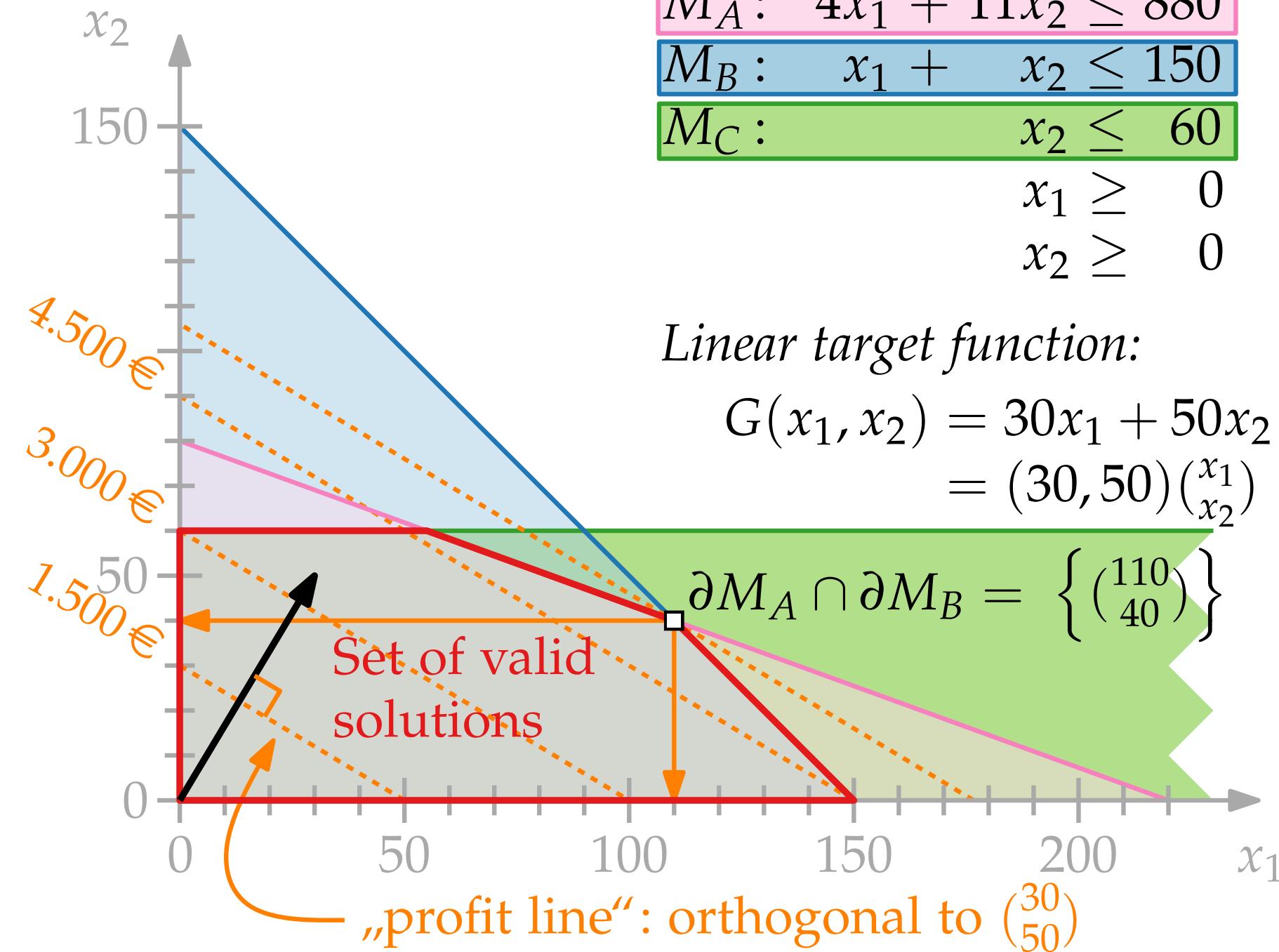
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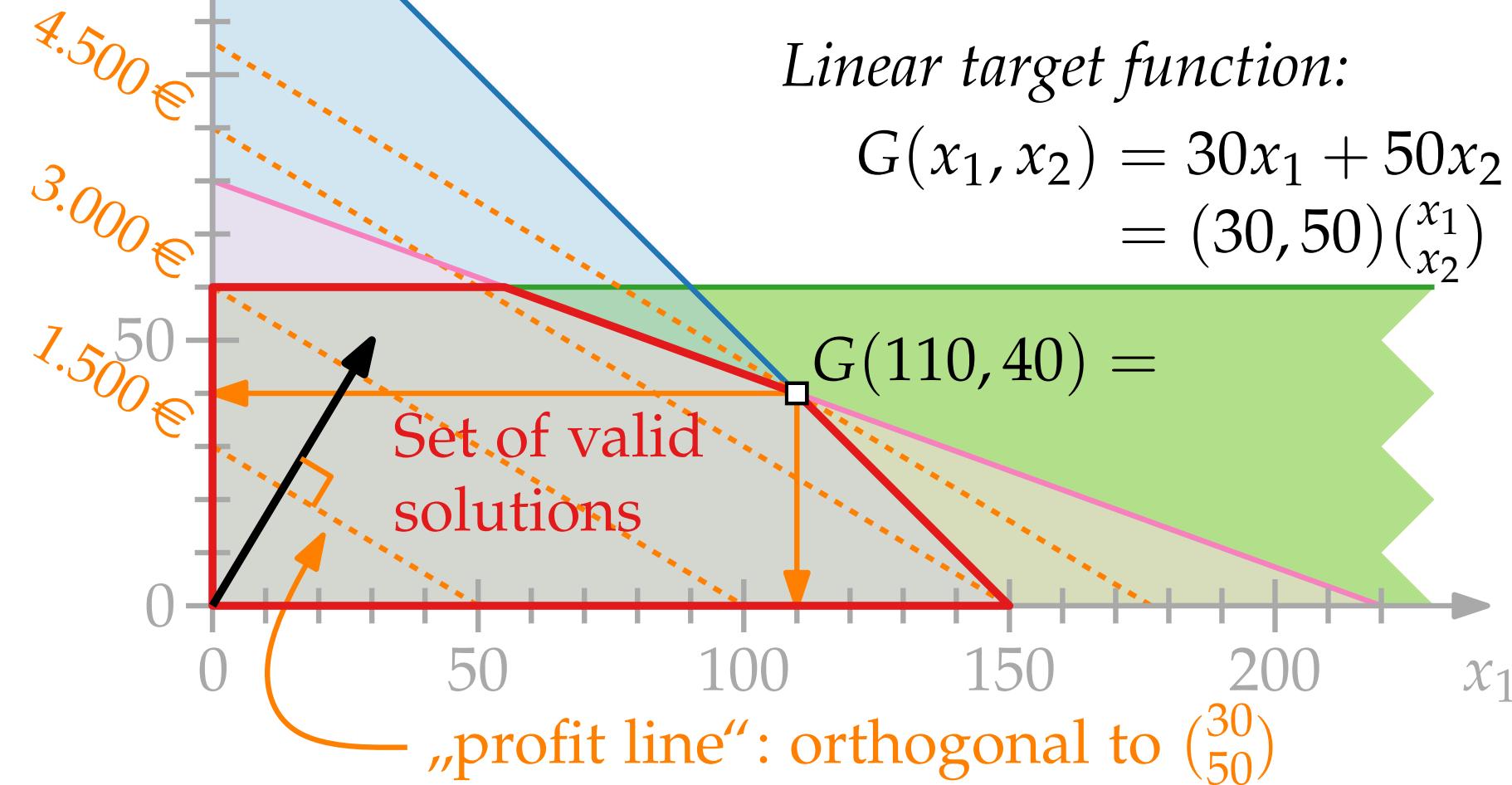
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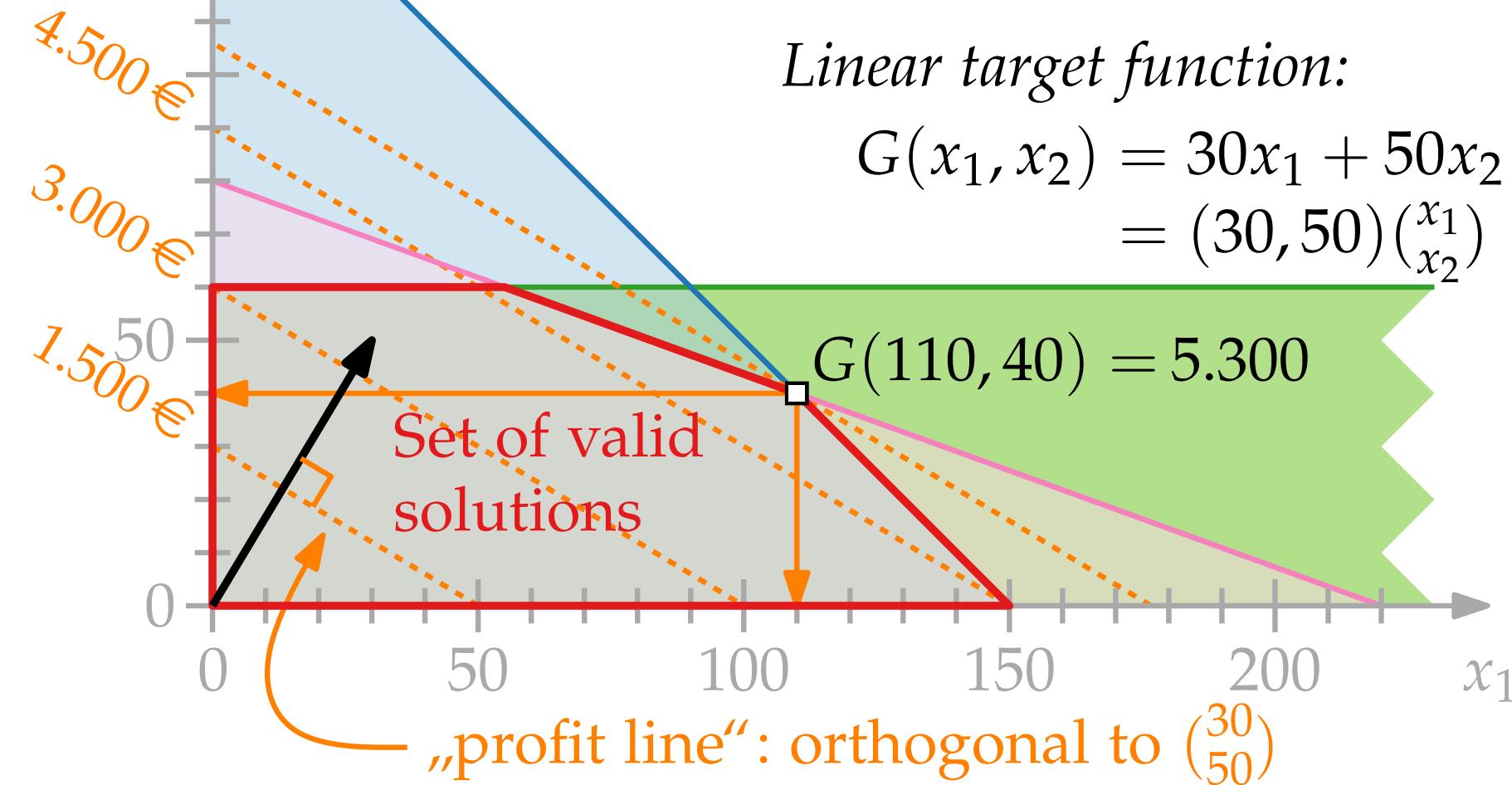
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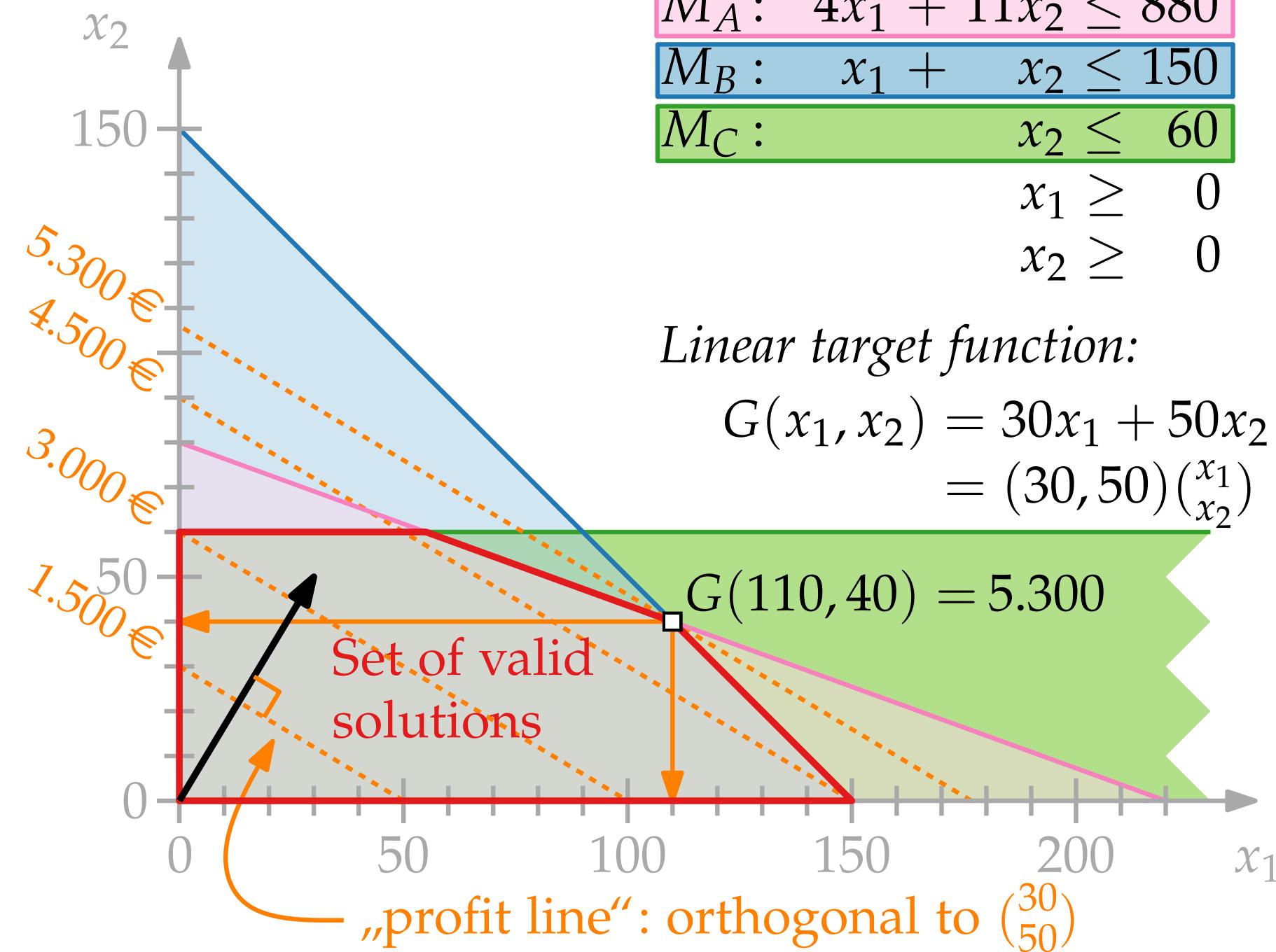
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subject to	x_1	2	$-$	x_2	1	$+$	$3x_3$	$9 \geq 10$
	$5x_1$	$+$	$2x_2$	$-$	x_3	\geq		6
					x_1, x_2, x_3	\geq		0

Valid solution?

$$x = (2, 1, 3)$$

Linear Programming – Upper Bounds

Optimize (i.e., minimize or maximize) a linear (*objective*) function subject to linear inequalities (*constraints*).

minimize	$7x_1$	$+$	x_2	$+$	$5x_3$	
subject to	$x_1 2$	$-$	$x_2 1$	$+$	$3x_3 9 \geq 10$	10
	$5x_1 10 + 2x_2 2 - x_3 3 \geq 69$					
	$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$					

Valid solution?

$$x = (2, 1, 3)$$

Linear Programming – Upper Bounds

Optimize (i.e., minimize or maximize) a linear (*objective*) function subject to linear inequalities (*constraints*).

minimize	$7x_1$	$14 +$	x_2	$+ 5x_3$	
subject to	x_1	$2 -$	x_2	$1 + 3x_3$	$9 \geq 10$
	$5x_1$	$10 + 2x_2$	$2 - x_3$	$3 \geq 6$	9
			x_1, x_2, x_3	≥ 0	

Valid solution?

$$\boldsymbol{x} = (2, 1, 3)$$

Linear Programming – Upper Bounds

Optimize (i.e., minimize or maximize) a linear (*objective*) function subject to linear inequalities (*constraints*).

minimize	$7x_1$	$14 +$	x_2	$1 +$	$5x_3$	
subject to	x_1	$2 -$	x_2	$1 +$	$3x_3$	$9 \geq 10$
	$5x_1$	$10 +$	$2x_2$	$2 -$	x_3	$3 \geq 6$
				x_1, x_2, x_3	≥ 0	

Valid solution?

$$\boldsymbol{x} = (2, 1, 3)$$

Linear Programming – Upper Bounds

Optimize (i.e., minimize or maximize) a linear (*objective*) function subject to linear inequalities (*constraints*).

minimize	$7x_1 + 14$	$x_2 + 1$	$5x_3 + 15$	
subject to	$x_1 + 2$	$-x_2 + 1$	$3x_3 + 9 \geq 10$	10
	$5x_1 + 10$	$2x_2 + 2$	$-x_3 + 3 \geq 6$	9
			$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$	

Valid solution?

$$\boldsymbol{x} = (2, 1, 3)$$

Linear Programming – Upper Bounds

Optimize (i.e., minimize or maximize) a linear (*objective*) function subject to linear inequalities (*constraints*).

minimize	$7x_1$	$14 +$	x_2	$1 +$	$5x_3$	$15 =$	30
subject to	x_1	$2 -$	x_2	$1 +$	$3x_3$	$9 \geq$	10
	$5x_1$	$10 +$	$2x_2$	$2 -$	x_3	$3 \geq$	69
	$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$						

Valid solution?

$$\boldsymbol{x} = (2, 1, 3)$$

Linear Programming – Upper Bounds

Optimize (i.e., minimize or maximize) a linear (*objective*) function subject to linear inequalities (*constraints*).

minimize	$7x_1 + 14 + x_2 + 1 + 5x_3 + 15 = 30$
subject to	$x_1 + 2 - x_2 + 1 + 3x_3 + 9 \geq 10$
	$5x_1 + 10 + 2x_2 + 2 - x_3 + 3 \geq 69$
	$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$

Valid solution?

$$\boldsymbol{x} = (2, 1, 3)$$

$\Rightarrow \text{obj}(\boldsymbol{x}) = 30$ is upper bound for OPT

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Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

Optimize (i.e., minimize or maximize) a linear (*objective*) function subject to linear inequalities (*constraints*).

minimize	$7x_1$	$+$	x_2	$+$	$5x_3$		
subject to	x_1	$-$	x_2	$+$	$3x_3$	\geq	10
	$5x_1$	$+$	$2x_2$	$-$	x_3	\geq	6
				x_1, x_2, x_3	\geq	0	

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

Optimize (i.e., minimize or maximize) a linear (*objective*) function subject to linear inequalities (*constraints*).

minimize	$7x_1$	$+ x_2$	$+ 5x_3$	
subject to	x_1	$- x_2$	$+ 3x_3 \geq 10$	
	$5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 \geq 6$			
	$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$			

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

Optimize (i.e., minimize or maximize) a linear (*objective*) function subject to linear inequalities (*constraints*).

minimize	$7x_1$	$+ \quad x_2$	$+ \quad 5x_3$	
subject to	x_1	$- \quad x_2$	$+ \quad 3x_3$	$\geq \quad 10$
	$5x_1$	$+ \quad 2x_2$	$- \quad x_3$	$\geq \quad 6$
			x_1, x_2, x_3	$\geq \quad 0$

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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	$5x_1$	$+ \quad 2x_2$	$- \quad x_3$	$\geq \quad 6$
			x_1, x_2, x_3	$\geq \quad 0$

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

Optimize (i.e., minimize or maximize) a linear (*objective*) function subject to linear inequalities (*constraints*).

minimize	$7\cancel{x}_1$	$+$	\cancel{x}_2	$+$	$5\cancel{x}_3$		
subject to	\cancel{x}_1	$-$	\cancel{x}_2	$+$	$3\cancel{x}_3$	\geq	10
	$5\cancel{x}_1$	$+$	$2\cancel{x}_2$	$-$	\cancel{x}_3	\geq	6
					$\cancel{x}_1, \cancel{x}_2, \cancel{x}_3$	\geq	0

$$7\cancel{x}_1 + \cancel{x}_2 + 5\cancel{x}_3 \geq \cancel{x}_1 - \cancel{x}_2 + 3\cancel{x}_3$$

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

Optimize (i.e., minimize or maximize) a linear (*objective*) function subject to linear inequalities (*constraints*).

minimize	$7\cancel{x}_1$	$+$	\cancel{x}_2	$+$	$5\cancel{x}_3$		
subject to	\cancel{x}_1	$-$	\cancel{x}_2	$+$	$3\cancel{x}_3$	\geq	10
	$5\cancel{x}_1$	$+$	$2\cancel{x}_2$	$-$	\cancel{x}_3	\geq	6
					$\cancel{x}_1, \cancel{x}_2, \cancel{x}_3$	\geq	0

$$7\cancel{x}_1 + \cancel{x}_2 + 5\cancel{x}_3 \geq \cancel{x}_1 - \cancel{x}_2 + 3\cancel{x}_3 \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 10$$

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

Optimize (i.e., minimize or maximize) a linear (*objective*) function subject to linear inequalities (*constraints*).

minimize	$7\cancel{x}_1$	+	\cancel{x}_2	+	$5\cancel{x}_3$		
subject to	\cancel{x}_1	–	x_2	+	$3x_3$	\geq	10
	$\cancel{+}$						
	$5x_1$	+	$2x_2$	–	x_3	\geq	6
					x_1, x_2, x_3	\geq	0

$$7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 \geq x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 10$$

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Optimize (i.e., minimize or maximize) a linear (*objective*) function subject to linear inequalities (*constraints*).

minimize	$7\cancel{x}_1$	+	\cancel{x}_2	+	$5\cancel{x}_3$		
subject to	\cancel{x}_1	–	\cancel{x}_2	+	$3\cancel{x}_3$	\geq	10
	$\cancel{+} 5x_1$	+ 2 x_2	– x_3	\geq	\geq	6	
				x_1, x_2, x_3	\geq	0	

$$7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 \geq x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 10$$

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subject to	\cancel{x}_1	–	\cancel{x}_2	+	$3\cancel{x}_3$	\geq	10
	$\cancel{+}$		$\cancel{+}$		$\cancel{+}$		
	$5x_1$	+	$2x_2$	–	x_3	\geq	6
						\geq	0
					x_1, x_2, x_3		

$$7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 \geq x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 10$$

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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minimize	$7\cancel{x}_1$	+	\cancel{x}_2	+	$5\cancel{x}_3$		
subject to	\cancel{x}_1	-	\cancel{x}_2	+	$3\cancel{x}_3$	\geq	10
	$\cancel{+}$		$\cancel{+}$	$\cancel{+}$			
	$5x_1$	+	$2x_2$	-	x_3	\geq	6
					x_1, x_2, x_3	\geq	0

$$7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 \geq x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 10$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 &\geq (x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) + (5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \\ &\geq 10 + 6 \end{aligned}$$

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

Optimize (i.e., minimize or maximize) a linear (*objective*) function subject to linear inequalities (*constraints*).

minimize	$7\cancel{x}_1$	+	\cancel{x}_2	+	$5\cancel{x}_3$	
subject to	\cancel{x}_1	–	\cancel{x}_2	+	$3\cancel{x}_3$	≥ 10
	$\cancel{+}$	$\cancel{+}$	$\cancel{+}$			
	$5x_1$	+	$2x_2$	–	x_3	≥ 6
				x_1, x_2, x_3	≥ 0	

$$7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 \geq x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 10$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 &\geq (x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) + (5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \\ &\geq 10 + 6 \quad \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 16 \end{aligned}$$

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

Optimize (i.e., minimize or maximize) a linear (*objective*) function subject to linear inequalities (*constraints*).

minimize	$7x_1$	+	x_2	+	$5x_3$	
subject to	$\frac{1}{4}x_1$	-	$\frac{1}{4}x_2$	+	$\frac{1}{4}x_3$	$\geq \frac{1}{4}10$
	$\frac{2}{3}x_1$	+	$\frac{2}{3}x_2$	-	$\frac{2}{3}x_3$	$\geq \frac{2}{3}6$
				x_1, x_2, x_3	≥ 0	

$$7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 \geq x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 10$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 &\geq (x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) + (5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \\ &\geq 10 + 6 \quad \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 16 \end{aligned}$$

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

Optimize (i.e., minimize or maximize) a linear (*objective*) function subject to linear inequalities (*constraints*).

minimize	$7x_1$	+	x_2	+	$5x_3$	
subject to	$\frac{1}{2}x_1$	-	$\frac{1}{2}x_2$	+	$\frac{1}{2}x_3$	$\geq \frac{1}{2} \cdot 10$
	$+ \frac{1}{2}x_1$	+	$\frac{1}{2}x_2$	-	$\frac{1}{2}x_3$	$\geq \frac{1}{2} \cdot 6$
				x_1, x_2, x_3	≥ 0	

$$7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 \geq x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 10$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 &\geq (x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) + (5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \\ &\geq 10 + 6 \quad \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 16 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 &\geq 2 \cdot (x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) + (5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \\ &\geq 2 \cdot 10 + 6 \end{aligned}$$

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

Optimize (i.e., minimize or maximize) a linear (*objective*) function subject to linear inequalities (*constraints*).

minimize	$7x_1$	+	x_2	+	$5x_3$	
subject to	$\frac{1}{2}x_1$	-	$\frac{1}{2}x_2$	+	$\frac{3}{2}x_3$	$\geq \frac{1}{2} \cdot 10$
	$\frac{1}{2}x_1$	+	$2x_2$	-	x_3	$\geq \geq 6$
						≥ 0

$$7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 \geq x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 10$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 &\geq (x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) + (5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \\ &\geq 10 + 6 \quad \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 16 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 &\geq 2 \cdot (x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) + (5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \\ &\geq 2 \cdot 10 + 6 \quad \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 26 \end{aligned}$$

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

minimize	$7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3$
subject to	$2 \cdot x_1 - 2 \cdot x_2 + 2 \cdot 3x_3 \geq 2 \cdot 10$
	$5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 \geq 6$
	$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 &\geq 2 \cdot (x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) + 1 \cdot (5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \\
 &\geq 2 \cdot 10 + 1 \cdot 6 \quad \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 2 \cdot 10 + 1 \cdot 6
 \end{aligned}$$

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{minimize} && 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 \\
 & \text{subject to} && y_1(x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) \geq 10y_1 \\
 & && 5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 \geq 6 \\
 & && x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

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 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 &\geq 2 \cdot (x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) + 1 \cdot (5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \\
 &\geq 2 \cdot 10 + 1 \cdot 6 \quad \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 2 \cdot 10 + 1 \cdot 6
 \end{aligned}$$

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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 & \text{minimize} && 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 \\
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 & && x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

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 \end{aligned}$$

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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 & \text{subject to} && y_1(x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) \geq 10y_1 \\
 & && y_2(5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \geq 6y_2 \\
 & && x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 &\geq y_1 \cdot (x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) + y_2 \cdot (5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \\
 &\geq y_1 \cdot 10 + y_2 \cdot 6 \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 10y_1 + 6y_2
 \end{aligned}$$

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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 & \text{subject to} && y_1(x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) \geq 10y_1 \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

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 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 &\geq y_1 \cdot (x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) + y_2 \cdot (5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \\
 &\geq y_1 \cdot 10 + y_2 \cdot 6 \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 10y_1 + 6y_2
 \end{aligned}$$

$10y_1 + 6y_2$ is lower bound for OPT

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{minimize} && 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 \\
 & \text{subject to} && y_1(x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) \geq 10y_1 \\
 & && y_2(5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \geq 6y_2 \\
 & && x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

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 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 &\geq y_1 \cdot (x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) + y_2 \cdot (5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \\
 &\geq y_1 \cdot 10 + y_2 \cdot 6 \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 10y_1 + 6y_2
 \end{aligned}$$

Bounds for y_1, y_2 :

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{minimize} && 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 \\
 & \text{subject to} && y_1(x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) \geq 10y_1 \\
 & && y_2(5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \geq 6y_2 \\
 & && x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

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 &\geq y_1 \cdot 10 + y_2 \cdot 6 \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 10y_1 + 6y_2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$y_1 + 5y_2 \leq 7$$

Bounds for y_1, y_2 :

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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 & \text{minimize} && 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 \\
 & \text{subject to} && y_1(x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) \geq 10y_1 \\
 & && y_2(5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \geq 6y_2 \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

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 &\geq y_1 \cdot 10 + y_2 \cdot 6 \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 10y_1 + 6y_2
 \end{aligned}$$

Bounds for y_1, y_2 :

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_1 + 5y_2 &\leq 7 \\
 -y_1 + 2y_2 &\leq 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{minimize} && 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 \\
 & \text{subject to} && y_1(x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) \geq 10y_1 \\
 & && y_2(5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \geq 6y_2 \\
 & && x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

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 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 &\geq y_1 \cdot (x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) + y_2 \cdot (5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \\
 &\geq y_1 \cdot 10 + y_2 \cdot 6 \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 10y_1 + 6y_2
 \end{aligned}$$

Bounds for y_1, y_2 :

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_1 + 5y_2 &\leq 7 \\
 -y_1 + 2y_2 &\leq 1 \\
 3y_1 - y_2 &\leq 5
 \end{aligned}$$

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{minimize} & 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 \\
 \text{subject to} & y_1(x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) \geq 10y_1 \\
 & y_2(5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \geq 6y_2 \\
 & x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 &\geq y_1 \cdot (x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) + y_2 \cdot (5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \\
 &\geq y_1 \cdot 10 + y_2 \cdot 6 \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 10y_1 + 6y_2
 \end{aligned}$$

Bounds for y_1, y_2 :

$$\begin{array}{rclcl}
 y_1 + 5y_2 & \leq & 7 \\
 -y_1 + 2y_2 & \leq & 1 \\
 3y_1 - y_2 & \leq & 5 \\
 y_1, y_2 & \geq & 0
 \end{array}$$

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{minimize} && 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 \\
 & \text{subject to} && y_1(x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) \geq 10y_1 \\
 & && y_2(5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \geq 6y_2 \\
 & && x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 &\geq y_1 \cdot (x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) + y_2 \cdot (5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \\
 &\geq y_1 \cdot 10 + y_2 \cdot 6 \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 10y_1 + 6y_2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{maximize} && 10y_1 + 6y_2 \\
 & \text{subject to} && y_1 + 5y_2 \leq 7 \\
 & && -y_1 + 2y_2 \leq 1 \\
 & && 3y_1 - y_2 \leq 5 \\
 & && y_1, y_2 \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

minimize	$7x_1$	$+$	x_2	$+$	$5x_3$		Primal
subject to	$y_1(x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3)$	\geq	$10y_1$				
	$y_2(5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3)$	\geq	$6y_2$				
	x_1, x_2, x_3	\geq	0				

$$\begin{aligned}
 7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 &\geq y_1 \cdot (x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3) + y_2 \cdot (5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3) \\
 &\geq y_1 \cdot 10 + y_2 \cdot 6 \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 10y_1 + 6y_2
 \end{aligned}$$

maximize	$10y_1$	$+$	$6y_2$			
subject to	y_1	$+$	$5y_2$	\leq	7	
	$-y_1$	$+$	$2y_2$	\leq	1	
	$3y_1$	$-$	y_2	\leq	5	
	y_1, y_2	\geq	0			

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

minimize	$7x_1$	$+$	x_2	$+$	$5x_3$		Primal
subject to	$y_1(x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3)$	\geq	$10y_1$				
	$y_2(5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3)$	\geq	$6y_2$				
	x_1, x_2, x_3	\geq	0				

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 &\geq y_1 \cdot 10 + y_2 \cdot 6 \Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq 10y_1 + 6y_2
 \end{aligned}$$

maximize	$10y_1$	$+$	$6y_2$		Dual
subject to	$y_1 + 5y_2$	\leq	7		
	$-y_1 + 2y_2$	\leq	1		
	$3y_1 - y_2$	\leq	5		
	y_1, y_2	\geq	0		

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

minimize	$7x_1$	$+ \quad$	x_2	$+ \quad$	$5x_3$	\quad	Primal
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subject to	$y_1(x_1 \text{ } \stackrel{\text{IV}}{-} \text{ } x_2 \text{ } + \text{ } 3x_3)$	\geq	$10y_1$			
	$y_2(5x_1 \text{ } + \text{ } 2x_2 \text{ } - \text{ } x_3)$	\geq	$6y_2$			
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subject to	y_1	$+$	$5y_2$	≤ 7
	$-y_1$	$+$	$2y_2$	≤ 1
	$3y_1$	$-$	y_2	≤ 5
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$x = (7/4, 0, 11/4)$ both $y = (2, 1)$ provide objective value 26.

Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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subject to	$y_1(x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3)$	\geq	$10y_1$			
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Primal – Dual

Primal Program

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{minimize} & c^T \mathbf{x} \\ \text{subject to} & A\mathbf{x} \geq b \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq 0\end{array}$$

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Approximation Algorithms

Lecture 4:
Linear Programming and LP-Duality

Part IV:
LP-Duality and Complementary Slackness

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LP-Duality

minimize	$c^T \mathbf{x}$	Primal
subject to	$A\mathbf{x} \geq b$	
	$\mathbf{x} \geq 0$	

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Theorem. The **primal program** has a finite optimum
 \Leftrightarrow the **dual program** has a finite optimum.

LP-Duality

minimize	$c^T \textcolor{blue}{x}$	Primal
subject to	$A \textcolor{blue}{x} \geq b$ $\textcolor{blue}{x} \geq 0$	

maximize	$b^T \textcolor{red}{y}$	Dual
subject to	$A^T \textcolor{red}{y} \leq c$ $\textcolor{red}{y} \geq 0$	

Theorem. The **primal program** has a finite optimum
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 Moreover, if $\textcolor{blue}{x}^* = (x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*)$ and
 $\textcolor{red}{y}^* = (y_1^*, \dots, y_m^*)$ are *optimal* solutions for the
 primal and **dual** program (resp.), then

LP-Duality

minimize	$c^T \mathbf{x}$	Primal
subject to	$A\mathbf{x} \geq b$ $\mathbf{x} \geq 0$	

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Weak LP-Duality

minimize $c^T \mathbf{x}$

subject to $A\mathbf{x} \geq b$
 $\mathbf{x} \geq 0$

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subject to $A^T \mathbf{y} \leq c$
 $\mathbf{y} \geq 0$

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maximize
subject to

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$$A^T y \leq c$$

$$y \geq 0$$

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For each $j = 1, \dots, n$: either $x_j = 0$ or $\sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij} y_i = c_j$

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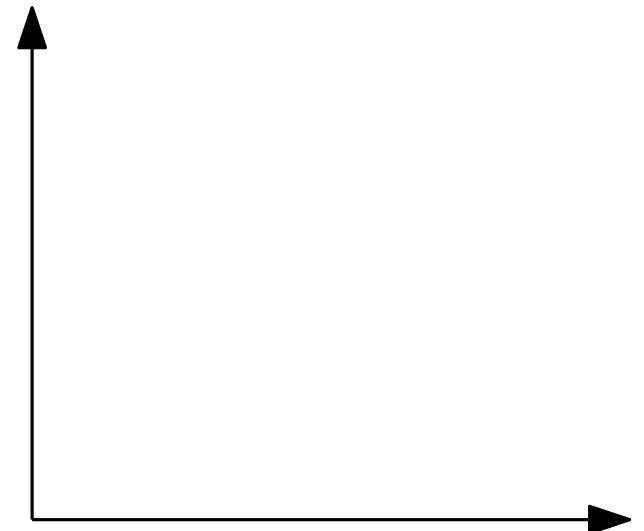
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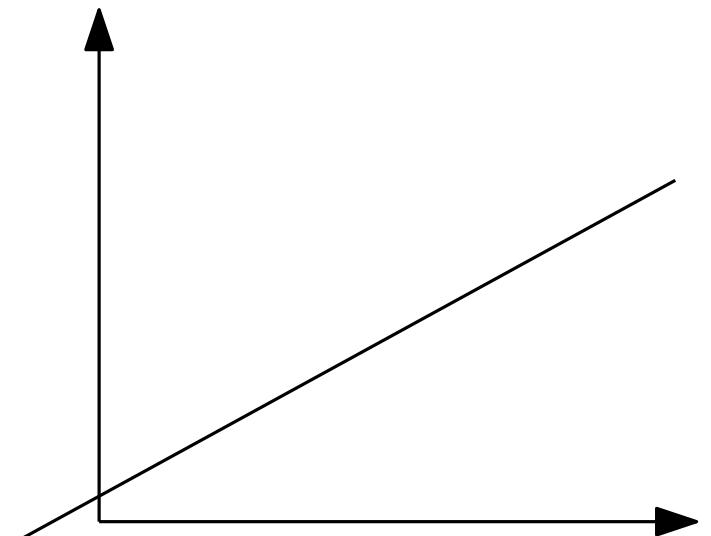
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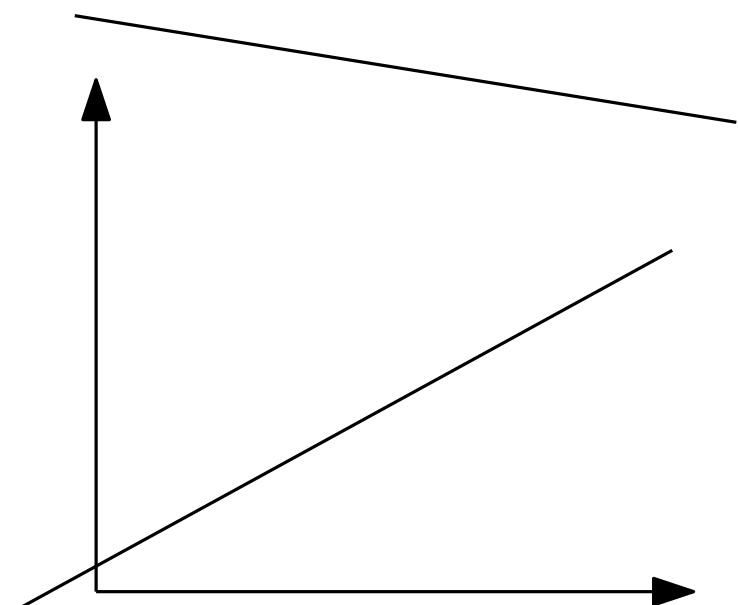
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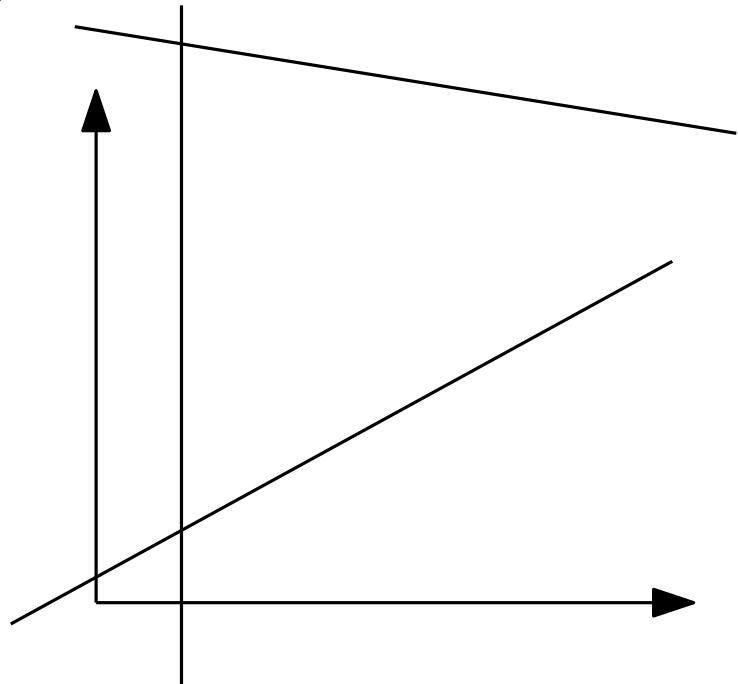
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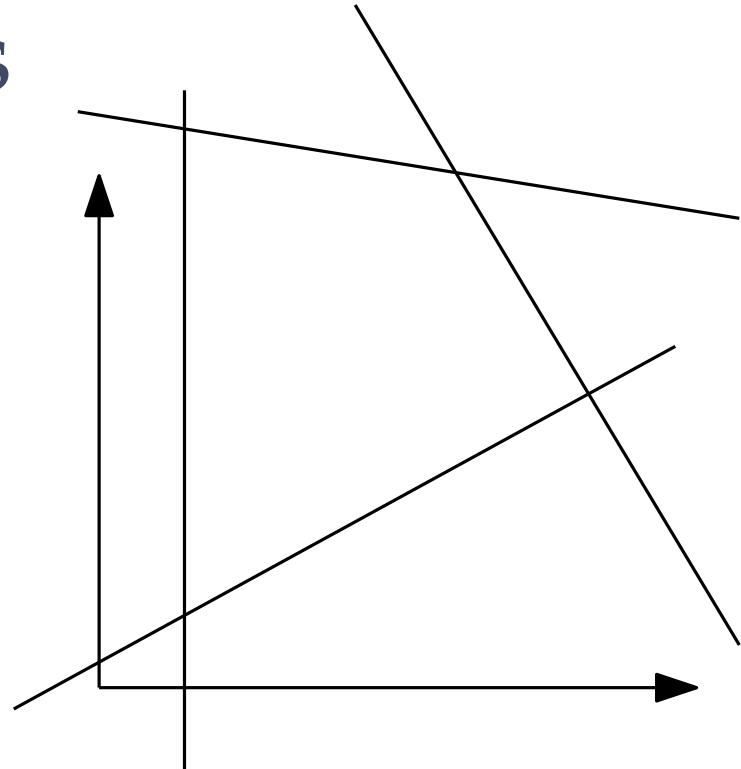
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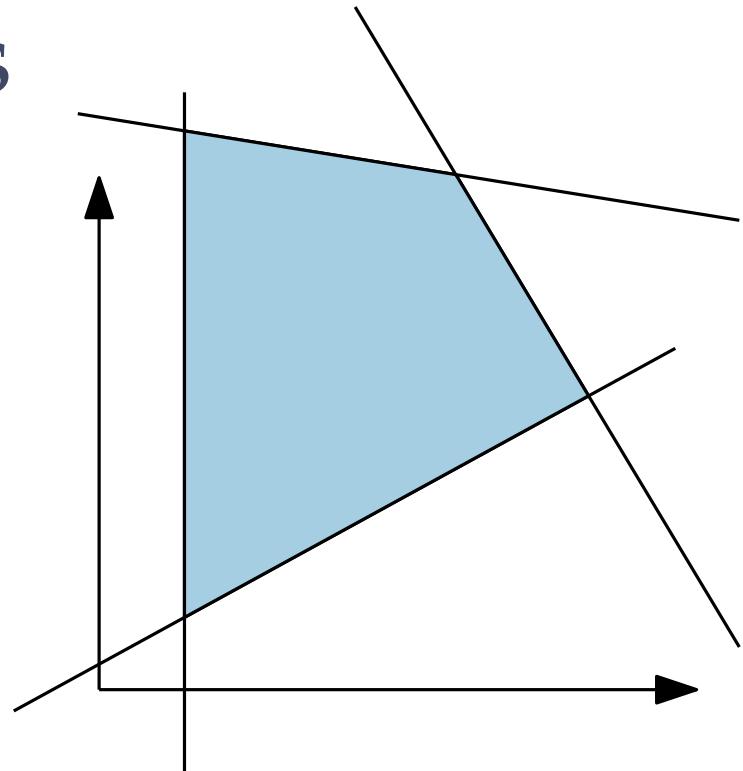
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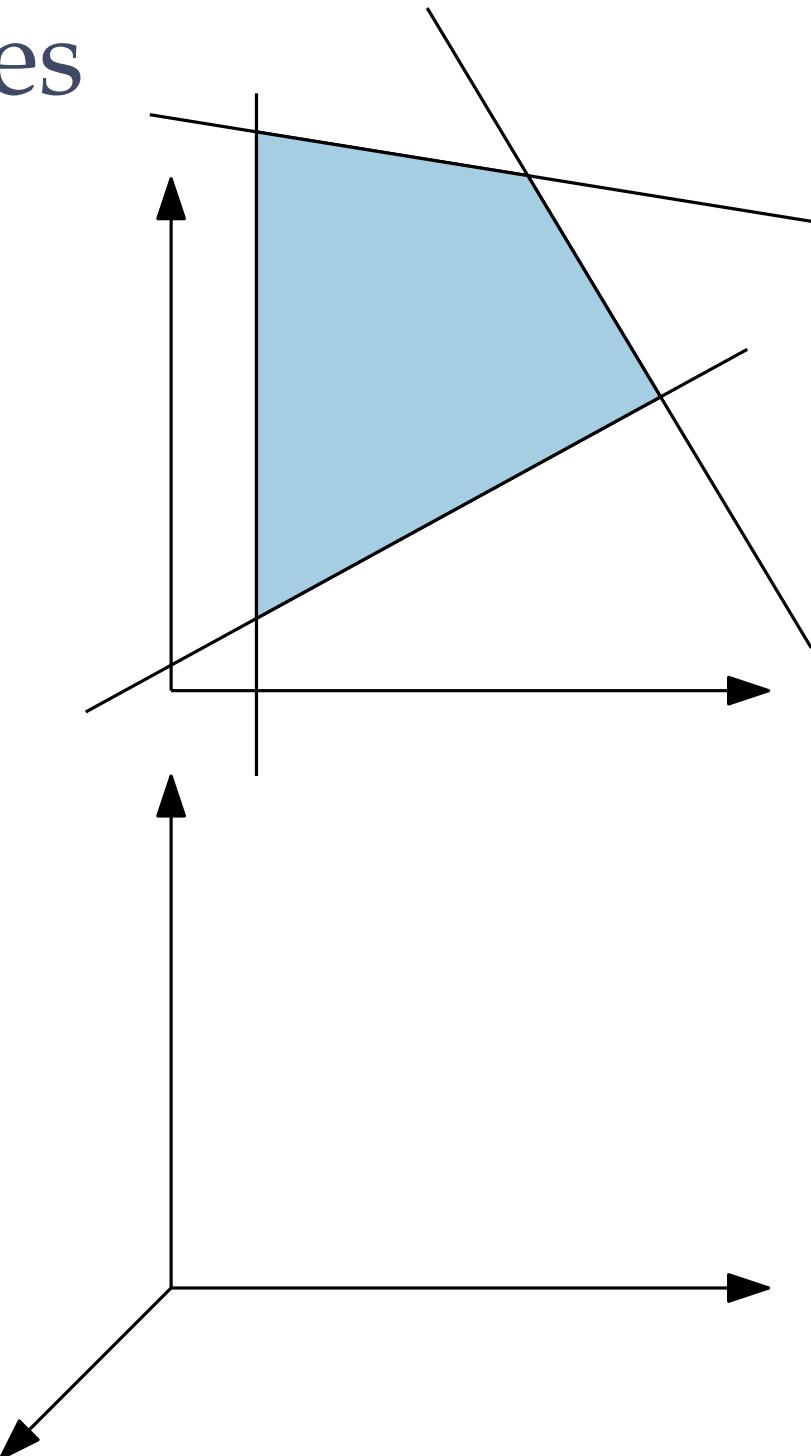
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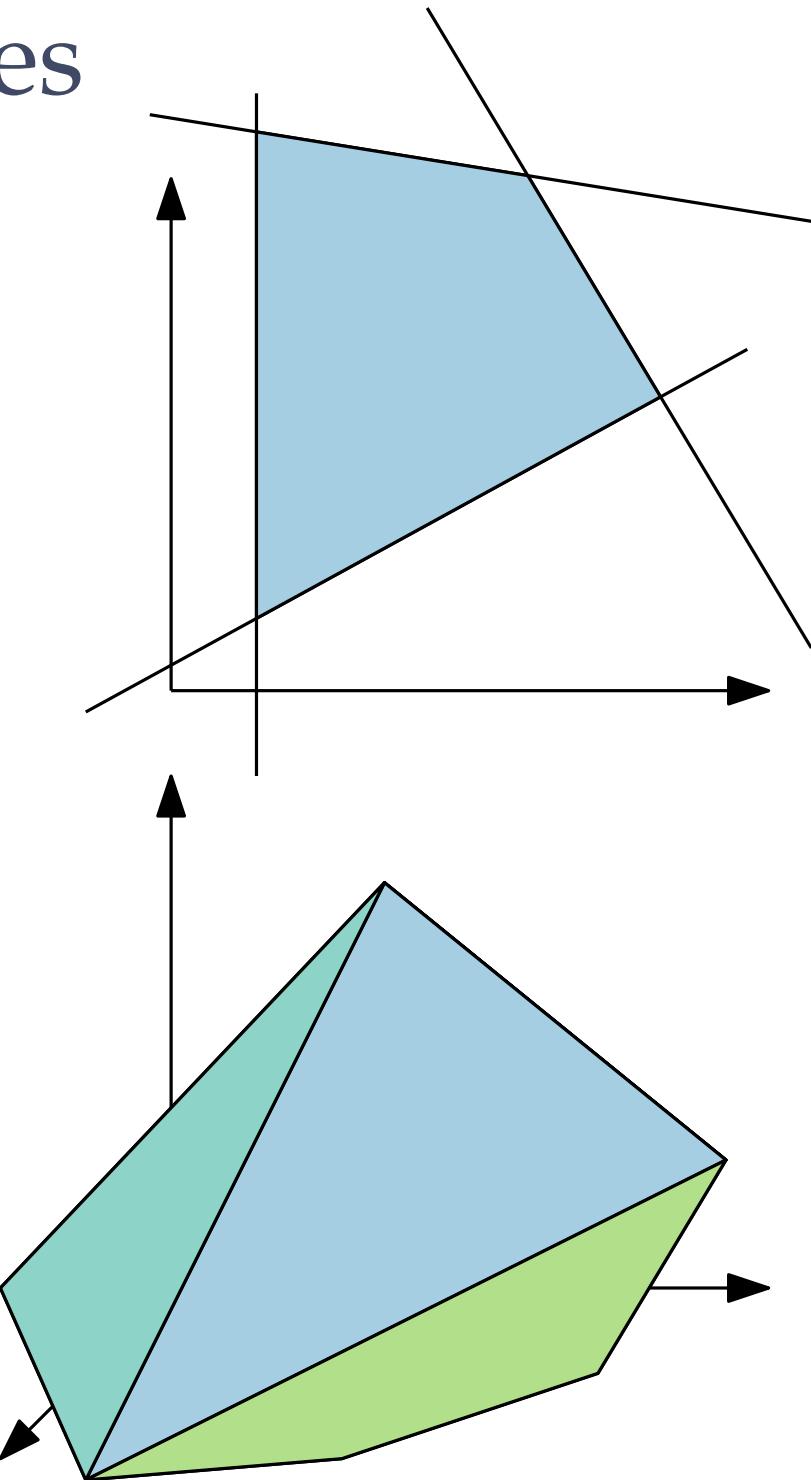
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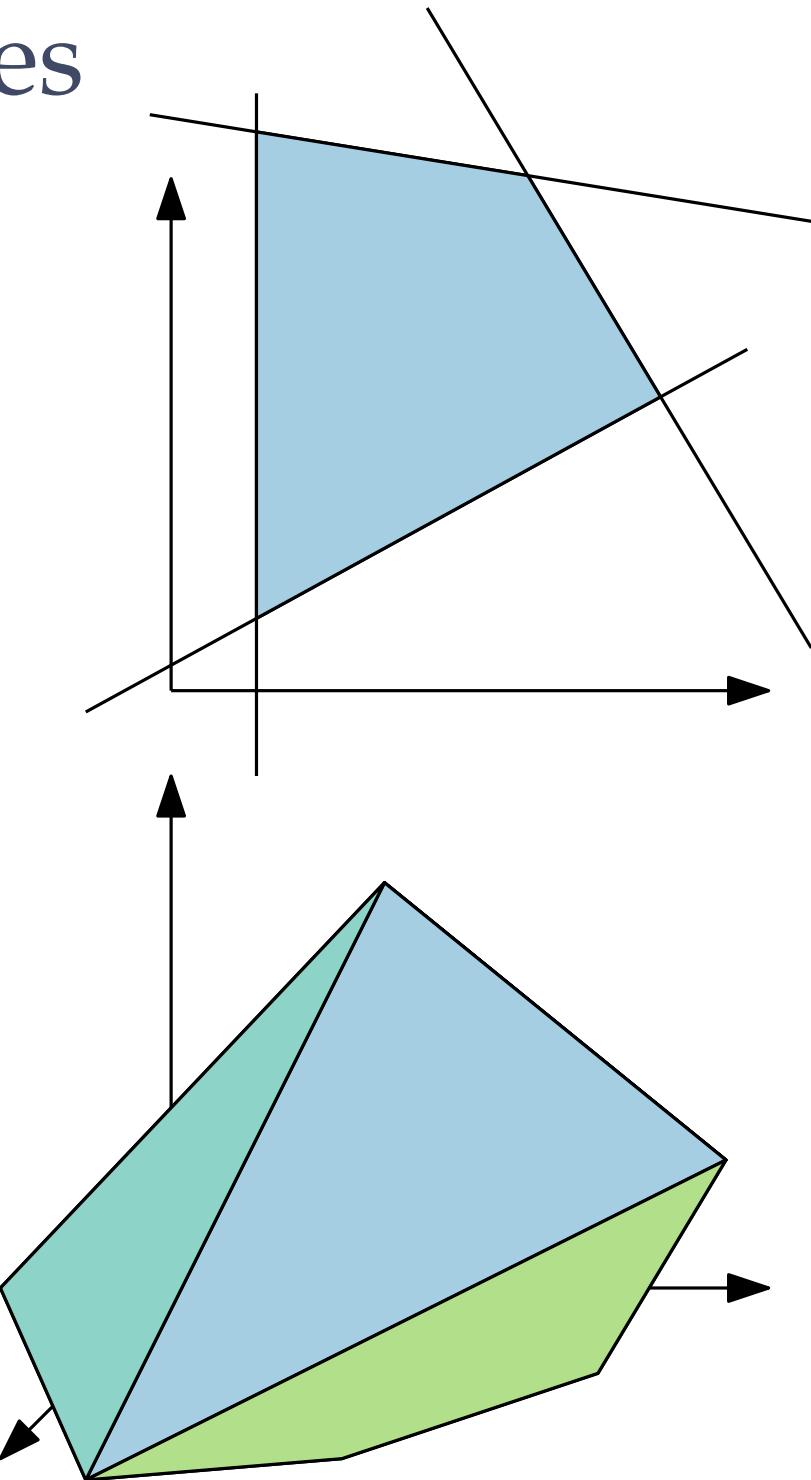
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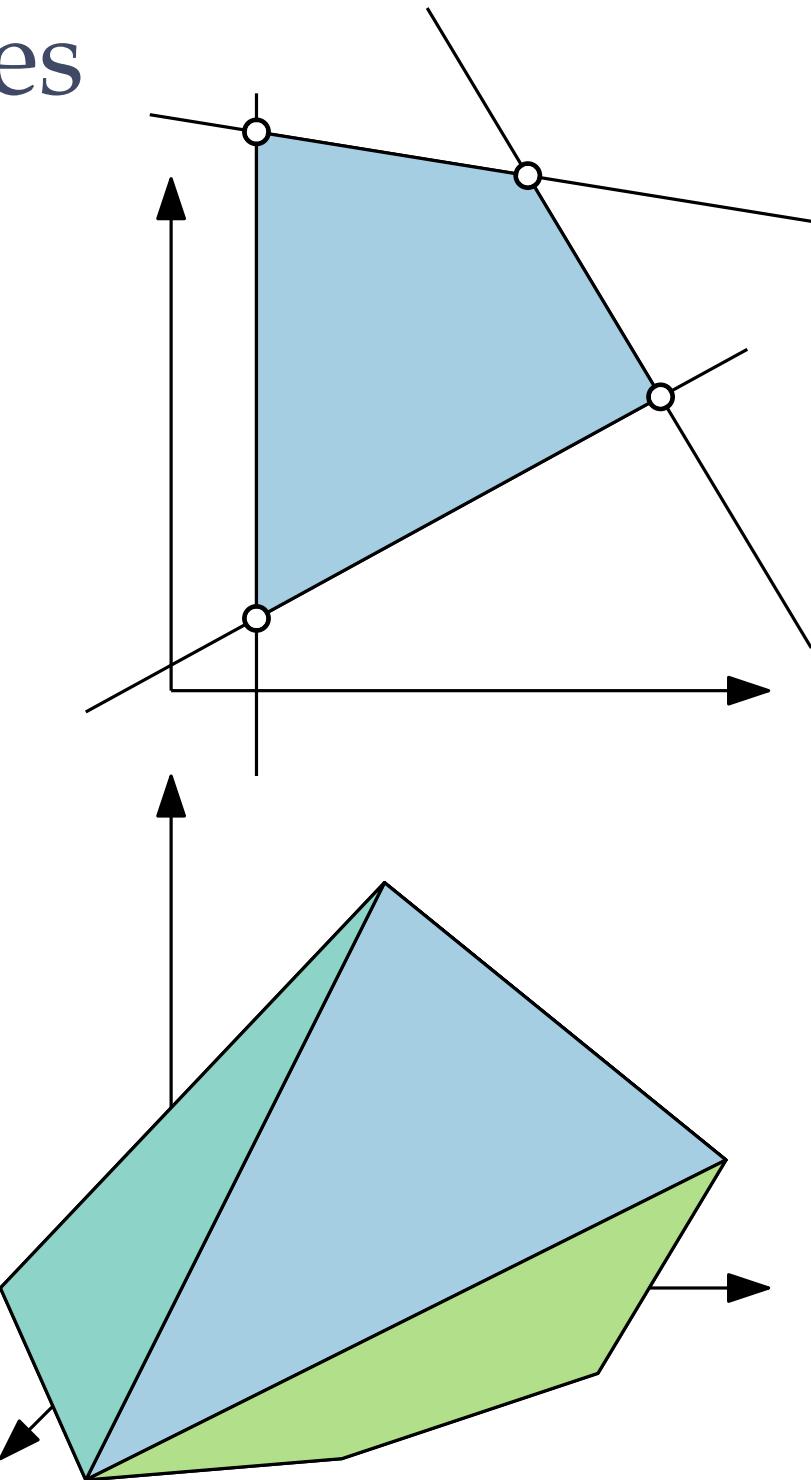
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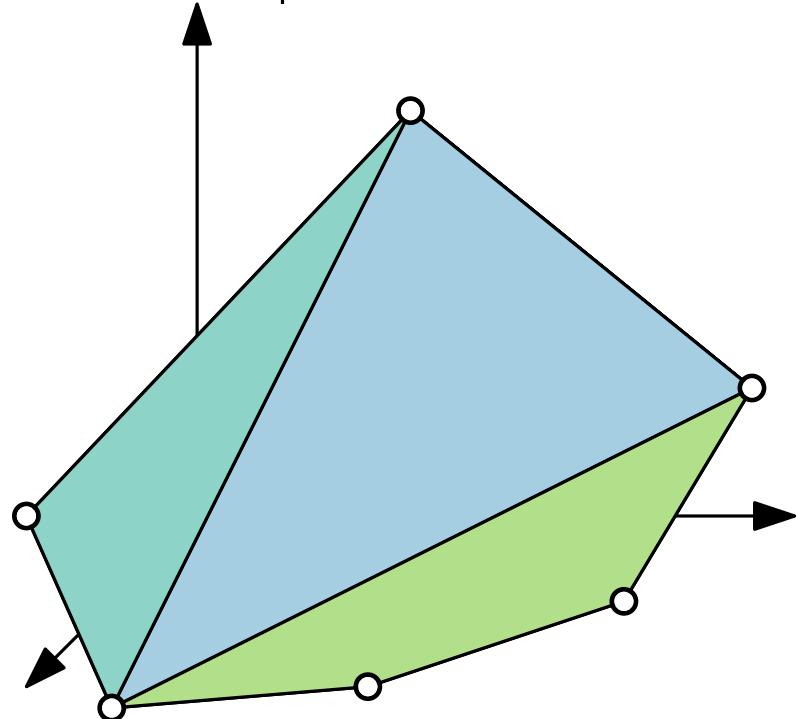
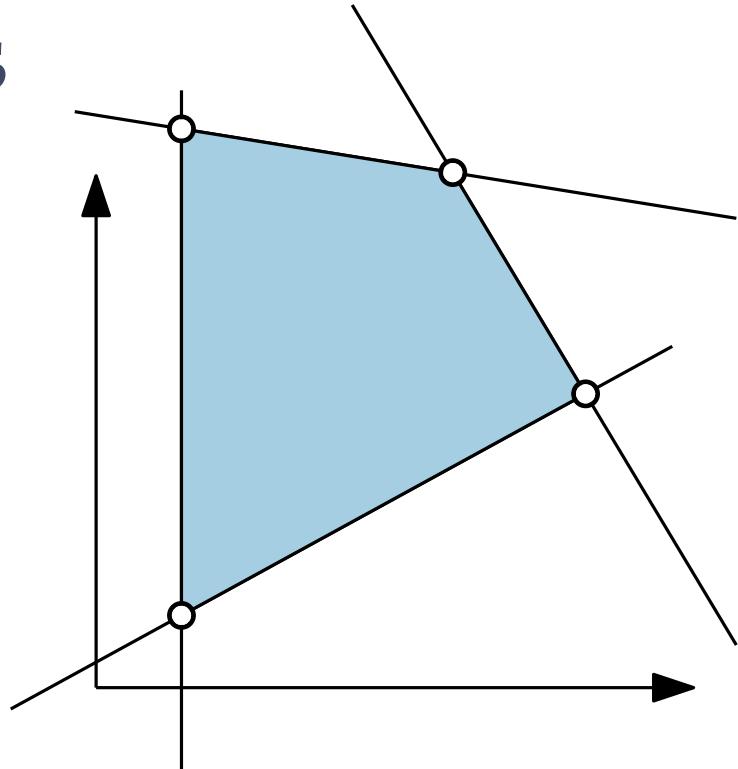
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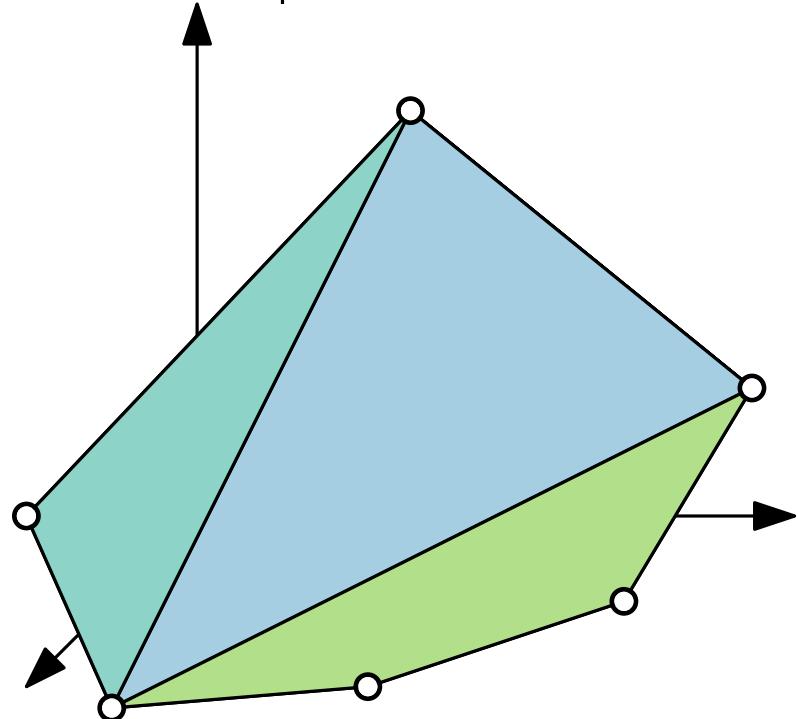
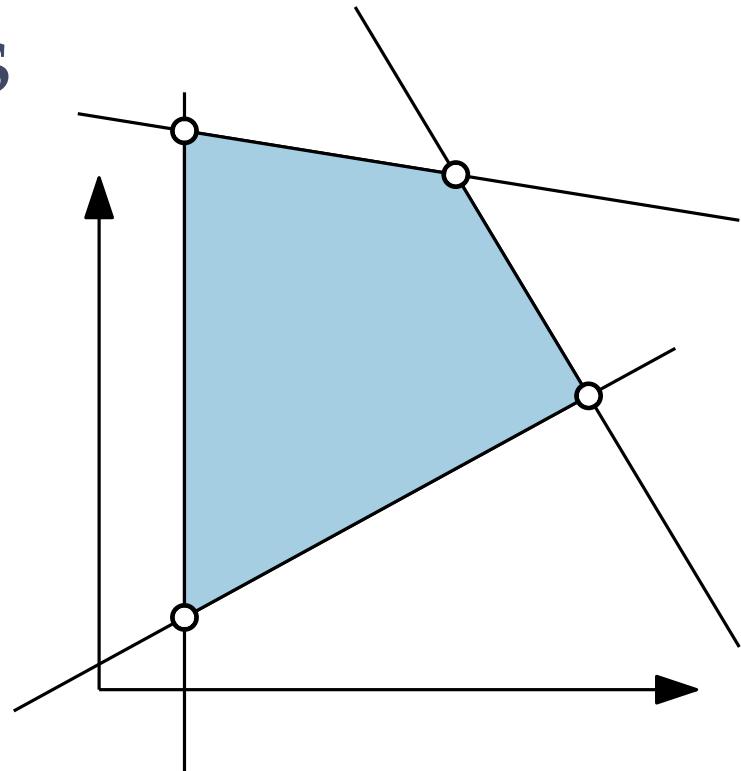


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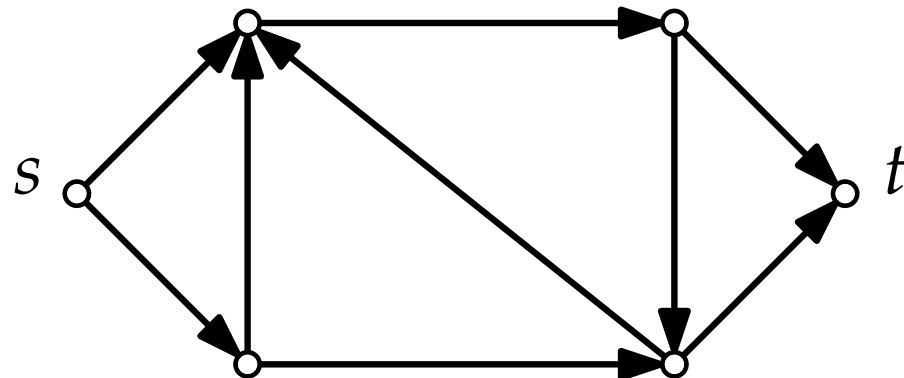
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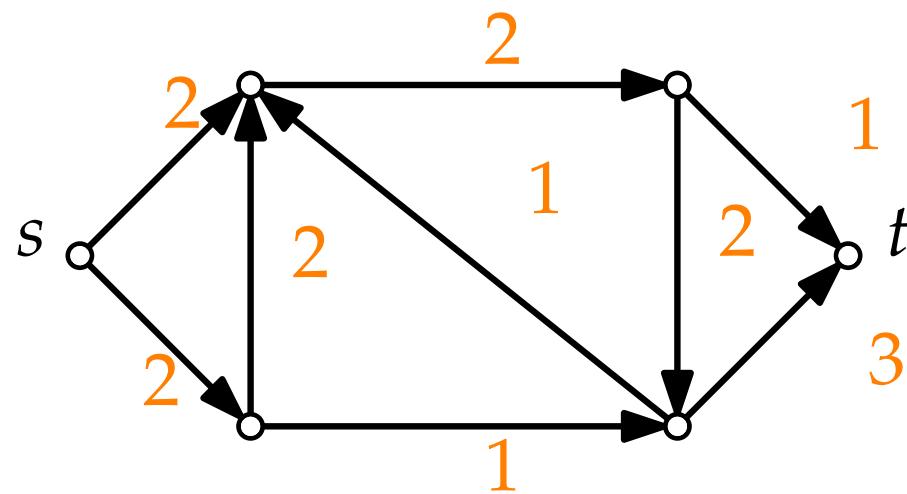
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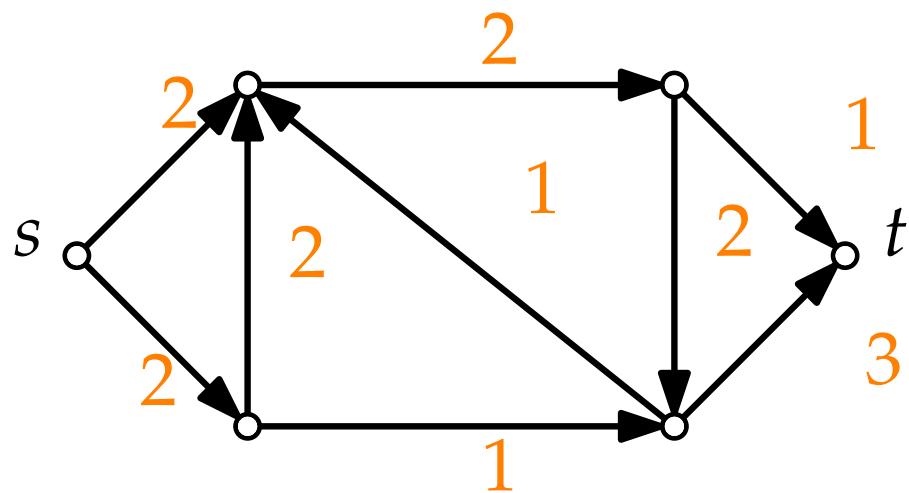
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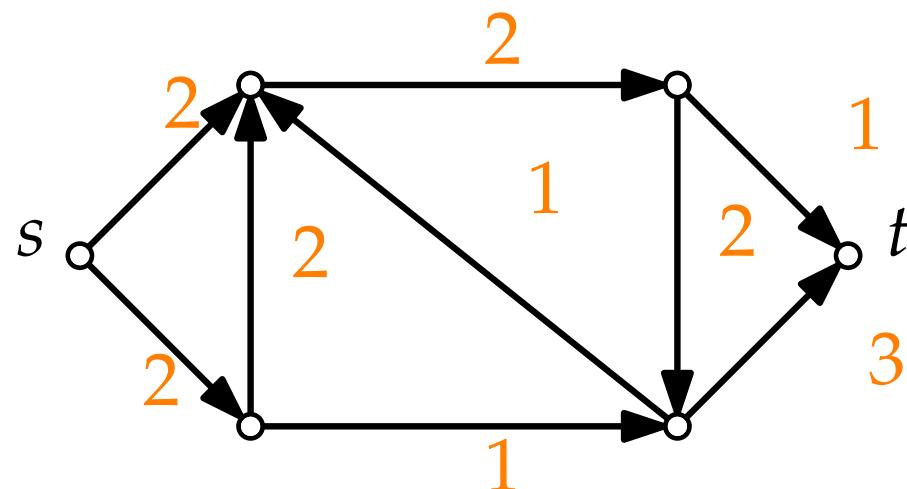


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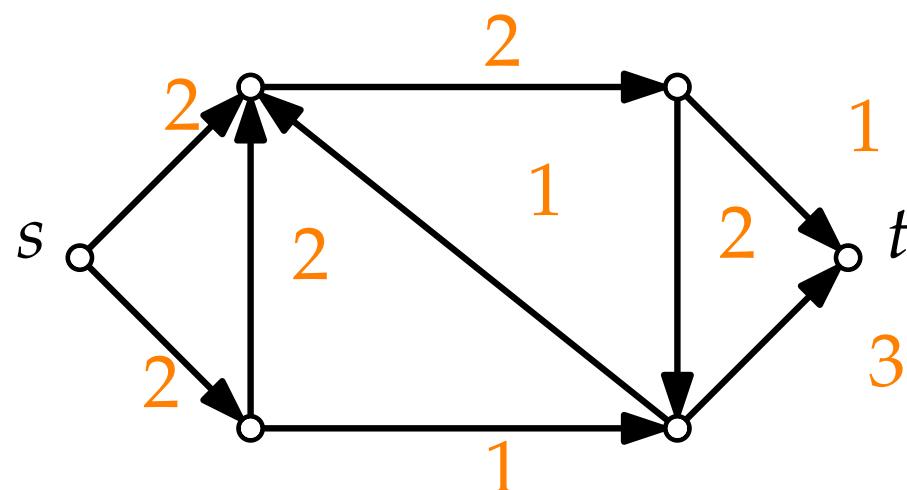


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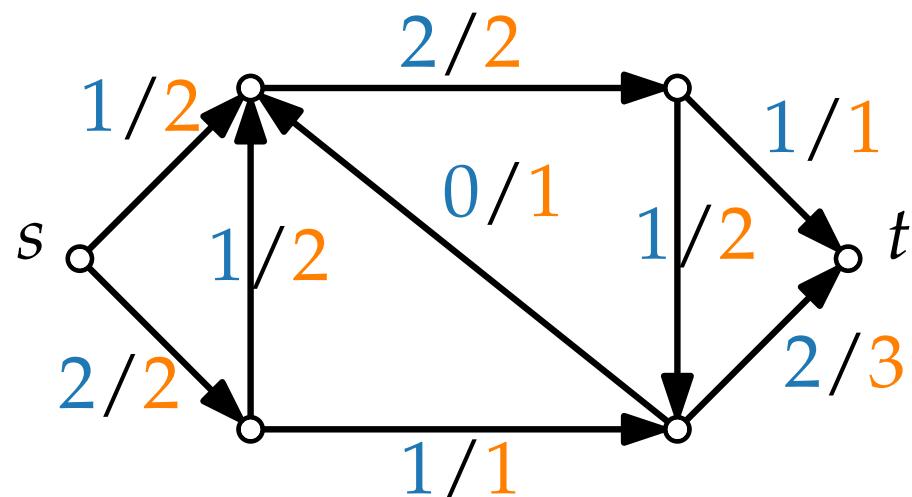


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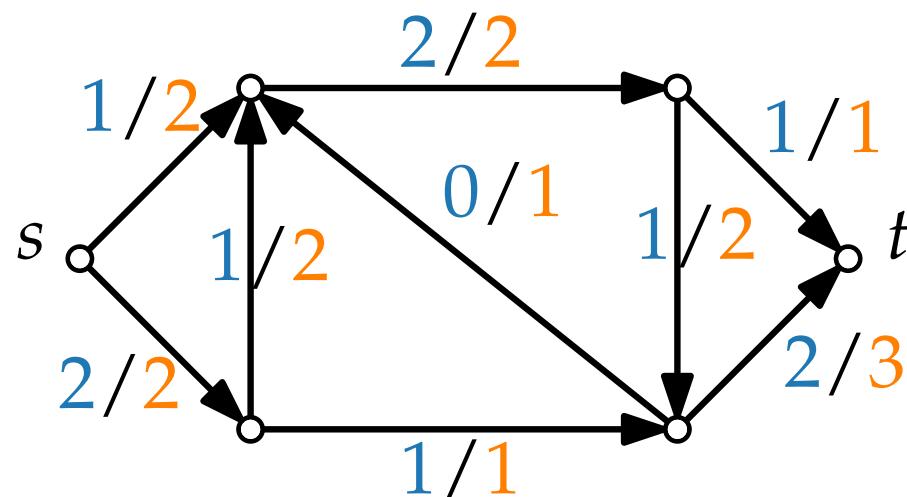
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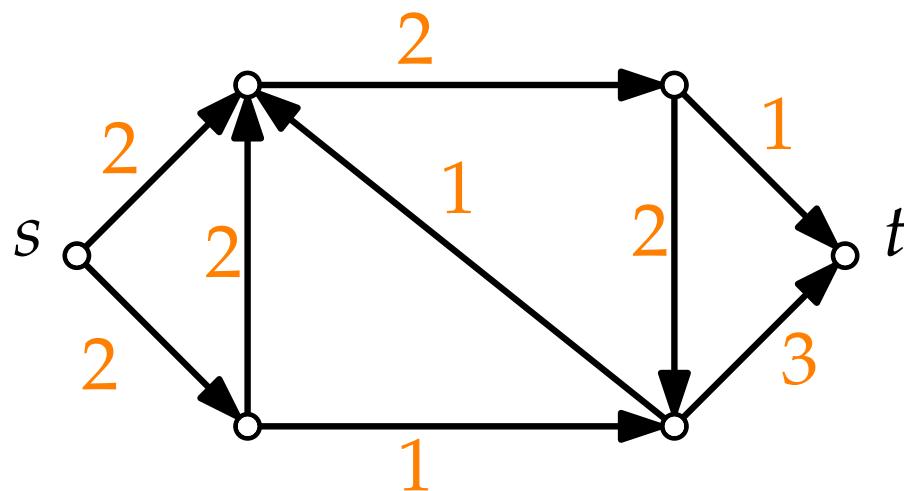
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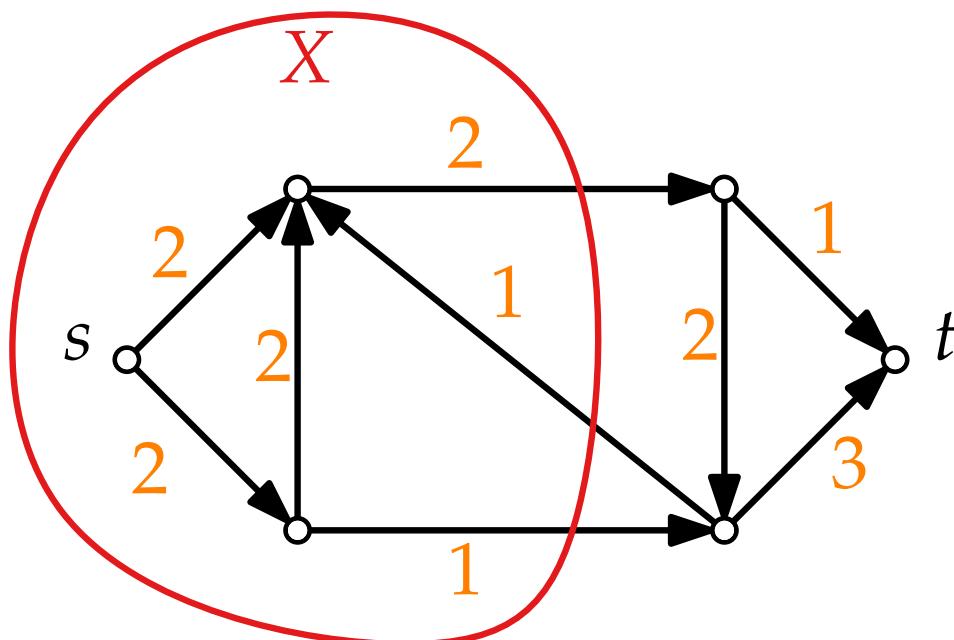
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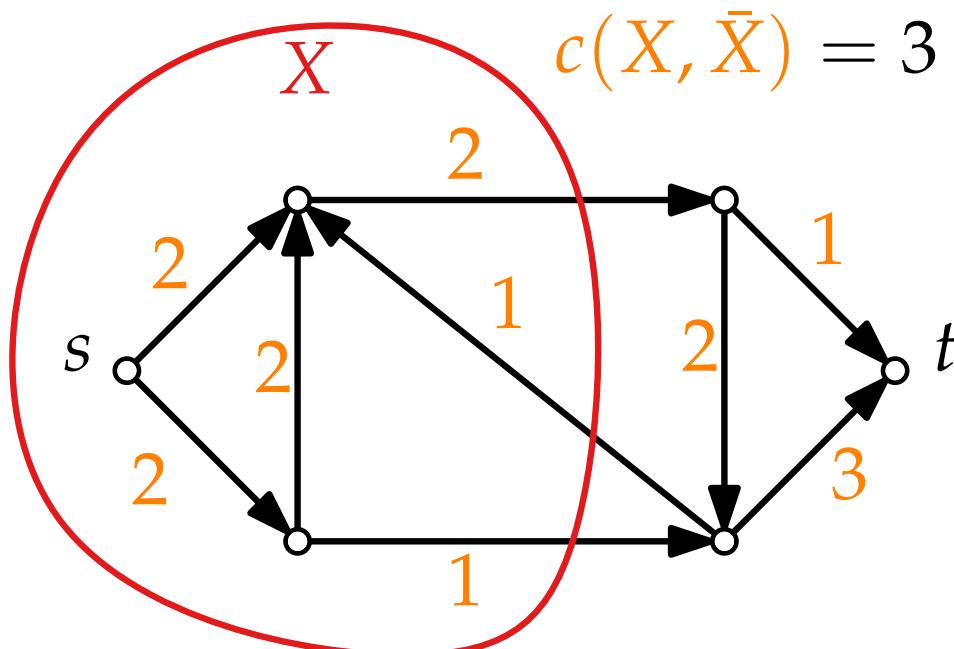
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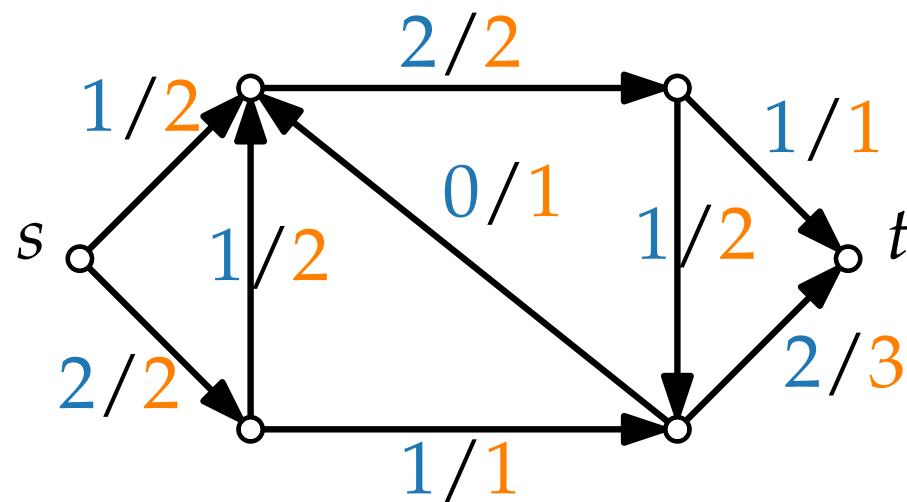
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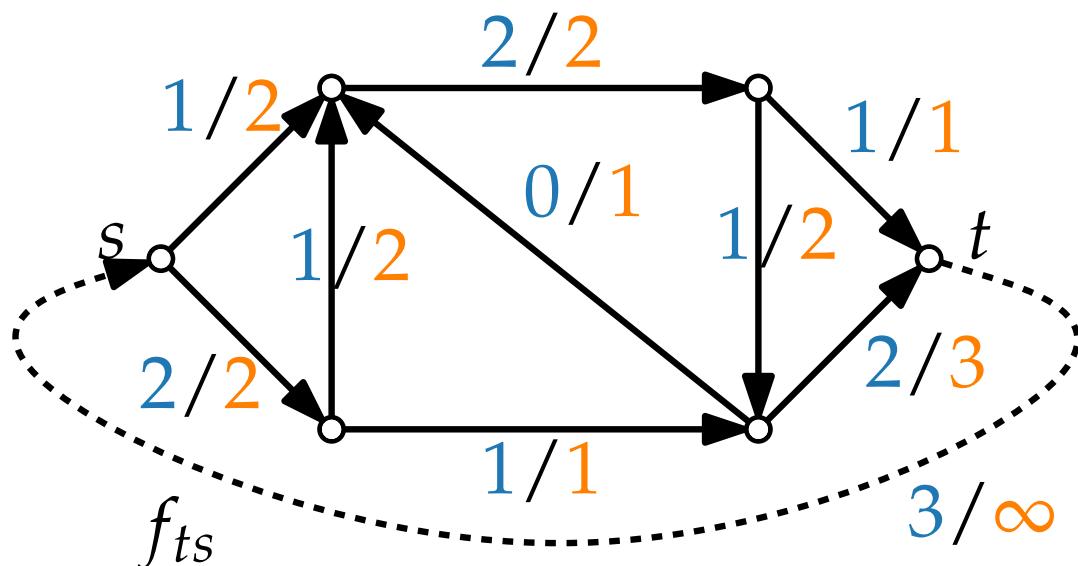


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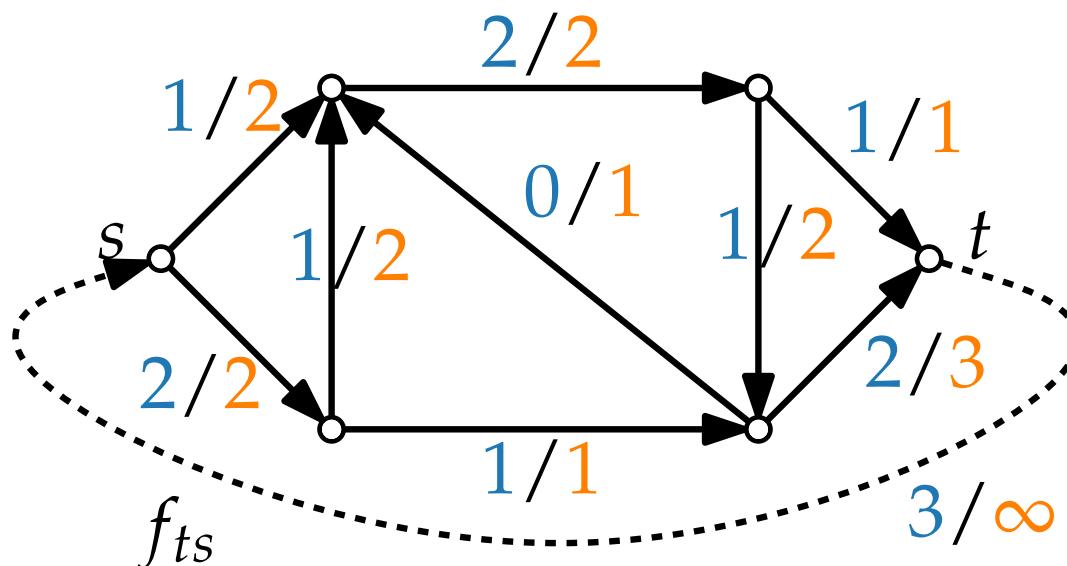


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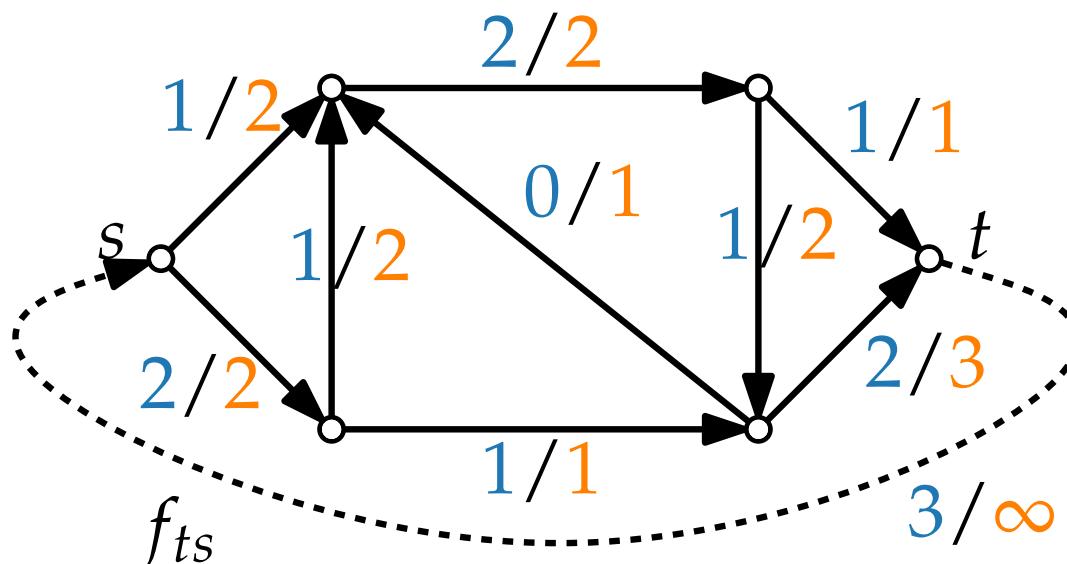


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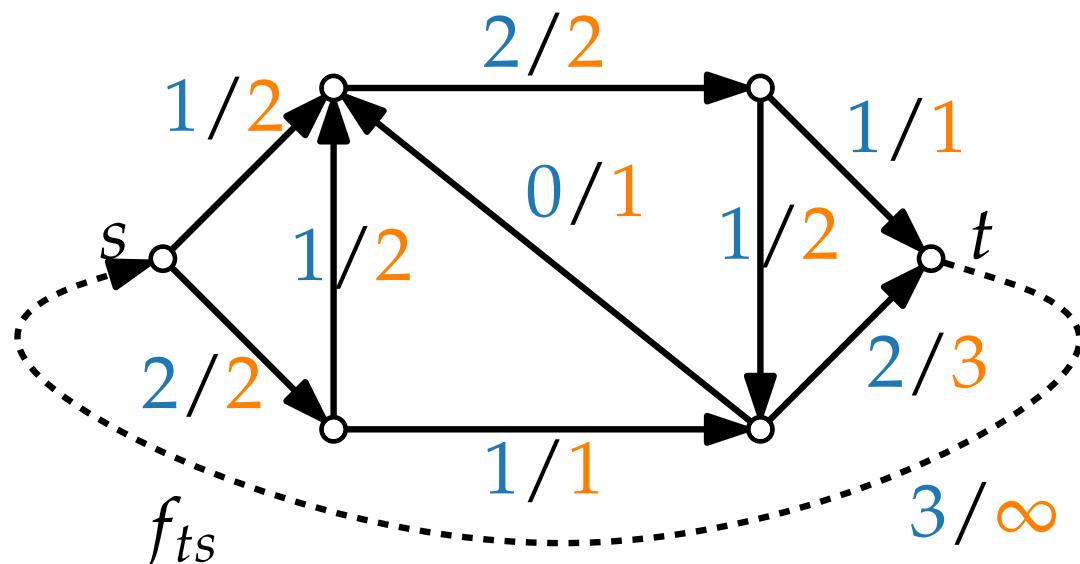


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Part VI:
Dual LP of Max Flow

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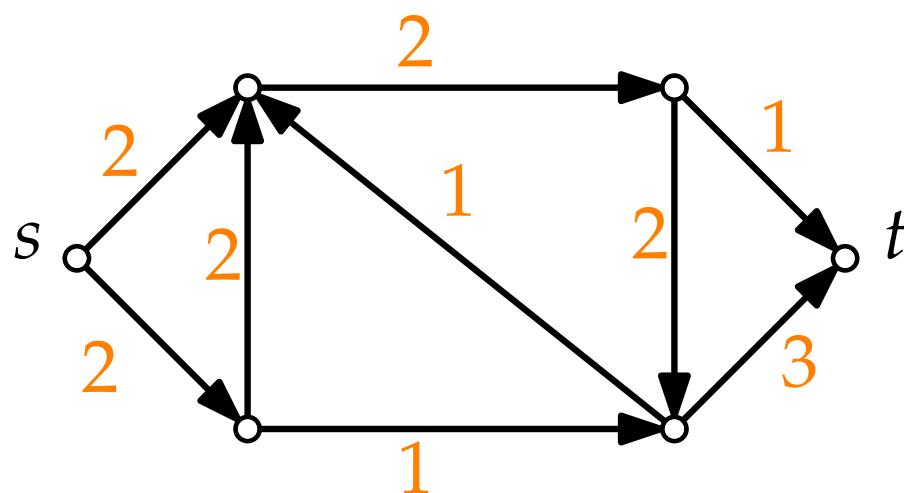
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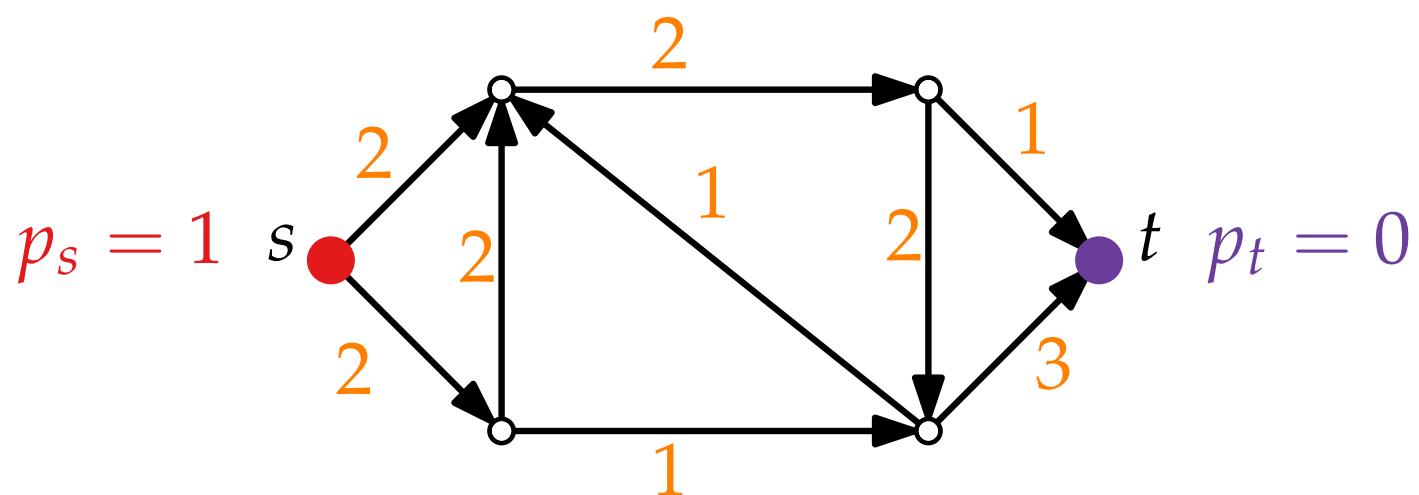
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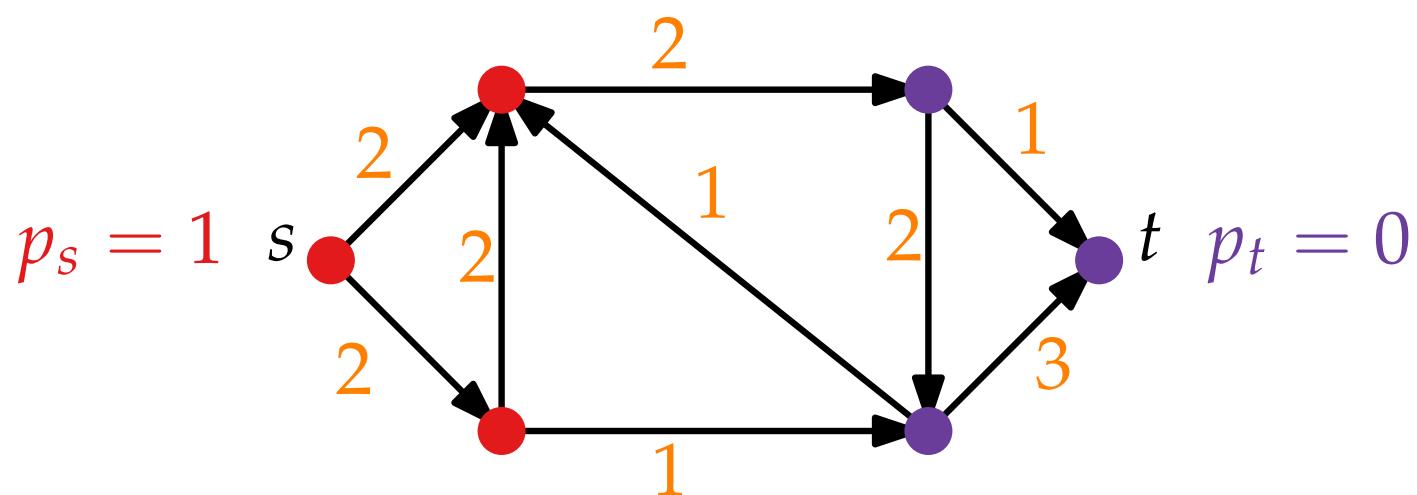
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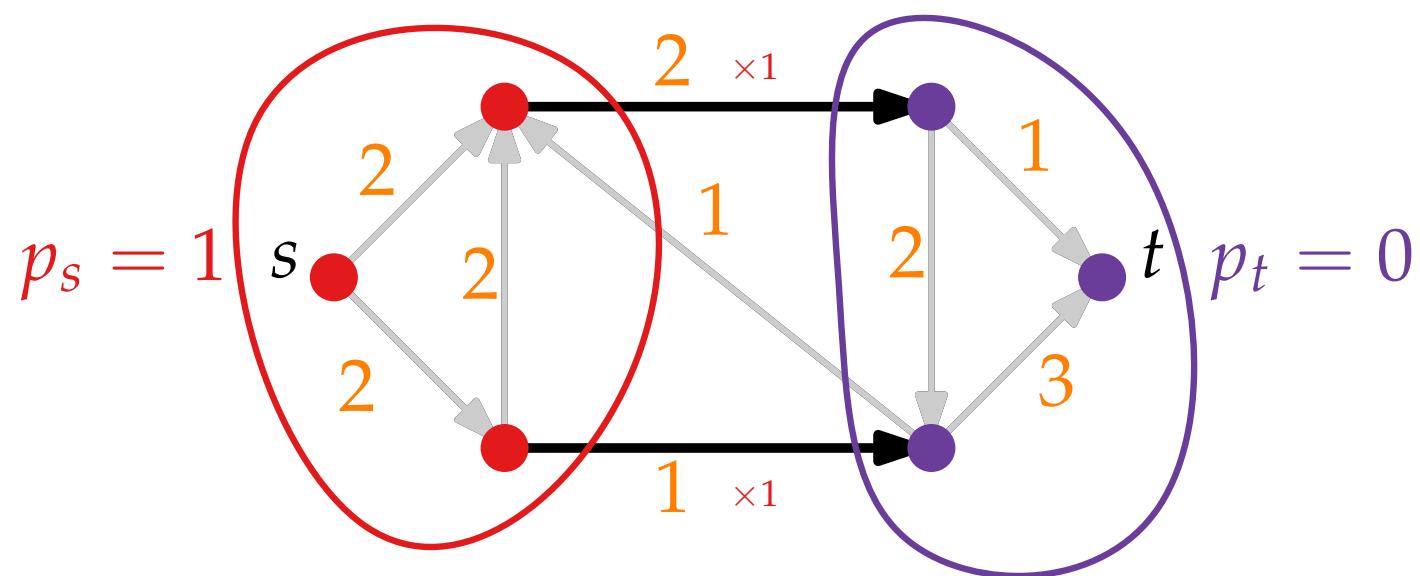
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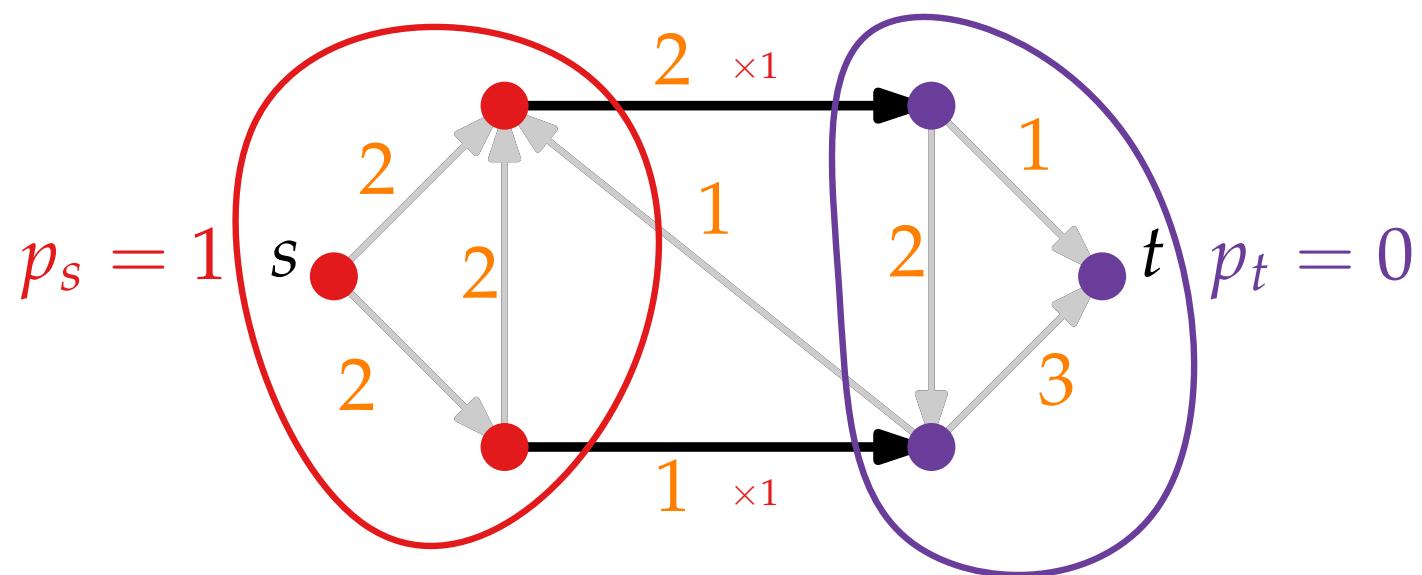
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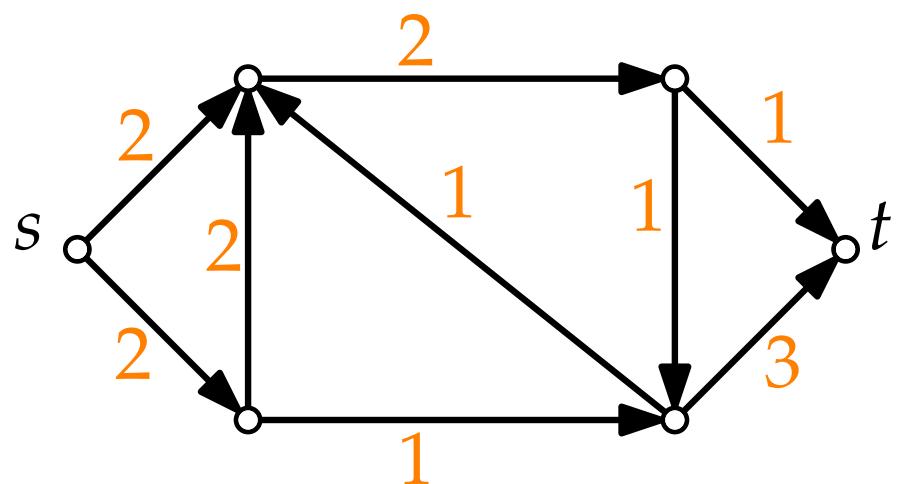
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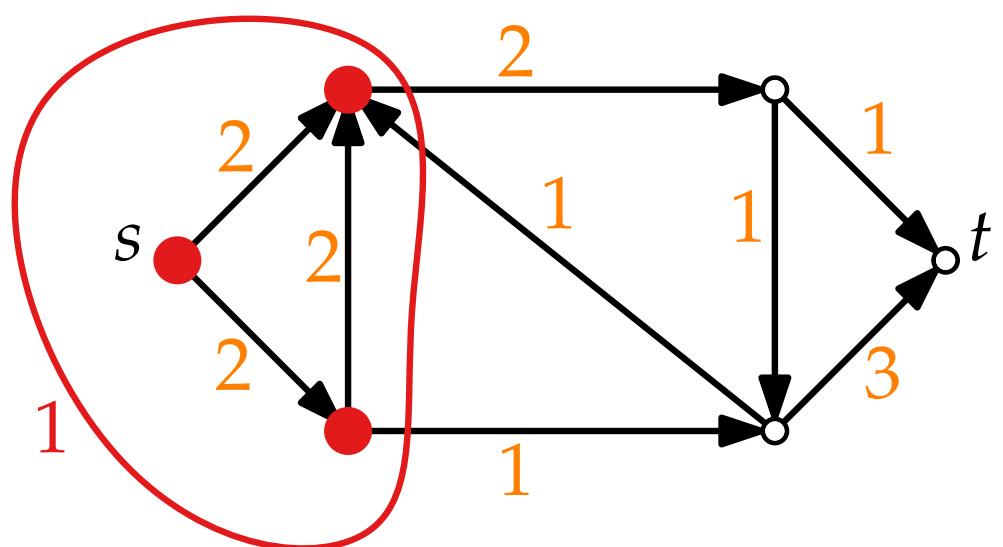
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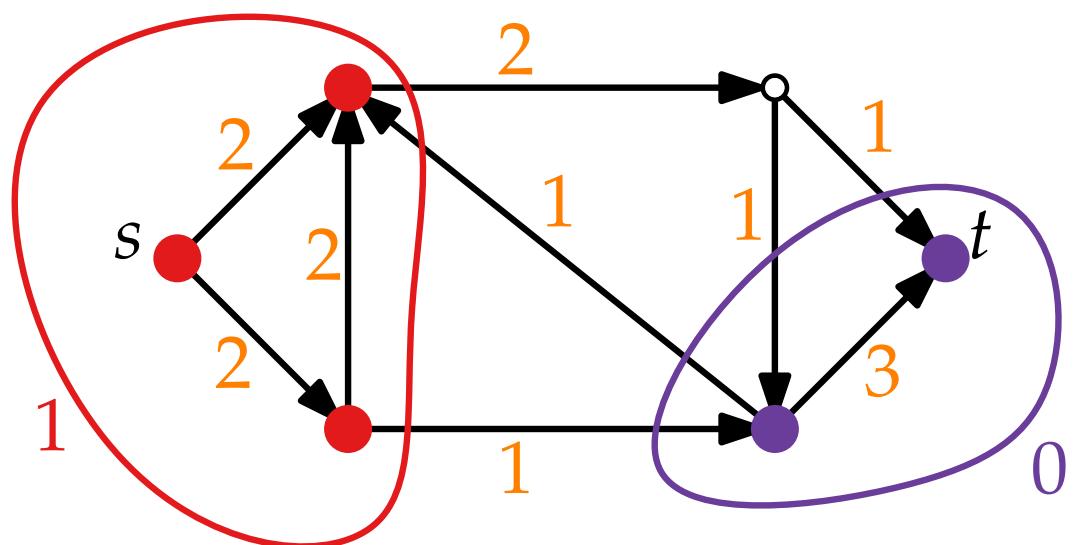
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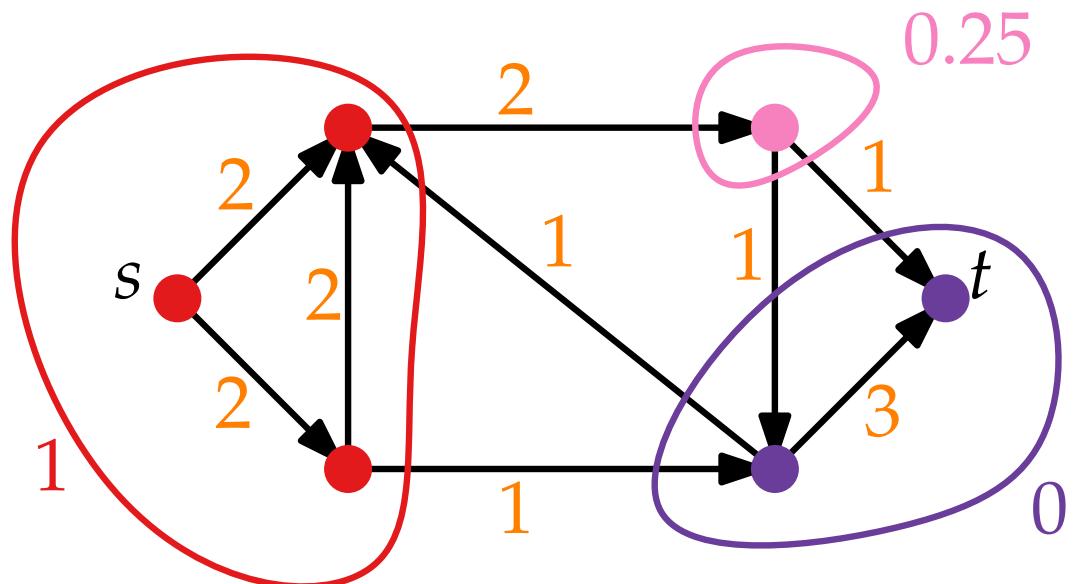
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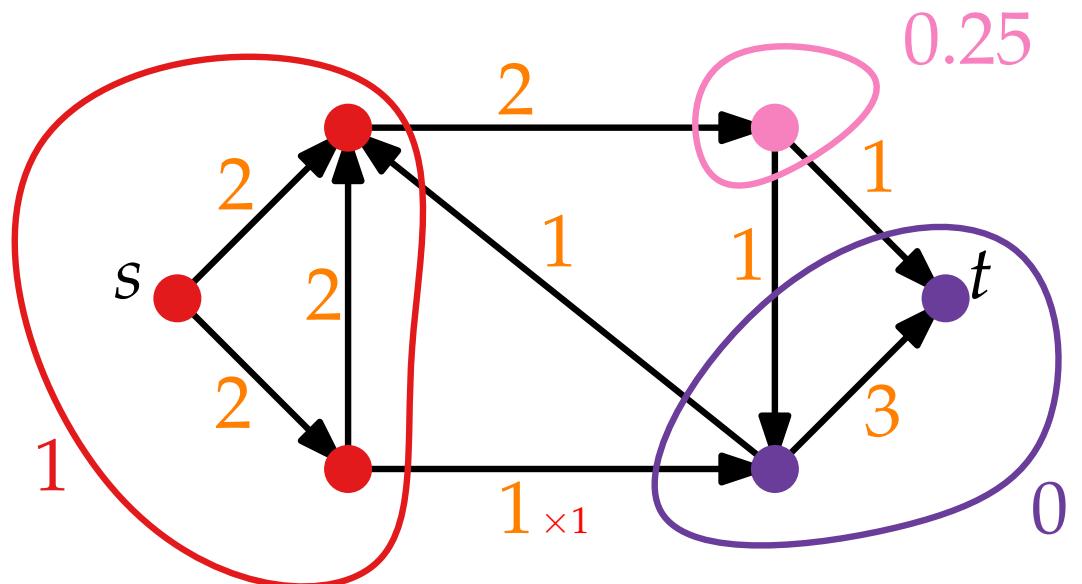
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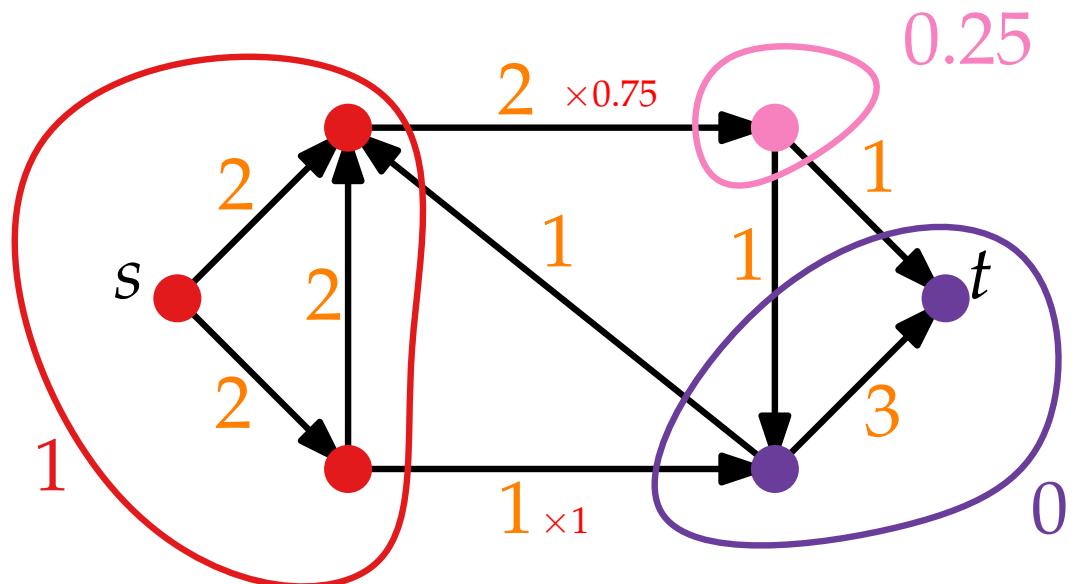
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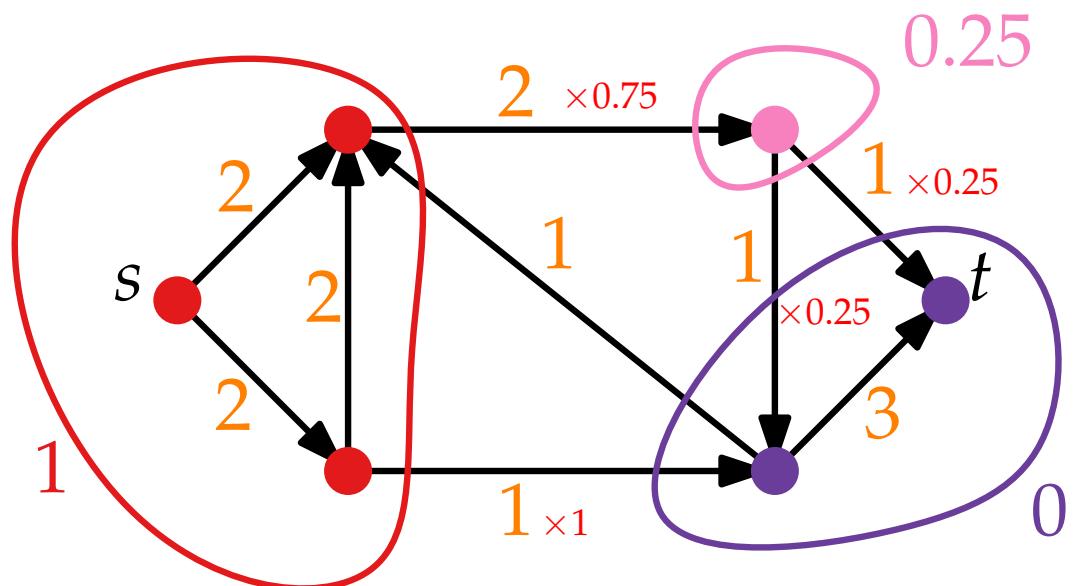
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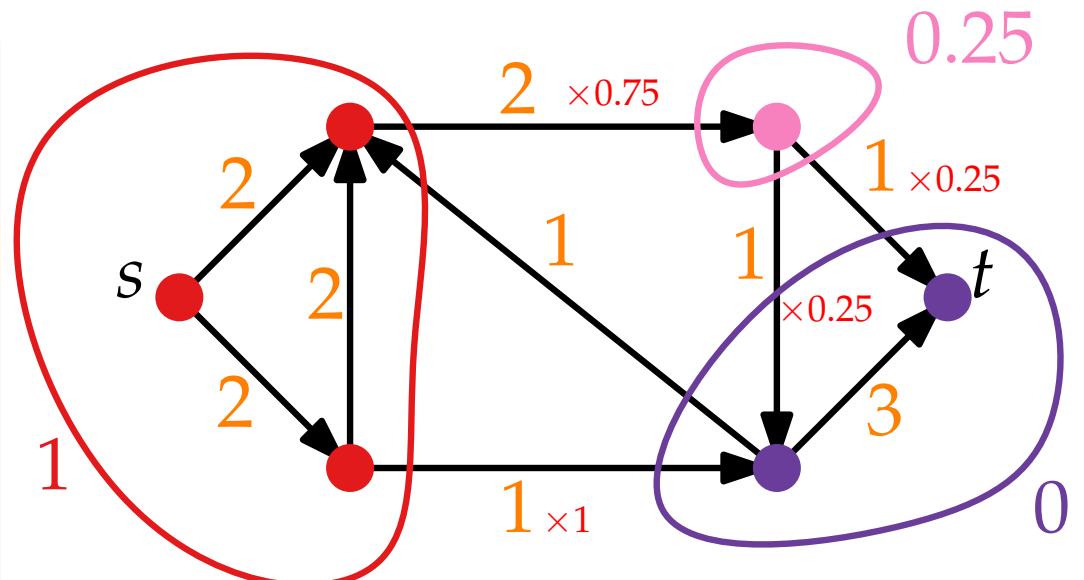
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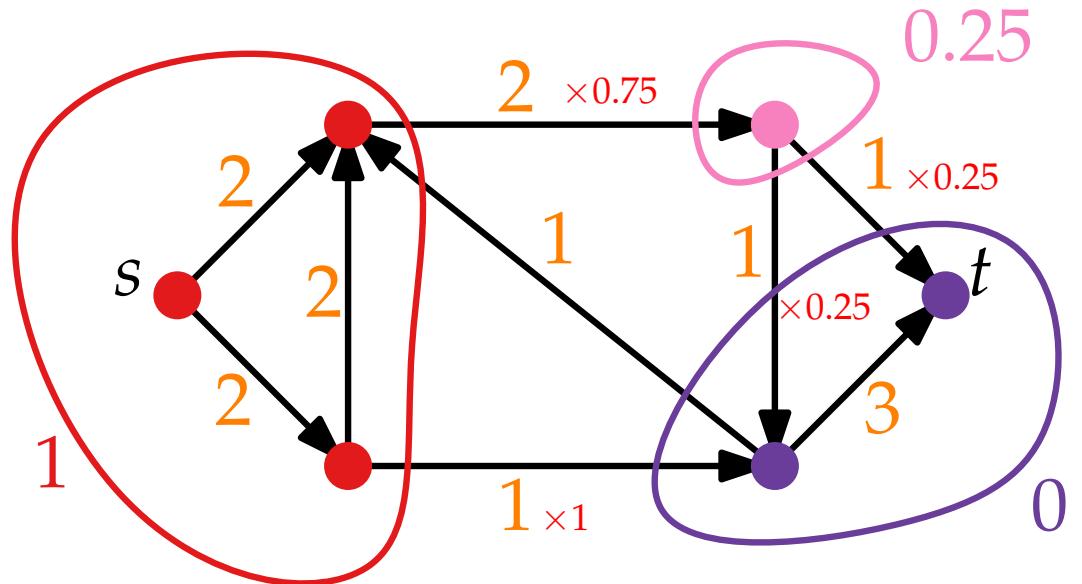
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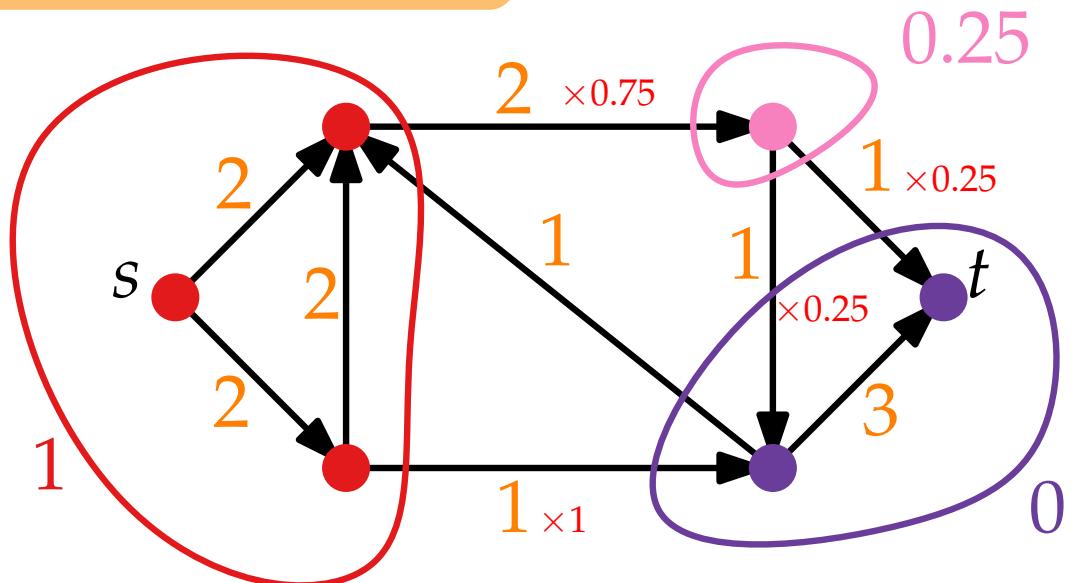
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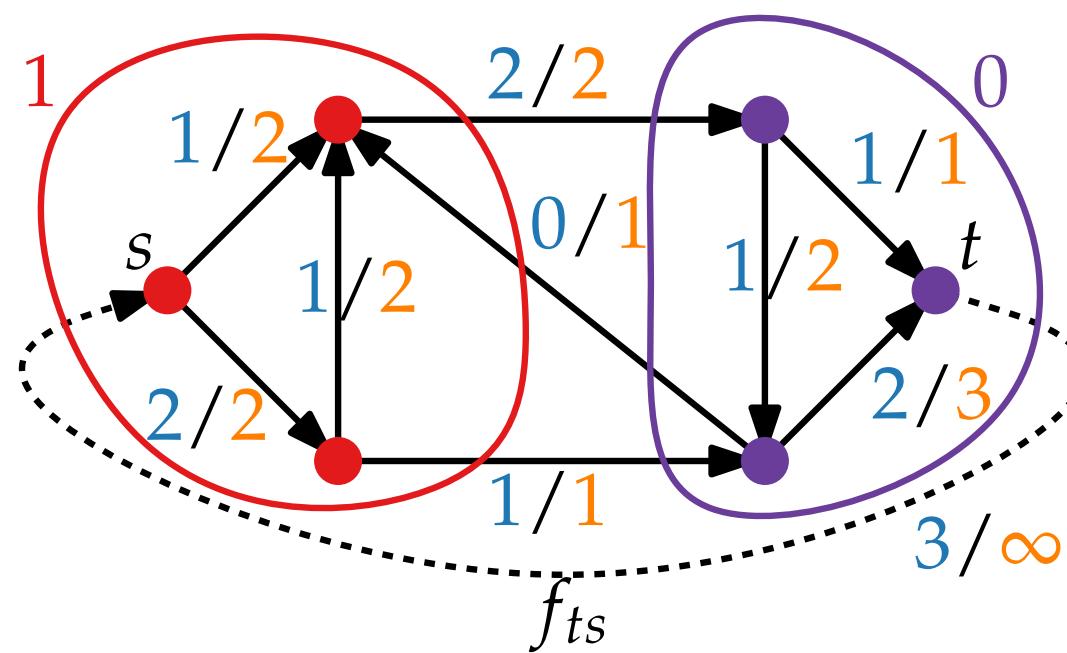
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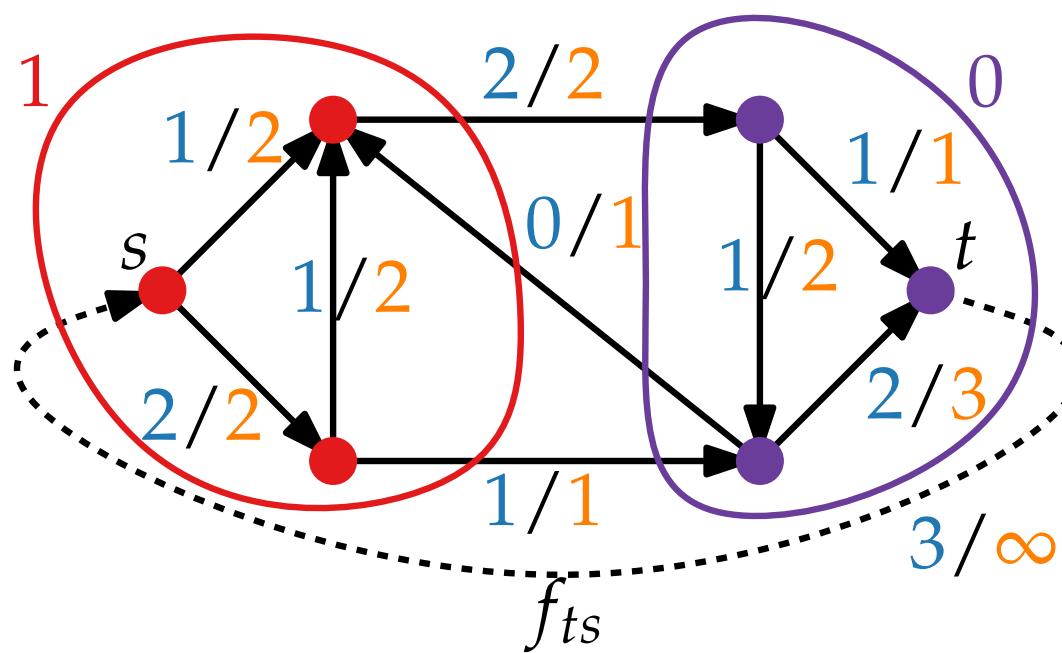
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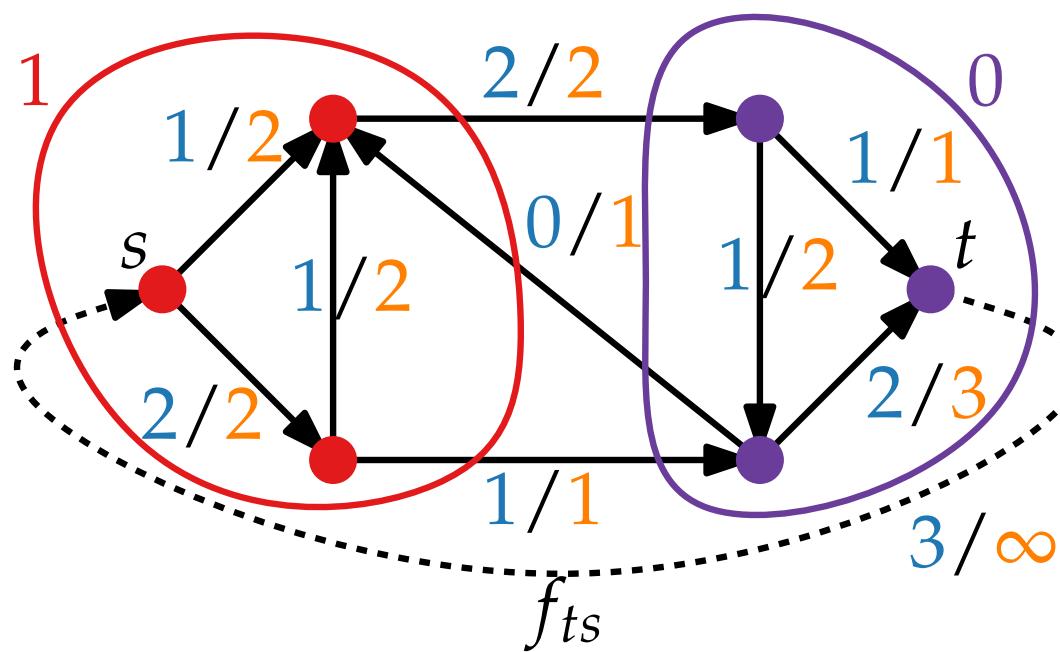
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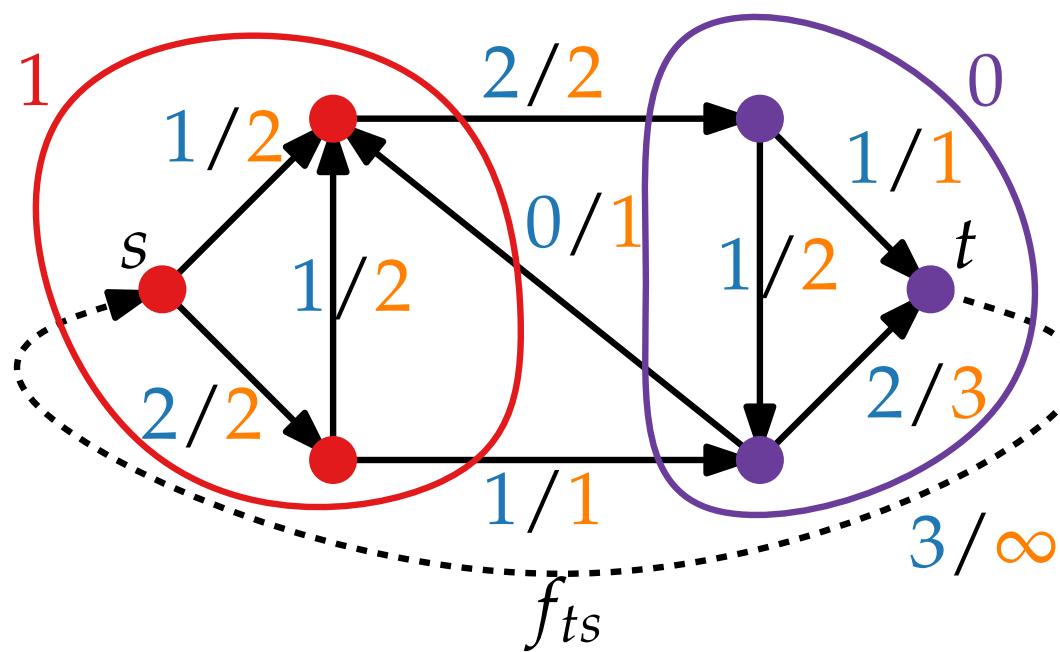
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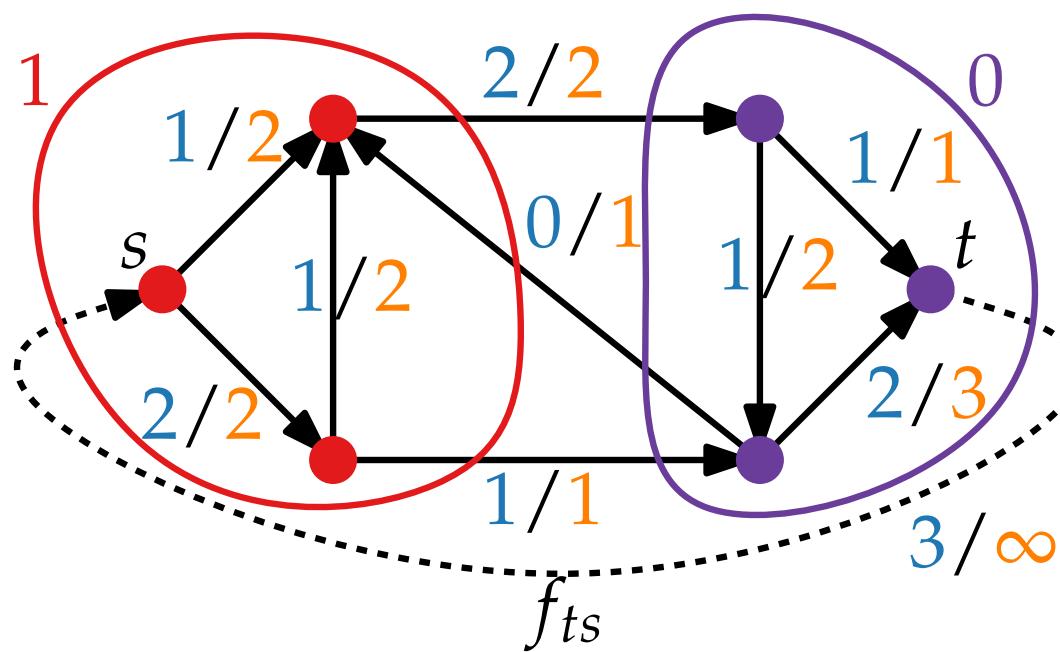
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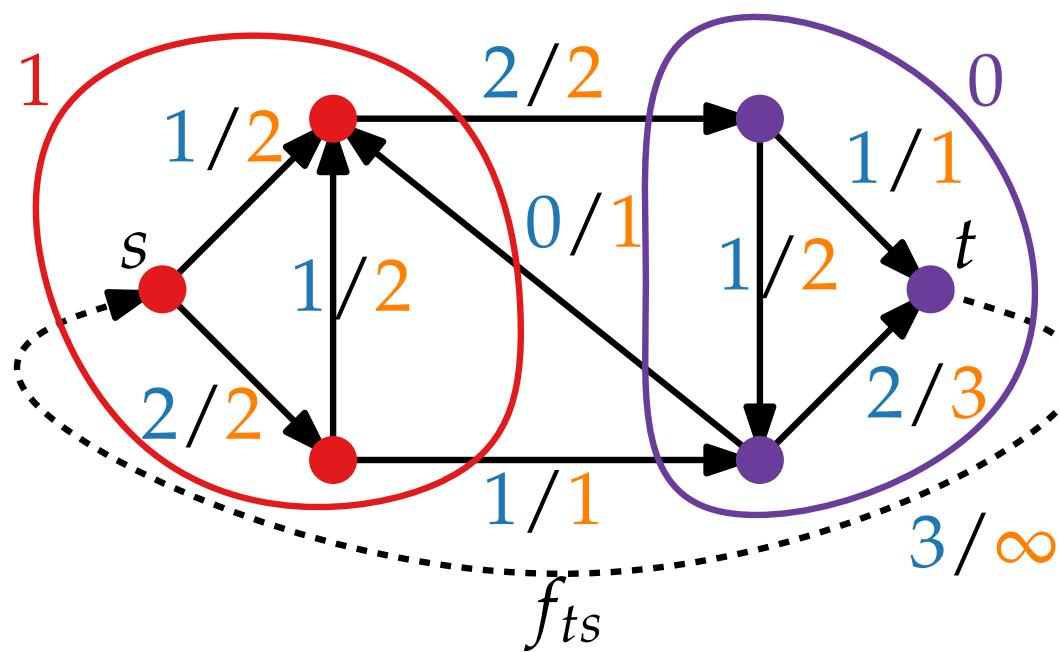
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