

# Approximation Algorithms

Lecture 4:  
Linear Programming and LP-Duality

Part I:  
Introduction to Linear Programming

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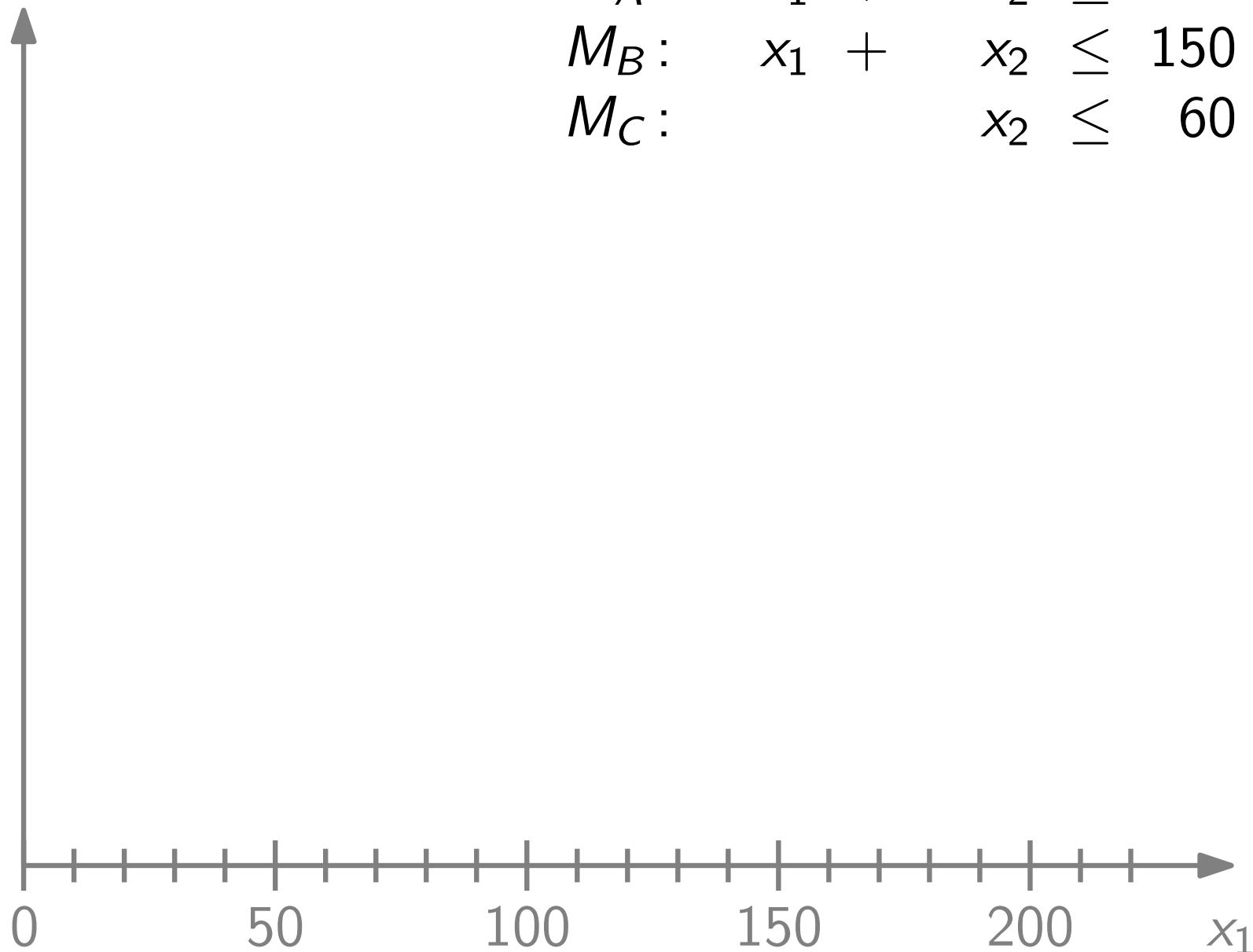
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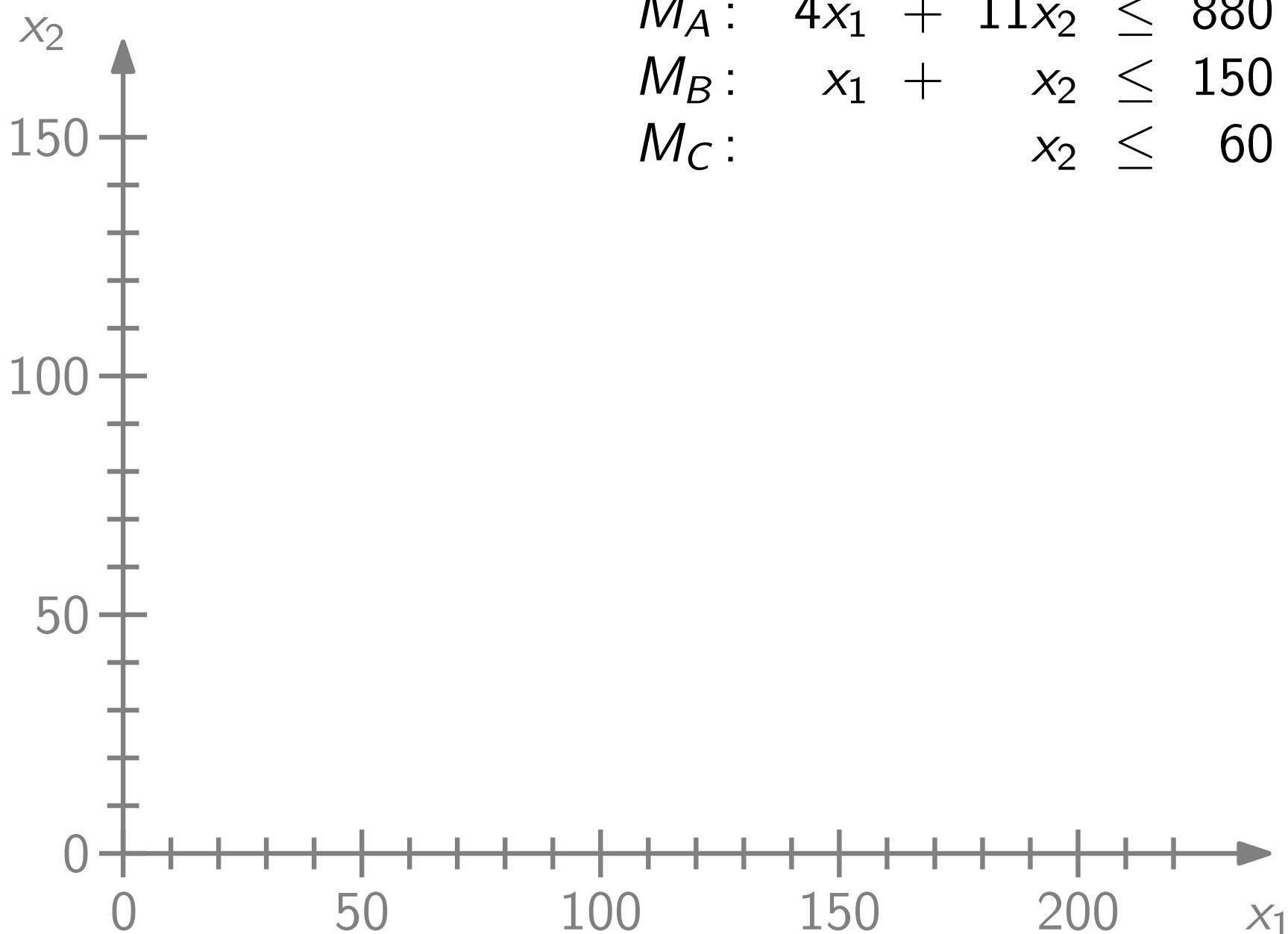
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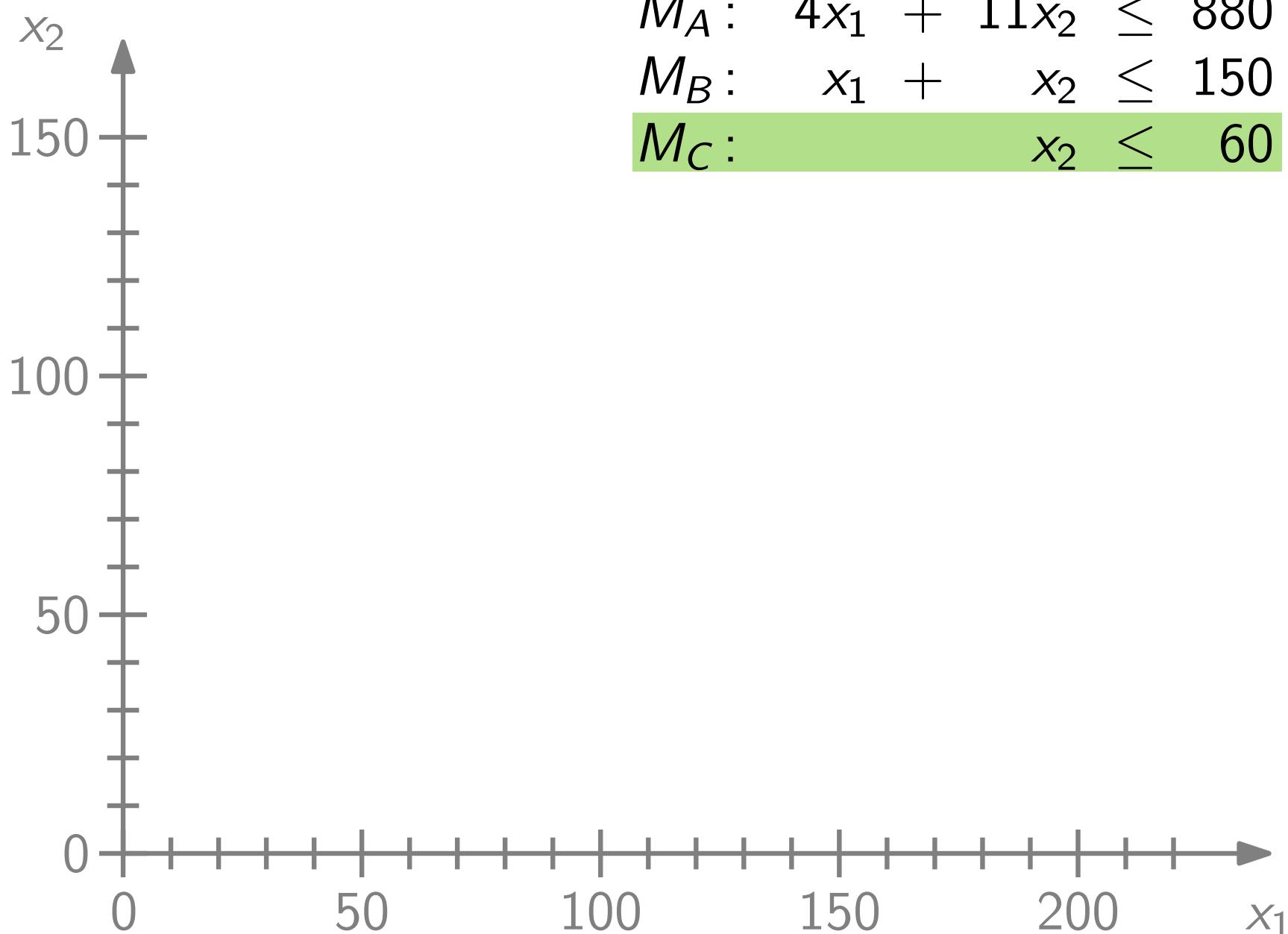
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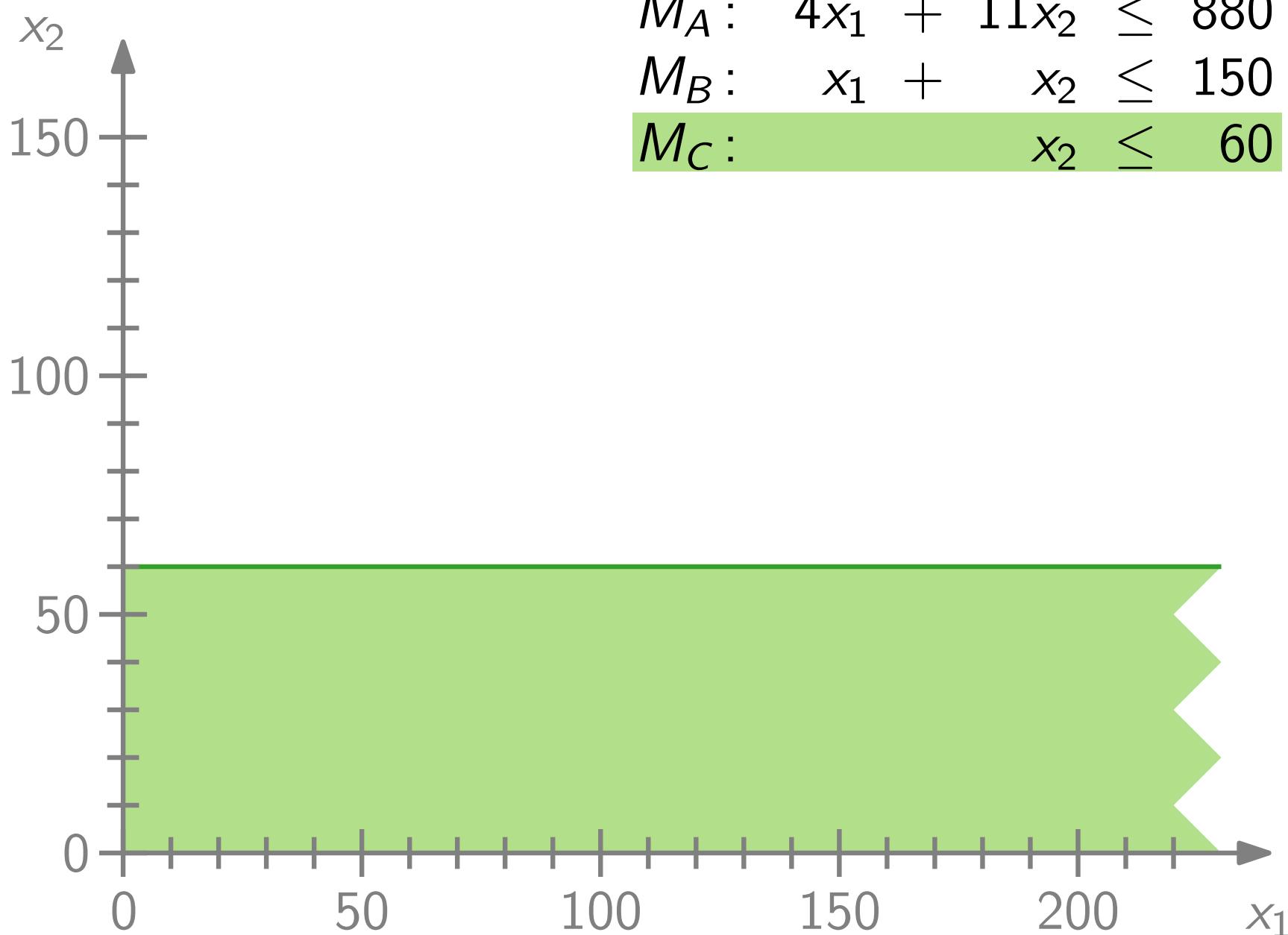
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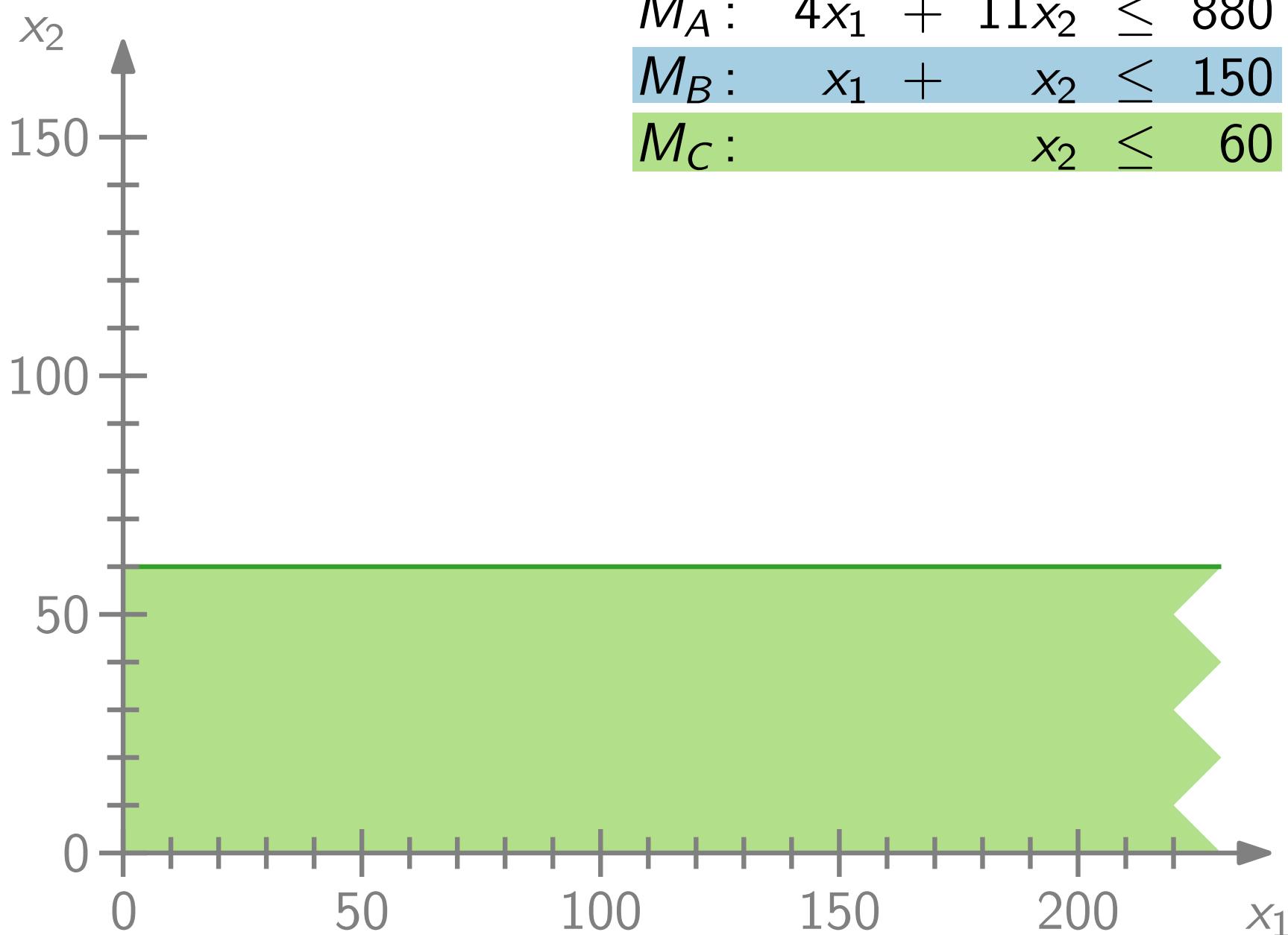
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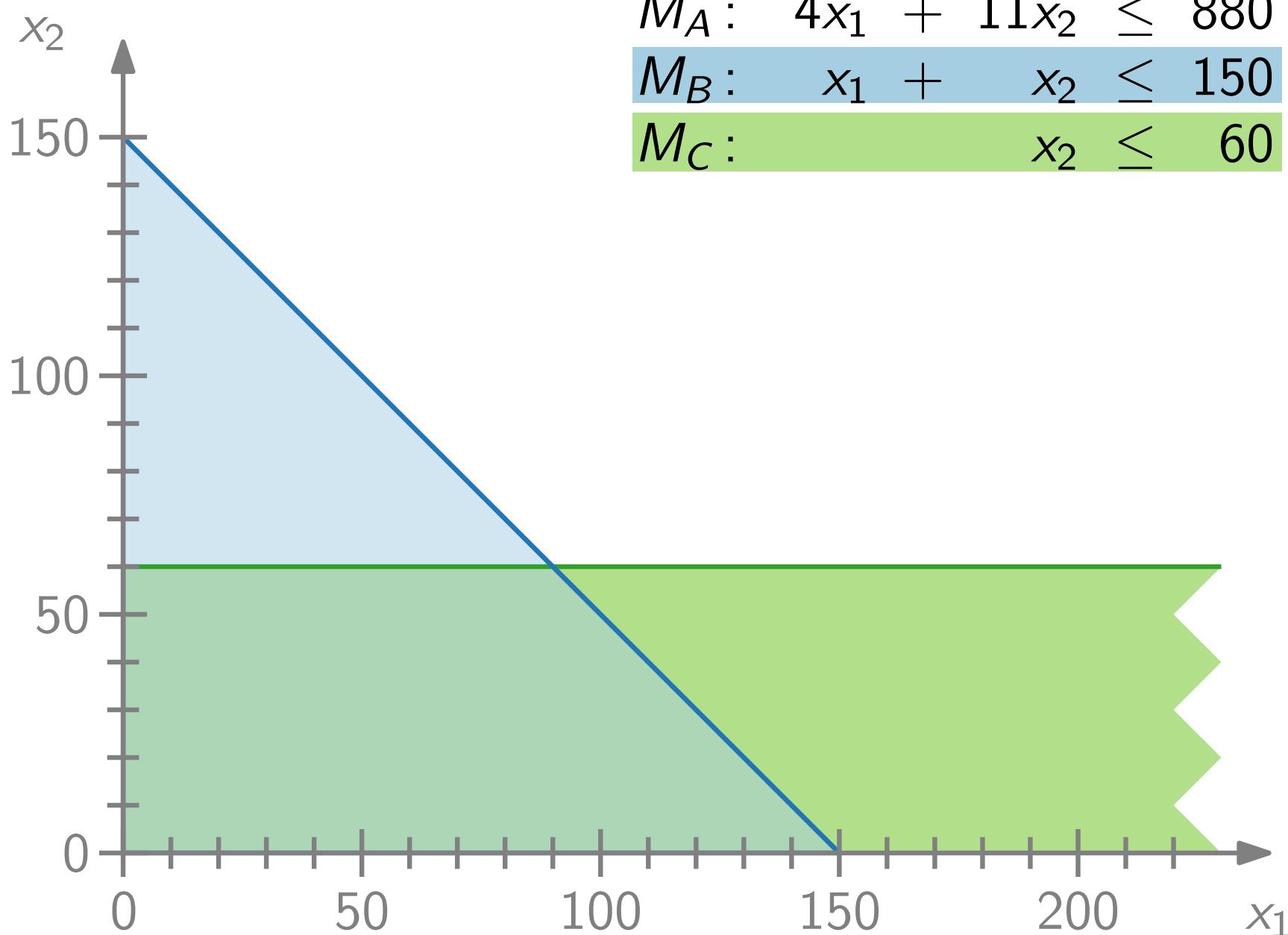
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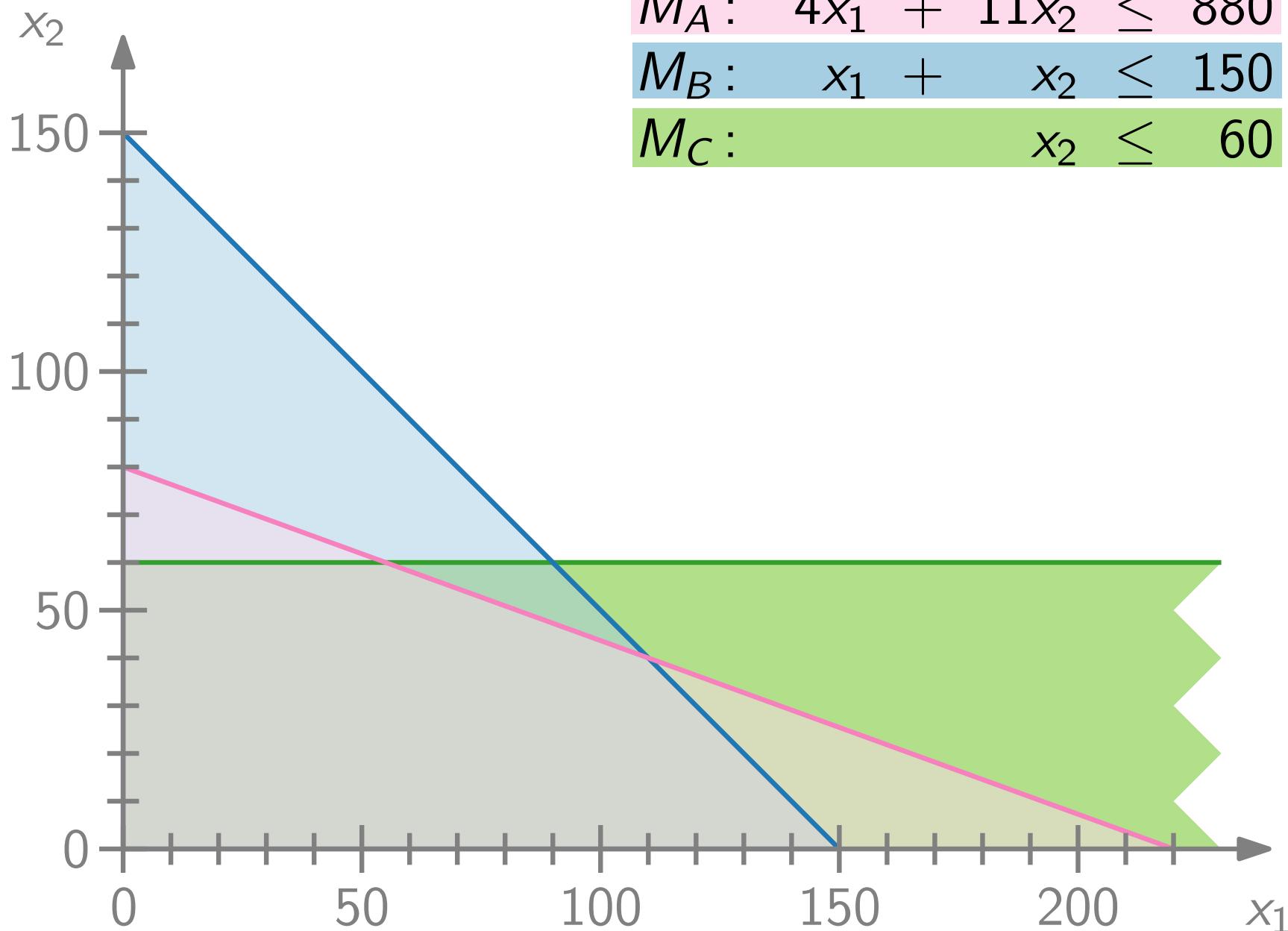
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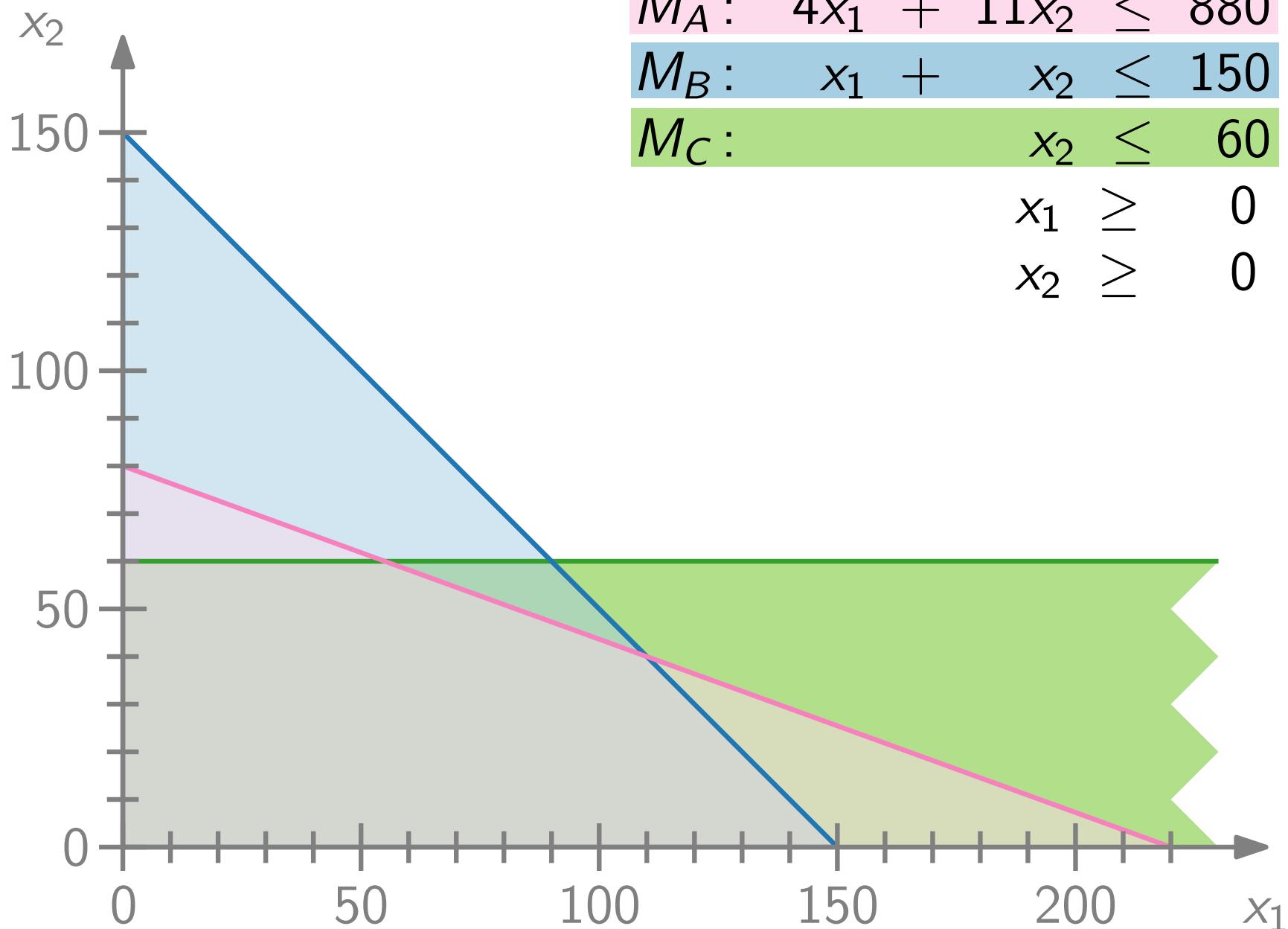
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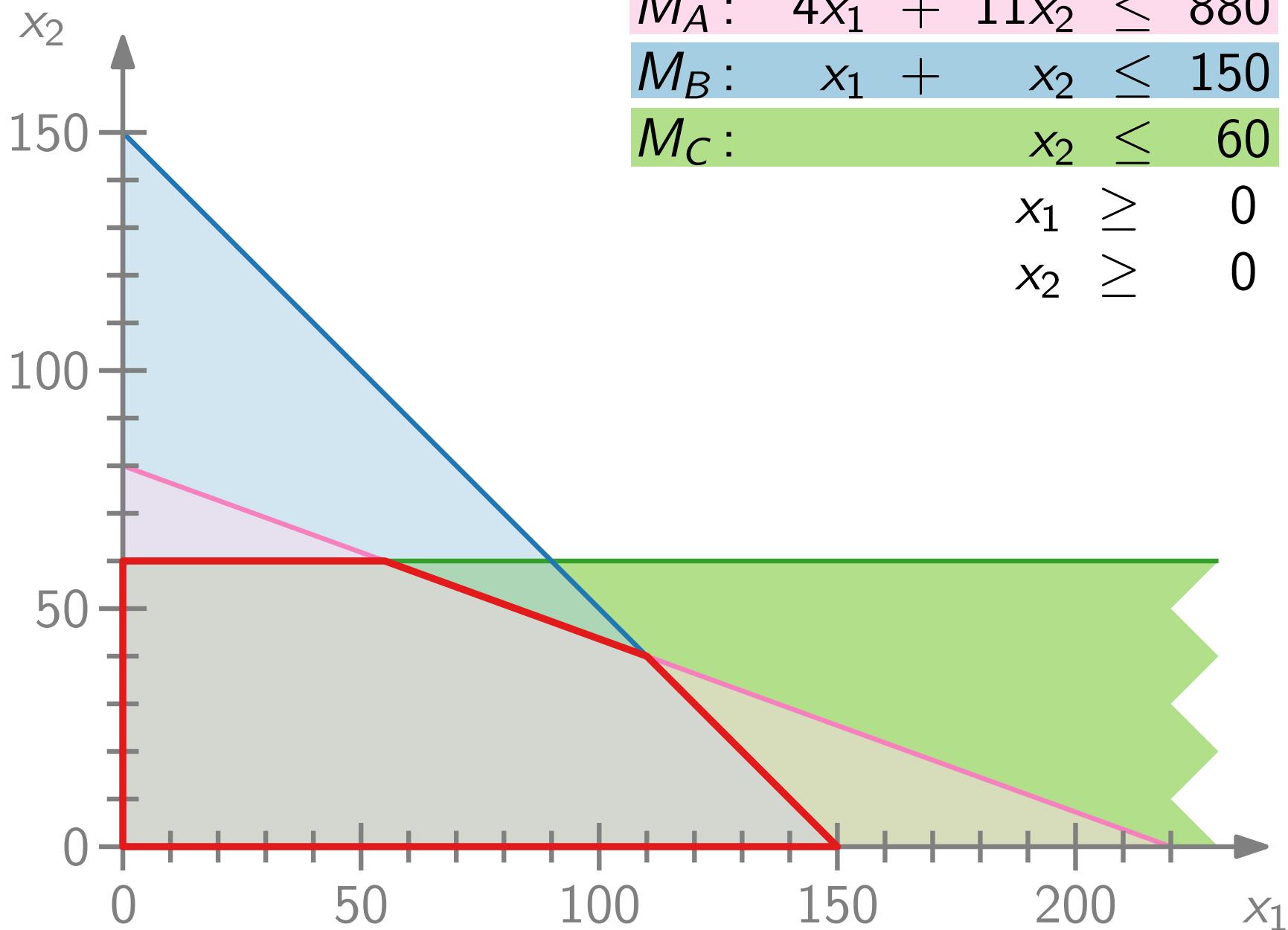
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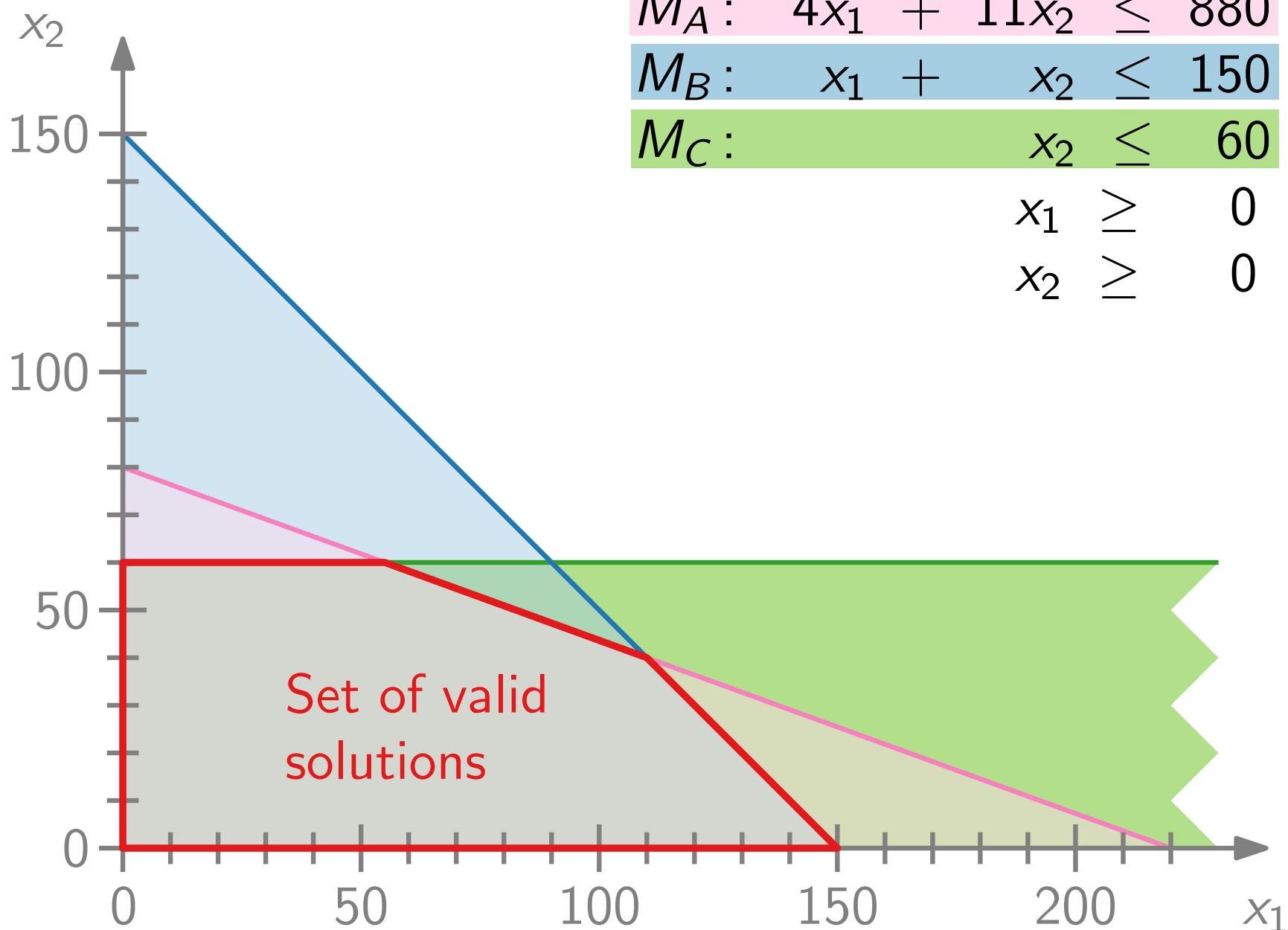
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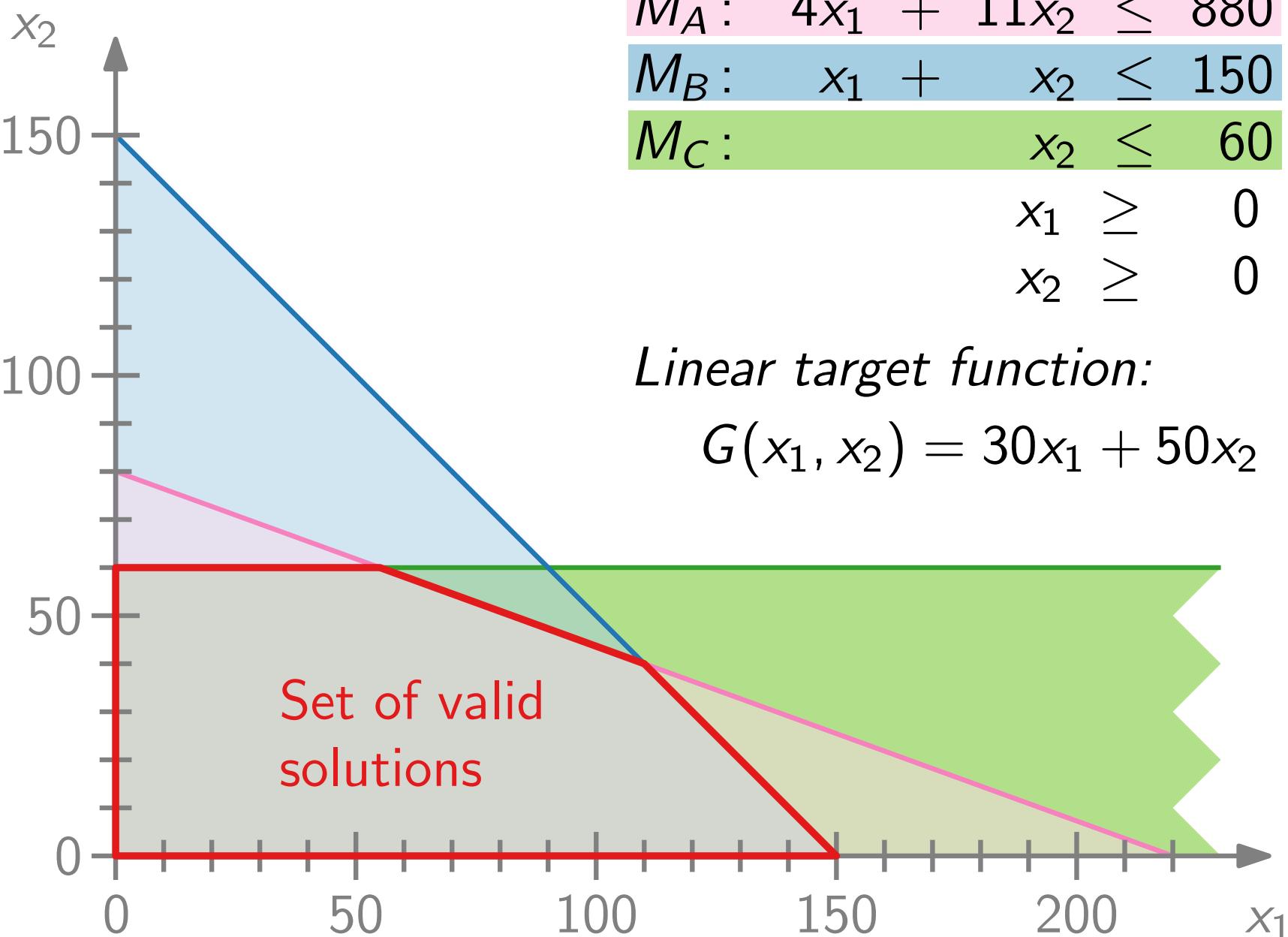
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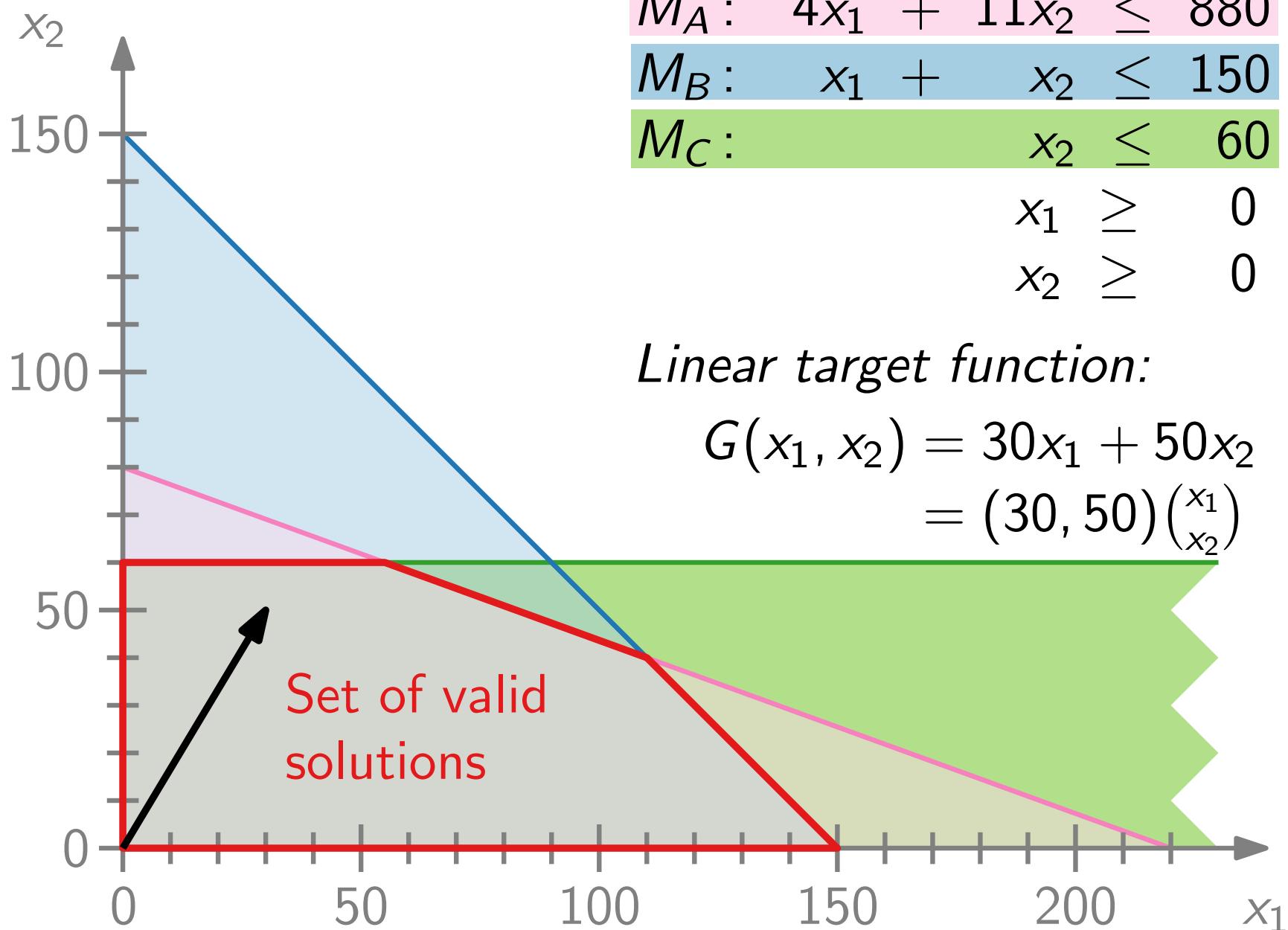
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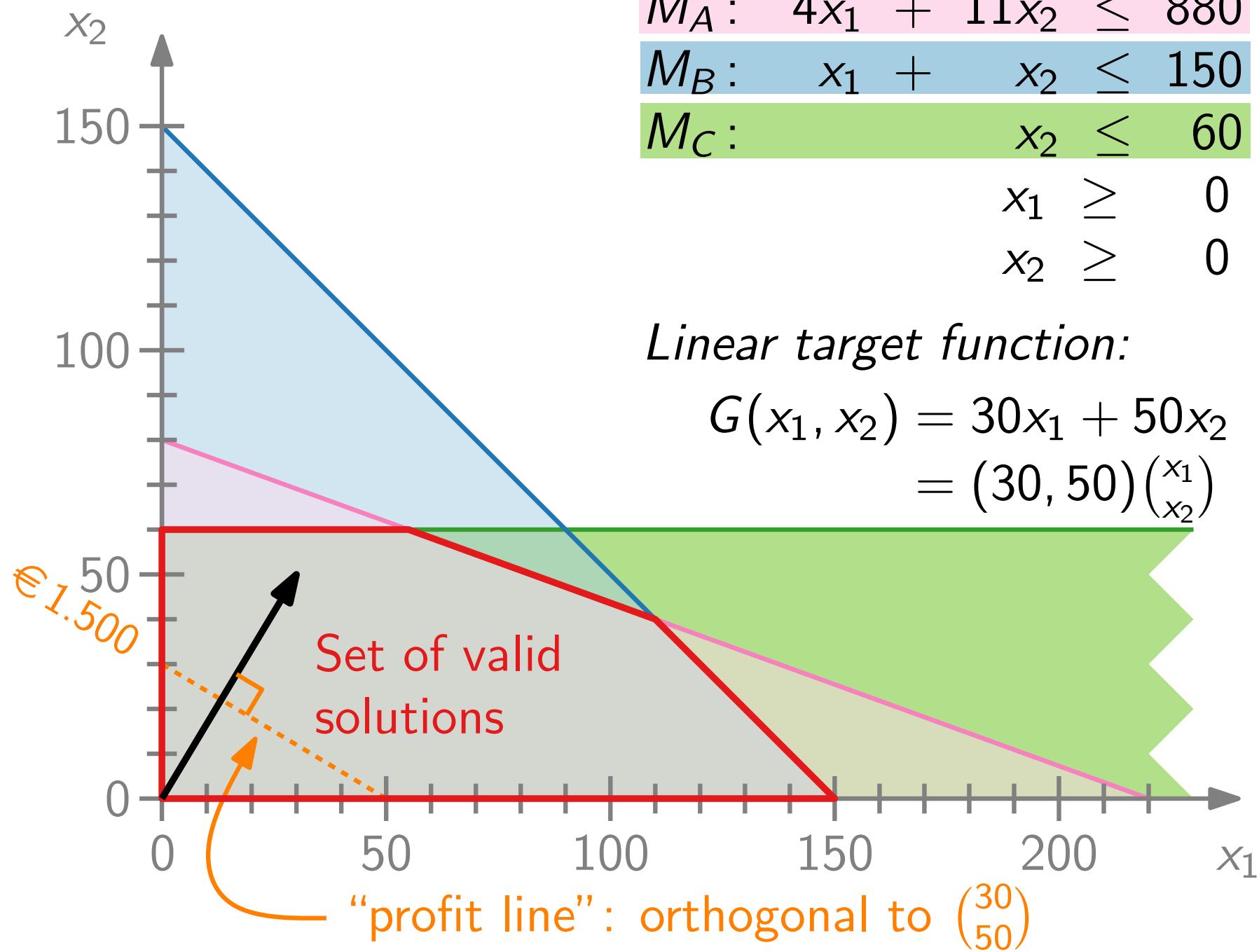
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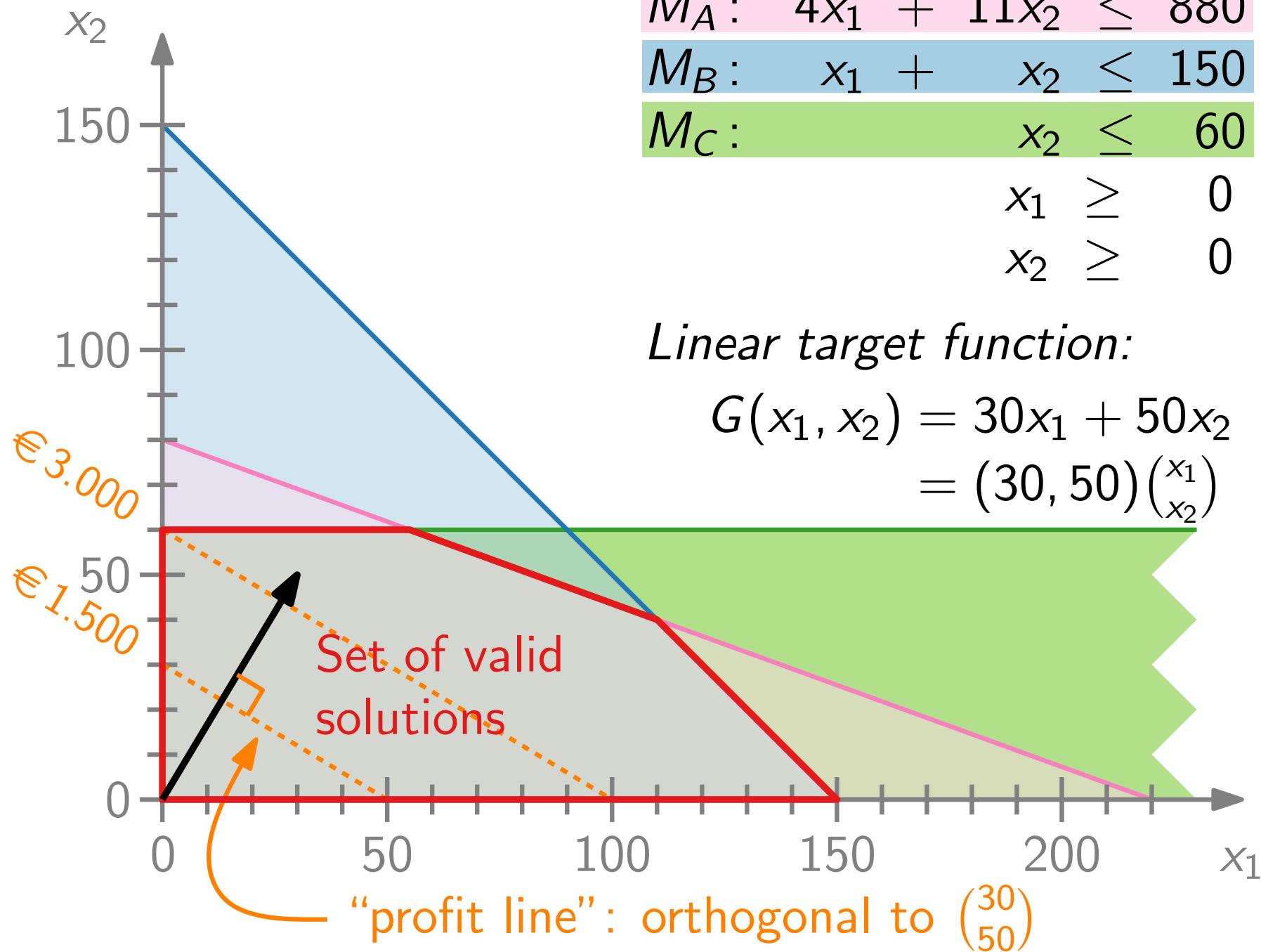
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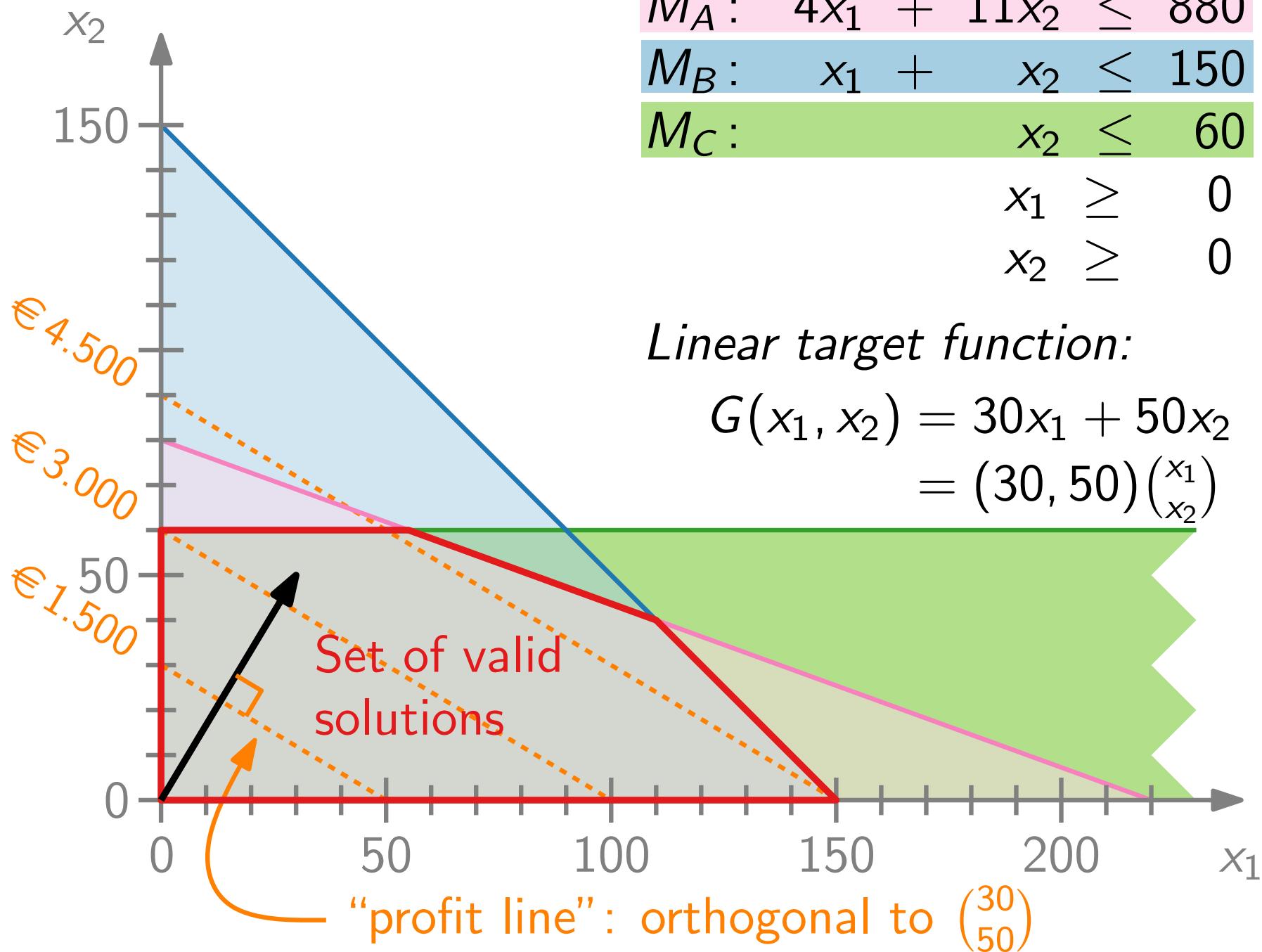
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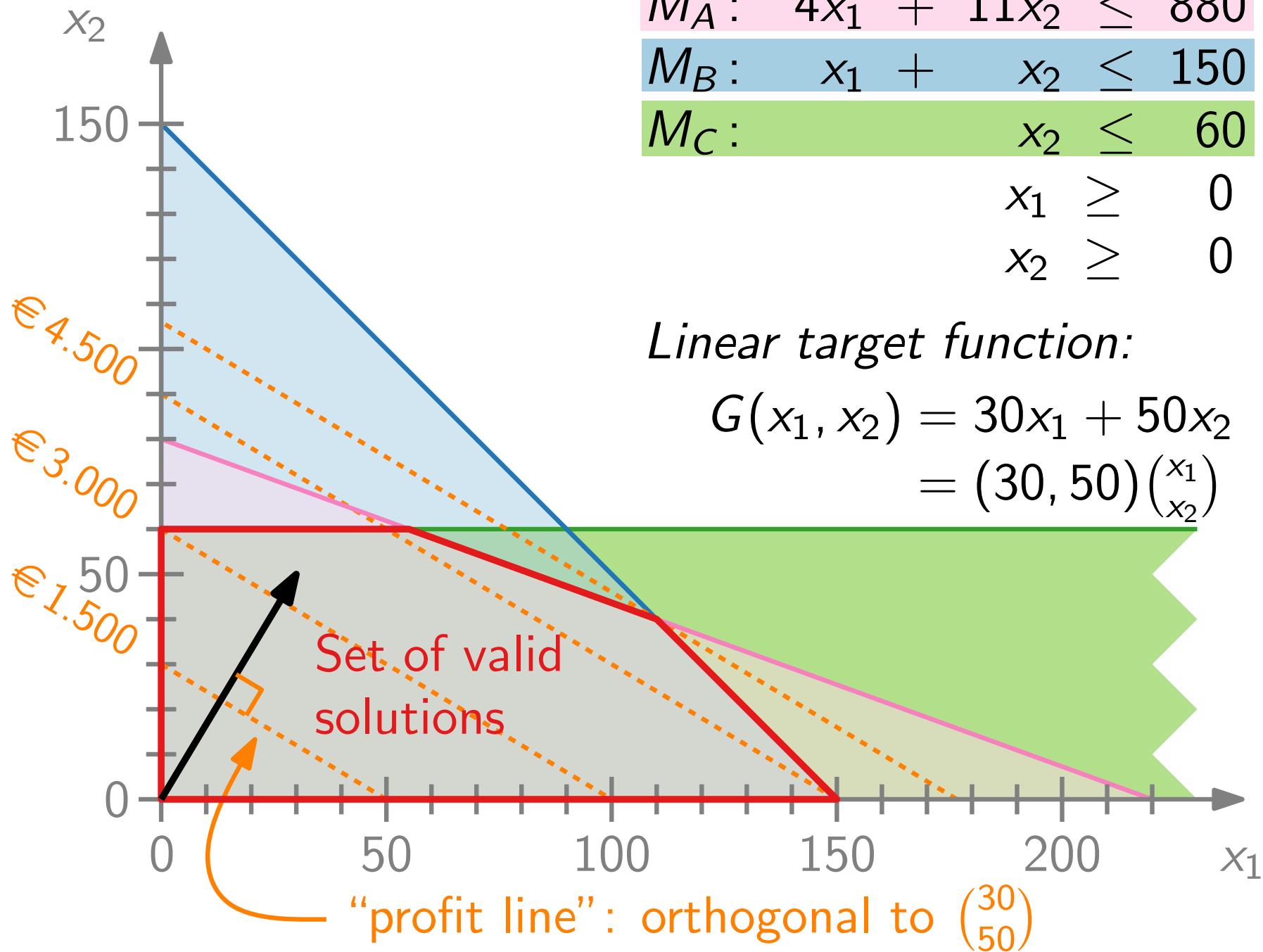
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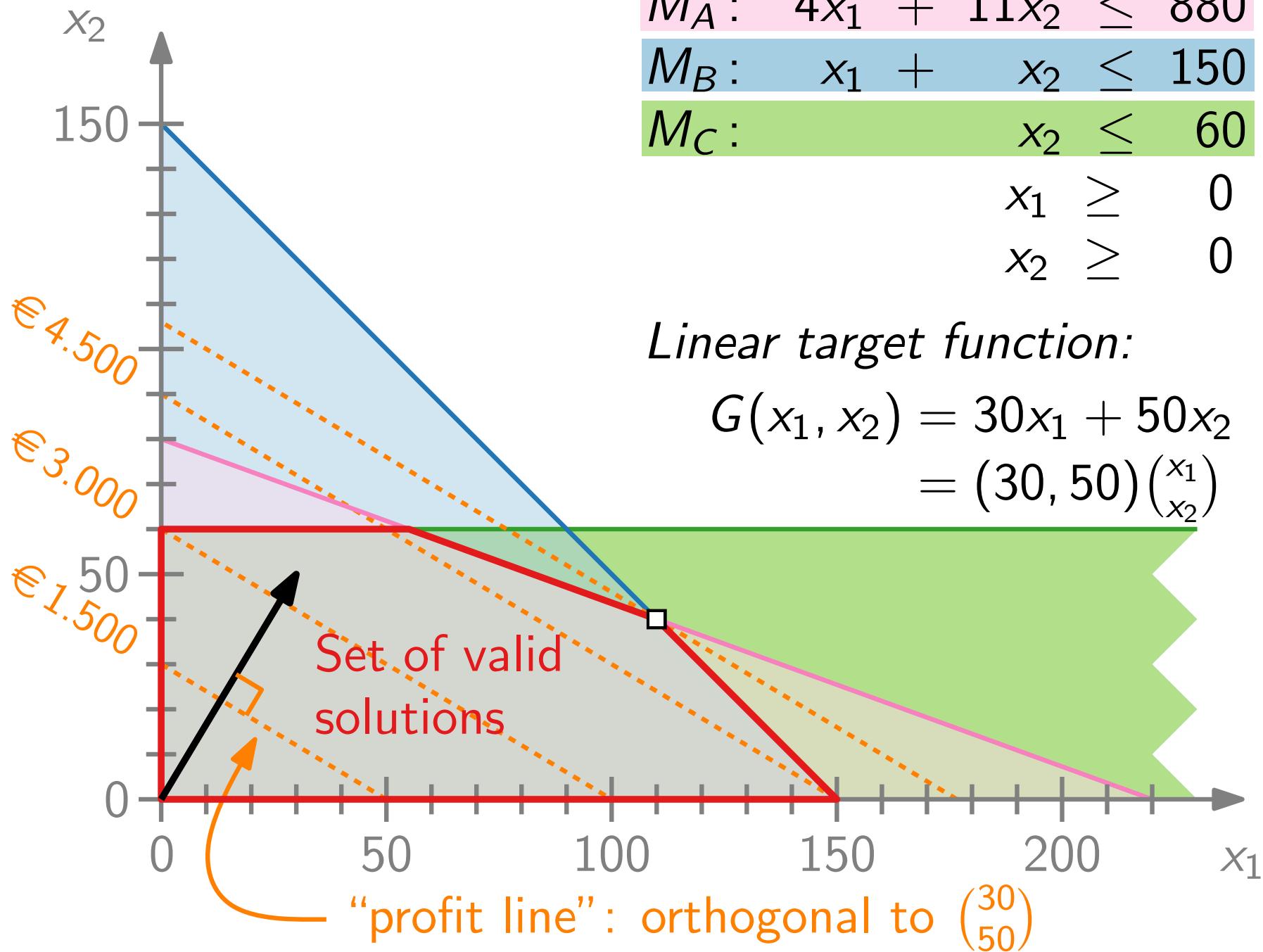
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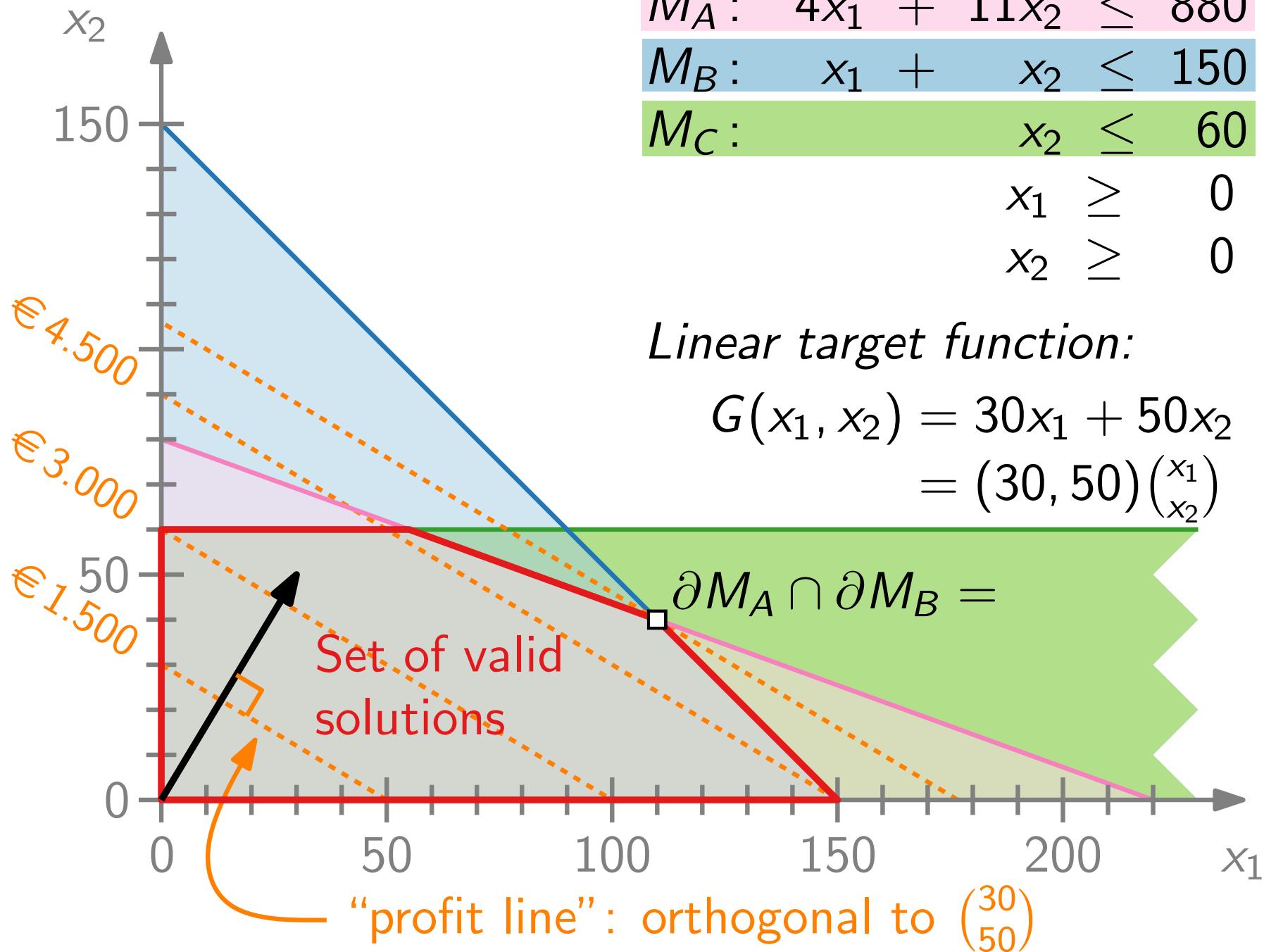
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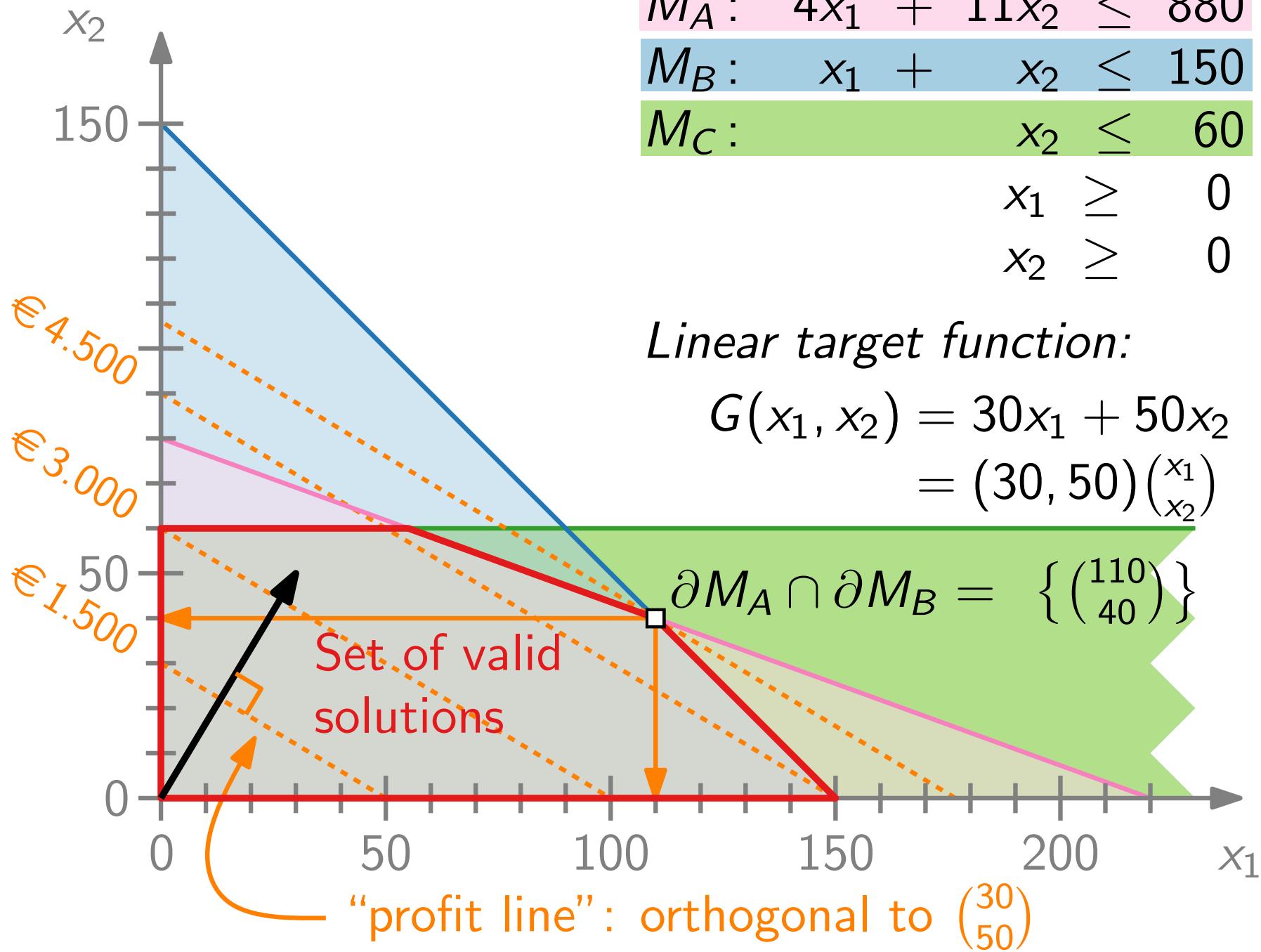
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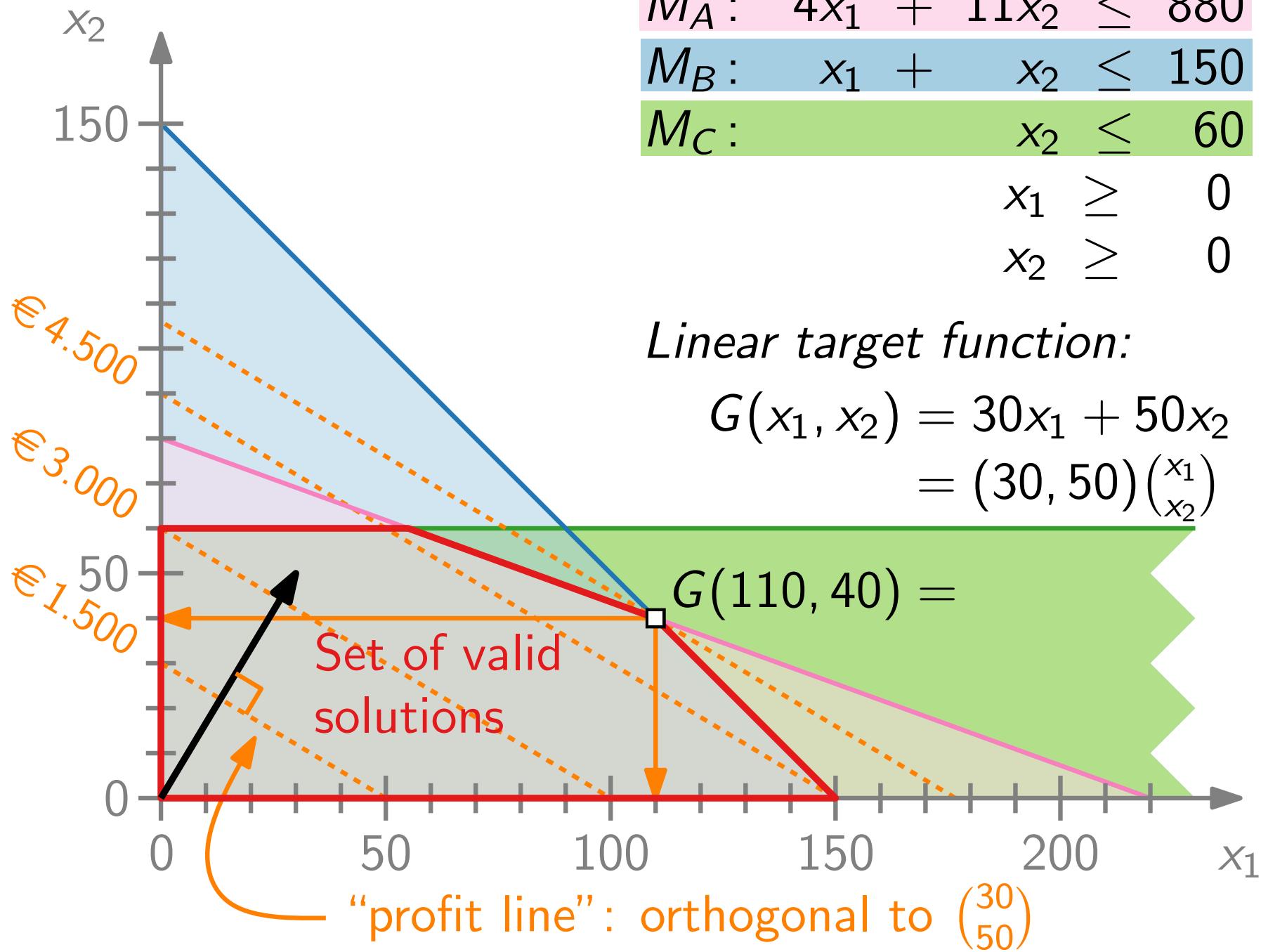
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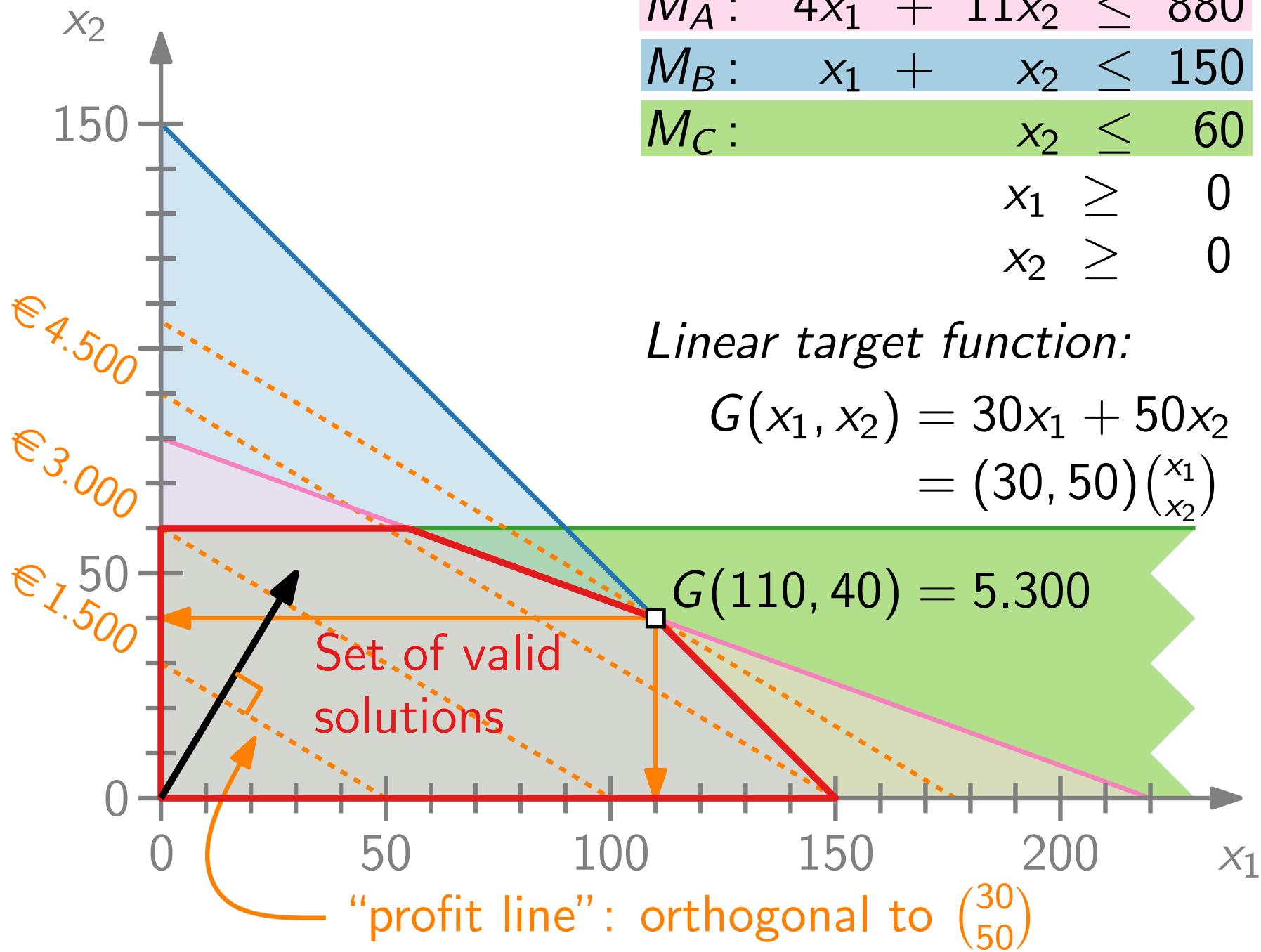
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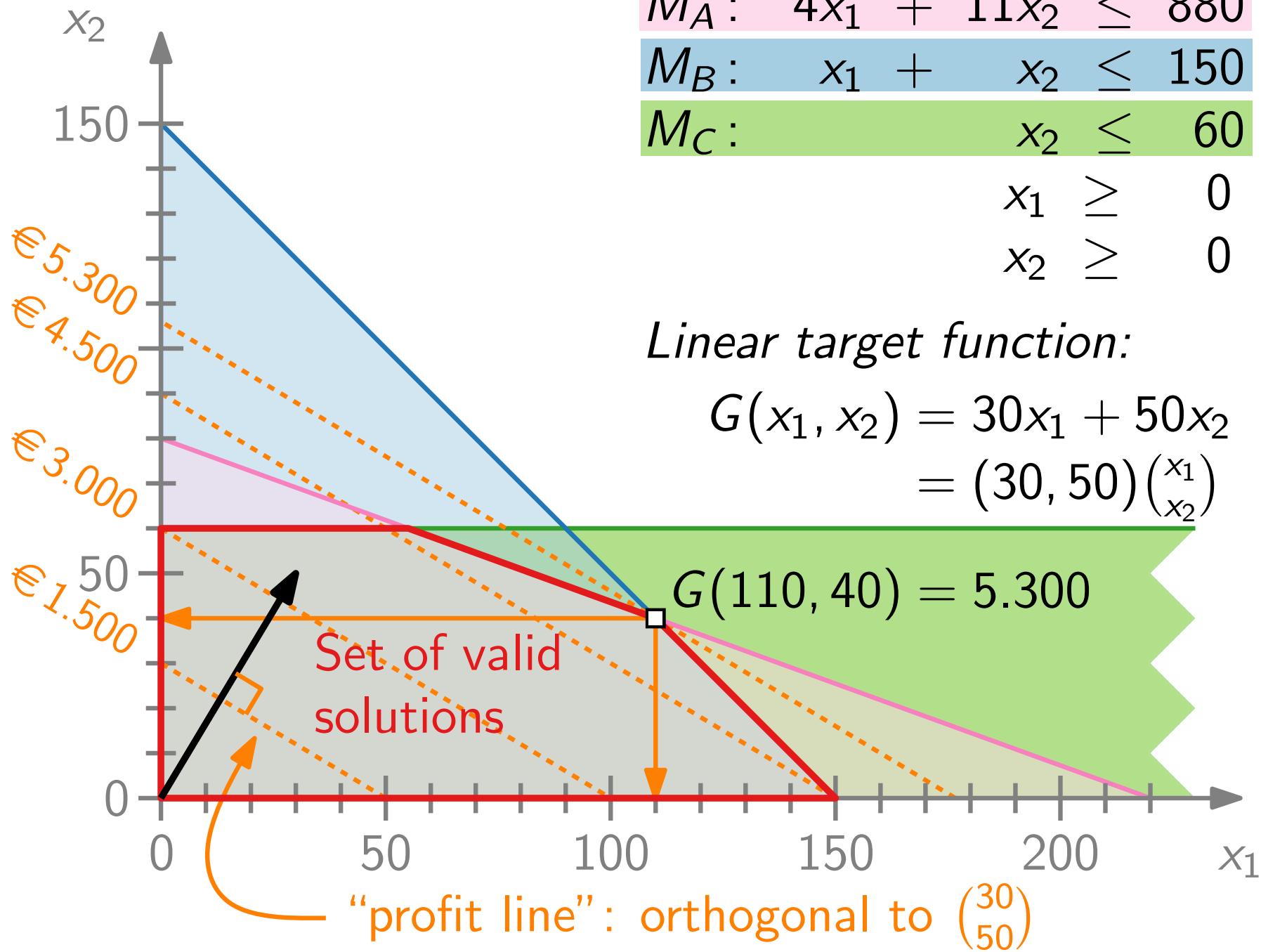
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Valid solution?

# Linear Programming – Upper Bounds

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

<b>minimize</b>	$7x_1$	+	$x_2$	+	$5x_3$		
<b>subject to</b>	$x_1$	–	$x_2$	+	$3x_3$	$\geq$	10
	$5x_1$	+	$2x_2$	–	$x_3$	$\geq$	6
						$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$	

Valid solution?

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

# Linear Programming – Upper Bounds

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

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

Valid solution?

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

Valid solution?

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Valid solution?

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	$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$

Valid solution?

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

Valid solution?

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

# Linear Programming – Upper Bounds

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

<b>minimize</b>	$7x_1 + 14x_2 + 5x_3$
<b>subject to</b>	$x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 \geq 10$
	$5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 \geq 6$
	$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$

Valid solution?

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

# Linear Programming – Upper Bounds

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

<b>minimize</b>	$7x_1 + 14x_2 + 5x_3$
<b>subject to</b>	$x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 \leq 10$
	$5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 \geq 6$
	$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$

Valid solution?

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

# Linear Programming – Upper Bounds

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

<b>minimize</b>	$7x_1 + 14x_2 + 15x_3$
<b>subject to</b>	$x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 \leq 10$
	$5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 \geq 6$
	$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$

Valid solution?

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

# Linear Programming – Upper Bounds

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

<b>minimize</b>	$7x_1 + 14x_2 + 15x_3 = 30$
<b>subject to</b>	$x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 \geq 10$
	$5x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 \geq 6$
	$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$

Valid solution?

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

# Linear Programming – Upper Bounds

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

<b>minimize</b>	$7x_1 + 14x_2 + 15x_3 = 30$
<b>subject to</b>	$x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 \geq 10$
	$5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 \geq 6$
	$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$

Valid solution?

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

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

# Approximation Algorithms

Lecture 4:  
Linear Programming and LP-Duality

Part III:  
Lower Bounds for LPs

# Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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

<b>minimize</b>	$7x_1$	$+$	$x_2$	$+$	$5x_3$		
<b>subject to</b>	$x_1$	$-$	$x_2$	$+$	$3x_3$	$\geq$	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*).

<b>minimize</b>	$7x_1$	+	$x_2$	+	$5x_3$			
<b>subject to</b>	$\text{IV}$	$x_1$	–	$x_2$	+	$3x_3$	$\geq$	10
	$5x_1$	+	$2x_2$	–	$x_3$	$\geq$	$\geq$	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*).

<b>minimize</b>	$7x_1$	+	$x_2$	+	$5x_3$		
<b>subject to</b>	$x_1$	-	$x_2$	+	$3x_3$	$\geq$	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*).

<b>minimize</b>	$7 \frac{x_1}{IV} + \frac{x_2}{IV} + 5 \frac{x_3}{IV}$
<b>subject to</b>	$x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 \geq 10$
	$5x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 \geq 6$
	$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$

# Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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

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

$$7x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 \geq x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3$$

# Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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

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

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

# Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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

<b>minimize</b>	$7x_1$	+	$x_2$	+	$5x_3$		
<b>subject to</b>	$\frac{x_1}{+}$	-	$x_2$	+	$3x_3$	$\geq$	10
	$5x_1$	+	$2x_2$	-	$x_3$	$\geq$	6
			$x_1, x_2, x_3$			$\geq$	0

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

# Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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

<b>minimize</b>	$7x_1$	+	$x_2$	+	$5x_3$		
<b>subject to</b>	$\frac{x_1}{+}$	-	$\frac{x_2}{+}$	+	$3x_3$	$\geq$	10
	$5x_1$	+	$2x_2$	-	$x_3$	$\geq$	6
						$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$	

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<b>minimize</b>	$7x_1$	+	$x_2$	+	$5x_3$			
<b>subject to</b>	$\frac{x_1}{+}$	-	$\frac{x_2}{+}$	+	$\frac{3x_3}{+}$	$\geq$	$10$	
	$5x_1$	+	$2x_2$	-	$x_3$	$\geq$	$6$	
	$x_1, x_2, x_3$					$\geq$	$0$	

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

# Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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<b>minimize</b>	$7x_1$	+	$x_2$	+	$5x_3$	
<b>subject to</b>	$x_1$	–	$x_2$	+	$3x_3$	$\geq 10$
	$+ x_1$	+	$+ x_2$	–	$+ x_3$	$\geq 6$
				$x_1, x_2, x_3$	$\geq 0$	

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

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

# Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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<b>minimize</b>	$7x_1$	+	$x_2$	+	$5x_3$	
<b>subject to</b>	$\frac{x_1}{+}$	-	$\frac{x_2}{+}$	+	$\frac{3x_3}{+}$	$\geq 10$
	$5x_1$	+	$2x_2$	-	$x_3$	$\geq 6$
				$x_1, x_2, x_3$	$\geq 0$	

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

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

# Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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

<b>minimize</b>	$7x_1$	$+$	$x_2$	$+$	$5x_3$			
<b>subject to</b>	$\frac{7}{\cancel{IV}}x_1$	$-$	$\frac{x_2}{\cancel{IV}}$	$+$	$\frac{5x_3}{\cancel{IV}}$	$\geq$	$\cancel{2} \cdot 10$	
	$\cancel{2} \cdot x_1$	$+$	$\cancel{2} \cdot x_2$	$+$	$\cancel{2} \cdot 3x_3$	$\geq$		
	$+ x_1$	$+$	$+ x_2$	$- x_3$		$\geq$	6	
						$\geq$	0	
						$x_1, x_2, x_3$		

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

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

# Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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

<b>minimize</b>	$7x_1$	$+$	$x_2$	$+$	$5x_3$			
<b>subject to</b>	$\frac{7}{\cancel{IV}}x_1$	$-$	$\frac{x_2}{\cancel{IV}}$	$+$	$\frac{5x_3}{\cancel{IV}}$	$\geq$	$\cancel{2} \cdot 10$	
	$\cancel{2} \cdot x_1$	$+$	$\cancel{2} \cdot x_2$	$+$	$\cancel{2} \cdot 3x_3$	$\geq$		
	$+ x_1$	$+$	$+ x_2$	$- x_3$		$\geq$	6	
						$\geq$	0	
						$x_1, x_2, x_3$		

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

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

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

# Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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

<b>minimize</b>	$7x_1$	$+$	$x_2$	$+$	$5x_3$			
<b>subject to</b>	$\frac{7}{\cancel{IV}}x_1$	$-$	$\frac{x_2}{\cancel{IV}}$	$+$	$\frac{5x_3}{\cancel{IV}}$	$\geq$	$\cancel{2} \cdot 10$	
	$\cancel{2} \cdot x_1$	$+$	$\cancel{2} \cdot x_2$	$+$	$\cancel{2} \cdot 3x_3$	$\geq$		
	$+ x_1$	$+$	$+ x_2$	$- x_3$		$\geq$	6	
								$\geq 0$

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

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

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

# Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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

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

# Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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

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

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

# Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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

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

# Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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

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

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

# Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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

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

Bounds for  $y_1, y_2$ :

# Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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

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

Bounds for  $y_1, y_2$ :

# Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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

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

$$y_1 + 5y_2 \leq 7$$

Bounds for  $y_1, y_2$ :

# Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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

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

Bounds for  $y_1, y_2$ :

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

# Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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

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

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

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

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

**maximize**

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

Bounds for  $y_1, y_2$ :

# Linear Programming – Lower Bounds

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# Approximation Algorithms

Lecture 4:  
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Part IV:  
LP-Duality and Complementary Slackness

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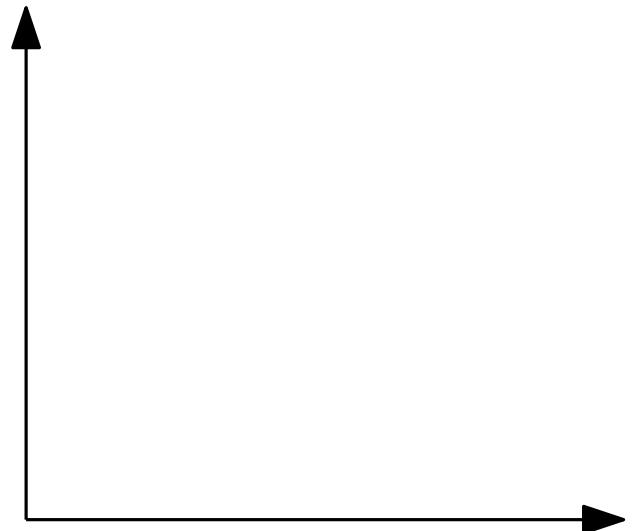
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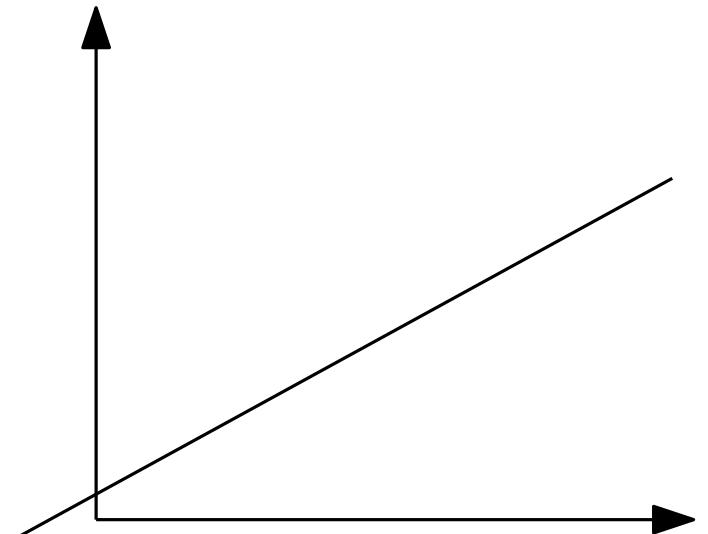
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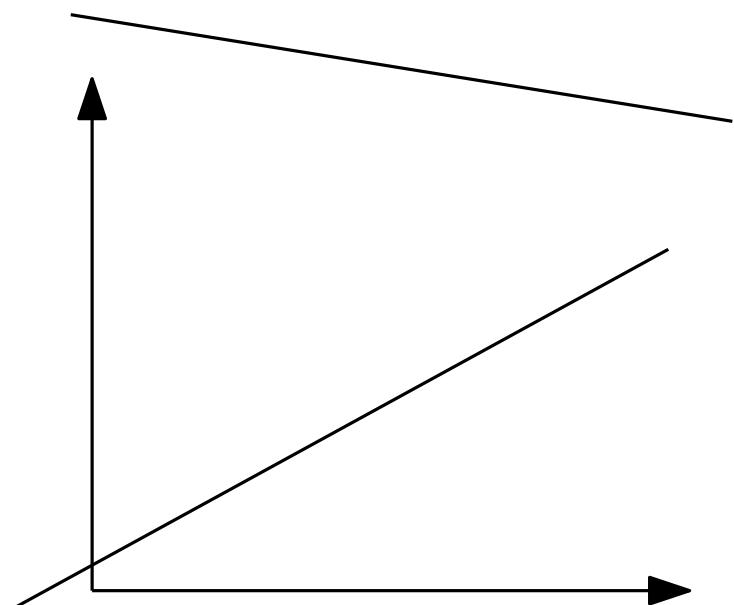
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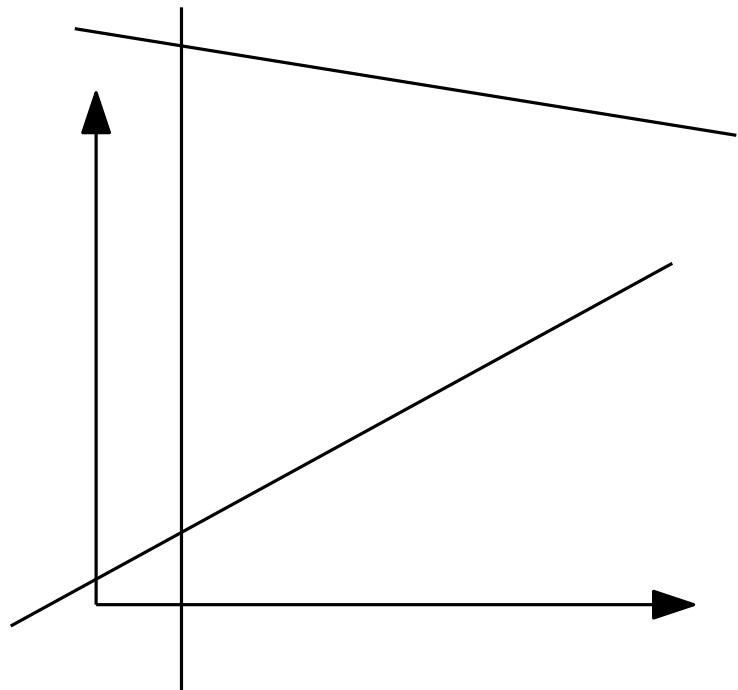
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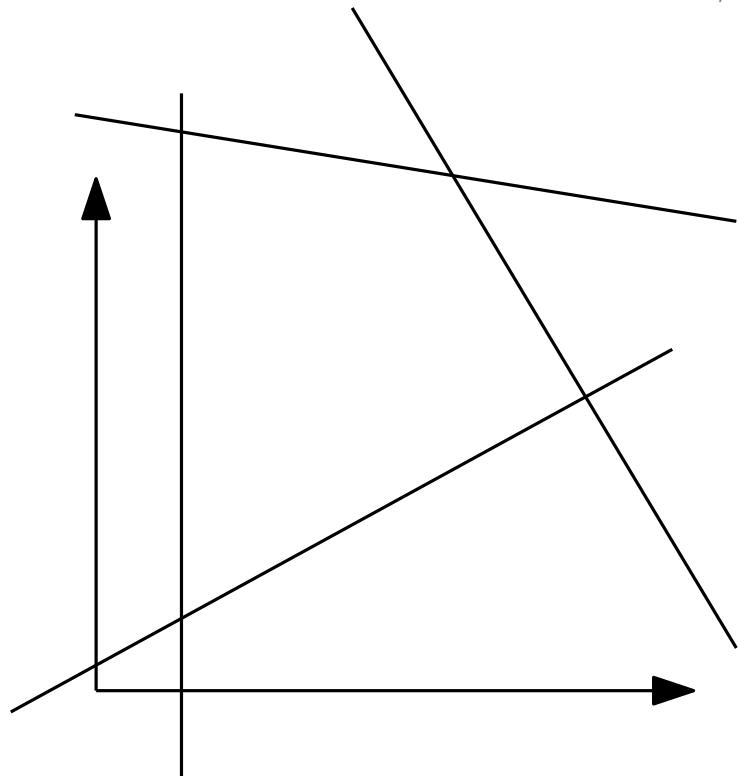
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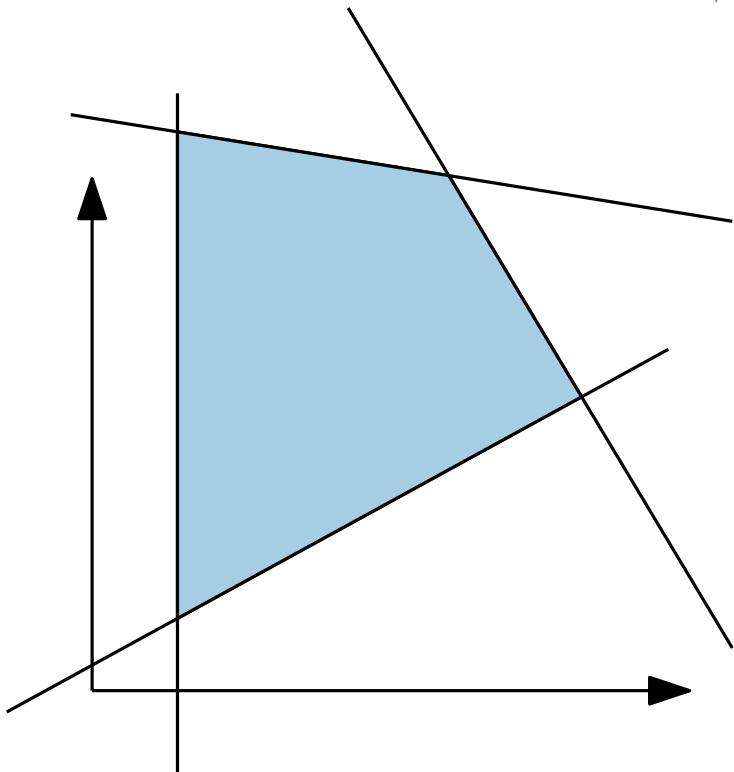
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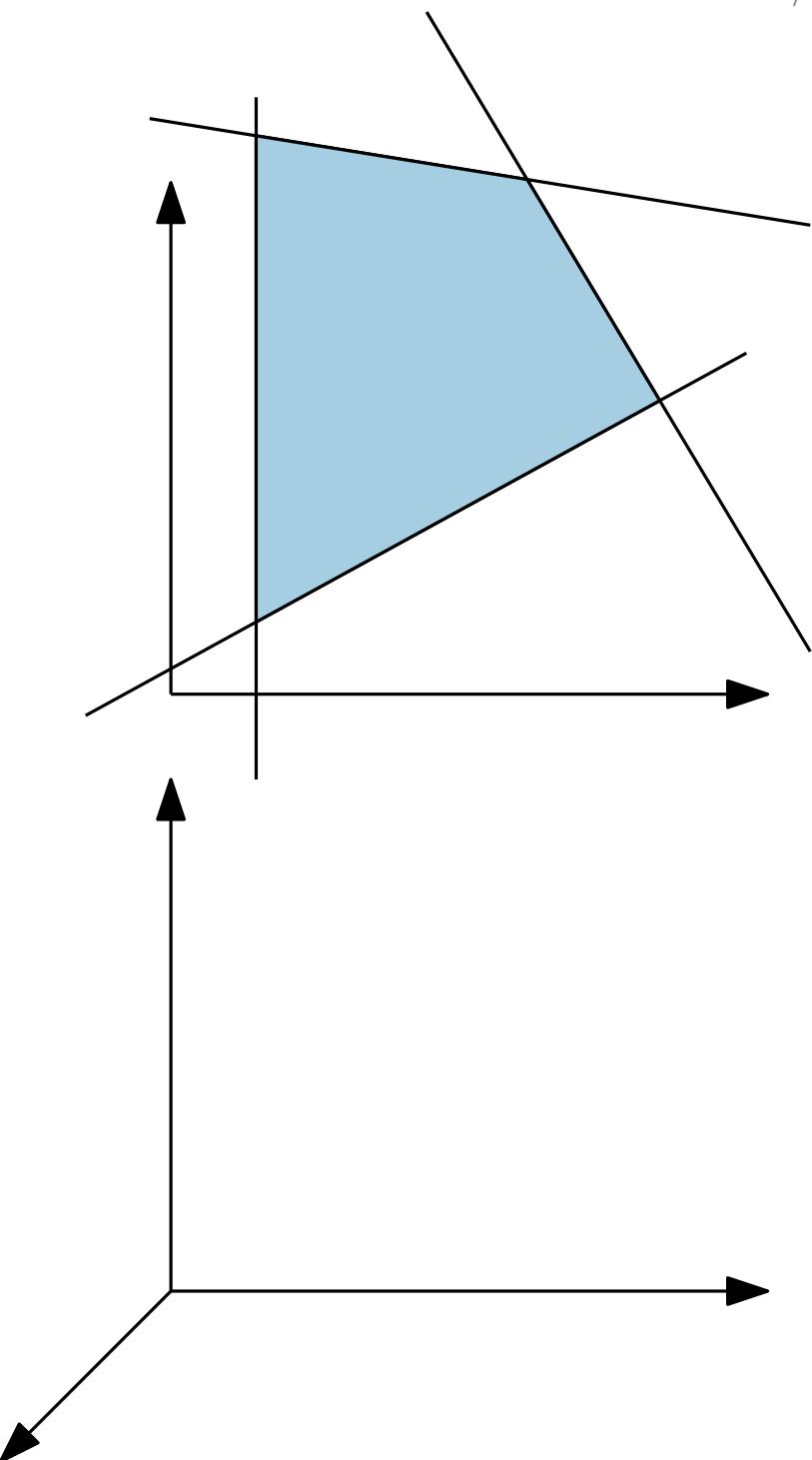
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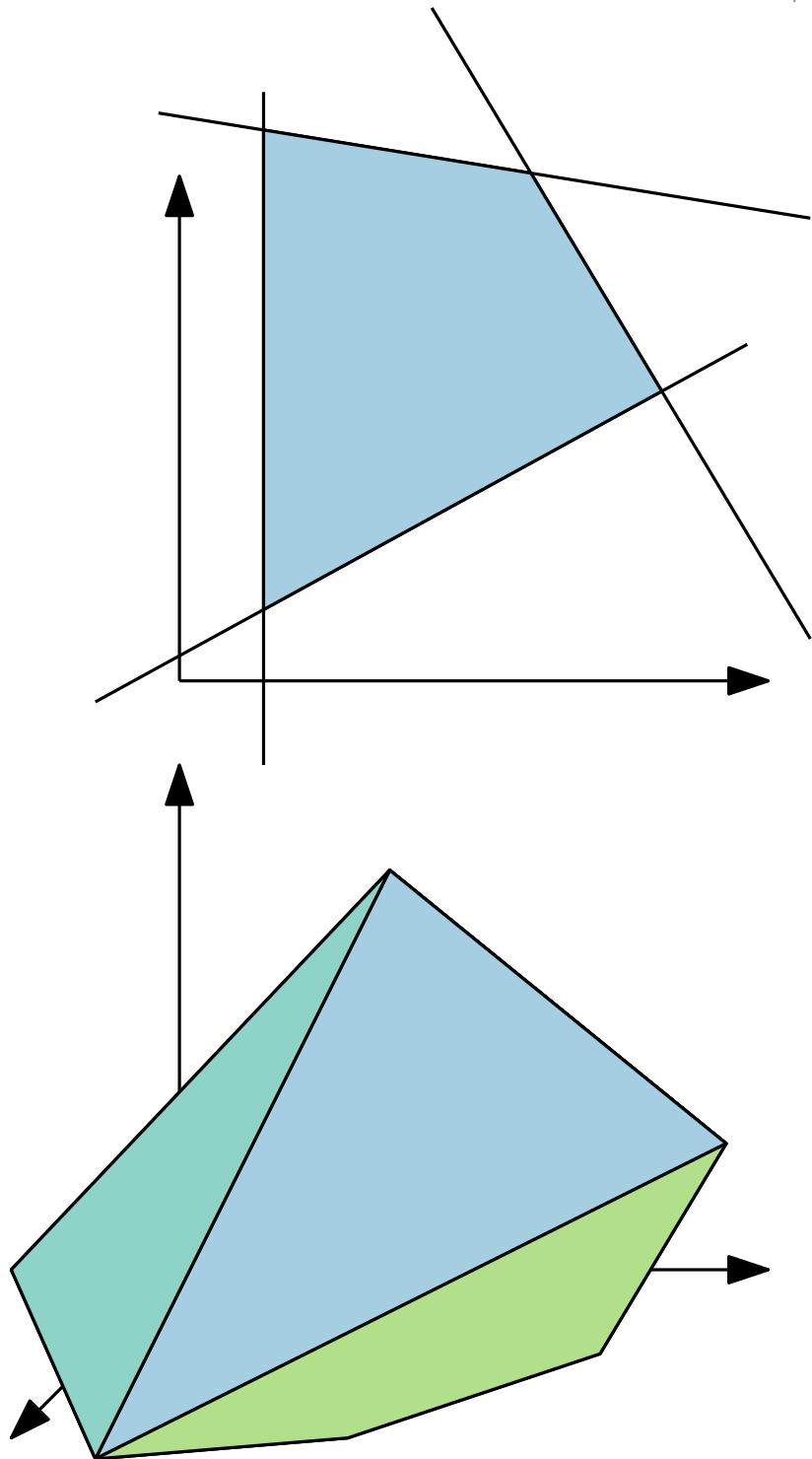
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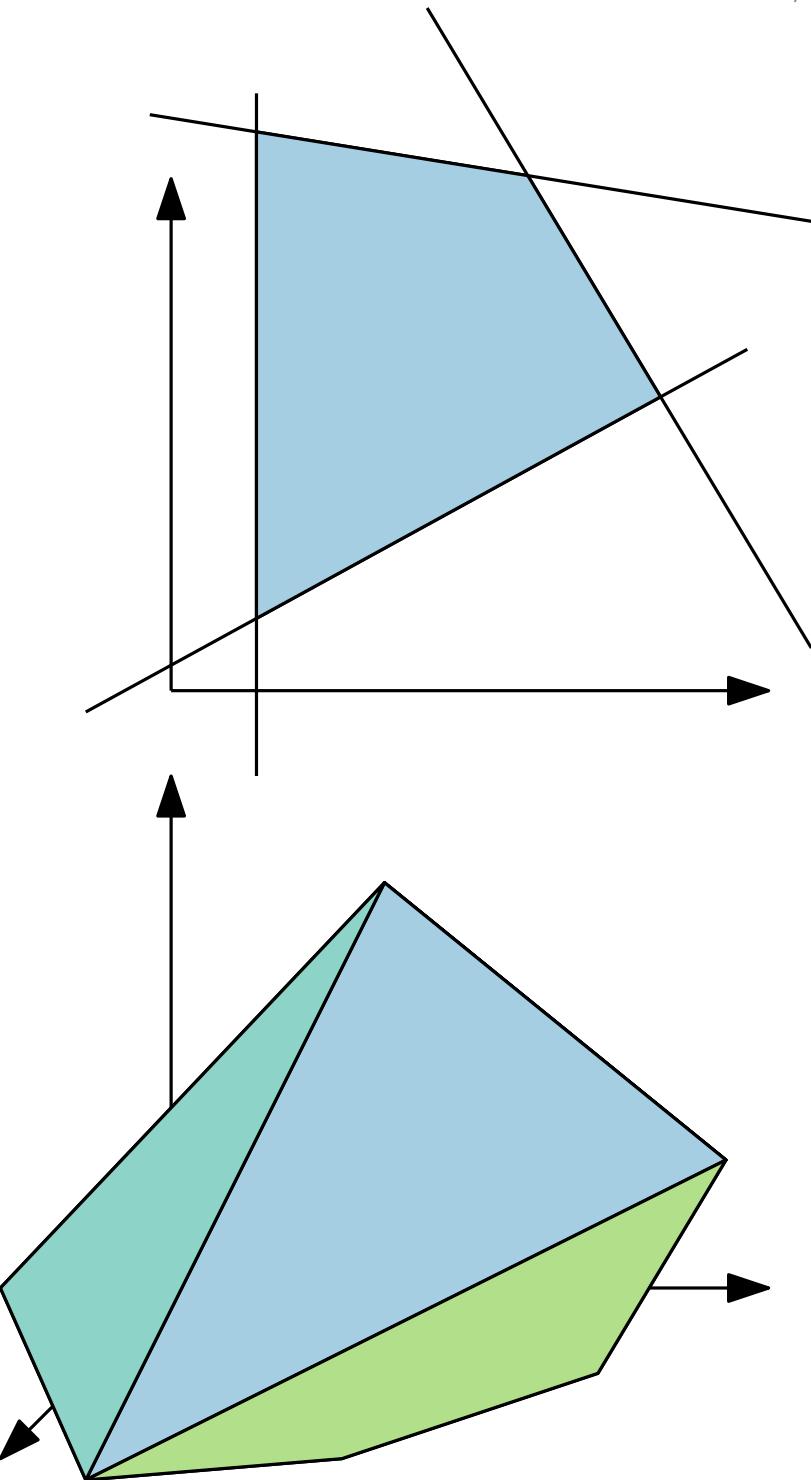
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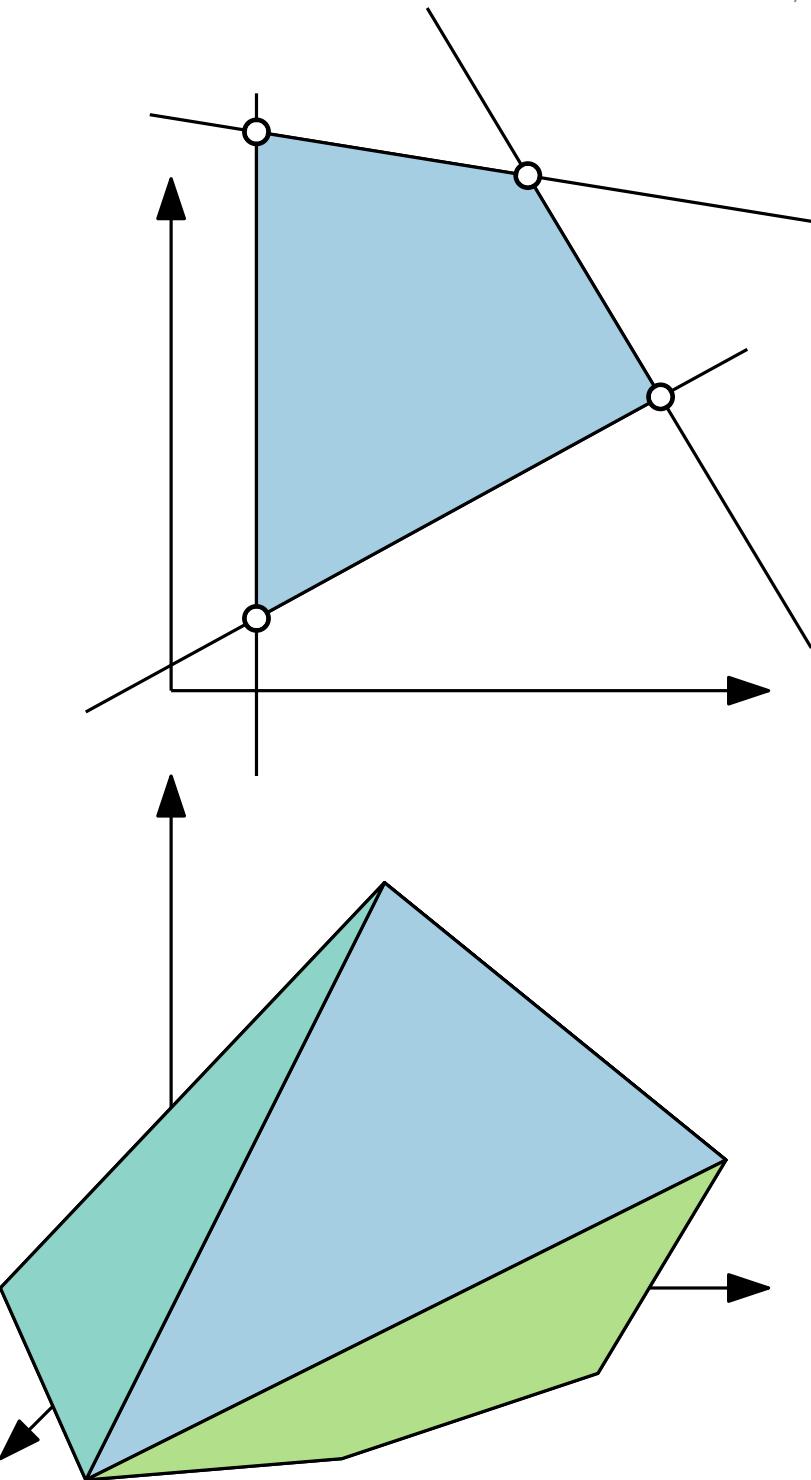
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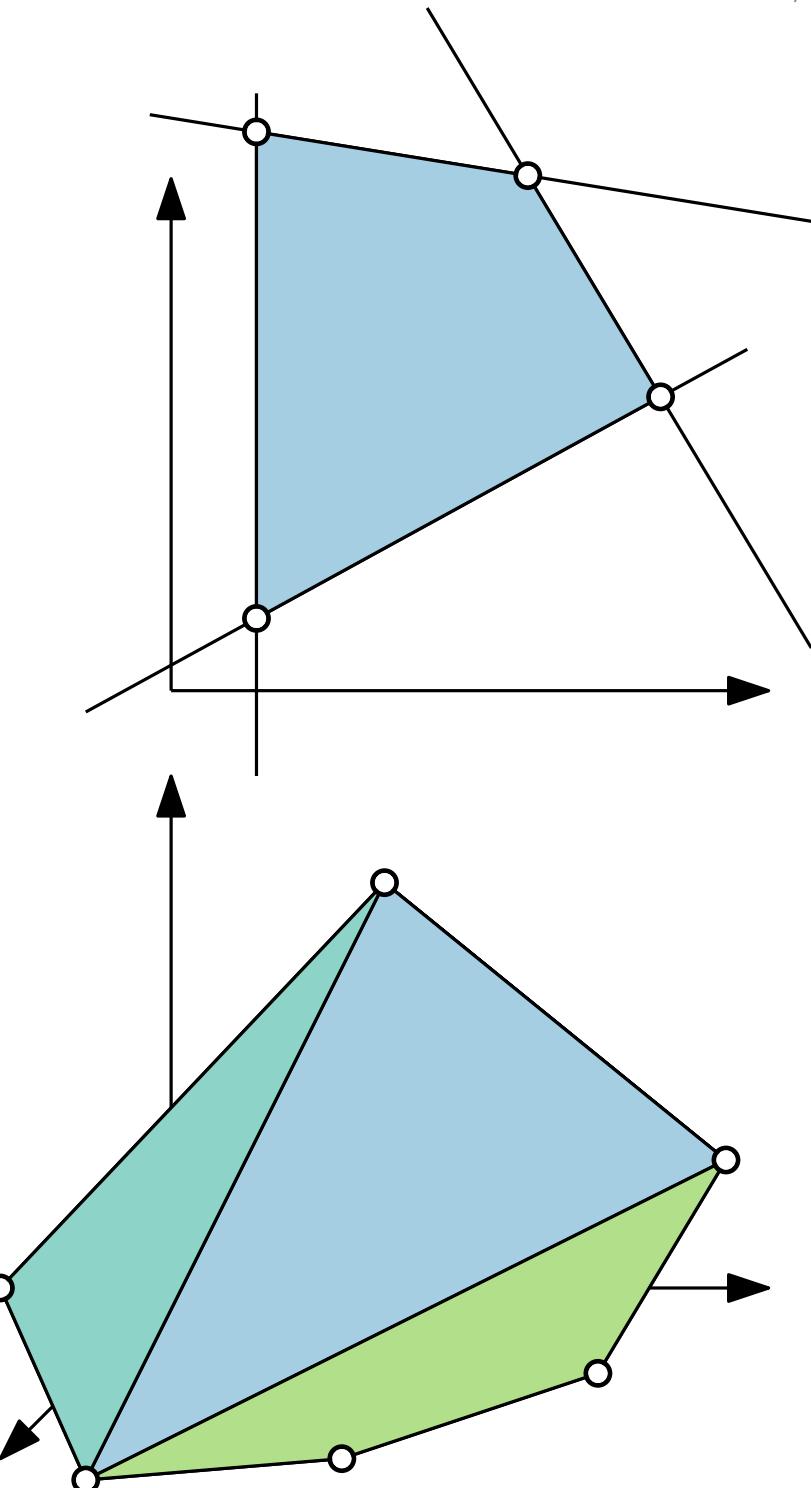
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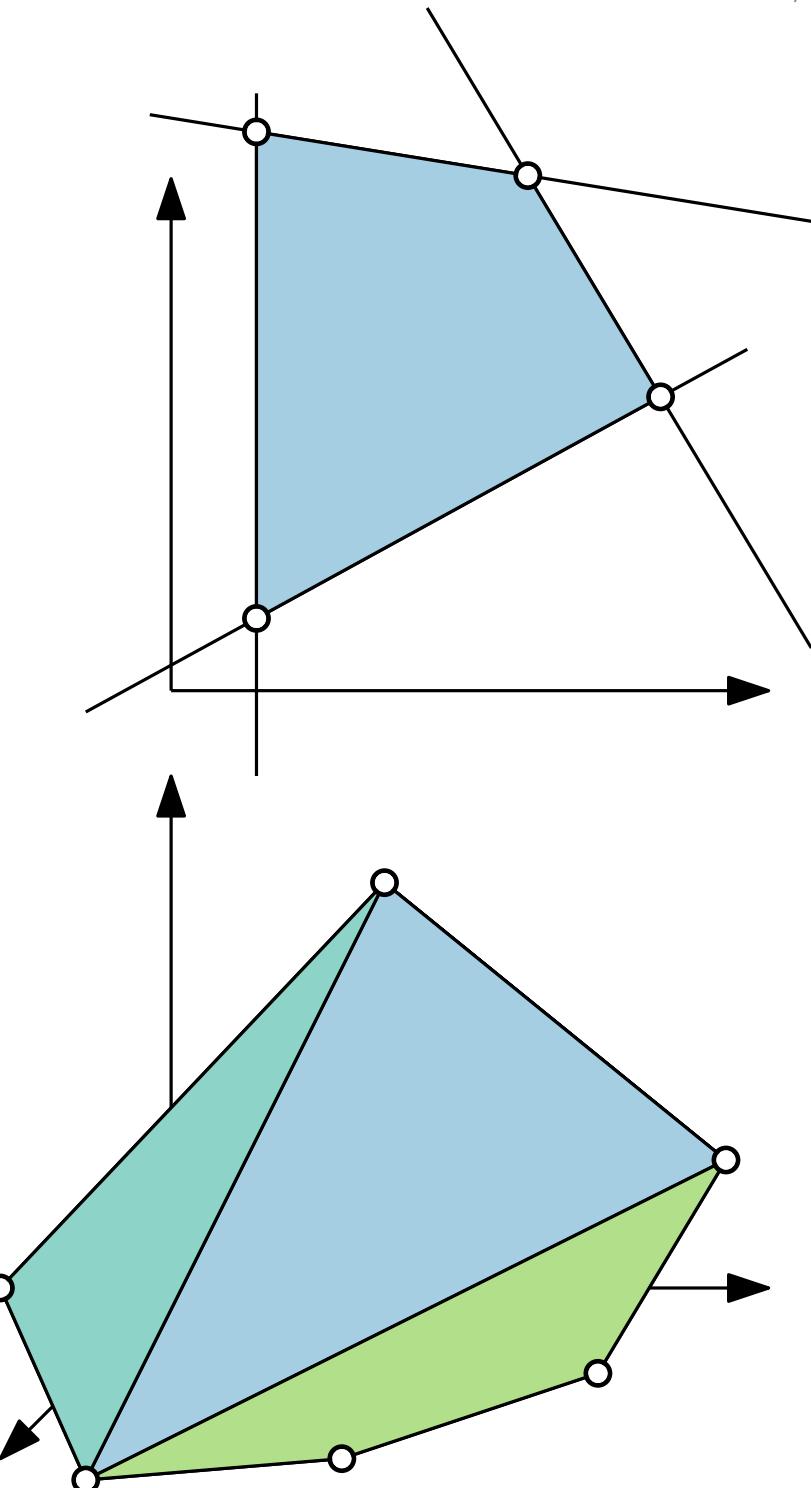


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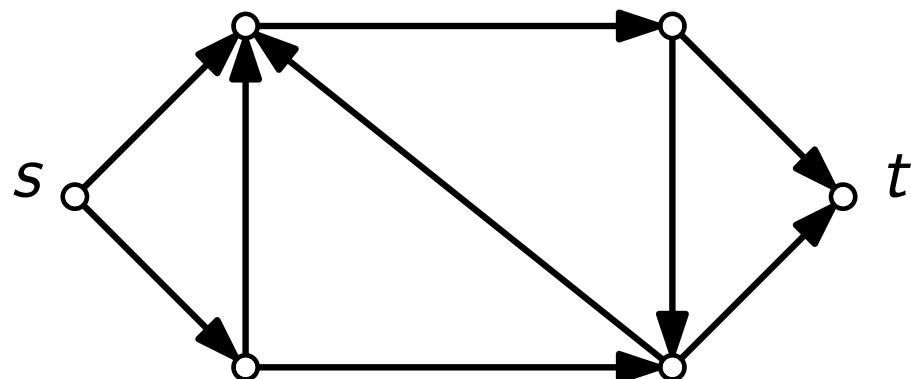
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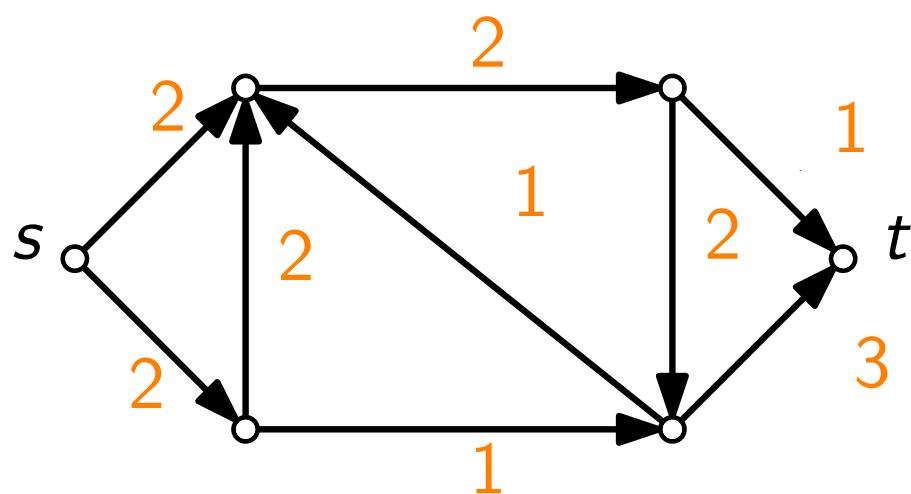
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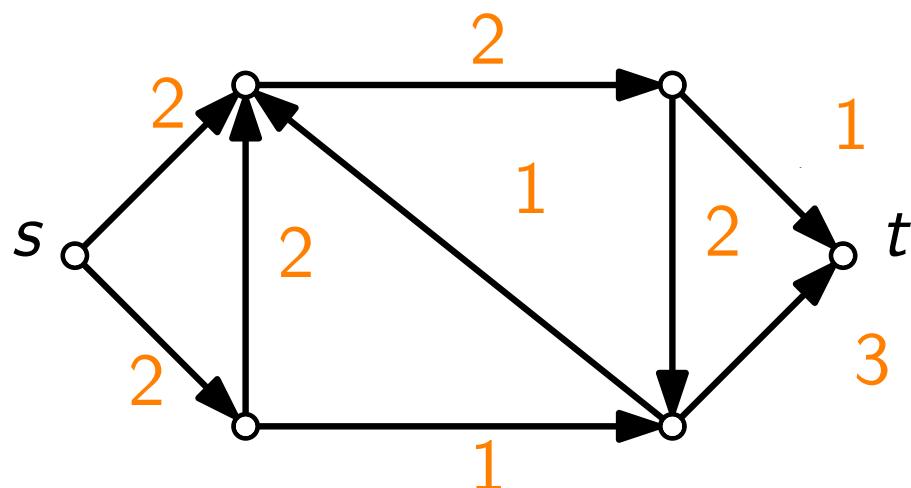


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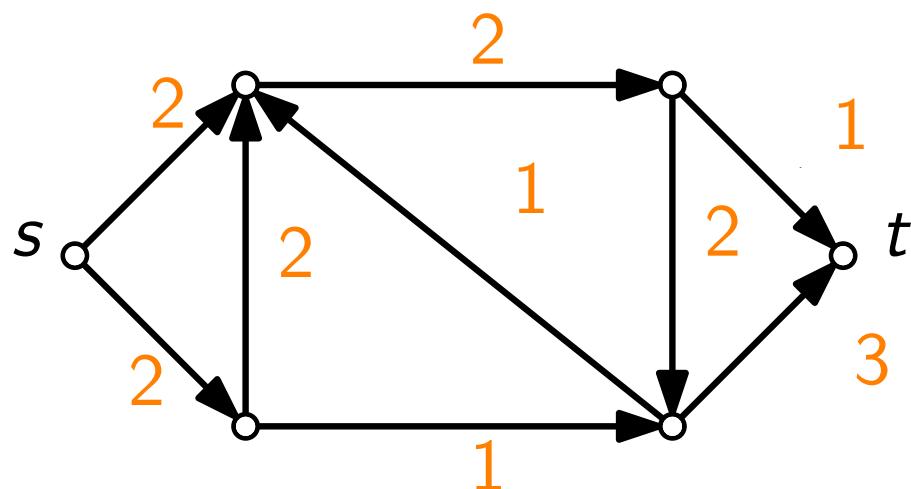
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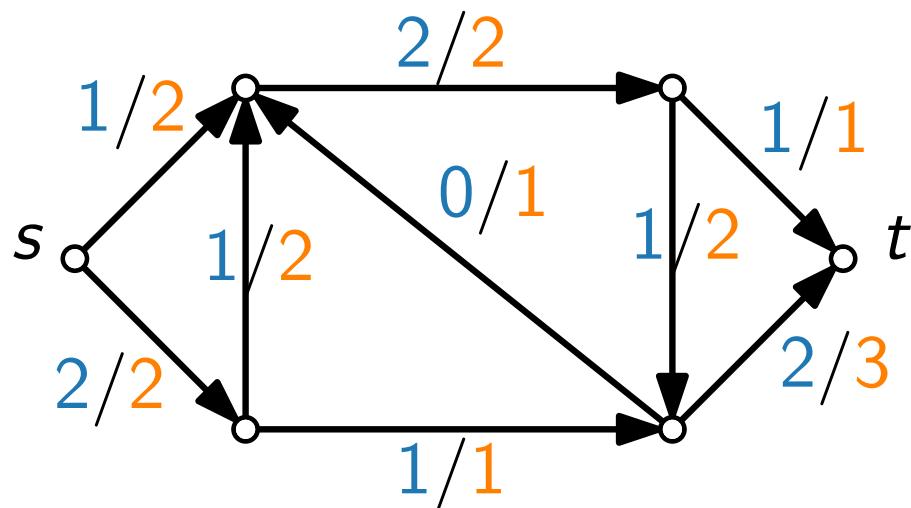
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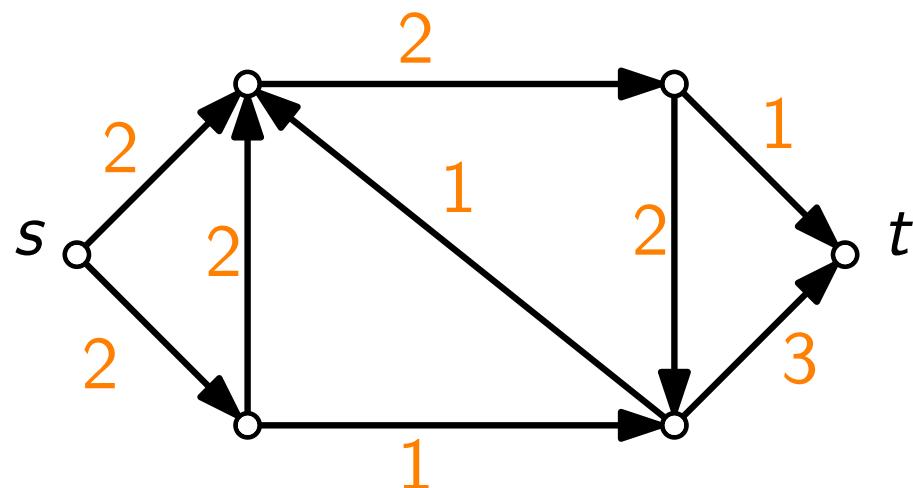
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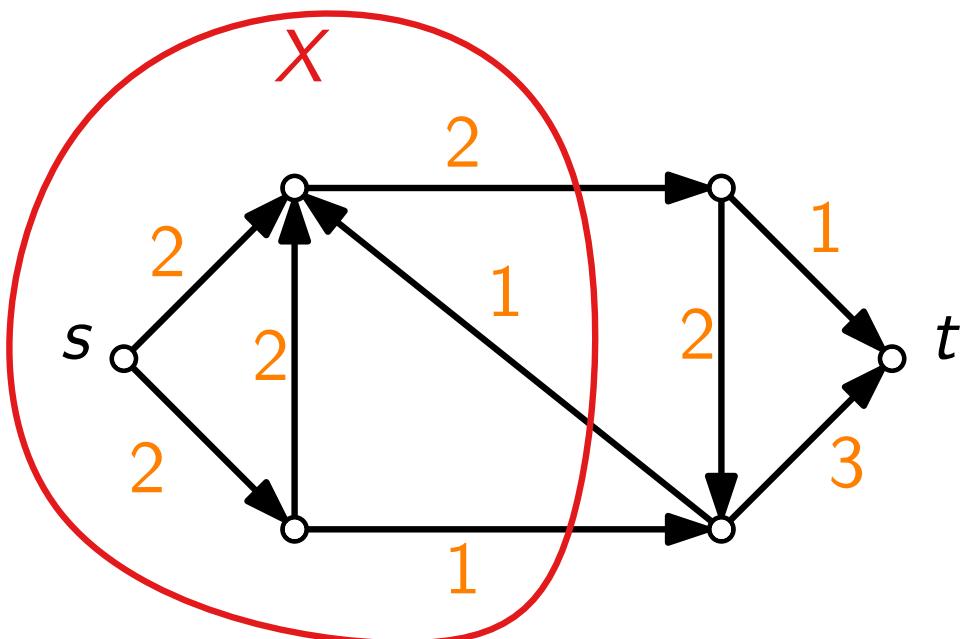
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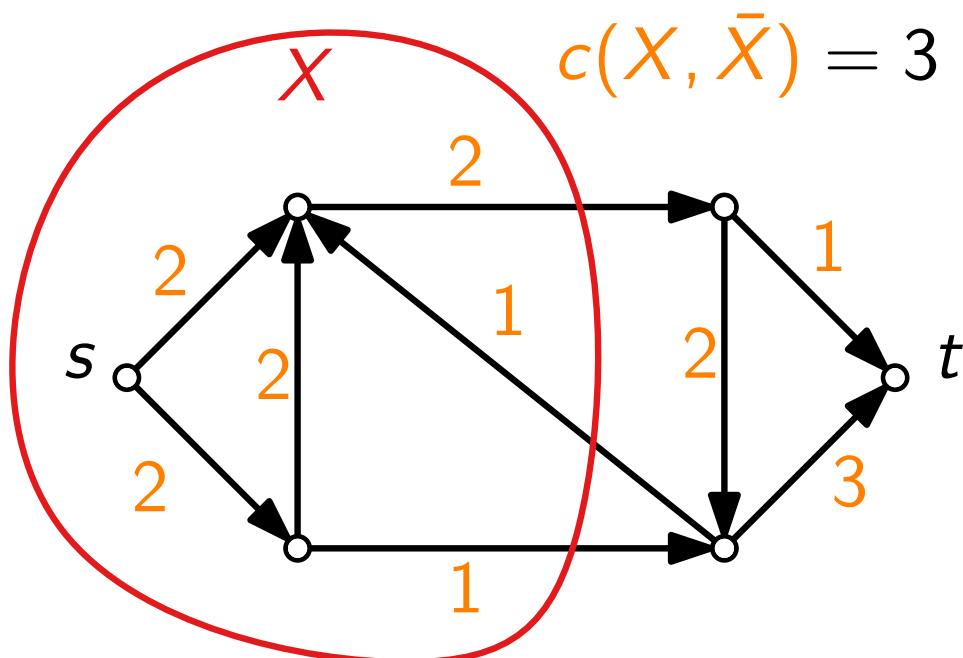
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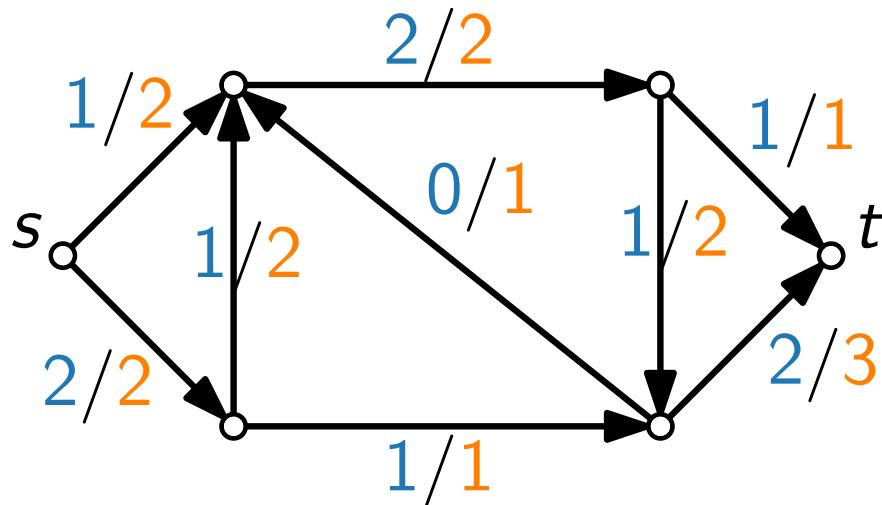
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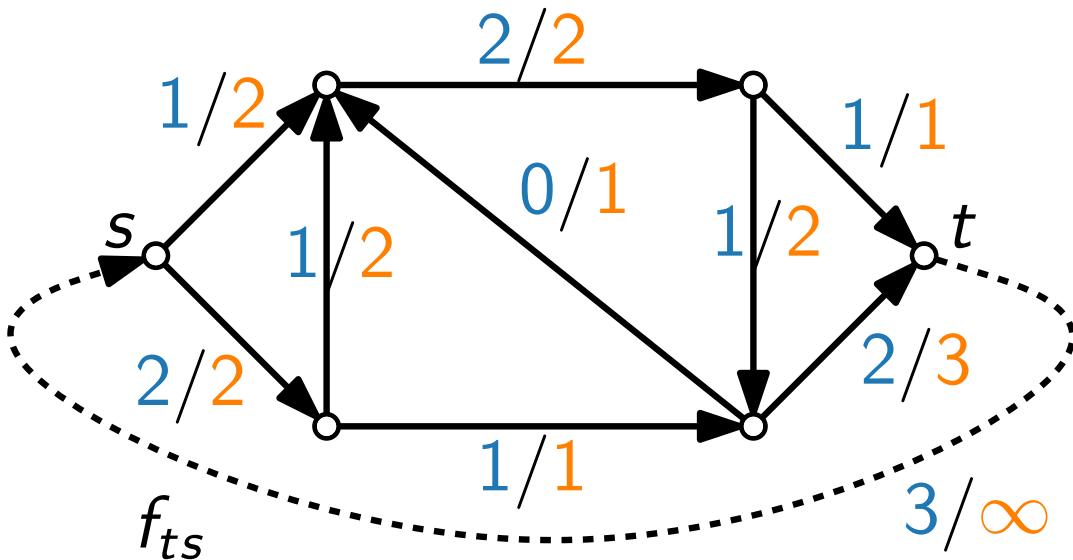


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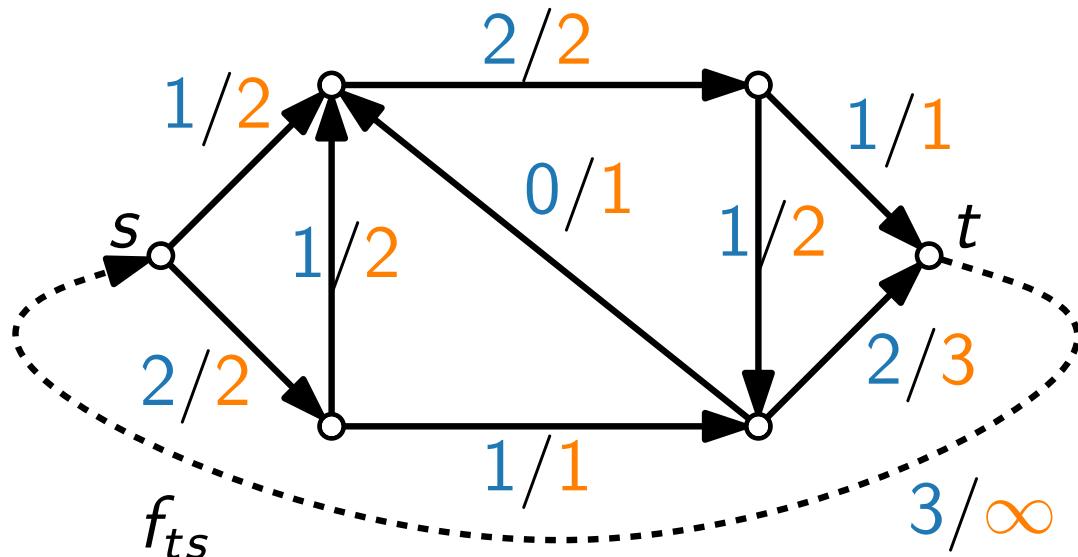
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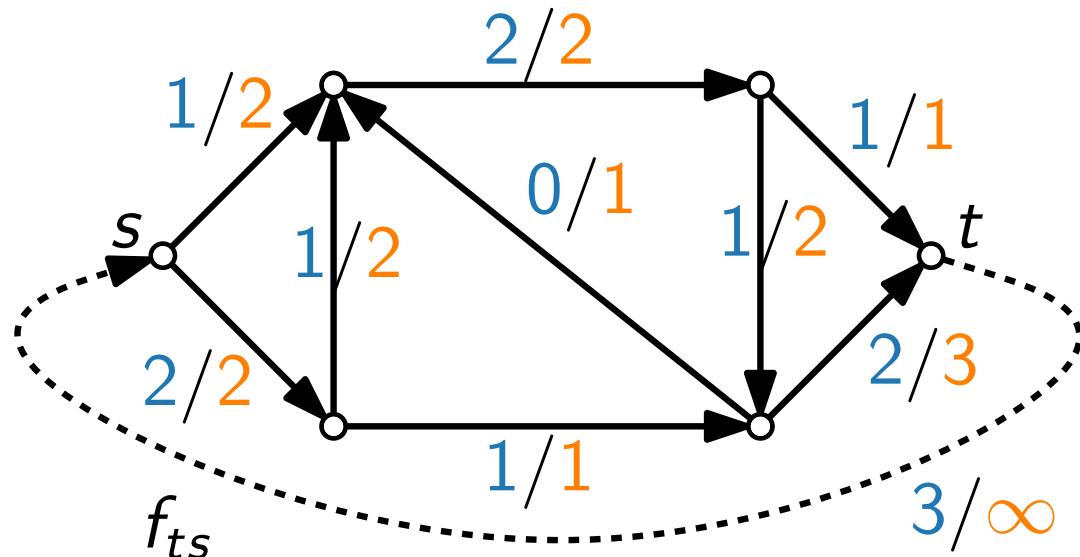


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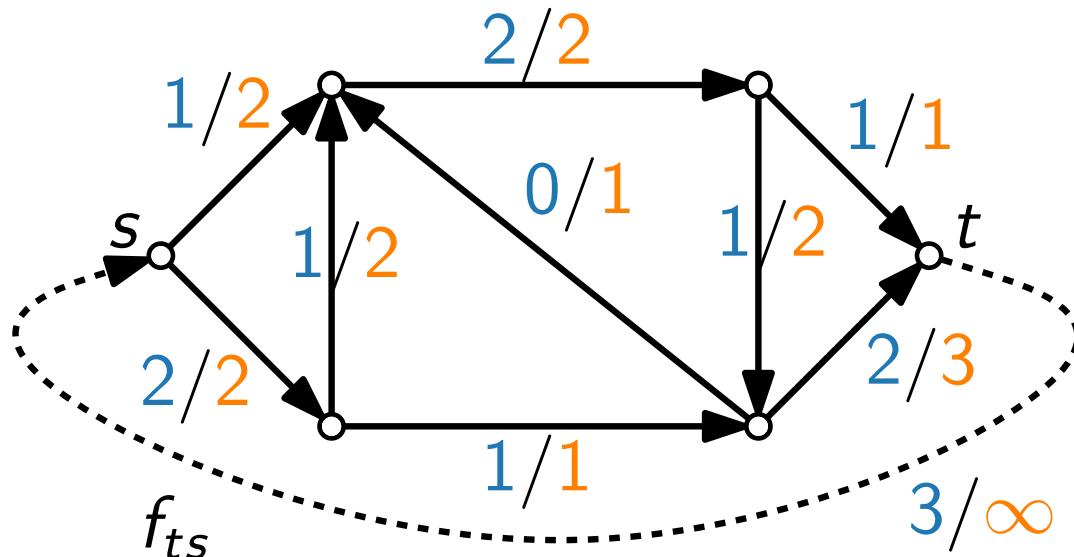


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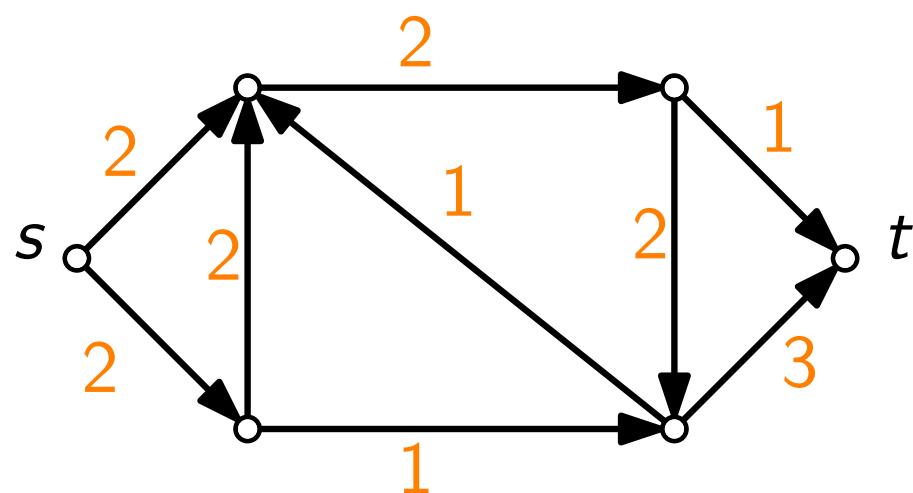
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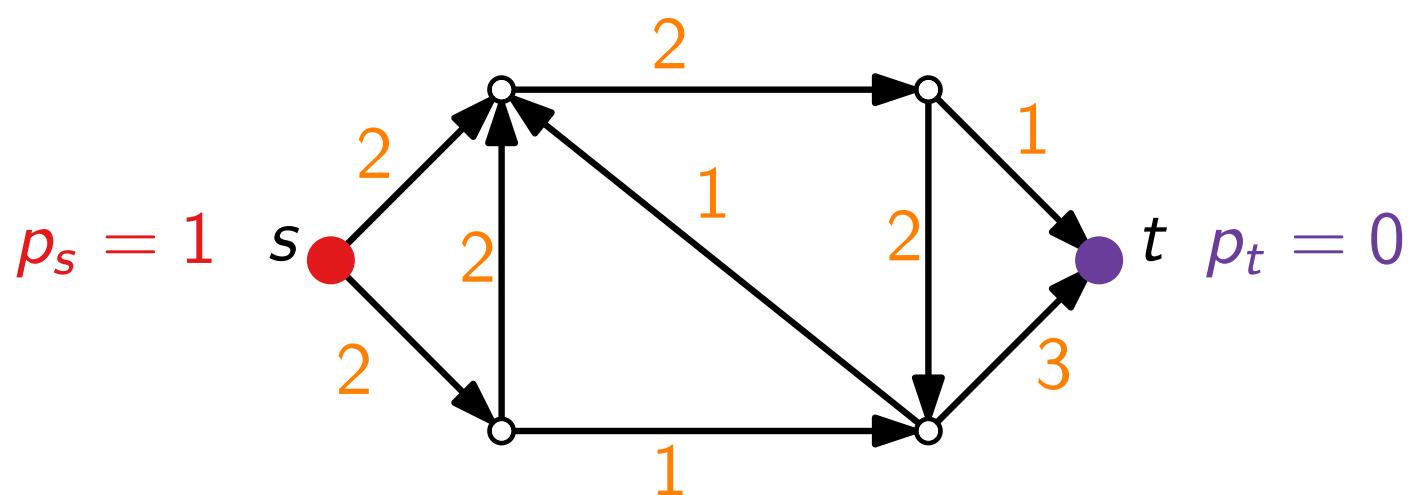
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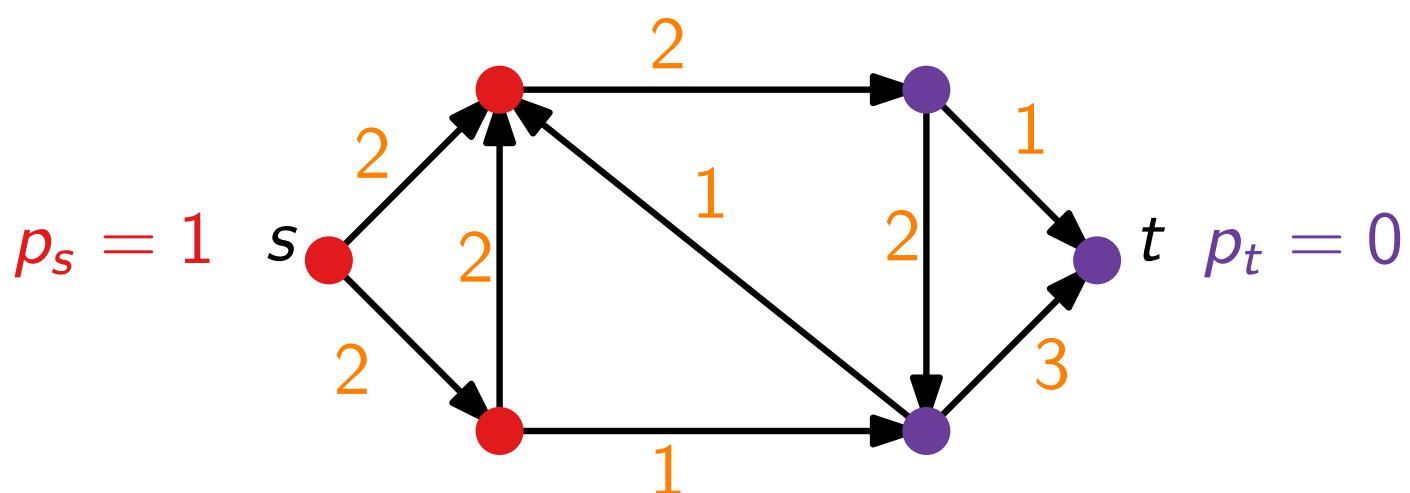
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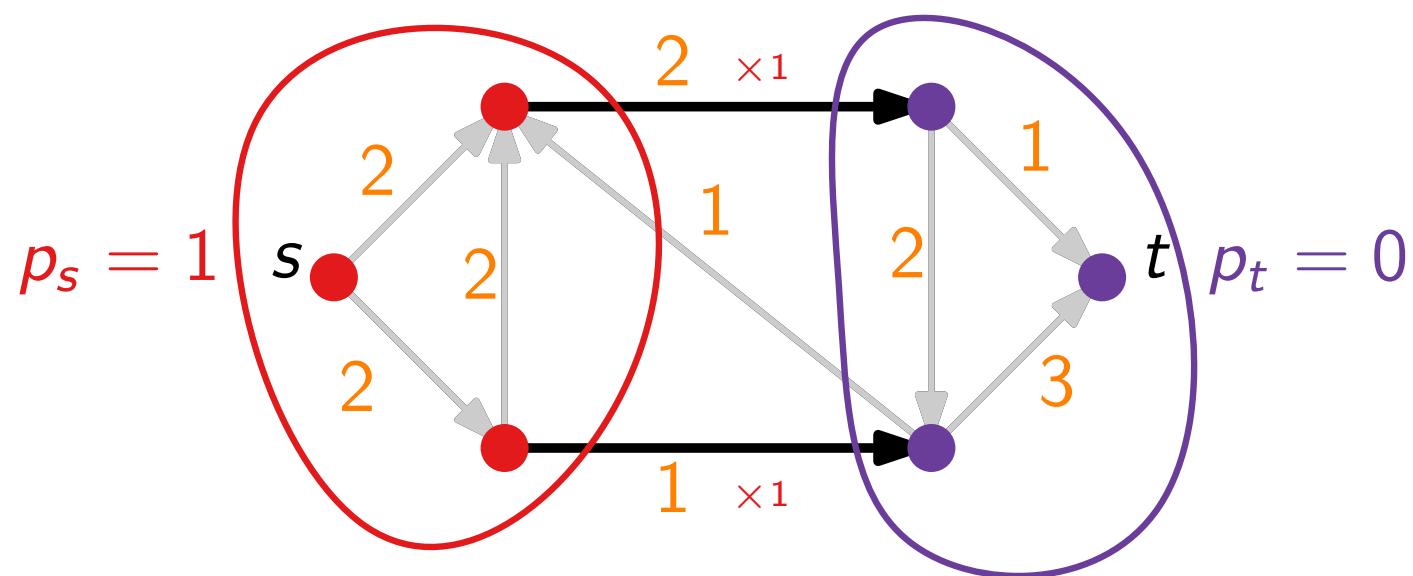
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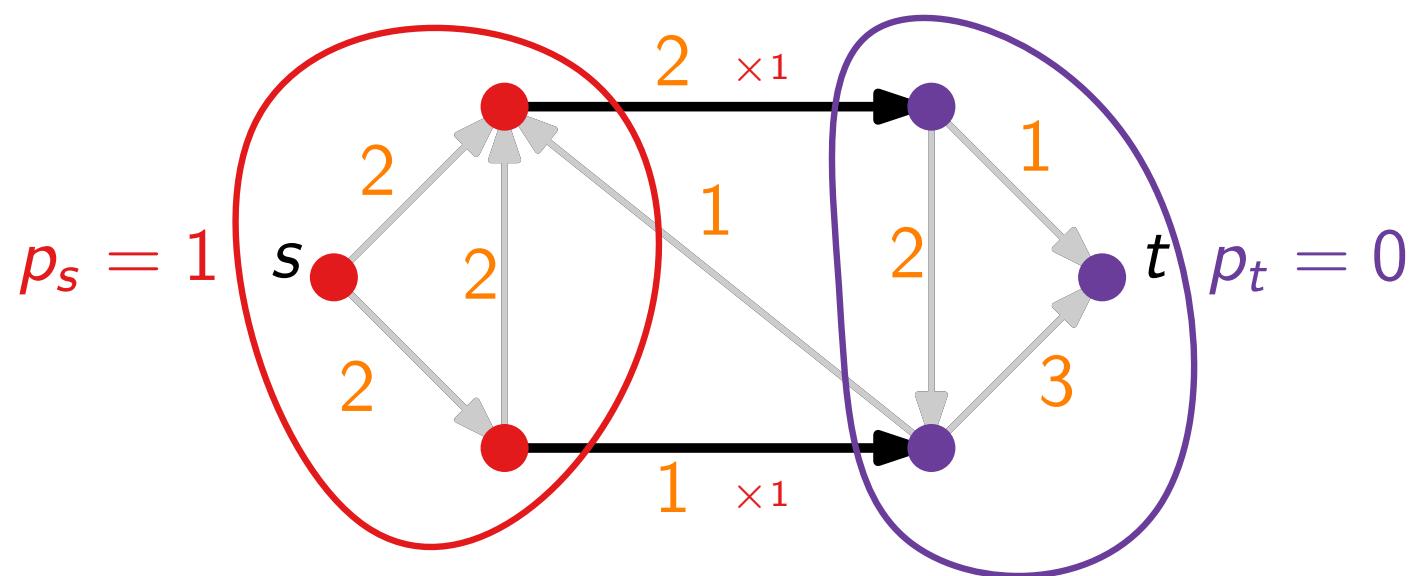
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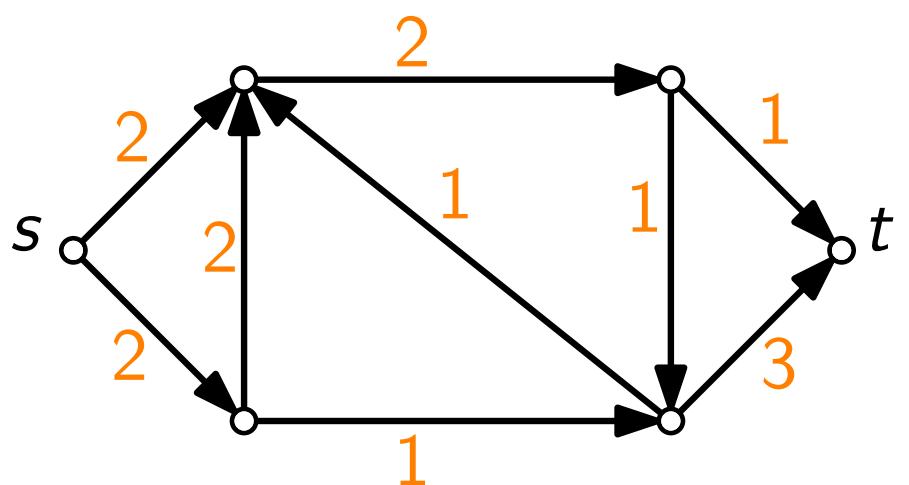
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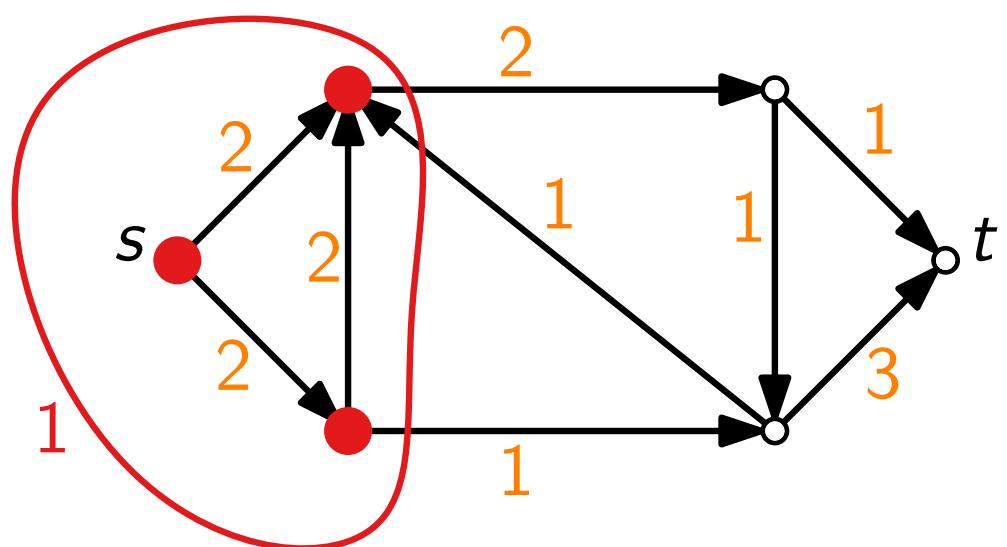
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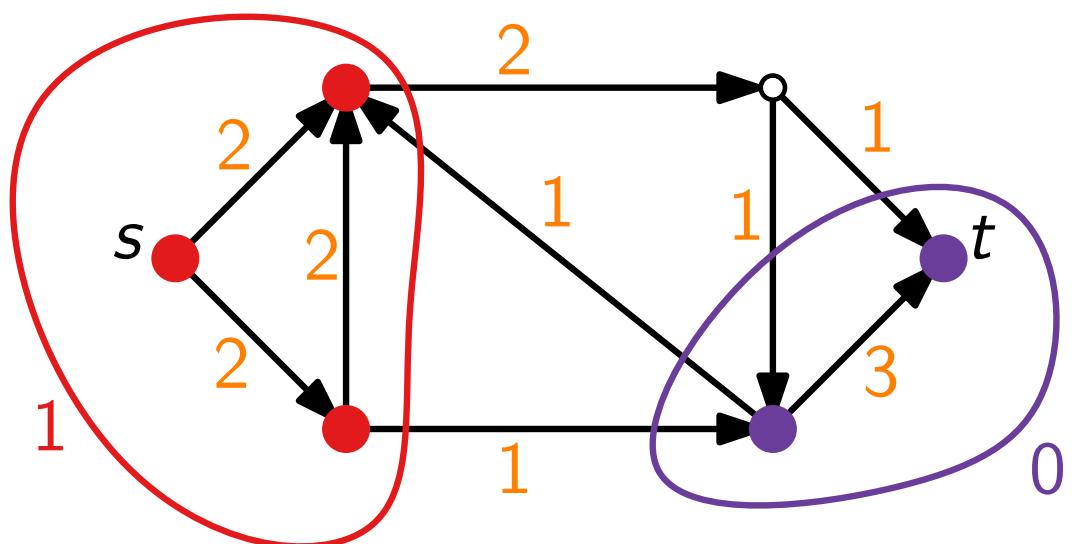
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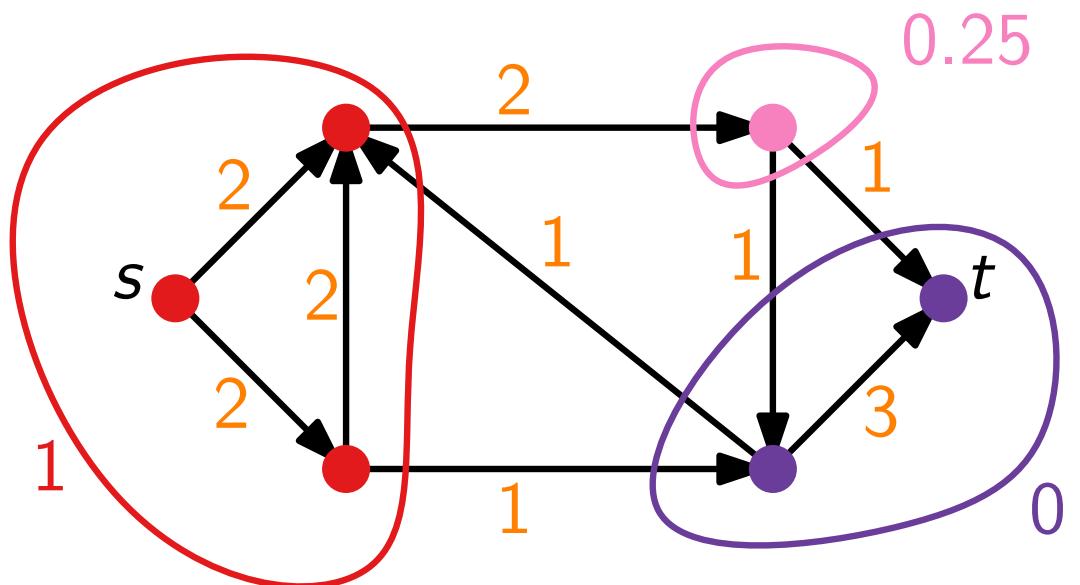
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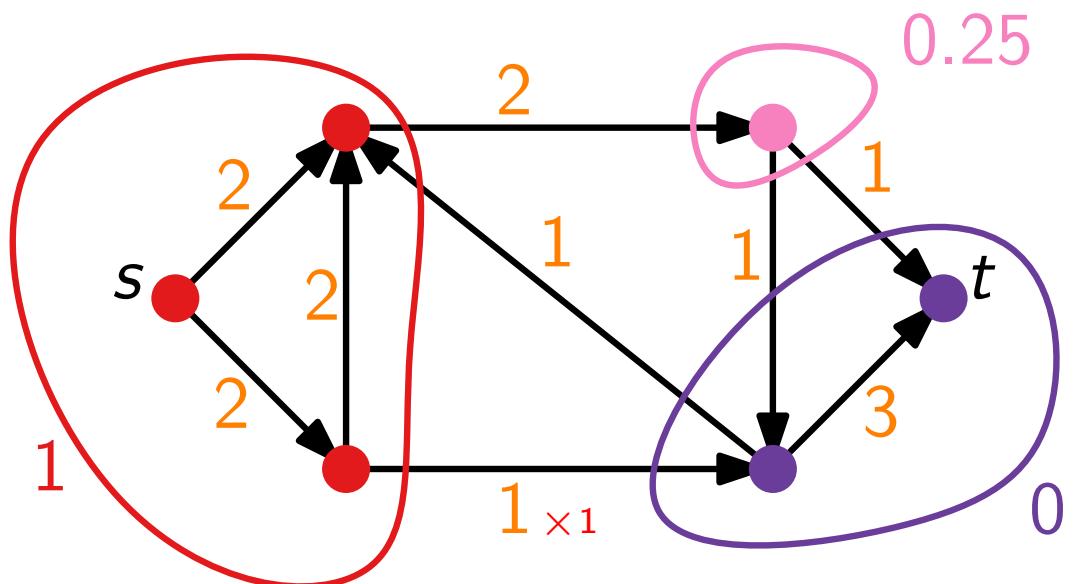
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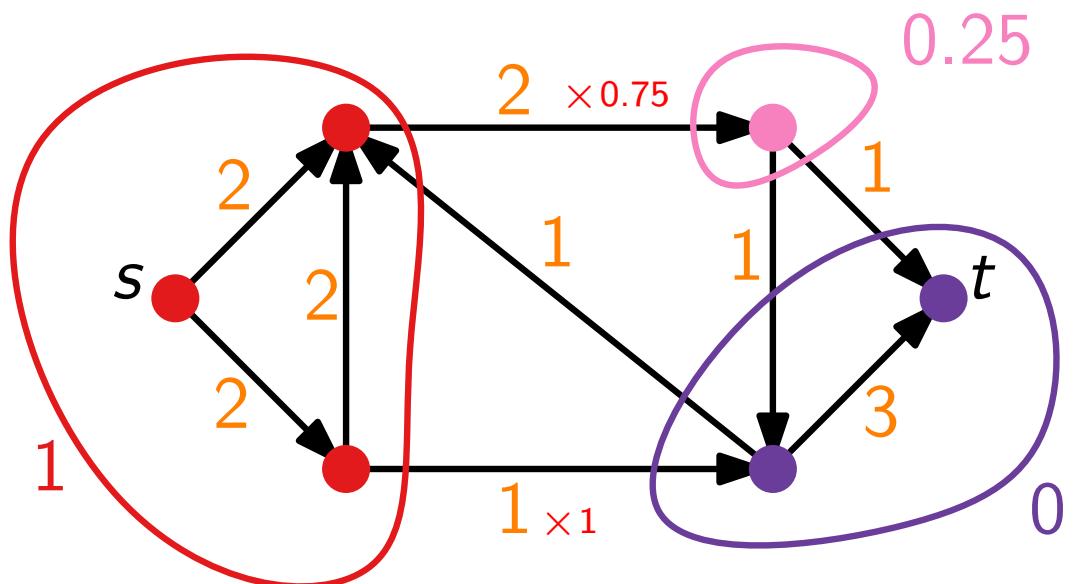
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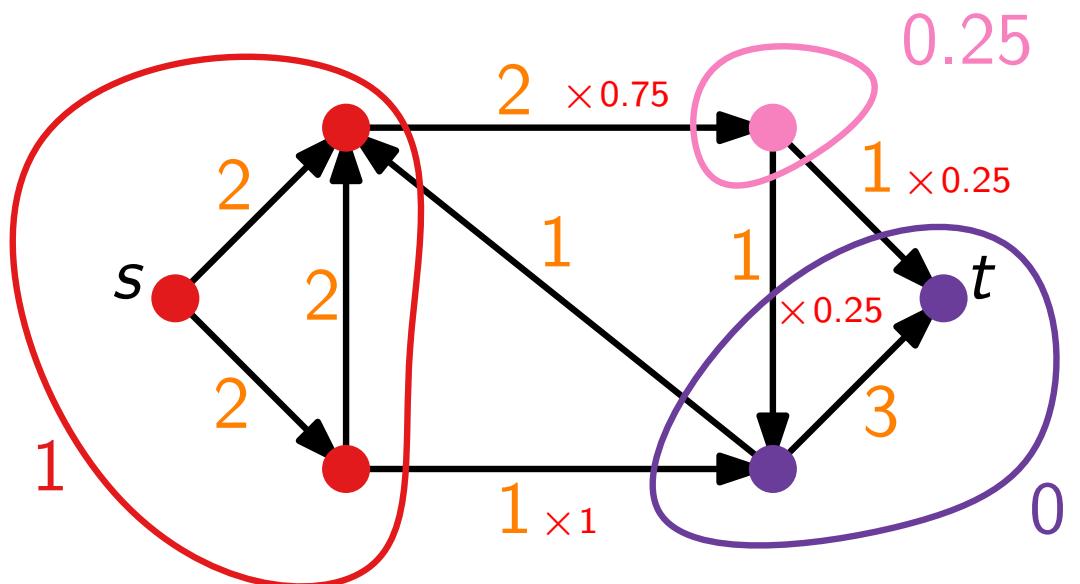
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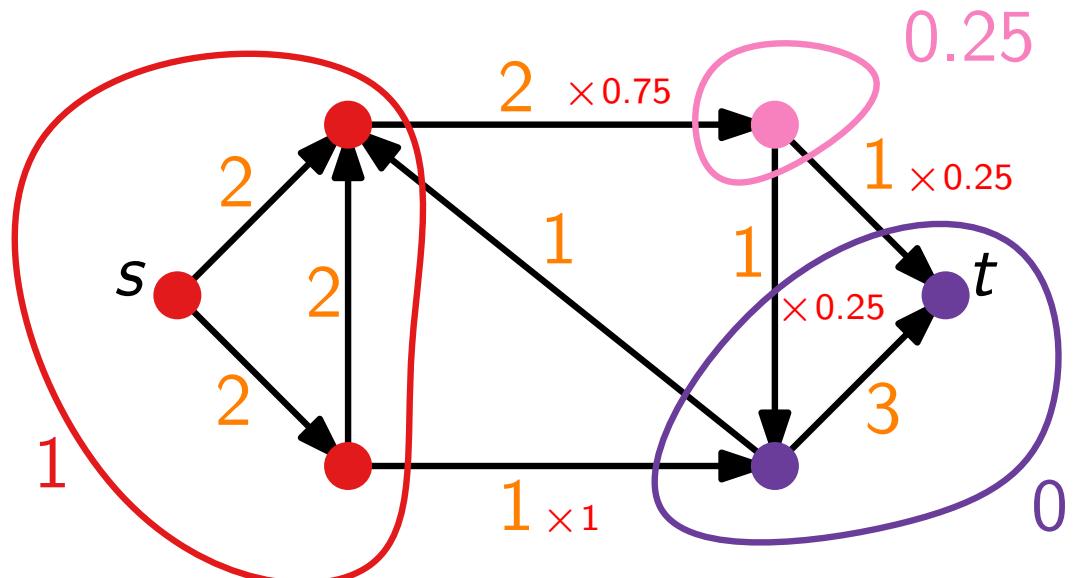
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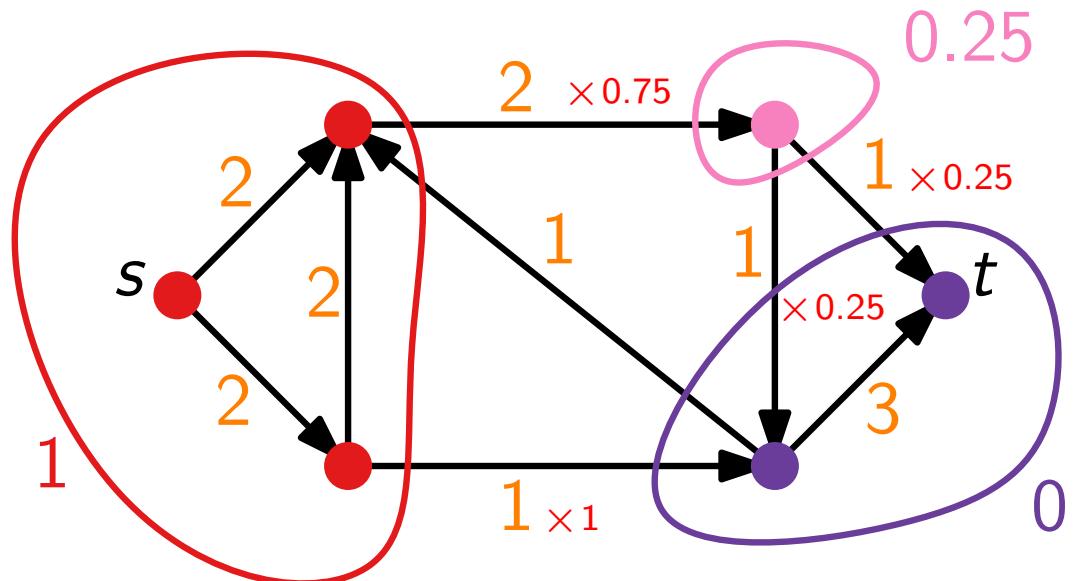
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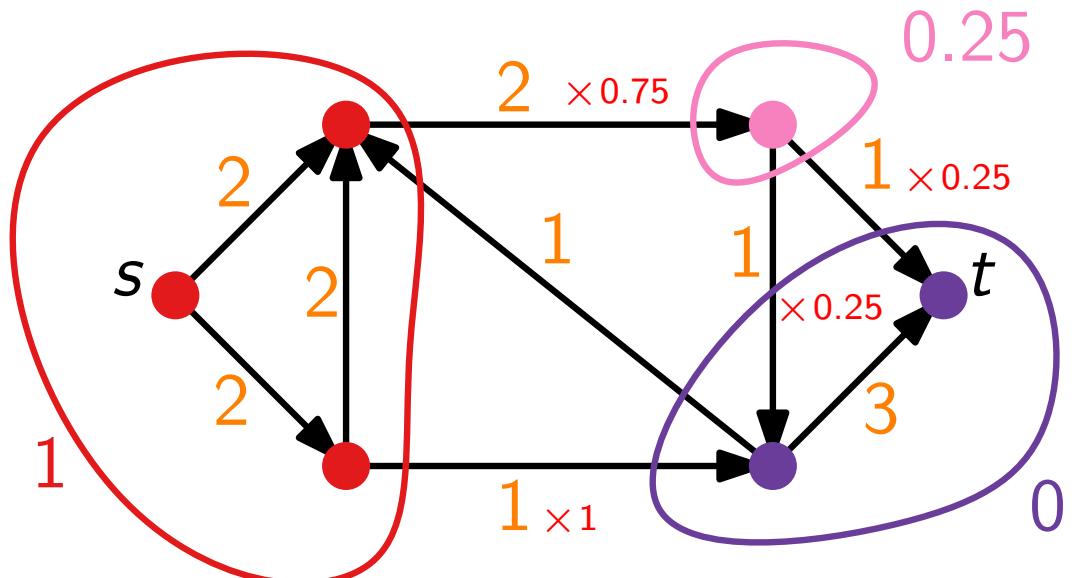
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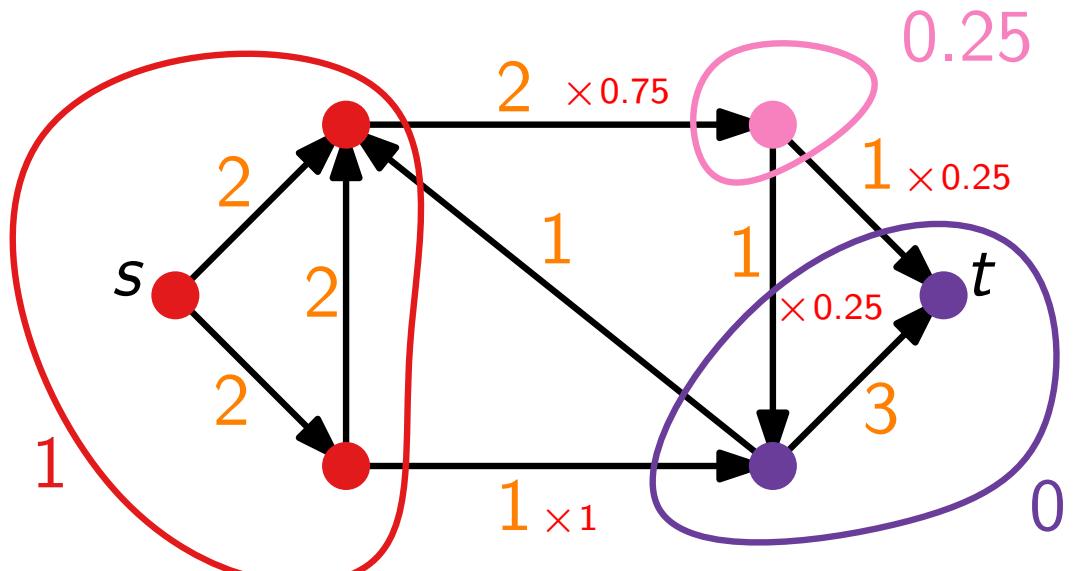
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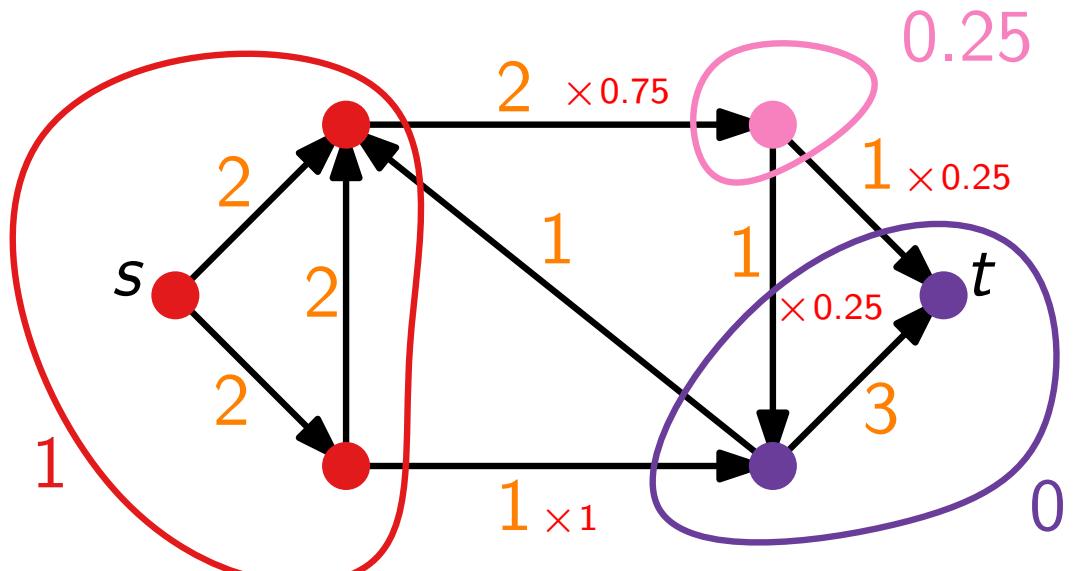
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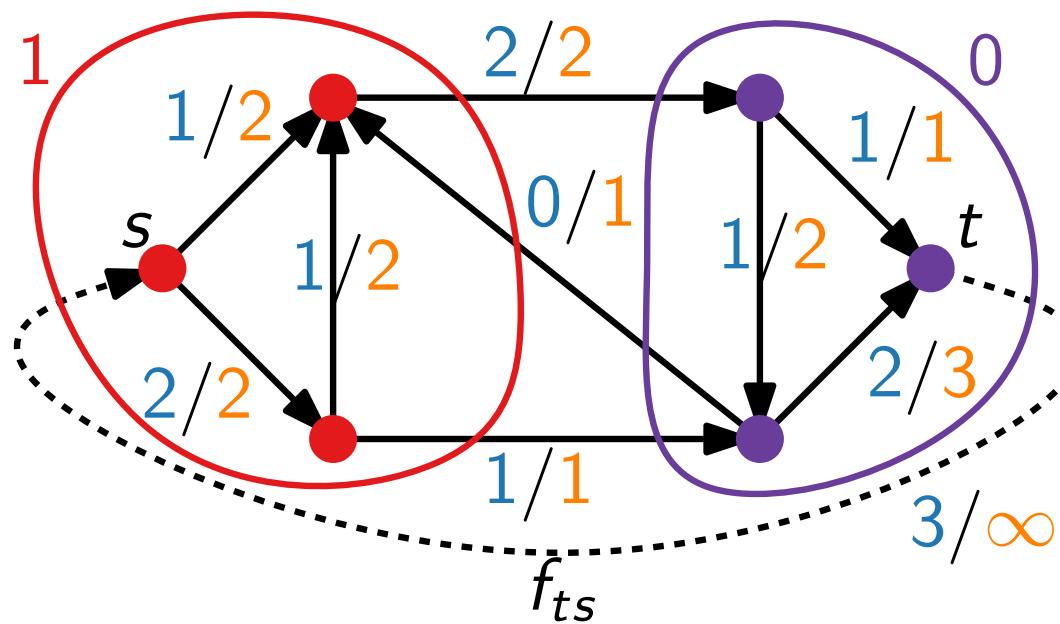
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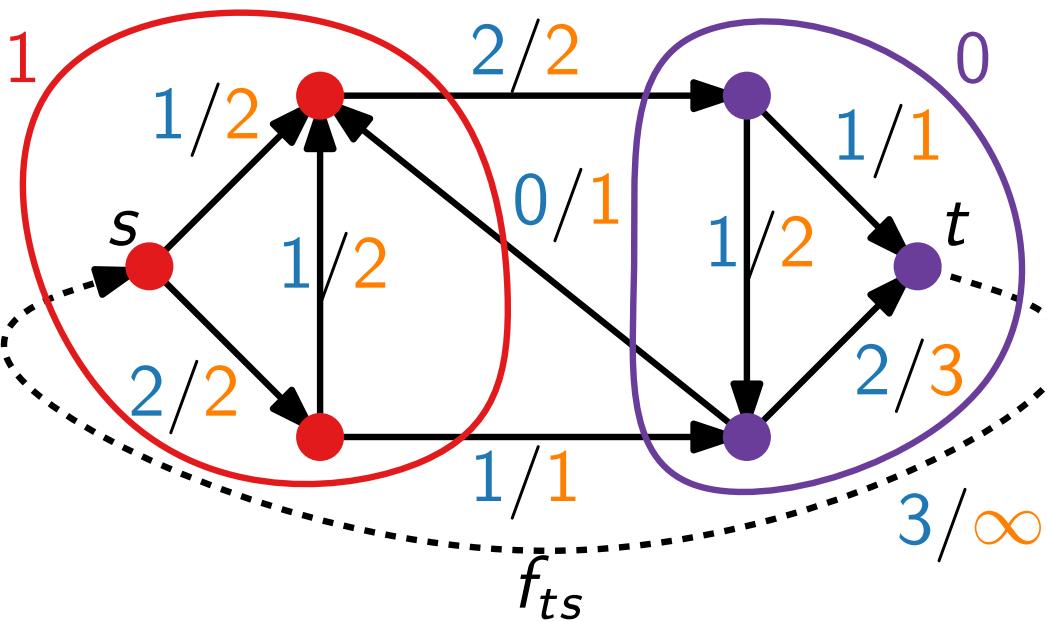
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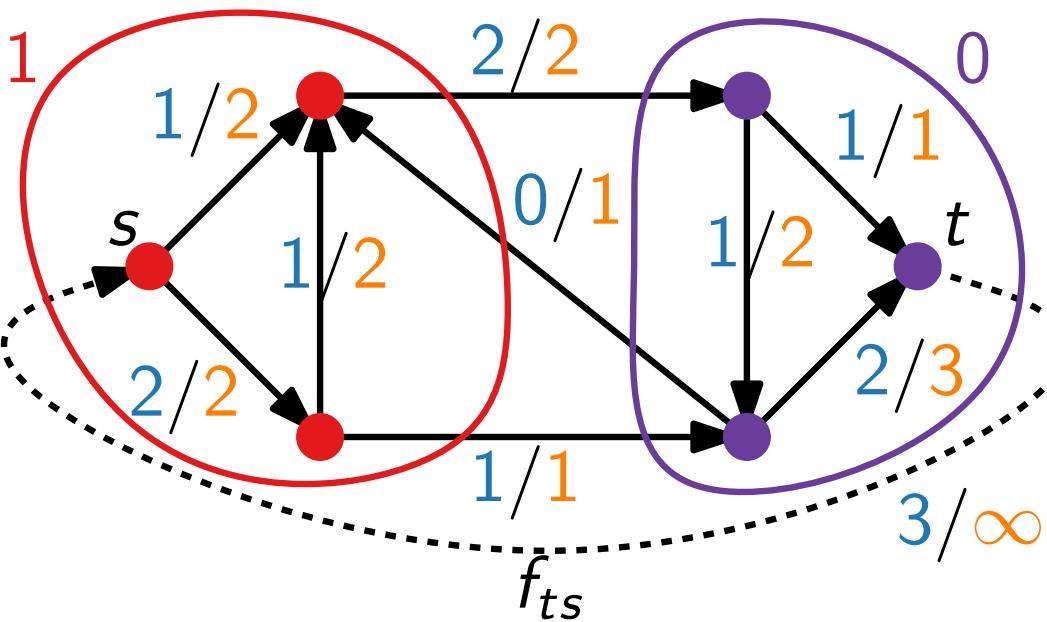
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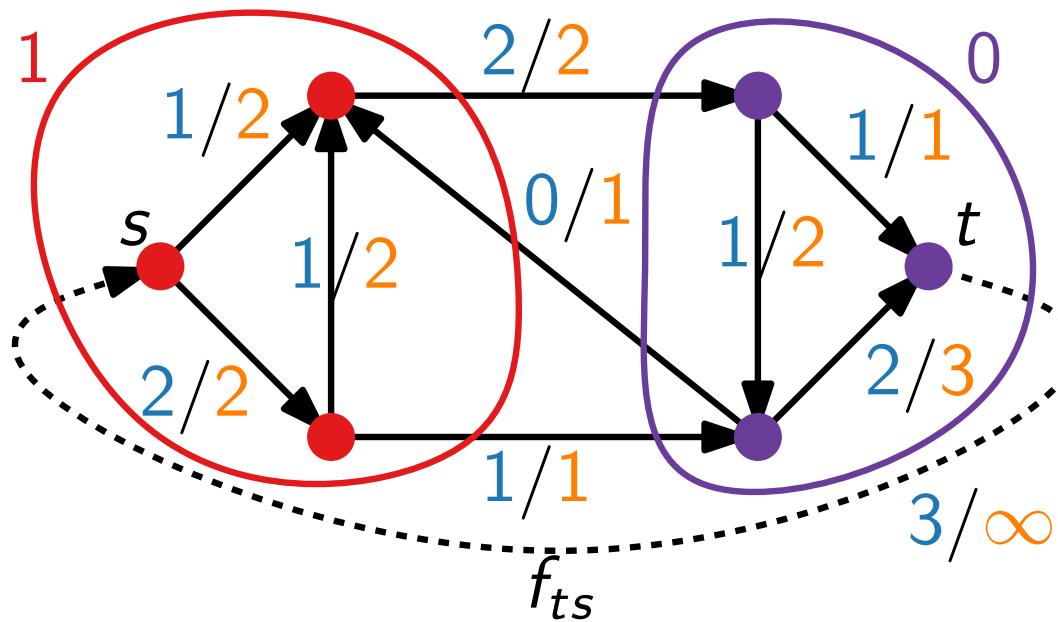
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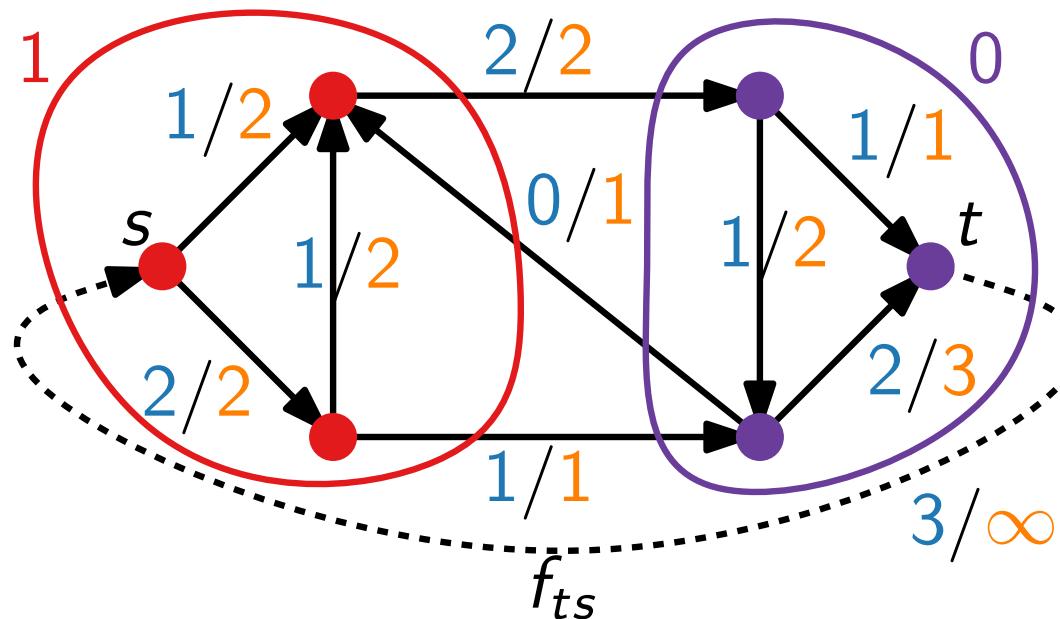
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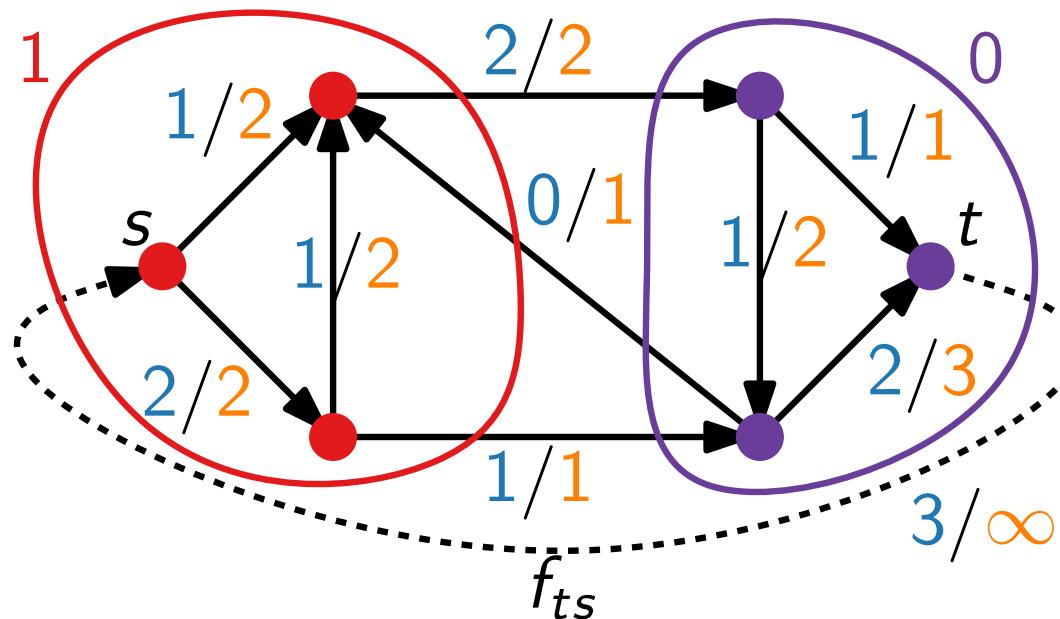
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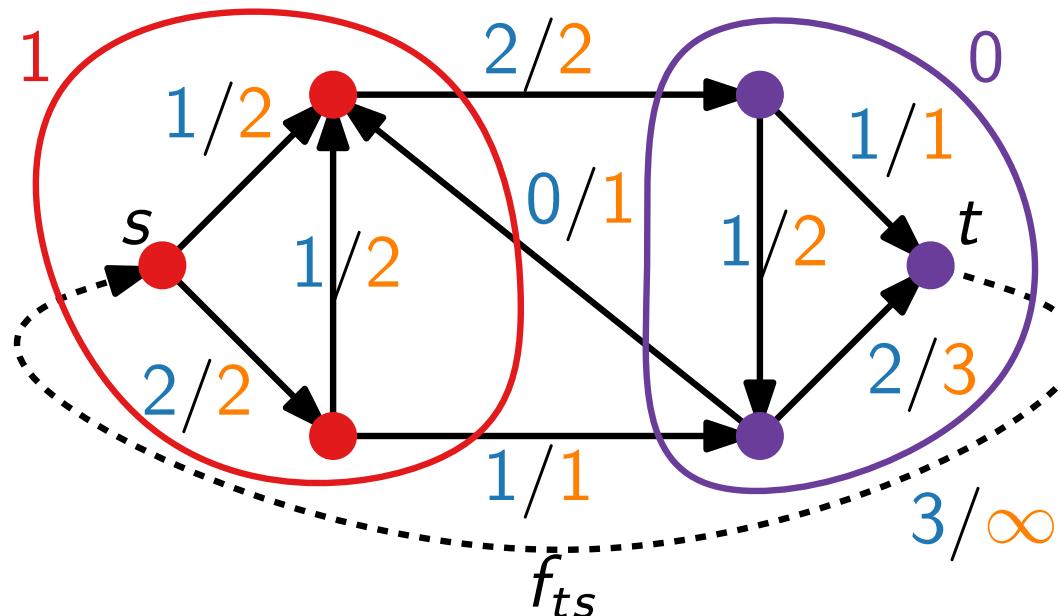
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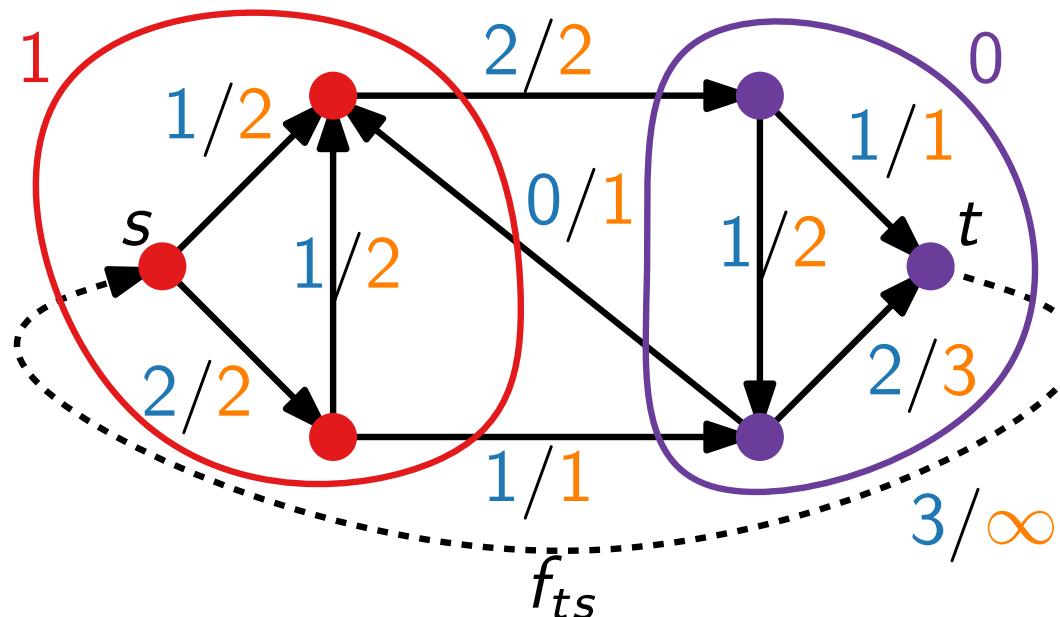
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