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# Recap

- HW due
- Practice final here
- Final: Monday Dec 16 at 8am
- Practice session: Friday (in 1 week)

9am: 4

10am: 1

11am: 3

Noon: 5

1pm: 5

Q: Is everything an LP?

No!

Some things are quadratic!

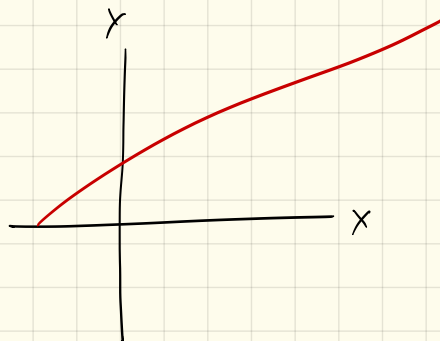
- Least squares

- Minimize area of  
some volume/surface

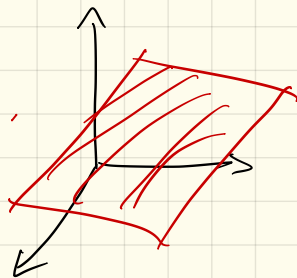
# LP w/ d variables:

Each LP equality or inequality describes a hyperplane in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

$$2d: ax + by \leq c$$



$$3d: ax + by + cz \leq d$$



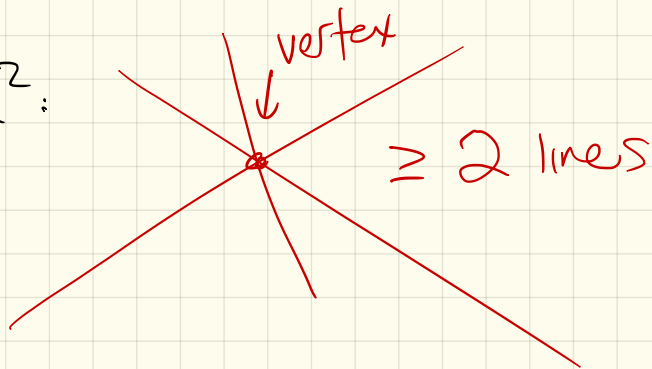
$$\mathbb{R}^d: a_1x_1 + \dots + a_dx_d \leq c$$

$(d-1)$  dim  
subspace

## Vertices:

These happen when  $\geq d$  hyperplanes meet in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

In  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :



$\mathbb{R}^d$ :  $d$  hyperplanes  
(here - eqns)

In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

Maximize  
s.t.

$$x_1 + 6x_2 + 13x_3$$

$$x_1 \leq 200 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$x_2 \leq 300 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq 400$$

$$x_2 + 3x_3 \leq 600$$

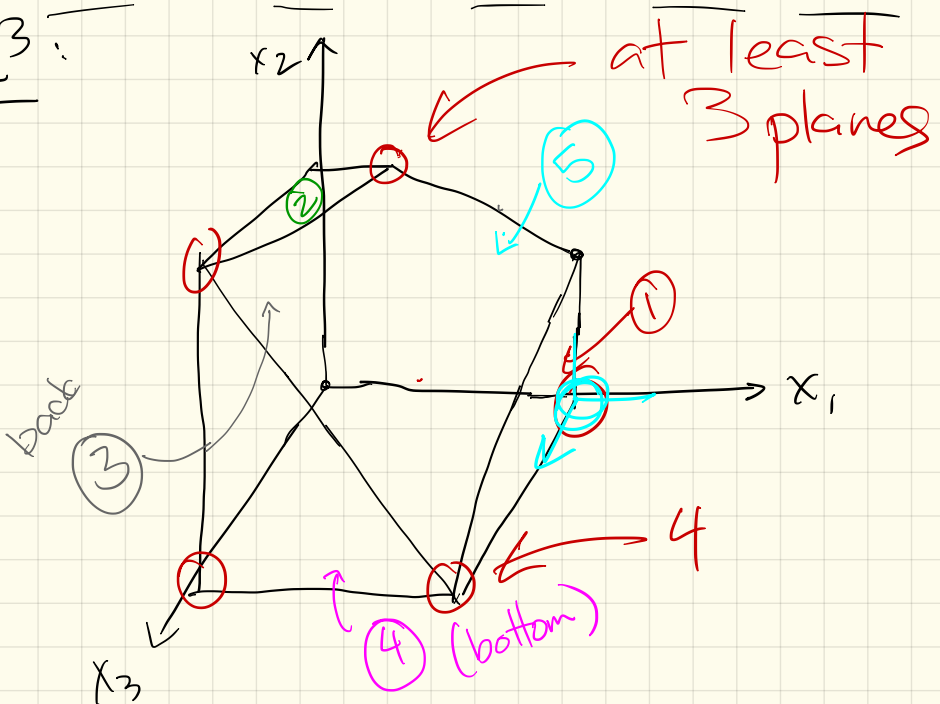
and

$$x_1 \geq 0 \quad \textcircled{3}$$

$$x_2 \geq 0 \quad \textcircled{4}$$

$$x_3 \geq 0 \quad \textcircled{5}$$

$\mathbb{R}^3$ :



Dfn: Pick a subset of inequalities.

If there is a unique point that satisfies all with equality,  
& it is feasible

↳ this is a vertex of the solution.

In general: Each vertex is specified by exactly  $d$  equations  
(in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ )

(Again, think 2 + 3d examples)

Neighbors:

Any vertices that share  $d-1$  inequalities

# Simplex algorithm:

In each stage, 2 tests:

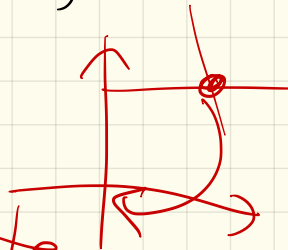
① Check if current vertex is optimal

② If not, choose a nbr vertex that improves the result

Both are easy at the origin (next slide).

If not at  $\vec{0}$ :

~~rescale~~: translate  
slide so vertex  
is at  $0$ .



$(v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_d)$ :

(subtract  $v_1, \dots, v_d$  from my eqns.  
 $(x_i - v_i)$ )



LP:  $\max c^T x$   
s.t  $A\vec{x} \leq \vec{b}$   
 $x_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i$

Note:  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , so  
 $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$

Start w/ origin, so  
our  $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

$d$  eqns give  
1 vertex

It is always a vertex!  
(Why?)

optimal only if:

$$\max c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 + \dots + c_d x_d$$

all  $c_i$ 's are neg.

Conversely:

If any  $c_i > 0$ , we can increase the obj. function

$$C^T \bar{x}$$

How? just move that  $x_i$  above 0

So: pick one & increase!

How much?

Until I get stuck

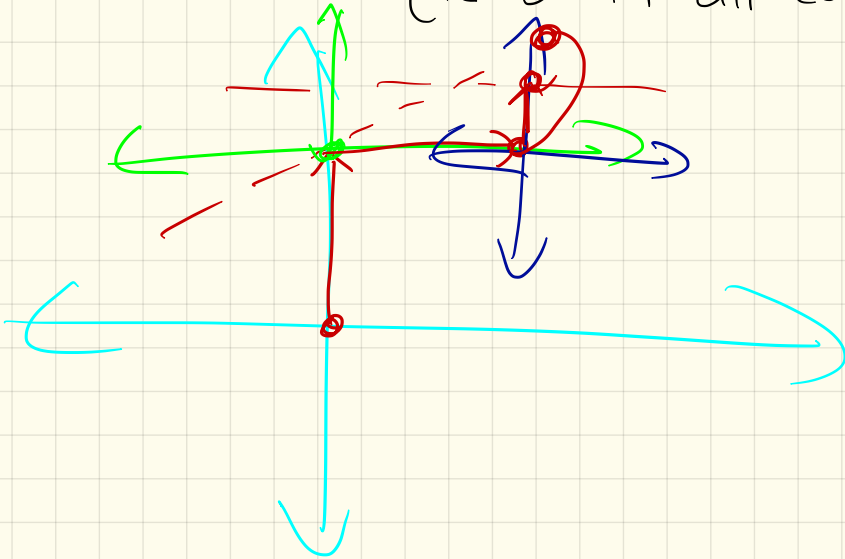
(on some inequality)

from  $Ax \geq b$

Now: What if not at origin?

Transform LP!

(ie shift all coords)

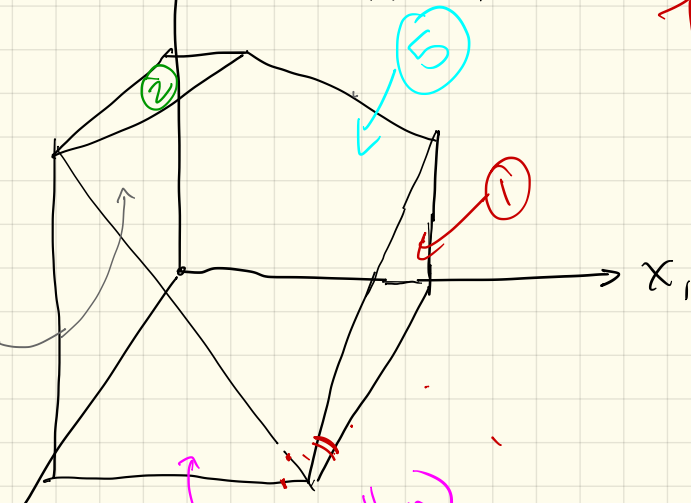


# Some details

- Origin isn't always feasible,  
↳ go must find a starting feasible point.  
(+ reset to be  $\vec{0}$ )

Turns out, - this is a (simpler) LP!  
(see notes)

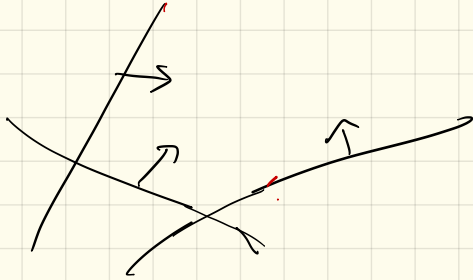
- Degeneracy: Can have  $\geq d$  hyperplanes at a vertex!



↑ doesn't matter:  
↳ still give me vertex

- Un boundedness:

Can have unbounded situation:



Detection:

When exploring for next vertex, swapping out an equality for another will not give a bound.

↳ Simplex stops + complains

Runtime:

$$\text{st. } A\vec{x} \geq \vec{b} \quad \text{with } C_1x_1 + \dots + C_dx_d$$

Consider a vertex  $u \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  
with  $m$  inequalities.

At most  $d \cdot (m-d)$  nbrs =

Choose one to drop &  
any  $d$  one to add:  
make a vertex. drop one of yours,  
& pick a new one

Checking for nbr:

Each is a dot product/  
matrix operation.

Gaussian elimination:  $O(m^3)$   
(basically) or  $d^3$

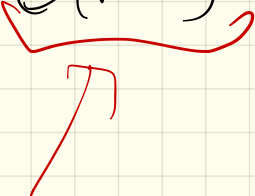
⇒ Each iteration:

$$d \cdot (m) \cdot m^3$$

Can improve slightly:

- just need one  $c_i > 0$   
+ rescaling to  $\vec{0}$  is  
easy.

⇒ Can improve to  $O(mn)$   
per iteration.



How many iterations?

- $m+d$  inequalities
- any  $d$  give a vertex

$$\Rightarrow \binom{m+d}{d} \approx (m+d)^d$$

Idk! Klee-Minty give  
~~examples that are~~  
actually this slow.  
(in 50's)



# Alternatives

- Ellipsoid algorithm  
(Khachiyan '79)
- Interior point method  
(Karmarkar in '80's)

Runtime: *slow*

But:

*Simplex works  
better*

Now:

Evals!

Take out an internet  
device + do them!