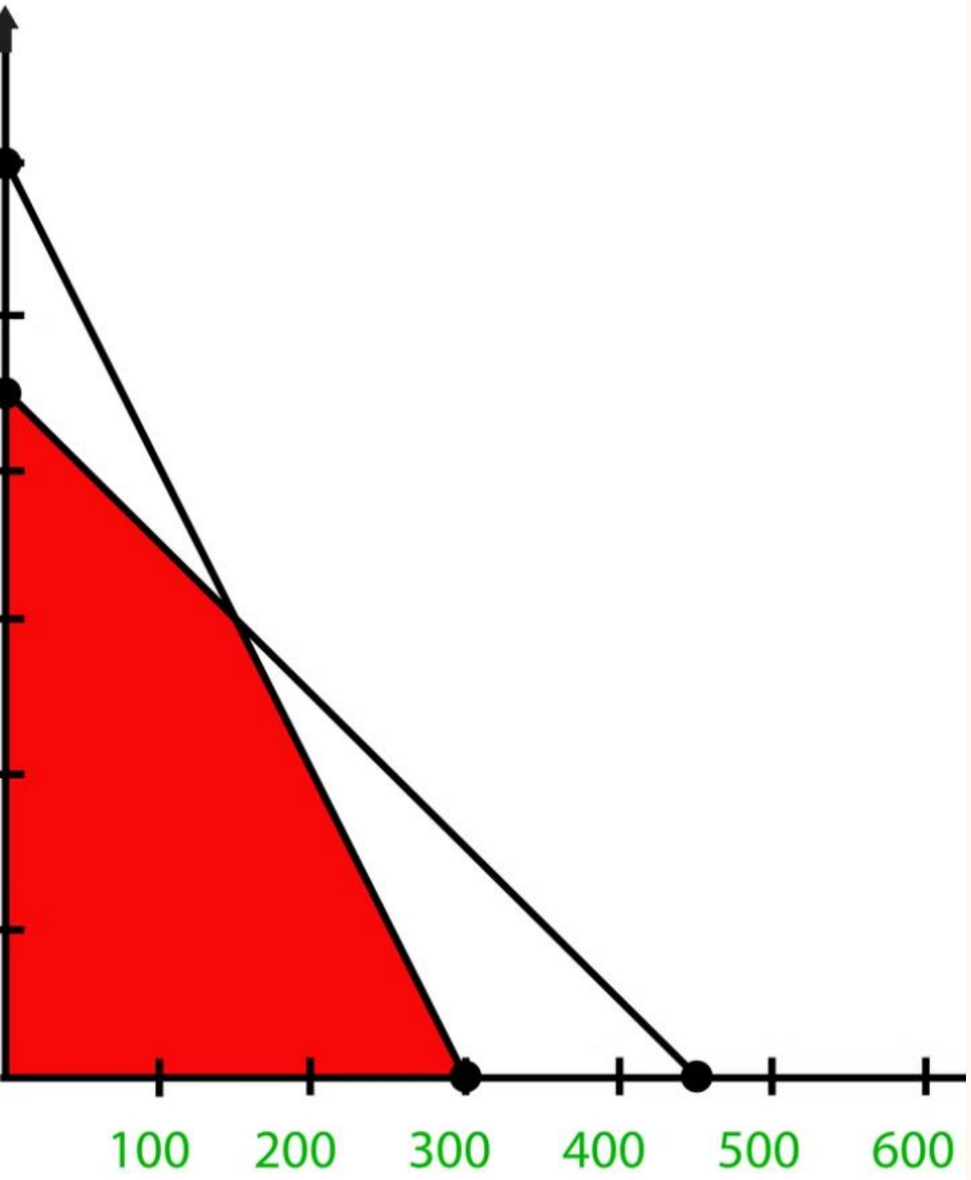

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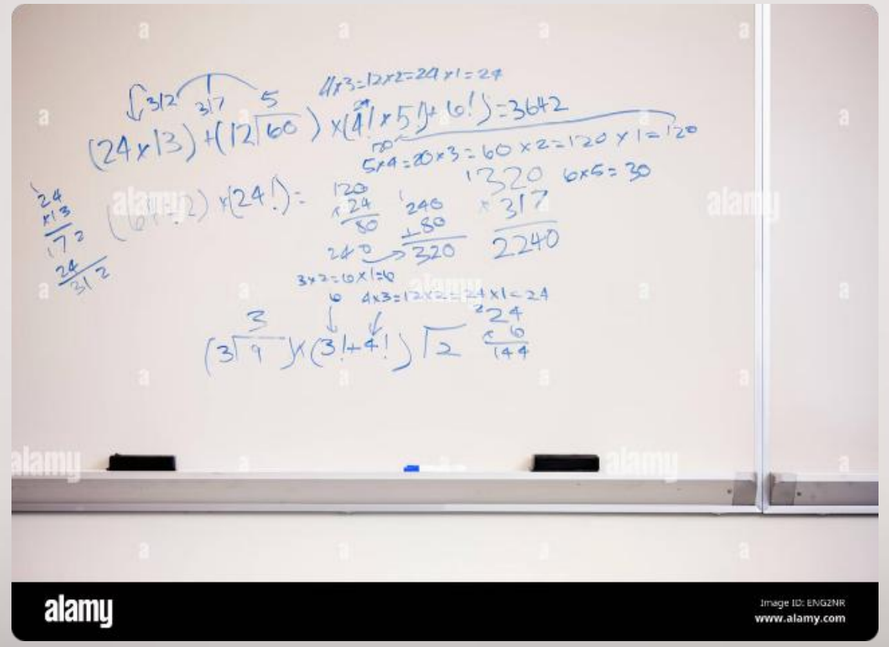


Introduction to Linear Programming

Linear programming is a mathematical technique used to optimize a linear objective function subject to linear constraints. It has wide applications in various fields, including business, engineering, and economics.

Formulating a Linear Programming Problem

Formulating a linear programming problem involves identifying the decision variables, the objective function, and the constraints. The objective function represents the quantity to be optimized, while the constraints define the limitations on the decision variables.

Decision Variables

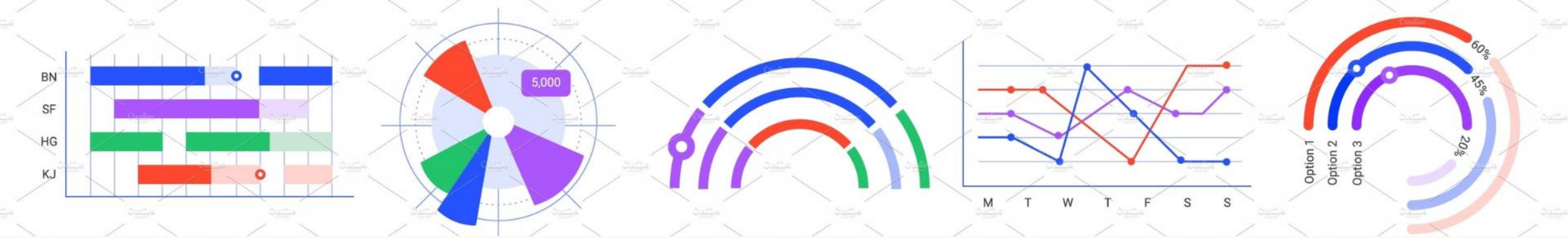
Quantities that are under control and can be adjusted to achieve the objective.

Objective Function

Mathematical expression that represents the quantity to be optimized.

Constraints

Limitations on the decision variables, expressed as linear inequalities or equations.



The Simplex Method

The simplex method is an iterative algorithm used to solve linear programming problems. It involves starting at a feasible solution and then moving to an adjacent feasible solution that improves the objective function value.

Initialization

Start with an initial feasible solution.

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Iteration

Move to an adjacent feasible solution that improves the objective function value.

2

Optimality Check

Check if the current solution is optimal. If not, repeat the iteration process.

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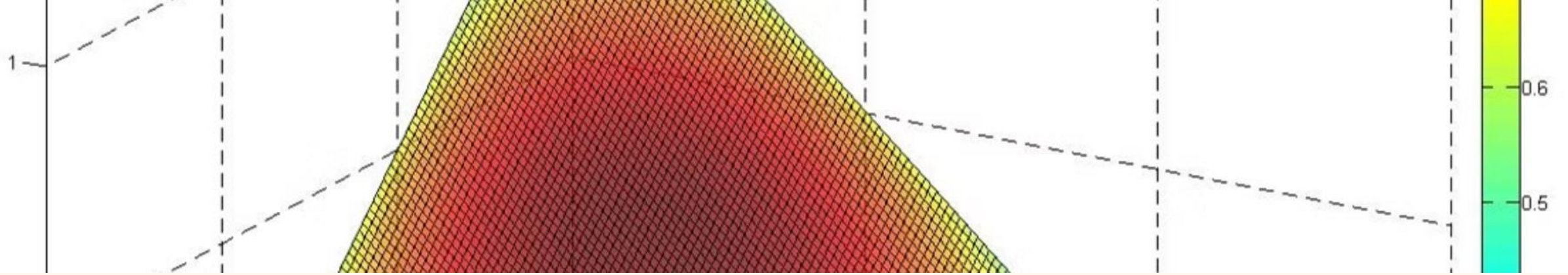

Simplex Algorithm Steps

The simplex algorithm involves a sequence of steps, including finding an initial feasible solution, identifying the entering and leaving variables, and updating the solution. The algorithm continues until an optimal solution is reached.

1

Step 1: Find an initial feasible solution.

Begin with a feasible solution that satisfies all constraints.

2

Step 2: Identify entering and and leaving variables.

Determine the variable that will enter the basis and the variable that will leave.

3

Step 3: Update the solution.

Adjust the values of the variables based on the entering and leaving variables.

4

Step 4: Check for optimality.

Examine if the current solution is optimal; if not, repeat steps 2 and 3.

Handling Infeasible and Unbounded Solutions

In some cases, a linear programming problem may have no feasible solution or an unbounded solution. Infeasibility occurs when no solution satisfies all constraints, while unboundedness implies the objective function can increase indefinitely.

Infeasible Solution

No solution satisfies all constraints.

Unbounded Solution

Objective function can increase indefinitely.

Sensitivity Analysis

Sensitivity analysis examines how the optimal solution changes when the problem's parameters are varied. It helps understand the robustness of the solution and identify critical parameters.

Parameter	Impact on Optimal Solution
Objective function coefficients	May change the optimal solution but not the feasible region.
Constraint coefficients	May alter the feasible region and hence the optimal solution.

Applications of the Simplex Method

The simplex method finds wide applications in diverse fields, including production planning, resource allocation, transportation, and portfolio optimization. Its versatility makes it a powerful tool for decision-making.

1 **Production Planning**

Determining optimal production quantities to maximize profit.

2 **Resource Allocation**

Allocating limited resources to maximize output.

3 **Transportation**

Minimizing transportation costs for goods.

4 **Portfolio Optimization**

Creating investment portfolios that maximize returns while minimizing risk.

Conclusion and Key Takeaways

The simplex method is a powerful tool for solving linear programming problems. Its iterative nature allows for finding optimal solutions efficiently. Understanding the concept and steps involved in the algorithm enables effective application in various decision-making contexts.

Versatility

Wide applicability in diverse fields.

Efficiency

Iterative process for finding optimal solutions.

Sensitivity Analysis

Understanding how changes in parameters affect the solution.