

# Computational Optimization

Linear Programming: Refresher

# Volsay Problem

- ▶ The Volsay company produces
  - ammoniac gas ( $\text{NH}_3$ )
  - ammonium chloride ( $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ )
- ▶ Volsay has in stock
  - 50 units of nitrogen (N)
  - 180 units of hydrogen (H)
  - 40 unit of chlorine (Cl)
- ▶ Volsay make a profit of
  - 40 dollars for each unit of ammoniac gas
  - 50 dollars for each unit of ammonium chloride
- ▶ Find an optimal production plan

# Volsay Problem (OPL)

```
dvar float+ gas;  
dvar float+ chloride;  
  
maximize 40 * gas + 50 * chloride;  
subject to {  
    gas + chloride <= 50;  
    3 * gas + 4 * chloride <= 180;  
    chloride <= 40;  
}
```

## Solution

Objective value: 2300  
gas = 20  
chloride = 30

# What is a Linear Program?

$$\min c_1x_1 + \dots + c_nx_n$$

subject to

$$a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n \leq b_1$$

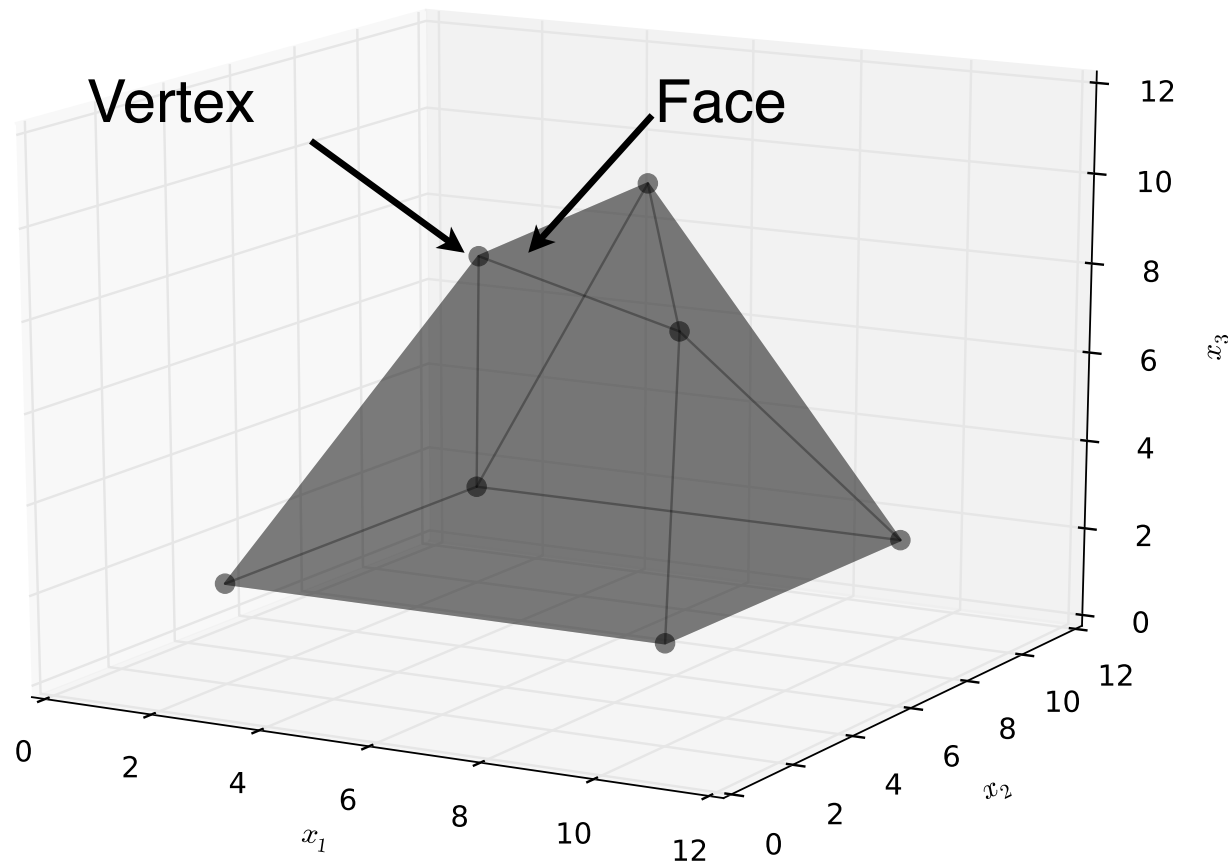
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$$a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n \leq b_m$$

$$x_i \geq 0 \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

- ▶  $n$  variables,  $m$  constraints
- ▶ variables are nonnegative
- ▶ inequality constraints

# Hyperplane, Facets, and Vertices



# Why I Love These Vertices

$$\min c_1 x_1 + \dots + c_n x_n$$

subject to

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...

$$a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n \leq b_m$$

$$x_i \geq 0 \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

► **Theorem:** At least one of the points where the objective value is minimal is a vertex.

# How to Obtain a Basic Feasible Solution?

- ▶ Consider  $Ax = b$
- ▶ Choose  $m$  linearly independent columns  $A_B$

$$A_B x_B + A_N x_N = b$$

$$A_B x_B = b - A_N x_N$$

$$x_B = A_B^{-1} b - A_B^{-1} A_N x_N$$

$$x_B = b' - A'_N x_N$$

- ▶ Feasible if  $b' \geq 0$
- ▶ The matrix  $A_B$  is called a *basis*.

# Matrix Notations

$$\begin{array}{rclclcl}
 3x_1 & + & 2x_2 & + & \boxed{x_3} & & = & 1 \\
 2x_1 & & & & + & x_4 & + & x_6 & = & 2 \\
 x_1 & & & & & + & x_5 & + & x_6 & = & 3
 \end{array}$$

Basic variables =  $\{x_3, x_4, x_5\}$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{A_B} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix}}_{x_B} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{A_N} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_6 \end{pmatrix}}_{x_N} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}}_b$$



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 \end{array}$$

Basis = {3,4,5}

$$\begin{array}{rclclcl}
 x_3 & = & 1 & - & 3x_1 & - & 2x_2 \\
 x_4 & = & 2 & - & 2x_1 & & - & x_6 \\
 x_5 & = & 3 & & & & - & x_6
 \end{array}$$

# How to Obtain a Basic Feasible Solution?

- ▶ Linear programming

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min & cx \\ \text{subject to} & \\ & Ax = b\end{array}$$

- ▶ Basic feasible solution: Basis B

$$x_B = A_B^{-1}b - A_B^{-1}A_Nx_N$$

- ▶ What is the cost for basis B?

$$cx = c_Bx_B + c_Nx_N$$

# How to Obtain a Basic Feasible Solution?

- What is the cost for basis B?

$$\begin{aligned} c x &= c_B x_B + c_N x_N \\ &= c_B (A_B^{-1} b - A_B^{-1} A_N x_N) + c_N x_N \\ &= c_B A_B^{-1} b + (c_N - c_B A_B^{-1} A_N) x_N \\ &= c_B A_B^{-1} b + (c_N - c_B A_B^{-1} A_N) x_N \\ &\quad + (c_B - c_B A_B^{-1} A_B) x_B \\ &= c_B A_B^{-1} b + (c - c_B A_B^{-1} A) x \end{aligned}$$

- Define  $\Pi = c_B A_B^{-1}$

$$c x = \Pi b + (c - \Pi A) x$$

# Testing if a Basis is Optimal

- ▶ What are the costs in the basic feasible solution?

$$cx = c_B A_B^{-1} b + (c - c_B A_B^{-1} A)x$$

$$cx = \Pi b + (c - \Pi A)x$$

- ▶ The basis is optimal if these costs are non-negative



# Computational Optimization

Linear Programming Duality: Refresher

# Goals of the Video

- ▶ Linear programming
  - duality theory



# Duality

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & c x \\ \text{subject to} & Ax \geq b \\ & x_j \geq 0 \end{array} \quad \text{primal}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \max & y b \\ \text{subject to} & yA \leq c \\ & y_i \geq 0 \end{array} \quad \text{dual}$$



# Volsay Dual

## Primal

```
dvar float gas;  
dvar float chloride;  
  
maximize 40 * gas + 50 * chloride;  
subject to {  
    gas + chloride <= 50;  
    3 * gas + 4 * chloride <= 180;  
    chloride <= 40;  
}
```

## Dual

```
dvar float+ y1;  
dvar float+ y2;  
dvar float+ y3;  
  
minimize 50*y1 + 180*y2 + 40*y3;  
subject to {  
    y1 + 3*y2 >= 40;  
    y1 + 4*y2 + y3 >= 50;  
}
```

# Weak Duality

primal

min  $c x$   
subject to

$$Ax \geq b$$
$$x_j \geq 0$$

dual

max  $y b$   
subject to

$$yA \leq c$$
$$y \geq 0$$

Let  $\hat{x}$  and  $\hat{y}$  be feasible solutions  
to the primal and dual respectively.  
We have that

$$c\hat{x} \geq \hat{y}A\hat{x} \geq \hat{y}b.$$

# Testing if a Basis is Optimal

- ▶ What are the costs in the basic feasible solution?

$$cx = c_B A_B^{-1} b + (c - c_B A_B^{-1} A)x$$

$$cx = \Pi b + (c - \Pi A)x$$

- ▶ The basis is optimal if these costs are non-negative
- ▶ Ha Ha!
  - The simplex multipliers are a feasible solution to the dual

dual

$$\begin{array}{ll} \max & y b \\ \text{subject to} & \\ & y A \leq c \\ & y \geq 0 \end{array}$$

# Strong Duality

- Theorem: If the primal has an optimal solution, the dual has an optimal solution with the same cost

Consider the optimal solution  $x^*$ .

It has an associated basis  $B$

$$x_B^* = A_B^{-1}b.$$

The dual has a feasible solution

$$y^* = c_B A_B^{-1}$$

by the optimality of the primal. Hence,

$$y^*b = c_B A_B^{-1}b = c_B x^*.$$

# Economic Interpretation

- What do these dual variables mean?

$$\begin{array}{ll}\max & \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j \\ \text{subject to} & \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \leq b_i + t_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq m)\end{array}$$

- for some “small”  $t_i$ , this linear program has an optimal

$$z^* + \sum_{i=1}^m y_i^* t_i$$

optimal primal objective      dual solution

The diagram shows the expression  $z^* + \sum_{i=1}^m y_i^* t_i$  with two arrows pointing downwards from it. The left arrow points to the text 'optimal primal objective' and the right arrow points to the text 'dual solution'.

# Volsay Problem: Dual Values

```
dvar float+ gas;  
dvar float+ chloride;  
  
maximize 40 * gas + 50 * chloride;  
subject to {  
    gas + chloride <= 50;  
    3 * gas + 4 * chloride <= 180;  
    chloride <= 40;  
}
```

## Solution

Objective value: 2300  
gas = 20  
chloride = 30

# What happens if

```
dvar float+ gas;  
dvar float+ chloride;  
  
maximize 40 * gas + 50 * chloride;  
subject to {  
    gas + chloride <= 50;  
    3 * gas + 4 * chloride <= 180 + 1;  
    chloride <= 40;  
}
```

Solution

Objective value: 2310  
gas = 19  
chloride = 31

# Volsay Problem

```
dvar float+ gas;  
dvar float+ chloride;  
  
maximize 40 * gas + 50 * chloride;  
subject to {  
    gas + chloride <= 50;  
    3 * gas + 4 * chloride <= 180;  
    chloride <= 40;  
}
```

Dual values

$$y_1 = 10$$

$$y_2 = 10$$

$$y_3 = 0$$

Solution

Objective value: 2300

gas = 20

chloride = 30



# Volsay Problem

```
dvar float+ gas;  
dvar float+ chloride;  
  
maximize 40 * gas + 50 * chloride;  
subject to {  
    gas + chloride <= 51;  
    3 * gas + 4 * chloride <= 180;  
    chloride <= 40;  
}
```

## Solution

Objective value: 2310  
gas = 24  
chloride = 27



# Computational Optimization

Mixed Integer Programming: Refresher

# Goals of the Video

- ▶ Mixed Integer Linear Programming (MIP)
  - introduction
  - branch and bound

# What is a Mixed Integer Program?

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & c_1x_1 \quad + \quad \dots \quad + \quad c_nx_n \\ \text{subject to} & \\ & a_{11}x_1 \quad + \quad \dots \quad + \quad a_{1n}x_n \leq b_1 \\ & \dots \\ & a_{m1}x_1 \quad + \quad \dots \quad + \quad a_{mn}x_n \leq b_m \\ & x_i \geq 0 \\ & x_i \text{ integer } \quad (i \in I) \end{array}$$

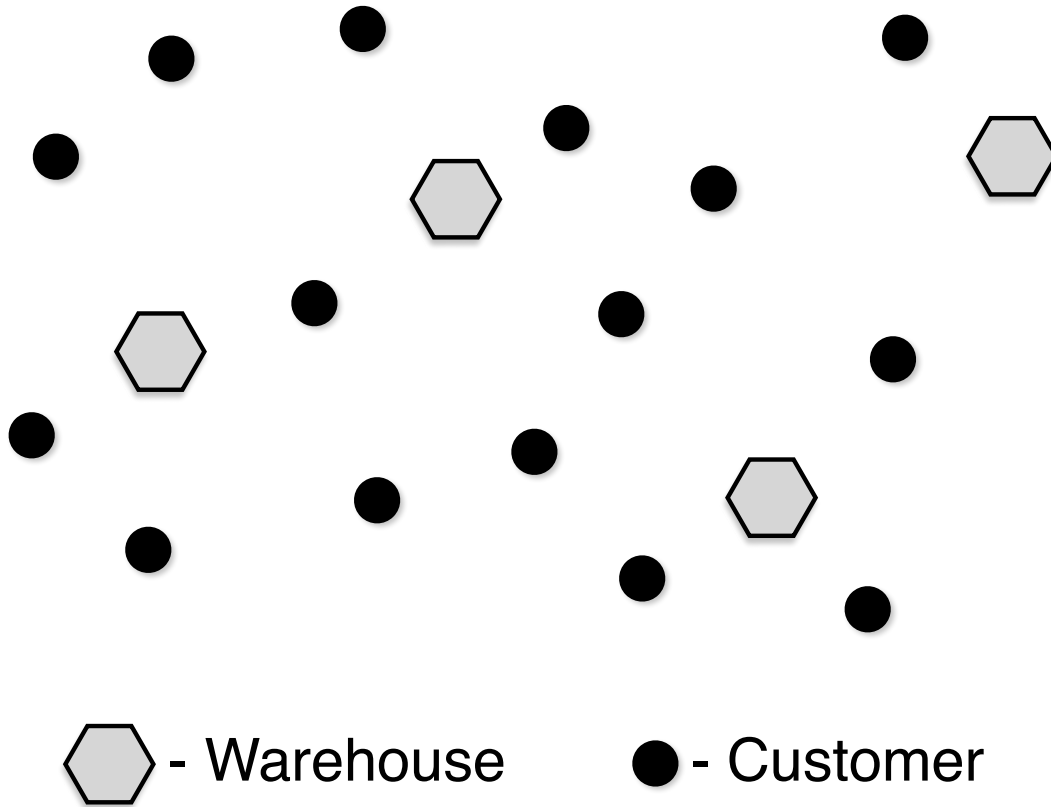
# Mixed Integer Versus Linear Programs?

- ▶ Integrality constraints
  - the gap between P and NP

# The Knapsack Problem

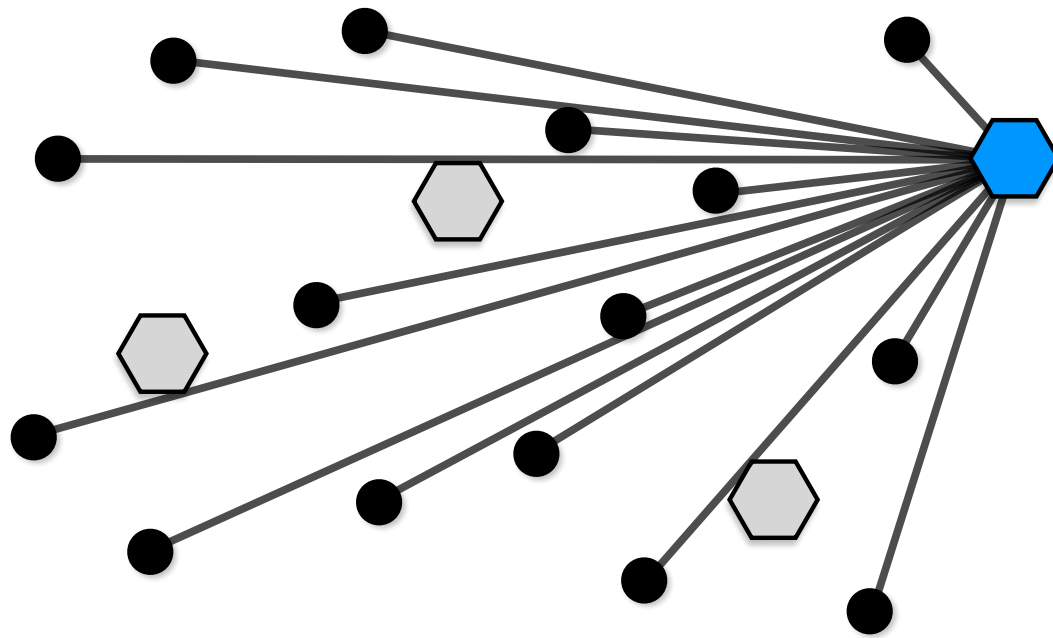
$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{maximize} & \sum_{i \in I} v_i x_i \\ \text{subject to} & \sum_{i \in I} w_i x_i \leq K \\ & x_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad (i \in I)\end{array}$$

# Warehouse Location



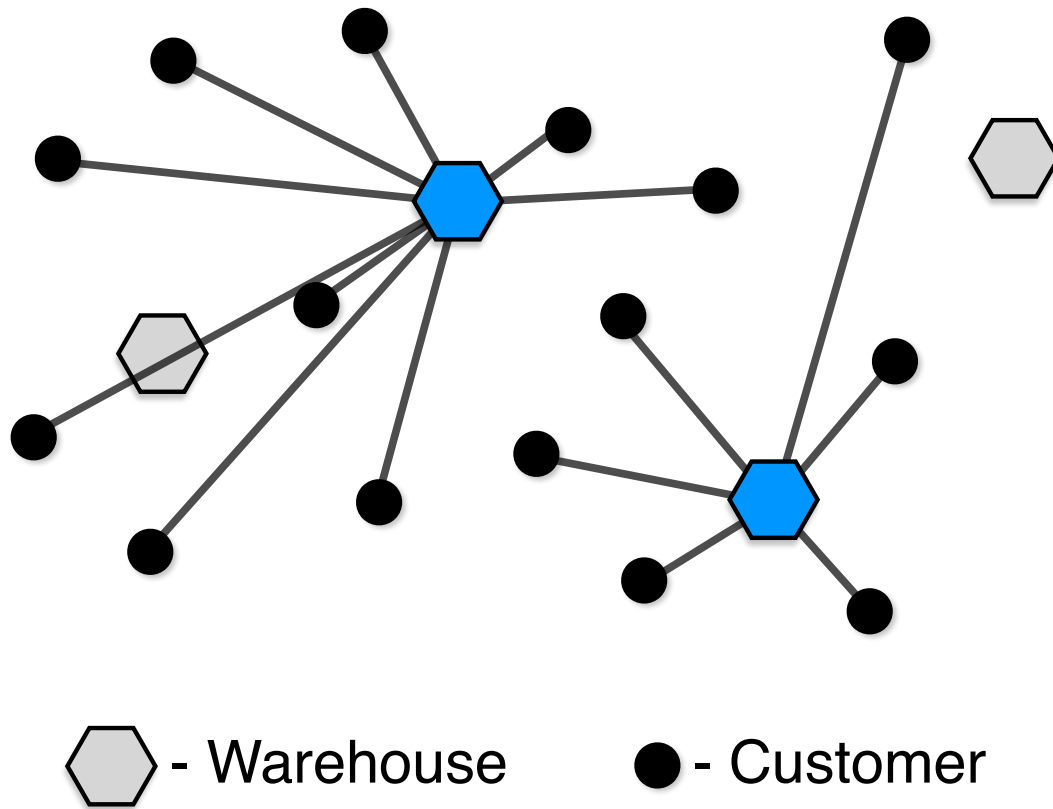


# Warehouse Location

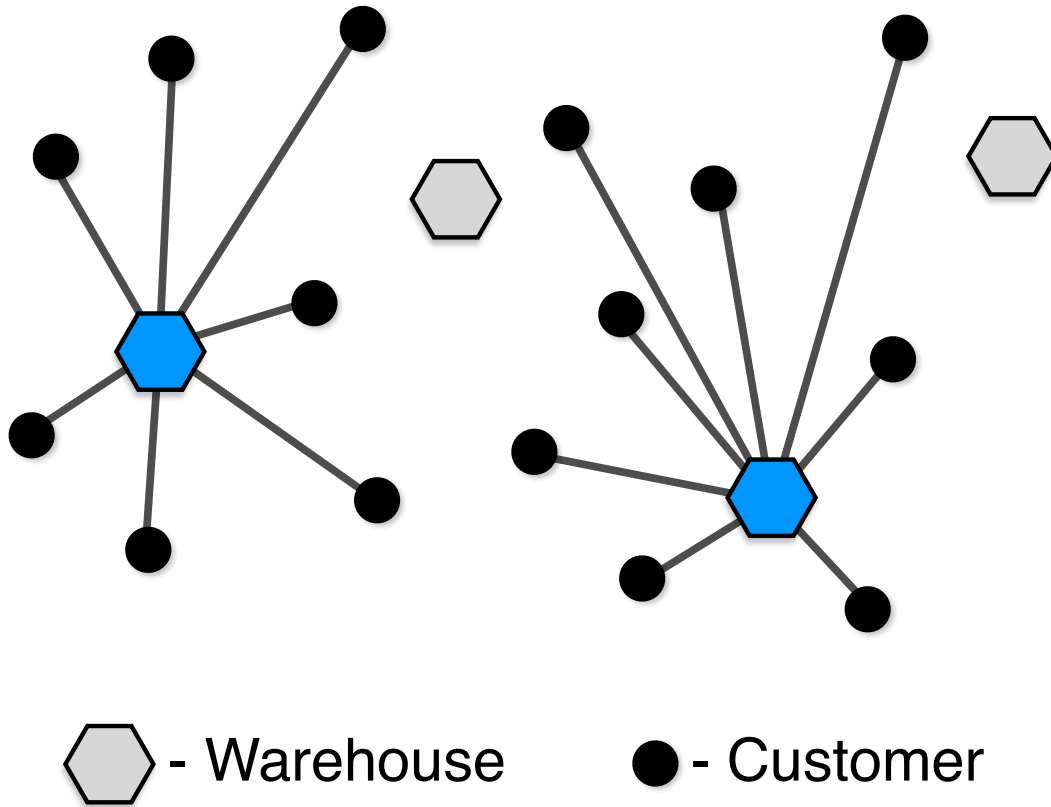


● - Warehouse      ● - Customer

# Warehouse Location



# Warehouse Location



# Warehouse Location

- ▶ Can we find a MIP model?
  - what are the decision variables?
  - what are the constraints?
  - what is the objective function?
- ▶ Decision variables
  - for each warehouse, decide whether to open it
    - $x_w = 1$  if warehouse  $w$  is open
  - decide whether a warehouse serves a customer
    - $y_{wc} = 1$  if warehouse  $w$  serves customer  $c$

# Warehouse Location

- ▶ Decision variables
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- ▶ What are the constraints?
  - a warehouse can serve a customer only if it is open
  - a customer must be served by exactly one warehouse

# Warehouse Location

## ► Decision variables

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## ► What are the constraints?

- a warehouse can serve a customer only if it is open

$$y_{w,c} \leq x_w$$

- a customer must be served by exactly one warehouse

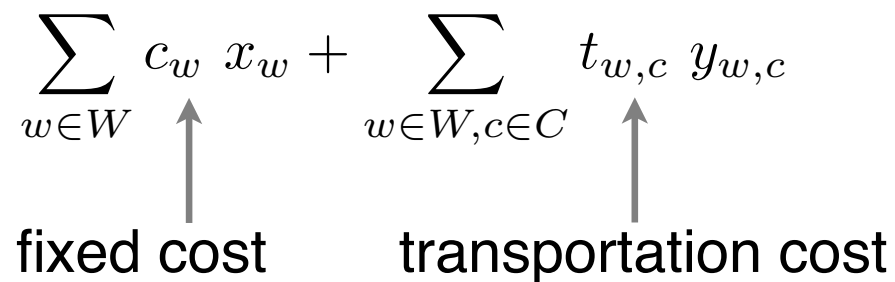
$$\sum_{w \in W} y_{w,c} = 1$$

# Warehouse Location

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  - decide whether a warehouse serves a customer
    - $y_{wc} = 1$  if warehouse  $w$  serves customer  $c$
- ▶ What is the objective function?

$$\sum_{w \in W} c_w x_w + \sum_{w \in W, c \in C} t_{w,c} y_{w,c}$$

fixed cost                      transportation cost



# Warehouse Location

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min & \sum_{w \in W} c_w x_w + \sum_{w \in W, c \in C} t_{w,c} y_{w,c} \\ \text{subject to} & \\ & y_{w,c} \leq x_w \quad (w \in W, c \in C) \\ & \sum_{w \in W} y_{w,c} = 1 \quad (c \in C) \\ & x_w \in \{0, 1\} \quad (w \in W) \\ & y_{w,c} \in \{0, 1\} \quad (w \in W, c \in C)\end{array}$$



# Warehouse Location

## ► Decision variables

- for each warehouse, decide whether to open it
  - $x_w = 1$  if warehouse  $w$  is open
- decide whether a warehouse serves a customer
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## ► Why not use

- $y_c$  denotes the warehouse serving customer  $c$ ?

# The Role of 0/1 Variables

- ▶ MIP models love 0/1 variables
  - integer variables are typically 0/1 variables
- ▶ Linear constraints are easy to state
  - when using 0/1 variables
- ▶ Still many possible models to consider
  - decision variables
  - constraints
  - objectives

# Branch and Bound

- ▶ How to solve MIP models?
  - active research area for many many decades
- ▶ Branch and bound
  - Bounding: finding an optimistic relaxation
  - Branching: splitting the problem in subproblems
- ▶ MIP models have a natural relaxation
  - the linear relaxation
  - remove the integrality constraint on variables

# Branch and Bound for MIP Models

- Solve the linear relaxation
- If the linear relaxation is worse than the best solution found so far, prune this node
  - the associated problem is suboptimal
- If the linear relaxation is integral, we have found a feasible solution
  - update the best feasible solution if appropriate
- Otherwise, find an integer variable  $x$  that has a fractional value  $f$  in the linear relaxation
  - create two subproblems  $x \leq \lfloor f \rfloor$  and  $x \geq \lceil f \rceil$
  - repeat the algorithm on the subproblems

# The Knapsack Problem

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# The Knapsack Problem: Linear Relaxation

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{maximize} & \sum_{i \in I} v_i x_i \\ \text{subject to} & \sum_{i \in I} w_i x_i \leq K \\ & 0 \leq x_i \leq 1 \quad (i \in I)\end{array}$$

# Branch and Bound for MIP models

- ▶ Linear relaxation
  - a greedy algorithm
- ▶ How do we branch?
  - variable with a fractional value
  - i.e., most valuable item that cannot be fit entirely
- ▶ What do the subproblems mean?
  - do not take that item
    - what is the linear relaxation going to do?
  - take this item
    - what is the linear relaxation going to do?

# Branch and Bound for MIP models

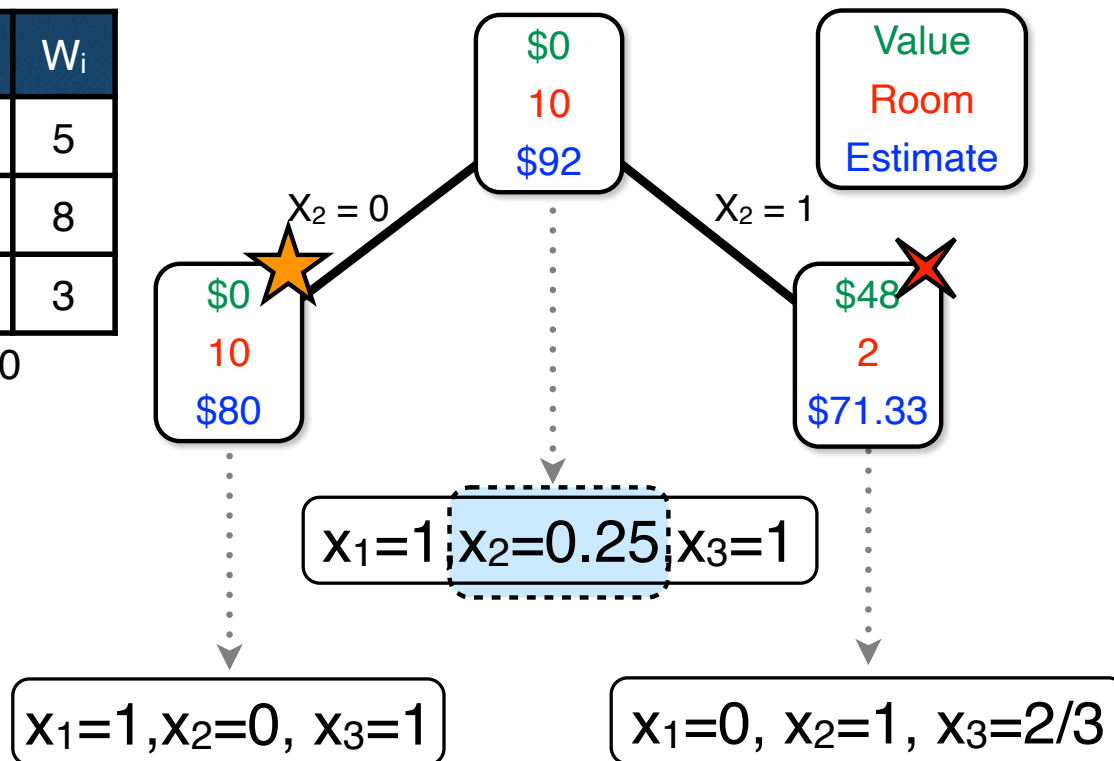
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- ▶ How do we branch?
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  - i.e., most valuable item that cannot be fit entirely
- ▶ What do the subproblems mean?
  - do not take that item
    - which item is now fractional?
  - take this item
    - which item is now fractional?



# Depth-First Branch and Bound

i	$V_i$	$W_i$
1	45	5
2	48	8
3	35	3

$K = 10$



# Branch and Bound for MIP models

- ▶ When is Branch and Bound effective?
  - necessary condition: the linear relaxation is strong
    - is it sufficient?
- ▶ What is a good MIP model?
  - one with a good linear relaxation
- ▶ Which variable should one branch on?
  - most fractional value
    - why? exaggerate ...

# Branch and Bound for MIP models

- ▶ When is Branch and Bound effective?
  - need to prune suboptimal solutions early
  - necessary condition: the linear relaxation is strong
    - is it sufficient?
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  - one with a good linear relaxation

# Warehouse Location

## ► Decision variables

- for each warehouse, decide whether to open it
  - $x_w = 1$  if warehouse  $w$  is open
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## ► What are the constraints?

- a warehouse can serve a customer only if it is open
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# Warehouse Location

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$$y_{w,c} \leq x_w$$

- a customer must be served by exactly one warehouse

$$\sum_{w \in W} y_{w,c} = 1$$

# Warehouse Location

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min & \sum_{w \in W} c_w x_w + \sum_{w \in W, c \in C} t_{w,c} y_{w,c} \\ \text{subject to} & \sum_{c \in C} y_{w,c} \leq |C| x_w \quad (w \in W) \\ & \sum_{w \in W} y_{w,c} = 1 \quad (c \in C) \\ & x_w \in \{0, 1\} \quad (w \in W) \\ & y_{w,c} \in \{0, 1\} \quad (w \in W, c \in C)\end{array}$$

# Warehouse Location

- ▶ Which of the two models is best?
  - our new model has a single constraint instead of ICI constraints for each warehouse
- ▶ What about the quality of linear relaxation?

# Warehouse Location

- ▶ A solution to

$$y_{w,c} \leq x_w \quad (w \in W, c \in C)$$


- ▶ is also a solution to

$$\sum_{c \in C} y_{w,c} \leq |C|x_w \quad (w \in W)$$

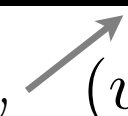
- ▶ but not vice-versa.
- ▶ So the initial model has a better linear relaxation!



# Warehouse Location Relaxations

$$y_{w,c} \leq x_w \quad (w \in W, c \in C)$$


W	C	OBJ <sub>1</sub>	OBJ <sub>2</sub>	%
16	50	932,615	844,807	9.5
16	50	1,010,641	853,434	15.6
25	50	796,648	659,341	17.2
50	50	793,439	631,421	20.4

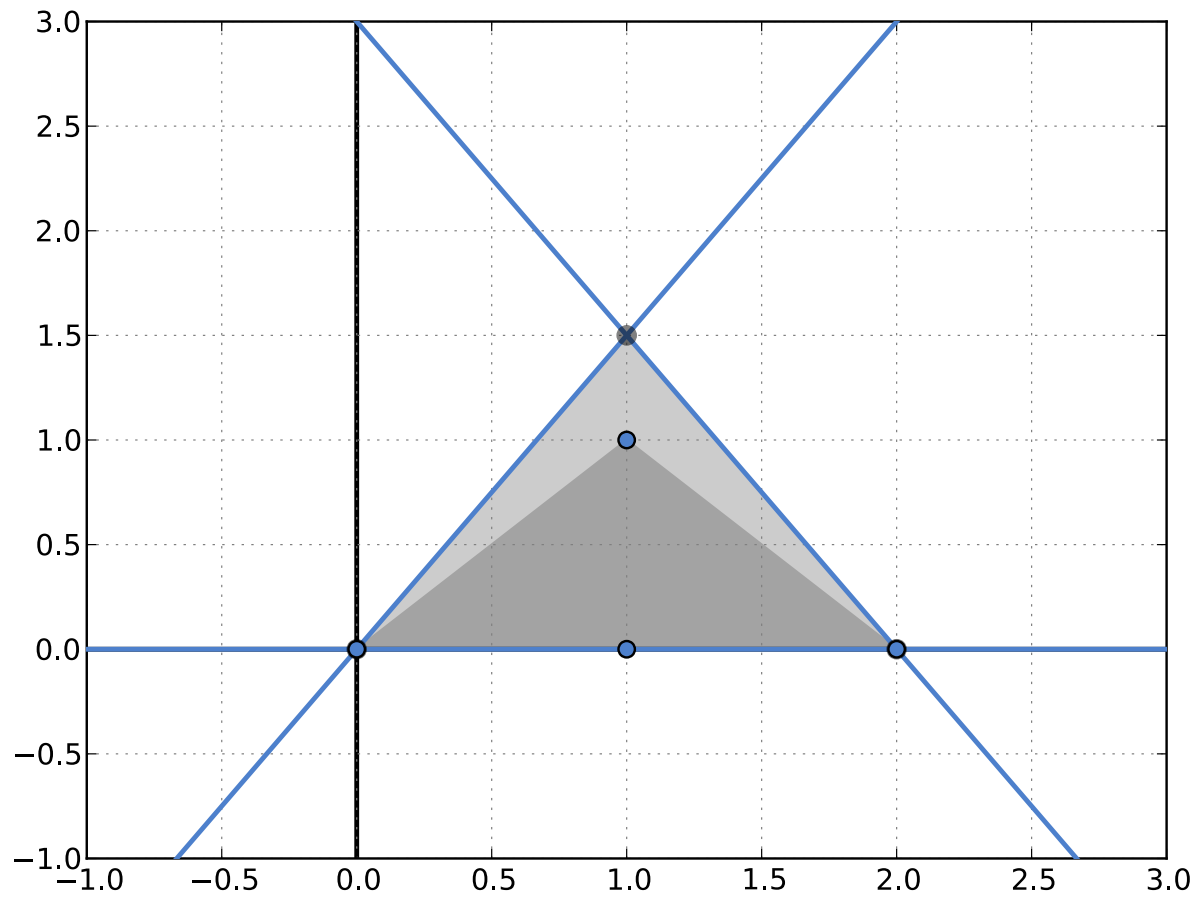
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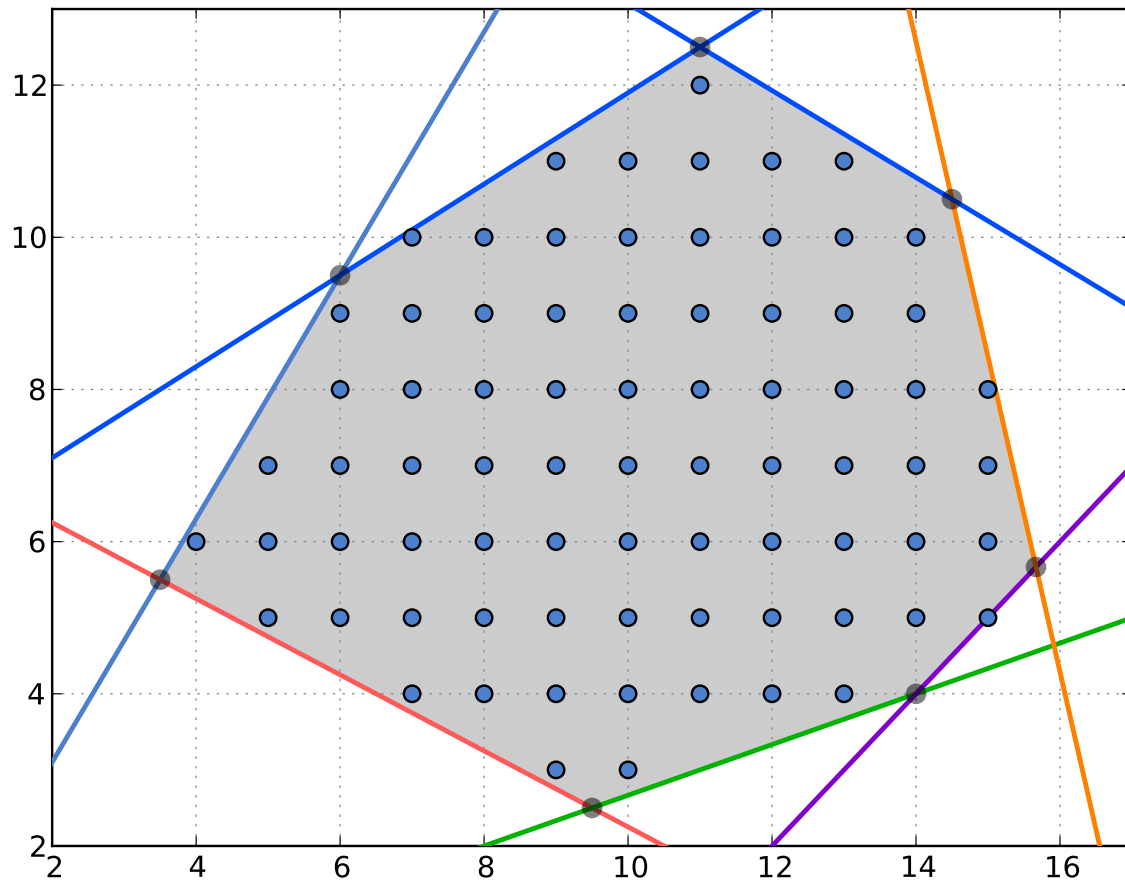
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Mixed Integer Programming: Refresher II

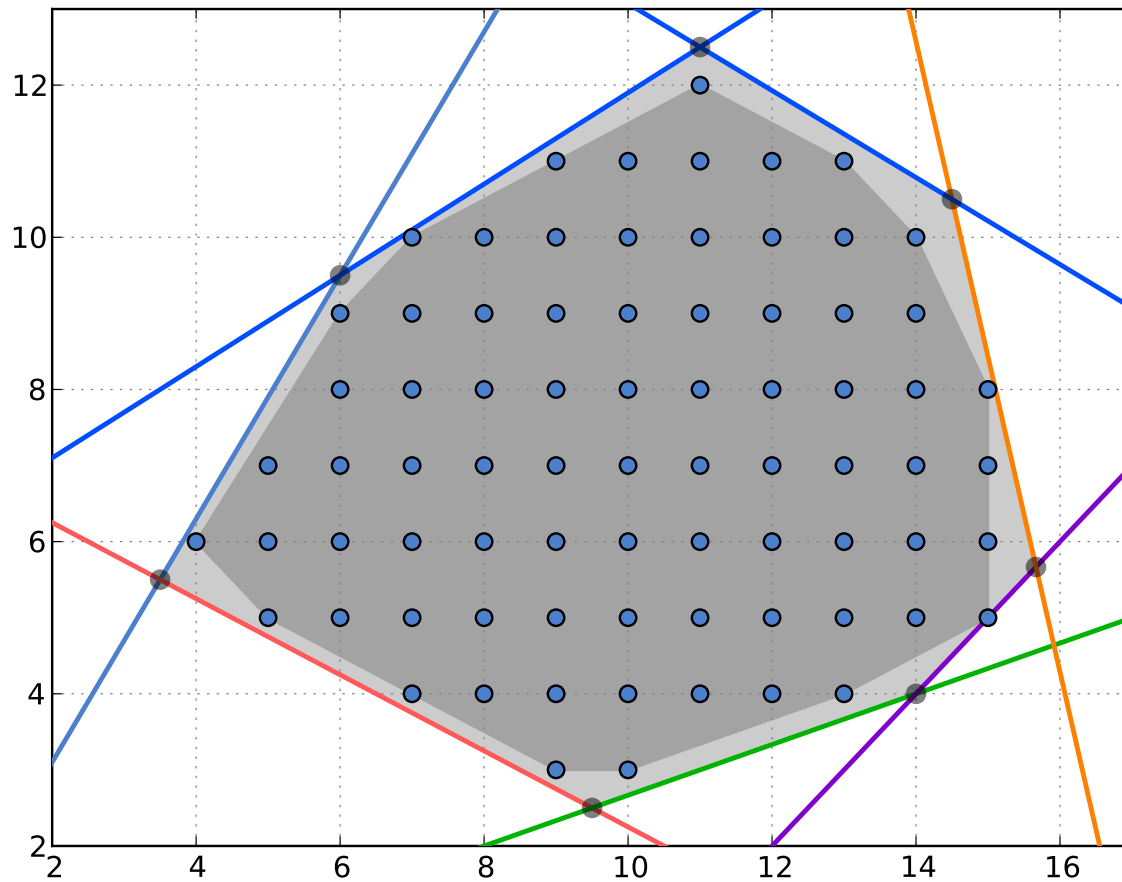
# Convex Hull



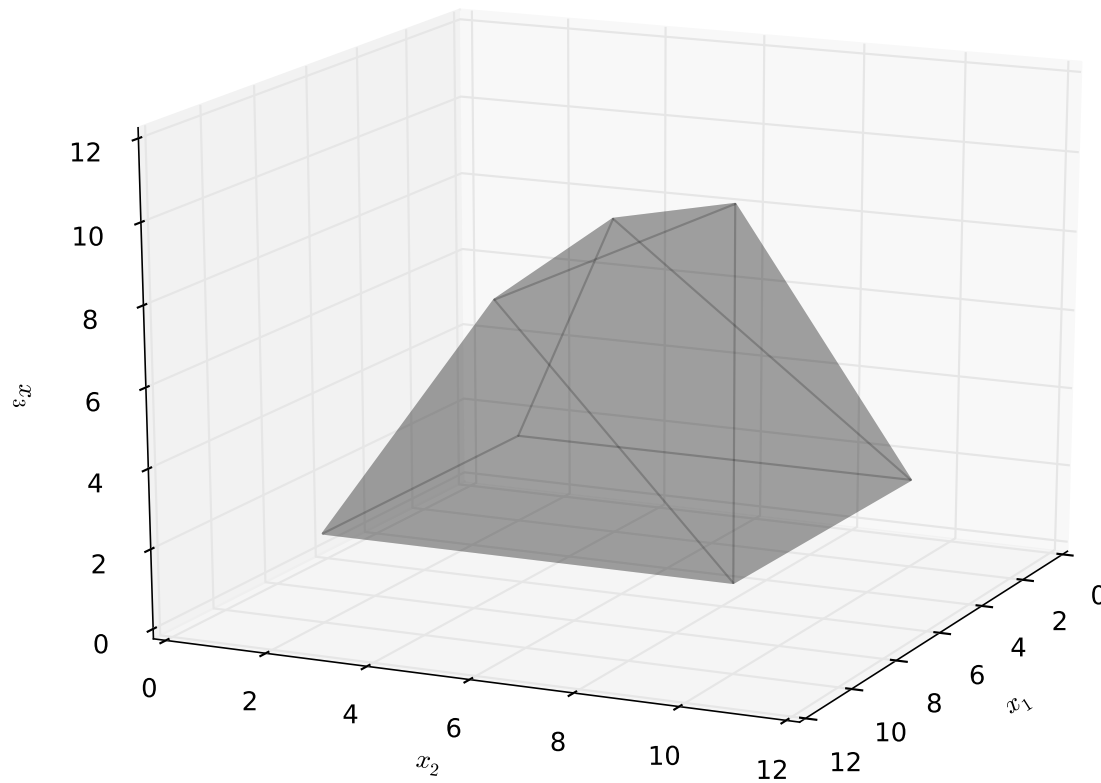
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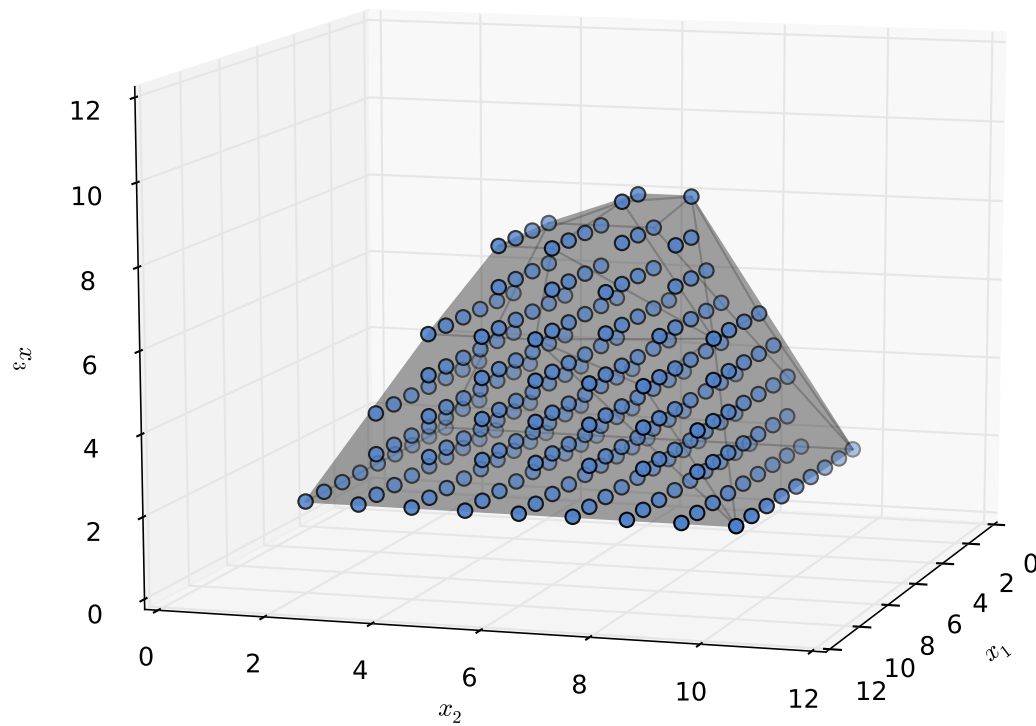
# Convex Hull



# Convex Hull



# Convex Hull





# Why the Convex Hull?

- ▶ If I had the convex hull of the integer solutions
  - I could use linear programming to solve the problems
- ▶ Why?
  - because an optimal solution will be on a vertex
  - each vertex is feasible

# Polyhedral Cuts

- ▶ Polyhedral cuts
  - cuts that represent the facets of the convex hull of the integer solutions
- ▶ These cuts are valid
  - they do not remove any solution
- ▶ The cuts are as strong as possible
  - if we have all of them, we could use linear programming to solve the problem

# Branch and Cut

## ► Basic idea

1. formulate the application as a MIP;
2. solve the linear relaxation; if the linear relaxation is integral, terminate;
3. find a polyhedral cut which prunes the linear relaxation and is a facet if possible; if you can find such beautiful mathematical object, go back to step 2;
4. otherwise, settle for the poor man's choice and branch

# The Separation Problem

- ▶ Consider a solution  $x^*$  to the linear relaxation possibly enhanced by a number of cuts
- ▶ We wish to know whether there exists a polyhedral cut that cut  $x^*$



# Computational Optimization

Mixed Integer Programming: Refresher III

# Warehouse location

- ▶ Assume that I have opened the warehouses
  - but there is a limit on how many customers can be served by a warehouse

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min & \sum_{w \in W, c \in C} t_{w,c} y_{w,c} \\ \text{subject to} & \\ & y_{w,c} \leq \bar{x}_w \quad (w \in W, c \in C) \\ & \sum_{w \in W} y_{w,c} = 1 \quad (c \in C) \\ & \sum_{c \in C} y_{w,c} \leq n_w \quad (w \in W) \\ & y_{w,c} \in \{0, 1\} \quad (w \in W, c \in C)\end{array}$$

# Warehouse location

- This is a MIP

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min & \sum_{w \in W, c \in C} t_{w,c} y_{w,c} \\ \text{subject to} & \\ & y_{w,c} \leq \bar{x}_w \quad (w \in W, c \in C) \\ & \sum_{w \in W} y_{w,c} = 1 \quad (c \in C) \\ & \sum_{c \in C} y_{w,c} \leq n_w \quad (w \in W) \\ & y_{w,c} \in \{0, 1\} \quad (w \in W, c \in C)\end{array}$$

- I claim that it is easy and can be solved by linear programming
  - will be important for decomposition algorithms later on



# Total Unimodularity

- ▶ What is total unimodularity?
  - a property that guarantees that a linear program is guaranteed to have only integer vertices
- ▶ Consequences
  - you do not need to solve the MIP
  - solving the LP is sufficient

# Warehouse location

- I only need to solve this LP

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min & \sum_{w \in W, c \in C} t_{w,c} y_{w,c} \\ \text{subject to} & \\ & y_{w,c} \leq \bar{x}_w \quad (w \in W, c \in C) \\ & \sum_{w \in W} y_{w,c} = 1 \quad (c \in C) \\ & \sum_{c \in C} y_{w,c} \leq n_w \quad (w \in W) \\ & 0 \leq y_{w,c} \leq 1 \quad (w \in W, c \in C)\end{array}$$

# Total Unimodularity

- ▶ How do we define total unimodularity?
- ▶ Consider the polyhedra

$$P = \{x \mid Ax \leq b, x \geq 0\}$$

- ▶ What are the conditions on A and b that guarantee that the vertices of P are all integral?
  - A is totally unimodular
  - b is integer



# Total Unimodular Matrices

- ▶ A matrix  $A$  is unimodular if  $\det(A) = 1$  or  $-1$ .
- ▶ A matrix  $A$  is Totally Unimodular (TU) if each square submatrix  $B$  of  $A$  has  $\det(B) = 0, 1$ , or  $-1$ .
- ▶ Note that, if  $A$  is TU
  - entries of  $A$  must be  $0, -1, 1$  (why?)
  - adding a row  $(0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$  to  $A$  gives a TU matrix

# Sufficient Condition

- ▶ A matrix  $A$  is totally unimodular if there are at most 2 non-zeros in each column and if the rows can be partitioned into two sets  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  such that
  - If a column has two entries of the same sign, their rows are in different sets of the partition
  - If a column has two entries of different signs their rows are in the same set of the partition

# Corollary

- ▶ A matrix  $A$  is totally unimodular if
  - it has almost two non zero entries per column
  - the sum of the entries of a column is zero

# Warehouse location

- After removing the warehouse that are closed

$$\begin{aligned} & \min \sum_{w \in W, c \in C} t_{w,c} y_{w,c} \\ & \text{subject to} \\ & \sum_{w \in W} y_{w,c} = 1 \quad (c \in C) \\ & \sum_{c \in C} y_{w,c} \leq n_w \quad (w \in W) \\ & 0 \leq y_{w,c} \leq 1 \quad (w \in W, c \in C) \end{aligned}$$

- How do the constraints look like?

# Looking at the Matrix

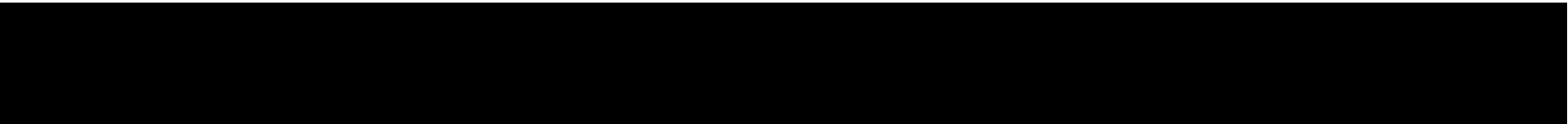




Customers

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1	$y_{1,1}$	$y_{2,1}$	$y_{3,1}$									
2				$y_{1,2}$	$y_{2,2}$	$y_{3,2}$						
3							$y_{1,3}$	$y_{2,3}$	$y_{3,3}$			
4										$y_{1,4}$	$y_{2,4}$	$y_{3,4}$
1	$y_{1,1}$			$y_{1,2}$			$y_{1,3}$			$y_{1,4}$		
2		$y_{2,1}$			$y_{2,2}$			$y_{2,3}$			$y_{2,4}$	
3			$y_{3,1}$			$y_{3,2}$			$y_{3,3}$			$y_{3,4}$

Warehouses



Customers

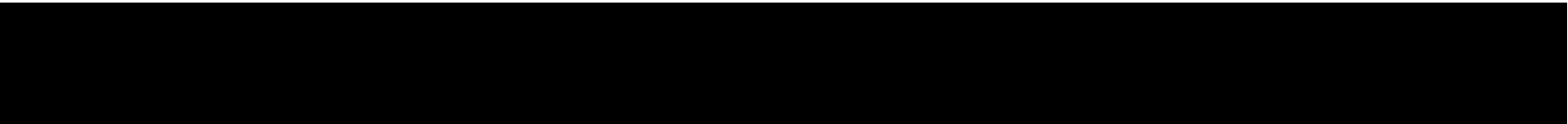
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Warehouses

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Warehouses



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Warehouses

# Total Unimodularity

- ▶ Typical totally unimodular problems
  - shortest paths
  - flow problems
  - assignment problems

