

## Step-1

The coefficient of  $x_1$  is positive and the coefficient of  $x_2$  is negative in the cost function. Therefore, if  $x_1$  is increased, the cost will go on increasing. However, if  $x_2$  is increased, the cost will go down.

Therefore,  $x_2$  should be increased from its current value.

## Step-2

The second constraint is given by  $3x_1 + 6x_2 + x_4 = 12$ . When  $x_2$  is increased to 2, we have  $6x_2 = 12$ , which is equal to the right hand side.

Since, we have the non-negativity constraint  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \geq 0$ , it is easy to see that this forces  $x_4$  to be equal to zero.

Thus,  $x_2$  can be increased to  $\boxed{2}$ .