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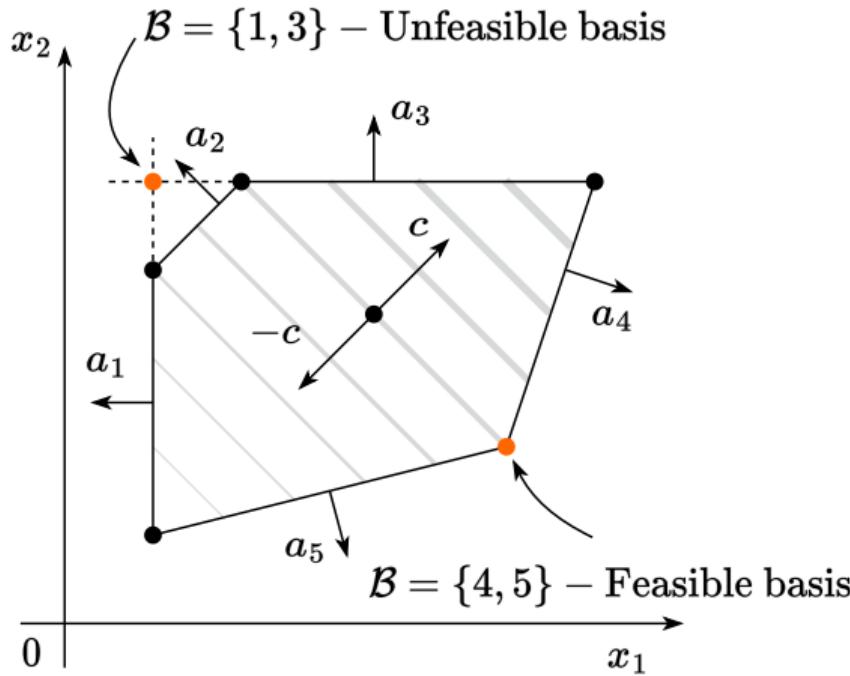
## Two-Phase Simplex Method. Duality in LP

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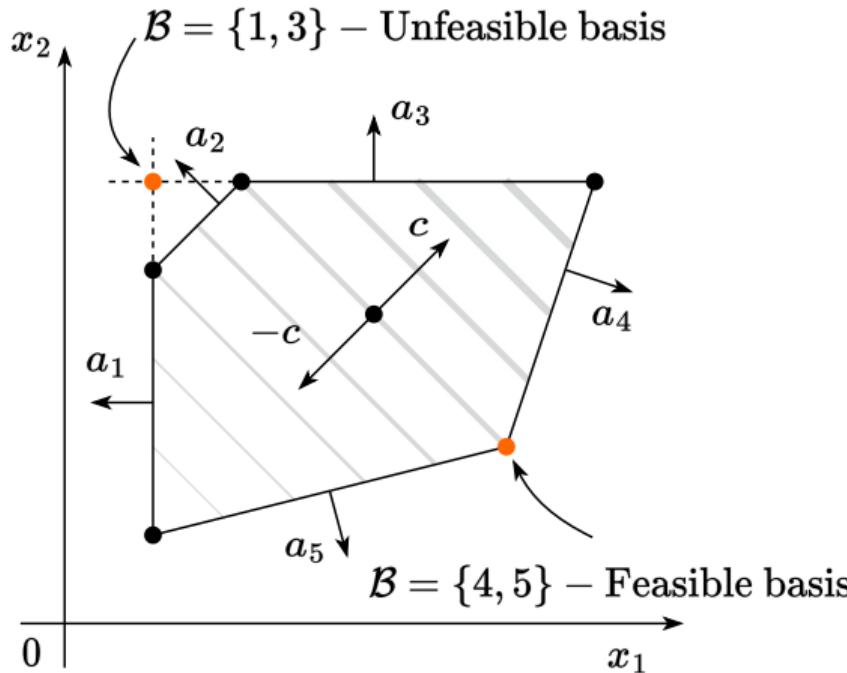


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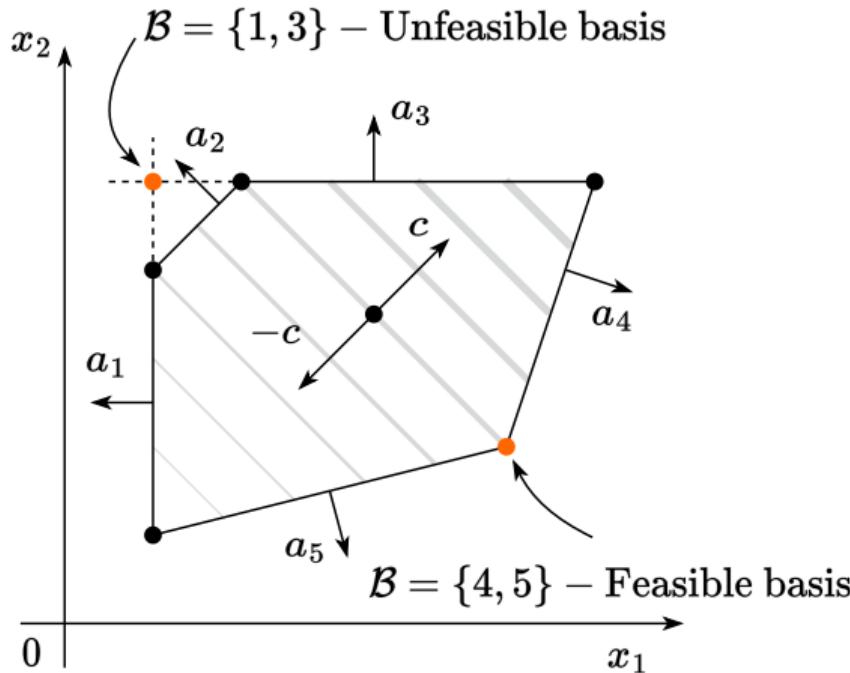


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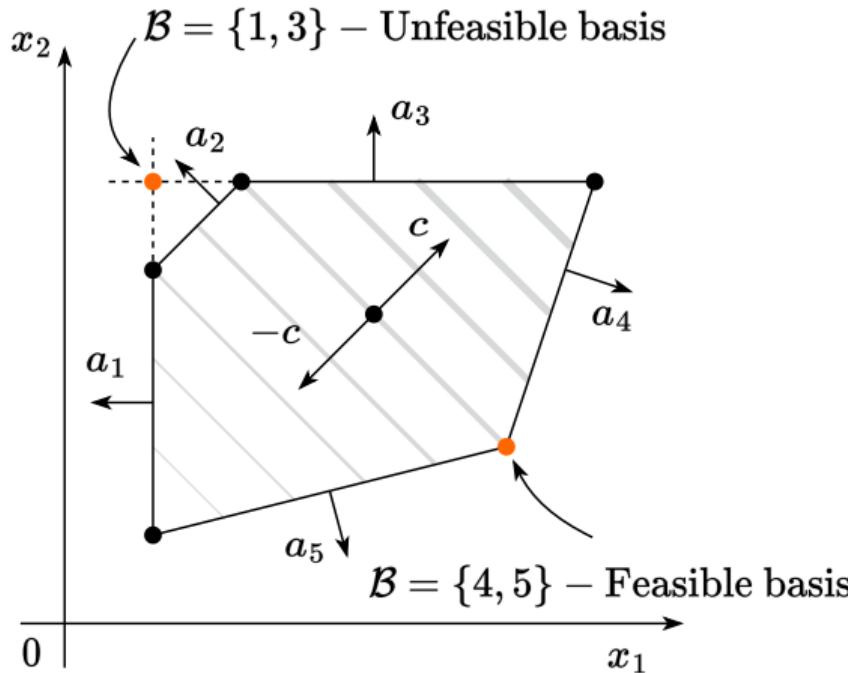


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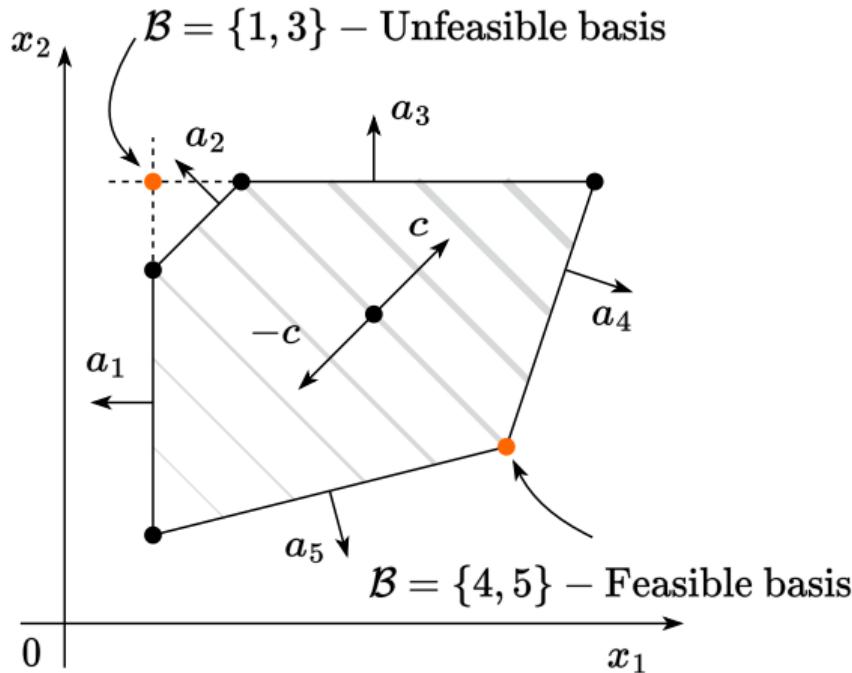


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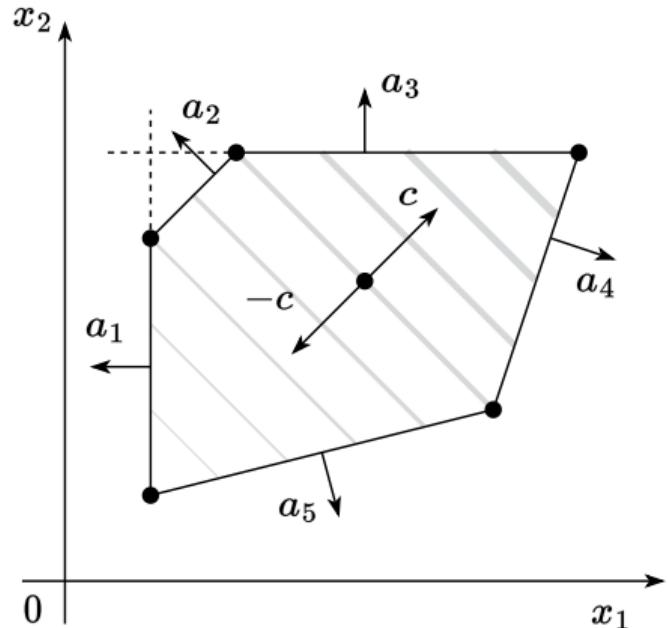


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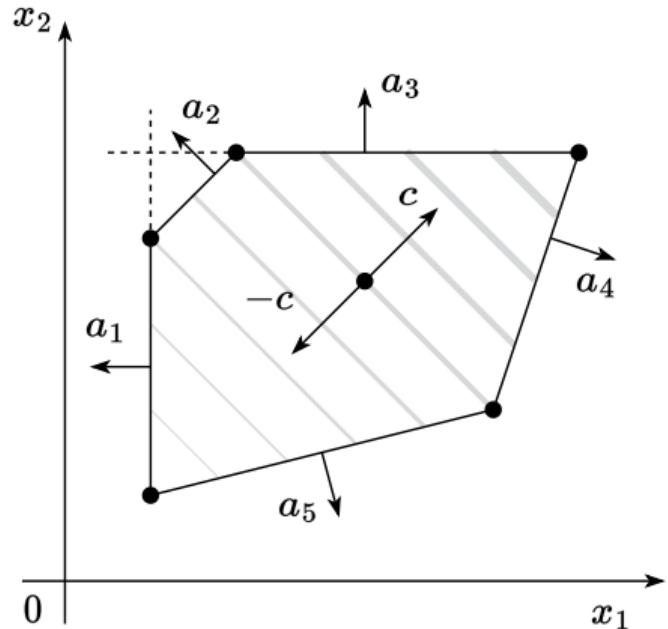


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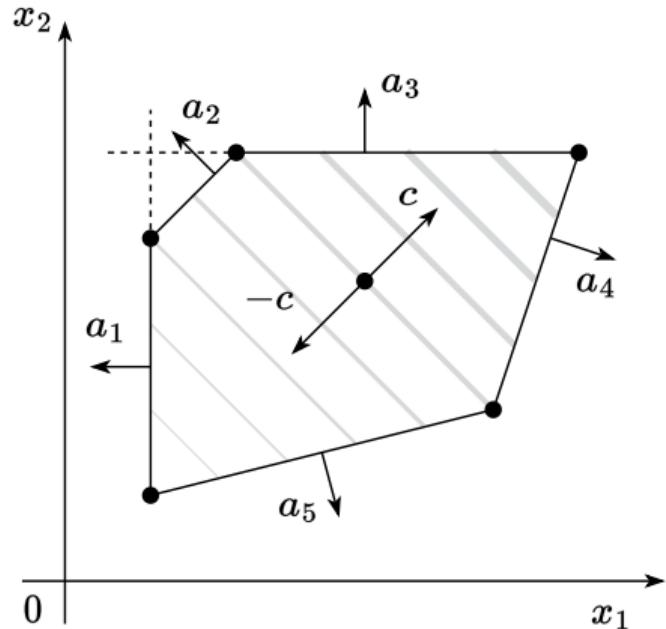


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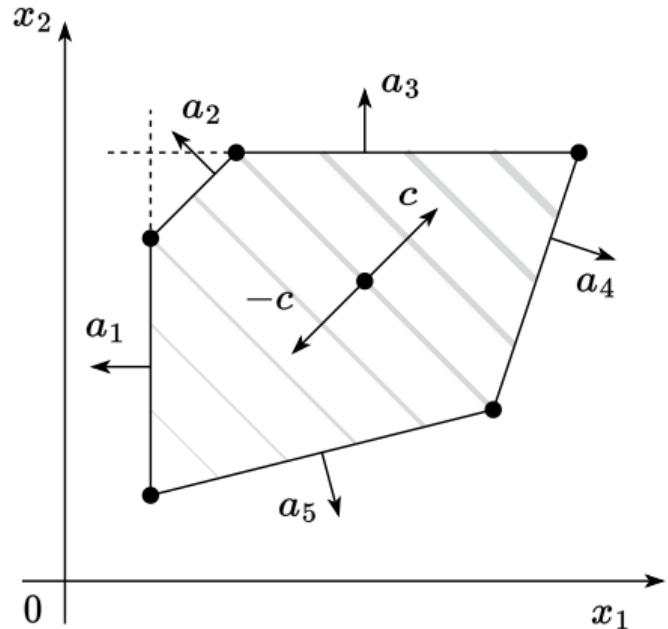


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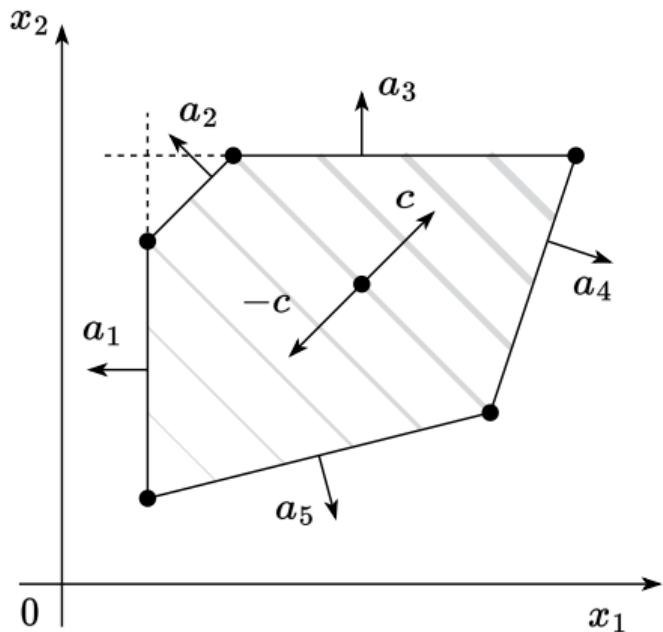


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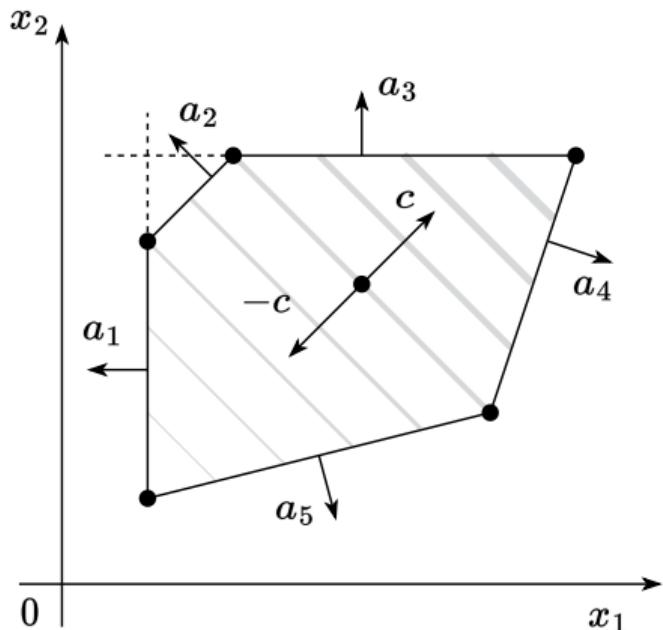
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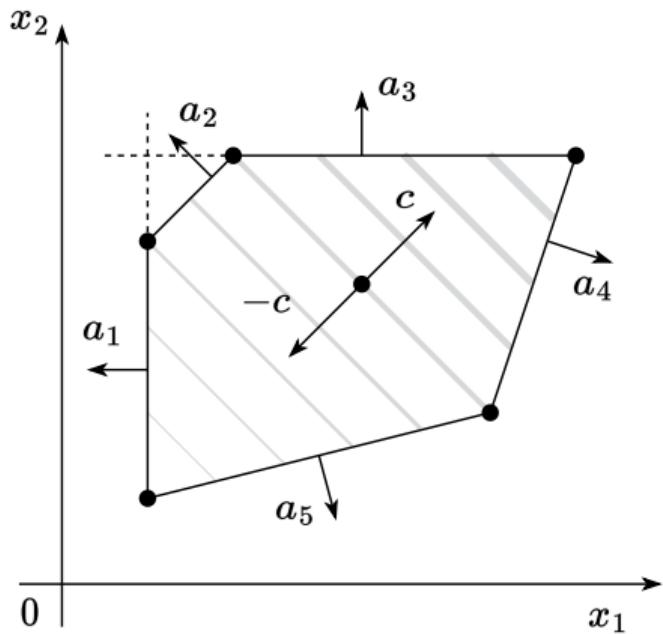
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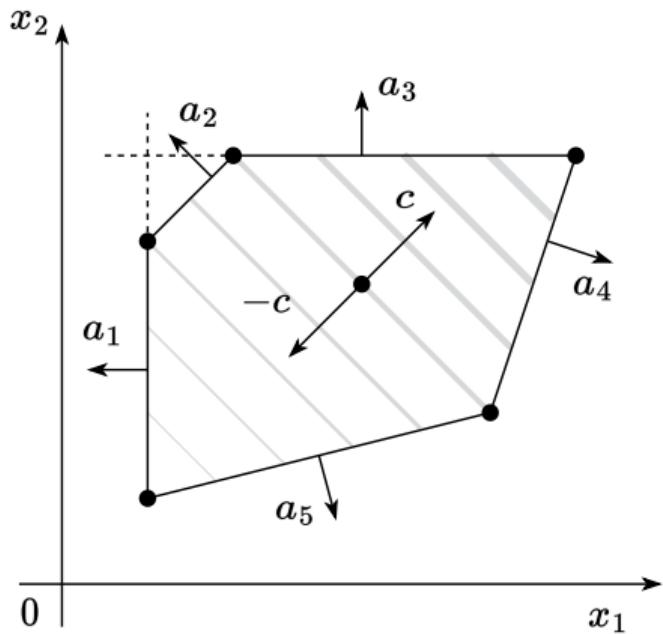
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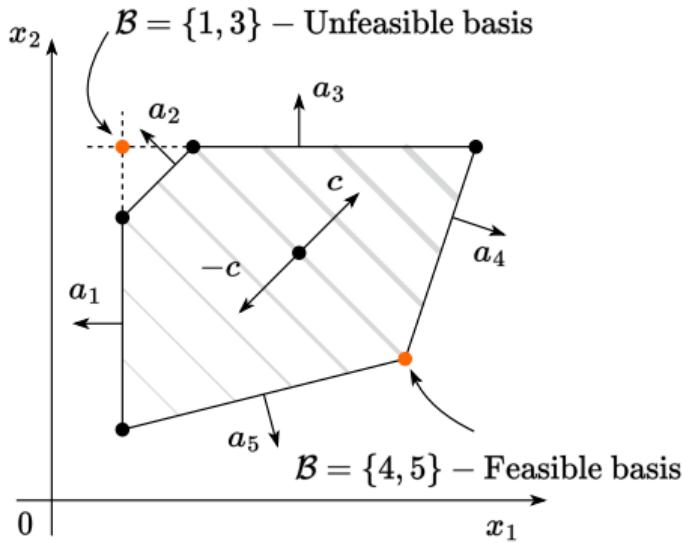
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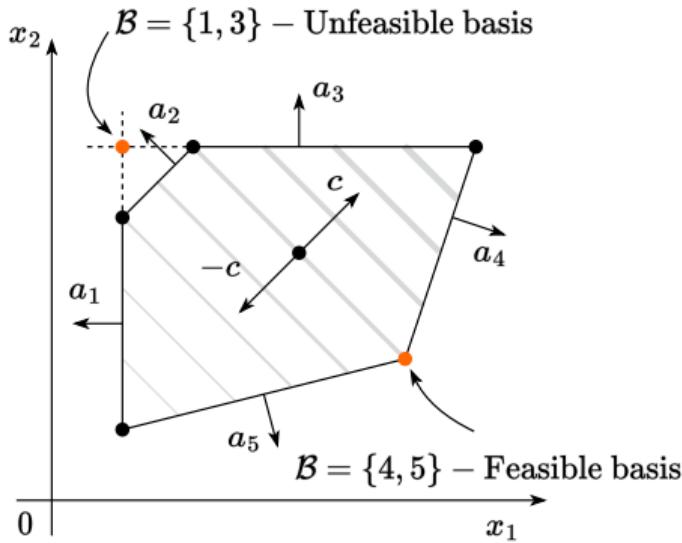
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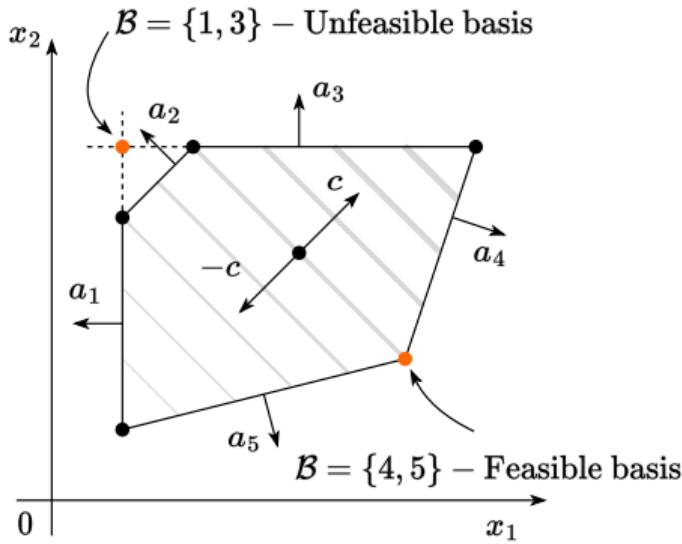
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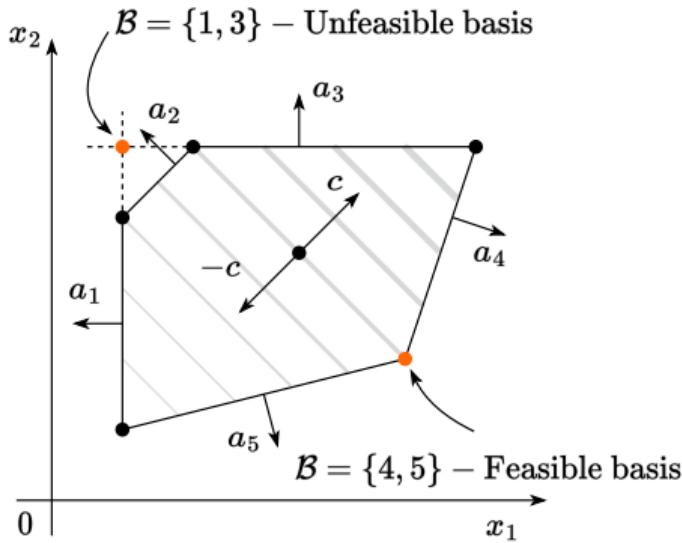
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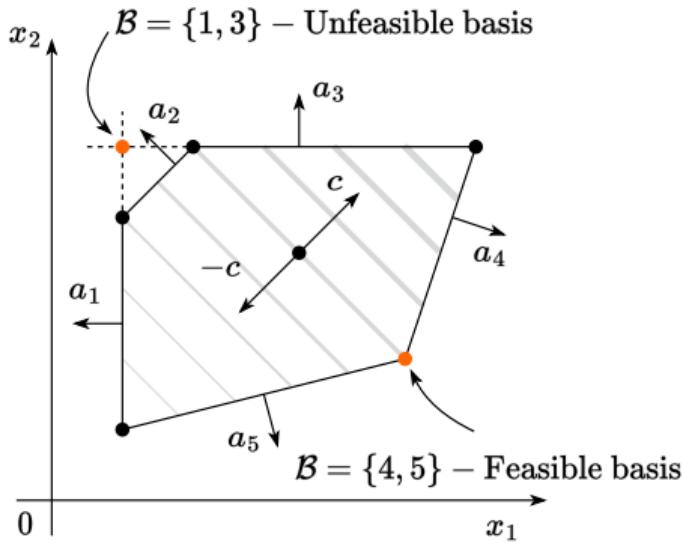
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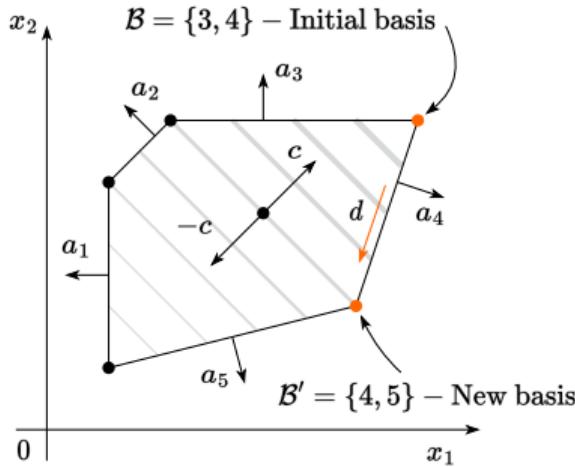
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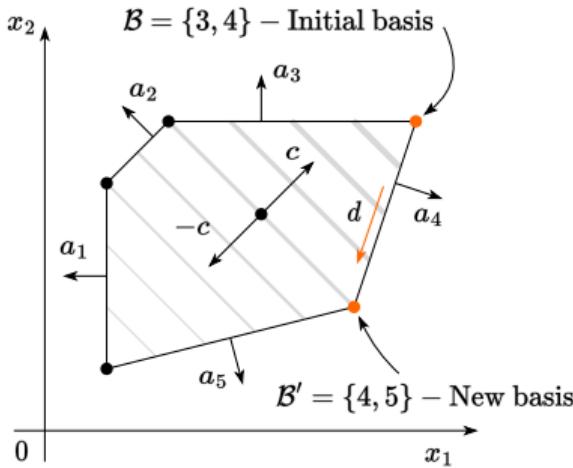
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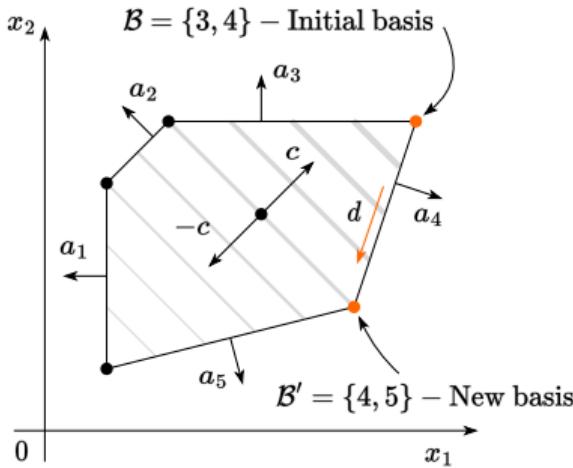
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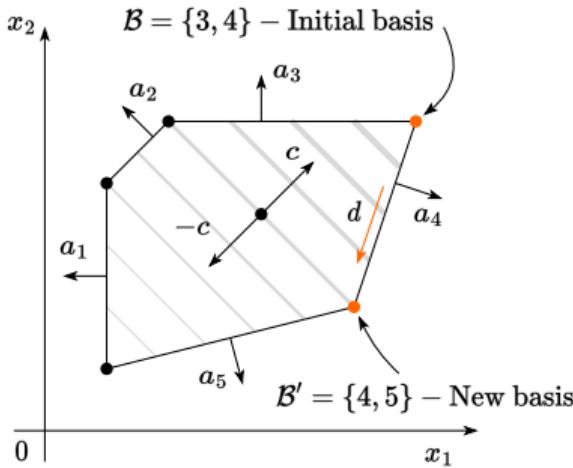


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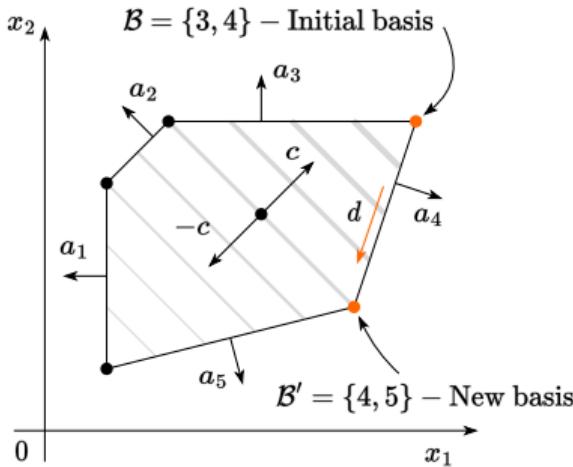


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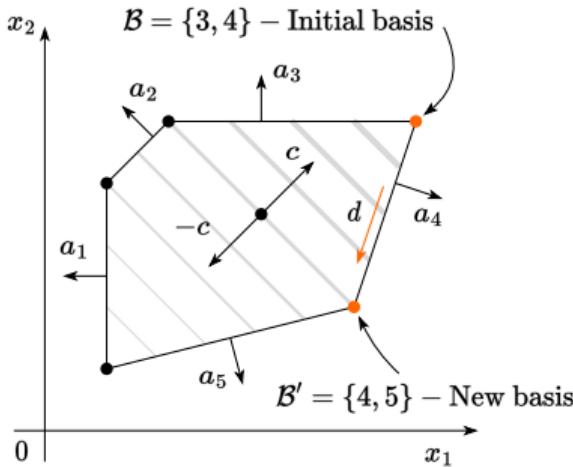


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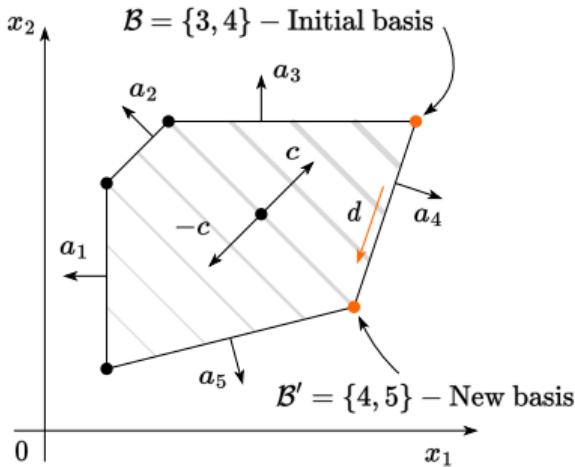


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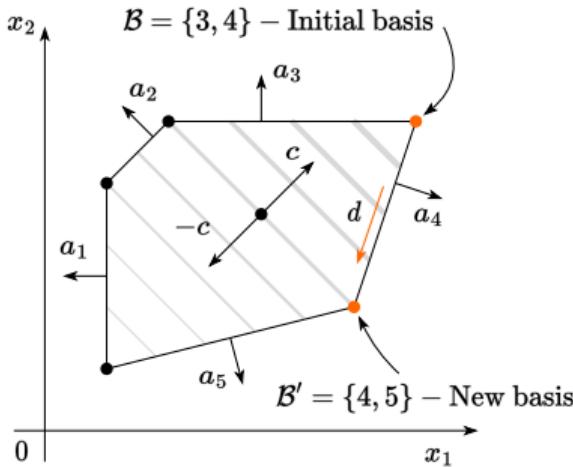


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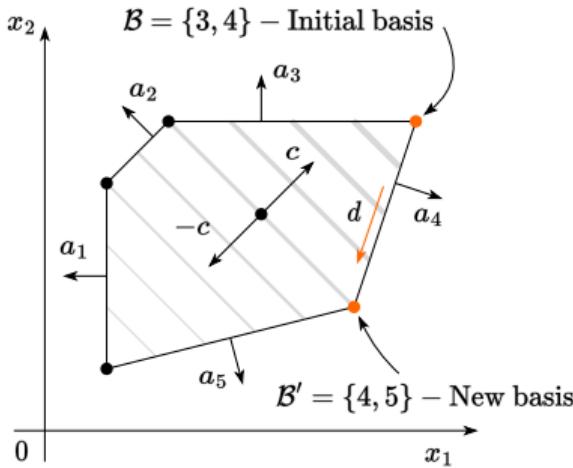
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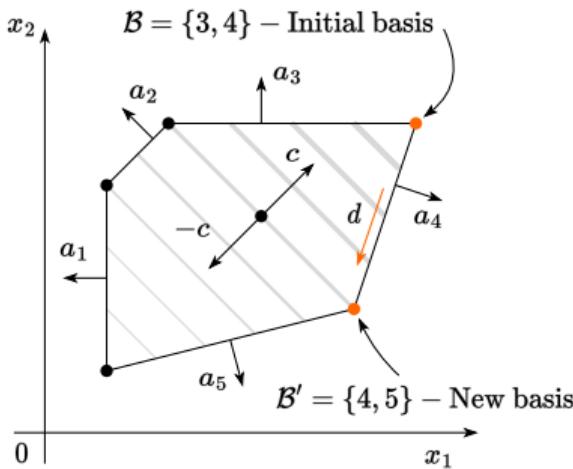
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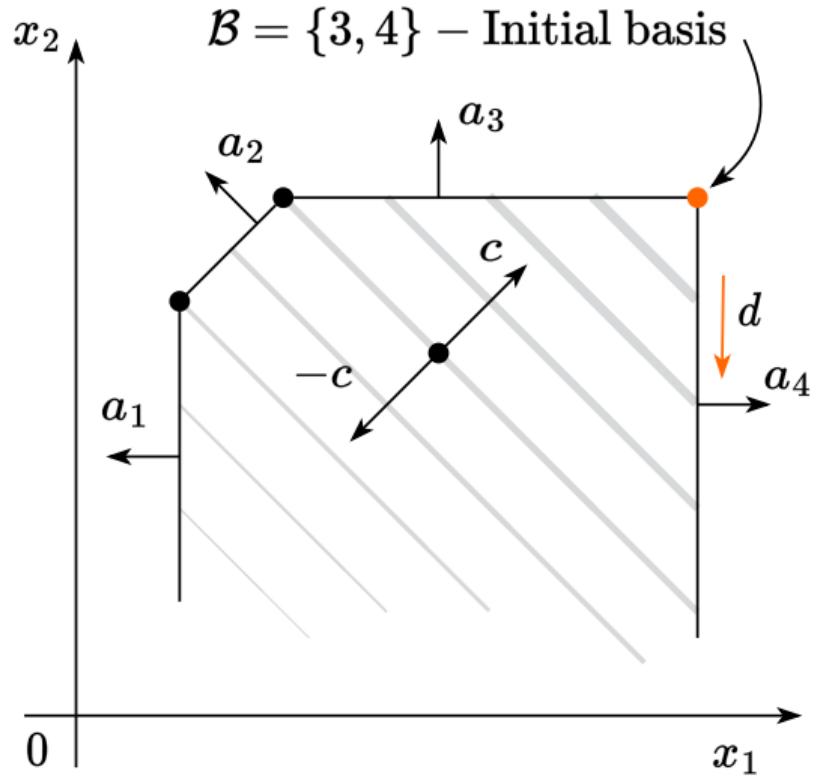
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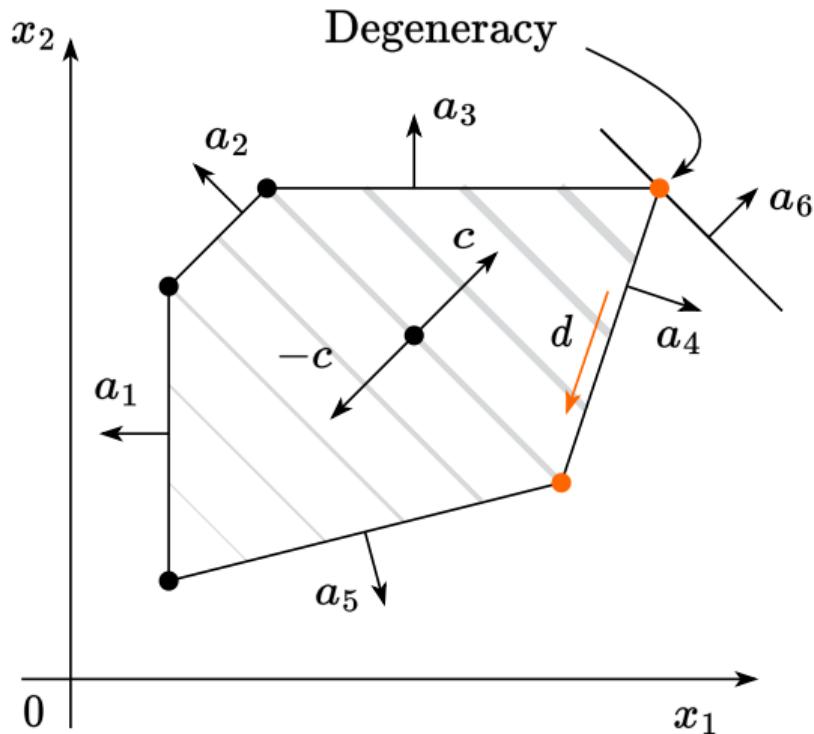
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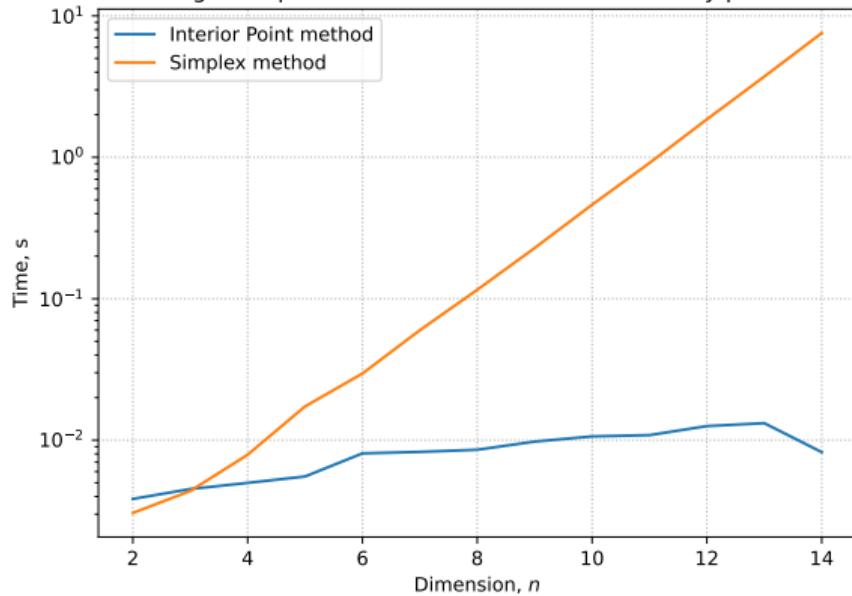
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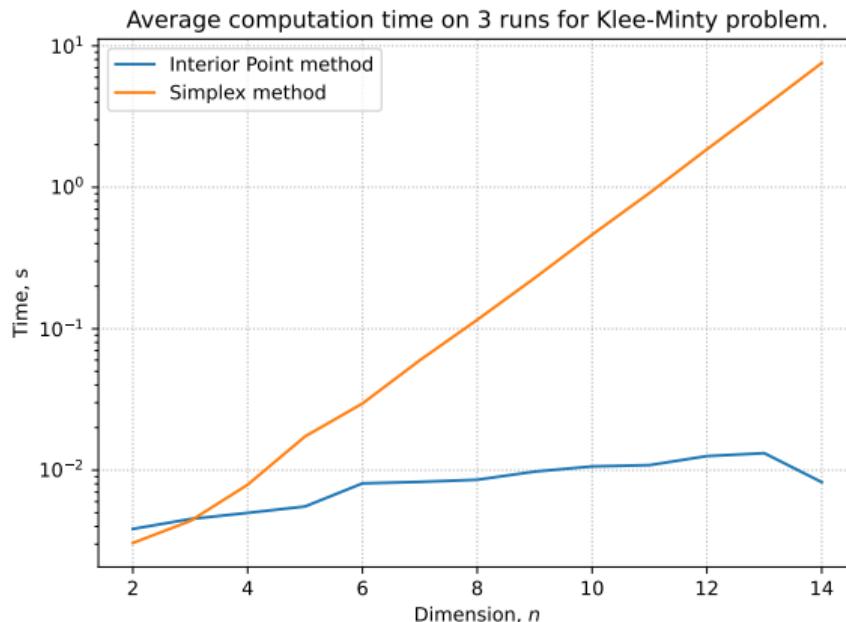
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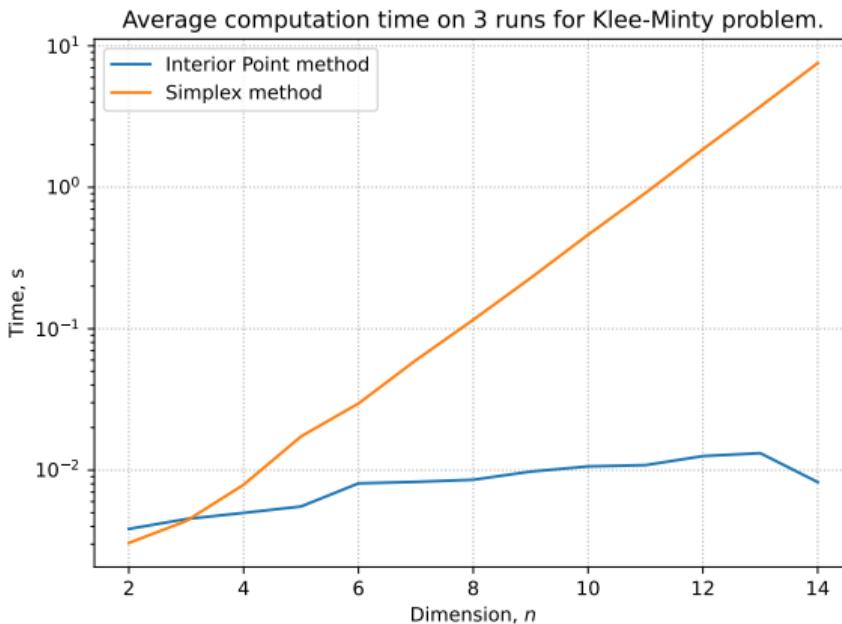
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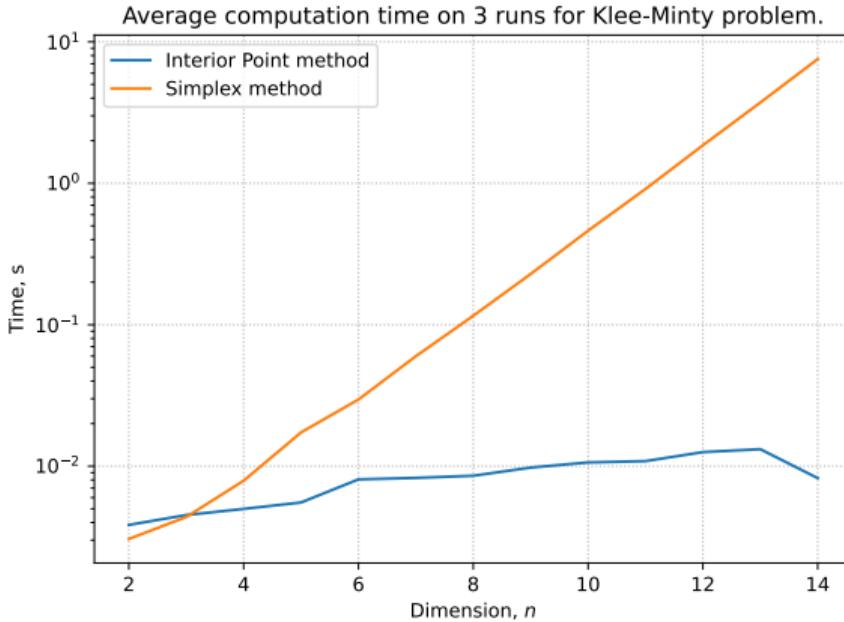
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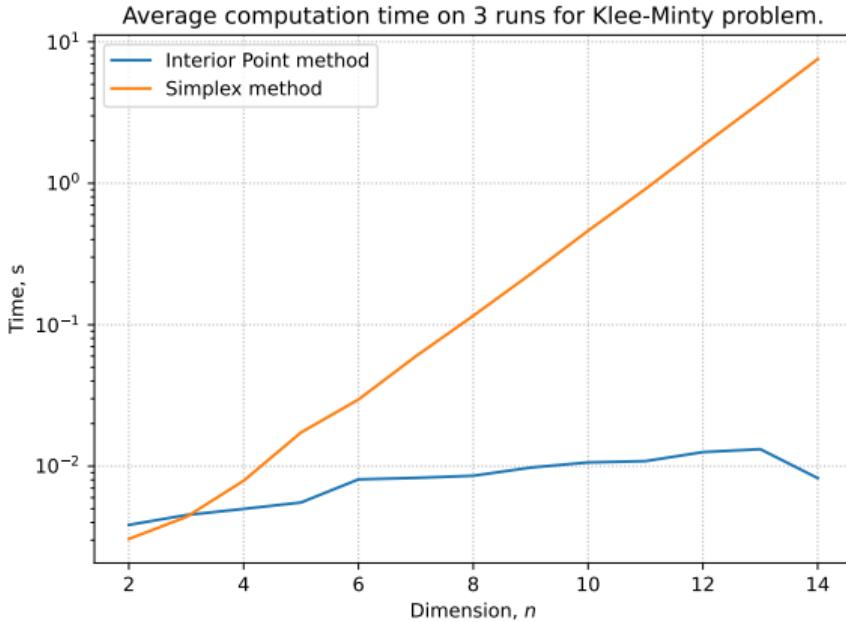
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In the following problem, the simplex method needs to check  $2^n - 1$  vertexes with  $x_0 = 0$ .

$$\max_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} 2^{n-1}x_1 + 2^{n-2}x_2 + \dots + 2x_{n-1} + x_n$$

$$\text{s.t. } x_1 \leq 5$$

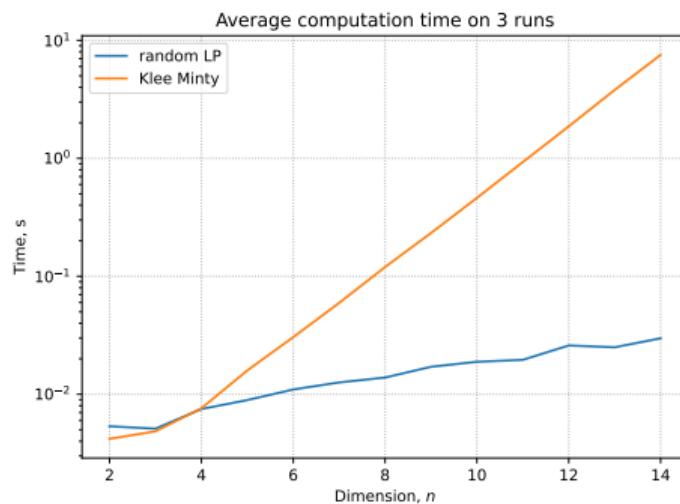
$$4x_1 + x_2 \leq 25$$

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...

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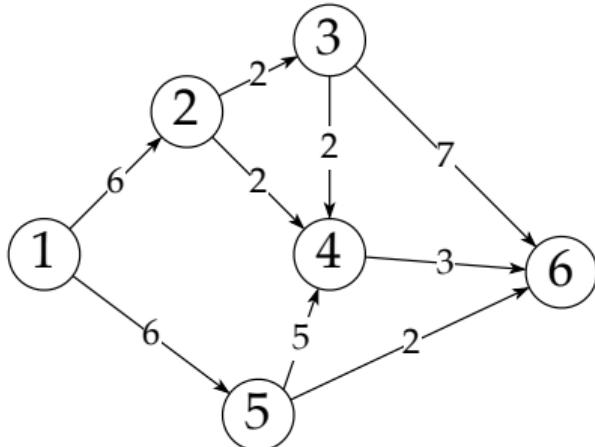
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$$-\bar{\nu}^T b = -\bar{\nu}^T A x_k \leq c^T x_k \downarrow -\infty,$$

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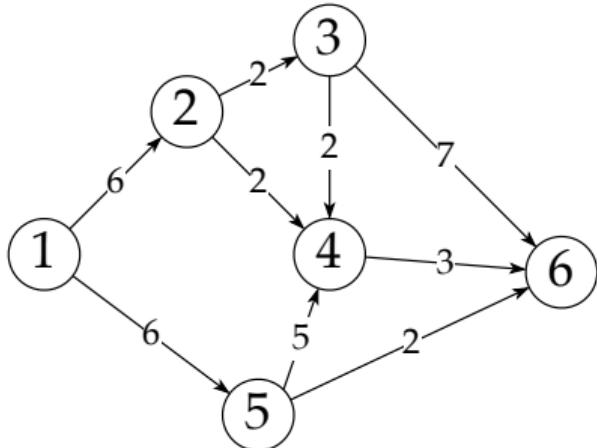


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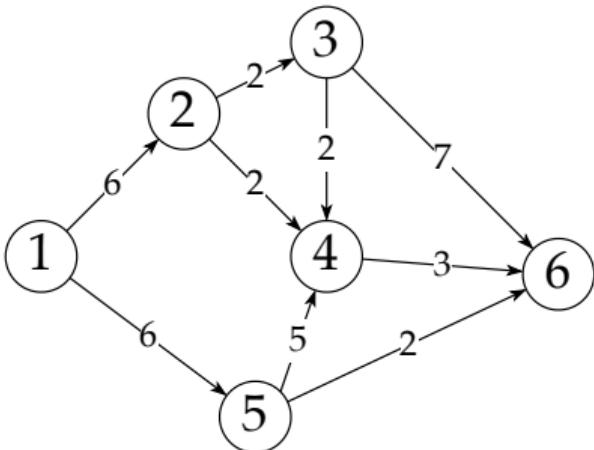
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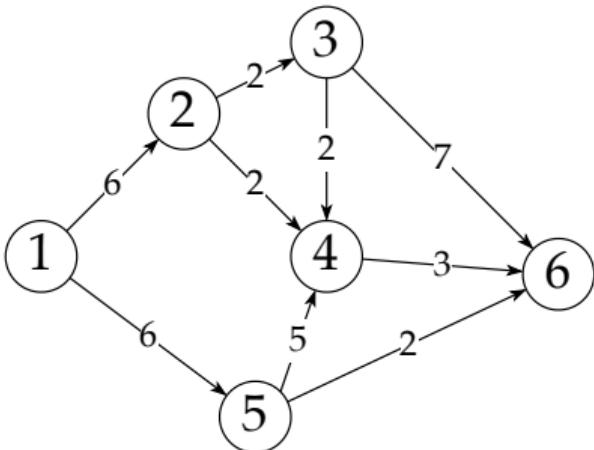


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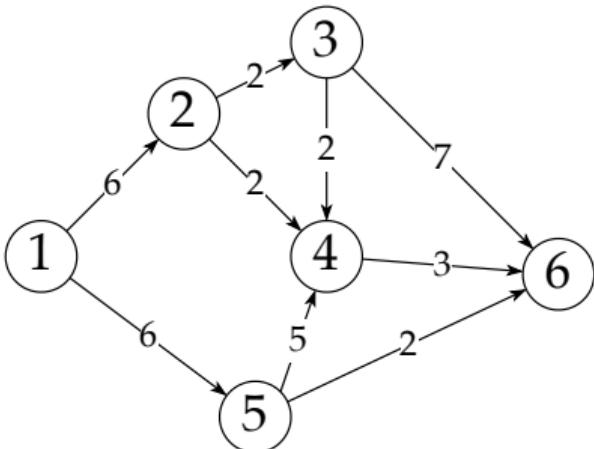


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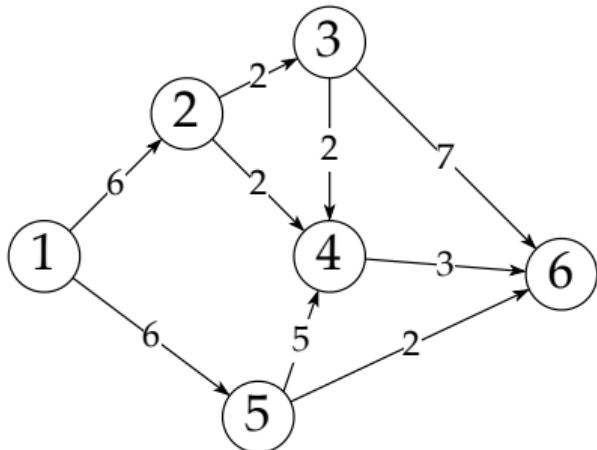
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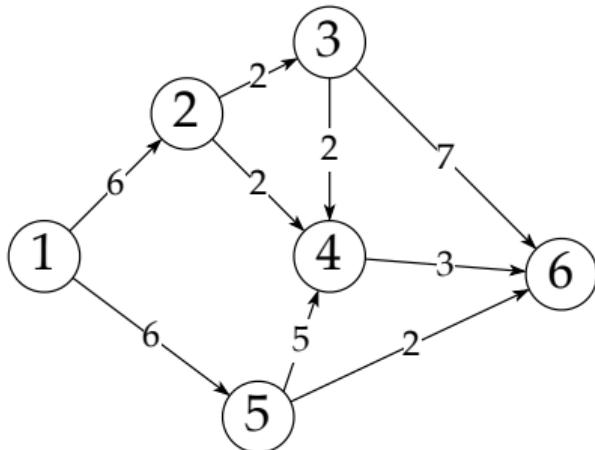
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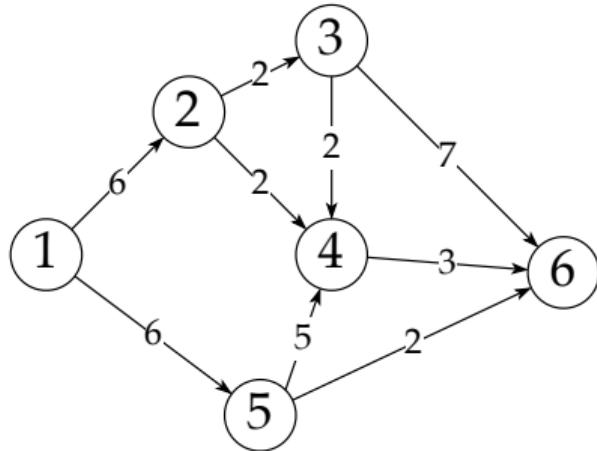
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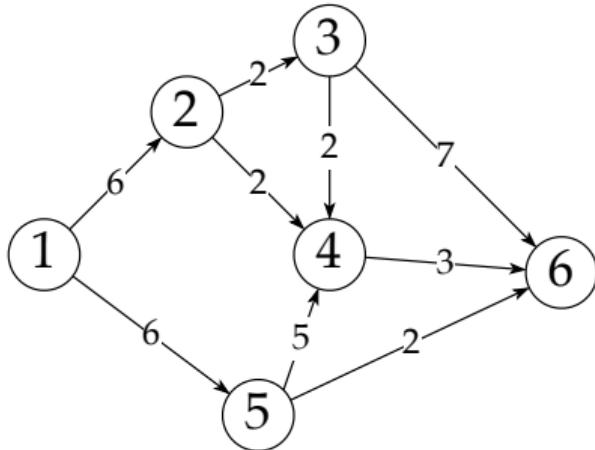
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$L_n$  consists of a single column ( $n$ ) of ones (except for the last row) minus a single row (also  $n$ ) of ones (except for the first column).

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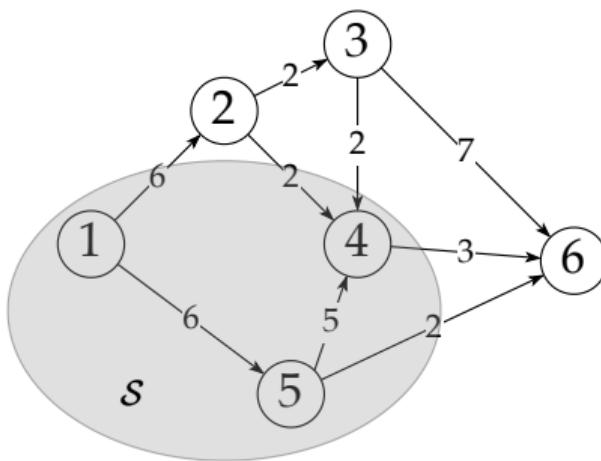
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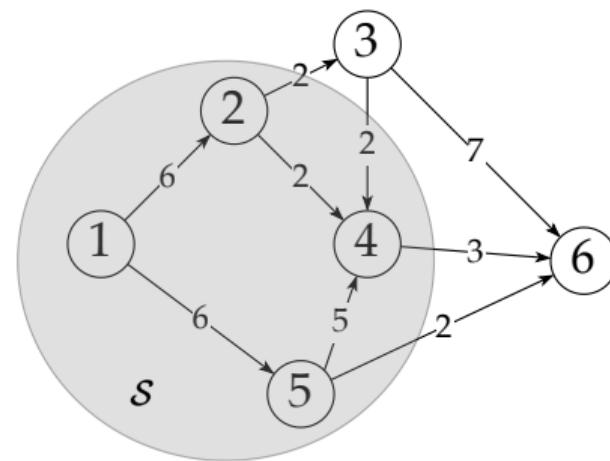
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A cut of the network separates the vertices into two sets: one containing the source (we call this set  $S$ , and one containing the sink. The capacity of the cut is the total value of the edges coming out of  $S$  — we are separating the sets by “cutting off the flow” along these edges.

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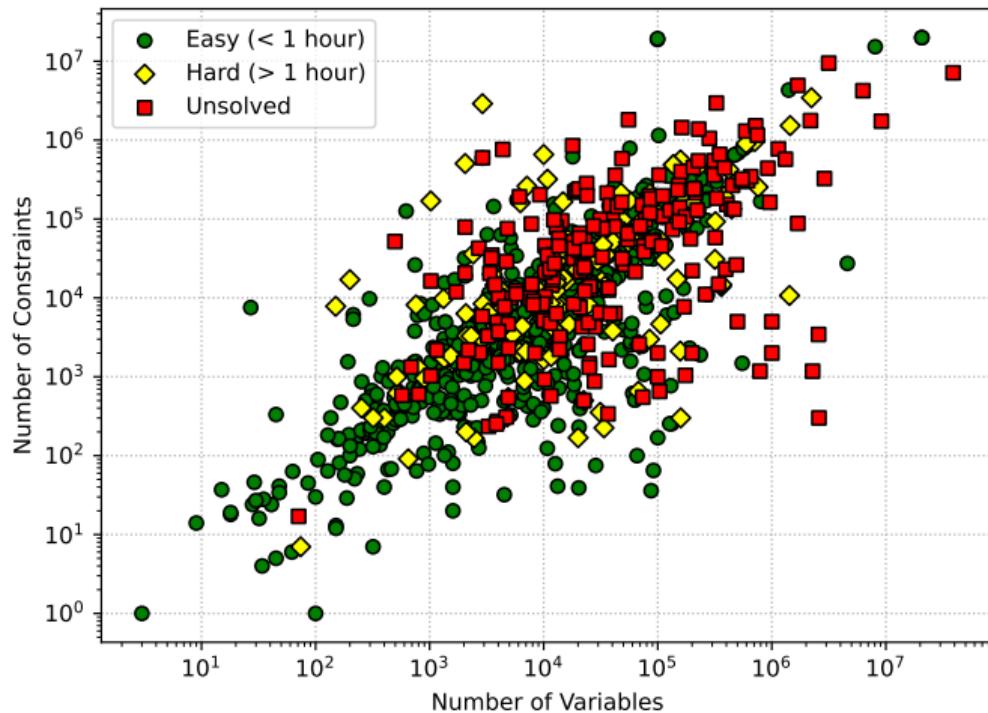
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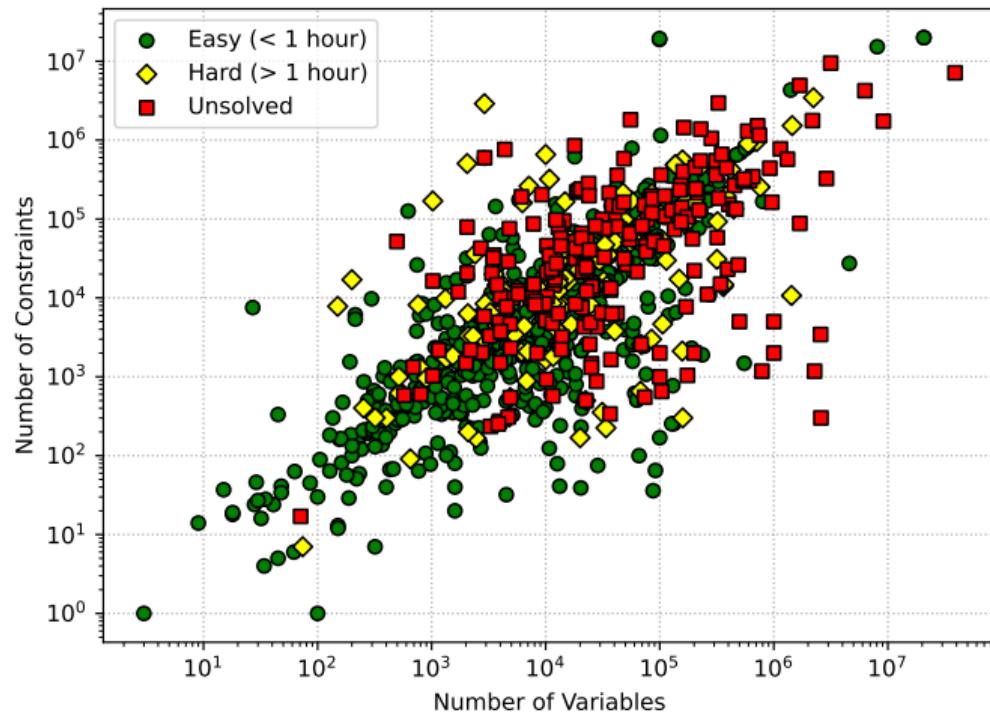
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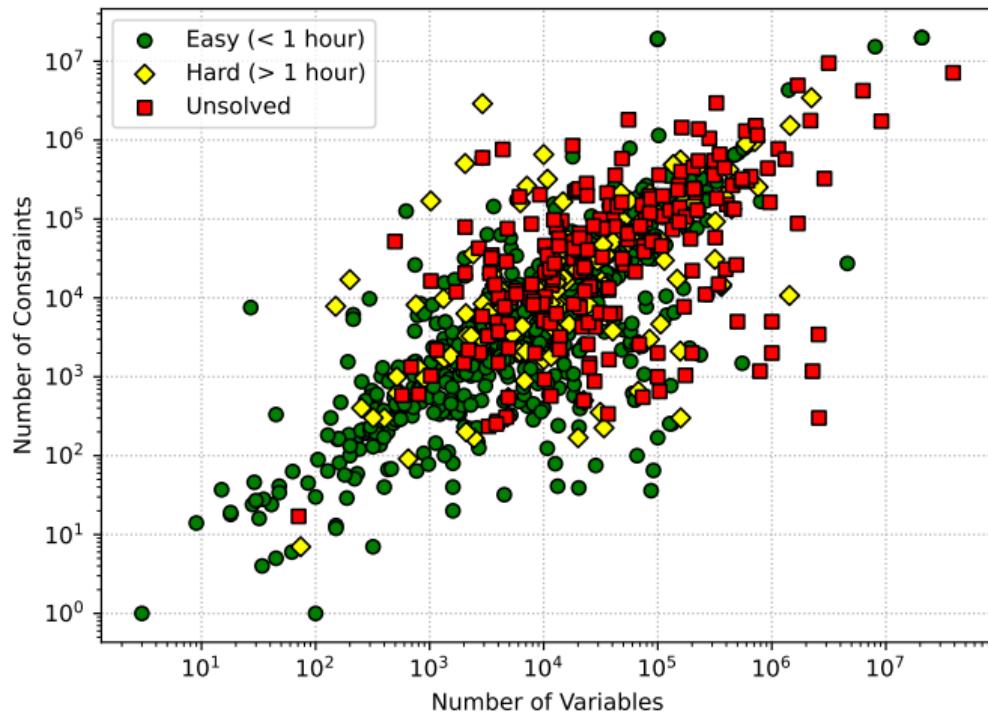
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Recent study

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