

Example 45.1.

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{maximize} && x_1 + x_2 \\
&\text{subject to} && \\
&&& x_2 - x_1 \leq 1 \\
&&& x_1 + 6x_2 \leq 15 \\
&&& 4x_1 - x_2 \leq 10 \\
&&& x_1 \geq 0, \ x_2 \geq 0,
\end{aligned}$$

and in matrix form

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{maximize} && (1 \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \\
&\text{subject to} && \\
&&& \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 6 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 15 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} \\
&&& x_1 \geq 0, \ x_2 \geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

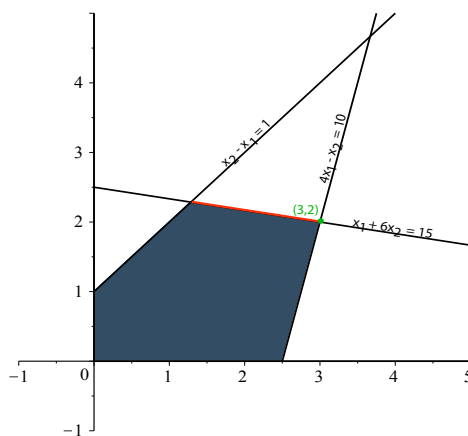


Figure 45.1: The \mathcal{H} -polyhedron associated with Example 45.1. The green point $(3, 2)$ is the unique optimal solution.

It turns out that $x_1 = 3, x_2 = 2$ yields the maximum of the objective function $x_1 + x_2$, which is 5. This is illustrated in Figure 45.1. Observe that the set of points that satisfy the above constraints is a convex region cut out by half planes determined by the lines of