## MTH 461

## 4. Infeasibility and unboundedness

## Linear programs with Python:

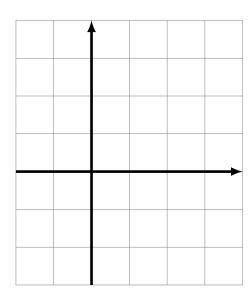
scipy.optimize.linprog (looks for the minimum of the objective function).

## Cases when a solution of a linear program may not exist:

**Infeasibilty:** There are no feasible solutions.

**Example.** Maximize  $z = 2x_1 + x_2$  subject to

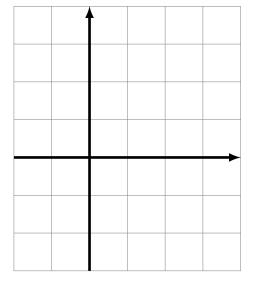
$$x_1 + x_2 \le 1$$
  
 $-x_1 + x_2 \le -3$   
 $x_1, x_2 \ge 0$ 



**Unboundedness:** The objective function has no minimum (or maximum) in the feasible region.

**Example.** Maximize  $z = x_1$  subject to

$$x_1 - \frac{2}{3}x_2 \le 2$$
  
$$x_1 + x_2 \ge 1$$
  
$$x_1, x_2 \ge 0$$



**Note.** Even when the feasible region is unbounded the objective function may have a maximum or a minimum in this region.