Encodings in Mixed Integer Linear Programming

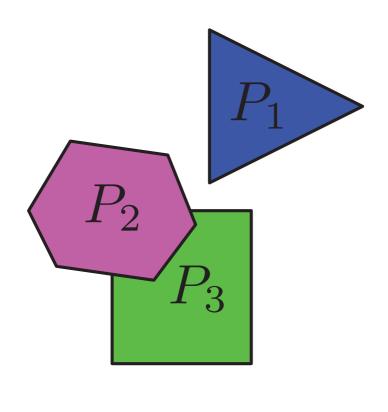
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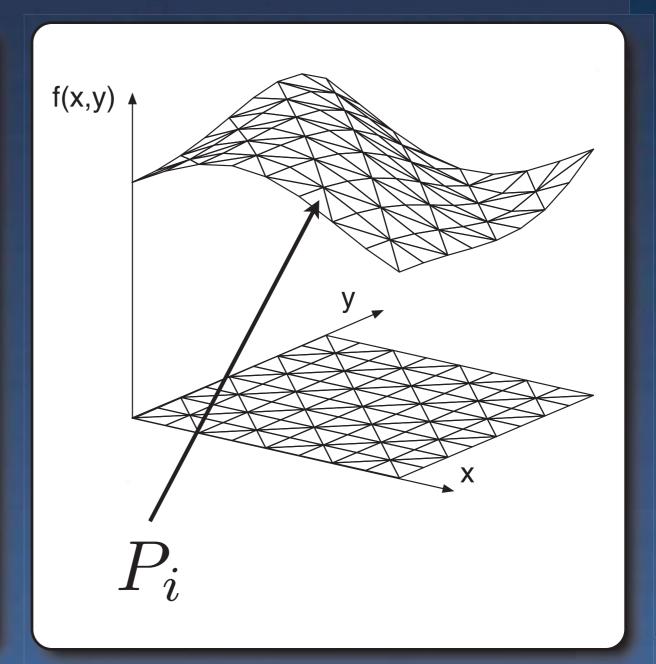
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Mixed Integer Binary Formulations

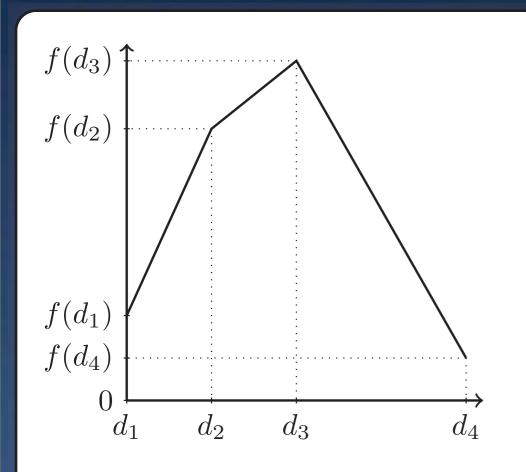
MIP Formulations = Model Finite Alternatives

$$x \in \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} P_i \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$$





Textbook Formulation



Formulation for f(x)=z

$$\sum_{i=1}^{4} d_i \lambda_i = x, \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{4} f(d_i) \lambda_i = z$$

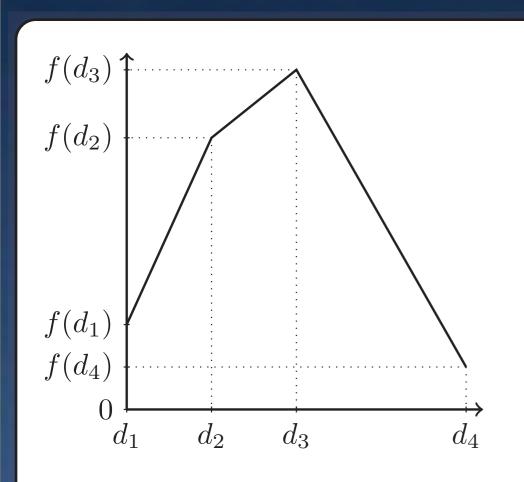
$$\sum_{i=1}^{4} \lambda_i = 1, \qquad \lambda_i \ge 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{3} y_i = 1, \qquad y_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

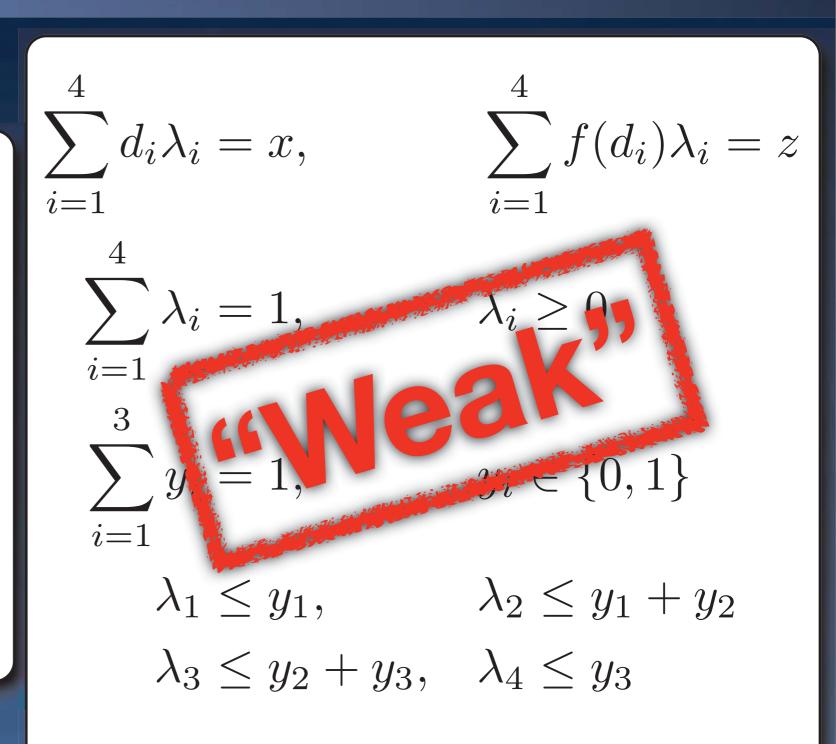
$$\lambda_1 \le y_1, \qquad \lambda_2 \le y_1 + y_2$$

$$\lambda_3 \le y_2 + y_3, \quad \lambda_4 \le y_3$$

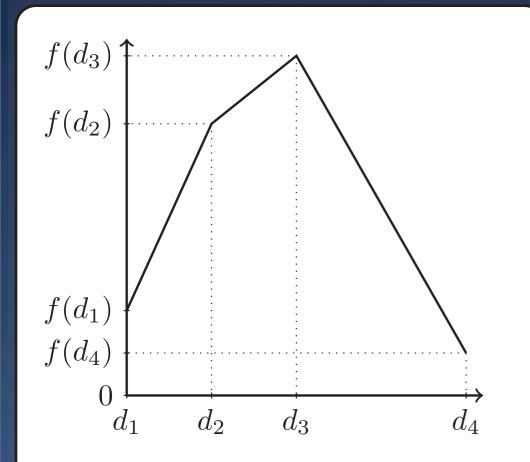
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Formulation for f(x)=z



Better Formulation

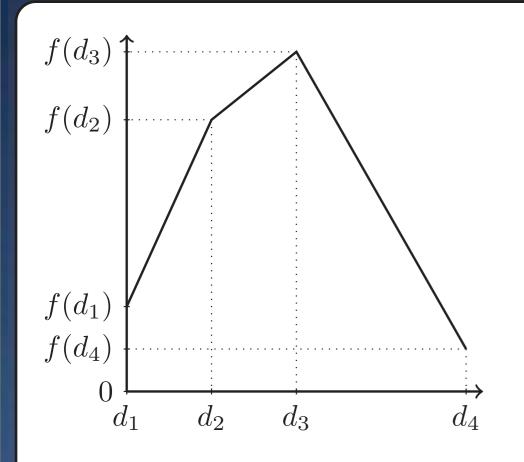


Formulation for f(x)=z

$$d_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{3} (d_{i+1} - d_i)\delta_i = x,$$

$$f(d_0) + \sum_{i=1}^{3} (f(d_{i+1}) - f(d_i))\delta_i = z$$
$$\delta_3 \le y_2 \le \delta_2 \le y_1 \le \delta_1$$
$$y_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

Better Formulation



Formulation for
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Solve Times in CPLEX 11



Transportation Problems in V., Ahmed and Nemhauser '10.

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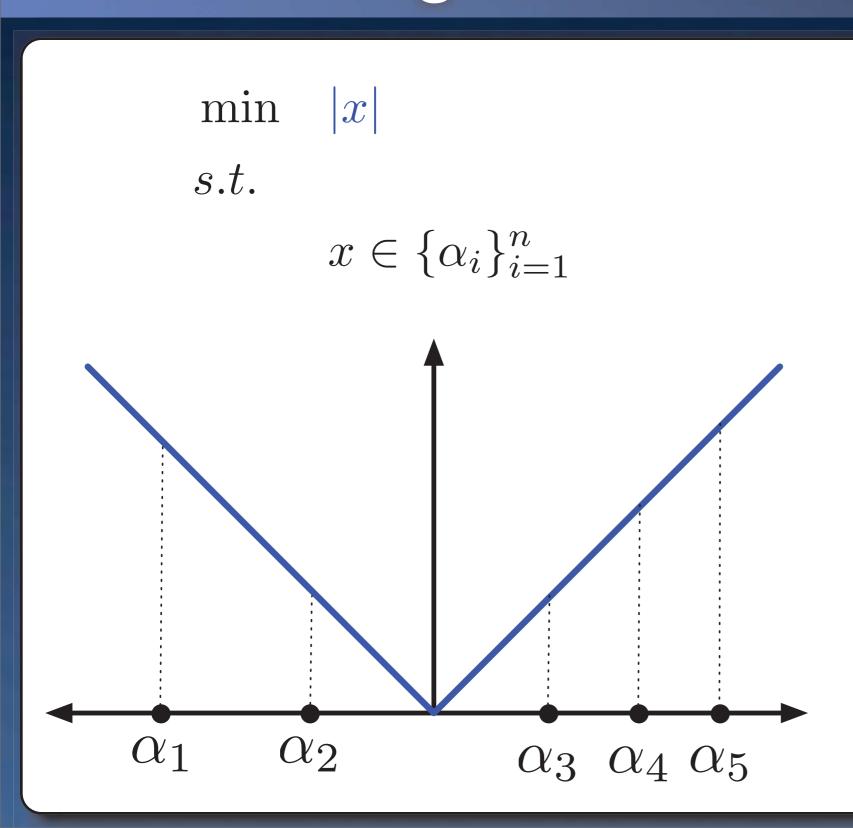
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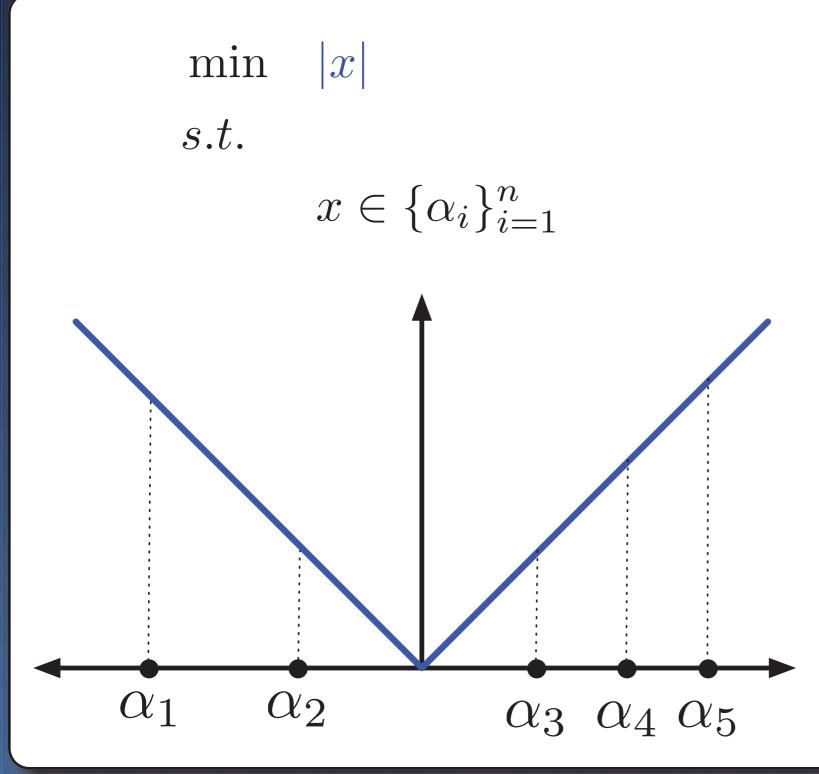


Transportation Problems in V., Ahmed and Nemhauser '10.

Outline

- MIP v/s constraint branching.
- "Have your cake and eat it too" formulation
 - Step 1: Encoding alternatives.
 - Step 2: Combine with strong "standard" formulation.
- Summary, Extensions and More.





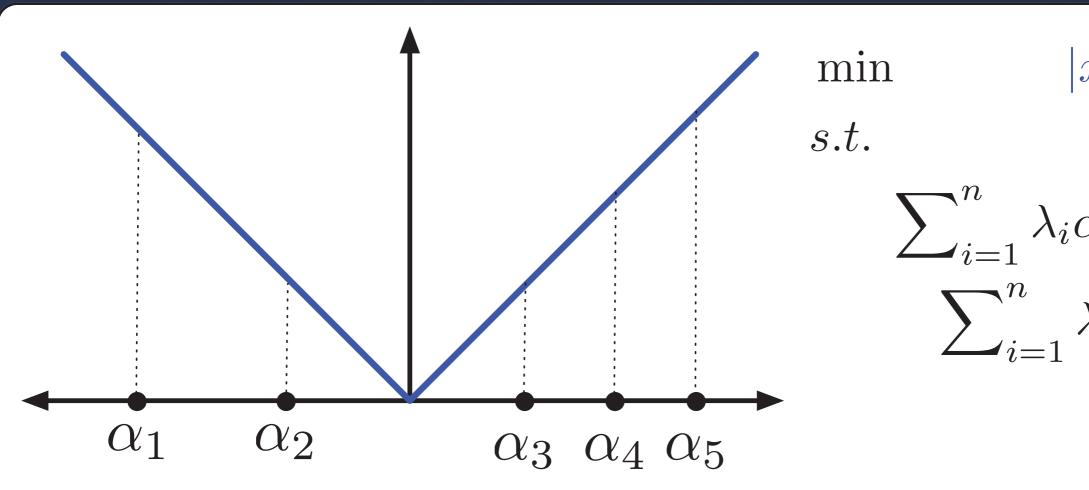
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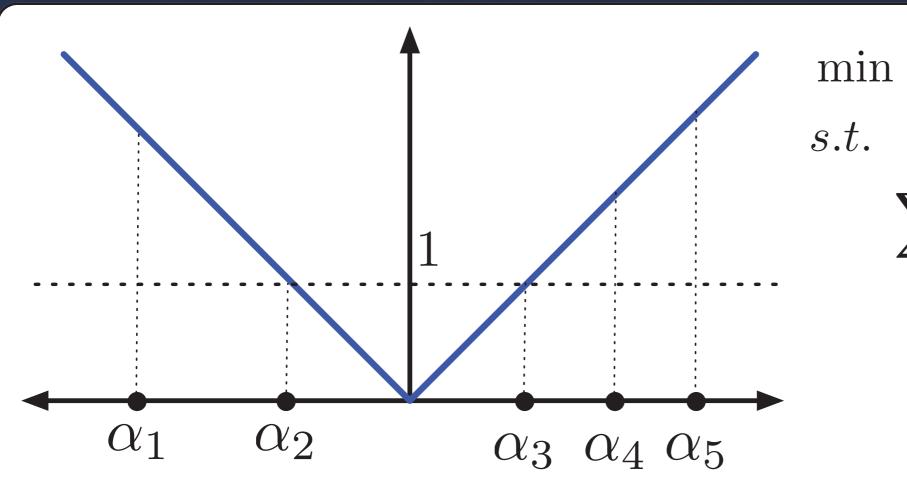
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$$\lambda \in \{0, 1\}^n$$



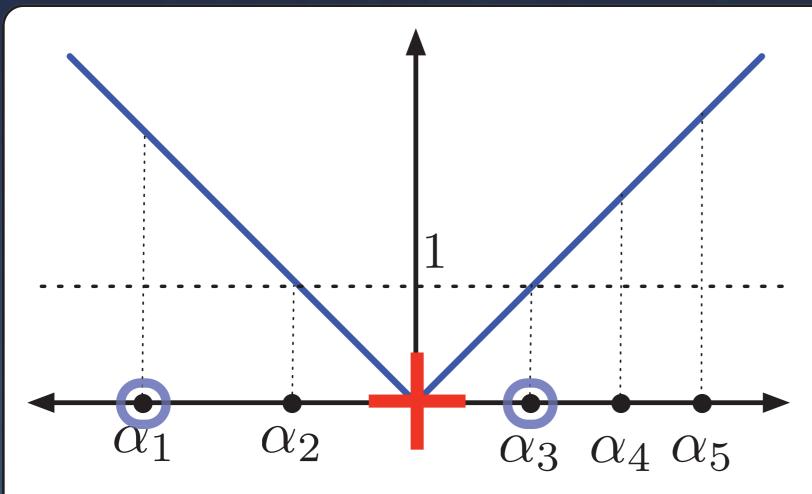
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s.t.
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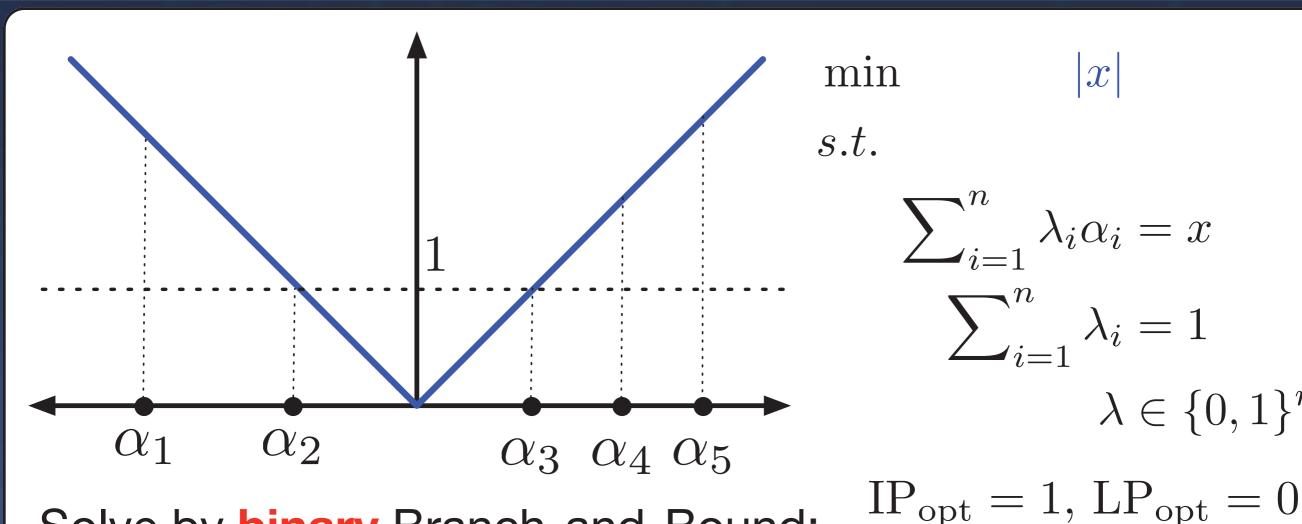
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\text{min} & |x| \\
s.t.
\end{array}$$

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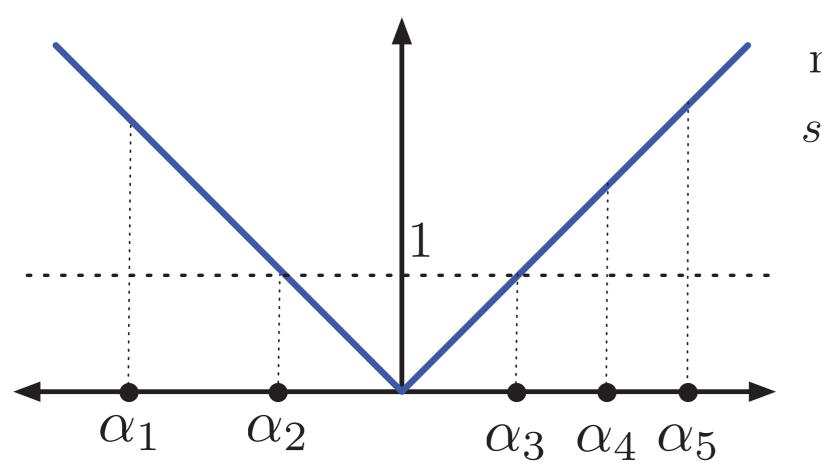


Solve by binary Branch-and-Bound:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i \alpha_i = x$$

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min

s.t.

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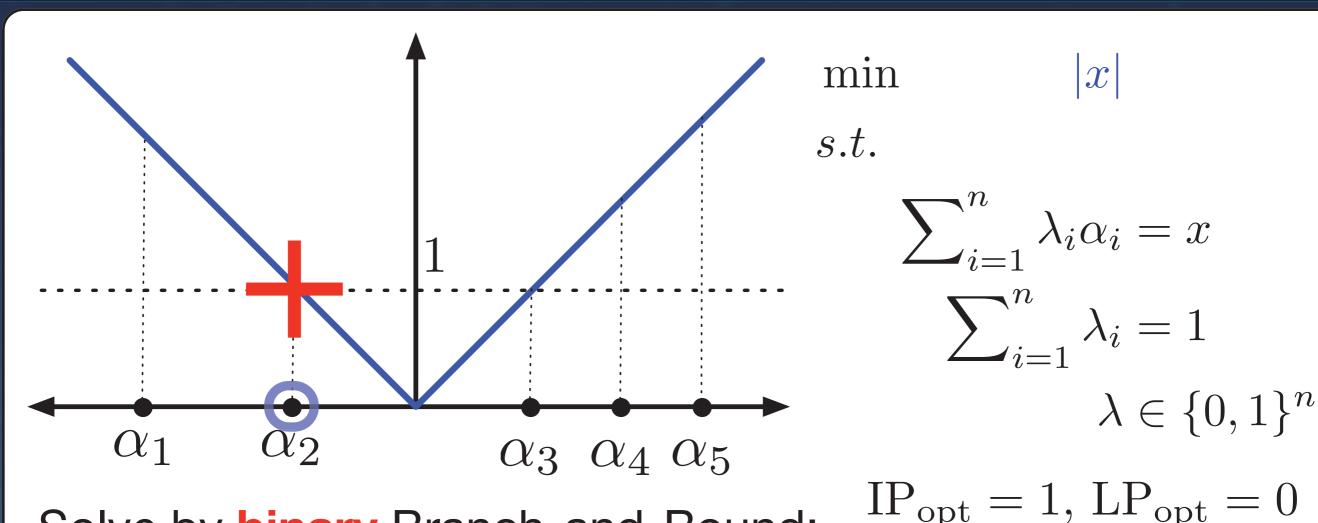
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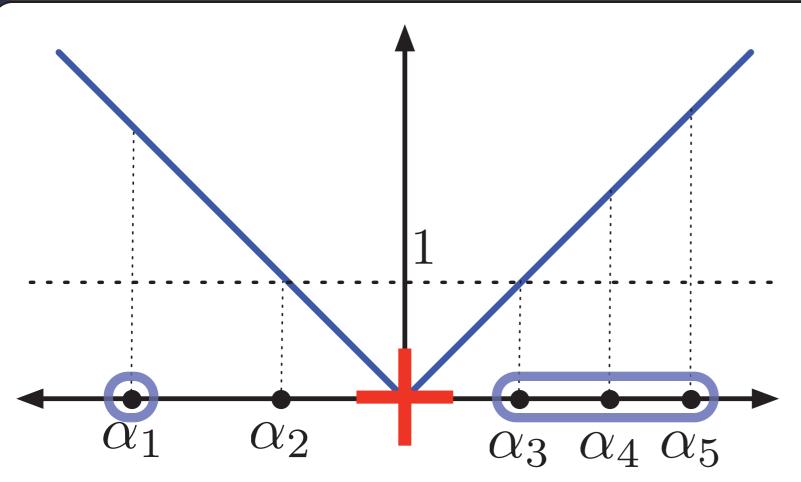
Solve by binary Branch-and-Bound:

Branch on λ_2



Solve by binary Branch-and-Bound:

Branch on
$$\lambda_2$$
 \longrightarrow $\lambda_2 = 1 \rightarrow$ Feasible with $|x| = 1$



min

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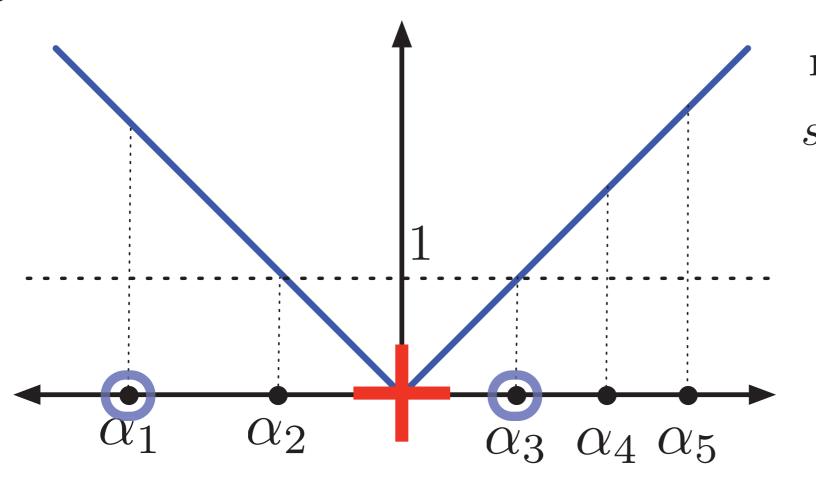
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Branch on
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•
$$\lambda_2 = 0 \to \text{Best Bound} = 0$$



min

s.t

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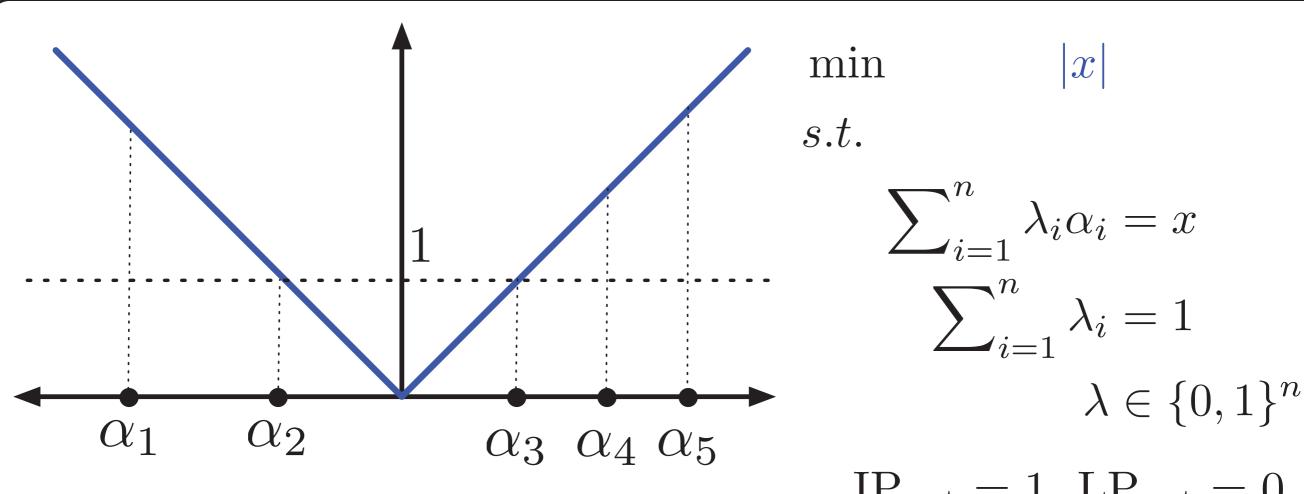
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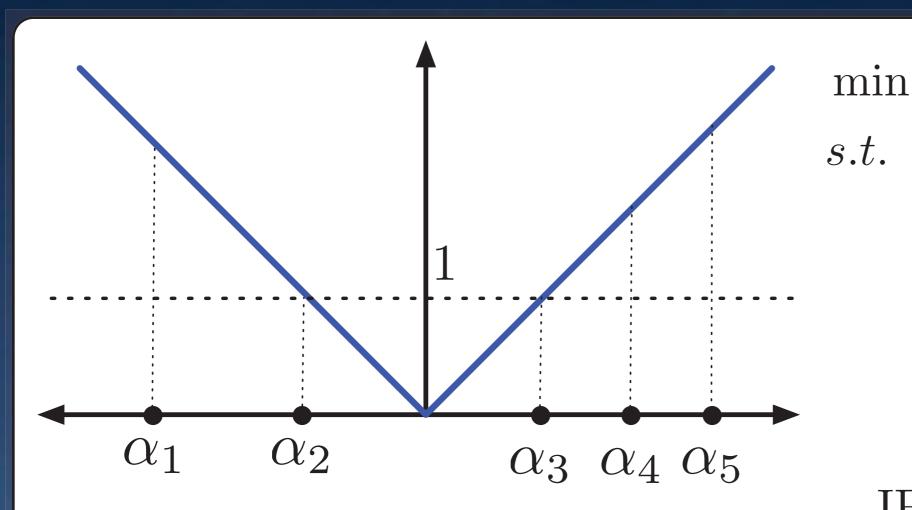
Branch on $\lambda_2, \lambda_4, \lambda_5 \to \text{Best Bound} = 0$



Solve by binary Branch-and-Bound:

 $IP_{opt} = 1, LP_{opt} = 0$

Worst case: n/2 branches to solve (i.e. $2^{n/2}$ B-and-B nodes!).



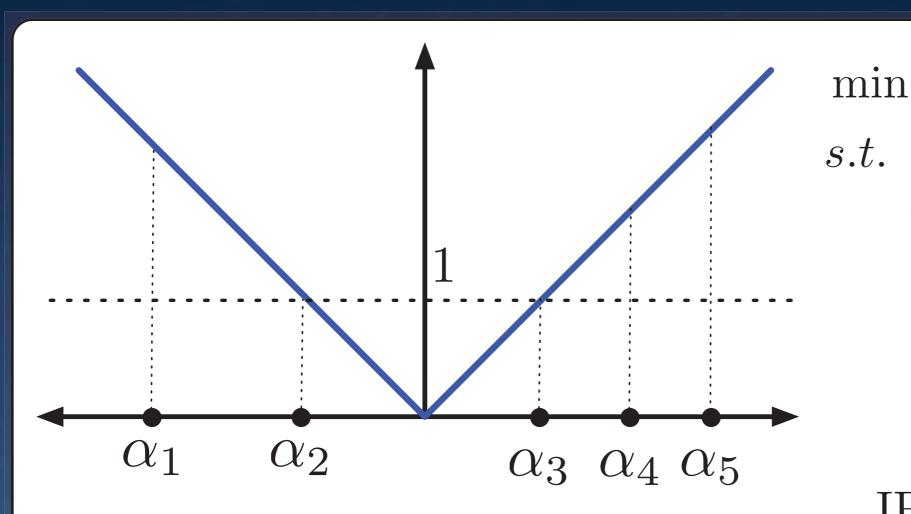
Solve by constraint B-and-B:

s.t.
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i \alpha_i = x$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i = 1$$

$$\lambda \in \{0, 1\}^n$$

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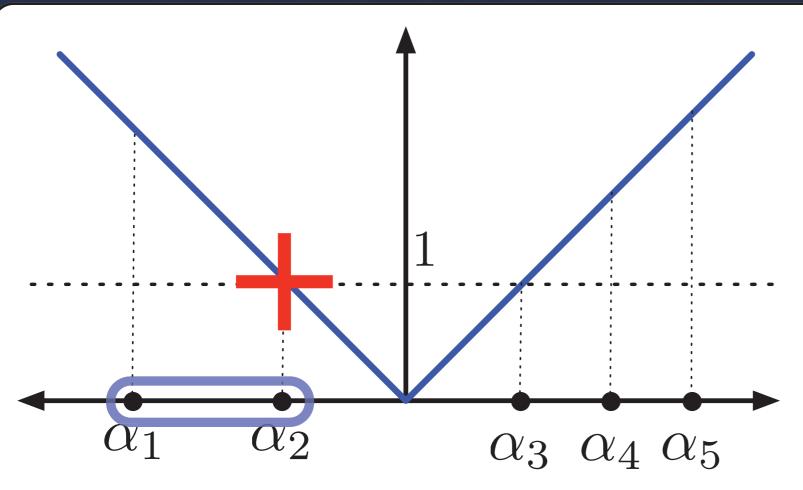


Solve by constraint B-and-B:

Branch on $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$

s.t. $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i \alpha_i = x$ $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i = 1$ $\lambda \in \{0, 1\}^n$

 $IP_{opt} = 1, LP_{opt} = 0$



 \min | a

s.t

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i \alpha_i = x$$

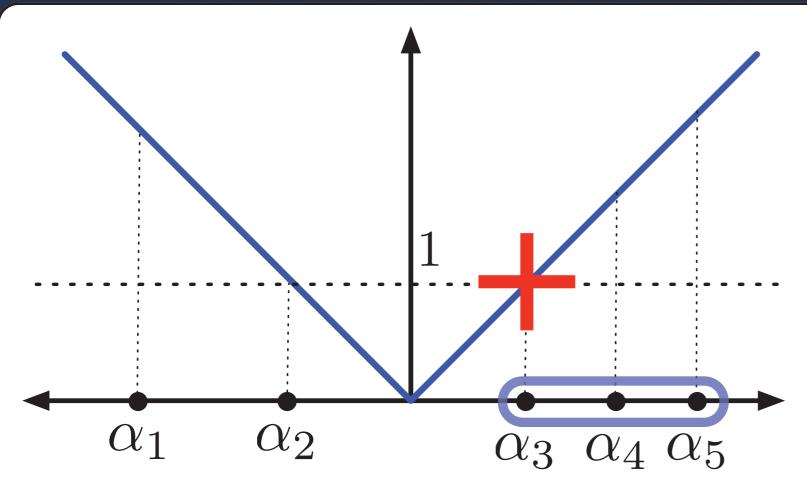
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$$\lambda \in \{0, 1\}^n$$

 $IP_{opt} = 1, LP_{opt} = 0$

Solve by constraint B-and-B:

Branch on
$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$$
 \longrightarrow $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1 \rightarrow$ Feasible with $|x| = 1$



 \min | a

s.t

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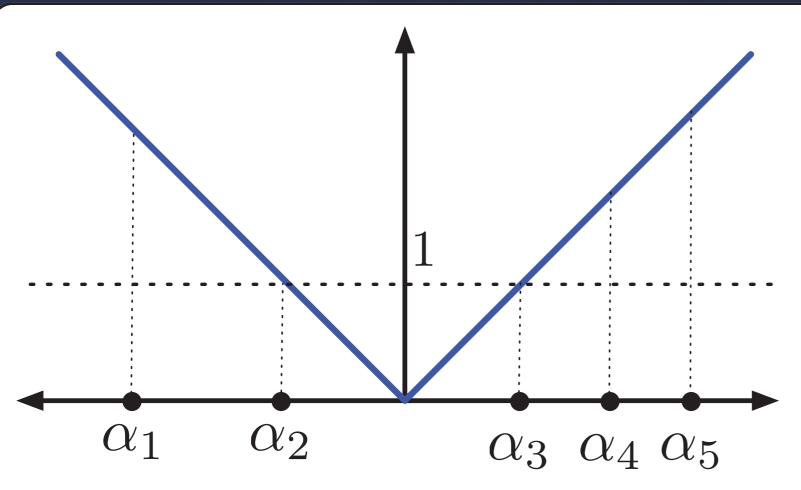
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Solve by constraint B-and-B:

Branch on
$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$$
 \wedge $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1 \rightarrow$ Feasible with $|x| = 1$ \wedge $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0 \rightarrow$ Feasible with $|x| = 1$



 \min | x

s.t

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$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i = 1$$

$$\lambda \in \{0, 1\}^n$$

 $IP_{opt} = 1, LP_{opt} = 0$

Solve by constraint B-and-B:

Branch on
$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0$$
 Feasible with $|x| = 1$

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 Feasible with $|x| = 1$

Never more than one branch (2 nodes).

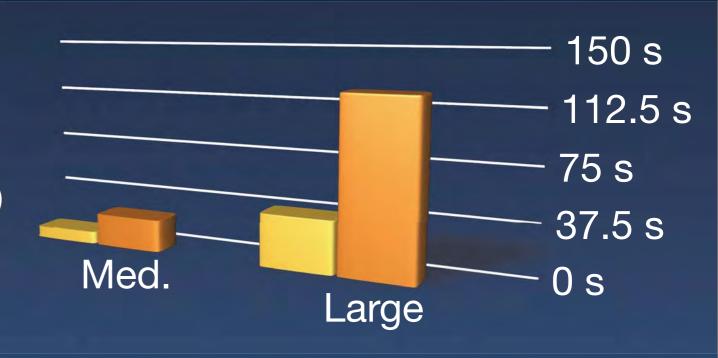
Constraint Branching is the Solution?

- Ryan and Foster, 1981.
- Discrete Alternatives: SOS1 branching of Beale and Tomlin 1970. Also SOS2 (B. and T, 70) and piecewise linear functions (Tomlin 1981).

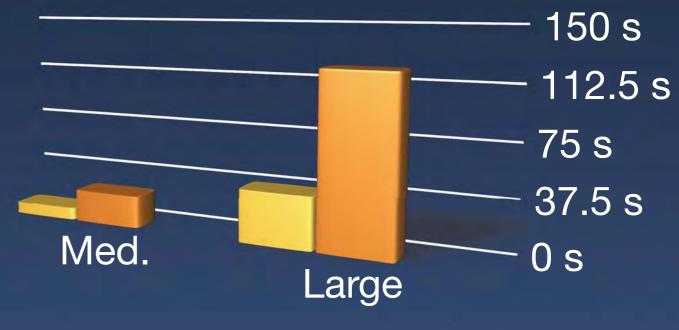
• SOS1:
$$\sum_{i=1}^{t} \lambda_i = 1$$
 or $\sum_{i=1}^{t} \lambda_i = 0$ \updownarrow $\lambda_i = 0 \quad \forall i > t$ or $\lambda_i = 0 \quad \forall i \leq t$

 Problem: Need to re-implement advanced branching selection (e.g. pseudocost).

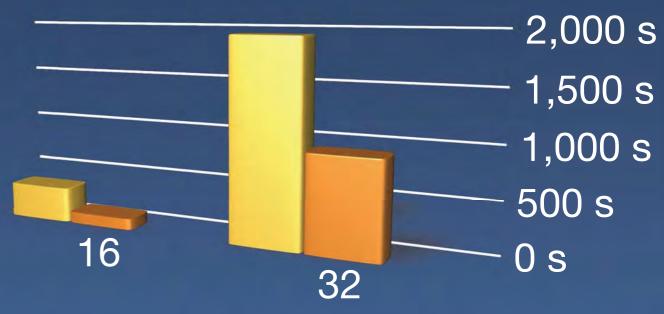
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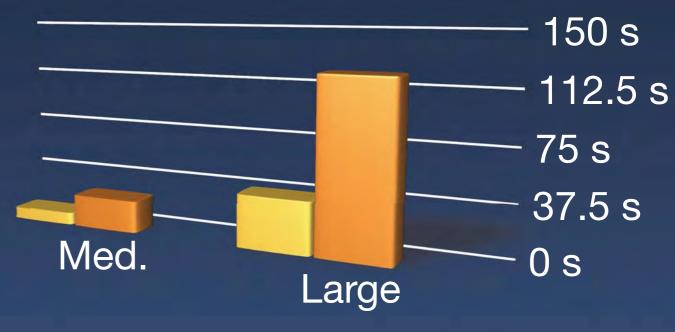


Weak Integer

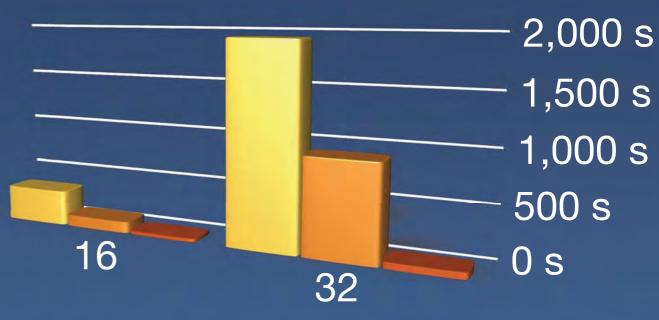
SOS2 Branching

Mystery Integer

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Weak Integer





Formulation Step 1: Encoding Alternatives

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} = 1$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} b^{i} \lambda_{i} = y$$

$$\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{n}_{+}$$

$$y \in \{0, 1\}^{m}$$

$$\{b^i\}_{i=1}^n = \{0,1\}^{\log_2 n}$$

- Li and Lu 2009, Adams and Henry 2011, V. and Nemhauser 2008.
- Sommer, TIMS 1972.
- Log = Binary Encoding
- Other choices of $\{b^i\}_{i=1}^n$ lead to standard and incremental formulations

Unary Encoding

$$\lambda = y, \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{8} \lambda_i = 1,$$
$$\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^8, \ y \in \{0, 1\}^8$$

$$\updownarrow \lambda_i = y_i$$

Binary Encoding

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0
\end{pmatrix}
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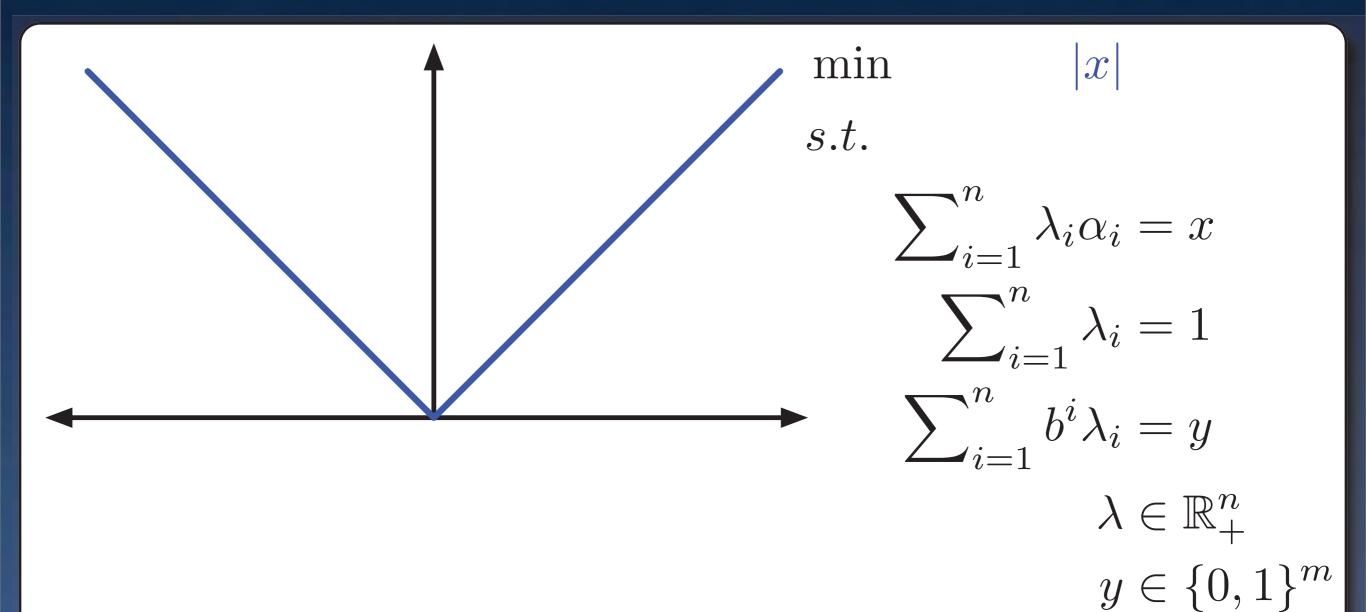
Incremental Encoding

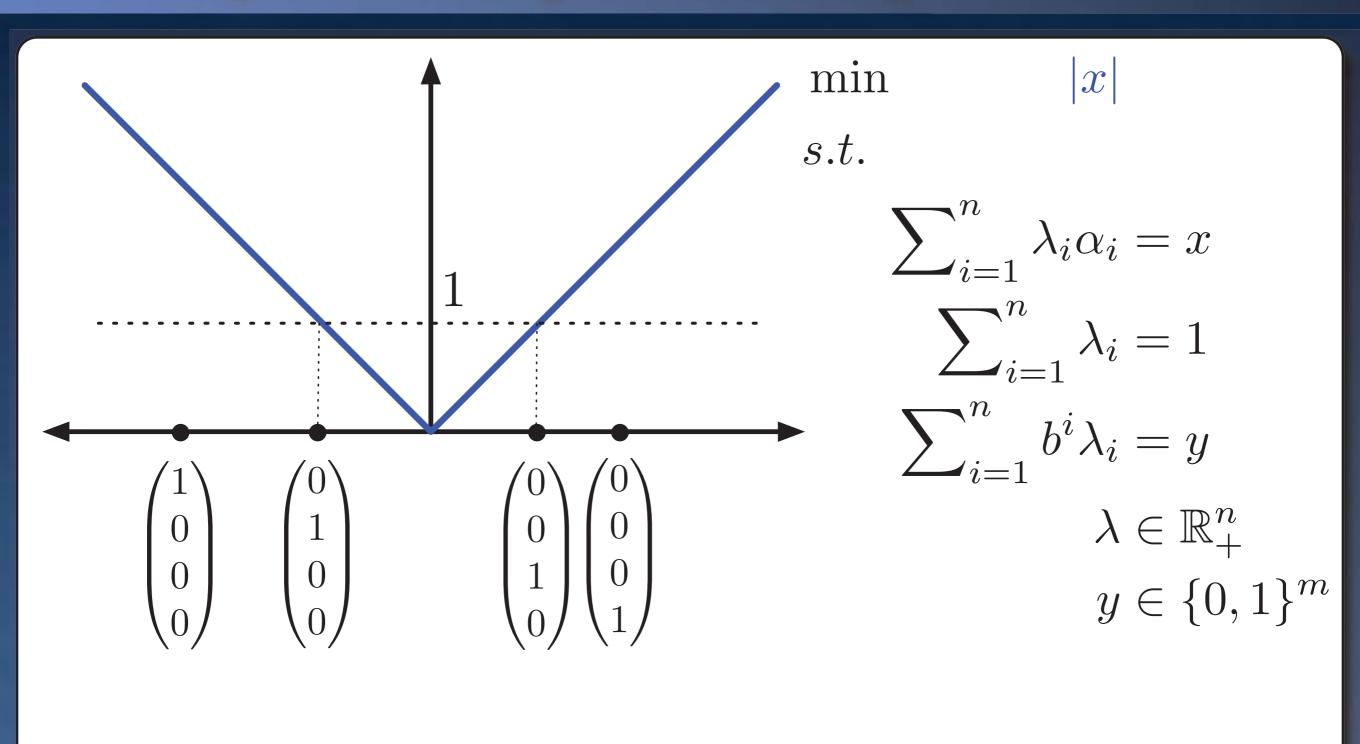
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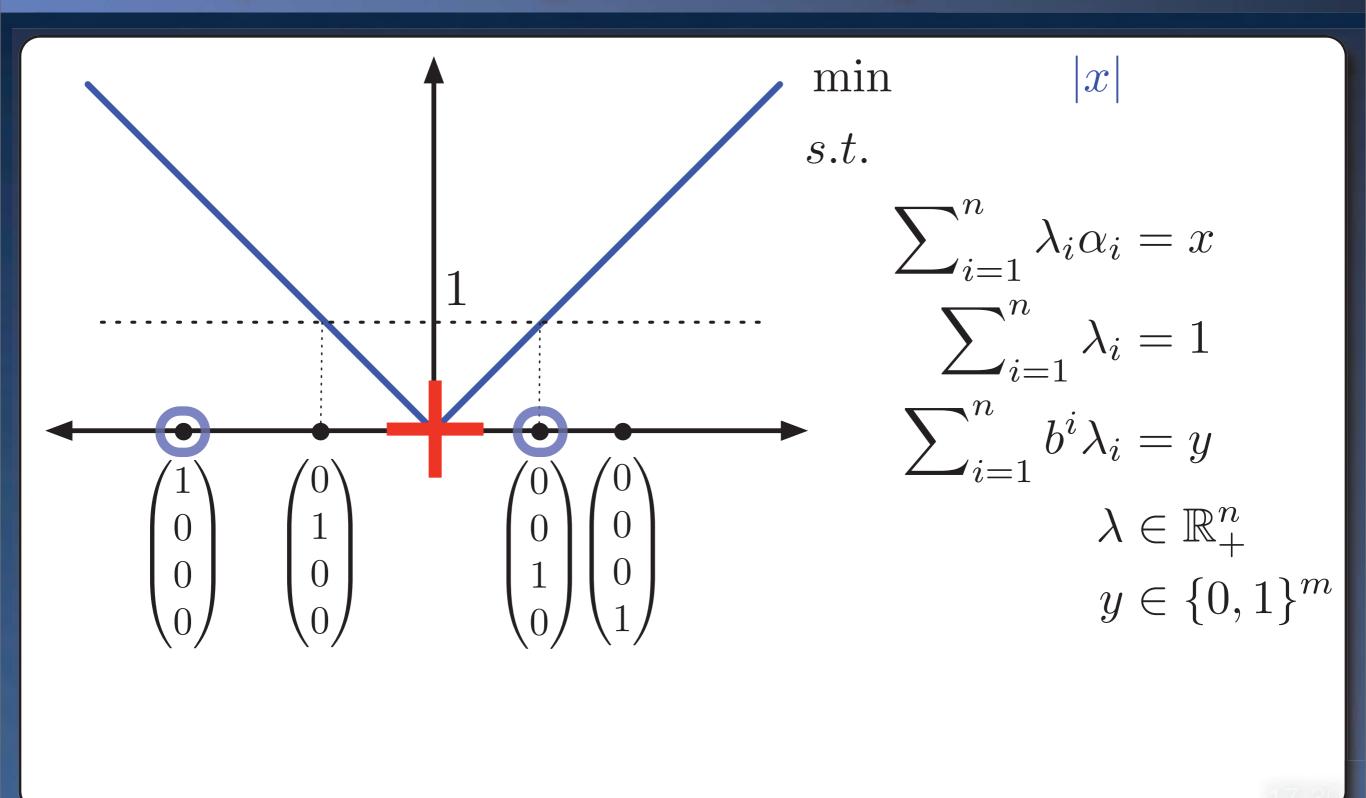
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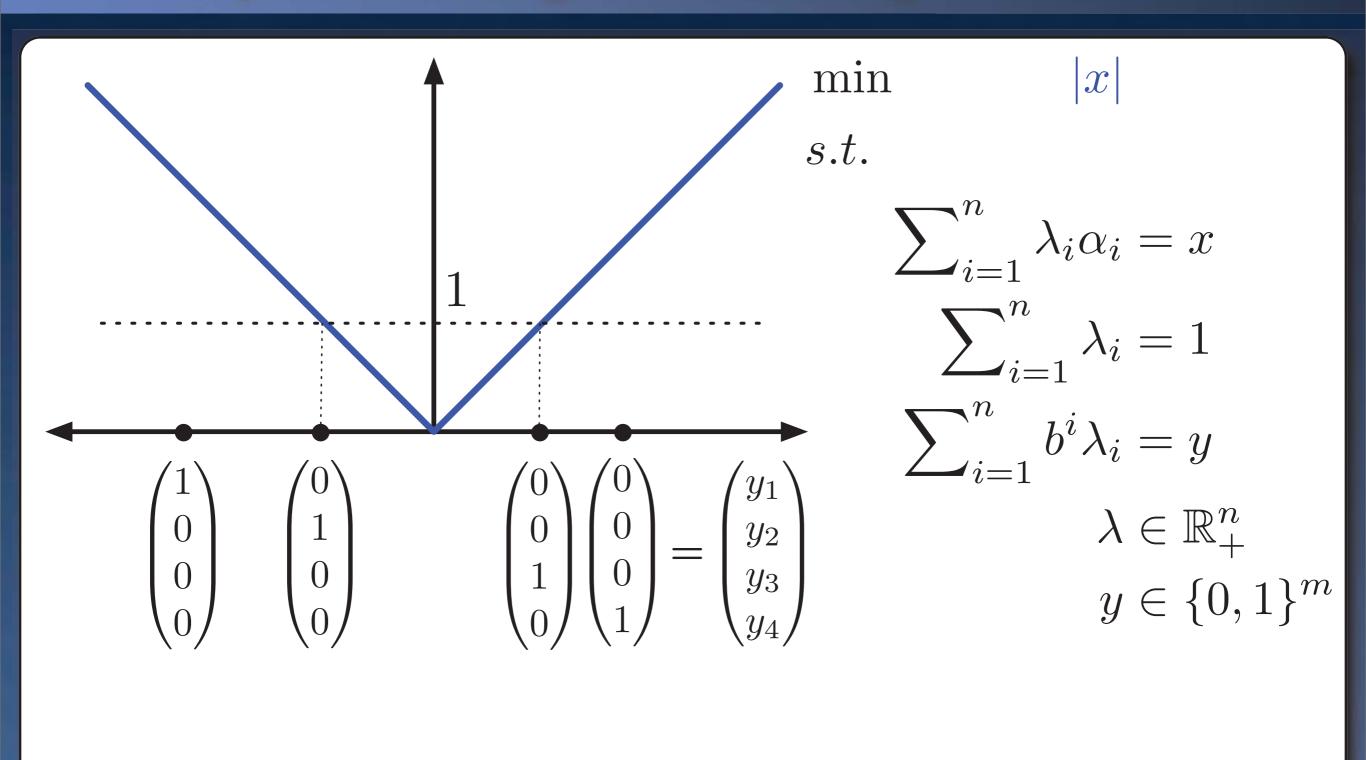


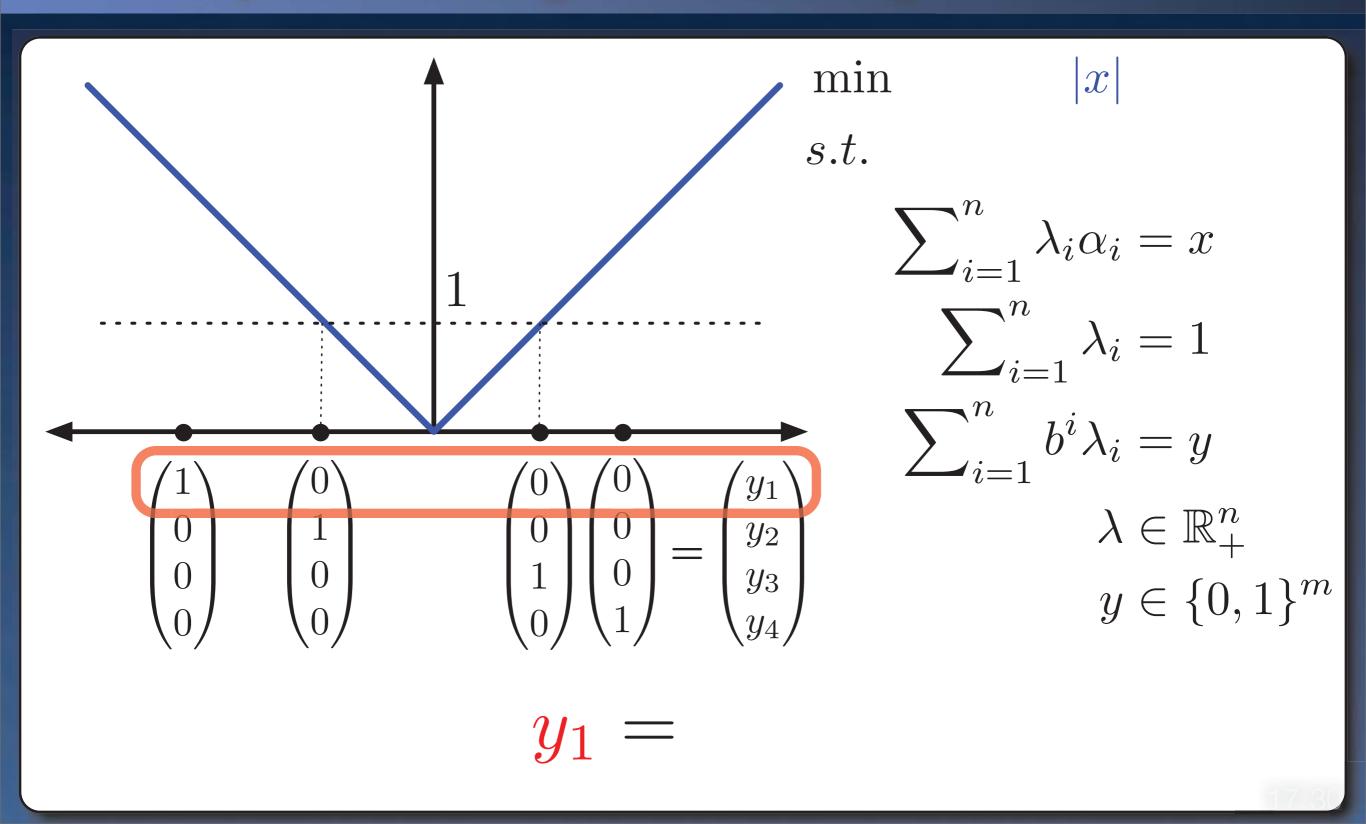
$$y_1 \geq y_2 \geq \ldots \geq y_7$$

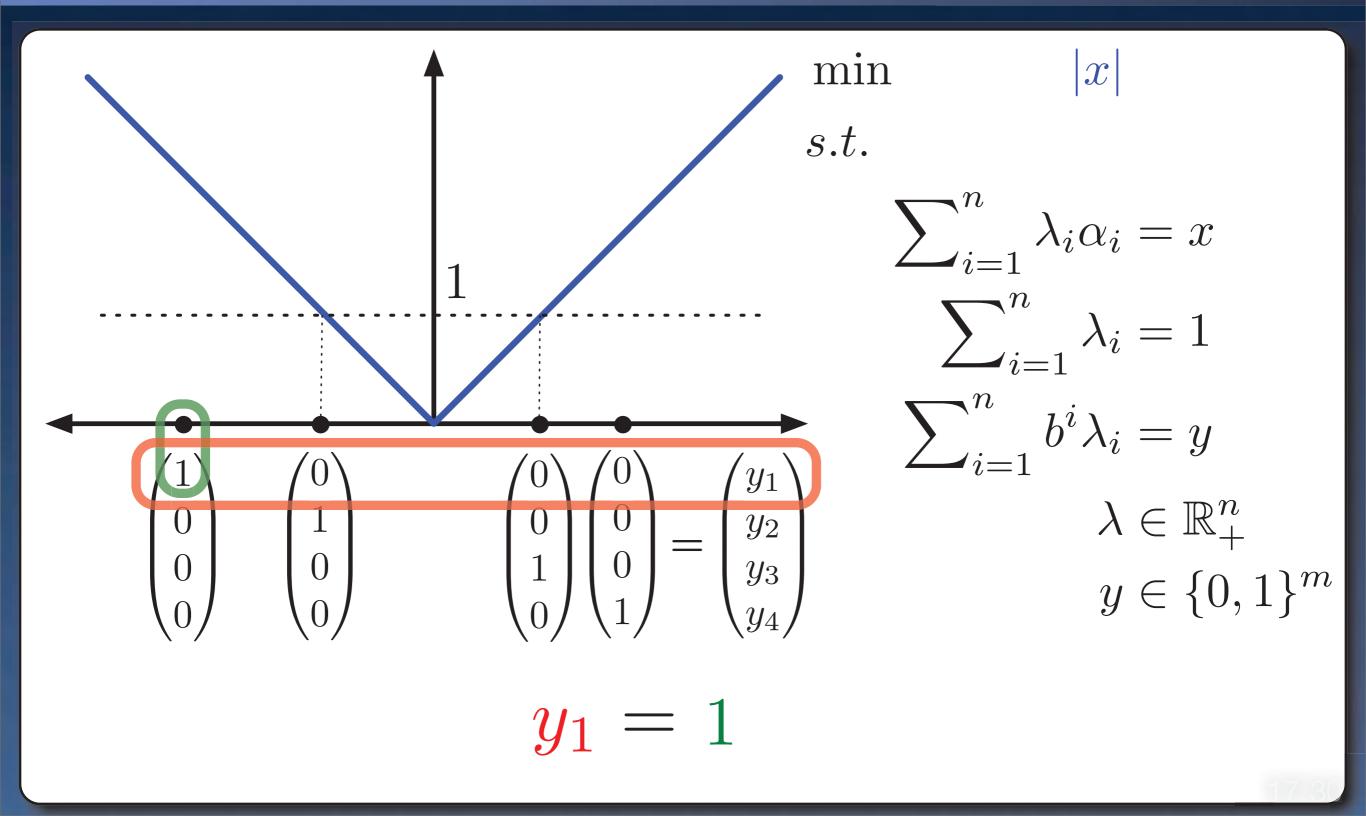


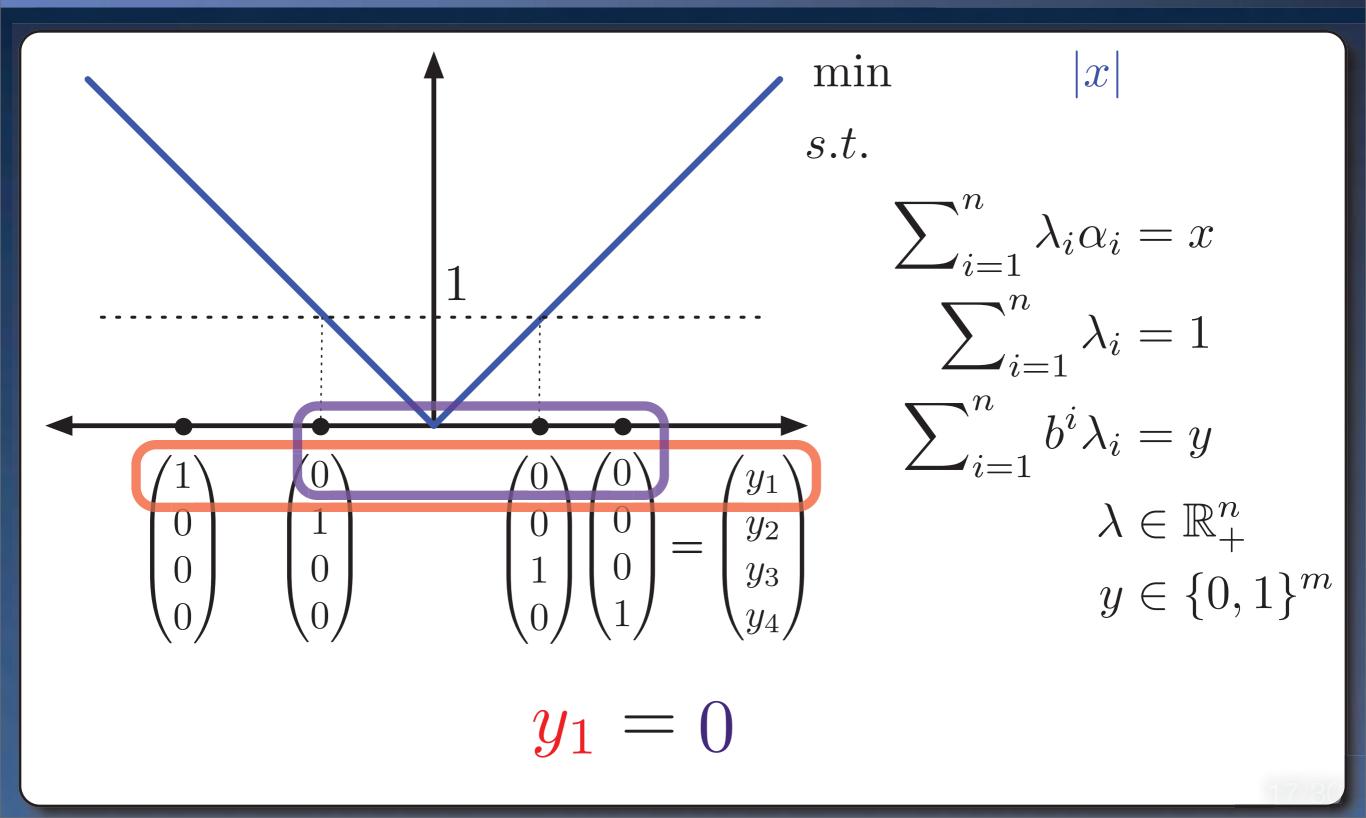


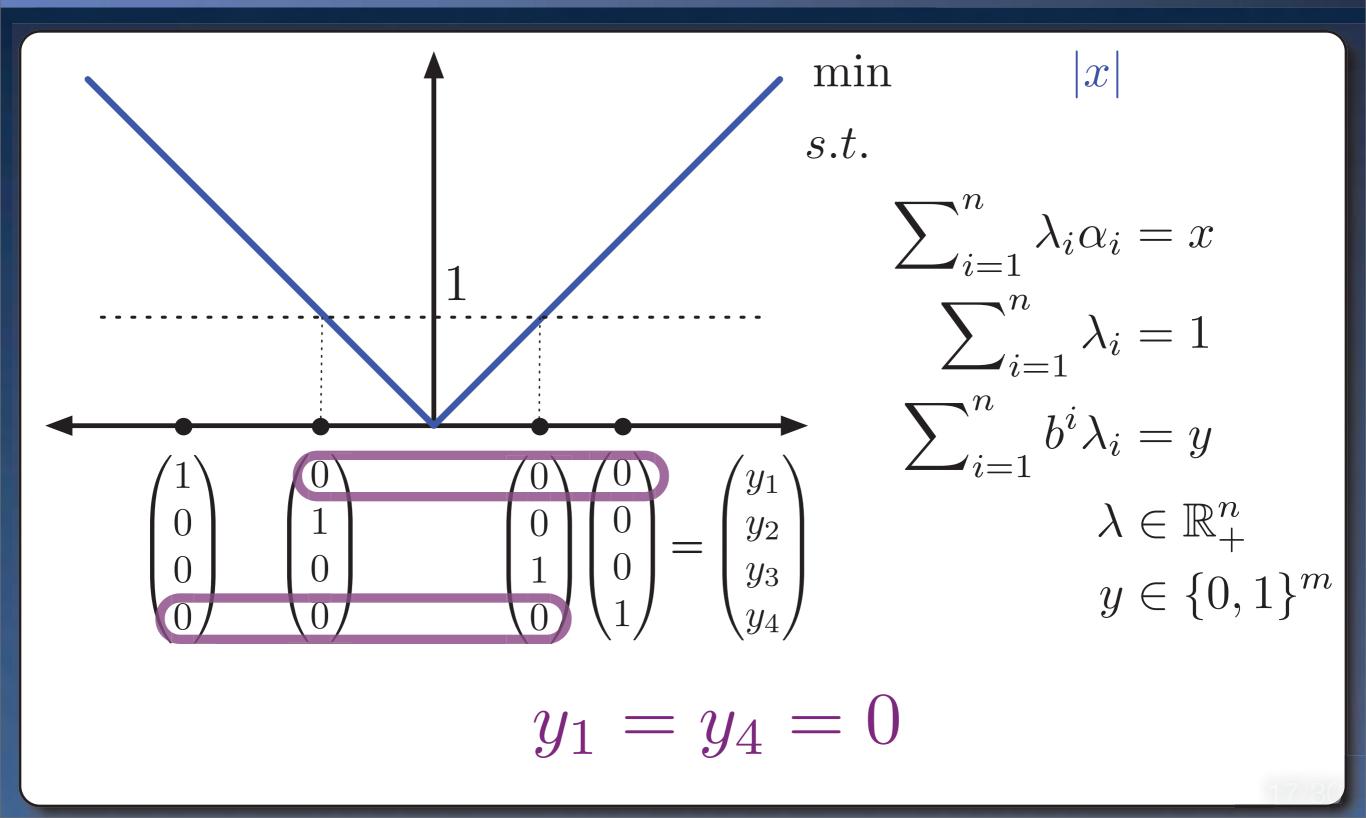


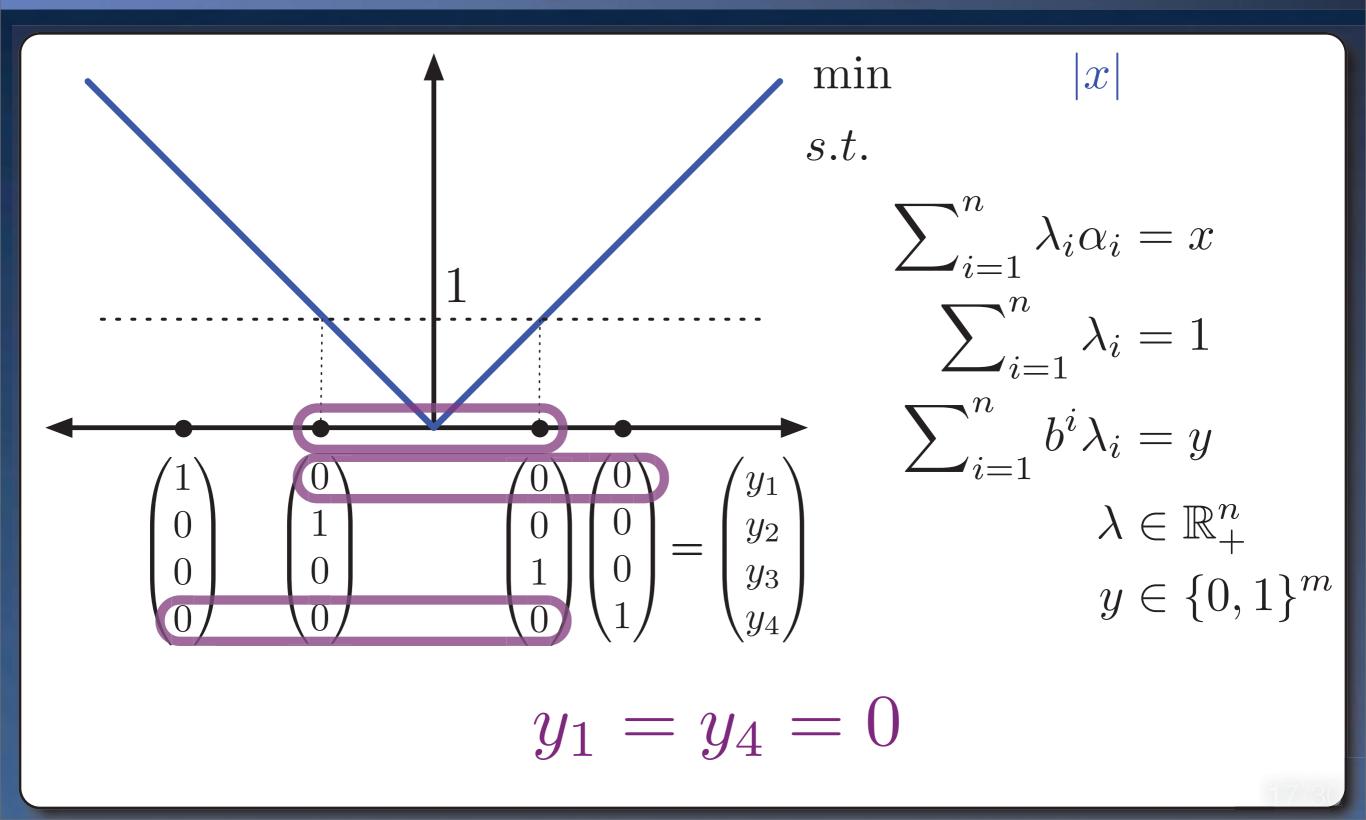


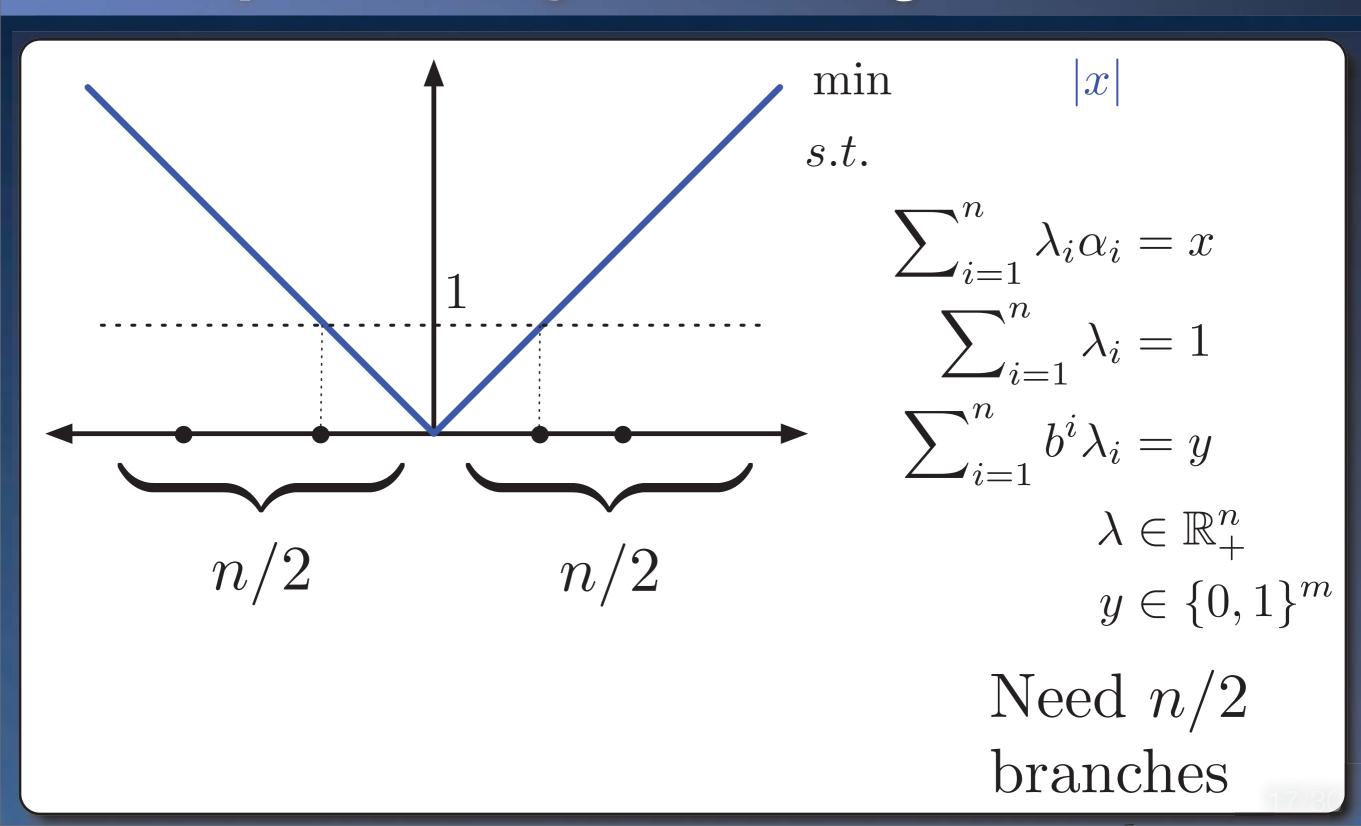


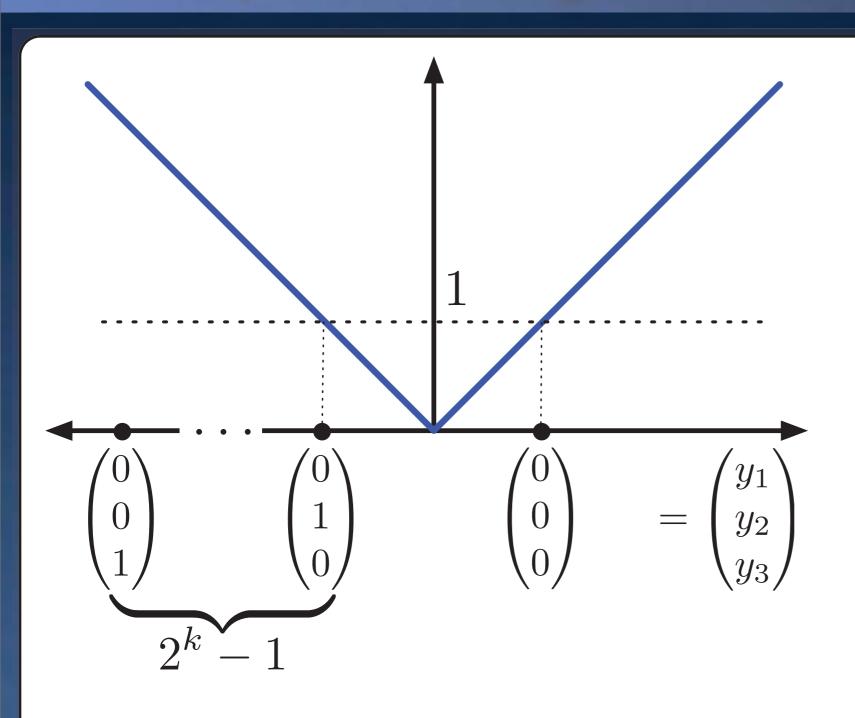


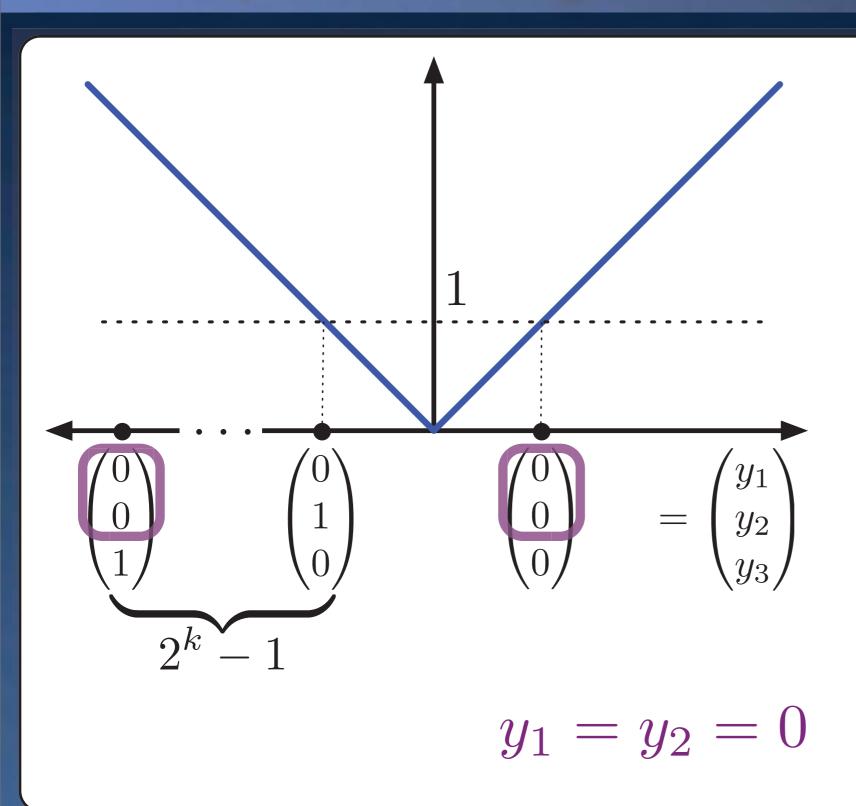


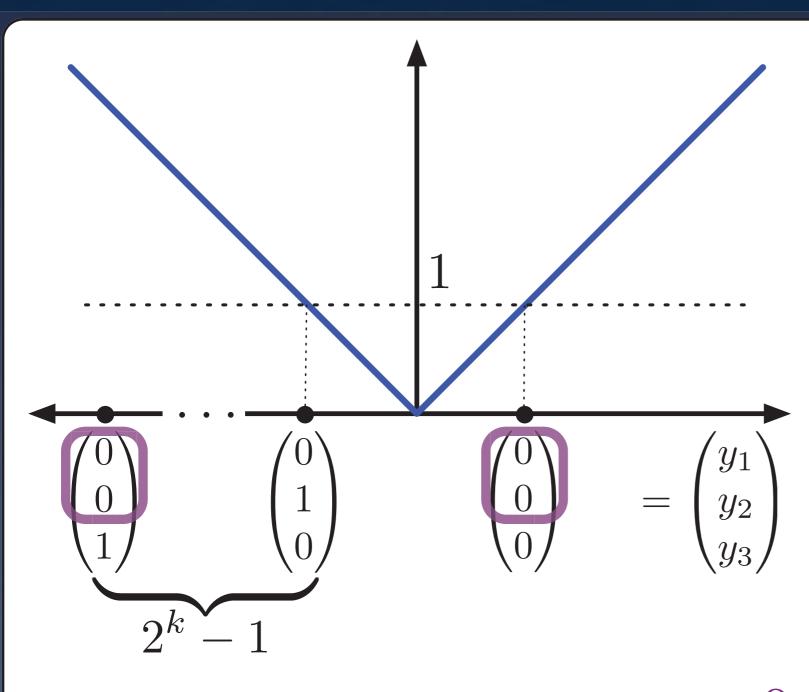








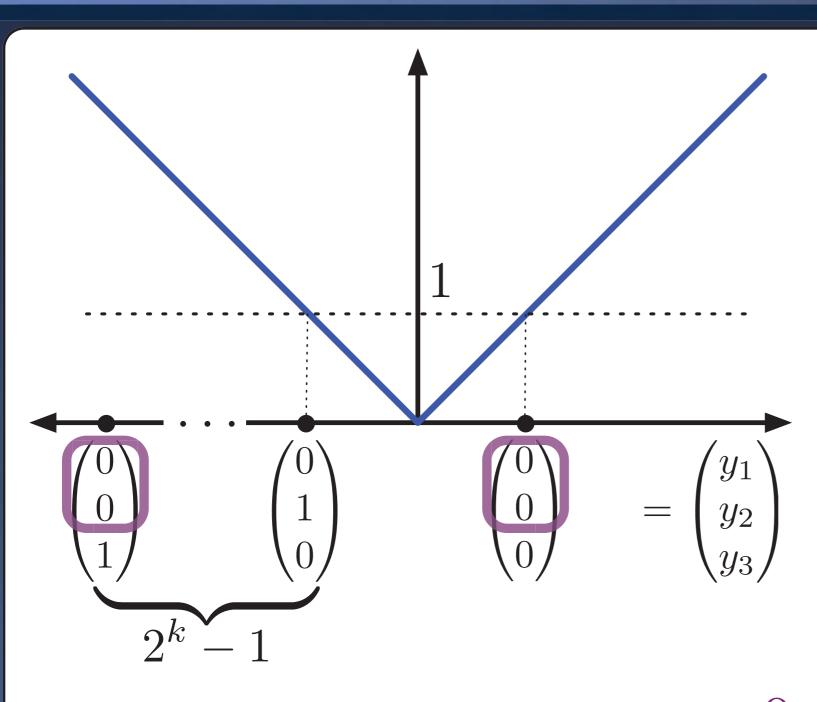




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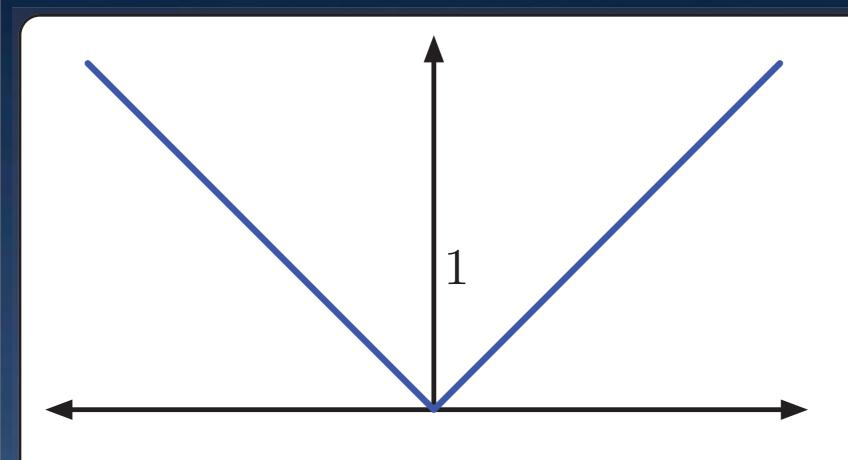


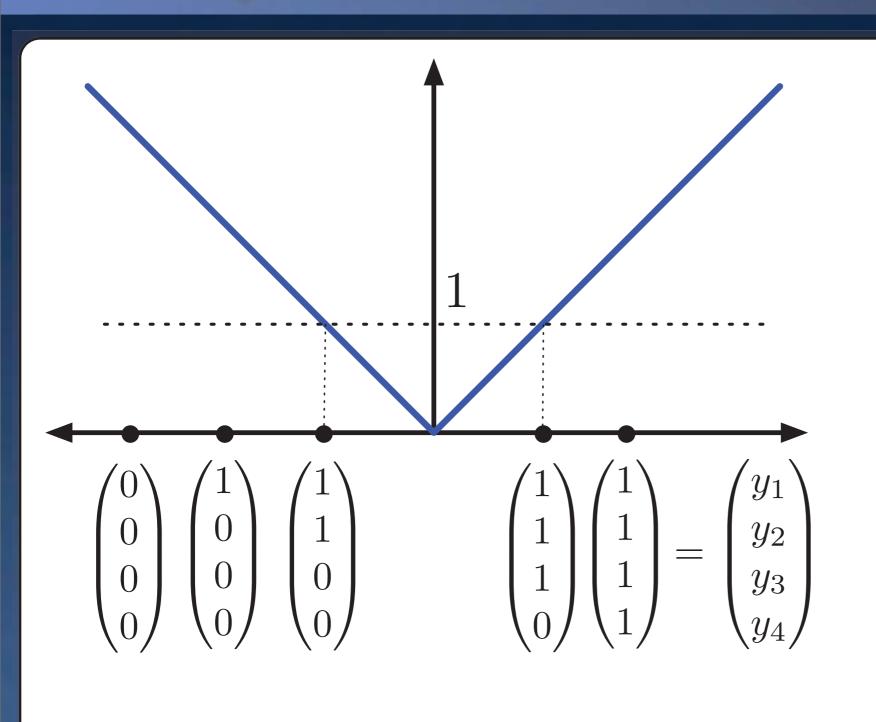
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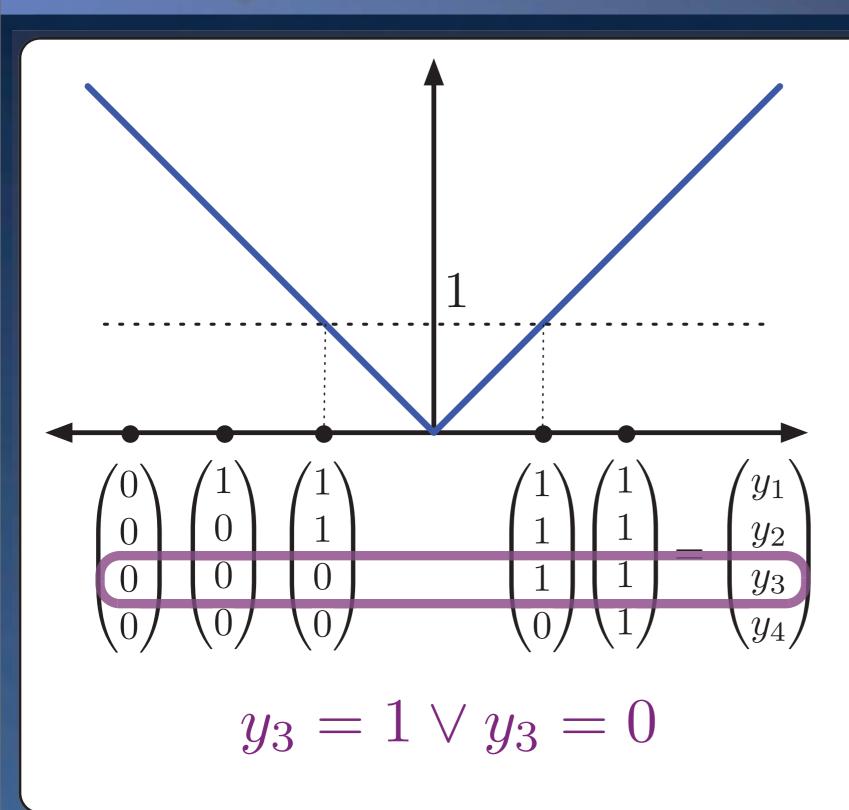
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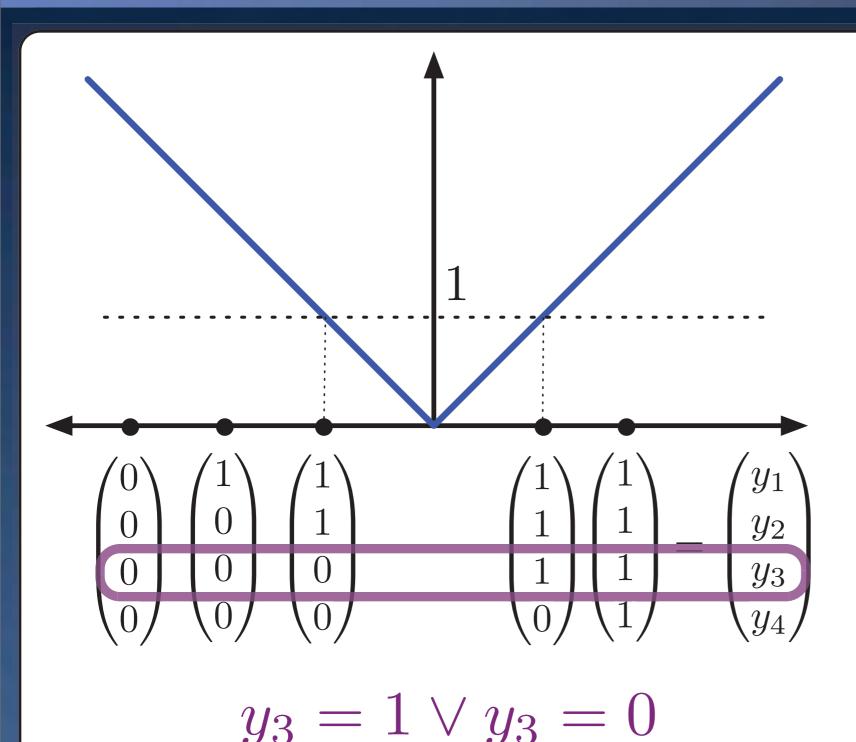
Need $k = \log_2 n$ branches

$$y_1 = y_2 = 0$$









Best Bound = 1 if:

$$y_{i^*} = 0 \lor y_{i^*} = 1$$

Only need 1 branch!

Incremental

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \lambda = y$$

Binary

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right) \lambda = y$$

Incremental

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SOS1 Branching

$$\begin{array}{c}
\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0 \\
or \\
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Odd/Even Branching

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_3 = 0$$

$$or$$

$$\lambda_2 = \lambda_4 = 0$$

Formulation Step 2: Combining with Strong Formulation

Long Lost Integral Formulation

$$\{P^i\}_{i=1}^n$$
 polytopes

$$x \in \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} P^i \Leftrightarrow$$

Also for general polyhedra with common recession cones.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{v \in \text{ext}(P^i)} v \lambda_v^i = x$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_v^i = y_i$$

$$v \in \text{ext}(P^i)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i = 1$$

$$y \in \{0, 1\}^n, \lambda_v^i \ge 0$$

Jeroslow and Lowe 1984.

Combining with Alternative Encoding

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$$i=1 \text{ } v \in \text{ext}(P^i)$$

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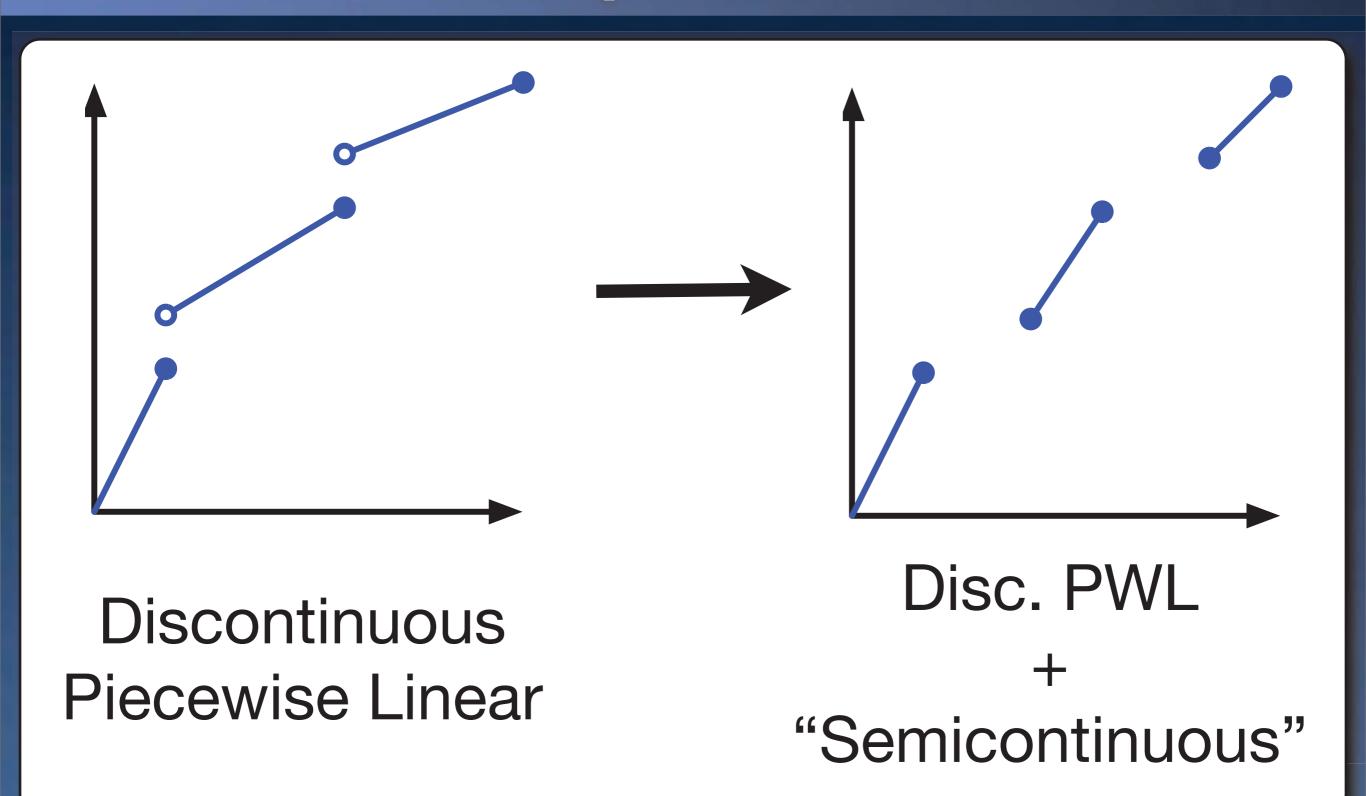
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$$i = 1 \text{ } v \in \text{ext}(P^i)$$

$$y \in \{0, 1\}, \lambda_v^i \ge 0$$

V., Ahmed and Nemhauser 2010; V. 2012.

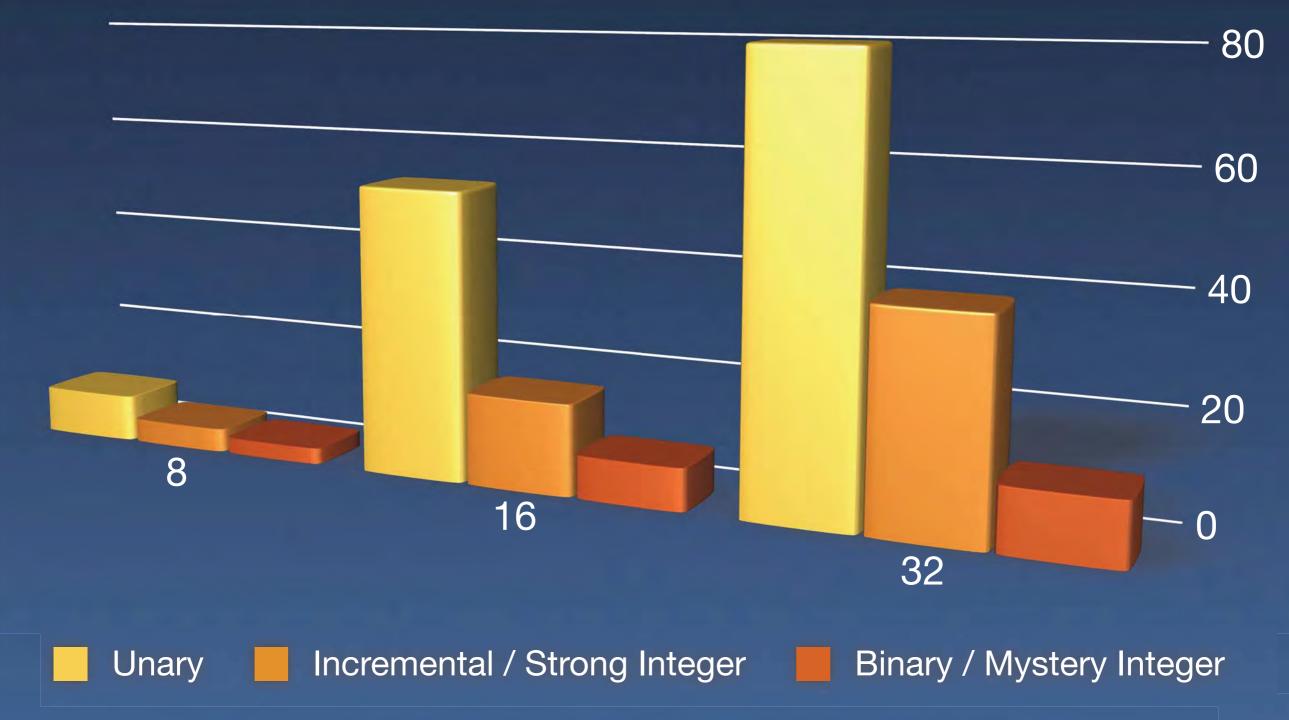
Univariate Transportation Problems



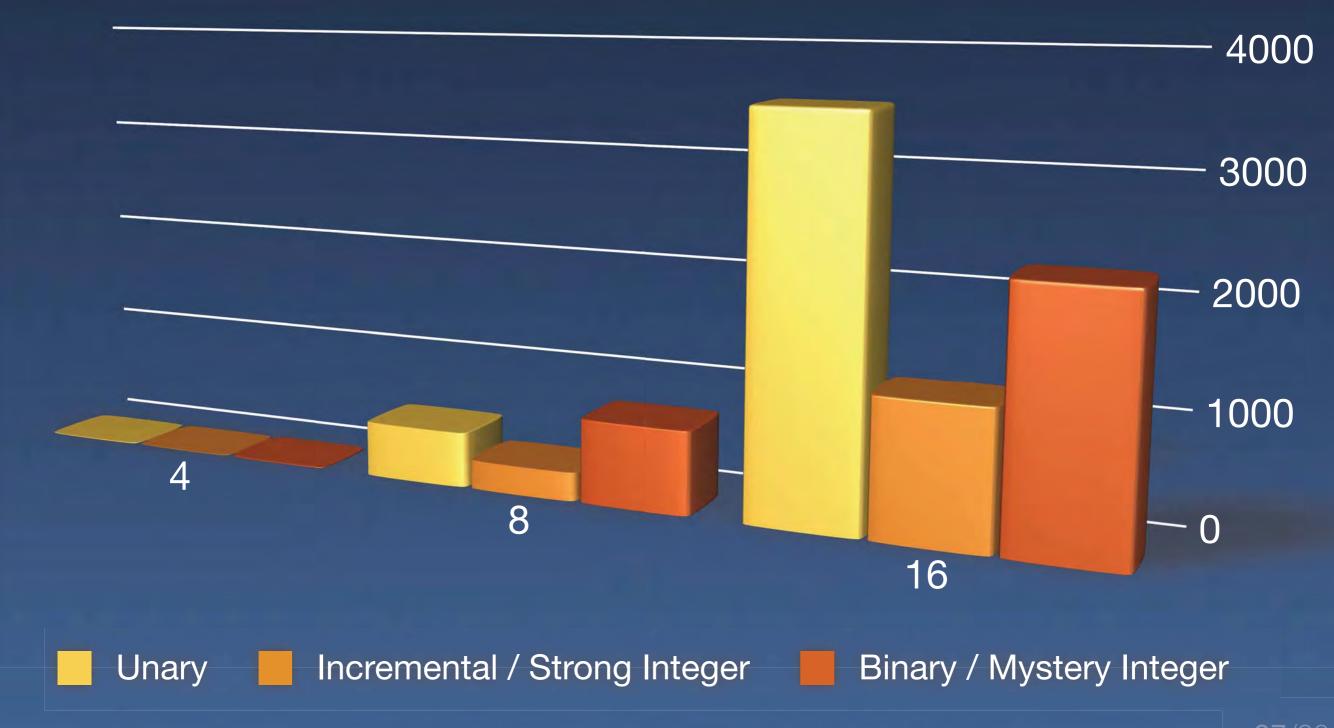
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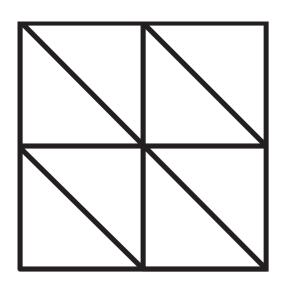


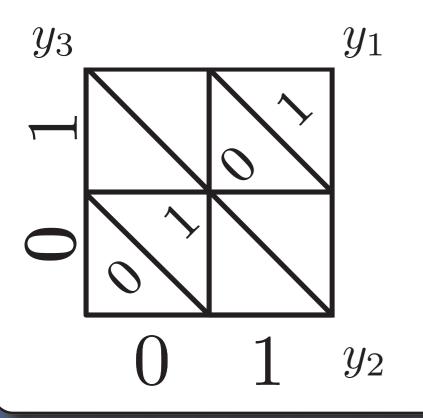
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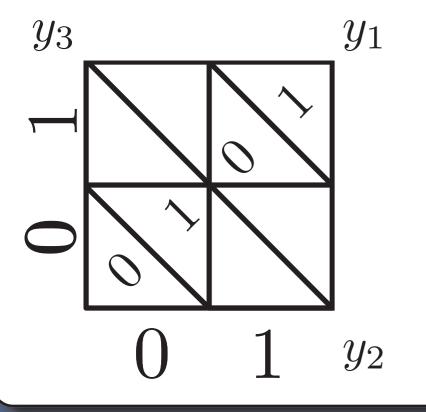
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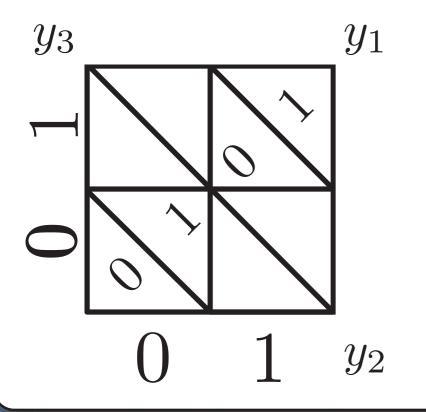


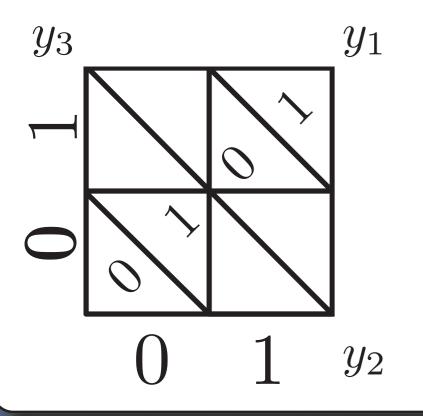


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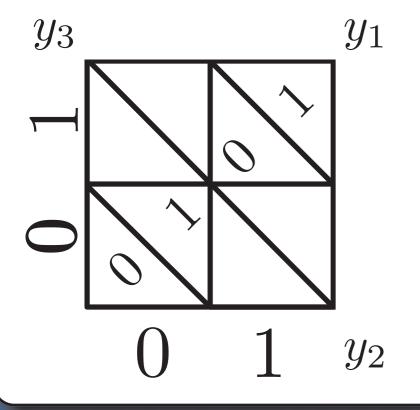


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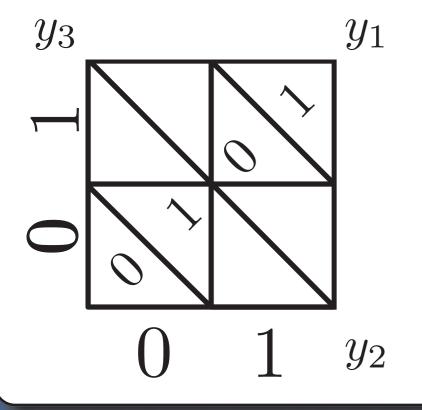




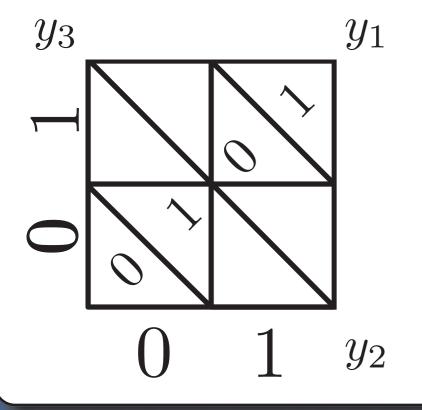
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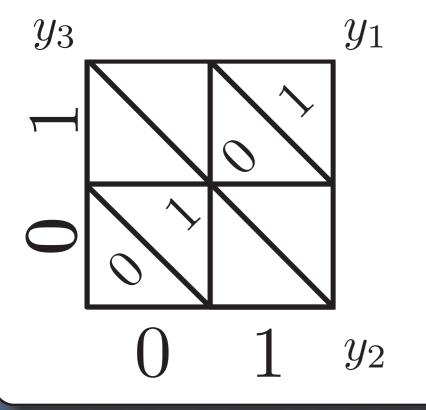


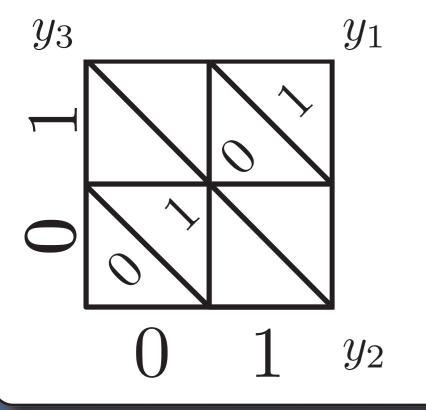
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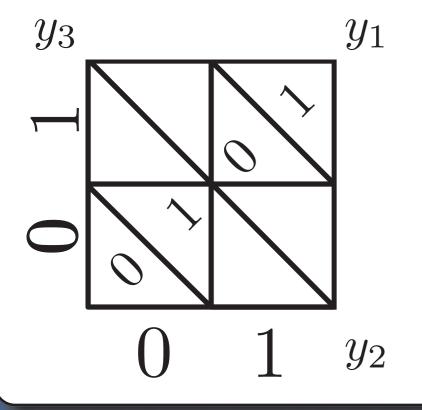


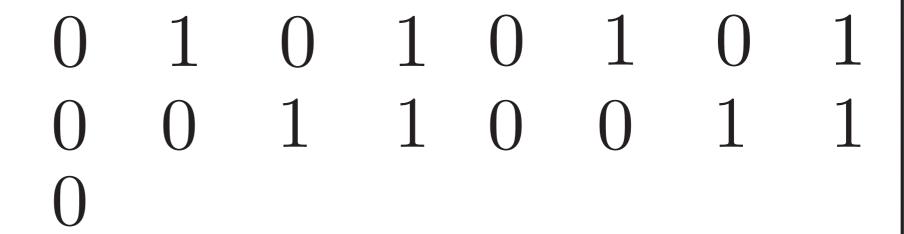
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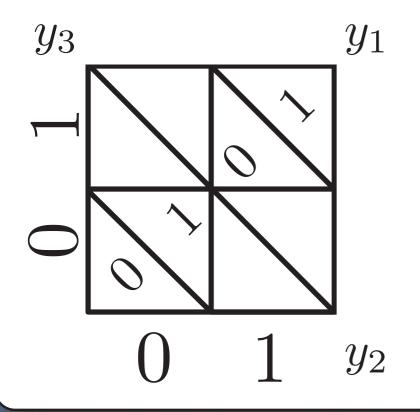


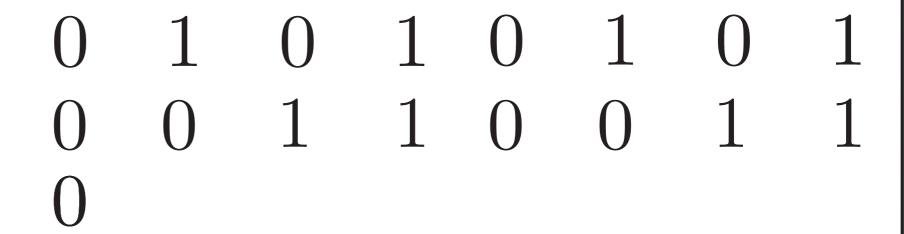


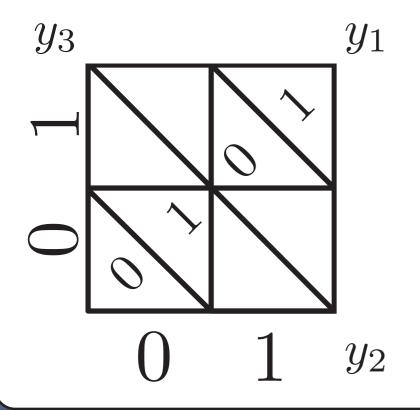


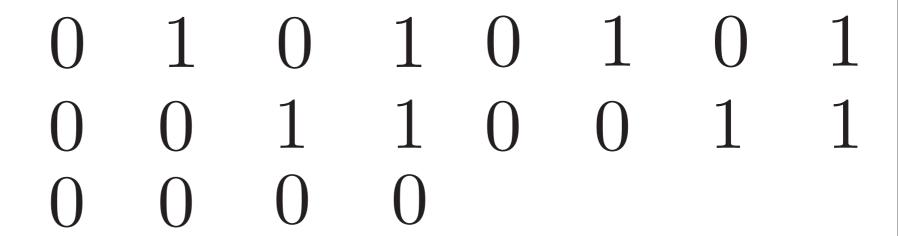


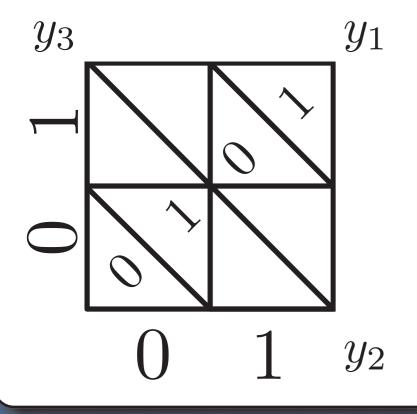


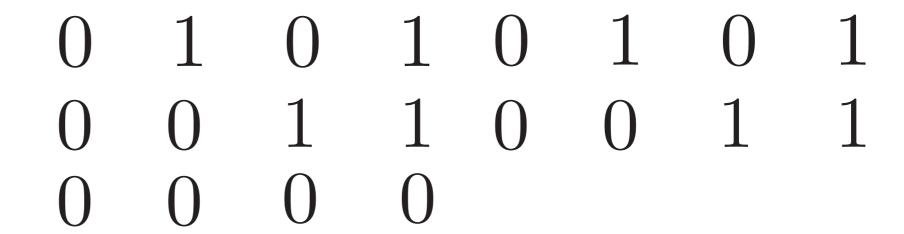


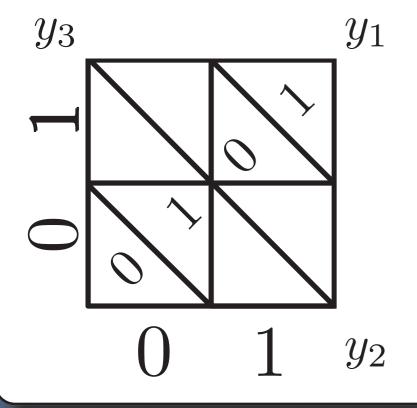


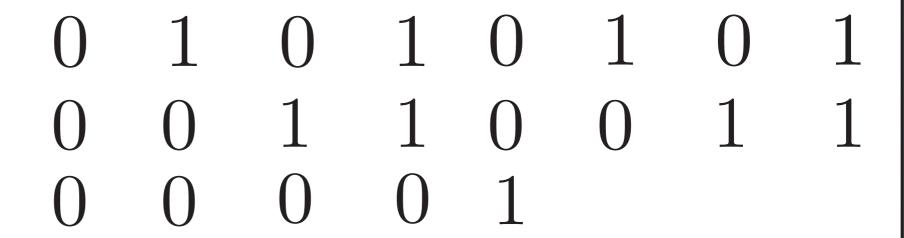


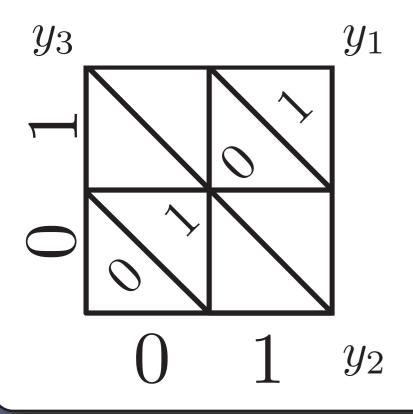


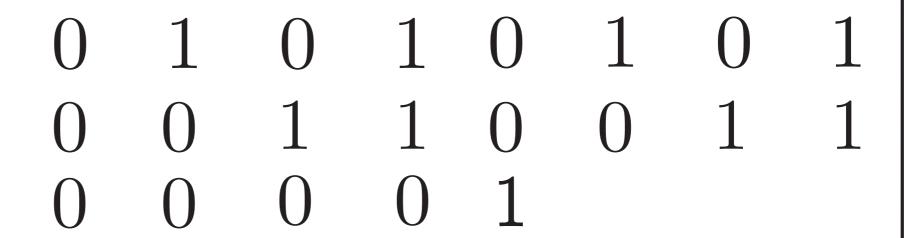


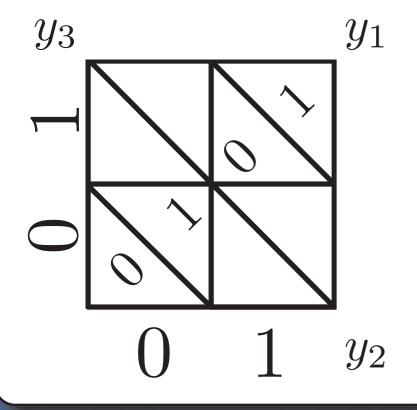


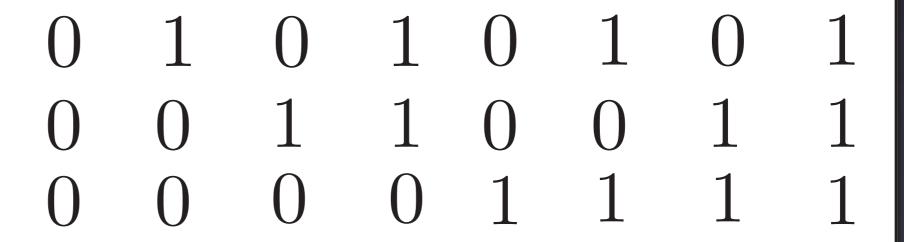


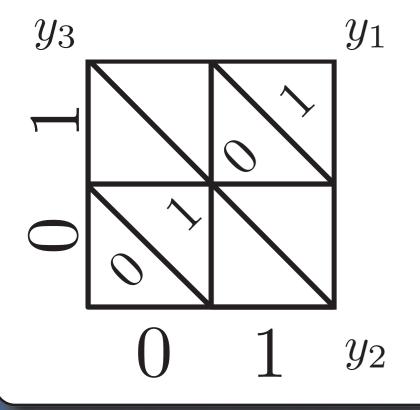


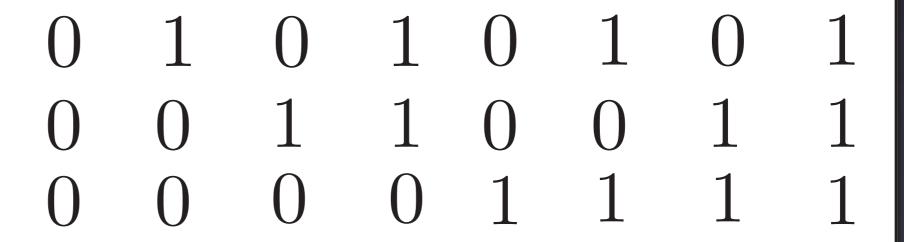


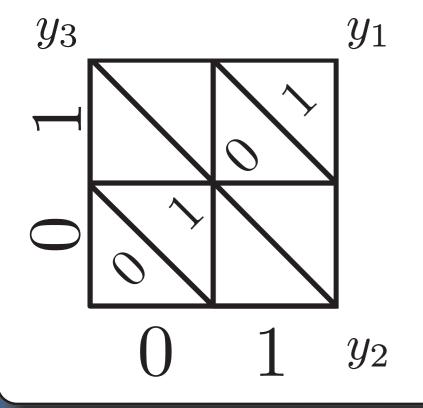


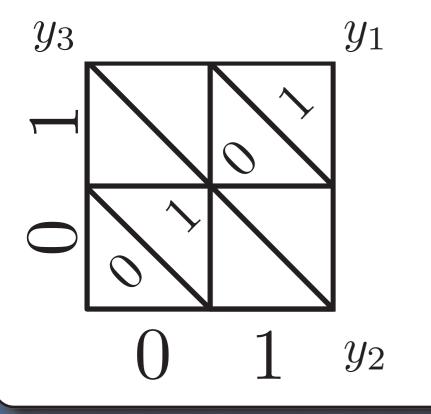


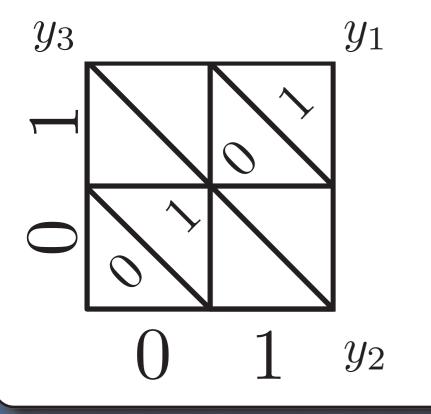


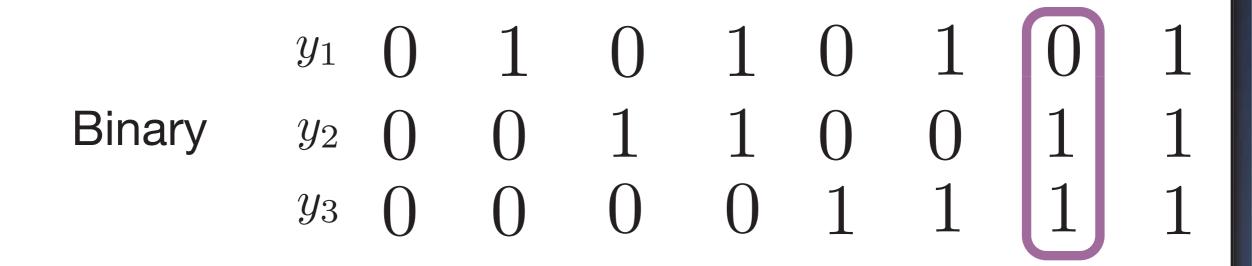


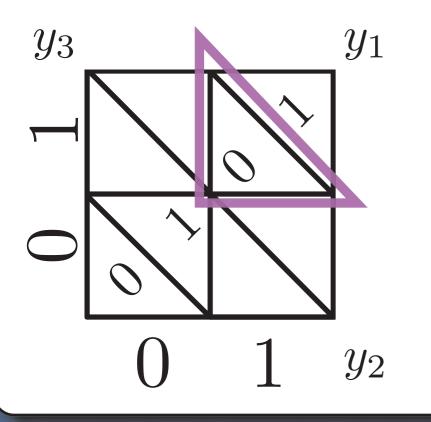


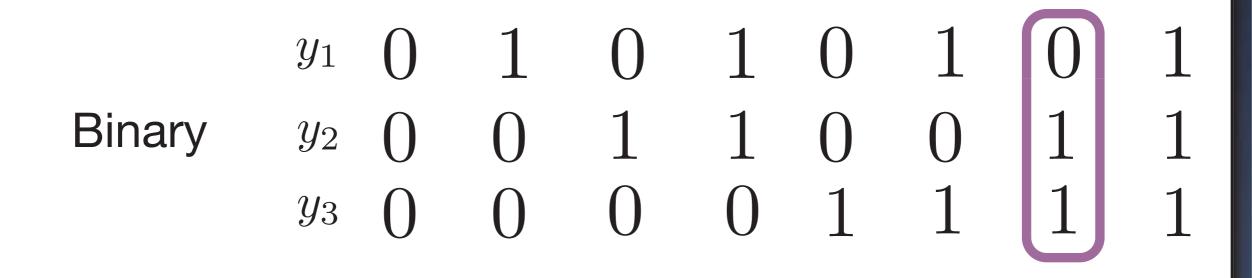


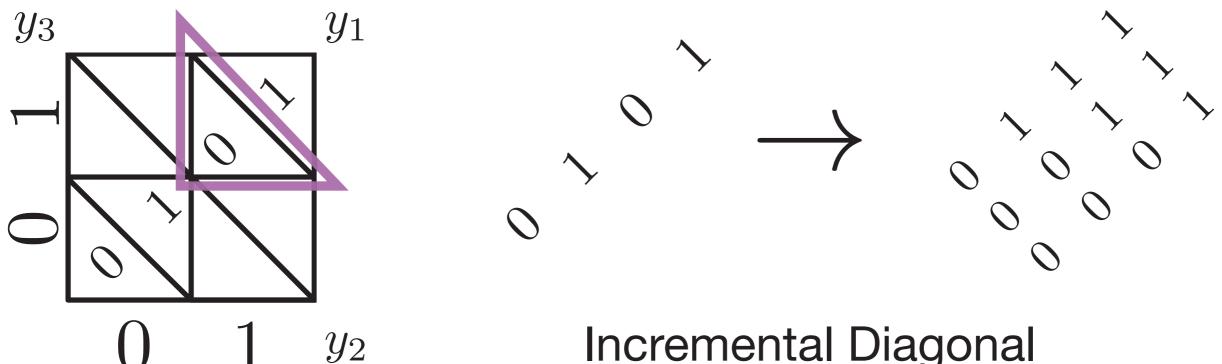




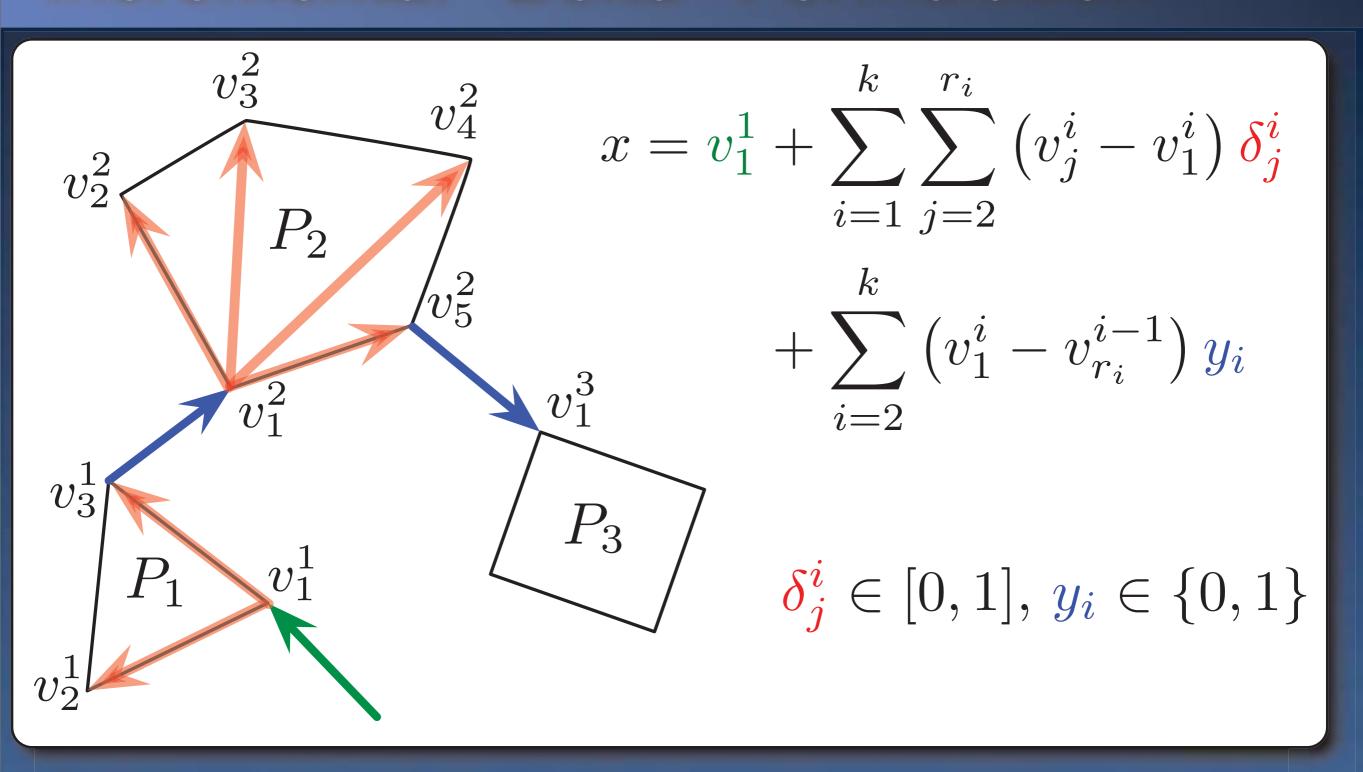




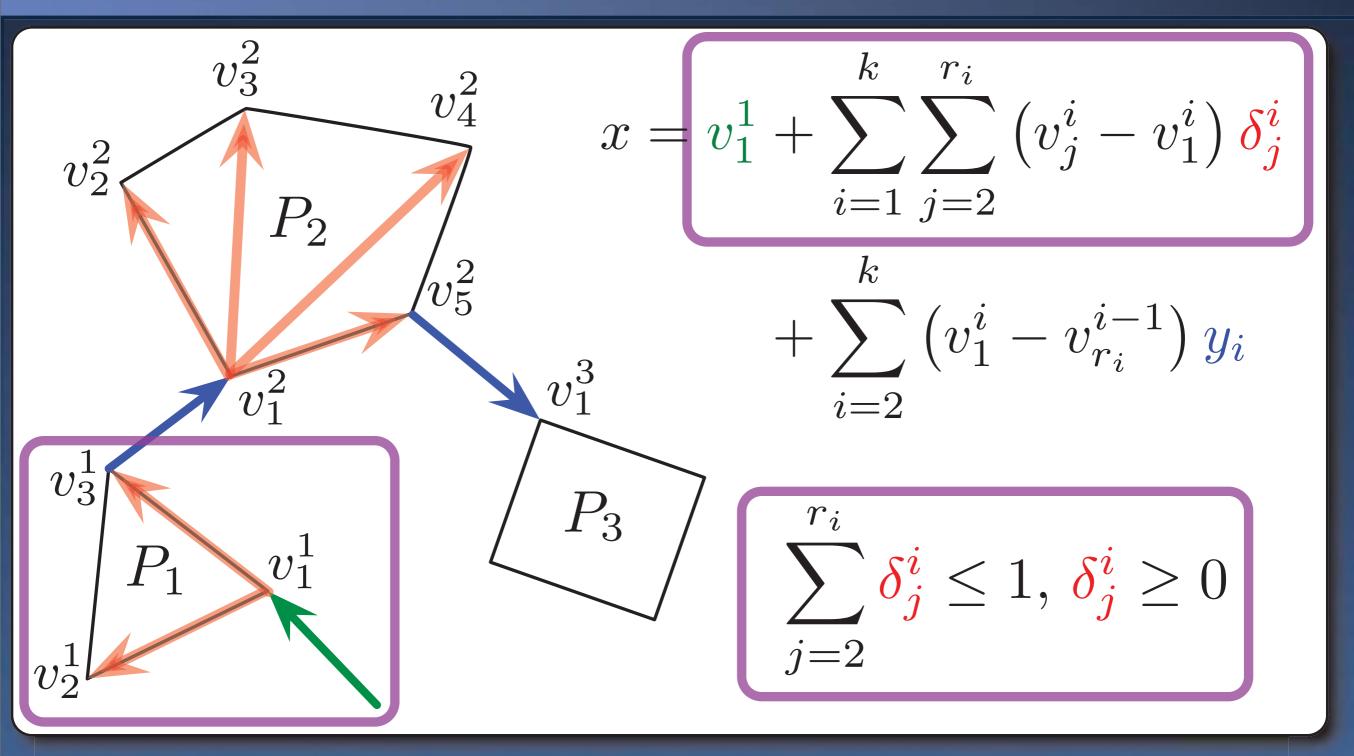




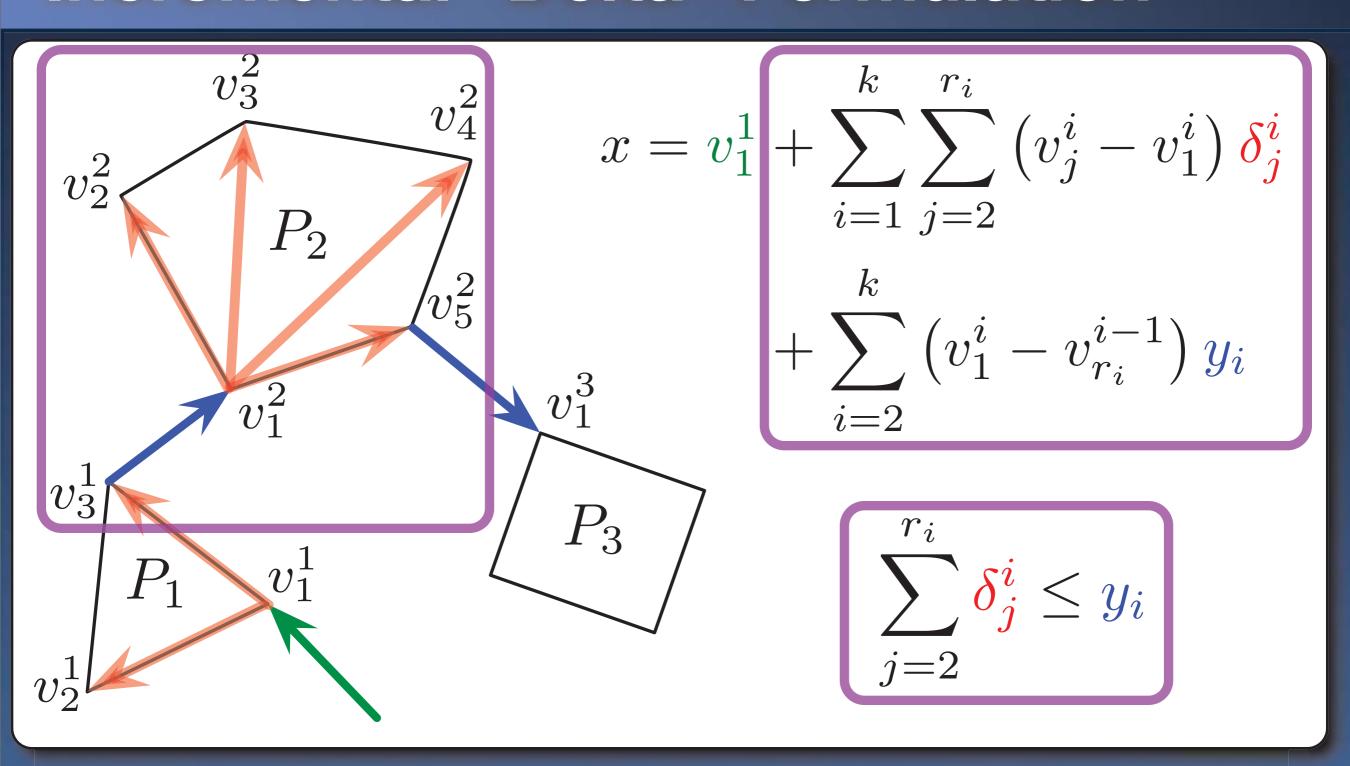
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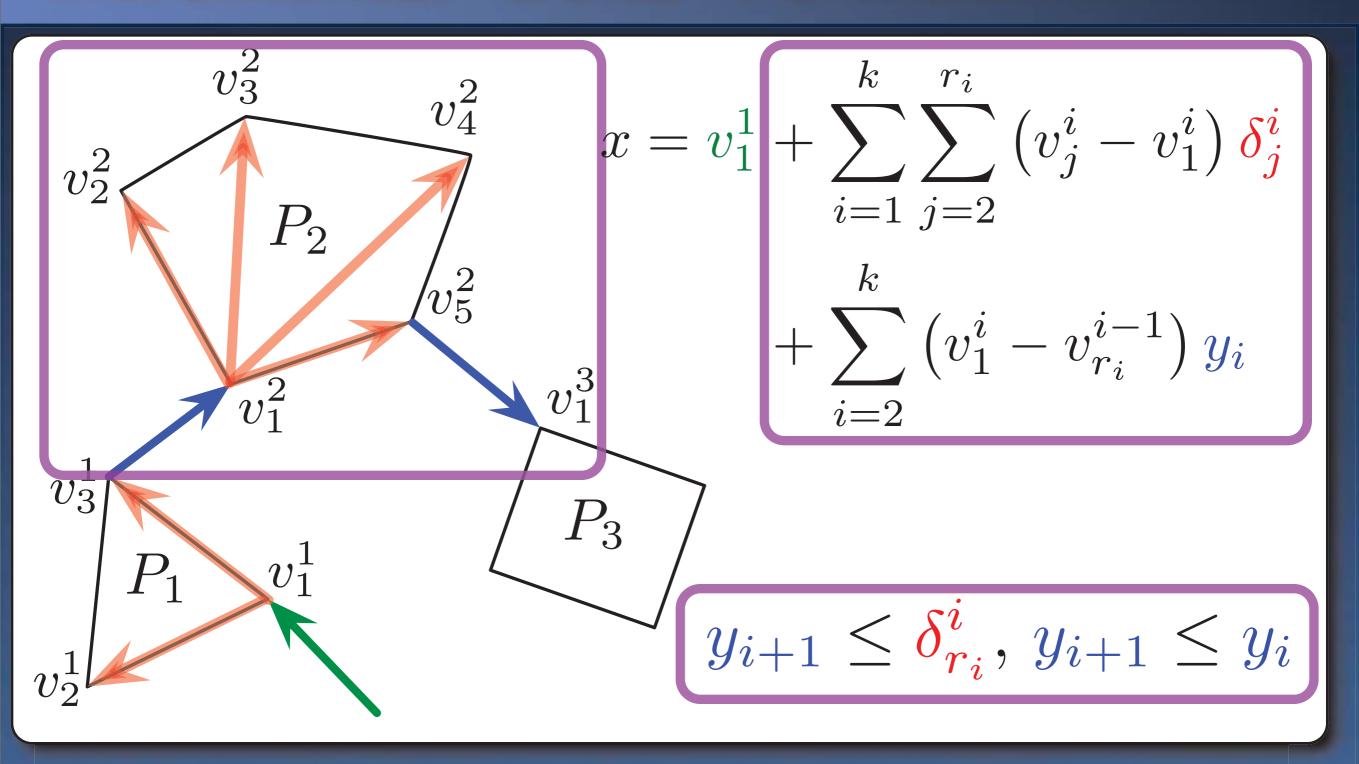
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Summary, Extensions and More.

- Effective formulations: Encode and Formulate
 - Best encoding? Why not try a few.
- Smaller formulations for shared vertex case
 - Need encodings with special structure.
- Where to find more:
 - 15.099 Spring '13: Theory / Practice.
 - Survey: V., "MIP Formulation Techniques".