

Geometry of LPP

Notation: \mathbb{R}^n : n-dimensional Vector space

Elements of \mathbb{R}^n If $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$ then $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$ is an n -component vector such that x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are all real.

Vector Space. \mathbb{R}^n is a vector space where $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$.

Definition

(1) Line: A line in \mathbb{R}^n passing through the points x_1 and x_2 in \mathbb{R}^n is the set

$$S = \left\{ X \in \mathbb{R}^n : X = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1 \right\}$$

Ex: $x_1 = (2, 5), x_2 = (1, 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 = \frac{1}{2}, x_2 = \frac{1}{2}, X &= \frac{1}{2}(2, 5) + \frac{1}{2}(1, 0) = (1, \frac{5}{2}) + (\frac{1}{2}, 0) = \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}\right) \\ &\quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \alpha_1 = 3, \alpha_2 = -2 \\ X = 3(x_1) + (-2)(x_2) \\ = (6, 15) + (-4, 0) = (2, 15) \end{array} \right. \end{aligned}$$

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(2) Half-line: A half-line in \mathbb{R}^n originating from $x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and proceeding towards the point $x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the set

$$S = \left\{ X \in \mathbb{R}^n : X = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1, \alpha_2 \geq 0 \right\}$$

$\alpha_2 = 0, \alpha_1 = 1 \Rightarrow X = x_1$

$\alpha_2 = 2, \alpha_1 = -1 \Rightarrow X = -x_1 + 2x_2$

$\alpha_2 = 1, \alpha_1 = 0 \Rightarrow X = x_2$

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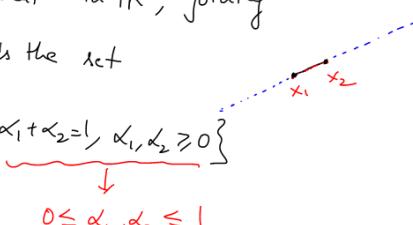
$\alpha_1 = 0, \alpha_2 = 1 \Rightarrow X = x_2$
 $\alpha_1 = 1, \alpha_2 = 0 \Rightarrow X = x_1$
 $\alpha_1 = 3, \alpha_2 = -2 \Rightarrow X \neq !$

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(3) Line Segment: A line segment in \mathbb{R}^n , joining two points x_1 and x_2 in \mathbb{R}^n is the set

$$S = \left\{ X \in \mathbb{R}^n : X = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \geq 0 \right\}$$

\downarrow

$$0 \leq \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \leq 1$$


(4) Convex Linear Combination (clc): A point $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is called a clc of the points x_1 and x_2 in \mathbb{R}^n if there exists $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

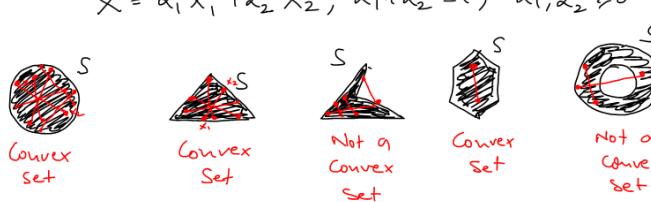
$$X = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2, \underbrace{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1,}_{0 \leq \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \leq 1} \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \geq 0$$


The line-segment joining x_1 & x_2 in \mathbb{R}^n is the set of all clcs of x_1 & x_2

(5) Convex Set: Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. Then S is called a convex set iff for any two points $x_1, x_2 \in S$, the point $X \in S$ where

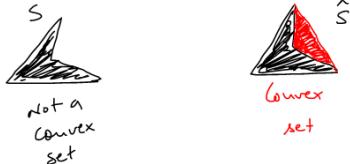
$$X = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \geq 0$$

e.g.



The first two diagrams show convex sets: a circle and a triangle, both shaded red. The third diagram shows a triangle with a point inside it, labeled "Not a Convex set". The fourth diagram shows a hexagon with a point inside it, labeled "Convex set". The fifth diagram shows a donut-like shape with a point inside it, labeled "Not a Convex set".

⑥ Convex Hull: Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. Then the smallest convex set containing the given set S is called the Convex Hull.

e.g.: 

If S is Convex set then convex hull of S is S itself.

⑦ Hyperplane: A hyperplane in \mathbb{R}^n is the set of points $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$ satisfying

$$S = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^n, C^T X = \alpha\}$$

where $C = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$C^T X = \alpha \Rightarrow [c_1 \ c_2 \ \dots \ c_n] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \alpha$

$\Rightarrow C_1 x_1 + C_2 x_2 + \dots + C_n x_n = \alpha \rightarrow$ equality constraint or hyperplane

UPP \curvearrowleft
 hyperplane
 $AX = b$ \curvearrowleft closed half space
 $AX \leq b$
 $AX \geq b$
 $2x_1 - x_2 = 9$

⑧ Closed Half Space: Let $H = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^n : C^T X = \alpha\}$ be a hyperplane in \mathbb{R}^n . Then the sets

$$H_1 = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^n : C^T X \leq \alpha\} \text{ and}$$

$$H_2 = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^n : C^T X \geq \alpha\}$$

are called closed half-spaces generated by the hyperplane H .

⑨ Open Half Space: Let $H = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^n : C^T X = \alpha\}$ be a hyperplane in \mathbb{R}^n . Then the sets

$$H_1 = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^n : C^T X < \alpha\} \text{ and}$$

$$H_2 = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^n : C^T X > \alpha\}$$

are called open half-spaces generated by hyperplane H .

⑩ Polyhedral Set: A set formed by the intersection of finite number of closed half-spaces is termed as polyhedral or polyhedron.

Theorem: Line segment is a convex set.

Proof: Let S be the line segment given by

$$S = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^n : X = \alpha_1 X_1 + \alpha_2 X_2, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \geq 0\} \quad (1)$$

Let $Y_1, Y_2 \in S$. Then

$$Y_1 = \alpha'_1 X_1 + \alpha'_2 X_2, \alpha'_1 + \alpha'_2 = 1, \alpha'_1, \alpha'_2 \geq 0 \quad (2)$$

$$Y_2 = \alpha''_1 X_1 + \alpha''_2 X_2, \alpha''_1 + \alpha''_2 = 1, \alpha''_1, \alpha''_2 \geq 0 \quad (3)$$

let Y be the dc of Y_1 & Y_2 , so

$$Y = \beta_1 Y_1 + \beta_2 Y_2, \quad \beta_1 + \beta_2 = 1, \quad \beta_1, \beta_2 \geq 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

From (2), (3) & (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= \beta_1 (\alpha_1^1 X_1 + \alpha_2^1 X_2) + \beta_2 (\alpha_1^2 X_1 + \alpha_2^2 X_2) \\ &= (\beta_1 \alpha_1^1 + \beta_2 \alpha_1^2) X_1 + (\beta_1 \alpha_2^1 + \beta_2 \alpha_2^2) X_2 \\ &= \gamma_1 X_1 + \gamma_2 X_2 \quad \text{where } \gamma_1 = \beta_1 \alpha_1^1 + \beta_2 \alpha_1^2 \\ &\quad \text{--- (5)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\gamma_2 = \beta_1 \alpha_2^1 + \beta_2 \alpha_2^2$$

Now $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = \beta_1 \alpha_1^1 + \beta_2 \alpha_1^2 + \beta_1 \alpha_2^1 + \beta_2 \alpha_2^2 = \beta_1 (\alpha_1^1 + \alpha_2^1) + \beta_2 (\alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \beta_1 + \beta_2 \quad (\text{using (2) & (3)}) \\ &= 1 \quad (\text{using (4)}) \quad \text{--- (6)} \end{aligned}$$

$x_1 = \beta_1 \alpha_1^1 + \beta_2 \alpha_1^2 \geq 0 \quad (\because \alpha_1^1, \alpha_1^2, \beta_1, \beta_2 \geq 0) \quad \text{--- (7)}$

If $\gamma_2 \geq 0$

From (5), (6) & (7), we have

YES

$\Rightarrow S$ is a Convex Set.

Theorem : Half-line is a convex set.

Proof : Let S be a half-line,

$$S = \{ X \in \mathbb{R}^n : X = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2, \quad \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1, \quad \alpha_2 \geq 0 \} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Let $Y_1, Y_2 \in S$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1 &= \alpha_1^1 x_1 + \alpha_2^1 x_2, \quad \alpha_1^1 + \alpha_2^1 = 1, \quad \alpha_2^1 \geq 0 \\ Y_2 &= \alpha_1^2 x_1 + \alpha_2^2 x_2, \quad \alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2 = 1, \quad \alpha_2^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{--- (3)}$$


Let $y \in S$ be clc of y_1, y_2 ,

$$y = \beta_1 y_1 + \beta_2 y_2, \quad \beta_1 + \beta_2 = 1, \quad \beta_1, \beta_2 \geq 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Now $y = \beta_1 (\alpha_1^1 x_1 + \alpha_2^1 x_2) + \beta_2 (\alpha_1^2 x_1 + \alpha_2^2 x_2)$

$$= (\beta_1 \alpha_1^1 + \beta_2 \alpha_1^2) x_1 + (\beta_1 \alpha_2^1 + \beta_2 \alpha_2^2) x_2$$

$$= y_1 x_1 + y_2 x_2 \quad \text{--- (2)} \quad \text{where } y_1 = \beta_1 \alpha_1^1 + \beta_2 \alpha_1^2$$

$$y_2 = \beta_1 \alpha_2^1 + \beta_2 \alpha_2^2$$

Now $y_1 + y_2 = \beta_1 (\alpha_1^1 + \alpha_2^1) + \beta_2 (\alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2)$

$$= \beta_1 + \beta_2 = 1 \quad \text{--- (3)} \quad \left(\text{Using (1), (2) & (4)} \right)$$

Now $y_2 = \beta_1 \alpha_2^1 + \beta_2 \alpha_2^2 \geq 0 \quad \text{--- (4)} \quad (\beta_1, \beta_2 \geq 0, \alpha_1^1, \alpha_2^2 \geq 0)$

From (2), (3) & (4), we have

YES

$\Rightarrow S$ is convex set.

Theorem: Line is a convex set (Do yourself).

Theorem: Intersection of convex sets is a convex set.

Proof: Let S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m be convex sets in \mathbb{R}^n .

Let $S = \bigcap_{i=1}^m S_i \quad \text{--- (1)}$

Let $x_1, x_2 \in S$. Then $x_1, x_2 \in S_i \forall i=1, 2, \dots, m \quad \text{--- (2)}$

Let X be the clc of x_1 and x_2 . So

$$X = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2, \quad \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1, \quad \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \geq 0 \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

Since S_i is a convex set for all i , therefore

$$X \in S_i \text{ for all } i=1 \text{ to } m.$$

So $X \in \bigcap_{i=1}^m S_i \Rightarrow X \in S$

$\Rightarrow S$ is a convex set.

Theorem

- (a) Hyperplane is a convex set.
- (b) Closed half-space is a convex set
- (c) Intersection of two convex sets is a convex set.
- (d) Finite intersection of convex sets is convex set.

(Do yourself)

Theorem : Union of two Convex sets may not be convex. set.

Eg. Let $S_1 = \{(x_1, x_2) : x_1 + x_2 = 5\}$ and $S_2 = \{(x_1, x_2) : 5x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 6\}$

$$S = S_1 \cup S_2 = \{(x_1, x_2) : x_1 + x_2 = 5 \text{ or } 5x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 6\}$$

$x_1 + x_2 = 5 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 = 0, x_2 = 5 \\ x_2 = 0, x_1 = 5 \end{array} \right\} \quad (0,5) \quad (5,0)$

$5x_1 + 3x_2 = 6 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 = 0, x_2 = 2 \\ x_2 = 0, x_1 = \frac{6}{5} \end{array} \right\} \quad (0,2) \quad (\frac{6}{5}, 0)$

$\Rightarrow S_1 \cup S_2$ is not a convex set.

Example: Q shows which of following are convex sets:

① $S = \{(x_1, x_2) : x_1 x_2 \leq 1\}$.

$x_1 x_2 = 1$

S is not convex set. ✓

② $S = \{(x_1, x_2) : x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 1\}$

Convex Set. ✓

③ $S = \{(x_1, x_2) : x_1^2 + x_2^2 \geq 3\}$

Not Convex ✓

④ $S = \{(x_1, x_2) : x_2 - 3 \geq -x_1^2, \underline{x_1, x_2 \geq 0}\}$

Not Convex ✓ set.

$x_2 - 3 = -x_1^2$

$x_1^2 = 3 - x_2$

$x_2 = 0, x_1 = \pm\sqrt{3}$

$(\sqrt{3}, 0), (-\sqrt{3}, 0)$

$x_1 = 0, x_2 = 3$

$(0, 3)$

$S = \{(x_1, x_2) : 0 < x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 4\}$
 S is not convex

Q(a) $S = \{(x_1, x_2) : 2x_1 + 5x_2 \leq 20, x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 6\}$
 (b) $S = \{(x_1, x_2) : -x_1 - 2x_2 \leq 2, -x_1 + x_2 \leq 4, x_1 \leq 4\}$
 (c) $S = \{(x_1, x_2) : 4x_1 \geq x_2^2\}$

Show yourself.

Definitions

① Boundary points: let $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. A point x_0 is called a boundary point of S if each deleted neighbourhood of x_0 intersects S and its complement S^c .

② Interior point:
 Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. A point $x_0 \in S$ is said to be the interior point of S if there exist a neighbourhood of x_0 which is contained in S .

Neighbourhood

If $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then δ -neighbourhood of x_0 , $(N_\delta(x_0))$ is the set of points satisfying

$$N_\delta(x_0) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n / |x - x_0| < \delta\}$$

$N_\delta(x_0) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n / 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta\}$
 deleted neighbourhood

(3) Vertex or Extreme point: Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ be a convex set. Then a point $x \in S$ is called a vertex of S if $x = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2$, $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1$, $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \geq 0$. Thus, it is not possible to express x as a dc of two distinct points of S .

Algebraic Method:

$\text{Min } f = 3x_1 - 5x_2$

s.t. $x_1 + x_2 \leq 6$

$$2x_1 - x_2 \geq 9$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

(Use Standard form of LPP)

All constraints are of equality type
All b_i 's are non-negative
 x_j 's " "

{General LPP}

↓ Standard form

$\text{Min } f = 3x_1 - 5x_2$

s.t. $\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + s_1 = 6 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 - s_2 = 9 \\ x_1, x_2, s_1, s_2 \geq 0 \end{cases}$

Linear system of equations with 2 equations and 4 unknowns

Feasibility Conditions

Let m : No. of equations
 n : No. of unknowns

To get solution of the system, equate any two variables (when $m=3, n=4$)
equal to zero.

Total ways of putting 2 variable zero = ${}^4C_2 = 6$ (Cases)

Case 1 $x_1 = x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow s_1 = 6, s_2 = -9$
Sd. $(0, 0, 6, -9), f = 0$ X

Case 2 $x_1 = 0, s_1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = 6, s_2 = -15$
 $(0, 6, 0, -15), f = -30$ X

Case 3 $x_1 = 0, s_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = -9, s_1 = 15$
 $(0, -9, 15, 0), f = 45$ X

Case 4 $x_1 = x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow s_1 = 6, s_2 = 3$
Sd. $(0, 0, 6, 3), f = 18$ ✓

Case 5 $x_2 = 0, s_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{9}{2}, s_1 = \frac{3}{2}$
 $(\frac{9}{2}, 0, \frac{3}{2}, 0), f = \frac{27}{2}$ ✓

Case 6 $s_1 = s_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 5, x_2 = 1$
 $(5, 1, 0, 0), f = 10$ ✓

Case 7 $x_1 + x_2 + s_1 = 6$
 $2x_1 - x_2 - s_2 = 9$
 (x_1, x_2, s_1, s_2)
 $f = 3x_1 - 5x_2$

Not feasible (i.e. not basic feasible solution)

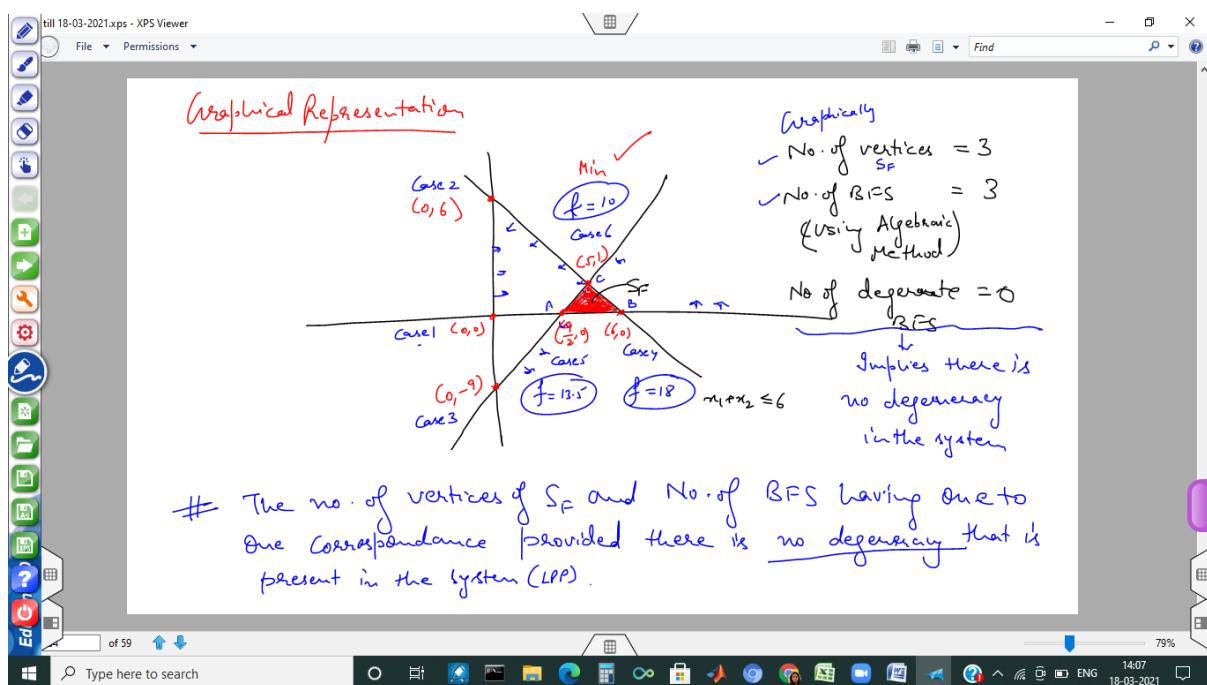
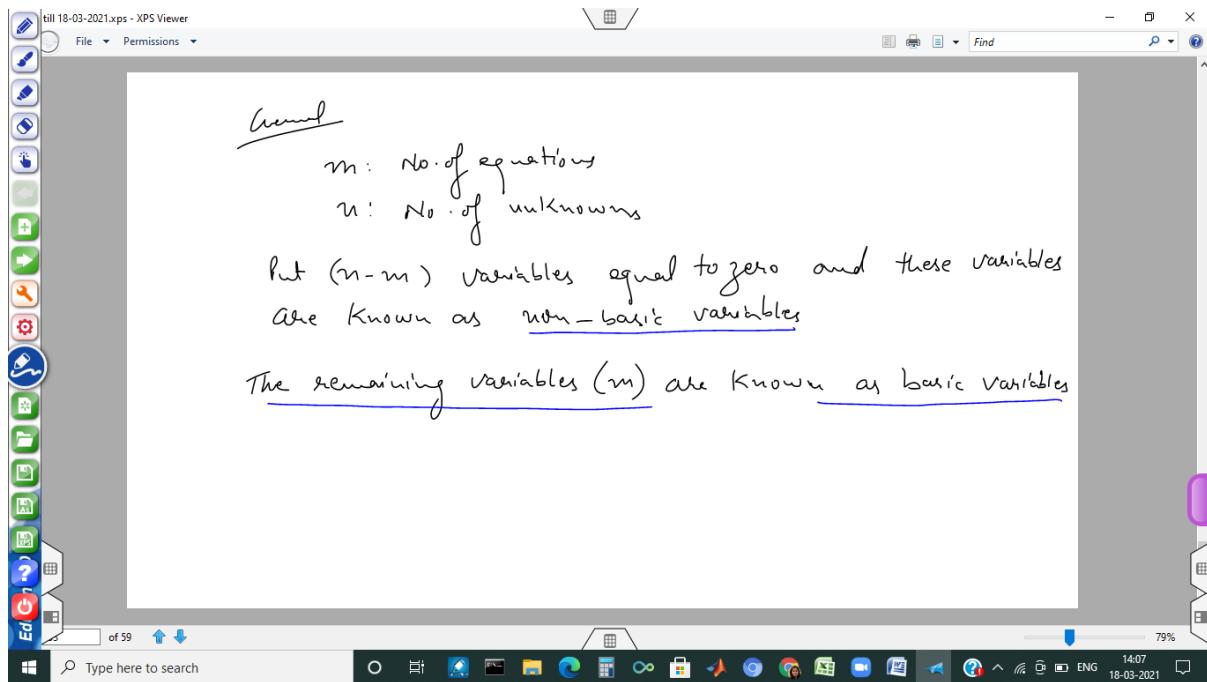
Case 4: $x_2 = 0, s_1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 6, s_2 = 3$ Variables are known as non-basic variables
Variables are known as basic variables

Case 5: $x_2 = 0, s_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{9}{2}, s_1 = \frac{3}{2}$ All three are basic feasible solutions (BFS)

Case 6: $s_1 = s_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 5, x_2 = 1$ Min f

* All Solutions are known as basic solutions
How many of these basic solutions are feasible?

Optimal solution is $(5, 1)$ and $\text{Min } f = 10$



✓ Basic Solution → All solutions of linear system (All cases)
 ✓ Basic feasible solution (BFS) → Basic solutions having all variables ≥ 0 .
 or Basic solutions that satisfy non-negative restrictions
Degenerate BFS: If some basic variables assume zero value then BFS is called degenerate BFS
Non-degenerate BFS: If all m basic variables in BFS are positive then it is called non-degenerate BFS

A point $X \in S_f$ (feasible region) is a vertex iff X is a BFS corresponding to some basis B.
 $AX=b \Rightarrow [B|N] \begin{bmatrix} x_B \\ x_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
 (Here all column are linearly independent)

Basic variables = x_B
 Non-basic = x_N variables

Q Solve the following LPP using Algebraic Method. Also compare your result using graphical method and discuss the relationship between the set of BFSs and vertices.

Min $f = 3x_1 - 5x_2$
 s.t. $x_1 + x_2 \leq 6$
 $2x_1 - x_2 \geq 9$
 $x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 6$
 $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$

Sol. Standard form : Min $f = 3x_1 - 5x_2$
 s.t. $x_1 + x_2 + s_1 = 6$
 $2x_1 - x_2 - s_2 = 9$
 $x_1 + 2x_2 + s_3 = 6$
 $x_1, x_2, s_1, s_2, s_3 \geq 0$

$m = \text{No. of equations} = 3$
 $n = \text{No. of unknowns} = 5$
 $m-n = 2 \text{ variables equal to zero.}$

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Non basic Variables	Basic Variables	Basic Solution	Feasible (BFS)	Vertex	Objective function value	Degenerate/ Non-Degenerate BFS	$(x_1, x_2, x_1, x_2, x_3)$
x_1, x_2	x_3	$(0, 0, 6, -9, 6)$	X	D	—		
x_1, x_1	x_2, x_3	$(0, 6, 0, -15, 6)$	X	F	—		
x_1, x_2	x_2, x_3	$(0, -9, 15, 0, 24)$	X	H	—		
x_1, x_3	x_2, x_1, x_2	$(0, 3, 3, -12, 0)$	X	E	—		
x_2, x_1	x_1, x_2, x_3	$(6, 0, 0, 3, 0)$	✓	C	18	Degenerate BFS	
x_2, x_2	x_1, x_3	$(\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{3}{2}, 0, \frac{3}{2})$	✓	A	$\frac{27}{2}$	Non-degenerate BFS	
x_2, x_3	x_1, x_1, x_2	$(6, 0, 0, 3, 0)$	✓	C	18	Degenerate BFS	
x_1, x_2	x_1, x_2, x_3	$(5, 1, 0, 0, -1)$	X	G	—		
x_1, x_3	x_1, x_2, x_2	$(6, 0, 0, 3, 0)$	✓	C	18	Degenerate BFS	
x_2, x_3	x_1, x_2, x_1	$(\frac{24}{5}, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{3}{5}, 0, 0)$	✓	B	$\frac{57}{5}$	Non-degenerate.	

$n_{C_m} = {}^5C_3 \text{ cases} = 10 \text{ cases.}$

Total BFS = 5, Total vertices (S_F) = 3

