

Linear Programming

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## WHAT TO EAT?

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# CAN SEARCH ALGORITHMS HELP?

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Essence of search algorithms:

- explore all nodes in search tree until you reach the one you want
- use additional information to avoid search all nodes

Can we adopt a similar strategy here?

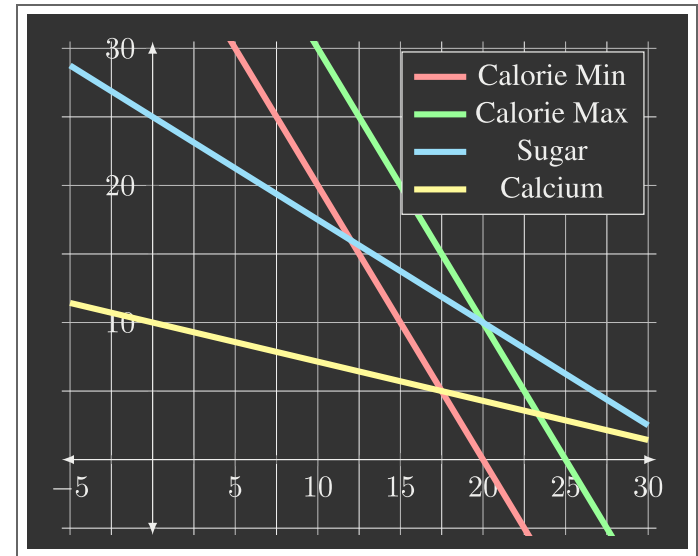
# OPTIMIZATION

## Problem Description

## Optimization Representation

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# CONSTRAINT SATISFACTION PROBLEMS

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Map Coloring

*Any*  $\mathbf{x}$

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## WHAT TO EAT?: COSTS

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$$\begin{array}{ll}\min_{\mathbf{x}} & 1x_1 + 0.5x_2 \\s.t. & 100x_1 + 50x_2 \geq 2000 \\& 100x_1 + 50x_2 \leq 2500 \\& 3x_1 + 4x_2 \leq 100 \\& 20x_1 + 70x_2 \geq 700\end{array}$$

# OPTIMIZATION FORMULATION

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## Diet Problem

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min_{\mathbf{x}} & c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 \\s.t. & a_{1,1}x_1 + a_{1,2}x_2 \geq b_1 \\ & a_{2,1}x_1 + a_{2,2}x_2 \leq b_2 \\ & a_{3,1}x_1 + a_{3,2}x_2 \leq b_3 \\ & a_{4,1}x_1 + a_{4,2}x_2 \geq b_4\end{array}$$

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# LINEAR PROGRAMMING

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Linear objective with linear constraints

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min_{\mathbf{x}} & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ s.t. & \mathbf{Ax} \leq \mathbf{b}\end{array}$$

As opposed to general optimization

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min_{\mathbf{x}} & f_0(\mathbf{x}) \\ s.t. & f_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0, i = 1, \dots, M \\ & \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}_i, i = 1, \dots, P\end{array}$$



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## Different formulations

### Inequality Form

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min_{\mathbf{x}} & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ s.t. & \mathbf{Ax} \leq \mathbf{b}\end{array}$$

### General Form

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min_{\mathbf{x}} & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} + d \\ s.t. & \mathbf{Gx} \leq \mathbf{h} \\ & \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}\end{array}$$

### Standard Form

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min_{\mathbf{x}} & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ s.t. & \mathbf{Ax} \leq \mathbf{b} \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}\end{array}$$

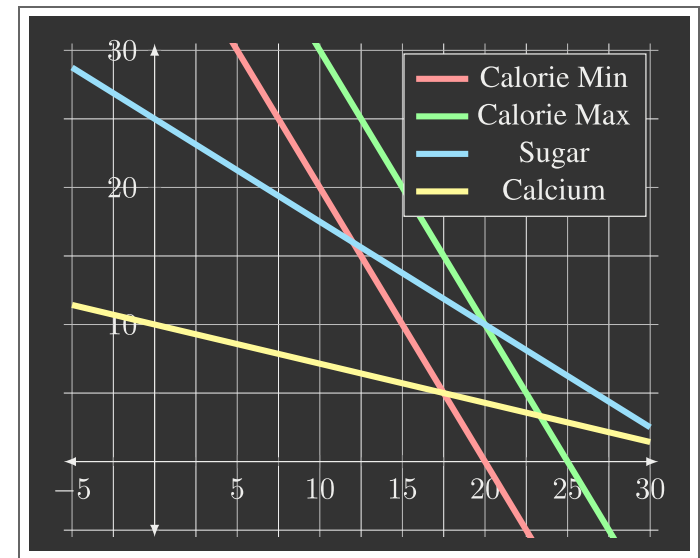
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# GRAPHICS REPRESENTATION

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What shape does this inequality represent?

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 \leq b_1$$

## COST CONTOURS

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Given the cost vector  $[c_1, c_2]^T$  where will,

- $\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} = 0$
- $\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} = 1$
- $\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} = 2$
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# LP GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION

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Start with no constraints

Add one constraint at a time

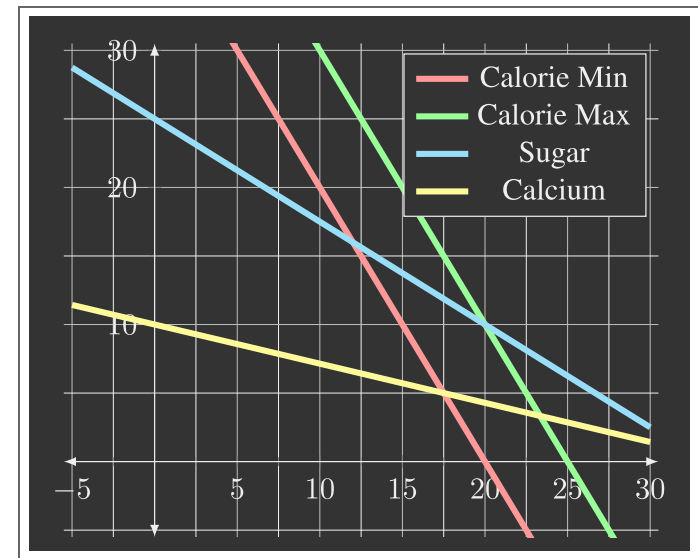
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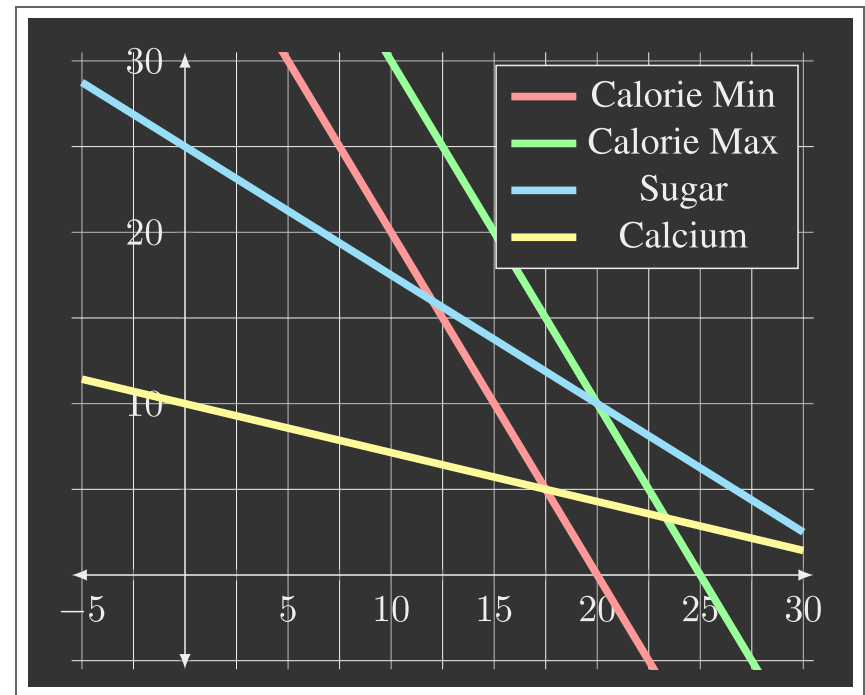
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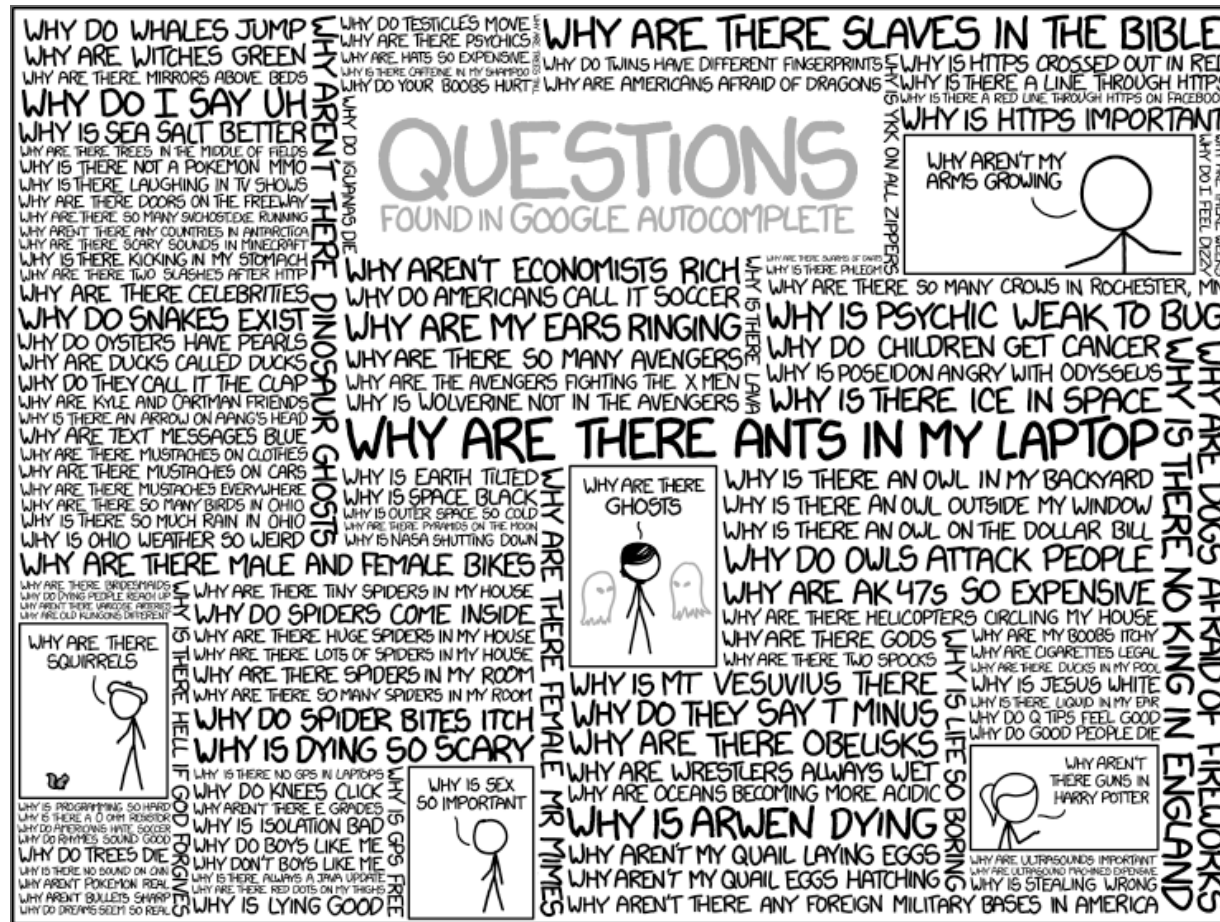


# SOLVING AN LP

Solutions are at feasible intersections of constraint boundaries!!



# Q & A



**XKCD**







Speaker notes

