



## Why

Do solutions exist to a linear optimization problem which is feasible and bounded? Yes.

## Result

**Proposition 1.** *Suppose  $A \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $b \in \mathbf{R}^n$ , and  $c \in \mathbf{R}^n$  so that*

$$P = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid Ax \leq b\} \neq \emptyset$$

*and*

$$\delta = \inf\{c^\top x \mid x \in P\} > -\infty$$

*Then there exists  $x^* \in \mathbf{R}^n$  with  $c^\top x^* = \delta$ .*

For this reason, a linear program is sometimes abbreviated  $\min\{cx \mid Ax \leq b\}$  instead of  $\inf\{c^\top x \mid Ax \leq b\}$ .



