

1. Solve the following MILP problem using the bound-and-branch algorithm.

$$\max z = x_2 + 4x_3$$

s.t

$$3x_1 - 6x_2 + 9x_3 - 9 \leq 0$$

$$3x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 - 7 \leq 0$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

The root-node (LP relaxation) of the problem is first formed and then solved using the simplex method. Here the relaxation is allowing the discrete values of \mathbf{x} to take on continuous values in order to provide an upper bound to the problem.

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$$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$$

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% objective coefficients, inequality constraints
f = -1 * [0 1 4]; A = [ 3  -6   9; 3   2   1]; b = [9; 7];

% variable bounds
lb = [0 0 0];
ub = [inf inf inf];

% solve via matlab simplex algorithm
options = optimoptions('linprog','Algorithm','dual-simplex');
[x_opt, fval] = linprog(f, A, b, [], [], lb, ub, options);
```

Optimal solution found.

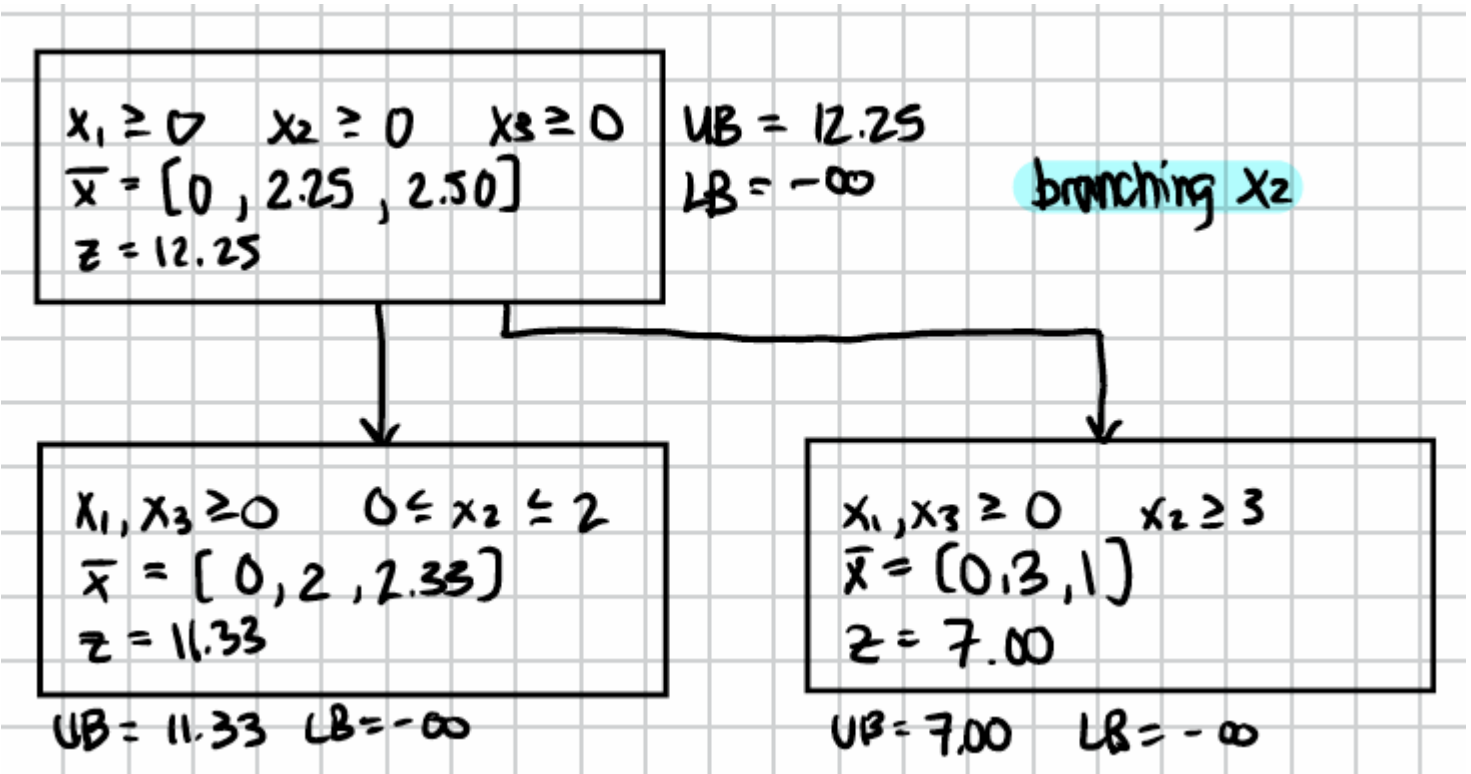
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disp(x_opt); disp(-1*fval);
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```
0
2.2500
2.5000

12.2500
```

The maximum value to the root-node is used as the problems optimal upper bound. Neither x_2 and x_3 is discrete in this solution therefore they are both considered as the branch variables.

Branching on variable x_2 yeilds (evaluated using the code excerpt after the image).



```
% branch with 0 <= x_2 <= 2
lb = [0 0 0];
ub = [inf 2 inf];
options = optimoptions('linprog','Algorithm','dual-simplex');
[x_opt, fval] = linprog(f, A, b, [], [], lb, ub, options);
```

Optimal solution found.

```
disp(x_opt); disp(-1*fval);
```

```

0
2.0000
2.3333

11.3333
```

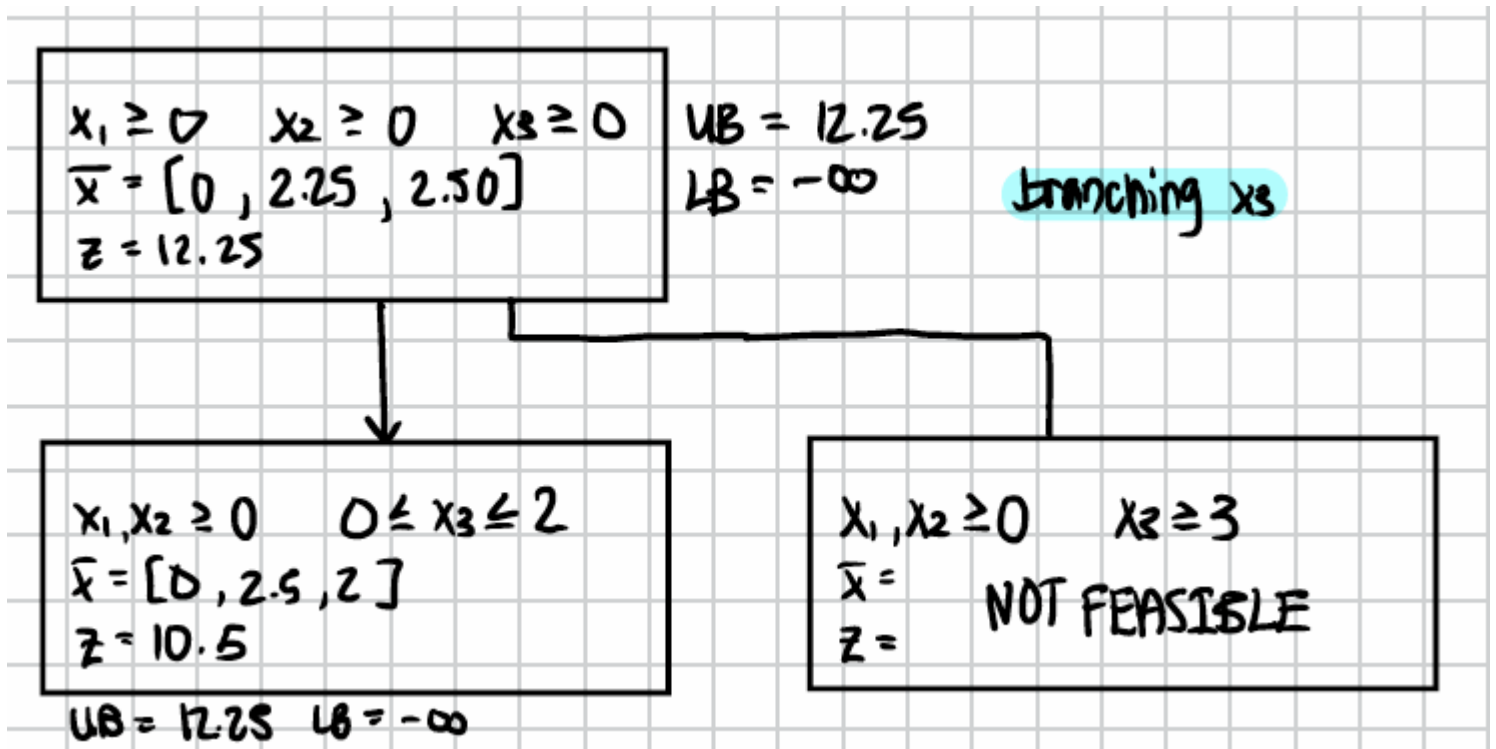
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% branch with x_2 >= 3
lb = [0 3 0];
ub = [inf inf inf];
options = optimoptions('linprog','Algorithm','dual-simplex');
[x_opt, fval] = linprog(f, A, b, [], [], lb, ub, options);
```

Optimal solution found.

```
disp(x_opt); disp(-1*fval);
```

0
3
1
7

Branching on variable x_3 yields (evaluated using the code excerpt after the image).



```
% branch with  $0 \leq x_3 \leq 2$ 
lb = [0 0 0];
ub = [inf inf 2];
options = optimoptions('linprog','Algorithm','dual-simplex');
[x_opt, fval] = linprog(f, A, b, [], [], lb, ub, options);
```

Optimal solution found.

```
disp(x_opt); disp(-1*fval);
```

0
2.5000
2.0000
10.5000

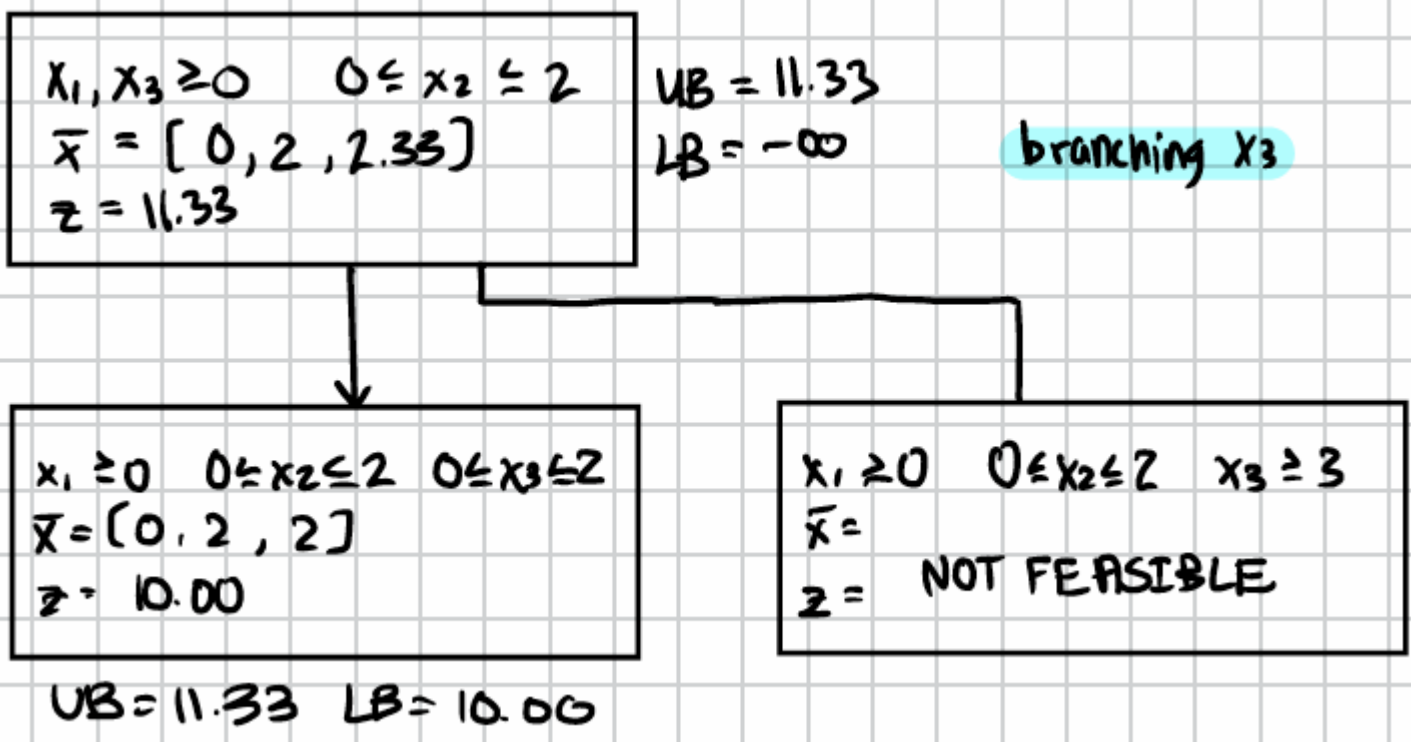
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% branch with  $x_3 \geq 3$ 
lb = [0 0 3];
ub = [inf inf inf];
options = optimoptions('linprog','Algorithm','dual-simplex');
[x_opt, fval] = linprog(f, A, b, [], [], lb, ub, options);
```

No feasible solution found.

Linprog stopped because no point satisfies the constraints.

```
disp(x_opt); disp(-1*fval);
```

Because no feasible discrete solution has been found at the current tree level, the branching process is continued. As the solution with $x_1, x_3 \geq 0$ and $0 \leq x_2 \leq 2$ provided the largest UB, the first branch is made here which provides a feasible solution with new LB = 10.00.



```
% branch with x_1 >= 0, 0 <= x_2, x_3 <= 2
lb = [0 0 0];
ub = [inf 2 2];
options = optimoptions('linprog','Algorithm','dual-simplex');
[x_opt, fval] = linprog(f, A, b, [], [], lb, ub, options);
```

Optimal solution found.

```
disp(x_opt); disp(-1*fval);
```

0
2
2

10

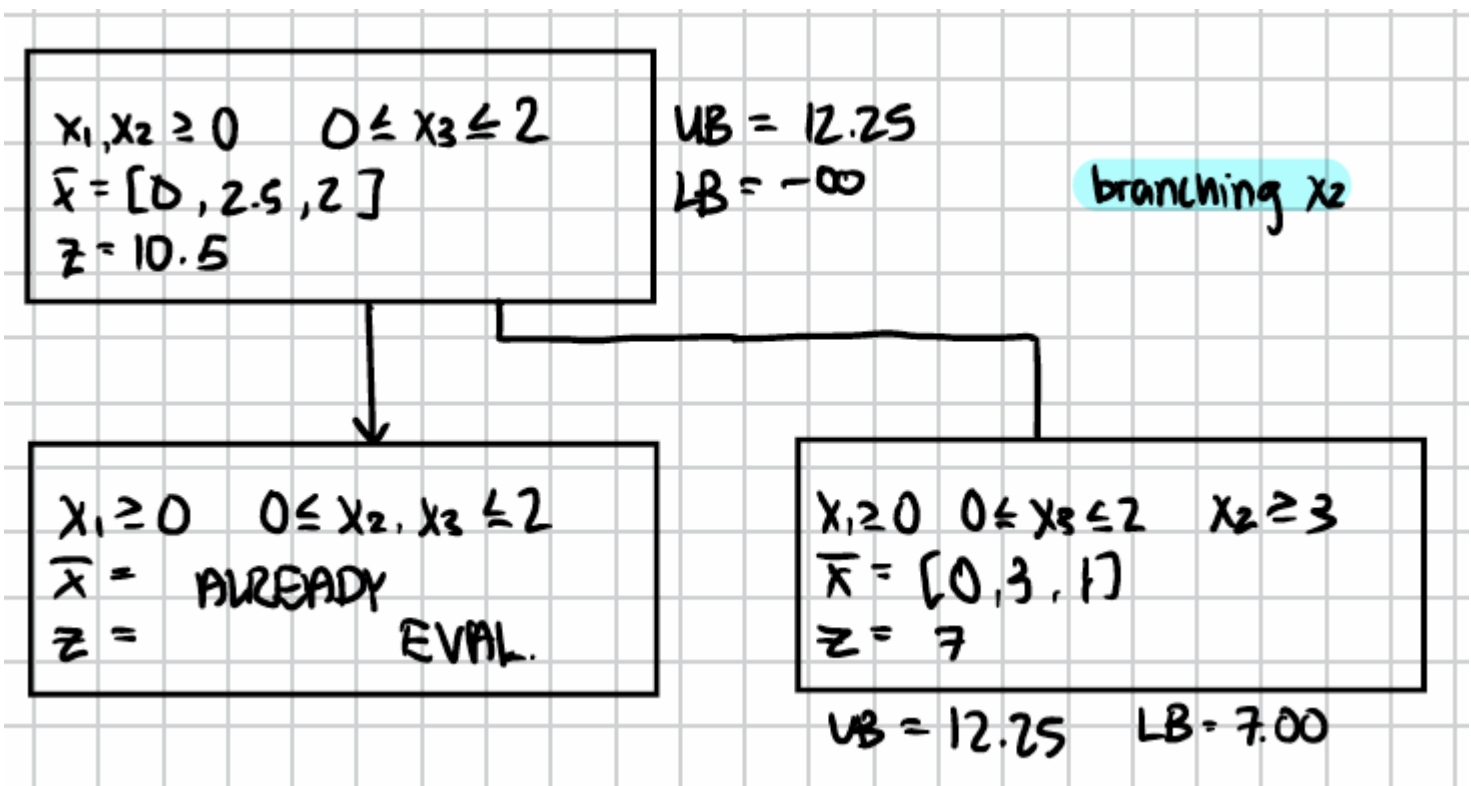
```
% branch with  $x_1 \geq 0, 0 \leq x_2 \leq 0, x_3 \geq 3$ 
lb = [0 0 3];
ub = [inf 2 inf];
options = optimoptions('linprog','Algorithm','dual-simplex');
[x_opt, fval] = linprog(f, A, b, [], [], lb, ub, options);
```

No feasible solution found.

Linprog stopped because no point satisfies the constraints.

```
disp(x_opt); disp(-1*fval);
```

The previous solution fathomes all nodes with a UB less than this new highest LB of 10.00 leaving only one node branching left to check. From the results shown below we can see that although this branch does produce a feasible solution, previously evaluated feasible node with solution 10.00 is still larger. All other nodes are now implicitly fathomed leaving this as the optimal integer valued solution.



```
% branch with  $x_1 \geq 0, 0 \leq x_2, x_3 \leq 2$ 
% ALREADY EVALUATED  $x = [0, 2, 2], z = 10.00$ 

% branch with  $x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 3, 0 \leq x_3 \leq 0$ 
lb = [0 3 0];
ub = [inf inf 2];
options = optimoptions('linprog','Algorithm','dual-simplex');
[x_opt, fval] = linprog(f, A, b, [], [], lb, ub, options);
```

Optimal solution found.

```
disp(x_opt); disp(-1*fval);
```

```
0  
3  
1  
7
```