Exercise: Apply Breach & Bound

$$\max Z = 6x_1 + 8x_2 \qquad \min Z = x_1 - 2x_2$$

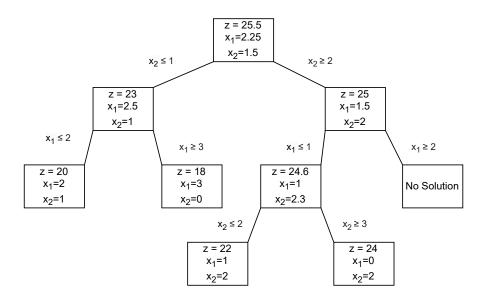
$$\begin{cases} 6x_1 + 3x_2 \le 18 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 \le 9 \\ x_1, x_2 \text{ are integers} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} -4x_1 + 6x_2 \le 9 \\ x_1 + x_2 \le 4 \\ x_1, x_2 \text{ are integers} \end{cases}$$

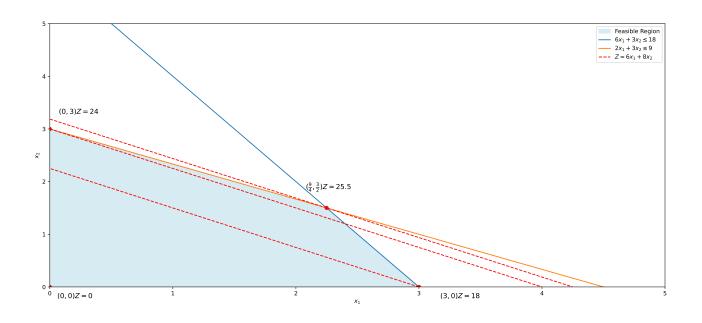
Solution

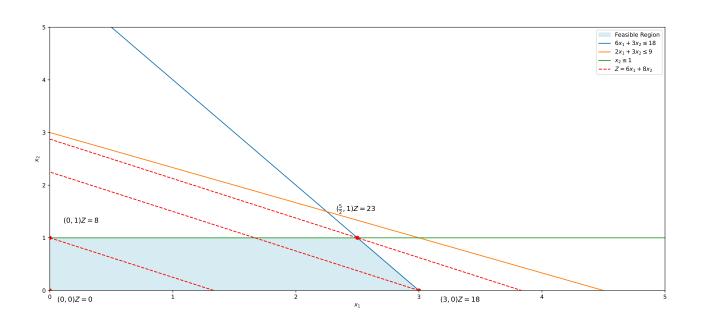
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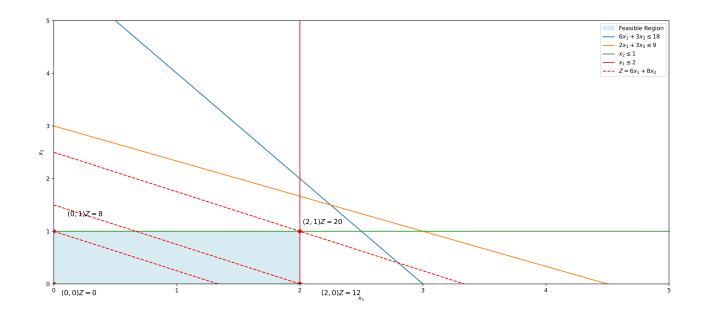
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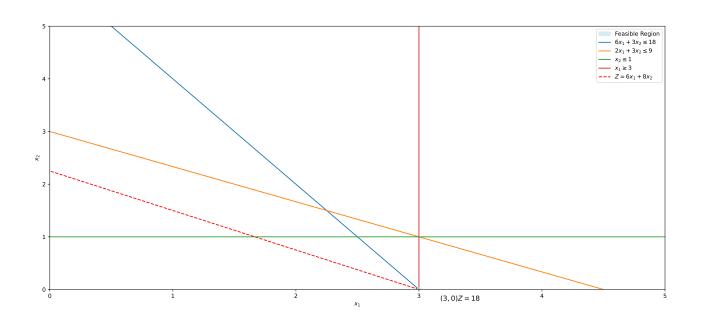


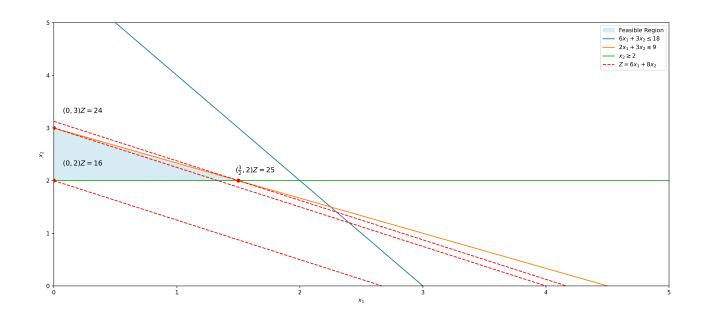
Optimal Solution is
$$(x_1, x_2) = (0, 2)$$

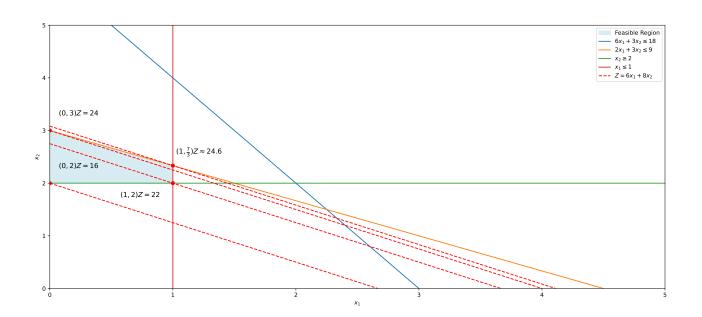


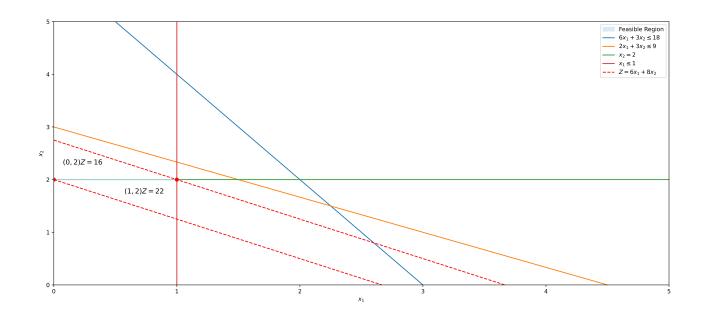


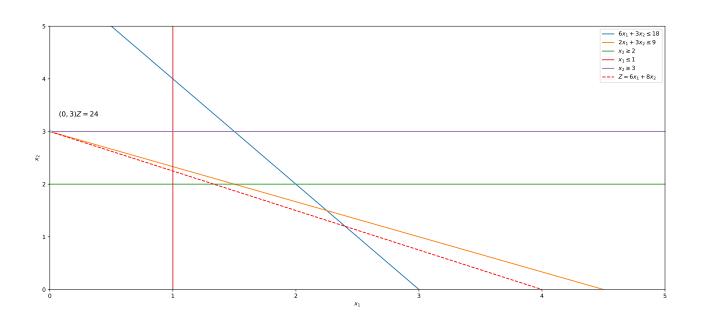


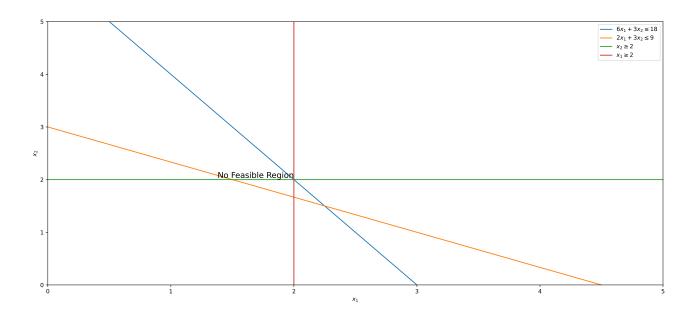






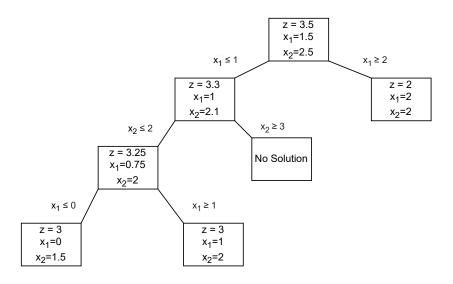






$$\min Z = x_1 - 2x_2 \implies \max - Z = -x_1 + 2x_2$$

$$\begin{cases} 6x_1 + 3x_2 \le 18 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 \le 9 \\ x_1, x_2 \text{ are integers} \end{cases}$$



Optimal Solution is $(x_1, x_2) = (1, 2)$

Note

We did not branch the node $(Z = 3, x_1 = 0, x_2 = 1.5)$ because another node at the same level $(Z = 3, x_1 = 1, x_2 = 2)$ was already completed. Continuing to branch the first node would only cause Z to keep decreasing. Hence, we pruned it.

