

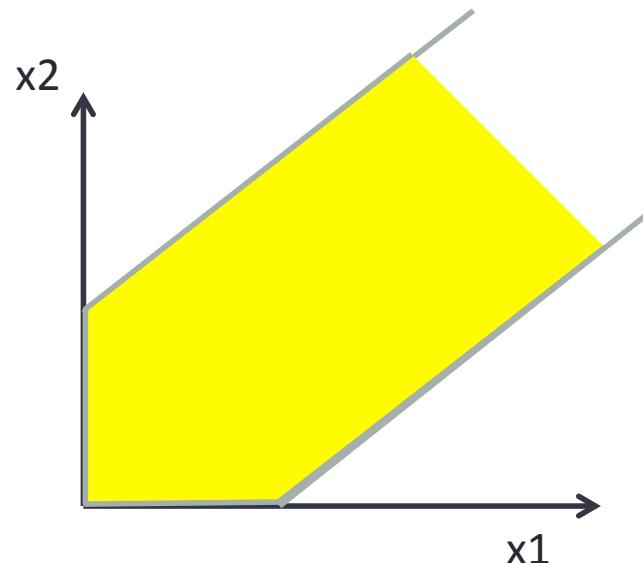
UNBOUNDED PROBLEMS

How to detect if the problem is unbounded while pivoting.

An example.

Unbounded Linear Programs

$$\begin{array}{lllll} \text{max} & x_1 \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1 - x_2 & \leq & 1 \\ & -x_1 + x_2 & \leq & 1 \\ & x_1, x_2 & \geq & 0 \end{array}$$



Example

$$\begin{array}{lllll}\text{maximize} & 2x_1 + 3x_2 - 5x_3 \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1 - x_2 & \leq & 5 \\ & -x_1 + x_3 & \leq & 6 \\ & -2x_1 + x_3 & \leq & 2 \\ & -x_1 + x_2 & \leq & 4 \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3 & \geq & 0\end{array}$$

Initial Dictionary

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$$x_4 = 5 - x_1 + x_2$$

$$x_5 = 6 + x_1 - x_3$$

$$x_6 = 2 + 2x_1 - x_3$$

$$x_7 = 4 + x_1 - x_2$$

$$z = 0 + 2x_1 + 3x_2 - 5x_3$$

Entering/Leaving Variable Analysis

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Second Dictionary

$$\begin{array}{rclclcl}x_2 & = & 4 & + & x_1 & - & x_7 \\x_4 & = & 9 & & & - & x_7 \\x_5 & = & 6 & + & x_1 & & - x_3 \\x_6 & = & 2 & + & 2x_1 & & - x_3 \\\hline z & = & 12 & + & 5x_1 & - & 3x_7 - 5x_3\end{array}$$

Unbounded Dictionary

- No leaving variables.
- Alternatively: all entries in the column corr. to entering variables are non-negative.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} x_{B1} & = & b_1 & + a_{11}x_{I1} & \cdots & + \color{red}{a_{1j}}x_{Ij} & \cdots \\ x_{B2} & = & b_2 & + a_{21}x_{I1} & \cdots & + \color{red}{a_{2j}}x_{Ij} & \cdots \\ & \vdots & & \vdots & & & \\ x_{Bm} & = & b_m & + a_{m1}x_{I1} & \cdots & + \color{red}{a_{mj}}x_{Ij} & \cdots \\ \hline z & = & c_0 & + c_1x_{I1} & \cdots & + \color{red}{c_j}x_{Ij} & \cdots \end{array}$$

Unbounded Dictionary

- If we encounter an unbounded dictionary during the optimization phase,
 - Declare that the problem is unbounded and EXIT.

PIVOTING ALGORITHM

For the optimization phase.

Overview

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Dictionary Structure

$$\frac{\mathbf{x}_B = \mathbf{b} + A\mathbf{x}_I}{z = c_0 + \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x}_I}$$

$$x_{B1} = b_1 + a_{11}x_{I1} + \cdots + a_{1n}x_{In}$$

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$$\vdots$$

$$x_{Bm} = b_m + a_{m1}x_{I1} + \cdots + a_{mn}x_{In}$$

$$\frac{z = c_0 + c_1x_{I1} + \cdots + c_nx_{In}}{}$$

Entering Variable Choice

Choose x_{Ij} such that $c_{Ij} > 0$.

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Leaving Variable Analysis

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$$a_{1j} < 0 \Rightarrow x_{Ij} \leq -\frac{b_1}{a_{1j}} \quad \quad \quad a_{1j} \geq 0 \Rightarrow x_{Ij} \leq \infty$$

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Selecting the Leaving Variable

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z	=	c_0	$+c_1x_{I1}$	$+ \cdots$	$+c_jx_{Ij}$	$+ \cdots$	$+c_nx_{In}$	

Minimum bound

Pivoting

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 \end{array} \right.$$

$$x_{Ij} = -\frac{b_i}{a_{ij}} + \frac{a_{i1}}{-a_{ij}}x_{I1} + \cdots + \frac{a_{in}}{-a_{ij}}x_{In} + \color{red}{\frac{-1}{-a_{ij}}x_{Bi}}$$

Pivoting Row Operations

$$x_{Ij} = -\frac{b_i}{a_{ij}} + \frac{a_{i1}}{-a_{ij}}x_{I1} + \cdots + \frac{a_{in}}{-a_{ij}}x_{In} + \frac{-1}{-a_{ij}}x_{Bi}$$

$$x_{B1} = b_1 + a_{11}x_{I1} + \cdots + \color{red}{a_{1j}}x_{Ij} + \cdots + a_{1n}x_{In} |$$



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PIVOTING PRESERVES FEASIBILITY: PROOF SKETCH

To Prove

- Suppose D is a feasible but non-final dictionary and we perform a valid pivoting step in the Simplex algorithm to get to dictionary D' then D' is also feasible.



Before proof, a simple exercise.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_2 & = & 2 + 3x_1 - x_3 \\ x_4 & = & 9 - 3x_1 + x_3 \\ x_5 & = & 5 + 2x_1 - x_3 \\ \hline x_6 & = & 6 - x_1 + 0x_3 \\ \hline z & = & 4 + 7x_1 - 2x_3 \end{array}$$

x_1 enters and x_4 leaves.

What is the solution associated with the next dictionary?

Dictionary

x_{B1}	$=$	b_1	$+ a_{11}x_{I1}$	$+ \cdots$	$+ \textcolor{red}{a_{1j}}x_{Ij}$	$+ \cdots$	$+ a_{1n}x_{In}$	$\rightarrow x_{Ij} \leq \frac{b_1}{-a_{1j}}$
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\vdots								
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z	$=$	c_0	$+ c_1x_{I1}$	$+ \cdots$	$+ \textcolor{red}{c_j}x_{Ij}$	$+ \cdots$	$+ c_nx_{In}$	

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ENTERING/LEAVING VARIABLE CHOICE HEURISTICS

Entering Variable Choice

RECAP

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Minimum bound

Entering Variable Choice

- Often, we can have more than one choice for entering variable.
 - For each entering variable, more than one choice of leaving.
- Question: If multiple choices, then how to choose?

Heuristic #1: Largest Objective Coefficient

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_{B1} & = & b_1 + a_{11}x_{I1} + \cdots + \color{red}{a_{1j}}x_{Ij} + \cdots + a_{1n}x_{In} \\ x_{B2} & = & b_2 + a_{21}x_{I1} + \cdots + \color{red}{a_{2j}}x_{Ij} + \cdots + a_{2n}x_{In} \\ & \vdots & \\ x_{Bm} & = & b_m + a_{m1}x_{I1} + \cdots + \color{red}{a_{mj}}x_{Ij} + \cdots + a_{mn}x_{In} \\ \hline z & = & c_0 + c_1x_{I1} + \cdots + \color{red}{c_jx_{Ij}} + \cdots + c_nx_{In} \end{array}$$

Idea: Larger the value of c_j , the more increase in z per unit increase in x_{lj} .

Heuristic #2: Greedy Choice

- Explore all possible choices.
- Choose the entering/leaving combination that yield the most increase in z .

Bland's Rule

- Associate unique index with each problem/slack variable.

x_j has index j .

- Amongst all possible entering variables, choose least possible index.
- Amongst all possible leaving choices, choose least index choice.

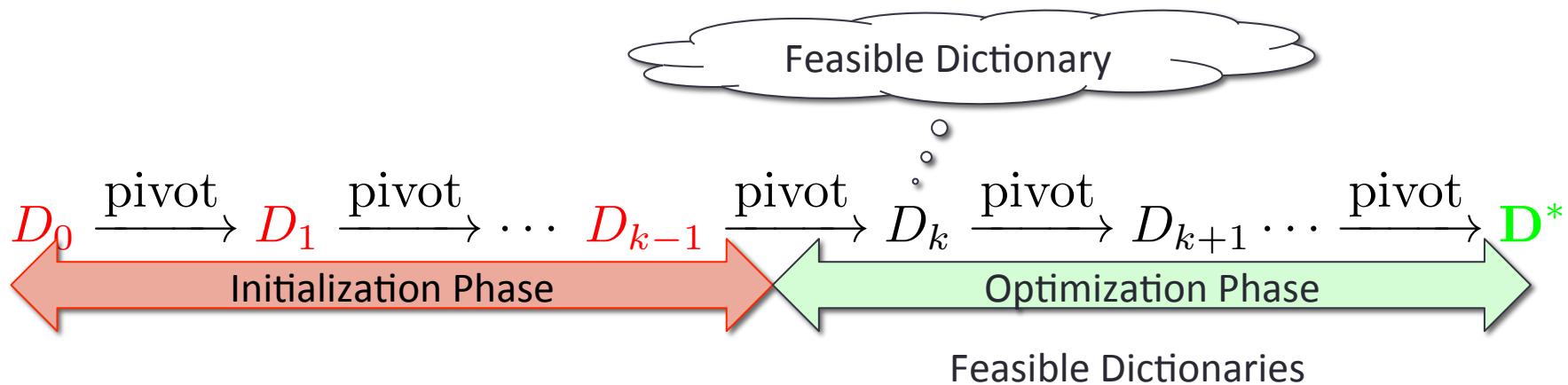
Example: Bland's Rule

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_3 & = & 1 + 3x_1 - 25x_2 \\ x_4 & = & 11 + 0x_1 - x_2 \\ x_5 & = & 3 - x_1 + x_2 \\ x_6 & = & 3 - x_1 + 0x_2 \\ \hline z & = & 0 + x_1 + 25x_2 \end{array}$$

CYCLING IN SIMPLEX

Does simplex always terminate?

Simplex Overview



Termination of Simplex

Case -1

Infinitely many dictionaries?

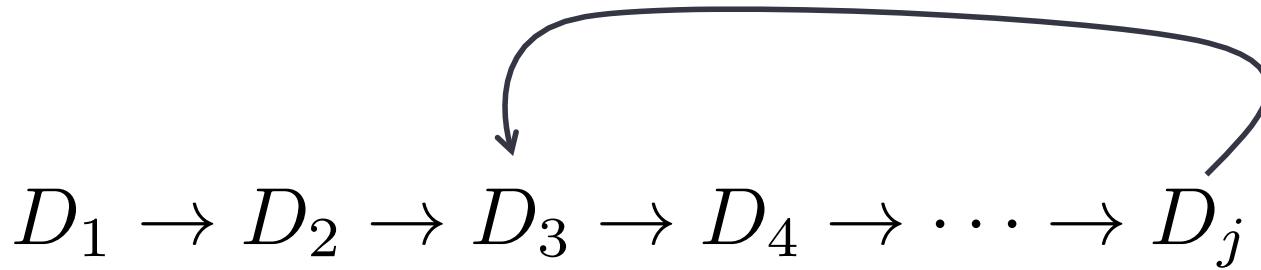
$$D_1 \rightarrow D_2 \rightarrow D_3 \rightarrow D_4 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow D_j \rightarrow \cdots$$

Case -2



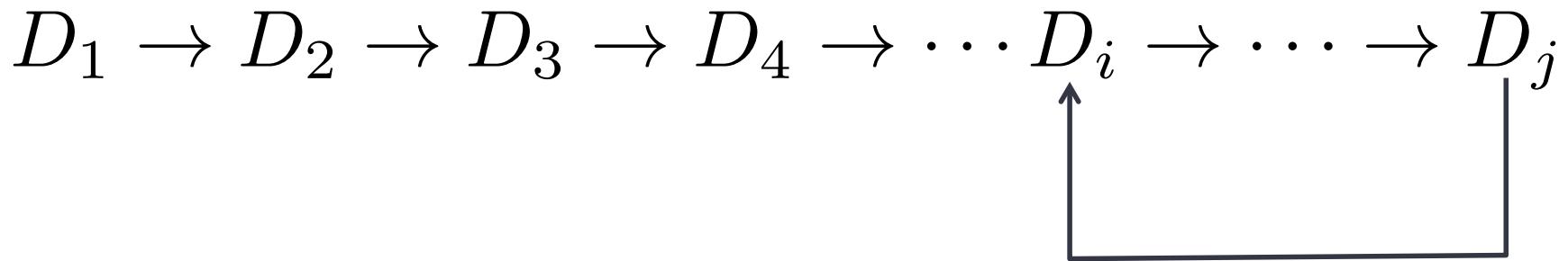
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Cycling in Simplex



Only possible case for non-termination of Simplex.
Is this possible?

Cycling and Degeneracy



All repeating dictionaries D_i, \dots, D_j are *degenerate*

Cycling in Simplex

- Depends on heuristic for choosing entering/leaving variables.
- Lots of examples
- See on-line or consult Chvatal/Vanderbei book.

Anti-Cycling Rule

- Can the choice of entering or leaving variable avoid cycling and guarantee termination of Simplex?
- Good news 😊
 - Bland's Rule is anti-cycling.
- Recall Bland's Rule:
 - If multiple choices for entering, choose least index.
 - If multiple choices for leaving, once again choose least index.

Practical Considerations

- Stalling



Analysis of Bland's Rule vs. Other Heuristics

- Classic Paper by Avis + Chvatal (1974)
- On small randomly generated problems:
 - Bland's rule performs worse than other heuristics such as largest objective coefficient and greedy.
 - Stalling seems to be made worse by Bland's rule in many situations?
- Suggestion:
 1. Cycling never seems to happen in practice.
 2. Use Bland's rule selectively.

Example of Mixed Heuristic

- Use largest objective coefficient rule for selecting entering variable.
- If last K dictionaries are all degenerate
 - apply Bland's rule continuously until final or non-degenerate dictionary.

COMPLEXITY OF SIMPLEX

Klee-Minty Cubes.

Simplex Complexity

- Focus on maximum number of pivots required.
- Fortunately, Bland's rule guarantees eventual termination.
- Upper bound is given by

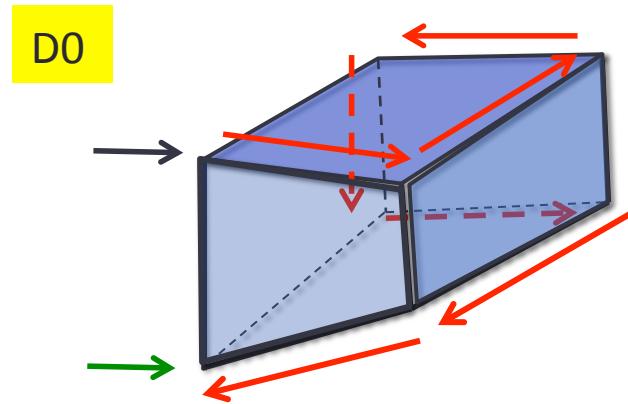
$$\binom{n+m}{m} = \frac{(n+m)!}{m!n!}$$

Klee-Minty Example

$$\begin{array}{lllll}\text{max.} & 10^{n-1}x_1 + 10^{n-2}x_2 + \dots + 10x_{n-1} + 1x_n \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1 & \leq & 1 \\ & 20x_1 + x_2 & \leq & 100 \\ & 200x_1 + 20x_2 + x_3 & \leq & 100^2 \\ & \dots & & \\ & 2\left(\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} 10^{i-j}x_j\right) + x_i & \leq & 100^{i-1} \\ & \dots & & \\ & x_1, \dots, x_n & \geq & 0\end{array}$$

Klee-Minty Cube

- Feasible region is a “distorted” cube.



Klee-Minty Example

- If we follow the largest coefficient rule, then simplex requires iterations 2^{n-1} to converge.
- Worst-Case Complexity of Simplex (with largest objective coefficient heuristic) is exponential.
- Other pivoting rules have similar worst-case results.
 - Avis and Chvatal's exponential lower bound for Bland's rule on Klee-Minty Cubes.

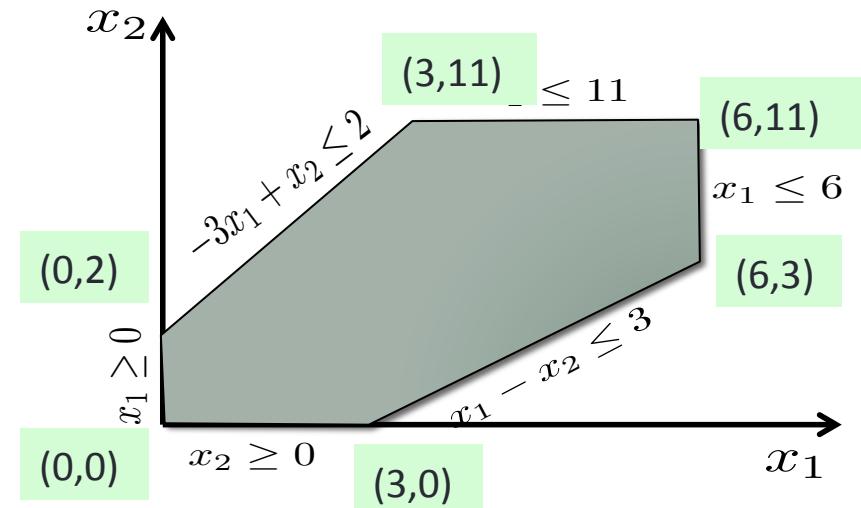
POLYHEDRA: VERTICES

Linear Programming Problem

From Two Weeks Ago.

$$\begin{array}{lllll} \text{max.} & x_1 & +2x_2 & & \\ \text{s.t.} & -3x_1 & +x_2 & \leq & 2 \\ & & +x_2 & \leq & 11 \\ & x_1 & -x_2 & \leq & 3 \\ & x_1 & & \leq & 6 \\ & x_1, & x_2 & \geq & 0 \end{array}$$

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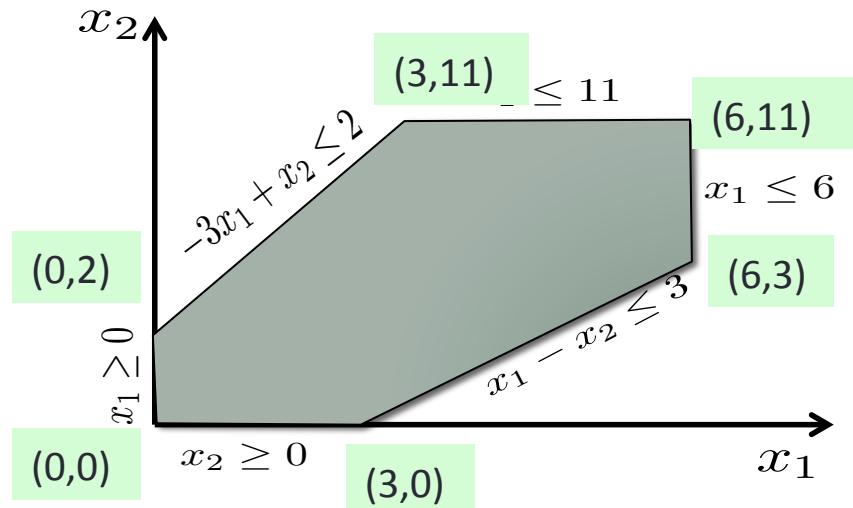


Goal: Solve LP using Simplex and visualize!

Active Constraints

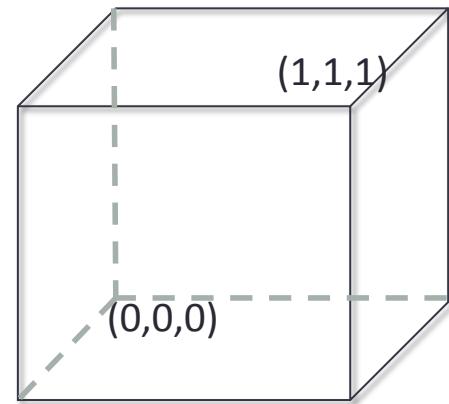
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Active Constraints

$$\begin{array}{llll} x_1 & & \leq & 1 \\ & x_2 & \leq & 1 \\ & & x_3 & 1 \\ x_1 & & \geq & 0 \\ x_2 & & \geq & 0 \\ x_3 & \geq & 0 & \end{array}$$



Basic Geometric Facts

- Intersection of 2 lines in 2D yields a point.
 - Lines must be non-parallel.
- Intersection of 3 planes in 3D yields a point.
 - Exclude parallel planes, or other corner cases.
- Intersection of 4 hyper-planes in 4D yields a point.
 - Again, some corner cases.

Intersection of n hyper-planes

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \leftarrow \mathcal{H}_1$$

$$\begin{matrix} \ddots \\ \ddots \end{matrix} \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots$$

$$a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n \leftarrow \mathcal{H}_n$$

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ & \ddots & \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = n$$

Vertex (Definition)

A feasible solution \mathbf{x} to the constraints is a **vertex** iff

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n \leq b_1$$

$$\ddots \quad \vdots$$

$$a_{j1}x_1 + a_{j2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{jn}x_n \leq b_j$$

$$\ddots \quad \vdots$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n \leq b_m$$

at least n ineqs.
are active for \mathbf{x} .

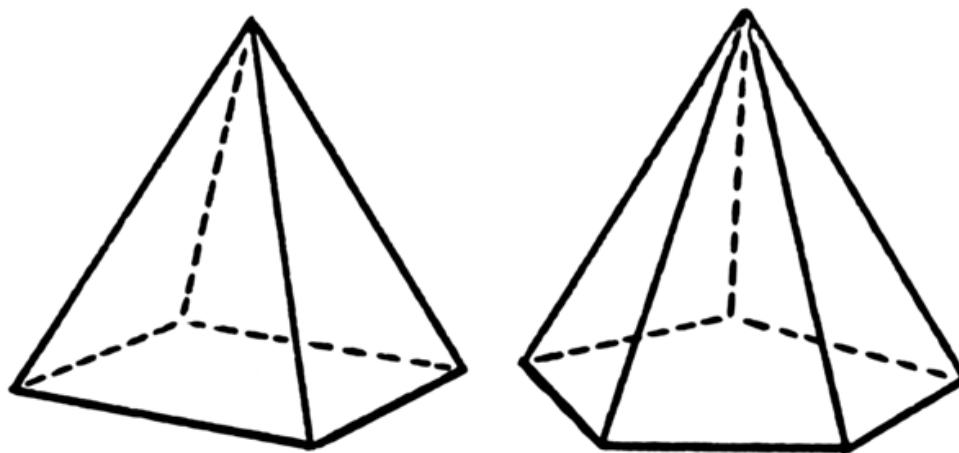
rank of the active constraints for \mathbf{x} is n

Vertex Issue #1

- Does every point x that activates n constraints form a vertex?

Vertex Issue #2

- Can a vertex activate more than n constraints?



Vertex Issue #3

- What if there are more variables than constraints?

Number of Vertices

- n-dimensional hyper cube has 2^n vertices.
- In general, combinatorial explosion of vertices.
 - m constraints, n variables: $\binom{m}{n}$ upper bound on vertices

UNBOUNDED POLYHEDRA: RAYS

Thus far...

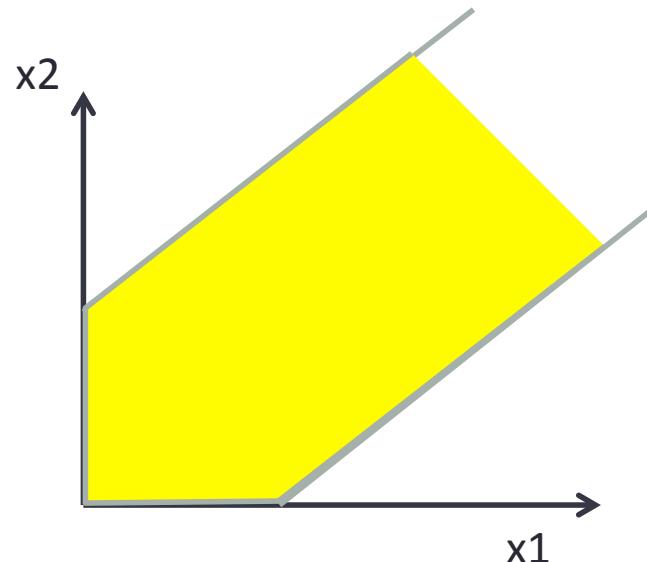
- Feasible Region: Polyhedra
- Vertices:
 - Activate at 1
 - Activate at 0
- Vertices
- Simplex
- Degeneracy

Unbounded Problems.

generate vertex.

Unbounded Linear Programs and Rays

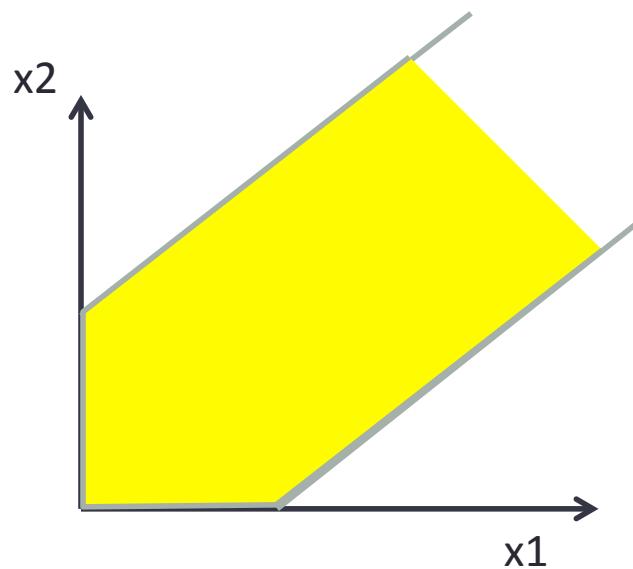
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Ray

Vector \mathbf{r} is a ray of polyhedron P iff for every $\mathbf{x} \in P$ and every $\lambda \geq 0$,

$$\mathbf{x} + \lambda\mathbf{r} \in P$$



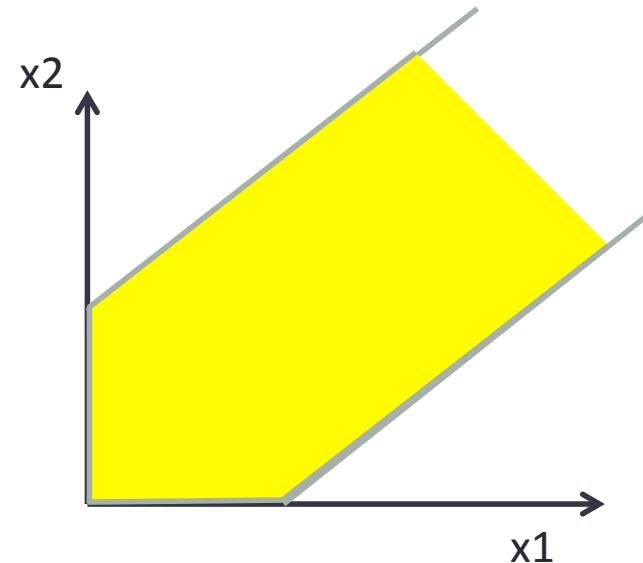
Ray (Fundamental Property)

Polyhedron: $Ax \leq b$

r is a ray if and only if $Ar \leq 0$

Ray (Fundamental Property)

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Is (1,1) a ray of this polyhedron?

Example

$$\begin{array}{lllll}\text{maximize} & 2x_1 + 3x_2 - 5x_3 \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1 - x_2 & \leq & 5 \\ & -x_1 + x_3 & \leq & 6 \\ & -2x_1 + x_3 & \leq & 2 \\ & -x_1 + x_2 & \leq & 4 \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3 & \geq & 0\end{array}$$

Second Dictionary

$$\begin{array}{rclclcl}x_2 & = & 4 & + & x_1 & - & x_7 \\x_4 & = & 9 & & & - & x_7 \\x_5 & = & 6 & + & x_1 & & - x_3 \\x_6 & = & 2 & + & 2x_1 & & - x_3 \\\hline z & = & 12 & + & 5x_1 & - & 3x_7 - 5x_3\end{array}$$

Unbounded Dictionary

- No leaving variables.
- Alternatively: all entries in the column corr. to entering variables are non-negative.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} x_{B1} & = & b_1 & + a_{11}x_{I1} & \cdots & + \color{red}{a_{1j}}x_{Ij} & \cdots \\ x_{B2} & = & b_2 & + a_{21}x_{I1} & \cdots & + \color{red}{a_{2j}}x_{Ij} & \cdots \\ & \vdots & & \vdots & & & & \\ x_{Bm} & = & b_m & + a_{m1}x_{I1} & \cdots & + \color{red}{a_{mj}}x_{Ij} & \cdots \\ \hline z & = & c_0 & + c_1x_{I1} & \cdots & + \color{red}{c_j}x_{Ij} & \cdots \end{array}$$

Unbounded Dictionary and Ray

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_{B1} & = & b_1 + a_{11}x_{I1} \cdots + \color{red}{a_{1j}}x_{Ij} \cdots \\ x_{B2} & = & b_2 + a_{21}x_{I1} \cdots + \color{red}{a_{2j}}x_{Ij} \cdots \\ & \vdots & \\ x_{Bm} & = & b_m + a_{m1}x_{I1} \cdots + \color{red}{a_{mj}}x_{Ij} \cdots \\ \hline z & = & c_0 + c_1x_{I1} \cdots + \color{red}{c_j}x_{Ij} \cdots \end{array}$$

DEGENERATE POLYHEDRA

Degenerate Dictionaries

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_1 & = & 3 - \frac{1}{3}x_4 + \frac{1}{3}x_3 \\ x_2 & = & 11 - x_4 + 0x_3 \\ x_5 & = & 11 - \frac{2}{3}x_4 - \frac{1}{3}x_3 \\ x_6 & = & 0 + \frac{1}{3}x_4 - \frac{1}{3}x_3 \\ \hline z & = & 25 - \frac{7}{3}x_4 + \frac{1}{3}x_3 \end{array}$$

1. Understand geometry of degeneracy
2. Highly degenerate polyhedra.

Vertex (Definition)

A feasible solution \mathbf{x} to the constraints is a **vertex** iff

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n \leq b_1$$

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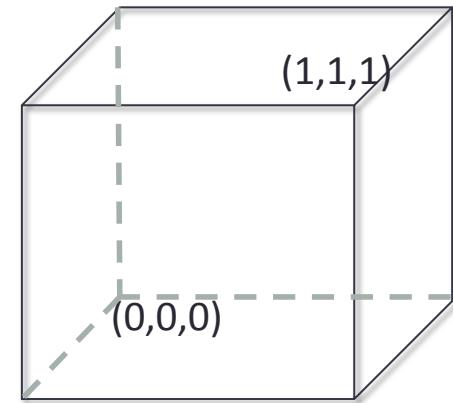
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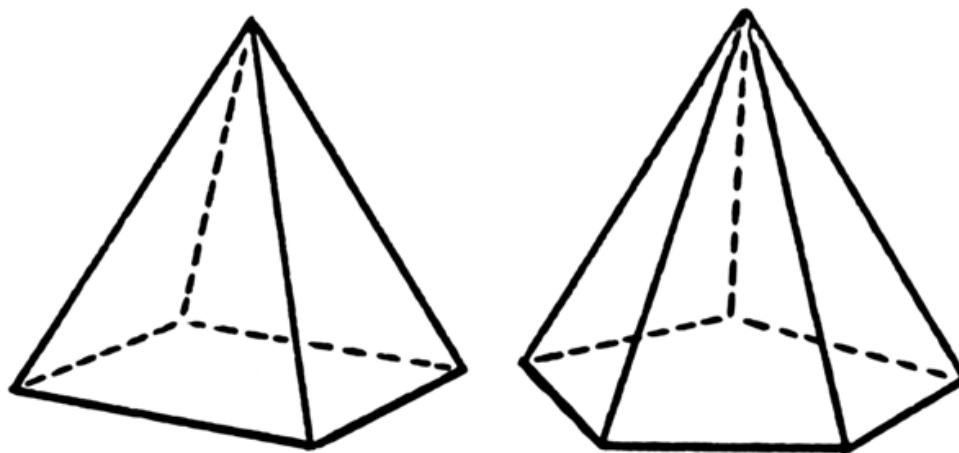
Vertices and Active Constraints

$$\begin{array}{lll} x_1 & \leq & 1 \\ & x_2 & \leq 1 \\ & & x_3 \leq 1 \\ x_1 & \geq & 0 \\ & x_2 & \geq 0 \\ & x_3 & \geq 0 \end{array}$$

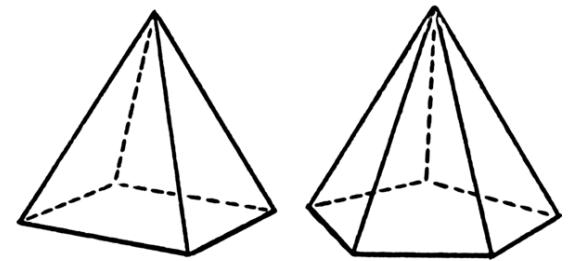


Vertex Issue #2

- Can a vertex activate more than n constraints?



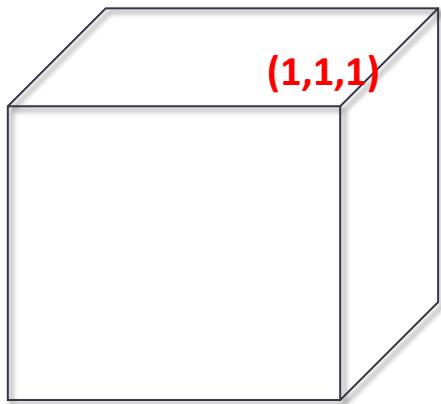
Degenerate Vertex (Definition)



Vertex x is degenerate iff

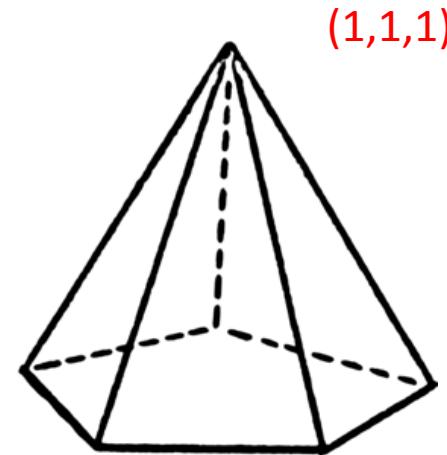
it activates $n+k$ constraints for $k > 0$

Degenerate vs. Non-degenerate vertex



Non-degenerate:

- Activates exactly n constraints.
- Exactly n faces meet at the vertex.
- Unique dictionary associated with vertex.



Degenerate:

- Activates $n + k$ constraints ($k > 0$)
- More than n faces meet at the vertex.
- Multiple dictionaries associated with vertex.

Degeneracy due redundancy

$$\text{max } x$$

s.t.

$$C_1 : \quad \quad y \leq 2$$

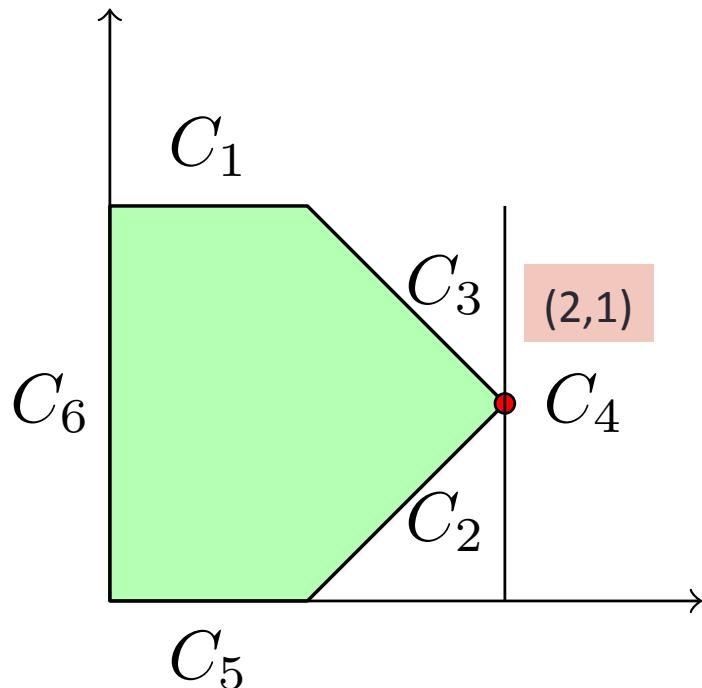
$$C_2 : \quad x - y \leq 1$$

$$C_3 : \quad x + y \leq 3$$

$$C_4 : \quad x \leq 2$$

$$C_5 : \quad -x \leq 0$$

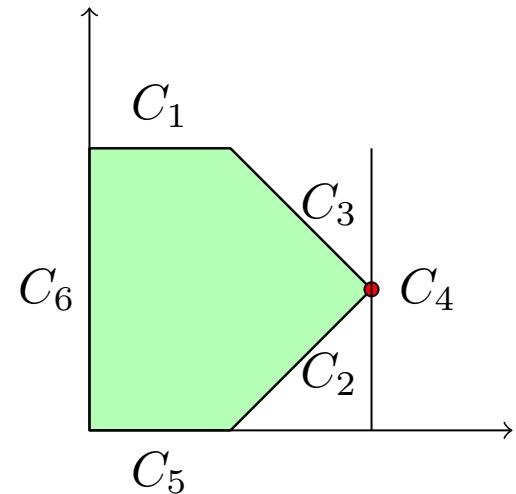
$$C_6 : \quad -y \leq 0$$



Degeneracy due to redundancy

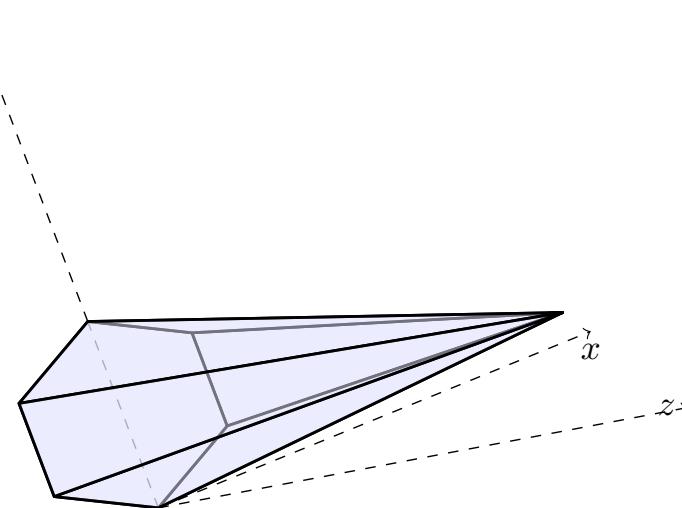
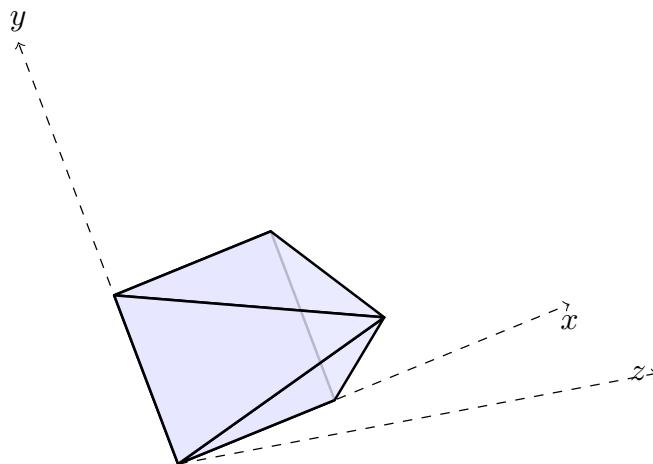
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x	2	$-\frac{1}{2}w_2$	$-\frac{1}{2}w_3$
y	1	$+\frac{1}{2}w_2$	$-\frac{1}{2}w_3$
w_4	0	$+\frac{1}{2}w_2$	$+\frac{1}{2}w_3$
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z	2	$-\frac{1}{2}w_2$	$-\frac{1}{2}w_3$

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x	2		$-w_4$
y	1	$+w_2$	$-w_4$
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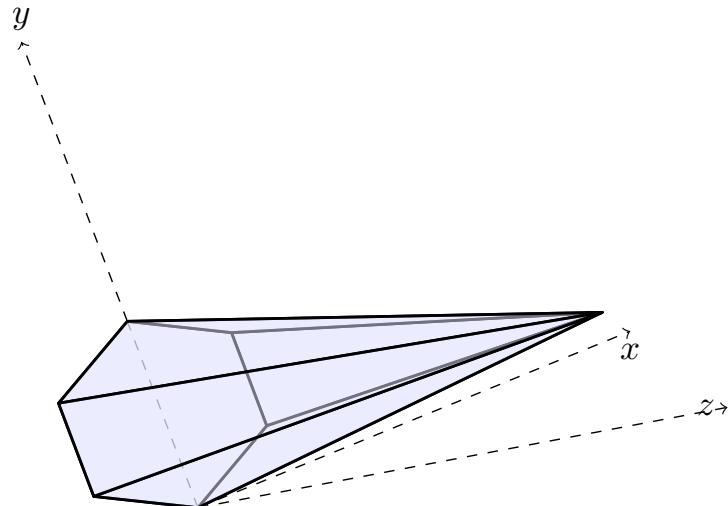


Degeneracy without redundancy

Removing any of the constraints changes feasible region.



Simplex over Degenerate Polyhedra



PIVOTING AND VERTICES

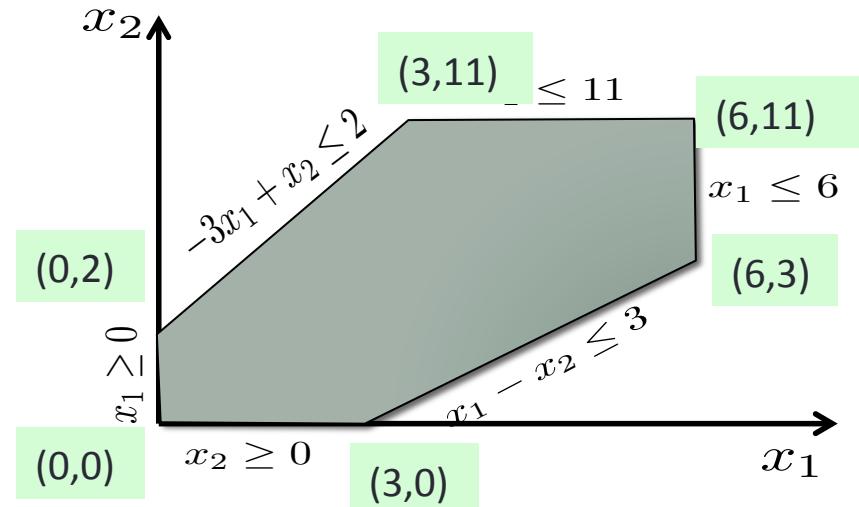
What happens when we pivot?

- Entering variable leaves non-basic set.
 - Leaving variable becomes non-basic.

Adjacent Vertices

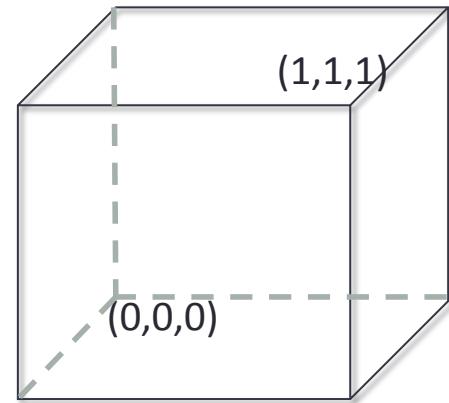
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 & & +x_2 & \leq & 11 & \\
 & x_1 & -x_2 & \leq & 3 & \\
 & x_1 & & \leq & 6 & \\
 & x_1, & x_2 & \leq & 0 &
 \end{array}$$

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Example #2: Adjacent Vertices

$$\begin{array}{lllll} x_1 & & \leq & 1 \\ & x_2 & \leq & 1 \\ & & x_3 & \leq & 1 \\ x_1 & & \geq & 0 \\ x_2 & \geq & 0 \\ x_3 & \geq & 0 \end{array}$$



Adjacent Vertices

Definition: Two vertices are adjacent if and only if

- At least $(n-1)$ active constraints are common.
- Rank of common active constraints is $(n-1)$.

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} a_{11}x_1 & +a_{12}x_2 & + \cdots + & a_{1n}x_n & \leq & b_1 \\ & & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ a_{j1}x_1 & +a_{j2}x_2 & + \cdots + & a_{jn}x_n & \leq & b_j \\ & & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 & +a_{m2}x_2 & + \cdots + & a_{mn}x_n & \leq & b_m \end{array}$$

Active for
both vertices

Claim

For non-degenerate/non-final dictionary D_1 if D_2 is obtained on pivot, then the vertices corr. to D_1 and D_2 are adjacent.

x_{B1}	b_1	\dots	x_{B2}	b_2	\dots
z	c_0	$+c_{N1}x_{N1}$	z	c_2	$+c_{N2}x_{N1}$

Simplex Pivoting Visualization

$$\max \quad x_1 + x_2 - x_3$$

$$x_1 \leq 1$$

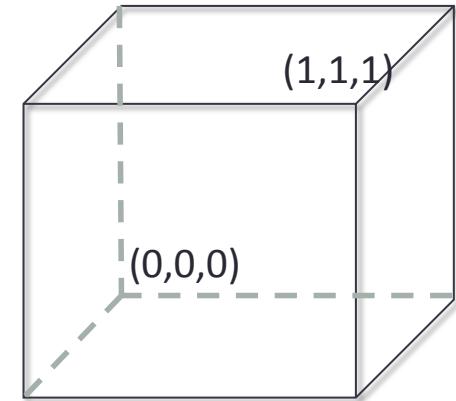
$$x_2 \leq 1$$

$$x_3 \leq 1$$

$$x_1 \geq 0$$

$$x_2 \geq 0$$

$$x_3 \geq 0$$



Pivoting Issues

- Does pivoting always move to an adjacent vertex?
 - Yes, if the current dictionary is non-degenerate.
- What happens in the degenerate case?
 - Case-1: Move to an adjacent vertex.
 - Case-2: Remain in the same vertex (?)
- What happens if a dictionary is unbounded?

DICTIONARIES AND VERTICES

Main Message

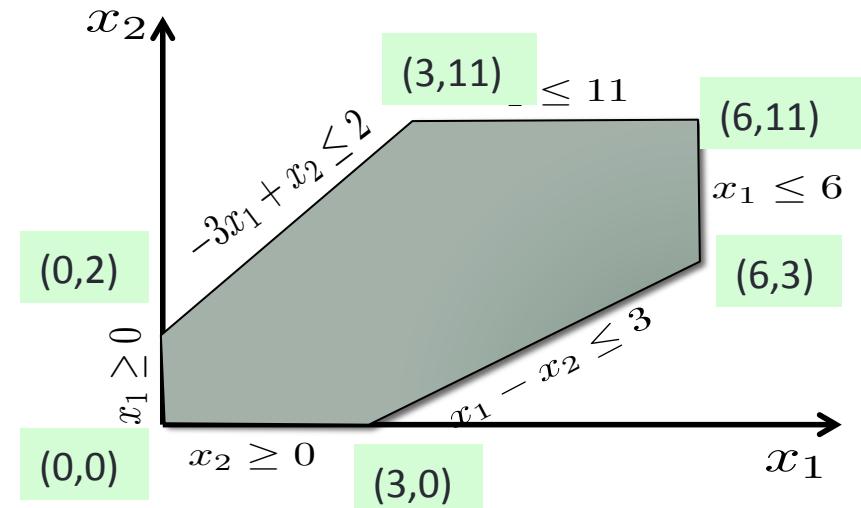
Dictionaries of Simplex = Vertices of the feasible region.

Linear Programming Problem

From Two Weeks Ago.

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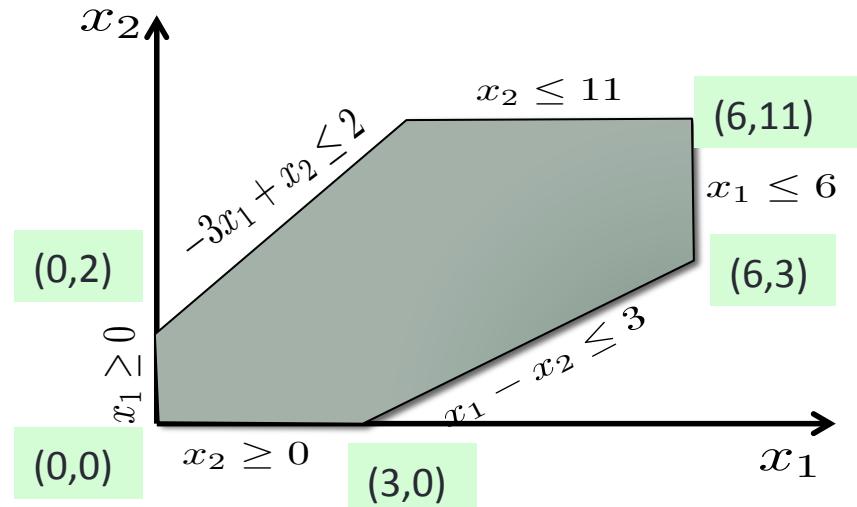
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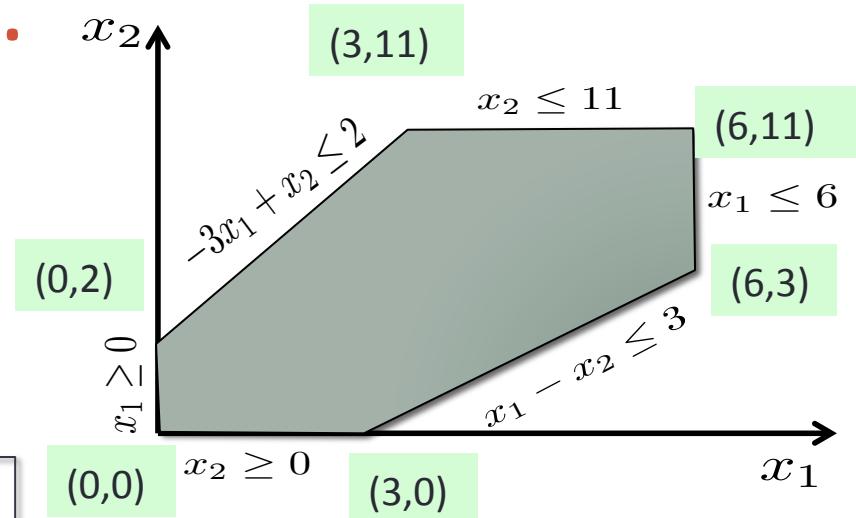
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Dictionary Vertex Corr.

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 \text{s.t.} & -3x_1 + x_2 \leq 2 \leftarrow x_3 \\
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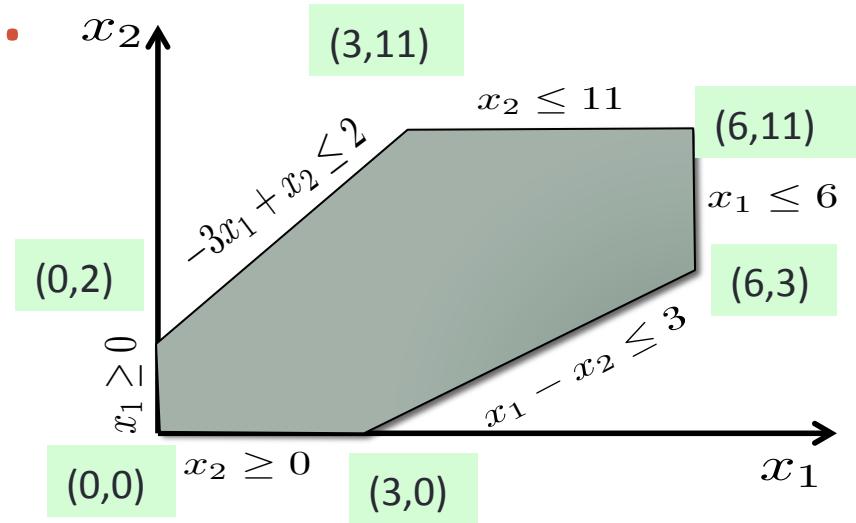
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z	=	x_4	$- x_3$	



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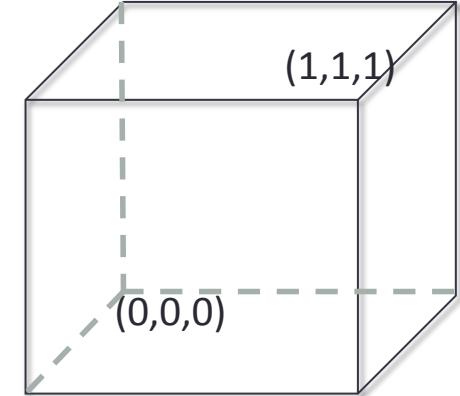
x_1	\dots		
x_3	\dots		
x_4	\dots		
x_6	\dots		
z	?	? x_2	? x_5



Example #3

$$\max \quad x_1 + x_2 - x_3$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} x_1 & \leq & 1 \leftarrow x_4 \\ x_2 & \leq & 1 \leftarrow x_5 \\ x_3 & \leq & 1 \leftarrow x_6 \\ \hline x_1 & \geq & 0 \\ x_2 & \geq & 0 \\ x_3 & \geq & 0 \end{array}$$



Linear Programming Problem (Standard Form)

$$\begin{array}{lllllll} \max & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ A\mathbf{x} & \leq & \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{x} & \geq & 0 \end{array}$$

Feasible Dictionary

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} x_{B1} & = & b_1 & + a_{11}x_{I1} & + \cdots & + a_{1j}x_{Ij} & + \cdots & + a_{1n}x_{In} \\ & & \vdots & & & & & \\ x_{Bm} & = & b_m & + a_{m1}x_{I1} & + \cdots & + a_{mj}x_{Ij} & + \cdots & + a_{mn}x_{In} \\ \hline z & = & c_0 & + c_1x_{I1} & + \cdots & + c_jx_{Ij} & + \cdots & + c_nx_{In} \end{array}$$

- (1) Solution associated will make at least n constraints active.
- (2) Rank of active constraints is n.

Summary

- Vertex (definition).
 - A feasible point that makes at least n inequalities active.
 - The rank of active inequalities equals n .
- Feasible Dictionaries in Simplex:
 - Solution associated must be a vertex of the feasible region.
- What does pivoting do?