

Warm-up: What to eat?

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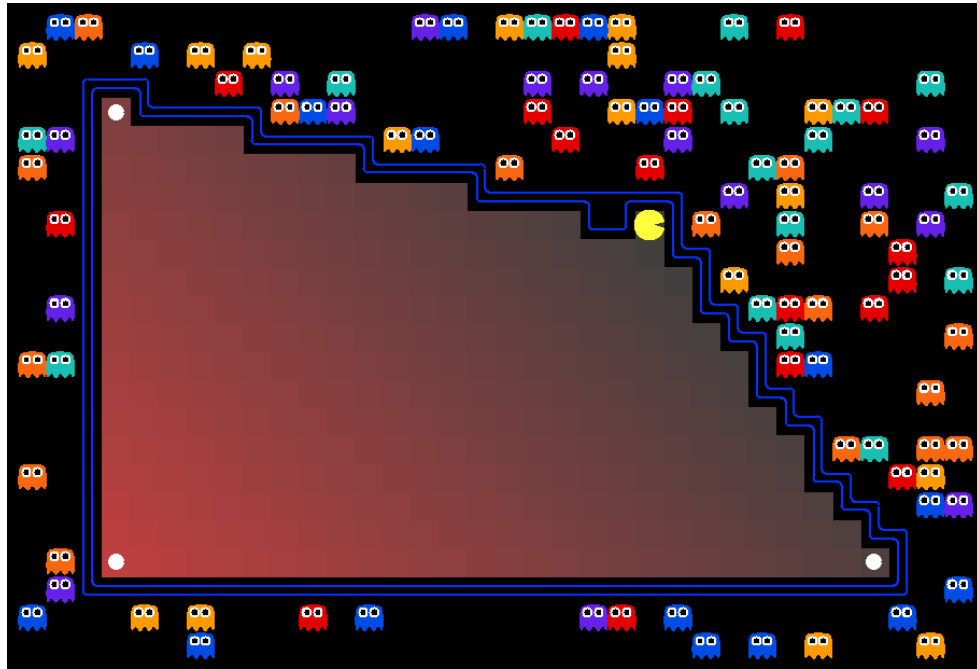
Announcements

Assignments:

- P2 **Sat 10/5, 10 pm**
 - Due ~~Thu 10/3, 10 pm~~
- P3
 - Will be released later today
 - Due Thu 10/17, 10 pm
- HW5 (written)
 - Released Tue 10/1
 - Due Tue **10/8**, 10 pm

AI: Representation and Problem Solving

Optimization & Linear Programming



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Learning Objectives

- Formulate a problem as a **Linear Program (LP)**
- Convert a LP into a required **form, e.g., inequality form**
- Plot the **graphical representation** of a linear optimization problem with two variables and find the optimal solution
- Understand the relationship between **optimal solution of an LP** and the intersections of constraints
- Describe and implement a **LP solver based on vertex enumeration**
- Describe the high-level idea of **Simplex algorithm**

Next Lecture

Recap

What have we learned so far?

What do they have in common?

This lecture:

- (1) Continuous space
- (2) General formulation

Recap

What have we learned so far?

- Search: Depth/Breadth-first search, A* search, local search
- Constraint Satisfaction Problem: 8-queen, graph coloring
- Logic and Planning: Propositional Logic, SAT, First-order Logic

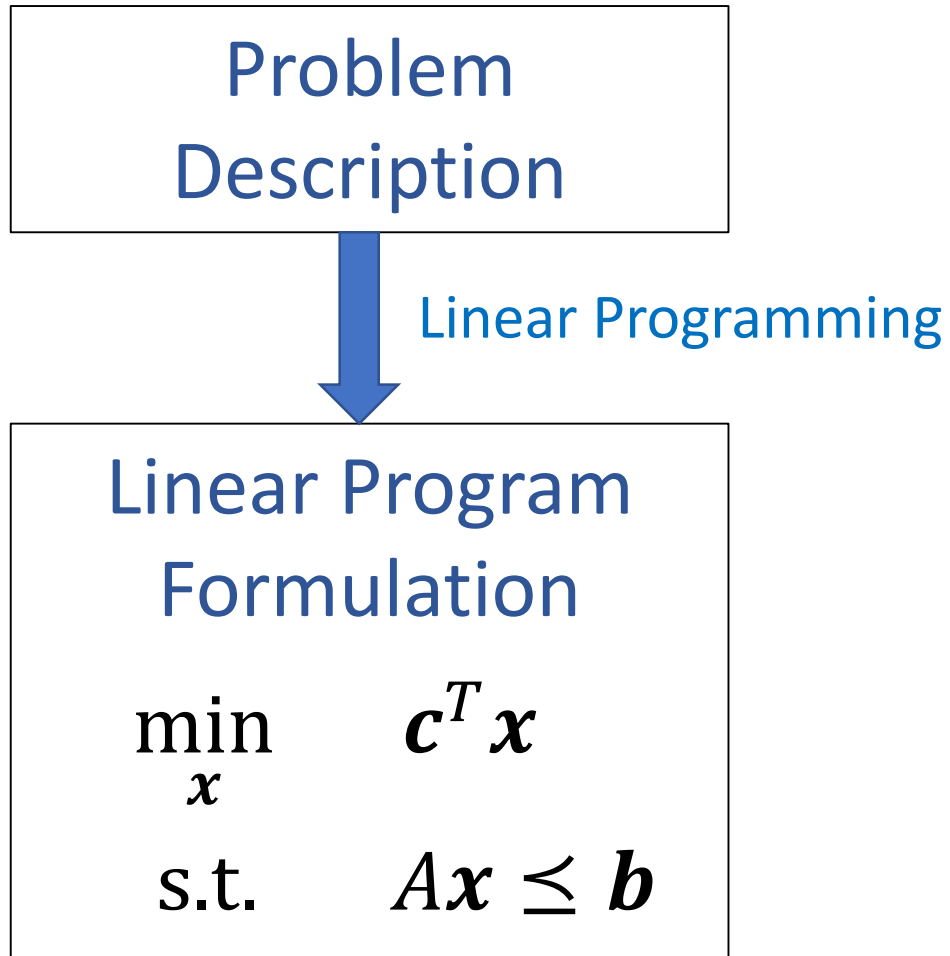
What do they have in common?

- Variables/Symbols, Finite options

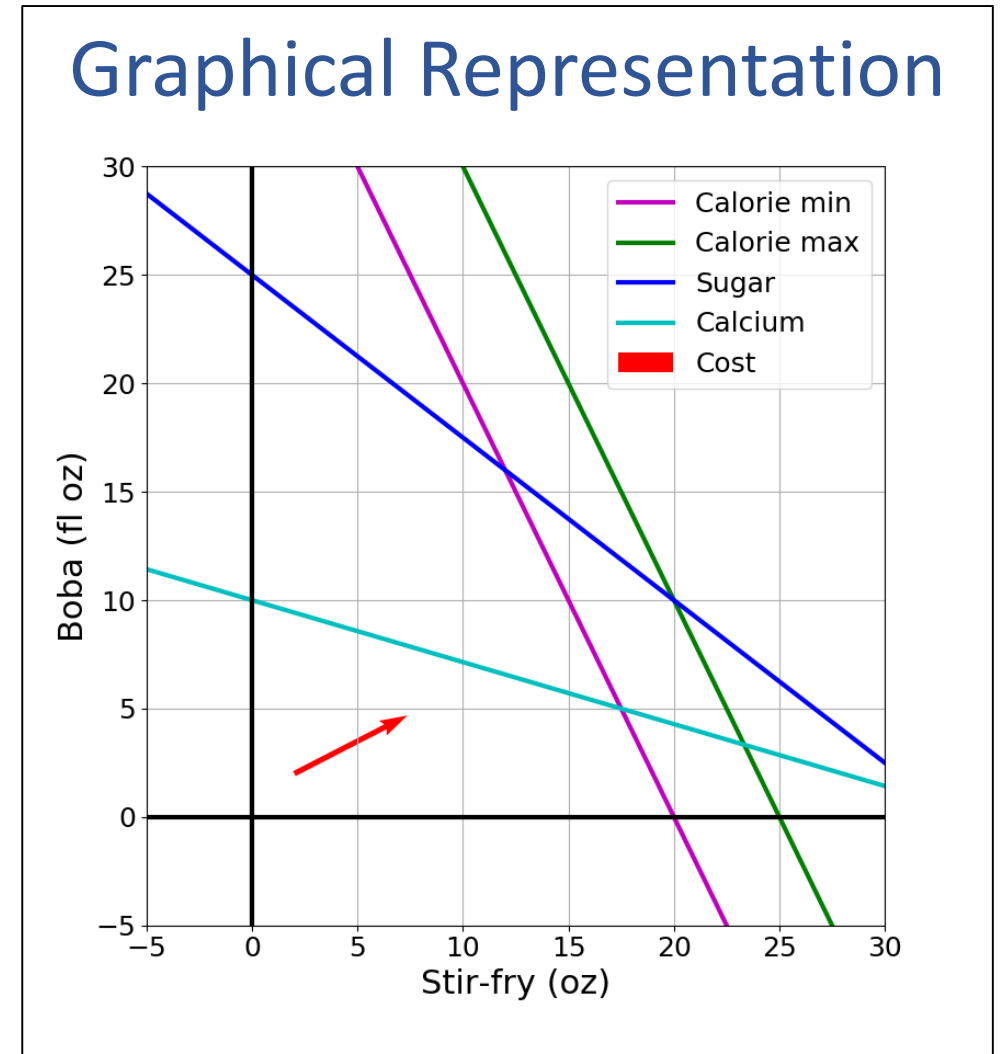
This lecture:

- (1) Move to continuous space (with connections to the discrete space)
- (2) Provide a general formulation that can be used to represent many of the previously seen problems

Focus of Today: (Linear) Optimization Problem



Notation Alert!



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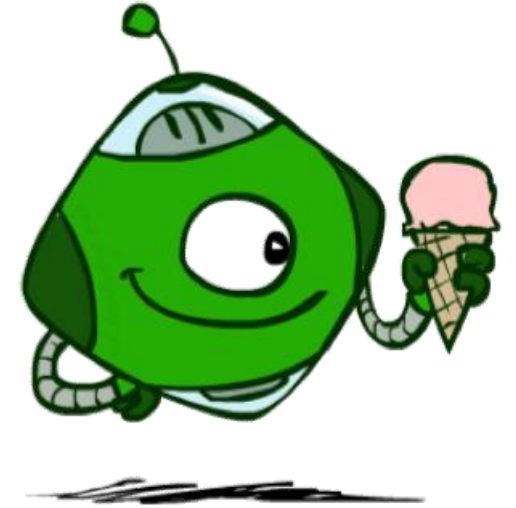
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Constraint:



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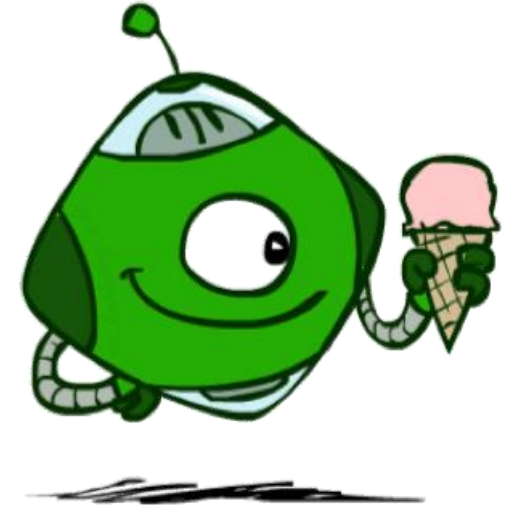
Variable: x_1 (ounces for stir-fry), x_2 (ounces for boba)

Domain: $[0, +\infty)$

Constraint: Implicit: $100 x_1 + 50 x_2 \in [2000, 2500]$

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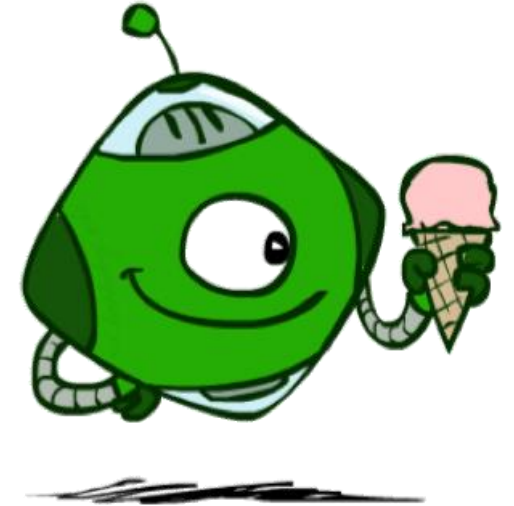
From CSP to Optimization Problem

Variable
Domain
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$\min_x f(x)$ **Objective**
s.t. x satisfies constraints

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(Optimization) Variable

~~Domain~~ Can be represented as constraints

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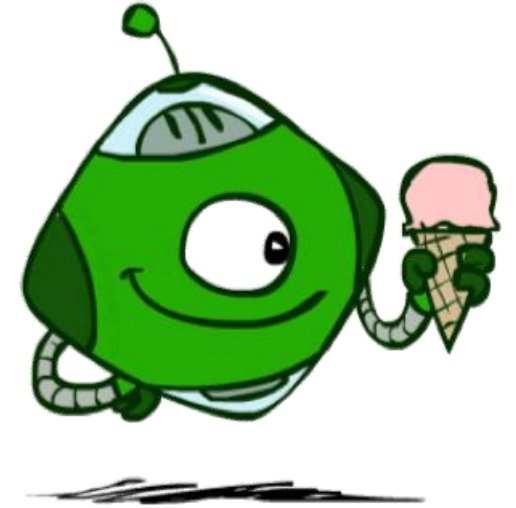
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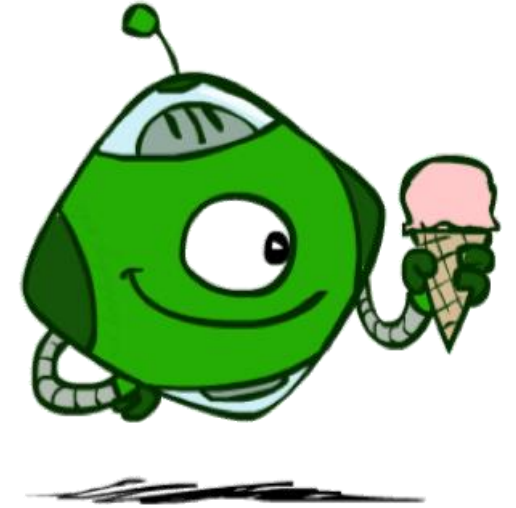
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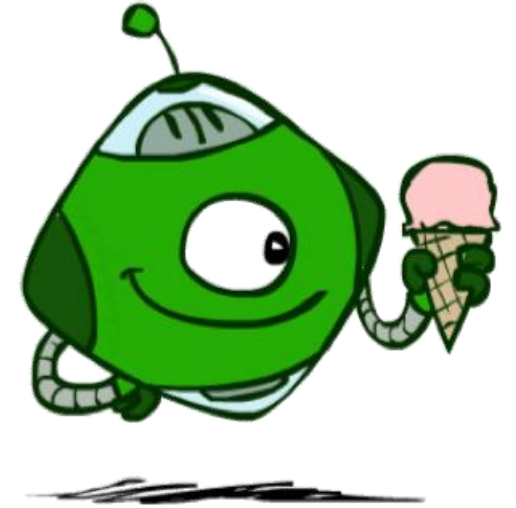
Constraints:

$\text{calories}(\mathbf{x})$ in required range

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Can be ignored in this problem. Why? ~~$x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0$~~



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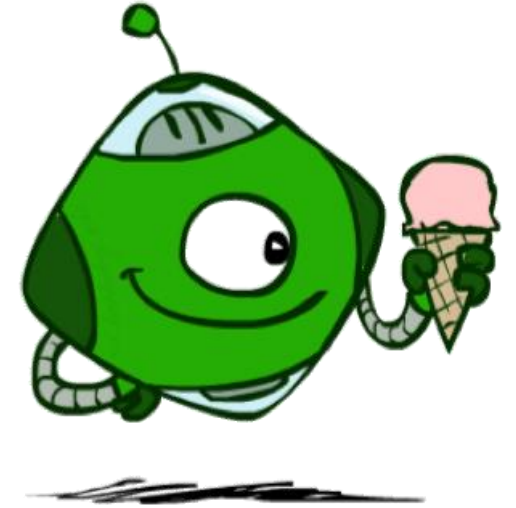
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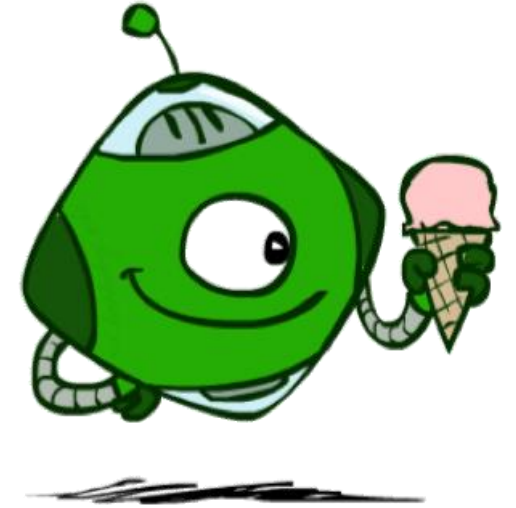
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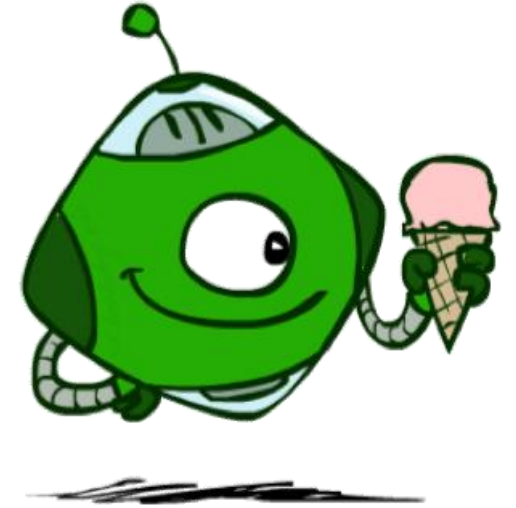
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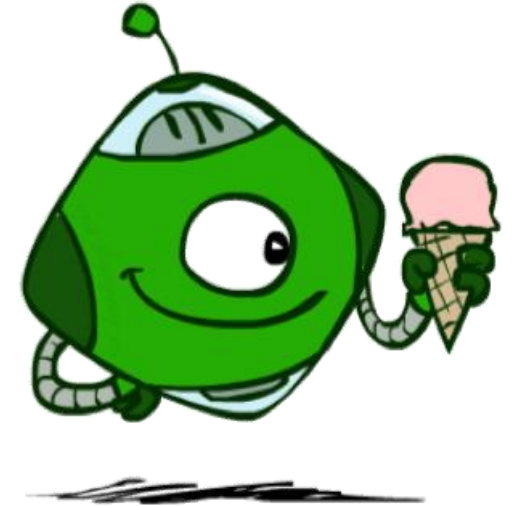
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Piazza Poll 1

Is $x_1 = 10, x_2 = 30$ a feasible solution of the following optimization problem?

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Linear Programming

Linear Programming:

- Technique for the optimization of a **linear objective** function subject to **linear equality** and **linear inequality** constraints

Example Linear program

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Linear program in Inequality Form

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

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} &= a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \cdots + a_n b_n \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \end{aligned}$$

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$\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}$ with $\mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

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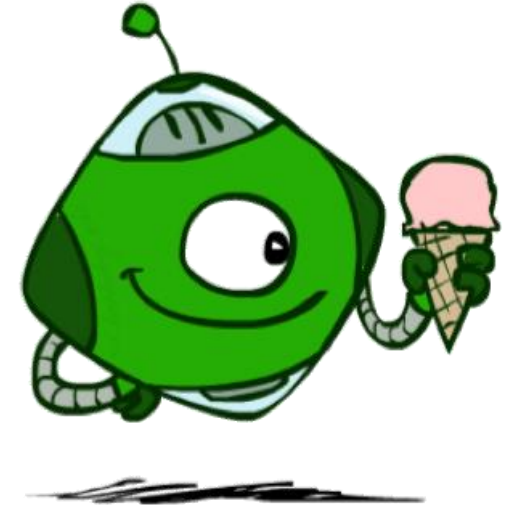
Piazza Poll 2

What has to increase to add more nutrition constraints?

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Select all that apply

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- D) width \mathbf{A}
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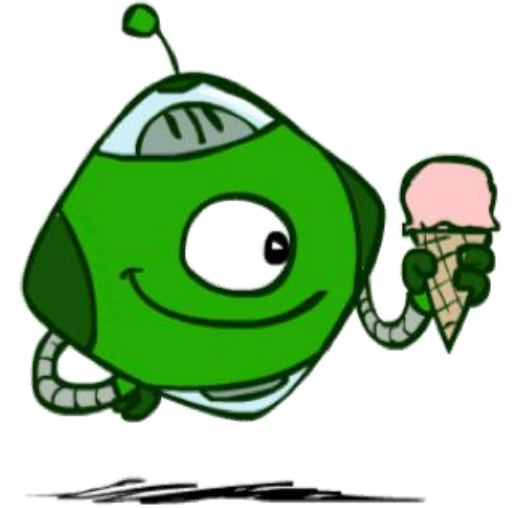
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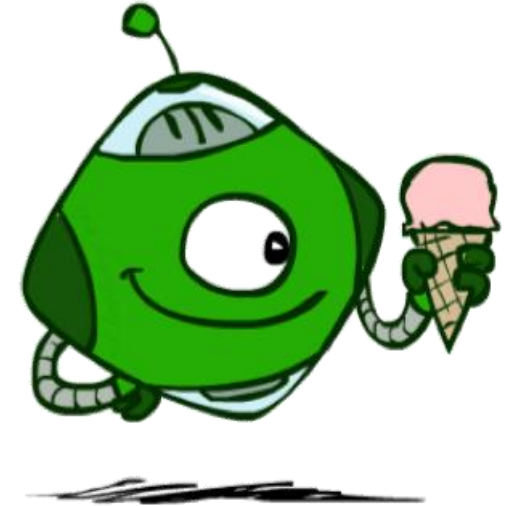
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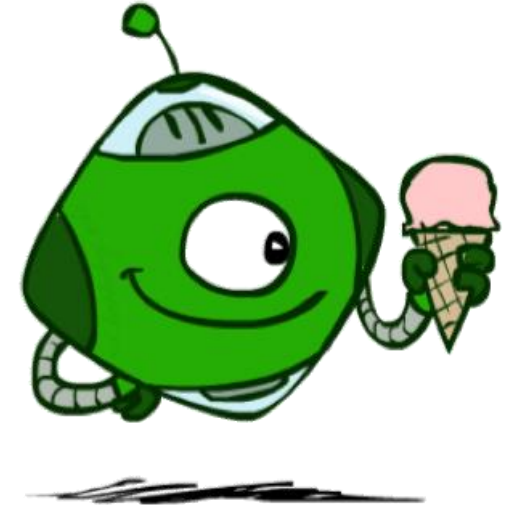
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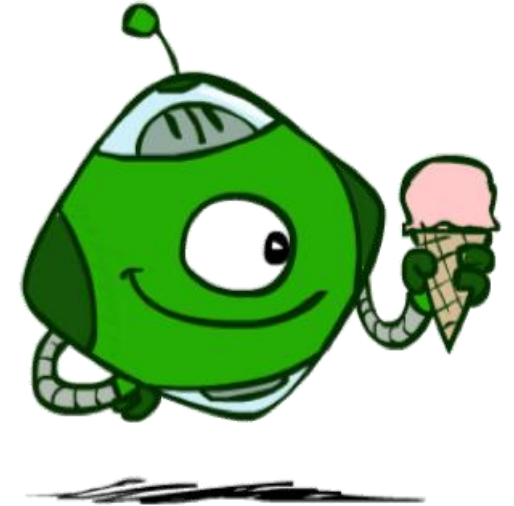
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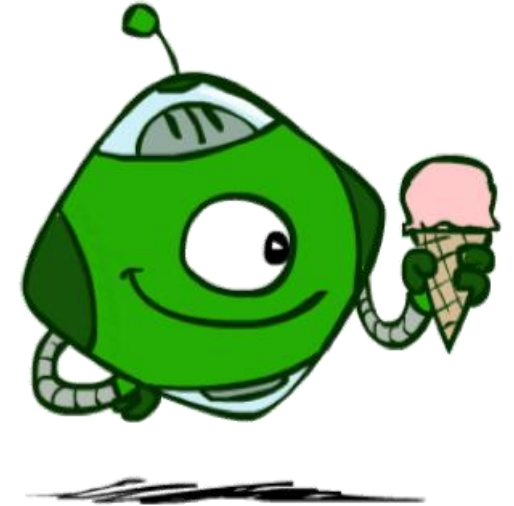
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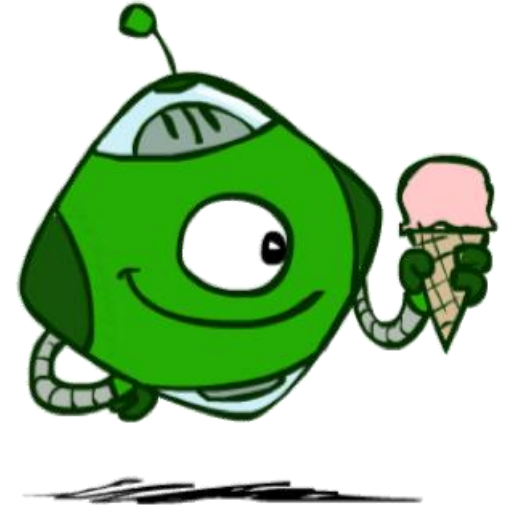
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If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$, which of the following also equals N ?

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Select all that apply

- A) length \mathbf{x}
- B) length \mathbf{c}
- C) length \mathbf{b}



Linear Programming

Different forms

Inequality form

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

General form

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

Standard form

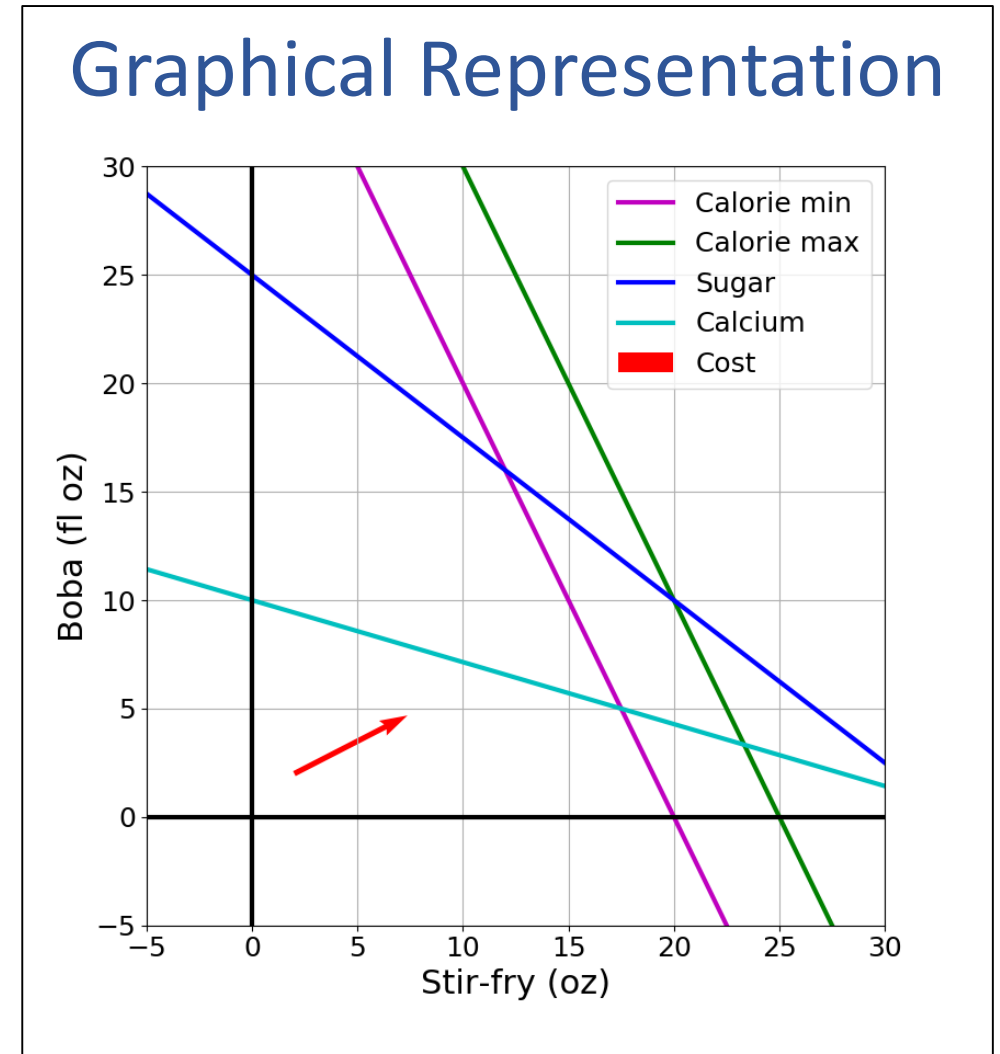
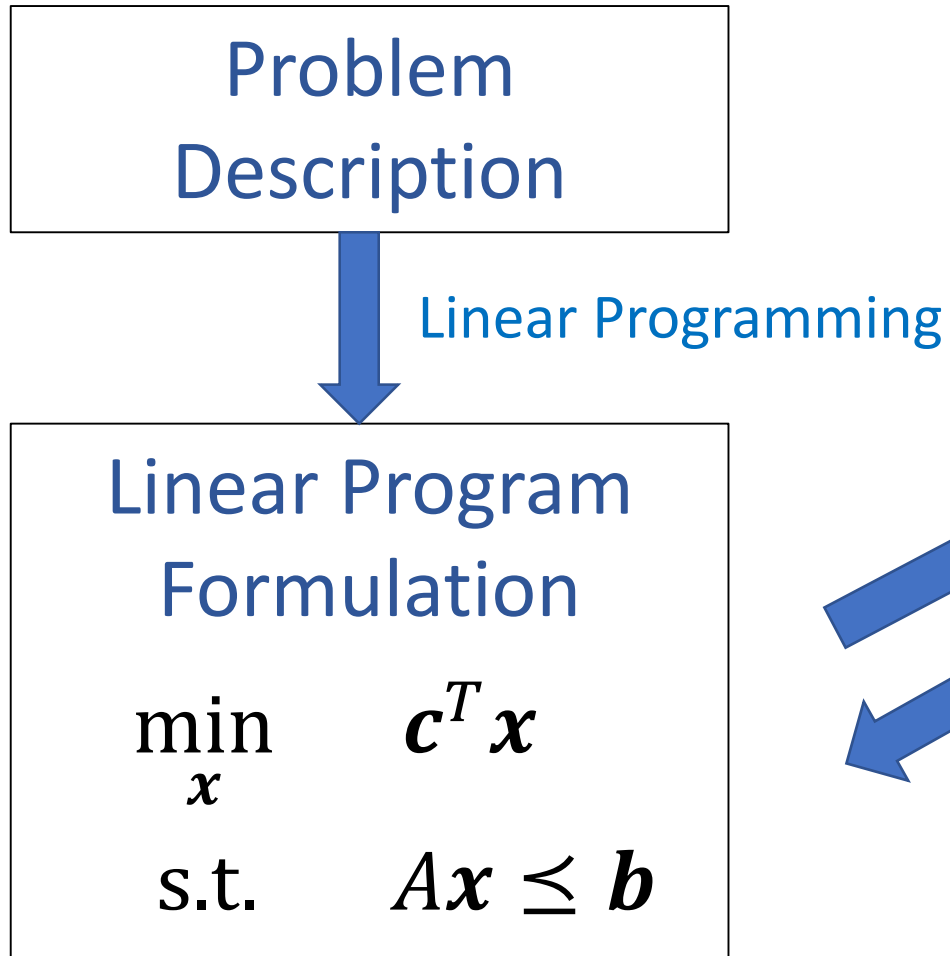
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Important to pay attention to form!

Can switch between formulations!

Note: Different books have different definitions. We will refer to the forms in this slide (also consistent with B&V book).

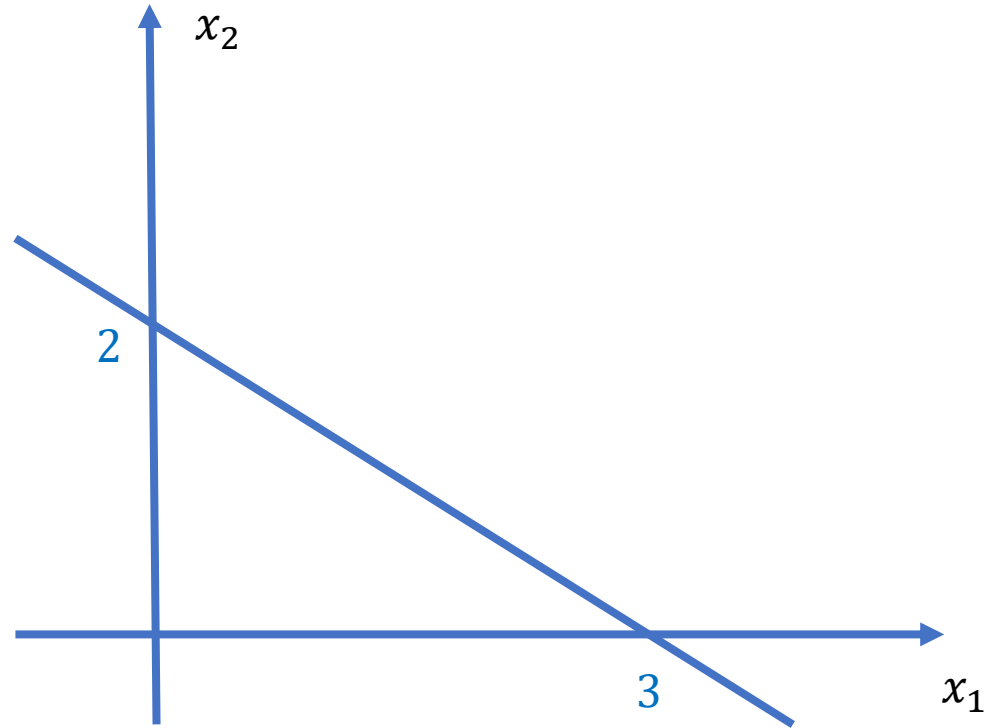
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Shape of Linear Equality

Geometry / Algebra Question

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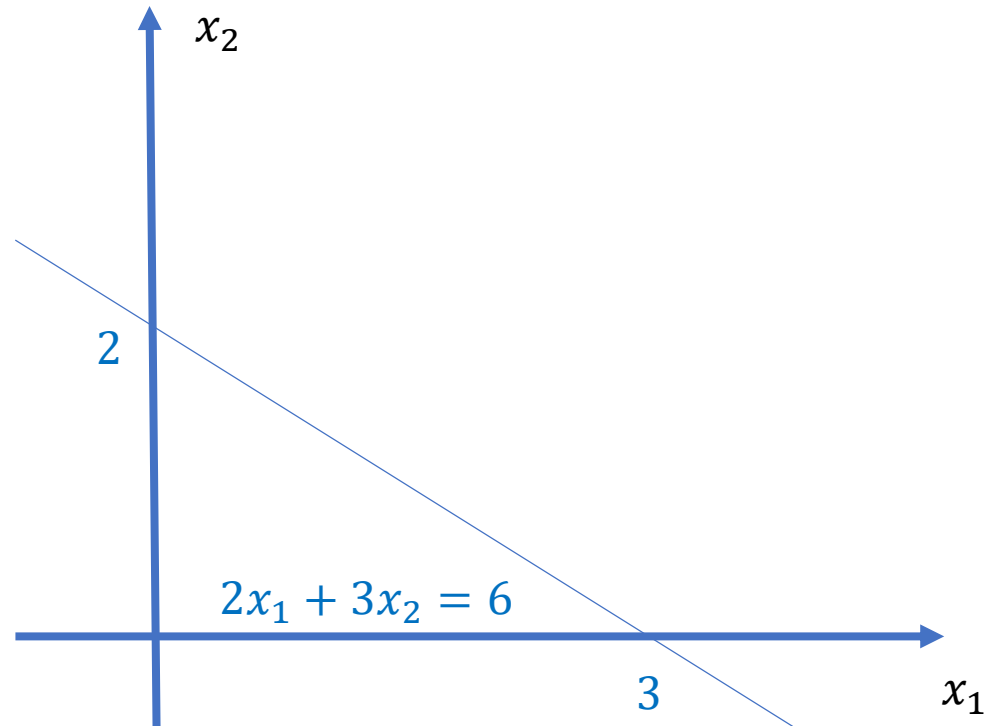
What is the equality present this line?

$$x_2 = -\frac{2}{3}x_1 + 2$$



$$3x_2 + 2x_1 = 6$$

To make sure the line intersects with the axes at (3,0) and (0,2)



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Geometry / Algebra Question

What shape does this inequality represent?

$$a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 \leq b_1$$

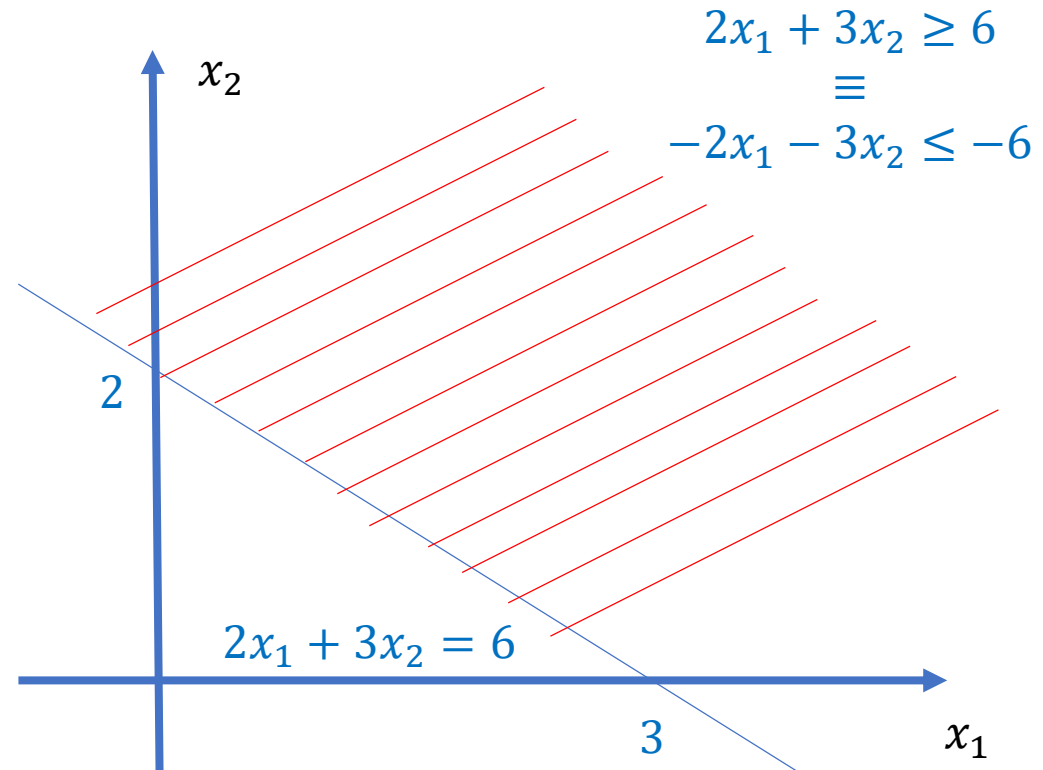
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$$a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 = b_1 \quad \text{Line}$$



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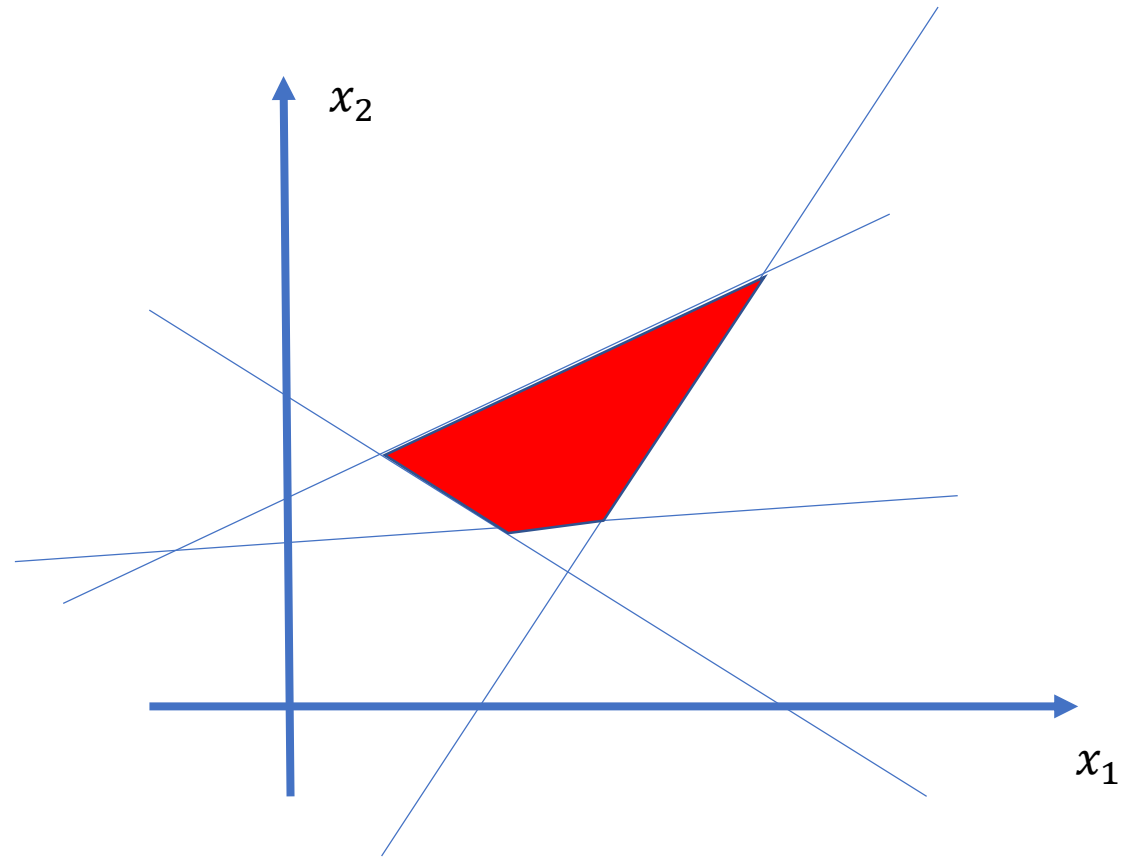
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Intersection of half planes

Could be polyhedron

Could be empty



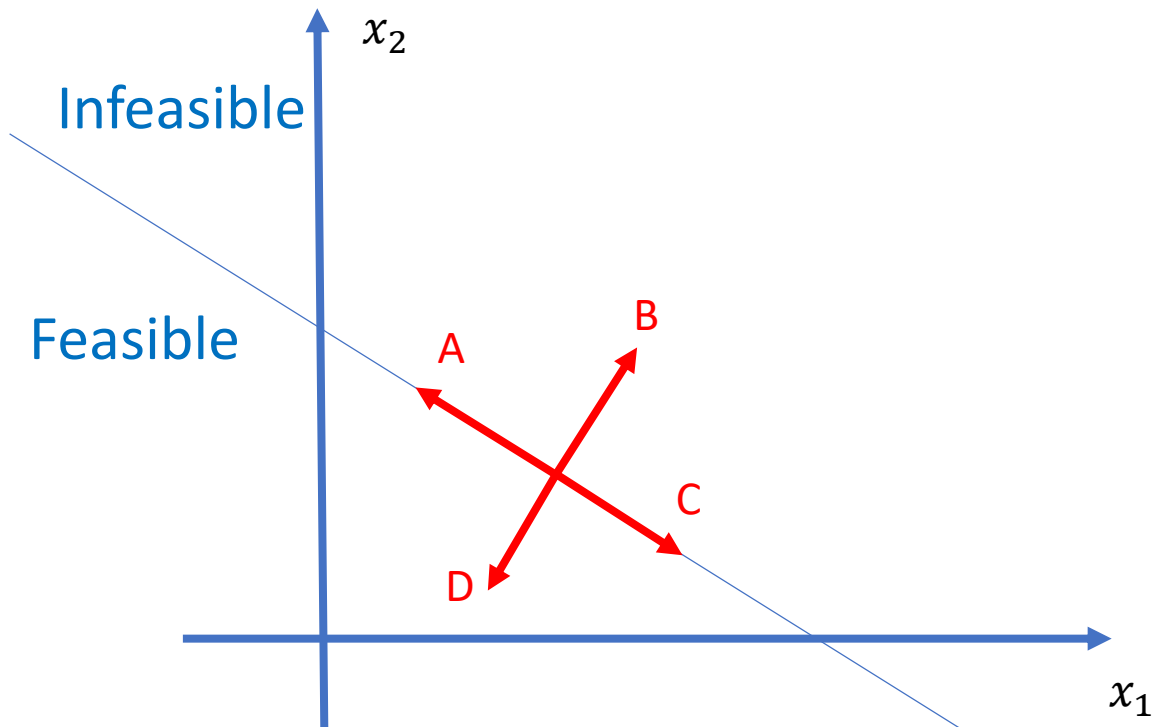
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What is the relationship between the half plane:

$$a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 \leq b_1$$

and the vector:

$$[a_1, a_2]^T$$



Lowering Cost

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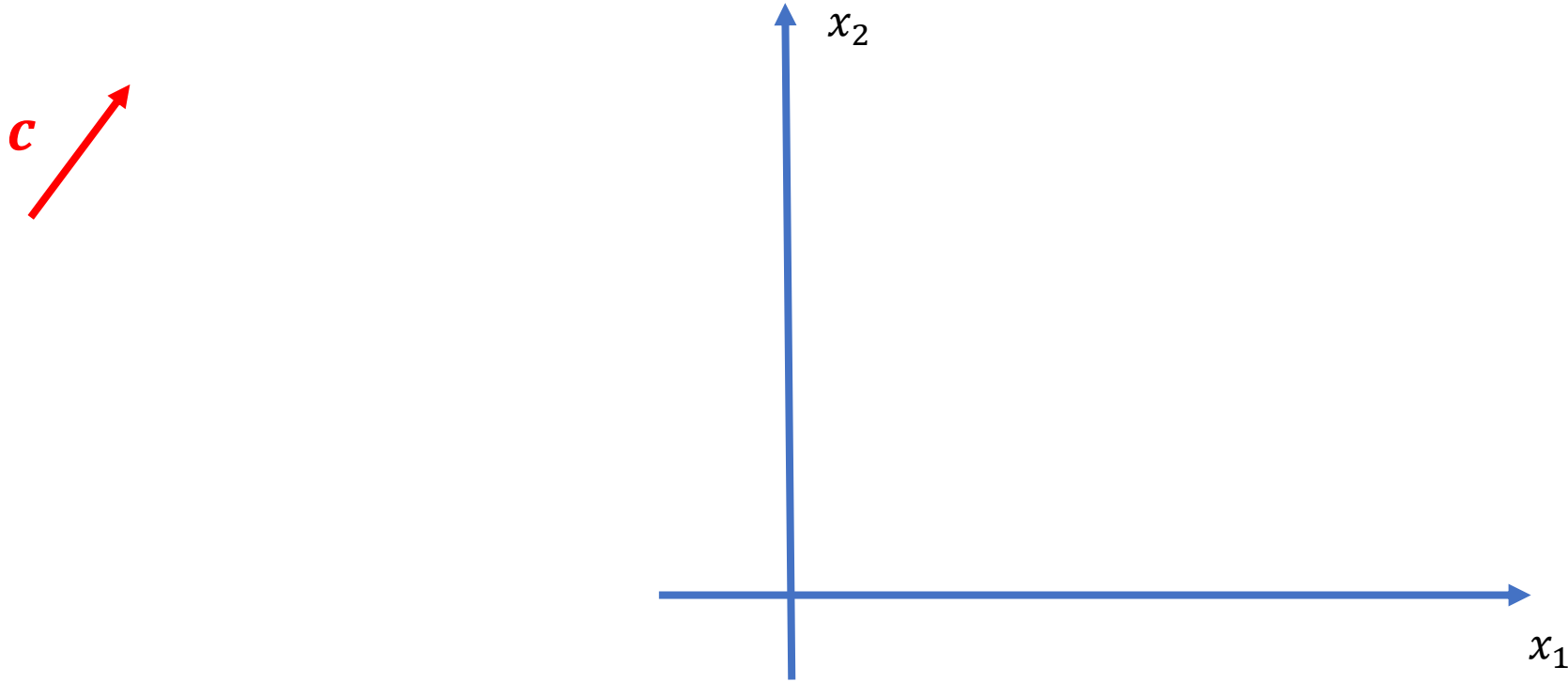


$$\mathbf{c}^T \Delta \mathbf{x} = |\mathbf{c}| |\Delta \mathbf{x}| \cos(\mathbf{c}, \Delta \mathbf{x})$$

$\cos(\mathbf{c}, \Delta \mathbf{x}) = -1$ when \mathbf{c} and $\Delta \mathbf{x}$ have opposite directions

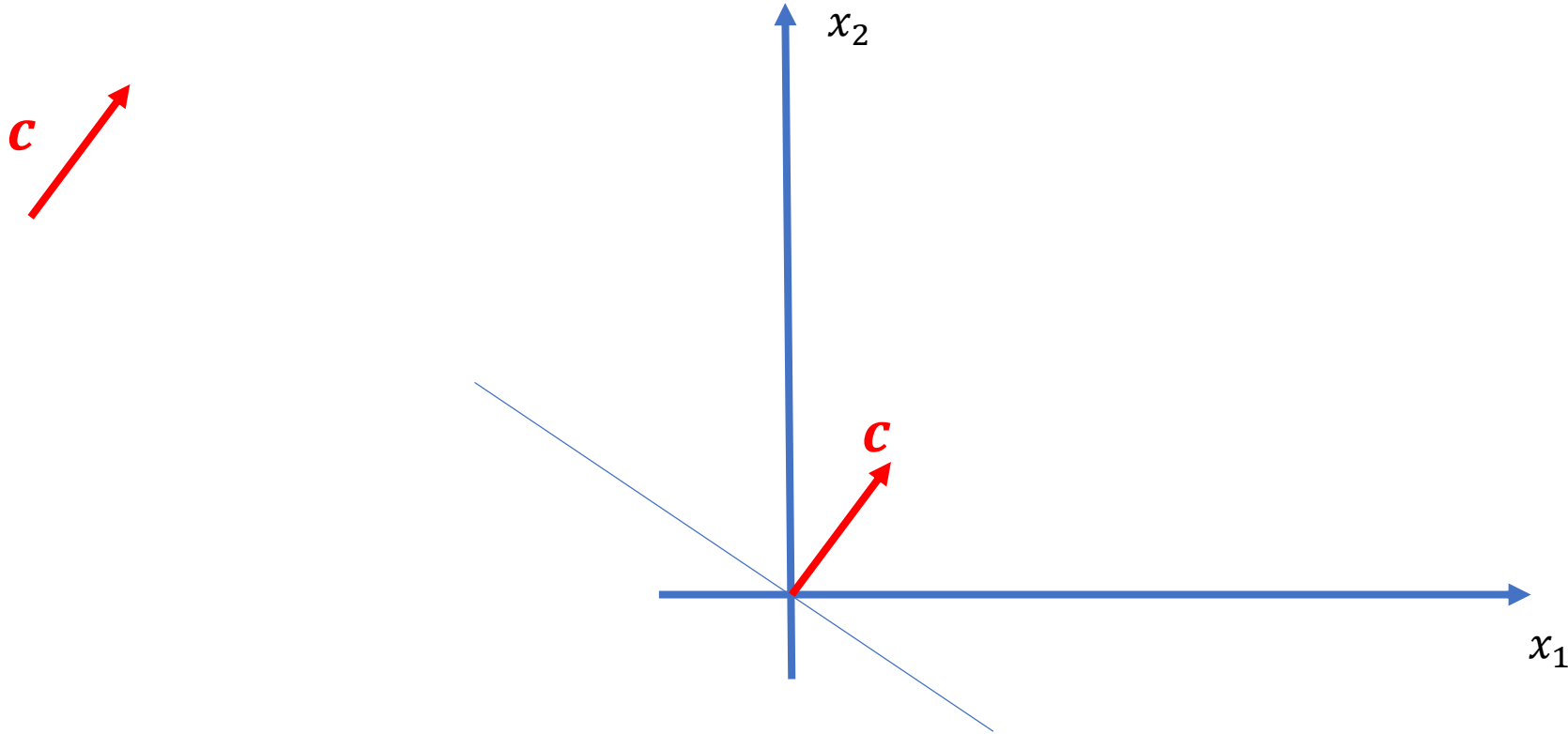
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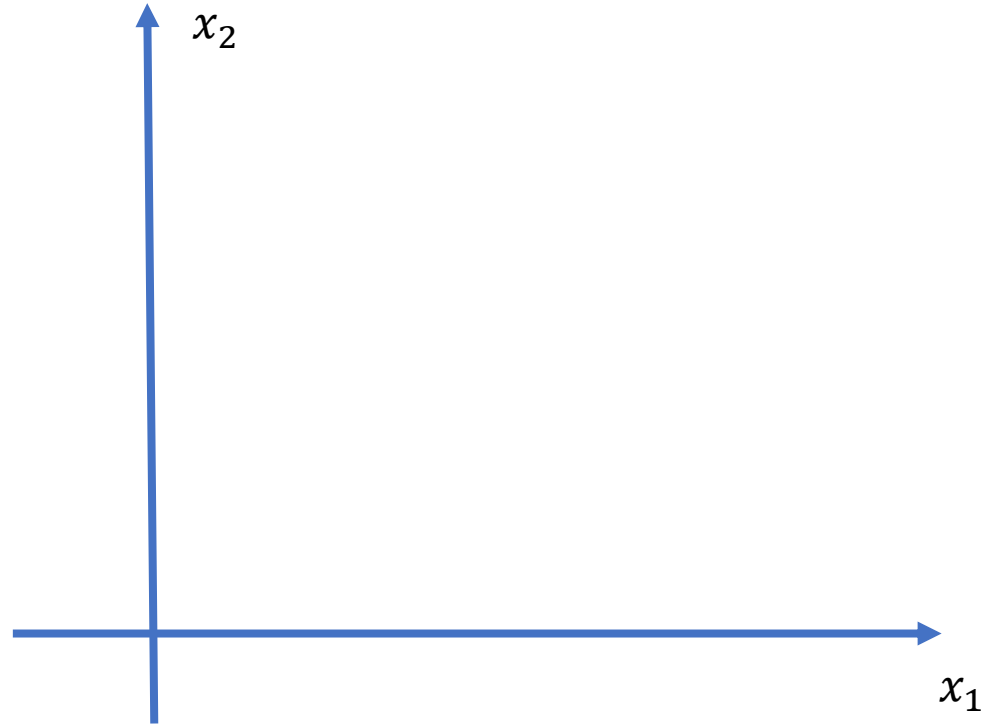
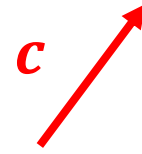
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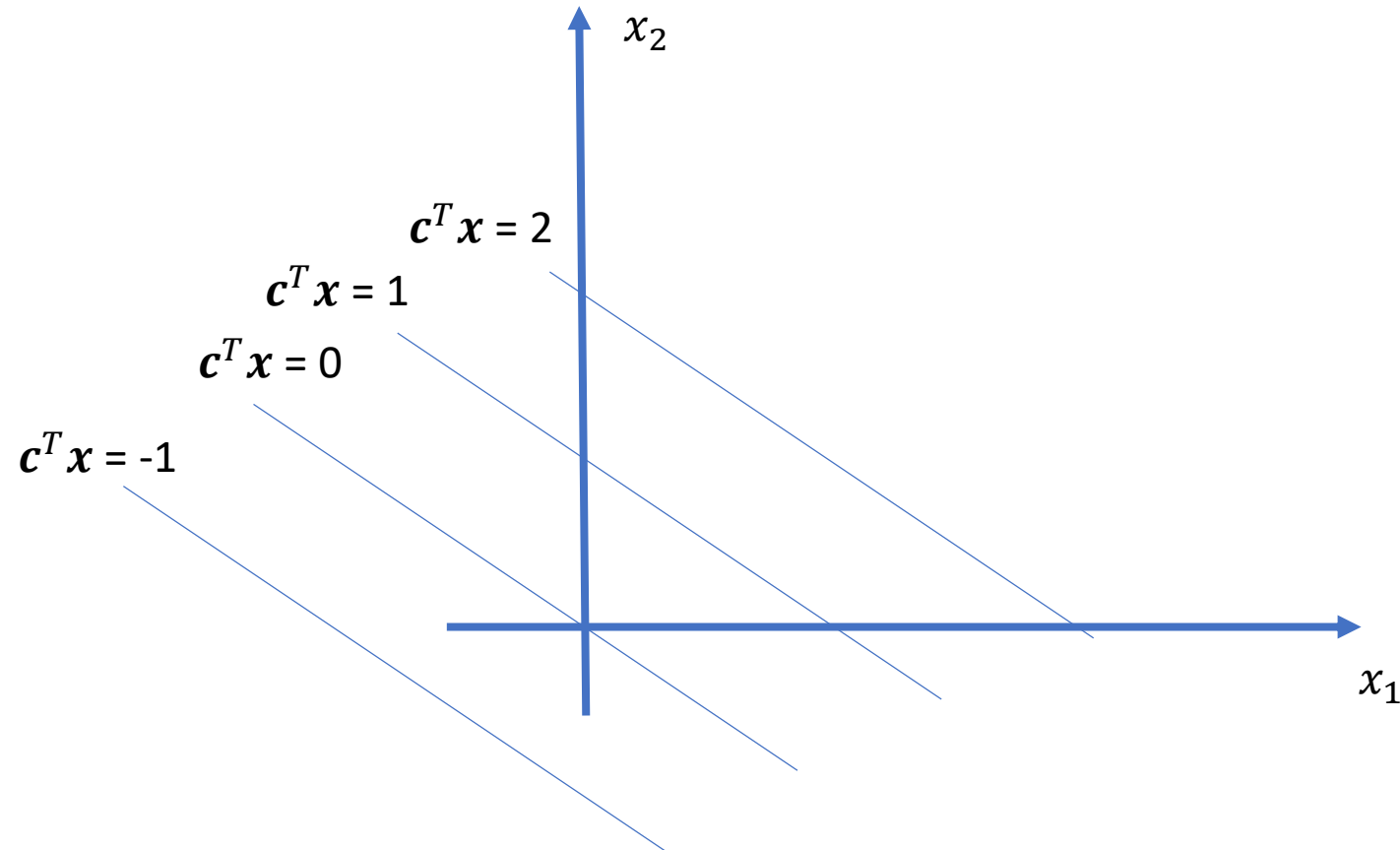
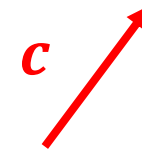
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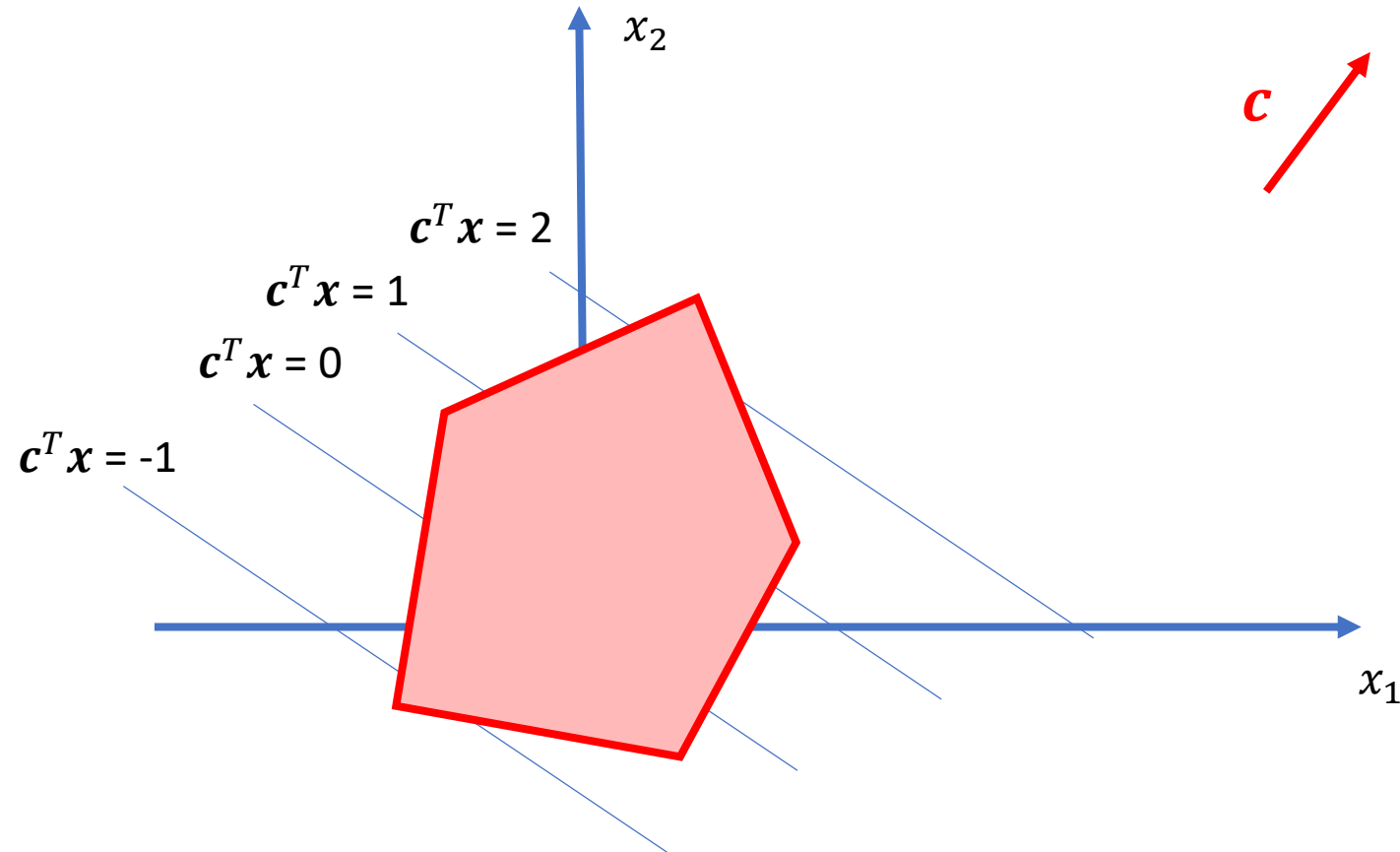
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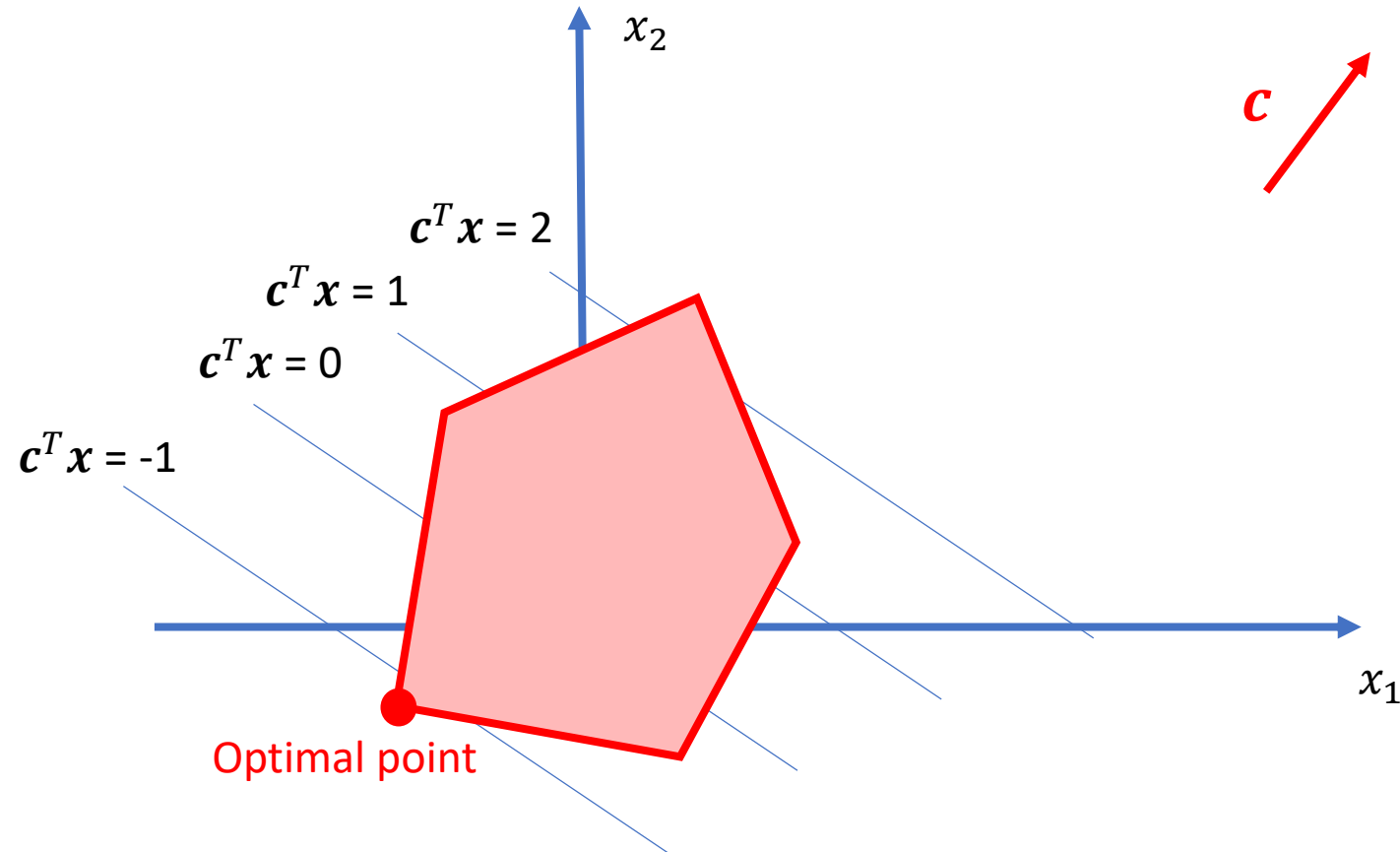
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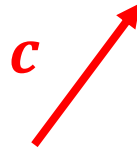
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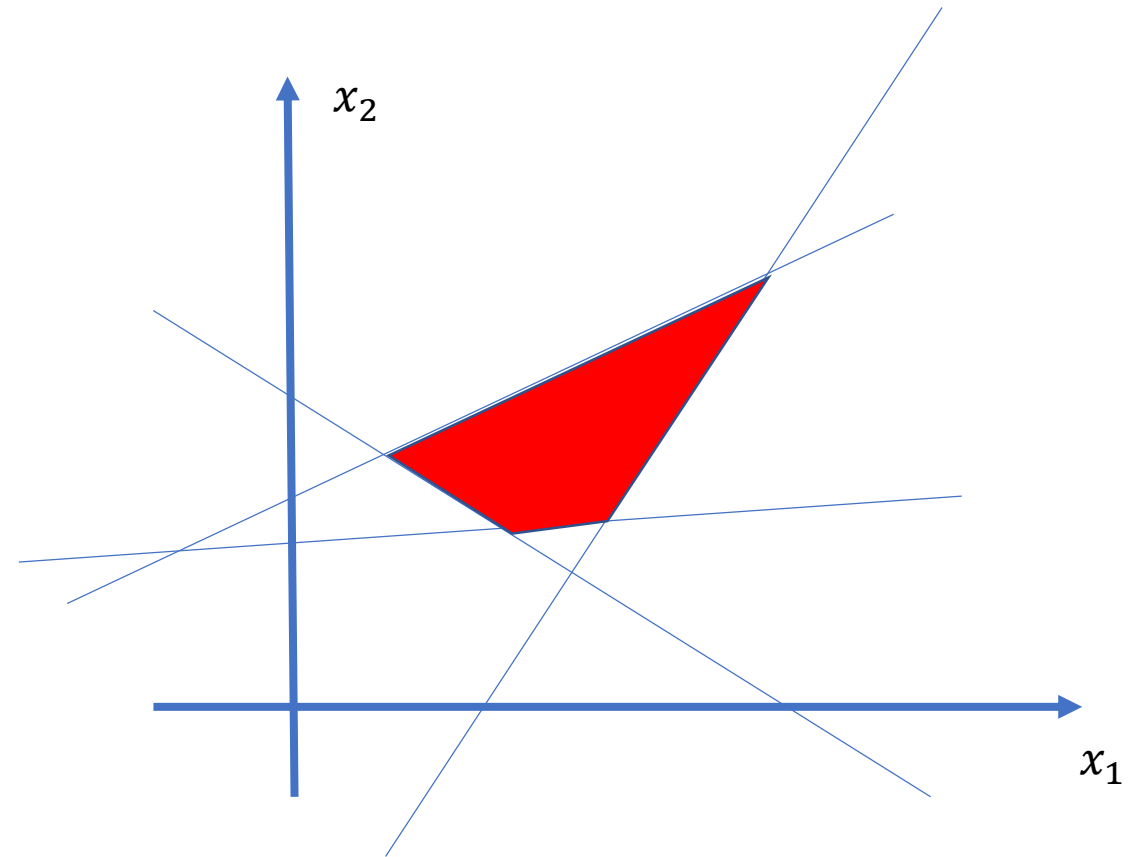
LP Graphical Representation

Inequality form

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min. & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \quad \text{Objective Function} \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathbf{Ax} \leq \mathbf{b} \quad \text{Feasible Region}\end{array}$$



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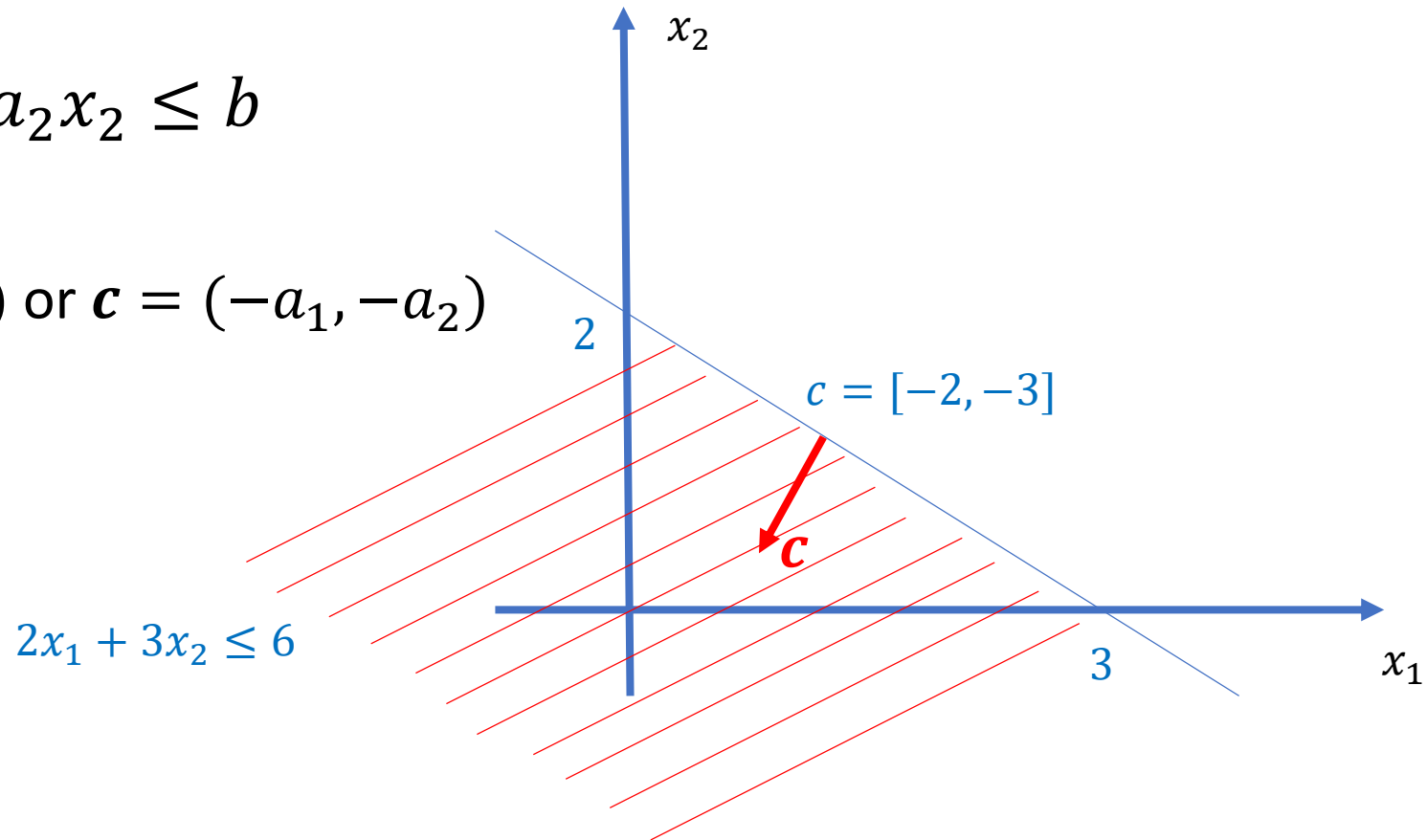
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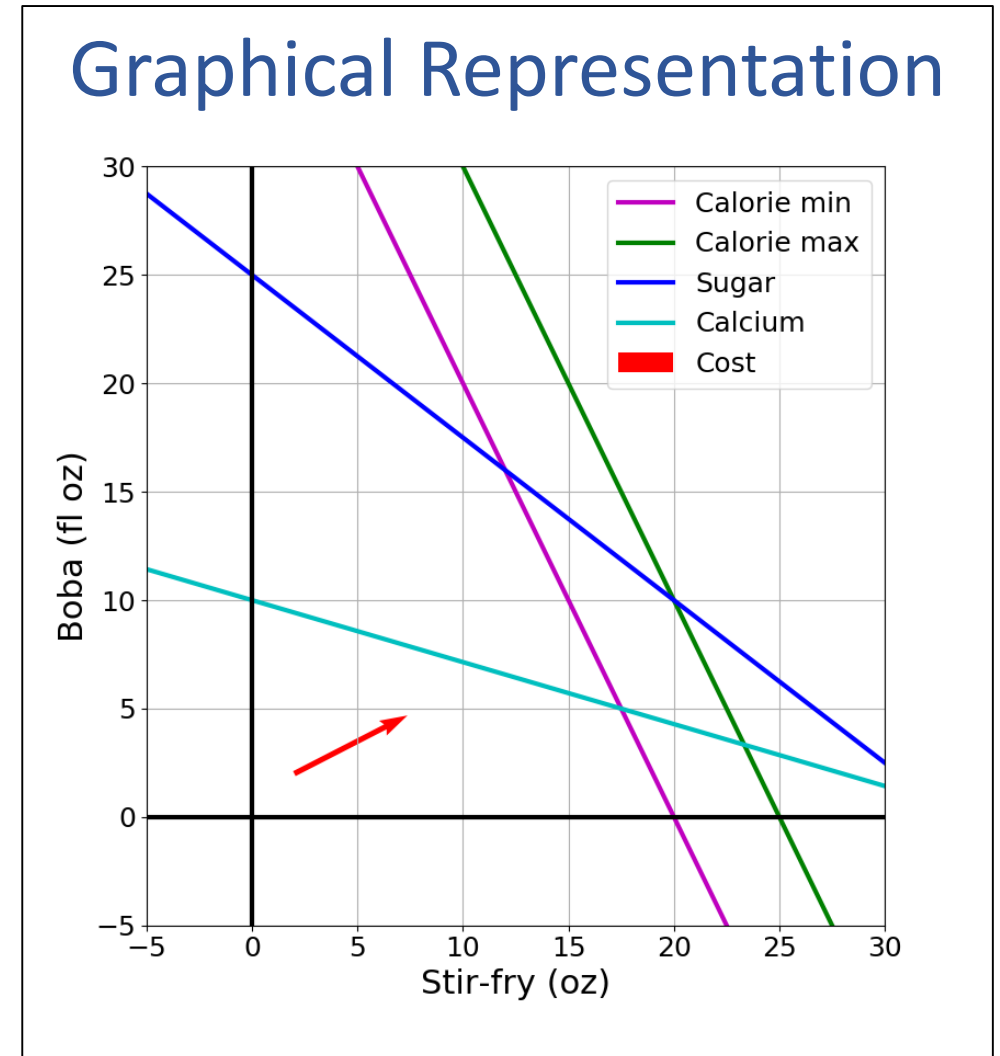
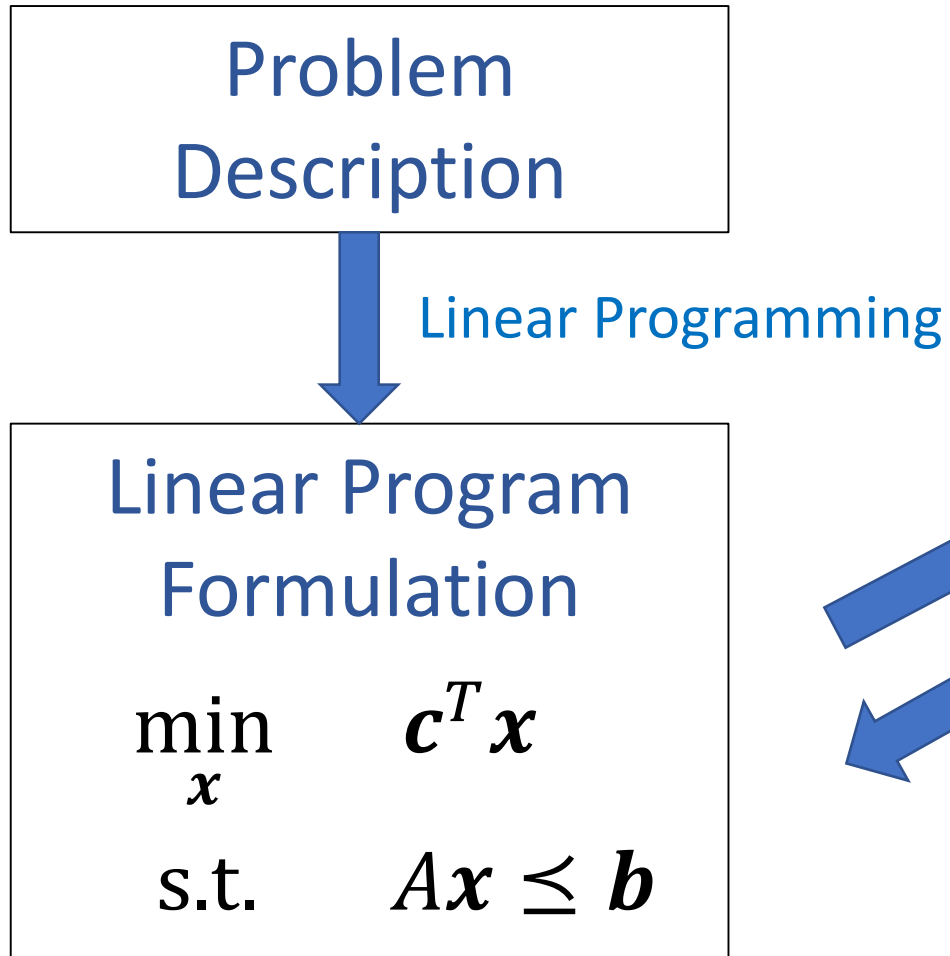
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False: $\mathbf{c} = (0,0)$ or $\mathbf{c} = (-a_1, -a_2)$



Focus of Today: (Linear) Optimization Problem



Warm-up: What to eat?

We are trying healthy by finding the optimal amount of food to purchase.

We can choose the amount of **stir-fry** (ounce) and **boba** (fluid ounces).

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What is the cheapest way to stay “healthy” with this menu?

How much **stir-fry** (ounce) and **boba** (fluid ounces) should we buy?

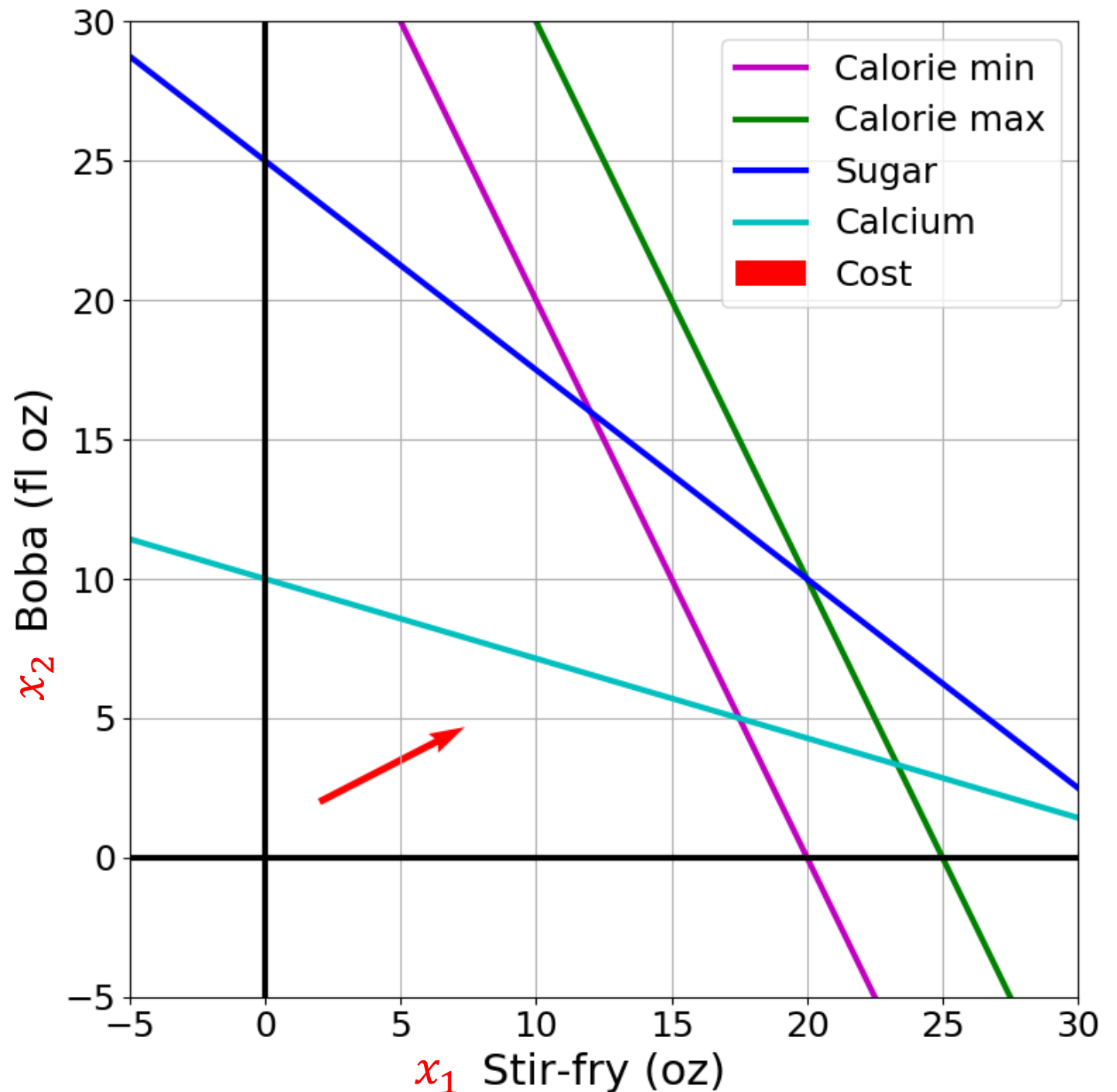
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What is the optimal solution?



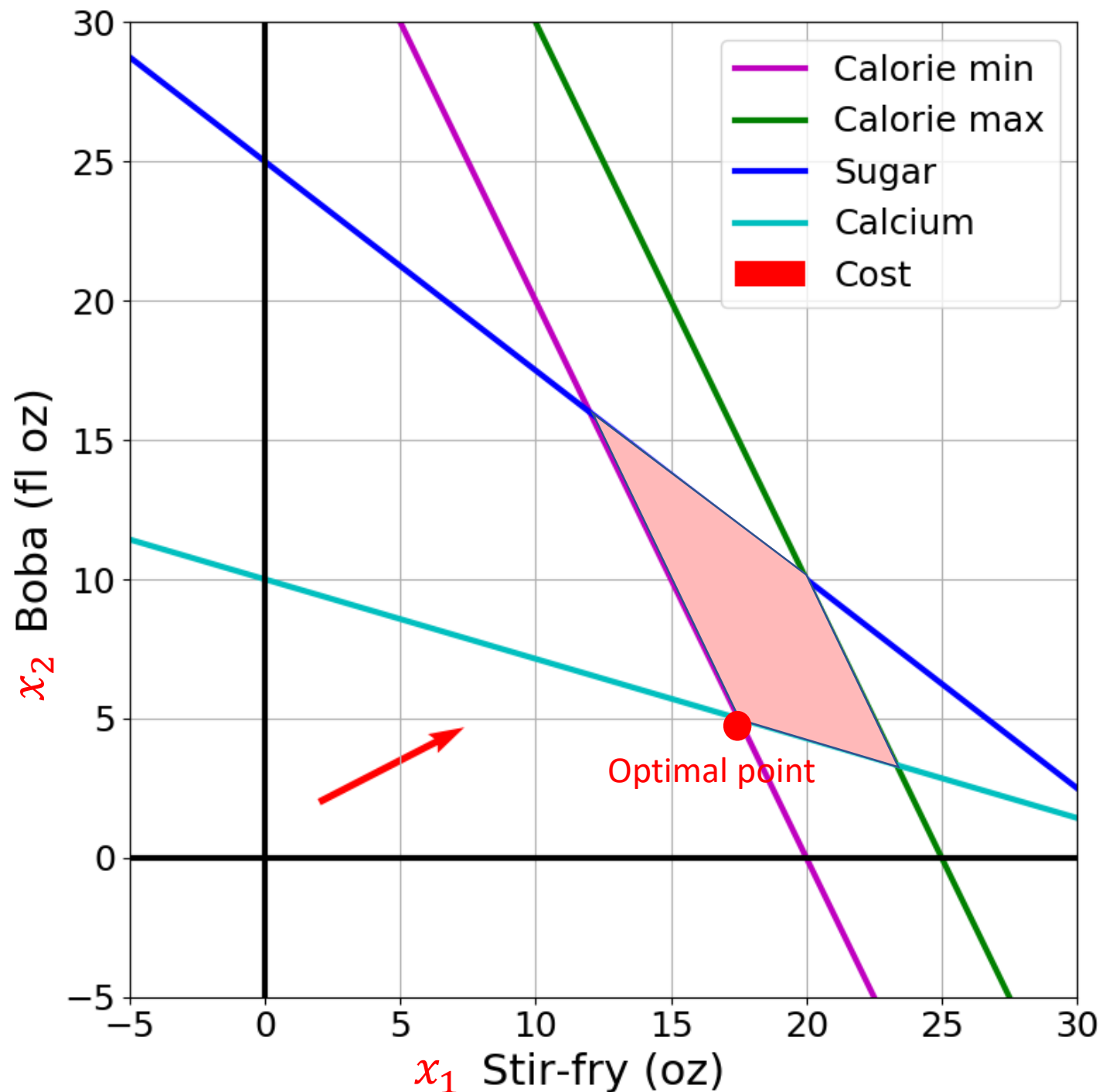
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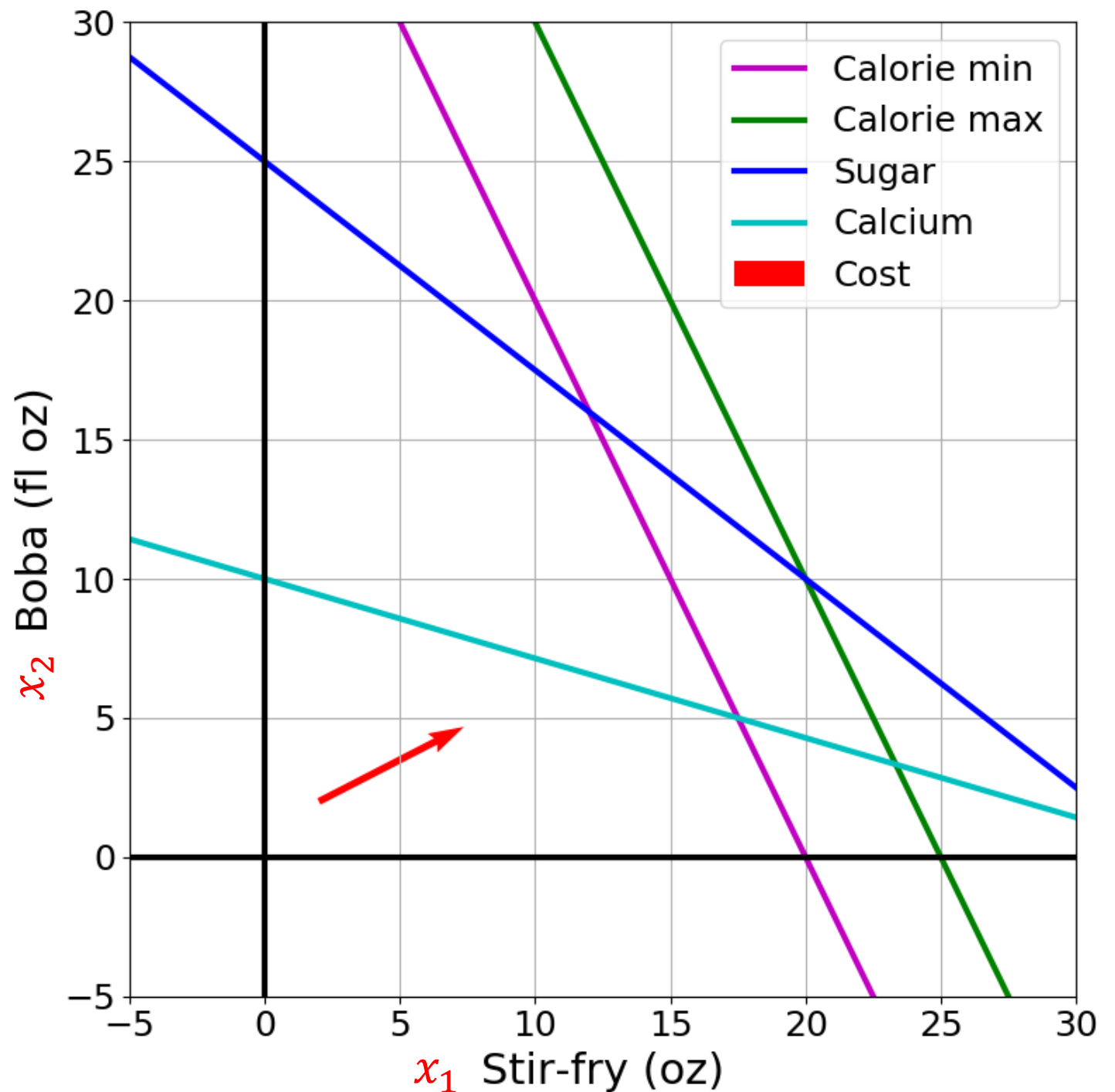
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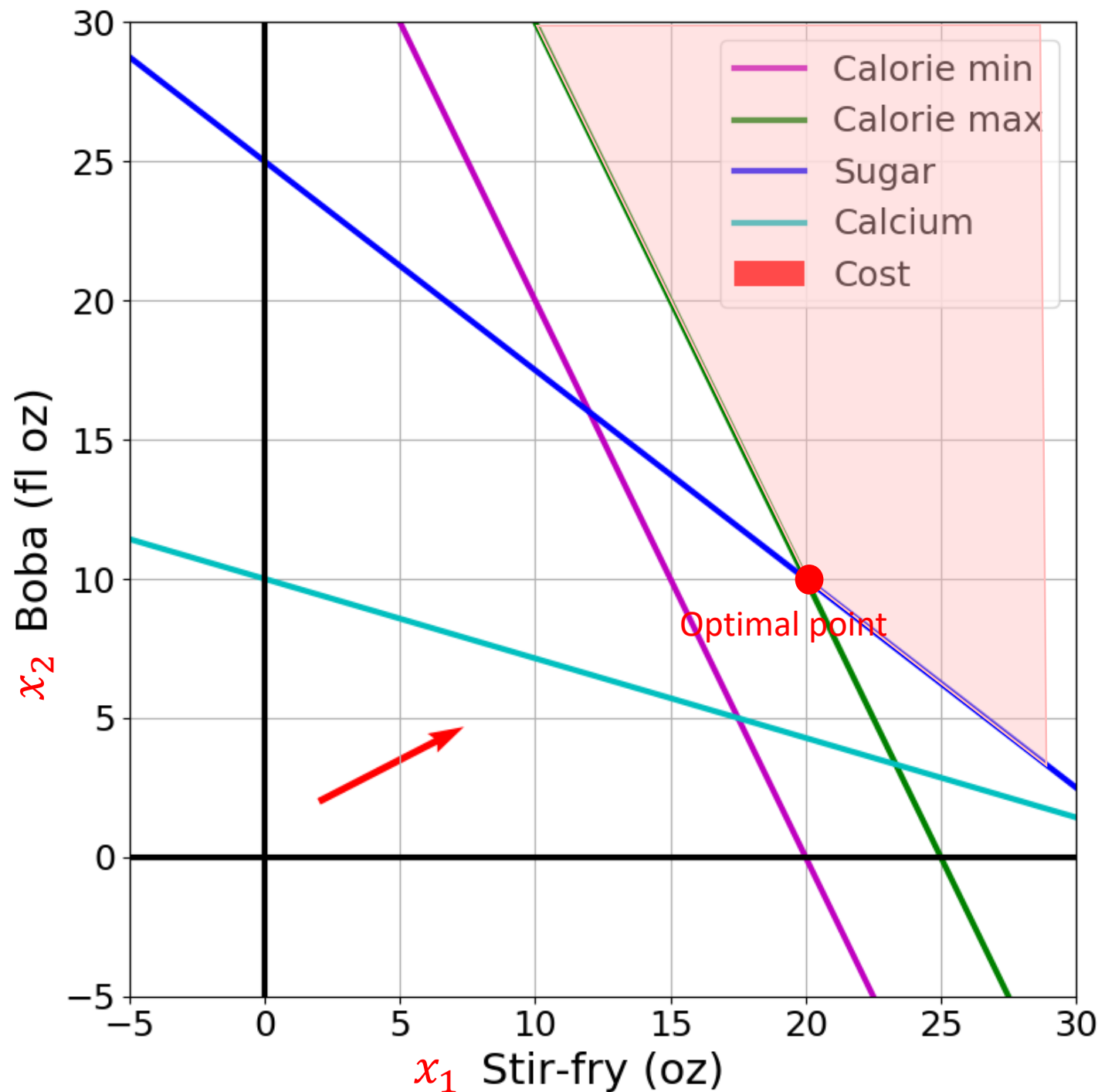
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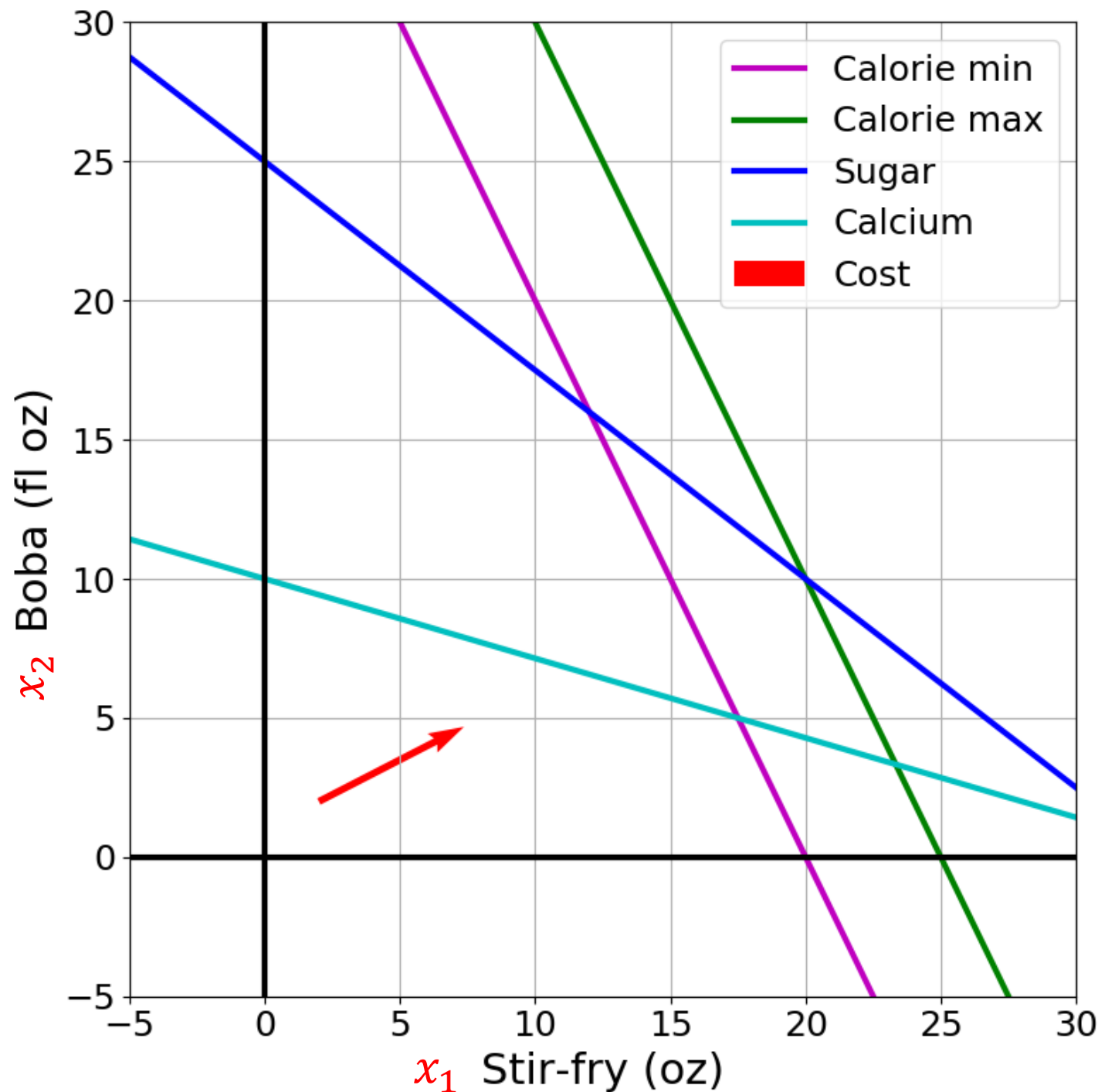
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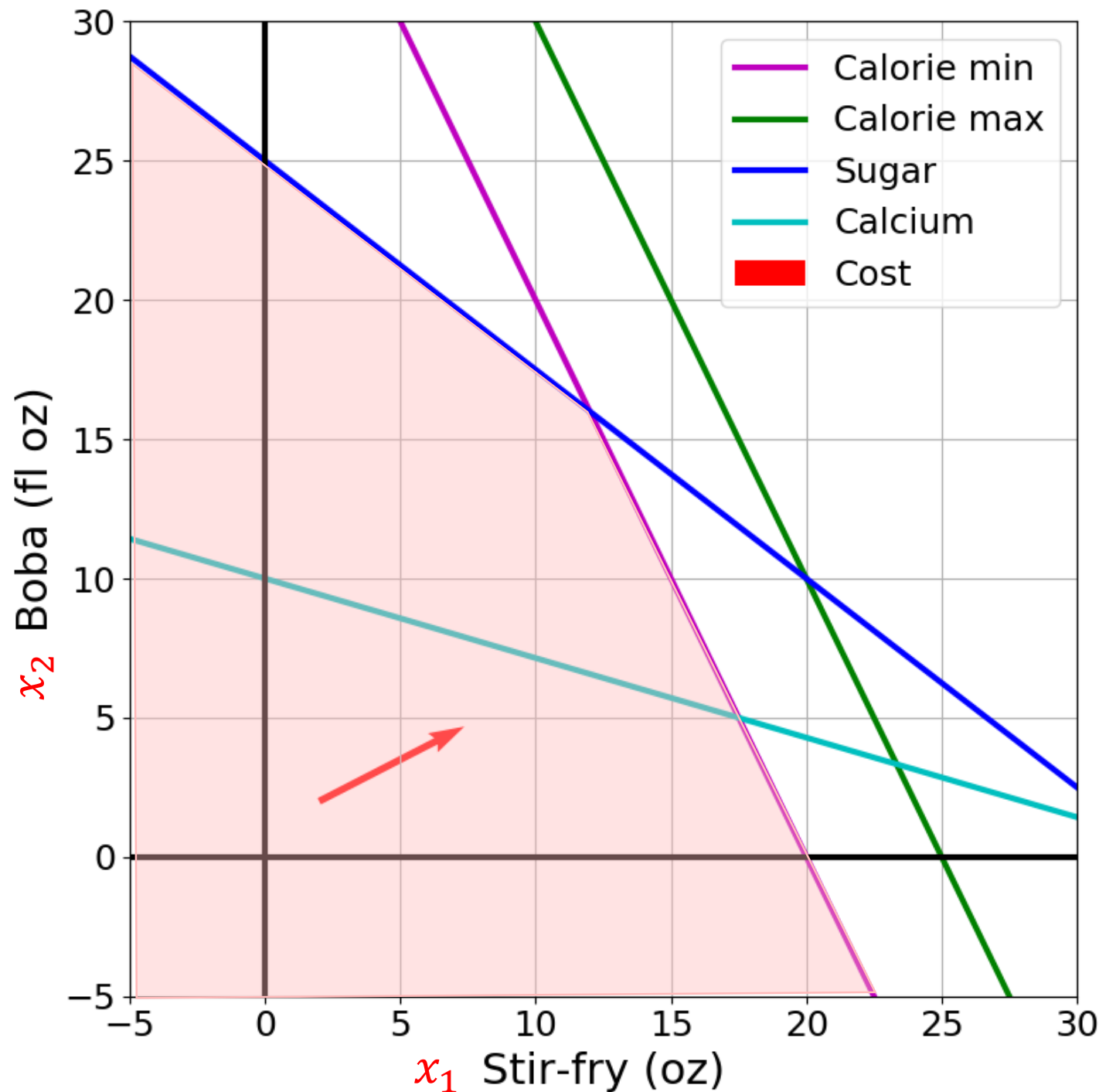
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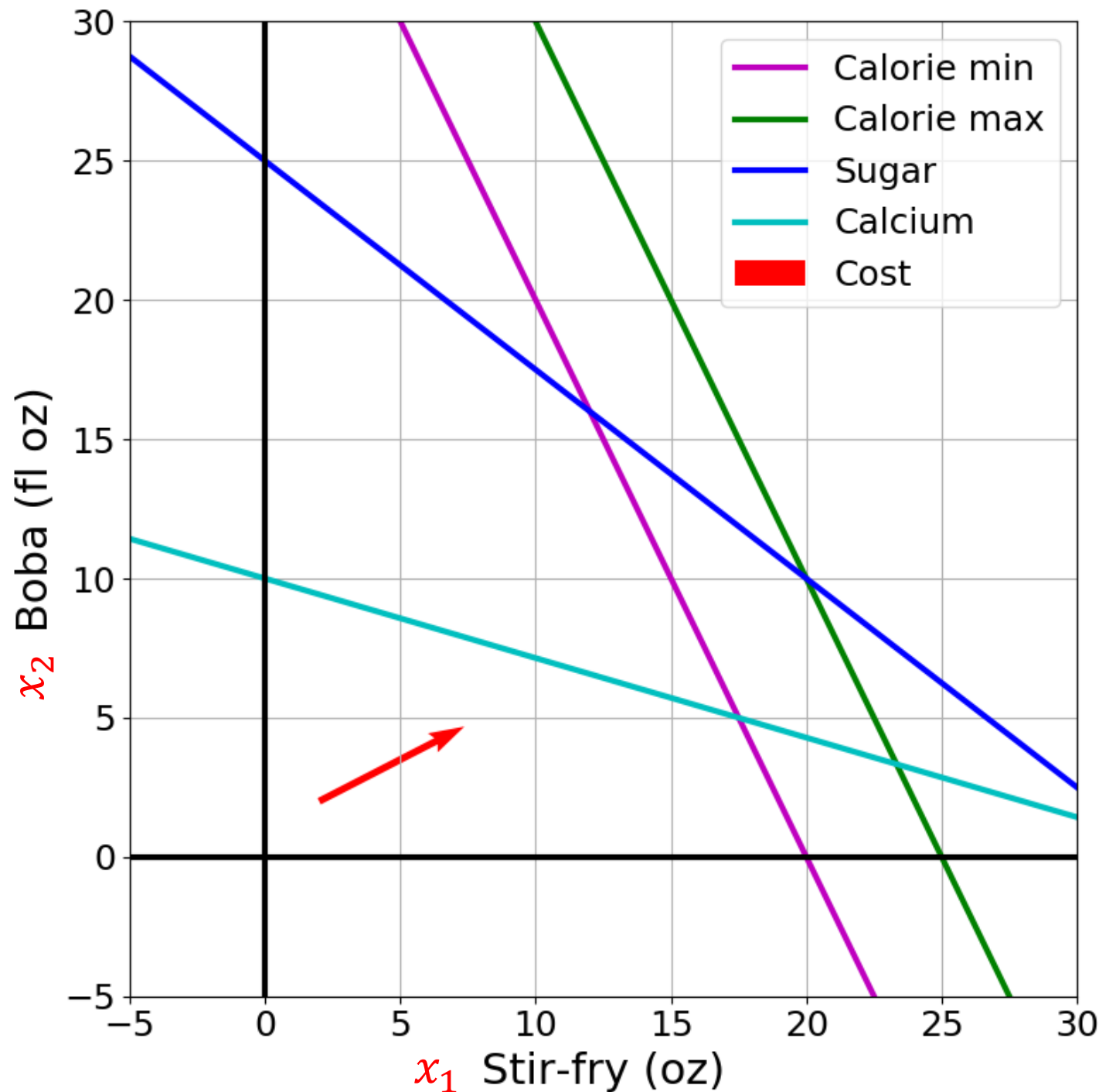
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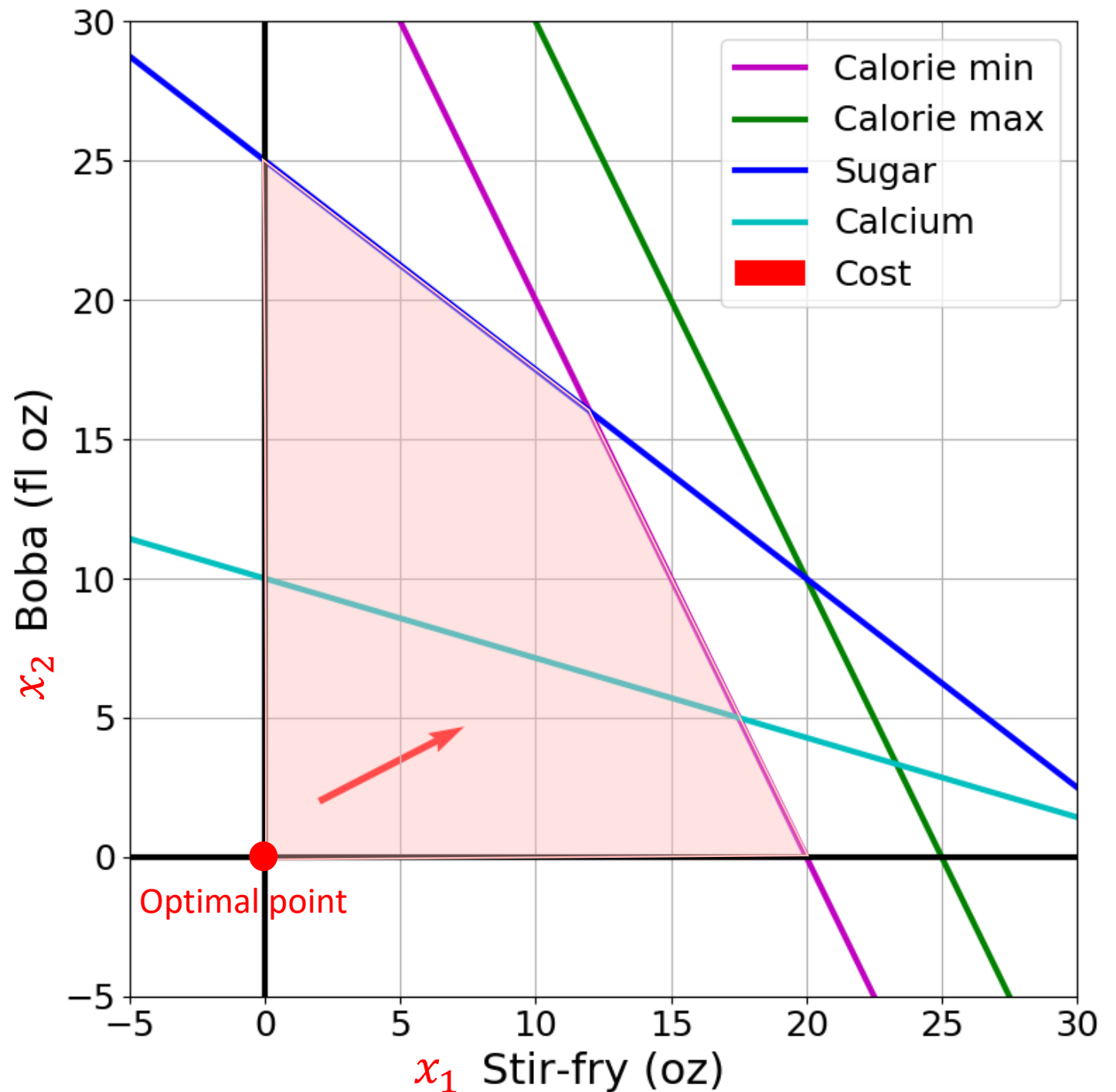
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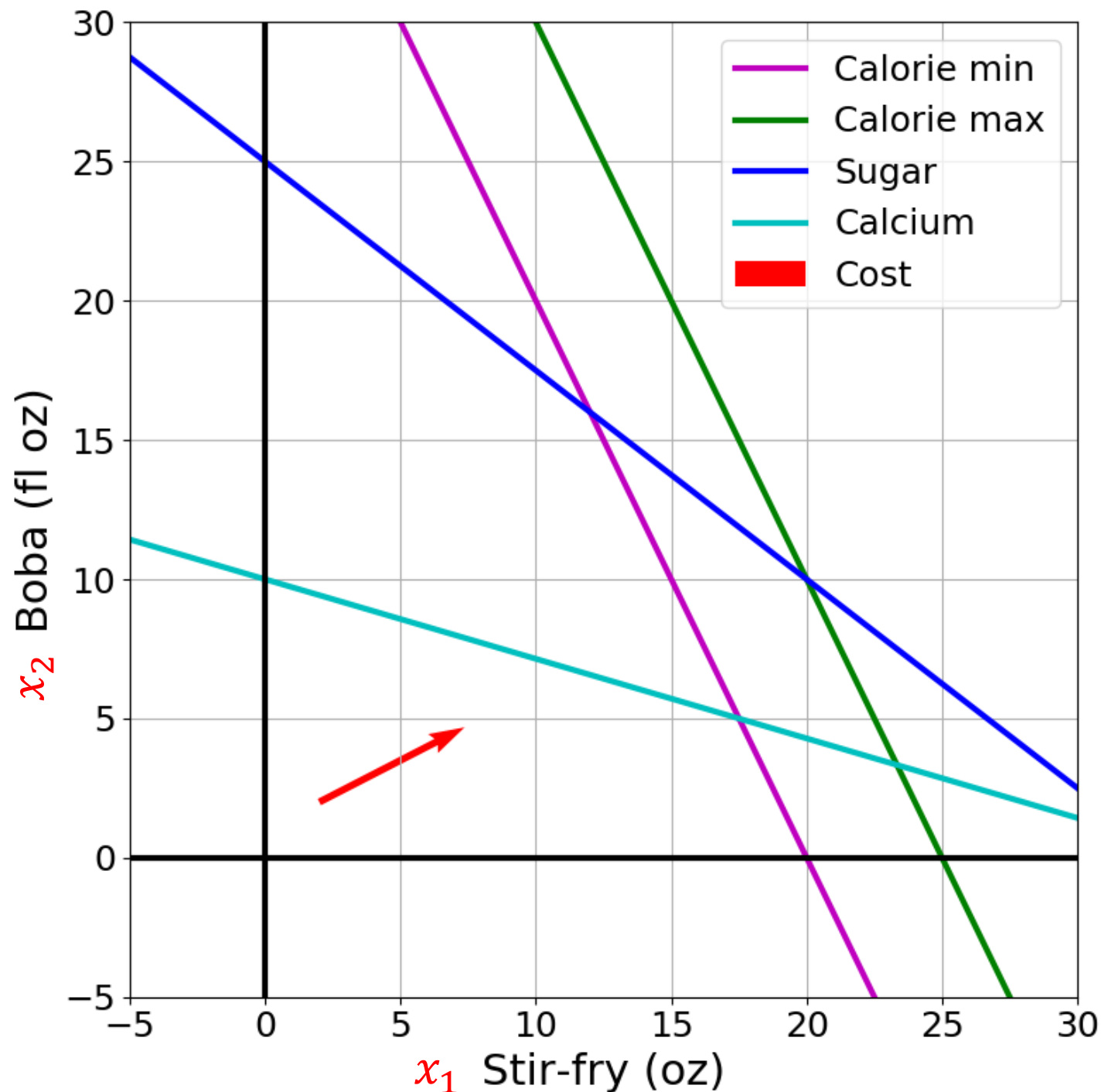
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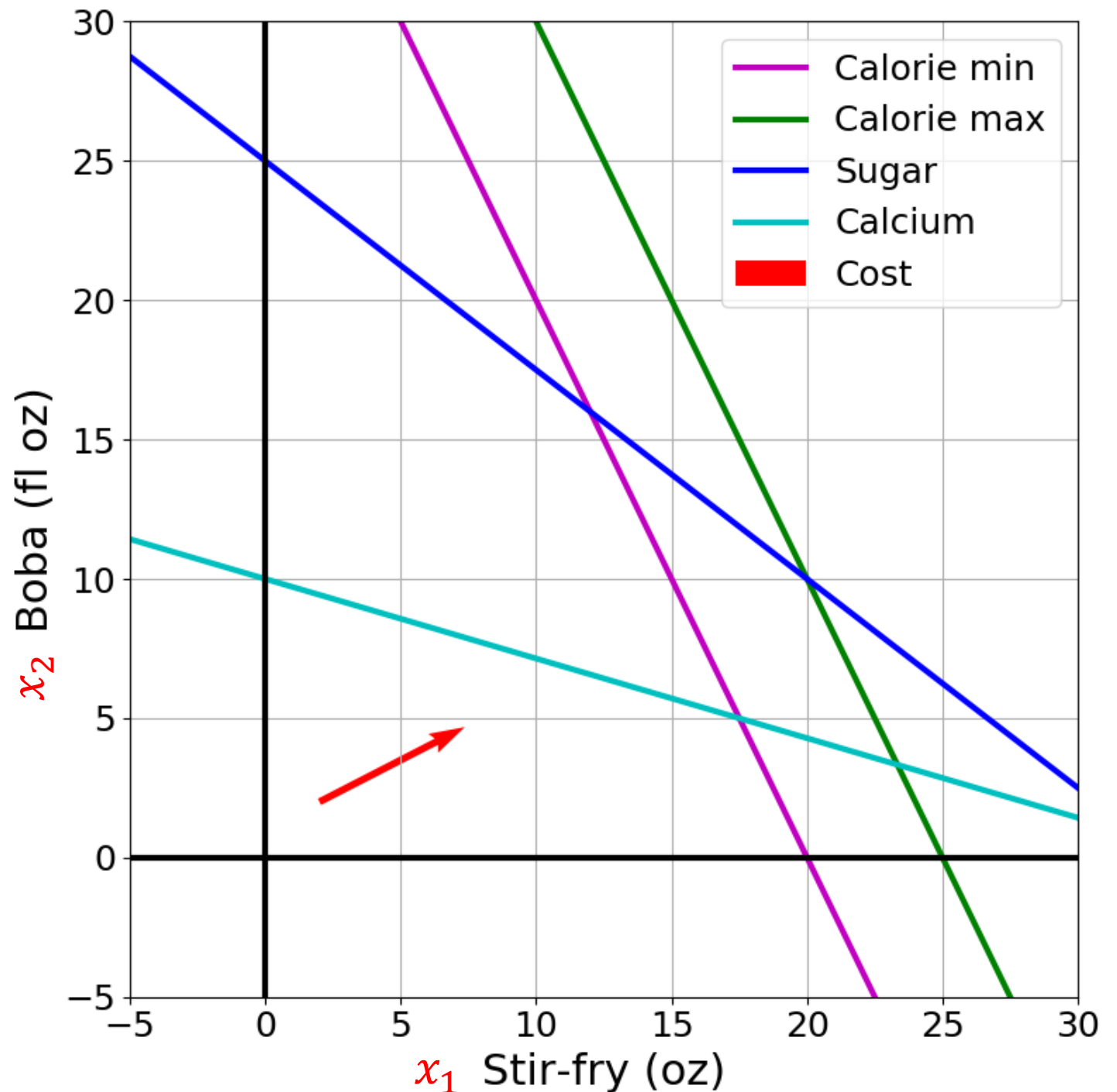
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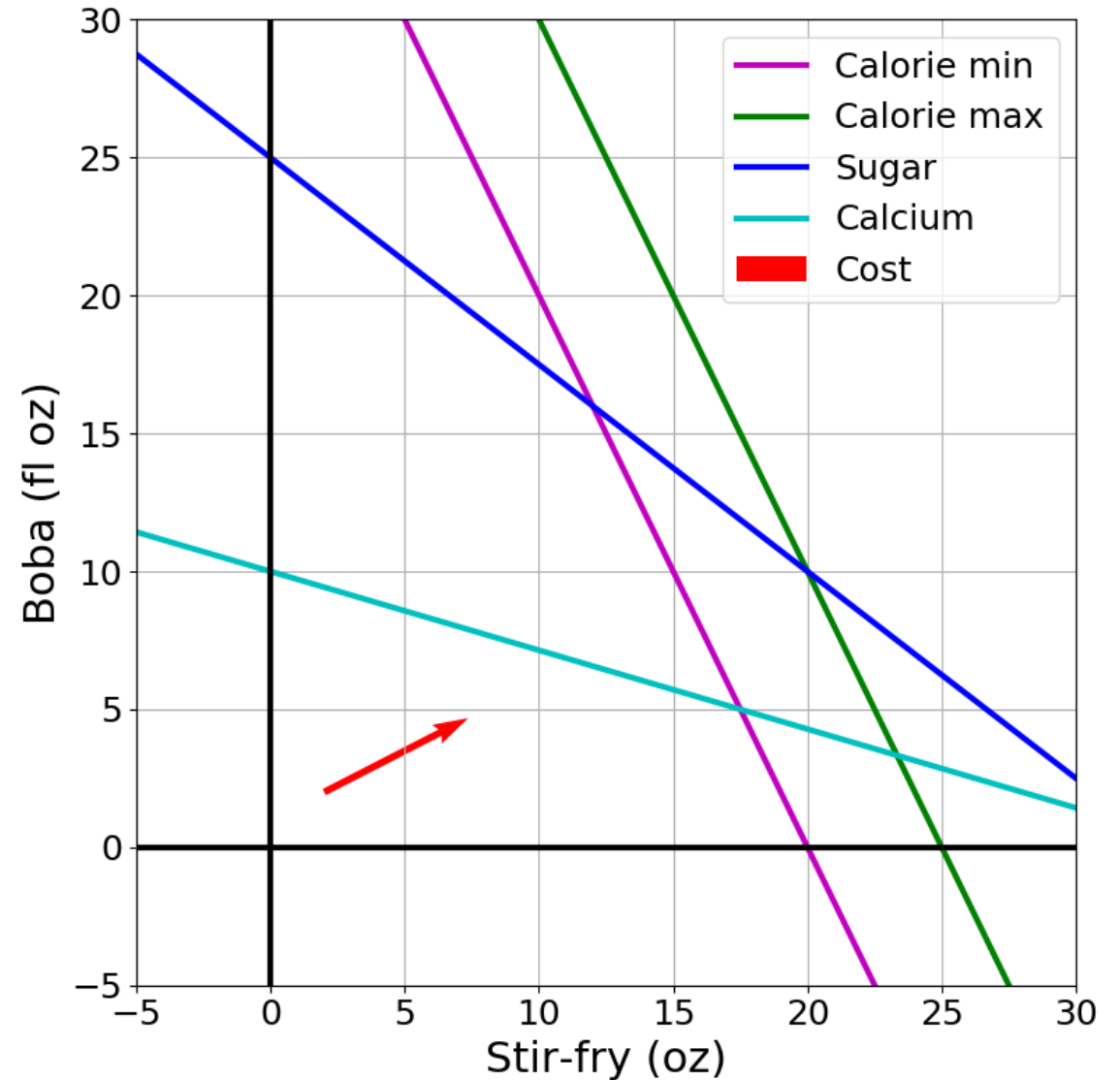


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Algorithms

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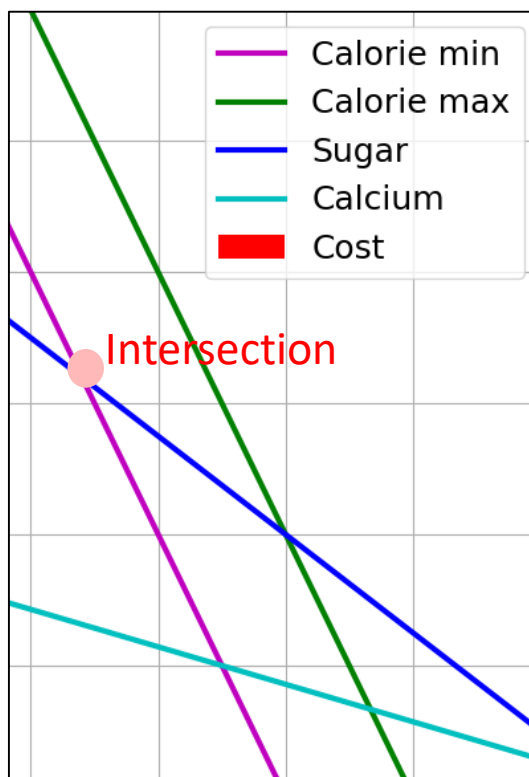
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But, how do we find the intersections?

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Calorie min
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Sugar
Calcium



A point is the intersection of two lines

Pick two lines: two rows in \mathbf{A} matrix time \mathbf{x} equals the corresponding rows in \mathbf{b}

$$100 x_1 + 50 x_2 = 2000$$

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Not any pair of rows can lead to an intersection

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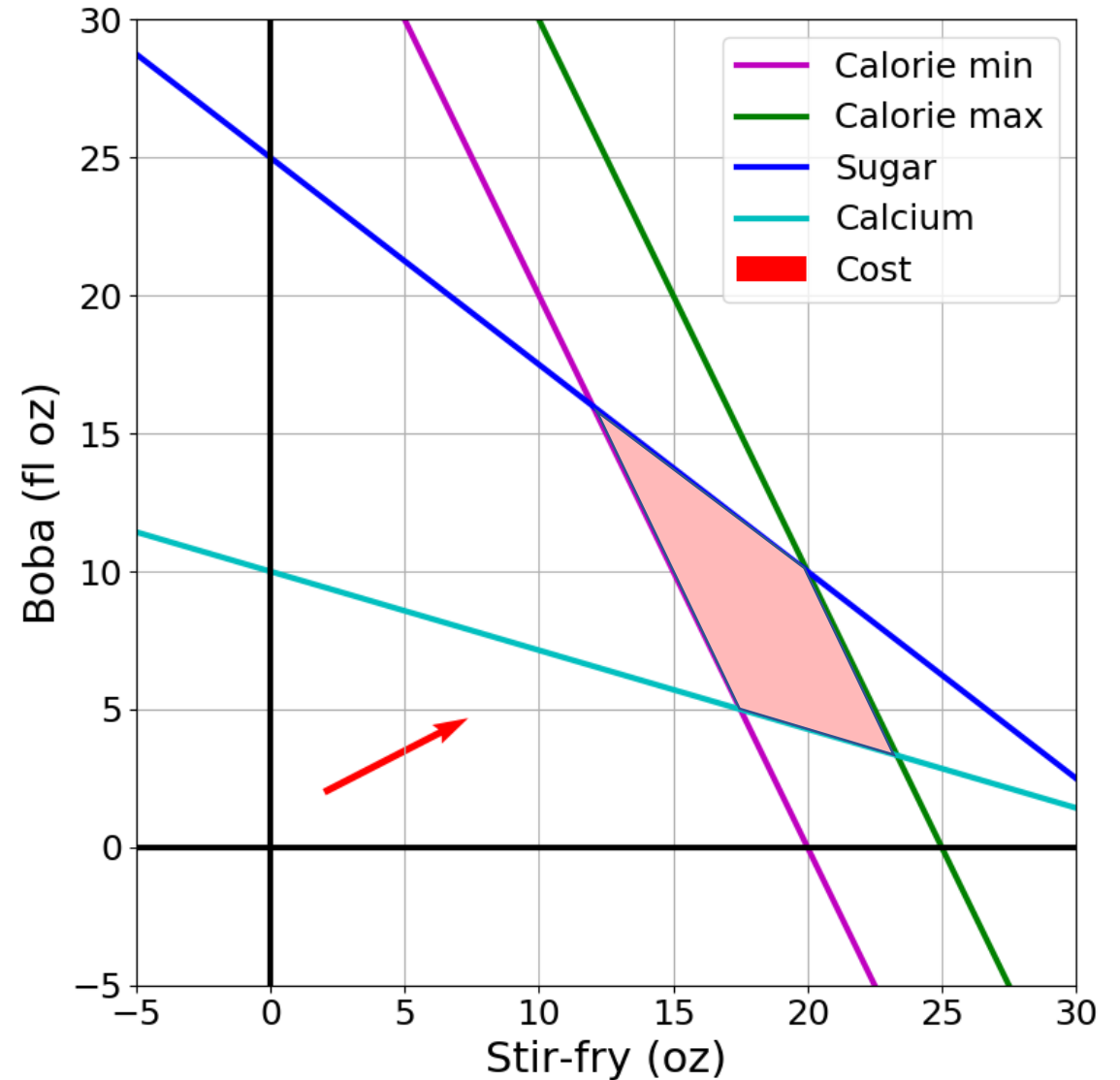
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Hill Climbing!

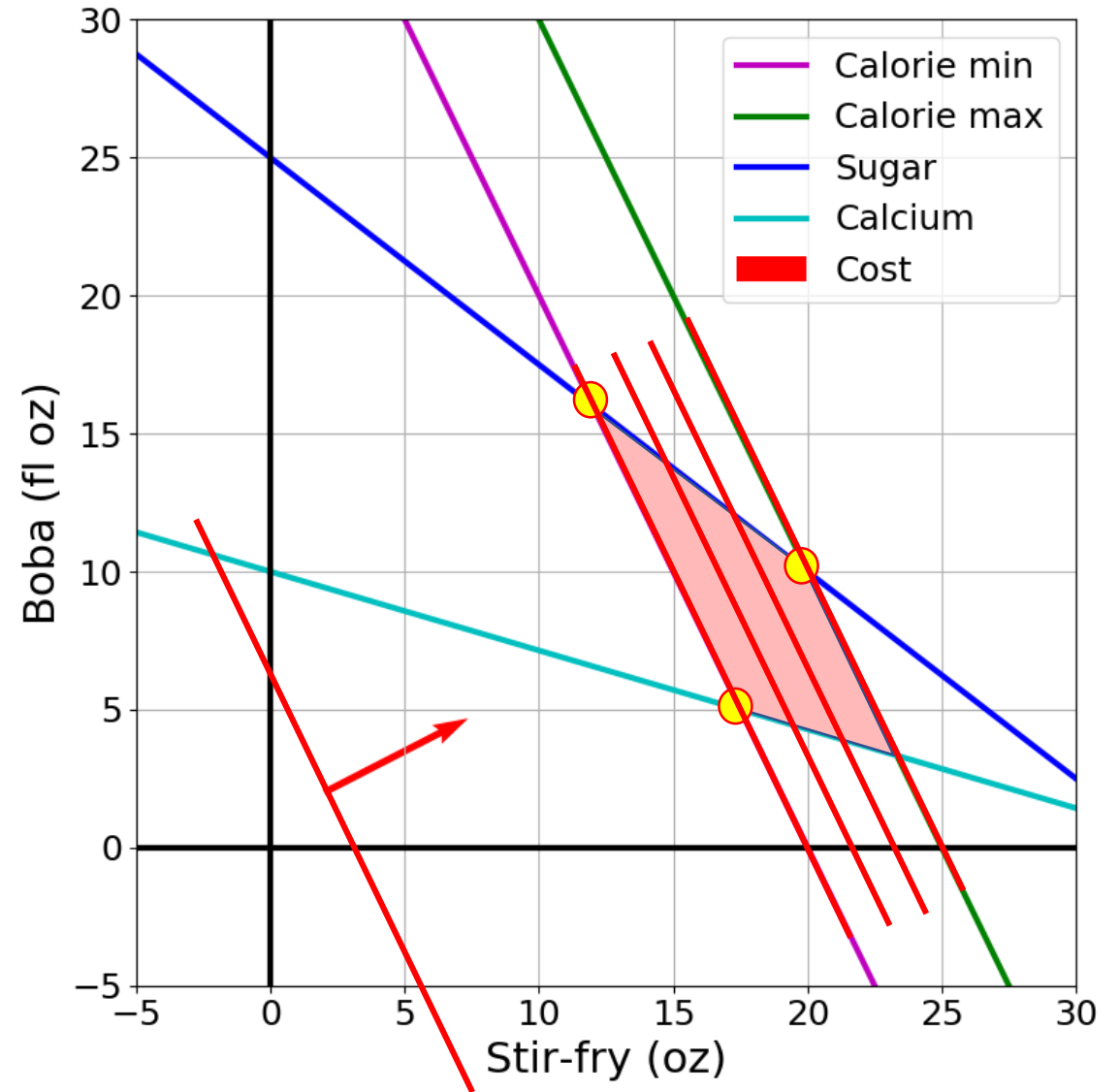


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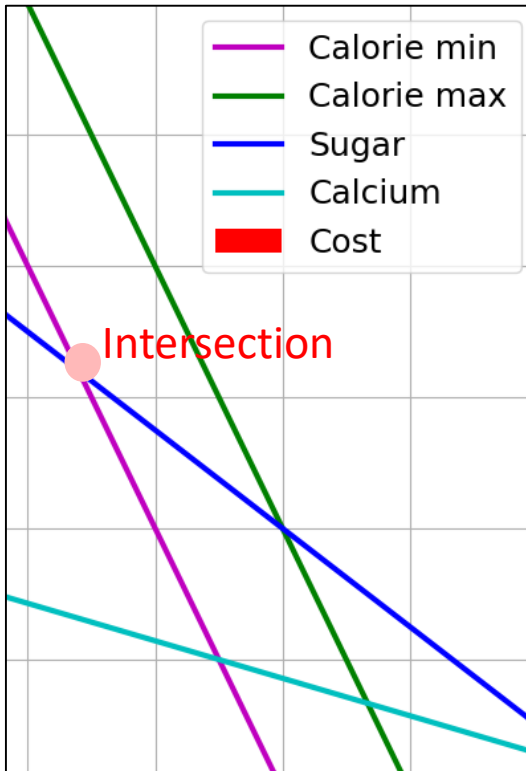
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A: Depth First Search

B: Random Walk

C: Hill Climbing

D: Beam Search

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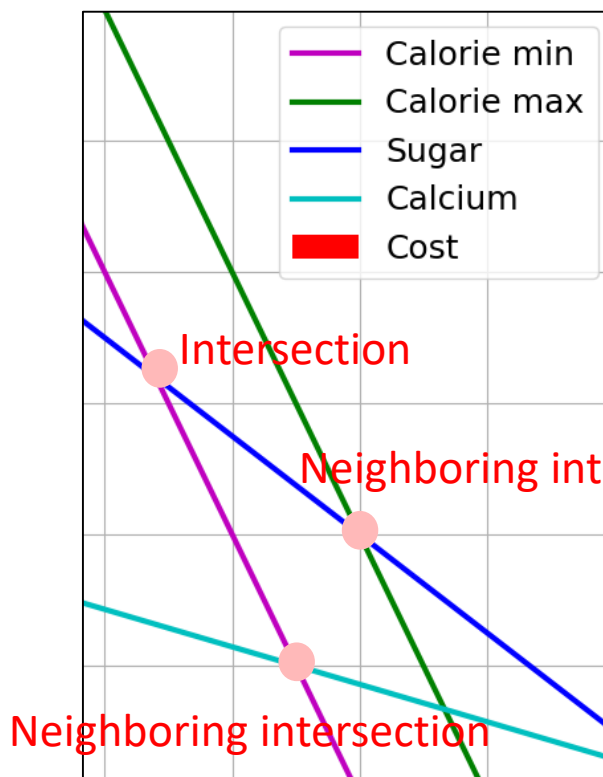
A neighboring intersection only have one different row

$$100 x_1 + 50 x_2 = 2000$$

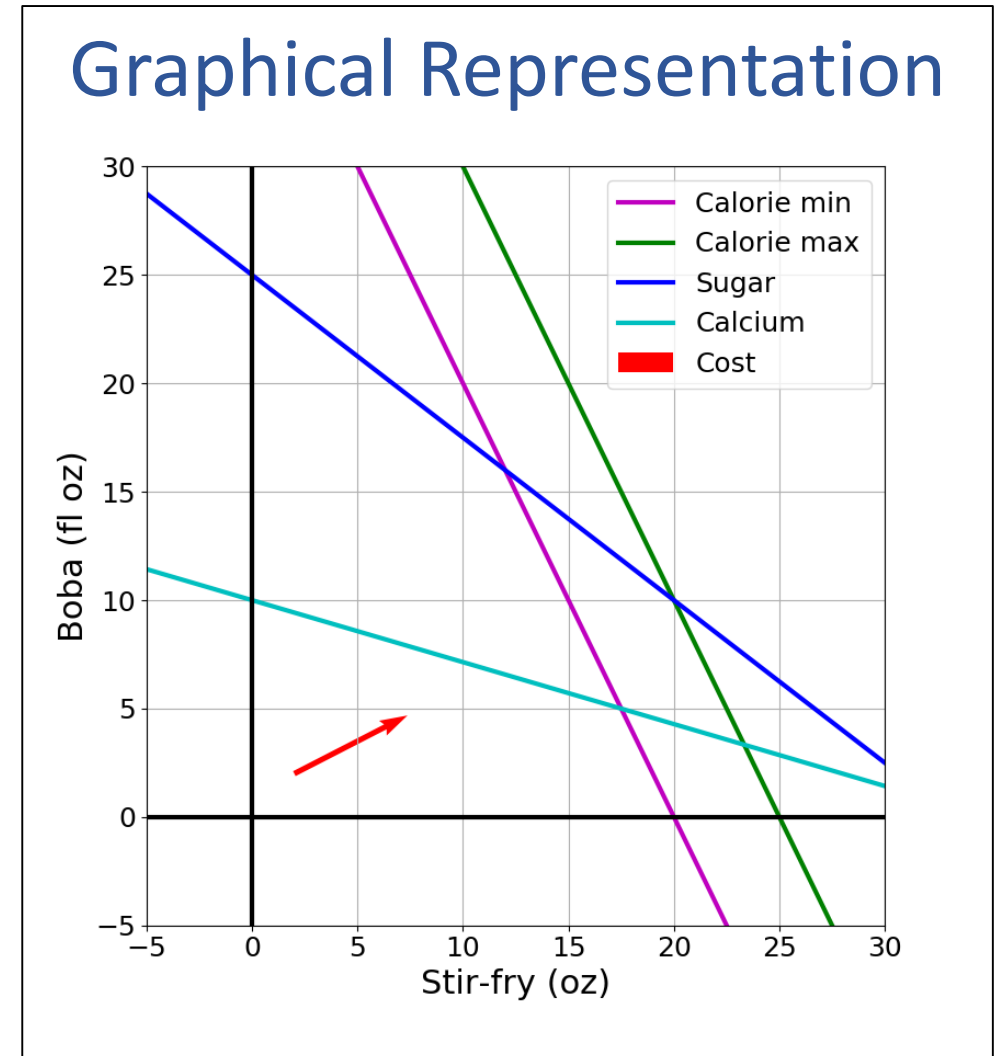
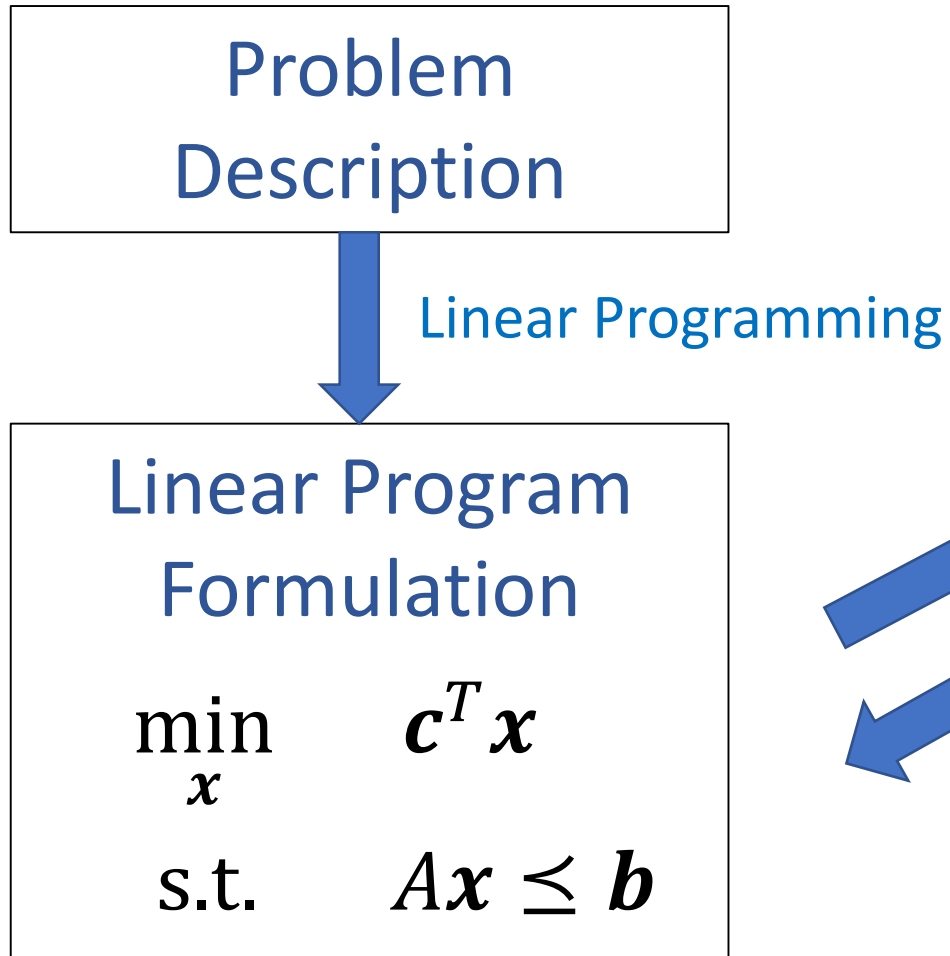
$$20 x_1 + 70 x_2 = 700$$

$$100 x_1 + 50 x_2 = 2500$$

$$3 x_1 + 4 x_2 = 100$$



Focus of Today: (Linear) Optimization Problem



“Marty, you’re not thinking fourth-dimensionally”



Shapes in higher dimensions

How do these linear shapes extend to 3-D, N-D?

$$a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 = b_1$$

$$a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 \leq b_1$$

$$a_{1,1} x_1 + a_{1,2} x_2 \leq b_1$$

$$a_{2,1} x_1 + a_{2,2} x_2 \leq b_2$$

$$a_{3,1} x_1 + a_{3,2} x_2 \leq b_3$$

$$a_{4,1} x_1 + a_{4,2} x_2 \leq b_4$$

What are intersections in higher dimensions?

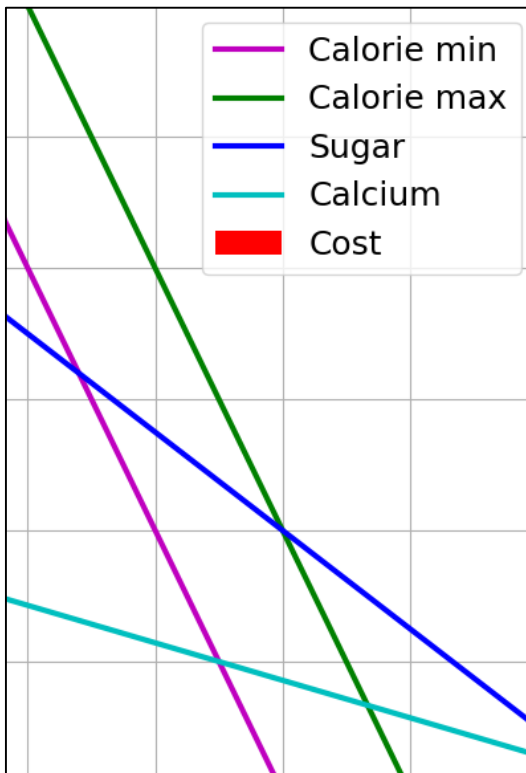
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$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b} \end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -100 & -50 \\ 100 & 50 \\ 3 & 4 \\ -20 & -70 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -2000 \\ 2500 \\ 100 \\ -700 \end{bmatrix}$$

Calorie min
Calorie max
Sugar
Calcium



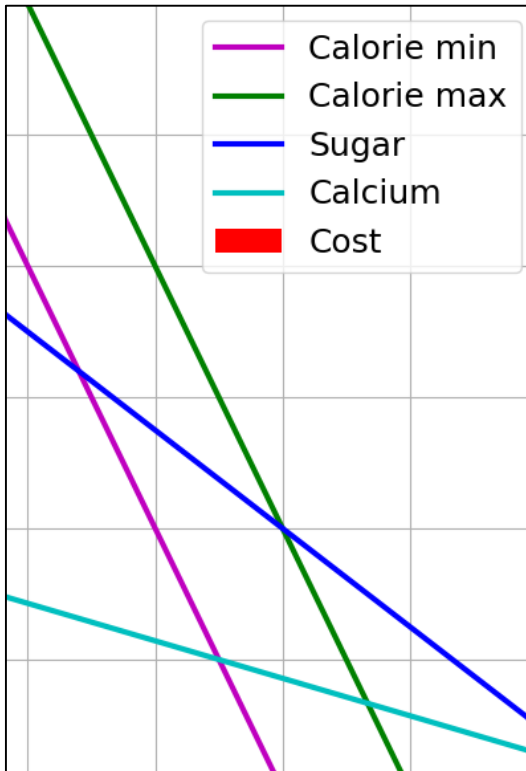
How do we find intersections in higher dimensions?

Still looking at subsets of rows in the A matrix

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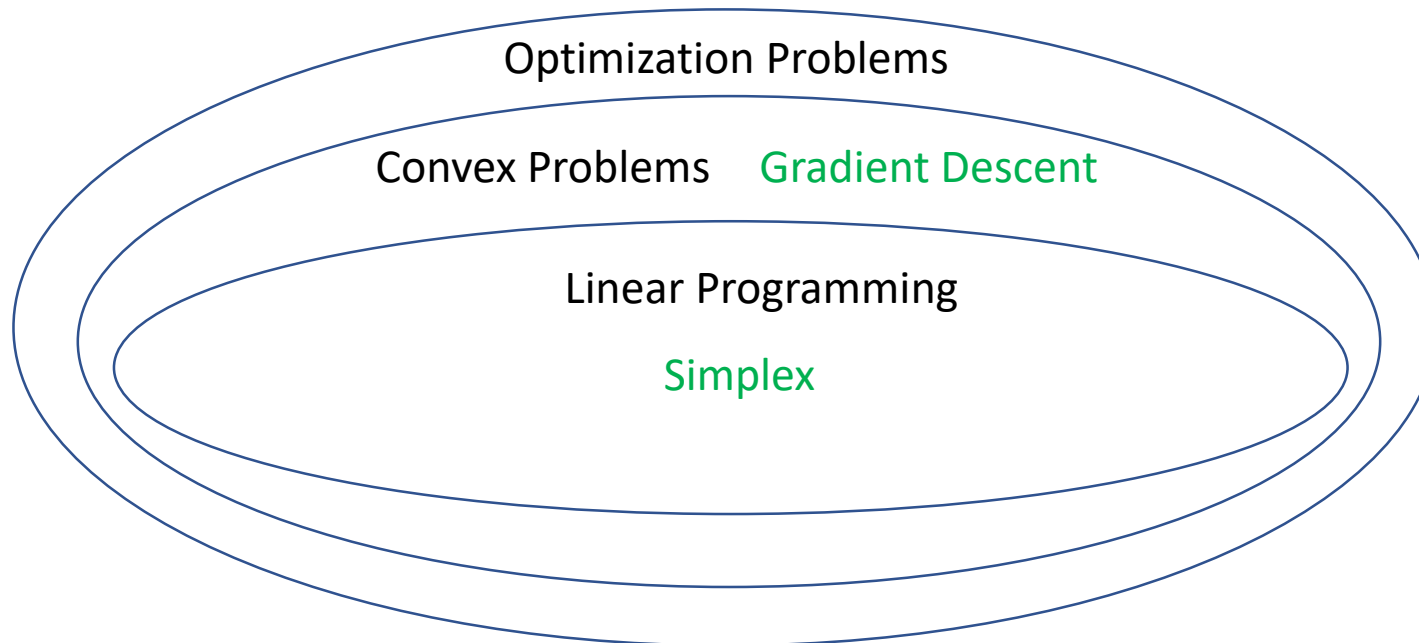
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Summary

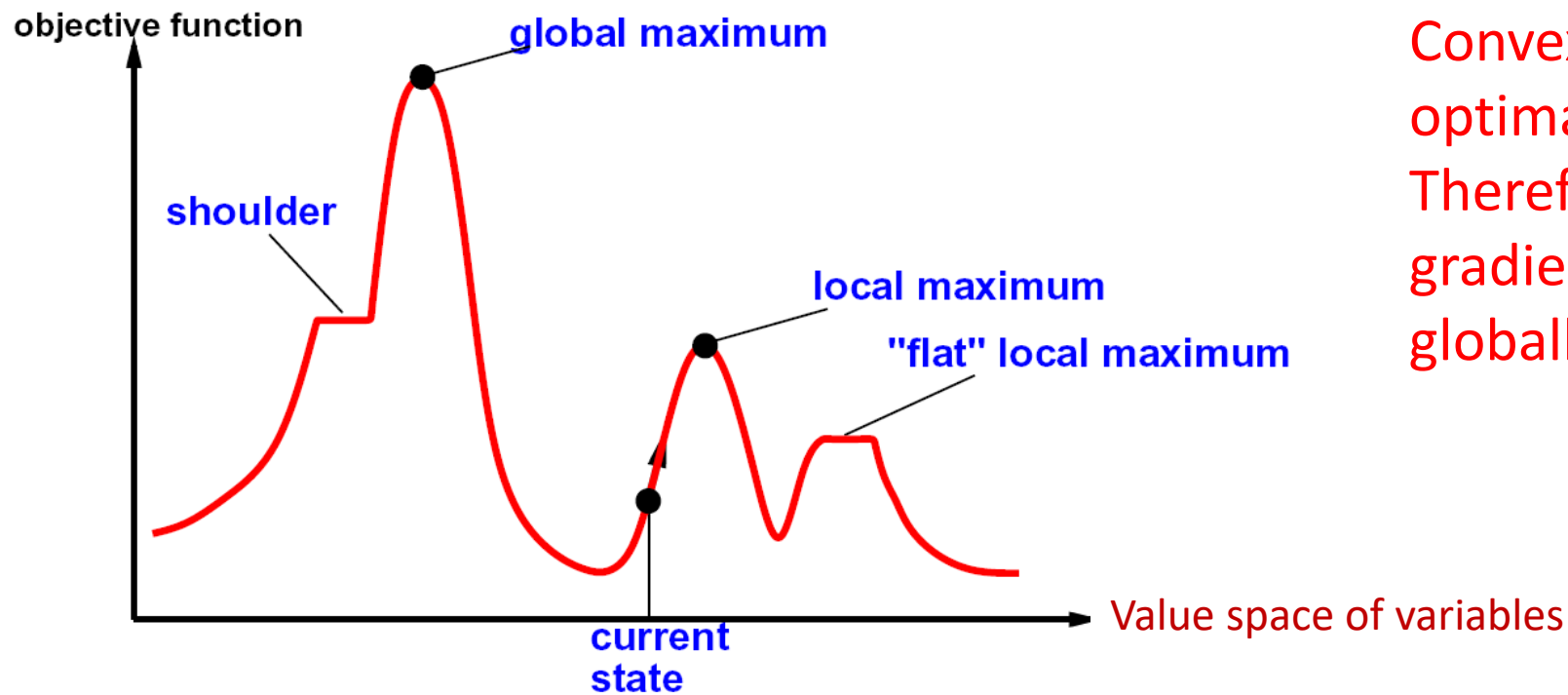
- Linear optimization problem handles continuous space but is closely connected to discrete space (only need to consider vertices)
- For a problem with two variables, graphical representation is helpful
- LP is a special class of optimization problems



Gradient Descent/Ascent

Find $x \in [a, b]$ that minimize / maximizes $f(x)$?

- Gradient descent / ascent
 - Use gradient to find best direction
 - Use the magnitude of the gradient to determine how big a step you move



Convex Problems: Any local optima is global optima. Therefore, for convex problems, gradient descent/ascent leads to globally optimal solution.