

## Module 5: Integer Programs (Cutting Planes)

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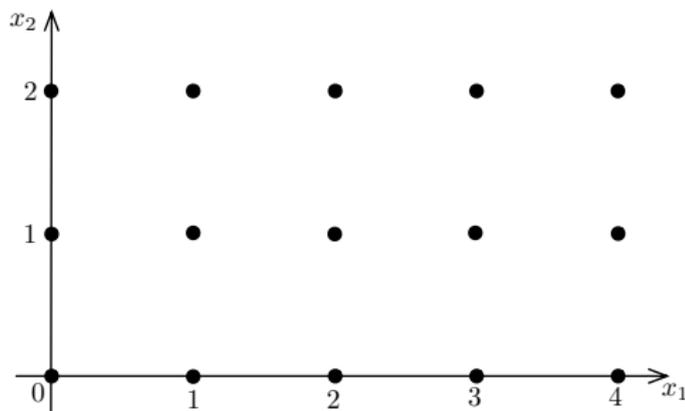
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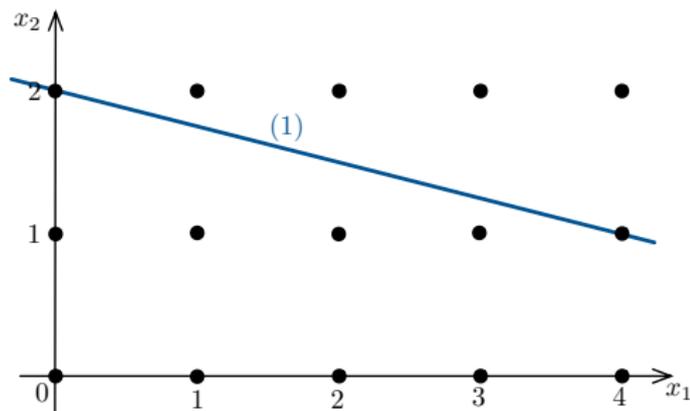
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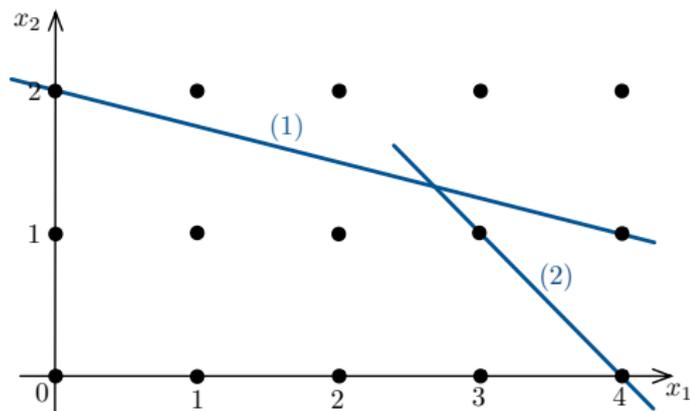
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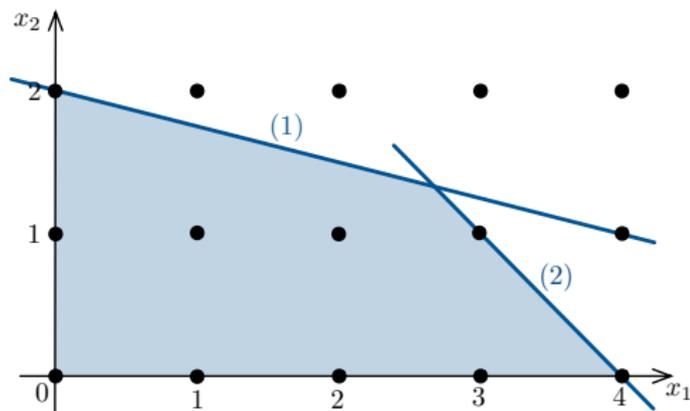
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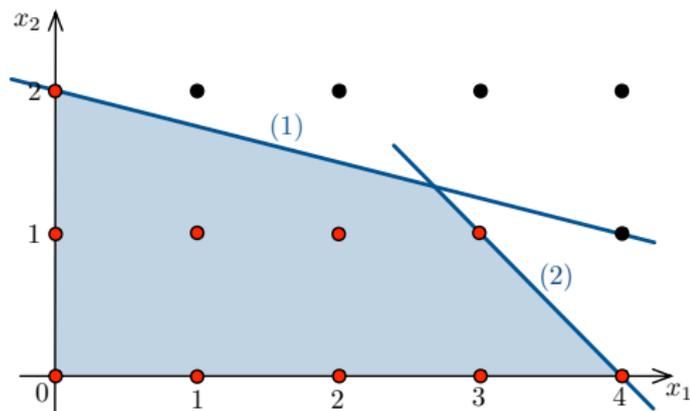
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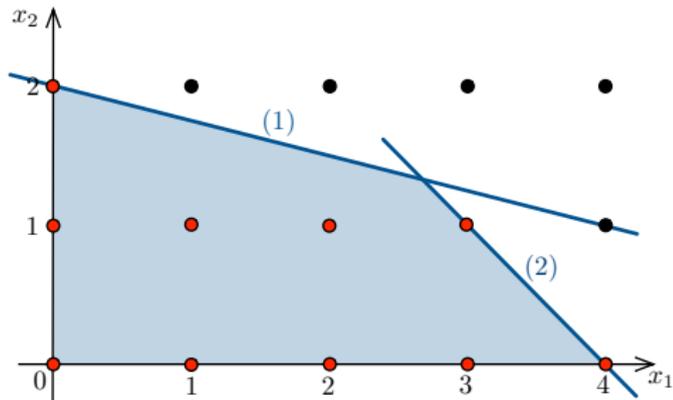


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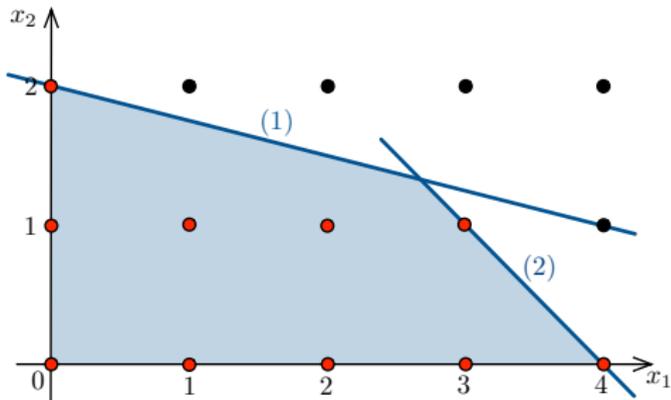
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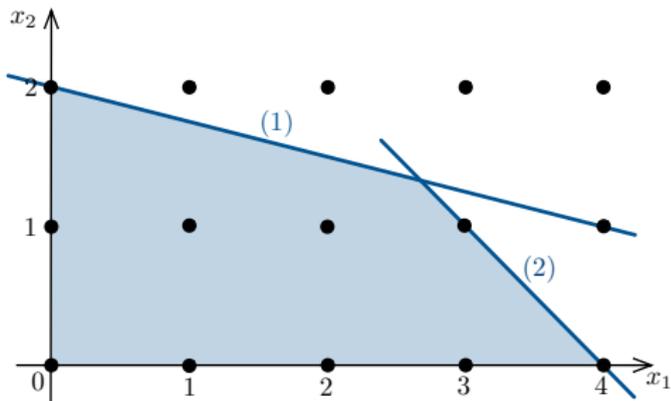
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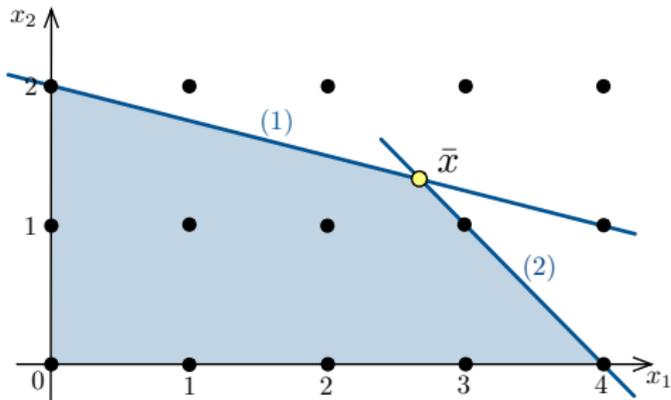
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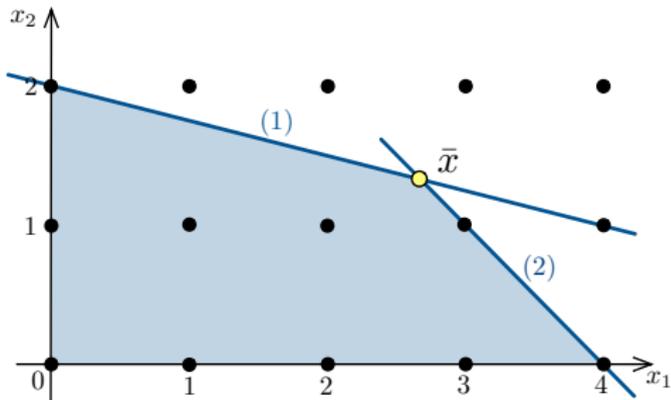
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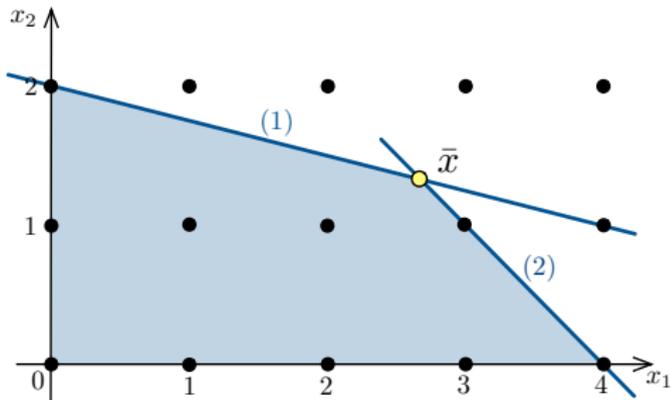
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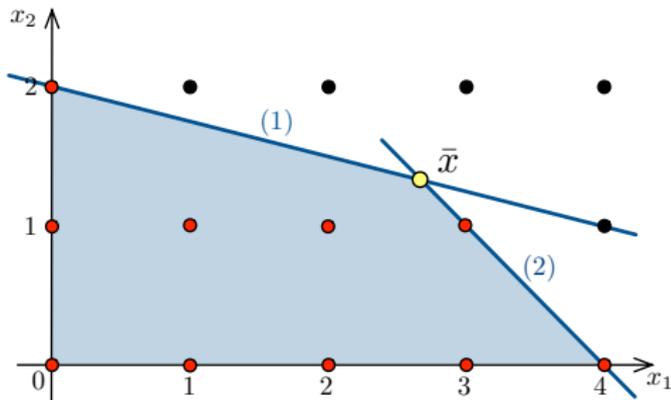
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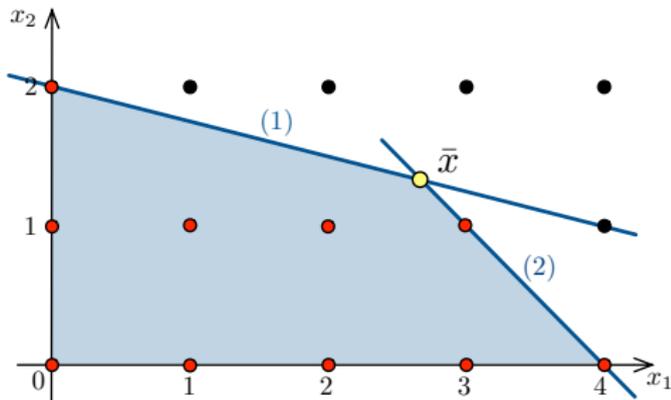


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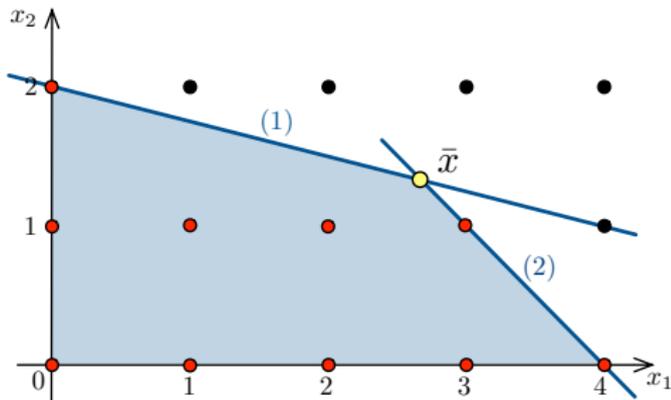


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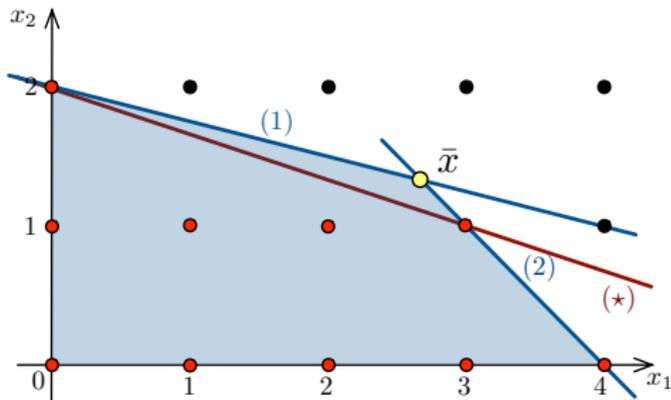
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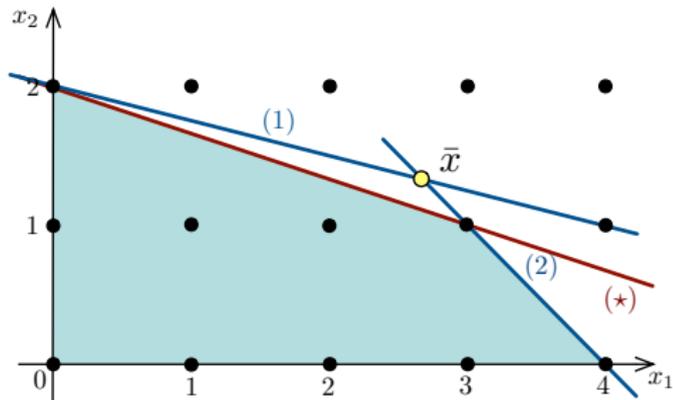
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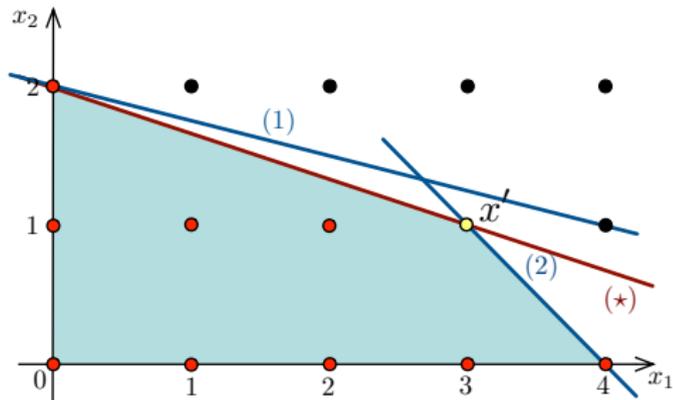
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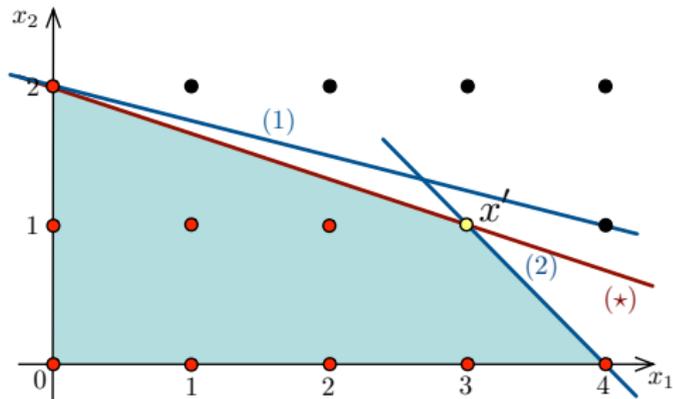
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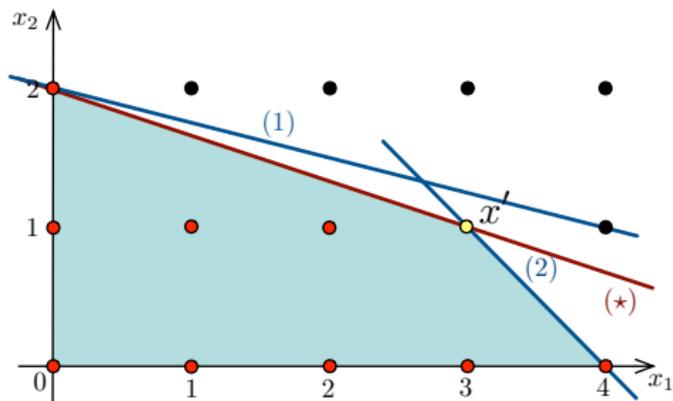
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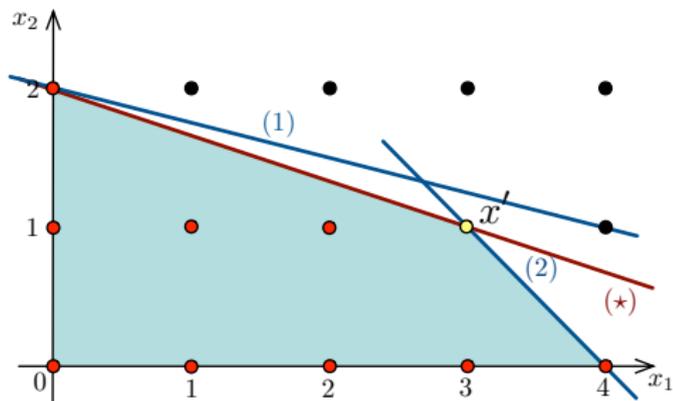


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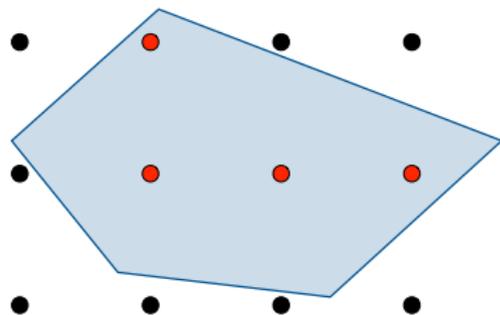
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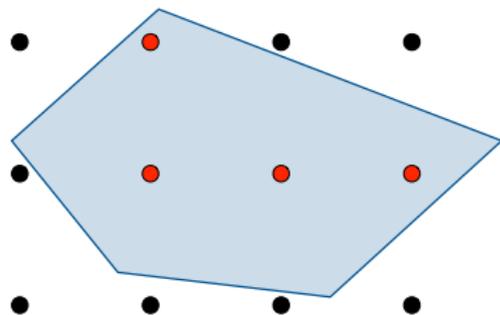
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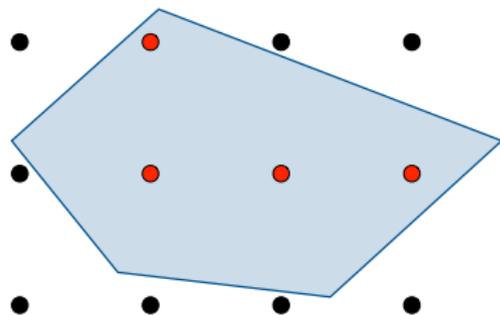
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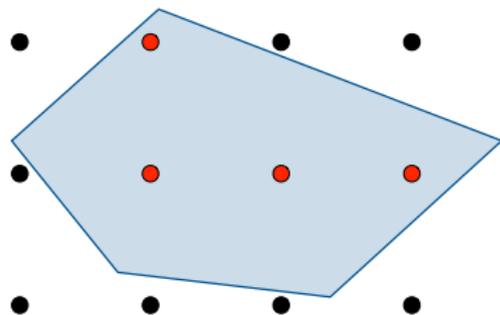
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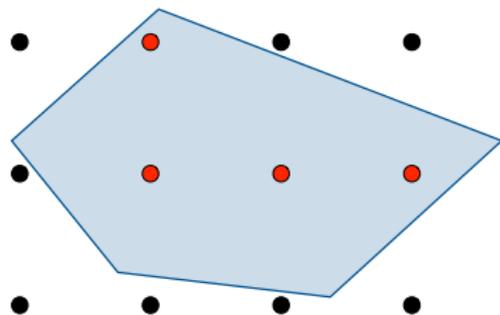
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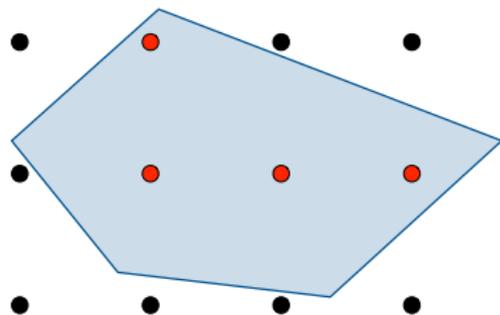
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- Add constraint  $a^T x \leq \beta$  to the system  $Ax \leq b$ .



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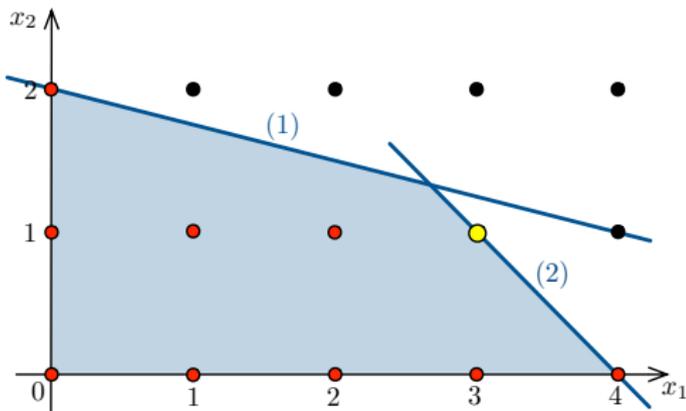
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