

Module 5: Integer Programs (Cutting Planes)

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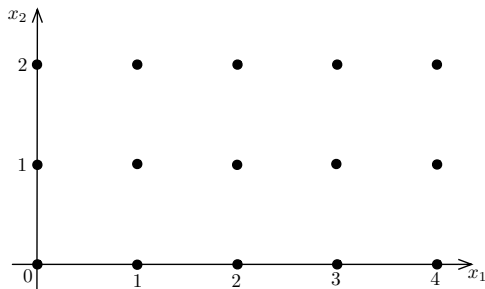
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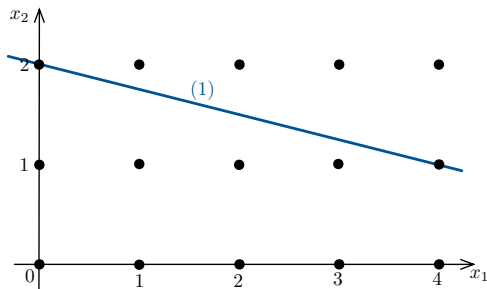
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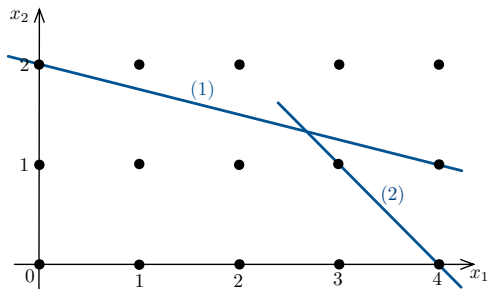
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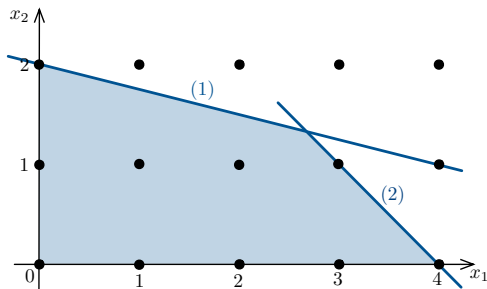
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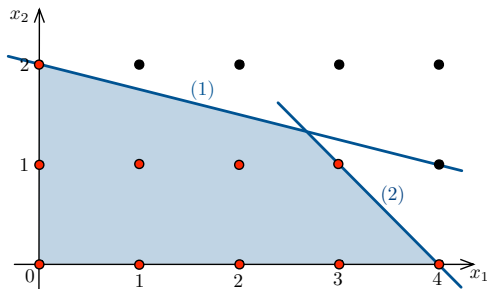
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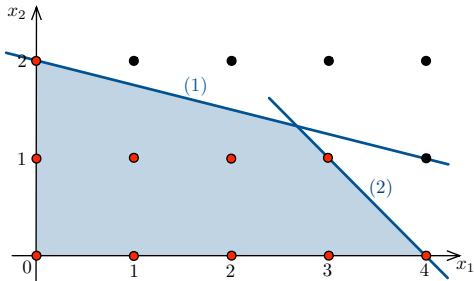


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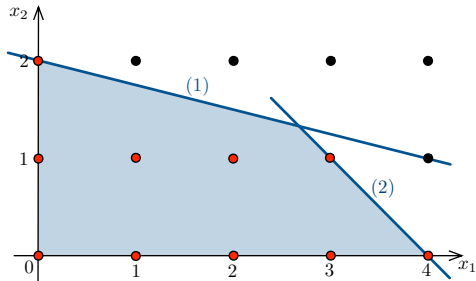
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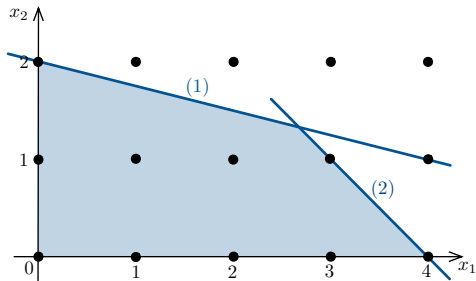
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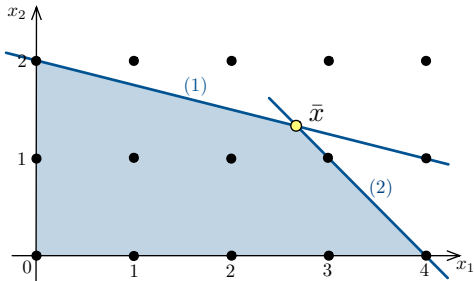
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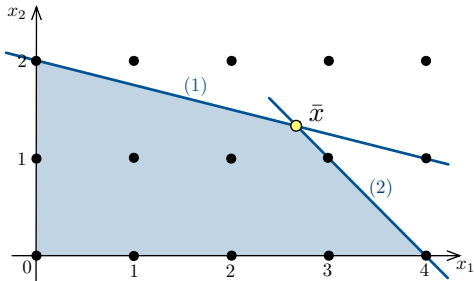
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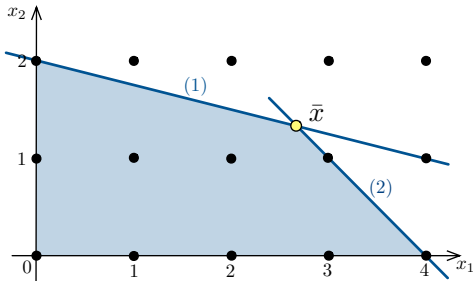
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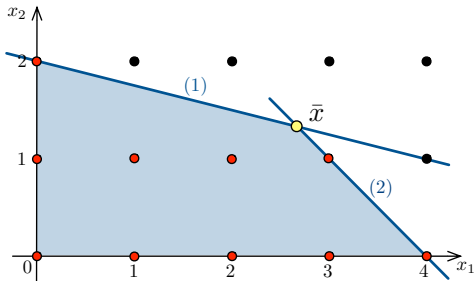
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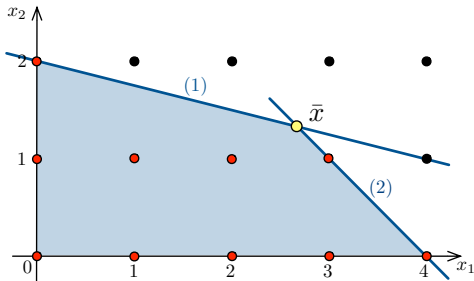


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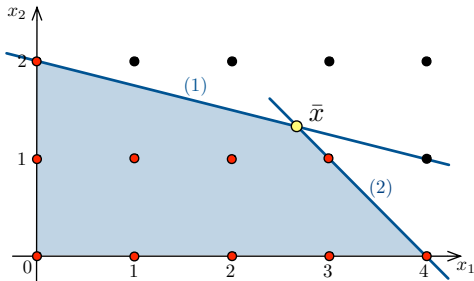


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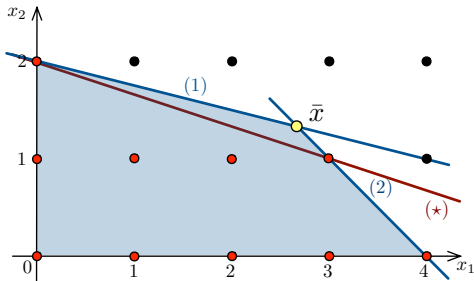
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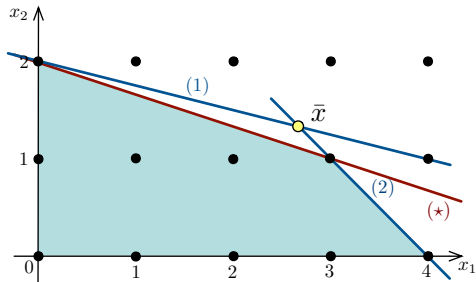
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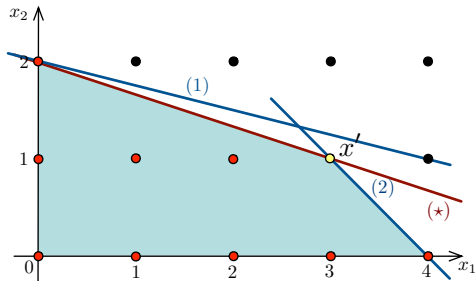
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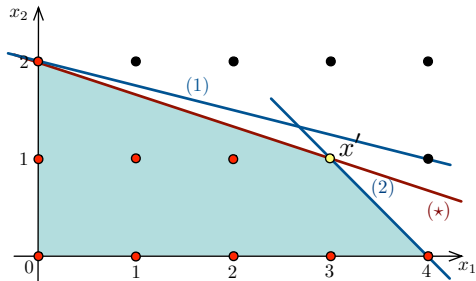
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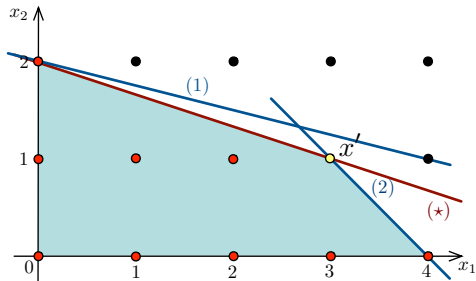
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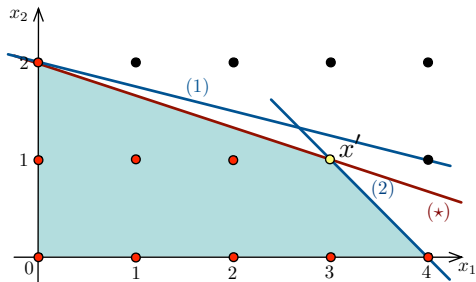


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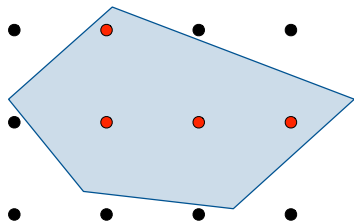
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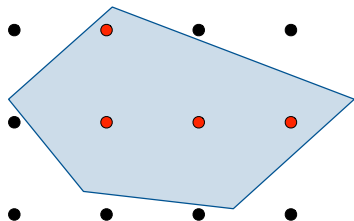
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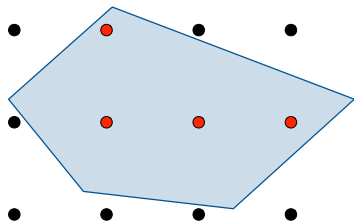
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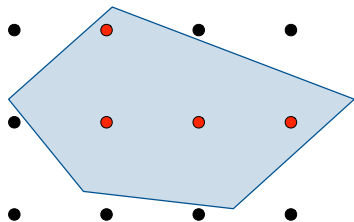
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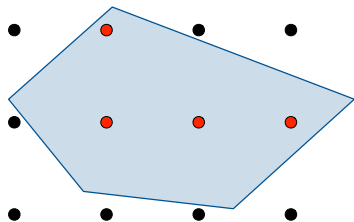
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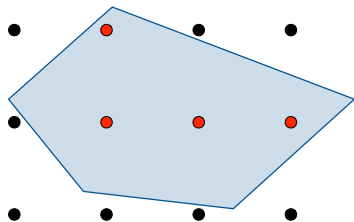
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- Add constraint $a^T x \leq \beta$ to the system $Ax \leq b$.



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We now add this to the relaxation.

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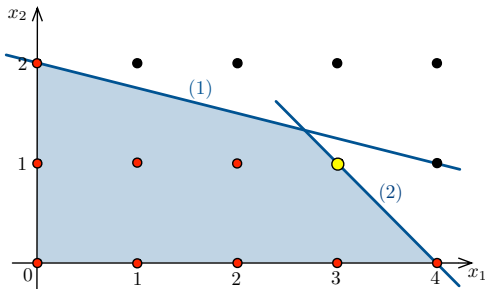
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