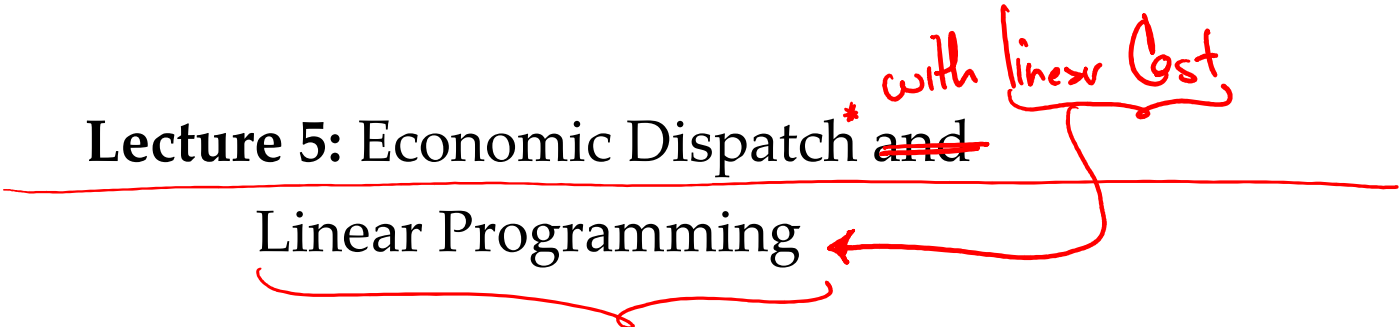


EE 459/611: Smart Grid Economics, Policy, and Engineering

Lecture 5: Economic Dispatch^{*} and Linear Programming



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Topics that Will be Covered

- *Economic dispatch with linear costs*
- *Linear programming – General Form*
- *Types of Solutions*
- *In-depth example – Matlab code*

Quadratic Programming vs Linear Programming

- Both are types of optimization problems

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \min_{s.t.} f(x) \\ h_i(x) = 0 \\ g_j(x) \leq 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{General Opt Problem}$$

- Quadratic Programming: Opt. problem that has quadratic cost function and linear equality and linear inequality constraints

$$\min_x \left(\frac{1}{2} x^T H x + c^T x + e \right) = f(x)$$

s.t.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} * Ax \leq b \\ * Bx = d \end{array} \right.$$

↳ constant term is usually ignored
Doesn't affect optimal solution x^*

- Linear Programming: Opt. problem with linear cost and linear eq. and linear ineq constraints

$$\min_x (c^T x + e) = f(x)$$

s.t.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} * Ax \leq b \\ * Bx = d \end{array} \right.$$

Economic Dispatch With Linear Costs

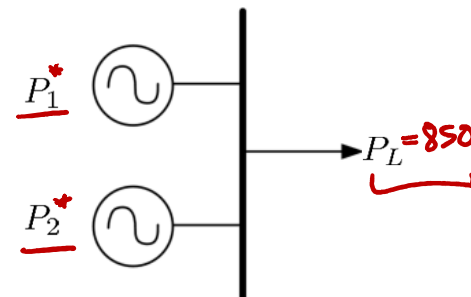
- Let's consider two generation units with **linear costs** feeding a load of 850 MW

Unit 1: Coal/steam unit

$$F_1(P_1) = 420.42 + 9.09P_1 \left(\frac{\$}{\text{h}} \right) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Max output: 600 MW} \\ \text{Min Output: 150 MW} \end{array} \right\} *$$

Unit 2: Oil/steam unit

$$F_2(P_2) = 232.4 + 8.82P_2 \left(\frac{\$}{\text{h}} \right) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Max output: 400 MW} \\ \text{Min Output: 100 MW} \end{array} \right\} *$$



- Write the optimization problem to minimize cost

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{x_1, x_2} & 9.09x_1 + 420.42 + 8.82x_2 + 232.4 \\ \text{s.t.} & \end{array}$$

$\underbrace{9.09x_1 + 420.42}_{F_1(P_1)} \quad * \quad \underbrace{8.82x_2 + 232.4}_{F_2(P_2)}$

$$* x_1 + x_2 - 850 = 0$$

$$150 \leq x_1 \leq 600$$

$$100 \leq x_2 \leq 400$$

$$P_1 = \boxed{x_1^* = 450, x_2^* = 400 - P_2}$$

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$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{x_1, x_2} & 9.09x_1 + 8.82x_2 \quad (\text{ignore constant terms}) \\ \text{s.t.} & \end{array}$$

$\underbrace{9.09x_1 + 8.82x_2}_{*}$

$$x_1 + x_2 - 850 = 0$$

$$150 \leq x_1 \leq 600$$

$$100 \leq x_2 \leq 400$$

$$\boxed{x_1^* = 450, x_2^* = 400} *$$

$$(\$) \text{ Total cost} = (9.09)(450) + (8.82)(400) + \text{const.}$$

- These two problems give the same solution, why? The constant terms do not affect solution
 - Is the cost the same? No (Be careful)
- $\frac{d(\text{cost})}{dt} = 0$

Economic Dispatch With Linear Costs

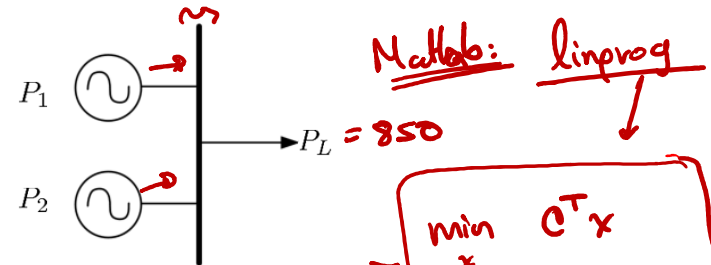
- Let's consider two generation units with **linear costs** feeding a load of 850 MW

Unit 1: Coal/steam unit

Expensive $F_1(P_1) = 420.42 + 9.09P_1$ $\left(\frac{\$}{\text{h}}\right)$ Max output: 600 MW
Min Output: 150 MW

Unit 2: Oil/steam unit

Cheap $F_2(P_2) = 232.4 + 8.82P_2$ $\left(\frac{\$}{\text{h}}\right)$ Max output: 400 MW
Min Output: 100 MW



- Write the optimization problem as a **Linear Program: (LP)**

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x_1, x_2} & \quad 9.09x_1 + 8.82x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} & \quad x_1 + x_2 - 850 = 0^* \\ & \quad 150 - x_1 \leq 0, x_1 - 600 \leq 0 \\ & \quad 100 - x_2 \leq 0, x_2 - 400 \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

* $x_1^* = 450, x_2^* = 400$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x & \quad (9.09 \quad 8.82) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{s.t.} & \end{aligned}$$

* λ : $\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{A_{eq}} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{(850)}_{b_{eq}} \quad \Delta \quad x_1 + x_2 = 850$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1: -x_1 &\leq -150 \longrightarrow \\ \mu_2: x_1 &\leq 600 \longrightarrow \\ \mu_3: -x_2 &\leq -100 \longrightarrow \\ \mu_4: x_2 &\leq 400 \longrightarrow \end{aligned} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} -150 \\ 600 \\ -100 \\ 400 \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} -150 \leftarrow -x_1 \leq -150 \\ 600 \leftarrow x_1 \leq 600 \\ -100 \\ 400 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mu_4 > 0$$

A b

Economic Dispatch With Linear Costs

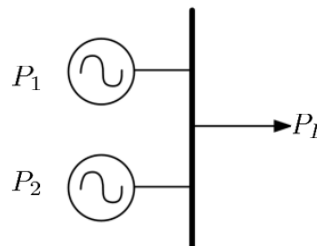
- Let's consider two generation units with **linear costs** feeding a load of 850 MW

Unit 1: Coal/steam unit

(Expensive) $F_1(P_1) = 420.42 + \underline{9.09P_1} \left(\frac{\$}{\text{h}} \right)$

Max output: 600 MW ✓

Min Output: 150 MW ✓



Unit 2: Oil/steam unit

(Cheaper) $F_2(P_2) = 232.4 + \underline{8.82P_2} \left(\frac{\$}{\text{h}} \right)$

Max output: 400 MW ✓

Min Output: 100 MW ✓

- Write the optimization problem as a **Linear Program**:

$$\min_x \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 9.09 & 8.82 \end{bmatrix}}_{c^T} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

s.t.

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{A_{eq}} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{850}_{b_{eq}}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 150 \\ 100 \end{bmatrix}}_{lb} \leq \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \leq \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 600 \\ 400 \end{bmatrix}}_{ub}$$

rather than $Ax \leq b$

$$\begin{aligned} lb &\leq x \\ x &\leq ub \end{aligned}$$

%% Now solve using linear programming

`c = [9.09 8.82]';`

% equality constraints

`Aeq = [1 1];` ✓

`beq = 850;` ✓

% lb and ub

`lb = [150; 100];` ✓

`ub = [600; 400];` ✓

`xlp = linprog(c, [], [], Aeq, beq, lb, ub)`

$$lb = \begin{pmatrix} 150 \\ 100 \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} 600 \\ 400 \end{pmatrix} = ub$$

$$x_1^* = 450, x_2^* = 400$$

~~$Ax \leq b$~~

Economic Dispatch With Linear Costs

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Max output: 600 MW

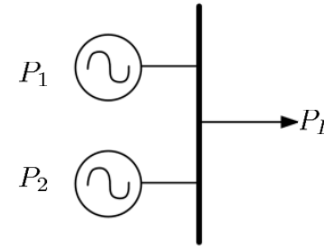
Min Output: 150 MW

Unit 2: Oil/steam unit

$$F_2(P_2) = 232.4 + 8.82P_2 \quad \left(\frac{\$}{\text{h}} \right)$$

Max output: 400 MW

Min Output: 100 MW



- Write the optimization problem as a **Linear Program**:

$$\min_x \begin{bmatrix} 9.09 & 8.82 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

s.t.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 850$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 150 \\ 100 \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} 600 \\ 400 \end{bmatrix}$$

we can also write this as $Ax \leq b$ ✓

(see slide 5)

$$x_1^* = 450, x_2^* = 400$$

Try it again in Matlab

Linear Programming Formulation – General Form

- General form for a linear optimization program:

- Linear cost function ✓
- Linear equality constraints ✓
- Linear inequality constraints ✓
- Component wise non-negativity *

$$\begin{aligned} \min & 10x_1 + 20x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} & \end{aligned}$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 50$$

$$-15 \leq x_1 \leq 20$$

$$0 \leq x_2 \leq 50$$

decompose x_1 into $x_1^+ \geq 0$ and $x_1^- \geq 0$

$$\min_x c^T x + d$$

s.t.

$$Ax \leq b$$

$$A_{eq}x = b_{eq}$$

$$* x \geq 0 * \text{ (ignore) } ✓$$

- Example: write the following problem in LP

general form:

$$\min_x (10x_1 + 2x_2) = f(x) \text{ linear cost function}$$

s.t.

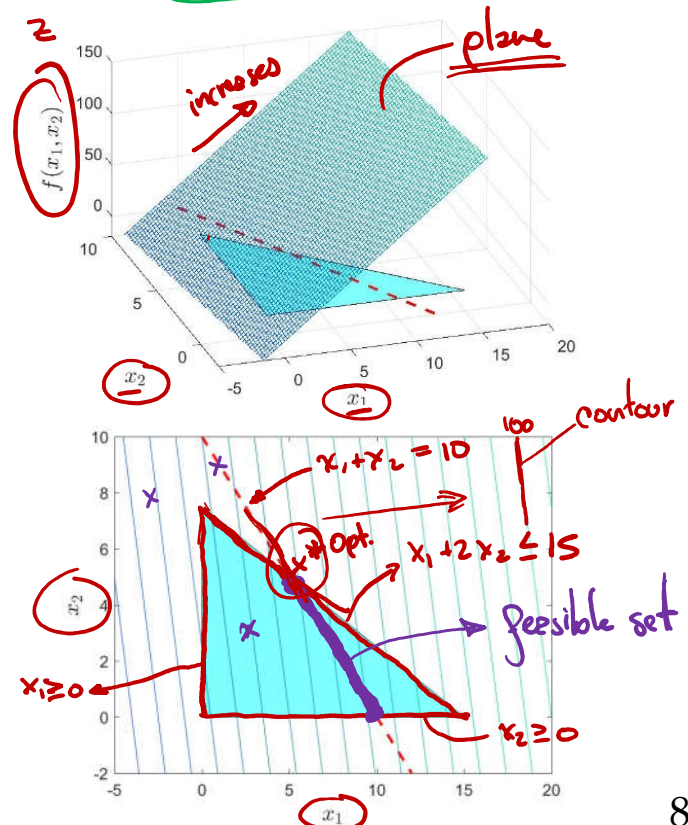
$$* x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 15 * \text{ linear ineq. } ✓$$

$$* x_1 + x_2 = 10 * \text{ linear equality } ✓$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_1 &\geq 0 \\ x_2 &\geq 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{non-negative } x \geq 0 \text{ (linear)}$$

contour lines
or
level sets
 $10x_1 + 2x_2 = c$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^* &= \\ x_2^* &= \end{aligned}$$



General Form for Linear Programming

General form

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_x & c^T x + d \\ \text{s.t.} & \\ & Ax \leq b \\ & A_{eq}x = b_{eq} \\ & \cancel{x \geq 0} \text{ (ignore)} \end{array}$$

$x \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\begin{cases} 0.3x_1 + 0.8x_2 = 10 \\ 0.7x_1 + 0.1x_2 = 5 \\ \vdots \end{cases}$$

Any system of linear equations

$$A_{eq}x = b_{eq}$$

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Types of Solutions for Linear Programs - Example

- Let's consider the following Linear Program:

$$\min_x \quad \underbrace{x_1 + x_2}_{f(x)} \quad \text{(plane)}$$

s.t.

$$\frac{2}{3}x_1 + x_2 \leq 18$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 \geq 8$$

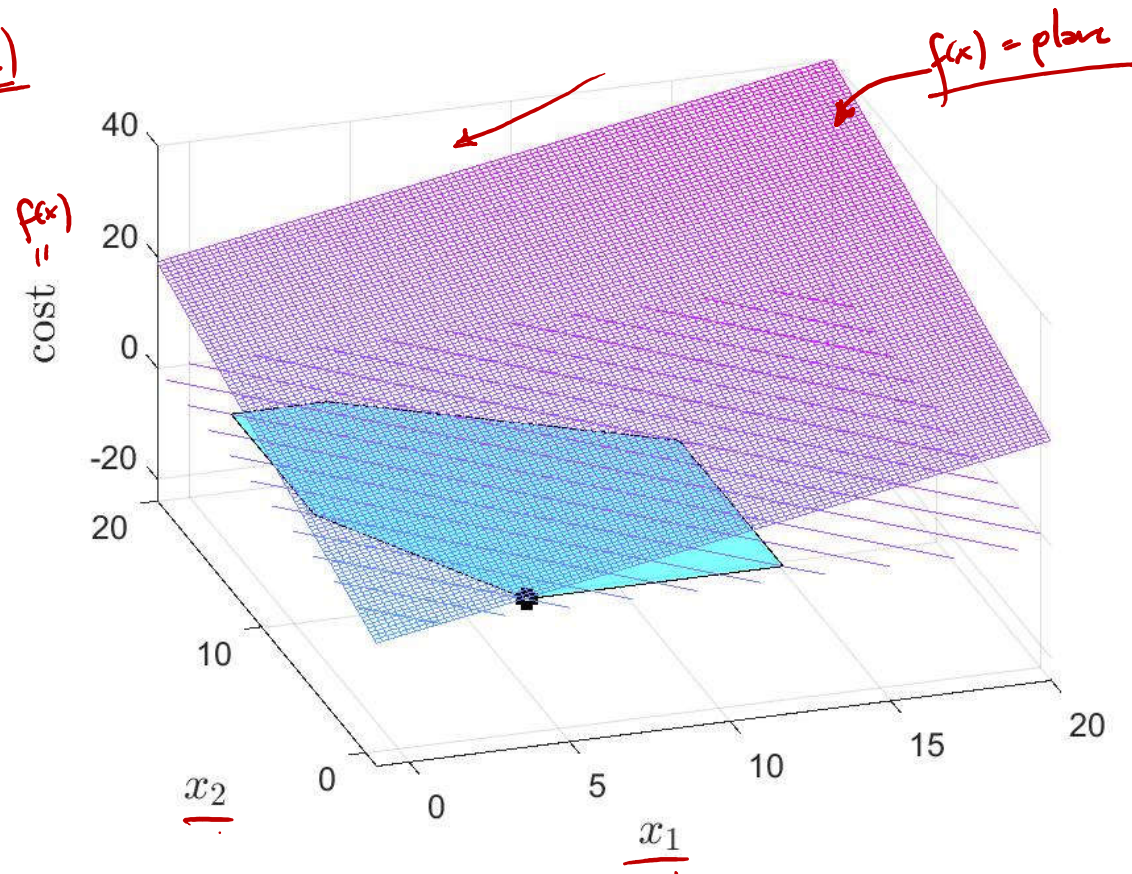
$$x_1 \leq 12$$

$$x_2 \leq 16$$

$$x_1 \geq 0$$

$$x_2 \geq 0$$

inequalities



Types of Solutions for Linear Programs - Example

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s.t.

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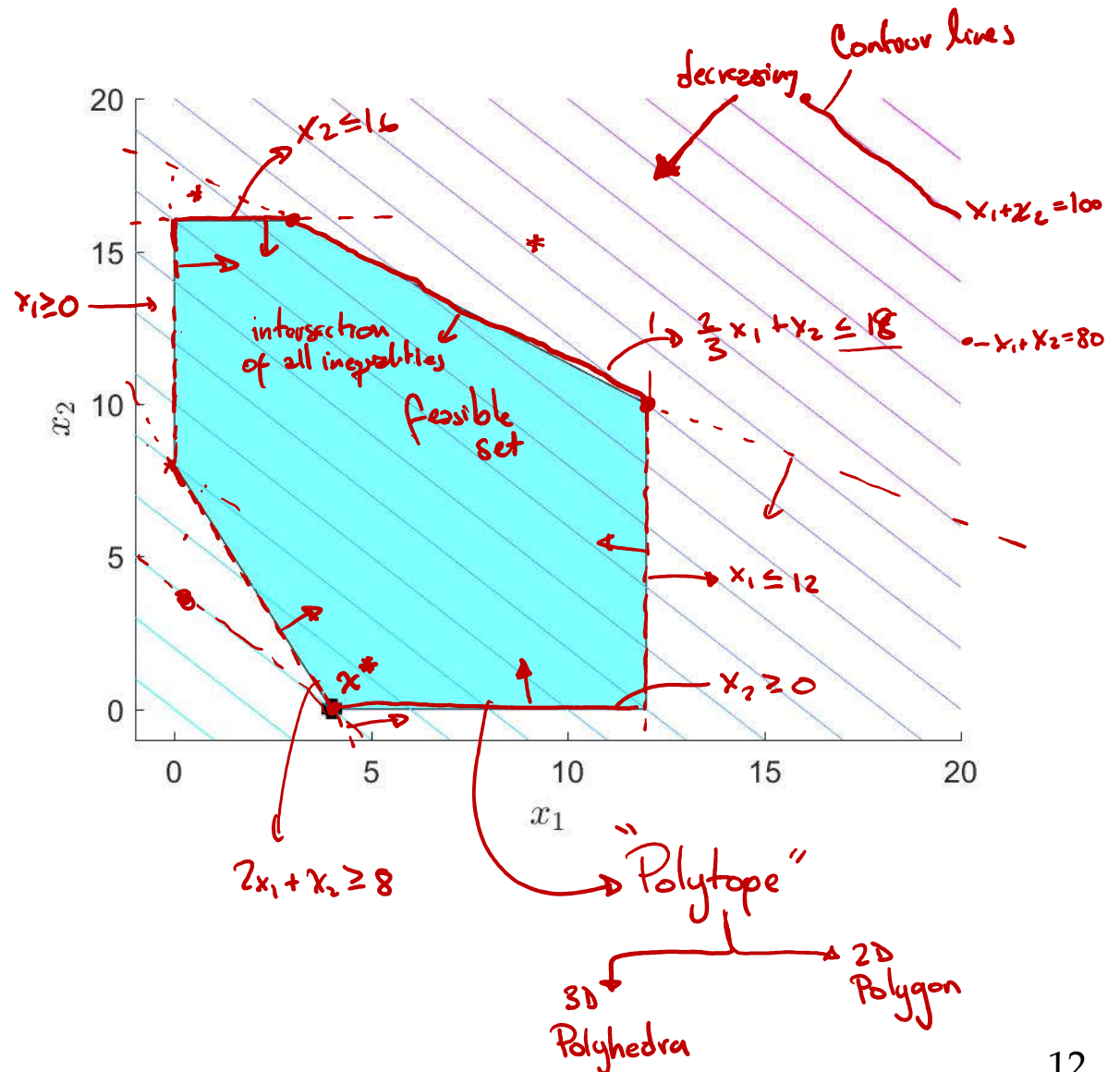
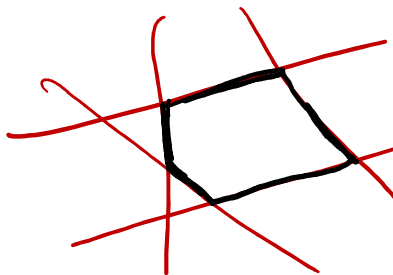
$$2x_1 + x_2 \geq 8$$

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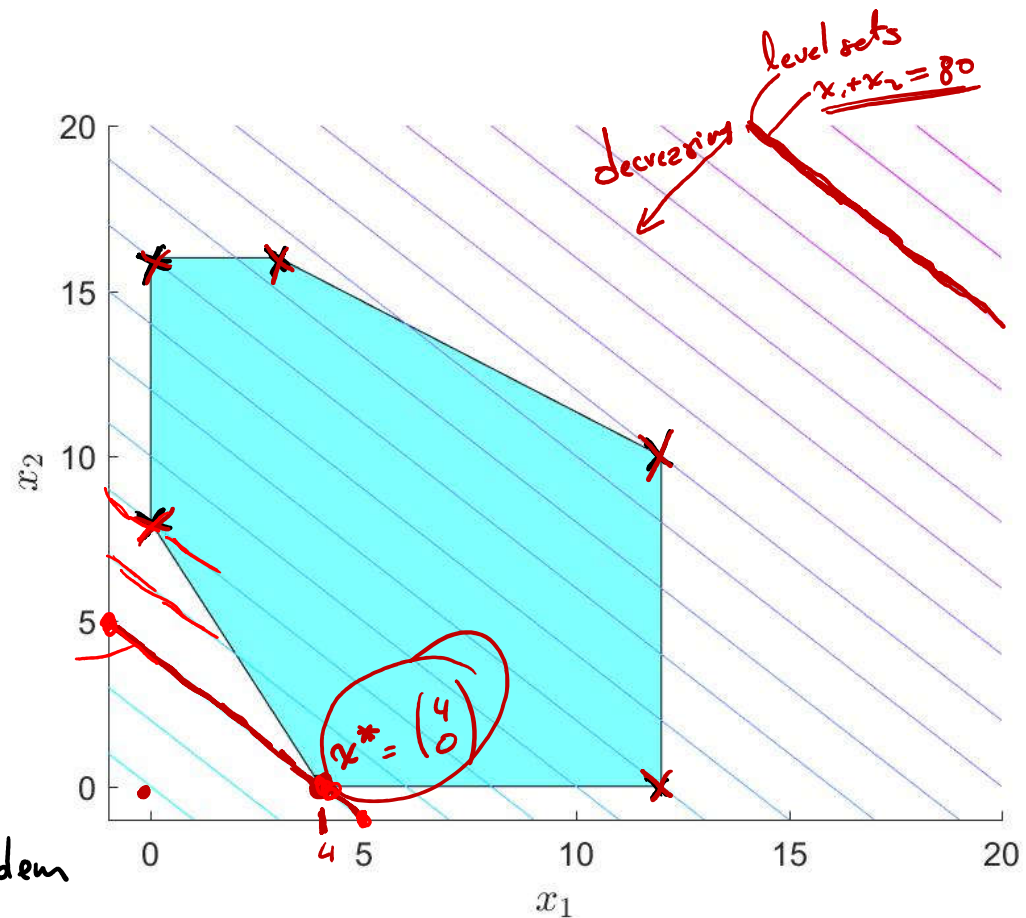
$$x_2 \geq 0$$



Types of Solutions for Linear Programs - Example

- Case 1: The minimum is in one of the extreme points (ideal case)

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_x & x_1 + x_2 \checkmark \\ \text{s.t.} & \\ & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{2}{3}x_1 + x_2 \leq 18 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 \geq 8 \checkmark \\ x_1 \leq 12 \checkmark \\ x_2 \leq 16 \\ x_1 \geq 0 \\ x_2 \geq 0 \end{array} \right. \end{array}$$

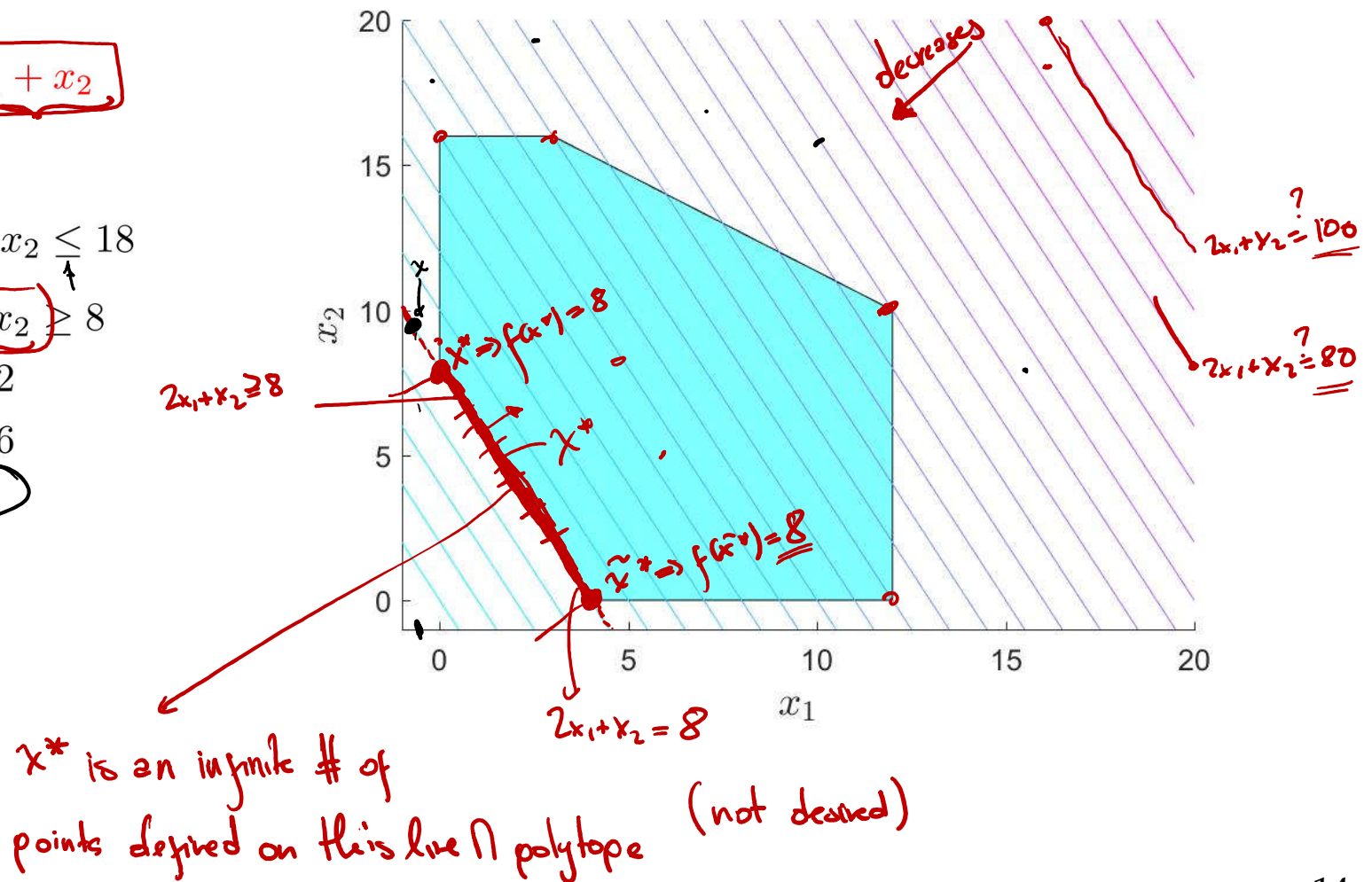


- A well formulated LP problem will have optimal solution, x^* , on a vertex/extreme

Types of Solutions for Linear Programs - Example

- **Case 2:** There are an infinite amount of optimal solutions (a side of polygon)
 - This happens when a side of the polygon is parallel to a contour line of the cost function

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \min_x & \boxed{2x_1 + x_2} \\
 \text{s.t.} & \\
 & \frac{2}{3}x_1 + x_2 \leq 18 \\
 & \boxed{2x_1 + x_2 \geq 8} \\
 & x_1 \leq 12 \\
 & x_2 \leq 16 \\
 & \textcircled{x_1 \geq 0} \\
 & x_2 \geq 0
 \end{array}$$



Types of Solutions for Linear Programs - Example

- **Case 3:** The LP problem is unbounded (e.g. the cost is $-\infty$)
 - Occurs if the feasible region is *open*, one side is missing

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_x & -x_1 - x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} & \end{array}$$

~~$$\left(\frac{2}{3}x_1 + x_2 \leq 18\right) \text{ ignore}$$~~

$$2x_1 + x_2 \geq 8$$

~~$$(x_1 \leq 12) \text{ ignore}$$~~

$$x_2 \leq 16$$

$$x_1 \geq 0$$

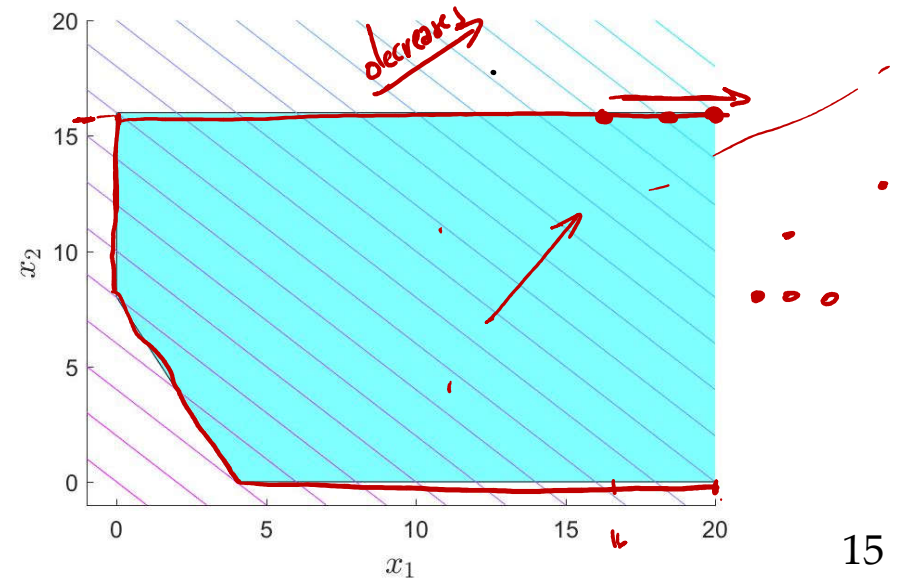
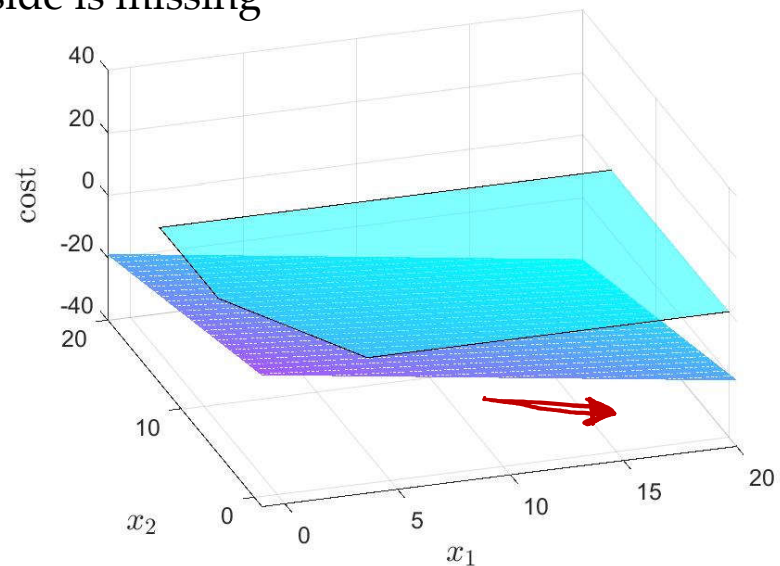
$$x_2 \geq 0$$

not desired

↓
 $x_1^* = \infty, x_2^* = 16$

The problem is unbounded below

and unbounded



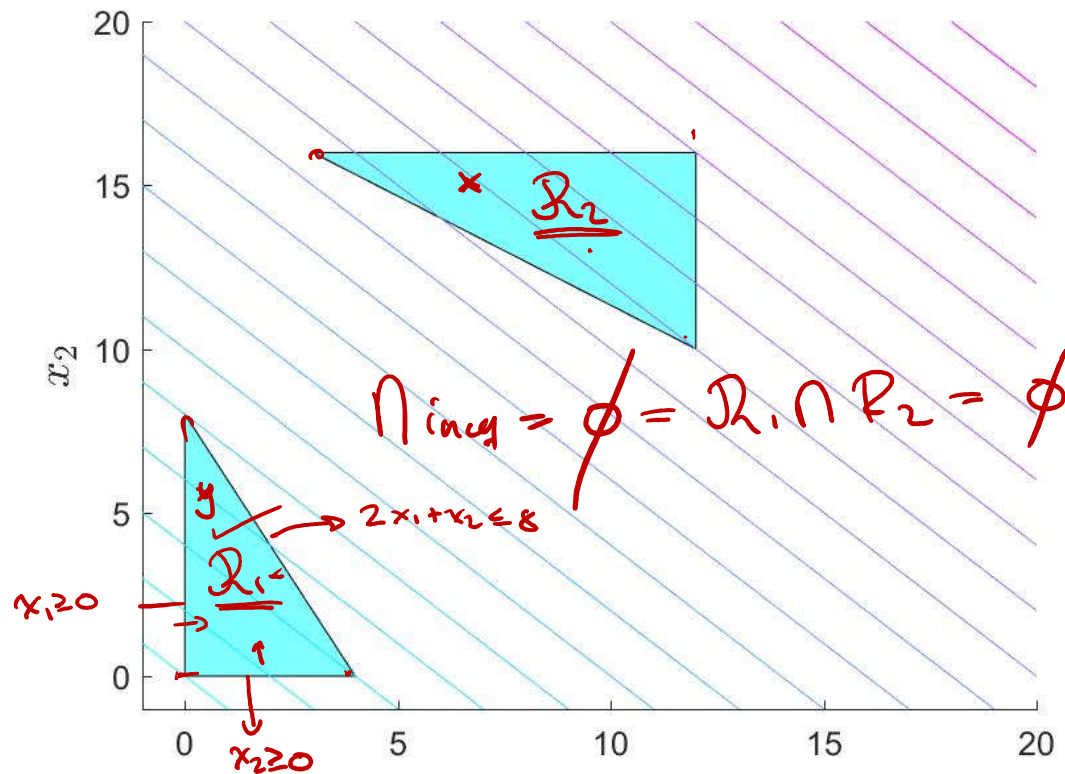
Types of Solutions for Linear Programs - Example

- **Case 4: Feasible set is empty! \Rightarrow no solutions**
 - Occurs when the inequality constraints are not well formulated!

$$\min_x x_1 + x_2$$

s.t.

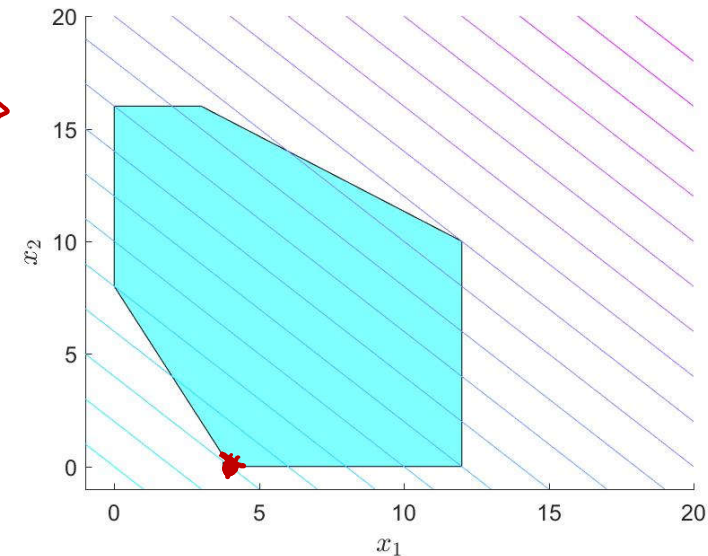
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{2}{3}x_1 + x_2 \geq 18 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 \leq 8 \\ x_1 \leq 12 \\ x_2 \leq 16 \\ x_1 \geq 0 \\ x_2 \geq 0 \end{array} \right.$$



Feasible set is empty \Rightarrow There doesn't exist any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ that satisfies all of the constraints
 \rightarrow No solution to this problem

Types of Solution for LP - Summary

- **Case 1:** The minimum is in one of the extreme points (well defined)
Vertex



- **Case 2:** There are an infinite amount of optimal solutions (a side of polygon)

- **Case 3:** The LP problem is unbounded (e.g. the cost is -infinity)

- **Case 4:** Feasible set is empty!
 - Occurs when the inequality constraints are not well formulated!

⇒ problem is not well formulated

$$\textcircled{R_1} \quad \textcircled{R_2} \\ R_1 \cap R_2 = \emptyset$$

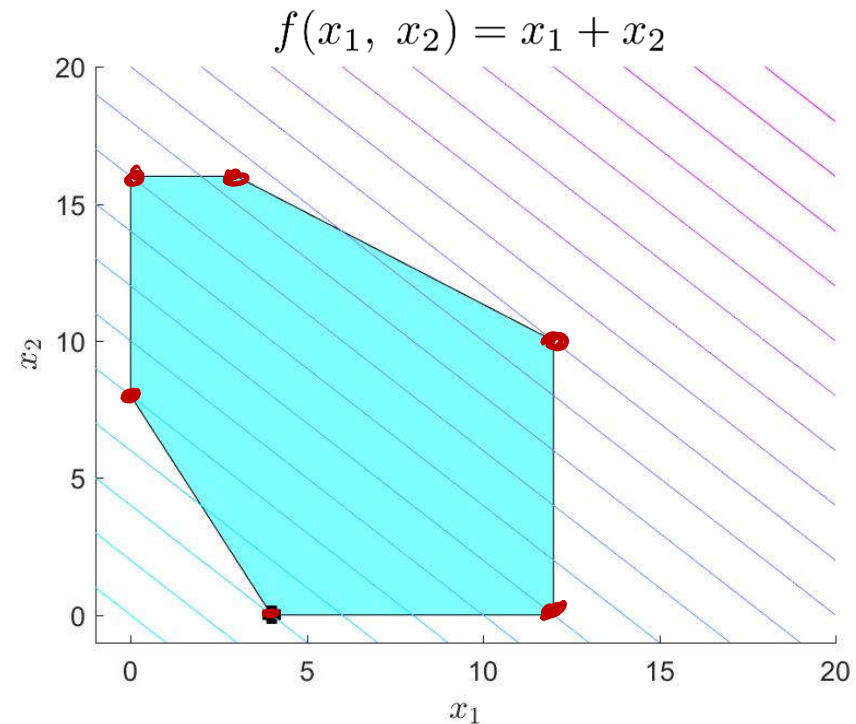
⇒ no $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ that satisfy all constraints

Solution Methods

- Focusing on well formulated problems (**Case 1**), we conclude:
- The optimal solution needs to be an extreme point of the feasible set

Algorithms

- This is where the standard form makes it simpler to find these vertex (extreme) points
- If we know these points, we can evaluate cost function at each point and compare
- * **Simplex method** works in this way (not covered)



Standard form

$$\min_x c^T x + d$$

s.t.

$$A_{eq}x = b_{eq}$$

$$x \geq 0$$

what about $Ax \leq b$?

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Economic Dispatch Example

- Consider two generator system as shown in the figure

- Generator 1:**

- **Cost:** $F_1(P_1) = 2000 + 160P_1$
- **Capacity limits:** $30 \leq P_1 \leq 510$

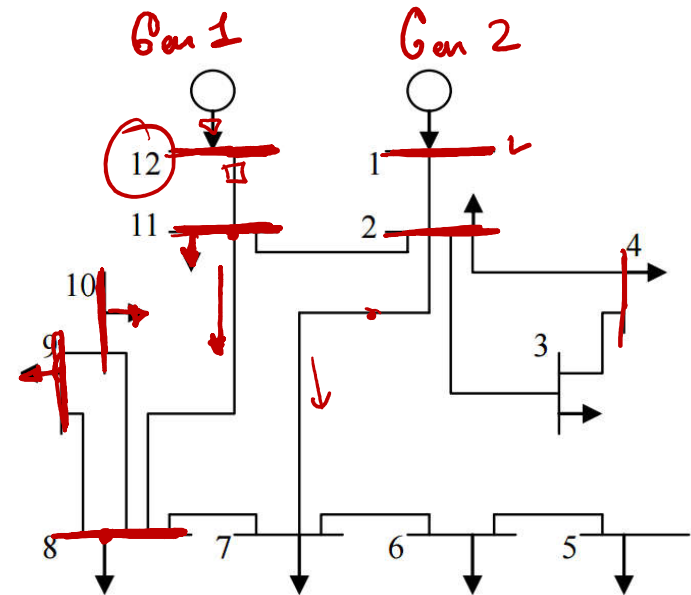
- Generator 2:**

- **Cost:** $F_2(P_2) = 3000 + 145P_2$
- **Capacity limits:** $10 \leq P_2 \leq 70$

- Load power:** $P_L = 505$ (Total load)

- *Losses:** $P_{\text{Losses}} = 0.0189P_1 + 0.0924P_2$ *

transmission losses in lines (I^2R)



Economic Dispatch Example

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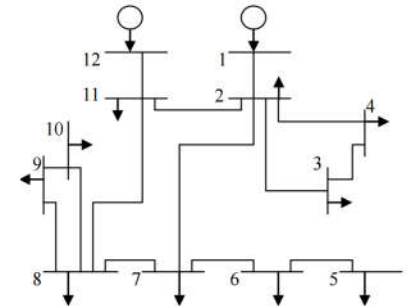
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$$30 \leq P_1 \leq 510$$

Generator 2:

$$F_2(P_2) = 3000 + 145P_2$$

$$10 \leq P_2 \leq 70$$



- Load power: $P_L = 505$ *
- Losses: $P_{\text{Losses}} = 0.0189P_1 + 0.0924P_2$ *

$$\min_{P_1, P_2} (2000 + 160P_1 + 3000 + 145P_2)$$

s.t.

$$30 \leq P_1$$

$$P_1 \leq 510$$

$$10 \leq P_2$$

$$P_2 \leq 70$$

$$\underbrace{P_1 + P_2}_{\text{Generation}} = \underbrace{505 + 0.0189P_1 + 0.0924P_2}_{\text{Load + losses}}$$

$$(1 - 0.0189)P_1 + (1 - 0.0924)P_2 = 505$$

minimize cost of supplying load + losses *

$$\min c^T x + d$$

s.t.

$$Ax \leq b$$

$$A_{eq} x = b_{eq}$$

$$* \begin{cases} P_1^* = 449.9725 \\ P_2^* = 70 \end{cases} *$$

$$\min_{P_1, P_2} (160 \ 145) \begin{pmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \end{pmatrix} + \underbrace{5000}_{\text{ignore}}$$

s.t.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} 510 \\ 70 \\ -30 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} (1 - 0.0189) & (1 - 0.0924) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \end{pmatrix} = 505$$

Next Topics

- Next topic we will look at:
 - *Economic Dispatch with Network Constraints*
 - *LP Formulation*
 - *Locational Marginal Price*

