

## 2.1 A Linear Programming Problem and

## 2.2 Fundamental Theorem

Goal: Maximize or minimize a quantity  
with some restrictions

e.g. maximize profit with limited  
raw materials

Ex: Each day, a company has 60 kg of wood  
and 100 kg of metal available.

A chair uses 2 kg of wood, 4 kg of metal  
and yields a \$14 profit.

A table uses 3 kg of wood, 4 kg of metal  
and yields a \$20 profit.

How many chairs and tables maximize  
the daily profit?

### 1) Variables

Let  $x$  = #Chairs produced each day  
 $y$  = #tables "

### 2) Chart

	(x) Chair	(y) Table	Available
Wood (kg)	2	3	60
Metal (kg)	4	4	100
Profit (\$)	14	20	//////

### 3) Inequalities

wood:  $2x + 3y \leq 60$

kg/chair  
#chairs  
kg for all chairs

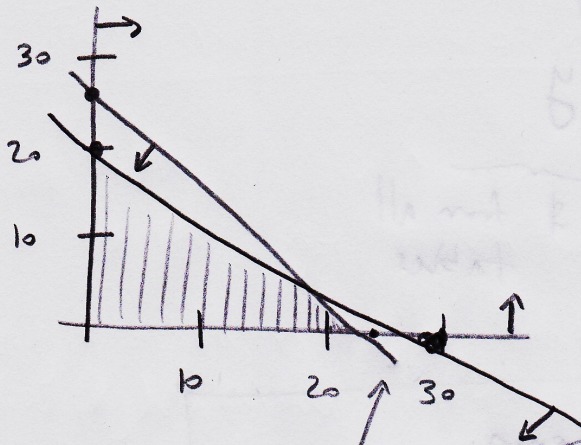
kg for all tables

max available

metal:  $4x + 4y \leq 100$

non-negative :  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$   
# chairs, tables

#### 4) Graph Feasible Set



$$2x + 3y \leq 60$$

$$4x + 4y \leq 100$$

$$x \geq 0$$

$$y \geq 0$$

$$4x + 4y = 100$$

$$(0, 25)$$

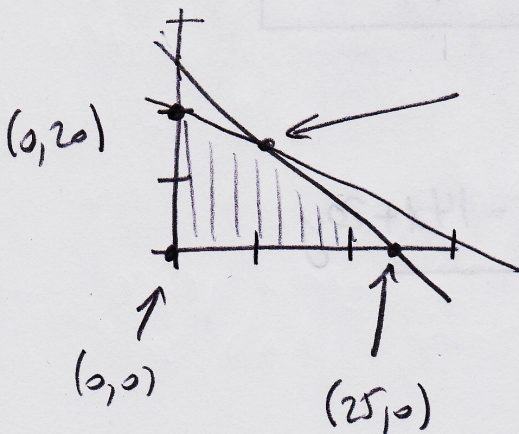
$$(25, 0)$$

$$2x + 3y = 60$$

$$(0, 20)$$

$$(30, 0)$$

#### 5) Find all vertices



$$4x + 4y = 100$$

$$y = 25 - x$$

$$2x + 3y = 60$$

$$y = 20 - \frac{2}{3}x$$

$$y = y$$

$$25 - x = 20 - \frac{2}{3}x$$

Multiply by 3:

$$75 - 3x = 60 - 2x$$

$$15 = x$$

→ either

$$y = 10$$

$$(15, 10)$$

6) Objective Function

Maximize Profit

$$14x + 20y$$

$\swarrow$   $\uparrow$   
\$/chair # chairs      \$ from all tables  
 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$   
\$ from all chairs

### Fundamental Theorem

The maximum (or minimum) value of the objective function occurs at one of the vertices of the feasible set

7) Table

Vertices	Profit = $14x + 20y$
(0,0)	0
(0,20)	400
(25,0)	350
(15,10)	410 ← max = 410 @ $x=15$ $y=10$

8) Answer

Max profit is \$410 per day from 15 chairs and 10 tables

Ex: Astronauts have two foods: A and B.

Food A has 40g protein, 12g fat, 50g carbs per serving and weighs 0.4 kg per serving. Food B: 10g, 15g, 20g, 0.3 kg respectively. Astronauts require at least 120g protein, 60g fat and 200g carbs per day. How many servings of A and B per day will minimize total mass per day?

1) Variables

$x =$  #servings of A per day

$y =$  " " B "

2) Chart

	(x) A	(y) B	Required
(g) Protein	40	10	120
(g) Fat	12	15	60
(g) Carbs	50	20	200
(kg) Mass	0.4	0.3	<del>111111</del>

### 3) Inequalities

$$40x + 10y \geq 120$$

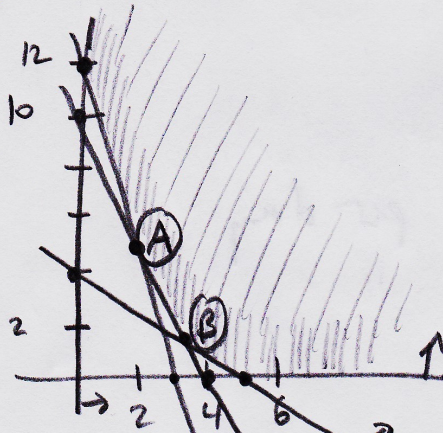
← minimum required

$$12x + 15y \geq 60$$

$$50x + 20y \geq 200$$

non-negative:  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$

### 4) Feasible Set



$$12x + 15y = 60$$

(5, 0)  
(0, 4)

$$40x + 10y = 120$$

(3, 0)  
(0, 12)

$$50x + 20y = 200$$

(4, 0)  
(0, 10)

5) Vertices

$$(0, 12)$$

$$(5, 0)$$

$$A: 40x + 10y = 120$$

$$50x + 20y = 200$$

$$y = 12 - 4x$$

$$y = 10 - 2.5x$$

$$y = y$$

$$12 - 4x = 10 - 2.5x$$

Multiply by 2:

$$24 - 8x = 20 - 5x$$

$$4 = 3x$$

$$\frac{4}{3} = x$$

→ either

$$y = 12 - 4\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{36}{3} - \frac{16}{3}$$

$$= \frac{20}{3}$$

$$A = \left(\frac{4}{3}, \frac{20}{3}\right)$$

$$B: 50x + 20y = 200$$

$$y = 10 - 2.5x$$

$$12x + 15y = 60$$

$$y = 4 - \frac{12}{15}x$$

$$y = 4 - \frac{4}{5}x$$

→

$$y = y$$

$$10 - 2.5x = 4 - \frac{4}{5}x$$

Multiply by 10:

$$100 - 25x = 40 - 8x$$

$$60 = 17x$$

$$x = \frac{60}{17}$$

→ either

$$y = 10 - 2.5\left(\frac{60}{17}\right)$$

$$y = \frac{20}{17}$$

$$B = \left(\frac{60}{17}, \frac{20}{17}\right)$$

6) Objective

Minimize Mass =  $0.4x + 0.3y$

7) Table

Vertices	Mass = $0.4x + 0.3y$
$(0, 12)$	3.6
$(5, 0)$	2
$\left(\frac{4}{3}, \frac{20}{3}\right)$	$\frac{76}{30} \approx 2.53$
$\left(\frac{60}{17}, \frac{20}{17}\right)$	$\frac{30}{17} = 1.76$ ← minimum @ $x = \frac{60}{17}$ $y = \frac{20}{17}$

8) Answer

$\frac{60}{17}$  servings of A and  $\frac{20}{17}$  servings of B per day  
(Minimum mass is  $\frac{30}{17}$  kg)