



# Constraint Solving

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based on a previous course by Aart Middeldorp

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- remark: ranking function formula consists purely of  $\leq$  inequalities
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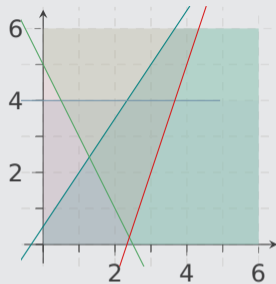
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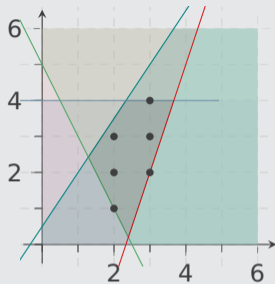
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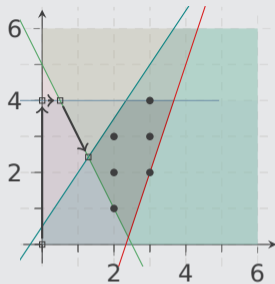
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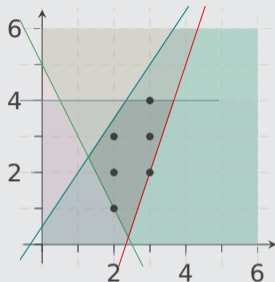
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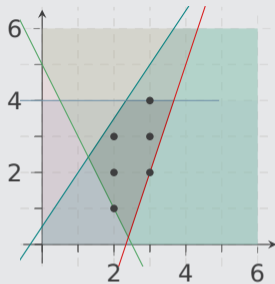
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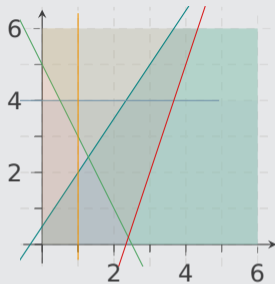
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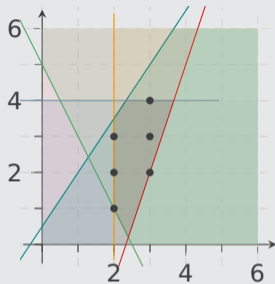
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**Algorithm** BranchAndBound( $\varphi$ )

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**Input:** LIA formula  $\varphi$ , a conjunction of linear inequalities

**Output:** unsatisfiable, or satisfying assignment

let  $res$  be result of deciding  $\varphi$  over  $\mathbb{R}$

▷ e.g. by simplex

**if**  $res$  is **unsatisfiable** **then**

return **unsatisfiable**

**else if**  $res$  is solution over  $\mathbb{Z}$  **then**

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let  $x$  be variable assigned non-integer value  $q$  in  $res$

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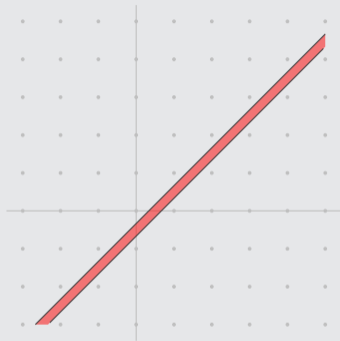
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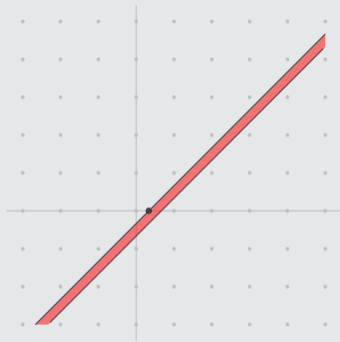
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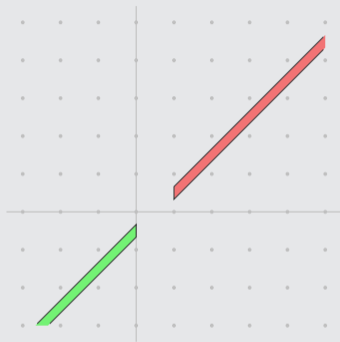
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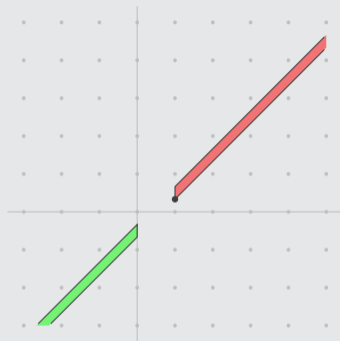
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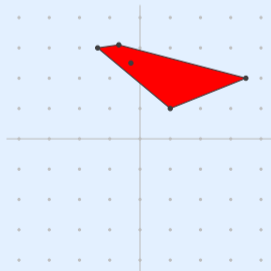
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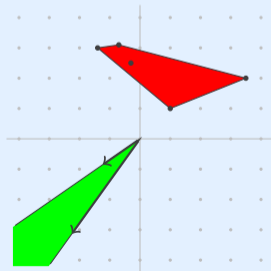
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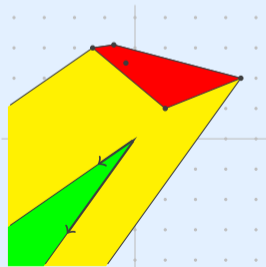
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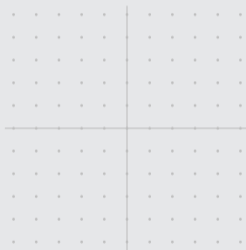




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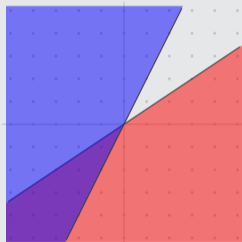
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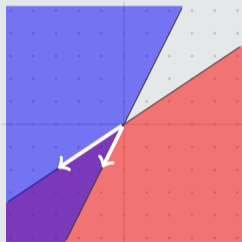
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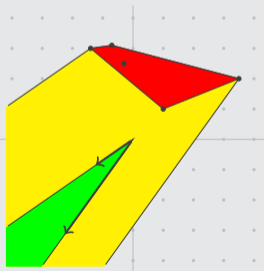
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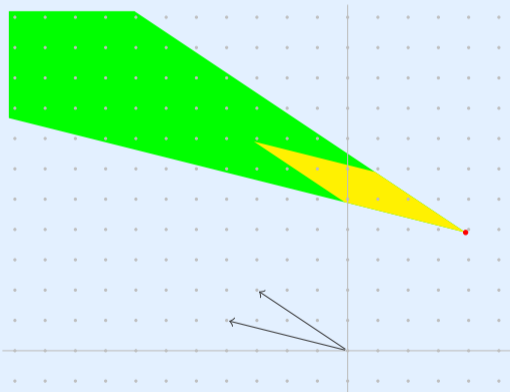
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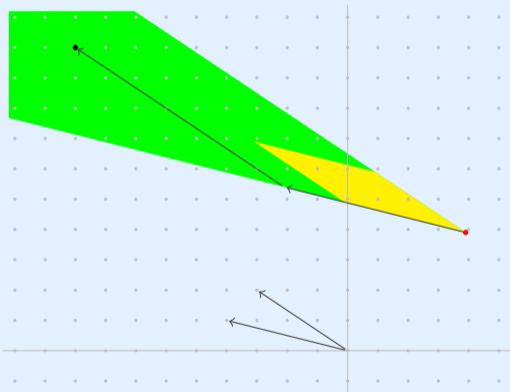
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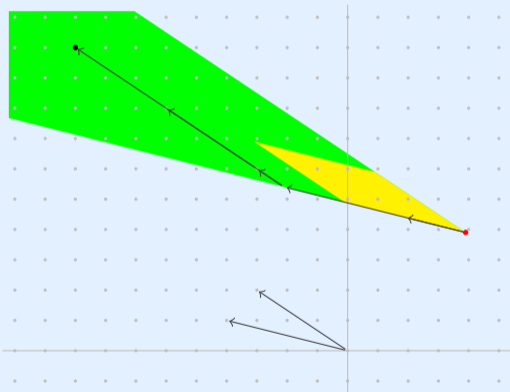
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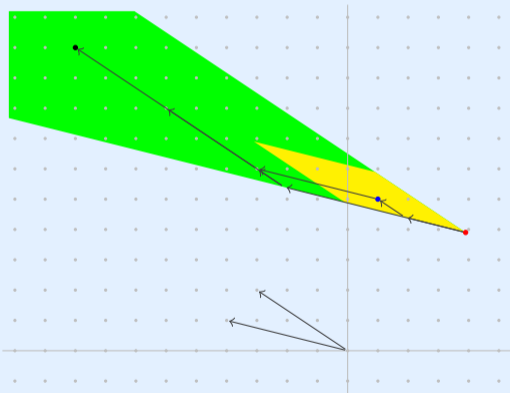
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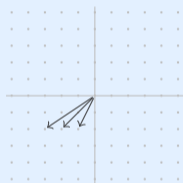
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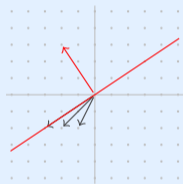




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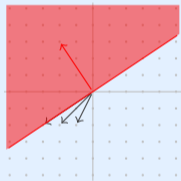


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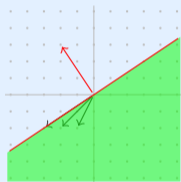


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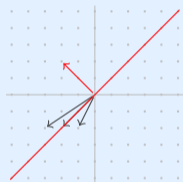


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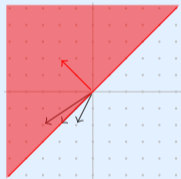
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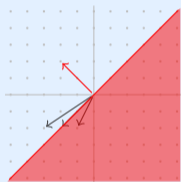


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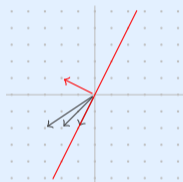


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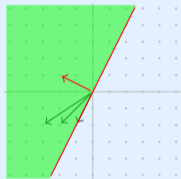


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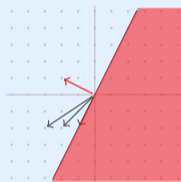


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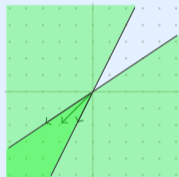


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## Example Hadamard Matrix

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 4096 = 8^4 \cdot 1^8$$

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## Kröning and Strichmann

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## Further Reading



Alexander Schrijver

Theory of linear and integer programming, Chapters 7, 16, 17, and 24

Wiley, 1998.

## Important Concepts

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