










## Geometry of LPs: <br> The constraints

Points $\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)$ that satisfy all the constraints






























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## Geometric interpretation of of LPs

|  | $\mathbf{2}$ variables | $\mathbf{3}$ variables | n variables |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| constraint | half-plane | half-space | half-hyperspace |
| feasible region | convex polygon | convex polyhedron | convex polytope |
| objective function | parallel lines | parallel planes | parallel hyperplanes |
| basic feasible solution | polygon vertex | polyhedron vertex | polytope vertex |

## LP terminology

Objective function: Function being minimized or maximized. Solution: Assignment of real values to the variables. Feasible solution: Solution that satisfies all the constraints. Feasible region: The set of feasible solutions; a convex polytope. Basic feasible solution: A vertex of the feasible solution polytope. Optimal solution: A feasible solution that minimizes or maximize the objective function; it is not necessarily unique and it might not exist (see below: infeasible and unbounded LP).
Value of a solution: Value of objective function at a solution; sometimes called "cost" of a solution (for minimization problems) Optimal value: Value of optimal solution; sometimes called "optimal cost" (for minimization problems). Feasible LP: LP that has feasible solutions. Infeasible LP: LP with no feasible solutions. Bounded LP: LP with an optimal solution. Unbounded LP: LP that is feasible but has no optimal solution.

