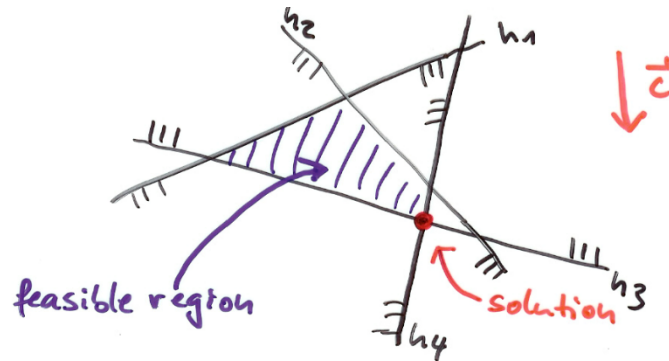


# Computational Geometry



## *Linear Programming & Halfplane Intersection*

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# Optimization Problem

- A company produces tables and chairs. The profit for a chair is \$2, and for a table \$4.
- Machine group  $A$  needs 4 hours to produce a chair, and 6 hours for a table. Machine group  $B$  needs 2 hours to produce a chair, and 6 hours for a table.
- Per day there are at most 120 working hours for group  $A$ , and 72 working hours for group  $B$ .
- How many chairs and tables should the company produce per day in order to maximize the profit?

**Variables:**  $c_A$ : # chairs produced on machine group  $A$   
 $c_B$ : # chairs produced on machine group  $B$   
 $t_A$ : # tables produced on machine group  $A$   
 $t_B$ : # tables produced on machine group  $B$

**Constraints:**  $4 c_A + 6 t_A \leq 120$   
 $2 c_B + 6 t_B \leq 72$

**Objective function (profit):** Maximize  $2(c_A + c_B) + 4(t_A + t_B)$

# Linear Program (LP)

Variables:  $x_1, \dots, x_d$

Constraints:  $h_1: a_{11} x_1 + \dots + a_{1d} x_d \leq b_1$   
 $h_2: a_{21} x_1 + \dots + a_{2d} x_d \leq b_2$   
 $\vdots$

$h_n: a_{n1} x_1 + \dots + a_{nd} x_d \leq b_n$

Objective function:

Maximize  $f_{\vec{c}}(\vec{x}) := c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 + \dots + c_d x_d$

$$A \cdot \vec{x} \leq \vec{b}$$

$$\overbrace{\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1d} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nd} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_d \end{pmatrix}} \leq \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f_{\vec{c}}(\vec{x}) = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_d \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_d \end{pmatrix}}_{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{c}}$$

Linear Program in  $d$  variables with  $n$  constraints.

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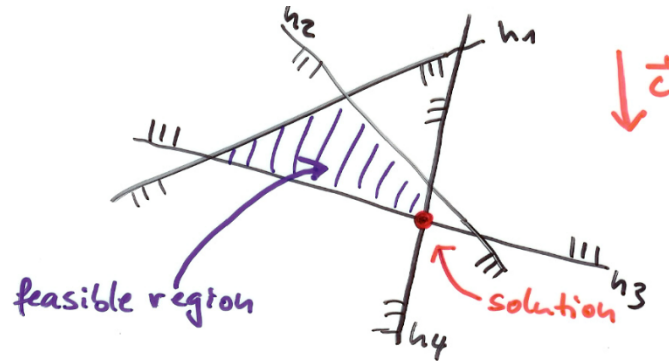
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- Each constraint  $h_i$  is a half-space in  $\mathbf{R}^d$ .
- Set of points in  $\mathbf{R}^d$  satisfying all constraints:  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n h_i$  feasible region of the LP
- Maximizing  $f_{\vec{c}}(\vec{x}) = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{c} \Leftrightarrow$  Finding a point  $\vec{x}$  that is extreme in direction  $\vec{c}$

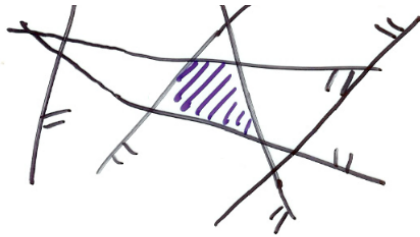


# Subproblem: Half-Plane Intersection

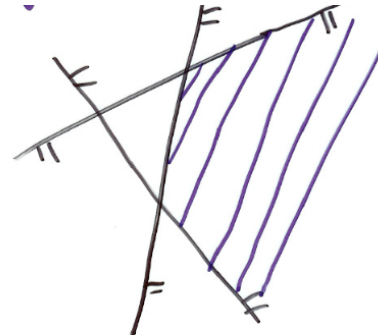
**Given:** A set  $H = \{h_1, \dots, h_n\}$  of halfplanes  
 $h_i: a_i x + b_i y \leq c_i$ ,  $i=1..n$ , with  $a_i, b_i, c_i$  constants.

**Find:**  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n h_i$  set of points  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{R}^2$  satisfying all  $n$  constraints at the same time

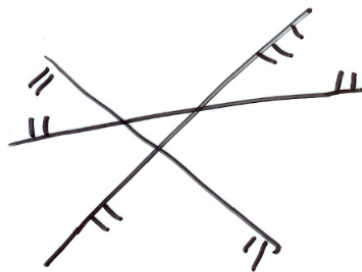
Convex polygonal region bounded by at most  $n$  edges



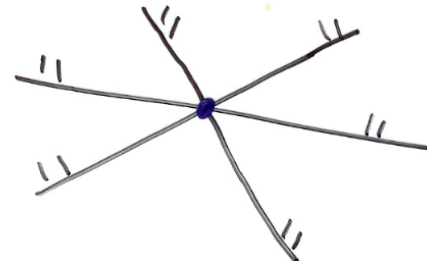
intersection bounded



intersection unbounded



intersection empty



intersection degenerated to a point

# 2D Divide & Conquer Algorithm

**Algorithm** Intersect\_Halfplanes( $H$ ):

Input: A set  $H$  of  $n$  half-planes in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

Output: The convex polygonal region  $C := \bigcap_{h \in H} h_i$

if  $|H|=1$  then  $C := h \in H$

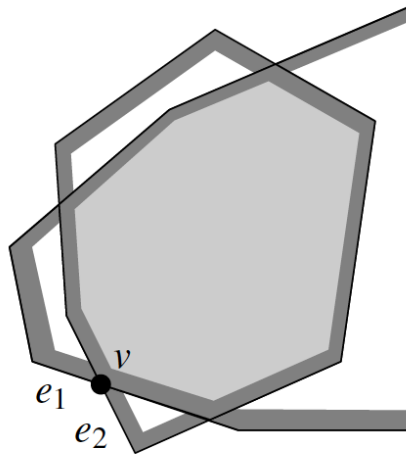
else

Split  $H$  into sets  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  of size  $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$  and  $\lceil n/2 \rceil$

$C_1 := \text{Intersect\_Halfplanes}(H_1)$

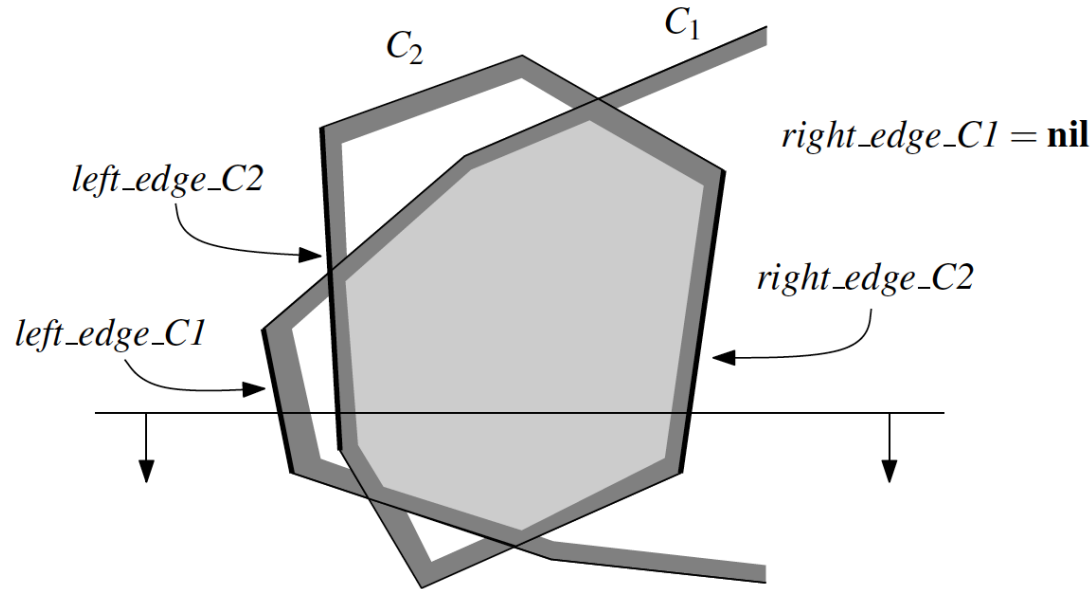
$C_2 := \text{Intersect\_Halfplanes}(H_2)$

$C := \text{Intersect\_Convex\_Regions}(C_1, C_2)$



# 2D Divide & Conquer Algorithm

- Can implement `Intersect_Convex_Regions` using a sweep in  $O(n)$  time:  
Just update constant-complexity interval intersecting the sweep line



- Runtime recurrence is  $T(n)=2T(n/2)+n$ , and hence the runtime is  $O(n \log n)$

# Incremental Linear Programming

- Two-dimensional linear programming (LP) problem:  $H = \{h_1, \dots, h_n\}, \vec{c}$
- Assume the LP is bounded (otherwise add constraints)
- Assume that there is a unique solution (if any)



Take **lexicographically smallest** solution

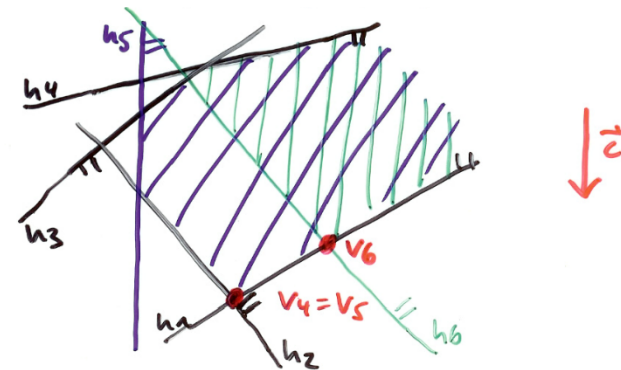
- Incremental approach: Add one half-plane after the other

$$H_i = \{h_1, \dots, h_i\}$$

$$C_i = h_1 \cap \dots \cap h_i; \quad C := C_n = \bigcap_{h \in H} h$$

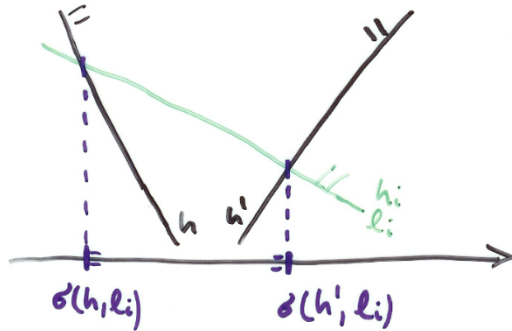
$v_i$  = unique optimal vertex for feasible region  $C_i$ , for  $i \geq 2$

- Then:  $C_1 \supseteq C_2 \supseteq \dots \supseteq C_n = C$   
 $\Rightarrow$  If  $C_i = \emptyset$  for some  $i$ , then  $C_j = \emptyset$  for all  $j \geq i$
- Lemma: Let  $2 \leq i \leq n$ 
  - If  $v_{i-1} \in h_i$  then  $v_i = v_{i-1}$
  - If  $v_{i-1} \notin h_i$  then  $C_i = \emptyset$  or  $v_i \in l_i :=$  line bounding  $h_i$





# Handle case (ii): $v_{i-1} \notin h_i$



Let  $\overline{f_{\vec{c}}}: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$   
 $x \mapsto f_{\vec{c}}(x, l_i(x))$   
 restriction of  $f_{\vec{c}}$  to  $l_i$

Need to solve 1-dimensional LP: Maximize  $\overline{f_{\vec{c}}}$  subject to  
 $x \geq \sigma(h, l_i), \quad h \in H_{i-1} \text{ and } l_i \cap h \text{ is bounded to the left}$   
 $x \leq \sigma(h, l_i), \quad h \in H_{i-1} \text{ and } l_i \cap h \text{ is bounded to the right}$

$\Rightarrow$  Feasible region is  $[x_{left}, x_{right}]$  with  
 $x_{left} := \max_{h \in H_{i-1}} \{\sigma(h, l_i) \mid l_i \cap h \text{ is bounded to the left}\}$

$x_{right} := \max_{h \in H_{i-1}} \{\sigma(h, l_i) \mid l_i \cap h \text{ is bounded to the right}\}$

$\Rightarrow$  If  $x_{left} > x_{right}$  the LP is infeasible. Otherwise, either  $x_{left}$  or  $x_{right}$  is the optimum

$\Rightarrow$  We can compute a new optimal vertex  $v_i$ , or decide that the LP is infeasible, in  $O(i)$  time.

# Algorithm

**Algorithm** 2D\_Bounded\_LP( $H, \vec{c}$ ):

Input: A two-dimensional LP ( $H, \vec{c}$ )

Output: Report if ( $H, \vec{c}$ ) is infeasible. Otherwise report the lexicographically smallest point that maximizes  $f_{\vec{c}}$

Let  $h_1, \dots, h_n$  be the half-planes of  $H$

Let  $v_2$  be the corner of  $C_2$ . //  $v_2$  exists since we assume the LP is bounded  
for  $i:=3$  to  $n$

$O(1)$  {

if  $v_{i-1} \in h_i$  then  $v_i := v_{i-1}$

else

$O(i)$  {

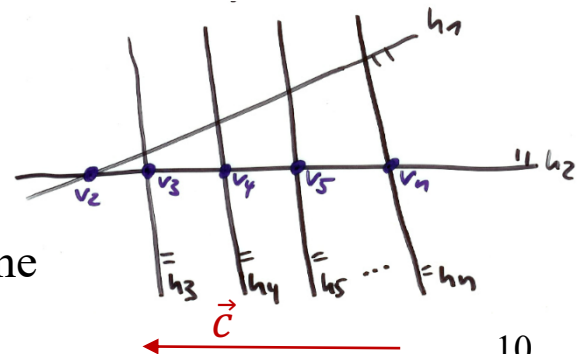
$v_i :=$  point on  $l_i$  that maximizes  $f_{\vec{c}}$  subject to the constraints in  $H_{i-1}$

if such a point does not exist then

Report that the LP is infeasible, and return.

return  $v_n$

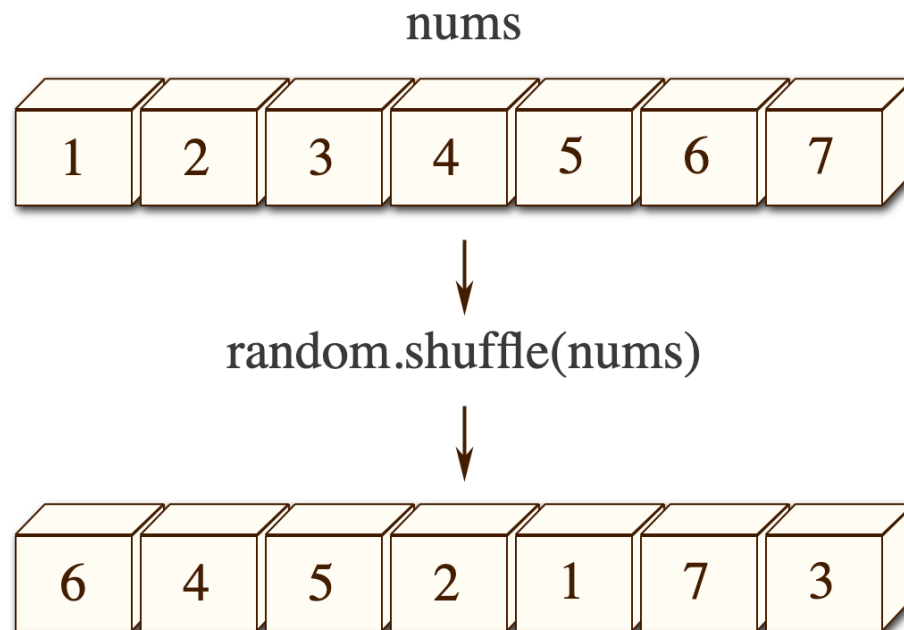
- Runtime:  $O(\sum_{i=1}^n i) = O(n^2)$  Storage:  $O(n)$



In this example, each step takes  $O(i)$  time

# Randomized Linear Programming

- Perform incremental linear programming, but add the half-planes in random order
- Needs a way for creating a random permutation...



# Fisher-Yates Shuffling

- There is a linear-time algorithm, known as the Fisher-Yates algorithm, which always succeeds.

**Algorithm** FisherYates( $X$ ):

*Input:* An array,  $X$ , of  $n$  elements, indexed from position 0 to  $n - 1$

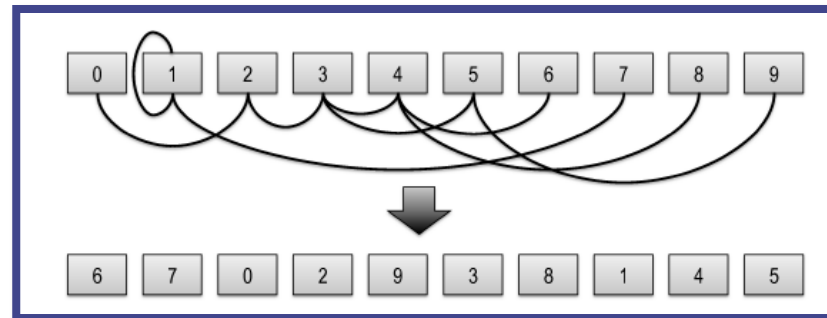
*Output:* A permutation of  $X$  so that all permutations are equally likely

**for**  $k = n - 1$  **downto** 1 **do**

    Let  $j \leftarrow \text{random}(k + 1)$       //  $j$  is a random integer in  $[0, k]$

    Swap  $X[k]$  and  $X[j]$       // This may “swap”  $X[k]$  with itself, if  $j = k$

**return**  $X$



# Analysis of Fisher-Yates

- This algorithm considers the items in the array one at time from the end and swaps each element with an element in the array from that point to the beginning.
- Notice that each element has an equal probability, of  $1/n$ , of being chosen as the last element in the array  $X$  (including the element that starts out in that position).
- Applying this analysis recursively, we see that the output permutation has probability

$$\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{n-1}\right) \cdots \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{1}\right) = \frac{1}{n!}$$

- That is, each permutation is equally likely.

# Randomized Incremental Linear Programming

**Algorithm** 2DRANDOMIZEDBOUNDEDLP( $H, \vec{c}, m_1, m_2$ )

*Input.* A linear program  $(H \cup \{m_1, m_2\}, \vec{c})$ , where  $H$  is a set of  $n$  half-planes,  $\vec{c} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , and  $m_1, m_2$  bound the solution.

*Output.* If  $(H \cup \{m_1, m_2\}, \vec{c})$  is infeasible, then this fact is reported. Otherwise, the lexicographically smallest point  $p$  that maximizes  $f_{\vec{c}}(p)$  is reported.

1. Let  $v_0$  be the corner of  $C_0$ .
2. Compute a *random* permutation  $h_1, \dots, h_n$  of the half-planes by calling RANDOMPERMUTATION( $H[1 \dots n]$ ).
3. **for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $n$
4.     **do if**  $v_{i-1} \in h_i$
5.         **then**  $v_i \leftarrow v_{i-1}$
6.         **else**  $v_i \leftarrow$  the point  $p$  on  $\ell_i$  that maximizes  $f_{\vec{c}}(p)$ , subject to the constraints in  $H_{i-1}$ .
7.             **if**  $p$  does not exist
8.                 **then** Report that the linear program is infeasible and quit.
9. **return**  $v_n$

# Randomized Incremental Linear Programming

- Insertion order of the halfplanes determines the runtime  
→ Varies between  $O(n)$  and  $O(n^2)$
- ⇒ Algorithm 2D\_Randomized\_Bounded\_LP( $H, \vec{c}$ ) inserts the halfplanes in random order

**Theorem:** 2D\_Randomized\_Bounded\_LP runs in  $O(n)$  randomized expected time and  $O(n)$  worst-case space.

**Proof:** Random variable  $X_i = \begin{cases} 1, & v_{i-1} \notin h_i \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

- Total time spent in the else-part of the algorithm to solve 1-dimensional LPs, over all half-planes  $h_1, \dots, h_n$ :  $\sum_{i=1}^n O(i) \cdot X_i$
- Bound expected value (use linearity of expectation):

$$E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n O(i) \cdot X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n O(i) \cdot E(X_i)$$

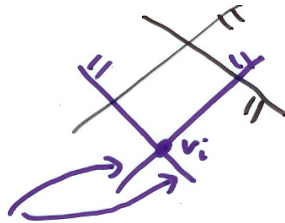
and  $E(X_i) = P(X_i = 1) = P(v_{i-1} \notin h_i)$

# Randomized Incremental Linear Programming

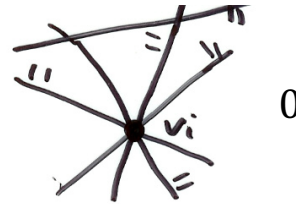
Apply **backwards analysis** to bound  $E(X_i) = P(X_i = 1) = P(v_{i-1} \notin h_i)$ :

- Fix  $H_i = \{h_1, \dots, h_i\}$ ; this determines  $C_i$
- Analyze what happened in the last step when  $h_i$  was added
- $P(\text{Had to compute new optimal vertex when adding } h_i)$   
 $= P(\text{Optimal vertex changes when we remove a halfplane from } C_i)$

$$\leq \frac{2}{i}$$



$$\frac{2}{i}$$



$$0$$

2 out of  $i$  halfplanes defining  $v_i$

- Hence  $E(X_i) \leq \frac{2}{i}$
- Therefore the total expected runtime is  
 $\sum_{i=1}^n O(i) \cdot \frac{2}{i} = O(n)$

