

Cases when a solution of a linear program may not exist:

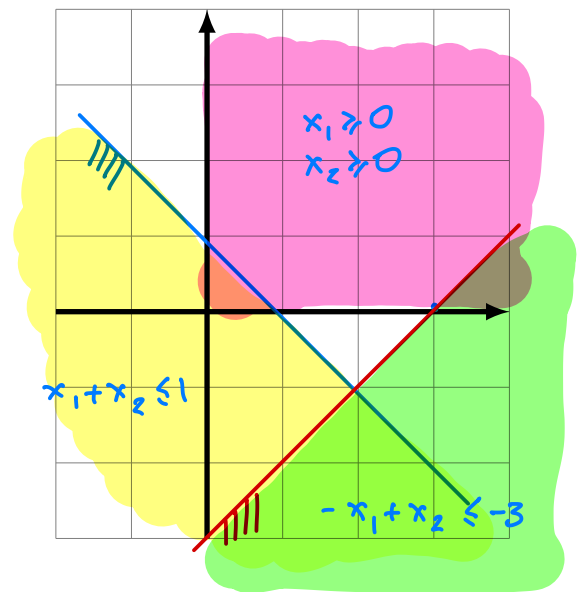
**Infeasibility:** There are no feasible solutions.

**Example.** Maximize  $z = 2x_1 + x_2$  subject to

$$x_1 + x_2 \leq 1$$

$$-x_1 + x_2 \leq -3$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$



no feasible solutions

**Unboundedness:** The objective function has no minimum (or maximum) in the feasible region.

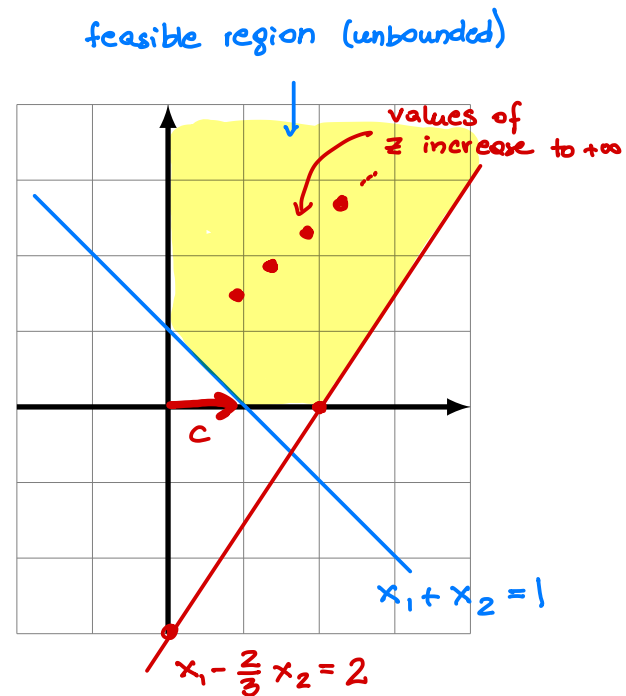
$$z = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ b \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example.** Maximize  $z = x_1 + 0x_2$  subject to

$$x_1 - \frac{2}{3}x_2 \leq 2$$

$$x_1 + x_2 \geq 1$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$



**Note.** Even when the feasible region is unbounded the objective function may have a maximum or a minimum in this region.