

- Formulate problems of interest as LPs
- How to solve LPs?
  - Which LPs can be efficiently solved?
- Certificate of optimality (Duality)
- Examples, algorithms

Product 1	&	Product 2
profit per unit :	$P_1 : 1$	$P_2 : 6$
Every day sell :	$P_1 : \leq 200$	$P_2 : \leq 300$
Production Total :	$\leq 400$ (together)	

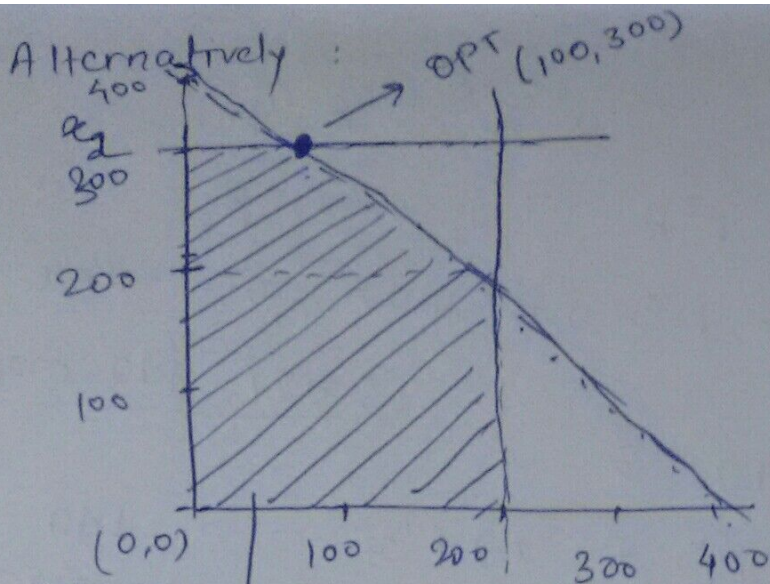
Goal: Decide how many units of  $P_1$  &  $P_2$  to produce to maximize the profit?

$x_i = \#$  of product units of product  $P_i$ .

$x_1 \leq 200$ ,  $x_2 \leq 300$ ,  $x_1 + x_2 \leq 400$  [const-  
-rants]

maximize  $x_1 + 6x_2$  [optimization function]

OPT:  $P_1$  units = 100, profit = 1900  
 $P_2$  units = 300,



- Positivity constraint assumed

- Integrity constraint assumed

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0, \text{ integers}$$

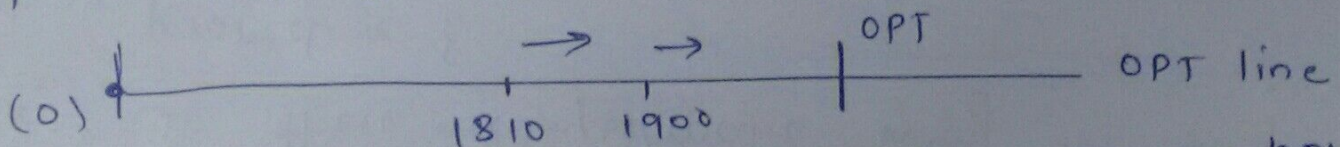
feasible region : Always a convex region if constraints are linear [not proved]

Known :  $\exists$  Optimum @ corner points of feasible region.

$\approx$  Geometrically, move the line (obj)  $x_1 + 6x_2$  in the direction which increases the obj.  $f^*$

### Certificate of OPT

if  $x_1' = 10$ ,  $x_2' = 300$ ,  $VAL = 1810$



$OPT \geq 1900$ ,  $OPT \geq 1810 \rightarrow$  Lower bounds on OPT

How to get upper bound?

$$x_1 \leq 200, \quad x_2 \leq 300 \rightarrow$$

$$x_1 + 6x_2 \leq 2000 \quad \text{ie } OPT \leq 2000$$

}  $\exists$  gap between 1900 & 2000

How to come up with inequality that upper bounds OPT as tightly as possible!

~~...~~  $x_1 + 6x_2 \leq 1900$  ~~...~~  $\rightarrow$  goal.

Q: Is there a systematic way for this procedure?

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 \leq 200 \\ x_2 \leq 300 \\ x_1 + x_2 \leq 400 \end{array} \quad \dots \quad \begin{array}{l} * \alpha_1 \\ * \alpha_2 \\ * \alpha_3 \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_1 + x_2 \end{array}} \right\} \alpha_i \geq 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \alpha_1 x_1 \leq 200 \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 x_2 \leq 300 \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 x_1 + \alpha_3 x_2 \leq 400 \alpha_3 \end{array} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha_1 + \alpha_3 \geq 1 \quad (*) \\ \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 \geq 6 \end{array} \right.$$

new obj: to get <sup>right</sup> upper bound on original OPT  $\rightarrow$

minimize  $200 \alpha_1 + 300 \alpha_2 + 400 \alpha_3 \rightarrow \overline{\text{OPT}}$

(\*) Because we want upper bound on original OPT  $\equiv x_1 + 6x_2 \leq (\alpha_1 + \alpha_3)x_1 + (\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)x_2 \leq \overline{\text{OPT}}$

New opt / LP:

min.  $200 \alpha_1 + 300 \alpha_2 + 400 \alpha_3$

s.t.  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_3 \geq 1, \quad \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 \geq 6,$

$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \geq 0$

} Dual of original primal

# variables in dual = # of constraints in primal.