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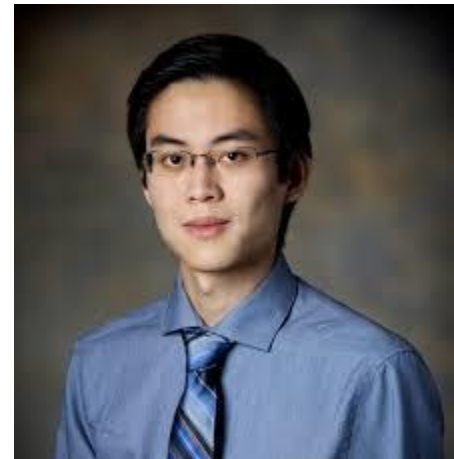
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Overview

- Motivation
- Decision Diagrams for Integer Programming
 - incorporate DD bounds in MIP search
 - cut generation
 - outer approximation for MINLP
- Conclusions

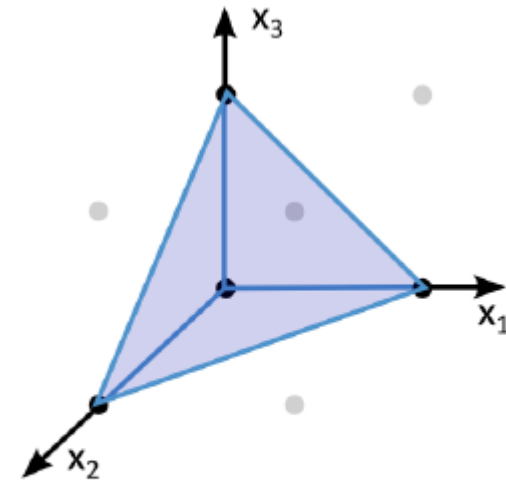
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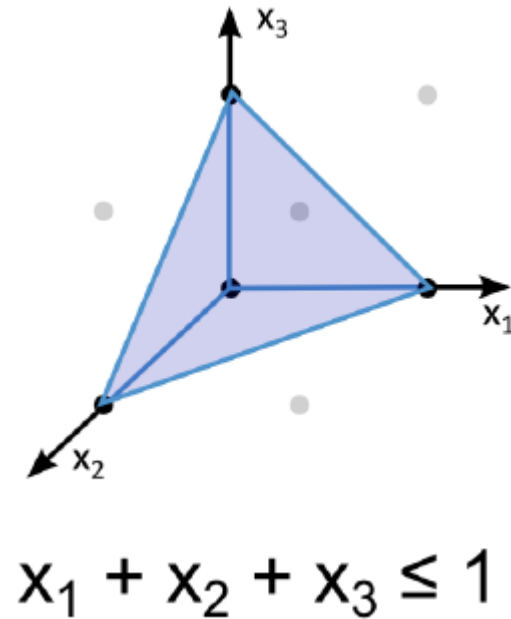
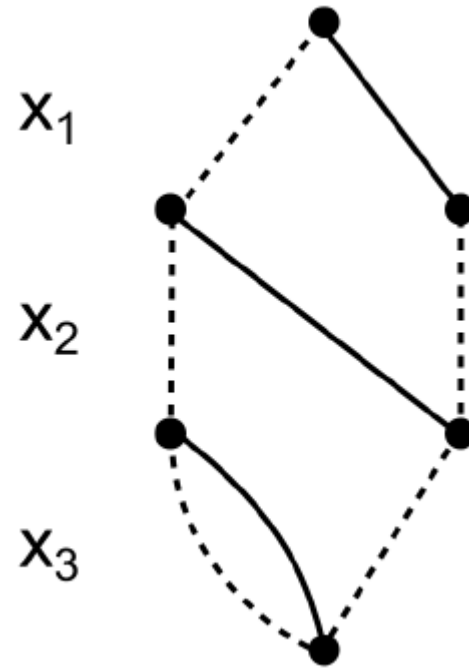
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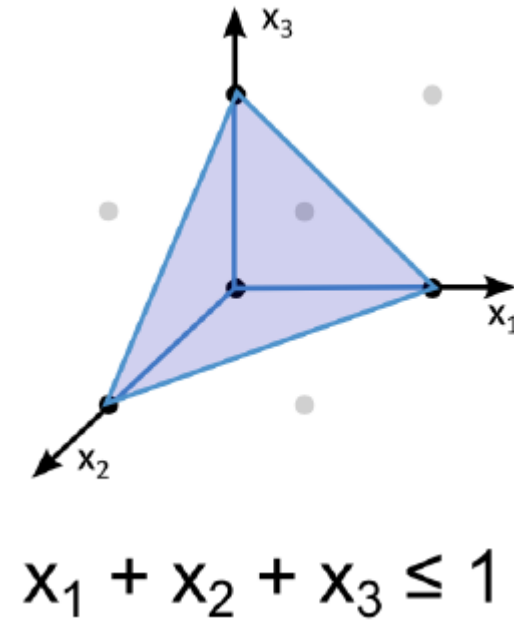
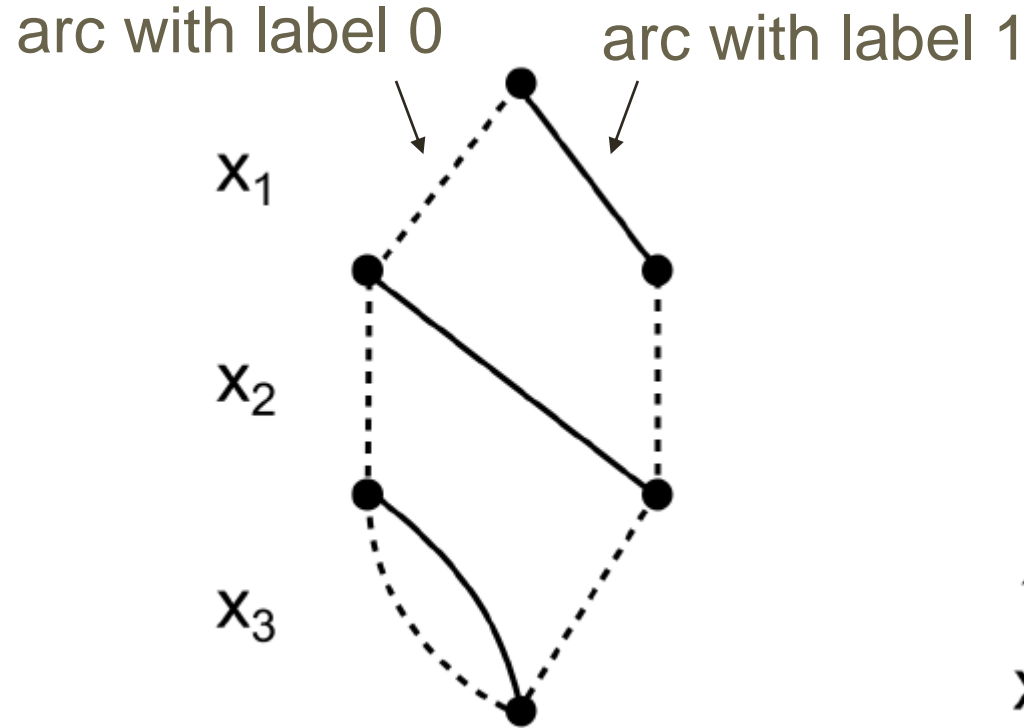
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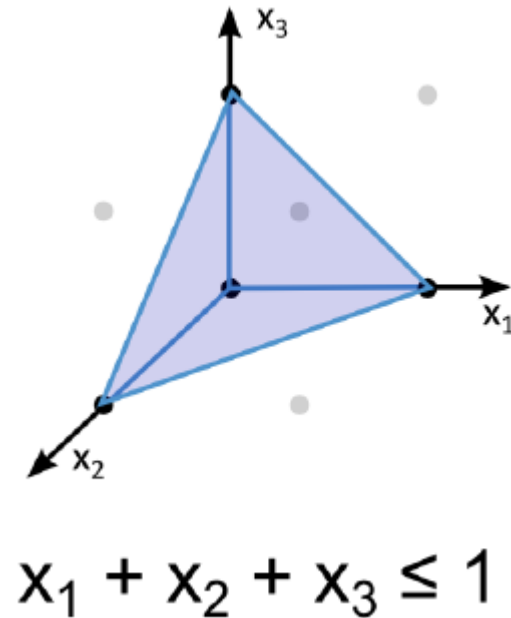
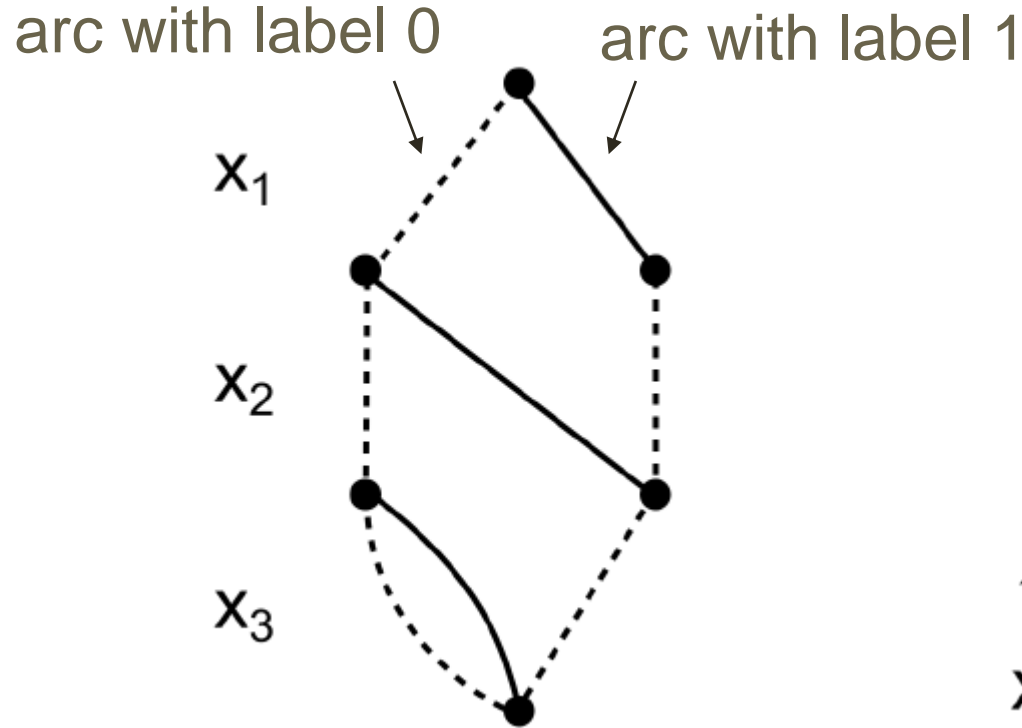
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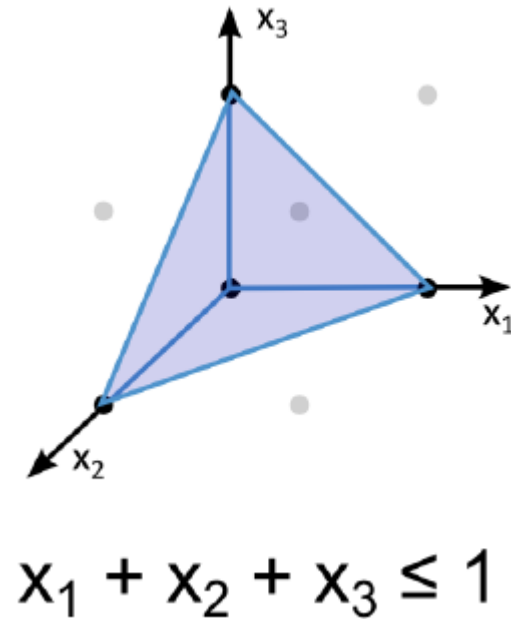
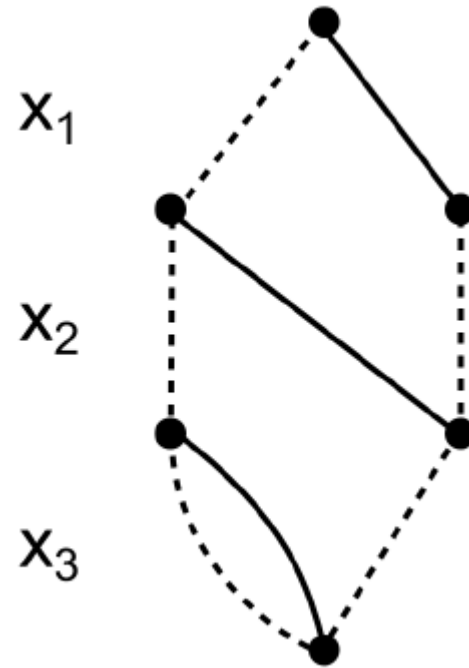


BDD: binary decision diagram

MDD: multi-valued decision diagram

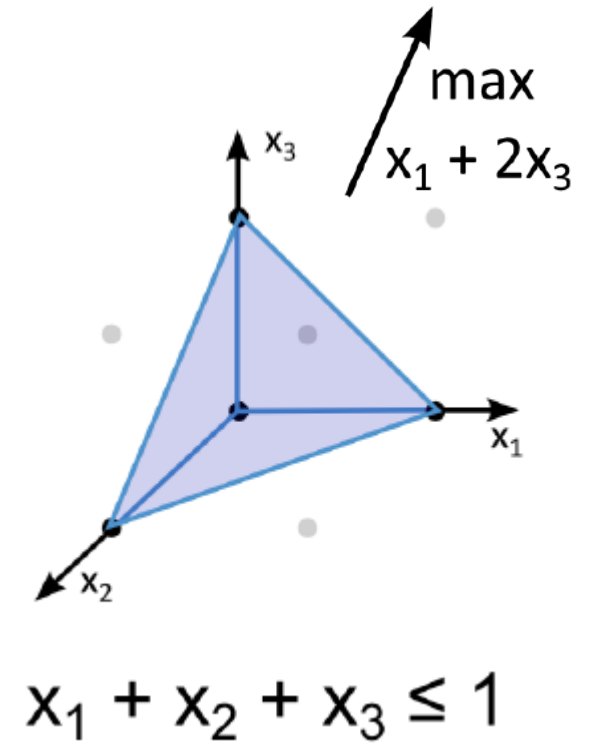
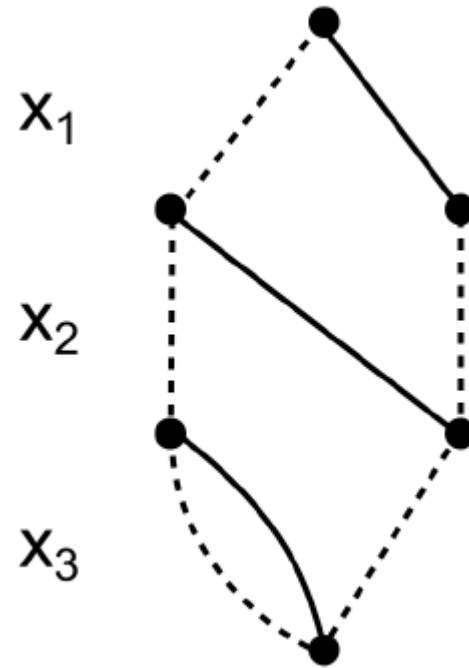
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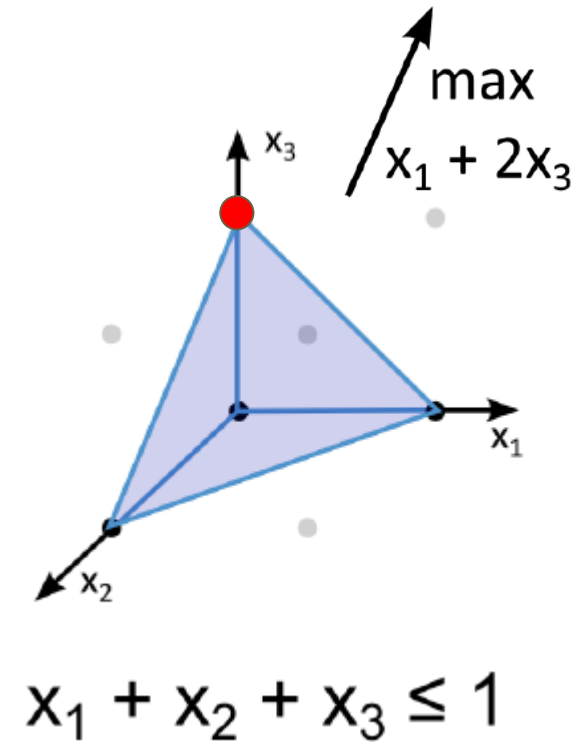
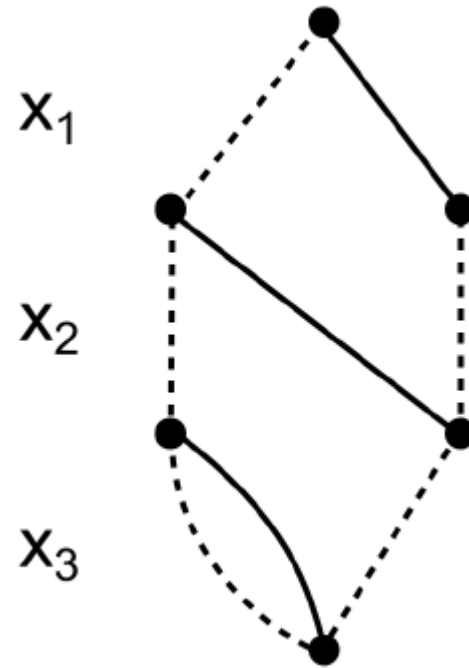
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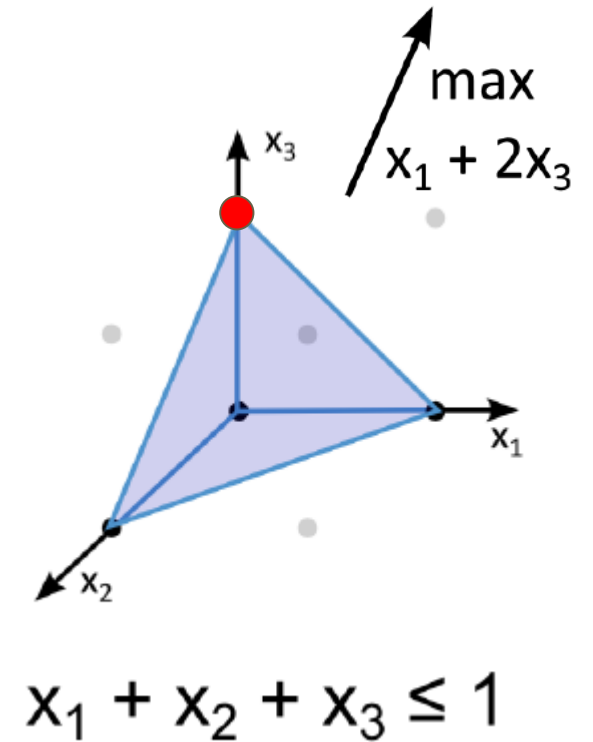
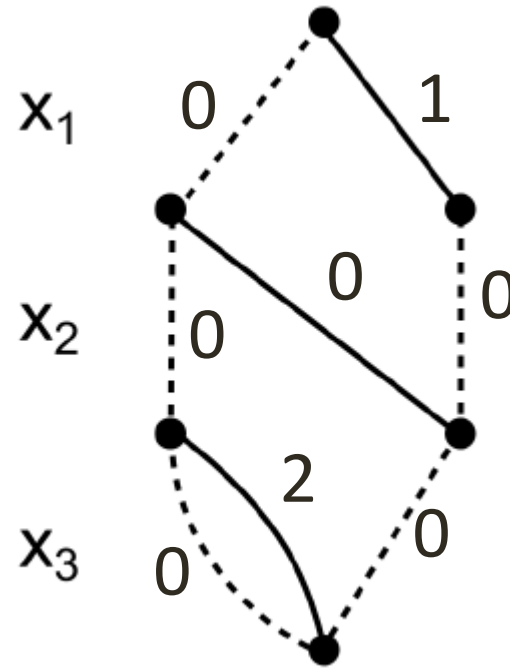
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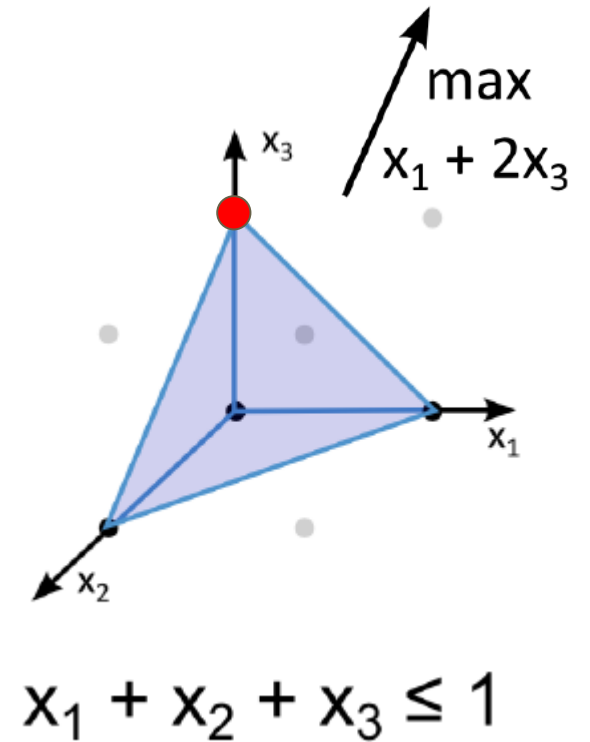
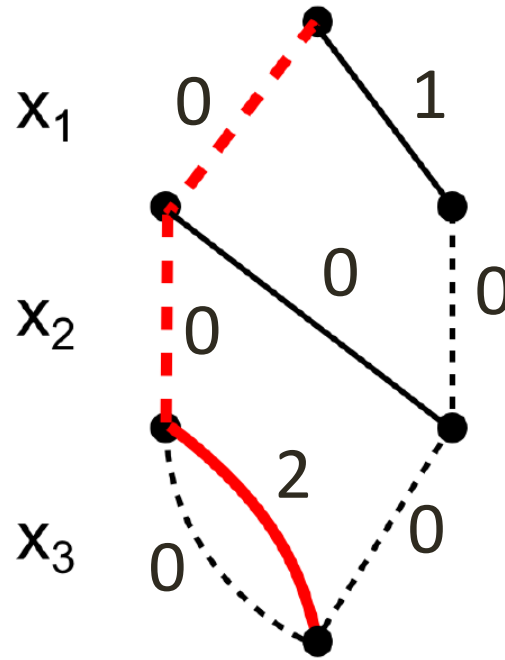
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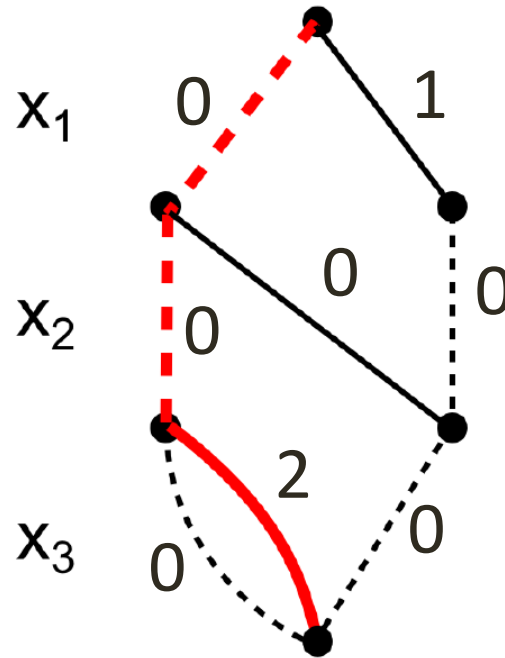
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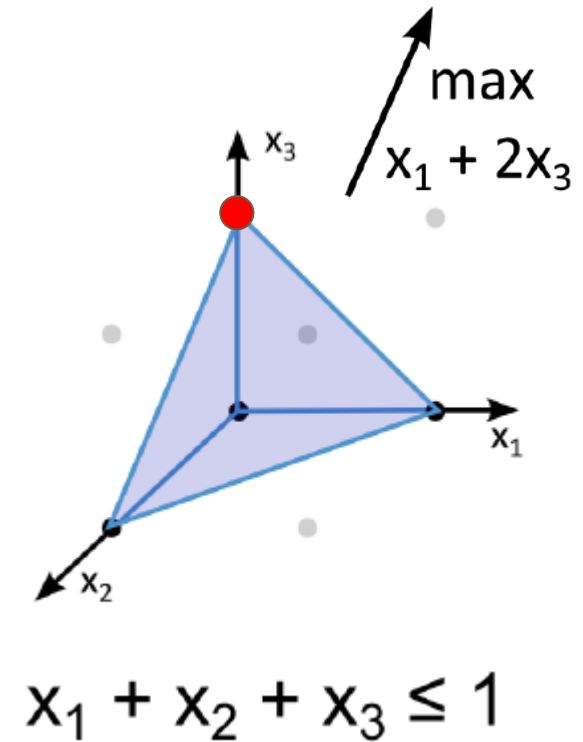


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optimal objective value: 2



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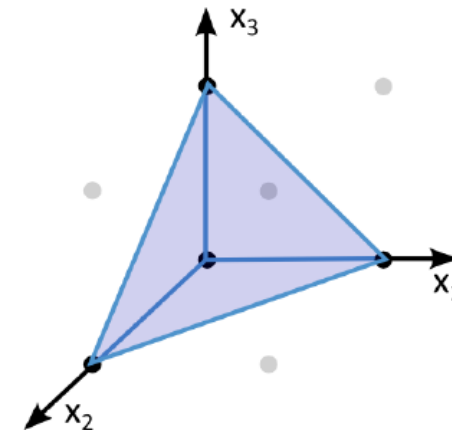
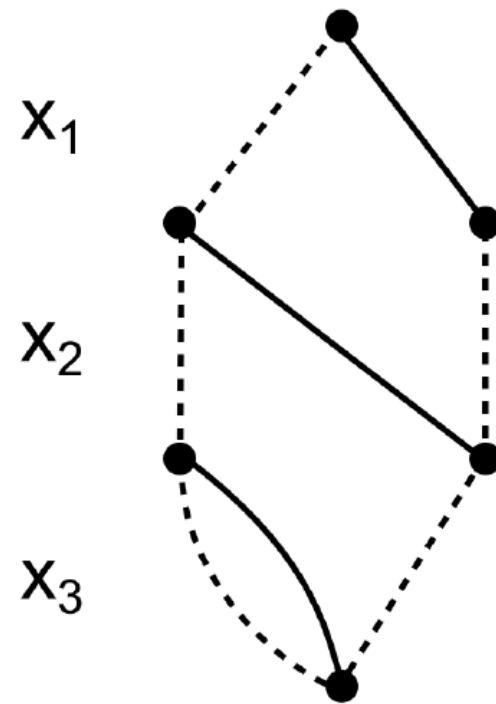
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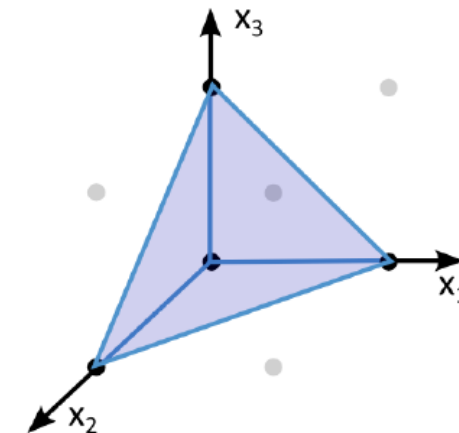
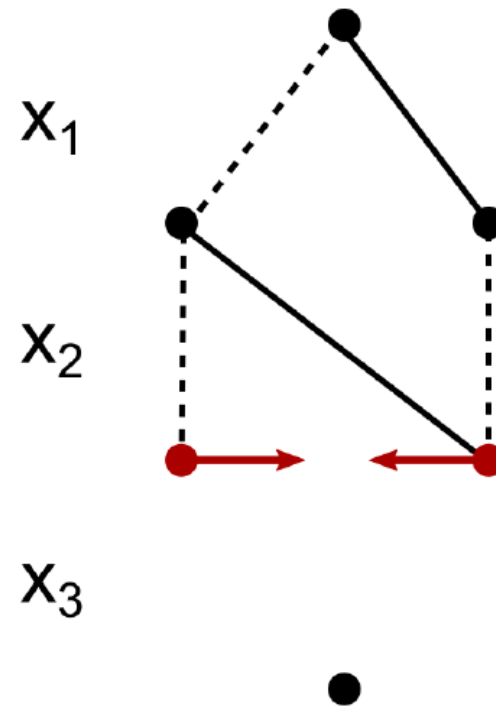
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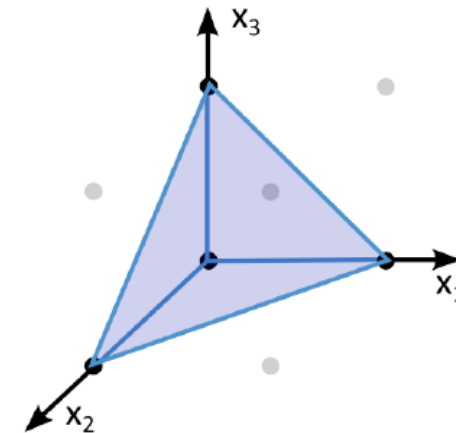
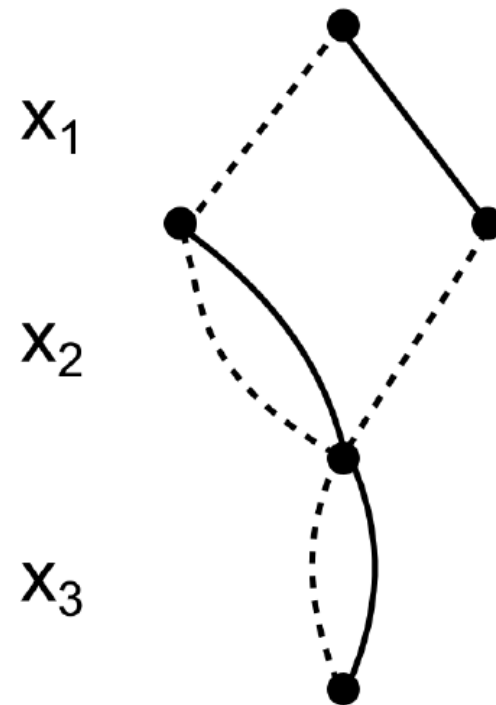
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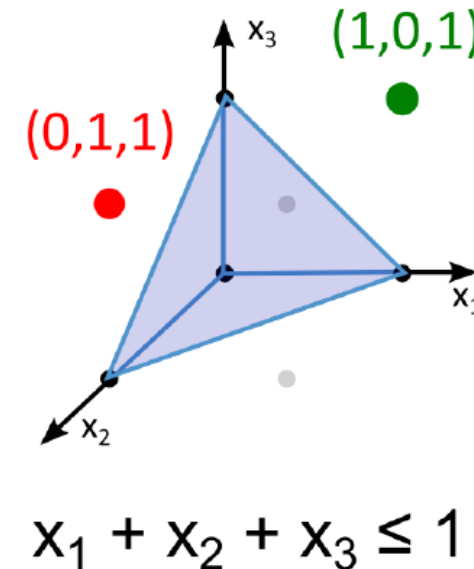
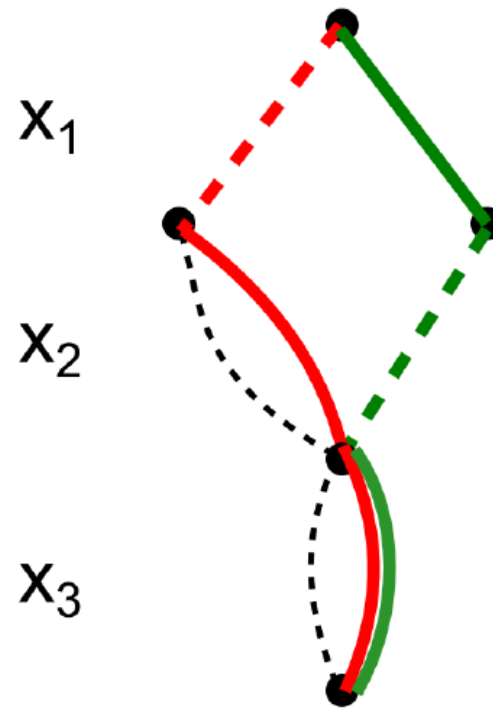
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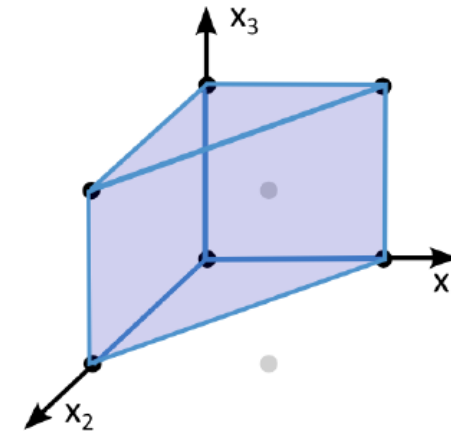
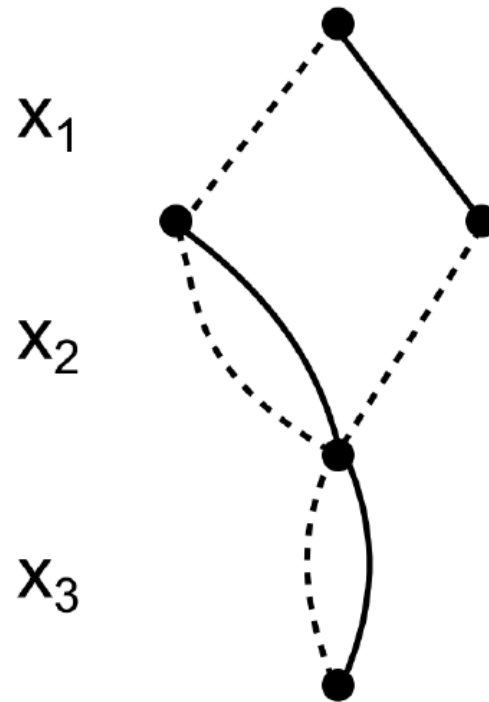
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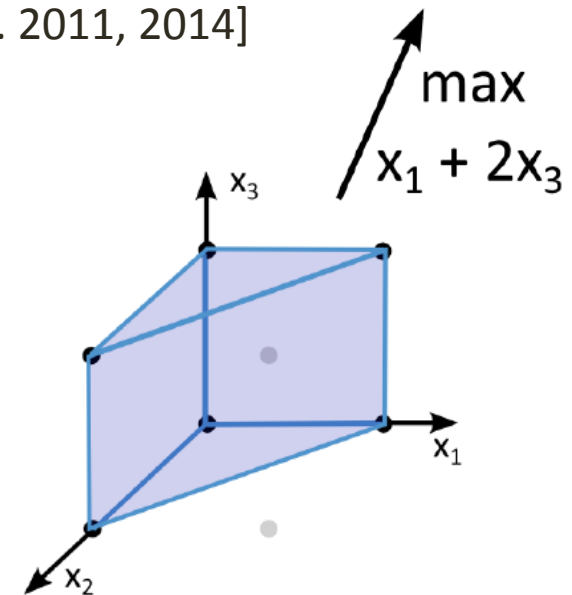
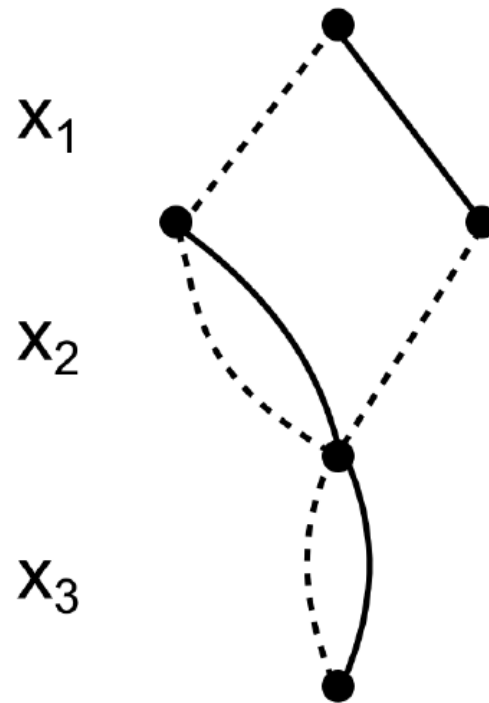
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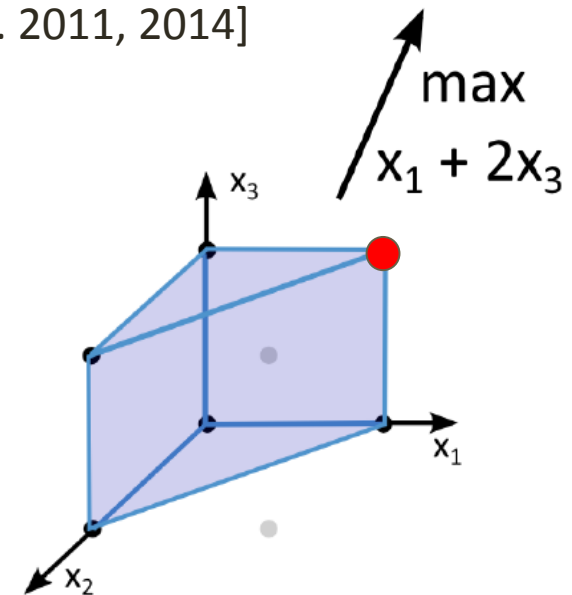
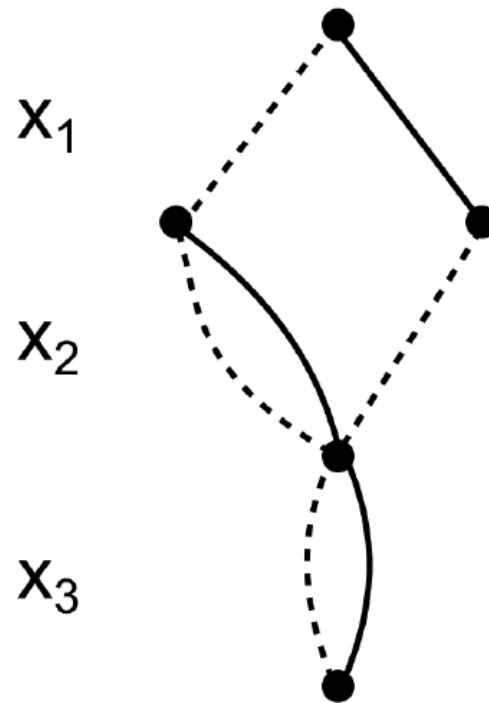
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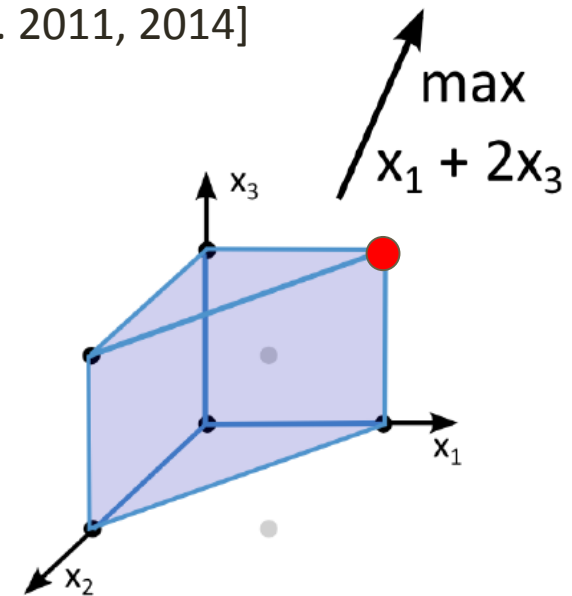
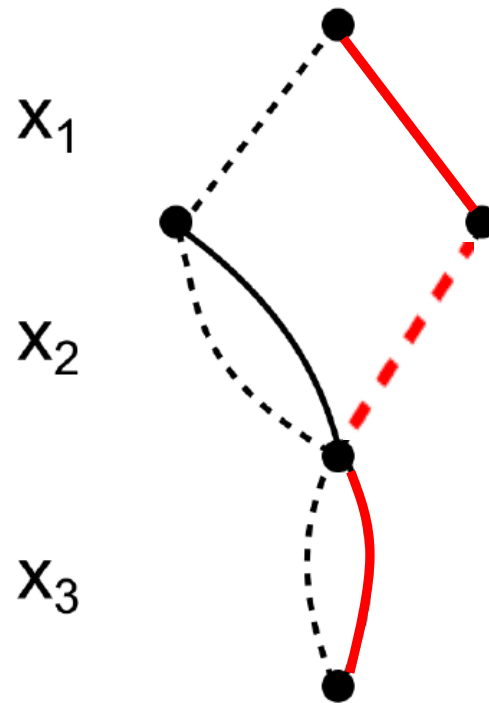
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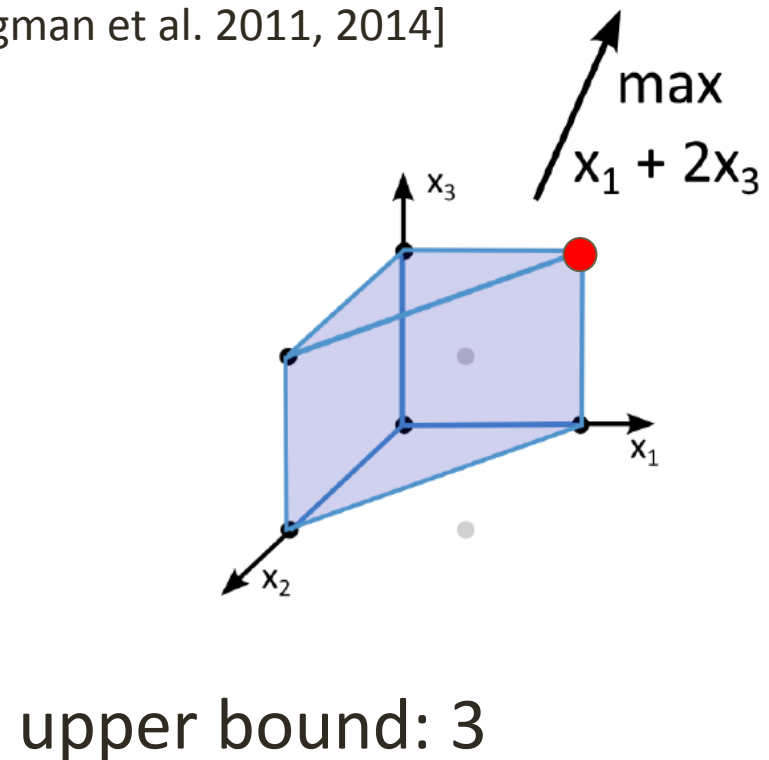
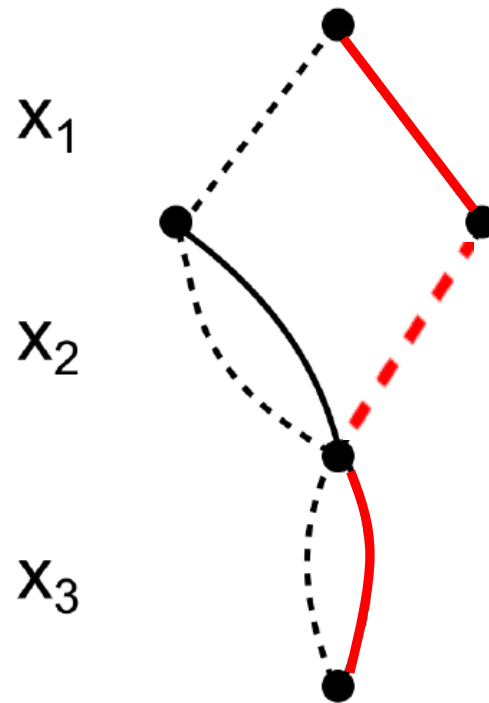
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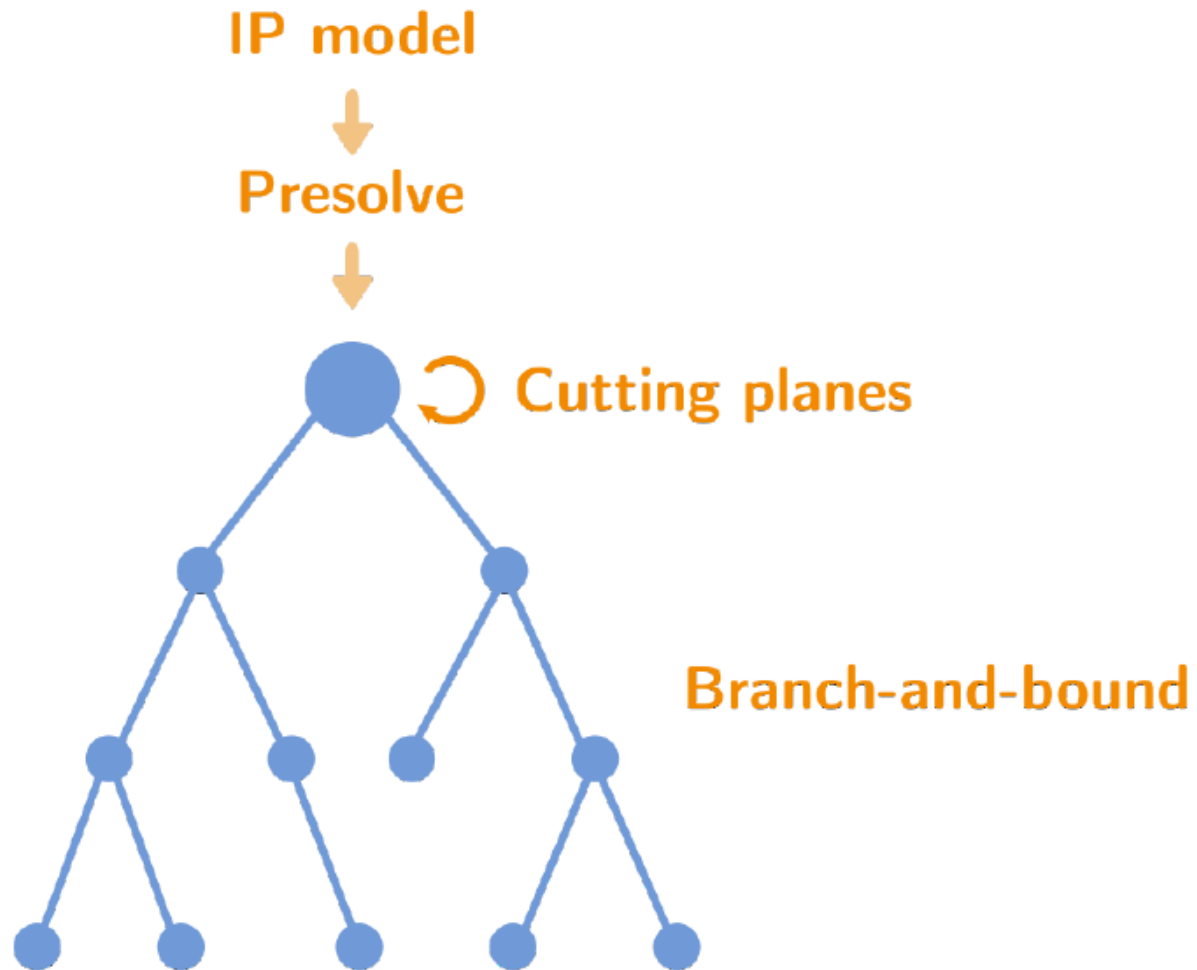
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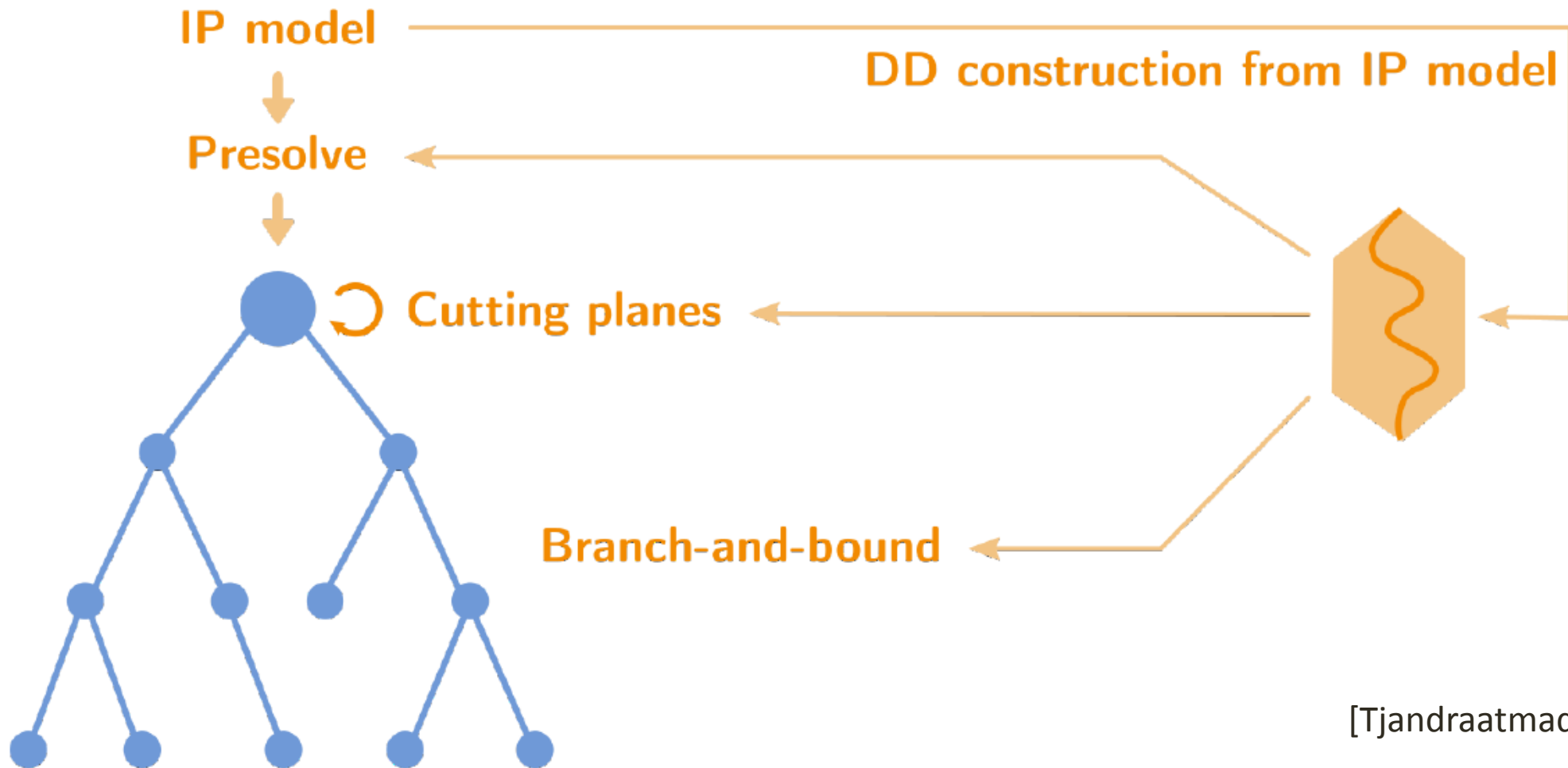
Categories of Successful Applications

- Sequencing and routing problems
 - single machine scheduling with setup times, time windows, precedence constraints (including TSPTW) [Cire & vH, OR2013], [Kinable et al. EJOR 2017] [O'Neil & Hoffman, ORL2019]
- Decomposition and embedding in MIP models
 - nonlinear objective functions [Bergman&Cire, MgtSc 2018]
 - column generation [Morrison et al. IJOC 2016] [Kowalczyk & Leus IJOC 2018]
- Combinatorial optimization
 - MISP, MAX-CUT, MAX-2SAT, ... [CPAIOR 2011, 2012] [IJOC 2014, 2016] [J Heur 2014]
- Constraint Programming
 - DD-based constraint propagation [Andersen et al. CP2007] [Hoda et al. CP2010]

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[Tjandraatmadja, PhD 2018]

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 - conflict graph/clique table

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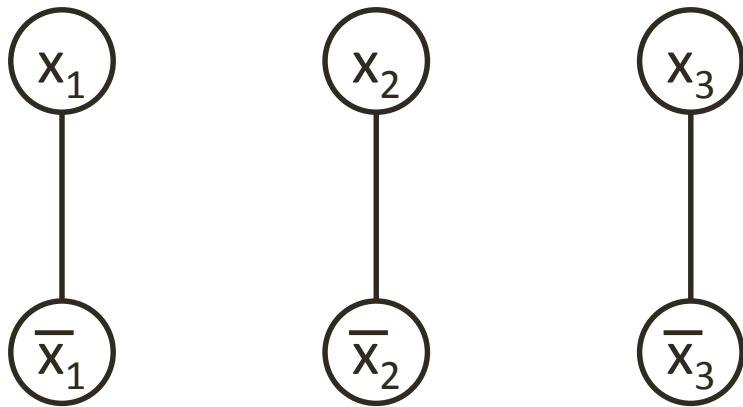
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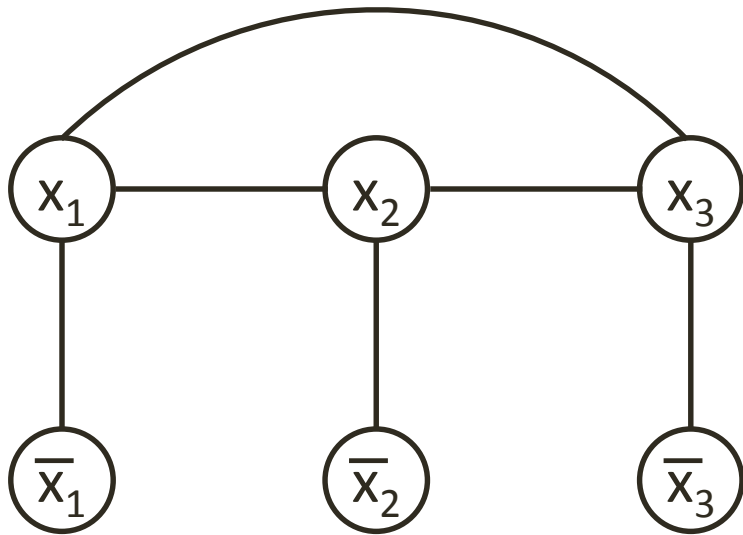


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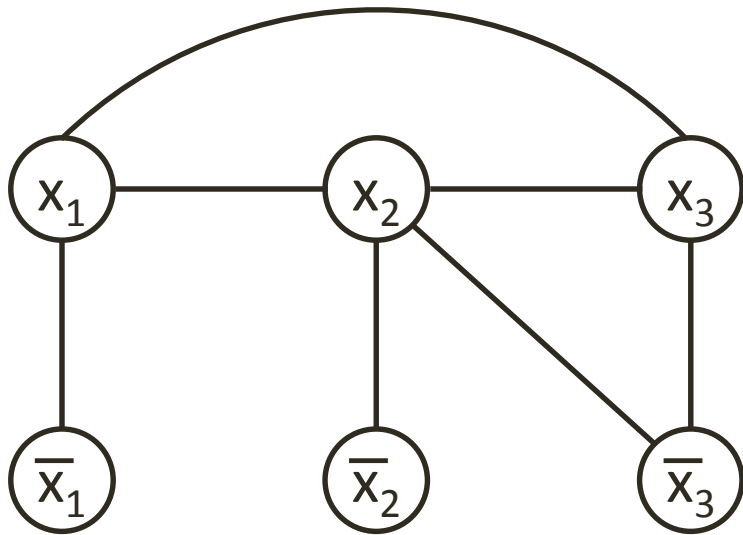


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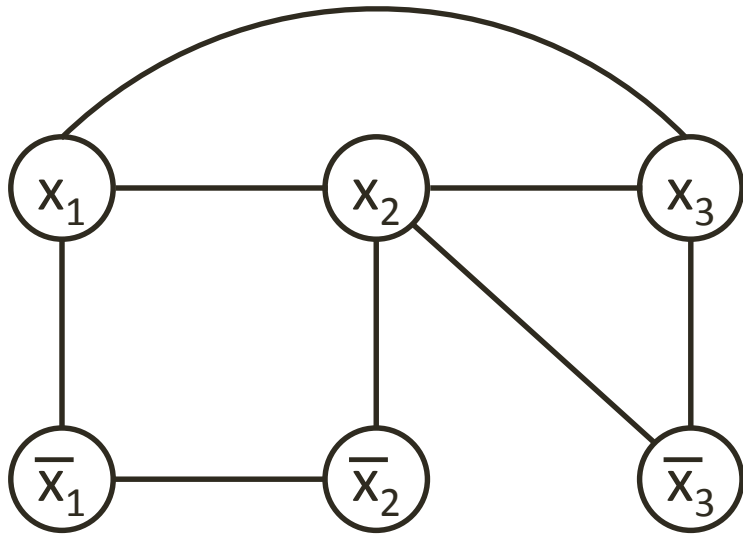


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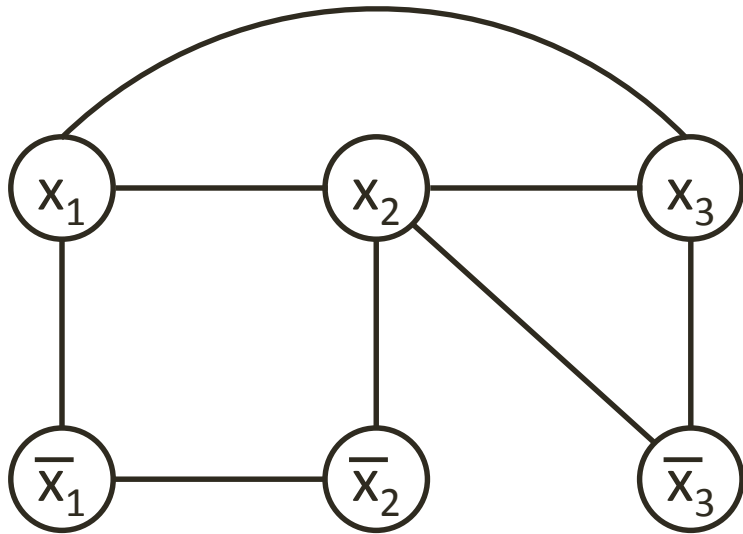


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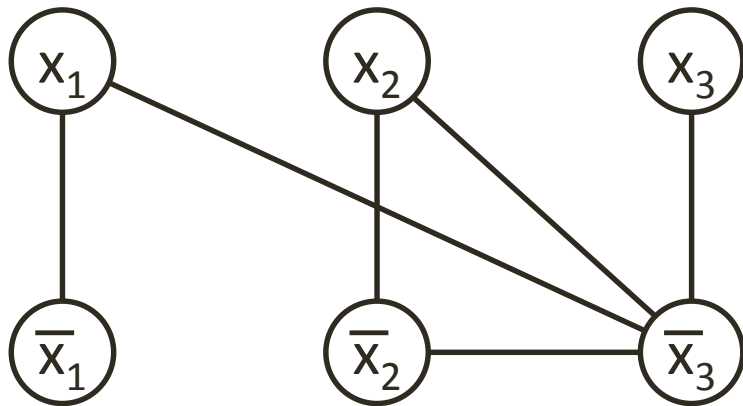
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Conflict graphs are inferred and constructed by most modern MIP solvers

[Atamtürk et al., 2000; Achterberg, 2007]

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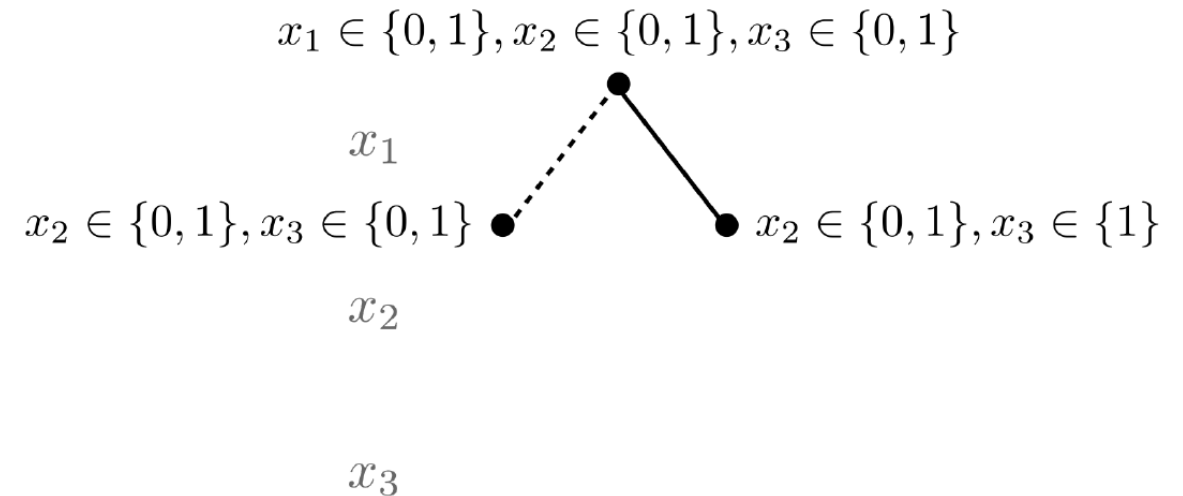
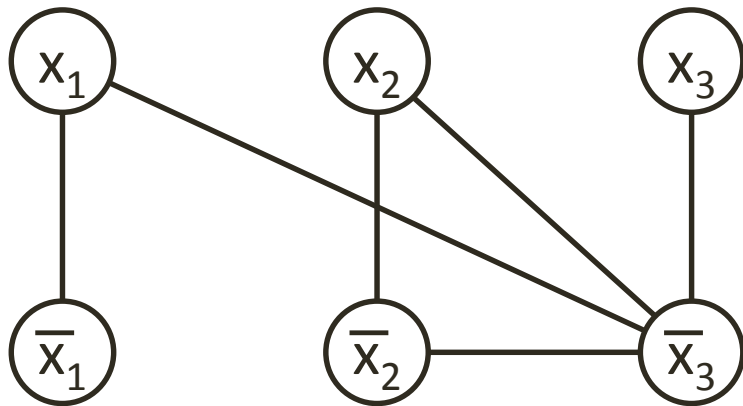
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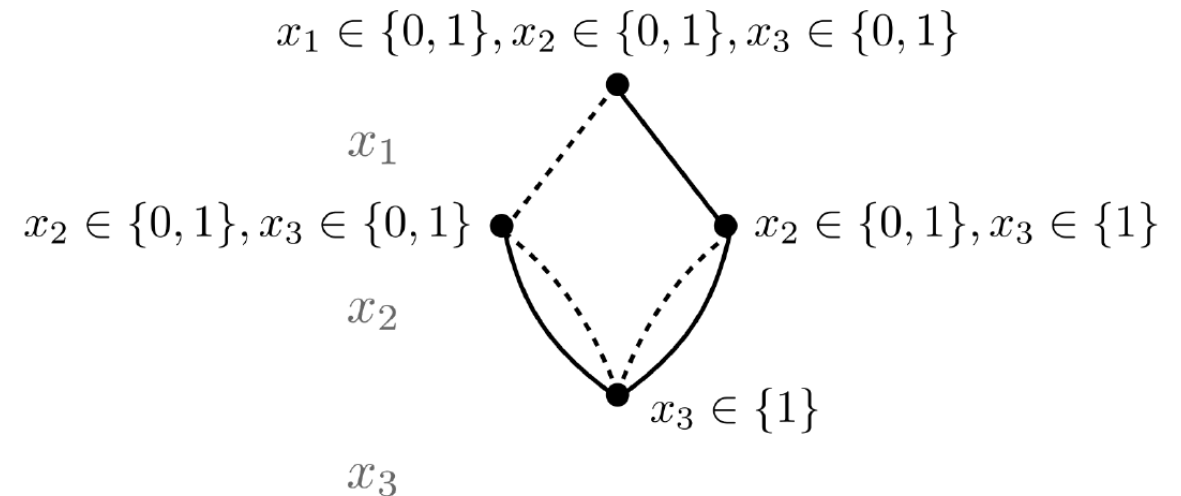
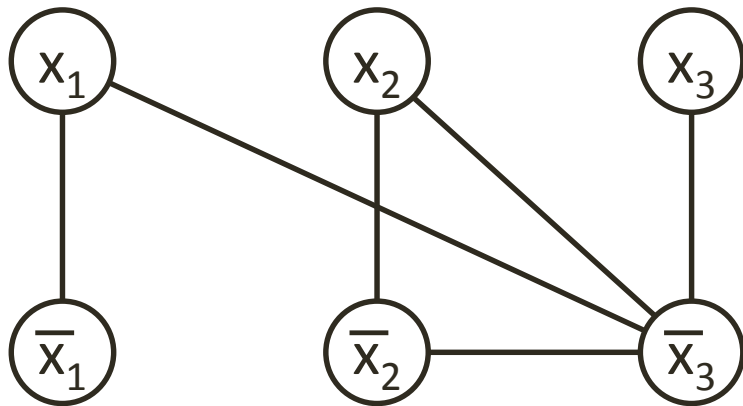
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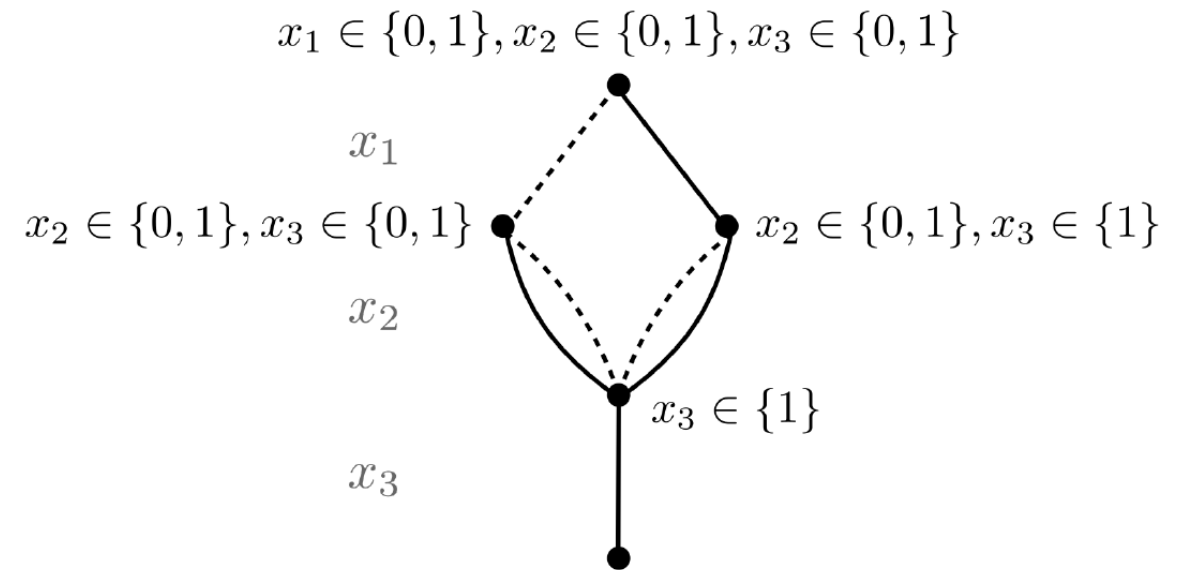
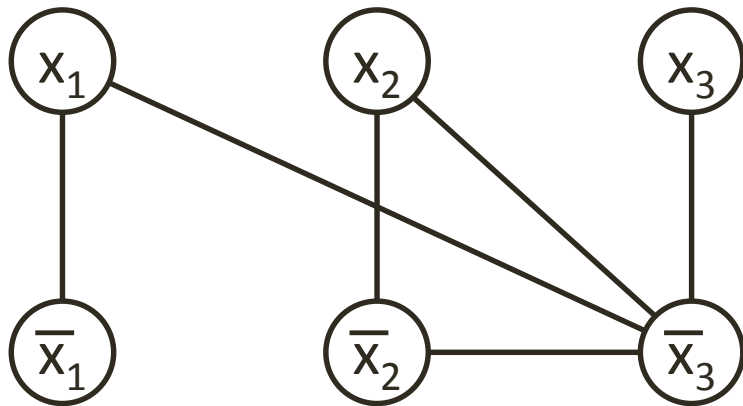
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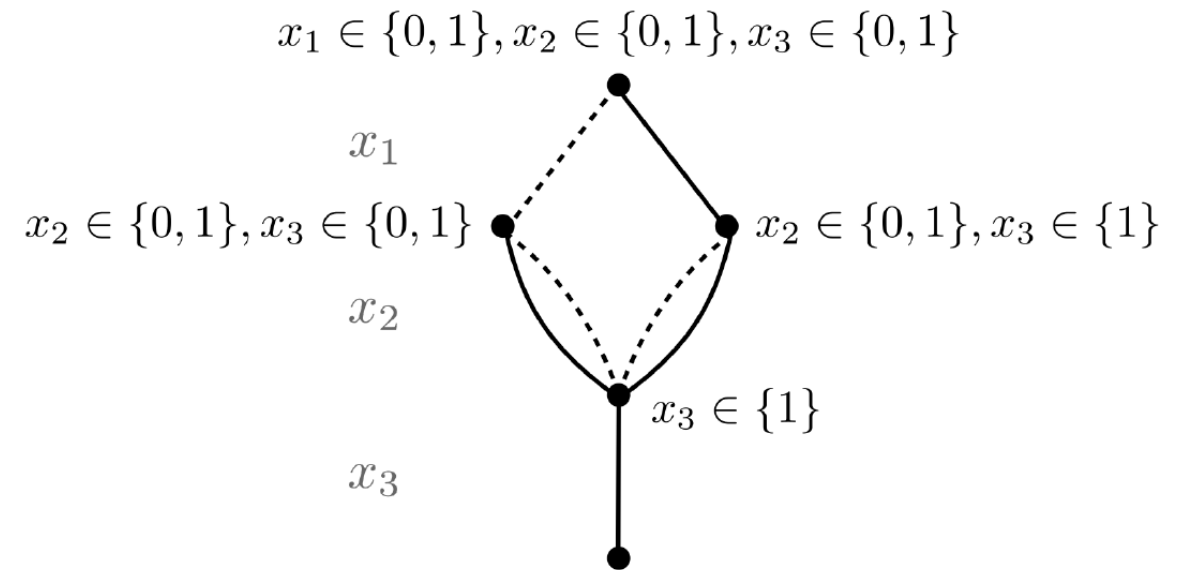
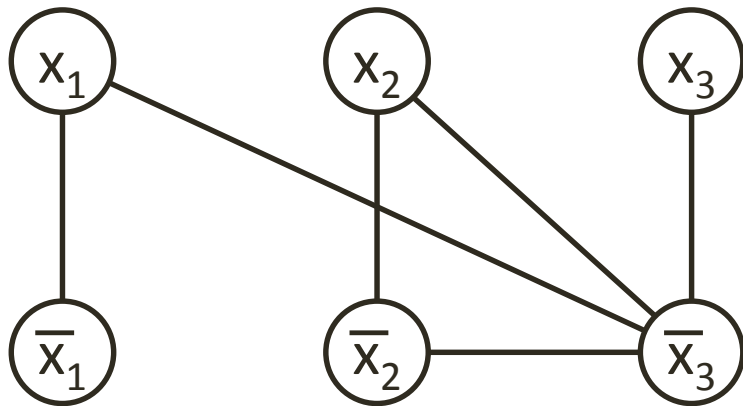
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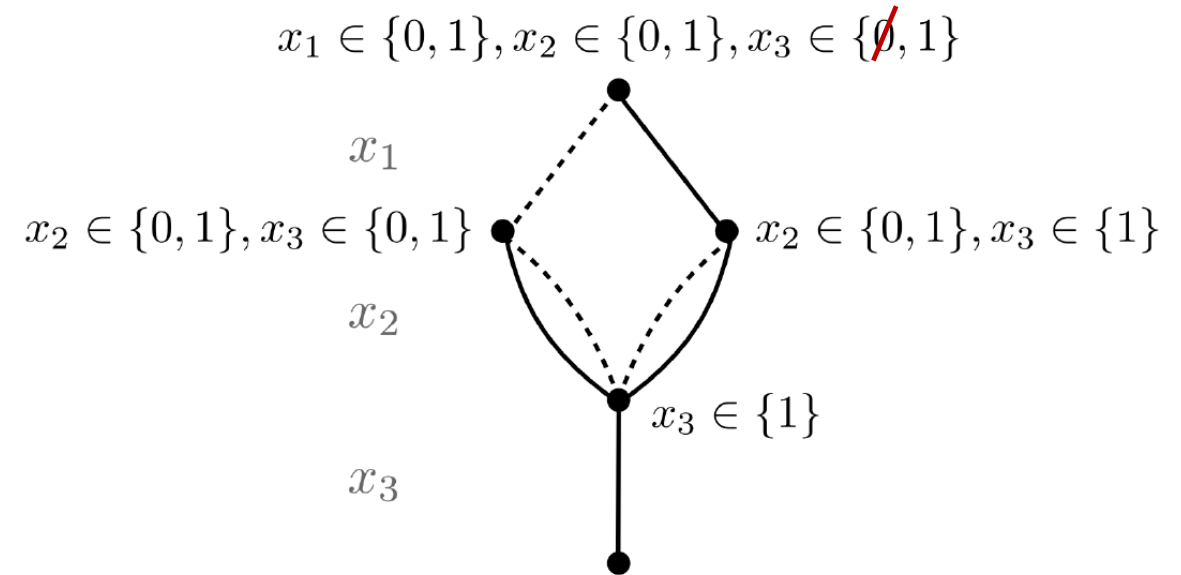
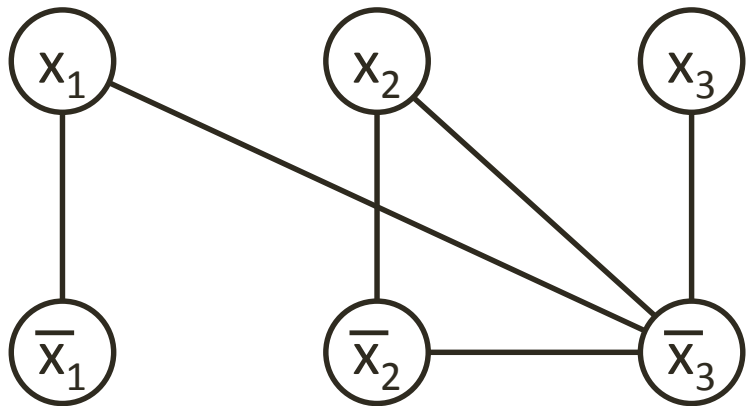
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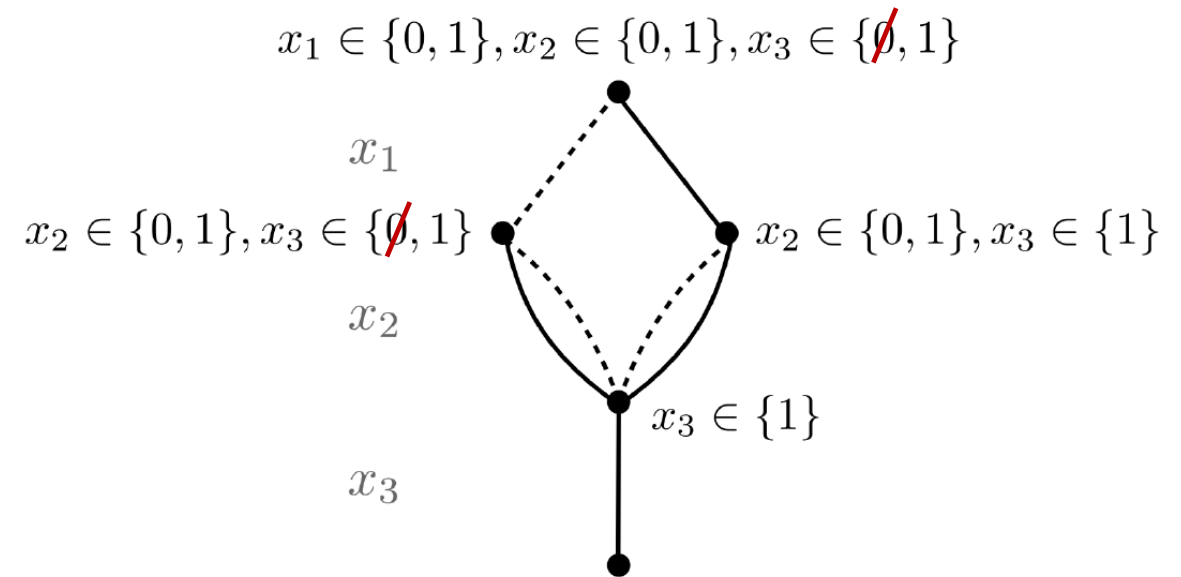
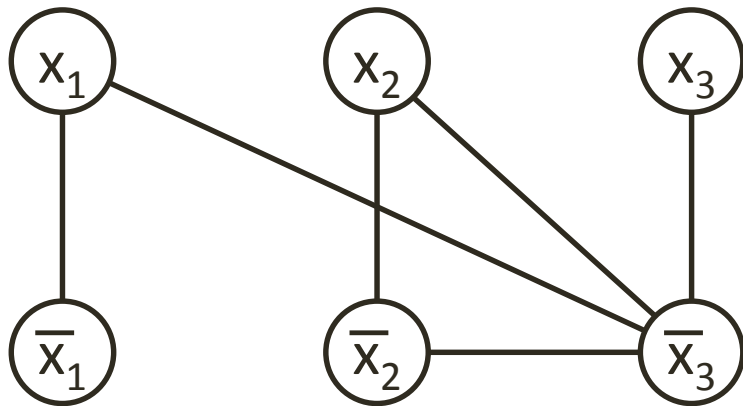
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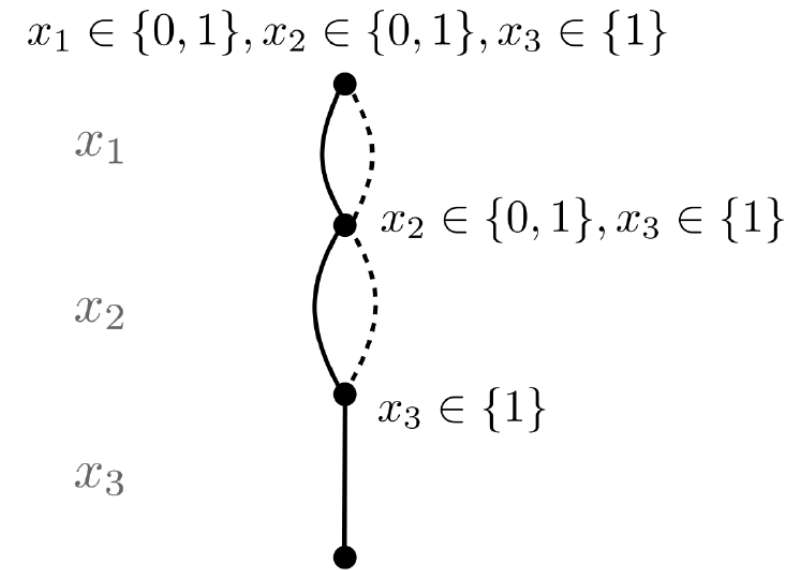
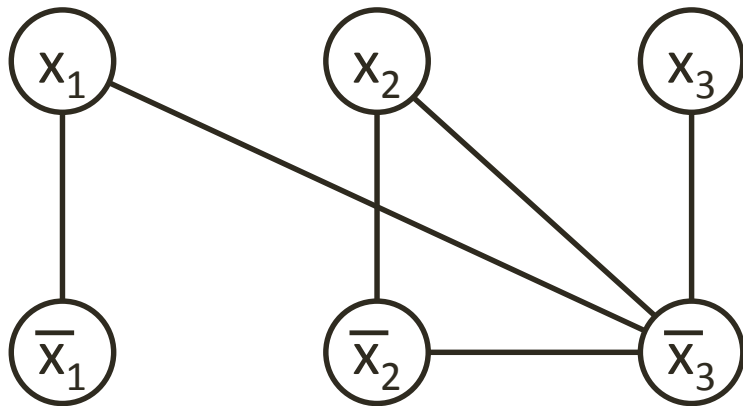
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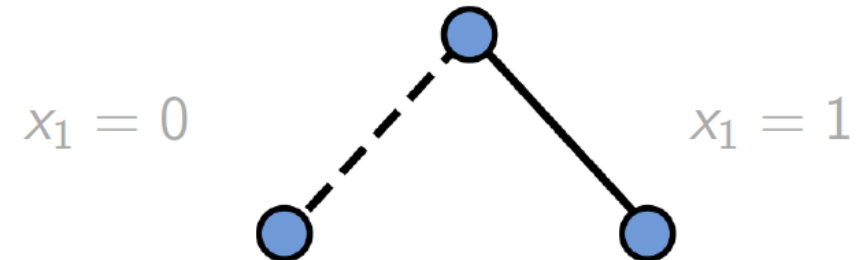
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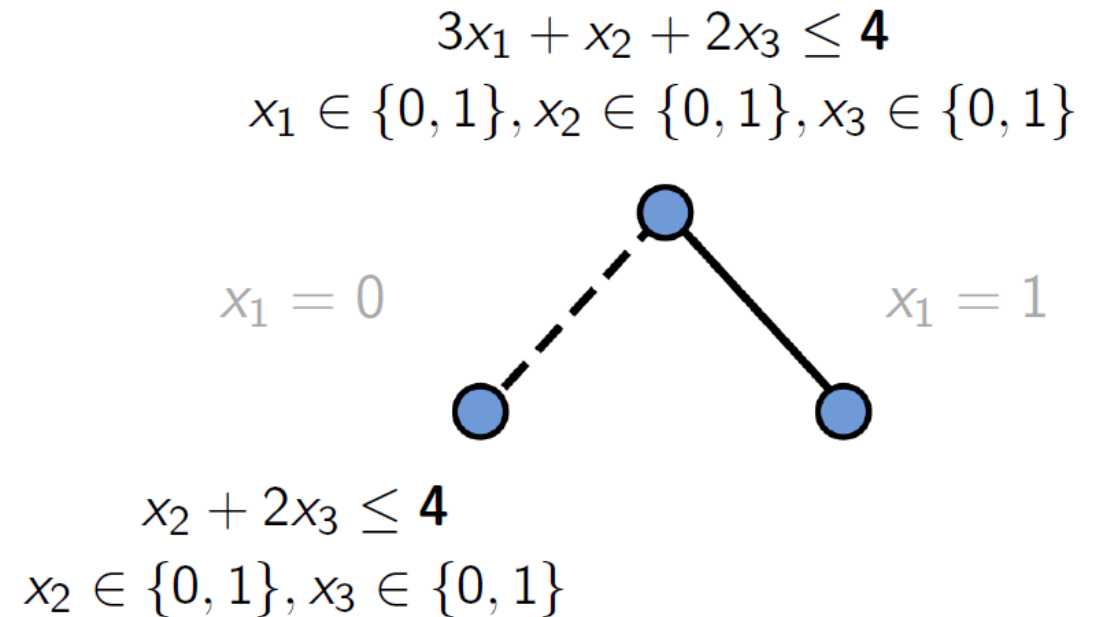
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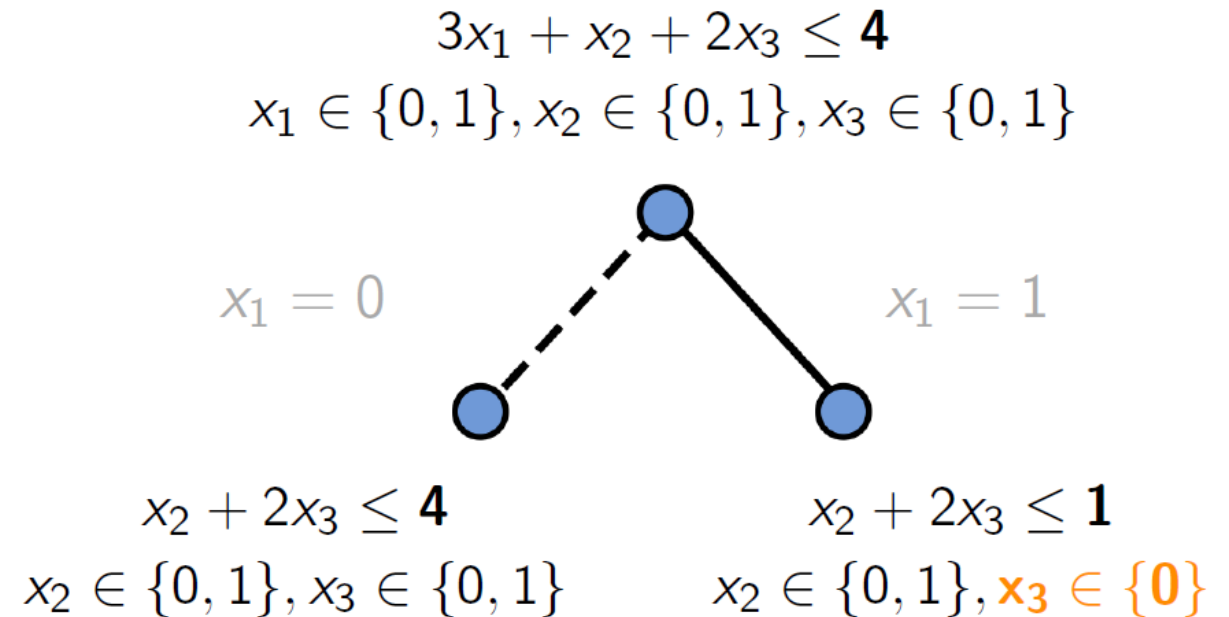
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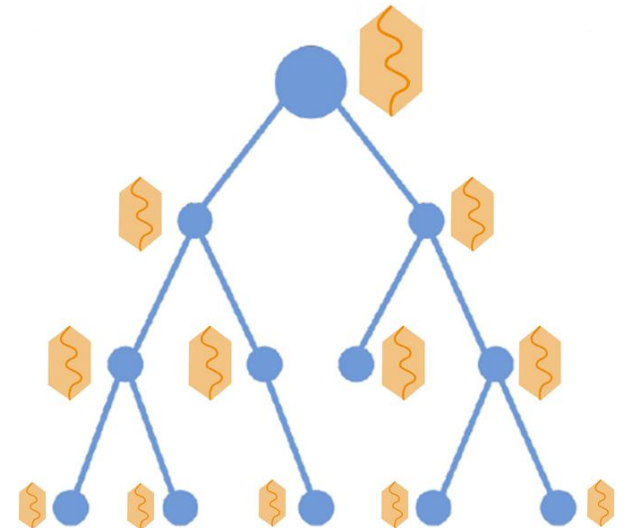
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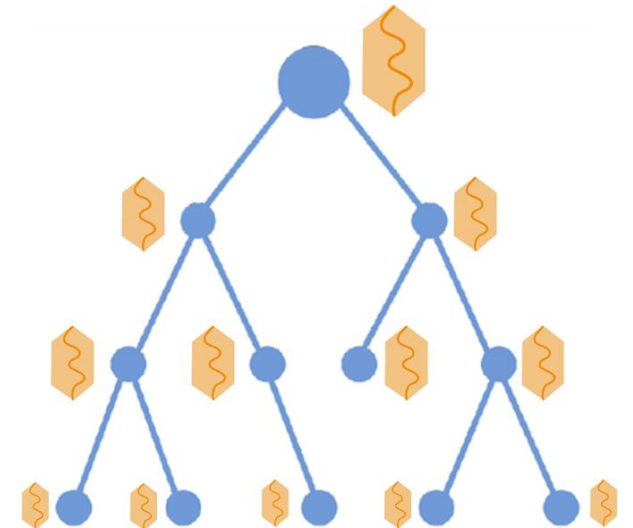
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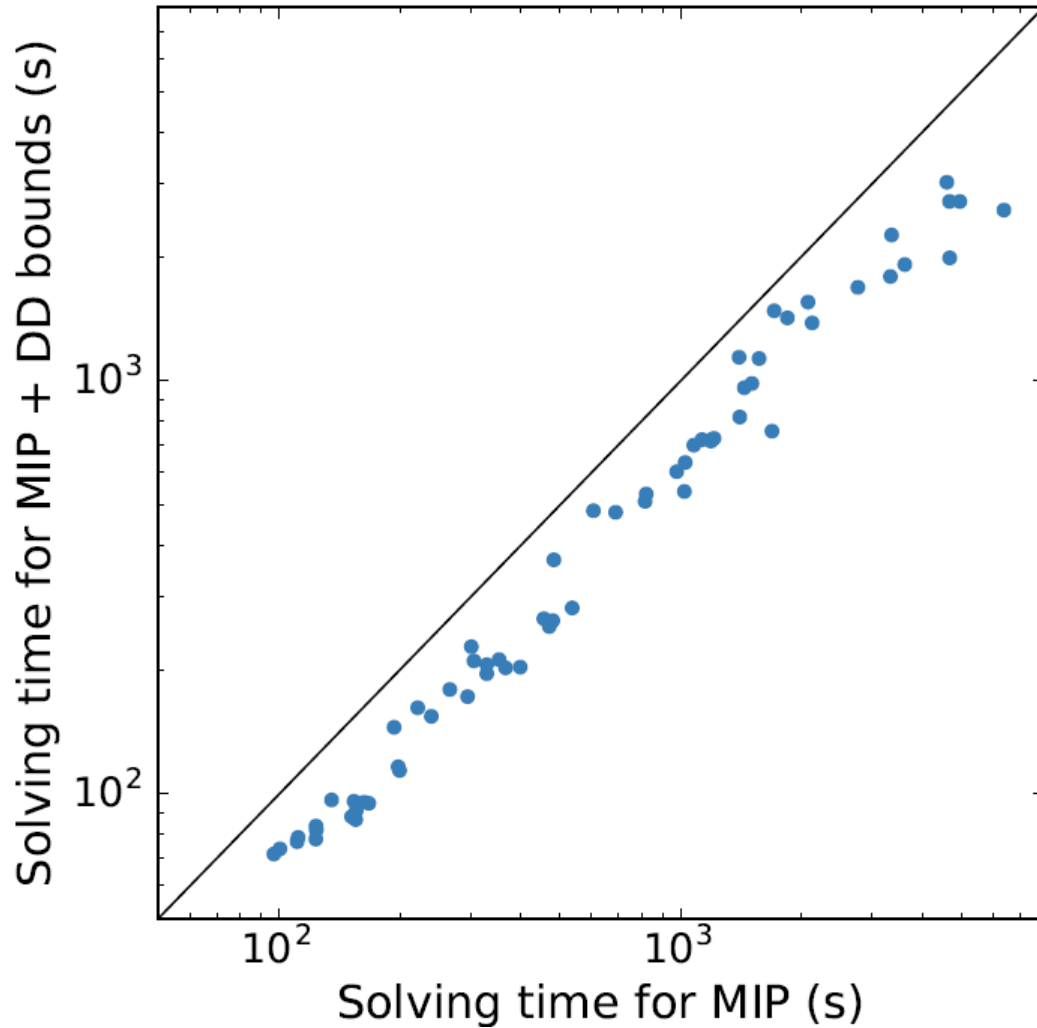


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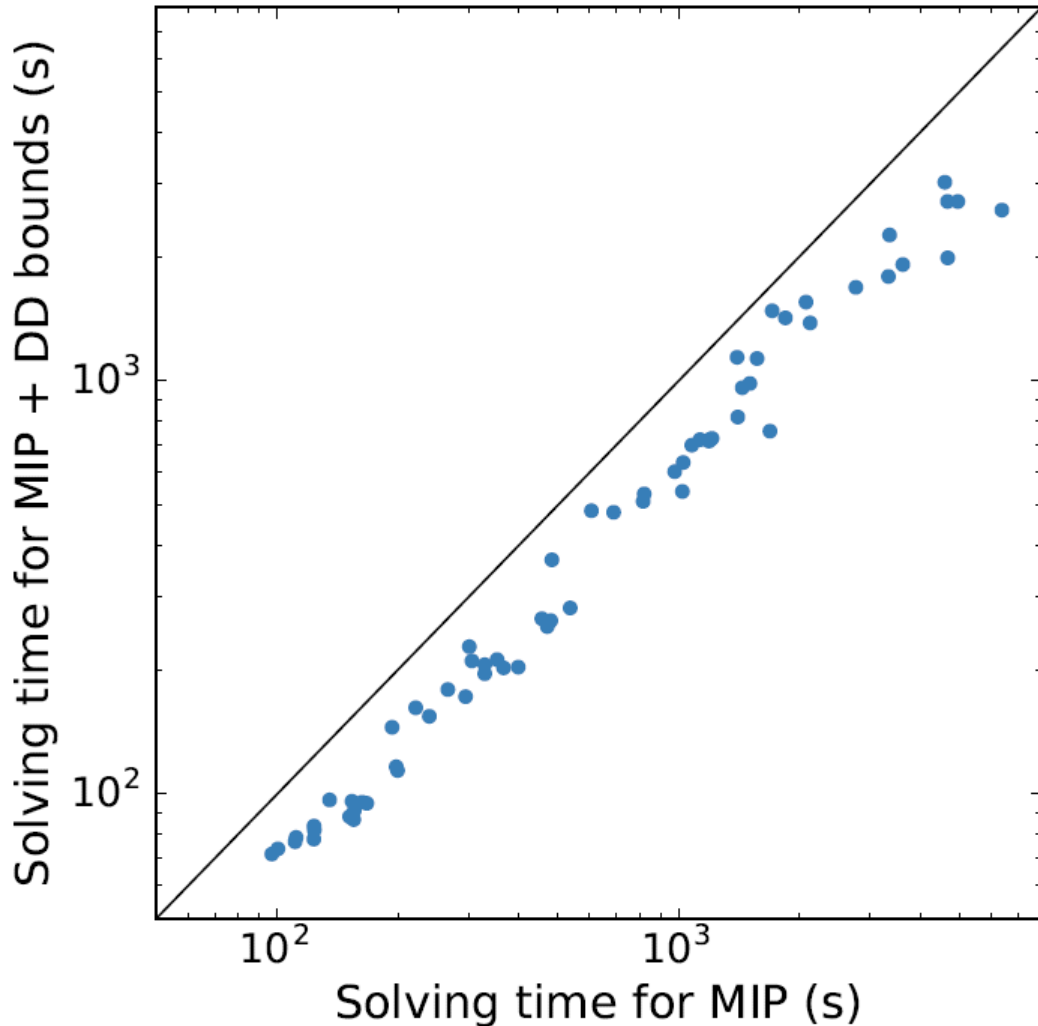
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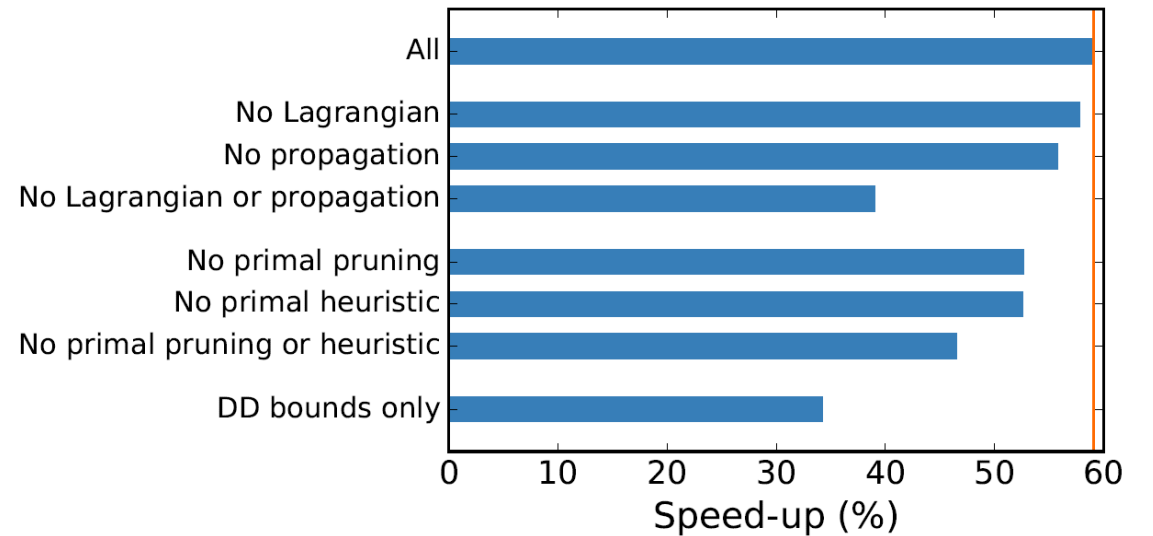
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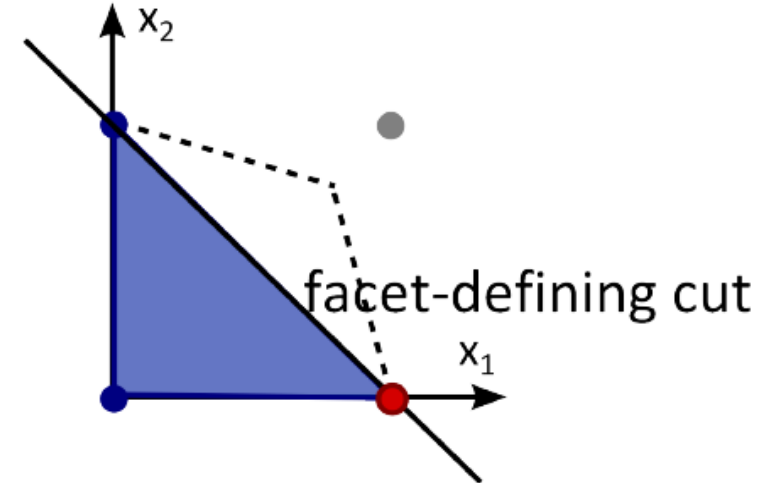
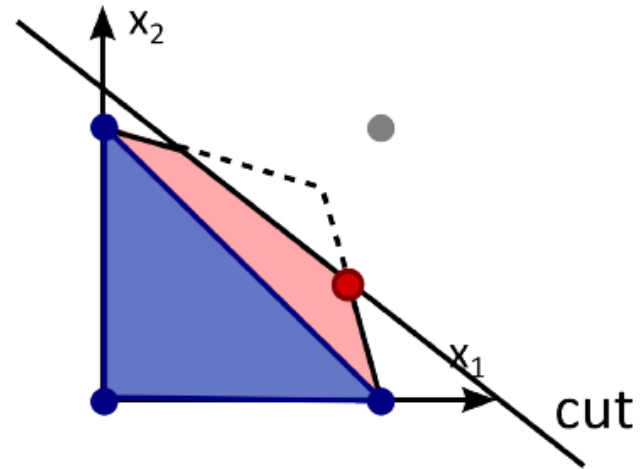
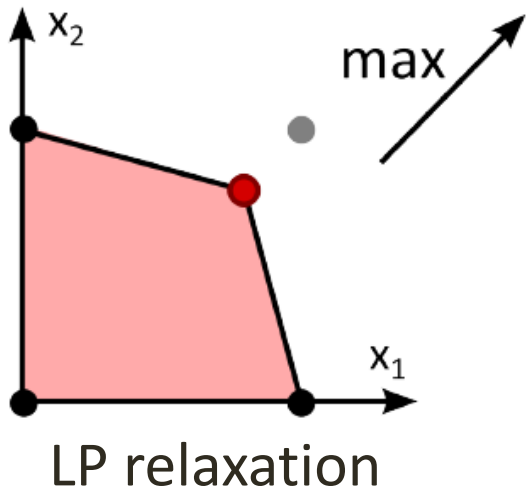


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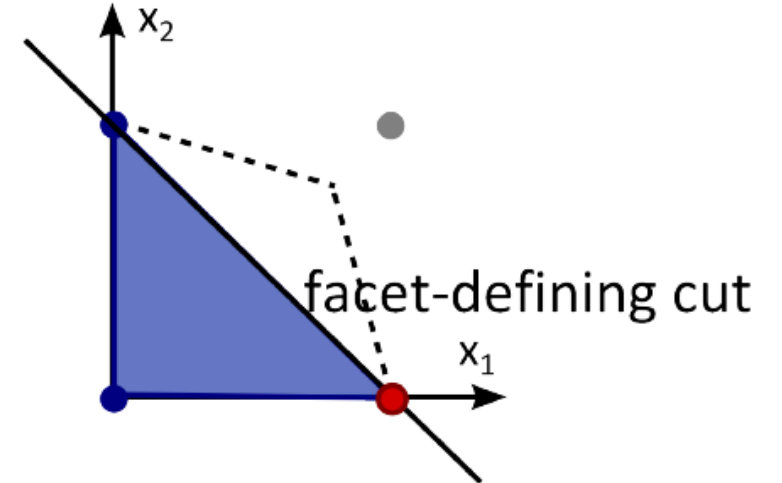
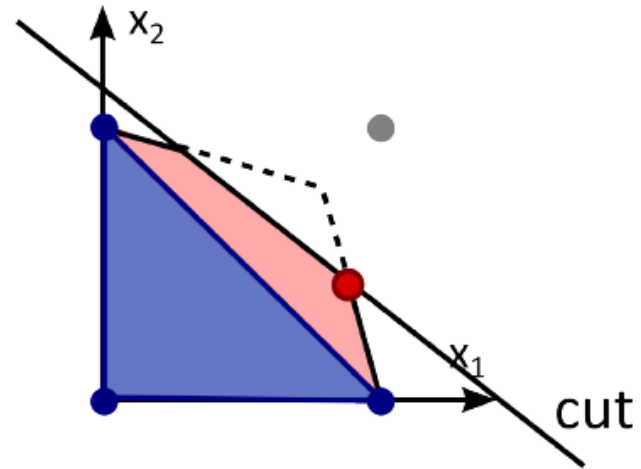
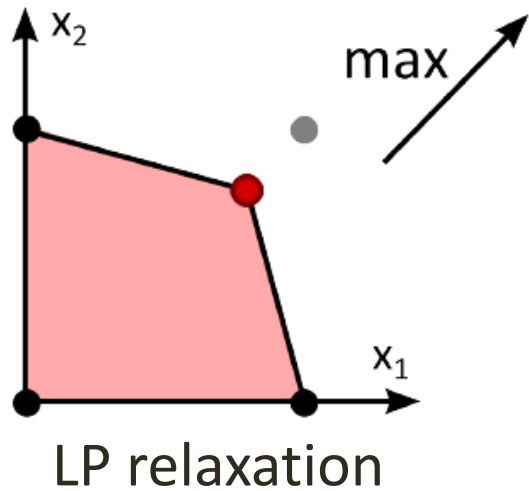
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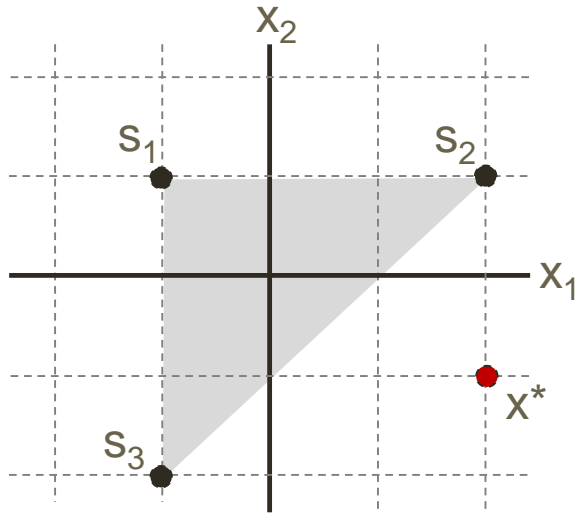


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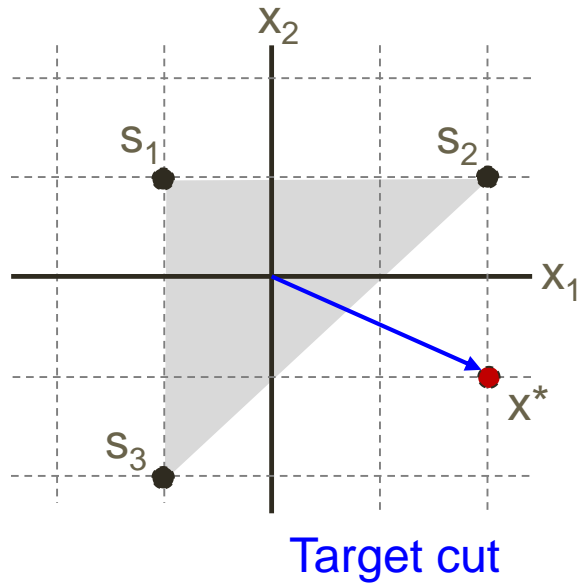


- Related work:
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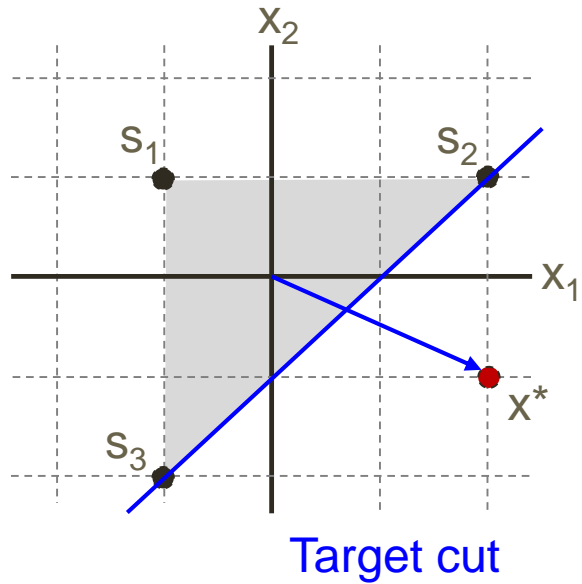
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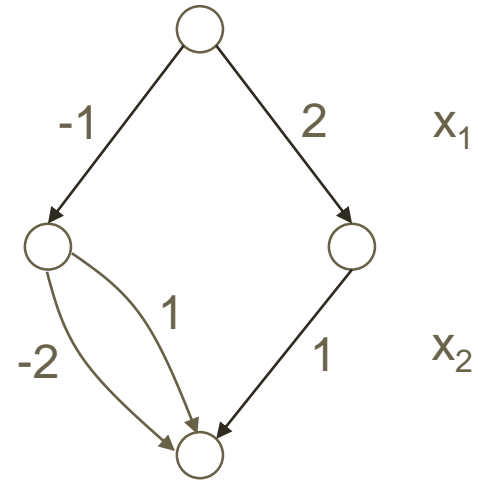
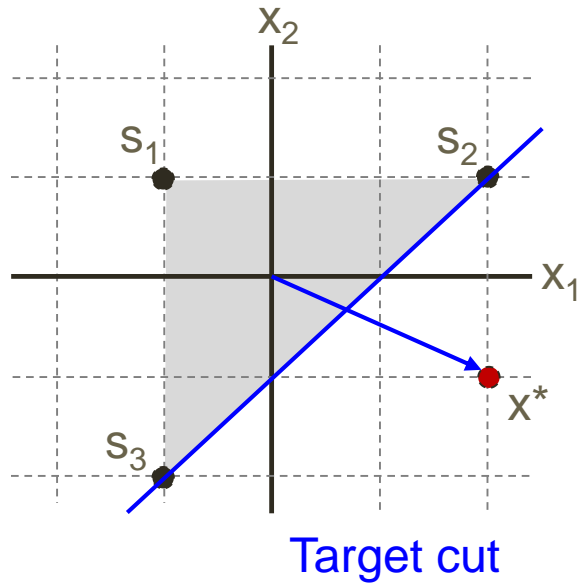
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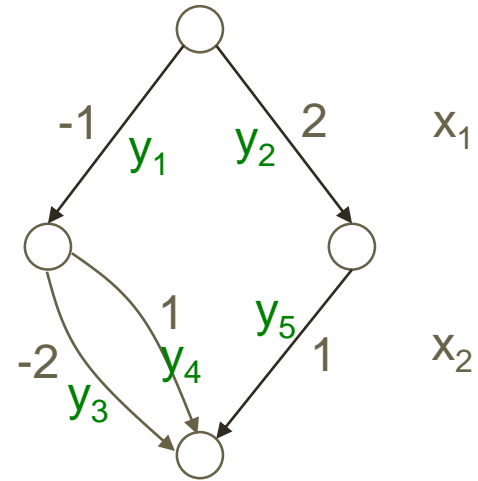
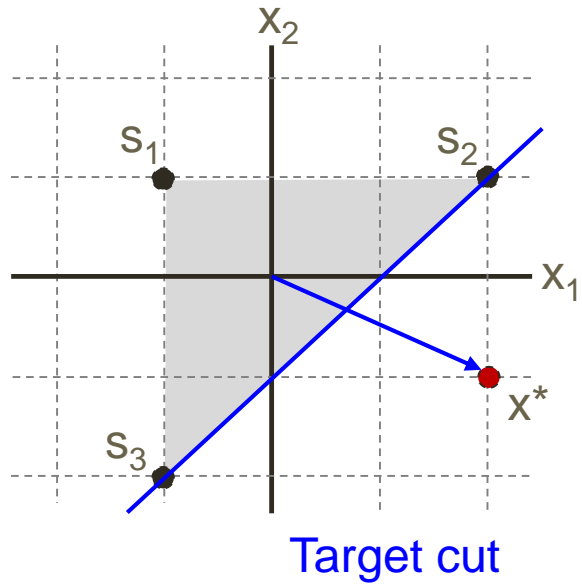
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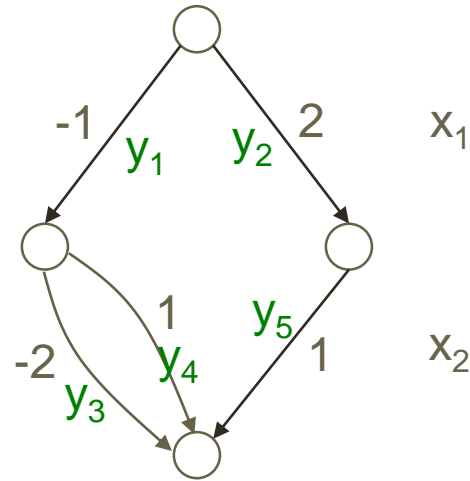
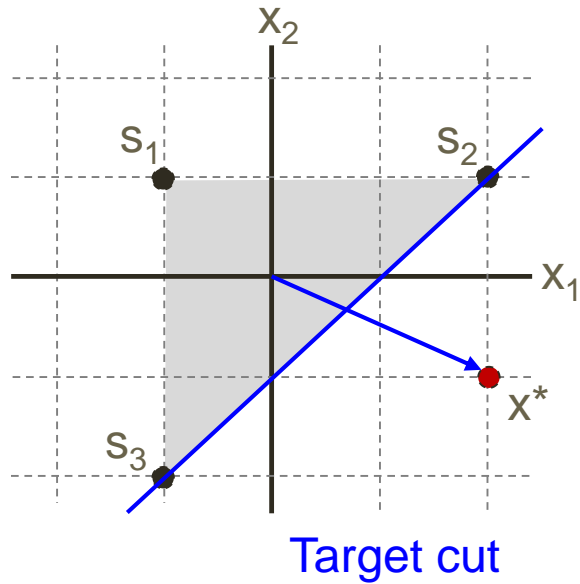
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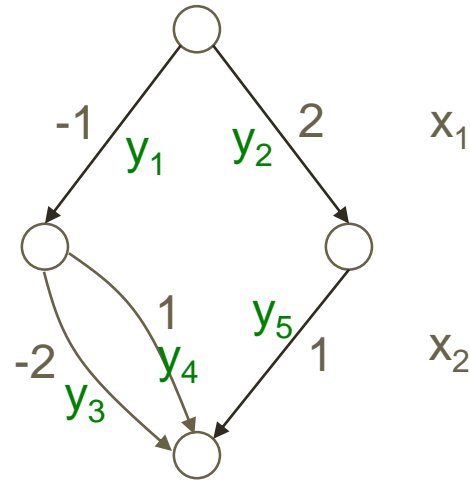
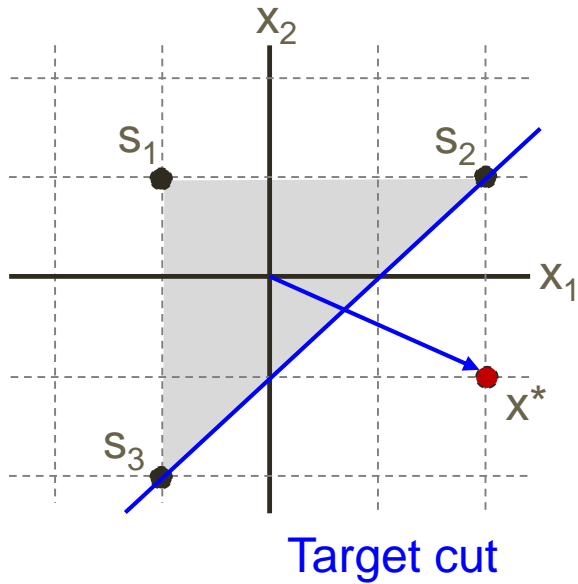


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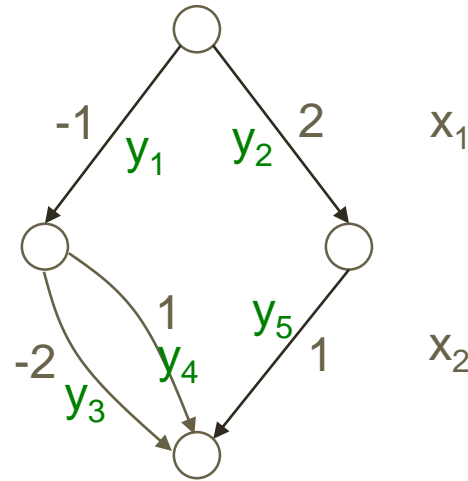
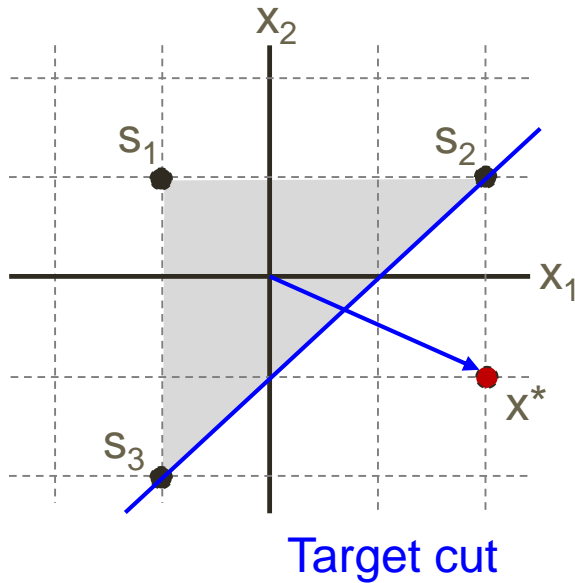


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[Tjandraatmadja & vH, IJOC 2019]

- or use subgradient method (iteratively finds longest path in DD)

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Outer Approximation Scheme for MINLP

- Solve Integer Linear Programming relaxation: x^*
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- Requires that all functions are convex and sufficiently smooth (continuously differentiable)

[Duran and Grossmann, 1986]

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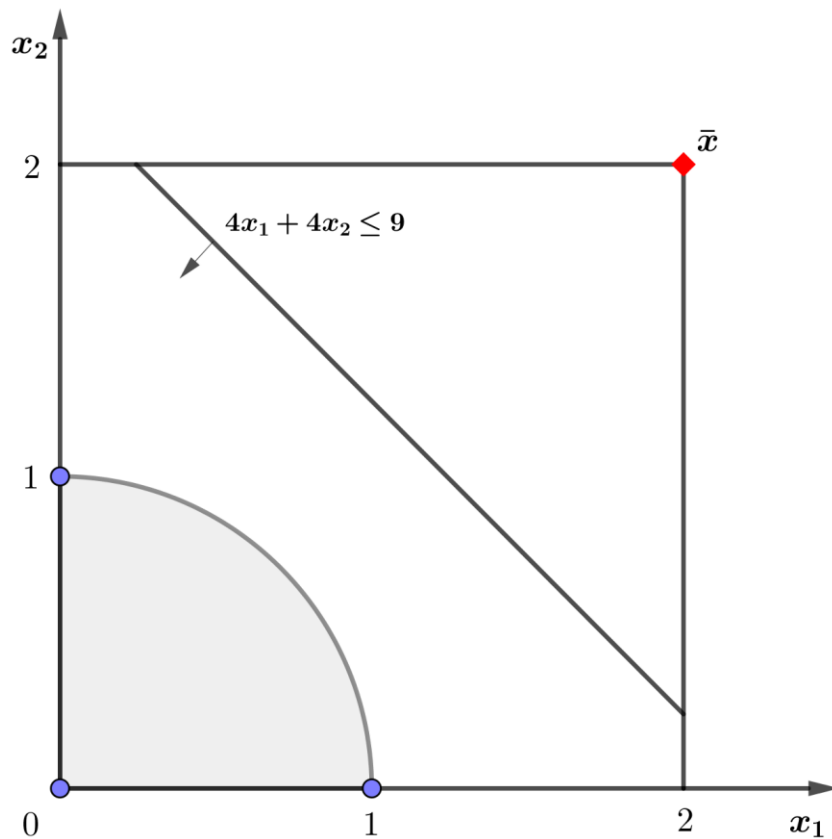
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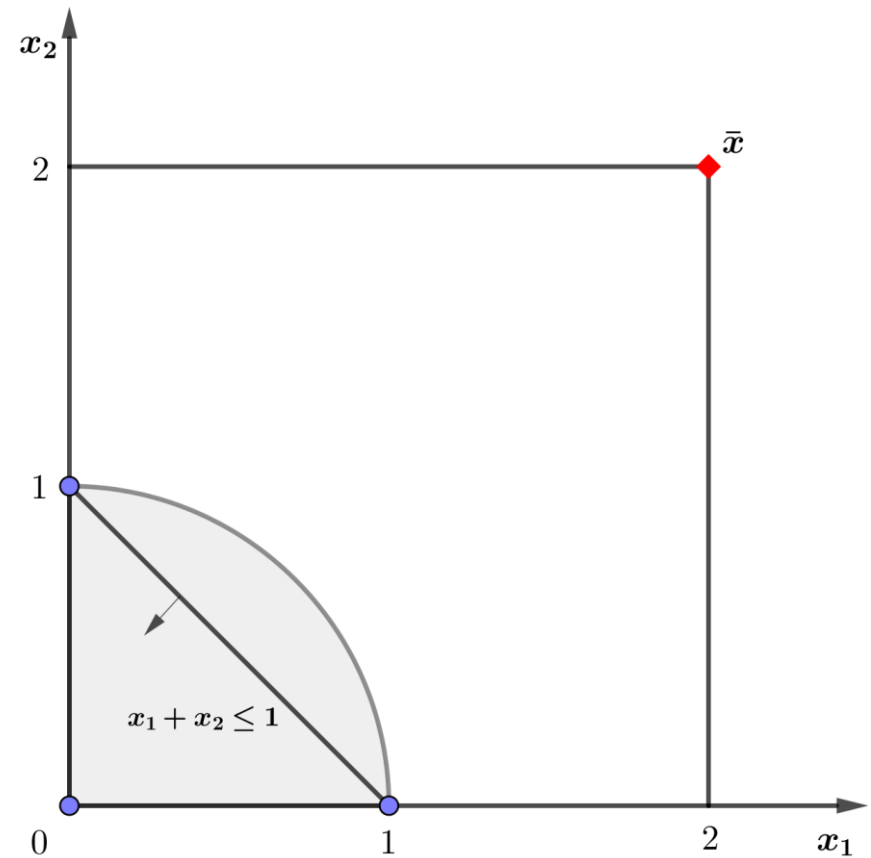
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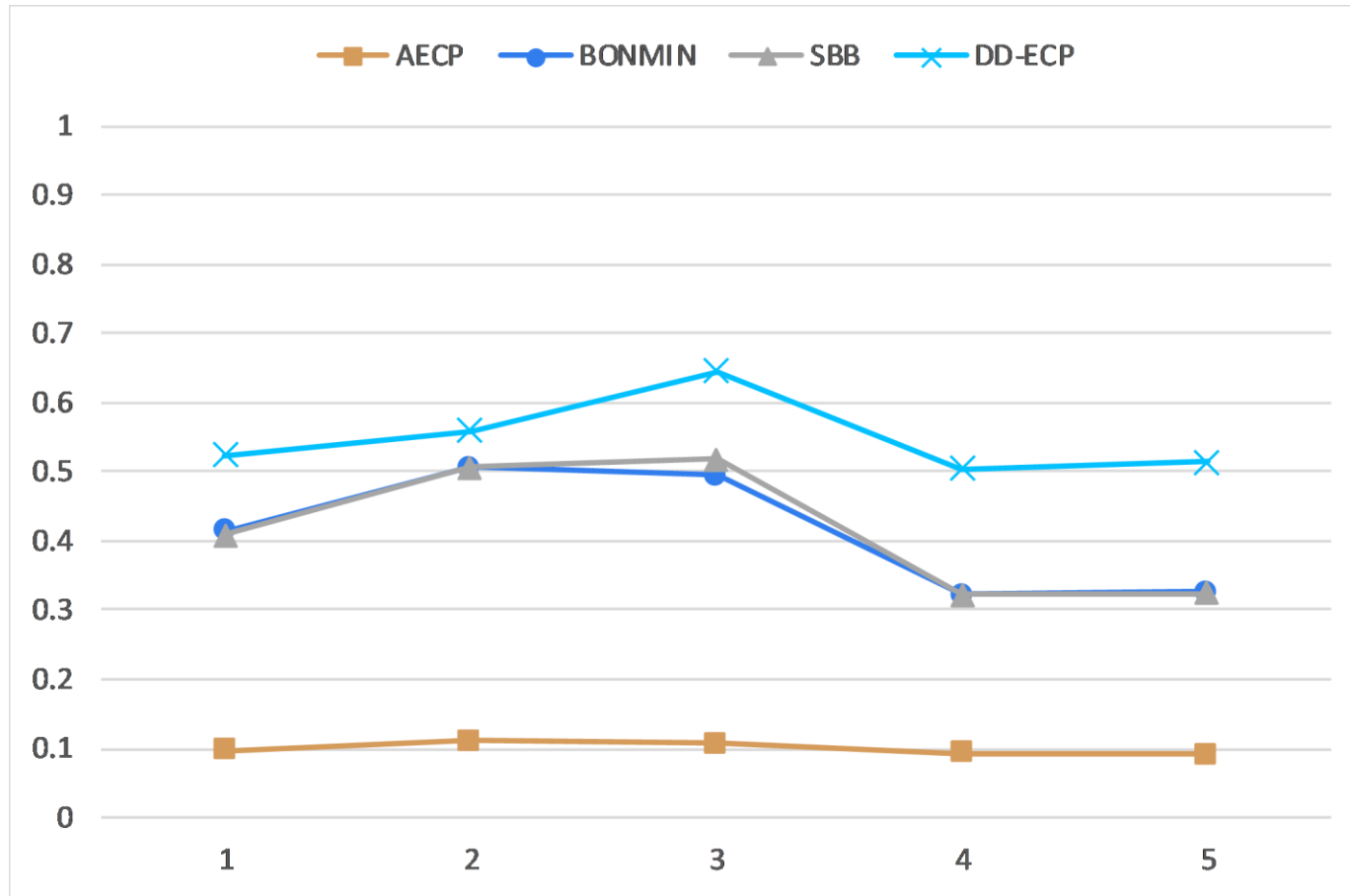


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Experimental Evaluation: Polynomial Knapsack



Gap closure for various outer approximation methods

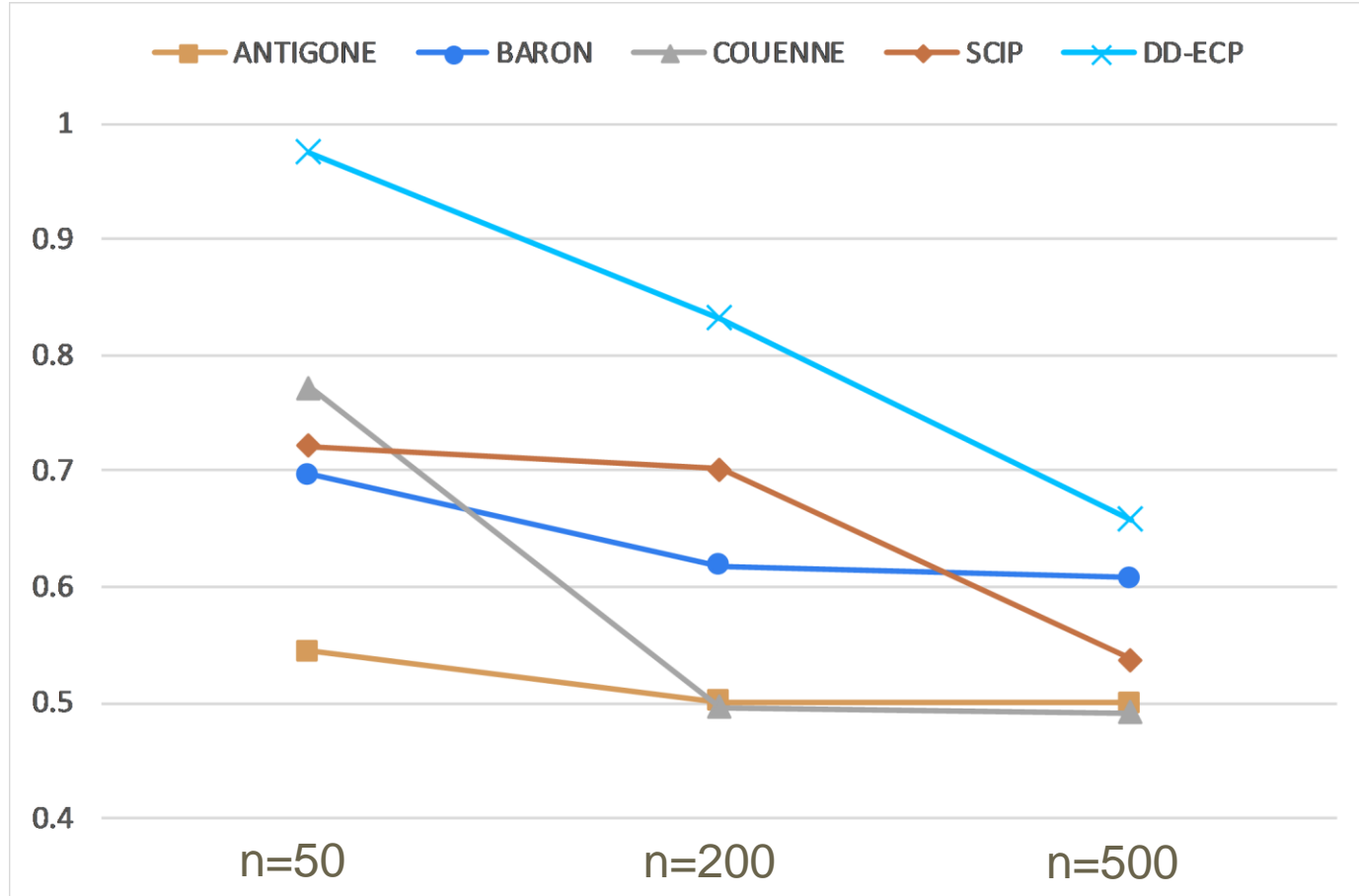
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degree k of monomial in $\{1, \dots, 10\}$

5 randomly generated instances

maximum DD width is 3000
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Experimental Evaluation: Penetration Pricing



Gap closure for various sizes and MINLP solvers

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Find discrete prices for n products
subject to minimum revenue constraints

|J| = 5, prices {0,0.1,...,1.0}
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Conclusion

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- Incorporate DD bounds in MIP search
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 - strengthened by Lagrangian relaxation and constraint propagation
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- Outer approximation for MINLP
 - applies to non-convex factorable functions
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