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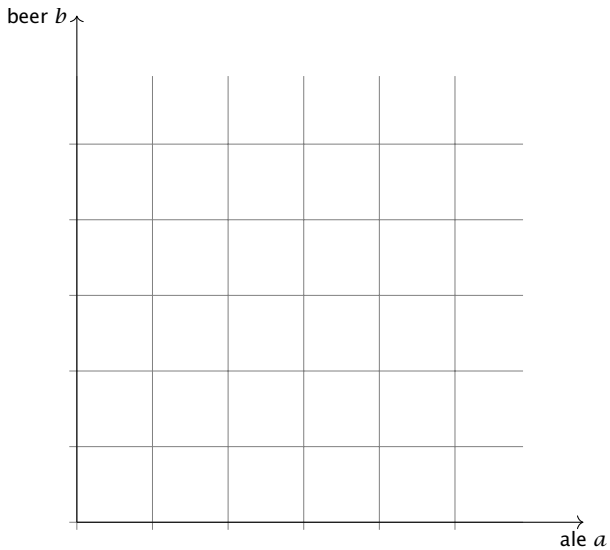
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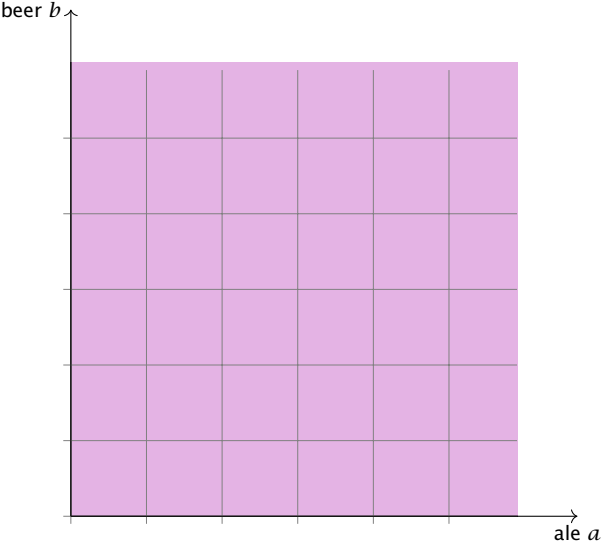
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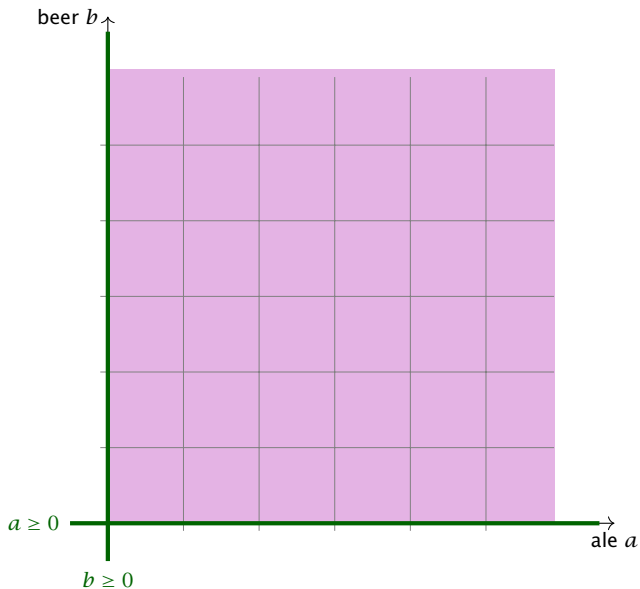
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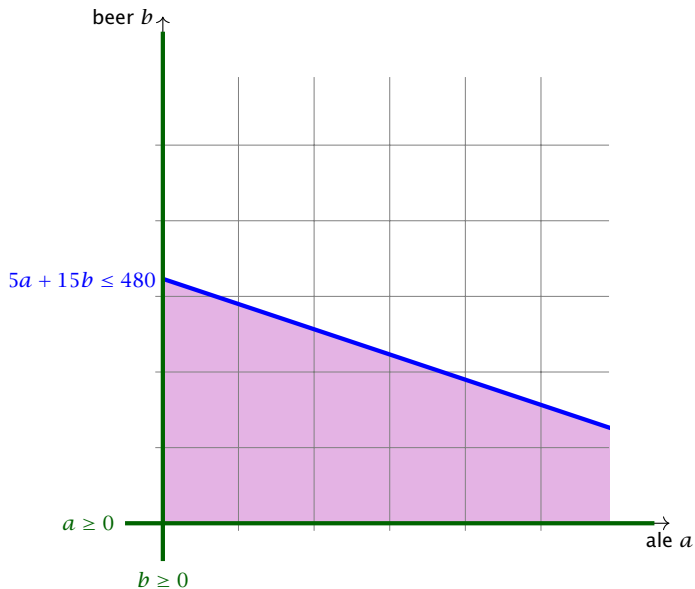
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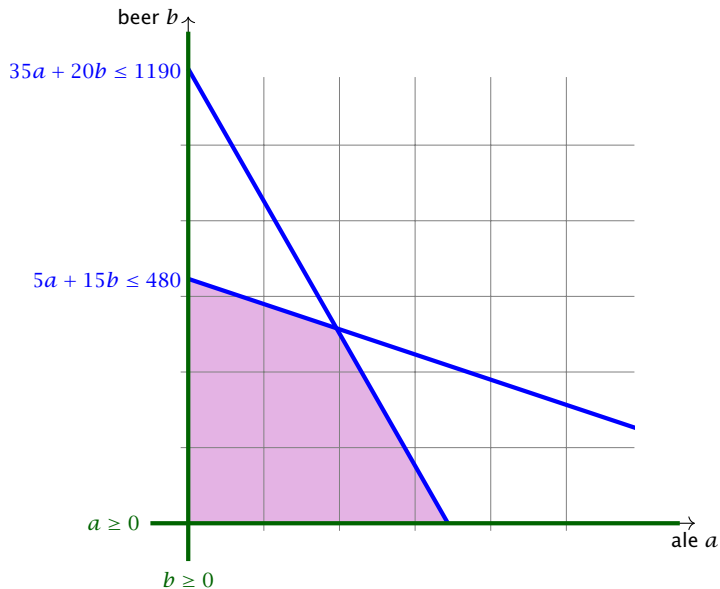
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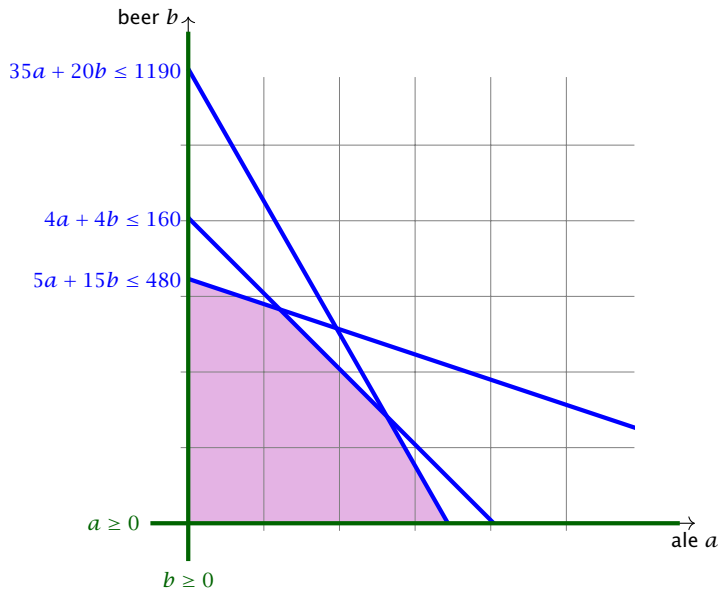
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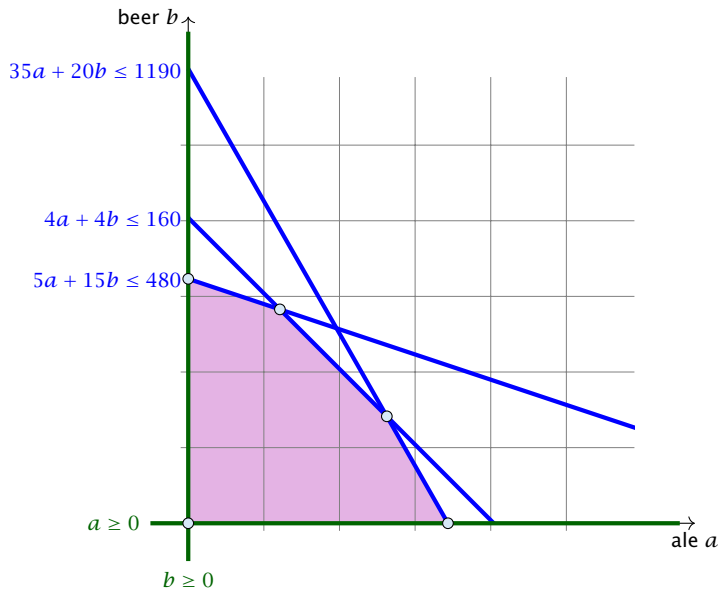
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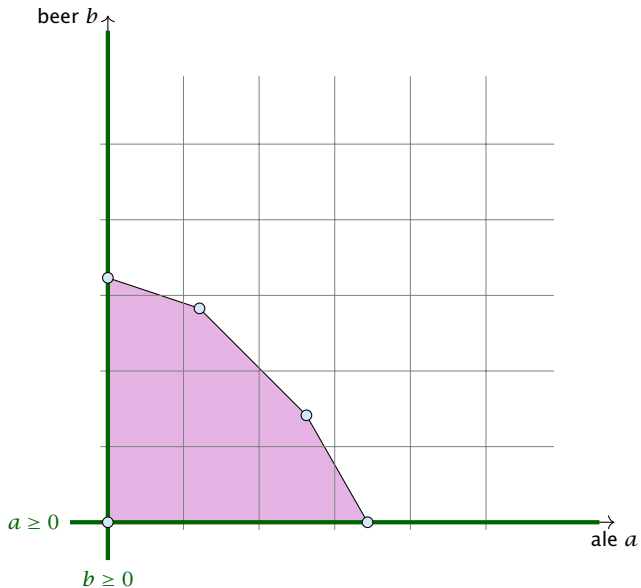
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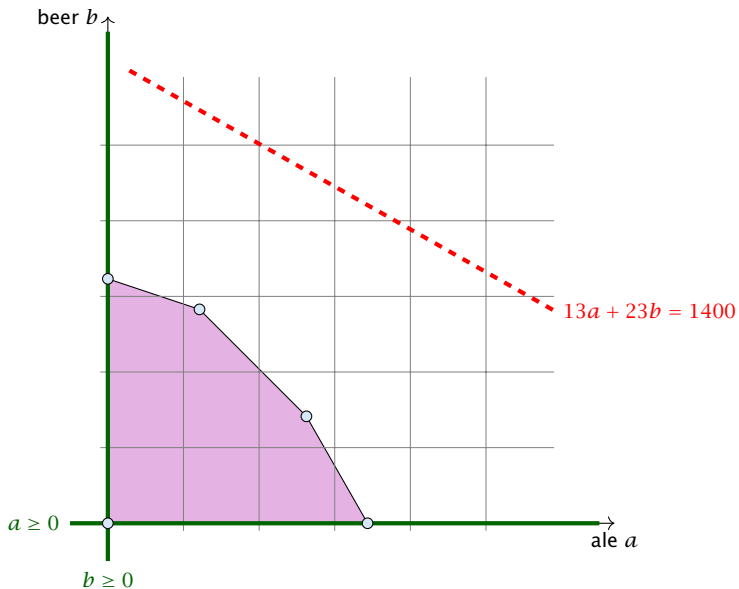
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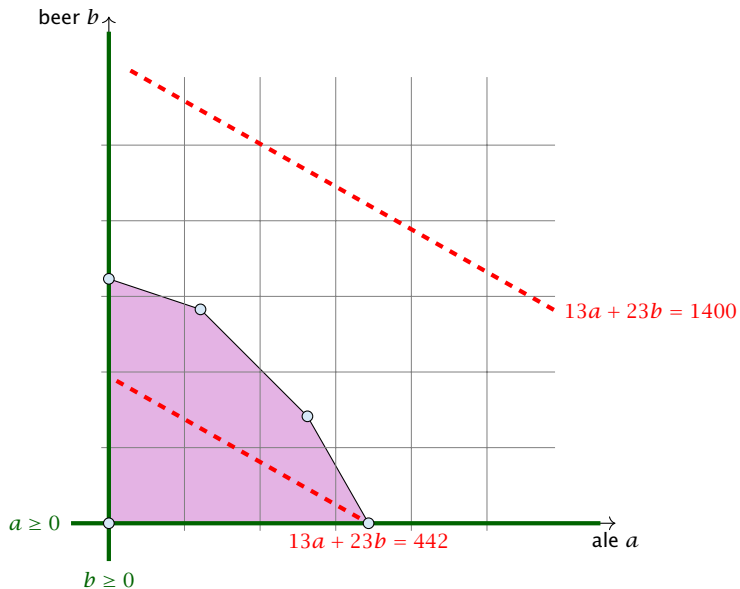
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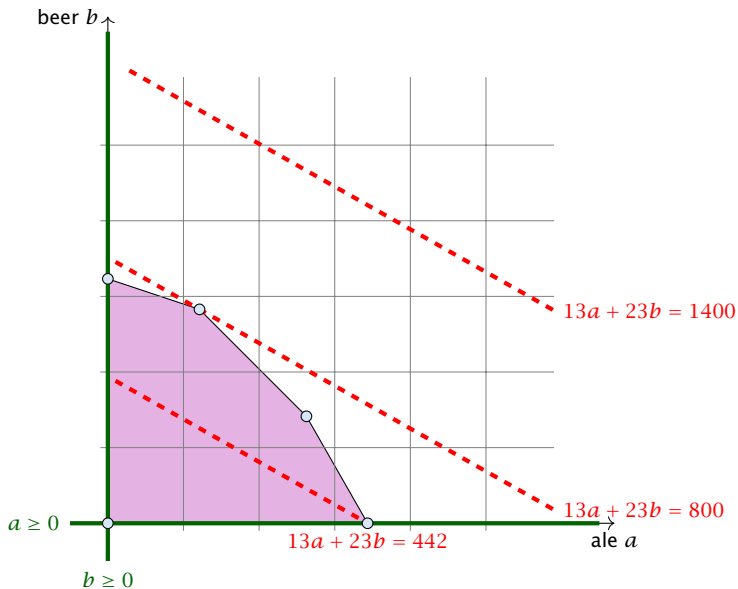
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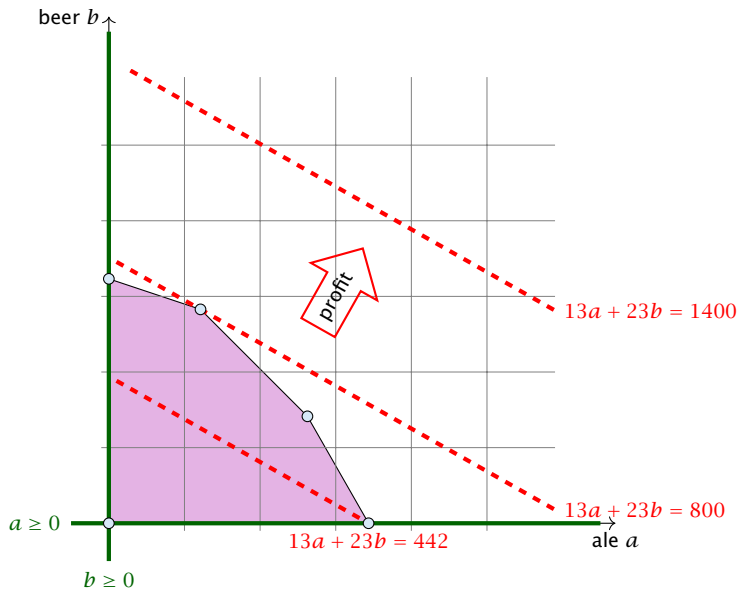
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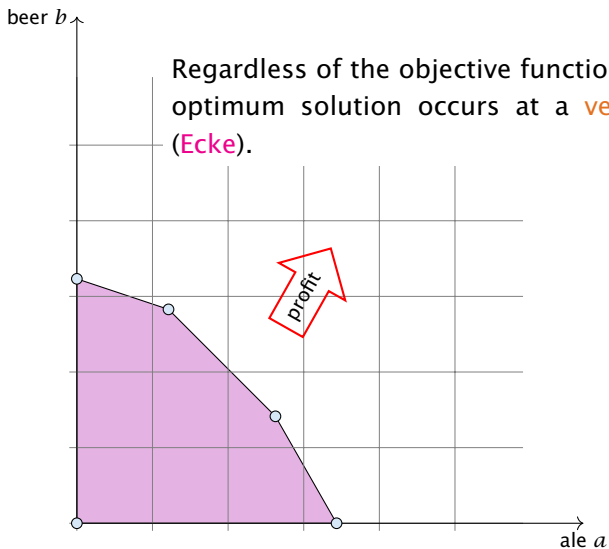
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Note that a combination involves only finitely many vectors.

Definition 3

A set $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is called

- ▶ a **linear subspace** if it is closed under linear combinations.
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Note that an affine subspace is **not** a vector space

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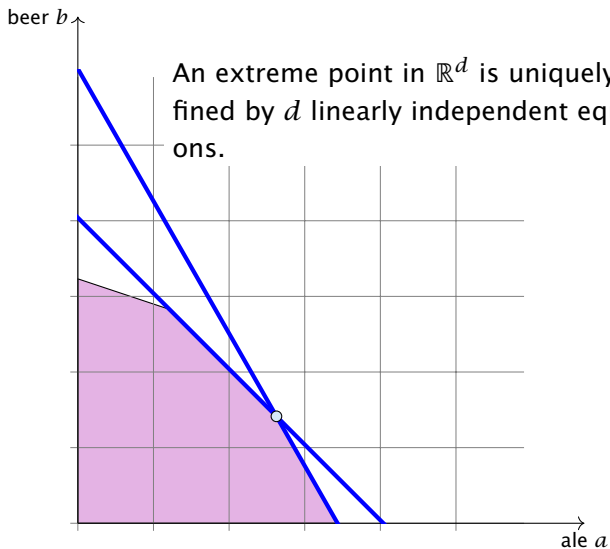
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A BFS fulfills the m equality constraints.

In addition, at least $n - m$ of the x_i 's are zero. The corresponding non-negativity constraint is fulfilled with equality.

Fact:

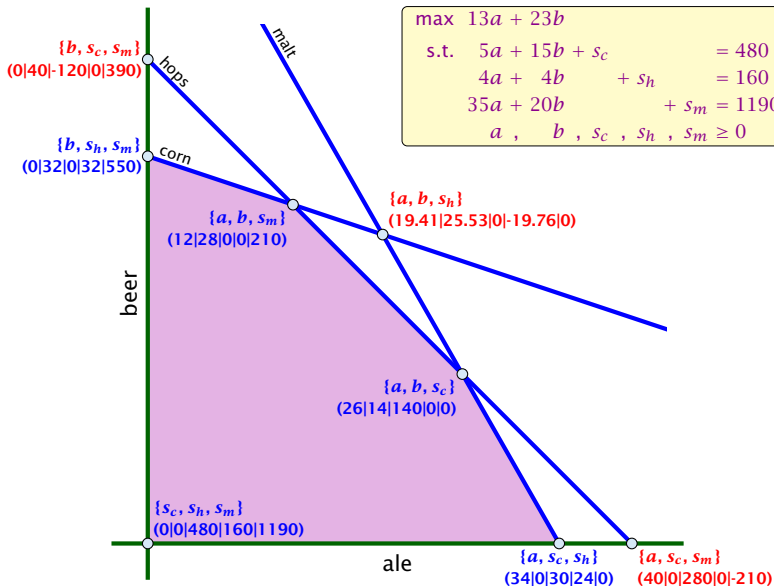
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Definition 25

For a general LP ($\max\{c^T x \mid Ax \leq b\}$) with n variables a point x is a **basic feasible solution** if x is feasible and there exist n (linearly independent) constraints that are tight.

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Observation

We can compute an optimal solution to a linear program in time $\mathcal{O}\left(\binom{n}{m} \cdot \text{poly}(n, m)\right)$.

- ▶ there are only $\binom{n}{m}$ different bases.
- ▶ compute the profit of each of them and take the maximum

What happens if LP is unbounded?