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5.2 Simplex and Duality

The following linear programs form a primal dual pair:

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This means for computing the dual of a standard form LP, we do not have non-negativity constraints for the dual variables.

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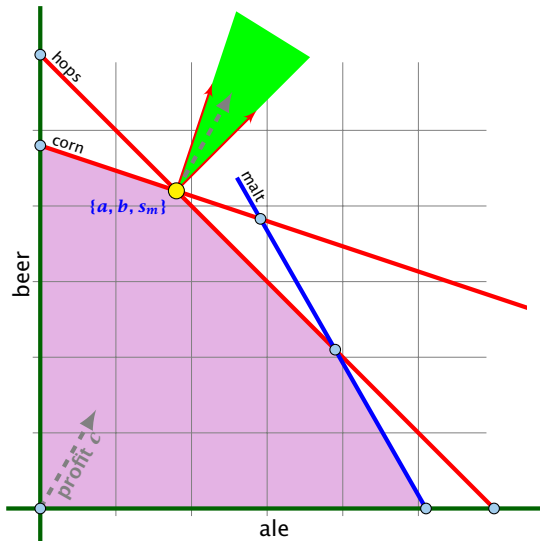
n_A : number of variables, m_A : number of constraints

We can put the non-negativity constraints into A (which gives us unrestricted variables): $\bar{P} = \max\{c^T x \mid \bar{A}x \leq \bar{b}\}$

$$n_{\bar{A}} = n_A, m_{\bar{A}} = m_A + n_A$$

Dual $D = \min\{\bar{b}^T y \mid \bar{A}^T y = c, y \geq 0\}$.

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The profit vector c lies in the cone generated by the normals for the hops and the corn constraint (the tight constraints).

Strong Duality

Theorem 5 (Strong Duality)

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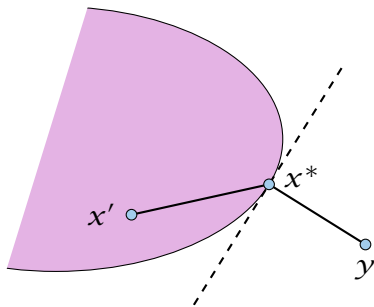
Lemma 6 (Weierstrass)

Let X be a compact set and let $f(x)$ be a continuous function on X . Then $\min\{f(x) : x \in X\}$ exists.

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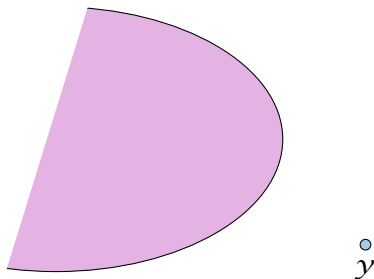
Lemma 7 (Projection Lemma)

Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ be a non-empty convex set, and let $y \notin X$. Then there exist $x^* \in X$ with minimum distance from y . Moreover for all $x \in X$ we have $(y - x^*)^T (x - x^*) \leq 0$.



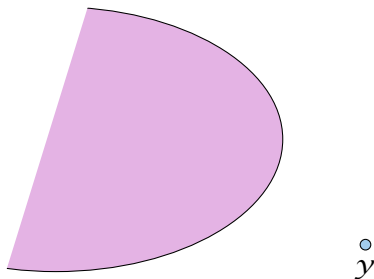
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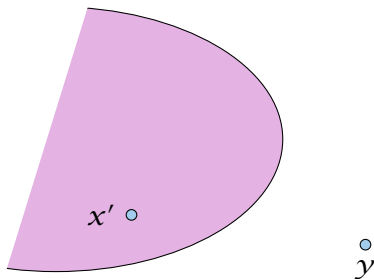
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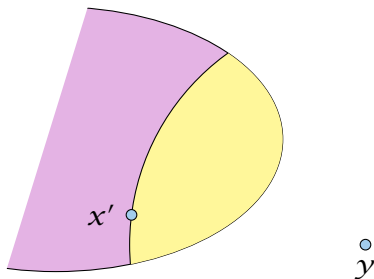
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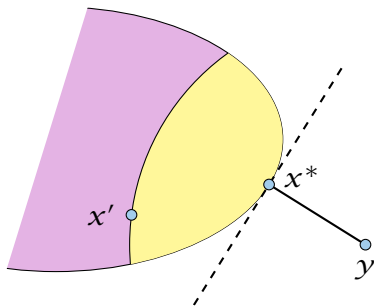
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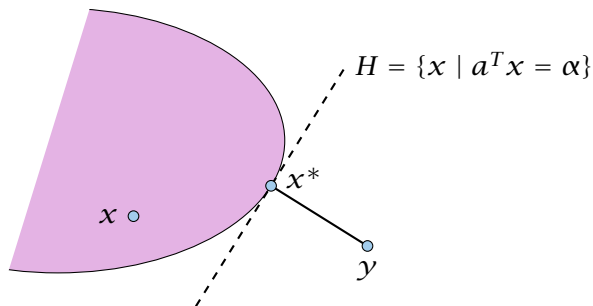
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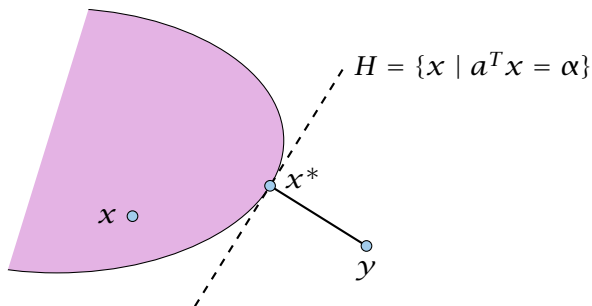
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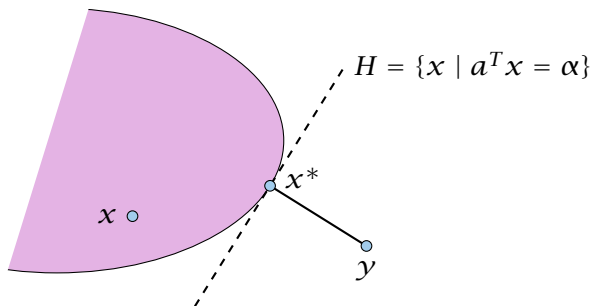
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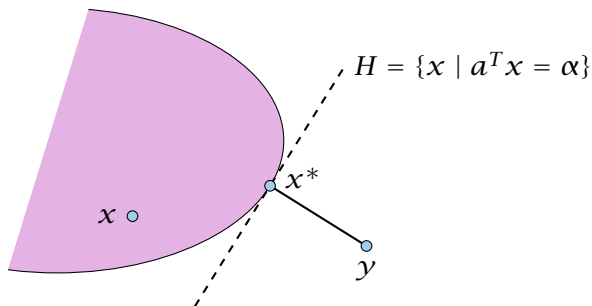
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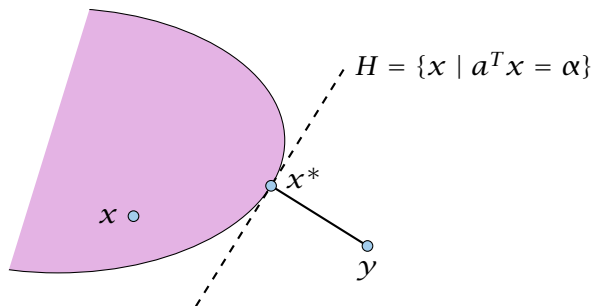
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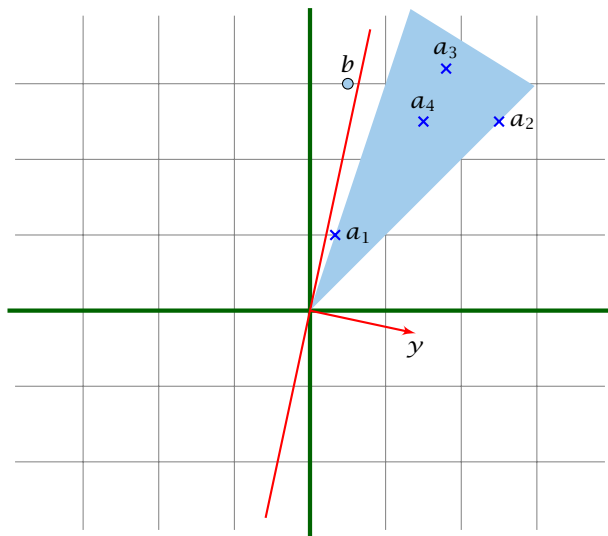
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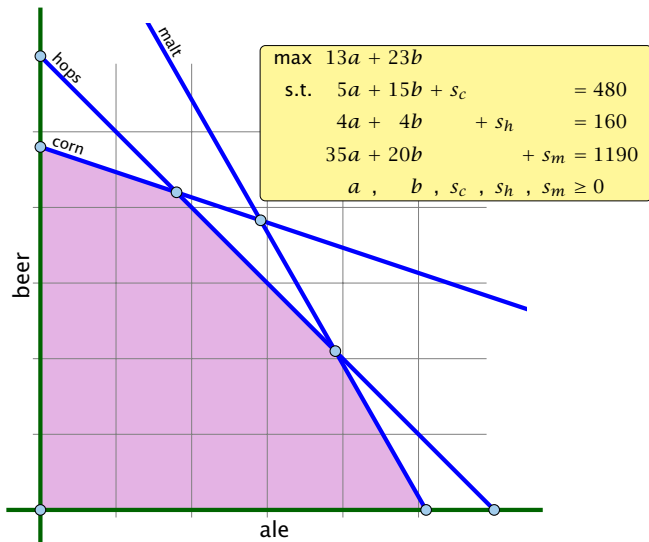
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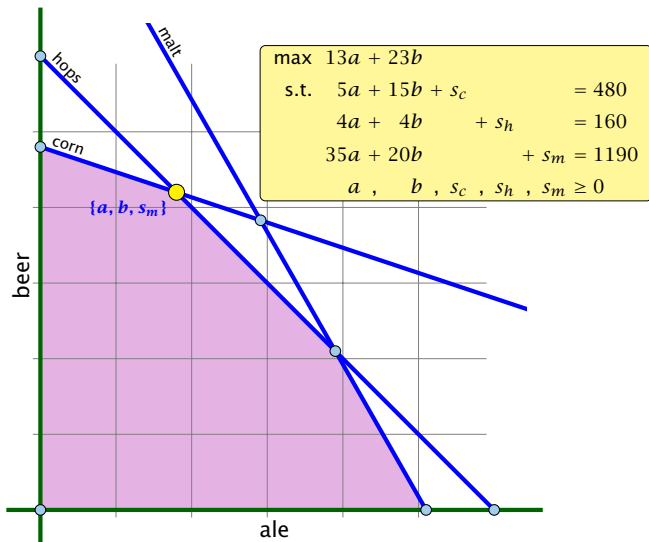
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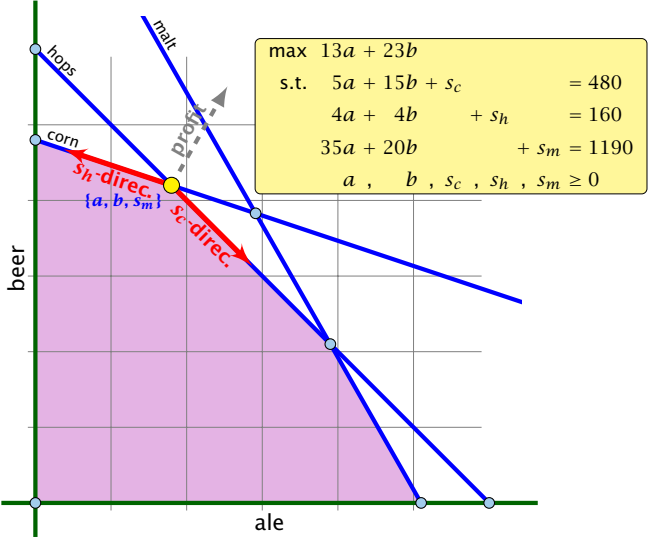
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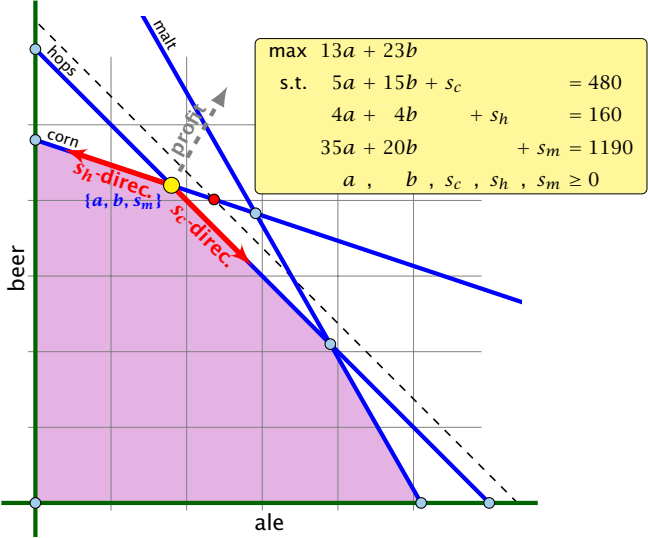
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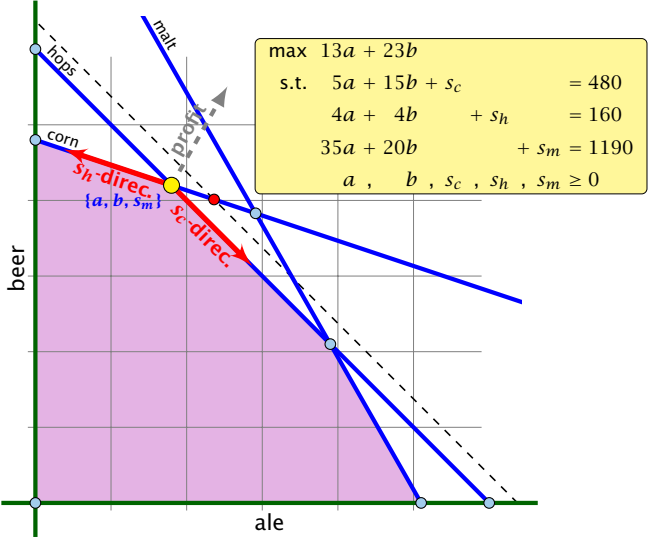
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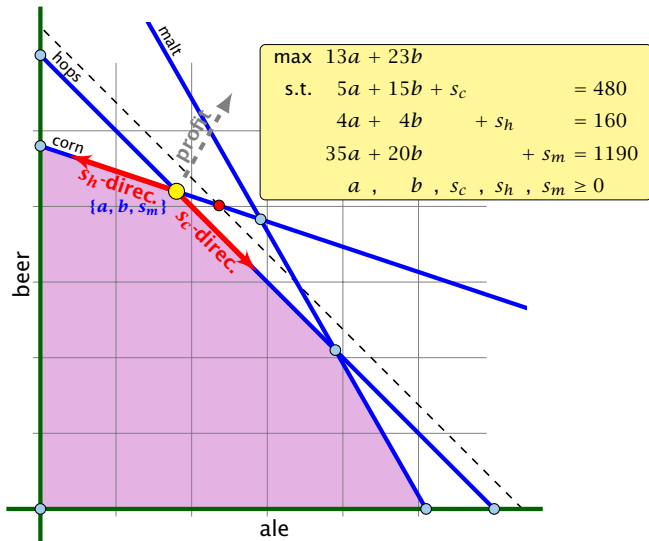
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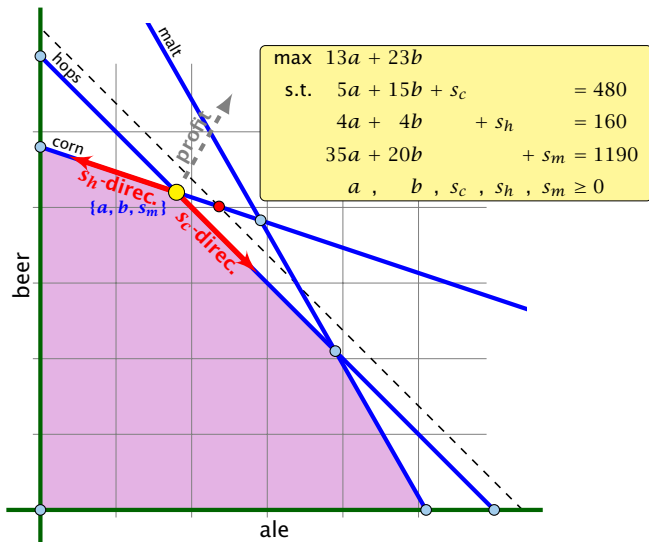
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