Section 3-4 Linear Programming

When you try to minimize or maximize a set of multiple linear relationships within a given constraint, you use linear programming.

The area in yellow is called the feasible region, meaning it is the only set of possible values to make the relationship true for all constraints.

When you are trying to minimize or maximize something, that is the objective function. You use the vertices of the feasible region to plug into the objective function to find the min and max.

objective function vertices
$$C(x) = 2x + y$$

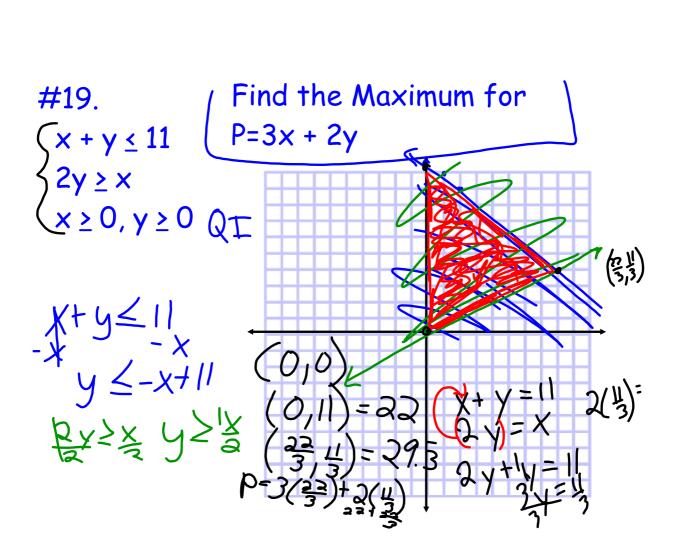
$$(2, 3) \quad C = 2(2) + 3 = 7$$

$$(2, 6) \quad C = 2(2) + 6 = 10$$

$$(4, 6) \quad C = 2(4) + 6 = 14$$

$$(7, 3) \quad C = 2(7) + 3 = 17$$

Find the min and max for the function above.



Use Linear Programming to Maximize Profit

You want to make t-shirts. You have at most 20 hours to make them. You only have up to \$600 to spend on supplies. You want to have at least 50 to sell.

1 color

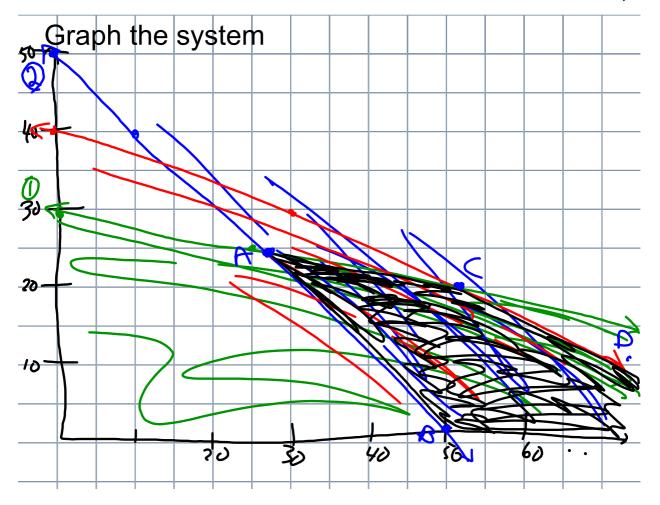
10 mins to make supplies cost \$4 Profit: \$6

3 color

30 mins to make supplies cost \$20 Profit: \$20

Write the system:

Objective function:



Find the vertices and plug into objective function.

$$P = 6x + 20y$$

$$(25,25) = 6(25) + 20(25) = 5650$$

$$(50,0) = 5300$$

$$(75,15) = 4750$$

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$$(120,0) = 6(120) + 20(6) = 720$$

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