



Computation needs resources  
  { time ✓  
  { space.

Randomness is a resource

Computational

↗ ↘ often extremely simple Alg's.

↗ ↘ outperform deterministic  
alg's. on time/space

⊖ fail sometimes.

prob. of failure  $\rightarrow 0 \frac{1}{2^{100}}$

vs. prob. of computer hit  
by a meteor  $\sim \frac{1}{2^{60}}$

## b. examples

- Primality testing (素数判定)

Given: Integer  $N > 0$ .

$$\text{len}(N) = \log N = n$$

(binary rep.)

Goal: Is  $N$  prime?

→ direct alg's: test 2, 3, 4, ...  $\uparrow$   $N$

$$O(N) = O(2^n)$$

→ 70's: efficient randomized alg's  $\text{poly}(n)$

[Miller-Rabin/Solovay-Strassen]

→ [AKS'04]: poly-time det. time

↙  
\* higher poly, complicated!

Real apps.

- Polynomial identity testing (PIT).

→ poly-time det. alg unknown

↖  
efficient rand. alg.  
Simple

- Matrix - Produkt checking.

Given: 3  $n \times n$  matrices  $A, B, C$ .

Goal: decide if  $AB = C$ ?

→ direct alg:

•  $A \cdot B$  matrix mult

• compare w/  $C$  (entry-wise)

M.M alg's: naïve  $O(n^3)$

$O(n^2)$

Strassen  $O(n^{2.81})$   
(Divide & conquer)

$O(n^{2.37188})$  2022

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$\omega(n^2)$  lower bound

$\begin{pmatrix} O(\cdot) \\ \omega(\cdot) \end{pmatrix}$

→ Rand. Alg:  $O(n^2)$  alg.

$A$ : on input  $A, B, C$ .

• Sample  $r \in \{0, 1\}^n$  unif. at rand.

• Output:  $A(B \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ r \end{pmatrix}) \stackrel{?}{=} C \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ r \end{pmatrix}$

Time:  $B \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ r \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow r' : O(n^2)$

$A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ r' \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow r'' : O(n^2)$

$C \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ r \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow r''' : O(n^2)$

$r'' \stackrel{?}{=} r''' : O(n)$

$\Rightarrow$  Total time:  $O(n^2)$

error example:  $r = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

•  $AB = C$ : always correct.

•  $AB \neq C$ :  $\Pr_r [ \underbrace{AB \cdot r = C \cdot r}_{\text{Bad event}} ] \leq \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .



- Ex:  $\Omega = \{H, T\}$

what do you want  $P$  to be?

• fair coin:  $P(H) = P(T) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

• Biased coin:  $P(H) = 0.85$

$$P(T) = 0.15$$

Obs:  $P(H) + P(T) = 1$ .

- Ex: 2 coin tosses:  $\Omega = \{HH, TT, HT, TH\}$

$$\rightarrow P(HH) = P(TT) = P(HT) = P(TH) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\rightarrow E = \{HH, TT\}$$

$$P(E) := P(HH) + P(TT) = \sum_{\omega \in E} P(\omega) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Def: A probability space is  $(\Omega, P)$

-  $\Omega$ : sample space

-  $P$ : Prob. function

$$\Omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

$$- P(\omega) \geq 0 \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega$$

$$- \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} P(\omega) = 1$$

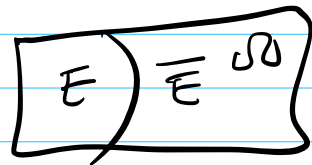
• if  $E$  &  $F$  mutually exclusive

$$P(E \cup F) = P(E) + P(F)$$

Axioms  
of  
Probability

Cor:

-  $P(\bar{E}) = 1 - P(E)$



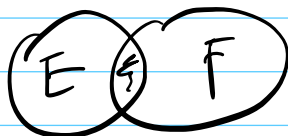
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- if  $E \subseteq F$  :  $P(E) \leq P(F)$

-  $P(E \cup F) = P(E) + P(F)$



-  $P(E \cap F)$



- equally likely outcomes

$\forall \omega \in \Omega$ :  $P(\omega) = \frac{1}{|\Omega|}$

$\Rightarrow P(E) = \frac{|E|}{|\Omega|}$

Ex: Toss a coin 100 times

what's prob. of 50 H's?

A:  $\frac{1}{2}$

B:  $\frac{1}{2^{50}}$

C:  $\binom{100}{50} / 2^{100}$

$|\Omega| = 2^{100}$

$|E| = \binom{100}{50}$

$\binom{50}{100}$



$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{j \neq 0} d_{ij} r_j = - \sum_{k \neq j} d_{ik} r_k$$

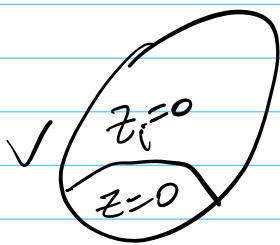
$$\Leftrightarrow r_j = \frac{- \sum_{k \neq j} d_{ik} r_k}{d_{ij}} = z$$

$$\star \Pr [r_j = z] = \frac{1}{2} = \Pr [z_i = 0]$$

(independent of  $r_j$ )

To fail:  $\forall i \ z_i = 0$

$$\underline{P(z=0) \leq P(z_i=0) = \frac{1}{2}}$$



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3. Finger printing

$$x \in \{0, 1\}^n$$

$$x \stackrel{?}{=} y$$

$$y \in \{0, 1\}^n$$



Alice



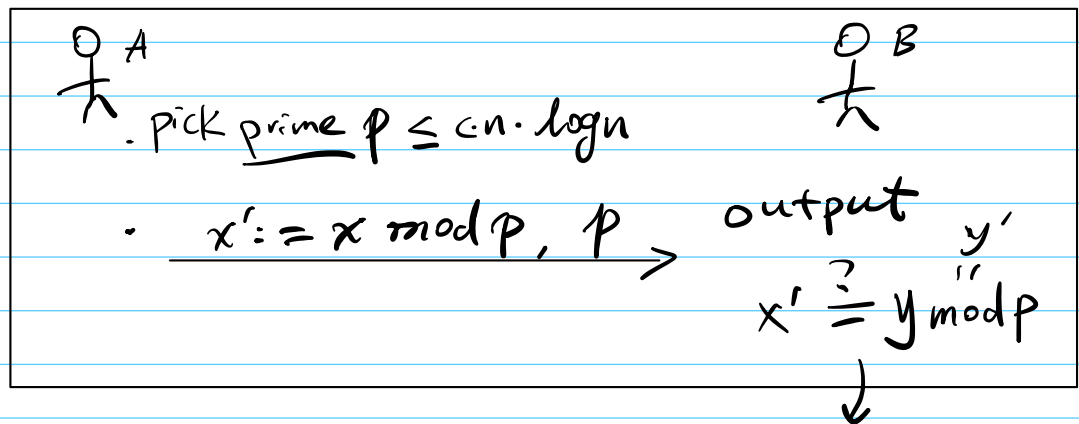
Bob

Given:  $x$  &  $y$

Goal: decide if  $x=y$  w/ few bits exchange

$\rightarrow$  Det.: space  $\Theta(n)$ .

→ Randomized:  $O(\log n)$  bits



Analysis.

if  $x = y$ :  $x' = y'$  always holds.

•  $x \neq y$ : fail:  $x \bmod p = y \bmod p$

$$\Leftrightarrow p \mid (x - y)$$

$$\Pr_p ( p \mid x - y ) \leq \frac{1}{p}$$

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FACT (Prime number theorem)

$$|\{p: p \leq a \ \& \ \text{prime}\}| \sim \frac{a}{\log a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \# \text{ primes } \leq c \cdot n \cdot \log n \quad (a = c \cdot n \cdot \log n)$$

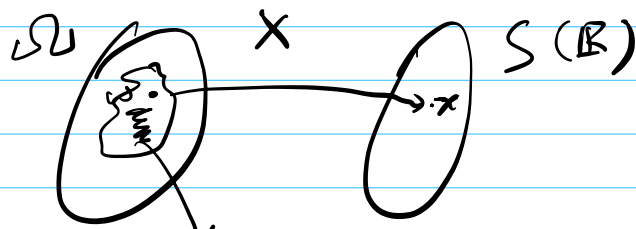
$$\approx \frac{c n \log n}{\log(c n \log n)} \approx c \cdot n$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr_p [ p \mid x - y ] \leq \frac{n}{c n} \leq \frac{1}{c} \leq \frac{1}{4} \text{ if } c \geq 4$$

# 1. Random variables

## a. Basics

• DEF:  $X: \Omega \rightarrow S(\mathbb{R})$



" $X=x$ " : event  $E := \{\omega: X(\omega) = x\}$ .

• Expectation (期望): weighted average.

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{x \in S} \Pr(X=x) \cdot x$$

★ linearity of expectation (LOE)

$$\mathbb{E}[X+Y] = \mathbb{E}[X] + \mathbb{E}[Y]$$

• Ex: Bet game

- You choose a card from a deck.

- I pay you  $\$ \begin{cases} 5 & \heartsuit \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

-  $X$ : your earning.

$$\Omega = \{\heartsuit, \overline{\heartsuit}\}$$

$$X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\omega \mapsto X(\omega) \in \{0, 5\}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum \Pr(X=x) \cdot x$$

$\Omega$	$X$	$\Pr(X=x)$
$\heartsuit$	5	1/4
$\overline{\heartsuit}$	0	3/4

$$= \Pr(X=5) \cdot 5 + \Pr(X=0) \cdot 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \cdot 5 = 1.25$$

Ex. Same setup.

- play it 100 rounds

-  $Y$ : total earning.

-  $E[Y]$ :

Let  $X_i =$  earning in  $i^{\text{th}}$  round.  
 $i = 1, \dots, 100$

OBS:  $Y = X_1 + \dots + X_{100}$

$\forall i \quad E[X_i] = 1.25$

$$\Rightarrow E[Y] = E[X_1 + \dots + X_{100}]$$

(LOE)  $\rightarrow$   $= E[X_1] + \dots + E[X_{100}]$   
 $= 100 \times 1.25 = 125.$

b. useful R.V.s

• Bernoulli R.V.  $\leftrightarrow$  biased coin toss

$$X = \begin{cases} 1 & p \\ 0 & (1-p) \end{cases}$$

$$E[X] = p \cdot 1 + (1-p) \cdot 0 = p$$

• Binomial R.V. # of heads  $n$  coin tosses  
 w. bias  $p$

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$$

( $\sim$ :  $X$  has probability distribution)

$$P[X=k] = \binom{n}{k} p^k \cdot (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$k=0, 1, \dots, n$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] := \sum_{k=0, \dots, n} P[X=k] \cdot k = \dots$$

$$\boxed{= n \cdot p}$$

(Ex. use LoE)

Ex.: (Return phones)

$X := \#$  student get their own phone.

$\#$  students =  $n$ .

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = ?$$

$$i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$X_i := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if student } i \text{ gets own phone} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

OBS.

$$X := \sum X_i$$

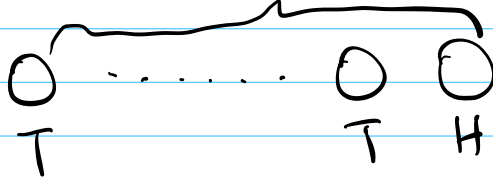
$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[\sum X_i] \stackrel{\text{LoE}}{=} \sum_i \mathbb{E}[X_i]$$

$$\forall i \quad \mathbb{E}[X_i] = P[X=1] \cdot 1 + P[X=0] \cdot 0$$
$$= \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow E[X] = \sum_i E[x_i] = n \cdot \frac{1}{n} = 1$$

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• Geometric R.V. X



biased coin H w.p.  $(p)$

X: # tosses till first see "H".

$X \sim \text{Geo}(p)$

Claim:  $\Pr[X=n] = (1-p)^{n-1} \cdot p$

$\forall n=1, 2, \dots$

Claim:  $E[X] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Pr[X=n] \cdot n$

$$= 1/p$$

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## 2. Coupon Collector Problem.

a. Description:

- n: coupons

- every time get one coupon

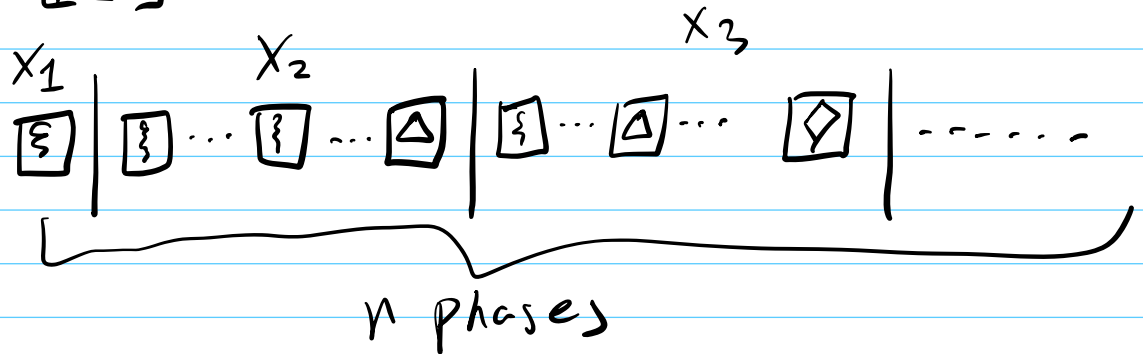
uniformly at random

- X := # of purchases (open boxes)

to collect. at least one copy

of each coupon

?  $\mathbb{E}[X]$



$X_i :=$  already had  $(i-1)$  coupons.

# boxes to get a new coupon

$$X = \sum X_i = X_1 + \dots + X_n$$

$$X_i \sim \text{Geo}(p_i)$$

(Geometric R.V.)

$$i=2: p_2 = 1 - \frac{1}{n} = \frac{n-1}{n}$$

$$i=3: p_3 = 1 - \frac{2}{n} = \frac{n-2}{n}$$

$$\vdots$$
$$i: p_i = 1 - \frac{i-1}{n} = \frac{n-(i-1)}{n}$$
$$\vdots$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X_i] = \frac{1}{p_i} = \frac{n}{n-(i-1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[\sum X_i]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[X_i]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{n}{n - (i-1)}$$

$$= \frac{n}{n} + \frac{n}{n-1} + \dots + \frac{n}{2}$$

$$= n \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \quad (\text{调和级数})$$

$H(n)$

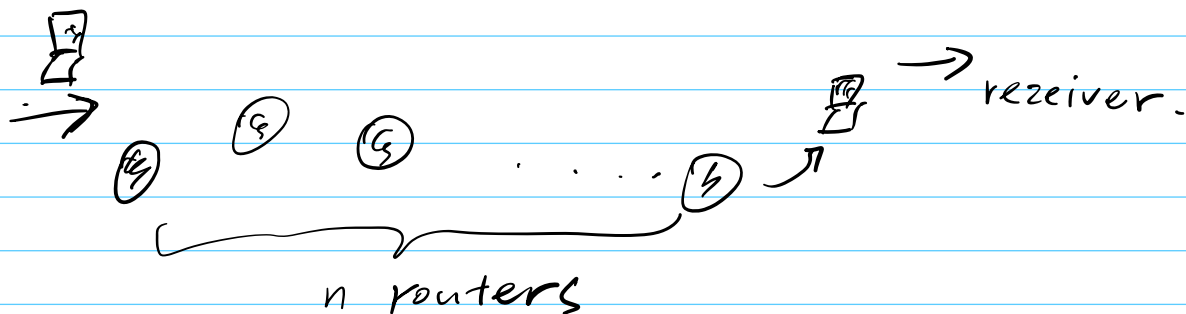
Fakt:  $n \cdot n \leq H(n) \leq \ln \cdot n + 1$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X] \approx n \cdot \ln \cdot n$$

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## 0. Coupon collector application



Goal: Receiver wants to know  
all  $n$  routers

• Package: has space for one name  
& counter

Idea: sample a uniform router  
record its name.

⇒ coupon collector problem  
( $n \ln n$ ) packages suffice in expectation

??? Networking setting ★

1. → Approximation algorithms.

• Intro: vector cover ↙ node/vertex

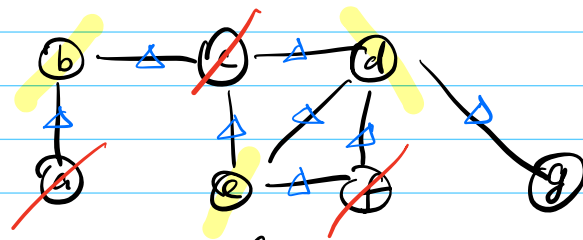
• Basics: Graph  $G = (V, E)$   
↘ edges.

• DEF: A vector cover  $S \subseteq V$

is a subset of  $V$  s.t.

touch all edges.

Ex:



- $V$  itself ✓
- $S = (a, c, f, d)$  ✓
- $(b, d, e)$  optimal VC

• Vertex cover

Given:  $G = (V, E)$

Goal: Find vertex cover  $S$   
of minimum size.

What's known?

→ Brute force: check all subsets of  $V$

$$|V| = n, \quad O(2^n)$$

→ NP-hard: unlikely to admit  
a poly-time algorithm.

b. Approximation alg. for VC.

→ Greedy strategy:

choose one that appears to be  
beneficial at the moment

1st attempt:

pick vertex that touches  
most edges.

App-VC1: on input  $G=(V, E)$ ,  
for  $v \in V$  (in descending order)  
of degrees (#edges)  
in/out

- add  $v \in S$  (VC candidate)
- delete  $v$  & neighbors from  $G$

• Analysis.

- correctness:  $S$  will be VC ? ✓

- optimality:

$$\exists G \text{ s.t. } |S| = \Omega(\log n \cdot \text{OPT})$$

2nd attempt:

App-VC2: on input  $G=(V, E)$   
while some edge  $\{u, v\}$  is uncovered  
add both  $u, v$  to  $T$  (VC candidate)  
output  $T$

→ correctness ✓ (by termination condition)

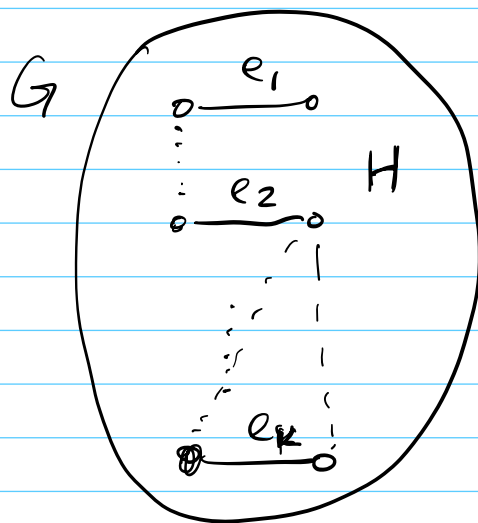
→ optimality?

claim:  $|T| \leq \underline{2} \cdot \text{OPT}$  (OPT: size of min VC)

Pf: Let  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k\}$  be the edges chosen during the alg.

$$|T| = 2k.$$

Suffice to show  $\text{OPT} \geq \underline{k}$



$H$ : is subgraph of  $G$ .

At least pick one node from each of  $k$  edges in optimal VC.

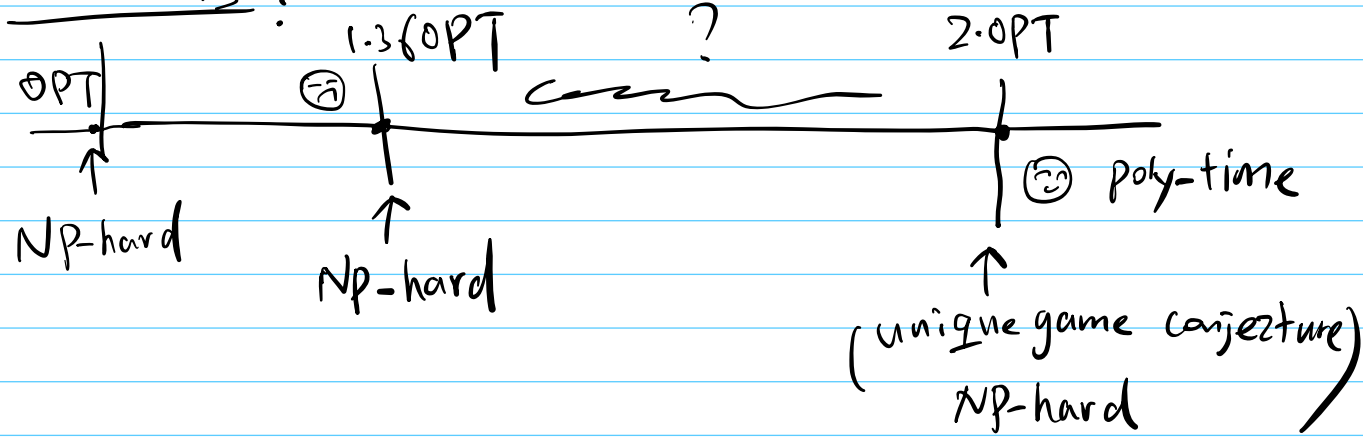
$$\text{OPT} \geq \underline{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow |T| \leq \underline{2} \cdot \text{OPT}.$$

(Approximation factor) ~~#~~

$\Rightarrow$  Tight. (example on board).

Remarks:



A more principled approach:

(Integer) linear programming (ILP)

2. Linear programming.

a. Basics.

Zx1. 

$$\max x_1 + 5x_2$$

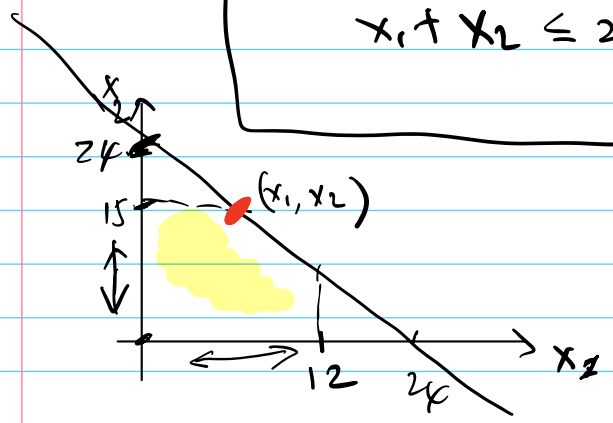
$$\text{Subject to:}$$

$$0 \leq x_1 \leq 12.$$

$$0 \leq x_2 \leq 15.$$

$$x_1 + x_2 \leq 24.$$
  $(x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R})$

→ linear constraints.



Obj:  $x_1 + 5x_2$   
 $= (x_1 + x_2) + 4x_2$   
 $\leq 24 + 4 \times 15 = 84$   
 $x_1 = 9, x_2 = 15$

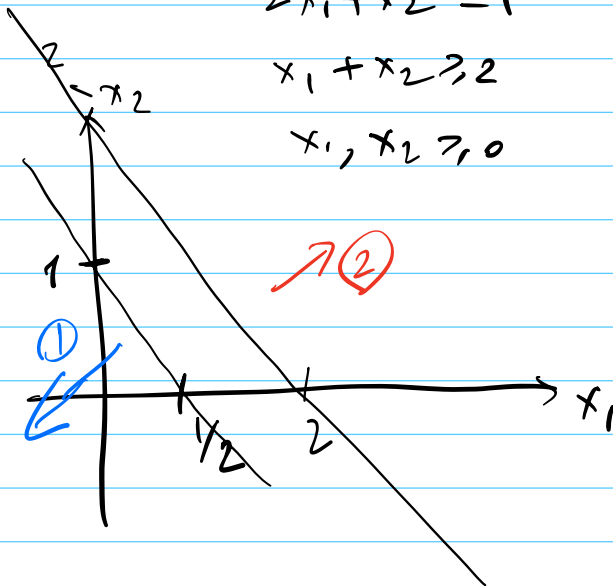
Ex 2:  $\max x_1 - x_2 \quad (x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R})$

subject to:

$2x_1 + x_2 \leq 1 \quad (\text{infeasible})$

$x_1 + x_2 \geq 2$

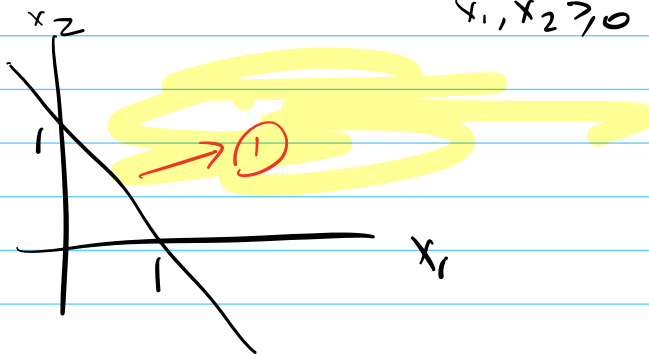
$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$



Ex 3:  $\max 2x_1 + x_2 \quad (\text{unbounded})$

subject to:  $x_1 + x_2 \geq 1$

$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$



b. LP algorithms. (for feasible instances).

• Simplex alg. (George Dantzig 1947).

→ Running time: ☹️ worst-case exp. time.

☺️ super fast real world

• Poly-time LP Alg's.

→ Ellipsoid alg. [Khachiyan '1979].

(Not competitive in practice)

→ Interior point alg. [Karmakar '1984]  
Naredra

N.B. Commercial solvers

solve LP w/ millions of variable

& constraints ✓