

# Mathematical Programming Techniques in Multiobjective Optimization

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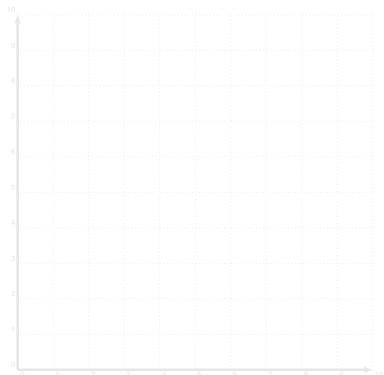
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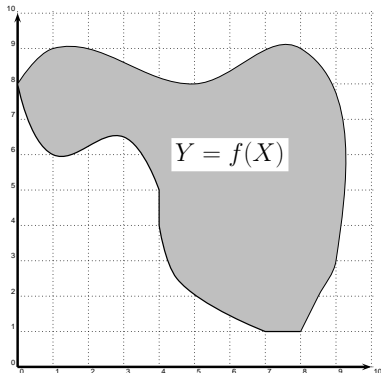
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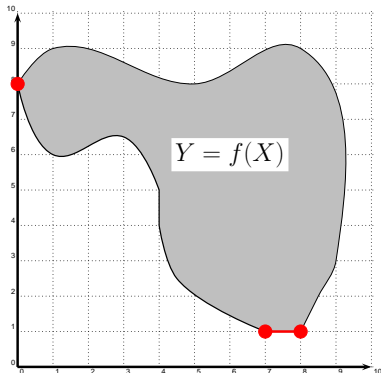
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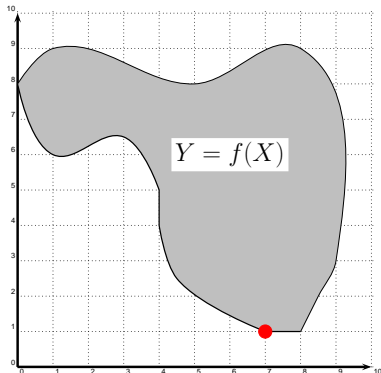
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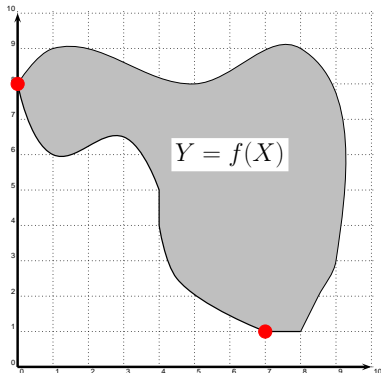
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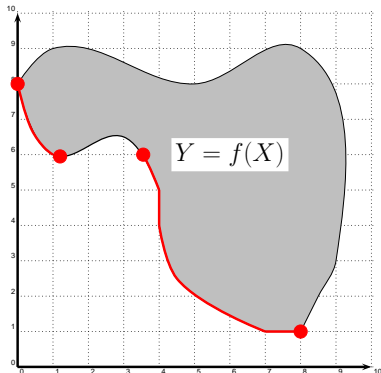
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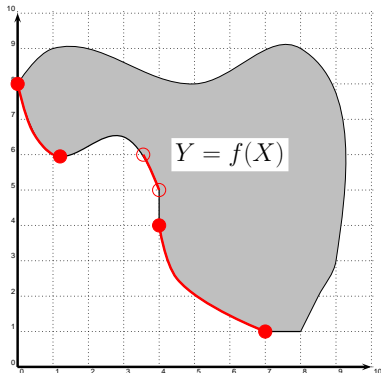
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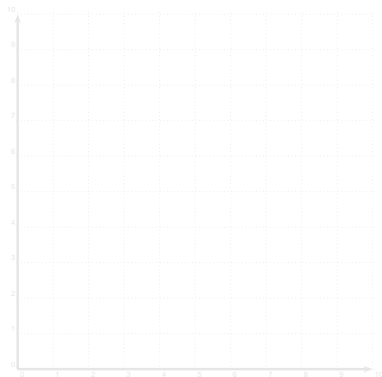


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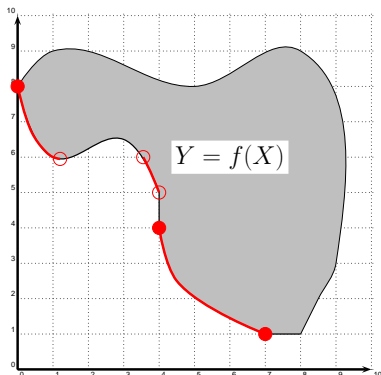


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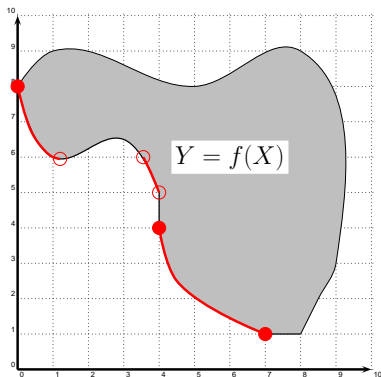


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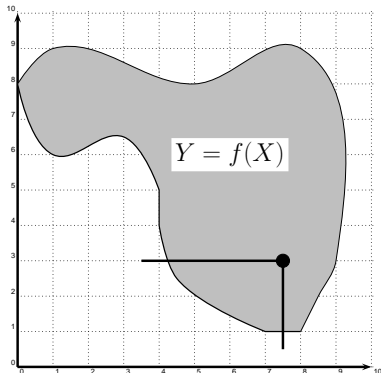
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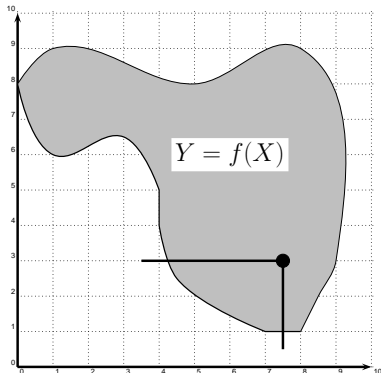
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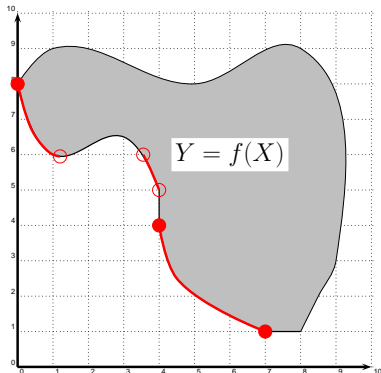
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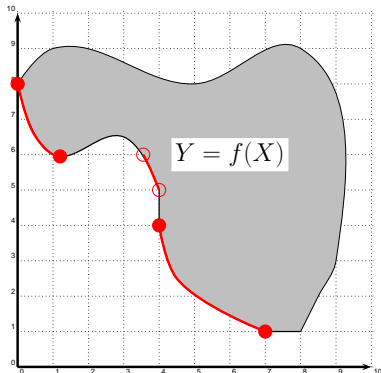
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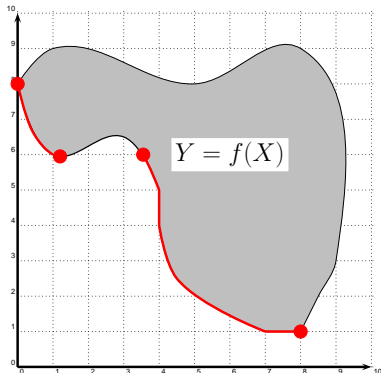
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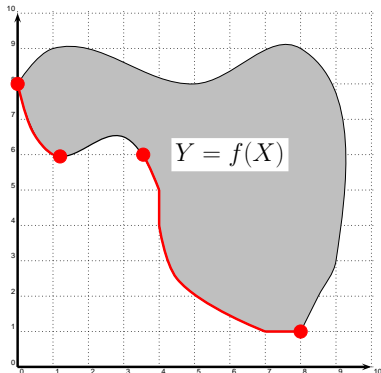
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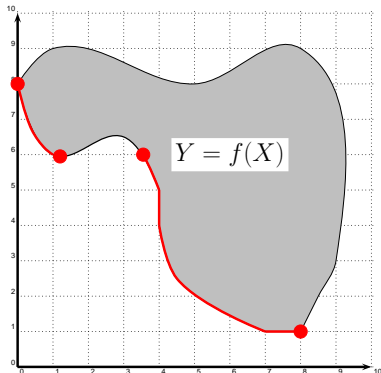
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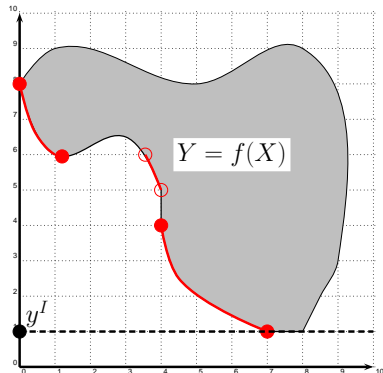
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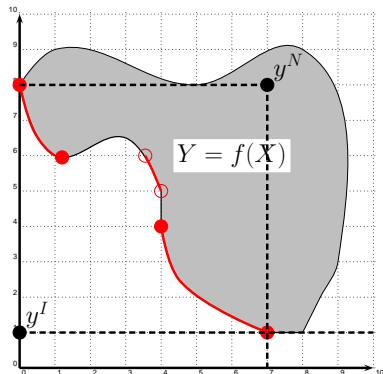
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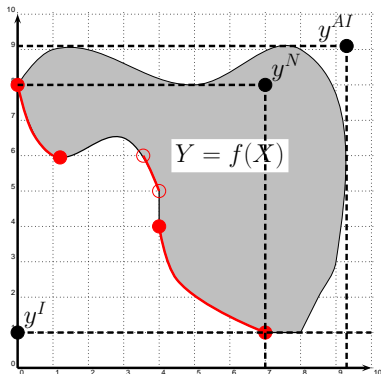
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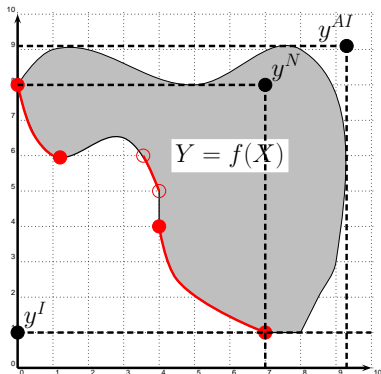
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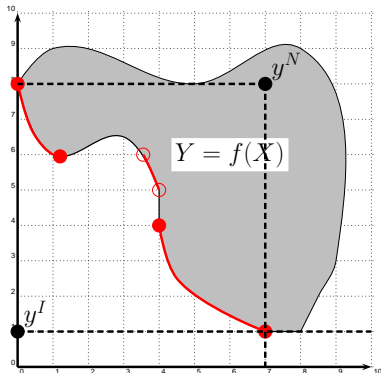
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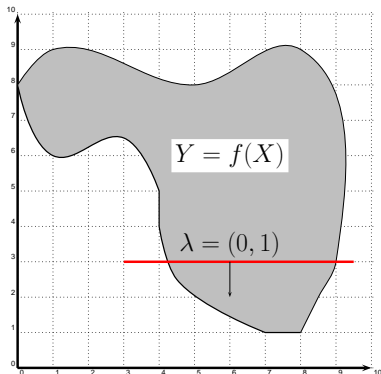
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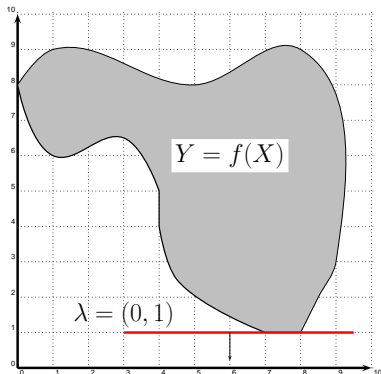
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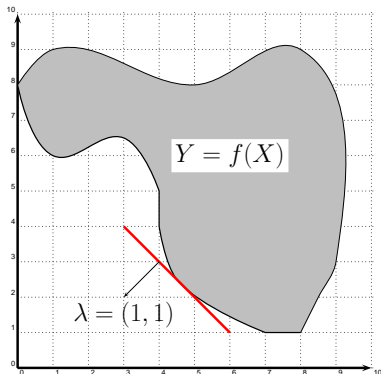
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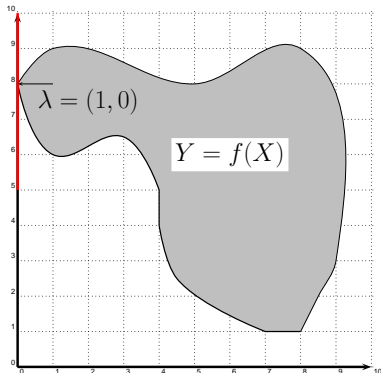
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- 2 If  $\lambda \geq 0$  and  $f(\hat{x})$  is unique then  $\hat{x} \in X_E$ .
- 3 If  $\lambda > 0$  then  $\hat{x} \in X_{pE}$ .

### Proof.

- 1 By contradiction
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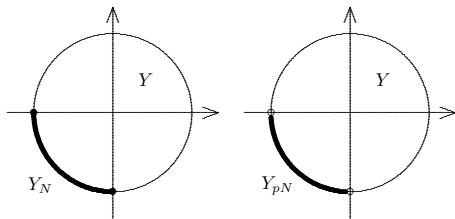
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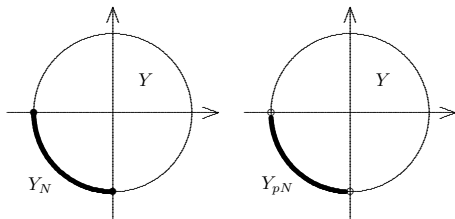
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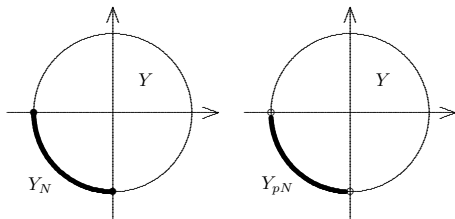
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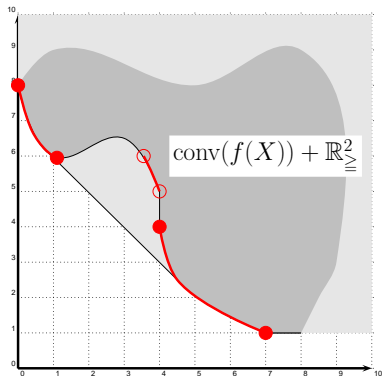
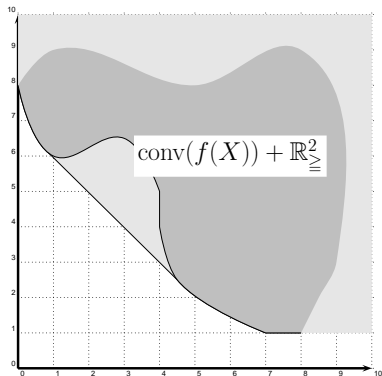
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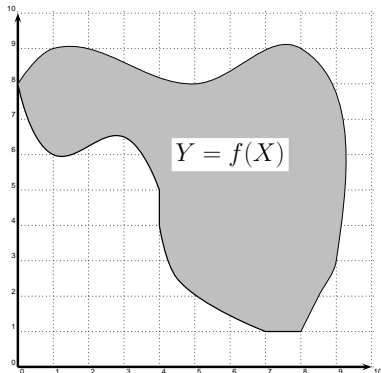




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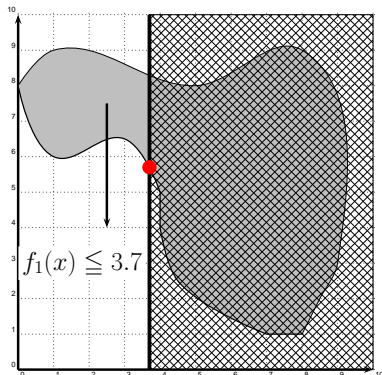
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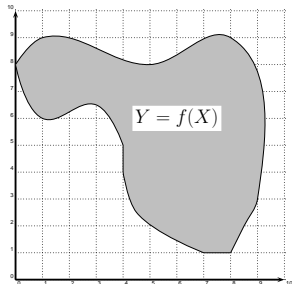
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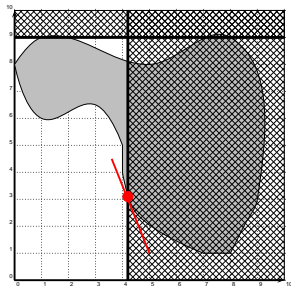
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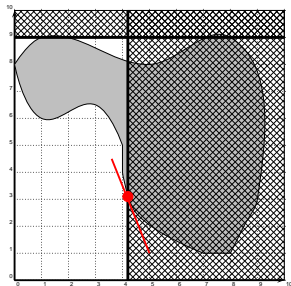
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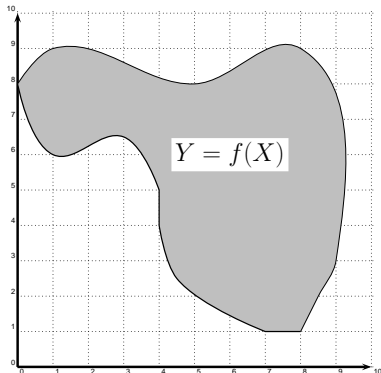
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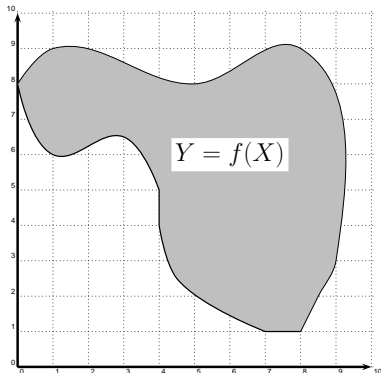
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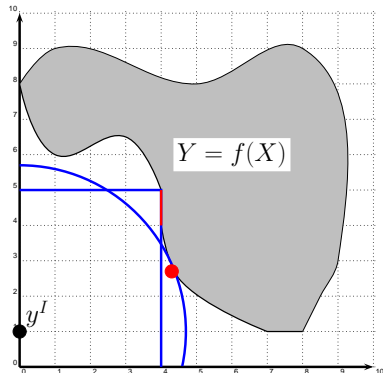
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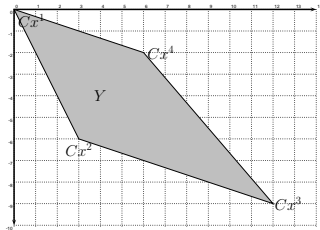
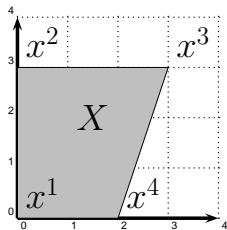
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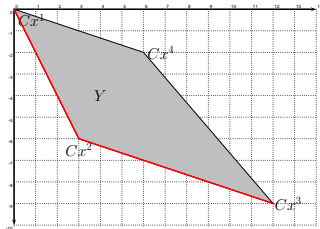
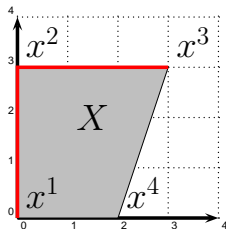
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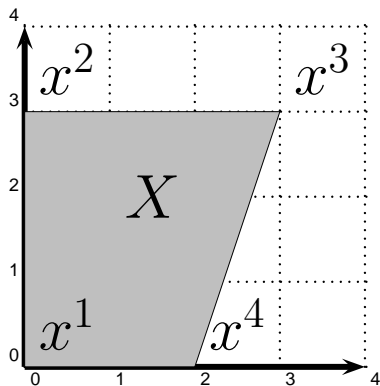
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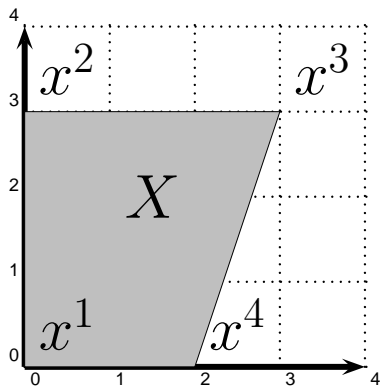
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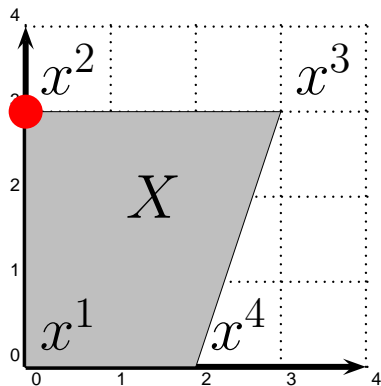
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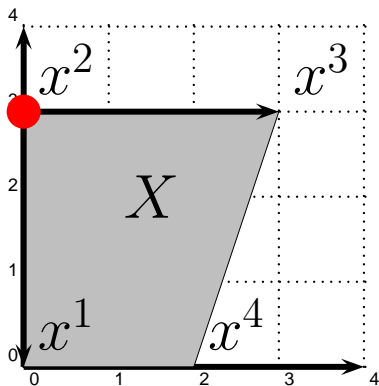


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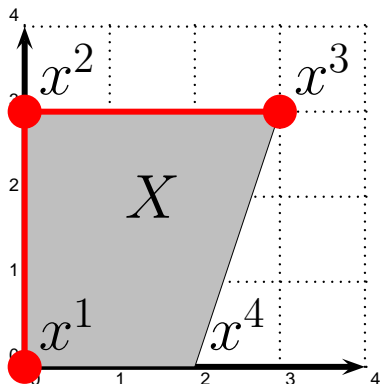




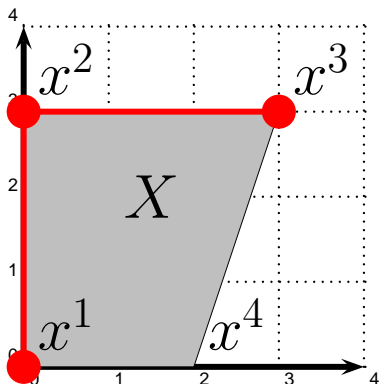
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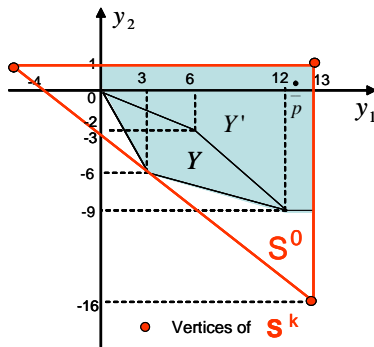
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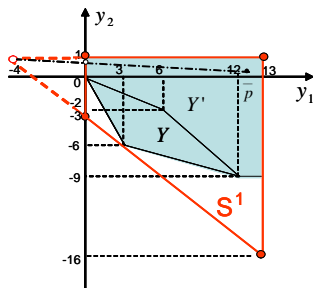
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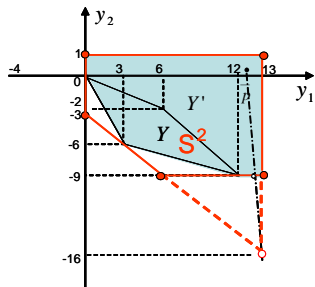


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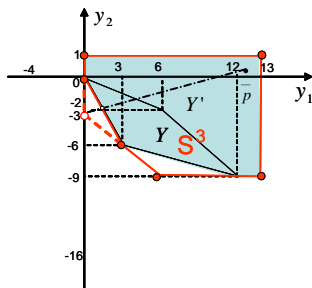
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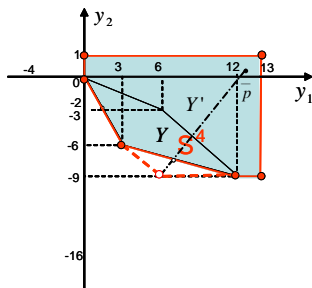
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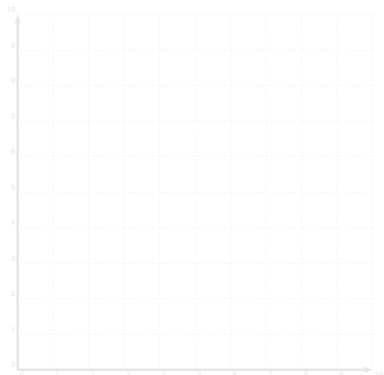
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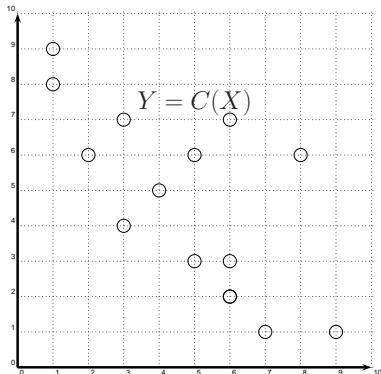
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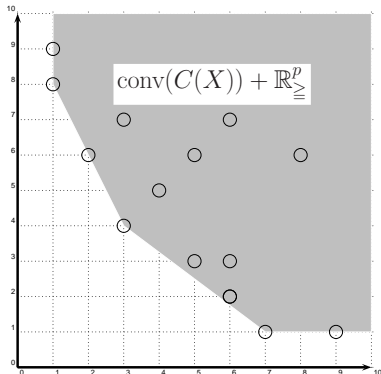
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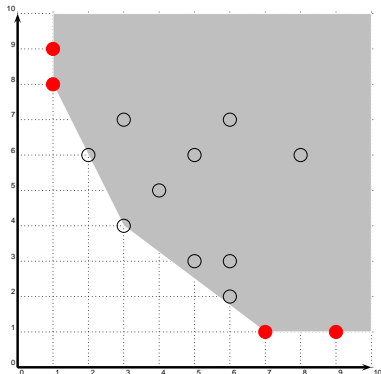
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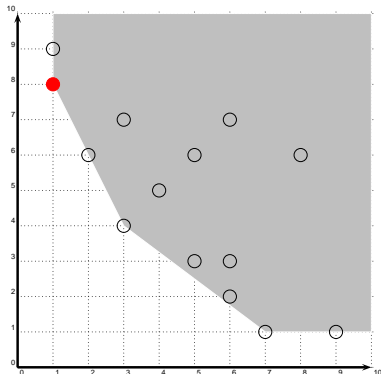
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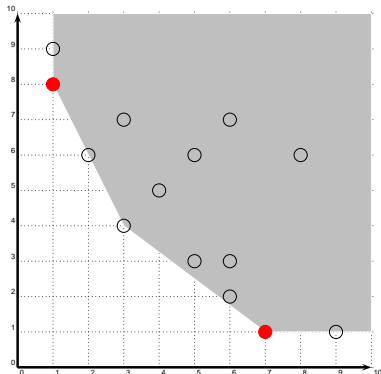
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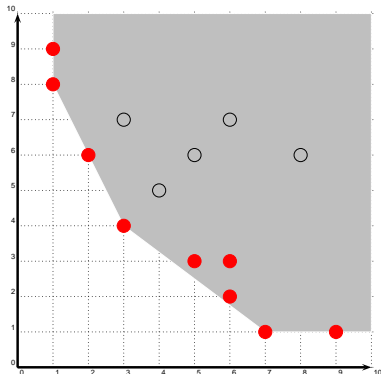
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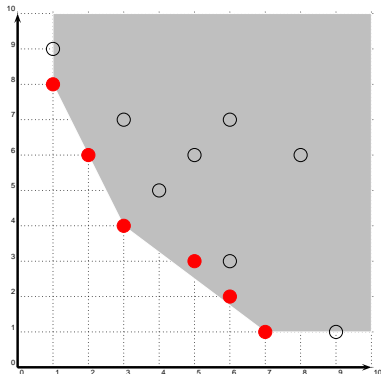
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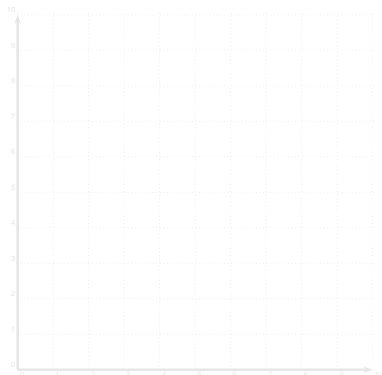
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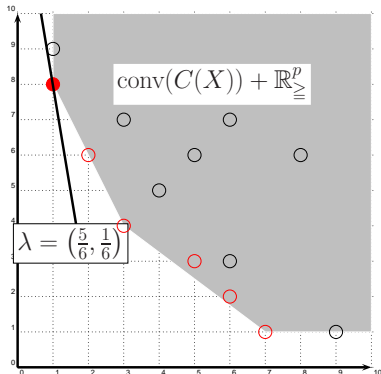
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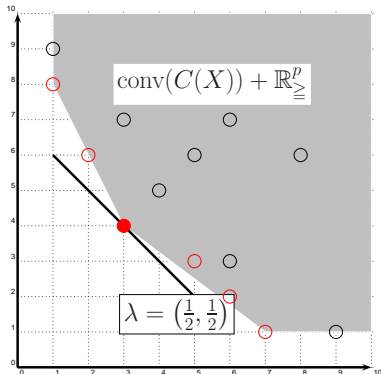
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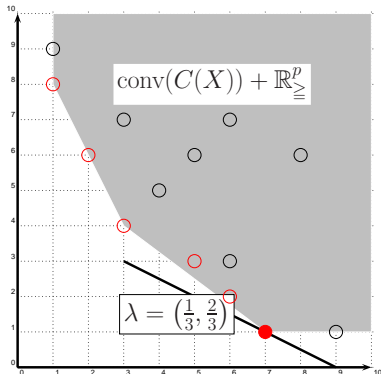
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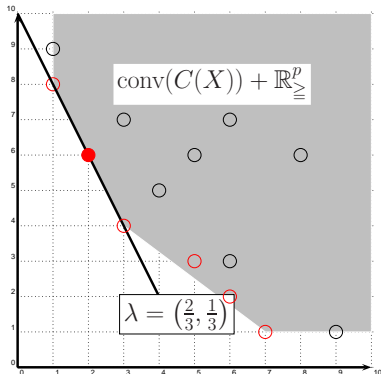
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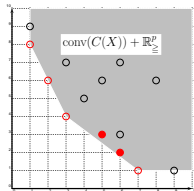
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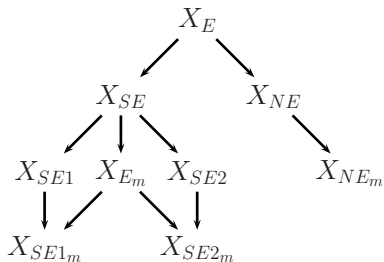
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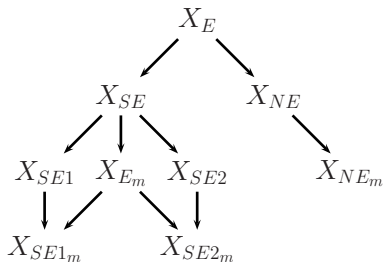




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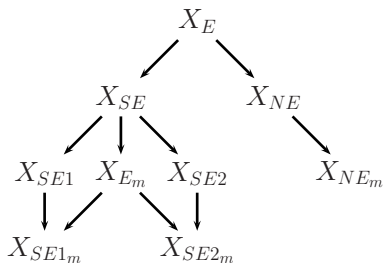
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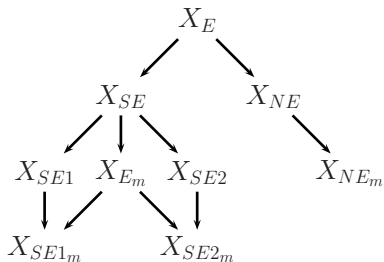
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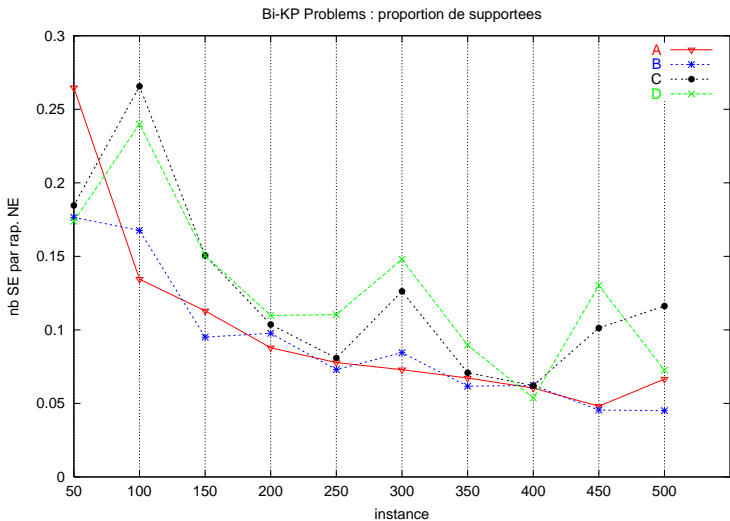
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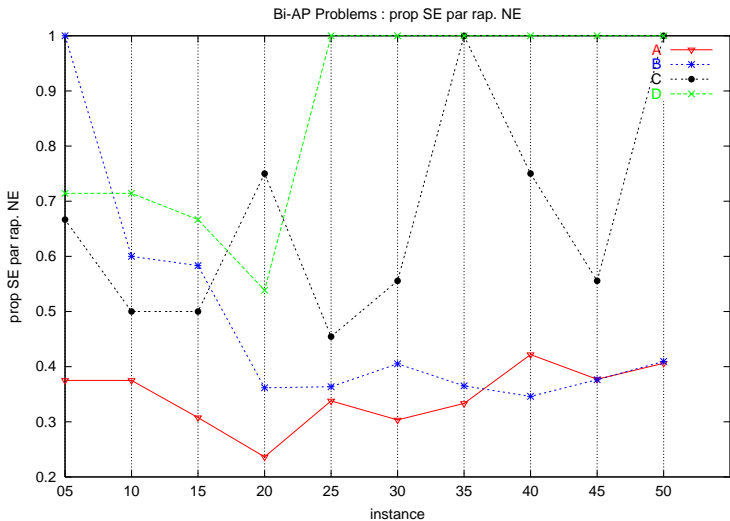
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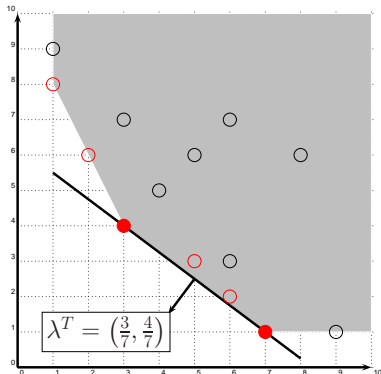
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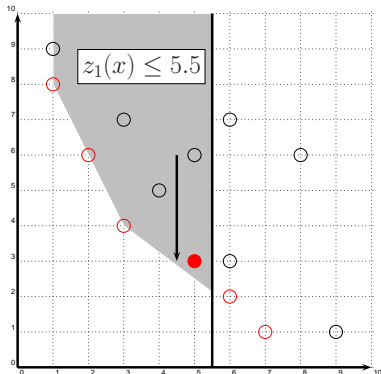
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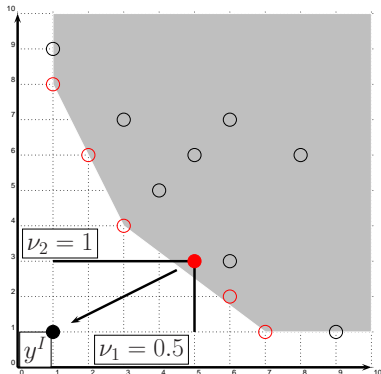
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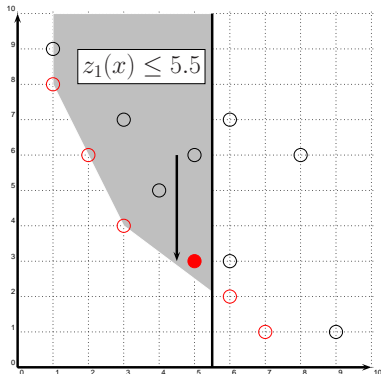
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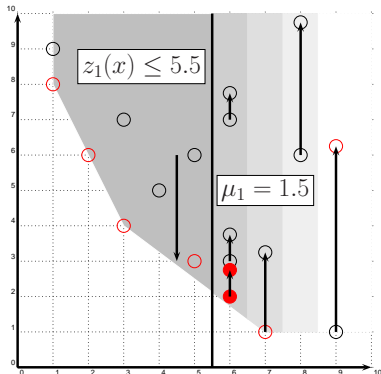
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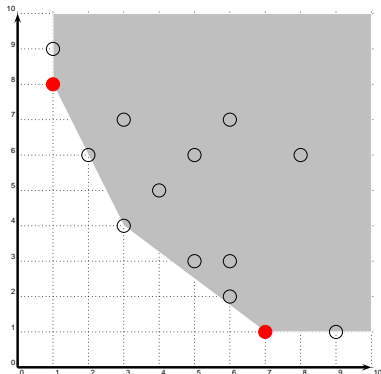
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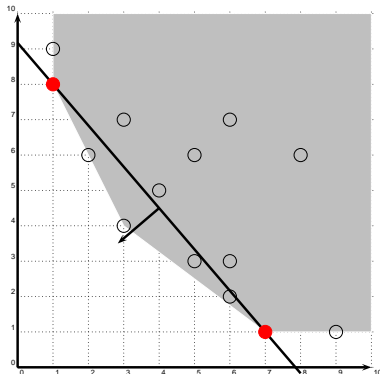
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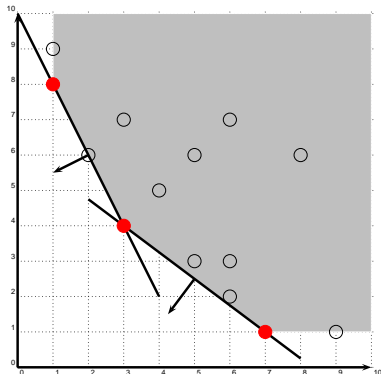
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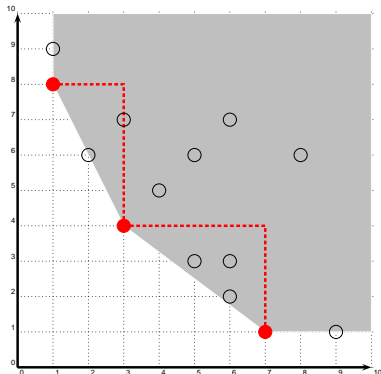
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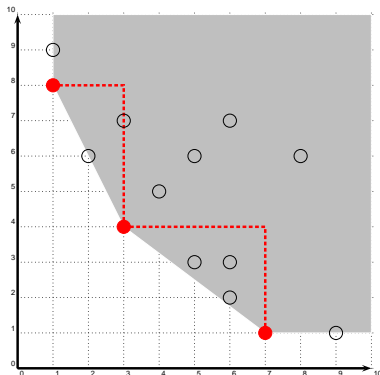
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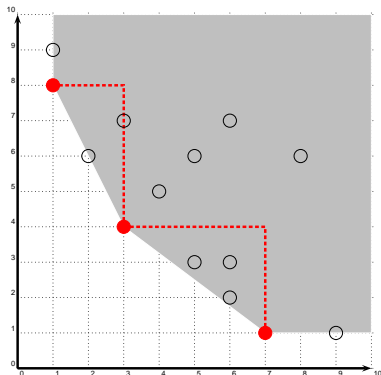
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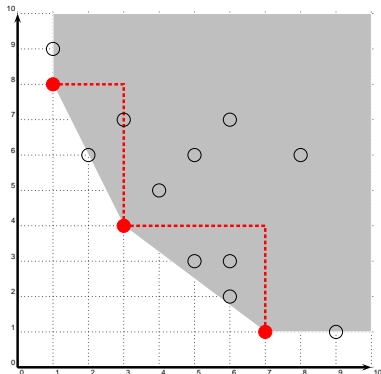
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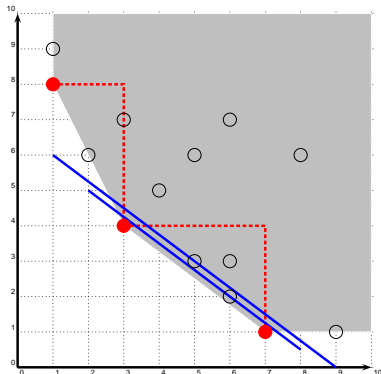
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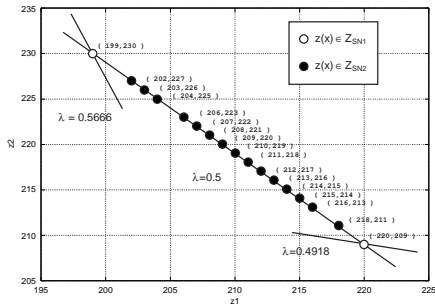
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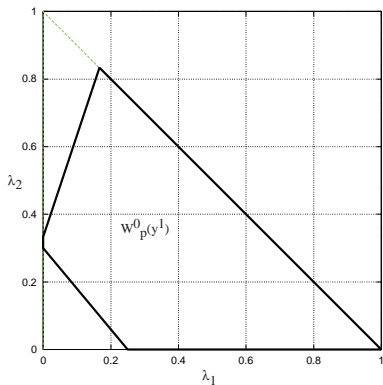
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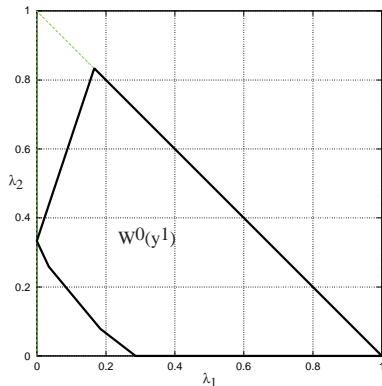
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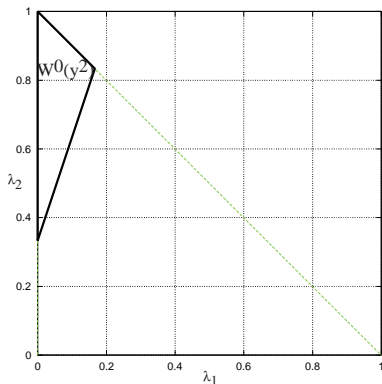
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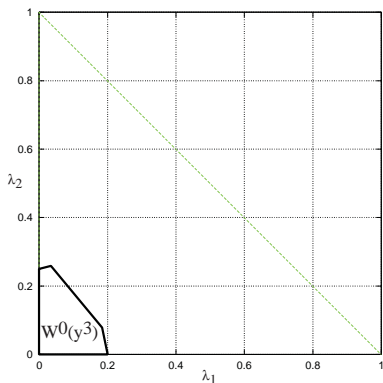
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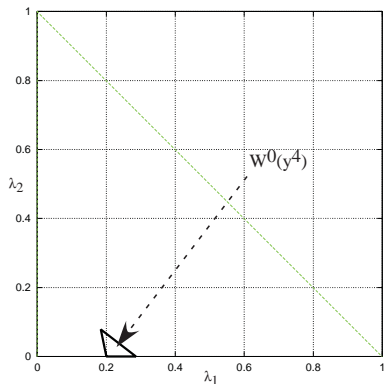
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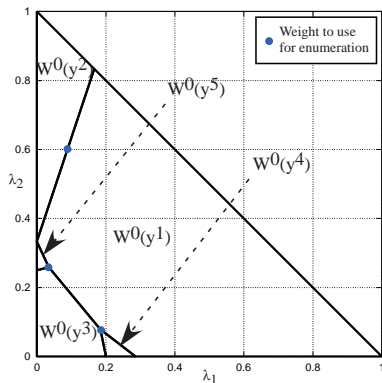
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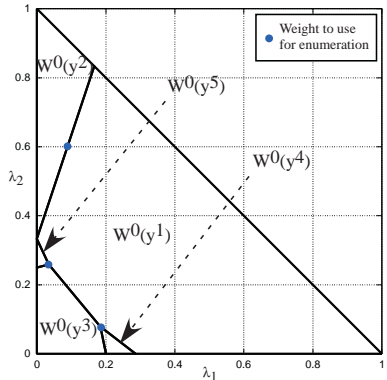
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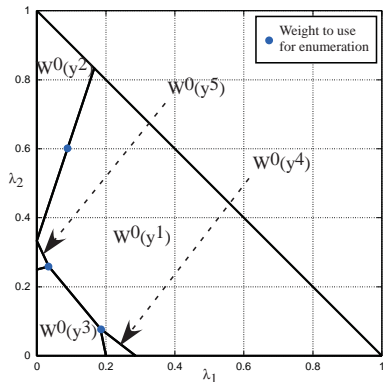
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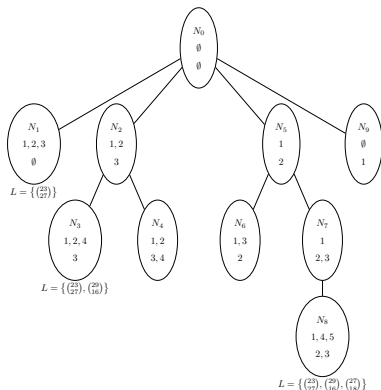
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## Results for Three-Objective Assignment Problem

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10	221	99865.00	97.30	41.70	0.08
15	483	×	544.53	172.29	0.36
20	1942	×	×	1607.92	4.51
25	3750	×	×	5218.00	30.13
30	5195	×	×	15579.00	55.87
35	10498	×	×	101751.00	109.96
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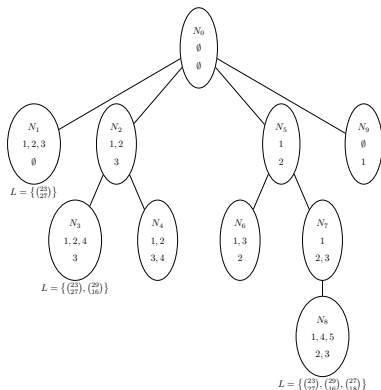
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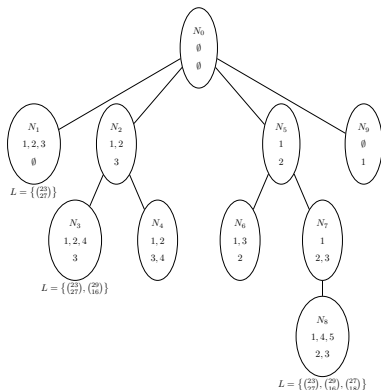
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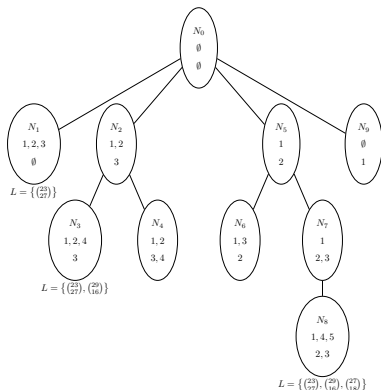
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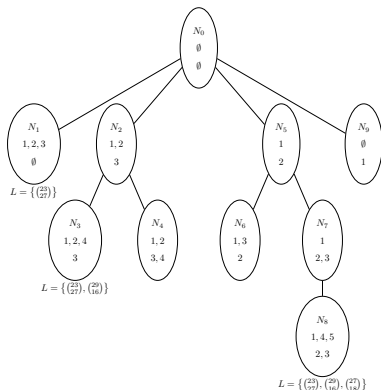
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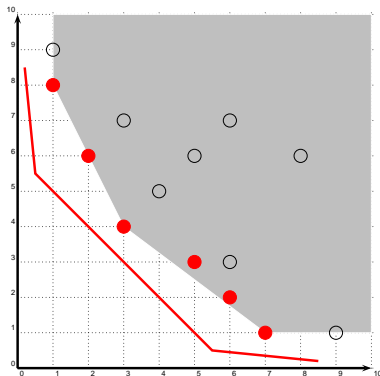
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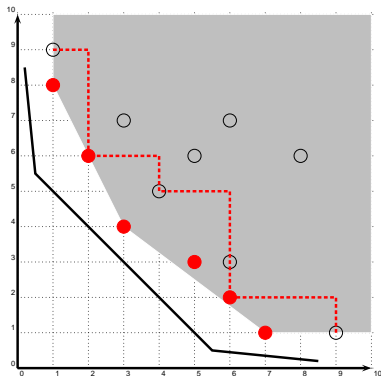
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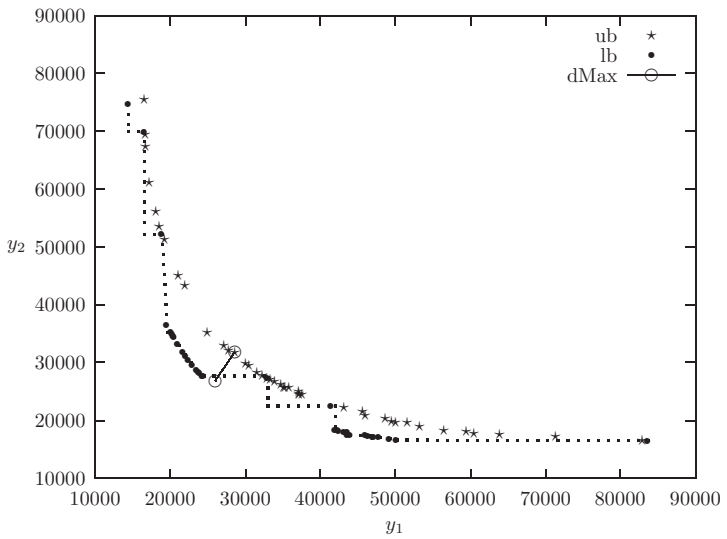
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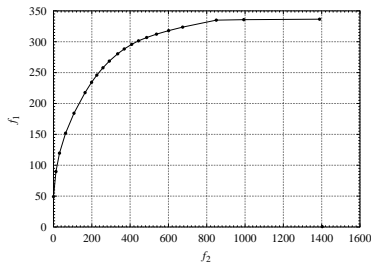




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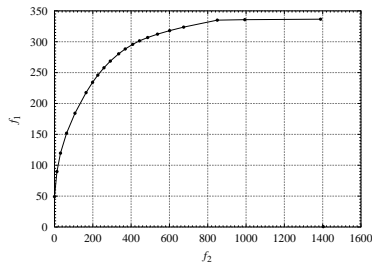




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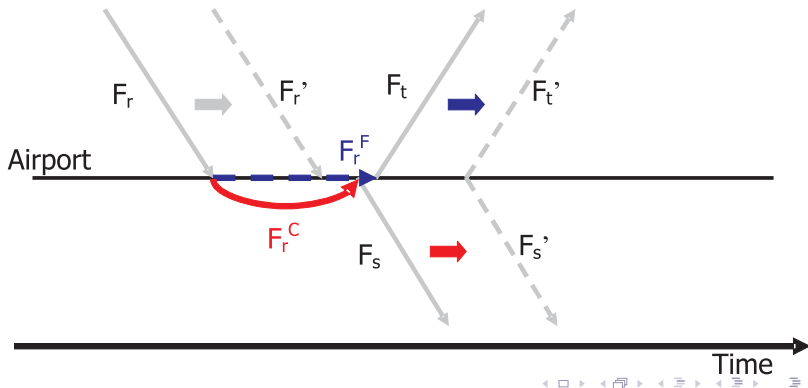
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The company blamed the move - which comes a week after passengers staged a protest sit-in at Nice airport - on crewing problems stemming from technical hitches with aircraft.

Crews caught up in the delays worked up to their maximum hours and then had to be allowed home to rest.

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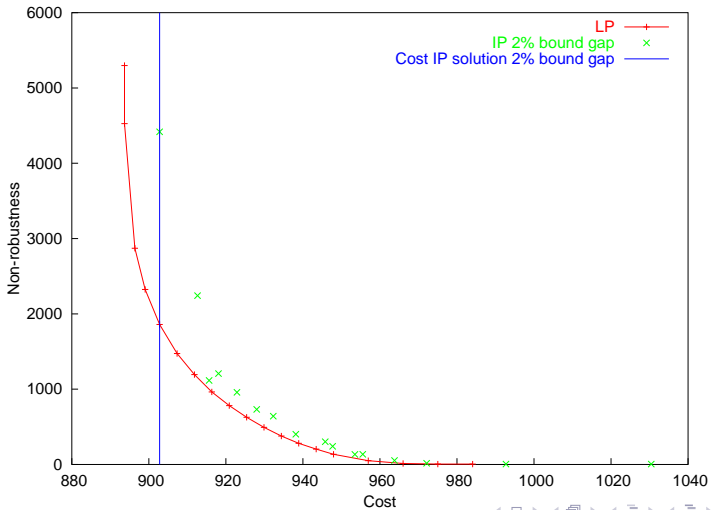
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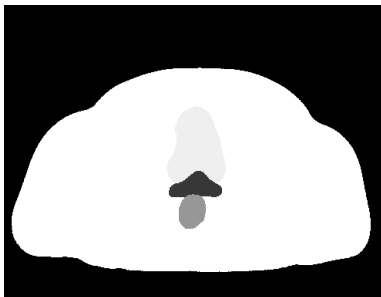




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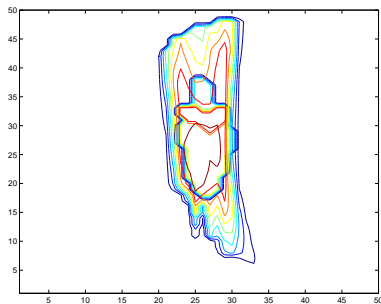
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