Section 6.5 Optimization Problems Exploring Solution

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An ______ problem is a problem in which we find the greatest or least value of functions.

The system of linear inequalities has a region where all inequalities overlap. This is the ______.

To solve an optimization problem, we:

- Identify
- Define
- Describe
- Write

Note

Example A company does custom paint jobs on cars and trucks. Due to the size of the workshop, the company can paint a maximum of 8 cars or 5 trucks in one day. The total output for the shop cannot exceed 10 vehicles in total for one day. The company earns \$400 for a truck paint job and \$250 for a car paint job. How many of each type of vehicle should they paint in a day so that they earn the greatest profit?

Step 1 Identify the quantity that must be optimized.

Step 2 Define the variables that affect the quantity to be optimized and state any restrictions.

Step 3 Write a system of linear inequalities to describe all the constraints of the problem and graph the feasible solution. Graph the feasible solution.

Step 4 Write the objective function.

- 1. Find the value of the profit throughout the feasible region and note any pattern you find.
- 2. What happens to the profit as you move to the left of the feasible region?
- 3. What happens to the profit as you move from the bottom to the top of the feasible region?

- 4. Which point in the feasible region results in each optimal solution?
 - a. The maximum possible profit?
- b. The minimum possible profit?

The optimal solution top the objective function is represented by: