

Example 1 Solve the following linear programming problem graphically:

$$\text{Maximise } Z = 4x + y \quad \dots (1)$$

subject to the constraints:

$$x + y \leq 50 \quad \dots (2)$$

$$3x + y \leq 90 \quad \dots (3)$$

$$x \geq 0, y \geq 0 \quad \dots (4)$$

Solution The shaded region in Fig 12.2 is the feasible region determined by the system of constraints (2) to (4). We observe that the feasible region OABC is **bounded**. So, we now use Corner Point Method to determine the maximum value of Z .

The coordinates of the corner points O, A, B and C are (0, 0), (30, 0), (20, 30) and (0, 50) respectively. Now we evaluate Z at each corner point.

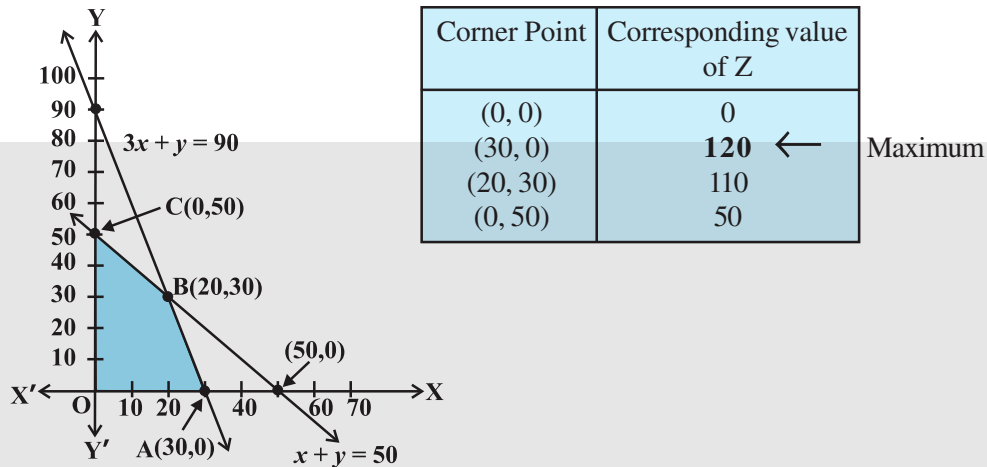


Fig 12.2

Hence, maximum value of Z is 120 at the point (30, 0).

Example 2 Solve the following linear programming problem graphically:

Minimise $Z = 200x + 500y$... (1)

subject to the constraints:

$x + 2y \geq 10$... (2)

$3x + 4y \leq 24$... (3)

$x \geq 0, y \geq 0$... (4)

Solution The shaded region in Fig 12.3 is the feasible region ABC determined by the system of constraints (2) to (4), which is **bounded**. The coordinates of corner points

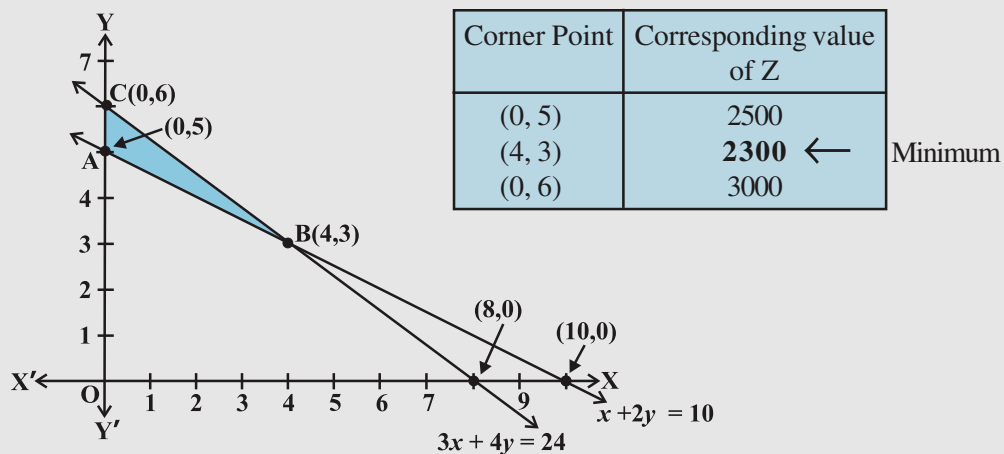


Fig 12.3

A, B and C are (0,5), (4,3) and (0,6) respectively. Now we evaluate $Z = 200x + 500y$ at these points.

Hence, minimum value of Z is 2300 attained at the point (4, 3)

