

Optimization using Scilab

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We will solve the following example using karmarkar function:

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for

$$2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq 2$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 \leq 5$$

$$2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 \leq 6$$

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