

**Applications of Partial Differentiation**  
*Extremes within restricted domains*

**Question**

$$F(x, y, z) = 2x + 3y + 4z$$

Minimize  $F$ , subject to

$$\begin{aligned}x &\geq 0 \\y &\geq 0 \\z &\geq 0 \\x + y &\geq 2 \\y + z &\geq 2 \\x + z &\geq 2\end{aligned}$$

**Answer**

The constraint region has vertices  $(1, 1, 1)$ ,  $(2, 2, 0)$ ,  $(2, 0, 2)$  and  $(0, 2, 2)$ .

This gives

$$F(1, 1, 1) = 9, \quad F(2, 2, 0) = 10, \quad F(2, 0, 2) = 12, \quad F(0, 2, 2) = 14$$

And so the minimum value of  $F$  under the given constraints is  $F = 9$ .