

MODULE 6 PROJECT
BUYING OFFICE FURNITURE

Using a System of Linear Inequalities

THE SITUATION

You have been tasked to purchase your company some new filing cabinets with a budget of \$140.

You have narrowed it down to two possible options and plan to buy a few of each.

- **Cabinet X** costs **\$10 per unit**, requires **6 square feet** of floor space, and holds **8 cubic feet** of files.
- **Cabinet Y** costs **\$20 per unit**, requires **8 square feet** of floor space, and holds **12 cubic feet** of files.

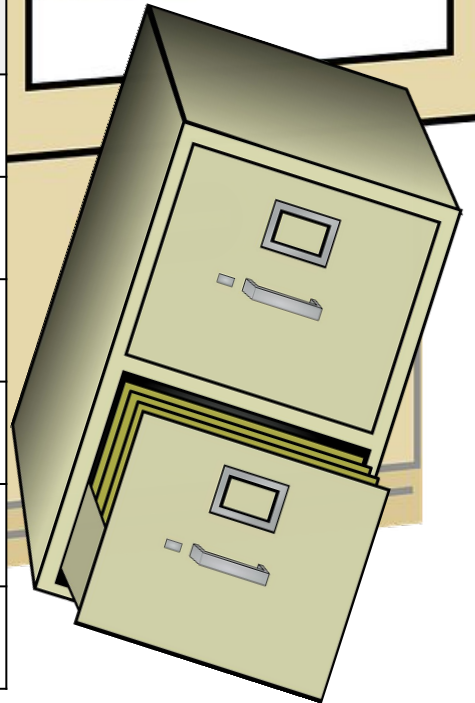
The office has room for no more than **72 square feet** of cabinets.

COST OF CABINETS

Create an **inequality** in two variables representing your financial constraints (budget).

# of cabinets, x	Total Cost of Cabinets
x	$10x$
1	10
3	30
5	50
7	70
11	1100

# of cabinets, y	Total Cost of Cabinets
y	$20y$
1	20
3	60
5	100
7	140
11	2200

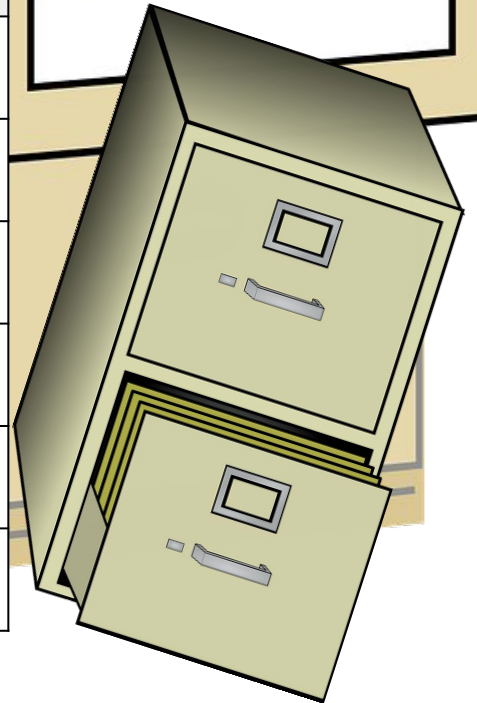


AREA OF CABINETS

Create an **inequality** in two variables representing your area constraints (space).

# of cabinets, x	Total area of cabinets
x	$6x$
1	6
3	18
5	30
7	42
11	66

# of cabinets, y	Total area of cabinets
y	$8y$
1	8
3	24
5	40
7	56
11	88



Cost Linear Inequality (from #3)

Show work here.

X: number of \$10 cabinets

Y: number of \$20 cabinets

Maximum budget: \$140

$$10x + 20y \leq 140$$

$$20y \leq 140 - 10x$$

$$y \leq 70 - 0.5x$$

$$y \leq -0.5x + 70$$

Area Linear Inequality (from #6)

Show work here.

X: number of 6 ft² cabinets

Y: number of 8 ft² cabinets

Maximum floor space: 72 ft²

$$6x + 8y \leq 72$$

Storage volume V

X: number of 8 ft³ cabinets

Y: number of 12 ft³ cabinets

$$8x + 12y = v$$

Cost Linear Inequality (from #3)

Show work here.

X: number of \$10 cabinets

Y: number of \$20 cabinets

Maximum budget: \$140

$$10x + 20y \leq 140$$

$$20y \leq 140 - 10x$$

$$y \leq 7 - 0.5x$$

$$y \leq -0.5x + 7$$

Area Linear Inequality (from #6)

Show work here.

X: number of 6 ft² cabinets

Y: number of 8 ft² cabinets

Maximum floor space: 72 ft²

$$6x + 8y \leq 72$$

$$8y \leq 72 - 6x$$

$$y \leq 9 - (6/8)x$$

$$y \leq 9 - (3/4)x$$

$$y \leq -0.75x + 9$$



1

$$10x + 20y \leq 140$$



2

$$20y \leq 140 - 10x$$



3

$$y \leq 7 - 0.5x$$



4

COST INEQUALITY

x: number of \$10 cabinets

y: number of \$20 cabinets

budget \$140



5



6



7

number of \$20 cabinets

10

5

0

5

10

15

20

number of \$10 cabinets

Budget inequality





COST INEQUALITY

x: number of \$10 cabinets
y: number of \$20 cabinets
budget \$140

$10x + 20y \leq 140$

rearrange to isolate y-variable on left

$20y \leq 140 - 10x$

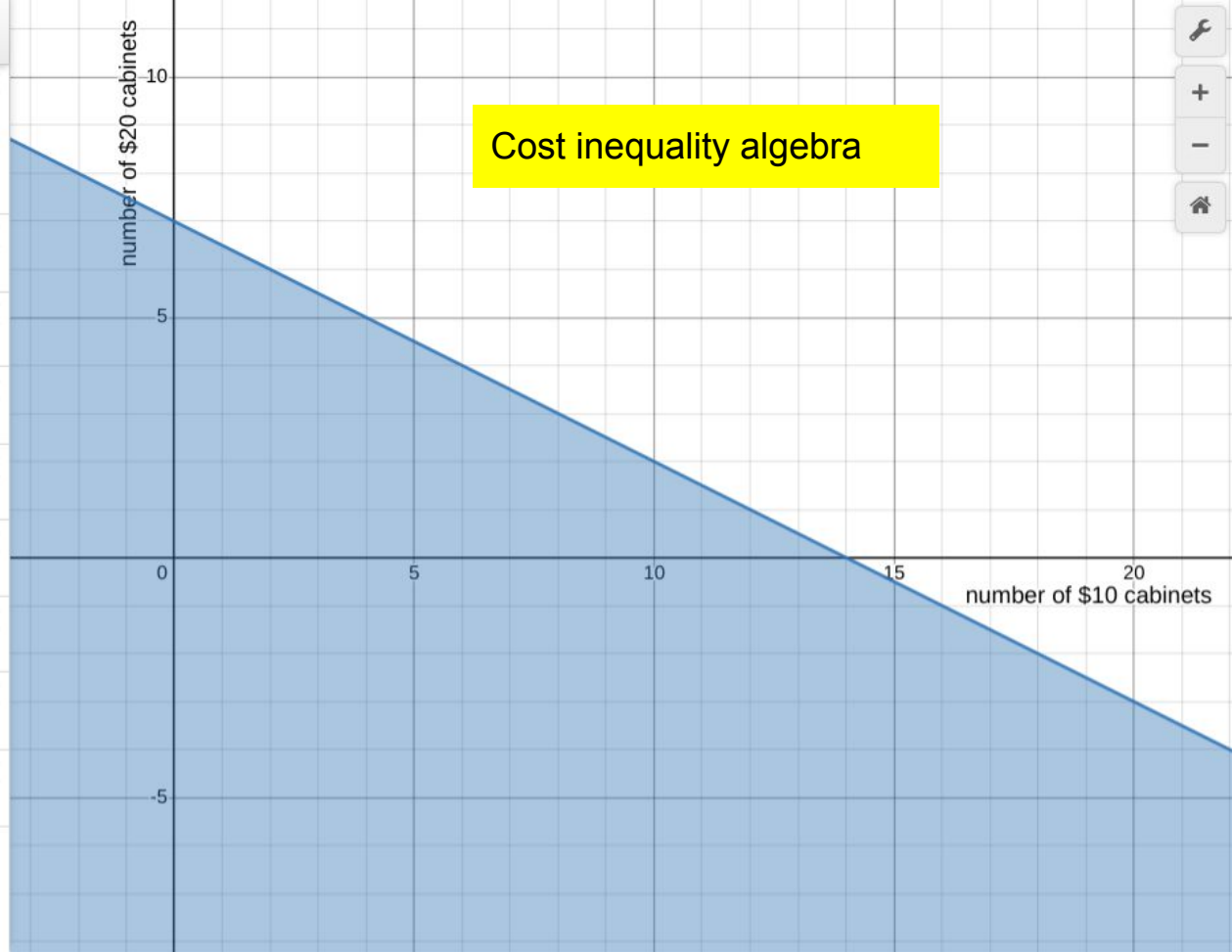
divide both sides by 20

$y \leq 7 - 0.5x$

rearrange to slope-intercept form, $y = mx + b$

$y \leq -0.5x + 7$

number of \$20 cabinets



Cost inequality algebra





SPACE INEQUALITY

x: number of 6 sq ft cabinets
y: number of 8 sq ft cabinets
Maximum floor space is 72 square feet

$$6x + 8y \leq 72$$

rearrange with y variable on left

$$8y \leq 72 - 6x$$

divide both sides by 8

$$y \leq 9 - 0.75x$$

SLOPE-INTERCEPT FORM (rearrange)

$$y \leq -0.75x + 9$$

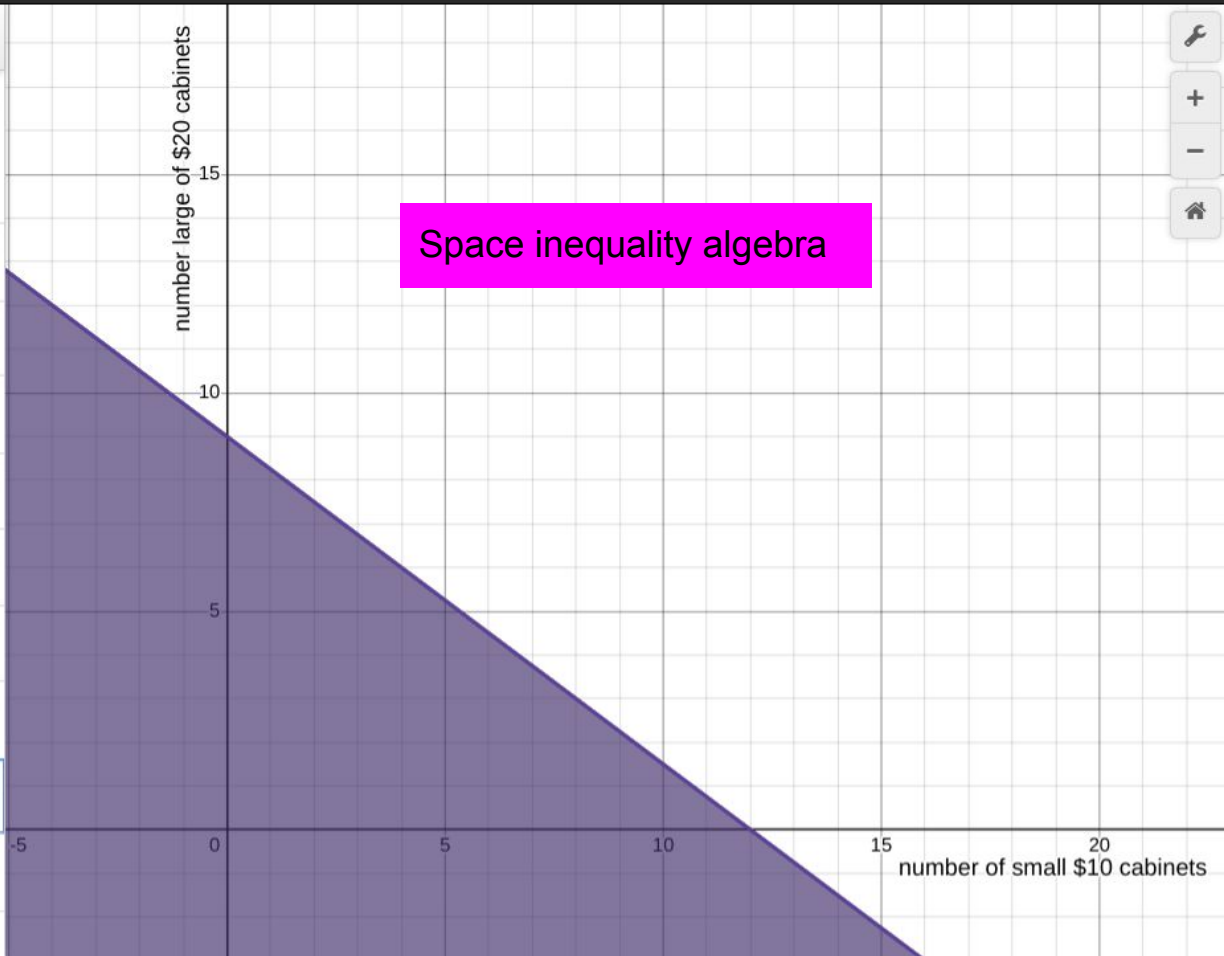
TOTAL STORAGE VOLUME

$$8x + 12y = v$$

total cubic feet storage volume v (green line)

number large of \$20 cabinets

Space inequality algebra



1 $10x + 20y \leq 140$

2 Maximum budget \$140.
Small 8 cubic foot cabinet cost \$10
12 cubic foot cabinet cost \$20 Large

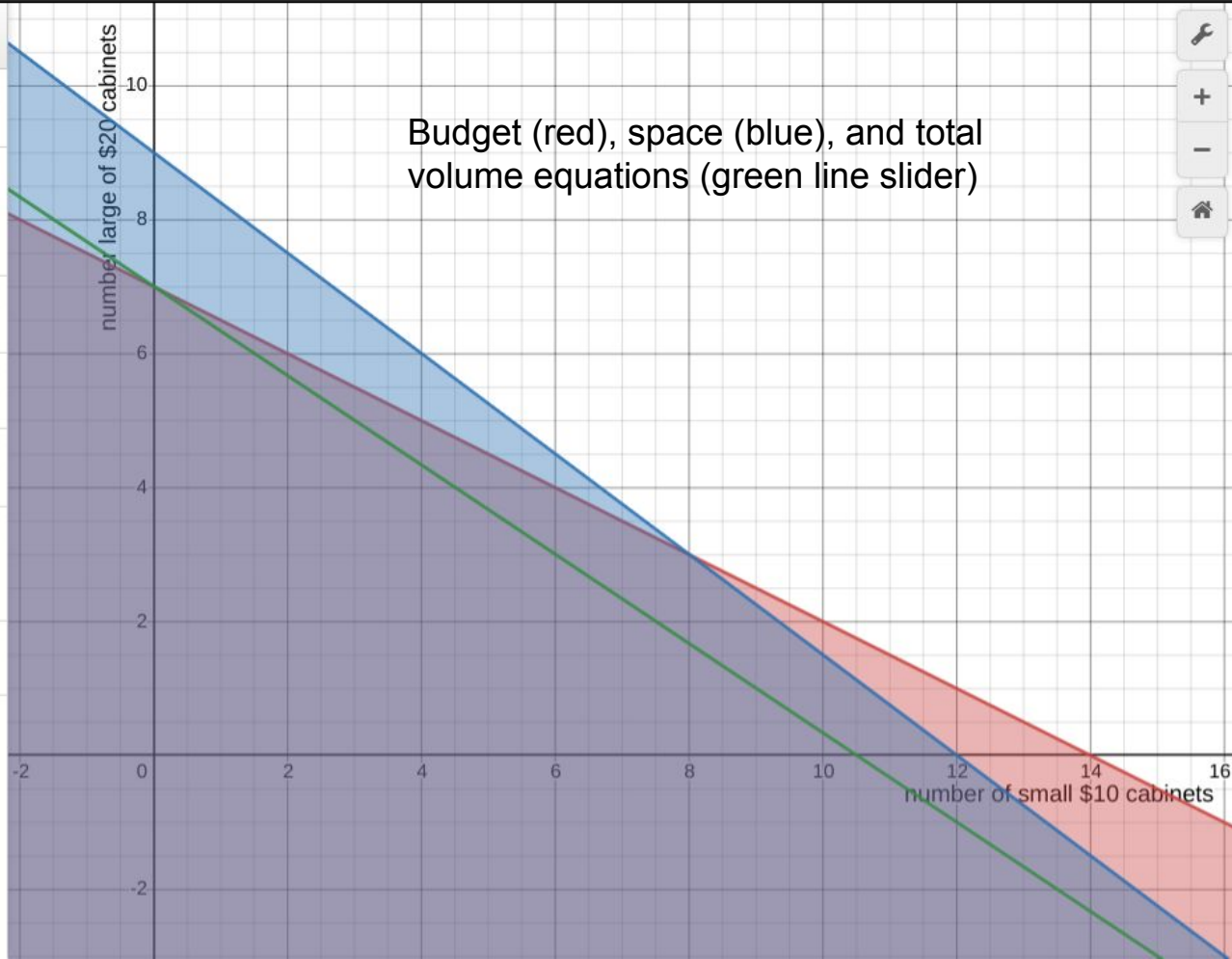
3 $6x + 8y \leq 72$

4 Maximum floor space is 72 square feet

5 $8x + 12y = v$

6 $v = 84$

7 Total storage volume v in cubic feet



Combination of cabinets **fits**
budget **and** space

**5 X
Cabinets +
2 Y
Cabinets**

$$10x + 20y \leq 140$$
$$10(5) + 20(2) \leq 140?$$
$$50 + 40 \leq 140?$$
$$90 \leq 140 \quad \text{TRUE}$$

Meets \$140 Budget

$$6x + 8y \leq 72. \text{ Let } x=5, y=2$$

$$6(5) + 8(2) \leq 72?$$

$$30 + 16 \leq 72?$$

$$46 \leq 72 \quad \text{TRUE}$$

Meets 72 ft² space limit

**X
Cabinets +
Y
Cabinets**

Combination of cabinets **doesn't fit**
budget **and** space

**10 X
Cabinets +
2 Y
Cabinets**

$$10x + 20y \leq 140$$
$$10(10) + 20(2) \leq 140?$$
$$100 + 40 \leq 140?$$
$$140 \leq 140 \quad \text{TRUE}$$

Meets \$140 Budget

$$6x + 8y \leq 72. \text{ Let } x=10, y=2$$

$$6(10) + 8(2) \leq 72?$$

$$60 + 16 \leq 72?$$

$$76 \leq 72 \quad \text{FALSE}$$

FAILS 72 ft² space limit

**4 X
Cabinets +
4 Y
Cabinets**

Maximum budget \$140.
 Small 8 cubic foot cabinet cost \$10
 12 cubic foot cabinet cost \$20

Large

$6x + 8y \leq 72$

Maximum floor space is 72 square feet

$8x + 12y = v$

$v = 84$

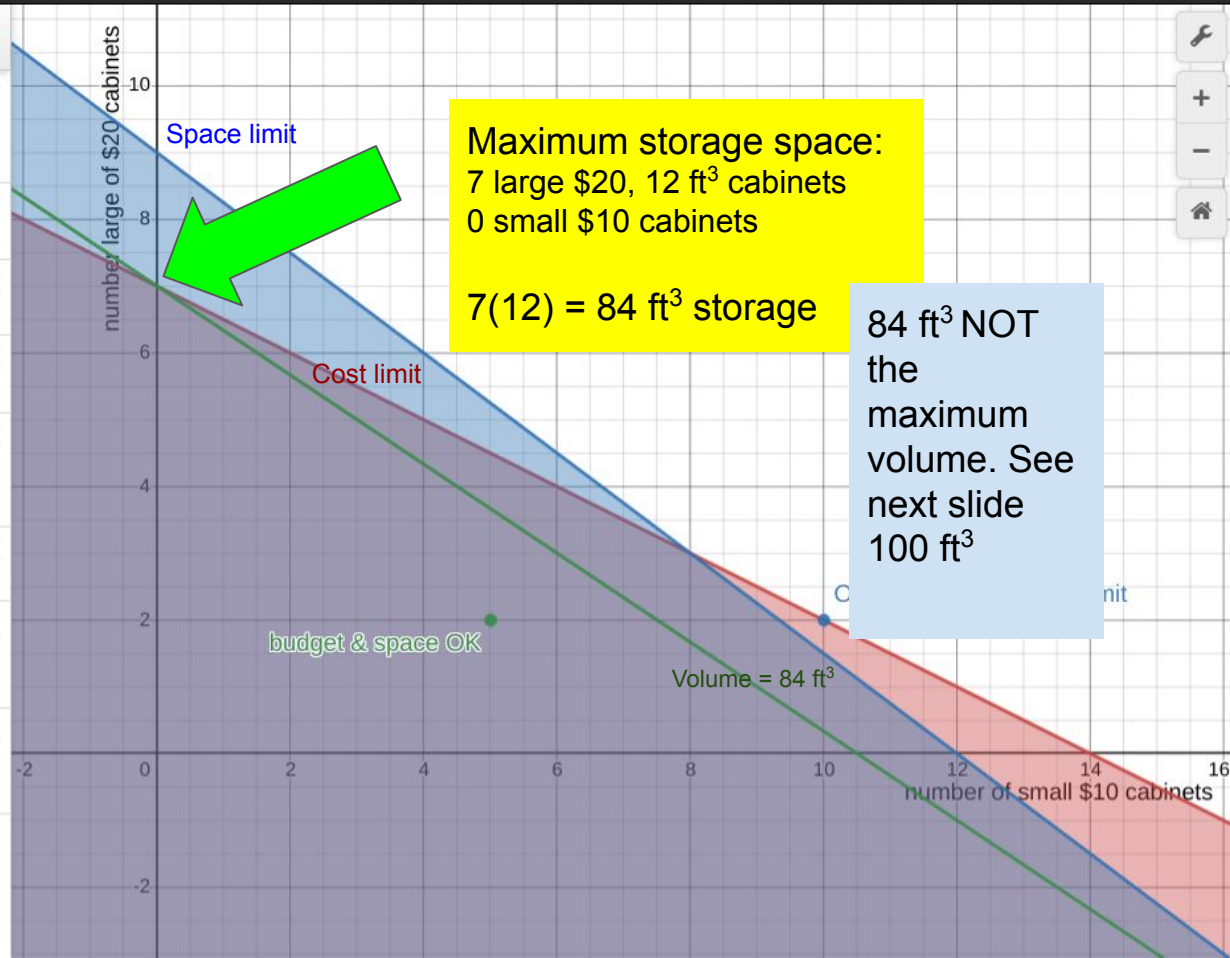
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Total storage volume v in cubic feet

$(10, 2)$
 Label: On budget, fails space limit

$(5, 2)$
 Label: budget & space OK

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1 $10x + 20y \leq 140$

2 Maximum budget \$140.
Small 8 cubic foot cabinet cost \$10 Large
12 cubic foot cabinet cost \$20

3 $6x + 8y \leq 72$

4 Maximum floor space is 72 square feet

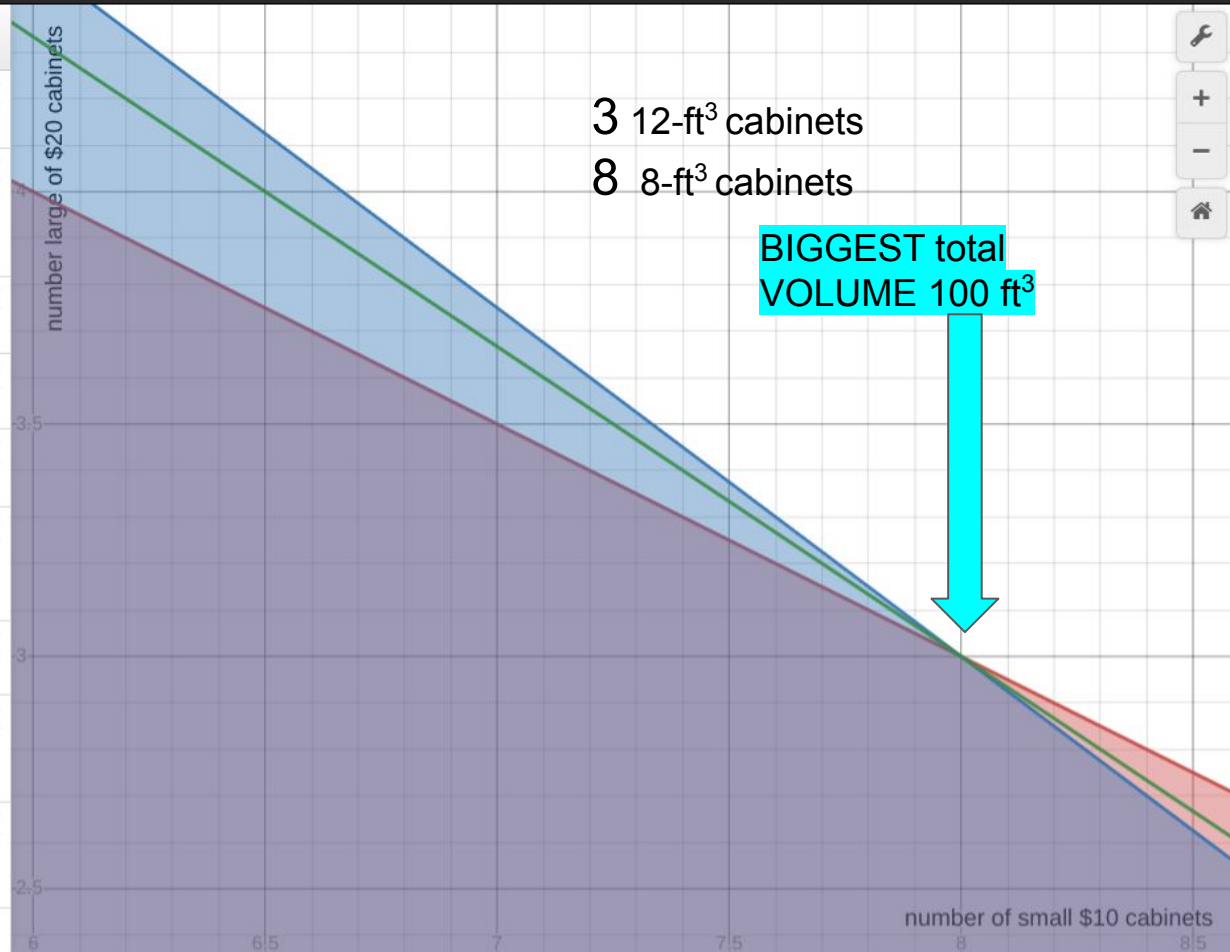
5 $8x + 12y = v$

6 $v = 100$

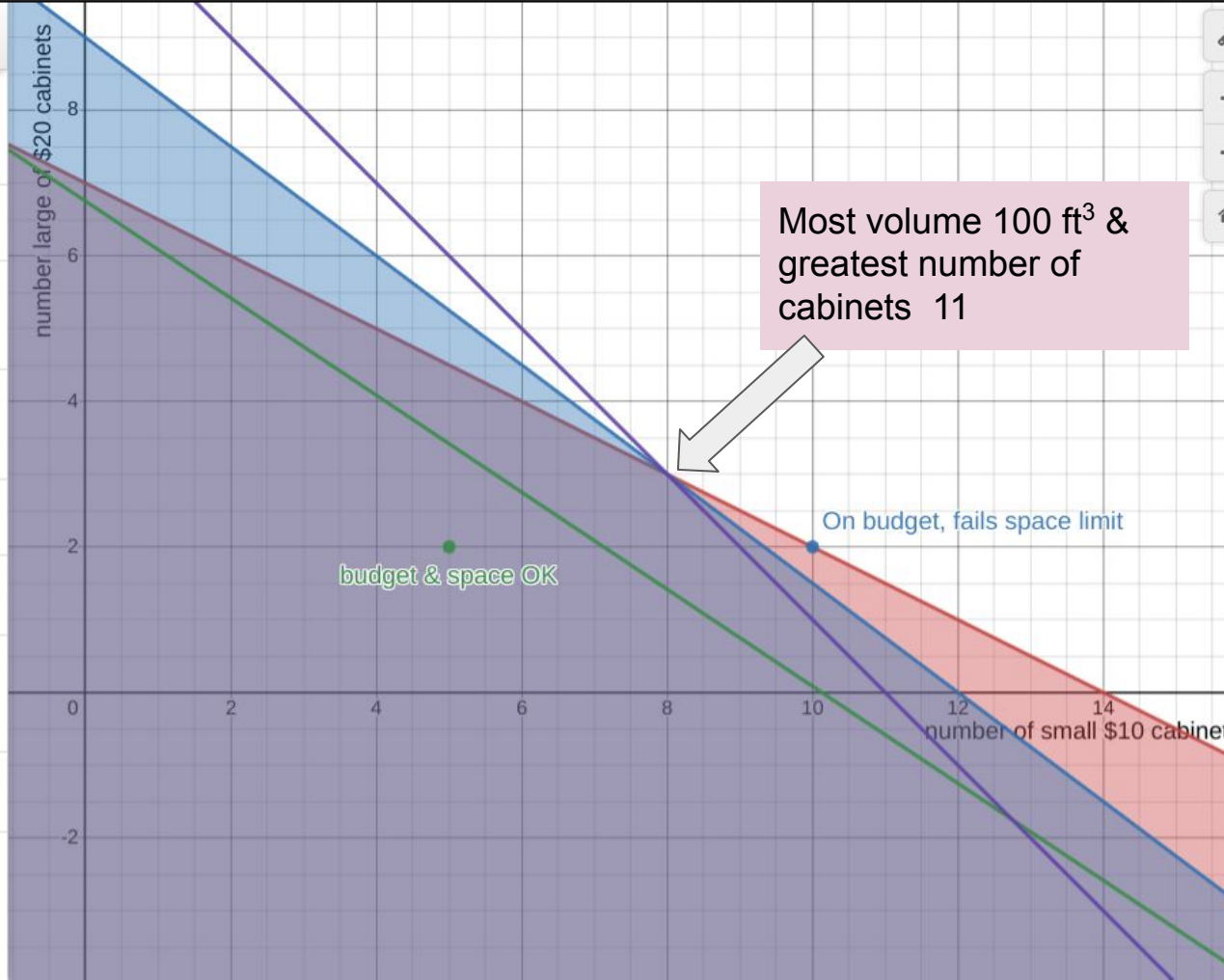
7 Total storage volume v in cubic feet

8 $(10, 2)$
 Label: On budget, fails space limit

9 $(5, 2)$
 Label: budget & space OK



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 6 ▶️ $v = 81$ ✕
 7 0 ⏪ ⏩ 200
 8 “ Total storage volume v in cubic feet ✕
 9 ● $(10,2)$ ✕
 Label: On budget, fails space limit
 10 ● $(5,2)$ ✕
 Label: budget & space OK
 11 “ total number of cabinets ✕
 $x + y = t$ ✕
 12 ▶️ $t = 11$ ✕
 0 ⏪ ⏩ 100 ✕
 13 ✕
 14



Maximum budget \$140.
Small 8 cubic foot cabinet cost \$10
12 cubic foot cabinet cost \$20

$10x + 20y \leq 140$

$6x + 8y \leq 72$

Maximum floor space is 72 square feet

$8x + 12y = v$

$v = 100$

0 200

Maximum storage volume 100 cubic feet

$(10, 2)$
 Label: On budget, fails space limit

$(5, 2)$
 Label: budget & space OK

total number of cabinets



6 $v = 100$

7 Maximum storage volume 100 cubic feet

8 (10,2)

Label: On budget, fails space limit

9 (5,2)

Label: budget & space OK

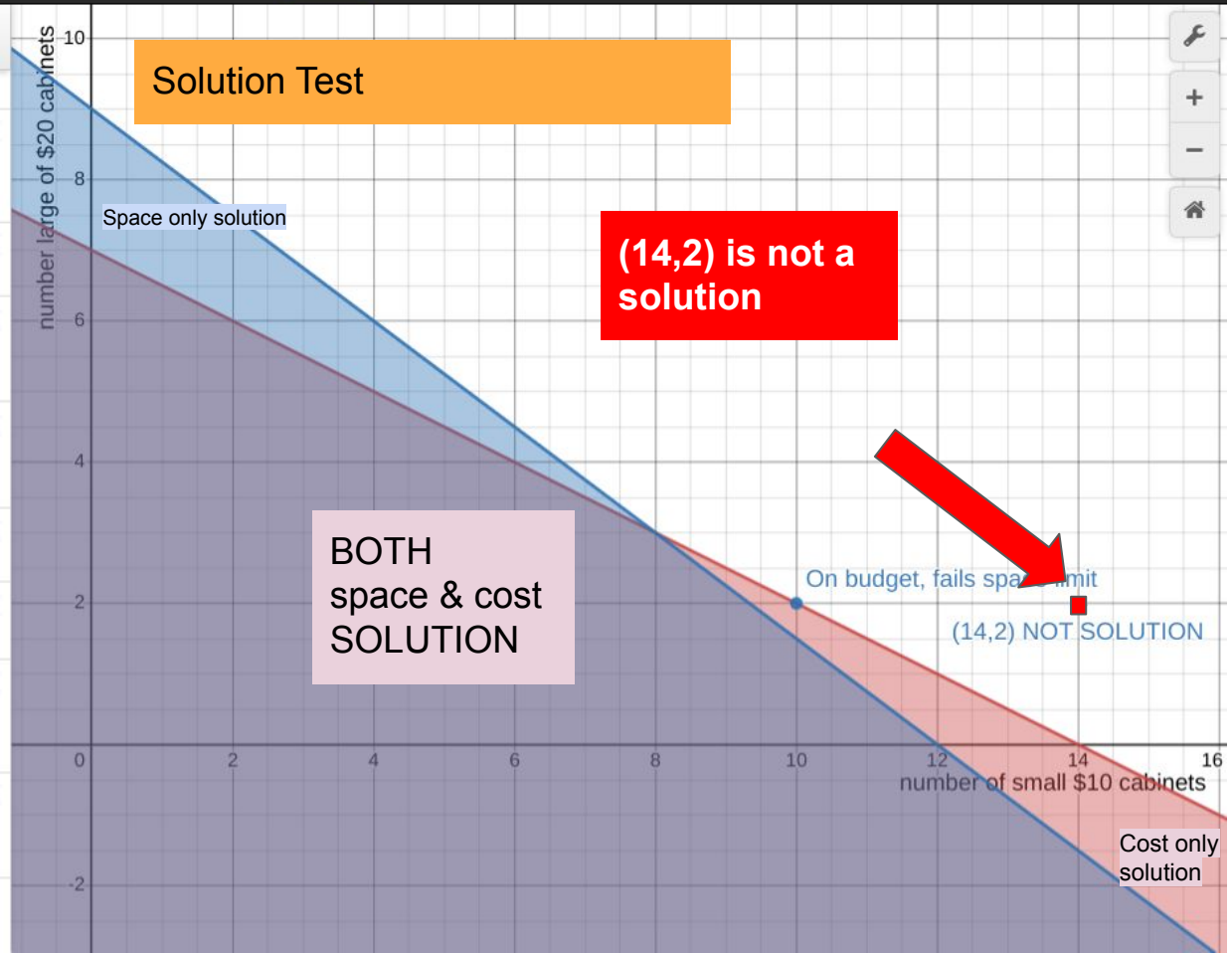
10 total number of cabinets

11 $x + y = t$

12 $t = 11$

13 (14,2)

Label: (14,2) NOT SOLUTION



HONORS ONLY SLIDE

Great news! Your boss approved more square footage and more money to get cabinets!

If you buy 16 X cabinets and 2 Y cabinets, 18 X cabinets and 1 Y cabinet, or 20 X cabinets and 0 Y cabinets, you will have maxed out your budget, exactly.

If you buy 12 X cabinets and 5 Y cabinets, 16 X cabinets and 2 Y cabinets, or 0 X cabinets and 14 Y cabinets, you will have maxed out your area, exactly.

Create a new page on your Jamboard (or use paper & pencil) to **show all algebraic work** to find the new area constraint and the new budget constraint.

Hint 1: “maxed out exactly” mean these combinations lie on the boundary line of your inequality’s graph.

Hint 2: Notice that when our original inequalities are in standard form, we see the area and budget constraints as the constant.