

Lesson 1.4: Linear Inequalities

What is an Inequality?

It is an equation that instead of an "=", it has one of the following:

$<$, $>$, \leq , \geq

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Inequalities have one of the following:

$<$, $>$, \leq , \geq

To "solve" means to find all values of the variable for which the statement is true.

The values are called *Solutions*. The set of all solutions is called the *solution set*.

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Give me three examples of inequalities:

1. $7x > 2$

2. $7x + 3x > 5x$

3. $3x \geq 17$

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When we find the solution, we can put the answers in **SET NOTATION** (like we've done before), or in something called **INTERVAL NOTATION**.

Practice Set Notation:

EX: Write $x = 5$ in set notation.

roster

$$\{5\}$$

set builder

$$\{x \mid x = 5\}$$

EX: Write $x > 5$ in set notation.

$$\{x \mid x > 5\}$$

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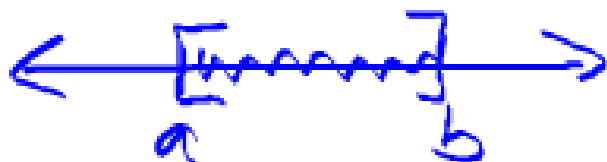
Interval Notation:

Assume $a < b$ where a and b are real numbers.

Closed Interval:

denoted by $[a, b]$, consists of all real numbers x for which

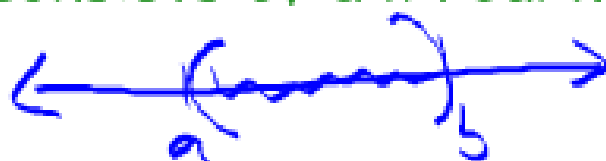
$$a \leq x \leq b.$$



Open Interval:

denoted by (a, b) , consists of all real numbers x for

which $a < x < b$.



Half-Open, Half-Closed Intervals:

denoted by $(a, b]$ for all real numbers x for which $a < x \leq b$

and $[a, b)$ for all real numbers x for which $a \leq x < b$.

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Interval Notation cont:

If we have (a, b) or $(a, b]$ or $[a, b)$, then:

"a" is called the left end point.

"b" is called the right end point.

Name the end points of the following:

a.) $(3, 5)$
left → ← right

b.) $[-2, 5]$
left → ← right

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What if we don't have an end point?

For example: $x > 4$



It just goes on forever.... What number is "forever"? Can you think of one?

∞ (infinity)










Write in interval notation:

$(4, \infty)$

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Intervals including ∞ :

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(a, b)	$\{x \mid a < x < b\}$	
$[a, b]$	$\{x \mid a \leq x \leq b\}$	
$[a, b)$	$\{x \mid a \leq x < b\}$	
$(a, b]$	$\{x \mid a < x \leq b\}$	
$[a, \infty)$	$\{x \mid x \geq a\}$	
(a, ∞)	$\{x \mid x > a\}$	
$(-\infty, a]$	$\{x \mid x \leq a\}$	
$(-\infty, a)$	$\{x \mid x < a\}$	
$(-\infty, \infty)$	$\{x \mid x \text{ is a real number}\}$	

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Let's do some examples.

Write in interval notation.

EX 1: $-2 \leq x \leq 4$

$$[-2, 4]$$

EX 2: $1 < x \leq 5$

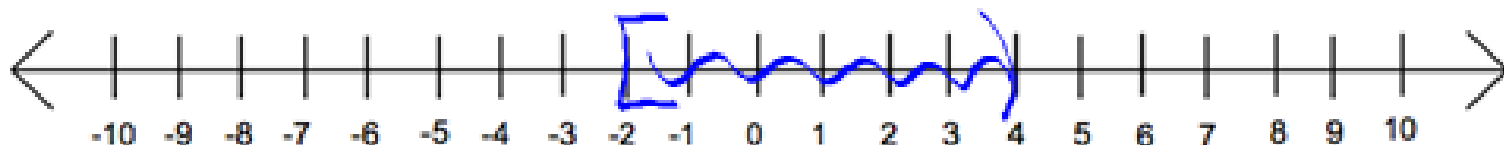
$$(1, 5]$$

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$<$ $>$ \leq \geq

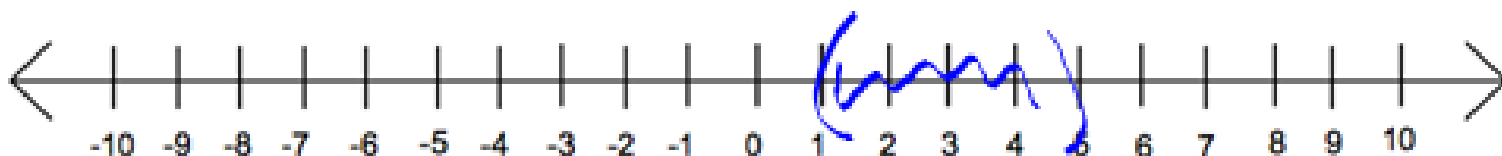
Write in Inequality notation and graph:

Ex 3: $[-2, 4)$



$$-2 \leq x < 4$$

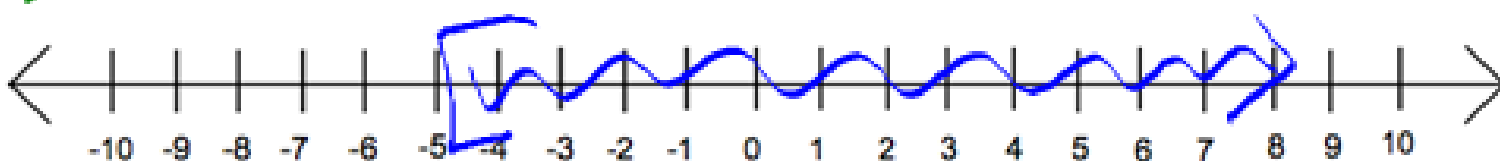
Ex 4: $(1, 5)$



$$1 < x < 5$$

Ex 5: $[-5, \infty)$

$$x \geq -5$$



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If we have $5 > 3$,

What would happen if we added 6 to both sides?
Would the inequality still be true?

Would it still be true if we subtract 4 from both sides?

If we have $2 < 7$,

Would the inequality still be true IF we add 6 to both sides?

What if we subtract 4 from both sides?

A general way to say this is if we have **a** , **b** , and **c** , then we have

1. if $a > b$, then $a+c > b+c$ and $a-c > b-c$
2. if $a < b$, then $a+c < b+c$ and $a-c < b-c$

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If we have $4 > 1$,

What would happen if we multiplied by 6 on both sides?
Would the inequality still be true?

Would it still be true if we divided by 4 on both sides?

If we have $-1 < 3$,

Would the inequality still be true IF we multiplied by 6 on both sides?

What if we divided by 3 on both sides?

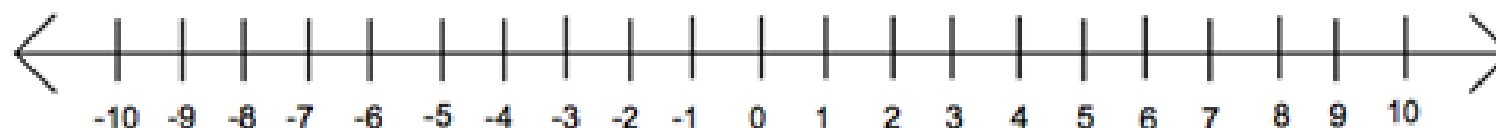
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1. if $a > b$, then $a \cdot c > b \cdot c$ and $a/c > b/c$
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Let's solve some examples and then graph them. (Watch out for those negatives! *What should you do if to the $</>$ if you divide or multiply by a negative?*) *Write answers in Set notation and Interval Notation.*

1. $6x + 3 > 5x - 2$



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$$2. \quad -3x - 4 < 14$$

$$\quad \quad \quad +4 \quad +4$$

$$\frac{-3x}{-3} < \frac{18}{-3}$$

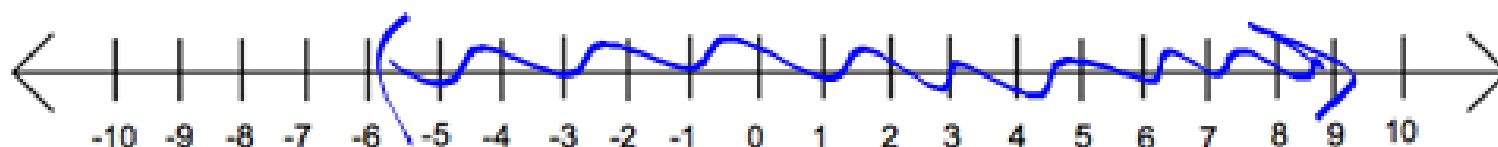
$$x > -6$$

$$\{x \mid x > -6\}$$

set

$$(-6, \infty)$$

interval



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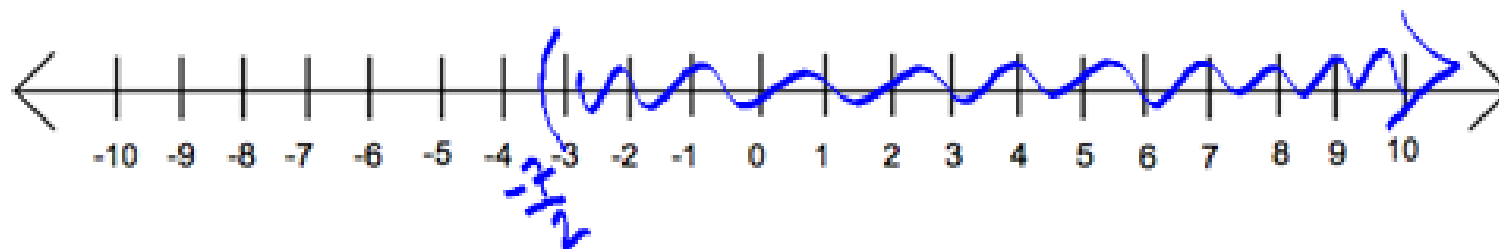
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$$3. \quad -3(4x + 7) < 21$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -12x - 21 < 21 \\ +21 \quad +21 \\ \hline -12x < 42 \\ \hline -12 \quad -12 \\ \hline x > -\frac{7}{2} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{42}{12} = \frac{7 \cdot 6}{2 \cdot 6}$$

$$\left\{ x \mid x > -\frac{7}{2} \right\}$$
$$\left(-\frac{7}{2}, \infty \right)$$



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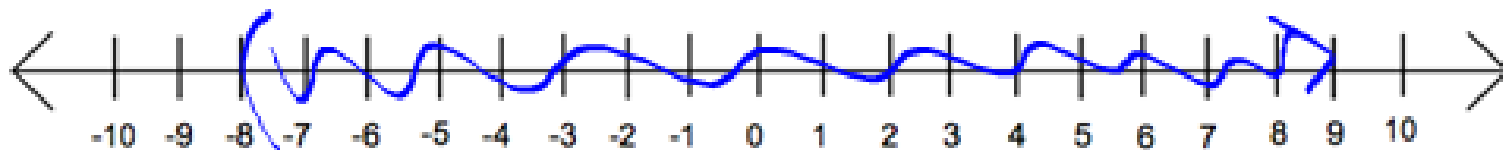
$$4. \left(\frac{2x+1}{3} \right) > \left(\frac{x-2}{2} \right)$$

$$2(2x+1) > 3(x-2)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x + 2 > 3x - 6 \\ -3x \quad -2 \quad \quad -3x \quad -2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$x > -8$$

$$\{x \mid x > -8\}$$
$$(-8, \infty)$$



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Homework:

Pg. 97: 4-8 all, 9-27 odds, 32-36 evens,
61, 67, 74

(21 problems)