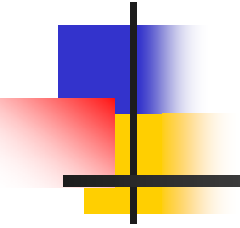


# Sec 1.6 Solve Linear Inequalities





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***Before***

You solved linear equations.

***Now***

You will solve linear inequalities.

***Why?***

So you can describe temperature ranges, as in Ex. 54.



# Goals

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- **Goal 1: To solve simple inequalities**
- **Goal 2: To solve compound inequalities**



# Equations and Inequalities

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- Equations and inequalities are both statements comparing two expressions.
- In this section, we will learn the similarities and differences, and we will learn to solve inequalities, just as you already know how to solve equations.



# Definition

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- Inequalities such as  $x \leq 1$  and  $2n + 3 > 9$  are examples of **linear inequalities** in one variable.



# Inequalities

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- A **linear inequality** in one variable can be written in one of the following forms, where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers and  $a$  is not equal to zero:
  - $ax + b < 0$
  - $ax + b > 0$
  - $ax + b \leq 0$
  - $ax + b \geq 0$



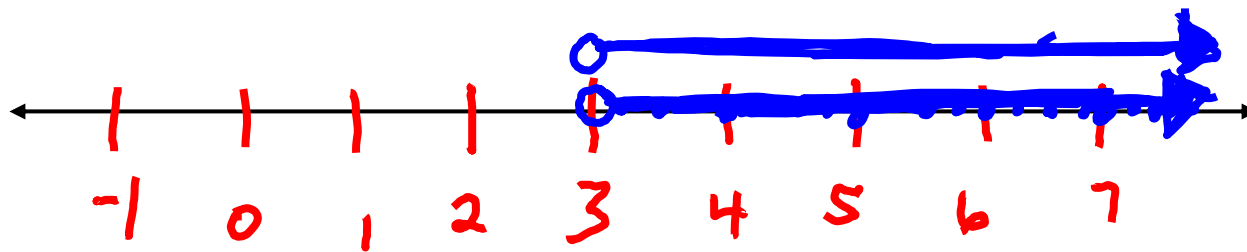
# Inequalities

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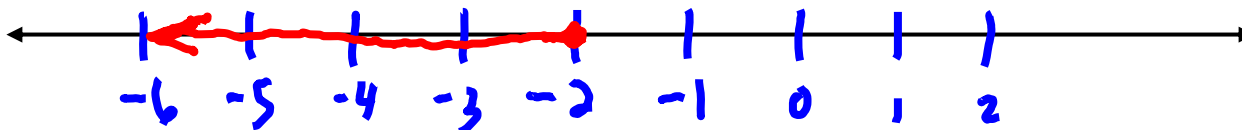
- A **solution** of an inequality in one variable is a value that, when substituted for the variable, results in a true statement.
- Give some solutions to the inequality  $x < 5$ .
- The graph of an inequality in one variable consists of all points on the number line that represents solutions.

# Graphing Inequalities

- The graph of  $x > 3$  is



- The graph of  $x \leq -2$  is





# Compound Inequalities

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- Sometimes we want more than one inequality to be true at once.
- For example the room temperature is comfortable if it is more than  $68^{\circ}$  and it is less than  $78^{\circ}$
- A **compound inequality** is two simple inequalities joined by "and" or "or".

# Conjunctions/Example 2a

- A compound inequality joined by “and” is called a conjunction. There is a special way that only a conjunction can be written.

$$\underline{-2} \leq x < \underline{1}$$

- Note here that  $x$  is BETWEEN -2 and 1.
- Always put the smaller # on the left and the larger on the right and use  $<$  or  $\leq$  symbols.
- The graph would look like:





# Conjunctions

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$$-2 \leq x < 1$$

- Written as a conjunction of two inequalities using the word “and” this compound inequality would be:

$$-2 \leq x \text{ and } x < 1$$

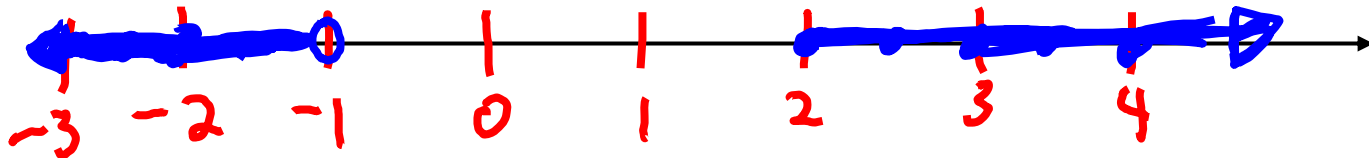
$$\text{(or) } x \geq -2 \text{ and } x < 1$$

# Disjunctions/Example 2b

- A compound inequality joined by “or” is called a disjunction. A disjunction must have two separate inequalities and the word “or”.

$$x < -1 \text{ or } x \geq 2$$

- The graph would look like:



# GUIDED PRACTICE

for Examples 1 and 2

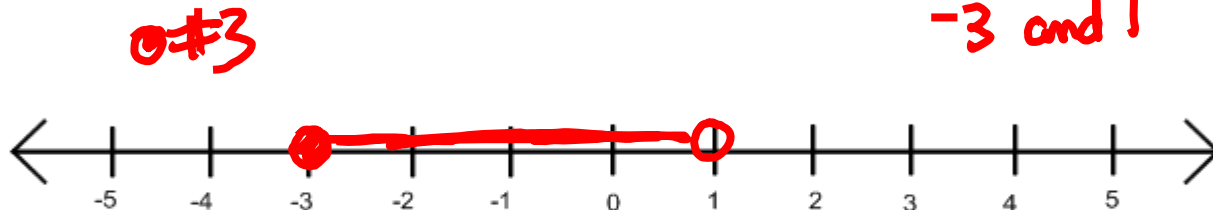
Graph the inequality.

1.  $x > -5$   
open

2.  $x \leq 3$   
closed

3.  $-3 \leq x < 1$   
closed / open  
x is between -3 and 1

4.  $x < 1$  or  $x \geq 2$



$2 > x$

# Inequalities

- Write two true inequalities involving integers, one using  $<$  and one using  $>$ .
- Add, subtract, multiply, & divide each side of the inequality by  $2$  and  $-2$ . Highlight the ones that are true.

	2 < 6		8 > -4		
+	4 < 8	0 < 4	10 > -2	6 > -6	+
-	0 < 4	4 < 8	6 > -6	10 > -2	-
X	4 < 12	<del>-4 &lt; -12</del>	16 > -8	<del>-16 &gt; -8</del>	X
÷	1 < 3	<del>-1 &lt; -3</del>	4 > -2	<del>-4 &gt; 2</del>	÷
	2	-2	2	-2	



# Inequalities

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- What general conclusion can you make about the operations you can perform on a true inequality to produce another true inequality.

*Add or subtract anything*  
*Mult. or  $\div$  by positive*



# Transformations

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- Just as equations had transformations that we used to help solve them (Addition Property of Equality and Multiplication Property of Equality are two of them), so do inequalities.
- Here are the transformations that produce equivalent inequalities.



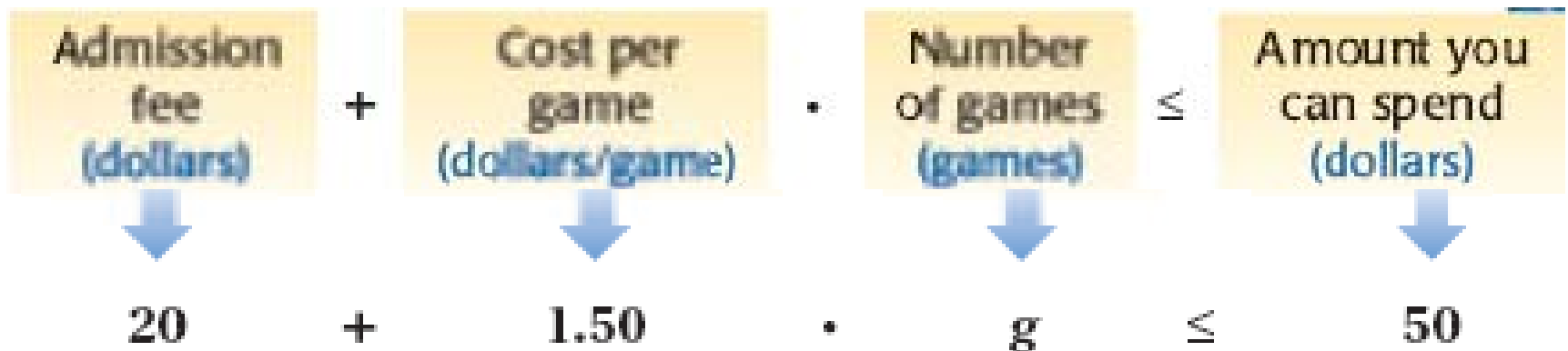
# Transformations

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- *Add* the same number to both sides.
- *Subtract* the same number from both sides.
- *Multiply* both sides by the same *positive* number.
- *Divide* both sides by the same *positive* number.
- *Multiply* both sides by the same *negative* number and *reverse* the inequality.
- *Divide* both sides by the same *negative* number and *reverse* the inequality.

## Example 3

- **FAIR** You have \$50 to spend in the county fair. You spend \$20 for admission. You want to play a game that costs \$1.50. Describe the possible numbers of times you can play the game.
- First create a verbal model then add labels:



# Example 3

- **FAIR** You have \$50 to spend in the county fair. You spend \$20 for admission. You want to play a game that costs \$1.50. Describe the possible numbers of times you can play the game.
- Now solve the algebraic model:

$$20 + 1.5g \leq 50.$$

$-20$

$-20$

$\frac{1.5g}{1.5} \leq \frac{30}{1.5}$

$g \leq 20$

$x$  or  $\div$  by  $-$

flip  $\geq$  to  $\leq$

## Example 4

- Solve and graph.

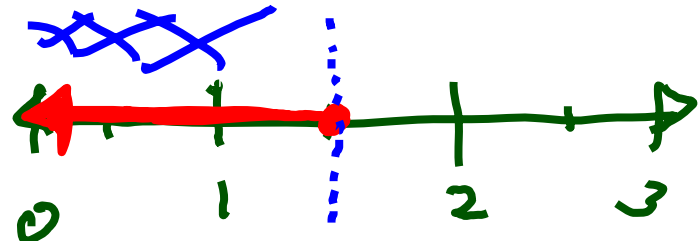
$$\begin{array}{r} 3x + 2 \geq 5x - 1 \\ -5x \quad -2 \quad -5x \quad -2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \geq 2x \\ \frac{3}{2} \geq x \\ \frac{3}{2} \geq x \rightarrow x \leq \frac{3}{2} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2x \geq +3 \\ \frac{-2x}{-2} \geq \frac{+3}{-2} \end{array}$$

$$x \leq \frac{3}{2}$$

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**GUIDED PRACTICE** for Examples 3 and 4

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Solve the inequality. Then graph the solution.

5.  $4x + 9 < 25$

6.  $1 - 3x \geq -14$

7.  $5x - 7 \leq 6x$

8.  $3 - x > x - 9$



# Example 5

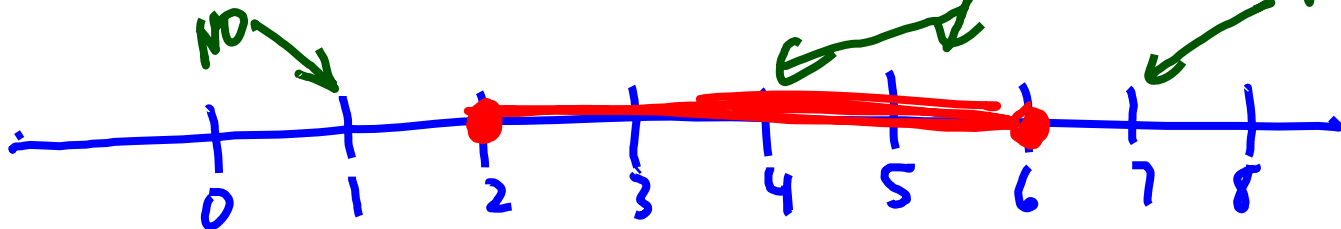
- Solve and graph.

$$-2 \leq 3t - 8 \leq 10$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} +8 & & +8 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\frac{6}{3} \leq \frac{3t}{3} \leq \frac{18}{3}$$

$$1 \leftarrow 2 \leq t \leq 6 \rightarrow 7$$



$$\underbrace{-2 \leq -5}_{\text{no}} \leq 10 \text{ X}$$

$$-2 \leq 4 \leq 10 \checkmark$$

$$-2 \leq 13 \leq 10 \text{ X}$$

# Example 6

- Solve and graph.

$$\begin{array}{l} \rightarrow 2x + 3 < 5 \text{ or } 4x - 7 > 9 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

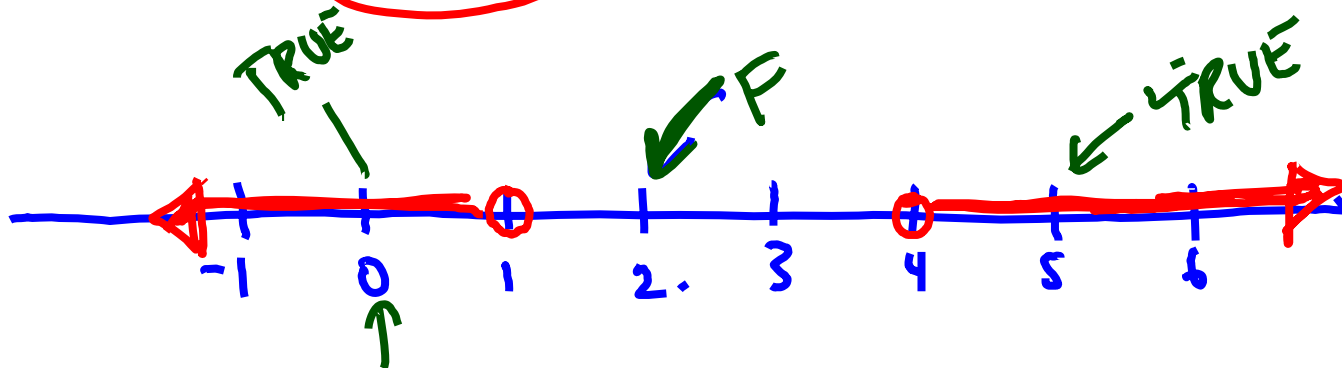
$$\begin{array}{l} 2x < 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$x < 1$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 4x > 16 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$x > 4$$

OR



# GUIDED PRACTICE

for Examples 5, 6

Solve the inequality. Then graph the solution.

9.  $-1 < 2x + 7 < 19$

11.  $x + 4 \leq 9$  or  $x - 3 \geq 7$

10.  $-8 \leq -x - 5 \leq 6$

12.  $3x - 1 < -1$  or  $2x + 5 \geq 11$

10)  $-8 \leq -x - 5 \leq 6$

①  $\rightarrow +5$

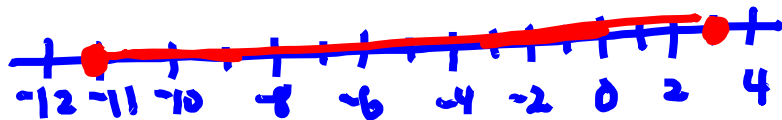
$$-3 \leq -x \leq 11$$

②  $\rightarrow \div -1$  Flip!

$$3 \geq x \geq -11$$

Rewrite small to large:

$$-11 \leq x \leq 3$$



12)  $3x - 1 < -1$  or  $2x + 5 \geq 11$

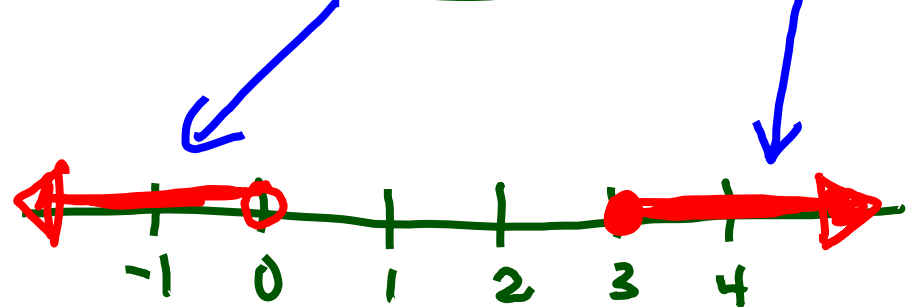
$\div 3$

$$x < 0$$

$\div 2$

$$x \geq 3$$

$x < 0$  or  $x \geq 3$



## Example 7

- The weight  $w$  (in pounds) of an Icelandic saithe is given by  $w = 10.4t - 2.2$  where  $t$  is the age of the fish in years. Describe the ages of a group of Icelandic saithe that weigh up to 29 pounds.

$$w \leq 29 \quad \longrightarrow \quad 10.4t - 2.2 \leq 29$$
$$\begin{array}{r} \phantom{10.4t} - 2.2 \\ + 2.2 \phantom{\leq 29} \\ \hline 10.4t \leq 31.2 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{10.4t} \leq \underline{31.2} \\ 10.4 \phantom{\leq} \phantom{31.2} \\ \hline t \leq 3 \text{ years} \end{array}$$

$$F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32$$

$\frac{5}{9}(F - 32) = \frac{5}{9} \cdot \frac{9}{5}C$

$$C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32)$$

## Example 8

- You have added enough antifreeze to your car's cooling system to lower the freezing point to  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$  and raise the boiling point to  $125^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The coolant will remain a liquid as long as the temperature  $C$  (in degrees Celsius) satisfies the inequality  $-35 < C < 125$ . Write the inequality in degrees Fahrenheit.
- What is the relationship between  $C$  and  $F$ , solved for  $C$ ?

$$C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32)$$

## Example 8

- For this problem begin with your inequality and your equation.

- $-35 < C < 125$

$$C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32)$$

- Substitute in for C in the inequality so that the inequality is in terms of F.

$$-35 < \frac{5}{9}(F - 32) < 125$$

# Example 8

■ Solve.

$$\frac{9}{8} \left( \frac{-7}{1} - \frac{35}{1} \right) < \frac{5}{9} (F - 32) < \frac{25}{1} \left( \frac{9}{8} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -63 < F - 32 < 225 \\ +32 \qquad \qquad +32 \qquad \qquad +32 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$-31 < F < 257$$



# Closure

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- How does solving linear inequalities compare to solving linear equations?



# Assignment

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- Sec 1.6

- 1, 2, 3-5, 9-17, 20, 21, 22-31 LC, 33, 34, 36, 41, 42, 46, 47, 49, 50, 53, 54, 56, 58