

INEQUALITIES

A DEFINITION

A.1 RECOGNIZING INEQUALITIES

MCQ 1: Is $2x - 3 = 0$ an inequality?

- ☐ Yes.
☐ No.

MCQ 2: Is $5x + 1 > 0$ an inequality?

- ☐ Yes.
☐ No.

MCQ 3: Is $x - 4 \leq 2$ an inequality?

- ☐ Yes.
☐ No.

MCQ 4: Is $3x + 2 = 7$ an inequality?

- ☐ Yes.
☐ No.

B PROPERTIES OF INEQUALITIES

B.1 FINDING THE SOLUTION SET OF INEQUALITIES

MCQ 5: For $2x - 6 \geq 0$, the set of solutions is:

- ☐ $[3, +\infty)$
☐ $(-\infty, 6]$
☐ $(-\infty, 3]$
☐ $[6, +\infty)$

MCQ 6: For $3x - 5 \leq 10$, the set of solutions is:

- ☐ $[\frac{5}{3}, +\infty)$
☐ $(-\infty, 3]$
☐ $(-\infty, 5]$
☐ $[5, +\infty)$

MCQ 7: For $-2x + 3 \geq 5$, the set of solutions is:

- ☐ $(-\infty, 1]$
☐ $[1, +\infty)$
☐ $(-\infty, -1]$
☐ $[-1, +\infty)$

MCQ 8: For $3x - 2 < 4$, the set of solutions is:

- ☐ $(-\infty, 2]$
☐ $[2, +\infty)$
☐ $(-\infty, 2)$
☐ $[2, +\infty)$

B.2 SOLVING INEQUALITIES: LEVEL 1

Ex 9: Solve $2x - 6 \geq 0$. Justify your answer.

Ex 10: Solve $4x + 2 > 6$. Justify your answer.

Ex 11: Solve $5 - 3x \leq 2$. Justify your answer.

Ex 12: Solve $-x + 4 < 7$. Justify your answer.

B.3 SOLVING INEQUALITIES: LEVEL 2

Ex 13: Solve $2x - 2 > 4x + 1$. Justify your answer.

Ex 14: Solve $3(2x - 1) \leq 5x + 4$. Justify your answer.

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x	$-\infty$	$+\infty$
$1 - 2x$		

C.2 READING TABLE OF SIGNS

Ex 21:

x	$-\infty$	0	2	$+\infty$
x	$-$	0	$+$	$+$
$(x - 2)$	$-$	$-$	0	$+$
$x(x - 2)$	$+$	0	$-$	$+$

Ex 15: Solve $-4x + 7 < 2x - 3$. Justify your answer.

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Ex 16: Solve $5 - 2(x + 1) \geq 3x$. Justify your answer.

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For $x = -1$, the sign of $x(x - 2)$ is $\square -$
 $\square +$.

Ex 22:

x	$-\infty$	-2	2	$+\infty$
$4 - 2x$	$+$	$+$	0	$-$
$2 + x$	$-$	0	$+$	$+$
$(4 - 2x)(2 + x)$	$-$	0	$+$	$-$

For $x = 3$, the sign of $(4 - 2x)(2 + x)$ is $\square -$
 $\square +$.

C TABLE OF SIGNS

C.1 COMPLETING TABLES OF SIGNS FOR LINEAR EXPRESSIONS

Ex 17: Complete the table of sign for the expression $x - 2$.

x	$-\infty$	$+\infty$
$x - 2$		

Ex 18: Complete the table of sign for the expression $3 - x$.

x	$-\infty$	$+\infty$
$3 - x$		

Ex 19: Complete the table of sign for the expression $2x - 4$.

x	$-\infty$	$+\infty$
$2x - 4$		

Ex 20: Complete the table of sign for the expression $1 - 2x$.

Ex 23:

x	$-\infty$	1	2	$+\infty$
$(x - 2)$	$-$	$-$	0	$+$
$(x - 1)$	$-$	0	$+$	$+$
$(x - 2)(x - 1)$	$+$	0	$-$	$+$

For $x = \frac{3}{2}$, the sign of $(x - 2)(x - 1)$ is $\square -$
 $\square +$.

Ex 24:

x	$-\infty$	-1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$+\infty$
$1 - 2x$	$+$	$+$	0	$-$
$-1 - x$	$+$	0	$-$	$-$
$(1 - 2x)(-1 - x)$	$+$	0	$-$	$+$

For $x = 0$, the sign of $(1 - 2x)(-1 - x)$ is $\square -$
 $\square +$.

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x	$-\infty$	-3	$\frac{1}{2}$	$+\infty$	
$(2x - 1)$	$-$	$-$	0	$+$	
$(x + 3)$	$-$	0	$+$	$+$	
$(2x - 1)(x + 3)$	$+$	0	$-$	0	$+$

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x	$-\infty$	-3	$\frac{1}{2}$	$+\infty$
$(2x - 1)$	$+$	$-$	0	$-$
$(x + 3)$	$-$	0	$+$	$+$
$(2x - 1)(x + 3)$	$+$	0	$-$	$+$

x	$-\infty$	$+\infty$
$(2 - x)$		
$(3 - x)$		
$(2 - x)(3 - x)$		

Ex 33: Complete the table of sign for the expression $(2 - x)(2 + x)$.

x	$-\infty$	$+\infty$
$(2 - x)$		
$(2 + x)$		
$(2 - x)(2 + x)$		

C.4 COMPLETING TABLES OF SIGNS FOR FACTORIZED QUADRATIC EXPRESSIONS

Ex 29: Complete the table of sign for the expression $(x - 2)(x - 1)$.

x	$-\infty$	$+\infty$
$(x - 2)$		
$(x - 1)$		
$(x - 2)(x - 1)$		

Ex 30: Complete the table of sign for the expression $x(1 - x)$.

x	$-\infty$	$+\infty$
x		
$(1 - x)$		
$x(1 - x)$		

Ex 31: Complete the table of sign for the expression $(x - 2)(x - 1)$.

x	$-\infty$	$+\infty$
$(x - 2)$		
$(x - 1)$		
$(x - 2)(x - 1)$		

Ex 32: Complete the table of sign for the expression $(2 - x)(3 - x)$.