

Chapter 1: Preliminaries.

0.1. The real numbers.

Example 1.1. Solve the linear inequality $-3x + 5 < -13$.

Solution. Using the properties of real numbers, we have

$$-3x + 5 < -13$$

$$-3x + 5 - 5 < -13 - 5$$

$$-3x < -18$$

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

$$x > 6$$

The solution set is $(6, \infty) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} | x > 6\}$.

Example 1.2 Solve the inequality $11 > 5 - 3x \geq -13$.

Solution. Using the properties of real numbers, we have

$$11 > 5 - 3x \geq -13$$

$$11 - 5 > 5 - 5 - 3x \geq -13 - 5$$

$$6 > -3x \geq -18$$

$$-2 < x \leq 6$$

The solution set is $(-2, 6] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} | -2 < x \leq 6\}$.

Example 1.3 Solve the inequality $x^2 - 5x + 6 > 0$.

Solution. The factoring of $x^2 - 5x + 6 > 0$ is

$$(x - 3)(x - 2) > 0$$

	$(-\infty, 2)$	$(2, 3)$	$(3, \infty)$
$(x - 3)$	---	---	++
$(x - 2)$	---	++	++
$x^2 - 5x + 6 = (x - 3)(x - 2)$	++	--	++

The solution set is $(-\infty, 2) \cup (3, \infty)$.

Example 1.4. Solve the inequality $\frac{x - 1}{x + 2} \geq 0$.

Solution. We have $x \neq -2$, and

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

The solution set is $(-\infty, -2) \cup [1, \infty)$.

Example 1.5. Solve the inequality $|x - 3| < 4$.

Solution. We use the property $|x| < k \Rightarrow -k < x < k$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |x - 3| &< 4 \\ \Rightarrow -4 &< x - 3 < 4 \\ \Rightarrow -4 + 3 &< x - 3 + 3 < 4 + 3 \\ \Rightarrow -1 &< x < 7 \end{aligned}$$

The solution set is $(-1, 7) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid -1 < x < 7\}$.

If $|x - 3| \leq 4$, then we use $|x| \leq k \Rightarrow -k \leq x \leq k$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} |x - 3| &\leq 4 \\ \Rightarrow -4 &\leq x - 3 \leq 4 \\ \Rightarrow -4 + 3 &\leq x - 3 + 3 \leq 4 + 3 \\ \Rightarrow -1 &\leq x \leq 7 \end{aligned}$$

solution set is $[-1, 7] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid -1 \leq x \leq 7\}$.

Example 1.6. Solve the inequality $|x - 3| > 4$.

Solution. We use the property $|x| > k \Rightarrow -k > x$ or $x > k$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |x - 3| &> 4 \\ \Rightarrow -4 &> x - 3 \text{ or } x - 3 > 4 \\ \Rightarrow -4 + 3 &> x - 3 + 3 \text{ or } x - 3 + 3 > 4 + 3 \\ \Rightarrow -1 &> x \text{ or } x > 7 \end{aligned}$$

The solution set is $(-\infty, -1) \cup (7, \infty)$.

If $|x - 3| \geq 4$, then we use $|x| \geq k \Rightarrow -k \geq x$ or $x \geq k$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
|x - 3| &\geq 4 \\
\Rightarrow -4 &\geq x - 3 \text{ or } x - 3 \geq 4 \\
\Rightarrow -4 + 3 &\geq x - 3 + 3 \text{ or } x - 3 + 3 \geq 4 + 3 \\
\Rightarrow -1 &\geq x \text{ or } x \geq 7
\end{aligned}$$

The solution set is $(-\infty, -1] \cup [7, \infty)$.

Example 1.7. Find the distance between the points $(-2, -5)$ and $(3, 1)$.

Solution. The distance between the points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
d &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} \\
&= \sqrt{(3 - (-2))^2 + (1 - (-5))^2} \\
&= \sqrt{(3 + 2)^2 + (1 + 5)^2} \\
&= \sqrt{5^2 + 6^2} \\
&= \sqrt{25 + 36} \\
&= \sqrt{61}
\end{aligned}$$

Example 1.7. Find the distance between the pairs $(1, 2), (3, 4)$ and $(2, 6)$. Use the distances to determine if the points forms vertices of a right triangle.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
d((1, 2), (3, 4)) &= \sqrt{(3 - 1)^2 + (4 - 2)^2} \\
&= \sqrt{4 + 4} \\
&= \sqrt{8} \\
d((1, 2), (2, 6)) &= \sqrt{(2 - 1)^2 + (6 - 2)^2} \\
&= \sqrt{1 + 16} \\
&= \sqrt{17}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
d((3,4),(2,6)) &= \sqrt{(2-3)^2 + (6-4)^2} \\
&= \sqrt{1+4} \\
&= \sqrt{5}
\end{aligned}$$

The sides of the right triangle must satisfy the Pythagorean Theorem, which require that $(\sqrt{8})^2 + (\sqrt{5})^2 = (\sqrt{17})^2$ which is incorrect. Thus the triangle is not a right triangle.

Exercises 0.1

I) Solve the inequality.

1) $3x + 2 < 11$

Sol: $x < 3 \Rightarrow (-\infty, 3)$

2) $4 - 3x < 6$

Sol: $x < -\frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow (-\infty, -\frac{3}{2})$

3) $4 \leq x + 1 < 7$

Sol: $3 \leq x < 6 \Rightarrow [3, 6)$

4) $x^2 + 3x - 4 > 0$

Sol: $x < -4$ or $x > 1 \Rightarrow (-\infty, -4) \cup (1, \infty)$

5) $|3-x| < 1$

Sol: $2 < x < 4 \Rightarrow (2, 4)$

6) $|2x + 1| > 2$

Sol: $-\frac{3}{2} > x$ or $x > \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow (-\infty, -\frac{3}{2}) \cup (\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$

7) $\frac{x+2}{x-2} > 0$

Sol: $-2 > x$ or $x > 2 \Rightarrow (-\infty, -2) \cup (2, \infty)$

8) $\frac{x^2 - x - 2}{(x+4)^2} > 0$

Sol:

$-4 > x$ or $-4 < x < -1$ or $x > 2 \Rightarrow (-\infty, -4) \cup (-4, -1) \cup (2, \infty)$

II) Find the distance between the pair of points

9) $(2,1) \& (4,4)$

Sol: $\sqrt{13}$

10) $(-1, -2)$ & $(3, -2)$

Sol: 4

11) $(0, 2)$ & $(-2, 6)$

Sol: $\sqrt{20}$

III) Determine if the set of points forms the vertices of a right triangle.

12) $(1, 1)$ & $(3, 4)$ & $(0, 6)$

Sol: Yes

13) $(-2, 3)$ & $(2, 9)$ & $(-4, 13)$

Sol: Yes

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1) The whole number in \mathbb{W} is

- [A] $\sqrt[3]{8}$ [B] -12 [C] 5.3 [D] $\frac{2}{3}$

2) The whole number in \mathbb{W} is

- [A] $-\sqrt[3]{8}$ [B] 12 [C] 0.5 [D] π

3) The whole number in \mathbb{W} is

- [A] -2 [B] π [C] 0 [D] -3.2

4) The whole number in \mathbb{W} is

- [A] -2 [B] π [C] -3.2 [D] $\sqrt{25}$

5) The integer in \mathbb{Z} is

- [A] $\sqrt{25}$ [B] $\sqrt{-2}$ [C] 5.3 [D] $\frac{2}{3}$

6) The integer in \mathbb{Z} is

- [A] π [B] 12 [C] 5.3 [D] -3.2

7) The integer in \mathbb{Z} is

- [A] π [B] $\sqrt{-2}$ [C] 5.3 [D] 0

8) The integer in \mathbb{Z} is

- [A] π [B] $\sqrt{-2}$ [C] $-\sqrt[3]{8}$ [D] 5.3

9) The irrational in \mathbb{I} is

- [A] 12 [B] $\sqrt{-2}$ [C] $\sqrt[3]{4}$ [D] 0

10) The irrational in \mathbb{I} is

- [A] $\frac{2}{3}$ [B] $\sqrt{-2}$ [C] 0 [D] $\sqrt[5]{5}$

11)	The rational in \mathbb{Q} is
[A] $\frac{2}{3}$	[B] $\sqrt{-2}$ [C] $\sqrt[3]{4}$ [D] $\sqrt[5]{5}$
12)	The rational in \mathbb{Q} is
[A] $\sqrt[5]{5}$	[B] $-\sqrt{2}$ [C] $\sqrt[3]{4}$ [D] $\sqrt{25}$
13)	The rational in \mathbb{Q} is
[A] $\sqrt[5]{5}$	[B] $4\frac{2}{3}$ [C] $\sqrt[3]{4}$ [D] $-\sqrt{2}$
14)	The natural number in \mathbb{N} is
[A] 4	[B] $4\frac{2}{3}$ [C] $\sqrt[3]{4}$ [D] -12
15)	The natural number in \mathbb{N} is
[A] $\sqrt[3]{125}$	[B] 0 [C] $\sqrt[3]{4}$ [D] -12
16)	The real number in \mathbb{R} is
[A] $-\sqrt{-2}$	[B] $\sqrt{-1}$ [C] $\sqrt[4]{-8}$ [D] $-\sqrt{49}$
17)	$\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid -3 \leq x \leq 3\} =$
[A] $[-3, 3]$	[B] $(-3, 3)$ [C] $(-3, 3]$ [D] $[-3, 3)$
18)	$\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid -2 < x < 5\} =$
[A] $[-2, 5]$	[B] $(-2, 5)$ [C] $(-2, 5]$ [D] $[-2, 5)$
19)	$\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid -2 \leq x < 5\} =$
[A] $[-2, 5]$	[B] $(-2, 5)$ [C] $(-2, 5]$ [D] $[-2, 5)$
20)	$\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid -2 < x \leq 5\} =$
[A] $[-2, 5]$	[B] $(-2, 5)$ [C] $(-2, 5]$ [D] $[-2, 5)$
21)	$\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \leq -2\} =$
[A] $(-\infty, -2]$	[B] $(-\infty, -2)$ [C] $(-2, \infty)$ [D] $[-2, \infty)$
22)	$\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq -2\} =$
[A] $(-\infty, -2]$	[B] $(-\infty, -2)$
[C] $(-2, \infty)$	[D] $[-2, \infty)$
23)	$\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x < -2\} =$
[A] $(-\infty, -2]$	[B] $(-\infty, -2)$ [C] $(-2, \infty)$ [D] $[-2, \infty)$

24)	$\{x \in \mathbb{R} x > -2\} =$	<input type="checkbox"/> A $(-\infty, -2]$	<input type="checkbox"/> B $(-\infty, -2)$	<input type="checkbox"/> C $(-2, \infty)$	<input type="checkbox"/> D $[-2, \infty)$
25)	$6 \notin$	<input type="checkbox"/> A \mathbb{R}	<input type="checkbox"/> B \mathbb{N}	<input type="checkbox"/> C \mathbb{Q}	<input type="checkbox"/> D \mathbb{I}
26)	$3.2 \in$	<input type="checkbox"/> A \mathbb{Z}	<input type="checkbox"/> B \mathbb{N}	<input type="checkbox"/> C \mathbb{Q}	<input type="checkbox"/> D \mathbb{I}
27)	$-\sqrt{6} \in$	<input type="checkbox"/> A \mathbb{W}	<input type="checkbox"/> B \mathbb{N}	<input type="checkbox"/> C \mathbb{Q}	<input type="checkbox"/> D \mathbb{I}
28)	$\mathbb{Q} \subset$	<input type="checkbox"/> A \mathbb{R}	<input type="checkbox"/> B \mathbb{N}	<input type="checkbox"/> C \mathbb{W}	<input type="checkbox"/> D \mathbb{I}
29)	$\mathbb{I} \subset$	<input type="checkbox"/> A \mathbb{Q}	<input type="checkbox"/> B \mathbb{N}	<input type="checkbox"/> C \mathbb{W}	<input type="checkbox"/> D \mathbb{R}
30)	$\mathbb{W} \subset$	<input type="checkbox"/> A \emptyset	<input type="checkbox"/> B \mathbb{N}	<input type="checkbox"/> C \mathbb{I}	<input type="checkbox"/> D \mathbb{Z}
31)	$ -7.2 =$	<input type="checkbox"/> A -7.2	<input type="checkbox"/> B 7.2	<input type="checkbox"/> C ± 7.2	<input type="checkbox"/> D -9
32)	$ 0.14 - \pi =$	<input type="checkbox"/> A -3	<input type="checkbox"/> B 3.14	<input type="checkbox"/> C ± 3	<input type="checkbox"/> D 3
33)	The distance between the real numbers $-5, 6$ is	<input type="checkbox"/> A -11	<input type="checkbox"/> B 11	<input type="checkbox"/> C -1	<input type="checkbox"/> D 1
34)	The distance between the real numbers $\frac{15}{8}, \frac{23}{12}$ is	<input type="checkbox"/> A $-\frac{1}{24}$	<input type="checkbox"/> B $\pm \frac{1}{24}$	<input type="checkbox"/> C $\frac{1}{12}$	<input type="checkbox"/> D $\frac{1}{24}$
35)	The distance between the points $(-2, -5)$ and $(3, 1)$ is	<input type="checkbox"/> A $\sqrt{61}$	<input type="checkbox"/> B $\sqrt{15}$	<input type="checkbox"/> C $\sqrt{37}$	<input type="checkbox"/> D $\sqrt{11}$
36)	The solution of $ 3x + 2 = 11$ is	<input type="checkbox"/> A $-\frac{3}{13}, \frac{1}{3}$	<input type="checkbox"/> B $-\frac{13}{3}, 3$	<input type="checkbox"/> C $-\frac{13}{3}$	<input type="checkbox"/> D 3
37)	The solution of $ 8x - 3 - 2 = 5$ is	<input type="checkbox"/> A $-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{4}$	<input type="checkbox"/> B $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{4}$	<input type="checkbox"/> C $-\frac{1}{2}$	<input type="checkbox"/> D $\frac{5}{4}$

38) The solution of $-2 < 2x + 1 \leq 6$ is

- [A] $\left[-\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}\right)$ [B] $(-3, 4]$ [C] $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{7}{2}\right]$ [D] $\left(-\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}\right]$

39) The solution of $|x - 4| \leq 12$ is

- [A] $(-\infty, -8] \cup [16, \infty)$ [B] $[-8, 16]$ [C] $(-\infty, -16] \cup [8, \infty)$ [D] $(-8, 16)$

40) The solution of $|x + 6| \geq 5$ is

- [A] $(-\infty, -11] \cup [-1, \infty)$ [B] $[-11, 1]$ [C] $(-\infty, 1] \cup [11, \infty)$ [D] $(1, 11)$

41) The solution of $|x - 3| > 5$ is

- [A] $(-\infty, -2] \cup [8, \infty)$ [B] $[-2, 8]$ [C] $(-\infty, -2) \cup (8, \infty)$ [D] $(-2, 8)$

42) The solution of $|x + 4| = 3x - 8$ is

- [A] 1 [B] -6, -1 [C] 1, 6 [D] 6

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