

4. Find all numbers  $x$  for which

(i)  $4 - x < 3 - 2x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}4 - x < 3 - 2x &\implies 4 < 3 - 3x \\&\implies 4 < 3(1 - x) \\&\implies \frac{4}{3} - 1 < -x \\&\implies 1 - \frac{4}{3} > x, x \in \mathbb{R}.\end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $5 - x^2 < 8$

$(5 - x^2 < 8) \implies (-x^2 < 8 - 5 = 3) \implies (x^2 > -3)$ . Notice that  $x^2 = (\pm|x|)^2 = (\pm 1)^2|x|^2 = |x|^2 \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(iii)  $5 - x^2 < -2$

$(5 - x^2 < -2) \implies (-x^2 < -2 - 5 = -7) \implies (x^2 > 7)$ . Then  $x > \sqrt{7}$  or  $(-x > \sqrt{7}) \implies (x < -\sqrt{7})$  where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(iv)  $(x - 1)(x - 3) > 0$

Note that  $(ab > 0) \iff (a < 0 \wedge b < 0) \vee (a > 0 \wedge b > 0)$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . We consider two cases. Suppose  $(x - 1) < 0 \wedge (x - 3) < 0$ . Then  $(x < 1) \wedge (x < 3), x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Now suppose  $(x - 1) > 0 \wedge (x - 3) > 0$ . Then  $(x > 1) \wedge (x > 3), x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(v)  $x^2 - 2x + 2 > 0$

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . We consider two cases. Suppose  $x > 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - 2x + 2 > 0 &\implies x^2 + 2 > 0 \\&\implies x^2 > -2 \\&\implies (x > 2) \vee (-x > 2) \\&\implies (x > 2) \vee (x < -2).\end{aligned}$$

Since  $x > 0$ ,  $x < -2$  is not a solution. Thus  $x > 2$ .

Now suppose  $x < 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - 2x + 2 > 0 &\implies x^2 - x - 2x + 2 > 0 \\&\implies x(x - 1) - 2(x - 1) > 0 \\&\implies (x - 2)(x - 1) > 0.\end{aligned}$$

Since the product of two numbers is positive when both numbers are positive or both numbers are negative, it follows that  $(x - 2) > 0 \implies x > 2$  and  $(x - 1) > 0 \implies x > 1$ , or  $(x - 2) < 0 \implies x < 2$  and  $(x - 1) < 0 \implies x < 1$ . Since  $x < 0$ ,  $x < 2$  is the only solution.

Combining solutions from both cases, we get  $x > 2$  or  $x < 2$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(vi)  $x^2 + x + 1 > 2$

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . We consider two cases. Suppose  $x > 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
x^2 + x + 1 > 2 &\implies x^2 + x > 1 \\
&\implies x^2 + x > 0 \\
&\implies x(x+1) > 0 \\
&\implies (x > 0 \wedge x+1 > 0) \vee (x < 0 \wedge x+1 < 0) \\
&\implies (x > 0 \wedge x > -1) \vee (x < 0 \wedge x < -1) \\
&\implies x > 0 \vee x < -1.
\end{aligned}$$

Since we supposed  $x > 0$ ,  $x < -1$  is not a solution. Now suppose  $x < 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
x^2 + x + 1 > 2 &\implies x^2 + x - 1 > 0 \\
&\implies x^2 > 0 \\
&\implies (x > 0) \vee (-x > 0) \\
&\longleftarrow (x > 0) \vee (x < 0).
\end{aligned}$$

Since we supposed  $x < 0$ ,  $x > 0$  is not a solution. Combining solutions from both cases, we get  $x > 0$  or  $x < 0$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**(vii)**  $x^2 - x + 10 > 16$

$$\begin{aligned}
x^2 - x + 10 > 16 &\implies x^2 - x - 6 > 0 \\
&\implies x^2 - 3x + 2x - 6 > 0 \\
&\implies x(x-3) + 2(x-3) > 0 \\
&\implies (x+2)(x-3) > 0 \\
&\implies (x+2 > 0 \wedge x-3 > 0) \vee (x+2 < 0 \wedge x-3 < 0) \\
&\implies (x > -2 \wedge x > 3) \vee (x < -2 \wedge x < 3) \\
&\implies (x > 3) \vee (x < -2), x \in \mathbb{R}.
\end{aligned}$$

**(viii)**  $x^2 + x + 1 > 0$

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . We consider two cases. Suppose  $x > 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
x^2 + x + 1 > 0 &\implies x^2 + x + x + 1 > 0 \\
&\implies x(x+1) + 1(x+1) \\
&\implies (x+1)^2 > 0 \\
&\implies (x+1 > 0 \vee -(x+1) > 0) \\
&\implies (x > -1 \vee -1 > x).
\end{aligned}$$

Since we supposed  $x > 0$ ,  $-1 > x$  is not a solution. Now suppose  $x < 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
x^2 + x + 1 > 0 &\implies x^2 + 1 > 0 \\
&\implies x^2 > -1 \\
&\implies x^2 > 0 \\
&\implies (x > 0 \vee x < 0).
\end{aligned}$$

Since we supposed  $x < 0$ ,  $x > 0$  is not a solution. Combining solutions from both cases, we get  $x > 0$  or  $x < 0$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(ix)  $(x - \pi)(x + 5)(x - 3) > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} (x - \pi)(x + 5)(x - 3) > 0 &\implies ((x - \pi > 0) \wedge (x + 5 > 0) \wedge (x - 3 > 0)) \vee ((x - \pi < 0) \wedge (x + 5 < 0) \wedge (x - 3 < 0)) \\ &\implies ((x > \pi) \wedge (x > -5) \wedge (x > 3)) \vee ((x < \pi) \wedge (x < -5) \wedge (x < 3)) \\ &\implies (x > \pi) \vee (x < -5), x \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

(x)  $(x - \sqrt[3]{2})(x - \sqrt{2}) > 0$

Note that  $\frac{1}{2} > \frac{1}{3} \implies \sqrt{2} = 2^{\frac{1}{2}} > 2^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{2} (1)$ . Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} (x - \sqrt[3]{2})(x - \sqrt{2}) > 0 &\implies ((x - \sqrt[3]{2} > 0) \wedge (x - \sqrt{2} > 0)) \vee ((x - \sqrt[3]{2} < 0) \wedge (x - \sqrt{2} < 0)) \\ &\implies ((x > \sqrt[3]{2}) \wedge (x > \sqrt{2})) \vee ((x < \sqrt[3]{2}) \wedge (x < \sqrt{2})) \\ &\implies ((x > \sqrt[3]{2}) \wedge (x > \sqrt{2})) \vee ((x < \sqrt[3]{2}) \wedge (x < \sqrt{2})) \\ &\implies (x > \sqrt{2}) \vee (x < \sqrt[3]{2}), x \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

(xi)  $2^x < 8$

Observe that  $2^x < 8 = 2^3 \implies x < 3$ .

(xii)  $x + 3^x < 4$

Since  $(1) + 3^{(1)} = 4$  and  $x + 3^x > 4$  for all  $x > 1, x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have that  $x + 3^x < 4 \implies x < 1$ .

(xiv)  $\frac{x-1}{x+1} > 0$

Note that  $\frac{x-1}{x+1}$  is undefined when  $x+1=0 \implies x=-1$ . We consider two cases. Suppose  $x > -1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x-1}{x+1} > 0 &\implies x-1 > 0 \\ &\implies x > 1. \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose  $x < -1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x-1}{x+1} &= \frac{-|x|-1}{-|x|+1} \\ &= \frac{|x|+1}{|x|-1} > 0. \end{aligned} \quad (x < -1 \implies -x > 1 \implies |x| > 1 \implies |x|-1 > 0)$$

Therefore  $x > -1$  or  $x < -1$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .