Inequalities

- Solving linear inequalities
- Representing inequalities on a number line
- Representing the region described by several inequalities on a graph

Keywords

You should know

explanation 1a

explanation 1b

explanation 1c

explanation 1d

- **1** Represent these inequalities on a number line.
 - **a** x > 2

b x < 4

 $\mathbf{c} \quad x \ge 0$

- d $x \le -2$
- **e** x < 3 and x > 1 **f** $x \ge -3$ and x < 1
- **g** $-5 < x \le 2$ **h** $-1 \le x \le 4$
- i x > 3 and $x \le -2$
- **2** What inequalities are shown by these number lines?
- **3** Solve these inequalities and show your solution on a number line.
 - **a** 4*n* < 10
- **b** 5 + x > 7 **c** $3y 5 \le 23$ **d** $4 + 3y \ge 1$

- **4** Solve these inequalities.

- **a** 5x 3 < 27 **b** $4x 7 \ge 13$ **c** $6p 1 \le -4$ **d** $\frac{m}{5} + 3 < 1$

- **e** 5h < h + 9 **f** 3(2x 1) > 21 **g** 5(3 + 2x) < 45 **h** $\frac{3t}{2} > 9$

5 Solve these inequalities.

a
$$2 + 3x > 5 - x$$

b
$$6(4x+1) \ge 6$$

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 c $7 < 2(3x-4)$

d
$$2 \le 8(x-3)$$

e
$$3(x+2) > x-5$$

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 f $\frac{7x}{2} > 3(x+5)$

6 Solve these inequalities.

a
$$4a + 3 \ge 2a - 7$$

b
$$2t - 8 > 3t + 6$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(w+3) > 4$$

d
$$5w + 3 < 17 - 2w$$

e
$$\frac{3r}{4} - 5 \le 1$$

f
$$4(x+3) > 2x-2$$

g
$$3(4s+1) \le 2(s-5)$$
 h $\frac{5x-6}{7} \ge x+5$

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7 Multiply both numbers in each inequality by -1. Write the inequality for the new numbers. What do you notice?

b
$$3 < 5$$
 c $-2 > -7$ **d** $-5 < 1$

d
$$-5 < 1$$

8 Solve these inequalities.

a
$$4h \ge 28$$

b
$$-6g < 18$$

c
$$-3x > 30$$

d
$$-5y \le -30$$
 e $-7b \ge 56$

e
$$-7b ≥ 56$$

$$f -5x > 3x + 8$$

g
$$2f > 5f - 18$$

h
$$2(r-2) < 5 + 4r$$

g
$$2f > 5f - 18$$
 h $2(r-2) < 5 + 4r$ **i** $6 - 4k > 3(k+5)$

explanation 2

9 Solve each of these inequalities and show your solution on a number line.

a
$$4 < 2x < 10$$

b
$$-5 \le x - 1 < 1$$

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 c $5 < 3 + x \le 7$ **d** $-2 < \frac{x}{2} < 3$

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10 Write the integer values of x that satisfy each inequality.

$$\mathbf{a} \quad -1 \le x \le 4$$

b
$$-3 < x \le 2$$

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 c $-6 < x < -2$ **d** $-2 < x \le 0$

$$\mathbf{d} -2 < x \le 0$$

11 Find the integer values of x that satisfy each inequality.

a
$$2 < 2x < 6$$

b
$$-4 < x + 3 < -1$$
 c $-3 < x - 2 < 1$

$$\mathbf{c} -3 < x - 2 < 1$$

d
$$-1 \le 2x + 1 < 5$$
 e $-5 \le 3x - 2 \le 7$ **f** $1 < 4 - n \le 5$

e
$$-5 \le 3x - 2 \le 6$$

f
$$1 < 4 - n \le 5$$

g
$$-2 < \frac{1}{2}x + 1 < 0$$
 h $-3 \le 3 - 2n \le 3$ **i** $-5 < 3(n+3) < 0$

h
$$-3 \le 3 - 2n \le 3$$

$$-5 < 3(n+3) < 0$$

12 Solve these inequalities.

a
$$-15 < 2x - 5 \le 7$$

b
$$-8 \le 4 - 3x \le 7$$

a
$$-15 < 2x - 5 \le 7$$
 b $-8 \le 4 - 3x \le 7$ **c** $2 < \frac{(x+3)}{5} < 4$

explanation 3a

explanation 3b

explanation 3c

explanation 3d

13 For each part, draw and label axes for x and y from -4 to 4. Indicate the required region by shading the unwanted region.

a
$$y > 3$$

b
$$x \le -1$$

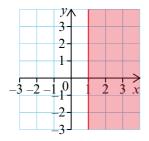
$$\mathbf{c} \quad x \ge 0$$

d
$$y > -1$$
 e $x < 2$

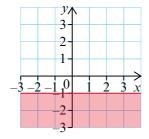
$$e \quad x < 2$$

14 Use inequalities to describe the unshaded regions.

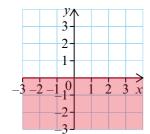
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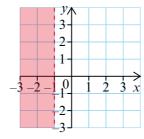
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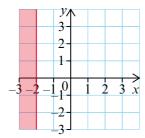
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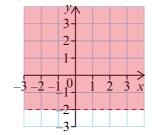
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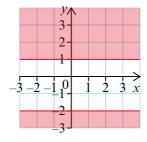


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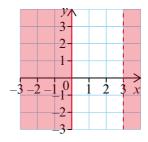


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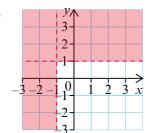
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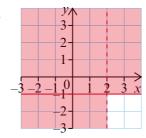
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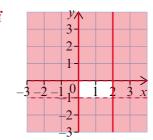
d



e



f



16 For each part, draw and label axes for x and y from -4 to 4. Indicate the required region by shading the unwanted regions.

a
$$-2 < x < 1$$

b
$$-1 \le y \le 3$$

$$c \quad 1 \le x \le 3$$

d
$$0 \le y < 1$$

e
$$y > -1$$
 and $x < 2$

f
$$y \le 3$$
 and $x < -1$

g
$$x \ge 2$$
 and $y > -2$

17 For each part, draw and label axes for x and y from -4 to 4. Indicate the required region by shading the unwanted regions.

a
$$x > 2, x < 3, y > -1$$

b
$$x \le 3, y \le 1, y > -2, x > 1$$

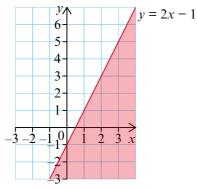
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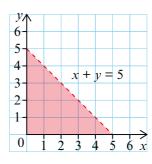
explanation 4b

explanation 4c

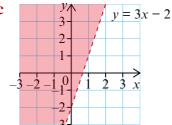
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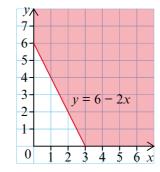
18 Describe the inequalities shown by the unshaded regions.





c





19 Draw graphs to show these regions.

Leave the region where the inequality is true unshaded.

a
$$y \ge x$$

b
$$y > x + 1$$

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 c $y < 2 + 2x$ **d** $y \le 4x$

$$\mathbf{d} \quad y \le 4x$$

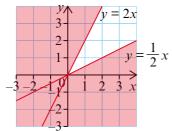
e
$$x + y > 4$$

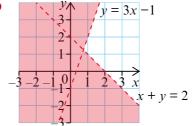
$$\mathbf{f} \quad y \le 8 - 2x$$

e
$$x + y > 4$$
 f $y \le 8 - 2x$ **g** $2x + 5y \ge 10$ **h** $3x + 4y < 12$

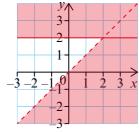
h
$$3x + 4y < 12$$

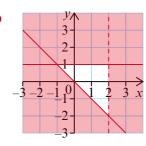
20 Describe the inequalities shown by each unshaded region.





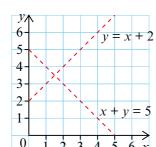
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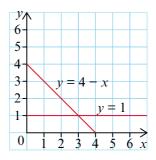


22 Copy each graph. Shade the unwanted regions to show the region that satisfies all of the inequalities.

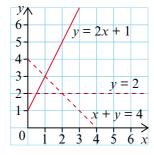
a
$$y < x + 2$$
 and $x + y > 5$



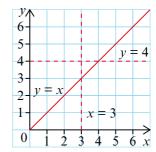
b
$$y \le 1$$
 and $y \ge 4 - x$



c x + y < 4, y > 2 and $y \le 2x + 1$



d $y \le x, y < 4 \text{ and } x > 3$



23 Draw graphs to show these regions. Use scales from -3 to 6 on both axes. Shade the unwanted regions.

a
$$y < 5, x > 1$$
 and $y > x + 2$

b
$$x \le 4, y \le 3 \text{ and } x + y \ge 2$$

c
$$2x + 3y > 9, x \ge 1 \text{ and } x \le 5$$

c
$$2x + 3y > 9$$
, $x \ge 1$ and $x \le 5$ d $y < x + 4$, $y < 7 - x$ and $y > 4$