

**A. Take notes while reading the textbook or watching the lecture videos. Write out any definitions, formulas, properties, or procedure steps.**

Distance definition of absolute value: distance of a number from 0

Note that  $|x - c|$  gives the distance from  $c$  and not 0 as in the definition above

**Absolute value equations or inequalities must be separated into 2 cases, one positive and one negative.**

Equations: where the variable is within an absolute value operator.

Inequalities: isolate the absolute value on left then solve

**Remember when to swap the direction of the inequality**

$\times$  by  $-1$  or  $\neq$  by  $-1$

$|ax + b| = k$  and  $|ax + b| > k$  are "or"s

$|ax + b| < k$  is an "and"

but check answer in intervals to be sure

$|ax + b| = |cx + d|$  can be solved by  $|ax + b| = |cx + d|$  or  $|ax + b| = -(cx + d)$  but check the answers

For inequalities of the form  $|ax + b| + c > k$ ,  $ax + b$  will never be below zero

**Special cases can be found by checking the answers**

**B. Write out each learning OBJECTIVE word for word. Write one example demonstrating that objective.**

OBJECTIVE 1: Use the distance definition of absolute value

Summarize Figures 21, 22, 23 on page 576

$$21 - (-\infty, -4) \cup (4, \infty)$$

$$22 - (-4, 4)$$

$$23 - [-4, 4]$$

OBJECTIVE 2: Solve equations of the form

$$|ax + b| = k \text{ for } k > 0$$

EXAMPLE 1, page 577

$$|2x + 1| = 7$$

$$2x + 1 = 7 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x + 1 = -7$$

$$2x = 6 \quad \quad \quad 2x = -8$$

$$x = 3 \quad \quad \quad x = -4$$

$$x = 3 \quad \text{or}$$

OBJECTIVE 3: Solve absolute value inequalities

EXAMPLE 2, page 578

$$|2x+1| > 7$$

$$2x+1 > 7 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x+1 < -7$$

$$2x > 6 \quad 2x < -8$$

$$x > 3 \quad \text{or} \quad x < -4$$

EXAMPLE 3, page 579

$$|2x+1| < 7$$

$$-7 < 2x+1 < 7$$

$$-8 < 2x < 6$$

$$-4 < x < 3$$

$$(-4, 3)$$

OBJECTIVE 5: Solve double absolute value equations

EXAMPLE 7, page 581

$$|x+6| = |2x-3|$$

$$x+6 = 2x-3 \quad \text{or} \quad x+6 = -(2x-3)$$

$$x+9 = 2x$$

$$9 = x$$

$$x = 9$$

check

$$|9+6| = |2 \cdot 9-3|$$

$$15 = 15$$

$$x+6 = -2x+3$$

$$3x = -3$$

$$x = -1$$

$$-1+6 = 2 \cdot -1-3$$

$$5 = -5$$

OBJECTIVE 4: Solve absolute value equations that involve rewriting

EXAMPLE 6, page 580

$$|x+3| + 5 \geq 12$$

$$x+3 \geq 7 \quad \text{or} \quad x+3 \leq -7$$

$$x \geq 4 \quad \text{or} \quad x \leq -10$$

$$\text{solution set} = (-\infty, -10] \cup [4, \infty)$$

$$|x+3| + 5 \leq 12$$

$$|x+3| \leq 7$$

$$-7 \leq x+3 \leq 7$$

$$-10 \leq x \leq 4$$

$$\text{solution set} = [-10, 4]$$

OBJECTIVE 6: Solve special case absolute values

EXAMPLE 8a and b, page 581

$$|5x-3| = -4$$

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$$7x-3=0$$

$$7x=3$$

$$x = \frac{3}{7}$$

answer of absolute value cannot be negative

EXAMPLE 9a, b & c, page 582

$$a. |x| \geq -4$$

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$$c. |x-7| + 4 \leq 4$$

$$|x-7| \leq 0$$

$$x \leq 7$$

$$b. |x+6| - 3 < -5$$

$$|x+6| < -2$$

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