

Section 2.7b: Solving Linear Inequalities

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"I can solve inequalities."

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Recall...

Addition Property of Equality

If

$$a = b$$

Then

$$a + c = b + c$$

Subtraction Property of Equality

If

$$a = b$$

Then

$$a - c = b - c$$

Likewise...

Addition Property of Inequality

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{If} & a < b \\ \text{Then} & a + c < b + c\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{If} & a > b \\ \text{Then} & a + c > b + c\end{array}$$

Subtraction Property of Inequality

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{If} & a < b \\ \text{Then} & a - c < b - c\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{If} & a > b \\ \text{Then} & a - c > b - c\end{array}$$

We Try 1:

Example

Solve the inequality, and write the solution in interval notation.

$$x + 5 > 9$$

You Try 1:

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Solve the inequality, and write the solution in interval notation.

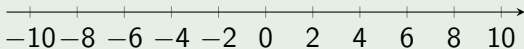
$$p - \frac{3}{4} > \frac{1}{6}$$

We Try 2:

Example

Solve the inequality, graph the solution on the number line and write the solution in interval notation.

$$n - \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{5}{8}$$

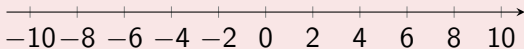


You Try 2:

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Solve the inequality, graph the solution on the number line and write the solution in interval notation.

$$n - \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{7}{8}$$



Recall...

Multiplication Property of Equality

If

$$a = b$$

Then

$$ac = bc$$

Division Property of Equality

If

$$a = b$$

Then

$$\frac{a}{c} = \frac{b}{c}$$

Positive c

Let $c = 5$

Division

$$10 < 15$$

Multiplication

$$10 < 15$$

Negative c

Let $c = -5$

Division

$$10 < 15$$

Multiplication

$$10 < 15$$

The Takeaway

Remember

When we divide or multiply an inequality by a:

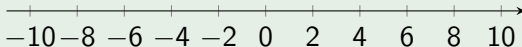
- **positive** number, the inequality stays the **same**.
- **negative** number, the inequality **reverses**.

We Try 3

Example

Solve the inequality, graph the solution on the number line, and write the solution in interval notation.

$$7y < 42$$



You Try 3

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Solve the inequality, graph the solution on the number line, and write the solution in interval notation.

$$-7r \leq -70$$

