

Solving Linear Inequalities

$<, >, \leq, \geq$

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 5 \geq 8 \\ - 5 \quad - 5 \\ \hline \boxed{x \geq 3} \end{array}$$

Check

$$\boxed{3} + 5 \geq 8$$
$$\boxed{8 \geq 8}$$

True Statement

$$\begin{array}{r} -x + 8 \geq 8 \\ - 8 \quad - 8 \\ \hline -x \geq 0 \\ -1 \quad -1 \\ \hline x \leq 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2(x+5) \leq 3(5-x) \\ \downarrow \\ 2x + 10 \leq 15 - 3x \\ + 3x \quad - 10 \quad - 10 + 3x \\ \hline 5x \leq 5 \\ 5 \quad 5 \\ \hline \boxed{x \leq 1} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2(3-x) + 4(x-8) < 3x+5 \\ \downarrow \\ 6 - 2x + 4x - 32 < 3x + 5 \\ \downarrow \\ 6 + 2x - 32 < 3x + 5 \\ \downarrow \\ -26 + 2x < 3x + 5 \\ + 6 \quad - 2x \quad - 2x - 6 \\ \hline -32 < x - 1 \\ + 1 \quad + 1 \\ \hline -31 < x \\ \downarrow \\ \boxed{x > -31} \end{array}$$

Solving Quadratic Inequalities

1. Turn Inequality into Equation
2. Find Solutions
3. Make a Number Line and Check Each Solution and Interval

Solutions always work
with \geq or \leq

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x^2 + 2x - 8 \geq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 8 = 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$(x+4)(x-2) = 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$x + 4 = 0$$

$$\quad -4 \quad -4$$

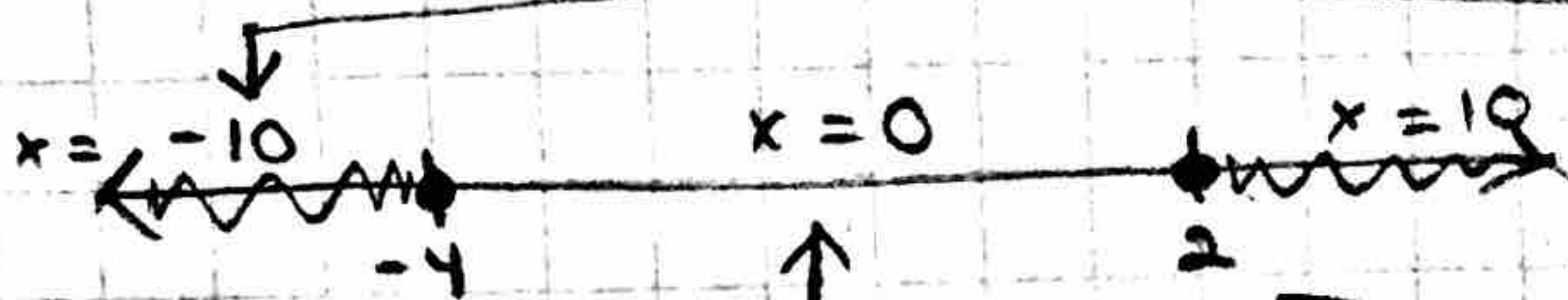
$$\boxed{x = -4}$$

$$x - 2 = 0$$

$$\quad +2 \quad +2$$

$$\boxed{x = 2}$$

-8, +2
4, 2



$$((-4) + 4)((-4) - 2) \geq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$(0)(-6) \geq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\boxed{0 \geq 0}$$

$$\text{TRUE}$$

$$((2) + 4)((2) - 2) \geq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$(6)(0) \geq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\boxed{0 \geq 0}$$

$$\text{TRUE}$$

$$((0) + 4)((0) - 2) \geq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$(4)(-2) \geq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\boxed{-8 \geq 0}$$

$$\text{FALSE} \quad \times$$

$$((-10) + 4)((-10) - 2) \geq 0$$

$$(-6)(-12) \geq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\boxed{72 \geq 0}$$

$$\text{TRUE}$$

Interval Notation
Solution

$$(-\infty, -4] \cup [2, \infty)$$

$$((10) + 4)((10) - 2) \geq 0$$

$$(14)(8) \geq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\boxed{112 \geq 0}$$

$$\text{TRUE}$$

Quadratic Equations

- 1) Factor
- 2) Quadratic Formula
- 3) Complete the Square

$$x^2 + 5x + 6 > 0$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$(x+2)(x+3) > 0$$

2, 3

$$x+2=0$$

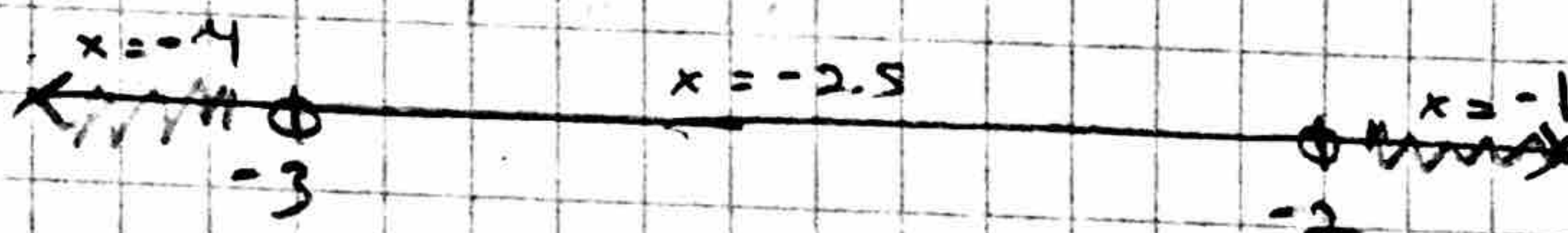
$$\underline{-2 \quad -2}$$

$$x = -2$$

$$x+3=0$$

$$\underline{-3 \quad -3}$$

$$x = -3$$



$$\underline{-2}$$
$$((-2)+2)((-2)+3) > 0$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$(0)(1) > 0$$

$$\boxed{0 > 0}$$
$$\text{FALSE}$$

$$\underline{-4}$$
$$((-4)+2)((-4)+3) > 0$$
$$(-2)(-1) > 0$$

$$\boxed{2 > 0}$$
$$\text{TRUE}$$

$$\underline{-2.5}$$
$$((-2.5)+2)((-2.5)+3) > 0$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$(-.5)(.5) > 0$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$\boxed{-.25 > 0}$$
$$\text{False}$$

$$((-1)+2)((-1)+3) > 0$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$(1)(2) > 0$$

$$\boxed{2 > 0}$$
$$\text{TRUE}$$

$$\underline{-3}$$
$$((-3)+2)((-3)+3) > 0$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$(-1)(0) > 0$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$\boxed{0 > 0}$$
$$\text{FALSE}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Solution (Interval Notation)}}$$
$$(-\infty, -3) \cup (-2, \infty)$$

$$x^2 + 4 \geq 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 4 = 0 \\ -4 \quad -4 \end{array}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{-4}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{-4}$$

Non-Real Result

No Solutions in Real Numbers



$$\begin{array}{l} (0^2) + 4 \geq 0 \\ 4 \geq 0 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Sol: } (-\infty, \infty)}$$

Solving Rational Inequalities

Must be written as Form

$$\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} < 0$$

or

$$>, \geq, \leq$$

Form

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{Single} \\ \text{Fraction} \end{array} \right) \frac{p}{q} (0)$$

1. Solve $p(x) = 0$
 $q(x) = 0$

2. Make # Line

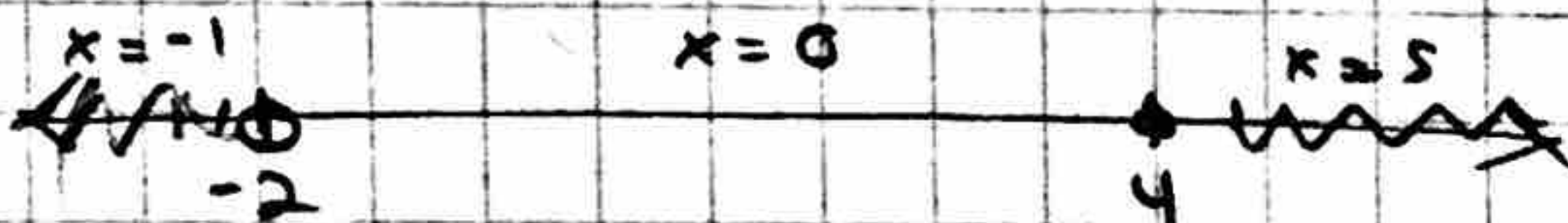
3. Test Points

$$\frac{x-4}{x+2} > 0$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} x-4=0 \\ +4 \quad +4 \\ \hline x=4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x+2=0 \\ -2 \quad -2 \\ \hline x=-2 \end{array}$$



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

$$\downarrow$$
$$\frac{-6}{0} > 0$$

under

$$\frac{(-1)-4}{(-1)+2} > 0$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$\frac{-5}{-1} > 0$$

$$\boxed{5 > 0}$$

TRUE

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

$$\downarrow$$
$$\frac{0}{6} > 0$$
$$\boxed{0 > 0}$$

False

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

$$\downarrow$$
$$\frac{-4}{2} > 0$$
$$\boxed{-2 > 0}$$

False

$$\frac{(5)-4}{(5)+2} > 0$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$\text{TRUE} \quad \boxed{\frac{1}{7} > 0}$$

Solution

$$(-\infty, -2) \cup (4, \infty)$$

$$\frac{1}{x-3} \leq \frac{5}{x-3}$$

$$- \frac{5}{x-3}$$

$$\frac{1}{x-3} - \frac{5}{x-3} \leq 0$$

$$\boxed{\frac{-4}{x-3} \leq 0}$$

Required Form

$$\begin{array}{r} x-3=0 \\ +3 \quad +3 \\ \hline \boxed{x=3} \end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ -4 \\ (3)-3 \\ \hline \end{array} \leq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -4 \\ 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \leq 0$$

under

$$\begin{array}{r} x=5 \\ -4 \\ (5)-3 \\ \hline \end{array} \leq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -4 \\ 2 \\ \hline \end{array} \leq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\boxed{-2 \leq 0}$$

TRUE

$(3, \infty)$

$$\begin{array}{r} x=0 \\ -4 \\ (0)-3 \\ \hline \end{array} \leq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -4 \\ -3 \\ \hline \end{array} \leq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\boxed{\frac{4}{3} \leq 0}$$

False

$$\frac{1}{x} \leq \frac{2}{x+1}$$

$$-\frac{2}{x+1} - \frac{2}{x+1}$$

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$$\frac{1}{x} - \frac{2}{x+1} \leq 0$$

↓

$$\frac{1}{x} \left(\frac{x+1}{x+1} \right) - \frac{2}{x+1} \left(\frac{x}{x} \right) \leq 0$$

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$$\frac{x+1-2x}{x(x+1)} \leq 0$$

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

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$$\frac{1-x}{-1} = \frac{-1}{-1}$$

$$\frac{-x}{-1} = \frac{-1}{-1}$$

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$$\boxed{x = 1}$$

$$x(x+1) = 0$$

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$$\boxed{x = 0}$$

$$x+1 = 0$$

$$\frac{-1}{-1}$$

$$\boxed{x = -1}$$



$$x = -1$$

$$\frac{1-(-1)}{-1((-1)+1)} \leq 0$$

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$$\frac{2}{-1(0)} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{2}{0} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{2}{0} \leq 0$$

under

$$x = 0$$

$$\frac{1-(0)}{0(0+1)} \leq 0$$

↓

$$\frac{1}{0} \leq 0$$

under

$$x = 1$$

$$\frac{1-(1)}{1(1+1)} \leq 0$$

↓

$$\frac{0}{1(2)} \leq 0$$

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$$\frac{0}{2} \leq 0$$

$$\boxed{0 \leq 0} \text{ TRUE}$$

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

$$x = -2, x = -.5, x = .5, x = 2$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\frac{1+(-2)}{-2(-2+1)} \leq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\frac{3}{4-2} \leq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\boxed{\frac{3}{2} \leq 0}$$

$$\downarrow \text{ false}$$

$$x = -.5$$

$$\frac{1+(-.5)}{-.5(-.5+1)} \leq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\frac{.5}{-.25} \leq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\boxed{-2 \leq 0}$$

$$\text{TRUE}$$

$$x = 2$$

$$\frac{1-(2)}{2(2+1)} \leq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\frac{-1}{4+2} \leq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\boxed{\frac{-1}{6} \leq 0}$$

$$\text{TRUE}$$

$$x = .5$$

$$\frac{1-(.5)}{.5(.5+1)} \leq 0$$

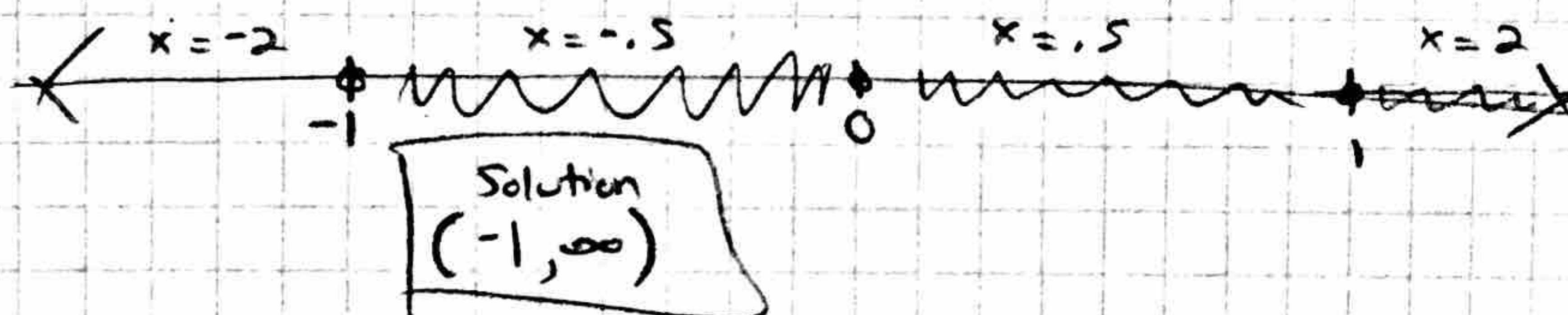
$$\downarrow$$

$$\frac{.5}{.75} \leq 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\boxed{-2 \leq 0}$$

$$\text{TRUE}$$



Solving Absolute Value Inequalities

$$|A| \geq B, \text{ where } B \geq 0, \text{ solve } \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1} A \geq B \\ \textcircled{2} A \leq -B \end{array}$$

$$|A| \leq B, \text{ where } B \geq 0, \text{ solve } -B \leq A \leq B$$

$$|2 - 4x| \geq 8$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \downarrow \\ 2 - 4x \geq 8 \\ -2 \quad -2 \\ \hline -4x \geq 6 \\ -4 \quad -4 \\ \hline x \leq -\frac{3}{2} \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{x \leq -\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 - 4x \leq -8 \\ -2 \quad -2 \\ \hline -4x \leq -10 \\ -4 \quad -4 \\ \hline x \geq \frac{5}{2} \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{x \geq \frac{5}{2}}$$

OR

$$\begin{array}{c} x \leq -3/2 \\ \text{---} \\ -3/2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} x \geq 5/2 \\ \text{---} \\ 5/2 \end{array}$$

$$(-\infty, -3/2) \text{ OR } (5/2, \infty)$$

$$\left| \frac{8-2d}{9} \right| \geq 5$$

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$$\frac{8-2d}{9} \geq 5 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{8-2d}{9} \leq -5$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8-2d \geq 45 \\ -8 \quad -8 \\ \hline -2d \geq 37 \\ -2 \quad -2 \\ \hline d \leq -\frac{37}{2} \end{array}$$

OR

$$\frac{8-2d}{9} \leq -5$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8-2d \leq -45 \\ -8 \quad -8 \\ \hline -2d \leq -53 \\ -2 \quad -2 \\ \hline d \geq \frac{53}{2} \end{array}$$

$$d \leq -37/2$$

$$\leftarrow \text{---} -37/2$$

$$d \geq 53/2$$

$$\text{---} \rightarrow 53/2$$

$$\boxed{(-\infty, -37/2] \text{ OR } [53/2, \infty)}$$