

Calculus 1 - Problem Sheet 1

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a)

$$x = 1$$

1 The Real Line; Intervals And Inequalities

1) Solve the following inequalities:

a) $-3 < 4 - x < 8$

$$\begin{aligned} -3 &< 4 - x < 8 \\ \Rightarrow -7 &< -x < 4 \\ \Rightarrow 7 &> x > -4 \\ \Rightarrow x &= \underline{(-4, 7)} \end{aligned}$$

b) $\frac{x}{x+5} < 1, x \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} x > 0 &\Rightarrow 3x - 1 < 4x \\ &\Rightarrow -1 < x \\ &\Rightarrow x = (0, \infty) \\ x < 0 &\Rightarrow 3x - 1 > 4x \\ &\Rightarrow -1 > x \\ &\Rightarrow x = (-\infty, -1) \\ &\Rightarrow x = \underline{(-\infty, -1) \cup (0, \infty)} \end{aligned}$$

c) $\frac{x}{x+5} < 1, x \neq -5$

$$\begin{aligned} x > -5 &\Rightarrow x < x + 5 \\ &\Rightarrow 0 < 5 \\ \text{Always True} &\Rightarrow x = (-5, \infty) \\ x < -5 &\Rightarrow x = x + 5 \\ &\Rightarrow 0 > 5 \\ \text{Always false} &\Rightarrow \text{no more real solutions} \\ &\Rightarrow x = \underline{(5, \infty)} \end{aligned}$$

d) $\frac{2x-1}{3x+2} > 3, x \neq \frac{-2}{3}$

$$\begin{aligned}
x > \frac{-2}{3} &\Rightarrow 2x - 1 < 9x + 6 \\
&\Rightarrow -7 < 7x \\
&\Rightarrow -1 < x \\
&\Rightarrow -1 < x < \frac{-2}{3} \\
&\Rightarrow \underline{x = \left(-1, \frac{-2}{3}\right)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{e) } \left| \frac{3x-1}{x} \right| > 4$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Let } \frac{3x-1}{x} = 0 &\quad , \quad x \neq 0 \\
&\Rightarrow 3x - 1 = 0 \\
&\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{3} \\
x > \frac{1}{3} &\Rightarrow \frac{3x-1}{x} > 4 \\
&\Rightarrow 3x - 1 > 4x \\
&\Rightarrow -1 > x \text{ No solutions}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{3} > x > 0 &\Rightarrow -\left(\frac{3x-1}{x}\right) > 4 \\
&\Rightarrow 1 - 3x > 4x \\
&\Rightarrow 1 > 7x \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{1}{7} > x \\
&\Rightarrow x = (-1, 0) \\
&\Rightarrow \underline{x = \left(-1, \frac{1}{7}\right)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{f) } \left| \frac{x}{x+5} \right| \leq 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Let } \frac{x}{x+5} = 0 &\quad , \quad x \neq -5 \\
&\Rightarrow x = 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
x > 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{x}{x+5} \leq 2 \\
&\Rightarrow x \leq 2x + 10 \\
&\Rightarrow -10 \leq x \\
&\Rightarrow x > 0, x = (0, \infty]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
-5 < x < 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{-x}{x+5} \leq 2 \\
&\Rightarrow -x \leq 2x + 10 \\
&\Rightarrow -10 \leq 3x
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \left[\frac{-10}{3}, 0 \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} x < -5 &\Rightarrow \frac{x}{x+5} \leq 2 \\ &\Rightarrow x \geq 2x+1 - \\ &\Rightarrow x = [-\infty, 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \underline{(-\infty, -10] \cup \left[\frac{-10}{3}, \infty \right)}$$

2) Solve the following:

a) $|3x - 4| = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} 3x - 4 &= 3 \\ \Rightarrow 3x &= 7 \\ \Rightarrow x &= \frac{7}{3} \\ \text{And, } -(3x - 4) &= 3 \\ \Rightarrow 4 - 3x &= 3 \\ \Rightarrow 1 &= 3x \\ \Rightarrow x &= \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

b) $|x + 5| = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} x + 5 &= 2 \\ \Rightarrow x &= \underline{-3} \\ \text{And, } -(x + 5) &= 2 \\ \Rightarrow -x &= 7 \\ \Rightarrow x &= \underline{7} \end{aligned}$$

c) $|2x - 3| = |3x - 2|$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - 3 &= 3x - 2 \\ \Rightarrow x &= \underline{-1} \\ \text{And, } -(2x - 3) &= 3x - 2 \\ \Rightarrow 3 - 2x &= 3x - 2 \\ \Rightarrow 5x &= 5 \\ \Rightarrow x &= \underline{1} \end{aligned}$$

d) $|x + 2| = |x + 3|$

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2 &= x + 3 \\ \Rightarrow 2 &= 3 \text{ No real solutions} \\ \text{And, } -(x + 2) &= (x + 3) \\ \Rightarrow -2 &= 2x + 3 \\ \Rightarrow x &= \underline{\frac{-5}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

e) $|x + 2| = 4x - 1$

$$\begin{aligned} & x + 2 = 4x - 1 \\ \Rightarrow & 3 = 3x \\ \Rightarrow & \underline{x = 1} \\ \text{And,} & -(x + 2) = 4x - 1 \\ \Rightarrow & -1 = 5x \\ \Rightarrow & \underline{x = \frac{-1}{5}} \end{aligned}$$

f) $|x - 1| < |3x + 1|$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let} & x - 1 = 3x + 1 \\ \Rightarrow & -2 = 2x \\ \Rightarrow & x = -1 \\ \text{And,} & -(x - 1) = 3x \\ \Rightarrow & 1 - x = 3x + 1 \\ \Rightarrow & x = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \underline{x = (-\infty, -1) \cup (0, \infty)} \end{aligned}$$

g) $|3x + 4| < |2x - 1|$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let} & 3x + 4 = 2x - 1 \\ \Rightarrow & x = -5 \\ \text{And,} & -(3x + 4) = 2x - 1 \\ \Rightarrow & -3 = 5x \\ \Rightarrow & x = \frac{-3}{5} \\ \Rightarrow & \underline{x = (-5, \frac{-3}{5})} \end{aligned}$$

2 Polynomials and Roots

3) Solve the following:

a) $|x^2 - 2| < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} & x^2 - 2 < 1 \\ \Rightarrow & x^2 < 3 \\ \Rightarrow & -\sqrt{3} < x < \sqrt{3} \\ \text{And,} & -(x^2 - 2) < 1 \\ \Rightarrow & x^2 - 2 > -1 \\ \Rightarrow & x < -1, x > 1 \\ \Rightarrow & \underline{x = (-\sqrt{3}, -1) \cup (1, \sqrt{3})} \end{aligned}$$

b) $|x^2 - 2| < 3$

$$\begin{aligned}
& x^2 - 2 < 3 \\
\Rightarrow & x^2 < 5 \\
\Rightarrow & x = (-\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{5}) \\
\text{And,} \quad & -(x^2 - 2) < 3 \\
\Rightarrow & x^2 - 2 > -3 \\
\Rightarrow & x^2 > -1 \text{ No real solutions} \\
\Rightarrow & \underline{x = (-\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{5})}
\end{aligned}$$