# WORKBOOK EXAMPLES CHAPTER 3 MATH 1100

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#### **OUTLINE**

1 §3.5: Solving Equations & Inequalities w/ Abs. Value

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 or  $x = -a$ .

Solve

$$|x| = 5.$$

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$$|x| = 5.$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 5, x = -5.$$

Solve

$$|5x| = 4$$
.

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Solve

$$|5x| = 4$$
.

$$\Rightarrow$$
 5 $x = 4, 5x = -4$ 

Solve

$$|5x| = 4$$
.

$$\Rightarrow$$
 5 $x = 4, 5x = -4$ 

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{4}{5}, x = -\frac{4}{5}.$$

Solve

$$|x - 3| = 5.$$

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Solve

$$|x - 3| = 5.$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 3 = 5, x - 3 = -5$$

Solve

$$|x - 3| = 5.$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 3 = 5, x - 3 = -5$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $x = 8, x = -2.$ 

Solve

$$|x+2|-5=9.$$

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$$\Rightarrow |x+2|=14$$

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$$|x+2|-5=9.$$

$$\Rightarrow |x+2|=14$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 2 = 14, x + 2 = -14$$

Solve

$$|x+2|-5=9.$$

$$\Rightarrow |x+2|=14$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 2 = 14, x + 2 = -14$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $x = 12, x = -16.$ 

Solve

$$|x-4|+3=9.$$

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$$\Rightarrow |x-4|=6$$

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$$\Rightarrow |x-4|=6$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 4 = 6, x - 4 = -6$$

Solve

$$|x-4|+3=9.$$

$$\Rightarrow |x-4|=6$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 4 = 6, x - 4 = -6$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $x = 10, x = -2.$ 

Solve

$$9 - |x - 2| = 7.$$

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$$\Rightarrow -|x-2| = -2$$

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$$\Rightarrow |x-2|=2$$

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$$\Rightarrow |x-2|=2$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 2 = 2, x - 2 = -2$$

Solve

$$9 - |x - 2| = 7.$$

$$\Rightarrow -|x-2|=-2$$

$$\Rightarrow |x-2|=2$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 2 = 2, x - 2 = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $x = 4, x = 0.$ 

Solve

$$5 - |4x + 3| = 2.$$

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$$\Rightarrow -|4x+3|=-3$$

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Solve

$$5 - |4x + 3| = 2.$$

$$\Rightarrow -|4x+3|=-3$$

$$\Rightarrow |4x + 3| = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x + 3 = 3, 4x + 3 = -3$$

Solve

$$5 - |4x + 3| = 2$$
.

$$\Rightarrow -|4x+3|=-3$$

$$\Rightarrow |4x + 3| = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x + 3 = 3, 4x + 3 = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0, x = -\frac{3}{2}.$$

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$$|x-4|+3=0.$$

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Solve

$$|x-4|+3=0.$$

$$\Rightarrow |x-4|=-3,$$

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$$|x-4|+3=0.$$

SOLUTION:

$$\Rightarrow |x-4|=-3,$$

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$$\Rightarrow |x-4|=-3$$
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but this equation has no solution, i.e. the solution set is  $\emptyset$ .

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Similar statements hold for  $|x| \le a$  and  $|x| \ge a$ .

For example,

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|x| < 3 is equivalent to -3 < x < 3.

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$$|2x + 3| \le 4$$
 is equivalent o  $-4 \le 2x + 3 \le 4$ .

Solve

$$|x| < 5$$
.

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$$|x| < 5$$
.

Solve

$$|x| < 5$$
.

$$\Rightarrow -5 < x < 5$$
,

Solve

$$|x| < 5$$
.

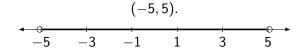
$$\Rightarrow -5 < x < 5$$
,

$$(-5,5)$$
.

Solve

$$|x| < 5$$
.

$$\Rightarrow -5 < x < 5$$
,



Solve

$$|x| \ge 6$$
.

Solve

$$|x| \ge 6$$
.

Solve

$$|x| \ge 6$$
.

$$\Rightarrow x \le -6 \text{ or } x \ge 6$$
,

Solve

$$|x| \ge 6$$
.

$$\Rightarrow x \le -6 \text{ or } x \ge 6$$
,

$$(-\infty, -6] \bigcup [6, \infty).$$

Solve

$$|x| \ge 6$$
.

$$\Rightarrow x \le -6 \text{ or } x \ge 6$$
,

$$(-\infty, -6] \bigcup [6, \infty).$$
 $-10 \quad -6 \quad -2 \quad 2 \quad 6 \quad 10$ 

Solve

$$|x + 6| \le 10.$$

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$$|x + 6| \le 10.$$

$$\Rightarrow -10 \le x + 6 \le 10$$

Solve

$$|x + 6| \le 10.$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $-10 \le x + 6 \le 10$ 

$$\Rightarrow -16 \le x \le 4, [-16, 4].$$

Solve

$$|x + 6| \le 10.$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $-10 \le x + 6 \le 10$ 

Solve

$$|x + 7| > 10.$$

Solve

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Solve

$$|x + 7| > 10.$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 7 < -10 \text{ or } x + 7 > 10$$

Solve

$$|x + 7| > 10.$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 7 < -10 \text{ or } x + 7 > 10$$

$$\Rightarrow x < -17 \text{ or } x > 3, (-\infty, -17) \bigcup (3, \infty).$$

Solve

$$|x + 7| > 10.$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 7 < -10 \text{ or } x + 7 > 10$$

⇒ 
$$x < -17$$
 or  $x > 3, (-\infty, -17) \bigcup (3, \infty)$ .

 $-17$   $-13$   $-9$   $-5$   $-1$   $3$ 

Solve

$$|3x + 2| < 5$$
.

Solve

$$|3x + 2| < 5$$
.

Solve

$$|3x + 2| < 5$$
.

$$-5 < 3x + 2 < 5$$

Solve

$$|3x + 2| < 5$$
.

$$-5 < 3x + 2 < 5$$

$$\Rightarrow -7 < 3x < 3$$

Solve

$$|3x + 2| < 5$$
.

$$-5 < 3x + 2 < 5$$

$$\Rightarrow -7 < 3x < 3$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{7}{3} < x < 1, \left(-\frac{7}{3}, 1\right).$$

Solve

$$|3x + 2| < 5$$
.

$$-5 < 3x + 2 < 5$$

$$\Rightarrow -7 < 3x < 3$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{7}{3} < x < 1, \left(-\frac{7}{3}, 1\right).$$

Solve

$$|5-2x|\geq 1.$$

Solve

$$|5 - 2x| \ge 1$$
.

Solve

$$|5-2x|\geq 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow 5-2x \leq -1 \text{ or } 5-2x \geq 1$$

Solve

$$|5-2x| \ge 1$$
.

$$\Rightarrow 5-2x \leq -1 \text{ or } 5-2x \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -2x \le -6 \text{ or } -2x \ge -4$$

Solve

$$|5-2x| \ge 1$$
.

$$\Rightarrow 5-2x \leq -1 \text{ or } 5-2x \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -2x \le -6 \text{ or } -2x \ge -4$$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq 3 \text{ or } x \leq 2, (-\infty, 2] \bigcup [3, \infty).$$

Solve

$$|5-2x|\geq 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 5 - 2 $x \le -1$  or 5 - 2 $x \ge 1$ 

$$\Rightarrow -2x \le -6 \text{ or } -2x \ge -4$$

$$\Rightarrow x \ge 3 \text{ or } x \le 2, (-\infty, 2] \bigcup [3, \infty).$$

Solve

$$|3x + 4| < 13.$$

Solve

$$|3x + 4| < 13.$$

Solve

$$|3x + 4| < 13.$$

$$\Rightarrow -13 < 3x + 4 < 13$$

Solve

$$|3x + 4| < 13.$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 -13 < 3*x* + 4 < 13

$$\Rightarrow -17 < 3x < 9$$

Solve

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$$\Rightarrow -13 < 3x + 4 < 13$$

$$\Rightarrow -17 < 3x < 9$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{17}{3} < x < 3, \left(-\frac{17}{3}, 3\right)$$

Solve

$$|3x + 4| < 13.$$

$$\Rightarrow -13 < 3x + 4 < 13$$

$$\Rightarrow -17 < 3x < 9$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{17}{3} < x < 3, \left(-\frac{17}{3}, 3\right)$$

$$-6 \qquad -3 \qquad 0 \qquad 3$$

Solve

$$|6 - 4x| \ge 8$$
.

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$$|6 - 4x| \ge 8$$
.

Solve

$$|6-4x| \ge 8.$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 6 - 4x  $\leq$  -8 or 6 - 4x  $\geq$  8

Solve

$$|6-4x| \ge 8$$
.

$$\Rightarrow$$
 6 - 4 $x \le$  -8 or 6 - 4 $x \ge$  8

$$\Rightarrow -4x \le -14 \text{ or } -4x \ge 2$$

Solve

$$|6-4x| \ge 8.$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 - 4x \le -8 \text{ or } 6 - 4x \ge 8$$

$$\Rightarrow -4x \le -14 \text{ or } -4x \ge 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x \le -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } x \ge \frac{7}{2}, \left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}\right] \bigcup \left[\frac{7}{2}, \infty\right)$$

Solve

$$|6-4x|\geq 8.$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 - 4x \le -8 \text{ or } 6 - 4x \ge 8$$

$$\Rightarrow -4x \le -14 \text{ or } -4x \ge 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x \le -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } x \ge \frac{7}{2}, \left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}\right] \bigcup \left[\frac{7}{2}, \infty\right)$$

Solve

$$|4 + 3x| \le 13.$$

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$$\Rightarrow$$
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Solve

$$|4 + 3x| \le 13.$$

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Solve

$$|4 + 3x| \le 13.$$

$$\Rightarrow -13 \le 3x + 4 \le 13$$

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$$\Rightarrow -\frac{17}{3} \le x \le 3, \left[ -\frac{17}{3}, 3 \right]$$

Solve

$$|4 + 3x| \le 13.$$

$$\Rightarrow -13 \le 3x + 4 \le 13$$

$$\Rightarrow -17 \leq 3x \leq 9$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{17}{3} \le x \le 3, \left[ -\frac{17}{3}, 3 \right]$$

$$-6 \qquad -3 \qquad 0 \qquad 3$$

Solve

$$|1 - 6x| < 5$$
.

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$$|1 - 6x| < 5$$
.

Solve

$$|1-6x|<5.$$

$$\Rightarrow -5 < 1 - 6x < 5$$

Solve

$$|1-6x|<5.$$

$$\Rightarrow -5 < 1 - 6x < 5$$

$$\Rightarrow -6 < -6x < 4$$

Solve

$$|1 - 6x| < 5$$
.

$$\Rightarrow -5 < 1 - 6x < 5$$

$$\Rightarrow -6 < -6x < 4$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{2}{3} < x < 1, \left(-\frac{2}{3}, 1\right)$$

Solve

$$|1-6x|<5.$$

$$\Rightarrow -5 < 1 - 6x < 5$$

$$\Rightarrow -6 < -6x < 4$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{2}{3} < x < 1, \left(-\frac{2}{3}, 1\right)$$

$$-3 -2 -1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3$$

Solve

$$|7 - x| \ge -4$$
.

Solve

$$|7 - x| \ge -4$$
.

Solve

$$|7 - x| \ge -4$$
.

$$\Rightarrow$$
 7 -  $x \le 4$  or 7 -  $x \ge -4$ 

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$$|7 - x| \ge -4$$
.

$$\Rightarrow$$
 7 -  $x \le 4$  or 7 -  $x \ge -4$ 

$$\Rightarrow -x \le -3 \text{ or } -x \ge -11$$

Solve

$$|7 - x| \ge -4$$
.

$$\Rightarrow$$
 7 -  $x \le 4$  or 7 -  $x \ge -4$ 

$$\Rightarrow -x \le -3 \text{ or } -x \ge -11$$

$$\Rightarrow x \ge 3 \text{ or } x \le 11, (-\infty, \infty)$$

Solve

$$|7 - x| \ge -4$$
.

$$\Rightarrow$$
 7 - x < 4 or 7 - x > -4

$$\Rightarrow -x \le -3 \text{ or } -x \ge -11$$

$$\Rightarrow x \ge 3 \text{ or } x \le 11, (-\infty, \infty)$$
  
-4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3 4

Solve

$$|2x + 5| < 0.$$

Solve

$$|2x + 5| < 0.$$

Solve

$$|2x + 5| < 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < 2x + 5 < 0$$

Solve

$$|2x + 5| < 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < 2x + 5 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -5 < 2x < -5$$

Solve

$$|2x+5|<0.$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < 2x + 5 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -5 < 2x < -5$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{5}{2} < x < -\frac{5}{2}, \emptyset$$

Solve

$$|2x + 5| < 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < 2x + 5 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -5 < 2x < -5$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{5}{2} < x < -\frac{5}{2}, \emptyset$$

$$-4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3 4$$

Solve

$$|x-5|-8=-1.$$

Solve

$$|x-5|-8=-1.$$

Solve

$$|x-5|-8=-1.$$

$$\Rightarrow |x-5|=7$$

Solve

$$|x-5|-8=-1.$$

$$\Rightarrow |x - 5| = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 5 = 7, x - 5 = -7$$

Solve

$$|x-5|-8=-1.$$

$$\Rightarrow |x-5|=7$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 5 = 7, x - 5 = -7$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 12, x = -2$$
 (D.)

Solve

$$|6x + 3| = 7.$$

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$$|6x + 3| = 7.$$

Solve

$$|6x + 3| = 7.$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 6*x* + 3 = 7, 6*x* + 3 = -7

Solve

$$|6x + 3| = 7.$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 6*x* + 3 = 7, 6*x* + 3 = -7

$$\Rightarrow$$
 6 $x = 4,6x = -10$ 

Solve

$$|6x + 3| = 7.$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 6x + 3 = 7, 6x + 3 = -7

$$\Rightarrow$$
 6 $x = 4,6x = -10$ 

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2}{3}, x = -\frac{5}{3}$$
 (C.)

Solve

$$|5x-2|\geq 6.$$

Solve

$$|5x - 2| \ge 6$$
.

Solve

$$|5x-2|\geq 6.$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x - 2 \ge 6$$
 or  $5x - 2 \le -6$ 

Solve

$$|5x - 2| \ge 6$$
.

$$\Rightarrow$$
 5x - 2  $\geq$  6 or 5x - 2  $\leq$  -6

$$\Rightarrow 5x \ge 8 \text{ or } 5x \le -4$$

Solve

$$|5x-2|\geq 6.$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 5x - 2  $\geq$  6 or 5x - 2  $\leq$  -6

$$\Rightarrow 5x \ge 8 \text{ or } 5x \le -4$$

$$\Rightarrow x \le -\frac{4}{5} \text{ or } x \ge \frac{8}{5}, \left(-\infty, -4/5\right] \bigcup [8/5, \infty) \quad (D.)$$

Solve

$$|3x + 2| < 19$$
.

Solve

$$|3x + 2| < 19$$
.

Solve

$$|3x + 2| < 19.$$

$$\Rightarrow -19 < 3x + 2 < 19$$

Solve

$$|3x + 2| < 19$$
.

$$\Rightarrow -19 < 3x + 2 < 19$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $-21 < 3x < 17$ 

Solve

$$|3x + 2| < 19$$
.

$$\Rightarrow -19 < 3x + 2 < 19$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $-21 < 3x < 17$ 

$$\Rightarrow -7 < x < \frac{17}{3}, \left(-7, \frac{17}{3}\right)$$
 (D.)