

## Unit 7: Linear Equations and Inequalities

### Overview

#### Linear Equation:

A linear equation in one unknown variable  $x$  is an equation of the form  $ax + b = 0$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a \neq 0$ .

#### Example:

(i)  $5x - 3 = 0$

(ii)  $\frac{1}{2}x + 18 = 0$

#### Radical equations:

When the variable in an equation occurs under a radical the equation is called a radical equation.

Example:

(i)  $\sqrt{2x-3} - 7 = 0$

Absolute value:

The absolute value of a real number ' $a$ ' denoted by  $|a|$ , is defined as

$$|a| = \begin{cases} a, & \text{if } a \geq 0 \\ -a, & \text{if } a < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$|6| = 6,$$

e.g.,  $|0| = 0$

$$|-6| = -(-6) = 6$$

#### Extraneous Roots:

If the solutions (roots) obtained from the equation does not satisfy the original equations are called extraneous roots.

#### Linear inequality:

A linear inequality in one variable  $x$  is an inequality in which the variable  $x$  occurs only to the first power and has the standard form.  $ax + b < 0$ ,  $a \neq 0$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  we may replace the symbol  $<$  by  $>$ ,  $\leq$  or  $\geq$  also.

#### Inconsistent equation:

An inconsistent equation is that whose solution set is  $\phi$ .

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