



Real Numbers, Inequalities, and Absolute Values



Preliminaries

Real Numbers

Natural Numbers (the simplest numbers)

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, ...

Integers (Natural numbers + negative & zero)

..., -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ...

Rational numbers (fractional numbers/ decimals)

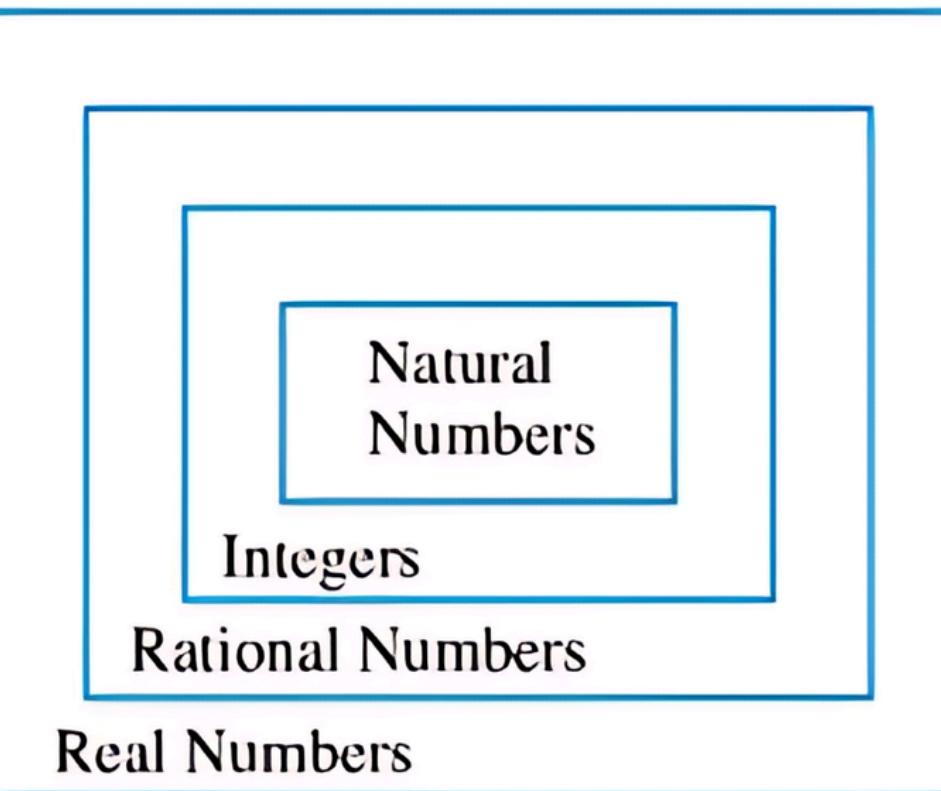
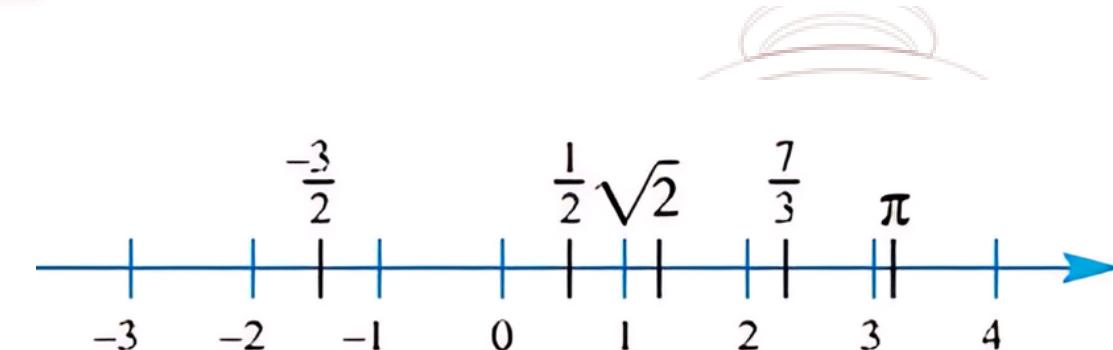
$\frac{3}{4}, \frac{-7}{8}, \frac{21}{5}, \frac{19}{-2}, \frac{16}{2}$, and $\frac{-17}{1}$

form m/n , with $n \neq 0$

Irrational numbers (no-fractional/ random decimals)

$\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5}, \sqrt[3]{7}, \pi,$

The Real Numbers Consider all numbers (rational and irrational) that can measure lengths, together with their negatives and zero. We call these numbers the **real numbers**.



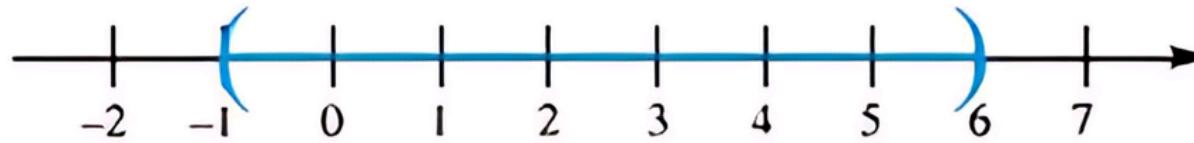
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inequality is to find the set of all real numbers that make the inequality true.

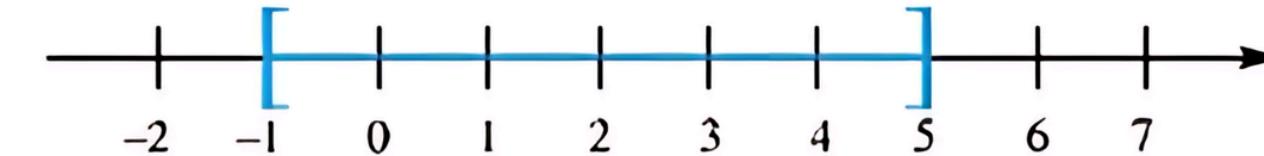
the solution set of an inequality is usually an entire interval of numbers or the union of such intervals.

The inequality $a < x < b$



open interval

the inequality $a \leq x \leq b$



closed interval

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Set Notation

$\{x : a < x < b\}$

$\{x : a \leq x \leq b\}$

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$\{x : a < x \leq b\}$

$\{x : x \leq b\}$

$\{x : x < b\}$

$\{x : x \geq a\}$

$\{x : x > a\}$

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Interval Notation

(a, b)

$[a, b]$

$[a, b)$

$(a, b]$

$(-\infty, b]$

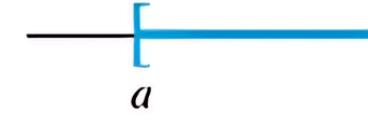
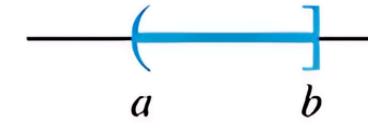
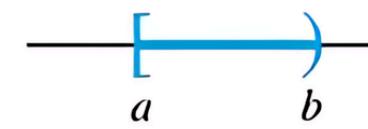
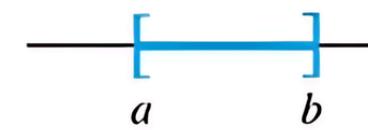
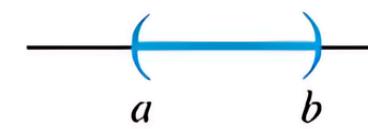
$(-\infty, b)$

$[a, \infty)$

(a, ∞)

$(-\infty, \infty)$

Graph



EXAMPLE 1

Solve the inequality $2x - 7 < 4x - 2$
show the graph

SOLUTION

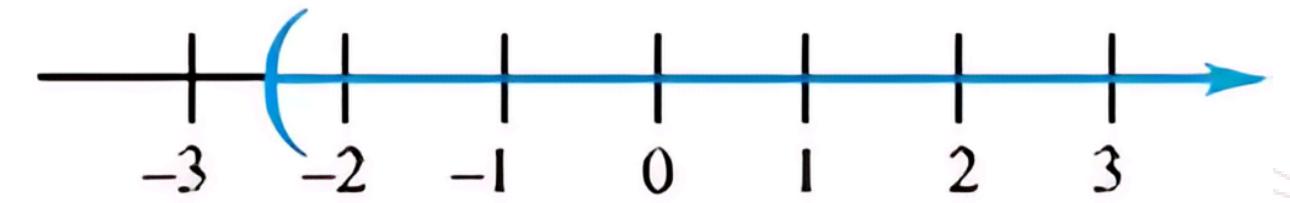
$$2x - 7 < 4x - 2$$

$$2x < 4x + 5$$

$$-2x < 5$$

$$x > -\frac{5}{2}$$

Graph



$$\left(-\frac{5}{2}, \infty\right) = \left\{ x : x > -\frac{5}{2} \right\}$$

Interval Notation

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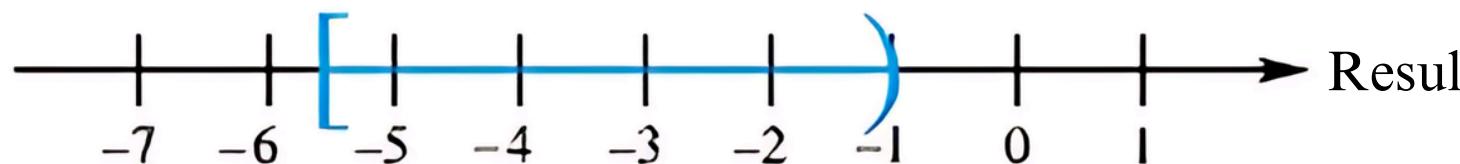
Inequalities

EXAMPLE 2

Solve $-5 \leq 2x + 6 < 4$.
show the graph

SOLUTION

$$\begin{aligned} -5 &\leq 2x + 6 < 4 \\ -11 &\leq 2x < -2 \\ -\frac{11}{2} &\leq x < -1 \end{aligned}$$



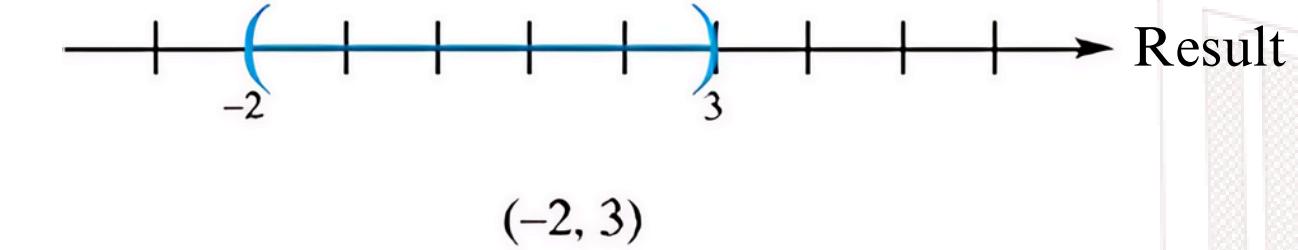
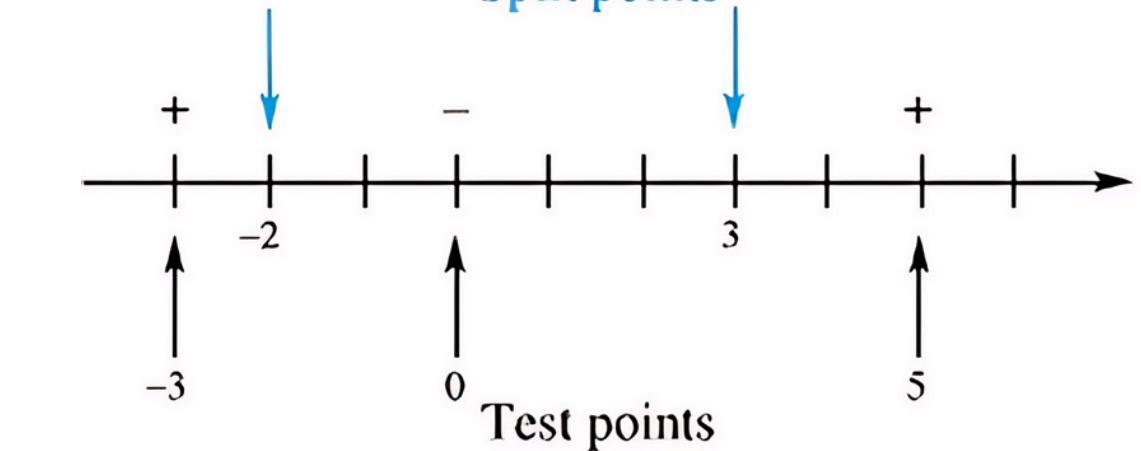
$$\left[-\frac{11}{2}, -1\right) = \left\{ x : -\frac{11}{2} \leq x < -1 \right\}$$

EXAMPLE 3

Solve the quadratic inequality $x^2 - x < 6$.
show the graph

SOLUTION

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - x &< 6 \\ x^2 - x - 6 &< 0 \\ (x - 3)(x + 2) &< 0 \end{aligned}$$



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EXAMPLE 4

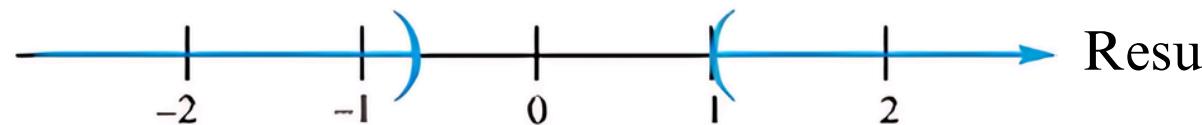
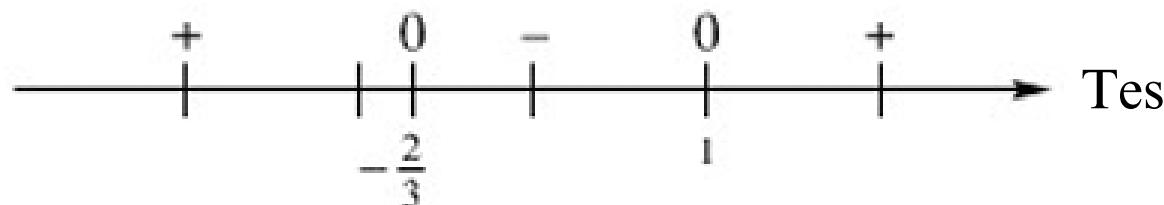
Solve $3x^2 - x - 2 > 0$.
show the graph

SOLUTION

$$3x^2 - x - 2 > 0.$$

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

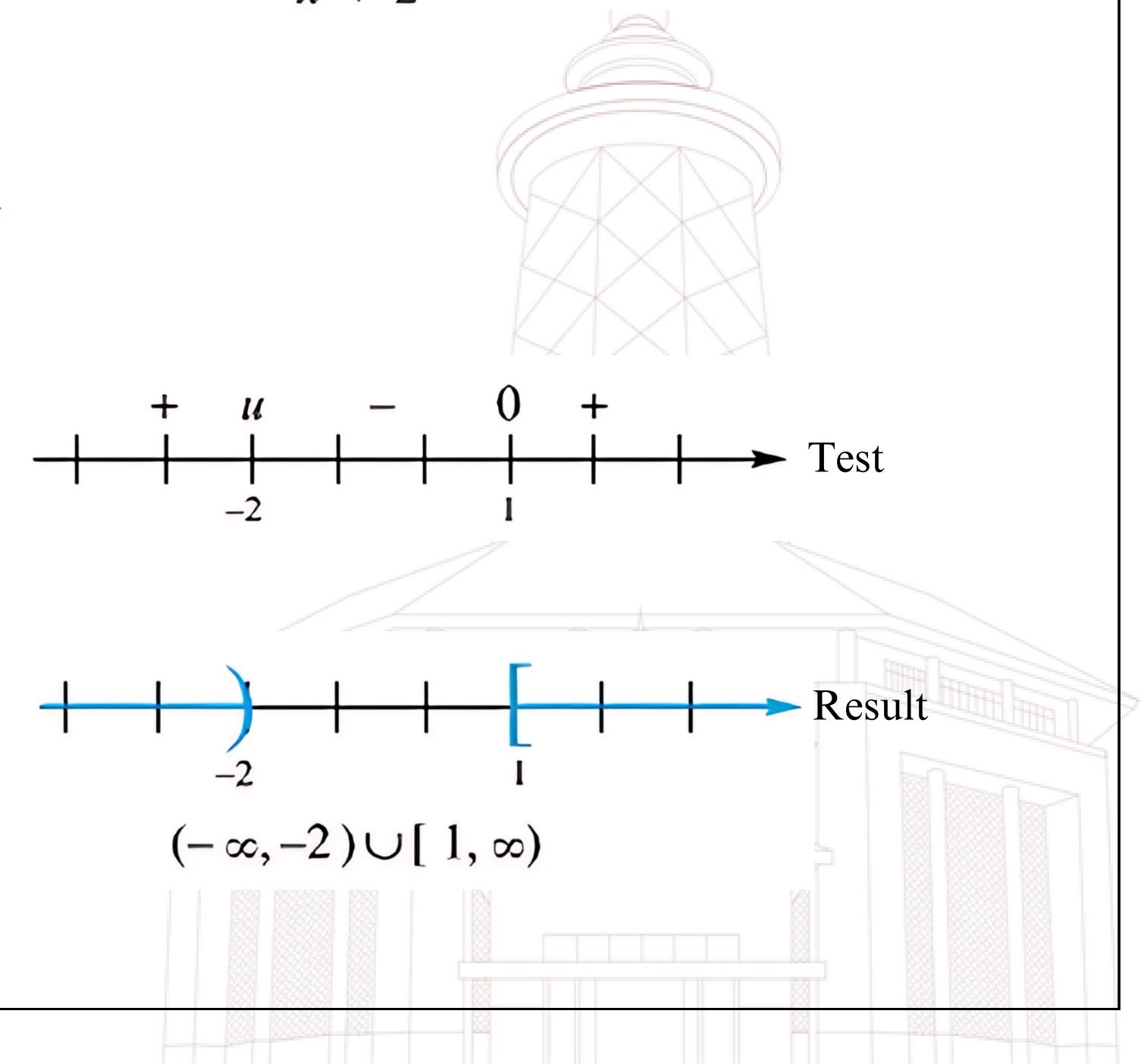
$$3(x - 1)\left(x + \frac{2}{3}\right) > 0.$$



$$\left(-\infty, -\frac{2}{3}\right) \cup (1, \infty)$$

EXAMPLE 5

Solve $\frac{x - 1}{x + 2} \geq 0$. show the graph

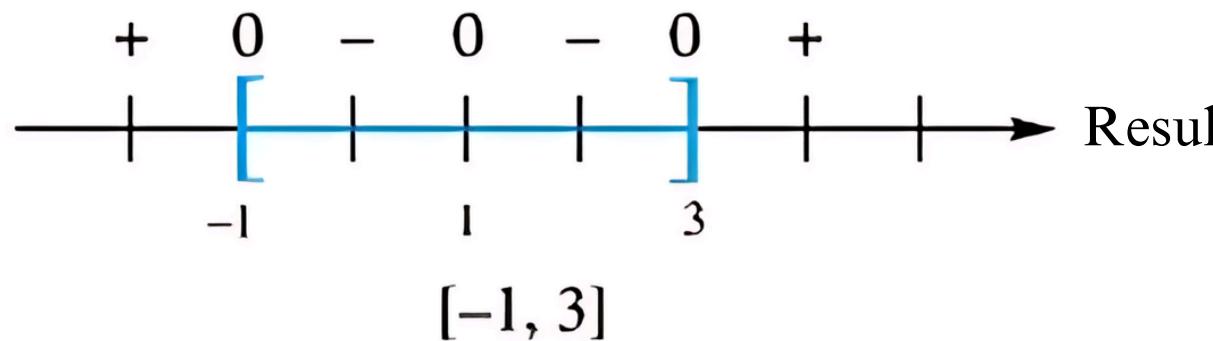
SOLUTION


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EXAMPLE 6

Solve $(x + 1)(x - 1)^2(x - 3) \leq 0$
show the graph

SOLUTION

EXAMPLE 7

Solve $2.9 < \frac{1}{x} < 3.1$. show the graph

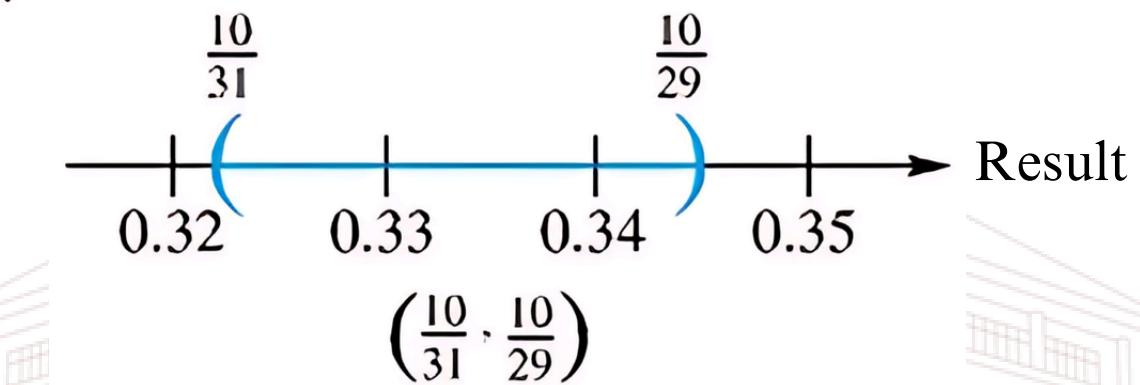
SOLUTION

$$2.9x < 1 < 3.1x$$

$$x < \frac{1}{2.9} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{3.1} < x$$

$$\frac{1}{3.1} < x < \frac{1}{2.9}$$

$$\frac{10}{31} < x < \frac{10}{29}$$



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Inequalities (Time to participation)

express the solution set of the given inequality in interval notation and sketch its graph.

$$\frac{1}{3x - 2} \leq 4$$

1

$$\frac{3}{x + 5} > 2$$

2

$$4x^2 - 5x - 6 < 0$$

3

$$2x^2 + 5x - 3 > 0$$

4

$$5x - 3 > 6x - 4$$

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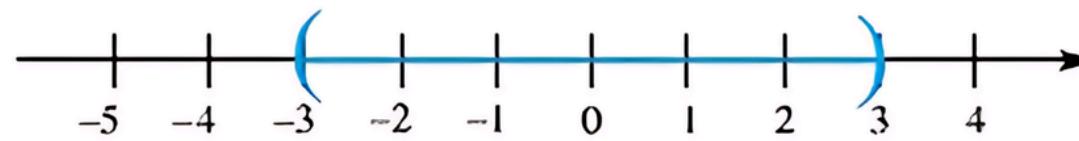
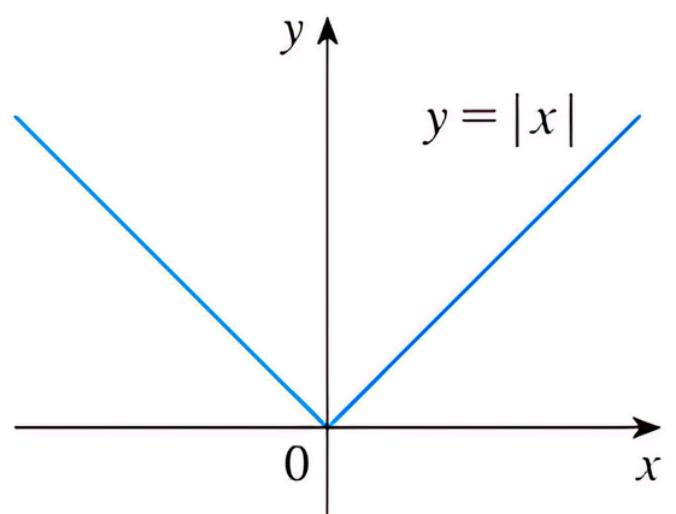
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The **absolute value** of a real number x , denoted by $|x|$, is defined by

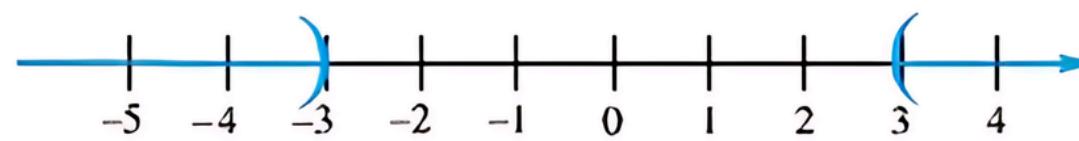
$$|x| = x \quad \text{if } x \geq 0$$

$$|x| = -x \quad \text{if } x < 0$$

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



$$|x| < 3$$



$$|x| > 3$$

Properties of Absolute Values

$$1. |ab| = |a||b|$$

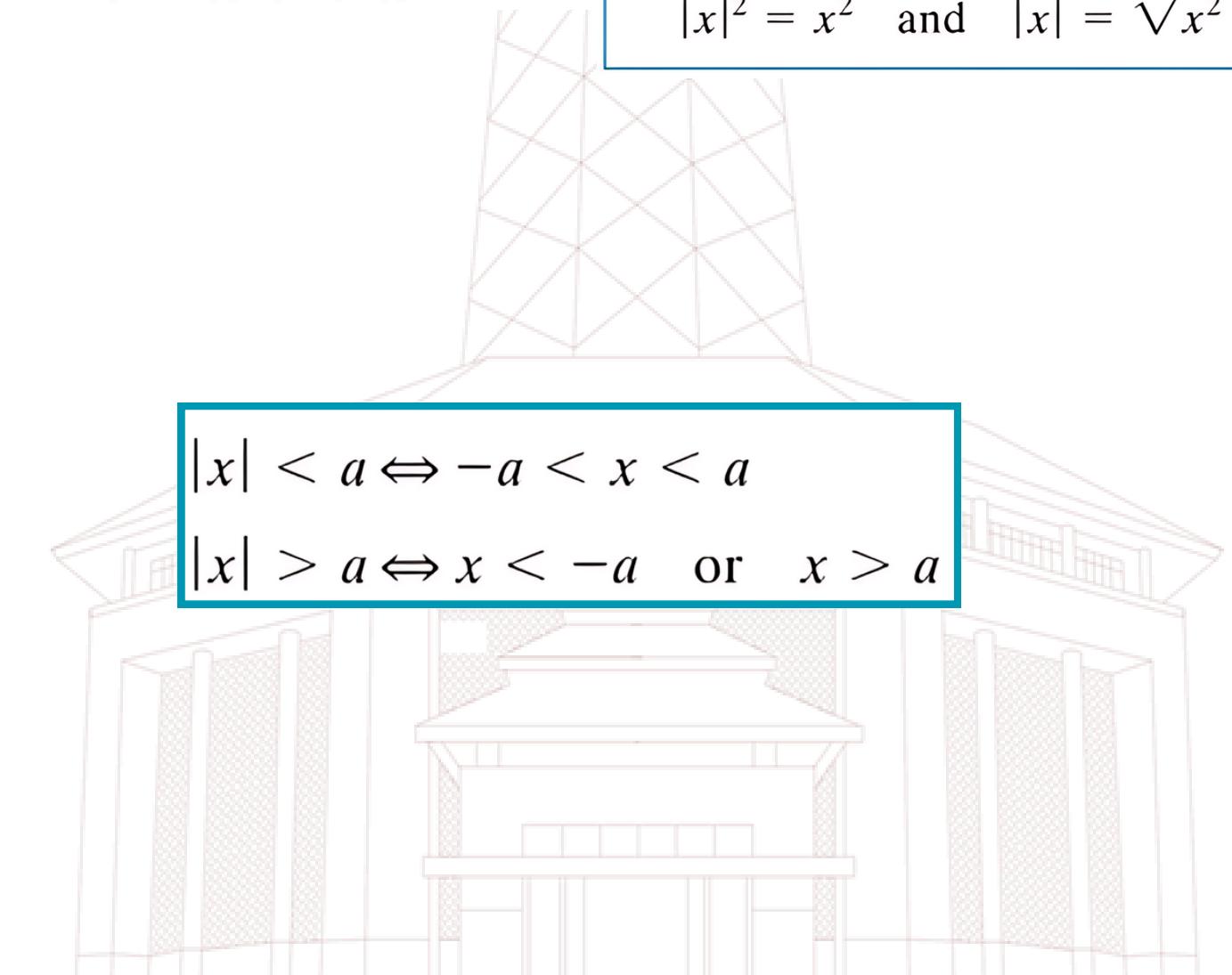
$$3. |a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$$

$$4. |a - b| \geq ||a| - |b||$$

$$2. \left| \frac{a}{b} \right| = \frac{|a|}{|b|}$$

$$|x| < |y| \Leftrightarrow x^2 < y^2$$

$$|x|^2 = x^2 \quad \text{and} \quad |x| = \sqrt{x^2}$$



$$|x| < a \Leftrightarrow -a < x < a$$

$$|x| > a \Leftrightarrow x < -a \quad \text{or} \quad x > a$$

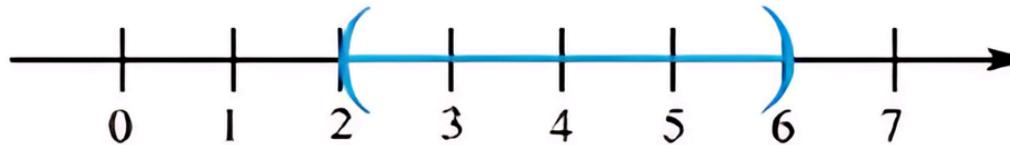
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EXAMPLE 8 Solve the inequality $|x - 4| < 2$

SOLUTION

$$|x - 4| < 2 \Leftrightarrow -2 < x - 4 < 2$$

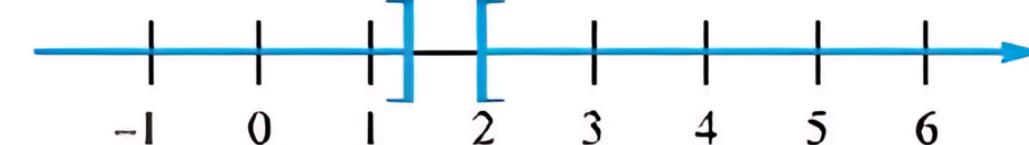


$$|x - 4| < 2$$

EXAMPLE 9 Solve the inequality $|3x - 5| \geq 1$

SOLUTION

$$\begin{aligned} 3x - 5 &\leq -1 & \text{or} & \quad 3x - 5 \geq 1 \\ 3x &\leq 4 & \text{or} & \quad 3x \geq 6 \\ x &\leq \frac{4}{3} & \text{or} & \quad x \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$



$$\left(-\infty, \frac{4}{3}\right] \cup [2, \infty)$$

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EXAMPLE 10 Solve $x^2 - 2x - 4 \leq 0$.

the quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ are given by

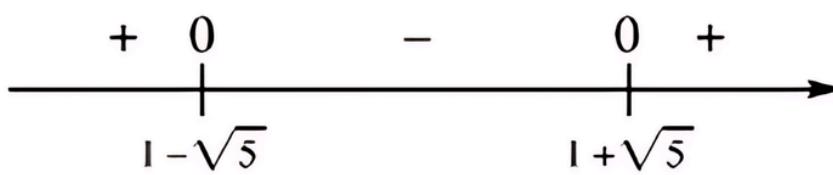
$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

SOLUTION

The two solutions of $x^2 - 2x - 4 = 0$ are

$$x_1 = \frac{-(-2) - \sqrt{4 + 16}}{2} = 1 - \sqrt{5} \approx -1.24$$

$$x_2 = \frac{-(-2) + \sqrt{4 + 16}}{2} = 1 + \sqrt{5} \approx 3.24$$



EXAMPLE 11 Solve the inequality $|3x + 1| < 2|x - 6|$.

SOLUTION

$$|x| < |y| \Leftrightarrow x^2 < y^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} |3x + 1| < 2|x - 6| &\Leftrightarrow |3x + 1| < |2x - 12| \\ &\Leftrightarrow (3x + 1)^2 < (2x - 12)^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 9x^2 + 6x + 1 < 4x^2 - 48x + 144 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 5x^2 + 54x - 143 < 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x + 13)(5x - 11) < 0 \end{aligned}$$

The split points for this quadratic inequality are -13 and $\frac{11}{5}$; they divide the real line into the three intervals: $(-\infty, -13)$, $(-13, \frac{11}{5})$, and $(\frac{11}{5}, \infty)$. When we use the test points -14 , 0 , and 3 , we discover that only the points in $(-13, \frac{11}{5})$ satisfy the inequality.

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Absolute Values (Time to participation)

express the solution set of the given inequality in interval notation and sketch its graph.

$$\left| \frac{2x}{7} - 5 \right| \geq 7$$

1

$$\left| \frac{x}{4} + 1 \right| < 1$$

2

$$3x^2 + 17x - 6 > 0$$

3

$$|2x - 1| \geq |x + 1|$$

4

$$2|2x - 3| < |x + 10|$$

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