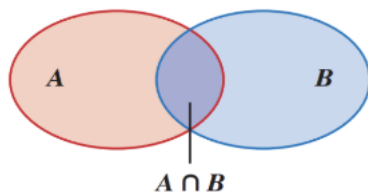


# Math-I 110 4.2 Intersections, Unions and Compound Inequalities

## Intersection of Sets and Conjunctions of Sentences

The intersection of sets A and B is the set of all elements that are common to both A and B. We denote the intersection of sets A and B as  $A \cap B$ .

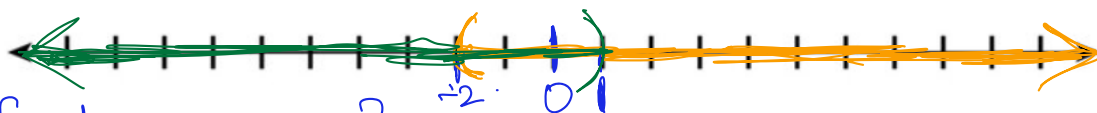


**Example:** Find the intersection of  $\{1,2,3,4,5\} \cap \{-2,-1,0,1,2,3\}$

$$= \{1, 2, 3\}$$

**Example:** Graph and write set-builder notation and interval notation for the conjunction

$$\begin{array}{c} -2 < x \text{ and } x < 1 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ (-2, \infty) \quad (-\infty, 1) \end{array}$$



Set builder:  $\{x \mid -2 < x < 1\}$

Interval Notation:  $(-2, 1)$

**Example:** Graph and write set-builder notation and interval notation for the conjunction

$$\begin{array}{c} -1 \leq 2x + 5 < 13 \\ 2x + 5 \geq -1 \quad \text{and} \quad 2x + 5 < 13 \Rightarrow 2x < 8 \\ \Rightarrow 2x \geq -6 \quad \quad \quad \Rightarrow x < 4 \\ \Rightarrow x \geq -3 \end{array}$$

A number line graph for the conjunction  $-1 \leq 2x + 5 < 13$ . The number line is marked with -3 and 4. A closed circle is placed at -3 and an open circle is placed at 4. The region between them is shaded orange.

Set builder:  $\{x \mid -3 \leq x < 4\}$

Interval Notation:  $[-3, 4)$

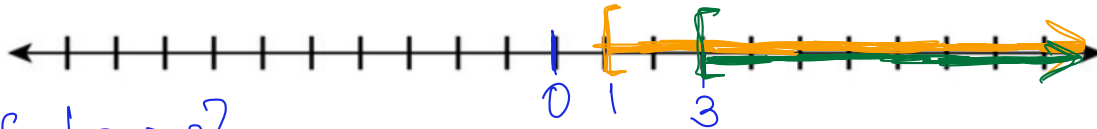
**Example:** Solve and graph  $2x - 5 \geq -3$  and  $5x + 2 \geq 17$ . Write the answer using both ser-builder notation and interval notation.

$$2x - 5 \geq -3$$

$$x \geq 1$$

$$5x + 2 \geq 17$$

$$x \geq 3$$



Set builder:  $\{x \mid x \geq 3\}$

Interval Notation:  $[3, \infty)$

**Example:** Solve and graph  $2x - 3 > 1$  and  $3x - 1 < 2$ . Write the answer using bother ser-builder notation and interval notation.

$$2x - 1 > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x > 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x > 1$$

$$2x - 3 > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x > 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x > 2$$

$$3x - 1 < 2$$

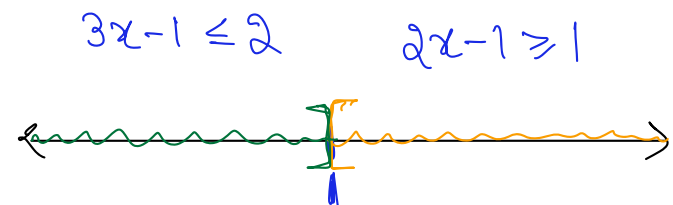
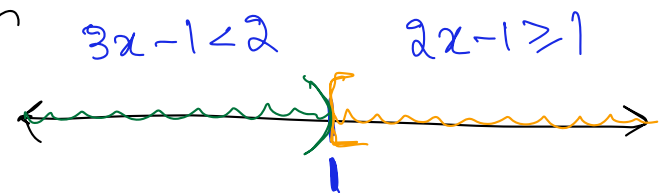
$$\Rightarrow 3x < 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x < 1$$



Set builder: Empty set

Interval Notation: No solutions  
No such interval.



$$\{x \mid x = 1\}$$

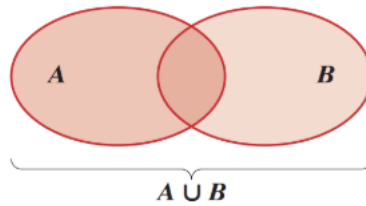
$$[1, 1] = \{1\}$$

## Unions of sets and disjunctions of Sentences

OR

Either A OR B

The union of sets A and B is the collection of elements belonging to A or B. This includes the elements belonging to A and B. We denote the union of A and B by  $A \cup B$ .

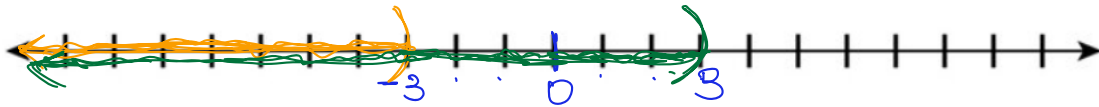


$$\begin{array}{c} x \geq 2 \\ \uparrow \\ [x > 2 \text{ or } x = 2] \end{array}$$

**Example:** Find the union:  $\{2,3,4\} \cup \{3,5,7\}$

$$\{2, 3, 4, 5, 7\}$$

**Example:** Graph and write set-builder notation and interval notation for the disjunction  $x < -3$  or  $x < 3$



Set builder:  $\{x \mid x < 3\}$

Interval Notation:  $(-\infty, 3)$

**Example:** Graph and write set-builder notation and interval notation for the disjunction

$$\begin{array}{l} 7 + 3x < 3 \text{ or } 13 - 5x \leq 3 \\ \begin{array}{l} 3x < 3 - 7 \\ \Rightarrow x < -\frac{4}{3} = -1.33 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} -5x \leq 3 - 13 \\ \Rightarrow -5x \leq -10 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{-5x}{-5} \geq \frac{-10}{-5} \Rightarrow x \geq 2 \end{array} \end{array}$$

Set builder:  $\{x \mid x < -\frac{4}{3} \text{ or } x \geq 2\}$

Interval Notation:

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

**Example:** Graph and write set-builder notation and interval notation for the disjunction

$$3x - 11 < 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x < 15$$

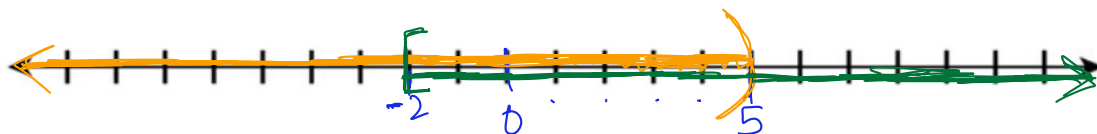
$$\Rightarrow x < 5$$

$$3x - 11 < 4 \text{ or } 4x + 9 \geq 1$$

$$4x + 9 \geq 1$$

$$4x \geq -8$$

$$x \geq -2$$



Set builder:

$$\{x \mid x \text{ is a real number}\}$$

Interval Notation:

$$(-\infty, \infty)$$

## Interval Notation and Domains

Find the domain of  $f(x)$ . Use interval notation.

a)  $f(x) = \sqrt{7-x}$

$$7-x \geq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad -x \geq -7$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-x}{-1} \leq \frac{-7}{-1} \quad \Rightarrow \quad x \leq 7$$

$$\text{Domain} = (-\infty, 7]$$

b)  $f(x) = \sqrt{2x+7}$

$$2x+7 \geq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2x \geq -7 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x \geq \frac{-7}{2}$$

$$\text{Domain} = \left[\frac{-7}{2}, \infty\right)$$