

# M 137 - Assignment 1

Q1)  $|x+1| + 2|x-1| < b$

Case 1:  $x < -1$  (1)

$$|x+1| + 2|x-1| < b$$

$$\Rightarrow -(x+1) + 2(-x-1) < b$$

$$\Rightarrow -x-1-2x-2 < b$$

$$\Rightarrow -3x-3 < b$$

Sub  $x < -1$  in (from (1))

$$-3x-3 < -3(-1)-3 < b$$

$$\Rightarrow 3-3 < b$$

$$\therefore 0 < b$$

Case 2:  $-1 \leq x < 1$  (2)

$$|x+1| + 2|x-1| < b$$

$$\Rightarrow x+1 + 2(-x-1) < b$$

$$\Rightarrow x+1-2x-2 < b$$

$$\Rightarrow -x-1 < b$$

Sub  $x < 1$  in (from (2))

$$-x-1 < -1+3 < b$$

$$\Rightarrow -1+3 < b$$

$$\therefore 2 < b$$

Case 3:  $x \geq 1$  (3)

$$|x+1| + 2|x-1| < b$$

$$\Rightarrow x+1 + 2(x-1) < b$$

$$\Rightarrow x+1+2x-2 < b$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x-1 < b$$

Sub  $x \geq 1$  in (from (3))

$$3(1)-1 \leq 3x-1 < b$$

$$\Rightarrow 3-1 < b$$

$$\therefore 2 < b$$

$\Rightarrow b$  must be greater than two for the inequality to have a solution. If  $b$  is less than or equal to two, the inequality will have no solutions.

$\therefore$  if  $b \in (-\infty, 2]$ , the inequality will have no solutions.