

TAKE HOME EXAM SOLUTIONS

CHAPTER 1

1) a) Simplify

$$\begin{aligned} & 8r - 3s - 5r \\ & = \boxed{3r - 3s} \end{aligned}$$

b) $8r - (3s - 5r)$ distribute

$$\begin{aligned} & 8r - 3s + 5r \\ & = \boxed{13r - 3s} \end{aligned}$$

2) a) $2x(x-1) - x^2$ for $x = -2$

Simplify expression $2x^2 - 2x - x^2 = x^2 - 2x$

then substitute

$$= (-2)^2 - 2(-2)$$

$$= 4 + 4 = \boxed{8}$$

b) $\frac{5}{3}(3x-6) - (6-4x)$ for $x=5$

simplify $5x - 10 - 6 + 4x = 9x - 16$

then substitute $9 \cdot 5 - 16 = 45 - 16 = \boxed{29}$

3) sometimes, always or never true

$$a) \underline{1} + 5x - \underline{6} = \underline{6x} - 5 - \underline{x}$$

$$5x - \cancel{6} = 5x - \cancel{5}$$

$$\cancel{5x} = \cancel{5x}$$

$$0 = 0$$

since all terms cancel out
the equation is always true

$$b) -x + 2(5x - 1) = 2(3x + 4) + x$$

$$-x + 10x - 2 = 6x + 8 + x$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 9x - 2 \\ -7x \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 7x + 8 \\ -7x \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x - 2 \\ +2 \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 8 \\ +2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x \\ 2 \end{array} = \frac{10}{2}$$

$$\boxed{x = 5}$$

Since there is only one answer (value for x) this equation is sometimes true (only when $x = 5$)

4) Solve the inequality. Graph solution.

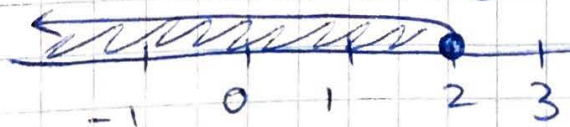
a) $8 + 4k \leq 16$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ -8 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} -8 \\ -8 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4k \\ 4 \end{array} \leq \begin{array}{r} 8 \\ 4 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{k \leq 2}$$

Full circle



interval notation:

$$(-\infty, 2]$$

b) $5(2b + 2) < 2 + 12b$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10b + 10 \\ -12b \end{array} < \begin{array}{r} 2 + 12b \\ -12b \end{array}$$

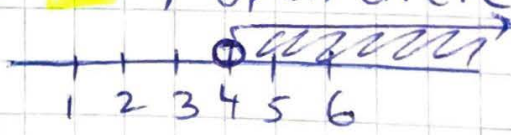
in inequalities

$$\begin{array}{r} -2b + 10 \\ -10 \end{array} < \begin{array}{r} 2 \\ -10 \end{array}$$

when dividing by a negative number switch the inequality symbol

$$\begin{array}{r} -2b \\ -2 \end{array} < \begin{array}{r} -8 \\ -2 \end{array}$$

$$b > 4 \text{ open circle}$$

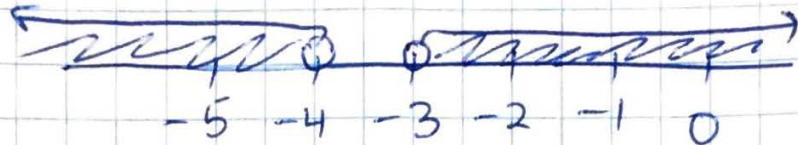


int. notation $(4, \infty)$

$$5) a) 10x - 3 < 43 \quad \underline{\text{or}} \quad 7x + 11 > -10$$

$$\frac{10x}{10} < \frac{-40}{10} \quad \underline{\text{or}} \quad \frac{7x}{7} > \frac{-21}{7}$$

$$x < -4 \quad \underline{\text{or}} \quad x > -3$$



The word OR means to "combine" solution:

interval notation: $(-\infty, -4) \cup (-3, \infty)$

$$b) -8 \leq 2x - 4 < 6$$

⊕ this is the same as

$$-8 \leq 2x - 4 \quad \underline{\text{and}} \quad 2x - 4 < 6$$

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

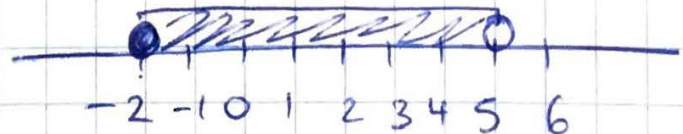
$$-2 \leq x$$

$$x \geq -2$$

Full circle

$$\frac{2x}{2} < \frac{10}{2}$$

$x < 5$ open circle



int. not: $[-2, 5)$

In inequalities
solutions always
have variable
on the left

$$6) a) |2x+5|=9$$

the "inside" of an absolute value can be either positive or negative

$$2x+5=9$$

-5 -5

or

$$2x+5=-9$$

-5 -5

$$2x = 4$$

$$x = 2$$

$$2x = -14$$

$$x = -7$$

$$b) \frac{1}{3} |3x-6| - 2 = 5$$

ISOLATE the absolute value FIRST!!!

$$\frac{1}{3} |3x-6| = 7$$

$$|3x-6| = 21$$

once isolated create two equations

$$3x-6=21$$

+6 +6

$$3x = 27$$

$$x = 9$$

$$3x-6=-21$$

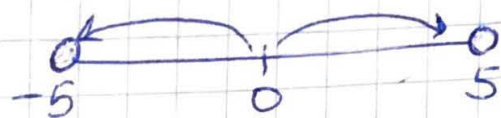
+6 +6

$$3x = -15$$

$$x = -5$$

7) a) "distance from 0 is less than 5"

$$|4x + 3| < 5$$



$$4x + 3 < 5$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -3 \\ -3 \end{array}$$

and

$$4x + 3 > -5$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -3 \\ -3 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{4x}{4} < \frac{2}{4}$$

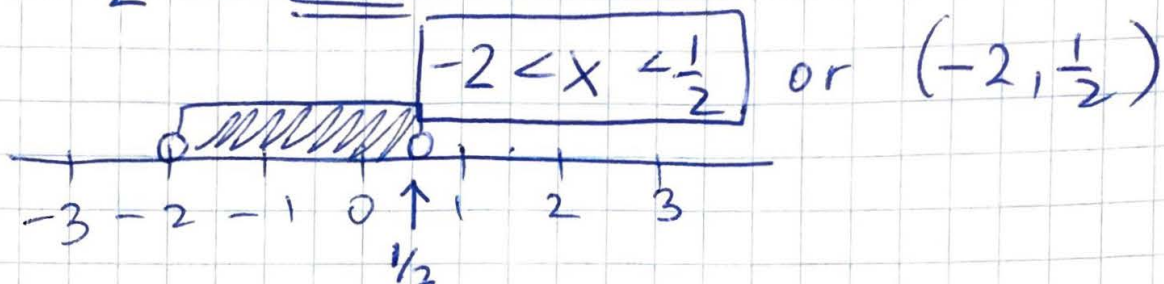
and

$$\frac{4x}{4} > \frac{-8}{4}$$

$$x < \frac{1}{2}$$

and

$$x > -2$$



b)

$$|2x + 6| \geq 10$$

"distance from 0 is greater than 10"

$$2x + 6 \geq 10$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -6 \\ -6 \end{array}$$

or

$$2x + 6 \leq -10$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -6 \\ -6 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} \geq \frac{4}{2}$$

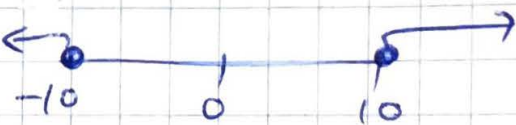
or

$$\frac{2x}{2} \leq \frac{-16}{2}$$

$$x \geq 2$$

or

$$x \leq -8$$



Int. notation

$$(-\infty, -8] \cup [2, \infty)$$