

# INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA

GPS # 12

3.3 LINEAR INEQUALITIES

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## Useful Guidelines:

To solve for a linear inequality:

Step 1: Simplify each side by using the distributive property to clear parentheses as needed.

Step 2: Gather all terms with variables on one side of the inequality and all numbers on the other side.

Step 3: Solve for that variable until the coefficient of the variable is one.

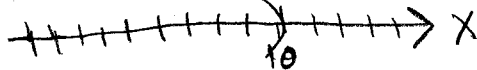
**Note:** Remember to reverse the direction of the inequality symbol when you need to multiply or divide each side of an inequality by a negative number.

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Solve the following linear inequalities and graph the solution sets:

1. a)  $2x + 30 < 50$

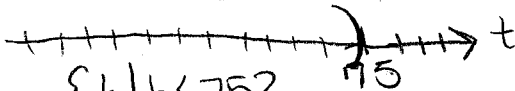
$$\begin{aligned} & \quad \quad \quad -30 \quad -30 \\ & \underline{2x < 20} \\ & \quad \quad \quad \underline{2} \quad \underline{2} \\ & \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{x < 10} \end{aligned}$$



Solution set:  $\{x \mid x < 10\}$

2. a)  $3t < 150 + t$  *Such that*

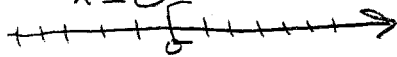
$$\begin{aligned} & \quad \quad \quad -t \quad -t \\ & \underline{2t < 150} \\ & \quad \quad \quad \underline{2} \quad \underline{2} \\ & \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{t < 75} \end{aligned}$$



$\{t \mid t < 75\}$

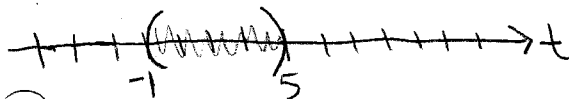
3. a)  $9 - x \geq -4(x - 2) + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} & 9 - x \geq -4x + 8 + 1 \\ & 9 - x \geq -4x + 9 \\ & \quad \quad \quad +x \quad \quad \quad +x \\ & 9 \geq -3x + 9 \\ & \quad \quad \quad -9 \quad \quad \quad -9 \\ & \underline{0 \geq -3x} \\ & \quad \quad \quad \underline{-3} \quad \underline{-3} \\ & \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{0 \leq x} \\ & \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{x \geq 0} \end{aligned}$$



4. a)  $3 < t + 4 < 9$

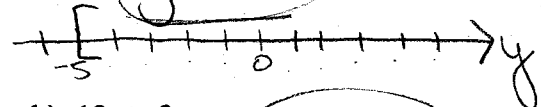
$$\begin{aligned} & \quad \quad \quad -4 \quad -4 \quad -4 \\ & \underline{-1 < t < 5} \end{aligned}$$



Sol. set  $\{t \mid -1 < t < 5\}$

b)  $15 + 3y \geq y + 5$

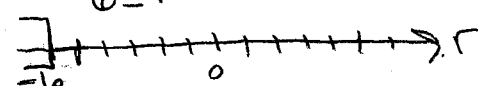
$$\begin{aligned} & \quad \quad \quad -y \quad -y \\ & \underline{15 + 2y \geq 5} \\ & \quad \quad \quad -15 \quad -15 \\ & \underline{2y \geq -10} \\ & \quad \quad \quad \underline{2} \quad \underline{2} \\ & \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{y \geq -5} \end{aligned}$$



Solution set:  
 $\{y \mid y \geq -5\}$   
*Such that*

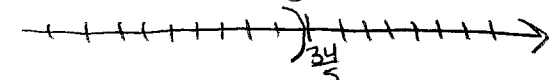
b)  $12 \leq -2r$

$$\begin{aligned} & \quad \quad \quad \underline{-2} \quad \underline{-2} \\ & \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{r \leq -6} \\ & \quad \quad \quad -6 \geq r \\ & \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{\{r \mid r \leq -6\}} \end{aligned}$$



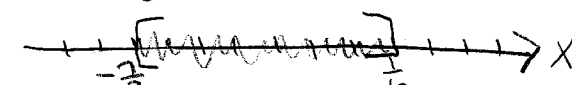
b)  $\frac{3}{4}(m+4) > -2(3-m) + \frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} & 4 \left( \frac{3}{4}m + 3 \right) > (-6 + 2m + \frac{1}{2}) \cdot 4 \\ & 3m + 12 > -24 + 8m + 2 \\ & 12 > -24 + 5m + 2 \\ & 34 > 5m \\ & \quad \quad \quad \underline{5} \quad \underline{5} \\ & \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{m < \frac{34}{5}} \end{aligned}$$



b)  $-3 \leq -6x - 2 \leq 12$

$$\begin{aligned} & \quad \quad \quad -2 \quad \quad \quad +2 \quad \quad \quad +2 \\ & \underline{-1 \leq -6x \leq 14} \\ & \quad \quad \quad \underline{-6} \quad \underline{-6} \quad \underline{-6} \\ & \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{\frac{1}{6} \geq x \geq -\frac{7}{3}} \end{aligned}$$



Sol. set  $\{x \mid \frac{1}{6} \geq x \geq -\frac{7}{3}\}$