

# INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA

GPS # 13

3.4 COMPOUND INEQUALITIES

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## Useful Definitions:

Intersection of  $A$  and  $B$ :  $A \cap B = \{x | x \text{ is an element of } A \text{ and } x \text{ is an element of } B\}$

Union of  $A$  and  $B$ :  $A \cup B = \{x | x \text{ is an element of } A \text{ or } x \text{ is an element of } B\}$

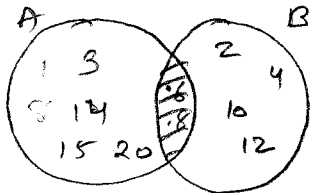
Compound Inequality: Two inequalities connected by and or or.

*no  
graph  
A/B!*

1. Let  $A = \{1, 3, 6, 8, 14, 15, 20\}$  and  $B = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12\}$

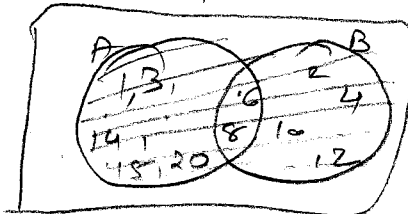
*intersect, and*

a)  $A \cap B = \{6, 8\}$



*union  
A (or) B*

b)  $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 20\}$

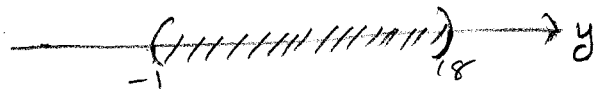


For each of the following compound inequalities, decide whether intersection or union should be used. Then give the solution set in both interval notation and graph form.

2. a)  $y - 3 < 15$  and  $y + 2 > 1$

$y < 15 + 3 \cap y > 1 - 2$

$y < 18 \cap y > -1$



Sol. set  $\{y | -1 < y < 18\}$

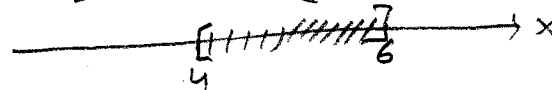
interval notation  $(-1, 18)$

b)  $-x + 6 \leq 2$  and  $4 + x \leq 10$

$-x \leq 2 - 6 \cap x \leq 10 - 4$

$-x \leq -4 \cap x \leq 6$

$x \geq 4 \cap x \leq 6$



Sol. set  $\{x | 4 \leq x \leq 6\}$

interval notation  $[4, 6]$

3. a)  $-2x \leq -4$  or  $-10x \geq 0$

$x \geq \frac{-4}{-2} \cup x \leq 0$

$x \geq 2 \cup x \leq 0$

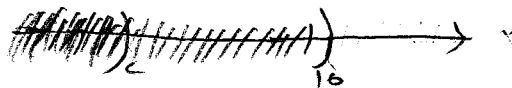


Sol. set  $\{x | x \geq 2 \text{ or } x \leq 0\}$

Int. not.  $(-\infty, 0] \cup [2, \infty)$

b)  $x < 2$  or  $x < 10$

$x < 2 \cup x < 10$



Sol. set  $\{x | x < 2 \text{ or } x < 10\}$

*or*  
Sol. set  $\{x | x < 10\}$

Int. not.  $(-\infty, 2) \cup (-\infty, 10)$

Int. not.  $(-\infty, 10)$