

INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA

GPS # 16

4.3 SYSTEMS OF LINEAR INEQUALITIES

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Useful Guidelines:

To graph a Linear Inequality:

1. Graph the line (make the line solid if the inequalities involves \leq or \geq , or make the line dash if inequalities involves $<$ or $>$).
2. Pick a point not on the line as a test point and substitute the coordinates in the inequality.
3. Shade the side of the line that includes the test point if the test point satisfies the original inequality; otherwise, shade the region on the other side of the boundary line.

*By hand
No 2/6!*

1. Graph each linear inequality in two variables. Label all the points.

a) $x + 2y \leq 6$

Let $x + 2y = 6 \Rightarrow 2y = -x + 6$ (line going down passing $(0,3)$)
 $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 3$
 Put test point $(0,0)$ plug in Eqn
 $0 + 0 \leq 6$
 $0 < 6$
 Line is your equation = equal sign.

b) $-y + 2x > 4$ Let $-y + 2x = 4$

$-y = 4 - 2x$ $y = 2x - 4$

$0 + 0 > 4$ - Not true
 So next!

2. Graph each compound inequality. Label all the points.

a) $3x - 2y \leq 5$ and $y > 1$

Let $3x - 2y = 5$ (steep line going up)
 $3x - 5 = 2y$

Put $(0,0)$ $0 \leq 5$

b) $-y + x \geq 4$ and $x \geq 3$ Let

Let $-y + x = 4$ \cap $x = 3$
 $-y = -x + 4$
 $y = x - 4$
 steep line going up passing $(0,-4)$

Put $0 \geq 4$ Not true

3. Graph each compound inequality. Label all the points.

a) $x + y \leq 5$ or $y \geq 4$ \cup Let $y = 4$

Let $y = -x + 5$
 line going down passing $(0,5)$

Put $(0,0)$ $0 \leq 5$

b) $x + 2 < y$ or $x > 7$

Let $x + 2 = y$ \cup $x > 7$

Put $(0,0)$ $0 < 2$

everywhere shaded