COLLEGE ALGEBRA

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GPS # 23 **2.8 ADDITIONAL EQUATIONS AND INEQUALITIES**

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Useful Guidelines:

* To solve absolute value equations and inequalities:

1) $|ax+b|=k$: solve the compound equation $ax+b=k$ or $ax+b=-k$

2) $|ax+b|>k$: solve the compound inequality $ax+b>k$ or $ax+b<-k$

3) $|ax+b|<k$: solve the compound inequality $-k<ax+b<k$

− = right

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Solve the following absolute value equations and inequalities. Give the solution set in set notation for equations and in interval notation for inequalities. Graph the solution set.

1. a) $|4x+2|=18$

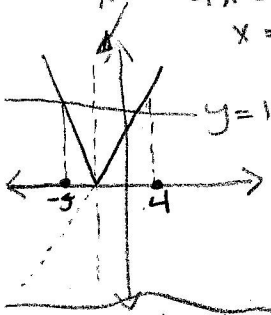
$4|x+2=18$ or $4|x+2=-18$

$-2\ -2$ $-2\ -2$

$4x=16$ $\frac{4x}{4}=\frac{-20}{4}$

$x=4$ or $x=-5$

$x+2=0$, $x=-2$, $4x=-2$, $x=-\frac{1}{2}$



Sol set: $\{x|x=-5 \text{ or } x=4\}$

b) $|3x+3|+6=15$

$-6\ -6$

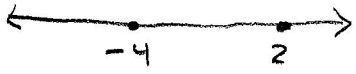
$|3x+3|=9$

$3x+3=9$ or $3x+3=-9$

$-3\ -3$ $-3\ -3$

$\frac{3x}{3}=\frac{6}{3}$ $\frac{3x}{3}=\frac{-12}{3}$

$x=2$ $x=-4$



solution set: $\{x|x=-4 \text{ or } x=2\}$

2. a) $|x+1|>6$

$x+1>6$ or $x+1<-6$

$-1\ -1$ $-1\ -1$

$x>5$ or $x<-7$

Solution set: $\{x|x>5 \text{ or } x<-7\}$

Interval notation: $(-\infty,-7)\cup(5,\infty)$

b) $|3-y|+3\geq 6$

$-3\ -3$

$|3-y|\geq 3$

$3-y\geq 3$ or $3-y\leq -3$

$-3\ -3$ $-3\ -3$

$\frac{-y}{-1}\geq\frac{0}{-1}$ $\frac{-y}{-1}\leq\frac{-6}{-1}$

$y\leq 0$ $y\geq 6$

Interval notation: $(-\infty,0]\cup[6,\infty)$

Solution set: $\{y|y\leq 0 \text{ or } y\geq 6\}$

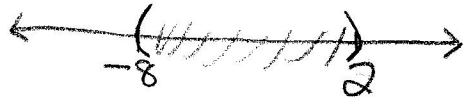
3. a) $|2x+6|<10$

$2x+6<10$ and $2x+6>-10$

$-6\ -6$ $-6\ -6$

$\frac{2x}{2}<\frac{4}{2}$ $\frac{2x}{2}>\frac{-16}{2}$

$x<2$ and $x>-8$



Solution set: $\{x|x<2 \text{ and } x>-8\}$

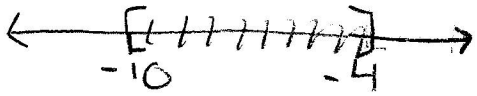
Interval notation: $(-8,2)$

b) $|x+7|\leq 3$

$x+7\leq 3$ and $x+7\geq -3$

$-7\ -7$ $-7\ -7$

$x\leq -4$ $x\geq -10$



Solution set: $\{x|x\leq -4 \text{ and } x\geq -10\}$

Interval notation: $(-10,-4)$