

Lesson 1.7 – Radical Equations & Linear Inequalities (Pages 432-455 in Math 9/10 Textbook)

I. Solve Radical Equations

1. Solve for the only possible solution. Check if your solution is valid or extraneous.

$$\sqrt{3x + 9} = 6$$

$$3x + 9 = 36$$

$$3x = 27$$

$$x = 9$$

$$\text{Test: } x = 9$$

$$\sqrt{3(9) + 9} = 6$$

$$\sqrt{36} = 6$$

2. Solve for the only possible solution. Check if your solution is valid or extraneous.

$$\sqrt{-5x - 1} = \sqrt{8x + 5}$$

$$-5x - 1 = 8x + 5$$

$$-13x = 6$$

$$x = -6/13$$

$$\text{Test: } x = -6/13$$

$$\sqrt{-5\left(-\frac{6}{13}\right) - 1} = \sqrt{8\left(-\frac{6}{13}\right) + 5}$$

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{30}{13}\right) - \frac{13}{13}} = \sqrt{\left(-\frac{48}{13}\right) + \frac{65}{13}} = \frac{17}{13}$$

3. Solve for the only possible solution. Check if your solution is valid or extraneous.

$$\sqrt{10 - x} + x = -2$$

$$10 - x = (-x - 2)^2$$

$$10 - x = x^2 + 4x + 4$$

$$x^2 + 5x - 6 = 0$$

$$(x + 6)(x - 1) = 0$$

$$x = -6, x = 1$$

$$\text{Test } x = -6$$

$$\sqrt{10 + 6} - 6 = -2$$

$$\text{Test } x = 1$$

$$\sqrt{10 - 1} + 1 = -2$$

4. Solve the following equation: Check if your solution is valid or extraneous.

$$x + \sqrt{2x + 1} = 7$$

$$\sqrt{2x + 1} = 7 - x$$

$$2x + 1 = (7 - x)^2$$

$$2x + 1 = 49 - 14x + x^2$$

$$0 = 48 - 16x + x^2$$

$$0 = (x - 12)(x - 4)$$

$$x = 12, x = 4$$

$$\text{Test: } x = 12$$

$$\sqrt{2(12) + 1} = 7 - (12)$$

$$\text{Test: } x = 4$$

$$\sqrt{2(4) + 1} = 7 - (4)$$

5. Solve the following equation. Check if your solution is valid or extraneous.

$$x - 3\sqrt{x} - 10 = 0$$

$$(\sqrt{x} - 5)(\sqrt{x} + 2) = 0$$

$$\sqrt{x} = 5, \quad , x = 25 \quad \sqrt{x} = -2$$

How to Solve Radical Equations

6. Solve the following equation. Check if your solution is valid or extraneous.

$$\sqrt{11 - x^2} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{11 - x^2}} = 1$$

$$u - \frac{2}{u} = 1$$

$$u^2 - 2 = u$$

$$u^2 - u - 2 = 0$$

$$(u - 2)(u + 1) = 0$$

$$u = 2, u = -1$$

$$\sqrt{11 - x^2} = 2, \sqrt{11 - x^2} = -1$$

$$11 - x^2 = 4$$

$$x^2 = 7$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{7}$$

7. Solve the following equation. Check if your solution is valid or extraneous.

$$(x - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(x - 8) + (x - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

$$\frac{(x - 8)}{(x - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}} + (x - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

$$(x - 8) + (x - 1)^1 = 0$$

$$2x - 9 = 0$$

$$x = 9/2$$

II. Linear Inequalities

8. Solve the following inequality.

$$3x + 10 \leq 6x + 12$$

$$-3x \leq 2$$

$$x \geq -\frac{2}{3}$$

9. Solve the following inequality.

$$-2(n - 7) > 17$$

$$n - 7 < \frac{-17}{2}$$

$$n < \frac{14}{2} + \frac{17}{2}$$

$$n < \frac{33}{2}$$

Rules for Solving Linear Inequalities

Linear inequalities work just like linear equations but with $<$ or $>$ instead of an $=$.

If we **add or subtract** the same number to both sides, the inequality is *maintained*.

If $5 > 3$, then $5 + 2 > 3 + 2$

If we **multiply or divide** by a **positive** number to both sides, the inequality is *maintained*.

If $5 > 3$, then $5 \times 2 > 3 \times 2$

If we **multiply or divide** by a **positive** number to both sides, the inequality is *maintained*.

If $5 > 3$, then $5 \times -2 < 3 \times -2$

10. Solve for x and graph the solution.

$$3x - 4 \leq 2$$

$$3x \leq 6$$

$$x \leq 2$$

11. Solve for x and graph the solution.

$$3 - 2x < 7$$

$$-2x < 4$$

$$x > -2$$

12. Solve for x and graph the solution.

$$3 - 5x \geq 2x + 7$$

$$3 - 7x \geq 7$$

$$-7x \geq 4$$

$$x \leq \frac{-4}{7}$$

13. Solve for x and graph the solution.

$$4 + 6x < 3x + 2$$

$$2 < -3x$$

$$-3x > 2$$

$$x < \frac{-2}{3}$$

14. Solve for x and graph the solution.

$$3x + 9 \leq 6x + 17$$

$$-3x \leq 8$$

$$x \geq \frac{-8}{3}$$

15. Solve the following inequality. Write the answer in bracket interval notation.

$$22 \leq \frac{2}{9}(x - 32) \leq 42$$

$$99 \leq x - 32 \leq 189$$

$$131 \leq x \leq 221$$

$$[131, 221]$$

16. Solve the following inequality. Write the answer in bracket interval notation.

$$-6x - 2 \leq -2(-4x - 2) + 6$$

$$-6x - 2 \leq 8x + 4 + 6$$

$$-6x - 2 \leq 8x + 10$$

$$-14x \leq +12$$

$$x \geq \frac{-6}{7}$$

$$\left[-\frac{6}{7}, \infty\right)$$

Reviewing Interval Notation (Lesson 0.4)

Draw a number line graph to display the following domains:

(a) $\{x \mid -2 \leq x < 3\}$

(b) $\{x \mid x < 2 \text{ or } x \geq 7\}$

(c) $\{x \mid x < 0 \text{ or } 1 \leq x < 4\}$

Introducing new notation:

Let $[a, b]$ denote an **open interval** between a and b : $\{x \mid a \leq x \leq b\}$

Let (a, b) denote a **closed interval** between a and b : $\{x \mid a < x < b\}$

Let $(a, b]$ or $[a, b)$ denote a **clopen interval** between a and b : $\{x \mid a \leq x < b\}$ or $\{x \mid a < x \leq b\}$.

III. Absolute Value Equations & Inequalities

17. Solve the following equation for x .

$$|x - 19| = 20$$

$$x - 19 = 20 \quad \text{and} \quad -(x - 19) = 20$$

$$x = 39 \quad \text{and} \quad (x - 19) = -20$$

$$x = 39 \quad \text{and} \quad x = -1$$

18. Solve the following equation for x .

$$|3x + 2| = 2$$

$$3x + 2 = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad -(3x + 2) = 2$$

$$3x + 2 = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad 3x + 2 = -2$$

$$3x = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 3x = -4$$

$$x = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x = -4/3$$

19. Solve the following equation for x .

$$|-7x + 10| + 9 = 10$$

$$-7x + 10 + 9 = 10 \quad \text{and} \quad -(-7x + 10) + 9 = 10$$

$$-7x + 10 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad -(-7x + 10) = 1$$

$$-7x + 10 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad -7x + 10 = -1$$

$$-7x = -9 \quad \text{and} \quad -7x = -11$$

$$x = 9/7 \quad \text{and} \quad x = 11/7$$

20. Solve the following equation.

$$|x + 8| = |9x - 9|$$

$$x + 8 = 9x - 9 \quad \text{and} \quad -(x + 8) = 9x - 9$$

$$x + 8 = 9x - 9 \quad \text{and} \quad -x - 8 = 9x - 9$$

$$-8x = -17 \quad \text{and} \quad -10x = -1$$

$$x = \frac{17}{8} \quad \text{and} \quad x = -\frac{1}{10}$$

21. Solve the following equation.

$$|2x + 4| = 5$$

$$2x + 4 = 5 \quad \text{and} \quad -(2x + 4) = 5$$

$$2x + 4 = 5 \quad \text{and} \quad 2x + 4 = -5$$

$$2x = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 2x = -9$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad x = -\frac{9}{2}$$

22. Solve the following equation.

$$|40 - x| = 12$$

$$40 - x = 12 \quad \text{and} \quad -(40 - x) = 12$$

$$40 - x = 12 \quad \text{and} \quad 40 - x = -12$$

$$-x = -28 \quad \text{and} \quad -x = -52$$

$$x = 28 \quad \text{and} \quad x = 52$$

23. Solve the following inequality.

$$|x + 2| \geq 8$$

$$x + 2 \geq 8 \quad \text{and} \quad -(x + 2) \geq 8$$

$$x \geq 6 \quad \text{and} \quad x + 2 \leq -8$$

$$x \geq 6 \quad \text{and} \quad x \leq -10$$

The **modulus** or **absolute value** of a function is the distance of a value from zero.

For example:

$$|-9| = 9 \quad |3| = 3 \quad |-156| = 156$$

Consider the equation:

$|x| = 54$, the possible values of x would be -54 and 54.

24. Solve the following inequality.

$$|x + 5| > 4$$

$$x + 5 > 4 \quad \text{and} \quad -(x + 5) > 4$$

$$x + 5 > 4 \quad \text{and} \quad x + 5 < -4$$

$$x > -1 \quad \text{and} \quad x < -9$$

25. Solve the following inequality.

$$4|x + 4| - 14 < 2$$

$$|x + 4| - 14 < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$|x + 4| < 14 + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$|x + 4| < \frac{29}{2}$$

$$x + 4 < \frac{29}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad -(x + 4) < \frac{29}{2}$$

$$x < \frac{29}{2} - 4 \quad \text{and} \quad (x + 4) > \frac{-29}{2}$$

$$x < \frac{29}{2} - 4 \quad \text{and} \quad x > \frac{-29}{2} - 4$$

$$x < \frac{29}{2} - \frac{8}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad x > \frac{-29}{2} - \frac{8}{2}$$

$$x < \frac{21}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad x > \frac{-37}{2}$$

26. Solve the following inequality.

$$|x + 4| > -8$$

$$x + 4 > -8 \quad \text{and} \quad -(x + 4) > -8$$

$$x + 4 > -8 \quad \text{and} \quad x + 4 > 8$$

$$x > -12 \quad \text{and} \quad x > 4$$

27. Solve the following inequality.

$$|x - 1| < 2$$

$$x - 1 < 2 \quad \text{and} \quad -(x - 1) < 2$$

$$x < 3 \quad \text{and} \quad x - 1 > -2$$

$$x < 3 \quad \text{and} \quad x > -1$$

28. Solve the following inequality.

$$|3x - 1| < -9$$

$$3x - 1 < -9 \quad \text{and} \quad -(3x - 1) < -9$$

$$3x - 1 < -9 \quad \text{and} \quad (3x - 1) > 9$$

$$3x < -8 \quad \text{and} \quad (3x) > 10$$

$$x < -\frac{8}{3} \quad \text{and} \quad x > \frac{10}{3}$$

29. Solve the following inequality.

$$|x - 1| + 7 > 10$$

$$x - 1 < 2 \quad \text{and} \quad -(x - 1) < 2$$

$$x < 3 \quad \text{and} \quad x - 1 > -2$$

$$x < 3 \quad \text{and} \quad x > -1$$

30. Solve the following inequality.

$$\left| \frac{3x + 9}{3} \right| \leq 3$$

$$x + 3 \leq 3 \quad \text{and} \quad -(x + 3) \leq 3$$

$$x + 3 \leq 3 \quad \text{and} \quad x + 3 \leq -3$$

$$x \leq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x \leq -6$$