Math-1050 Session #9 (4.5: Quadratic Inequalities)

Property of Inequality

If you perform the same mathematical operation to the left and right sides of the inequality ($<$, $>$, $\leq$, $\geq$) then the rewritten inequality is equivalent to the original inequality Provided that if you multiply or divide by a negative number you must switch the direction of the inequality. (Here's why:

$$x - 4 > 8$$

$$+4 \quad +4$$

$$x > 12$$

$$5 > 1$$

$$*(-1) \quad *(-1)$$

$$-5 > -1 \quad \text{(not true)}$$

$$-5 < -1 \quad \text{(true)}$$

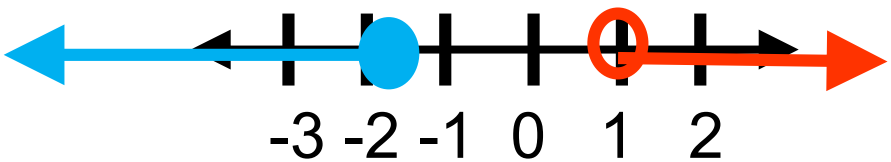
Compound Inequality: the result of combining two simple inequalities with the logical words "and" or "OR".

"OR" type

x ≤ -2 or x > 1

Is -3 a solution ?

Or means: the numbers that satisfy either condition will make the compound inequality "true".



$$x = (-\infty, -2] \; U \; (1, \infty)$$

"union" symbol ("or")

"AND" type

x > 3 and x ≤ 7

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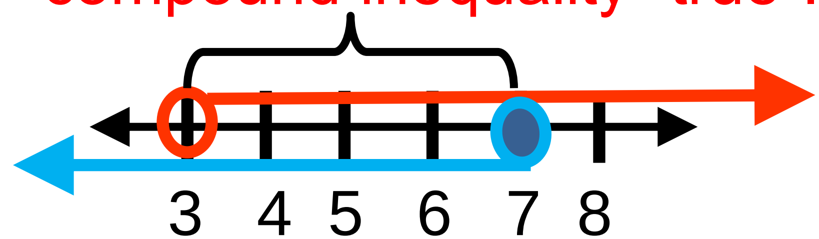


$$x = (3, 7]$$

Solve and graph the compound inequality:

Solve each simple inequality separately.

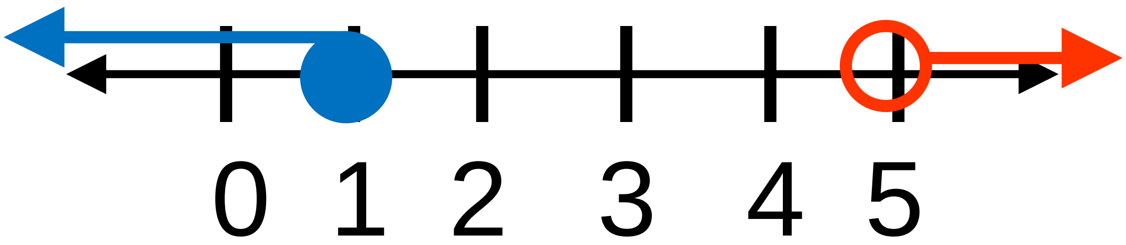
$2x + 3 \le 5$ or $x - 3 > 2$

$-3 \quad -3 \qquad +3 \quad +3$

$2x \le 2$ or $x > 5$

$\div 2 \quad \div 2$

$x \le 1$ or $x > 5$



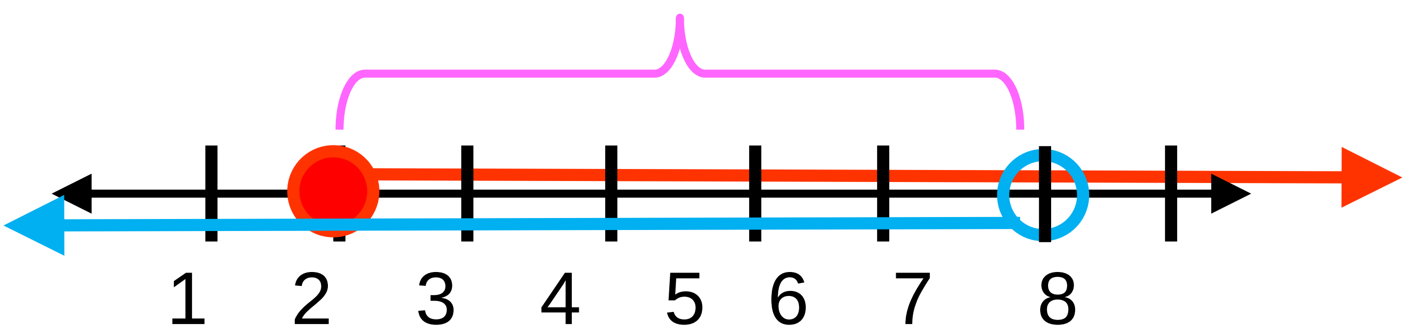
Solve: $x - 4 < 3$ and $x + 3 \geq 5$

<u>To solve</u>: find the values of the variable that make the <u>both</u> inequalities true <u>(“and” inequality)</u>.

$x - 4 < 3$ and $x + 3 \geq 5$

$+4 \quad +4$ $\qquad$ $-3 \quad -3$

$x < 7$ and $x \geq 2$



Three Ways to write the solution to an inequality:

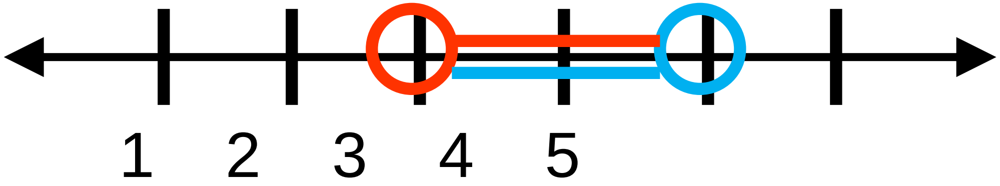
1. Simplified inequality

Another way to write this is:

$x > 3$ and $x < 5$

$3 < x < 5$

2. Graph (number line for a single variable inequality)



3. Interval notation (brackets/parentheses)

$(3, 5)$

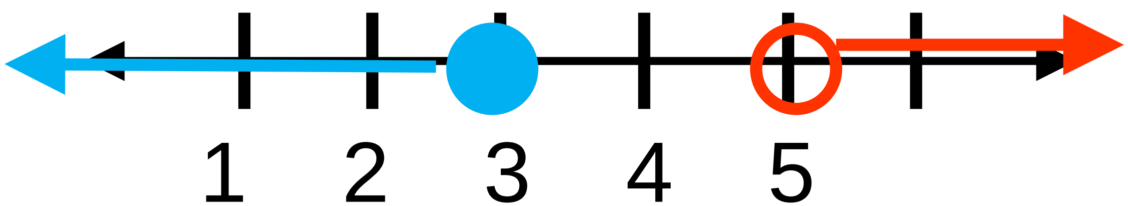
Solve: $2x - 3 \le 3$ or $2x - 5 > 5$

$x \le 3$ or $x > 5$

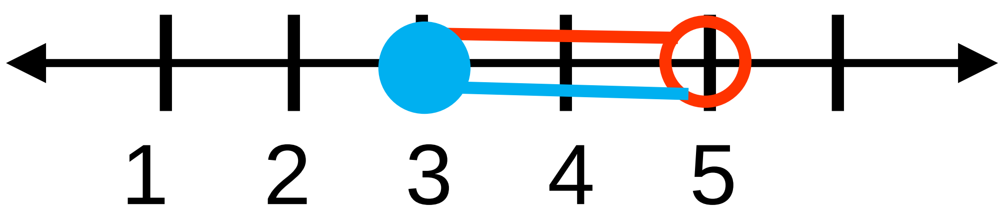
The "<u>boundary numbers</u>" $x = 3$ $x = 5$
separate the solution from the non-solution.

The solution is <u>usually</u> either:

1) Between the boundary numbers or
2) Outside of the boundary numbers



$x \le 3$ or $x > 5$



$3 \le x < 5$

The <u>shaded part</u> of the graph is the <u>solution.</u>

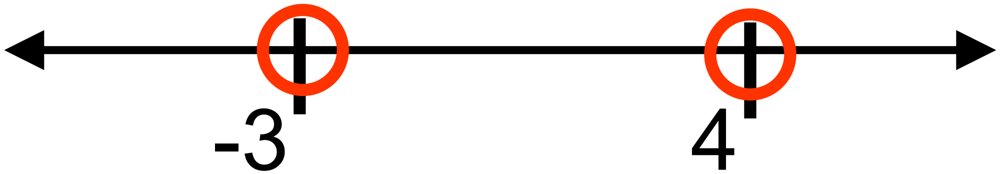
1. Find the boundary numbers: (Solve the equation)

$$0 > x^2 - x - 12$$

$$0 = x^2 - x - 12$$

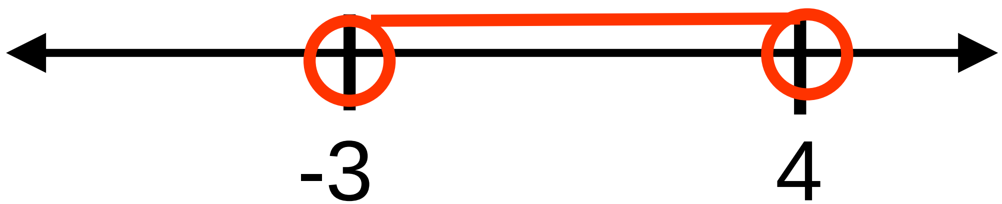
0 = (x – 4)(x + 3)

x = 4, -3



2. The solution is usually either:

1) Between the boundary numbers or



2) Outside of the boundary numbers

$$0 > x^2 - x - 12$$

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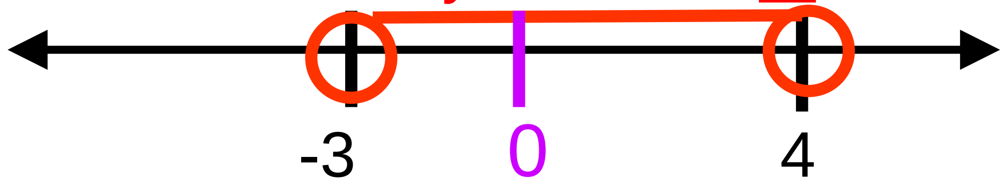


2) Outside of the boundary numbers

3. Test a value to see if it is a solution. Zero is <u>often</u> the best number to test.

$$0 > (0)^2 - (0) - 12$$

$0 > -12$ Is “0” a solution? (does it make the inequality true?

The <u>shaded part</u> of the graph is the <u>solution</u>
→ we must pick the option that “shades” the number “0”.

$$-3 < x < 4$$

Steps to solve the Inequality $0 > x^2 - x - 12$

1. Find the boundary numbers: (Solve the equation)

2. The solution is usually either:
   a) Between the boundary numbers or
   b) Outside the boundary numbers

3. Test a number to see if it is a solution of the inequality:
   If a solution, pick the number line that shades this number
   If not a solution, pick the number line that doesn't shade

4. Answer the question
   a) Graph (if asked)
   b) Write solution in simplified inequality form (if asked)
   c) Write solution in interval form (if asked).

Solve $0 < x^2 - 9$

1. <u>Find the boundary numbers</u>: (solve equation)

$0 = (x - 3)(x + 3)$ $x = -3, 3$

2. <u>The solution is either</u>:

a) Between the boundary numbers <u>or</u>

b) Outside of the boundary numbers

3. <u>Test a number</u> (→ "0") $(0)^2 - 9 > 0$

"0" is not a solution.

4. <u>Solution is</u>: $(-\infty, -3) \cup (3, \infty)$

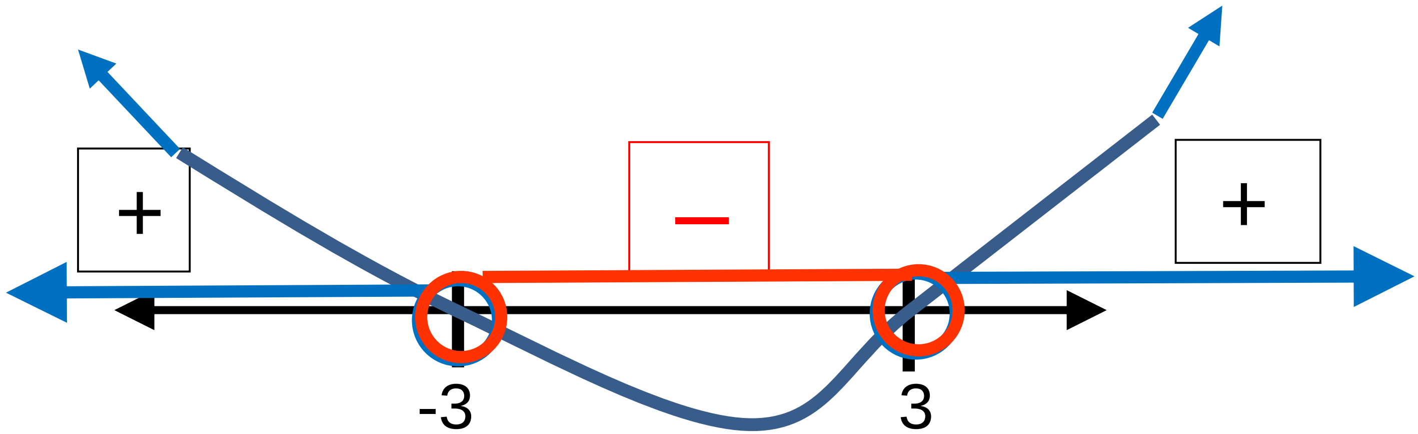
Solve $0 < x^2 - 9$

Graph the general shape of the equation. $y = x^2 - 9$

→ Positive lead coefficient, even degree

→ Up on left and right

→ No even multiplicity zeroes $y = (x - 3)(x + 3)$



Where is the graph "positive"?

Where is the graph "negative"?

→ you could solve the inequality by looking at the sign of 'y' from the graph!!!

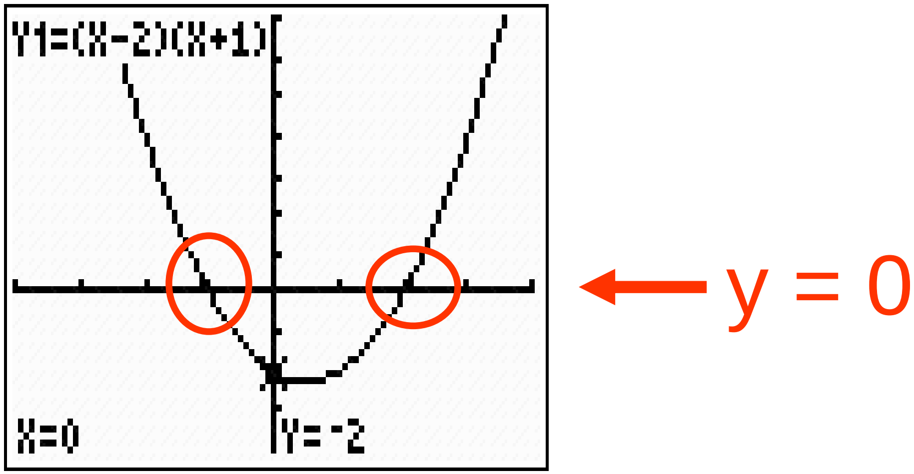
Where is the function <u>positive</u>? (where is f(x) > 0 ?)

$$0 < x^2 - x - 2$$

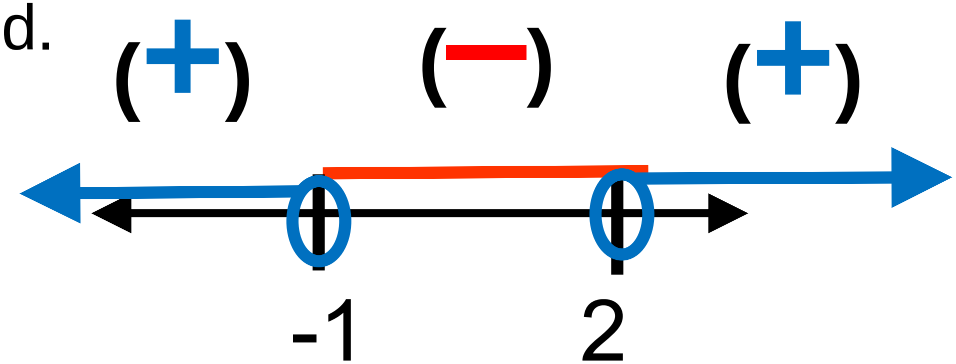
$$f(x) = (x+1)(x-2)$$

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

x = -1 x = +2



Sign Chart: a number line labeled so that the output value (+/-) is identified.



Where is f(x) > 0 ?

$$f(x) > 0 \text{ for } x = (-\infty, -1) \cup (2, \infty)$$