

Ex: Solve: $x^4 \geq 1$

$$x^4 - 1 \geq 0$$

$$x^4 - 1 = 0$$

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

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

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

$$x - 1 = 0 \quad x + 1 = 0 \quad x^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$\underline{x = 1} \quad \underline{x = -1} \quad x^2 = -1$$

none

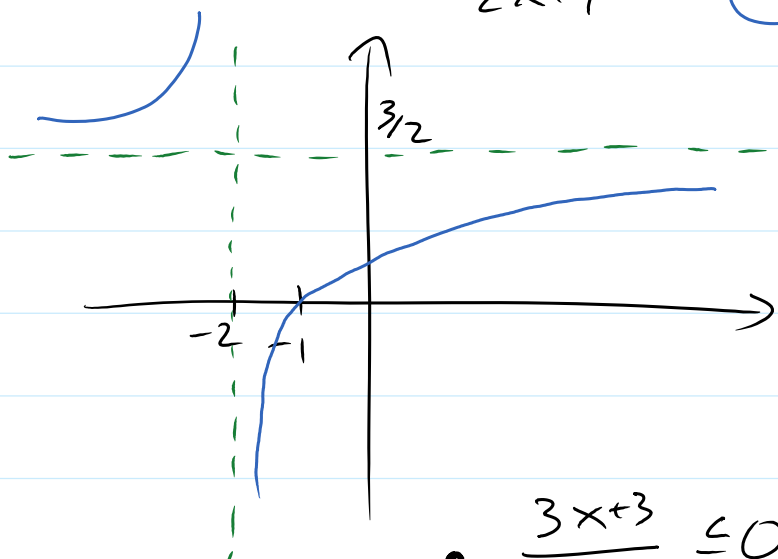


| | $(-\infty, -1)$ | $[-1, 1]$ | $[1, \infty)$ |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|
| pt | -2 | 0 | 2 |
| $x - 1$ | - | - | + |
| $x + 1$ | - | + | + |
| $x^2 + 1$ | + | + | + |
| $f(x)$ | \oplus | - | \oplus |

$$\boxed{(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)}$$

Section 3.6 - Rational inequalities

Ex: Solve: $\frac{3x+3}{2x+4} > 0$



→ The graph of $f(x) = \frac{3x+3}{2x+4}$ is above the x-axis:

$$(-\infty, -2) \cup (-1, \infty)$$

• $\frac{3x+3}{2x+4} \leq 0$
 $[-2, -1]$

-2 is not included since $x = -2$ is not in the domain

Ex: Solve:

$$\frac{x+1}{x+3} \geq 2$$

$$\frac{x+1}{x+3} - \frac{2}{1} \geq 0$$

↙ solve ... = 0

$$\frac{x+1}{x+3} - \frac{2}{1} = 0$$

$$\frac{x+1}{x+3} - \frac{2}{1} \cdot \frac{x+3}{x+3} = 0$$

$$\frac{x+1}{x+3} - \frac{2}{1} \cdot \frac{x+5}{x+3} = 0$$

$$\frac{x+1}{x+3} - \frac{2(x+5)}{x+3} = 0$$

$$\frac{x+1 - 2(x+5)}{x+3} = 0$$

$$\frac{x+1 - 2x - 10}{x+3} = 0$$

$$\frac{-x - 9}{x+3} = 0$$

den = 0
num = 0

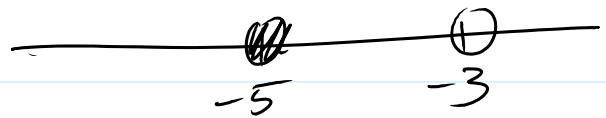
$$-x - 9 = 0$$

$$-x = 9$$

$$\underline{x = -9}$$

$$x+3 = 0$$

$$\underline{x = -3}$$



| | $(-\infty, -9]$ | $[-9, -3)$ | $(-3, \infty)$ |
|--------|-----------------|------------|----------------|
| p+ | -9 | -4 | 0 |
| $-x-9$ | + | - | - |
| $x+3$ | - | - | + |
| $f(x)$ | - | (+) | - |

$$f(x) \geq 0$$

$$\boxed{[-9, -3)}$$

$$\boxed{-5 \leq x < -3}$$

Ex: Solve: $\frac{3x+5}{6-2x} \geq 0$

$$3x+5=0$$

$$3x=-5$$

$$\underline{x = -\frac{5}{3}}$$

$$6-2x=0$$

$$-2x=-6$$

$$\underline{x = 3}$$

| | $(-\infty, -\frac{5}{3}]$ | $[-\frac{5}{3}, 3)$ | $(3, \infty)$ | |
|--------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| pt | -3 | 0 | 4 | |
| $3x+5$ | - | + | + | |
| $6-2x$ | + | + | - | |
| $f(x)$ | - | (+) | - | $f(x) \geq 0$ |

~~$-\frac{5}{3}$~~ ~~3~~

$$\boxed{[-\frac{5}{3}, 3)}$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{5}{3} \leq x < 3}$$

$$\frac{(x+3)^2(x-2)}{x+1} < 0$$

$$\frac{\dots \dots \dots}{x+1} \leq 0$$

$$(x+3)^2(x-2) = 0$$

$$x+1=0$$

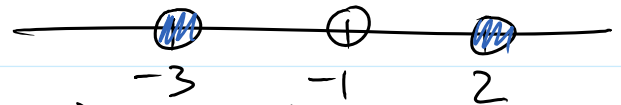
$$\underline{x = -1}$$

$$x+3=0$$

$$x-2=0$$

$$\underline{x = -3}$$

$$\underline{x = 2}$$



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|-----------|-----------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| "<" → | $(-\infty, -3)$ | $(-3, -1)$ | $(-1, 2)$ | $(2, \infty)$ |
| "≤" → | $(-\infty, -3]$ | $[-3, -1)$ | $(-1, 2]$ | $[2, \infty)$ |
| pt | -4 | -2 | 0 | 3 |
| $(x+3)^2$ | + | + | + | + |
| $x-2$ | - | - | - | + |
| $x+1$ | - | - | + | + |
| $f(x)$ | + | + | ⊖ | + |

$$\text{"<" } \rightarrow \boxed{(-1, 2)}$$

$$\text{"≤" } \rightarrow \boxed{[-1, 2]}$$

Ex: Find the domain of

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x}{2x-1} - 1}$$

The domain of \sqrt{x} is $[0, \infty)$

$$\frac{x}{2x-1} - 1 \geq 0$$

$$\frac{x}{2x-1} - 1 \geq 0$$

$$\frac{x}{2x-1} - \frac{1}{1} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{A}{B} - \frac{C}{D} = \frac{AD - CB}{BD}$$

$$\frac{x \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot (2x-1)}{(2x-1) \cdot 1} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{x - 2x + 1}{2x-1} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{-x + 1}{2x-1} \geq 0$$

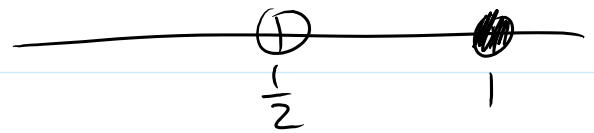
$$-x + 1 = 0$$

$$-x = -1$$

$$\underline{x = 1}$$

$$2x - 1 = 0$$

$$\underline{x = \frac{1}{2}}$$



| | $(-\infty, \frac{1}{2})$ | $(\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ | $[1, \infty)$ |
|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| pt | 0 | 0.7 | 2 |
| $-x + 1$ | + | + | - |
| $2x - 1$ | - | + | + |
| $f(x)$ | - | \oplus | - |

$$f(x) \geq 0$$

The domain is $(\frac{1}{2}, 1]$

Solve: $|x^2 + 6x + 1| > 8$ } solve equality first

$$|x^2 + 6x + 1| = 8$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 6x + 1 &= 8 \\ x^2 + 6x - 7 &= 0 \\ (x+7)(x-1) &= 0 \\ \underline{x = -7}, \underline{x = 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 6x + 1 &= -8 \\ x^2 + 6x + 9 &= 0 \\ (x+3)^2 &= 0 \\ \underline{x = -3} \end{aligned}$$

| | ⊖ -7 | ⊖ -3 | ⊕ 1 | |
|----------------------|--|---|---------------------------|---|
| | $(-\infty, -7)$ | $(-7, -3)$ | $(-3, 1)$ | $(1, \infty)$ |
| pt | -8 | -4 | 0 | 2 |
| $ x^2 + 6x + 1 > 8$ | $ 64 - 48 + 1 > 8$ $ 17 > 8$ ✓ | $ 16 - 24 + 1 > 8$ $ -7 > 8$ $7 > 8$ ✗ | $ 1 > 8$ $1 > 8$ ✗ | $ 4 + 12 + 1 > 8$ $ 17 > 8$ $17 > 8$ ✓ |

$(-\infty, -7) \cup (1, \infty)$

Another way of approaching this problem:

$$|x^2 + 6x + 1| > 8$$

$$x^2 + 6x + 1 > 8$$

or

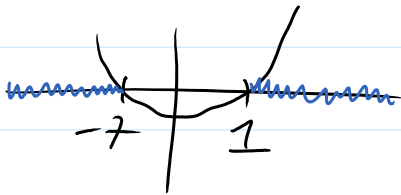
$$x^2 + 6x + 1 < -8$$

$$x^2 + 6x - 7 > 0$$

$$x^2 + 6x + 9 < 0$$

$$(x-1)(x+7) > 0$$

$$(x+3)^2 < 0$$



$$x = -3$$



$$\underline{(-\infty, -7) \cup (1, \infty)}$$

no solution

put the solutions together

$$\boxed{(-\infty, -7) \cup (1, \infty)}$$