

First - Isolate the absolute value

$$|2x - 8| + 5 \geq 13$$

-5      -5

$$|2x - 8| \geq 8$$

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flip negative

$$2x - 8 \geq 8$$

+8      +8

$$\frac{2x}{2} \geq \frac{16}{2}$$

$$x \geq 8$$

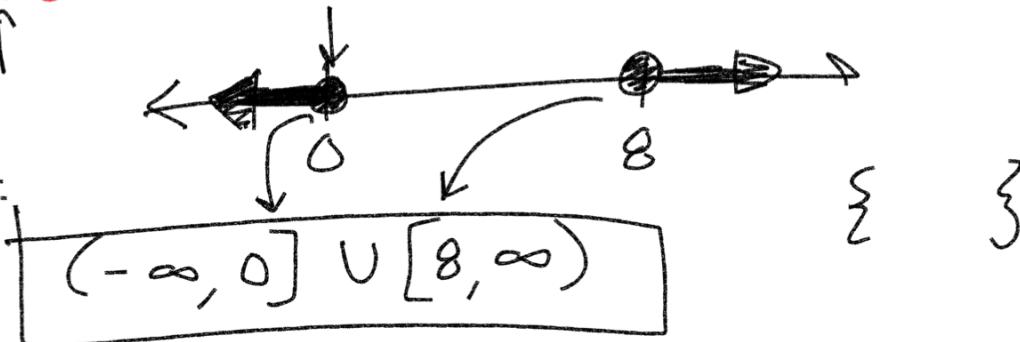
$$2x - 8 \leq -8$$

+8      +8

$$\frac{2x}{2} \leq \frac{0}{2}$$

$$x \leq 0$$

Interval  
Notation:



$$|x + 7| + 8 < 3$$

-8      -8

$$|x + 7| < -5$$

No solution

$$|x + 7| - 9 > -12$$

+9      +9

$$|x + 7| > -3$$

All Real numbers  
 $\mathbb{R} \quad (-\infty, \infty)$

$$|2a+3| > 7$$

$$2a+3 > 7 \quad 2a+3 < -7$$

$$-3 \quad -3$$

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$$\frac{2a}{2} > \frac{4}{2}$$

$$\frac{2a}{2} < \frac{-10}{2}$$

$$a > 2$$

$$a < -5$$



Pre-Calculus Chapter 0 Pre-Test

Each question is worth 4 points each. Please show all work. Partial credit will be awarded for partially credit responses.

Solve for the indicated variable.

1.)  $8x + 14 = 5x - 22$

2.)  $6(2y - 1) = 3(5y + 2)$

3.)  $\frac{m}{4} = \frac{m}{20} + 16$

4.)  $\frac{5a}{6} - a = \frac{a}{4} - \frac{5}{2}$       Multiply by LCM  
 LCM = 12

$$\frac{60a}{6} - 12a = \frac{12a}{4} - \frac{60}{2}$$



$$10a - 12a = 3a - 30$$

$$-2a = 3a - 30$$

$$-3a - 3a$$

$$\frac{-5a}{-5} = \frac{-30}{-5}$$

a = 6

Solve by factoring.

5.)  $x^2 - 6x + 8 = 0$

### Quadratic Formula

$$6.) 3x^2 - 2x - 16 = 0 \quad \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$a = 3 \quad \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(3)(-16)}}{2(3)}$$

$$b = -2$$

$$c = -16$$

$$\frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 192}}{6} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{196}}{6}$$

$$7.) 9y^2 = 36y$$
$$\frac{2+14}{6} = \frac{16}{6} \quad \frac{2-14}{6} = \frac{-12}{6}$$
$$\boxed{\frac{8}{3}} \quad \boxed{-2}$$

~~$y^2 = 4y$~~

$$\boxed{y = 4}$$

8.)  $5a^2 = 25a - 20$

$$y^2 = 4y$$
$$-4y -4y$$
$$y^2 - 4y = 0$$
$$y(y-4) = 0$$

$$\boxed{y = 0}$$

$$y - 4 = 0$$
$$+4 \quad +4$$
$$\boxed{y = 4}$$

$$\sqrt{(x-4)^2} = ((x-4))^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Solve using the square root method.

$$9.) (x - 4)^2 = 64$$

$$(x-4)^2 = \sqrt{64}$$

$$(x-4)(x-4) = 64 \text{ or}$$

$$x-4 = \pm 8$$

$$x^2 - 8x + 16 = 64$$

$$+4 \quad +4$$

$$8+4 = 12$$

$$-64 \quad -64$$

$$x = \pm 8 + 4$$

$$-8+4 = -4$$

$$\cancel{x^2 - 8x - 48}$$

Find vertex by completing the square. Graph.

$$10.) x^2 - 4x = -10$$

$$+10 \quad +10$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 10 = 0$$

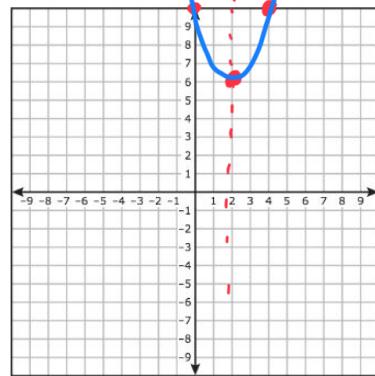
$$x^2 - 4x + 10 \quad y\text{-int}$$

$$(x^2 - 4x) + 10 = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 \left(-\frac{4}{2}\right)^2 = +4 \quad -4$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \cancel{(x^2 - 4x + 4)} + \cancel{\sqrt{4}} + 6 = 0 \\ & (x-2)^2 + 6 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

vertex: (2, 6)



$$(x-2)^2 + 6 = 0$$

$$\sqrt{(x-2)^2} = \sqrt{-6}$$

$$x-2 = \pm \sqrt{-6}$$

No roots!

Solve by using the quadratic formula.

$$11.) 4x^2 - 2x + 11 = 0$$

Specify any values that must be excluded from the solution set and then solve the rational equation.

12.)  $\frac{3}{w+4} + \frac{1}{w} = \frac{w^2}{w(w+4)}$  Common denominators

$$\frac{w(3)}{w(w+4)} + \left(\frac{1}{w}\right) \frac{w+4}{w+4} = \frac{w^2}{w(w+4)}$$

$$3w + w + 4 = w^2$$

$$4w + 4 = w^2$$

$$-4w - 4 = -4w - 4$$

$$w^2 - 4w - 4 = 0$$

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{32}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm 4\sqrt{2}}{2} = 2 \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$

$w(w+4) \neq 0$   
 $w \neq 0$   $w+4 \neq 0$   
 $-4 - 4$   
 $w \neq -4$

Solve the radical equation for the given variable.

13.)  $\frac{4(t+3)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{4} = \frac{16}{4}$   $4^{\frac{3}{2}} = \sqrt{4^3}$

$$\left((t+3)^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} = (4)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$t+3 = 4^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$4^{\frac{3}{2}} = (\sqrt{4})^3$$

$$(\pm 2)^3 = \pm 8$$

$$t+3 = \pm 8$$

$$-3 \quad -3 \quad \boxed{t = \pm 8 - 3}$$

14.)  $(\sqrt{2x+8})^2 = (x-8)^2$  Another quadratic

$$2x+8 = (x-8)^2$$

$$2x+8 = (x-8)(x-8)$$

$$2x+8 = x^2 - 16x + 64$$

Solve either through u substitution or factoring.

$$15.) \quad 3t^{2/3} - t^{1/3} - 2 = 0$$

16.)  $(x-2)^4 - 8(x-2)^2 + 16 = 0$

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$u^2 - 8u + 16 = 0$

$(u-4)(u-4) = 0$

$u = 4$

$u = (x-2)^2$

$\sqrt{4} = \sqrt{(x-2)^2}$

$x = \frac{\pm 2 + 2}{\pm 2}$

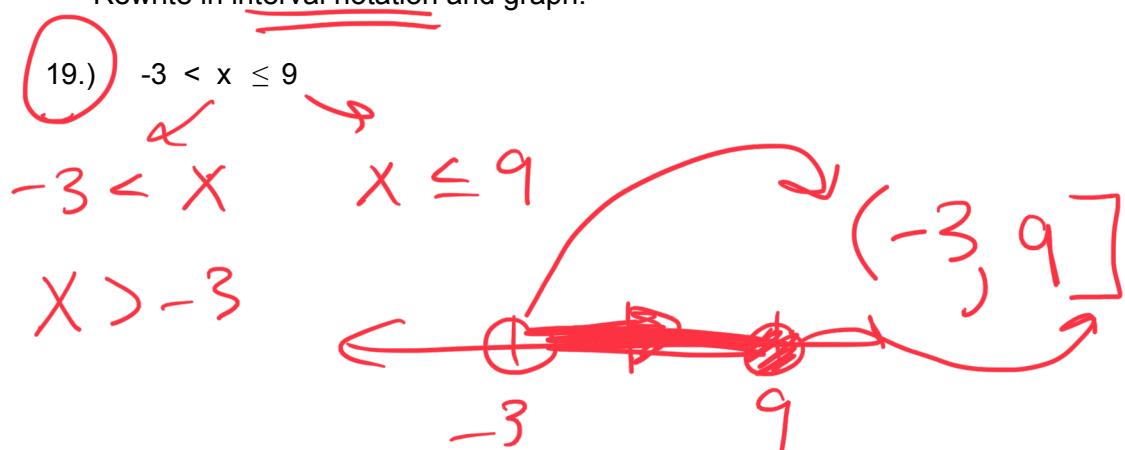
$x = 4, 0$

Solve the absolute value equation.

$$17.) \quad |2x - 3| = 11$$

18.)  $2|3x - 6| - 12 = -6$

Rewrite in interval notation and graph.



Solve each linear inequality and express the solution set in interval notation.

20.)  $-11 \leq -2x + 3 < -3$

$$\begin{aligned} -11 &\leq -2x + 3 && \text{Subtract 3 from all parts.} \\ -14 &\leq -2x && \text{Add } 3 \text{ to both sides.} \\ \frac{-14}{-2} &\geq \frac{-2x}{-2} && \text{Divide by } -2 \text{ and flip the inequality sign.} \\ 7 &\geq x && \text{Simplify.} \end{aligned}$$

$(3, 7]$

$3 \quad 7$

$7 \geq x > 3$

21.)  $x^2 - 2x - 35 \geq 0$

w/quadratic formula

$$22.) -17x + 5 > 6x^2$$

Solve each rational inequality and express the solution set in interval notation.

$$23.) \frac{x^2 - 36}{x + 6} \geq 0$$

24.)  $\frac{2t^2}{t-3} \geq -t$

Solve the absolute value inequality and express the solution set in interval notation.

$$25.) \quad |x + 2| < 5$$