

**Unit 3b Day 12: Solving Linear Inequalities**

Focus Question: How do you solve and graph inequalities?

A. Sandy's Boat House rents canoes at a cost advertised as \$14 per hour for trips on the Red Cedar River. The owner actually gives customers a better deal. She was once a mathematics teacher and she uses the equation  $C(t) = 0.15t + 2.50$  to find the charge  $C$  in dollars for renting a canoe for  $t$  minutes.

1. What is the dependent variable in the situation? Cost

2. A customer has \$25 to spend. How long can she use a canoe?  
 $25 = 0.15t + 2.50$   
 $-2.50 \quad -2.50$   


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 $22.50 = 0.15t$   
 $\frac{22.50}{0.15} = \frac{0.15t}{0.15}$   
 $t = 150$   
150 min (2 1/2 hrs)

3. For Question 2, Student A said, "The customer can use the canoe for 150 minutes." Student B said "There are other possibilities- for example, 60 minutes or 120 minutes." Who is correct? Explain.

Student B b/c the customer doesn't have to spend the whole \$25. They just can't go over \$25.

4. So for #2 you actually need to think about an inequality. What inequality would you solve?  
 $25 \geq 0.15t + 2.50$

B. Solving Inequalities

1. Solve the **inequality**  $0.15t + 2.50 \leq 25$ . This inequality represents the times for which the rental costs at most \$25.

2. Solve the following inequalities and test your solution. Then write your answer in interval notation.

a.  $5x - 2 \geq 3$  Test x=2  
 $+2 \quad +2$   
 $5x \geq 5$   
 $\frac{5x}{5} \geq \frac{5}{5}$   
 $x \geq 1$   
 $[1, \infty)$   
True

b.  $6x + 2 < 14$  Test x=1  
 $-2 \quad -2$   
 $\frac{6x}{6} < \frac{12}{6}$   
 $x < 2$   
 $(-\infty, 2)$   
True

c.  $-2x + 5 > 9$  Test x=0  
 $-5 \quad -5$   
 $\frac{-2x}{-2} > \frac{4}{-2}$   
 $x > -2$   
 $-2(0) + 5 > 9$   
 $5 > 9$   
False

3. On which problem did you encounter a problem? Why do you think this occurred?

C it had a negative coeff.

To solve this problem we could do the following:

$$\begin{array}{r} -2x + 5 > 9 \\ +2x \quad +2x \\ \hline 5 > 2x + 9 \\ -9 \quad -9 \\ \hline -4 > 2x \\ \frac{-4}{2} > \frac{2x}{2} \\ -2 > x \quad \text{or} \quad x < -2 \end{array}$$

the inequality switched

This seems like extra work! Compare the answer to your answer in 2c. What changed in the answer?

So the "shortcut" is that if you divide or multiply by a negative you have to switch the sign.

Solve the following inequalities. Graph your solution and give your answer in interval notation.

$$\begin{aligned} & -6(4x+6) \\ & -6(4x) - 6(6) \\ & -24x - 36 \end{aligned}$$

4)  $9 \geq -2m + 2 - 3$

5)  $-3 - 6(4x + 6) > -111 - 20x$

$$\begin{aligned} 9 & \geq -2m - 1 \\ +1 & \quad +1 \\ \hline 10 & \geq -2m \\ -2 & \quad -2 \\ \hline -5 & \leq m \end{aligned}$$

or  $m \geq -5$

$[-5, \infty)$

$$\begin{aligned} -3 - 24x - 36 & > -111 - 20x \\ -39 - 24x & > -111 - 20x \\ +20x & \quad +20x \\ \hline -39 - 4x & > -111 \\ +39 & \quad +39 \\ \hline -4x & > -72 \\ \div -4 & \quad \div -4 \\ \hline x & < 18 \end{aligned}$$

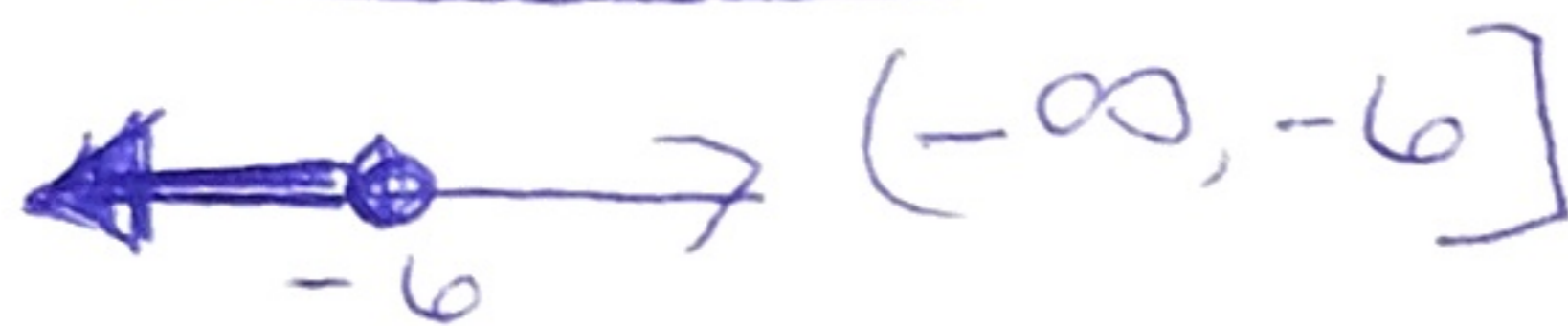
$x < 18$

6)  $6 - 4(6n + 7) \geq 122$

7)  $3x + 12 - 2(x + 4) < 6(2x - 5) - 11x + 10$

$$\begin{aligned} 6 - 24n - 28 & \geq 122 \\ -22 - 24n & \geq 122 \\ +22 & \quad +22 \\ \hline -24n & \geq 144 \\ \div -24 & \quad \div -24 \\ \hline n & \leq -6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 12 - 2x - 8 & < 12x - 30 - 11x + 10 \\ x + 4 & < x - 20 \\ -x & \quad -x \\ \hline 4 & < -20 \\ \text{False so } & \emptyset \end{aligned}$$



C. Graph the following 2 variable inequalities.

Graph  $3x - y < 2$ .

$y = mx + b$

Graph  $x + 5y \leq 10$ .

$$\begin{aligned} -y & < -3x + 2 \\ \div -1 & \quad \div -1 \quad \div -1 \\ \hline y & > 3x - 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3(2) - (2) & < 2 \\ 6 - 2 & < 2 \\ 4 & < 2 \\ \text{False} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5y & \leq -x + 10 \\ \div 5 & \quad \div 5 \quad \div 5 \\ \hline y & \leq -\frac{1}{5}x + 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 + 5(0) & \leq 10 \\ 0 + 0 & \leq 10 \\ 0 & \leq 10 \\ \text{True} \end{aligned}$$

