

BIG IDEAS

For Your Notebook

Big Idea 1

Applying Properties of Inequality

You can apply the properties of inequality to solve inequalities. The properties listed below are also true for inequalities involving \leq and \geq .

Property	If $a < b$, then ...	If $a > b$, then ...
Addition property of inequality	$a + c < b + c$.	$a + c > b + c$.
Subtraction property of inequality	$a - c < b - c$.	$a - c > b - c$.
Multiplication property of inequality	$ac < bc$ if $c > 0$. $ac > bc$ if $c < 0$.	$ac > bc$ if $c > 0$. $ac < bc$ if $c < 0$.
Division property of inequality	$\frac{a}{c} < \frac{b}{c}$ if $c > 0$. $\frac{a}{c} > \frac{b}{c}$ if $c < 0$.	$\frac{a}{c} > \frac{b}{c}$ if $c > 0$. $\frac{a}{c} < \frac{b}{c}$ if $c < 0$.

Big Idea 2

Using Statements with *And* or *Or*

An absolute value equation can be rewritten as two equations joined by *or*. An absolute value inequality can be rewritten as a compound inequality with *and* or *or*. In the statements below, $<$ can be replaced by \leq , and $>$ can be replaced by \geq .

Absolute value equation or inequality	Equivalent statement with <i>and</i> or <i>or</i>
$ ax + b = c, c \geq 0$	$ax + b = c$ or $ax + b = -c$
$ ax + b < c, c \geq 0$	$-c < ax + b < c$
$ ax + b > c, c \geq 0$	$ax + b < -c$ or $ax + b > c$

Big Idea 3

Graphing Inequalities

You use a number line to graph an inequality in one variable. Similarly, you use a coordinate plane to graph a linear inequality in two variables (including cases where one of the variables has a coefficient of 0, such as $0x + y < 1$, or $y < 1$).

Graphing inequalities in one variable	Graphing linear inequalities in two variables
Graph simple inequalities: 1. Solve for the variable. 2. Draw an open circle for $<$ or $>$ and a closed circle for \leq or \geq . Draw an arrow in the appropriate direction. Graph compound inequalities: 1. Solve the compound inequality. 2. Use the union of graphs of simple inequalities for <i>or</i> . Use the intersection for <i>and</i> .	1. Graph the boundary line. Use a solid line for \leq or \geq and a dashed line for $<$ or $>$. 2. Test a point that does not lie on the boundary line. 3. Shade the half-plane containing the point if the ordered pair is a solution of the inequality. Shade the other half-plane if the ordered pair is <i>not</i> a solution.