

Special Functions Review - Solve Absolute Value Equations and Inequalities

SOLVE AND CHECK!

1. $-2|m - 3| + 8 = -24$

$-2|m - 3| = -32$

$|m - 3| = 16$ ← Isolate!

$m - 3 = 16$

$m - 3 = -16$

$m = 19$

$m = -13$

$\{-13, 19\}$

2. $5|3x + 7| = -65$

$|3x + 7| = -13$ ← Isolate!

↑ Impossible

Absol. value is always positive → cannot equal -13.

3. $|2x + 12| = 7x - 3$

$2x + 12 = 7x - 3$

$15 = 5x$

$3 = x$

$\{3\}$

$2x + 12 = -(7x - 3)$

$2x + 12 = -7x + 3$

$9x = -9$

$x = -1$

OMIT

4. $2|2x - 7| + 11 = 25$

$2|2x - 7| = 14$

$|2x - 7| = 7$ ← Isolate!

$2x - 7 = 7$

$2x - 7 = -7$

$2x = 14$

$2x = 0$

$x = 7$

$x = 0$

$\{0, 7\}$

5. $|7x - 2| = x + 4$

$7x - 2 = x + 4$

$6x = 6$

$x = 1$

$7x - 2 = -(x + 4)$

$7x - 2 = -x - 4$

$8x = -2$

$x = -\frac{1}{4}$

ok

$|-7/4 - 2|$

$|-17/4 - 2|$

$3\frac{3}{4}$

$\{-\frac{1}{4}, 1\}$

6. $\frac{5}{8}|5m - 4| = 10$

$|5m - 4| = 16$ Isolate!

$5m - 4 = 16$

$5m - 4 = -16$

$5m = 20$

$5m = -12$

$m = 4$

$m = -\frac{12}{5}$

$\{-\frac{12}{5}, 4\}$

ok

$\frac{5}{8} | 5(-\frac{12}{5}) - 4 |$

$\frac{5}{8} | -16 |$

$\frac{5}{8} (16)$

$10 = 10$

7. $|\frac{2y - 7}{5}| = 1$

$\frac{2y - 7}{5} = 1$

$2y - 7 = 5$

$2y = 12$

$y = 6$

$\frac{2y - 7}{5} = -1$

$2y - 7 = -5$

$2y = 2$

$y = 1$

$\{1, 6\}$

8. $|\frac{3x + 1}{4}| = 7$

$\frac{3x + 1}{4} = 7$

$3x + 1 = 28$

$x = 9$

$\frac{3x + 1}{4} = -7$

$3x + 1 = -28$

$x = -\frac{29}{3}$

$\{-\frac{29}{3}, 9\}$

9. $3|x+6| = 9x-6$ Isolate!

$|x+6| = 3x-2$

$x+6 = 3x-2$

$8 = 2x$

$4 = x$

{4}

$x+6 = -(3x-2)$

$x+6 = -3x+2$

$4x = -4$

$x = -1$

OMIT

10. $|x-4| = 3x$

$x-4 = 3x$

$-4 = 2x$

$-2 = x$

extraneous

$x-4 = -3x$

$4x = 4$

$x = 1$

{1}

11. $5|3x-4| = x+1$ Isolate!

$|3x-4| = \frac{x+1}{5}$

$3x-4 = \frac{x+1}{5}$

$15x-20 = x+1$

$14x = 21$

$x = \frac{3}{2}$

$3x-4 = -\frac{(x+1)}{5}$

$15x-20 = -x-1$

$16x = 19$

$x = \frac{19}{16}$

ck $5|\frac{3}{2}-4| = \frac{3}{2}+1$

$\frac{5}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$

{ $\frac{3}{2}, \frac{19}{16}$ }

12. $|2(3-5x)| = 21$

$2(3-5x) = 21$

$6-10x = 21$

$-15 = 10x$

$-\frac{3}{2} = x$

$2(3-5x) = -21$

$6-10x = -21$

$27 = 10x$

$x = \frac{27}{10}$

{ $-\frac{3}{2}, \frac{27}{10}$ }

ck $x = -\frac{3}{2}$
 $21 = 21$

$x = \frac{27}{10}$

$2(-10.5)$

$|-21| = 21$

$21 = 21$

13. $|\frac{x-3}{2}| + 2 < 6$

$|\frac{x-3}{2}| < 4$

$-4 < \frac{x-3}{2} < 4$

$-8 < x-3 < 8$

$-5 < x < 11$

AND

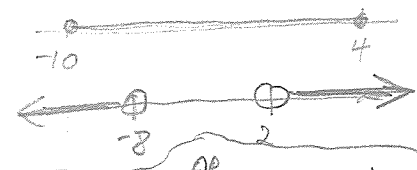
14. $5 < |x+3| \leq 7$ AND 4 OR

$-7 \leq x+3 \leq 7$

$-10 \leq x \leq 4$

$x+3 > 5$ or $x+3 < -5$

$x > 2$ or $x < -8$



$-10 \leq x < -8$ OR $2 < x \leq 4$



15. $0 < |1-x| < 8$

$|1-x| > 0$ OR

$1-x > 0$ or $1-x < 0$

$-x > -1$ or $-x < -1$

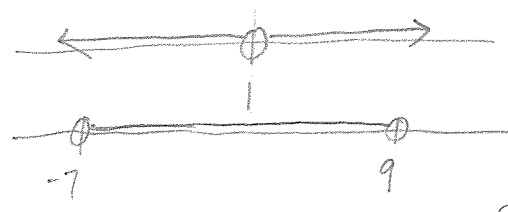
$x < 1$ or $x > 1$

$|1-x| < 8$ AND

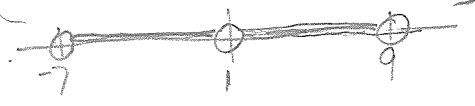
$-8 < 1-x < 8$

$-9 < -x < 7$

$9 > x > -7$



{ $-7 < x < 1$ or $1 < x < 9$ }



16. $|x+5| + 2 \leq 3x$

$|x+5| \leq 3x-2$ AND

$x+5 \leq 3x-2$

$7 \leq 2x$

$x \geq \frac{7}{2}$

$x+5 \geq -(3x-2)$

$x+5 \geq -3x+2$

$4x \geq -3$

$x \geq -\frac{3}{4}$



$x \geq \frac{7}{2}$