

Real number, Linear inequality

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(1) Express the following fractions in decimals.

① $\frac{1}{12}$

② $\frac{3}{16}$

(2) Express the following circular decimals in fractions.

① $0.\dot{8}$

② $1.2\dot{3}$

solution

(1) ① $\frac{1}{12} = 0.08333\cdots = \mathbf{0.08\dot{3}}$

② $\frac{3}{16} = \mathbf{0.1875}$

$$\begin{array}{r} \textcircled{1} \quad 0.083 \\ 12 \overline{)1.0} \\ \underline{96} \\ 4 \\ \underline{36} \\ 4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \textcircled{2} \quad 0.1875 \\ 16 \overline{)3.0} \\ \underline{16} \\ 140 \\ \underline{128} \\ 120 \\ \underline{112} \\ 80 \\ \underline{80} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

(2) ① If we leave it as $x = 0.\dot{8}$, then it is $10x = 8.\dot{8}$,
and so $10x - x = 8$.

Therefore, $x = \frac{8}{9}$.

$$\begin{array}{r} 10x = 8.888\cdots \\ -) \quad x = 0.888\cdots \\ \hline 9x = 8 \end{array}$$

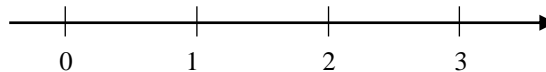
② If we leave it as $x = 1.2\dot{3}$, then it is $100x = 123.\dot{2}\dot{3}$,
and so $100x - x = 122$.

Therefore, $x = \frac{122}{99}$.

$$\begin{array}{r} 100x = 123.2323\cdots \\ -) \quad x = 1.2323\cdots \\ \hline 99x = 122 \end{array}$$

2

(1) Take points $P\left(\frac{7}{4}\right)$ and $Q(\sqrt{3})$



on the right number line.

(2) Find the following values.

① $\left|-\frac{1}{2}\right|$

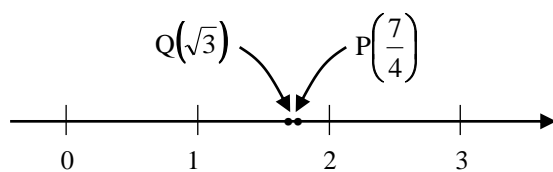
② $|\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}|$

③ $|1| - |-2|$

(3) Find the value of $|2 + \sqrt{5}| |2 - \sqrt{5}|$.

solution

(1)



(2) ① $\left|-\frac{1}{2}\right| = \frac{1}{2}$

② $\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3} < 0$, so it is $|\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}| = -\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$.

③ $|1| - |-2| = 1 - 2 = -1$

(3) $|2 + \sqrt{5}| |2 - \sqrt{5}| = |(2 + \sqrt{5})(2 - \sqrt{5})|$
 $= |4 - 5| = |-1| = 1$

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(1) Find the following values.

① $(-\sqrt{5})^2$

② $-\sqrt{3^2}$

(2) Simplify the following expressions involving square roots.

① $\sqrt{27}$

② $\sqrt{6} \sqrt{15}$

③ $\frac{\sqrt{50}}{\sqrt{2}}$

④ $\sqrt{0.12}$

solution

(1) ① $(-\sqrt{5})^2 = 5$

② $-\sqrt{3^2} = -|3| = -3$

(2) ① $\sqrt{27} = \sqrt{3^2 \cdot 3} = 3\sqrt{3}$

② $\sqrt{6} \sqrt{15} = \sqrt{6 \cdot 15} = \sqrt{3^2 \cdot 10} = 3\sqrt{10}$

③ $\frac{\sqrt{50}}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{50}{2}} = \sqrt{25} = \sqrt{5^2} = 5$

④ $\sqrt{0.12} = \sqrt{\frac{12}{100}} = \frac{\sqrt{12}}{\sqrt{100}} = \frac{\sqrt{2^2 \cdot 3}}{\sqrt{10^2}} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{10} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{5}$

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(1) Calculate the following expressions involving square roots.

① $\sqrt{54} + \sqrt{96}$

② $(3 - \sqrt{6})(3 + \sqrt{6})$

③ $(2 - \sqrt{2})^2$

④ $(1 + 2\sqrt{3})(3 - \sqrt{3})$

(2) Rationalize the denominator of the following expressions involving square roots.

① $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$

② $\frac{1 - \sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{2}}$

③ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{5}}$

④ $\frac{3 - 2\sqrt{2}}{3 + 2\sqrt{2}}$

solution

(1) ① $\sqrt{54} + \sqrt{96} = \sqrt{3^2 \cdot 6} + \sqrt{4^2 \cdot 6} = 3\sqrt{6} + 4\sqrt{6} = 7\sqrt{6}$

② $(3 - \sqrt{6})(3 + \sqrt{6}) = 3^2 - (\sqrt{6})^2 = 9 - 6 = 3$

③ $(2 - \sqrt{2})^2 = 2^2 - 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \sqrt{2} + (\sqrt{2})^2 = 4 - 4\sqrt{2} + 2 = 6 - 4\sqrt{2}$

④ $(1 + 2\sqrt{3})(3 - \sqrt{3}) = 1 \cdot 3 + \{1 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot 3\}\sqrt{3} + \{2 \cdot (-1)\}(\sqrt{3})^2$
 $= 3 + 5\sqrt{3} - 2 \cdot 3 = -3 + 5\sqrt{3}$

Alternative solution

$$(1 + 2\sqrt{3})(3 - \sqrt{3}) = 1 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot (-\sqrt{3}) + 2\sqrt{3} \cdot 3 + 2\sqrt{3} \cdot (-\sqrt{3})$$
$$= 3 - \sqrt{3} + 6\sqrt{3} - 6 = -3 + 5\sqrt{3}$$

(2) ① $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2 \cdot \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3}} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$

② $\frac{1 - \sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{(1 - \sqrt{6})\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3}}{2}$

③ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{5}} = \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}}{(\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{5})(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5})} = \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}}{(\sqrt{2})^2 - (\sqrt{5})^2} = \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}}{2 - 5} = -\frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}}{3}$

④ $\frac{3 - 2\sqrt{2}}{3 + 2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{(3 - 2\sqrt{2})^2}{(3 + 2\sqrt{2})(3 - 2\sqrt{2})} = \frac{3^2 - 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 2\sqrt{2} + (2\sqrt{2})^2}{3^2 - (2\sqrt{2})^2} = \frac{9 - 12\sqrt{2} + 8}{9 - 8} = 17 - 12\sqrt{2}$

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If $a < b$, put an inequality sign in the following blanks .

(1) $a+5$ $b+5$

(2) $3a$ $3b$

(3) $-\frac{1}{4}a$ $-\frac{1}{4}b$

(4) $\frac{a}{2}-5$ $\frac{b}{2}-5$

(5) $-2a+6$ $-2b+6$

solution

(1) $a+5$ $b+5$

(2) $3a$ $3b$

(3) $-\frac{1}{4}a$ $-\frac{1}{4}b$

(4) When $a < b$, $\frac{a}{2} < \frac{b}{2}$, and subtracting 5 from both of these sides does not change the direction of the

inequality $\frac{a}{2}-5$ $\frac{b}{2}-5$.

(5) When $a < b$, $-2a > -2b$, and adding 6 to both sides does not change the direction of the inequality

$-2a+6$ $-2b+6$.

6

Solve the following inequalities.

- (1) $x+2 \leq -3$ (2) $-3x > -9$ (3) $2x-5 \geq -1$ (4) $-5x-3 < 7$
 (5) $2x+3 \geq -2x-5$ (6) $x+4 \leq 10+4x$ (7) $2(3x-1) > 3(4x+5)+1$ (8) $\frac{x+8}{6} < \frac{x}{4} + 1$

solution

(1) $x+2 \leq -3$.

Transposing, we get $x \leq -5$.

(2) $-3x > -9$.

Dividing both sides by -3 , we get $x < 3$.

(3) $2x-5 \geq -1$.

Transposing, we have $2x \geq 4$.

Dividing both sides by 2, we get $x \geq 2$.

(4) $-5x-3 < 7$.

Transposing, we have $-5x < 10$.

Dividing both sides by -5 , we get $x > -2$.

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

Transposing, we have $2x+2x \geq -5-3$. To summarize, we have $4x \geq -8$.

Dividing both sides by 4, we get $x \geq -2$.

(6) $x+4 \leq 10+4x$.

Transposing, we have $x-4x \leq 10-4$. To summarize, we have $-3x \leq 6$.

Dividing both sides by -3 , we get $x \geq -2$.

(7) $2(3x-1) > 3(4x+5)+1$.

Remove the parentheses, we have $6x-2 > 12x+15+1$.

Transposing, we have $6x-12x > 15+1+2$. To summarize, we have $-6x > 18$.

Dividing both sides by -6 , we get $x < -3$.

(8) $\frac{x+8}{6} < \frac{x}{4} + 1$.

Multiplying both sides by 12, we have $2(x+8) < 3x+12$.

Remove the parentheses, we have $2x+16 < 3x+12$.

Transposing, we have $2x-3x < 12-16$. To summarize, we have $-x < -4$.

Dividing both sides by -1 , we get $x > 4$.

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(1) Solve the following simultaneous inequalities.

$$\textcircled{1} \begin{cases} x+6 \leq 4x \\ 1-3x < 15-5x \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \begin{cases} 2(x+6) \leq 3(4-x) \\ 0.7x+0.5 < x+2 \end{cases}$$

(2) Solve inequality $x-2 < -\frac{1}{2}x+1 < -3x-4$.

solution

$$\textcircled{1} \begin{cases} x+6 \leq 4x & \dots\dots(i) \\ 1-3x < 15-5x & \dots\dots(ii) \end{cases}$$

From (i), we have $-3x \leq -6$.

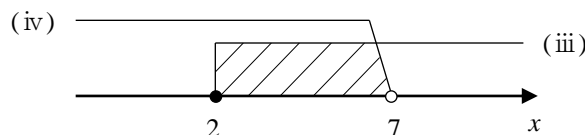
Therefore, $x \geq 2$ $\dots\dots(iii)$.

From (ii), we have $-3x+5x < 15-1$.

Therefore, $2x < 14$.

Solving this yields $x < 7$ $\dots\dots(iv)$.

Finding the common range of (iii) and (iv), we get $2 \leq x < 7$.



$$\textcircled{2} \begin{cases} 2(x+6) \leq 3(4-x) & \dots\dots(i) \\ 0.7x+0.5 < x+2 & \dots\dots(ii) \end{cases}$$

From (i), we have $2x+12 \leq 12-3x$.

Therefore, $5x \leq 0$.

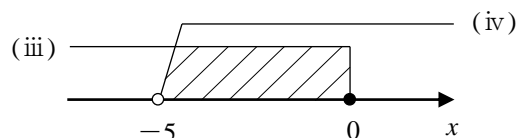
Solving this yields $x \leq 0$ $\dots\dots(iii)$.

From (ii), we have $7x+5 < 10x+20$.

Therefore, $-3x < 15$.

Solving this yields $x > -5$ $\dots\dots(iv)$.

Finding the common range of (iii) and (iv), we get $-5 < x \leq 0$.



$$\textcircled{2} \begin{cases} x-2 < -\frac{1}{2}x+1 & \dots\dots(i) \\ -\frac{1}{2}x+1 < -3x-4 & \dots\dots(ii) \end{cases}$$

From (i), we have $2x-4 < -x+2$.

Therefore, $3x < 6$.

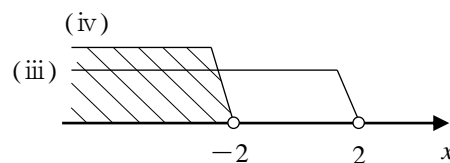
Solving this yields $x < 2$ $\dots\dots(iii)$.

From (ii), we have $-x+2 < -6x-8$.

Therefore, $5x < -10$.

Solving this yields $x < -2$ $\dots\dots(iv)$.

Finding the common range of (iii) and (iv), we get $x < -2$.



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Solve the following equations and inequalities.

(1) $|2x-5| = 3$

(2) $|x+4| \leq 6$

(3) $|3x-1| > 2$

solution

(1) From $|2x-5| = 3$, we have $2x-5 = \pm 3$.

Therefore, $2x=5\pm 3$. Thus, $x=4, 1$.

(2) From $|x+4| \leq 6$, we have $-6 \leq x+4 \leq 6$.

Thus, $-10 \leq x \leq 2$.

(3) From $|3x-1| > 2$, we have $3x-1 < -2, 2 < 3x-1$.

Therefore, $3x < -1, 3 < 3x$. Thus, $x < -\frac{1}{3}, 1 < x$.

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Solve the following equations and inequalities.

(1) $|x| = 3x - 2$

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

solution

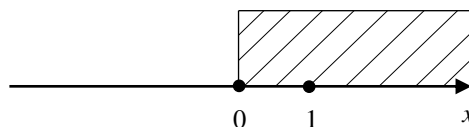
(1) $|x| = 3x - 2$

(i) $x \geq 0$, then

$$x = 3x - 2.$$

Solving this yields $x = 1$.

This satisfies $x \geq 0$.

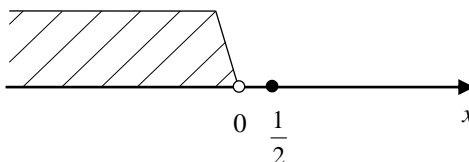


(ii) $x < 0$, then

$$-x = 3x - 2.$$

Solving this yields $x = \frac{1}{2}$.

This does not satisfy $x < 0$.



From (i) and (ii), the solution of the equation is $x = 1$.

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

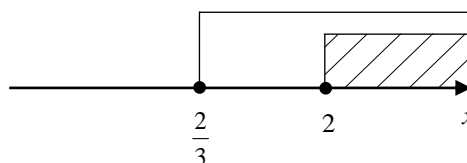
(i) $3x - 2 \geq 0$, i.e., $x \geq \frac{2}{3}$, then

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

Solving this yields $x \geq 2$.

The common range between this and $x \geq \frac{2}{3}$ is

$$x \geq 2 \quad \dots\dots \textcircled{1}.$$



(ii) $3x - 2 < 0$, i.e., $x < \frac{2}{3}$, then

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

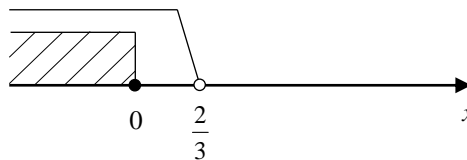
$$-3x + 2 \geq x + 2.$$

Therefore, $-4x \geq 0$.

Solving this yields $x \leq 0$.

The common range between this and $x < \frac{2}{3}$ is

$$x \leq 0 \quad \dots\dots \textcircled{2}.$$



From (i) and (ii), the solution to the inequality is $x \leq 0, 2 \leq x$, combining $\textcircled{1}$ and $\textcircled{2}$.

Study 1

If the integer part of $2\sqrt{3}$ is a and the decimal part is b , find the value of the following expressions.

(1) a

(2) b

(3) $\frac{a}{b}$

solution

(1) From $2\sqrt{3} = \sqrt{12}$, $\sqrt{9} < \sqrt{12} < \sqrt{16}$. Therefore, $3 < 2\sqrt{3} < 4$.

Thus, the integer part a of $2\sqrt{3}$ is $a=3$.

(2) $b = 2\sqrt{3} - 3$

$$(3) \frac{a}{b} = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{3}-3} = \frac{3(2\sqrt{3}+3)}{(2\sqrt{3}-3)(2\sqrt{3}+3)} = \frac{3(2\sqrt{3}+3)}{12-9}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{3} + 3$$

Study 2

Put the following expressions involving square roots into simple form.

$$(1) \sqrt{3+2\sqrt{2}} \quad (2) \sqrt{7-2\sqrt{6}} \quad (3) \sqrt{7-4\sqrt{3}} \quad (4) \sqrt{2+\sqrt{3}}$$

solution

$$(1) \sqrt{3+2\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{(2+1)+2\sqrt{2}\cdot 1} = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{1} = \sqrt{2} + 1$$

$$(2) \sqrt{7-2\sqrt{6}} = \sqrt{(6+1)-2\sqrt{6}\cdot 1} = \sqrt{6} - \sqrt{1} = \sqrt{6} - 1$$

$$(3) \sqrt{7-4\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{7-2\sqrt{12}} = \sqrt{(4+3)-2\sqrt{4}\cdot 3} = \sqrt{4} - \sqrt{3} = 2 - \sqrt{3}$$

$$(4) \sqrt{2+\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{\frac{4+2\sqrt{3}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{(3+1)+2\sqrt{3}\cdot 1}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{1}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

Study 3

$x = \frac{3-\sqrt{6}}{3+\sqrt{6}}$, $y = \frac{3+\sqrt{6}}{3-\sqrt{6}}$, find the value of the following expressions.

(1) $x+y$, xy

(2) x^2+y^2

(3) x^3+y^3

solution

$$(1) \quad x+y = \frac{3-\sqrt{6}}{3+\sqrt{6}} + \frac{3+\sqrt{6}}{3-\sqrt{6}} = \frac{(3-\sqrt{6})^2 + (3+\sqrt{6})^2}{(3+\sqrt{6})(3-\sqrt{6})} = \frac{9-6\sqrt{6}+6+9+6\sqrt{6}+6}{9-6} = \mathbf{10}$$

$$xy = \frac{3-\sqrt{6}}{3+\sqrt{6}} \cdot \frac{3+\sqrt{6}}{3-\sqrt{6}} = \mathbf{1}$$

$$(2) \quad x^2+y^2 = (x+y)^2 - 2xy = 10^2 - 2 \cdot 1 \\ = \mathbf{98}$$

$$(3) \quad x^3+y^3 = (x+y)^3 - 3xy(x+y) = 10^3 - 3 \cdot 1 \cdot 10 = 1000 - 30 \\ = \mathbf{970}$$