



Year 11 Unit 2

Inequalities (Higher)

Prior knowledge: Year 10 unit 3 graphs
Year 10 unit 6 solving linear equations inc simultaneous

Leads onto: Year 11 exams
Year 12 absolute value (modulus) functions

What do I need to be able to do?

- Use and understand inequality symbols
- Represent inequalities on a number line
- Solve linear inequalities
- Draw and identify linear graphs
- Represent linear inequalities on a graph
- Determine a region that satisfies two or more inequalities
- Solve quadratic inequalities
- **Solve simultaneous equations with one linear and one quadratic equation**
- **Determine the number of roots/points of intersection**
- **Use the equation of a circle as one of a pair of simultaneous equations**

Keywords/formula

Inequality symbols:

- > greater than
- < less than
- ≥ greater than or equal to
- ≤ less than or equal to
- ≠ not equal to

NOTE all of these are dependent on which way round you say them

Inclusive inequality: one which includes the end value eg $x \geq 4$ includes 4

Strict inequality: one which does not include the end value eg $x > 4$ does not include 4

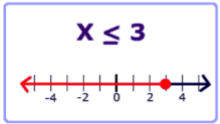
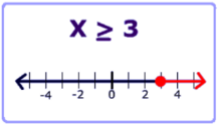
Integer: a positive or negative whole number

Equation of a straight line: $y = mx + c$
Quadratic equation: $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$
Equation of a circle: $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$

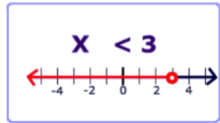
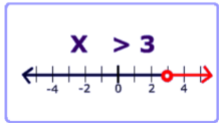
Linear inequalities

Inequalities can be **represented** on a number line

$$x = 3$$

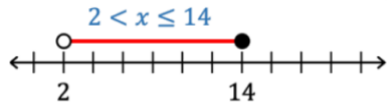


Inclusive inequalities are represented by a closed circle



Strict inequalities are represented by an open circle

Inequalities can represent a value that lies between two points



Inequalities can be **solved** in the same way as equations

$$\begin{aligned} 4x + 1 &< 13 \\ 4x &< 12 \\ x &< 3 \end{aligned}$$

Solutions can be represented as a **range of values** eg $x < 3$

On a **number line** (as above)

Or as **integer values** eg 2, 1, 0, -1, -2, -3....

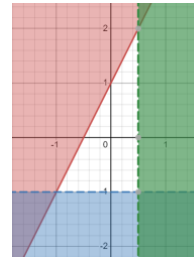
Simultaneous equations can be solved by **elimination** - adding or subtracting one equation from another once the coefficients are the same

Graphing inequalities

Strict inequalities are represented by a dashed line: $y > 2x + 1$

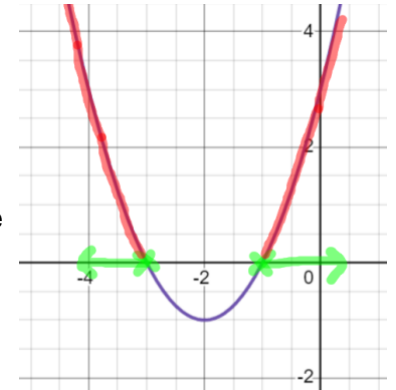
Inclusive inequalities are represented by a solid line: $y \geq 2x + 1$

Regions can be bounded by two or more inequalities



$$\begin{aligned} y &\geq 2x + 1 \\ y &< 1 \\ x &> 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

Quadratic inequalities require you to factorise then use the roots of the equation as the key values of the inequalities: $x^2 + 4x + 3 > 0$ has the solutions $x > -1$ and $x < -3$



Quadratic simultaneous equations can be solved by **substitution** - replacing one variable in the quadratic equation with the linear equation

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 &= 9 \\ y &= 3x - 4 \end{aligned} \quad \text{becomes} \quad x^2 + (3x - 4)^2 = 9$$

which has two solutions (points of intersection)

