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**Course:** College Algebra Math 1111

**Text Book:** For this course we use the free e – book by Stitz and Zeager with link:

<http://www.stitz-zeager.com/szca07042013.pdf>

**Other online resources:**

Tutorials: [http://www.wtamu.edu/academic/anns/mps/math/mathlab/col\\_algebra/index.htm](http://www.wtamu.edu/academic/anns/mps/math/mathlab/col_algebra/index.htm)

**For more free supportive educational resources consult the **syllabus****

# Chapter 1

## Review on Sets and the Real Number systems

See review notes on sets and the real numbers

### Review Examples: YouTube Videos

- Classifying of Real Numbers: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IK0OR2vg\\_Qc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IK0OR2vg_Qc)
- Properties of Real Numbers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-v6zc3JlsoY>
- Order of operations: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXUCkWAmJNM>

## Review on Equations and Inequalities

**Objectives:** by the end of these sections students should be able to:

- **Identify and solve:**
  - linear Equations
  - Quadratic Equations
  - Polynomial Equations
  - Equations Involving Radicals
  - Equations of Quadratic Type
- **Identify and Solve:**
  - Linear Inequalities
  - Non-linear Inequalities (Quadratic Inequalities, Rational inequalities)
  - Some Application Problems
- **Identify and solve:**
  - Absolute Value Equations and Inequalities

**In college algebra it is assumed that students have the mastery of basic algebraic properties, but students are strongly encouraged to review the following online resources:**

**OER** from West Texas A&M University **Tutorials 2 -12**

[http://www.wtamu.edu/academic/anns/mps/math/mathlab/col\\_algebra/index.htm](http://www.wtamu.edu/academic/anns/mps/math/mathlab/col_algebra/index.htm)

# Equations and Inequalities

**Objective:** In this section students learn how to solve equations and inequalities

## Equations

**Solving Equations:** Solving equations involve one or more of the following principles

- Add or Subtract the same value from both sides
- Divide every term by the same nonzero value
- Clear out any fractions by Multiplying every term by the least common denominator (LCD)
- Combine Like Terms
- Factoring or Expanding
- Cancelling common factors from the numerator and Denominator

### 1) Linear equations

**Example:** Solve  $2x - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{2}x + 9$

**OER** (Open Educational Resources) from West Texas A&M, **Tutorial 14:** [Linear Equation in One Variable](#)

### 2) Equations Involving Fractions

**Example:** Solve  $\frac{1}{2}x - \left(x - \frac{1}{3}\right) = -\frac{1}{4}(x - 2)$

**Example: YouTube Videos**

- Linear equations 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DopnmxeMt-s>
- Linear Equations 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tuVd355R-OQ>

**OER** from West Texas A&M, **Tutorial 15:** [Equations with Rational Expressions](#)

### 3) Equations with fractions (variables in the denominator)

**Example:** Solve  $\frac{9}{3x-5} + \frac{1}{x+2} = \frac{4}{x-2}$

**Example: YouTube Videos**

- Solving rational equations: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yaeze9u6Cv8>
- Solving rational equations: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tynJHA7wFzA>
- Solving rational equations: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2d8Aw5P0Ak>

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### 4) The square root formula

If  $x^2 = a$  then  $x = \pm\sqrt{a}$ ,

In general, if  $n$  a positive integer and  $x^n = a$  (a power equation), then

$x = \sqrt[n]{a}$ , if  $n$  is odd and  $x = \pm\sqrt[n]{a}$ , if  $n$  is even, satisfy the power equation

**Example: YouTube Videos**

- Solving Power equations: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2CdBMh7PHFc>
- Solving Power equations: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q27FzmNgjWI>

### Examples: Solve the power equations

a)  $x^3 = -27$

b)  $y^4 = 64$

c)  $x^2 = -36$

d)  $x^6 - 1 = 0$

e)  $x^6 + 1 = 0$

f)  $x^8 - 1 = 0$

OER from West Texas A&M, **Tutorial 16: Formulas and Applications**

#### Example: YouTube Videos

- Solving equations with fractional powers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhUqR2OzAOw>

### 5) Solving for one Variable in terms of the other

Example:  $F = G \frac{mM}{r^2}$  i) solve for  $m$ ;      ii) solve for  $r$

#### Example: YouTube Videos

- Solving for a variable: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aig1hkq3OsU>
- Solving for a variable 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BR5yFOt0zao>

OER Exercise 1.2 #37 – 50: <http://msenux.redwoods.edu/IntAlgText/chapter1/EquationsExercises.pdf>

## Quadratic Equations

**Definition:** An expression of the type  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  is called a **quadratic equation**.

We can solve quadratic equations by **factoring**, **completing the square** or by **the quadratic formula**.

### 1) Factoring

In **Factoring Method** we factor first. That is, to solve  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  first **factor** the **quadratic expression**  $ax^2 + bx + c$  as shown

$$ax^2 + bx + c = \frac{1}{a}(ax + p)(ax + q) \text{ where } p \text{ and } q, \text{ if exist, are integers satisfying the}$$

**Sum - Product** properties:  $p + q = b$  and  $pq = ac$

Examples: Solve by **factoring** a)  $x^2 - 3x + 4 = 0$

b)  $-3x^2 + 5x + 8 = 0$

#### Example: YouTube Videos

- Solving quadratic equation by factoring: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZzuZvz33X0>
- Solving quadratic equation by square root formula: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=55G8037gsKY>

### 2) Completing the square

In **completing the square** we write the quadratic equation in the form  $(ex \pm h)^2 = d$ , where **e**, **d**, and **h** are constants and  $e \neq 0$ . Usually make the coefficient of  $x^2$  equal to 1; by dividing both sides of the quadratic equation with the coefficient of  $x^2$

Examples: Solve by **completing** the square

a)  $x^2 - 6x + 4 = 0$

b)  $-3x^2 + 15x + 18 = 0$

#### Example: YouTube Videos

- Solving quadratic equation by square root formula: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=55G8037gsKY>
- Solving quadratic equation by completing the square: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNQY0z76M5A>

### 3) Quadratic Formula:

The quadratic equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are coefficients, can also be

solved using **The Quadratic Formula**: 
$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

The expression  $D = b^2 - 4ac$  that appears under the square root in the **Quadratic Formula** is called the **Discriminant** of the quadratic equation and is denoted by the symbol **D**.

**Note:** For The general quadratic Equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ , ( $a \neq 0$ )

- If  $D > 0$ , then the quadratic has **two distinct real roots**
- If  $D = 0$ , then the equation has **exactly one root**
- If  $D < 0$ , then the equation **has no real solution** but has **complex conjugate roots**

**Examples:** Solve the following equations

a)  $x^2 - 3x + 2 = 0$

b)  $2x^3 + 6x^2 - 18 = 0$

c)  $3x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$

**OER** from West Texas A&M, **Tutorial 17:** [Quadratic Equations](#)

**Example: YouTube Videos**

- Using the quadratic formula: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUvKjC21fYU>
- Solving quadratic equation by quadratic formula: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iulx0z1lz8M>
- Solving quadratic: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9TmwjUZA6Q&spfreload=10>

### Other Types of Equations

- **Polynomial Equations**
- **Equations Involving Radicals**
- **Equations of Quadratic Types**

**Example:** Solve the following Equations

a)  $x^4 - 3x^2 - 4 = 0$

b)  $x^{2/3} - 3x^{1/3} - 4 = 0$

c)  $x^5 - 25x^2 = 0$

d)  $\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{x + \sqrt{2x + 1}}} = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2x + 2}}$

**OER** from West Texas A&M, **Tutorial 18:** [Solving Polynomial Equations by Factoring](#) ,

**Tutorial 19:** [Radical Equations and Equations Involving Rational Exponents](#) and

**Tutorial 20:** [Equations that are Quadratic in Form](#)

**Example: YouTube Videos**

- Solving equations quadratic in nature: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XzW2KrhV7EA>
- Solving equations quadratic in forms: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pzRqipVKHd4>
- Solving rational equations that gives quadratics: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dk-5ds\\_RY-o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dk-5ds_RY-o)

# Inequalities

## Important Ideas:

- Linear Inequalities
- Non-linear Inequalities
- Sign Chart
- Interval Forms

## Properties of Inequalities:

- 1)  $A \leq B \Leftrightarrow A \pm C \leq B \pm C$
- 2) If  $C > 0$ , then  $A \leq B \Leftrightarrow AC \leq BC$
- 3) If  $C < 0$ , then  $A \leq B \Leftrightarrow AC \geq BC$  (Multiplying by a negative number changes inequality orientation)
- 4) Let  $A > 0$  and  $B > 0$ . If  $A \leq B$  then  $\frac{1}{A} \geq \frac{1}{B}$
- 5) If  $A \leq B$  and  $C \leq D$ , then  $A + C \leq B + D$

**Example:** Solve the following linear inequalities, **graph** the **solutions**, and give the **solutions** in **interval** and set builder forms.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| a) $7x - 6 \leq 5(3x + 9) + 5$              | d) $\frac{5}{3}x - 2 > \frac{17}{7}x + 4$ |
| b) $2\left(y - \frac{1}{2}\right) < 5 - 2y$ | e) $-12 < -6x < 24$                       |
| c) $-2 \leq 2 - 2x \leq 6$                  |   |

**OER** from West Texas A&M, **Tutorial 22: Linear Inequalities**

## Example: YouTube Videos

- Solving linear inequalities: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VgDe\\_D8ojxw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VgDe_D8ojxw)
- Solving linear inequality: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wma0GpLzXj0>
- Solving compound inequalities: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3xPhzs-KBI>

## Non – Linear Inequalities

**Example:** Solve the following **Nonlinear Inequalities**, graph the solutions and give the solutions in an interval and set builder forms

a)  $(x - 1)(2x - 6) < 0$

c)  $\frac{x+2}{x+3} < \frac{x-1}{x-2}$

b)  $x^2 \geq 5x - 6$

d)  $\frac{x-3}{x+1} \geq 0$

**OER** from West Texas A&M, **Tutorial 23A:** [Quadratic Inequalities](#) and **Tutorial 23B:** [Rational Inequalities](#)

**Example: YouTube Videos**

- Solving quadratic inequalities: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNtzWpU80-0>
- Solving Rational Inequalities: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjeMdXV0QMg>

### Steps for Solving Nonlinear Inequalities

#### Sign Chart Method

- 1) **Make** the *right hand side* = 0 (move all terms to the left)
- 2) **Factor** and solve for the **zeros** of all expressions on the **left hand side** (zeroes for numerator and denominator in case of rational inequality)
- 3) **Plot** the **zeros** in step 2) on a **number line**; dividing the number line in to **intervals**
- 4) Select **test points** from each **intervals** in step 2)
- 5) **Plug** the **test points** for the **variables** in the **inequality** in step 1) and decide **whether** or not the **inequality** is satisfied
- 6) **The solution set** for the inequality is the **union of all the interval(s)** where the **inequality** is **satisfied**

## Absolute Value Equations and Inequalities

### Objectives:

- State the definition of Absolute Value
- Identify the different properties of absolute value equations and inequalities
- Identify absolute value equations and inequalities
- Solve absolute value equations and inequalities

**Definition:** The **absolute value** of a number  $x$  is:  $|x| = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$

## Properties of Absolute Value

- 1) For any number  $x$ ,  $|x| \geq 0$
- 2) For any number  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $|xy| = |x||y|$ ; and  $|x/y| = |x|/|y|$ , provided  $y \neq 0$
- 3) For any number  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$
- 4) For any number  $x$ ,  $\sqrt{x^2} = |x|$
- 5) **Absolute Value Equations**

Let  $C$  be a **non-negative number**, then  $|x| = C$  is equivalent to  $x = C$  or  $x = -C$

**Example 1:** Solve the following equations

a)  $|x + 3| - 2 = 8$

c)  $\frac{|x+2|}{3} = 4$

b)  $|3x + 2| + 5 = 1$

d)  $|x + 3| = |2x + 1|$

**Example: YouTube Videos**

- Solving absolute value equation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6zDpUL5RkU>
- Solving absolute value equation: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwjiR2\\_7A7Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwjiR2_7A7Y)

**OER** from West Texas A&M, **Tutorial 21:** [Absolute Value Equations](#)

### 6) Absolute Value Inequalities

Let  $C$  be a **non-negative number**.

- a)  $|x| < C$  is equivalent to  $-C < x < C$
- b)  $|x| \leq C$  is equivalent to  $-C \leq x \leq C$
- c)  $|x| > C$  is equivalent to  $x < -C$  or  $C < x$
- d)  $|x| \geq C$  is equivalent to  $x \leq -C$  or  $C \leq x$

**Example 2:** Solve the following equations and **graph** the solutions

a)  $|2x - 5| < 9$

b)  $|2x - 5| > 9$

c)  $\left| \frac{x+1}{2} - 3x \right| \geq 4$

d)  $2 \left| \frac{1}{2}x + 3 \right| + 3 \leq 51$

**OER** from West Texas A&M, **Tutorial 24:** [Practice Test on Tutorials 14 - 23](#)

**Example: YouTube Videos**

- Solving Absolute Value inequalities: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iI\\_2Piwn\\_og](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iI_2Piwn_og)
- Solving Absolute Value inequalities 2: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5EJG\\_rAtkY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5EJG_rAtkY)

**OER** click the link [Chapter 1: Exercises with Answers \(all sections combined\)](#)



## Coordinates and Graphs (Page 6-14 Stitz-Zeager (S-Z) Book )

### The Coordinate Plane

**Objectives:** By the end of this section you should be able to

- Identify the coordinate plane and graph points
- Identify the four quadrants I, II, III, and IV
- Identify ordered pairs and the x- and the y- coordinates of a point
- Identify vertical and horizontal lines and give their equations and sketch their graphs
- Identify the distance formula and find distance between points in a plane
- Identify midpoint formula and find the midpoint of a line segment

**Quadrants:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>, Quadrants

$$1^{\text{st}} - \text{Quadrant} = \{(x, y): x > 0 \text{ and } y > 0\}$$

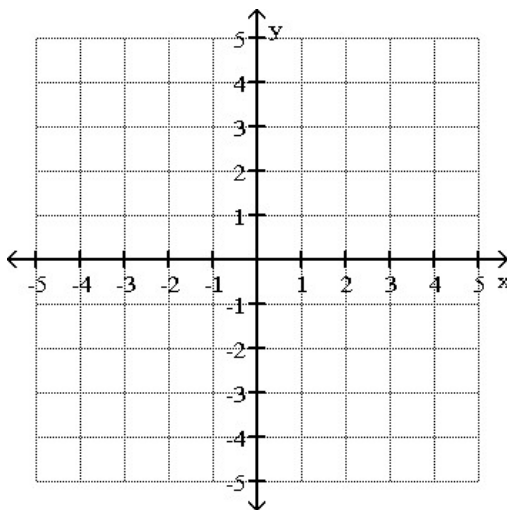
$$2^{\text{nd}} - \text{Quadrant} = \{(x, y): x < 0 \text{ and } y > 0\}$$

$$3^{\text{rd}} - \text{Quadrant} = \{(x, y): x < 0 \text{ and } y < 0\}$$

$$4^{\text{th}} - \text{Quadrant} = \{(x, y): x > 0 \text{ and } y < 0\}$$

**Example 1:** Plot the following points on a coordinate plane.

A. (5, 2), B. (-3, 1), C. (-2, -3), D. (1, -2), E. (0, 2), F. (-1, 0)



**Example: YouTube videos:**

- Graphing a line: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2UrcUfBizyw>
- Graphing quadratic functions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3a7UbMJpeIM>
- Graphing piecewise functions: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQiXRrT\\_14o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQiXRrT_14o)

**OER** from West Texas A&M, **Tutorial 25:** [Slope of a Line](#), **Tutorial 26:** [Equations of Lines](#)

**OER** from West Texas A&M, **Tutorial 27:** [Graphing Lines](#)

## Graphs, Table, Intercepts and Symmetries

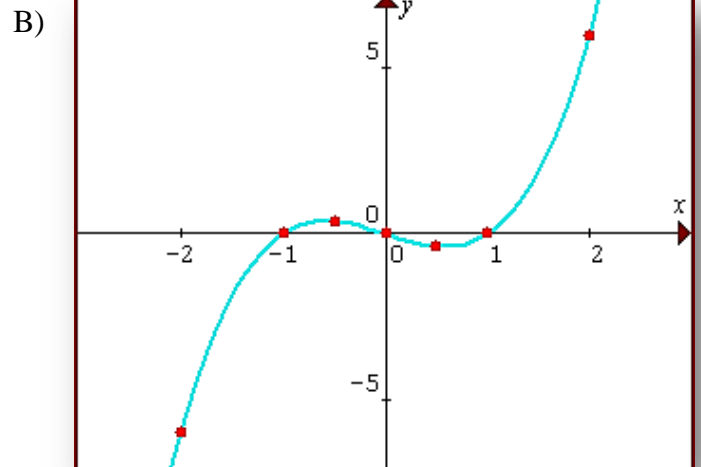
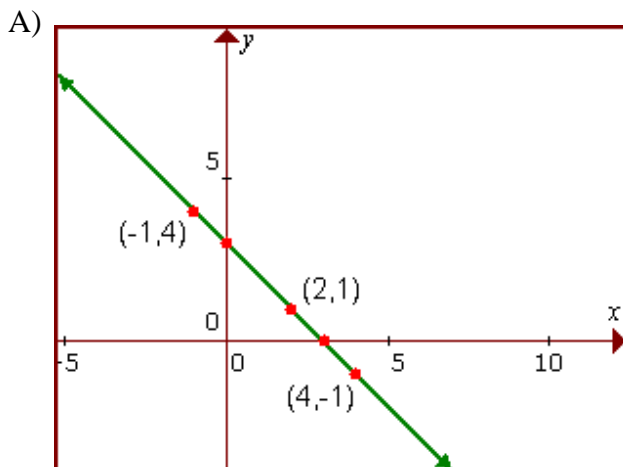
**Objectives:** By the end of this section you should be able to

- Graph equations using table or graphing calculator
- Find x and y intercepts
- Identify three types of symmetry: symmetry with respect to the y-axis, symmetry with respect to the origin, and symmetry with respect to the x-axis.
- Test equations for symmetry
- Graph inequalities and read the domain and range from the graph

### Graphs

The **graph** of an equation in two variables **x** and **y** consists of the **set of points** in the **xy - plane** whose coordinates **(x, y)** satisfy the given equation.

**Example 1:** For the graphs shown below, list some points that are on the graphs



**Example 2:** Determine if the following points are on the graph of the equation

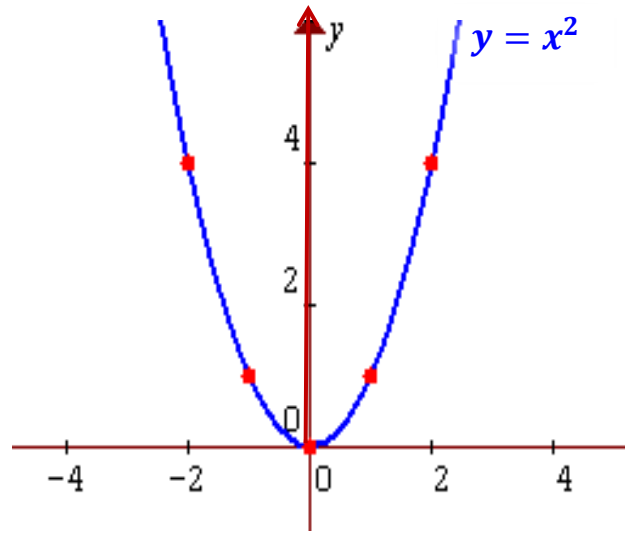
- a)  $2x - y = 6$  ;                      (2, 3), (2, -2), (0, 6), (3, 0)
- b)  $y(x^2 + 1) = 1$  ;                      (1, 1), (1, 1/2), (-1, 1), (0, 1)
- c)  $x^2 + xy + y^2 = 4$  ;                      (0, -2), (1, -2), (2, -2), (1, -1)

## Tables

Tables are used to help sketch graphs of equations: see **Example 3** below

**Example 3:** Graph  $y = x^2$  (use a table)

$x$	$y = x^2$	$(x, y)$
-3	9	$(-3, 9)$
-2	4	$(-2, 4)$
-1	1	$(-1, 1)$
0	0	$(0, 0)$
1	1	$(1, 1)$
2	4	$(2, 4)$
3	9	$(3, 9)$



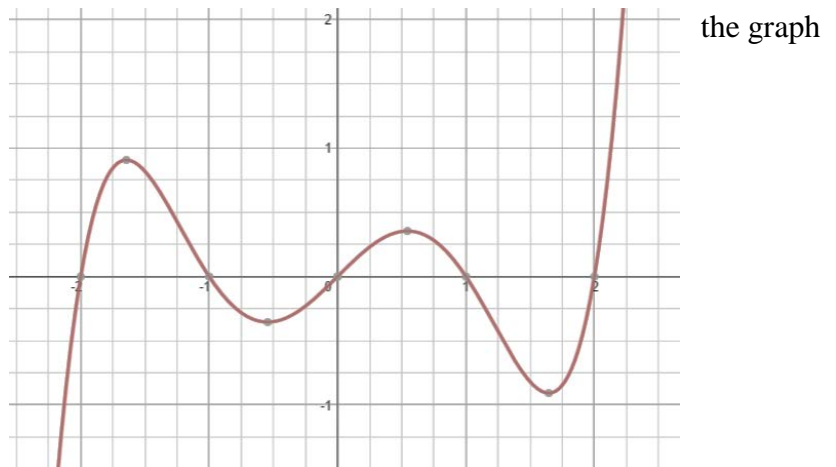
## Intercepts: x - intercept and y-intercept

**x - Intercepts** are **points** (ordered pairs of numbers) where a **graph intersects the x - axis**.

**y - Intercepts** are **points** (ordered pairs of numbers) where a **graph intersects the y - axis**.

**Note:** At **x intercept**  $y = 0$  and at **y intercept**  $x = 0$

**Example 4:** Find the intercepts from



**Example 5:** Find the x and y intercepts:

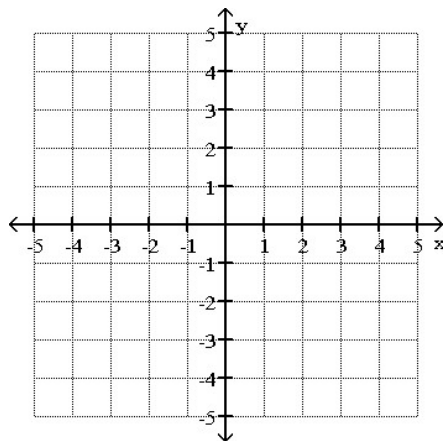
- a)  $y = 2x - 3$                       d)  $y = x^2 - 1$                       g)  $y - 2xy + 2x = 1$   
b)  $2y + 4x = 6$                       e)  $9x^2 + 4y^2 = 36$   
c)  $y = x^2 - 5x + 6$                   f)  $y^2 = x^2 - 9$

## **Example: YouTube Videos**

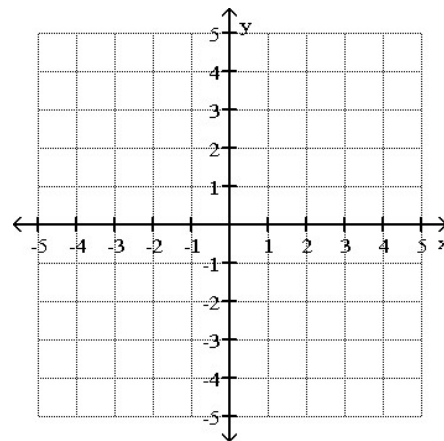
- Find x and y intercepts: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGmef7IFc5w>
- Finding intercepts: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=405boztgZig>

**Example 6:** Find the **intercepts** and **sketch** graphs.

a)  $3x - 2y = 6$



b)  $x + y = 0$



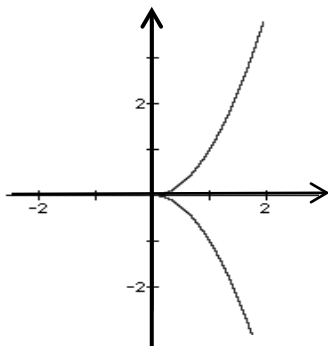
### Symmetry

**Symmetry** with respect to **the x-axis, the y-axis, and the origin**

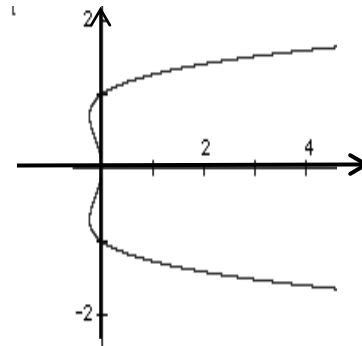
- 1) ***x - axis* Symmetry:** A graph is said to be **symmetric with respect to the x - axis** if and **only if** for every point  $(x, y)$  on the graph the point  $(x, -y)$  is also on the graph.

**Example1:**

a)



b)

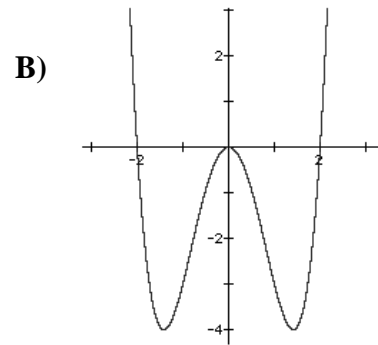
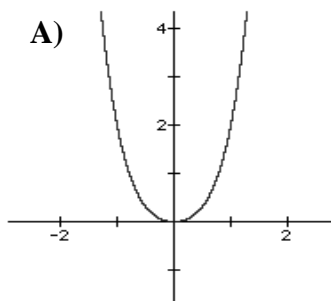


**Example 2:** a)  $y^2 = x$

b) Unit Circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

2)  **$y$  - axis Symmetry:** A graph is said to be **symmetric with respect to the  $y$  - axis** if and only if for every point  $(x, y)$  on the graph the point  $(-x, y)$  is also on the graph.

**Example 3:**



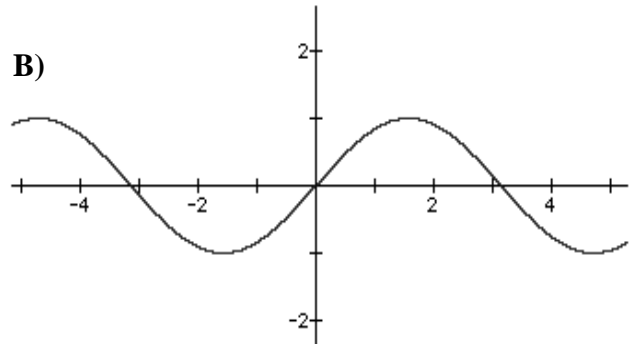
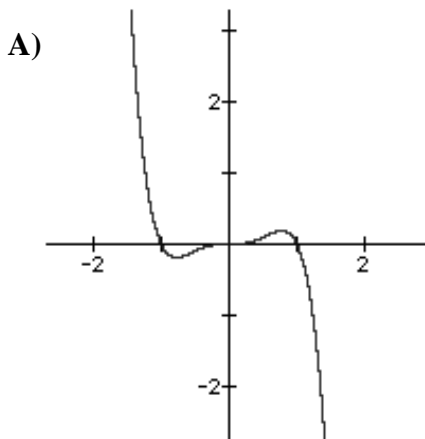
**Example 4:** a)  $y = x^2$

b)  $y = -x^2$

c)  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

3) **Origin  $(0, 0)$ , Symmetry:** A graph is said to be **symmetric with respect to the origin** if and only if for every point  $(x, y)$  on the graph the point  $(-x, -y)$  is also on the graph.

**Example 5:**



**Example 6:** a)  $y = x^3$

b)  $y = -x^3$

c)  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

**Example: YouTube Videos**

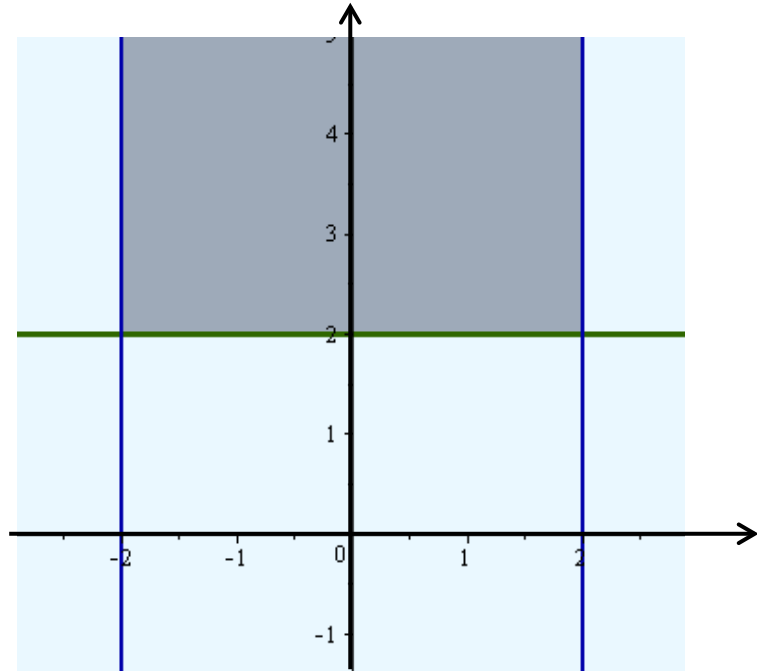
- Symmetries: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8VgmBe3ulb8>

## Graphs of Inequalities in Two Variables

The graph of an inequality in two variables (usually in the variables  $x$  &  $y$ ) is generally a region in the  $x$ - $y$  coordinate axes

**Example 1:** Sketch the **region** given by the following sets and also state their **domain** and **range**:

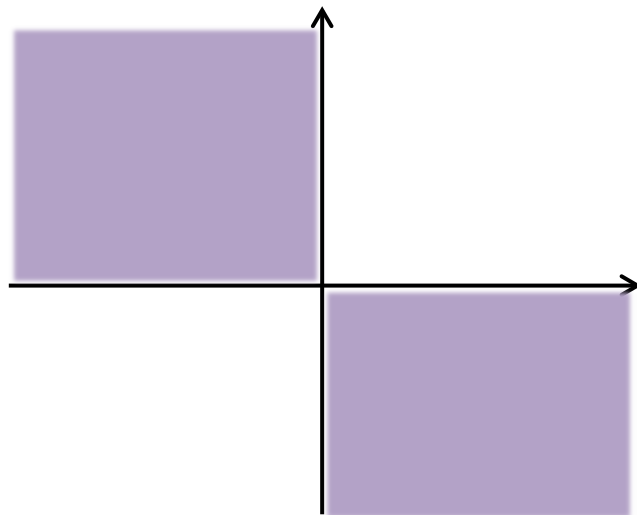
a)  $\{(x, y) : -2 < x < 2 \text{ and } y \geq 2\}$



**Domain** =  $(-2, 2) = \{x : -2 < x < 2\}$ ,

**Range** =  $(2, \infty) = \{y : y \geq 2\}$

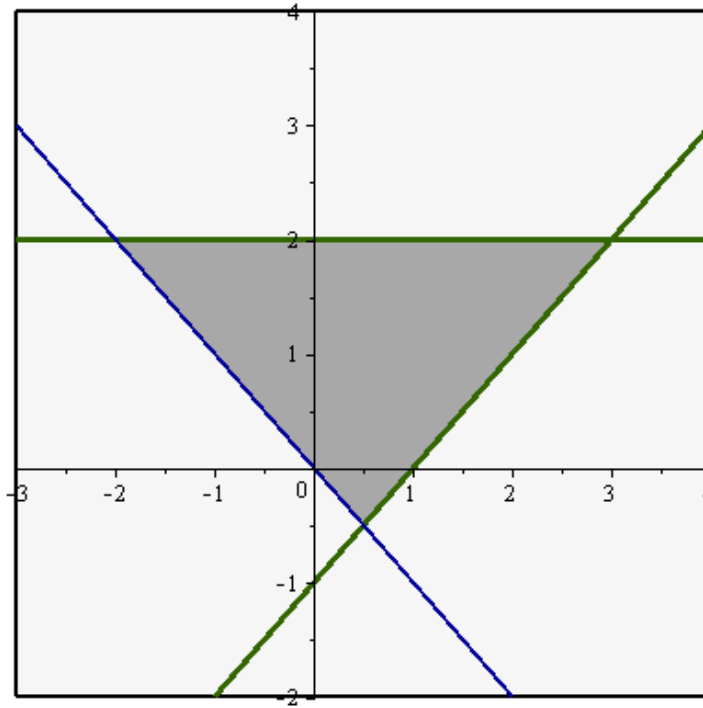
b)  $\{(x, y) : xy < 0\}$



**Domain** =  $\{x : x \neq 0\}$

**Range** =  $\{y : y \neq 0\}$

c)  $\{(x, y) : x + y > 0, x - y < 1, y \leq 2\}$



**Domain** =  $\{x: -2 < x < 3\} = (-2, 3)$

**Range** =  $\{y: -1 < y \leq 3\} = (-1, 3]$

**Example 2:** Sketch the **region** defined by the following inequalities

- $y > -1$  and  $x > 2$
- $x > -2$
- $y \leq 4$  and  $y \geq 1$
- $y > x^2$  and  $y \leq 4$
- $y \geq -2x - 4, y > x + 1$  and  $y \leq 2$
- $x + y < 3$
- $2x - 6y > 3$  and  $x + y < 1$

**Example 3:** Find the domain and range of the each relation defined by each inequality in **Example 2** above

**Example: YouTube Videos**

- Graphing linear inequalities: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unSBFwK881s>
- Graphing system of inequalities: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TqsRlc02rtc>

## The Distance Formula, Midpoint Formula and Circle

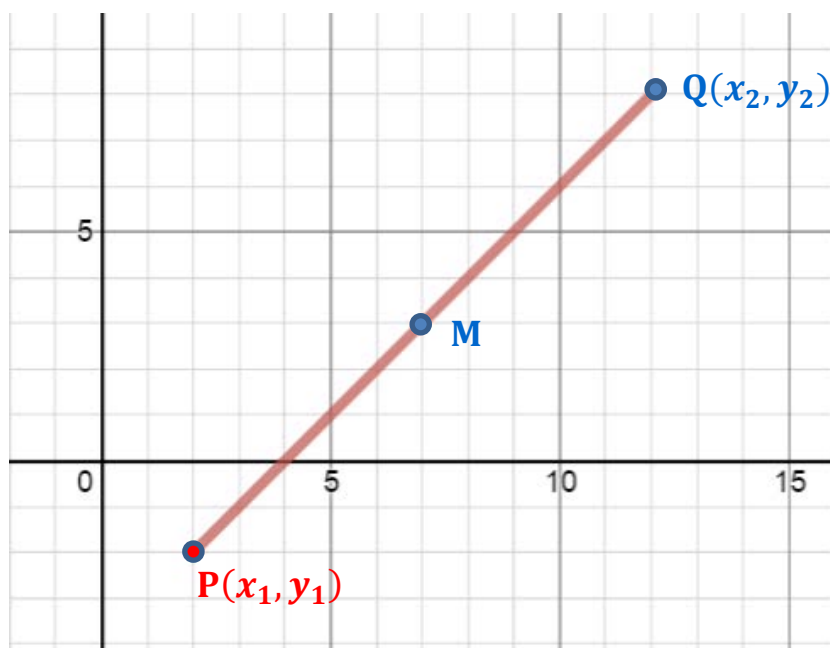
**Objectives:** By the end of this section you should be able to

- Find the distance between two points in a plane
- Find the mid-point of a line segment in the coordinate plane
- Define a circle
- Identify the standard form equation of a circle
- Graph a circle, find its center and radius
- Find the equation of a circle

### The Distance and the Midpoint Formulas

Given two points  $P(x_1, y_1)$  and  $Q(x_2, y_2)$  in the coordinate plane the **distance  $d$**  between **P** and **Q** and **midpoint  $M$**  of the segment **PQ** are given by:

$$\text{Distance: } = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}; \quad \text{Midpoint: } M = \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$



**Example 3:** Find the distance and midpoint for each pair of points

- a) (1, 2) & (3, 5)      b) (-1, 4) & (3, -2)      c) (4, -2) & (3, 5)

**Practice Problems: S-Z book**  
**Page 14, Exercise 1.1.4**

**Example: YouTube Videos**

- Distance formula: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyZuite17Pc>
- Midpoint formula: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ez-RwV9WVo>



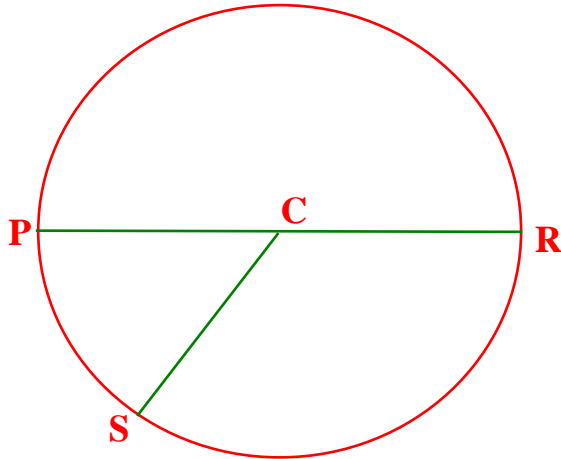
## Circle

**Definition:** A **circle** is a set of **points** in a plane that have the **same distance** from a given point **C**.

The point **C** is called the **center** of the circle.

The chord or length **PR** through the center of a circle is called the **diameter** of the circle.

The distance **CR** (= **CP** = **CS**) from the center of a circle to the edge of the circle is called the **radius** of the circle.



**Note:** We can use the **Midpoint** and **Distance Formulas** to find the center and radius of a circle.

**Example 1:** Find the radius and center of a circle if the endpoints of the diameter are **(1, 3)** and **(4, 2)**.

**Note:** Using the distance formula we can derive the equation of a circle.

### **The Equation of a Circle:**

The **equation** of a **circle** with center **C** = **(h, k)** and radius **r** is given by:

$$(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$$

This equation is called the **Standard Form Equation of a circle**

**Example 2:** Find the center and radius of each circle

a)  $(x - 1)^2 + (y - 3)^2 = 4$       b)  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$       c)  $(x + 1)^2 + (y + 3)^2 = 2$

**Example 3:** Given the center and radius, write the equation of the circle

a) Center =  $(1, -3)$  and  $r = 4$

b) Center =  $(0, -1)$  and  $r = \sqrt{5}$

c) Center =  $(-1, 0)$  and radius = 3

**Example 4:** Find the Equation of the circle with end points of diameter  $P(1, -2)$  and  $Q(4, 5)$

**Example 5:**

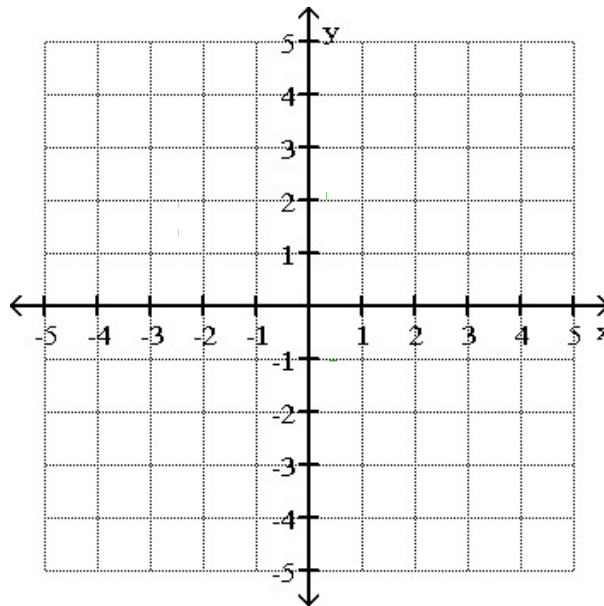
a) Show that  $x^2 + 2x + y^2 - 4y - 4 = 0$  is equation of a circle.

b) Write the following equations in the **standard form** and find the **center** and the **radius**

i.  $x^2 - 3x + y^2 + 2y = \frac{9}{2}$

ii.  $3x^2 + 12x + 3y^2 - 3y - 5 = 0$

**Example 6:** Graph  $(x - 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 9$



**OER** from West Texas A&M, **Tutorial 29:** [Circles](#)

**Example: YouTube Videos**

- The equation of a circle: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQXUpB2NHvQ>
- Center and radius of a circle: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JvDpYlyKkNU>
- Equation of circles: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLM3xlqw3WY>