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Discriminant :

$$\rightarrow \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Outcomes of Discriminant

1. $\rightarrow b^2 - 4ac > 0$, 2 distinct real roots

2. $\rightarrow b^2 - 4ac = 0$, 1 real root

3. $\rightarrow b^2 - 4ac < 0$, no real roots

Ex. Solve
if $kx^2 + 3kx - 2k^2 = 0$, has real, distinct roots.

$$kx^2 + 3kx - 2k^2 > 0$$

$ax^2 + bx + c$

$$b^2 - 4ac$$

$$(3k)^2 - 4(k)(-2k^2) > 0$$

$$9k^2 - 4k(-2k^2) > 0$$

$$\boxed{9k^2 + 8k^3 > 0} \quad \text{Discriminant}$$

$$9k^2 > -8k^3$$

$$9 > -8k$$

$$-\frac{9}{8} > k$$

$$k < -\frac{9}{8}$$

Q.

Find the values of k for which the quadratic function

$f(x) = 2kx^2 + kx - k + 2$ has real roots.

$$ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$b^2 - 4ac$$

$$k^2 - 4(2k)(-k+2)$$

$$k^2 - 8k(-k+2)$$

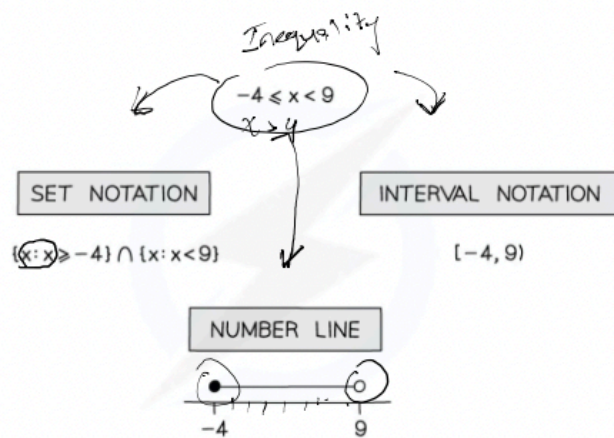
$$k^2 + 8k^2 - 16k > 0$$

$$9k^2 - 16k > 0$$

$$9k^2 > 16k$$

$$9k > 16$$

$$k > \frac{16}{9}$$



Ex

a) Find the discriminant for the quadratic function $x^2 + 8x + 15$.

b) Write down the number of real solutions to the equation $x^2 + 8x + 15 = 0$.

b) 2 distinct real roots.

a) $b^2 - 4ac$
 > 4

Q1.

a)

Write down, in terms of k , the discriminant of $x^2 + 8x + 4k$.

a) Ans $\boxed{64 - 16k}$

b)

Hence find the values of k which the equation $x^2 + 8x + 4k = 0$ has two real and distinct solutions.

(1)

b) $64 - 16k > 0$

$64 > 16k$

$\frac{64}{16} > k$

$k < \frac{64}{16}$

Ans - $\boxed{k < 4}$

(2)

$3x + 2 > 11 - 2x$

$3x + 2x + 2 > 11$

$5x > 11 - 2$

3

Q2.

Solve the inequality $3x + 4 \leq 5(x - 1)$.

1. Linear inequality.

Expand.

$3x + 4 \leq 5x - 5$

$4 \leq 5x - 3x - 5$

$4 \leq 2x - 5$

$9 \leq 2x$

$\frac{9}{2} \leq x$

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$x \geq \frac{9}{2}$

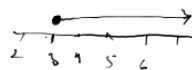
Ex.

$3x + 2 \geq 11 - 2x$

$3x \geq 11 - 2$

$x \geq \frac{9}{3}$

$x \geq 3$



1) Linear inequality \rightarrow 1 answer

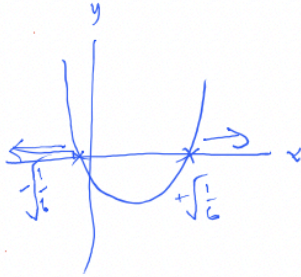
2) Quadratic inequality \rightarrow 2 values

Ex

Solve the inequality $\frac{5}{3x^2+2} \leq 2$.

$$5 \leq 2(3x^2+2)$$

$$0 \leq 2(3x^2+2) - 5$$



$$x - \text{values} \\ 5 = 2(3x^2+2)$$

$$5 = 6x^2 + 4 \\ 6x^2 - 1$$

$$\frac{1}{6} = x^2 \\ \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} = x$$

$$x \leq -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ x \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$$

Q3

Solve the inequality $(x+2)^2 > 5$.

1. Solve x -values \rightarrow Use Quadratic formula
2. put inequality sign

$$(x+2)^2 > 5$$

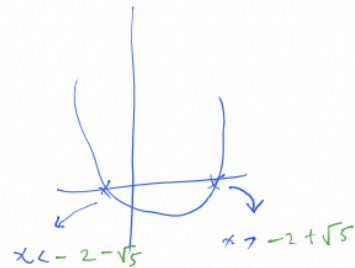
$$(x+2)(x+2) > 5$$

$$x^2 + 2x + 2x + 4 > 5$$

$$x^2 + 4x - 1$$

$$\frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{4^2 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2(1)} = -2 + \sqrt{5}, -2 - \sqrt{5}$$

$$x < -2$$



Ex

$$19 - (2x) \geq 5 \quad (1) \rightarrow$$

$$9 < x + 5 \quad (2)$$

$$+2x \geq 14 \\ x \geq 7$$

$$9 - 5 < x$$

$$4 < x$$

$$4 < x \geq 7$$

$$19 - 5 \leq 2x$$

$$14 \leq 2x$$

$$14 \leq x$$

$$7 \leq x$$

$$x \geq 7$$

Notes

Discriminants

What is a discriminant?

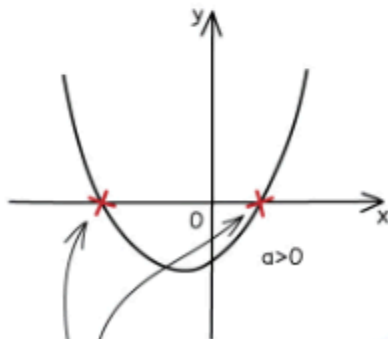
- The discriminant is the part of the quadratic formula that is under the square root sign $b^2 - 4ac$
- It is sometimes denoted by the Greek letter Δ (capital delta)

How does the discriminant affect graphs and roots?

There are three options for the outcome of the discriminant:

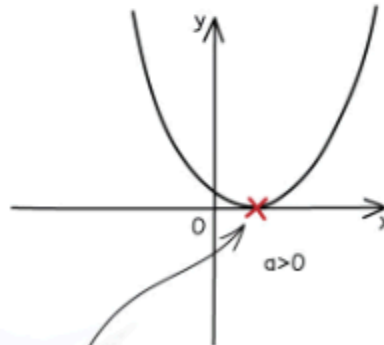
- If $b^2 - 4ac > 0$ the quadratic crosses the x-axis **twice** meaning there are **two distinct real roots**
- If $b^2 - 4ac = 0$ the quadratic touches the x-axis **once** meaning there is **one real root** (also called repeated roots)
- If $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ the quadratic **does not cross** the x-axis meaning there are no real roots

IF $b^2 - 4ac > 0$



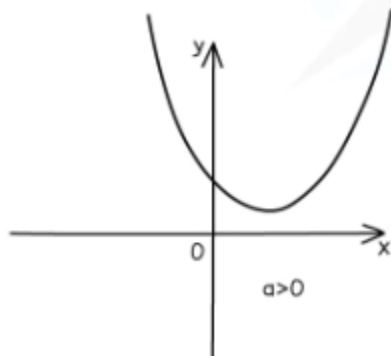
TWO DISTINCT
REAL ROOTS

IF $b^2 - 4ac = 0$



ONE REAL ROOT
(REPEATED ROOTS)

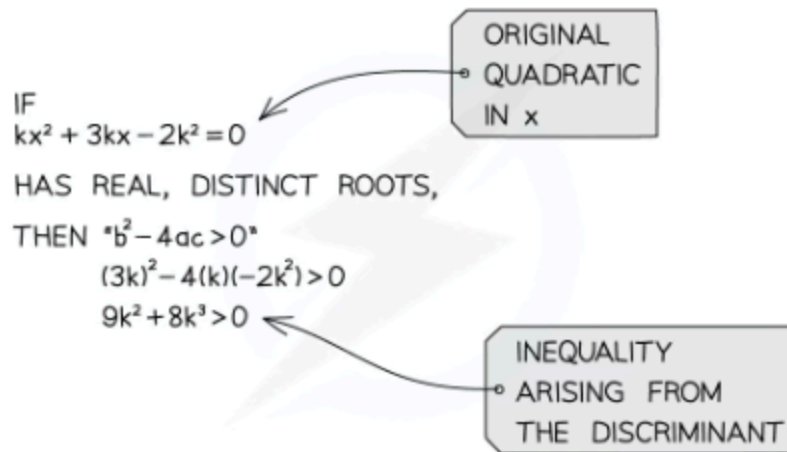
IF $b^2 - 4ac < 0$



NO REAL ROOTS

Discriminant and inequalities

- You need to be able to **set up** and **solve** equations and inequalities (often quadratic) arising from the discriminant
- Sketch the quadratic and decide whether you're looking above or below zero to write your solutions correctly



Linear Inequalities

What are linear inequalities?

- Linear inequalities are similar to equations but answers take a range of values
- Linear means there will be no terms other than degree 1
 - no squared terms or higher powers, no fractional or negative powers
- Inequalities use the symbols following symbols
 - $>$ Greater than e.g. $5 > 3$
 - $<$ Less than e.g. $-8 < 7$
 - \geq Greater than or equal to
 - \leq Less than or equal to
- Inequalities can be represented in many ways using number lines, set notation and interval notation

$$-4 \leq x < 9$$

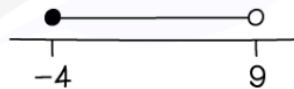
SET NOTATION

$$\{x: x \geq -4\} \cap \{x: x < 9\}$$

INTERVAL NOTATION

$$[-4, 9)$$

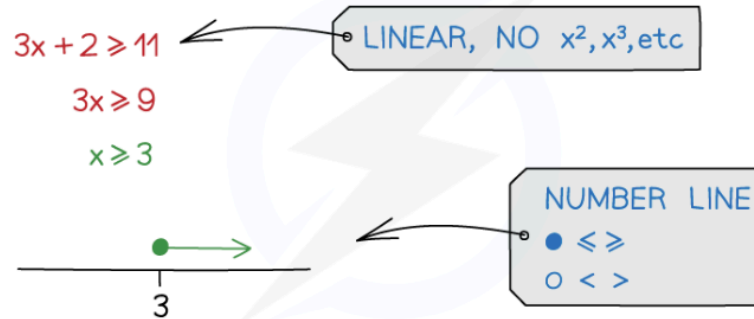
NUMBER LINE



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Number line diagrams

- Number line diagrams are made up from circles and lines set above a number line
 - A filled-in circle or empty circle above a number denotes whether the number is included or not
 - filled in for the greater/less than or equal to symbols $\leq \geq$
 - empty for the greater/less than symbols $< >$
 - Arrows show the range of values that are allowed



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Set notation

- Set notation is a formal way of writing a range of values
- Use of curly brackets $\{ \}$
- Intersection \cap and union \cup may be used
- Not to be confused with interval notation

SET NOTATION

$$x > 9 \rightarrow \{x : x > 9\}$$

A FORMAL WAY
OF WRITING A
RANGE OF VALUES

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Skills for solving linear inequalities

- representing and interpreting inequalities displayed on a number line
- **writing** and **interpreting** set notation
 - eg $\{x : x > 1\} \cap \{x : x \leq 7\}$ is the same as $1 < x \leq 7$
- **writing** and **interpreting** interval notation
 - eg $[-4, 6)$ is the same as $-4 \leq x < 6$

How do I solve linear inequalities?

- Treat the inequality as an equation and solve
 - avoid multiplying or dividing by a negative
 - if unavoidable, “flip” the inequality sign so $< \rightarrow >$, $\geq \rightarrow \leq$, etc
 - try to rearrange to make the x term positive

$$8 - 3x \geq 5x - 4$$

AVOID MULTIPLYING OR
DIVIDING BY A NEGATIVE

$$8 + 4 \geq 5x + 3x$$

$$8x \leq 12$$

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

REARRANGE TO MAKE
x POSITIVE

Worked example



Given that $\{x : x \geq 0\}$, solve the simultaneous inequalities $19 - 2x \geq 5$ and $9 < x + 5$, giving your answer in set notation.

$$19 - 2x \geq 5$$

$$19 - 5 \geq 2x$$

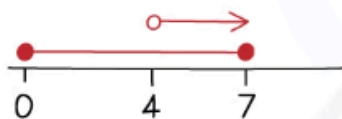
$$2x \leq 14$$

$$x \leq 7$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 7$$

$$9 < x + 5$$

$$x > 4$$



$$4 < x \leq 7$$

$$\{x : x > 4\} \cap \{x : x \leq 7\}$$

SOLVE EACH INEQUALITY SEPARATELY, DEALING WITH NEGATIVES CAREFULLY

THE QUESTION SAID " $x \geq 0$ "

DRAW A QUICK DIAGRAM TO SEE WHERE ANSWERS COINCIDE (OVERLAP)

FINAL ANSWER IN SET NOTATION

Quadratic Inequalities

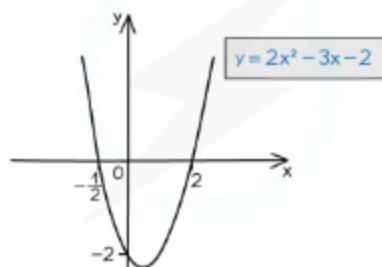
Quadratic Inequalities

- Similar to quadratic equations quadratic inequalities just mean there is a range of values that satisfy the solution
- Sketching a quadratic graph is essential

Can involve the **discriminant** or **applications** in **mechanics** and **statistic**

$$2x^2 - 3x - 2 > 0$$

QUADRATIC FORM



How do I solve quadratic Inequalities?

- **STEP 1: Rearrange** the inequality into quadratic form with a **positive squared term**
 - $ax^2 + bx + c > 0$ ($>$, $<$, \leq or \geq)
- **STEP 2: Find the roots** of the quadratic equation
 - Solve $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ to get x_1 and x_2 where $x_1 < x_2$
- **STEP 3: Sketch** a graph of the quadratic and **label the roots**
 - As the squared term is positive it will be "U" shaped
- **STEP 4: Identify the region** that satisfies the inequality
 - For $ax^2 + bx + c > 0$ you want the region **above** the x-axis
 - The solution is $x < x_1$ or $x > x_2$
 - For $ax^2 + bx + c < 0$ you want the region **below** the x-axis
 - The solution is $x > x_1$ and $x < x_2$
 - This is more commonly written as $x_1 < x < x_2$
- ◦ **avoid** multiplying or dividing by a negative number
If unavoidable, "**flip**" the inequality sign so $< \rightarrow >$, $\geq \rightarrow \leq$, etc
- ◦ **avoid** multiplying or dividing by a **variable** (x) that **could** be negative
(multiplying or dividing by x^2 guarantees positivity (unless x could be 0) but this can create extra, invalid solutions)
- ◦ **do** rearrange to make the x^2 term positive Be careful:

AVOID NEGATIVES!

$$5 - 5x^2 \leq 7 + 4x - 8x^2$$

$$3x^2 - 4x - 2 \leq 0$$

$$\frac{2 - \sqrt{40}}{3} \leq x \leq \frac{2 + \sqrt{40}}{3}$$

MAKE THE x^2 TERM POSITIVE

Worked example

? Find the set of values for which $3x^2 + 2x - 6 > x^2 + 4x - 2$ giving your answer in set notation.

$$3x^2 + 2x - 6 - x^2 - 4x + 2 > 0$$

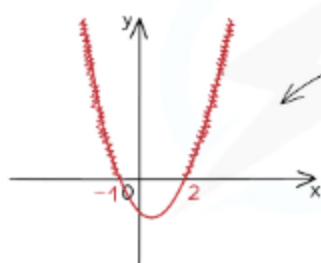
$$2x^2 - 2x - 4 > 0$$

REARRANGE TO
QUADRATIC FORM

$$2(x^2 - x - 2) > 0$$

$$x^2 - x - 2 > 0$$

$$(x-2)(x+1) > 0$$



CRUCIAL: SKETCH
THE GRAPH TO
SEE WHERE THE
SOLUTIONS ARE

$$x < -1 \text{ OR } x > 2$$

$$\{x: x < -1\} \cup \{x: x > 2\}$$

FINAL ANSWER IN
SET NOTATION