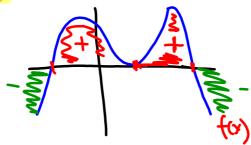


## 2-6 Study Guide and Intervention

Nonlinear Inequalities

**Polynomial Inequalities** Real zeros divide the x-axis into intervals for which the value of f(x) is positive (above the x-axis) or negative (below the x-axis). A <u>sign chart</u> shows these real zeros and the sign of f(x) in that interval as either positive (+) or negative (-).



## Example: Solve each inequality.

a.  $x^2 - 3x - 15 > 3$ 

 $x^{2} - 3x - 15 > 3$  $x^{2} - 3x - 18 > 0$ 

Original inequality

Subtract 3 from each side of the inequality.

(x+3)(x-6) > 0

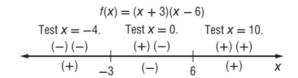
Factor.

Let f(x) = (x + 3)(x - 6).

f(x) has real zeros at x = -3 and x = 6.

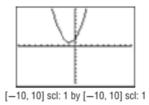
Create a sign chart using these real zeros. Substitute any number from each interval for x in the factored function rule. Write the sign of each factor and the sign of the product of the factors.

Because we are solving for when  $x^2 - 3x - 18 \ge 0$ , we choose the intervals for which the product is positive. The solution is  $(-\infty, -3)$  or  $(6, \infty)$ .



## **b.** $x^2 + 2x + 2 < 0$

The related function has no real zeros. The graph is always above the x-axis so the values of f(x) are always positive. Because we are solving for when the values are negative, the equation has no real solution.



## Exercises Solve each inequality.

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Rational Inequalities A rational inequality can change signs at its points of discontinuity as y You must include the zeros of both the numerator and denominator in your sign chart.	well as its real zeros.

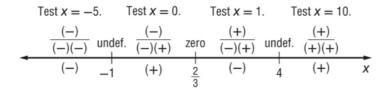
Example: Solve 
$$\frac{2}{x-4} + \frac{1}{x+1} > 0$$
.

Original inequality

$$\frac{2x+2+x-4}{(x-4)(x+1)} > 0$$
 Use the LCD,  $(x-4)(x-1)$ , to combine the fractions.

$$\frac{3x-2}{(x-4)(x+1)} > 0$$
 Simplify

Let  $f(x) = \frac{3x-2}{(x-4)(x+1)}$ . The zeros and undefined points are the zeros of the numerator,  $x = \frac{2}{3}$ , and denominator, x = 4 and x = -1. Create a sign chart using these numbers. Test x-values in each interval.



The solutions are the intervals for which the final sign is positive:  $(-1,\frac{2}{3})$  or  $(4,\infty)$  .

Exercises Solve each inequality.

$$\frac{1 \cdot \frac{x-1}{x+2} > 3}{-3 - 3}$$

$$\frac{x+2}{x+2} - \frac{1}{x+2} < 0$$

$$\frac{x+2}{x-4} - \frac{1}{x+2} < 0$$

$$\frac{x+2}{x-4} - \frac{1}{x+2} < 0$$

$$\frac{x+2-x+4}{x-4} < 0$$

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