

Unit 6 (Linear Inequalities)

Q1. $\frac{4}{x+1} \leq 3 \leq \frac{6}{x+1}$

Sol. $\frac{4}{x+1} \leq 3 \leq \frac{6}{x+1}, (x > 0) \Rightarrow \frac{4}{x+1} \leq 3 \text{ and } 3 \leq \frac{6}{x+1}, x > 0$

$\Rightarrow 4 \leq 3(x+1) \text{ and } 3(x+1) \leq 6, x > 0 \Rightarrow 1/3 \leq x \text{ and } x \leq 1, x > 0$

$\Rightarrow 1/3 \leq x \leq 1$

Q2. $\frac{|x-2|-1}{|x-2|-2} \leq 0$

Sol: Let $|x-2| = y$

$\therefore \frac{y-1}{y-2} \leq 0$

$\Rightarrow y-1 \leq 0 \text{ and } y-2 > 0 \text{ or } y-1 \geq 0 \text{ and } y-2 < 0$

$\Rightarrow y \leq 1 \text{ and } y > 2 \text{ or } y \geq 1 \text{ and } y < 2$

$\Rightarrow 1 \leq y < 2$

$\Rightarrow 1 \leq |x-2| < 2$

$\Rightarrow -2 < x-2 \leq -1 \text{ or } 1 \leq x-2 < 2$

$\Rightarrow 0 < x \leq 1 \text{ or } 3 \leq x < 4$

$\Rightarrow x \in (0, 1] \cup [3, 4)$

Q3. $\frac{1}{|x|-3} \leq \frac{1}{2}$

Sol: We have $\frac{1}{|x|-3} \leq \frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow & \frac{1}{|x|-3} - \frac{1}{2} \leq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2-|x|+3}{2(|x|-3)} \leq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{5-|x|}{|x|-3} \leq 0 \\ \Rightarrow & 5-|x| \leq 0 \text{ and } |x|-3 > 0 \text{ or } 5-|x| \geq 0 \text{ and } |x|-3 < 0 \\ \Rightarrow & |x| \geq 5 \text{ and } |x| > 3 \text{ or } |x| \leq 5 \text{ and } |x| < 3 \\ \Rightarrow & |x| \geq 5 \text{ or } |x| < 3 \\ \Rightarrow & x \in (-\infty, -5] \text{ or } [5, \infty) \text{ or } x \in (-3, 3) \\ \Rightarrow & x \in (-\infty, -5] \cup (-3, 3) \cup [5, \infty) \end{aligned}$$

Q4. $|x-1| \leq 5, |x| \geq 2$

Sol: $|x-1| \leq 5$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow & -5 \leq x-1 \leq 5 \\ \Rightarrow & -4 \leq x \leq 6 \end{aligned} \tag{i}$$

And $|x| \geq 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow & x \leq -2 \text{ or } x \geq 2 \\ \Rightarrow & x \in (-\infty, -2] \cup [2, \infty) \end{aligned} \tag{ii}$$

On combining (i) and (ii), we get

$$x \in (-4, -2] \cup [2, 6]$$

Q5. $-5 \leq \frac{2-3x}{4} \leq 9$

Sol: we have $-5 \leq \frac{2-3x}{4} \leq 9$

Now, $-5 \leq \frac{2-3x}{4}$

$$\Rightarrow -20 \leq 2-3x \Rightarrow 3x \leq 2+20 \Rightarrow x \leq 22/3$$

And $\frac{2-3x}{4} \leq 9$

$$\Rightarrow 2-3x \leq 36 \Rightarrow 3x \geq 2-36 \Rightarrow x \geq -34/3$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \left[\frac{-34}{3}, \frac{22}{3} \right]$$

Q6. $4x+3 \geq 2x+17, 3x-5 < -2$.

Sol: We have $4x+3 \geq 2x+17$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow & 4x-2x \geq 17-3 \Rightarrow 2x \geq 14 \\ \Rightarrow & x \geq 7 \end{aligned} \tag{i}$$

Also, we have $3x-5 < -2$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow & 3x < -2+5 \Rightarrow 3x < 3 \\ \Rightarrow & x < 1 \end{aligned} \tag{ii}$$

From (i) and (ii), no value of x is possible.

Q7. A company manufactures cassettes. Its cost and revenue functions are $C(x) = 26000 + 30x$ and $R(x) = 43x$, respectively, where x is the number of cassettes produced and sold in a week. How many cassettes must be sold by the company to realise some profit?

Sol. Cost function: $C(x) = 26000 + 30x$ Revenue function: $R(x) = 43x$ For profit, $R(x) > C(x)$

$$\Rightarrow 26000 + 30x < 43x$$

$$\Rightarrow 43x - 30x > 26000$$

$$\Rightarrow 13x > 26000$$

$$\Rightarrow x > 2000$$

Hence, more than 2000 cassettes must be produced to get profit.

Q8. The water acidity in a pool is considered normal when the average pH reading of three daily measurements is between 8.2 and 8.5. If the first two pH readings are 8.48 and 8.35,

find the range of pH value for the third reading that will result in the acidity level being normal.

Sol: Given, first pH value = 8.48

And second pH value = 8.35

Let third pH value be x .

Since it is given that average pH value lies between 8.2 and 8.5, we get

$$8.2 < \frac{8.48 + 8.35 + x}{3} < 8.5$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \times 8.2 < 16.83 + x < 3 \times 8.5 \Rightarrow 24.6 < 16.83 + x < 25.5$$

$$\Rightarrow 24.6 - 16.83 < x < 25.5 - 16.83 \Rightarrow 7.77 < x < 8.67$$

Thus, third pH value lies between 7.77 and 8.67.

Q9. A solution of 9% acid is to be diluted by adding 3% acid solution to it. The resulting mixture is to be more than 5% but less than 7% acid. If there is 460 litres of the 9% solution, how many litres of 3% solution will have to be added?

Sol: Let x L of 3% solution be added to 460 L of 9% solution of acid.

Then, total quantity of mixture = $(460 + x)$ L

$$\text{Total acid content in the } (460 + x) \text{ L of mixture} = \left(460 \times \frac{9}{100} + x \times \frac{3}{100} \right)$$

It is given that acid content in the resulting mixture must be more than 5% but less than 7% acid.

$$\therefore 5\% \text{ of } (460 + x) < 460 \times \frac{9}{100} + \frac{3x}{100} < 7\% \text{ of } (460 + x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{100} \times (460 + x) < 460 \times \frac{9}{100} + \frac{3x}{100} < \frac{7}{100} \times (460 + x)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 \times (460 + x) < 460 \times 9 + 3x < 7 \times (460 + x)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2300 + 5x < 4140 + 3x < 3220 + 7x$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x < 1840 + 3x < 920 + 7x \Rightarrow 2x < 1840 < 920 + 4x$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x < 1840 \text{ and } 1840 < 920 + 4x \Rightarrow x < 920 \text{ and } 920 < 4x$$

$$\Rightarrow x < 920 \text{ and } 230 < x$$

$$\Rightarrow 230 < x < 920$$

Hence, the number of litres of the 3% solution of acid must be more than 230 and less than 920.

Q10. A solution is to be kept between 40°C and 45°C . What is the range of temperature in degree Fahrenheit, if the conversion formula is $F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32$?

Sol. Let the required temperature be $x^\circ\text{F}$

$$\text{Also given that, } F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32$$

$$\Rightarrow 5F = 9C + 32 \times 5 \Rightarrow 9C = 5F - 160$$

$$\therefore C = \frac{5F - 160}{9}$$

Since temperature in degree Celsius lies between 40°C to 45°C , we get

$$40 < \frac{5F - 160}{9} < 45$$

$$\Rightarrow 40 \times 9 < 5x - 160 < 45 \times 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 360 < 5x - 160 < 405 \Rightarrow 520 < 5x < 565$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{520}{5} < x < \frac{565}{5} \Rightarrow 104 < x < 113$$

Hence, the range of temperature in degree Fahrenheit is 104°F to 113°F .

Q11. The longest side of a triangle is twice the shortest side and the third side is 2 cm longer than the shortest side. If the perimeter of the triangle is more than 166 cm then find the minimum length of the shortest side.

Sol: Let the length of shortest side be x cm.

According to the given information,

Longest side = $2 \times$ Shortest side = $2x$ cm

And third side = $2 +$ Shortest side = $(2 + x)$ cm

Perimeter of triangle = $x + 2x + (x + 2) = 4x + 2$

But it is given that,

Perimeter > 166 cm

$\Rightarrow 4x + 2 > 166 \Rightarrow 4x > 166 - 2 \Rightarrow 4x > 164$

$x > 164/4 = 41$ cm

Hence, the minimum length of shortest side is 41 cm.

Q12. In drilling world's deepest hole it was found that the temperature T in degree Celsius, x km below the earth's surface was given by $T = 30 + 25(x - 3)$, $3 \leq x \leq 15$. At what depth will the temperature be between 155°C and 205°C ?

Sol. We have, $T = 30 + 25(x - 3)$, $3 \leq x \leq 15$

Now given that, $155 < T < 205$

$$\Rightarrow 155 < 30 + 25(x - 3) < 205 \Rightarrow 155 - 30 < 25(x - 3) < 205 - 30$$

$$\Rightarrow 125 < 25(x - 3) < 175 \Rightarrow \frac{125}{25} < x - 3 < \frac{175}{25}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 < x - 3 < 7 \Rightarrow 5 + 3 < x < 7 + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 < x < 10$$

Hence, at the depth 8 to 10 km, temperature lies between 155° to 205°C .

Q13. $\frac{2x+1}{7x-1} > 5$, $\frac{x+7}{x-8} > 2$

Sol. We have $\frac{2x+1}{7x-1} > 5$ and $\frac{x+7}{x-8} > 2$

Now, $\frac{2x+1}{7x-1} - 5 > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(2x+1) - 5(7x-1)}{7x-1} > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2x+1-35x+5}{7x-1} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-33x+6}{7x-1} > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{11x-2}{7x-1} < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 11x - 2 < 0 \text{ and } 7x - 1 > 0 \text{ or } 11x - 2 > 0 \text{ and } 7x - 1 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x < 2/11 \text{ and } x > 1/7 \text{ or } x > 2/11 \text{ and } x < 1/7$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (1/7, 2/11) \tag{i}$$

Also $\frac{x+7}{x-8} > 2$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+7}{x-8} - 2 > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x+7-2(x-8)}{x-8} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+7-2x+16}{x-8} > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{-x+23}{x-8} > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x-23}{x-8} < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 23 < 0 \text{ and } x - 8 > 0 \text{ or } x - 23 > 0 \text{ and } x - 8 < 0$$

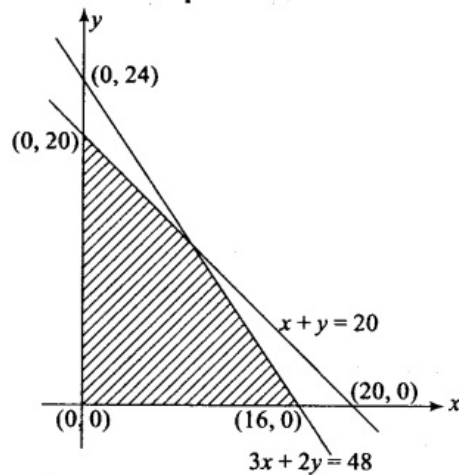
$$\Rightarrow x < 23 \text{ and } x > 8 \text{ or } x > 23 \text{ and } x < 8$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (8, 23) \tag{ii}$$

From (i) and (ii), we can find that there is no common set of values of x .

So, the given system of equation has no solution.

Q14. Find the linear inequalities for which the shaded region in the given figure is the solution set.



Sol: We observe that the shaded region and the origin are on the same side of the line $3x + 2y = 48$.

For $(0, 0)$, we have $3(0) + 2(0) - 48 < 0$. So, the shaded region satisfies the inequality $3x + 2y \leq 48$.

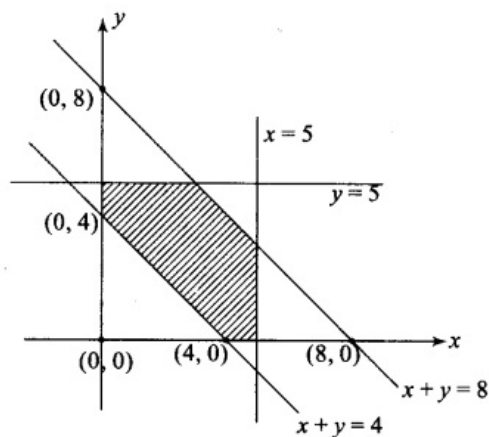
Also, the shaded region and the origin are on the same side of the line $x + y = 20$.

For $(0, 0)$, we have $0 + 0 - 20 < 0$. So, the shaded region satisfies the inequality $x + y \leq 20$.

Also, the shaded region lies in the first quadrant. So, $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$.

Thus, the linear inequation corresponding to the given solution set are $3x + 2y \leq 48, x + y \leq 20$ and $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$.

Q15 Find the linear inequalities for which the shaded region in the given figure is the solution set.



Sol: We observe that the shaded region and the origin are on the same side of the line $x + y = 8$.

For $(0, 0)$, we have $0 + 0 - 8 < 0$. So, the shaded region satisfies the inequality $x + y \leq 8$.

The shaded region and the origin are on the opposite side of the line $x + y = 4$.

For $(0, 0)$, we have $0 + 0 - 4 < 0$. So, the shaded region satisfies the inequality $x + y \geq 4$.

Further, the shaded region and the origin are on the same side of the lines $x = 5$ and $y = 5$.

So, it satisfies the inequality $x \leq 5$ and $y < 5$.

Also, the shaded region lies in the first quadrant. So, $x > 0, y > 0$.

Thus, the linear inequation comprising the given solution set are: $x + y \geq 4; x + y \leq 8; x \leq 5; y < 5; x \geq 0$ and $y \geq 0$.

Q16. Show that the following system of linear inequalities has no solution: $x + 2y \leq 3, 3x +$

$$4y > 12, x \geq 0, y \geq 1$$

Sol: We have $x + 2y \leq 3$, $3x + 4y > 12$, $x > 0$, $y \geq 1$

Now let's plot lines $x + 2y = 3$, $3x + 4y = 12$, $x = 0$ and $y = 1$ in coordinate plane.

Line $x + 2y = 3$ passes through the points $(0, 3/2)$ and $(3, 0)$.

Line $3x + 4y = 12$ passes through points $(4, 0)$ and $(0, 3)$.

For $(0, 0)$, $0 + 2(0) - 3 < 0$.

Therefore, the region satisfying the inequality $x + 2y \leq 3$ and $(0,0)$ lie on the same side of the line $x + 2y = 3$.

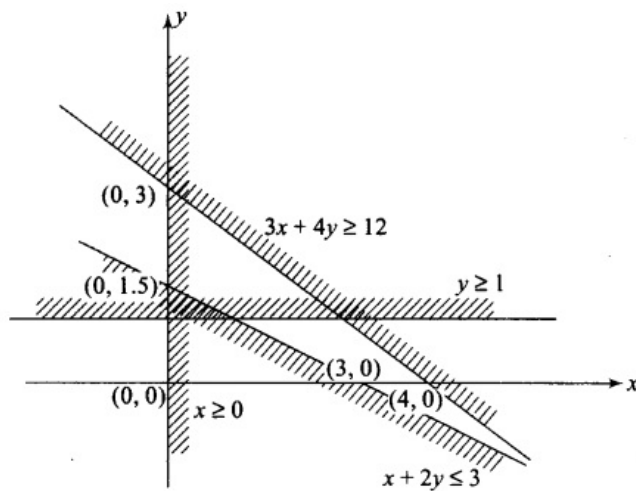
For $(0, 0)$, $3(0) + 4(0) - 12 \leq 0$.

Therefore, the region satisfying the inequality $3x + 4y \geq 12$ and $(0, 0)$ lie on the opposite side of the line $3x + 4y = 12$.

The region satisfying $x > 0$ lies to the right hand side of the y-axis.

The region satisfying $y > 1$ lies above the line $y = 1$.

These regions are plotted as shown in the following figure



It is clear from the graph that the Shaded portions do not have common region. So, solution set is null set.

Q17. Solve the following system of linear inequalities:

$$3x + 2y \geq 24, 3x + y \leq 15, x \geq 4$$

Sol: We have, $3x + 2y \geq 24$,

$$3x + y \leq 15, x \geq 4$$

Now let's plot lines $3x + 2y = 24$, $3x + y = 15$ and $x = 4$ on the coordinate plane.

Line $3x + 2y = 24$ passes through the points $(0, 12)$ and $(8, 0)$.

Line $3x + y = 15$ passes through points $(5, 0)$ and $(0, 15)$.

Also line $x = 4$ is passing through the point $(4, 0)$ and vertical.

For $(0, 0)$, $3(0) + 2(0) - 24 < 0$.

Therefore, the region satisfying the inequality $3x + 2y \geq 24$ and $(0, 0)$ lie on the opposite of the line $3x + 2y = 24$.

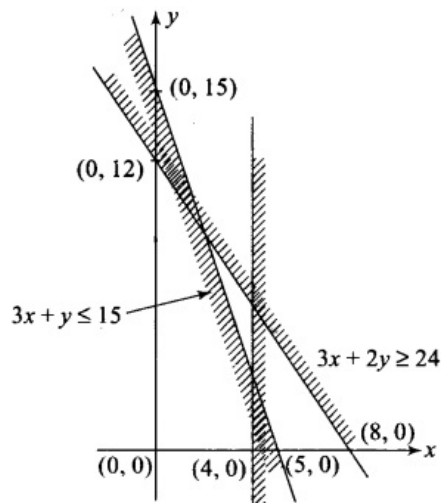
For $(0, 0)$, $3(0) + (0) - 15 \leq 0$.

Therefore, the region satisfying the inequality $3x + y \leq 15$ and $(0,0)$ lie on the same side of the line $3x + y = 15$.

The region satisfying $x \geq 4$ lies to the right hand side of the line $x = 4$.

These regions are plotted as shown in the following figure

It is clear from the graph that there is no common region corresponding to these inequalities.



Hence, the given system of inequalities has no solution.

Q18. Show that the solution set of the following system of linear inequalities is an unbounded region:

$$2x + y \geq 8, x + 2y > 10, x \geq 0, y \geq 0$$

Sol: We have $2x + y \geq 8, x + 2y > 10, x \geq 0, y \geq 0$

Line $2x + y = 8$ passes through the points $(0, 8)$ and $(4, 0)$.

Line $x + 2y = 10$ passes through points $(10, 0)$ and $(0, 5)$.

For $(0, 0)$, $2(0) + (0) - 8 < 0$.

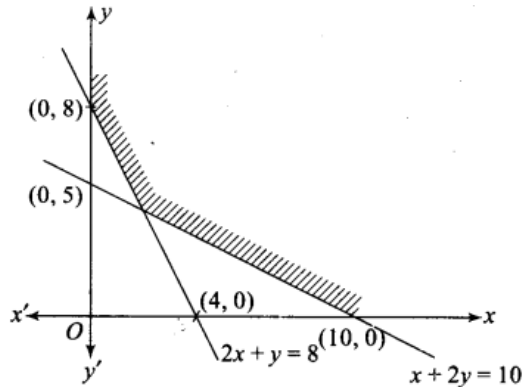
Therefore, the region satisfying the inequality $2x + y \geq 8$ and $(0, 0)$ lie on the opposite side of the line $2x + y = 8$.

For $(0, 0)$, $(0) + 2(0) - 10 < 0$.

Therefore, the region satisfying the inequality $x + 2y \geq 10$ and $(0, 0)$ lie on the opposite side of the line $x + 2y = 10$.

Also, for $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$, region lies in the first quadrant.

The common region is plotted as shown in the following figure.



It is clear from the graph that common shaded portion is unbounded.