

## Math 1090 ~ Business Algebra

Section 1.2 Linear Inequalities in One Variable

Objectives:

- Solve and simplify linear inequalities.
- Graph linear inequalities.
- Translate a word problem into a linear inequality.

A Linear Inequality can be written in the form $a x+b \leq c$, where $a, b$ and $c$ are constants and $a \neq 0$.

A linear inequality is solved much like a linear equation.
If we multiply or divide by a negative number, the inequality sign must be switched.

Ex 1: Solve and graph the solution for each of these.
a) $\frac{3}{2} x+3 \leq-6$
b) $\frac{5 x+3}{8}-1>\frac{x+4}{6}+1$

Ex 2: Solve and graph the solution.
$5-3 x>17$

Ex 3: Translate to a compound inequality.
Three times a number is less than 13 and greater than -3 .

Ex 4: An investor wants to invest a total of $\$ 10,000$ in two different accounts. The riskier investment yields an annual average of $9.5 \%$ profit and the safer investment has an annual average yield of $4.5 \%$. How much money should be invested in the riskier account in order to earn at least $\$ 600$ profit in a year?

Ex 5: A product sells for $\$ 20$ and has a unit cost of $\$ 15$, and fixed costs of $\$ 200,000$. Find the least number of products that must be sold to have a profit.

