

Ch. 4 - Solving inequalities of quadratic, rational, + absolute value fncs

- When you solve an equation, you get a finite # of answers ($x = _$).
- When solve an inequality you get an infinite solution set (interval notation) $-(a, b), [a, \infty), (-\infty, \infty) \dots$

Properties of Inequalities

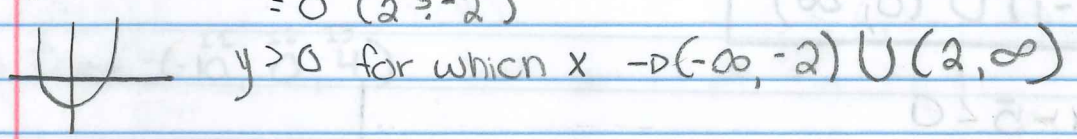
- ① IF $a \leq b$ then $a + c \leq b + c$
- ② IF $a < b$ then $-a > -b$
(mult. or dividing by a (-) flips the sign)
- ③ IF $a > b$ then $\frac{1}{a} < \frac{1}{b}$

* ④ IF $ab = 0$ then a or b is 0
 IF $ab > 0$ then both $a, b > 0$ or both $a, b < 0$

⑤ IF $\frac{a}{b} > 0$ then $a, b > 0$ or $a, b < 0$

Use ④ as foundation for quadratic + rational inequalities
 (parabolas U) (asymptotes \neq)

$y = x^2 - 4$ values
 $= 0$ ($2 \neq -2$)



Algebraic Solution

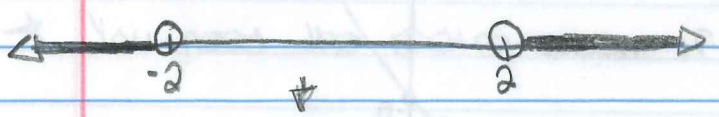
$x^2 - 4 > 0$ $\frac{DO}{NOT} \rightarrow x - 2 > 0, x + 2 > 0$
 Factor DO: $(x - 2)(x + 2) > 0$ Roots: $x = -2, 2$
 $x - 2 > 0 \neq x + 2 > 0$

or
 $x - 2 < 0 \neq x + 2 < 0$

$\sqrt{(-3 + 2)(-3 + 2)} > 0$
 $(-5)(-1) > 5$

$(3 - 2)(3 + 2) > 0$
 $(1)(5) > 0 \checkmark$

Solution
 $(-\infty, -2) \cup (2, \infty)$



these #s between do not work

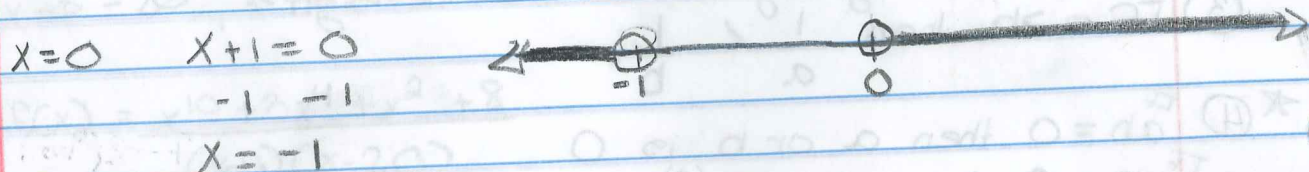
To solve a quadratic inequality find the roots of the equation, put them on the no. line, check intervals into original equation

Rational inequalities

$$\frac{x}{x+1} > 0 \quad \text{DO NOT CROSS MULT.}$$

$$\frac{a}{b} > 0 \quad \text{then } a, b > 0 \quad \text{or } a, b < 0$$

To solve a rational inequality, find the roots of the top and bottom, plot them on the # line, and test the intervals



$>$, $<$ or known as strict inequalities

$$\frac{-2}{-2+1} > 0 \quad 2 > 0 \checkmark \quad \left| \quad x = -1 \quad \left| \quad \frac{1}{1+1} > 0 \checkmark$$

$$\boxed{(-\infty, -1) \cup (0, \infty)}$$

$$y = 2x - 5 < 0$$

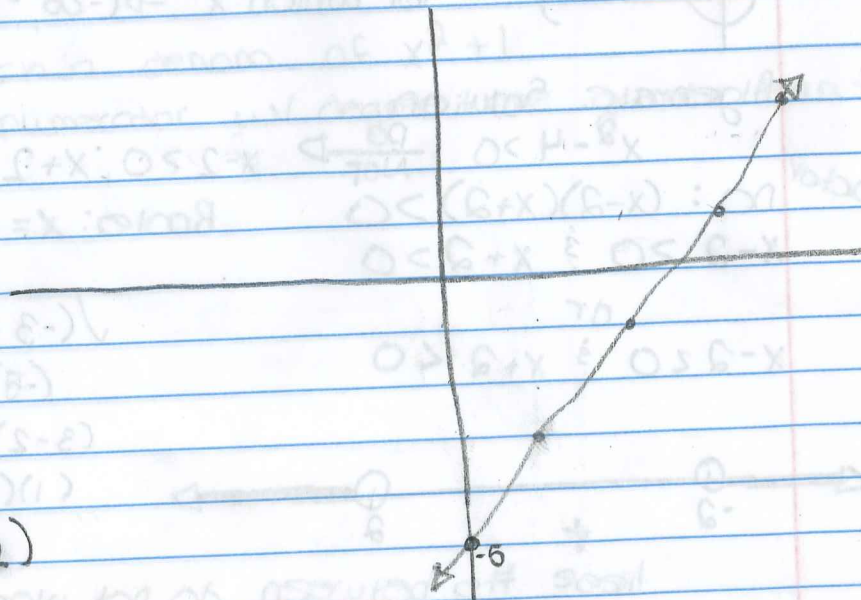
$$2x - 5 = 0$$

$$+5 \quad +5$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{5}{2}$$

Algebraic: $x < 5/2$
 Interval: $(-\infty, 5/2)$



⑥ Take ④, ⑤, and consider less than
 IF $ab < 0$ then $a < 0$ and $b > 0$ OR $a > 0$ and $b < 0$
 Also $\frac{a}{b} < 0$ then $a < 0, b > 0$ OR $a > 0, b < 0$

Ex) $\frac{7-2x}{x+9} \leq 0$

① Roots

Top: $7-2x=0$
 $-7 \quad -7$

$\frac{-2x = -7}{-2 \quad -2}$
 $x = 7/2$

Bottom: $x+9=0$
 $-9 \quad -9$
 $x = -9$

② No. Line

$7-2(7/2) = 0 \checkmark$

$-9+9=0$ X do not want 0 on bottom



③ Test $(-10, 0, 4)$

$\frac{7-0}{0-9} = \frac{7}{9} > 0$

So not in solution set

$\frac{7-2(-10)}{-10+9} = \frac{27}{-1} < 0 \checkmark$

$\frac{7-2(4)}{4+9} \leq 0 \checkmark$

$(-\infty, -9) \cup [7/2, \infty)$

* You need the roots even if they are not in the solution

Pre-step to ① Roots, ② No. line, ③ Test

Make sure your inequality is set against zero before beginning the other steps

STEPS

0. Set against 0
1. Roots
2. No. line
3. Test (into factored problem)

* Ex) $x^4 \geq 81x^2$ KNOW THIS EXAMPLE

$$x^4 - 81x^2 \geq 0$$

$$x^2 = 0; x = 0$$

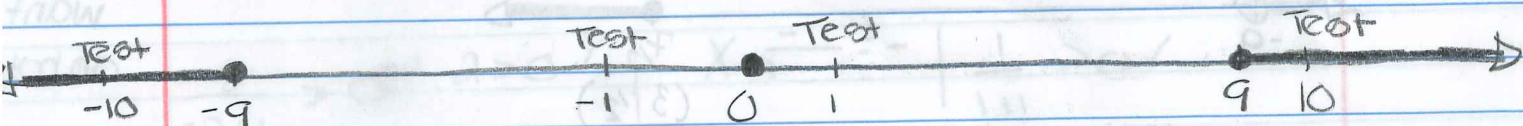
$$x^2(x^2 - 81) \geq 0$$

$$x + 9 = 0; x = -9$$

$$x^2(x+9)(x-9) \geq 0$$

$$x - 9 = 0; x = +9$$

u will always have 1 more interval than you have roots



$$(-10)^2(-10-9)(-10+9) \geq 0$$

$$(10)^2(10-9)(10+9) \geq 0$$

$$+ \quad - \quad -$$

$$+ \geq 0 \checkmark$$

$$+ \quad + \quad +$$

$$+ \geq 0 \checkmark$$

$$(-1)^2(-1-9)(-1+9) \geq 0$$

$$(-\infty, -9] \cup \{0\} \cup [9, \infty)$$

$$+ \quad - \quad +$$

$$- \geq 0 \times$$

$$(1)^2(1-9)(1+9) \geq 0$$

$$+ \quad - \quad +$$

$$- \geq 0 \times$$

$$\frac{x+3}{x-4} \leq 2$$

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

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① Set against zero

$$\frac{x+3}{x-4} - \frac{2}{1} \leq 2$$

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

② Combine as needed

$$\frac{x+3 + 2x + 8}{x-4} \leq 0$$

$$x(x^2 - 3x - 4) \geq 0$$

$$x(x-4)(x+1) \geq 0$$

$$x=0 \quad x=4 \quad x=-1$$

$$\frac{-x+11}{x-4} \leq 0$$

$$-2(-2-4)(-2+1) \geq 0$$

$$-1/2(-1/2-4)(-1/2+1) \geq 0$$

$$1(1-4)(1+1) \geq 0$$

$$5(5-4)(5+1) \geq 0$$

Top: 11

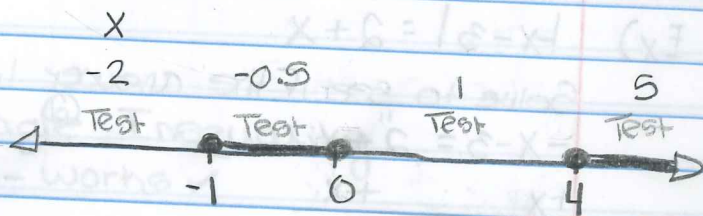
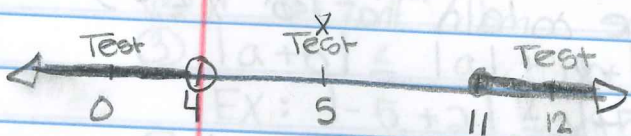
Bottom: 4

③ Find roots of each part

④ Find all possible solutions

⑤ Plot on no. line

⑥ Test pts. w/in zero

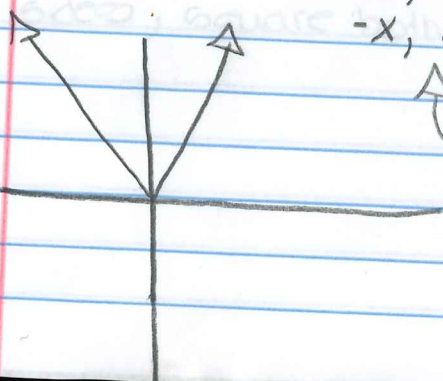


$$(-\infty, 4) \cup [11, \infty)$$

$$[-1, 0] \cup [4, \infty)$$

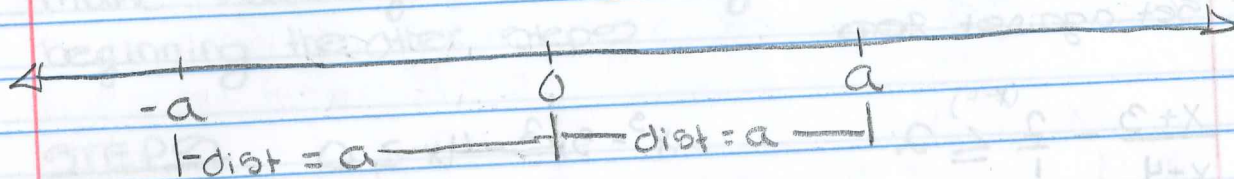
$$f(x) = |x| \rightarrow x, x \geq 0$$

$$-x, x < 0$$



identical function: $g(x) = \sqrt{x^2}$
 b/c it has the same domain and
 the same rule

Def: $|a| = \begin{cases} a, & a \geq 0 \\ -a, & a < 0 \end{cases}$ where a is a number



Ex) $|7| = 7$; $|-11| = 11$

* Piecewise fns: domains are broken up

Def: $|f(x)| = \begin{cases} f(x), & \text{where } f(x) \geq 0 \\ -f(x), & \text{where } f(x) < 0 \end{cases}$

Ex) $|x-3| = 9$

Break it up into 2 separate cases

Case 1 (remove | |)

$$\begin{array}{r} x-3 = 9 \\ +3 \quad +3 \\ \hline x = 12 \end{array}$$

Case 2 (negate expression in | |)

$$\begin{array}{r} -x+3 = 9 \\ \quad -3 \quad -3 \\ \hline -x = 6 \\ \quad -1 \quad -1 \\ \hline x = -6 \end{array}$$

Ex) $|x-3| = 2+x$

Solve to see if the answer lies in the domain that is $x \leq -3$

$$\begin{array}{r} -x-3 = 2+x \\ +x \quad \quad +x \\ \hline -3 = 2+2x \end{array}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \begin{array}{r} -x+3 = 2+x \\ -x \quad \quad +x \\ \hline \text{no solution} \end{array}$$

no solution

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 \quad -2 \\ \hline -5 = 2x \\ \frac{-5}{2} = \frac{2x}{2} \end{array}$$

$$-5/2 = x$$

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Always check your solutions back into the equation

Ex) $|x-5| = 3$

$$x-5 = 3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +5 \\ +5 \end{array}$$

$$x = 8$$

$$-x+5 = 3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -5 \\ -5 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -x = -2 \\ -1 \quad -1 \end{array}$$

$$x = 2$$

After the check, both work

$$|8-5| = 3 \checkmark$$

$$|2-5| = 3 \checkmark$$

Ex) $|2x-1| = 4x-9$

$$2x-1 = 4x-9$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2x \\ -2x \end{array}$$

$$-1 = 2x - 9$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +9 \\ +9 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 = 2x \\ 2 \quad 2 \end{array}$$

$$4 = x$$

$$+2x = 4x-9$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +2x \\ +2x \end{array}$$

$$1 = 6x - 9$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +9 \\ +9 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 = 6x \\ 6 \quad 6 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{5}{3} = x$$

$$\frac{5}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{1} = \frac{10}{3} \quad | \quad \frac{1}{3} \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{4}{1} \cdot \frac{5}{3} = \frac{20}{3} \quad | \quad \frac{9}{3} \quad (3)$$

* Just one solution for this equation

Check

$$|2(4)-1| = 4(4)-9$$

$$7 = 7 \checkmark$$

Check

$$\frac{7}{3} \neq \frac{7}{3}$$

Properties of Absolute Value Equations

① $|ab| = |a||b|$

② $|a/b| = |a|/|b|$

③ $|a+b| \leq |a| + |b|$ "Triangle Inequality"

EX: $|-5+2| \leq |-5| + |2|$ works \checkmark

④ $|a-b| \geq |a| - |b|$

⑤ If $|a| = |b|$ then $|a|^2 = |b|^2 \rightarrow a^2 = b^2$

When you see a problem w/ absolute values on both sides, square both sides to remove $| \quad |$ completely

Absolute Value - Equations

① $|f(x)| = g(x)$

then ... $f(x) = g(x)$ when $f(x) \geq 0$

and ... $f(x) = -g(x)$ when $f(x) < 0$

② $|f(x)| = |g(x)|$

square both sides to solve, removing $| \quad |$.

(since $|a|^2 = a^2$)

$f(x)^2 = g(x)^2$ etc. (solve the quadratic or other)

③ $|f(x)| = |g(x)| + c$

$f(x) = g(x) + c$

$-f(x) = g(x) + c$

$f(x) = -g(x) + c$

$-f(x) = -g(x) + c$

with accompanying domain restrictions, but we find it's easiest (often times) to check answers found in each case rather than check against the domain

Hw2*) $|x^2 + x| = |x - 15|$

$x^2 + x = x - 15$

$x^2 + x = -x + 15$

$-x^2 - x = x - 15$

$-x^2 - x = -x + 15$

so, you only have two cases really

Case 1

$x^2 + x = x - 15$

$-x \quad -x$

$x^2 = -15$

$x^2 \neq -15$

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Case 2

$x^2 + x = -x + 15$

$+x \quad -15 + x \quad -15$

$x^2 + 2x - 15 = 0$

$(x - 3)(x + 5) = 0$

$x = 3$

$x = -5$

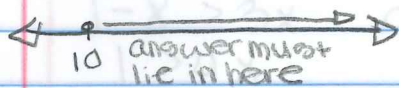
Hw Ex)

$$|x-10| = x^2 - 10x$$

$$\textcircled{1} x-10 = x^2 - 10x$$

when $x-10 \geq 0$

$$x \geq 10$$



$$\textcircled{2} -x+10 = x^2 - 10x$$

$$+x - 10 \quad +x = 10$$

$$x^2 - 9x - 10 = 0$$

$$(x-10)(x+1) = 0$$

$$x=10 \quad x=-1 \quad \checkmark$$

Answers: $x=10, -1$

$$x-10 = x^2 - 10x$$

$$-x+10 \quad -x+10$$

$$x^2 - 11x + 10 = 0$$

$$(x-10)(x-1) = 0$$

$x=10, (x=1)$ not in domain

Reject

$$|x| = c$$



x lies exactly c units from zero

$$|x| < c$$



x lies w/in c units of zero

$$|x| > c$$



x lies outside c units of zero

* Must understand the meaning behind the algorithms

$$\text{Ex) } |x| < c$$

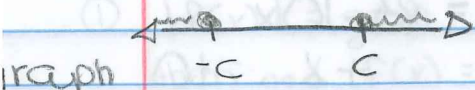


graph
alg. $-c < x < c$
interval $(-c, c)$

$$|f(x)| < c$$

must show all 3 versions for everything

Ex) $|x| \geq c$ and $|f(x)| > c$



alg. $x \leq -c$ or $x \geq c$
 interval $(-\infty, -c] \cup [c, \infty)$

Ex) $\left| \frac{x+8}{3} \right| < 14$ or $\frac{x+8}{3} < 14$ and $\frac{x+8}{3} > -14$

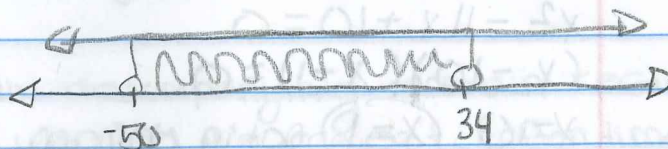
$-14 < \frac{x+8}{3} < 14$ (3) (3)

$-42 < x+8 < 42$

$-8 \quad -8 \quad -8$

$-50 < x < 34$

$x < 34$ $x > -50$



$(-50, 34)$
 $-50 < x < 34$



Example Problem 7.3

$\left| \frac{1}{x} - 1 \right| < 3$

$-3 < \frac{1}{x} - 1 < 3$

$\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{1} < 3$ and $\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{1} > -3$

Clear the denom

$1 - x < 3x$

$+x \quad +x$

$1 < 4x$

$\frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{1}{4}$

$x > \frac{1}{4}$

$1 - x > -3x$

$+1 \quad +1$

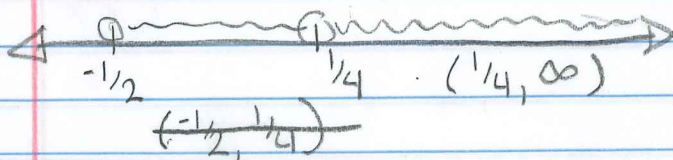
$1 > -2x$

$-\frac{1}{2} \quad -\frac{1}{2}$

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

this is all for

$x > 0$



$$\frac{1}{x} - 1 < 3 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{x} - 1 > -3$$

where $x < 0$

$$-1 - x > 3x \quad \text{and} \quad -1 - x < -3x$$

$$1 > 4x$$

$$1 < -2x$$

$$\frac{1}{4} > x$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} > x$$

Final answer in Interval Notation

$$(-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}) \cap (\frac{1}{4}, \infty)$$

3 HW 9) $\left| \frac{x+3}{x+1} \right| \leq 3$

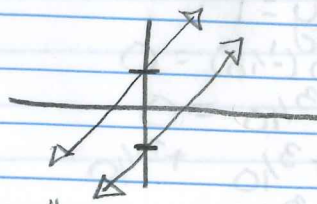
when you cross mult. you must consider both $x-1 < 0$ and $x-1 > 0$

Graphing Equations + Inequalities + Systems of Both

"solve" $\begin{cases} x+1 = y \\ x-1 = y \end{cases}$

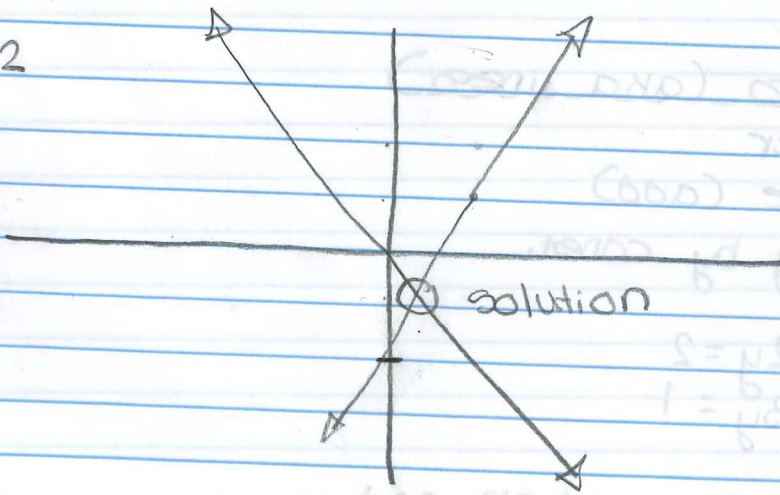
system (more than 1 equation)

means "find the point of intersection"



parallel lines
no solution

$$\begin{cases} y = 3x - 2 \\ y = -x \end{cases}$$



all lines represent vectors \rightarrow both magnitude (size) and direction
 + you can reorder them
 - combine them
 - mult. them by a constant
 scale (scalar is a #)

Solve system of Equations w/ Algebra:

choose 1 of 2 Techniques

1. Substitution (of one equation into other)
2. Elimination (of one variable to find the other)

Ex)
$$\begin{cases} X+2y=6 \\ X-2y=4 \end{cases}$$

brace - tells us to find sol. of system (pt. of interaction)

| | | | | |
|-------------|---|---|------------|------------------------------|
| Interaction | $\begin{array}{r} X+2y=6 \\ + X-2y=4 \\ \hline 2x=10 \\ \frac{2}{2} \quad \frac{2}{2} \\ X=5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} X+2y=6 \\ 5+2y=6 \\ -5 \quad -5 \\ \hline 2y=1 \\ \frac{2}{2} \quad \frac{2}{2} \\ y=1/2 \end{array}$ | $(5, 1/2)$ | The two lines intersect here |
|-------------|---|---|------------|------------------------------|

Ex)
$$\begin{cases} X+3y=0 \\ 2x-4y=1 \end{cases}$$

mult. by $\begin{matrix} -2 \\ 0.2 \end{matrix}$

$-2(X+3y=0) = -2x - 6y = 0$

$+ 2x - 4y = 1$

$-10y = 1$

$-10y = -10$

$y = -1/10$

$X + 3(-1/10) = 0$

$X + -3/10 = 0$

$+3/10 \quad +3/10$

$X = 3/10$

$(3/10, -1/10)$

Vectors (aka lines)

1. Reorder
2. Combine (add)
3. multiply by const.

$$\begin{cases} 3x-2y=2 \\ 2x-3y=1 \end{cases}$$

\downarrow
 have to find the LCM and make them opposite signs