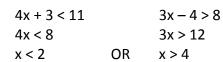
A compound inequality is an inequality that is formed by the union, "or," or the intersection, "and," of two simple inequalities.

Unions

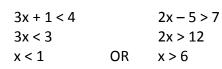
When an inequality is combined by the word "or" the compound inequality is formed. This union is worked out as two **separate** inequalities and then graphed on a **common** number line.

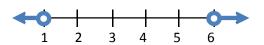
Ex1)
$$4x + 3 < 11$$
 or $3x - 4 > 8$





Ex2) 3x + 1 < 4 or 2x - 5 > 7





Intersections

When an inequality is combined by the word "and" the compound inequality is formed. However, usually the inequality is written in **compact form** indicating it is a compound inequality.

Ex3)
$$-2 \le 3x - 8 \le 10$$

$$-2 \le 3x - 8 \le 10$$

+8 +8 +8

$$6 \le 3x \le 18$$

$$\frac{6}{3} \le \frac{3x}{3} \le \frac{18}{3}$$

$$2 \le x \le 6$$



Ex4)
$$8 \le 2x + 6 \le 18$$

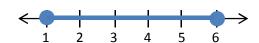
$$8 \le 2x + 6 \le 18$$

-6 -6 -6

$$2 \le 2x \le 12$$

$$\frac{2}{2} \le \frac{2x}{2} \le \frac{12}{2}$$

$$1 \le x \le 6$$



Writing in Compact Form

There are times when the function does have the word and between the inequalities and you have to write them in compact form. Generally when writing an inequality, the least number is on the left and the greater number is on the right. Below are the solutions that you need to write in compact form.

Ex5)
$$x > 3$$
 and $x < 6$

Ex6)
$$x \ge -2$$
 and $x \le 1$

Ex7)
$$x \le 3$$
 and $x \ge 0$

$$-2 \le x \le 1$$

$$0 \le x \le 3$$

Ex8)
$$x \ge -6$$
 and $x < -2$

Ex9)
$$x \le 4$$
 and $x > 2$

Ex10)
$$x > -4$$
 and $x \le 0$

$$-6 \le x < -2$$

$$2 < x \le 4$$

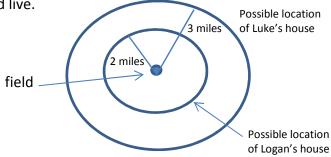
$$-4 < x \le 0$$

Compound Inequalities in Context

Ex11) Luke and Logan play on the same baseball team. They practice at the Lyons Park ball field. Luke lives 3 miles from the field and Logan lives 2 miles from the field.

- a) Plot a point to represent the location of the Lyons Park ball field.
- b) Use your point that represents Lyons Park and draw a circle to represent all the possible places Luke could live.

c) Use your point that represents Lyons Park, and draw another circle to represent all the possible places Logan could live.



- d) What is the shortest distance, d, that could separate their homes? 1 mile
- e) What is the longest distance, d, that could separate their homes? 5 miles
- f) Write a compound inequality that would represent all the possible distances that could separate their homes.

$$1 \le d \le 5$$

Practice:

1)
$$-3 \le \frac{x}{2} + 1 < 2$$

$$-4 \le \frac{x}{2} < 1$$

$$-8 \le x < 2$$

2)
$$7x - 5 \ge 65 \text{ or } -3x - 2 \ge -2$$

$$7x \ge 70$$
 $-3x \ge 0$

$$x \ge 10$$
 or $x \le 0$





3)
$$-1 + 5x > -26$$
 and $7x - 2 \le 12$

$$5x > -25$$
 $7x \le 14$
 $x > -5$ and $x \le 2$

4)
$$-1 - 10x < -1$$
 or $10 + 3x \le -5$

$$-10x < 0$$
 $3x \le -15$

$$x > 0$$
 or $x < -5$

