

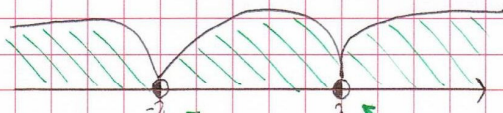
What to say in front of the blackboard - a brief tutorial

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Solve

$$|x-3| + |x+2| > 5$$

$$\begin{matrix} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ x_0=3 & & x_0=-2 \end{matrix}$$



I $x \in (-\infty, -2]$

$$\begin{matrix} x-3 & \ominus \\ x+2 & \ominus \\ \hline -(x-3) - (x+2) & > 5 \\ -x+3-x-2 & > 5 \\ -2x & > 4 \quad /:(-2) \end{matrix}$$

$$x \in (-\infty, -2] \iff \begin{cases} x < -2 \\ x \in (-\infty, -2) \end{cases}$$

II $x \in (-2, 3]$

$$\begin{matrix} x-3 & \ominus \\ x+2 & \oplus \\ \hline -(x-3) + (x+2) & > 5 \\ -x+3+x+2 & > 5 \\ 5 & > 5 \end{matrix}$$

III $x \in (3, +\infty)$

$$\begin{matrix} x-3 & \oplus \\ x+2 & \oplus \\ \hline +(x-3) + (x+2) & > 5 \\ x-3+x+2 & > 5 \\ 2x & > 6 \end{matrix}$$

$$x \in (3, +\infty) \iff \begin{cases} x > 3 \\ x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

1) The absolute value of x minus 3 plus the absolute value of x plus 2 is greater than 5

2) First of all, I compare both expressions in modulus bars to 0, and I get two values 3 and -2

3) I draw the Ox axis on which I mark the numbers I obtained in the previous step. I create three intervals, and draw circles at 3 and minus 2 - they are half-empty and half-full.

4) Let's consider the first interval - here x belongs to interval from minus infinity to minus 2 (inclusive). I rewrite two expressions from the modulus bars then I choose any number between minus infinity and minus 2 - let's say I choose minus 4. If I put minus 4 instead of x , then $(x-3)$ is negative and $(x+2)$ is negative either, so I rewrite the inequality in the following way: $(x-3)$ and $(x+2)$ are written with a changed sign. Now I solve the inequality and x is smaller than minus 2

5) Now I check signs again like I have done before, but this time have no answer **(contradiction)**

6) The last interval is from three to infinity. Once again I check the signs in both cases I get this so I rewrite all inequality without changing anything but I without modulus bars, after solving my inequality I get three smaller than 4 so it belongs to any interval.

My final result is:

$$x \in (-\infty, -2) \cup (3, +\infty)$$