APPENDIXES

A Numbers, Inequalities, and Absolute Values

Calculus is based on the real number system. We start with the **integers**:

$$\ldots, \quad -3, \quad -2, \quad -1, \quad 0, \quad 1, \quad 2, \quad 3, \quad 4, \quad \ldots$$

Then we construct the **rational numbers**, which are ratios of integers. Thus, any rational number r can be expressed as

$$r = \frac{m}{n} \qquad \text{where } m \text{ and } n \text{ are integers and } n \neq 0$$

Examples are

$$\tfrac{1}{2} \qquad -\tfrac{3}{7} \qquad 46 = \tfrac{46}{1} \qquad 0.17 = \tfrac{17}{100}$$

(Recall that division by 0 is always ruled out, so expressions like $\frac{3}{0}$ and $\frac{0}{0}$ are undefined.) Some real numbers, such as $\sqrt{2}$, can't be expressed as a ratio of integers and are therefore called **irrational numbers**. It can be shown, with varying degrees of difficulty, that the following are also irrational numbers:

$$\sqrt{3} \qquad \sqrt{5} \qquad \sqrt[3]{2} \qquad \pi \qquad \sin 1^\circ \qquad \log_{10} 2$$

The set of all real numbers is usually denoted by the symbol $\mathbb{R}$. When we use the word *number* without qualification, we mean "real number."

Every number has a decimal representation. If the number is rational, then the corresponding decimal is repeating. For example,

$$\tfrac{1}{2} = 0.5000\ldots = 0.5\overline{0} \qquad \tfrac{2}{3} = 0.66666\ldots = 0.\overline{6}$$

$$\tfrac{157}{495} = 0.317171717\ldots = 0.3\overline{17} \qquad \tfrac{9}{7} = 1.285714285714\ldots = 1.\overline{285714}$$

(The bar indicates that the sequence of digits repeats forever.) On the other hand, if the number is irrational, the decimal is nonrepeating:

$$\sqrt{2} = 1.414213562373095\ldots \qquad \pi = 3.141592653589793\ldots$$

If we stop the decimal expansion of any number at a certain place, we get an approximation to the number. For instance, we can write

$$\pi \approx 3.14159265$$

where the symbol $\approx$ is read "is approximately equal to." The more decimal places we retain, the better the approximation we get.

The real numbers can be represented by points on a line as in Figure 1. The positive direction (to the right) is indicated by an arrow. We choose an arbitrary reference point O, called the **origin**, which corresponds to the real number 0. Given any convenient unit of measurement, each positive number x is represented by the point on the line a distance of x units to the right of the origin, and each negative number $-x$ is represented by the point x units to the left of the origin. Thus, every real number is represented by a point on the line, and every point P on the line corresponds to exactly one real number. The number associated with the point P is called the **coordinate** of P and the line is then called a **coor-**

dinate line, or a **real number line**, or simply a **real line**. Often we identify the point with its coordinate and think of a number as being a point on the real line.

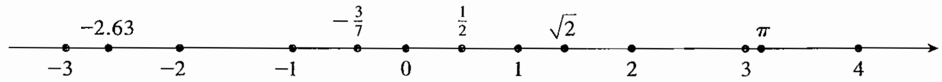


FIGURE 1

The real numbers are ordered. We say *a is less than b* and write $a < b$ if $b - a$ is a positive number. Geometrically, this means that a lies to the left of b on the number line. (Equivalently, we say *b is greater than a* and write $b > a$.) The symbol $a \leqslant b$ (or $b \geqslant a$) means that either $a < b$ or $a = b$ and is read "a is less than or equal to b." For instance, the following are true inequalities:

$$7 < 7.4 < 7.5 \qquad -3 > -\pi \qquad \sqrt{2} < 2 \qquad \sqrt{2} \leqslant 2 \qquad 2 \leqslant 2$$

In what follows we need to use *set notation*. A **set** is a collection of objects, and these objects are called the **elements** of the set. If S is a set, the notation $a \in S$ means that a is an element of S, and $a \notin S$ means that a is not an element of S. For example, if Z represents the set of integers, then $-3 \in Z$ but $\pi \notin Z$. If S and T are sets, then their **union** $S \cup T$ is the set consisting of all elements that are in S or T (or in both S and T). The **intersection** of S and T is the set $S \cap T$ consisting of all elements that are in both S and T. In other words, $S \cap T$ is the common part of S and T. The empty set, denoted by $\varnothing$, is the set that contains no element.

Some sets can be described by listing their elements between braces. For instance, the set A consisting of all positive integers less than 7 can be written as

$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

We could also write A in *set-builder notation* as

$$A = \{x \mid x \text{ is an integer and } 0 < x < 7\}$$

which is read "A is the set of x such that x is an integer and $0 < x < 7$."

Intervals

Certain sets of real numbers, called **intervals,** occur frequently in calculus and correspond geometrically to line segments. For example, if $a < b$, the **open interval** from a to b consists of all numbers between a and b and is denoted by the symbol (a, b). Using set-builder notation, we can write

$$(a, b) = \{x \mid a < x < b\}$$

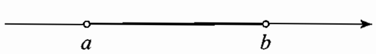


FIGURE 2
Open interval (a, b)

Notice that the endpoints of the interval—namely, a and b—are excluded. This is indicated by the round brackets ( ) and by the open dots in Figure 2. The **closed interval** from a to b is the set

$$[a, b] = \{x \mid a \leqslant x \leqslant b\}$$

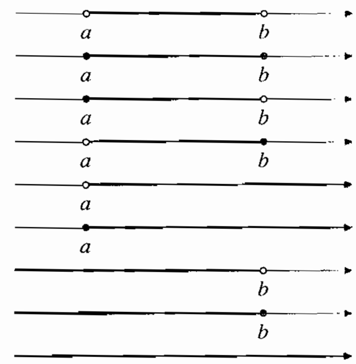
FIGURE 3
Closed interval $[a, b]$

Here the endpoints of the interval are included. This is indicated by the square brackets [ ] and by the solid dots in Figure 3. It is also possible to include only one endpoint in an interval, as shown in Table 1.

1 Table of Intervals

|||| Table 1 lists the nine possible types of intervals. When these intervals are discussed, it is always assumed that $a < b$.

Notation	Set description	Picture
(a, b)	$\{x \mid a < x < b\}$	
$[a, b]$	$\{x \mid a \leqslant x \leqslant b\}$	
$[a, b)$	$\{x \mid a \leqslant x < b\}$	
$(a, b]$	$\{x \mid a < x \leqslant b\}$	
(a, ∞)	$\{x \mid x > a\}$	
$[a, \infty)$	$\{x \mid x \geqslant a\}$	
$(-\infty, b)$	$\{x \mid x < b\}$	
$(-\infty, b]$	$\{x \mid x \leqslant b\}$	
$(-\infty, \infty)$	$\mathbb{R}$ (set of all real numbers)	



We also need to consider infinite intervals such as

$$(a, \infty) = \{x \mid x > a\}$$

This does not mean that ∞ ("infinity") is a number. The notation (a, ∞) stands for the set of all numbers that are greater than a, so the symbol ∞ simply indicates that the interval extends indefinitely far in the positive direction.

|||| Inequalities

When working with inequalities, note the following rules.

2 Rules for Inequalities

1. If $a < b$, then $a + c < b + c$.
2. If $a < b$ and $c < d$, then $a + c < b + d$.
3. If $a < b$ and $c > 0$, then $ac < bc$.
4. If $a < b$ and $c < 0$, then $ac > bc$.
5. If $0 < a < b$, then $1/a > 1/b$.

Rule 1 says that we can add any number to both sides of an inequality, and Rule 2 says that two inequalities can be added. However, we have to be careful with multiplication. Rule 3 says that we can multiply both sides of an inequality by a *positive* number, but Rule 4 says that if we multiply both sides of an inequality by a negative number, then we reverse the direction of the inequality. For example, if we take the inequality $3 < 5$ and multiply by 2, we get $6 < 10$, but if we multiply by -2, we get $-6 > -10$. Finally, Rule 5 says that if we take reciprocals, then we reverse the direction of an inequality (provided the numbers are positive).

EXAMPLE 1 Solve the inequality $1 + x < 7x + 5$.

SOLUTION The given inequality is satisfied by some values of x but not by others. To *solve* an inequality means to determine the set of numbers x for which the inequality is true. This is called the *solution set*.

First we subtract 1 from each side of the inequality (using Rule 1 with $c = -1$):

$$x < 7x + 4$$

Then we subtract $7x$ from both sides (Rule 1 with $c = -7x$):

$$-6x < 4$$

Now we divide both sides by -6 (Rule 4 with $c = -\frac{1}{6}$):

$$x > -\tfrac{4}{6} = -\tfrac{2}{3}$$

These steps can all be reversed, so the solution set consists of all numbers greater than $-\frac{2}{3}$. In other words, the solution of the inequality is the interval $(-\frac{2}{3}, \infty)$.

EXAMPLE 2 Solve the inequalities $4 \leq 3x - 2 < 13$.

SOLUTION Here the solution set consists of all values of x that satisfy both inequalities. Using the rules given in (2), we see that the following inequalities are equivalent:

$$4 \leq 3x - 2 < 13$$

$$6 \leq 3x < 15 \qquad \text{(add 2)}$$

$$2 \leq x < 5 \qquad \text{(divide by 3)}$$

Therefore, the solution set is $[2, 5)$.

EXAMPLE 3 Solve the inequality $x^2 - 5x + 6 \leq 0$.

SOLUTION First we factor the left side:

$$(x - 2)(x - 3) \leq 0$$

We know that the corresponding equation $(x - 2)(x - 3) = 0$ has the solutions 2 and 3. The numbers 2 and 3 divide the real line into three intervals:

$$(-\infty, 2) \qquad (2, 3) \qquad (3, \infty)$$

On each of these intervals we determine the signs of the factors. For instance,

$$x \in (-\infty, 2) \quad \Rightarrow \quad x < 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x - 2 < 0$$

Then we record these signs in the following chart:

Interval	$x - 2$	$x - 3$	$(x - 2)(x - 3)$
$x < 2$	−	−	+
$2 < x < 3$	+	−	−
$x > 3$	+	+	+

IIII A visual method for solving Example 3 is to use a graphing device to graph the parabola $y = x^2 - 5x + 6$ (as in Figure 4) and observe that the curve lies on or below the x-axis when $2 \leq x \leq 3$.

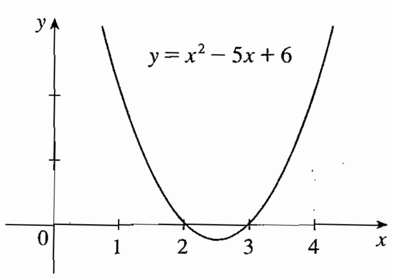


FIGURE 4

Another method for obtaining the information in the chart is to use *test values*. For instance, if we use the test value $x = 1$ for the interval $(-\infty, 2)$, then substitution in $x^2 - 5x + 6$ gives

$$1^2 - 5(1) + 6 = 2$$

The polynomial $x^2 - 5x + 6$ doesn't change sign inside any of the three intervals, so we conclude that it is positive on $(-\infty, 2)$.

Then we read from the chart that $(x - 2)(x - 3)$ is negative when $2 < x < 3$. Thus, the solution of the inequality $(x - 2)(x - 3) \leqslant 0$ is

$$\{x \mid 2 \leqslant x \leqslant 3\} = [2, 3]$$

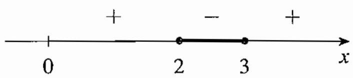


FIGURE 5

Notice that we have included the endpoints 2 and 3 because we are looking for values of x such that the product is either negative or zero. The solution is illustrated in Figure 5.

EXAMPLE 4 Solve $x^3 + 3x^2 > 4x$.

SOLUTION First we take all nonzero terms to one side of the inequality sign and factor the resulting expression:

$$x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x > 0 \qquad \text{or} \qquad x(x - 1)(x + 4) > 0$$

As in Example 3 we solve the corresponding equation $x(x - 1)(x + 4) = 0$ and use the solutions $x = -4$, $x = 0$, and $x = 1$ to divide the real line into four intervals $(-\infty, -4)$, $(-4, 0)$, $(0, 1)$, and $(1, \infty)$. On each interval the product keeps a constant sign as shown in the following chart:

Interval	x	$x - 1$	$x + 4$	$x(x - 1)(x + 4)$
$x < -4$	−	−	−	−
$-4 < x < 0$	−	−	+	+
$0 < x < 1$	+	−	+	−
$x > 1$	+	+	+	+

Then we read from the chart that the solution set is

$$\{x \mid -4 < x < 0 \text{ or } x > 1\} = (-4, 0) \cup (1, \infty)$$

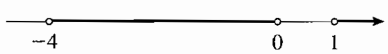


FIGURE 6

The solution is illustrated in Figure 6.

|||| Absolute Value

The **absolute value** of a number a, denoted by $|a|$, is the distance from a to 0 on the real number line. Distances are always positive or 0, so we have

$$|a| \geqslant 0 \qquad \text{for every number } a$$

For example,

$$|3| = 3 \qquad |-3| = 3 \qquad |0| = 0 \qquad |\sqrt{2} - 1| = \sqrt{2} - 1 \qquad |3 - \pi| = \pi - 3$$

In general, we have

|||| Remember that if a is negative, then $-a$ is positive.

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$$|a| = a \qquad \text{if } a \geqslant 0$$
$$|a| = -a \qquad \text{if } a < 0$$

EXAMPLE 5 Express $|3x - 2|$ without using the absolute-value symbol.

SOLUTION

$$|3x - 2| = \begin{cases} 3x - 2 & \text{if } 3x - 2 \geqslant 0 \\ -(3x - 2) & \text{if } 3x - 2 < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 3x - 2 & \text{if } x \geqslant \frac{2}{3} \\ 2 - 3x & \text{if } x < \frac{2}{3} \end{cases}$$

Recall that the symbol $\sqrt{\ }$ means "the positive square root of." Thus, $\sqrt{r} = s$ means $s^2 = r$ and $s \geqslant 0$. Therefore, the equation $\sqrt{a^2} = a$ is not always true. It is true only when $a \geqslant 0$. If $a < 0$, then $-a > 0$, so we have $\sqrt{a^2} = -a$. In view of (3), we then have the equation

4 $$\boxed{\sqrt{a^2} = |a|}$$

which is true for all values of a.

Hints for the proofs of the following properties are given in the exercises.

5 **Properties of Absolute Values** Suppose a and b are any real numbers and n is an integer. Then

1. $|ab| = |a||b|$ **2.** $\left|\dfrac{a}{b}\right| = \dfrac{|a|}{|b|} \quad (b \neq 0)$ **3.** $|a^n| = |a|^n$

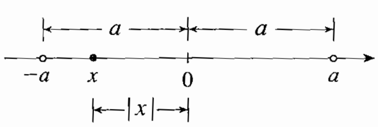
For solving equations or inequalities involving absolute values, it's often very helpful to use the following statements.

6 Suppose $a > 0$. Then

4. $|x| = a$ if and only if $x = \pm a$

5. $|x| < a$ if and only if $-a < x < a$

6. $|x| > a$ if and only if $x > a$ or $x < -a$



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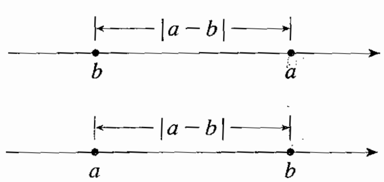

FIGURE 8
Length of a line segment $= |a - b|$

For instance, the inequality $|x| < a$ says that the distance from x to the origin is less than a, and you can see from Figure 7 that this is true if and only if x lies between $-a$ and a.

If a and b are any real numbers, then the distance between a and b is the absolute value of the difference, namely, $|a - b|$, which is also equal to $|b - a|$. (See Figure 8.)

EXAMPLE 6 Solve $|2x - 5| = 3$.

SOLUTION By Property 4 of (6), $|2x - 5| = 3$ is equivalent to

$$2x - 5 = 3 \qquad \text{or} \qquad 2x - 5 = -3$$

So $2x = 8$ or $2x = 2$. Thus, $x = 4$ or $x = 1$.

EXAMPLE 7 Solve $|x - 5| < 2$.

SOLUTION 1 By Property 5 of (6), $|x - 5| < 2$ is equivalent to

$$-2 < x - 5 < 2$$

Therefore, adding 5 to each side, we have

$$3 < x < 7$$

and the solution set is the open interval (3, 7).

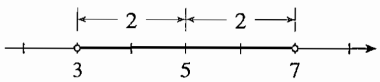

FIGURE 9

SOLUTION 2 Geometrically, the solution set consists of all numbers x whose distance from 5 is less than 2. From Figure 9 we see that this is the interval (3, 7).

EXAMPLE 8 Solve $|3x + 2| \geqslant 4$.

SOLUTION By Properties 4 and 6 of (6), $|3x + 2| \geqslant 4$ is equivalent to

$$3x + 2 \geqslant 4 \qquad \text{or} \qquad 3x + 2 \leqslant -4$$

In the first case $3x \geqslant 2$, which gives $x \geqslant \frac{2}{3}$. In the second case $3x \leqslant -6$, which gives $x \leqslant -2$. So the solution set is

$$\{x \mid x \leqslant -2 \text{ or } x \geqslant \tfrac{2}{3}\} = (-\infty, -2] \cup [\tfrac{2}{3}, \infty)$$

Another important property of absolute value, called the Triangle Inequality, is used frequently not only in calculus but throughout mathematics in general.

7 **The Triangle Inequality** If a and b are any real numbers, then

$$|a + b| \leqslant |a| + |b|$$

Observe that if the numbers a and b are both positive or both negative, then the two sides in the Triangle Inequality are actually equal. But if a and b have opposite signs, the left side involves a subtraction and the right side does not. This makes the Triangle Inequality seem reasonable, but we can prove it as follows.

Notice that

$$-|a| \leqslant a \leqslant |a|$$

is always true because a equals either $|a|$ or $-|a|$. The corresponding statement for b is

$$-|b| \leqslant b \leqslant |b|$$

Adding these inequalities, we get

$$-(|a| + |b|) \leqslant a + b \leqslant |a| + |b|$$

If we now apply Properties 4 and 5 (with x replaced by $a + b$ and a by $|a| + |b|$), we obtain

$$|a + b| \leqslant |a| + |b|$$

which is what we wanted to show.

EXAMPLE 9 If $|x - 4| < 0.1$ and $|y - 7| < 0.2$, use the Triangle Inequality to estimate $|(x + y) - 11|$.

SOLUTION In order to use the given information, we use the Triangle Inequality with $a = x - 4$ and $b = y - 7$:

$$\begin{aligned} |(x + y) - 11| &= |(x - 4) + (y - 7)| \\ &\leqslant |x - 4| + |y - 7| \\ &< 0.1 + 0.2 = 0.3 \end{aligned}$$

Thus
$$|(x + y) - 11| < 0.3$$

A Exercises

1–12 Rewrite the expression without using the absolute value symbol.

1. $|5 - 23|$ **2.** $|5| - |-23|$

3. $|-\pi|$ **4.** $|\pi - 2|$

5. $|\sqrt{5} - 5|$ **6.** $||-2| - |-3||$

7. $|x - 2|$ if $x < 2$ **8.** $|x - 2|$ if $x > 2$

9. $|x + 1|$ **10.** $|2x - 1|$

11. $|x^2 + 1|$ **12.** $|1 - 2x^2|$

13–38 Solve the inequality in terms of intervals and illustrate the solution set on the real number line.

13. $2x + 7 > 3$ **14.** $3x - 11 < 4$

15. $1 - x \leqslant 2$ **16.** $4 - 3x \geqslant 6$

17. $2x + 1 < 5x - 8$ **18.** $1 + 5x > 5 - 3x$

19. $-1 < 2x - 5 < 7$ **20.** $1 < 3x + 4 \leqslant 16$

21. $0 \leqslant 1 - x < 1$ **22.** $-5 \leqslant 3 - 2x \leqslant 9$

23. $4x < 2x + 1 \leqslant 3x + 2$ **24.** $2x - 3 < x + 4 < 3x - 2$

25. $(x - 1)(x - 2) > 0$ **26.** $(2x + 3)(x - 1) \geqslant 0$

27. $2x^2 + x \leqslant 1$ **28.** $x^2 < 2x + 8$

29. $x^2 + x + 1 > 0$ **30.** $x^2 + x > 1$

31. $x^2 < 3$ **32.** $x^2 \geqslant 5$

33. $x^3 - x^2 \leqslant 0$

34. $(x + 1)(x - 2)(x + 3) \geqslant 0$

35. $x^3 > x$ **36.** $x^3 + 3x < 4x^2$

37. $\dfrac{1}{x} < 4$ **38.** $-3 < \dfrac{1}{x} \leqslant 1$

39. The relationship between the Celsius and Fahrenheit temperature scales is given by $C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32)$, where C is the temperature in degrees Celsius and F is the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. What interval on the Celsius scale corresponds to the temperature range $50 \leqslant F \leqslant 95$?

40. Use the relationship between C and F given in Exercise 39 to find the interval on the Fahrenheit scale corresponding to the temperature range $20 \leqslant C \leqslant 30$.

41. As dry air moves upward, it expands and in so doing cools at a rate of about 1°C for each 100-m rise, up to about 12 km.
(a) If the ground temperature is 20°C, write a formula for the temperature at height h.
(b) What range of temperature can be expected if a plane takes off and reaches a maximum height of 5 km?

42. If a ball is thrown upward from the top of a building 128 ft high with an initial velocity of 16 ft/s, then the height h above the ground t seconds later will be

$$h = 128 + 16t - 16t^2$$

During what time interval will the ball be at least 32 ft above the ground?

43–46 Solve the equation for x.

43. $|2x| = 3$ **44.** $|3x + 5| = 1$

45. $|x + 3| = |2x + 1|$ **46.** $\left|\dfrac{2x - 1}{x + 1}\right| = 3$

47–56 Solve the inequality.

47. $|x| < 3$ **48.** $|x| \geqslant 3$

49. $|x - 4| < 1$ **50.** $|x - 6| < 0.1$

51. $|x + 5| \geqslant 2$ **52.** $|x + 1| \geqslant 3$

53. $|2x - 3| \leqslant 0.4$ **54.** $|5x - 2| < 6$

55. $1 \leqslant |x| \leqslant 4$ **56.** $0 < |x - 5| < \frac{1}{2}$

57–58 Solve for x, assuming a, b, and c are positive constants.

57. $a(bx - c) \geqslant bc$

58. $a \leqslant bx + c < 2a$

59–60 Solve for x, assuming a, b, and c are negative constants.

59. $ax + b < c$

60. $\dfrac{ax + b}{c} \leqslant b$

61. Suppose that $|x - 2| < 0.01$ and $|y - 3| < 0.04$. Use the Triangle Inequality to show that $|(x + y) - 5| < 0.05$.

62. Show that if $|x + 3| < \frac{1}{2}$, then $|4x + 13| < 3$.

63. Show that if $a < b$, then $a < \dfrac{a + b}{2} < b$.

64. Use Rule 3 to prove Rule 5 of (2).

65. Prove that $|ab| = |a||b|$. [*Hint:* Use Equation 4.]

66. Prove that $\left|\dfrac{a}{b}\right| = \dfrac{|a|}{|b|}$.

67. Show that if $0 < a < b$, then $a^2 < b^2$.

68. Prove that $|x - y| \geqslant |x| - |y|$. [*Hint:* Use the Triangle Inequality with $a = x - y$ and $b = y$.]

69. Show that the sum, difference, and product of rational numbers are rational numbers.

70. (a) Is the sum of two irrational numbers always an irrational number?

(b) Is the product of two irrational numbers always an irrational number?

B Coordinate Geometry and Lines

Just as the points on a line can be identified with real numbers by assigning them coordinates, as described in Appendix A, so the points in a plane can be identified with ordered pairs of real numbers. We start by drawing two perpendicular coordinate lines that intersect at the origin O on each line. Usually one line is horizontal with positive direction to the right and is called the x-axis; the other line is vertical with positive direction upward and is called the y-axis.

Any point P in the plane can be located by a unique ordered pair of numbers as follows. Draw lines through P perpendicular to the x- and y-axes. These lines intersect the axes in points with coordinates a and b as shown in Figure 1. Then the point P is assigned the ordered pair (a, b). The first number a is called the **x-coordinate** of P; the second number b is called the **y-coordinate** of P. We say that P is the point with coordinates (a, b), and we denote the point by the symbol $P(a, b)$. Several points are labeled with their coordinates in Figure 2.

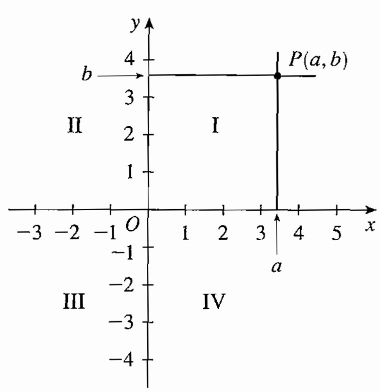

FIGURE 1

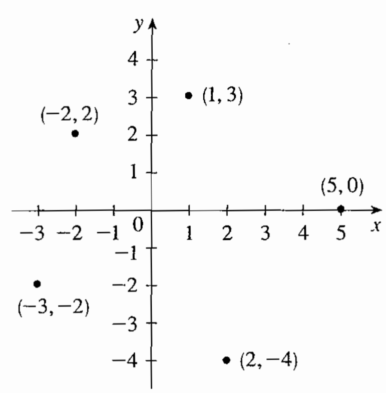

FIGURE 2

By reversing the preceding process we can start with an ordered pair (a, b) and arrive at the corresponding point P. Often we identify the point P with the ordered pair (a, b) and refer to "the point (a, b)." [Although the notation used for an open interval (a, b) is the same as the notation used for a point (a, b), you will be able to tell from the context which meaning is intended.]

This coordinate system is called the **rectangular coordinate system** or the **Cartesian coordinate system** in honor of the French mathematician René Descartes (1596–1650), even though another Frenchman, Pierre Fermat (1601–1665), invented the principles of analytic geometry at about the same time as Descartes. The plane supplied with this coordinate system is called the **coordinate plane** or the **Cartesian plane** and is denoted by $\mathbb{R}^2$.

The x- and y-axes are called the **coordinate axes** and divide the Cartesian plane into four quadrants, which are labeled I, II, III, and IV in Figure 1. Notice that the first quadrant consists of those points whose x- and y-coordinates are both positive.

EXAMPLE 1 Describe and sketch the regions given by the following sets.

(a) $\{(x, y) \mid x \geqslant 0\}$ (b) $\{(x, y) \mid y = 1\}$ (c) $\{(x, y) \mid |y| < 1\}$

SOLUTION

(a) The points whose x-coordinates are 0 or positive lie on the y-axis or to the right of it as indicated by the shaded region in Figure 3(a).

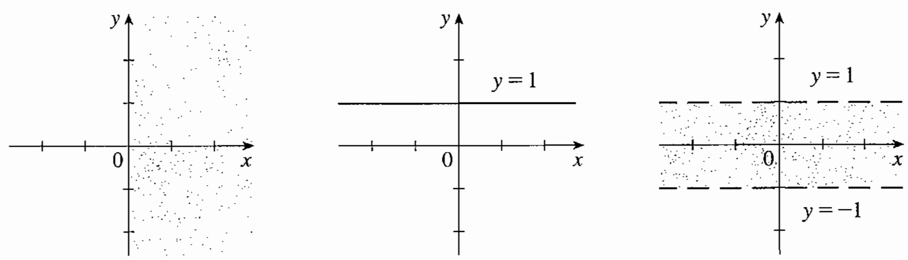

FIGURE 3 (a) $x \geqslant 0$ (b) $y = 1$ (c) $|y| < 1$

(b) The set of all points with y-coordinate 1 is a horizontal line one unit above the x-axis [see Figure 3(b)].

(c) Recall from Appendix A that

$$|y| < 1 \quad \text{if and only if} \quad -1 < y < 1$$

The given region consists of those points in the plane whose y-coordinates lie between -1 and 1. Thus, the region consists of all points that lie between (but not on) the horizontal lines $y = 1$ and $y = -1$. [These lines are shown as dashed lines in Figure 3(c) to indicate that the points on these lines don't lie in the set.]

Recall from Appendix A that the distance between points a and b on a number line is $|a - b| = |b - a|$. Thus, the distance between points $P_1(x_1, y_1)$ and $P_3(x_2, y_1)$ on a horizontal line must be $|x_2 - x_1|$ and the distance between $P_2(x_2, y_2)$ and $P_3(x_2, y_1)$ on a vertical line must be $|y_2 - y_1|$. (See Figure 4.)

To find the distance $|P_1P_2|$ between any two points $P_1(x_1, y_1)$ and $P_2(x_2, y_2)$, we note that triangle $P_1P_2P_3$ in Figure 4 is a right triangle, and so by the Pythagorean Theorem we have

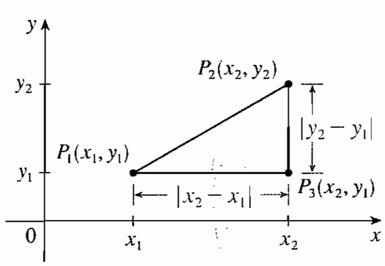

FIGURE 4

$$|P_1P_2| = \sqrt{|P_1P_3|^2 + |P_2P_3|^2} = \sqrt{|x_2 - x_1|^2 + |y_2 - y_1|^2}$$
$$= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

1 Distance Formula The distance between the points $P_1(x_1, y_1)$ and $P_2(x_2, y_2)$ is

$$|P_1P_2| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

EXAMPLE 2 The distance between $(1, -2)$ and $(5, 3)$ is

$$\sqrt{(5 - 1)^2 + [3 - (-2)]^2} = \sqrt{4^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{41}$$

Lines

We want to find an equation of a given line L; such an equation is satisfied by the coordinates of the points on L and by no other point. To find the equation of L we use its *slope*, which is a measure of the steepness of the line.

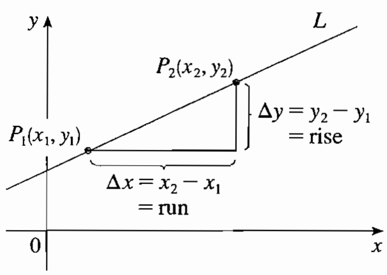

FIGURE 5

2 Definition The **slope** of a nonvertical line that passes through the points $P_1(x_1, y_1)$ and $P_2(x_2, y_2)$ is

$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

The slope of a vertical line is not defined.

Thus, the slope of a line is the ratio of the change in y, Δy, to the change in x, Δx. (See Figure 5.) The slope is therefore the rate of change of y with respect to x. The fact that the line is straight means that the rate of change is constant.

Figure 6 shows several lines labeled with their slopes. Notice that lines with positive slope slant upward to the right, whereas lines with negative slope slant downward to the right. Notice also that the steepest lines are the ones for which the absolute value of the slope is largest, and a horizontal line has slope 0.

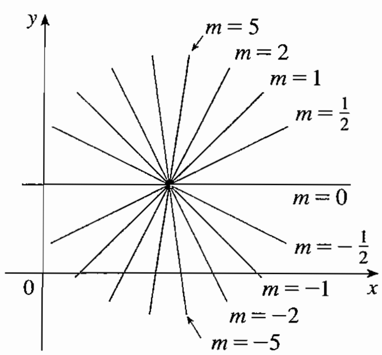

FIGURE 6

Now let's find an equation of the line that passes through a given point $P_1(x_1, y_1)$ and has slope m. A point $P(x, y)$ with $x \neq x_1$ lies on this line if and only if the slope of the line through P_1 and P is equal to m; that is,

$$\frac{y - y_1}{x - x_1} = m$$

This equation can be rewritten in the form

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

and we observe that this equation is also satisfied when $x = x_1$ and $y = y_1$. Therefore, it is an equation of the given line.

3 Point-Slope Form of the Equation of a Line An equation of the line passing through the point $P_1(x_1, y_1)$ and having slope m is

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

EXAMPLE 3 Find an equation of the line through $(1, -7)$ with slope $-\frac{1}{2}$.

SOLUTION Using (3) with $m = -\frac{1}{2}$, $x_1 = 1$, and $y_1 = -7$, we obtain an equation of the line as

$$y + 7 = -\tfrac{1}{2}(x - 1)$$

which we can rewrite as

$$2y + 14 = -x + 1 \qquad \text{or} \qquad x + 2y + 13 = 0$$

EXAMPLE 4 Find an equation of the line through the points $(-1, 2)$ and $(3, -4)$.

SOLUTION By Definition 2 the slope of the line is

$$m = \frac{-4 - 2}{3 - (-1)} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Using the point-slope form with $x_1 = -1$ and $y_1 = 2$, we obtain

$$y - 2 = -\tfrac{3}{2}(x + 1)$$

which simplifies to $$3x + 2y = 1$$

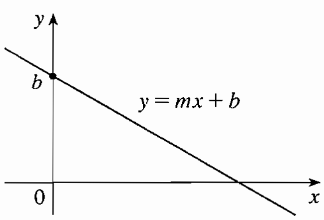

FIGURE 7

Suppose a nonvertical line has slope m and y-intercept b. (See Figure 7.) This means it intersects the y-axis at the point $(0, b)$, so the point-slope form of the equation of the line, with $x_1 = 0$ and $y_1 = b$, becomes

$$y - b = m(x - 0)$$

This simplifies as follows.

4 Slope-Intercept Form of the Equation of a Line An equation of the line with slope m and y-intercept b is

$$y = mx + b$$

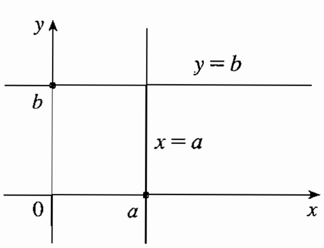

FIGURE 8

In particular, if a line is horizontal, its slope is $m = 0$, so its equation is $y = b$, where b is the y-intercept (see Figure 8). A vertical line does not have a slope, but we can write its equation as $x = a$, where a is the x-intercept, because the x-coordinate of every point on the line is a.

Observe that the equation of every line can be written in the form

5 $$Ax + By + C = 0$$

because a vertical line has the equation $x = a$ or $x - a = 0$ ($A = 1, B = 0, C = -a$) and a nonvertical line has the equation $y = mx + b$ or $-mx + y - b = 0$ ($A = -m$, $B = 1$, $C = -b$). Conversely, if we start with a general first-degree equation, that is, an equation of the form (5), where A, B, and C are constants and A and B are not both 0, then we can show that it is the equation of a line. If $B = 0$, the equation becomes $Ax + C = 0$ or $x = -C/A$, which represents a vertical line with x-intercept $-C/A$. If $B \neq 0$, the equation can be rewritten by solving for y:

$$y = -\frac{A}{B}x - \frac{C}{B}$$

and we recognize this as being the slope-intercept form of the equation of a line ($m = -A/B$, $b = -C/B$). Therefore, an equation of the form (5) is called a **linear equation** or the **general equation of a line**. For brevity, we often refer to "the line $Ax + By + C = 0$" instead of "the line whose equation is $Ax + By + C = 0$."

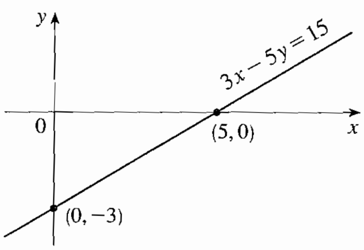

FIGURE 9

EXAMPLE 5 Sketch the graph of the equation $3x - 5y = 15$.

SOLUTION Since the equation is linear, its graph is a line. To draw the graph, we can simply find two points on the line. It's easiest to find the intercepts. Substituting $y = 0$ (the equation of the x-axis) in the given equation, we get $3x = 15$, so $x = 5$ is the x-intercept. Substituting $x = 0$ in the equation, we see that the y-intercept is -3. This allows us to sketch the graph as in Figure 9.

EXAMPLE 6 Graph the inequality $x + 2y > 5$.

SOLUTION We are asked to sketch the graph of the set $\{(x, y) \mid x + 2y > 5\}$ and we do so by solving the inequality for y:

$$x + 2y > 5$$

$$2y > -x + 5$$

$$y > -\tfrac{1}{2}x + \tfrac{5}{2}$$

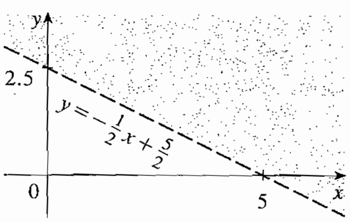

FIGURE 10

Compare this inequality with the equation $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{5}{2}$, which represents a line with slope $-\frac{1}{2}$ and y-intercept $\frac{5}{2}$. We see that the given graph consists of points whose y-coordinates are *larger* than those on the line $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{5}{2}$. Thus, the graph is the region that lies *above* the line, as illustrated in Figure 10.

|||| Parallel and Perpendicular Lines

Slopes can be used to show that lines are parallel or perpendicular. The following facts are proved, for instance, in *Precalculus: Mathematics for Calculus, Fourth Edition* by Stewart, Redlin, and Watson (Brooks/Cole Publishing Co., Pacific Grove, CA, 2002).

> **6 Parallel and Perpendicular Lines**
>
> **1.** Two nonvertical lines are parallel if and only if they have the same slope.
>
> **2.** Two lines with slopes m_1 and m_2 are perpendicular if and only if $m_1 m_2 = -1$; that is, their slopes are negative reciprocals:
>
> $$m_2 = -\frac{1}{m_1}$$

EXAMPLE 7 Find an equation of the line through the point (5, 2) that is parallel to the line $4x + 6y + 5 = 0$.

SOLUTION The given line can be written in the form

$$y = -\tfrac{2}{3}x - \tfrac{5}{6}$$

which is in slope-intercept form with $m = -\frac{2}{3}$. Parallel lines have the same slope, so the required line has slope $-\frac{2}{3}$ and its equation in point-slope form is

$$y - 2 = -\tfrac{2}{3}(x - 5)$$

We can write this equation as $2x + 3y = 16$.

EXAMPLE 8 Show that the lines $2x + 3y = 1$ and $6x - 4y - 1 = 0$ are perpendicular.

SOLUTION The equations can be written as

$$y = -\tfrac{2}{3}x + \tfrac{1}{3} \qquad \text{and} \qquad y = \tfrac{3}{2}x - \tfrac{1}{4}$$

from which we see that the slopes are

$$m_1 = -\tfrac{2}{3} \qquad \text{and} \qquad m_2 = \tfrac{3}{2}$$

Since $m_1 m_2 = -1$, the lines are perpendicular.

B Exercises

1–6 Find the distance between the points.

1. $(1, 1)$, $(4, 5)$ **2.** $(1, -3)$, $(5, 7)$

3. $(6, -2)$, $(-1, 3)$ **4.** $(1, -6)$, $(-1, -3)$

5. $(2, 5)$, $(4, -7)$ **6.** (a, b), (b, a)

7–10 Find the slope of the line through P and Q.

7. $P(1, 5)$, $Q(4, 11)$ **8.** $P(-1, 6)$, $Q(4, -3)$

9. $P(-3, 3)$, $Q(-1, -6)$ **10.** $P(-1, -4)$, $Q(6, 0)$

11. Show that the triangle with vertices $A(0, 2)$, $B(-3, -1)$, and $C(-4, 3)$ is isosceles.

12. (a) Show that the triangle with vertices $A(6, -7)$, $B(11, -3)$, and $C(2, -2)$ is a right triangle using the converse of the Pythagorean Theorem.
(b) Use slopes to show that ABC is a right triangle.
(c) Find the area of the triangle.

13. Show that the points $(-2, 9)$, $(4, 6)$, $(1, 0)$, and $(-5, 3)$ are the vertices of a square.

14. (a) Show that the points $A(-1, 3)$, $B(3, 11)$, and $C(5, 15)$ are collinear (lie on the same line) by showing that $|AB| + |BC| = |AC|$.
(b) Use slopes to show that A, B, and C are collinear.

15. Show that $A(1, 1)$, $B(7, 4)$, $C(5, 10)$, and $D(-1, 7)$ are vertices of a parallelogram.

16. Show that $A(1, 1)$, $B(11, 3)$, $C(10, 8)$, and $D(0, 6)$ are vertices of a rectangle.

17–20 Sketch the graph of the equation.

17. $x = 3$ **18.** $y = -2$

19. $xy = 0$ **20.** $|y| = 1$

21–36 Find an equation of the line that satisfies the given conditions.

21. Through $(2, -3)$, slope 6

22. Through $(-1, 4)$, slope -3

23. Through $(1, 7)$, slope $\frac{2}{3}$

24. Through $(-3, -5)$, slope $-\frac{7}{2}$

25. Through $(2, 1)$ and $(1, 6)$

26. Through $(-1, -2)$ and $(4, 3)$

27. Slope 3, y-intercept -2

28. Slope $\frac{2}{5}$, y-intercept 4

29. x-intercept 1, y-intercept -3

30. x-intercept -8, y-intercept 6

31. Through $(4, 5)$, parallel to the x-axis

32. Through $(4, 5)$, parallel to the y-axis

33. Through $(1, -6)$, parallel to the line $x + 2y = 6$

34. y-intercept 6, parallel to the line $2x + 3y + 4 = 0$

35. Through $(-1, -2)$, perpendicular to the line $2x + 5y + 8 = 0$

36. Through $\left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{2}{3}\right)$, perpendicular to the line $4x - 8y = 1$

37–42 Find the slope and y-intercept of the line and draw its graph.

37. $x + 3y = 0$ **38.** $2x - 5y = 0$

39. $y = -2$

40. $2x - 3y + 6 = 0$

41. $3x - 4y = 12$

42. $4x + 5y = 10$

43–52 |||| Sketch the region in the xy-plane.

43. $\{(x, y) \mid x < 0\}$

44. $\{(x, y) \mid y > 0\}$

45. $\{(x, y) \mid xy < 0\}$

46. $\{(x, y) \mid x \geqslant 1 \text{ and } y < 3\}$

47. $\{(x, y) \mid |x| \leqslant 2\}$

48. $\{(x, y) \mid |x| < 3 \text{ and } |y| < 2\}$

49. $\{(x, y) \mid 0 \leqslant y \leqslant 4 \text{ and } x \leqslant 2\}$

50. $\{(x, y) \mid y > 2x - 1\}$

51. $\{(x, y) \mid 1 + x \leqslant y \leqslant 1 - 2x\}$

52. $\{(x, y) \mid -x \leqslant y < \frac{1}{2}(x + 3)\}$

53. Find a point on the y-axis that is equidistant from $(5, -5)$ and $(1, 1)$.

54. Show that the midpoint of the line segment from $P_1(x_1, y_1)$ to $P_2(x_2, y_2)$ is

$$\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$

55. Find the midpoint of the line segment joining the given points.
(a) $(1, 3)$ and $(7, 15)$ (b) $(-1, 6)$ and $(8, -12)$

56. Find the lengths of the medians of the triangle with vertices $A(1, 0)$, $B(3, 6)$, and $C(8, 2)$. (A median is a line segment from a vertex to the midpoint of the opposite side.)

57. Show that the lines $2x - y = 4$ and $6x - 2y = 10$ are not parallel and find their point of intersection.

58. Show that the lines $3x - 5y + 19 = 0$ and $10x + 6y - 50 = 0$ are perpendicular and find their point of intersection.

59. Find an equation of the perpendicular bisector of the line segment joining the points $A(1, 4)$ and $B(7, -2)$.

60. (a) Find equations for the sides of the triangle with vertices $P(1, 0)$, $Q(3, 4)$, and $R(-1, 6)$.
(b) Find equations for the medians of this triangle. Where do they intersect?

61. (a) Show that if the x- and y-intercepts of a line are nonzero numbers a and b, then the equation of the line can be put in the form

$$\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$$

This equation is called the **two-intercept form** of an equation of a line.
(b) Use part (a) to find an equation of the line whose x-intercept is 6 and whose y-intercept is -8.

62. A car leaves Detroit at 2:00 P.M., traveling at a constant speed west along I-96. It passes Ann Arbor, 40 mi from Detroit, at 2:50 P.M.
(a) Express the distance traveled in terms of the time elapsed.
(b) Draw the graph of the equation in part (a).
(c) What is the slope of this line? What does it represent?

|||| C Graphs of Second-Degree Equations

In Appendix B we saw that a first-degree, or linear, equation $Ax + By + C = 0$ represents a line. In this section we discuss second-degree equations such as

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 \qquad y = x^2 + 1 \qquad \frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1 \qquad x^2 - y^2 = 1$$

which represent a circle, a parabola, an ellipse, and a hyperbola, respectively.

The graph of such an equation in x and y is the set of all points (x, y) that satisfy the equation; it gives a visual representation of the equation. Conversely, given a curve in the xy-plane, we may have to find an equation that represents it, that is, an equation satisfied by the coordinates of the points on the curve and by no other point. This is the other half of the basic principle of analytic geometry as formulated by Descartes and Fermat. The idea is that if a geometric curve can be represented by an algebraic equation, then the rules of algebra can be used to analyze the geometric problem.

|||| Circles

As an example of this type of problem, let's find an equation of the circle with radius r and center (h, k). By definition, the circle is the set of all points $P(x, y)$ whose distance from