

1. Q&A

**Problem 1.** Suppose that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x < 1 \\ 4x - 7 & \text{if } x \geq 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = \begin{cases} x - 1 & \text{if } x < 3 \\ 3x + 5 & \text{if } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

Write using interval notation and then graph on a real number line all solutions to the inequality

$$f(x) \geq g(x).$$

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$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x - 1 & \text{if } x < 1 \\ x - 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq x < 3 \\ 3x + 5 & \text{if } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

$x < 1$ :  $f(x) = 2x$  and  $g(x) = x - 1$   
 WTF  $x$  such that  $f(x) \geq g(x)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow 2x \geq x - 1$   
 $\Leftrightarrow x \geq -1$   
 want to find

Solutions:  $x < 1$  AND  $x \geq -1 \Leftrightarrow x \in (-\infty, 1) \cap [-1, \infty) = [-1, 1)$   
 "is an element of" =  $[-1, 1)$

$1 \leq x < 3$ :  $f(x) = 4x - 7 \geq x - 1$   $g(x)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow 3x \geq 6$   
 $\Leftrightarrow x \geq 2$   
 $\Leftrightarrow x \in [2, 3)$

$x \geq 3$ :  $f(x) = 4x - 7 \geq 3x + 5 = g(x)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow x \geq 12$   
 $\Leftrightarrow x \in [12, \infty)$

$f(x) \geq g(x)$  whenever  $x \in [-1, 1) \cup [2, 3) \cup [12, \infty)$



<https://www.desmos.com/calculator/o8hfs7vj8l>

**Problem 5.** Find all solutions to the system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 1 & (i) \\ x - y + z = 3 & (ii) \\ 2x + 3z = -5 & (iii) \end{cases}$$

(1) (iii)  $\Rightarrow 2x = -3z - 5 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{3}{2}z - \frac{5}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow (ii) \Rightarrow \left(-\frac{3}{2}z - \frac{5}{2}\right) - y + z = 3 = \frac{6}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}z - y = \frac{11}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow -y = \frac{1}{2}z + \frac{11}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{2}z - \frac{11}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow (i) \Rightarrow \left(-\frac{3}{2}z - \frac{5}{2}\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{2}z - \frac{11}{2}\right) + z = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow -z - 8 = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow -z = 9$   
 $\Rightarrow z = -9$   
 $\Rightarrow x = -\frac{3}{2}z - \frac{5}{2} = -\frac{3}{2}(-9) - \frac{5}{2} = 11 = x$   
 $\Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{2}z - \frac{11}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}(-9) - \frac{11}{2} = -1 = y$

The system is solved by  
 $x = 11, y = -1, \text{ and } z = -9.$

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$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 1 & (i) \\ x - y + z = 3 & (ii) \\ 2x + 3z = -5 & (iii) \end{cases}$$

(2) (i) + (ii)  $\Rightarrow 2x + 2z = 4 \Leftrightarrow x + z = 2$   
 (iii) + (-2)  $(x + z = 2)$   
 $\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} 2x + 3z = -5 \\ -2x - 2z = -4 \end{matrix}$   
 $\Rightarrow z = -9$   
 $\Rightarrow x + z = x - 9 = 2 \Rightarrow x = 11$   
 $1 = x + y + z = 11 + y - 9 = 2 + y \Rightarrow y = -1$