

Math5700 Inequalities Homework
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A. Solve these inequalities.

(1) $|4 - 2x| + 1 \geq 11$

(2) $(y + 4)^4 + 5 < 0$

(3) $\frac{2x^2 + 10x - 16}{x - 4} \leq 3$

(4) $\log_4(w - 1)^4 + 2 \leq \log_4(2w - 2)$

(5) $\log_4(w - 1)^3 + 2 \leq \log_4(2w - 2)$

(6) $-2(9^{x^6 - 1}) \geq 36$

(7) $x(2x - 1)(x - 3)^2 < 0$

(8) $\frac{1}{x + 2} \geq \frac{2}{x - 2}$

B. If you're given this inequality $\frac{13}{31} < \frac{8}{19}$ and you need to verify if it is in fact correct, how would you explain this to your students (without a calculator)? And, would it be reasonable to "cross multiply" to check the validity of the statement? Why or why not?

What if the inequality is $-\frac{13}{31} < -\frac{8}{19}$ instead?

What if the inequality is $\frac{13}{31} < \frac{8}{19x}$ instead?

C. In which setting or under what conditions do you need to consider different cases in solving an inequality?