

## Inequalities

1. a)  $x \leq -\frac{2}{5}$   
b)  $x^2 \leq -3x + 2$   
c)  $|7 + x^2| > x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{5}{2}$   
d)  $|x| > \frac{3}{2}$
  
2. a)  $x \geq \frac{9}{2}$ , solution set  $[\frac{9}{2}, \infty)$   
b)  $x > \frac{-5}{6}$  solution set  $(\frac{-5}{6}, \infty)$   
c) The inequality is fulfilled for all real numbers. This can be seen, for example, by solving the corresponding equation with the pq-formula (there is no solution and the parabola is - since  $x^2$  has a positive sign - open at the top, so it must run above the  $x$ -axis), or by quadratic addition to arrive at the equivalent inequality  $(x - 1)^2 + 2 > 0$ .  
d) Transforming leads to the equivalent inequality  $(x + 2)^2 > 0$ , thus all  $x$  except  $-2$  belong to the solution set. This can also be written down as  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \neq -2\}$ ,  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{-2\}$  or in interval notation  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, \infty)$ .  
e) An equivalent inequality is  $(x + \frac{4}{3})^2 + \frac{2}{9} \leq 0$ , thus there is no solution (solution set is the empty set)  
f) An equivalent inequality is  $x^2 + 2x + \frac{3}{4} \leq 0$ , so we are looking for the negative area of a parabola open upwards. The parabola has zeros  $-\frac{3}{2}$  and  $-\frac{1}{2}$ , so the inequality is satisfied for all  $x$  between the zeros (including the latter). Thus the solution set is  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : -\frac{3}{2} \leq x \leq -\frac{1}{2}\}$  or in interval notation  $[-\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}]$ .  
g) Solution set is the interval  $[-7, 3]$   
h) Solution set is  $(-\infty, \frac{3}{5}] \cup [\frac{11}{5}, \infty)$   
i) Solution set is  $(-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}] \cup [\frac{7}{6}, \infty)$   
j) Solution set is  $(2, \frac{121}{20}]$