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 Quiz # 1W

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EXPLAIN ALL STEPS!

1. Solve for x:  $\frac{3+x}{6} \geq \frac{3}{1-x}$ . [4].

2. Solve for x:  $|2x+3| \geq 1$ . [4]

3. Find an equation of the line parallel to the line  $3x - 2y = 1$   
 passing through the center of the circle  $x^2 + 4x + y^2 - y = 0$ . [4]

4. Simplify and find the restriction on x:  $\frac{\frac{x}{1-x}}{1-x} - 2$ . [3]

**SOLUTION**

**For 1)**

for  $x \neq 1$   $\frac{3+x}{6} - \frac{3}{1-x} \geq 0$   $\frac{(3+x)(1-x) - 18}{6(1-x)} \geq 0$

$\frac{3+x-3x-x^2-18}{6(1-x)} \geq 0$   $\frac{-x^2-2x-15}{6(1-x)} \geq 0$

multiply by  $-1$   $\frac{x^2+2x+15}{6(1-x)} \leq 0$

the top is always positive since the disc.  $D = 4 - 4 \cdot 15 = -56$  negative,

no real roots, parabola open up, always above the x-axis

thus the bottom must be negative  $x > 1$

Or split points " $\frac{0}{0}$ " only  $x = 1$

testing

$-_{x=0}$   $-_{pos}$   $-_{-1}$   $-_{x=2}$   $-_{neg}$   $--$

check the split point, then the solution is  $x \in (1, +\infty)$

**For 2)**

$|2x+3| \geq 1$   $\left| x - \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) \right| \geq \frac{1}{2}$  distance to  $-\frac{3}{2}$  must be equal to or bigger than  $\frac{1}{2}$   
 $-\frac{3}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}$  so  $x \leq -2$  or  $x \geq -1$

OR square both sides  $4x^2 + 12x + 9 \geq 1$   $4(x^2 + 3x + 2) \geq 0$

$(x+1)(x+2) \geq 0$  parabola open up with

$x = -2, -1$  split points = roots

testing

$--_{-pos}$   $-_{x=-3}$   $--_{-2}$   $-_{x=-\frac{3}{2}}$   $-_{neg}$   $--_{-1}$   $-_{x=0}$   $-_{pos}$   $--$

$x \in (-\infty, -2] \cup [-1, +\infty)$

**For 3)**

the slope of the given line  $3x - 2y = 1$   $y = \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{1}{2}$  is  $m = \frac{3}{2}$

for the center complete the square

$$x^2 + 4x + 4 + y^2 - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}y + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = 4 + \frac{1}{4}$$

$(x + 2)^2 + \left(y - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{17}{4}$  so the center is at  $\left(-2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ ,

parallel line has the same slope

$$y - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}(x + 2) \quad y = \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{7}{2} \quad 2y - 3x = 7.$$

**For 4)**

$$\text{for } x \neq 1 \quad \frac{\frac{x}{1-x} - 2}{1-x} = \frac{x}{x - 2(1-x)} = x \cdot \frac{1-x}{3x-2} = \frac{x(1-x)}{(3x-2)}$$

and for  $x \neq \frac{2}{3}$ .