

Inequality

A statement that shows the relationship between two (or more) expressions with one of the following five signs

1. $<$, Less Than

$a < b$ if and only if there is a positive number c such that $a+c = b$

2. \leq , Less Than or Equal To

$a \leq b$ if and only if there is a positive number or zero c such that $a+c = b$

3. $>$, Greater Than

$a > b$ if and only if there is a positive number c such that $a - c = b$

4. \geq , Greater Than or Equal To

$a \geq b$ if and only if there is a positive number or zero c such that $a - c = b$

5. \neq , Not Equal To

$a \neq b$ if and only if $a - b \neq 0$

Examples:

1. (X: X is an integer > 5)

$X = (6, 7, 8, \dots \infty)$

2. $A \leq B$

e.g. $A=-3, B=-3$

Addition Properties of Inequality:

If $a < b$, then $a + c < b + c$

If $a > b$, then $a + c > b + c$

Subtraction Properties of Inequality:

If $a < b$, then $a - c < b - c$

If $a > b$, then $a - c > b - c$