

Investigation 5

Linear Inequalities

You have studied many relationships that can be modeled by linear equations. The points that satisfy such relationships fall on a straight line. Points that do not satisfy a linear relationship (do not fall on a line) satisfy a *linear inequality*.

Graphing helps make sense of how solutions to inequalities are related to what you know about solutions to linear equations. The situations in this investigation can be modeled by linear inequalities.

5.1 Limiting Driving Miles

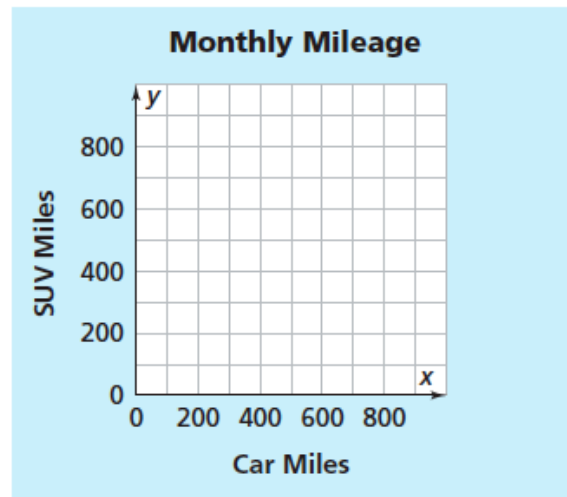
Vince reads that cars are a major source of air pollution. He decides to look at his family's driving habits. They have two vehicles, a car and an SUV. His parents estimate that the family drives about 1,200 miles each month. They decide to try to limit their driving to no more than 1,000 miles each month.

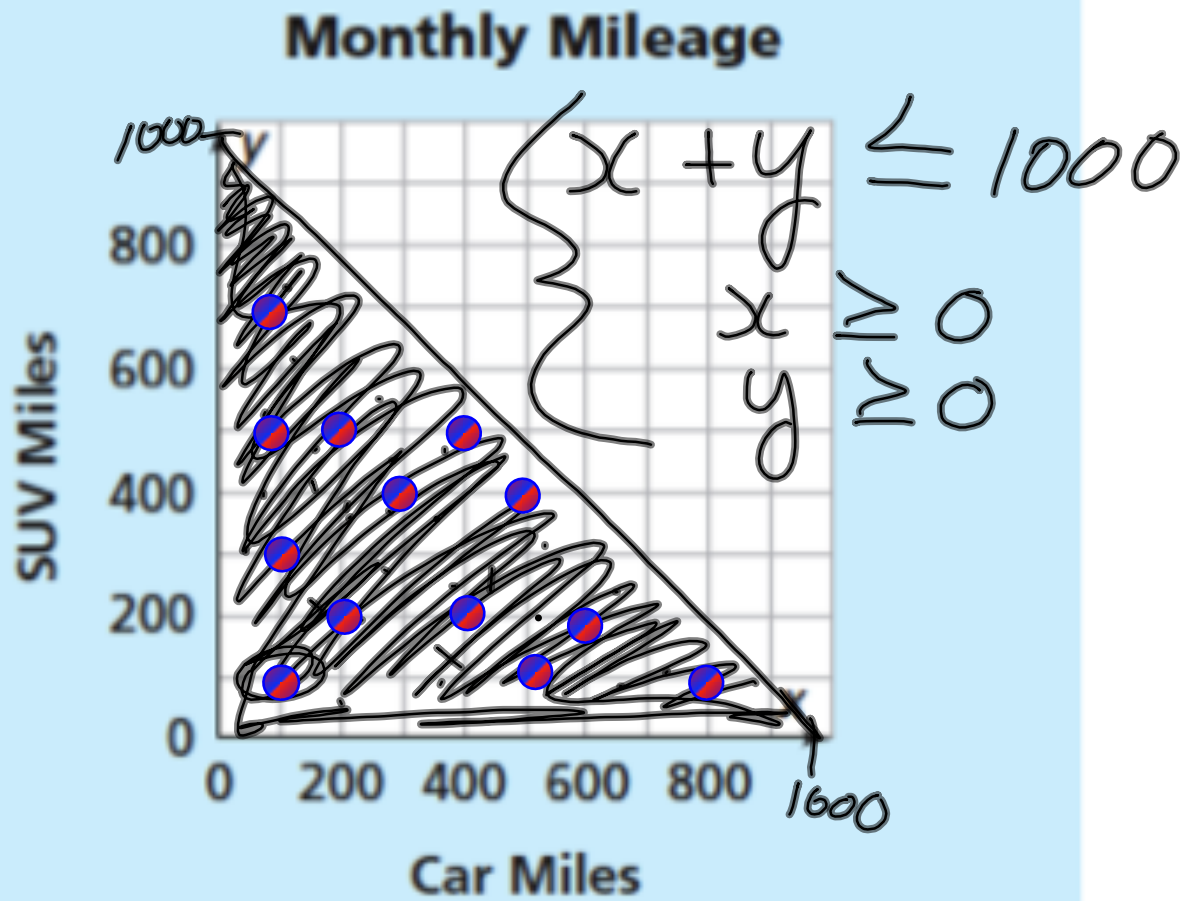
Getting Ready for Problem 5.1

- Find ten possible (*car miles*, *SUV miles*) pairs that give a total of no more than 1,000 miles. $(400, 600)$ $(0, 1000)$ $(500, 500)$ $(100, 900)$ $(200, 400)$
- One month the family drove the car 500 miles and the SUV 500 miles. Was the total for this month “no more than” 1,000 miles?

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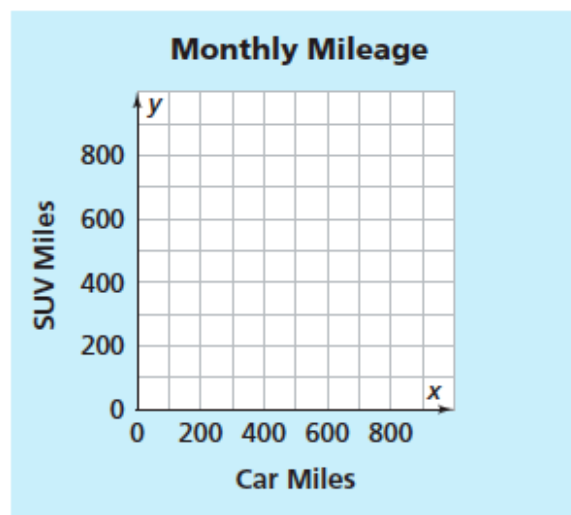
- A. On a copy of the grid at the right, plot the ten points you found in the Getting Ready.
- B. Look at the pattern of plotted points.
- Are there other possible (*car miles*, *SUV miles*) pairs that give a total of no more than 1,000 miles?
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- C.** Suppose Vince’s family wants to limit their driving to at most 800 miles per month.
1. Draw a graph of (*car miles*, *SUV miles*) pairs that meet this condition.
 2. Describe the region of the graph that includes all points that represent a total of no more than 800 miles.
- D.** Write inequalities to model the situations in Questions B and C.



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