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(i) $|\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{7}|$

$$\begin{aligned} 7 > 5 &\implies \sqrt{7} > \sqrt{5} \\ &\implies -\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{7} > 0 \\ &\implies 0 < \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{7}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $|\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{7}| = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{7}$.

(ii) $|(|a + b| - |a| - |b|)|$

Note that $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$ by Theorem 1. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |a + b| \leq |a| + |b| &\implies |a + b| - |a| - |b| \leq 0 \\ &\implies 0 \leq -(|a + b| - |a| - |b|) \\ &\implies 0 \leq |a| + |b| - |a + b|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $|(|a + b| - |a| - |b|)| = |a| + |b| - |a + b|$.

(iii) $|(|a + b| + |c| - |a + b + c|)|$

$$|(a + b) + c| \leq |a + b| + |c| \implies 0 \leq |a + b| + |c| - |a + b + c|.$$

Thus $|(|a + b| + |c| - |a + b + c|)| = |a + b| + |c| - |a + b + c|$.

(iv) $|x^2 - 2xy + y^2|$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - 2xy + y^2 &= x(x - y) - y(x - y) \\ &= (x - y)^2 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $|x^2 - 2xy + y^2| = x^2 - 2xy + y^2$.

(v) $|(|\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}| - |\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{7}|)|$

$$\begin{aligned} (0 < 3 \wedge 0 < 2) &\implies (0 < \sqrt{2} \wedge 0 < \sqrt{3}) \\ &\implies 0 < \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $|(|\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}| - |\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{7}|)| = |(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} - |\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{7}|)|$.