

**(i) Proposition:**  $|xy| = |x| * |y|$

*Proof.*

We consider two cases. Let  $x \geq 0$  and  $y \geq 0$ , or  $x \leq 0$  and  $y \leq 0$ . Since  $xy \geq 0$ , it follows that  $|xy| = xy = |x| * |y|$ . Now let  $x > 0$  and  $y < 0$ , WLOG. Since  $x = |x|$ , it follows that  $|xy| = x * |y| = |x| * |y|$ . Therefore  $|xy| = |x| * |y|$ .

**(ii) Proposition:**  $\frac{1}{|x|} = \left| \frac{1}{x} \right|, x \neq 0$

*Proof.*

We consider two cases. Let  $x > 0$ . Since  $|x| = x$ , it follows that  $\frac{1}{|x|} = \frac{1}{x} = \left| \frac{1}{x} \right|$ . Now let  $x < 0$ . Since  $|x| = -x$ , it follows that  $\frac{1}{|x|} = -\frac{1}{x} = \left| \frac{1}{x} \right|$ . Therefore  $\frac{1}{|x|} = \left| \frac{1}{x} \right|$ .

**(iii) Proposition:**  $\frac{|x|}{|y|} = \left| \frac{x}{y} \right|, y \neq 0$ .

*Proof.*

Observe that  $\left| \frac{x}{y} \right| = |x| * \left| \frac{1}{y} \right| = |x| * \frac{1}{|y|} = \frac{|x|}{|y|}$ .

**(iv) Proposition:**  $|x - y| \leq |x| + |y|$

*Proof.*  $|x - y| = |x + (-y)| \leq |x| + |-y| = |x| + |y|$  by Theorem 1.

**(v) Proposition:**  $|x| - |y| \leq |x - y|$

*Proof.*

By Theorem 1,  $|(x - y) + y| \leq |x - y| + |y|$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |(x - y) + y| &\leq |x - y| + |y| \implies |x| \leq |x - y| + |y| \\ &\implies |x| - |y| \leq |x - y|. \end{aligned}$$

**(vi) Proposition:**  $||x| - |y|| \leq |x - y|$

*Proof.*

By Proposition (v),  $|x| - |y| \leq |x - y|$  and  $|y| - |x| \leq |y - x|$ . Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} |y| - |x| &\leq |y - x| \\ -(|x| - |y|) &\leq |-(x - y)| \\ -(|x| - |y|) &\leq |x - y|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\pm(|x| - |y|) = ||x| - |y|| \leq |x - y|$ .

**(vii) Proposition:**  $|x + y + z| \leq |x| + |y| + |z|$

*Proof.*

By Theorem 1,  $|x + (y + z)| \leq |x| + |y + z|$ , WLOG. Since  $|y + z| \leq |y| + |z|$ , it follows that  $|x| + |y + z| \leq |x| + |y| + |z|$ . Therefore  $|x + y + z| \leq |x| + |y| + |z|$ .