

5. For $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$,

(i) **Proposition:** If $a < b$ and $c < d$, then $a + c < b + d$.

Proof. $a < b \implies a + c < b + c$ and $c < d \implies b + c < b + d$. Since $a + c < b + c < b + d$, it follows that $a + c < b + d$ if $a < b$ and $c < d$.

(ii) **Proposition:** If $a < b$ then $-b < -a$.

Proof. $a < b \implies (a - (a + b) < b - (a + b)) \implies (a - a - b < b - a - b) \implies -b < -a$.

(iii) **Proposition:** If $a < b$ and $c > d$, then $a - c < b - d$.

Proof. $a < b \implies (a - c < b - c)$ and $c > d \implies (-c < -d) \implies (b - c < b - d)$. Since $a - c < b - c < b - d$, it follows that $a - c < b - d$ for $a < b$ and $c > d$.

(iv) **Proposition:** If $a < b$ and $c > 0$, then $ac < bc$

Proof. $a < b \implies a + a < b + b$. Hence $\sum_{i=1}^c a < \sum_{i=1}^c b$, meaning $ac < bc$.

(v) **Proposition:** If $a < b$ and $c < 0$, then $ac > bc$

Proof. $a < b \implies (\sum_{i=1}^c a < \sum_{i=1}^c b) \implies (-\sum_{i=1}^{|c|} a > -\sum_{i=1}^{|c|} b) \implies -|c|a > -|c|b$. Since $c = -|c|$, it follows that $ac > bc$.

(vi) **Proposition:** If $a > 1$, then $a^2 > a$

Proof. $a > 1 > 0 \implies a * a > 1 * a \implies a^2 > a$.

(vii) **Proposition:** If $0 < a < 1$, then $a^2 < a$.

Proof. $0 < a < 1 \implies a = \frac{\pm x}{\pm y}$ for $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ where $x < y$. Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} x < y &\implies x^2 < xy \\ &\implies \frac{x^2}{y^2} < \frac{x}{y} \\ &\implies \frac{\pm x}{\pm y} * \frac{\pm x}{\pm y} < \frac{\pm x}{\pm y} \\ &\implies a^2 < a. \end{aligned}$$

(viii) **Proposition:** If $0 \leq a < b$ and $0 \leq c < d$, then $ac < bd$.

Proof. Observe that $((0 \leq c) \wedge (0 \leq a < b)) \implies (0 \leq ac \leq bc)$, and $((0 < b) \wedge (0 \leq c < d)) \implies (0 \leq bc < bd)$. Thus $(0 \leq ac \leq bc < bd) \implies (ac < bd)$.

(ix) **Proposition:** If $0 \leq a < b$, then $a^2 < b^2$.

Proof. Observe that $(0 \leq a < b) \implies (a * a < b * b) \implies (a^2 < b^2)$.

(x) **Proposition:** If $a, b \geq 0$ and $a^2 < b^2$, then $a < b$.

Proof. Note that $a \geq 0 \implies a = \sqrt{a^2}$, and similarly $b = \sqrt{b^2}$. Thus $a^2 < b^2 \implies \sqrt{a^2} < \sqrt{b^2} \implies a < b$.