

**(Q3)**

In this question, we are asked to prove the statement

*For all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  we have*

$$||x| - |y|| \leq |x + y|$$

is true, and if false, to provide a counterexample.

This statement is true, and the proof is as follows.

*Proof.* We know from **Proposition 1.3.2** that  $x \leq |x|$ .

Let  $x = xy$ . Therefore,  $xy \leq |xy|$ .

We can then do the following:

$$\begin{aligned} |xy| &\geq xy \\ -2|xy| &\leq 2xy \\ |x|^2 - 2|xy| + |y|^2 &\leq |x|^2 + 2xy + |y|^2 \end{aligned}$$

By **Proposition 1.3.2**:

$$\sqrt{x^2} = |x|$$

We can then factorise and take the square root of both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} ||x| - |y||^2 &\leq |x + y|^2 \\ ||x| - |y|| &\leq |x + y| \end{aligned}$$

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