## **MATH 502A**

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## **Assignment 1**

STATEMENT #1:

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $|b| \le a$  if and only if  $-a \le b \le a$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ): Suppose |  $b \mid \leq a$ 

$$|b| \le a \Rightarrow b \le a \cap b \ge -a$$

Expressing the intersection as one inequality

$$\Rightarrow -a \le b \le a$$

( $\Leftarrow$ ): Suppose − $a \le b \le a$ 

$$\Rightarrow -a-b \le 0 \le a-b \Rightarrow -a-b \le 0 \cap a-b \ge 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -a \le b \cap a \ge b \Rightarrow b \le a \cap b \ge -a$$

Which is equal to  $|b| \le a$