MATH 350-2 Advanced Calculus

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Theorem (Apostol Theorem 1.20)

For any real $x > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, there exists a finite decimal expansion $r_n = a_0.a_1 a_2 \ldots a_n$ with

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Find a rational number whose decimal expansion is

$$0.45454545....$$

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Absolute value

The **absolute value** of $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x, & x \geq 0 \\ -x, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

In particular,

$$0 \leq |x|$$

and also

$$-|x| \leq x \leq |x|.$$

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