

# Inequality 2

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HomeWork :-  $(a, b, x \in \mathbb{R})$

1)  $|ab| = |a||b|$

2)  $|\frac{a}{b}| = \frac{|a|}{|b|}$  with  $b \neq 0$

3)  $|x| \leq b \iff -b \leq x \leq b$

4)  $||a| - |b|| \leq |a - b|$

$$\left| \frac{a}{b} \right| = \begin{cases} \frac{a}{b} & \text{if } \frac{a}{b} \geq 0 \\ -\frac{a}{b} & \text{if } \frac{a}{b} < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{|a|}{|b|} = \begin{cases} \frac{a}{b} & \text{if } a \geq 0 \text{ and } b > 0 \\ -\frac{a}{b} & \text{if } a < 0 \text{ and } b < 0 \\ \frac{a}{b} & \text{if } a \geq 0 \text{ and } b < 0 \\ -\frac{a}{b} & \text{if } a < 0 \text{ and } b > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\implies \left| \frac{a}{b} \right| = \frac{|a|}{|b|}$$

*Handwritten notes and arrows:*  
 - From  $\frac{a}{b} \geq 0$ , arrows point to  $a \geq 0 \text{ and } b > 0$  and  $a < 0 \text{ and } b < 0$ .  
 - From  $\frac{a}{b} < 0$ , arrows point to  $a \geq 0 \text{ and } b < 0$  and  $a < 0 \text{ and } b > 0$ .  
 - Red arrows connect the first two cases to the first two cases of the absolute value definition.  
 - Green arrows connect the last two cases to the last two cases of the absolute value definition.

## General Form of Triangle Inequality :-

For real numbers  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  we get,

$$|x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n| \leq |x_1| + |x_2| + \dots + |x_n|$$

Pr. :-  $y = x_2 + \dots + x_n$

Proof:-

$$y_2 = x_2 + \dots + x_n$$

$$|x_1 + y_2| \leq |x_1| + |y_2| \leq |x_1| + |x_2| + |y_3|$$

$$y_3 = x_3 + \dots + x_n$$

$$|x_2 + y_3| \leq |x_2| + |y_3|$$

and this goes on ...

$$\Rightarrow |x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n| \leq |x_1| + |x_2| + \dots + |x_n|$$

Q)  $x^2 + xy + y^2 \geq 0$  if  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove it

Ans:-

WLOG,  $x > y$ ,

Case 1:-  $x > 0, y > 0 \Rightarrow \text{LHS} \geq 0$

Case 2:-  $x < 0, y < 0 \Rightarrow \text{LHS} \geq 0$

Case 3:-  $x > 0, y < 0 \Rightarrow \text{LHS} = xy \in \mathbb{R}^-, x^2, y^2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$

$\Rightarrow |x^2| > |xy| \Rightarrow x^2 + xy > 0 \Rightarrow \text{LHS} \geq 0$

Case 4:- Similarly -

Q) For real numbers  $a, b, c$  prove that,

$$|a| + |b| + |c| - |a+b| - |b+c| - |c+a| + |a+b+c| \geq 0$$

Ans:- WLOG,  $|a| \geq |b| \geq |c| > 0$

$$\left| \frac{c}{a} \right| \leq 1, \quad \left| \frac{b}{a} \right| \leq 1$$

$$\left| \frac{a}{b} \right| = \frac{|a|}{|b|}$$

$$\left| \frac{a}{a} \right| + \left| \frac{b}{a} \right| + \left| \frac{c}{a} \right| - \left| \frac{a+b}{a} \right| - \left| \frac{b+c}{a} \right| - \left| \frac{c+a}{a} \right| + \left| \frac{a+b+c}{a} \right|$$

$$= 1 + \left| \frac{b}{a} \right| + \left| \frac{c}{a} \right| - \left| 1 + \frac{b}{a} \right| - \left| \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{a} \right| - \left| 1 + \frac{c}{a} \right| + \left| 1 + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{a} \right|$$

$$\left| \frac{c}{a} \right| \leq 1 \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{c}{a} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \left| 1 + \frac{c}{a} \right| = 1 + \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\left|\frac{b}{a}\right| \leq 1 \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{b}{a} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \left|1 + \frac{b}{a}\right| = 1 + \frac{b}{a}$$

$$= \left|\frac{b}{a}\right| + \left|\frac{c}{a}\right| - \left|\frac{b+c}{a}\right| + \left(-1 - \frac{b}{a} - 1 - \frac{c}{a} + 1\right) + \left|1 + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{a}\right|$$

$$= \frac{\left|\frac{b}{a}\right| + \left|\frac{c}{a}\right| - \left|\frac{b+c}{a}\right|}{\geq 0} - \frac{\left(1 + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{a}\right)}{\geq 0} + \left|1 + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{a}\right|$$

triangle inequality |x|-y form

So LHS  $\geq 0$

Homework

Q)  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $0 < a \leq b \leq 1$ . Prove that  $0 \leq \frac{b-a}{1-ab} \leq 1$

Q)  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $0 < a \leq b \leq 1$ . Prove that  $0 \leq \left(\frac{a}{1+b} + \frac{b}{1+a}\right) \leq 1$

Q)  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $0 < a \leq b \leq 1$ . Prove that,  $0 \leq ab^2 - ba^2 \leq \frac{1}{4}$

Q) Prove that  $\frac{m}{n} < \sqrt{2}$  iff  $\sqrt{2} < \frac{m+2n}{m+n}$ .  $m, n$  are positive integers

Ans:-  $x < \sqrt{2}$ ,  $x > 0$

$1 + \frac{1}{1+x}$  is a decreasing function when  $x > 0$

As  $x < \sqrt{2}$  so lower bound value is at  $x = \sqrt{2}$ .

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{1+x} > 1 + \frac{1}{1+\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}+1+1}{1+\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}(1+\sqrt{2})}{1+\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}$$

so  $1 + \frac{1}{1+x} > \sqrt{2}$

$$\text{If } x = \frac{m}{n}, \quad 1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{m}{n}} > \sqrt{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 + \frac{n}{m+n} > \sqrt{2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{m+2n}{m+n} > \sqrt{2}$$