

Elementary Inequalities

xx] Square root of
positive numbers are
positive

Assume: $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$
 $c > 0$ & $c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$a < b \Rightarrow ac < bc \quad (*)$$

iff $c > 0$

[Ordered: - $a, b \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow a = b$ or $a < b$ or $a > b$
 $\rightarrow \exists \text{ } z > 0 \text{ } \boxed{?} \text{ } z \in \mathbb{R} \text{ } \& \text{ } x < y \text{ then } x + z < y + z$
 $\rightarrow x > 0 \text{ } \& \text{ } y > 0 \text{ then } xy > 0$]

Result 1: $0 < a < b$ then $a^2 < ab < b^2$
and $0 < \sqrt{a} < \sqrt{b}$

Proof

$$a < b$$

$$\text{and } a > 0$$

$$, \text{ so } (*) \Rightarrow$$

$$a \cdot a < b \cdot a$$

$$a \cdot a = a^2, b \cdot a = ab$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 < ab$$

$$a < b$$

$$\text{and } b > 0$$

$$, \text{ so } (*) \Rightarrow$$

$$a \cdot b < b \cdot b$$

$$\Rightarrow ab < b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 < ab < b^2$$

• Assume $\sqrt{a} \geq \sqrt{b}$. As $\sqrt{b} > 0$ by $(**)$ we will have

$$0 < \sqrt{b} \leq \sqrt{a}$$

By the previous part applied to $\sqrt{b}$ & $\sqrt{a}$
(& by its proof) we have $b \leq \sqrt{b}\sqrt{a} < a$

but this is a contradiction as $a < b$ by assumption. $\square$

Definition 2: $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \forall z \in \mathbb{R} \\ \cdot z \leq |z| \\ |xy| = |x||y| \\ \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R} \\ \cdot |x|^2 = x^2 \end{cases}$$

Then

Result 3: - (Triangle Inequality) $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

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

Proof: - We always have $2xy \leq 2|x||y|$

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot 2xy &\leq |2xy| \\ &= |2x||y| \\ &= |2||x||y| \\ &= 2|x||y| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 &> 0 \\ y^2 &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + 2xy \leq x^2 + y^2 + 2|x||y|$$

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$$\Rightarrow (x+y)^2 \leq (|x|+|y|)^2$$

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Result 1 to
 $a = |x+y|^2$ & $b = (|x|+|y|)^2$