

1.1.10 Prove that all real numbers  $x$  and  $y$  satisfy

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

Lemma 1.1.10.a:  $0x = x$

Proof of Lemma 1.1.10.a:

$$0x + 0 = 0x$$

Additive identity

$$0x = (0 + 0)x$$

Additive identity

$$(0 + 0)x = 0x + 0x$$

Distributive property

$$\Rightarrow 0x + 0 = 0x + 0x$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 + 0x = 0x + 0x$$

Additive commutativity

$$\Rightarrow 0 = 0x$$

Proposition 1.1.1.a

Lemma 1.1.10.b:  $-x = (-1)x$

Proof of Lemma 1.1.10.b:

$$x + (-x) = 0$$

Additive inverse

$$x + (-1)x = 1x + (-1)x$$

Multiplicative identity

$$1x + (-1)x = (1 + (-1))x$$

Distributive property

$$(1 + (-1))x = 0x$$

Additive inverse

$$0x = 0$$

Lemma 1.1.10.a

$$\Rightarrow x + (-x) = x + (-1)x$$

$$\Rightarrow (-x) + x = (-1)x + x$$

Additive commutativity

$$\Rightarrow -x = (-1)x$$

Proposition 1.1.1.a

Lemma 1.1.10.c:  $-(y - x) = x - y$

Proof of Lemma 1.1.10.c:

$$(y - x) + (-(y - x)) = 0$$

Additive inverse

$$0 = 0 + 0 = (y + (-y)) + (x + (-x))$$

Additive inverse

$$(y + (-y)) + (x + (-x)) = (y + (-x)) + (x + (-y))$$

Additive commutativity and additive associativity

$$(y + (-x)) + (x + (-y)) = (y - x) + (x - y)$$

Definition of “-“

$$\Rightarrow (y - x) + (-(y - x)) = (y - x) + (x - y)$$

$$\Rightarrow (-(y - x)) + (y - x) = (x - y) + (y - x)$$

Additive commutativity

$$\Rightarrow -(y - x) = x - y$$

Proposition 1.1.1.a

Lemma 1.1.10.d:  $|y - x| = |x - y| \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbf{R}$

Proof of Lemma 1.1.10.d:

$$|y - x| = |-(y - x)|$$

Lemma 1.1.5.b

$$|-(y - x)| = |-(x - y)|$$

Lemma 1.1.10.c

$$|-(x - y)| = |-1(x - y)|$$

Lemma 1.1.10.b

$$|-1(x - y)| = |-1||x - y|$$

Proposition 1.1.2.b

$$|-1||x - y| = -(-1)|x - y|$$

Defn of  $|\cdot|$  with  $-1 < 0$

$$-(-1)|x - y| = 1|x - y| = |x - y|$$

Lemma 1.1.5.b and

multiplicative identity

Proof of Exercise 1.1.10:

$$|x| = |x + 0| = |x + y + (-y)|$$

Additive identity

$$|x + y + (-y)| = |x - y + y|$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow |x| - |y| \leq |x - y|$$

$$|y| = |y + 0| = |y + x + (-x)|$$

$$|y + x + (-x)| = |y - x + x|$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow |y| - |x| \leq |y - x| = |x - y|$$

$$|y| - |x| = -(|x| - |y|)$$

$$\| |x| - |y| \| = \begin{cases} |x| - |y| & \text{when } |x| - |y| \geq 0 \\ -(|x| - |y|) & \text{when } |x| - |y| < 0 \end{cases}, \text{ both of which are } \leq |x - y|$$

Therefore,  $\| |x| - |y| \| \leq |x - y|$

Additive commutativity

Triangle inequality

Axiom O4 and defn of “-“

Additive identity

Additive commutativity

Triangle inequality

Axiom O4, defn of “-“, and

lemma 1.1.10.d

Lemma 1.1.10.c

Q.E.D.