

1. Consider the following axioms regarding inequalities.

A1 For all real numbers  $a, b, c$ , if  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq c$  then  $a \leq c$ .

A2 For all real numbers  $a, b, c$ , if  $a \leq b$  then  $a + c \leq b + c$ .

A3 For all real numbers  $a, b, c$ , if  $a \leq b$  and  $0 \leq c$  then  $ac \leq bc$ .

Prove the statements below. Do not assume anything else about *inequality*  $\leq$  except that which appears in A1, A2 and A3. However, you may use any basic facts about *equality*  $=$  that you wish.

(a) For all real numbers  $a, b$ , if  $0 \leq a$  and  $a \leq b$  then  $a^2 \leq b^2$ .

(b) For all real numbers  $a$ , if  $a \leq 0$  then  $0 \leq -a$ .

(c) For all real numbers  $a, b$ , if  $b \leq a$  and  $a \leq 0$ , then  $a^2 \leq b^2$ .

(d) For all real numbers  $b$ ,  $0 \leq b^2$ .

(e) For all real numbers  $a, b$ ,  $ab \leq \frac{1}{2}(a^2 + b^2)$ . *Hint: Consider  $(a-b)^2$ .*

(f) For all real numbers  $a, b, \delta$ , if  $\delta \neq 0$  then  $ab \leq \frac{1}{2}(\delta^2 a^2 + \delta^{-2} b^2)$ .

(g) For all real numbers  $a, b$ ,  $ab = \frac{1}{2}(a^2 + b^2)$  if and only if  $a = b$ .

(h) For all non-negative real numbers  $a, b$ ,  $\sqrt{ab} \leq \frac{1}{2}(a + b)$ . This is called the *arithmetic-geometric mean inequality*.

2. Exercise 3.50 (3.36) from the book.

3. For  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , define  $|x|$  to be  $x$  if  $x \geq 0$  and  $-x$  if  $x < 0$ . Using this definition of the absolute value, prove that if  $x + y < 0$ , then  $|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$ .