

## Properties of absolute values

**Theorem:** Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

- 1-  $|-x| = x$
- 2-  $|x - y| = |y - x|$
- 3-  $|x|^2 = x^2$
- 4-  $|x| = \sqrt{x^2}$ .
- 5-  $|x \cdot y| = |x| |y|$ .
- 6-  $\left| \frac{x}{y} \right| = \frac{|x|}{|y|}$  if  $y \neq 0$ .
- 7-  $|x| \leq b \Leftrightarrow -b \leq x \leq b$  where  $b > 0$ .
- 8-  $|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$ .
- 9-  $|x| - |y| \leq |x - y|$ .
- 10-  $||x| - |y|| \leq |x - y|$ .
- 11-  $|x^n| = |x|^n$  where  $n$  nonnegative integer.

**Proof.** 2) From property 1 applied to  $x-y$  we have 2.

3)  $\because |x|^2 = |x| \cdot |x|$  then,

i) If  $x \geq 0$  then  $|x| = x$ ,  $\therefore |x|^2 = x \cdot x = x^2$

ii) if  $x < 0$  then  $|x| = -x$ ,  $\therefore |x|^2 = (-x) \cdot (-x) = x^2$

4) from 3, **بأخذ الجذر التربيعي للطرفين**

8) from (7),  $|x| \leq |x| \Leftrightarrow -|x| \leq x \leq |x|$  .....(i)

Also,  $|y| \leq |y| \Leftrightarrow -|y| \leq y \leq |y|$ ..... (ii)

$\therefore$  (i) & (ii) **بجمع**

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

$$\therefore |x + y| \leq (|x| + |y|)$$

11) if  $n=0$  **فان العبارة متحققة**

and if  $n>0$  then,

$$|x^n| = |x \cdot x \cdot x \dots x| = |x| \cdot |x| \cdot |x| \dots |x| = |x|^n$$

