

Quiz 5 MTH 427/527 Fall 2024

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6:01 PM

Prove $|a-b| \geq 0$

Proof: If $a-b \geq 0$, then by definition of absolute value and assumption

$$|a-b| = a-b \geq 0.$$

If $a-b < 0$, then $a < b$ and so $0 < b-a$. Thus,

$$|a-b| = -(a-b) = b-a > 0,$$

completing the proof. \square