

ANALYSIS II
QUIZ 1

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Name: _____ **Solutions** _____

The Quiz has two questions. The second question is on the next page.
Let $\mathbf{K} \in \{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{C}\}$ and let $(V, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed linear space over \mathbf{K} .

(1) Show that

$$\left| \|x\| - \|y\| \right| \leq \|x - y\| \quad (x, y \in V).$$

Solution: We have $x = (x - y) + y$, whence $\|x\| \leq \|x - y\| + \|y\|$. This gives $\|x\| - \|y\| \leq \|x - y\|$, by symmetry, $\|y\| - \|x\| \leq \|y - x\| = \|x - y\|$. Thus $\pm(\|x\| - \|y\|) \leq \|x - y\|$, whence $|\|x\| - \|y\|| \leq \|x - y\|$. \square

(2) Show that $\|\cdot\|: V \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is continuous.

Solution: Let $f(x) = \|x\|$ for $x \in V$, i.e. write f instead of $\|\cdot\|$. Let $v \in V$. Then, by Problem (1),

$$|f(x) - f(v)| = \left| \|x\| - \|v\| \right| \leq \|x - v\|.$$

Given $\epsilon > 0$, choose $\delta = \epsilon$. If $\|x - v\| < \delta$, the above inequality shows that $|f(x) - f(v)| \leq \delta = \epsilon$. This means f is continuous, i.e. $\|\cdot\|$ is continuous. \square