

- (a) State the triangle inequality for two numbers  $a$  and  $b$ .
- (b) Find an example of two numbers  $a$  and  $b$  so that  $|a + b| = |a| + |b|$ , and a different pair of numbers  $c$  and  $d$  so that  $|c + d| \neq |c| + |d|$ .
- (c) Among the conditions  $a > 0$ ,  $a < 0$ ,  $b > 0$ ,  $b < 0$ , find two of them that will guarantee that  $|a + b| \neq |a| + |b|$ . Also find a second pair of these conditions with the same result.
- (d) A student was faced with the problem “Solve  $|x - 5| < 8$ .” The student wrote

$$|x - 5| = |x + (-5)| = |x| + |-5| = |x| + 5$$

and then solved  $|x| + 5 < 8$ , which gave  $|x| < 3$ , leading to  $-3 < x < 3$ . How would you explain to this student that this is incorrect? How would you correct this?