Math 215: Introduction to Advanced Mathematics Problem Set 1

Due Tuesday Jan 30

- 1. Do pg. 54: 8
- 2. Prove:

 $\frac{a}{b} > \frac{c}{d}$ if and only if $\frac{a}{a+b} > \frac{c}{c+d}$.

What does this formal argument tell us about the two ways discussed in class of solving the 'How juicy is it' worksheet?

3. Recall

$$|a| = \begin{cases} a \text{ if } a \ge 0\\ -a \text{ if } a < 0 \end{cases}$$

Prove that $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$ for all real numbers a and b. You may want to consider four cases depending on whether each of a and b is negative or nonnegative.