

100 € Problem

Notation: For $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ denote by $|A|, |x|$ the matrix, vector of absolute values.
Hence $|A| \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{n \times n}$, $|x| \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n$.

Comparison is entrywise, i.e., for $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$,
 $x \geq y \Leftrightarrow x_i \geq y_i$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

Denote $e \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with $e := (1, \dots, 1)^T$.

Conjecture: Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with $|A|e = ne \Rightarrow$
 $\exists 0 \neq x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |Ax| \geq |x|$.

For the first proof or counterexample I am happy to reward you with 100 €.

Note: Theorem 5.8 in [Ru97] proved
 $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with $|A|e = ne \Rightarrow \exists 0 \neq x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |Ax| \geq \frac{1}{3+2\sqrt{2}}|x|$.