

## Seminar 2:

Ex1:  $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $B \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\inf B, \sup B$

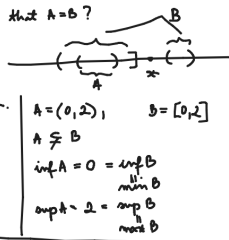
Prove that  $\inf B \leq \inf A \leq \sup A \leq \sup B$   
If, in addition,  $\inf A = \inf B$  and  $\sup A = \sup B$ , does it follow that  $A = B$ ?

$B \neq \emptyset, \inf B, \sup B$

$A \subseteq B$ ,  $\inf A \leq \inf B$  and  $\sup A \leq \sup B$

$A \subseteq B \Rightarrow \inf(A) \geq \inf(B)$

$\inf B \leq \inf(A) \Rightarrow \inf B \leq \inf A$   
 $\sup B \leq \sup(A) \Rightarrow \sup B \leq \sup A$



$$A_1 = \left\{ \frac{n}{n+1} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \right\} = \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \dots \right\}$$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \frac{n}{n+1} = \frac{n+1-1}{n+1} = 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$  with equality for  $n=1$

$$\inf(A_1) = \left( -\infty, \frac{1}{2} \right], \min A_1 = \frac{1}{2} = \inf A_1$$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \frac{n}{n+1} < 1 \Rightarrow 1 \in \sup(A_1) \Rightarrow \sup(A_1) \leq 1$

We show that  $\sup A_1 = 1$ . Suppose that  $\sup A_1 < 1$ . Take  $\varepsilon = 1 - \sup A_1 > 0$

$\Rightarrow \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ , i.e.  $\frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$

$\Rightarrow \sup A_1 > \frac{n}{n+1} = 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} > 1 - \frac{1}{n} > 1 - \varepsilon = 1 - (1 - \sup A_1) = \sup A_1$ , a contr.

$\Rightarrow \sup A_1 = 1$

$\inf(A_1) = \left( -\infty, \frac{1}{2} \right)$ , no max.

$$A_6 = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{Q} \mid x^2 \leq 2 \right\}$$

$\forall x \in A_6, -\sqrt{2} \leq x \leq \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow \sqrt{2} \in \sup(A_6), -\sqrt{2} \in \inf(A_6)$

We show that  $\sup A_6 = \sqrt{2}$ . Suppose  $\sup A_6 < \sqrt{2}$ . By the Density Property of  $\mathbb{Q}$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,

$\exists g \in \mathbb{Q}$  s.t.  $\sup A_6 < g < \sqrt{2}$

$\frac{1}{2} \leq \sup A_6 < g < \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} < 2 < 2 \Rightarrow g \in A_6$   
 $\frac{1}{2} \in A_6 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} > \sup A_6$ , a contr.

$\Rightarrow \sup A_6 = \sqrt{2}$

$\inf A_6 = -\sqrt{2}$

$\sup(A_6) = \left( \sqrt{2}, \infty \right)$ ,  $\inf(A_6) = \left( -\infty, -\sqrt{2} \right)$

no max, no min

Remark: Since  $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ , this shows that a Supremum Property for  $\mathbb{Q}$  does not hold.

Ex4: Which sets are neighborhoods of 0?

$A_1 = [-1, 1] \cup \{2\}$ : true because  $(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \subseteq A_1$

$A_2 = (-1, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ : false because b/w. any two rational numbers we find an irrational one:  $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}, x < y, z = x + (y-x) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}, x < z < y$

$A_2$  does not contain intervals

$A_3 = (-1, 0) \cup (0, 1)$ : false because  $0 \notin A_3$

$A_4 = \{0\} \cup \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\} \right\}$ : false because it doesn't contain intervals

$A_5 = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n} \right]$ : false because  $A_5 = \{0\}$ , so it doesn't contain intervals.

Ex6:  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}, A \neq \emptyset, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \in \inf(A)$

Prove that  $\inf A = \alpha \iff \forall \varepsilon \in \mathbb{V}(\alpha), \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \alpha + \frac{1}{n} \in A$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \in A - \alpha$$

Suppose  $\exists \varepsilon \in \mathbb{V}(\alpha)$  s.t.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \alpha + \frac{1}{n} \notin A$

$\downarrow$   
 $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  s.t.  $(\alpha - \varepsilon, \alpha + \varepsilon) \cap A = \emptyset$

Then  $\alpha + \varepsilon \in \inf(A)$  (otherwise,  $\exists a \in A, a < \alpha + \varepsilon$   
 $\alpha \leq a < \alpha + \varepsilon \Rightarrow a \in \mathbb{V}(\alpha) \Rightarrow a \in A \cap (\alpha - \varepsilon, \alpha + \varepsilon)$ , a contr.)

$\Rightarrow \alpha = \inf A > \alpha + \varepsilon$ , a contr.

$\Rightarrow \forall \varepsilon \in \mathbb{V}(\alpha), \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \alpha + \frac{1}{n} \in A$

Ex2: Find  $\inf(A_2), \sup(A_2)$  ( $A_2$  subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ ),  $\min A_2, \max A_2$  (if they exist),  $\inf A_2, \sup A_2$  (if they exist)

$$A_1 = (-2, 1) \cup \{7\}$$

$\inf(A_1) = (-\infty, -2]$ ,  $\sup(A_1) = [7, \infty)$ , no min,  $\max A_1 = 7$ ,  $\inf A_1 = -2$

$$A_2 = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\} \right\}$$

$\inf(A_2) = (-\infty, -1]$ ,  $\sup(A_2) = [1, \infty)$ , no min,  $\max A_2 = 1$ ,  $\inf A_2 = -1$

$$A_3 = \{x^2 \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{0, 1, 4, 9, \dots\}$$

$\inf(A_3) = (-\infty, 0]$ ,  $\sup(A_3) = [0, \infty)$ , no min,  $\max A_3 = 0$

$$A_5 = \left\{ \frac{n}{n+m} \mid n, m \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

$\forall n, m \in \mathbb{N}, 0 < \frac{n}{n+m} < 1 \Rightarrow 0 \in \inf(A_5), 1 \in \sup(A_5)$

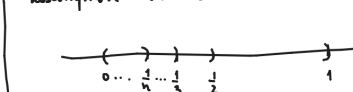
$A_4 \subseteq A_5 \Rightarrow \sup A_4 \leq \sup A_5 \leq 1 \Rightarrow \sup A_5 = 1$

$$A = \left\{ \frac{1}{1+n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \right\} \quad \inf A = 0 \quad (\text{see Lecture 1})$$

$A \subseteq A_5 \Rightarrow 0 \leq \inf A_5 \leq \inf A \Rightarrow \inf A_5 = 0$

$\inf(A_5) = (-\infty, 0]$ ,  $\sup(A_5) = [1, \infty)$ , no min, no max.

Ex3: Is  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (0, \frac{1}{n}) = \emptyset$ ? What can be said about the NIP when dropping the assumption that the intervals are closed?



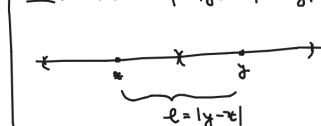
Suppose  $\exists x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (0, \frac{1}{n})$

$\Rightarrow x > 0$

$\Rightarrow \exists m \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $m > \frac{1}{x}$ , i.e.  $\frac{1}{m} < x \Rightarrow x \notin (0, \frac{1}{m}) \Rightarrow x \notin \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (0, \frac{1}{n})$ , a contr.  
 $\Rightarrow \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (0, \frac{1}{n}) = \emptyset$

This shows that the NIP is no longer true when removing the assumption that the intervals are closed.

Ex5: Prove that if  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq y, \exists U \in \mathbb{V}(x), \exists V \in \mathbb{V}(y)$  s.t.  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .



$$U = \left( x - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, x + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right), V = \left( y - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, y + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right)$$

Suppose  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and take  $z \in U \cap V$ .

Then  $|z - x| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$   
 $|z - y| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

$$|x - y| = |x - z + z - y| \leq |x - z| + |z - y| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon = |x - y|, \text{ a contr.}$$

$\Rightarrow U \cap V = \emptyset$

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Ex7:  $\alpha \in \inf(A) \Rightarrow \inf A \geq \alpha$ . Suppose  $\inf A > \alpha$ . Then we write  $\inf A = \alpha + \varepsilon$ , where  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$(\alpha - \varepsilon, \alpha + \varepsilon) \in \mathbb{V}(\alpha) \Rightarrow \exists a \in A, a \in (\alpha - \varepsilon, \alpha + \varepsilon)$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha + \varepsilon = \inf A \leq a < \alpha + \varepsilon$ , a contr.

$\Rightarrow \inf A = \alpha$