

Theorem: $A_n = (n > 0)[-∞ + n, ∞ - n]$ or $\{x \in \mathbb{R} | -∞ + n \leq x \leq ∞ - n\}$ has the properties $A_{n+1} \subset A_n$ for all n and their intersection is a single real number.

Proof:

Pick an arbitrary n . A_n will include $(-∞ + n + 1/2)$ since:

$$(-∞ + n) \leq (-∞ + n + \frac{1}{2}) < (\infty - (n + \frac{1}{2})) \leq (\infty - n)$$

Now the next interval in the family is $(-∞ + (n + 1), \infty - (n + 1))$. Since

$\neg((-∞ + n + 1) < (-∞ + n + \frac{1}{2}) < (\infty - (n + \frac{1}{2})) < (\infty - (n + 1)))$ is true, then A_{n+1} will not contain the point $(-∞ + n + 1/2)$.

Therefore A_{n+1} is a subset of A_n .

Since the interval $A_\infty = [-∞ + \infty, \infty - \infty]$, which is the same as $[0, 0]$, there is one real number (0) within the set since for $(0 \leq x \leq 0)$, the only number x can be is 0 ($0 = x = 0$). Since $A_{n+1} \subset A_n$ this means that every other interval will contain 0. Therefore the intersection for all intervals will be 0.

This proves the theorem.