

# Sum, Supremum & Infimum

## 1. Sum Notation

- 1) The summation index is a 'dummy index'.
- ↖ no intrinsic meaning.

e.g.  $\sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{j}{k} = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{2}{2} + \frac{3}{3} = \frac{6}{1}$

$\sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{j}{k} = \frac{j}{1} + \frac{j}{2} + \frac{j}{3} = \frac{11}{6}j$

$\sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{i}{k} = \frac{i}{1} + \frac{i}{2} + \frac{i}{3} = \frac{3i}{2}$

## 2. Supremum. (To solve open interval issues).

- 1) Goal: maximum must to be in the interval.

① maximum: A number  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  is the maximum of a set  $A$  when:  $c \in A$ ;  $\forall x \in A, x \leq c$ .

e.g. 2 is the maximum of the set  $[0, 2]$ .

2 isn't the maximum of  $(0, 2)$  ( $2 \notin (0, 2)$ ).

## 2) Definition: (Set)

Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

①  $c$  is an upper bound of  $A$  ( $\forall x \in A, x \leq c$ )

②  $c$  is the least upper bound (lub) or supremum (sup) of  $A$  ( $c$  is an upper bound of  $A$ , and if  $b$  is an upper bound of  $A$ , then  $c \leq b$ ).

③ If the supremum of  $A$  is in  $A$ , it's called maximum

④  $A$  is bounded above means it has (at least) one upper bound.

e.g.

set	upper bounds	supremum	maximum	bounded above?
$[0, 2]$	$2, 2.1, \dots$	2	2	✓

$(0, 2)$	$2, 2.1, \dots$	$\geq$	$\times$	$\checkmark$
$\mathbb{Z}$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$

### 3. Infimum

1) Definition: (Set).

Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

①  $c$  is a lower bound of  $A$  ( $\forall x \in A, x \geq c$ )

②  $c$  is the least lower bound (llb) or infimum (inf) of  $A$  ( $c$  is a lower bound of  $A$ , and if  $b$  is a lower bound of  $A$ , then  $c \geq b$ ).

③ If the infimum of  $A$  is in  $A$ , it's called minimum.

④  $A$  is bounded below means it has (at least) one lower bound.

### 4. Bounded.

1) 'A set is bounded' means it is both bounded above and bounded below.

1) [Theorem] The L. U. B Principle.

Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . If

①  $A$  is bounded above, and.

②  $A$  is not empty.

Then  $A$  has a least upper bound.

### 5. Supremum of a function (supremum of its range).

1) Supremum of a function  $f$  (on domain  $I$ )

$$= \sup \{ f(x) \mid x \in I \}.$$

$$= \sup_{x \in I} f(x).$$

consequence

2) [Theorem] Consequence of the LUB Principle

Let  $f$  be a function defined on a domain  $I \neq \emptyset$

① If  $f$  is bounded above on  $I$ .

② Then  $f$  has a supremum on  $I$ .