

## Theorem 1 (infimum definition)

**Let:**  $\emptyset \neq S \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,  $S$  is bounded below.

Then  $S$  possesses a greatest lower bound denoted by **inf**  $S$  (the **infimum** of  $S$ ), where  $\inf S \in \mathbb{R}$ , satisfying:

$$\text{i) } \inf S \leq s \quad \forall s \in S$$

$$\text{ii) } \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists s_1 \text{ st } \inf S + \epsilon > s_1$$

*Proof.*

**Let:**  $S$  be bounded below

Then

$$\exists m \in \mathbb{R} \text{ st } m \leq s \quad \forall s \in S \tag{1}$$

Define the set  $-S$  to be  $\{-s : s \in S\}$

So,  $\emptyset \neq -S \subset \mathbb{R}$

From (1),  $-S \leq -m \quad \forall s \in S$ .

Thus,  $-m$  is an upper bound for  $-S$ .

By the Axiom of Completeness of  $\mathbb{R}$  (AoC),  $\sup(-S) \in \mathbb{R}$  exists.

By definition,

$$-s \leq \sup(-S), \quad \forall s \in S \tag{2}$$

and  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists -s_1 \in S$  st

$$\sup(-S) - \epsilon < -s_1 \text{ where } s_1 \in S \tag{3}$$

From (2),

$$-\sup(-S) \leq s \quad \forall s \in S \tag{4}$$

**Want to show:**  $-\sup(-S) = \inf S$

From (3),

$$-\sup(-S) + \epsilon > s_1 \text{ where } s_1 \in S \tag{5}$$

We see that from (4) and (5),

$$\inf S = -\sup(-S).$$

Hence, result. □

### Theorem 3.3.7

Given nonempty subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $A, B$  ( $A, B \subset \mathbb{R}$ ),

**Let:**  $C = \{x + y: x \in A, y \in B\}$

If  $A$  and  $B$  have suprema, then  $C$  has a supremum:  $\sup C = \sup A + \sup B$

*Proof.*

**Let:**  $c \in C$

Then  $c = x + y$  for some  $x \in A, y \in B$ .

It follows that:

$$x \leq \sup A, y \leq \sup B$$

$$x + y \leq \sup A + \sup B$$

$$c \leq \sup A + \sup B$$

$$c \leq \sup A + \sup B \quad \forall c \in C \tag{1}$$

By the AoC,  $\sup C \in \mathbb{R}$  exists.

For  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists x_0 \in A, y_0 \in B$  st

$$\sup A - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < x_0 \tag{2}$$

$$\sup B - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < y_0 \tag{3}$$

From (2) and (3),

$$\sup A - \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \sup B - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < x_0 + y_0 = c_0 \in C$$

So,

$$\sup A + \sup B - \epsilon < c_0 \tag{4}$$

From (1) and (4),  $\sup C = \sup A + \sup B$

Hence, result.

□

**Theorem 3.3.8**

Suppose  $\emptyset \neq D \subset \mathbb{R}$  and

$f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$g : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$f(D) = \{f(x) : x \in D\}$

If  $\forall x, y \in D, f(x) \leq g(y)$ , then

$f(D)$  is bounded above and  $g(D)$  is bounded below.

Furthermore,  $\sup(f(D)) \leq \inf(g(D))$

*Proof.*

**Let:**  $y_0 \in D$

Then  $f(x) \leq g(y_0) \forall x \in D$

So,  $f(D)$  is bounded above by  $g(y_0)$ .

By the AoC,  $\sup(f(D))$  exists and  $\sup(f(D)) \leq g(y_0)$

Since  $y_0 \in D$  was arbitrary, we see that

$\sup(f(D)) \leq g(y) \forall y \in D$

Thus,  $\sup(f(D))$  is a lower bound for  $g(D)$

$g(D) = \{g(y) : y \in D\}$

Hence,  $\inf(g(D)) \in \mathbb{R}$  exists and

$\sup(f(D)) \leq \inf(g(D))$

Hence, result. □

**Theorem 3.3.9: Archimedian Property / Principle of  $\mathbb{R}$  (AP)**

The set  $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  is unbounded above in  $\mathbb{R}$

*Proof.*

**Suppose:**  $\mathbb{N}$  is bounded above.

By the AoC,  $\sup \mathbb{N} \in \mathbb{R}$  exists.

So,

$$\text{i) } n \leq \sup \mathbb{N} \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ (1)}$$

$$\text{ii) } \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } \sup \mathbb{N} - \epsilon < n_0 \text{ (2)}$$

Using (2) with  $\epsilon = 1$ ,  $\exists n_0(1) \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $\sup \mathbb{N} - \epsilon < n_0$

Then,  $\sup \mathbb{N} < 1 + n_0$  (3)

See that (3) contradicts (1) with  $n = 1 + n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$

By contradiction,  $\mathbb{N}$  is unbounded. □