

1. Let n be a square free natural number. Prove that \sqrt{n} is an irrational number.

2. Define the following set:

$$X = \left\{ 3 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2+n}} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\} .$$

Compute, with proof, $\inf X$ and $\sup X$.

3. Let X be a set of real numbers. If $\alpha = \sup X$, prove that $-\alpha = \inf (-X)$, here the set $-X = \{-x : x \in X\}$.

4. Let A and B be nonempty sets in \mathbb{R} and define the following:

$$A + B = \{a + b : a \in A, b \in B\} .$$

Prove that $\sup (A + B) \leq \sup A + \sup B$ and that $\inf A + \inf B \leq \inf (A + B)$. Can you find a necessary and sufficient condition to make the inequalities become equalities? Be sure to justify.

5. Let I and J be intervals in \mathbb{R} and $f : I \times J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. Prove that

$$\sup\{f(x, y) : (x, y) \in I \times J\} = \sup_{y \in J} \sup_{x \in I} f(x, y) = \sup_{x \in I} \sup_{y \in J} f(x, y) .$$

Prove or disprove that:

$$\inf_{y \in J} \sup_{x \in I} f(x, y) = \sup_{x \in I} \inf_{y \in J} f(x, y) .$$