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1. (a) Let q_1, \dots, q_n, \dots be a list of distinct rational numbers. Consider $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = 0$. Based on the proof for part b, $\mathbf{Q} - \{q_n\} = 0$ does not create a contradiction because both \mathbf{Q} and all $\{q_n\}$ are countable. So there is no contradiction when the infinite intersection of all the countable stuff is empty.

(b) In the reals, x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots is a countable list of distinct real numbers, and the collection of all x_n is countable. If some $B_n \neq 0$, then any $b \in B_n$ will be in any B_k where $k \leq n$. Thus, if $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n = 0$, some $B_k = 0$. So suppose $B_k = 0$. Then $\mathbf{R} - \{x_k\} = 0$, so $\{x_k\} = \mathbf{R}$. However, \mathbf{R} is uncountable and all $\{x_n\}$ are countable, so this is a contradiction. Therefore $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \neq 0$.

2. Let A be obstructive in \mathbf{R} . Let $x \in \mathbf{R}$, and let $N_r(x)$ be a neighborhood of x with $r > 0$. Consider $y \in N_r(x), y \neq x$. Then because A is obstructive in \mathbf{R} , there is some $a \in A$ such that $x < a < y$. Then $a \in N_r(x)$ and $a \neq x$ so x is a limit point of A . Thus A is thick in \mathbf{R} .

Now let A be thick in \mathbf{R} . Let $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$ be given. WLOG, let $x < y$. Consider $N_r(x)$ where $r = d(x, y)$. Because x is a limit point of A , there is some point, $a \in N_r(x)$ such that $a \neq x, a \in A$. Thus $x < a < y$. Thus A is obstructive in X . QED

3. Attempt to establish an equivalence relation from J to B where $b_N \in B$

if $b_N = \sum$

Then for $N \geq 2$, $b_N = a_1 \times b_1 + a_2 \times (-\sqrt{b_2}) + \dots$ and $b_N = a_1 \times b_1 + a_2 \times (\sqrt{b_2}) + \dots$. Thus $J \rightarrow B$ is not a 1-1 function, so B is not countable. QED

4. Let M be a nonempty set bounded in R^k , and let $\delta > 0$ be given. Then because M is bounded, M is a subset of some k -cell, call it K . Then K is compact. Construct an open cover of K by letting $G = \{G_x | G_x = N_\delta(x), x \in R^k\}$. Because K is compact, there is a finite subcover, $\{\bigcup G_x\}$, of G over K , and because M is a subset of K , M is a subset of $\{\bigcup G_x\}$. QED

5. Let M be a nonempty set bounded in X . Let X be a metric space and let $\delta > 0$ be given. Since X is a metric space, \overline{M} is closed in X . Consider M' . Let $x \in M'$. Then $d(x, m) < r$ where $m \neq x, m \in M$, and $m \in N_r(x)$ for all $r > 0$. Since M is bounded in X , there exists some N such that $d(p, x) \leq N$ for all $p \in M$. Thus $d(p, m) \leq d(p, x) + d(x, m) = N + r$. Therefore \overline{M} is also bounded in X . Since \overline{M} is closed and bounded, it is compact in X . Construct an open cover of \overline{M} , $G = \{G_x | G_x = N_\delta(x), x \in R^k\}$. Then because \overline{M} is compact, and $M \subseteq \overline{M}$, there is a finite subcover of G over \overline{M} which also covers M . QED

6. Let K be some open subset of \mathbf{R} . Consider G , a collection of disjoint open sets, g , in \mathbf{R} . Suppose $\bigcup_{g \in G} g = K$. Then $K^c = \bigcap_{g \in G} g^c$.

7. Let A and B be nonempty, disjoint, open sets. Assume for contradiction that

$A \cup B$ is connected. Then either $A \cap \overline{B}$ is nonempty or $B \cap \overline{A}$ is nonempty. WLOG, consider $x \in A \cap \overline{B}$. Then $x \in A$ and $x \in \overline{B}$. Since A is open, there is some neighborhood, $N_r(x) \subset A$ ($r > 0$). Since A and B are disjoint, this neighborhood contains no points of B . Therefore $x \notin B'$ and since $x \notin B$, $x \notin \overline{B}$. Thus $x \notin A \cap \overline{B}$. \Rightarrow So A and B must not be connected. QED

8. Let K be compact in X where X is a metric space. Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ be given. Let $G_n = \{N_r(x) | x \in X, r = 1/n\}$. Then any G_n is an open cover of K , because if $k \in K$, $k \in X$, so any $N_r(k) \in G_n$ contains k , for any n . Since K is compact, there is a finite subcover of G_n over K . QED

9. Let A and B be nonempty sets in an ordered space, S . Let $x = \sup A$ and $y = \inf B$, and let $a \leq b$ for all $a \in A$ and all $b \in B$. Suppose for contradiction that $x > y$. WLOG, consider x . Since $x > y$ and $y \leq b \in B$, there are two cases: $y < x \leq b$ or $y \leq b \leq x$ ($x \neq y$). Let $y < x \leq b$ (for all $b \in B$). Then by definition of infimum, $\inf B = y$. This contradicts the assumption that $\inf B = x$, $y \neq x$. Now consider $y \leq b \leq x$. Then there are two cases, $b < x$ for all $b \in B$, or $c \leq x \leq d$ for some arbitrary c and d in B . Let $b < x$ for all b in B . Then $a \leq b < x$ for all a in A and all b in B , so by definition of supremum, $\sup A$ is some b . This contradicts the assumption that $\sup A = x$. Now consider $c \leq x \leq d$. Then because $\inf B = y$, $y \leq c$. Since $y \neq x$, either $y = c < x$ or $y < c \leq x$. Let $y = c$. Then since $c < x$ and $c \geq a$ for all a in A , $\sup A = c = y$, which contradicts the assumption that $\sup A = x$, $x \neq y$. Now let $y < c \leq x$. Then $\sup A = c$, which contradicts the assumption that $\sup A = x$. Now that I've dispensed with the last of these pesky cases, I have proved that $\sup A \leq \inf B$. QED