

$U$  is a supremum of  $S$

①  $s \leq u \quad \forall s \in S$

② If  $v$  is an upper bound of  $S$  then  $u \leq v$ .

②' for each  $v < u$ , there exists  $s_v \in S$ , such that  $v < s_v$

②'' for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $s_\epsilon \in S$ , s.t.  $u - \epsilon < s_\epsilon$   
 $v = u - \epsilon$

~~$\sup S \in S$~~

not always in the set

Ex:  $S = (0, 1)$

$\sup S = 1$

$\inf S = 0$

$S = [0, 1]$

The Completeness Property of  $\mathbb{R}$ :

Every nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  that has an upper and lower bound also has a supremum and infimum in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Ex: Let  $S$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and define the shifted  $S$  by  $a$  as

$$a + S = \{a + s : s \in S\}$$

$(1, 2) = 1 + (0, 1)$       Then  $\sup(a + S) = a + \sup S$

$(-1, 0) = (-1) + (0, 1)$       Proof: By the completeness property,  $\sup S \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
We need to show  $a + \sup S$  is the supremum of  $a + S$ .

① Show  $a + \sup S$  is an upperbound of  $a + S$



$(a + s \leq a + \sup S \quad \forall s \in S)$



$s \leq \sup S \quad \forall s \in S$



$\sup S$  is the supremum of  $S$ ,  
hence an upper bound of  $S$

② Show that for each upperbound  $v$  of  $a + S$ ,  $a + \sup S \leq v$   
Fix an upperbound  $v$  of  $a + S$

Goal:  $a + \sup S \leq v$

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$\sup S \leq v - a$

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show that  $v - a$  is an upper bound

Since  $v$  is an upper bound of  $a + S$ .

$a + s \leq v \quad \forall s \in S$ , then  $s \leq v - a \quad \forall s \in S$ .

$v - a$  is an upper bound of  $S$ .

then  $\sup S \leq v - a$

then  $a + \sup S \leq v$

So  $a + \sup S$  ① the least upper bound of  $a + S$

Then  $\sup(a + S) = a + \sup S$ .

Define the scaled  $S$  by  $a (a \neq 0)$  as

$$aS = \{as : s \in S\}$$

$$\sup(aS) = \begin{cases} a \sup S & \text{if } a > 0 \\ a \inf S & \text{if } a < 0 \end{cases}$$

Proof " $a < 0$ "  $a \inf S$  is the supremum of  $aS$  ( $\sup(aS) = a \inf S$ )

①  $a \inf S$  is an upper bound of  $aS$

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$$as \leq a \inf S \quad \forall s \in S$$

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$$s \geq \inf S \quad \forall s \in S$$

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$\inf S$  is a lower bound of  $S$

②  $a \inf S$  is the least upper bound of  $aS$

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$a \inf S \leq v \quad \forall$  upper bounds  $v$  of  $aS$ .

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$\inf S \geq \frac{v}{a}$  for all upper bounds  $v$  of  $aS$ .

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for each upper bound  $v$  of  $aS$ ,  $\frac{v}{a}$  is a lower bound of  $S$ .

Fix an upper bound  $v$  of  $aS$ , then  $as \leq v \quad \forall s \in S$

then  $\frac{v}{a} \cdot as \geq \frac{1}{a} \cdot v$ ,  $\forall a \in S$  then  $s \geq \frac{v}{a} \quad \forall s \in S$ , then

$\frac{v}{a}$  is a lower bound of  $S$ .

\* if  $a < 0$ , then  $\frac{1}{a} < 0$

Suppose  $\frac{1}{a} \geq 0$

then  $a \cdot \frac{1}{a} \leq a \cdot 0 = 0$

then  $1 \leq 0 \quad \therefore$  contradiction

Ex: Given two non empty sets A and B of  $\mathbb{R}$  if  $a \leq b \ \forall a \in A \text{ and } b \in B$ ,

$$\text{then } \sup A \leq \inf B \quad \overbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}^{A \quad B}$$

By the Completeness Property  $\sup A$  and  $\sup B$  are in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Every element  $b$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  is an upper bound of A.

$$\underline{\sup A \leq b \text{ for each } b \in B}$$

By definition  $\sup A$  is a lower bound of B.

$$\therefore \sup A \leq \inf B$$

### The Archimedean Property

Theorem: If  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then there exists  $n_x \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  
 $x \leq n_x$

Proof:

Suppose there is no  $n_x \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \leq n_x$ .

Then  $n < x$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

By the completeness property  $\mathbb{N}$  has the supremum  $\sup \mathbb{N} \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$\sup \mathbb{N} - 1$  is not an upper bound of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

Then there exists some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\sup \mathbb{N} - 1 < m.$$

$$\sup \mathbb{N} < m + 1$$

Note that  $m + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$ . So  $\sup \mathbb{N}$  is not an upper bound of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

This is a contradiction to the definition of supremum.

Corollary: If  $S = \{\frac{1}{n}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  then  $\inf S = 0$

① show that 0 is a lower bound of S

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$$0 \leq \frac{1}{n} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Suppose  $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{1}{m} < 0$ .

Since  $m > 0$ , then  $m \cdot \frac{1}{m} < m \cdot 0 = 0$ , then  $1 < 0$ . (Contradiction)

② Let  $\epsilon > 0$ , show that  $\epsilon$  is not a lower bound of  $S$ .

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there exists  $\frac{1}{n} \in S$  such that  $\frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$

$\Downarrow$

there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  
 $n > 1/\epsilon$

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has to be true by the Archimedean Property

For each  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\frac{1}{\epsilon} \in \mathbb{R}$ , by the Archimedean property,  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $n > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ , that is  $\frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$

Then  $\epsilon$  is not a lower bound of  $S$  since  $\frac{1}{n} \in S$ .

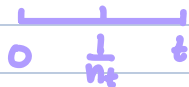
Then 0 is the greatest lower bound of  $S$ .

Corollary: If  $t > 0$ ,  $\exists n_x \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $0 < \frac{1}{n_x} < t$

Corollary: If  $y > 0$ ,  $\exists n_y \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$n_y - 1 \leq y < n_y$$

Consider  $E = \{m \in \mathbb{N}, y < m\}$



By the Archimedean property,  $E$  is non-empty

$y$  is a lower bound of  $E$ , then  $\inf E$  exists in  $\mathbb{R}$

then  $\inf E \in E$ . Since  $E$  is the collection of integers

Let  $n_n = \inf E$

$$n_y - 1 \leq y < n_y$$