

U is a supremum of S

① $s \leq u \forall s \in S$

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. $u - \epsilon < s_\epsilon$
 $v = u - \epsilon$



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

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

$$(1, 2) = 1 + (0, 1) \quad \text{Then } \sup(a + S) = a + \sup S$$

$(-1, 0) = (-1) + (0, 1)$ 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 $a + S$



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



$$s \in S \Rightarrow s \leq \sup S$$



$\sup S$ 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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$\sup S \in v - a$

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Show that $v - a$ is an upper bound.

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

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

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

① $a \inf S$ is an upper bound of aS

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$aS \leq a \inf S \forall s \in S$

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

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

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$\inf S \geq \frac{1}{a}v$ for all upper bounds v of S .

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for each upper bound v of aS , $\frac{v}{a}$ 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 $1 \leq 0 \therefore$ contradiction

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

then $\frac{v}{a} \geq \frac{1}{a} \cdot v$, if $a < 0$ then $s \geq \frac{v}{a} \forall s \in S$, then

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

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

then $\sup A \leq \inf B$



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

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

$\sup A \leq b$ for each $b \in \mathbb{R}$

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 $\mathbb{N} \leq n_x$.

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 upperbound of \mathbb{N} .

This is a contradiction to the definition of supremum.

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

① show that 0 is a lower bound of S

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ 0 \leq \frac{1}{n} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \end{matrix}$$

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 $\varepsilon > 0$, show that ε is not a lower bound of S .



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



there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that
 $n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$



has to be true by the Archimedean Property

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

Then ε 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.

$$ny - 1 \leq y < ny$$

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



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 $n_a = \inf E$

$$ny - 1 \leq y < ny$$