

## Exercise Set #2

1. Using the following sets, fill in a table with the header:

Set	Set of upper bounds	Set of lower bounds	Min	Max	Inf	Sup
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$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= (-1, 1) \cup \{7\}, & J &= \left\{ \frac{n}{1-n^2} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2 \right\}, \\
 B &= [-8, \pi) \cap \mathbb{Z}, & K &= \left\{ (-1)^n \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}^* \right\}, \\
 C &= \{(-1)^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}, & L &= \left\{ \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1+(-1)^n}{2n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}^* \right\}, \\
 D &= \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\} \right\}, & M &= \left\{ x + \frac{1}{x} \mid x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 0 \right\}, \\
 E &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid |2x-3| < 5, |x+1| > 2\}, & N &= \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x^2 - x + \frac{3}{4} \leq 0 \right\}, \\
 F &= \{2^m + n! \mid m, n \in \mathbb{N}\}, & O &= \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \frac{x^3 + 3x}{3x^2 + 1} < 1 \right\}, \\
 G &= \left\{ \frac{n}{n+1} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}^* \right\}, & P &= \left\{ x \in \mathbb{Q} \mid x^2 \leq \sqrt{2} \right\}, \\
 H &= \left\{ \frac{n}{n+m} \mid m, n \in \mathbb{N}^* \right\}, & & \\
 I &= \left\{ \frac{3n+7}{n+1} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}, & & 
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Find two sets  $A$  and  $B$  such that the following conditions are simultaneously met:

- i) one of the sets is unbounded (but not an interval) and the other is finite,
- ii)  $\sup A = \inf B = 2 \in A$ ,
- iii) for every  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ , there exists  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < c < b$ .

True or false: is it possible to choose  $B$  to be the finite set?

3. True or false:  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( 0, \frac{1}{n} \right) = \emptyset$ ?

What can you say about the Nested Interval Property when replacing the closed intervals with open ones?

4. Decide which of the following sets are neighborhoods of 0. Justify.

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= [-1, 1], & F &= \{0\} \cup \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\} \right\}, \\
 B &= [-1, 1] \cap \mathbb{Z}, & G &= \mathbb{Q}, \\
 C &= (-1, 0) \cup (0, 1), & D &= (-0.001, +\infty), \\
 E &= \mathbb{R}, & H &= \left[ 1 - \frac{3}{2}, 1 + \frac{3}{2} \right] \cup (3, 4).
 \end{aligned}$$

5. Show that if  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x \neq y$ , there exist  $U \in \mathcal{V}(x)$  and  $V \in \mathcal{V}(y)$  such that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

**Additional exercises:**

6. Suppose that  $B$  is a bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $B$ . Prove that

$$\inf B \leq \inf A \leq \sup A \leq \sup B.$$

True or false: if, in addition,  $\inf A = \inf B$  and  $\sup A = \sup B$ , does it follow that  $A = B$ ? Justify.

7. Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are nonempty subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  which are bounded above. Show that  $A \cup B$  is nonempty and bounded above and

$$\sup(A \cup B) = \max\{\sup A, \sup B\}.$$

8. Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are nonempty subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that for every  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ ,  $a \leq b$ . Show that  $\sup A \leq \inf B$ .

9. Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are nonempty subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Prove that

i)  $\sup\{a + b \mid a \in A, b \in B\} = \sup A + \sup B,$

ii)  $\sup\{a - b \mid a \in A, b \in B\} = \sup A - \inf B.$

10. Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $\inf A > 0$ . Prove that

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{1}{x} \mid x \in A \right\} = \frac{1}{\inf A}.$$