

# Topics in Analysis and Linear Algebra

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<sup>1</sup>Image from Wikipedia.



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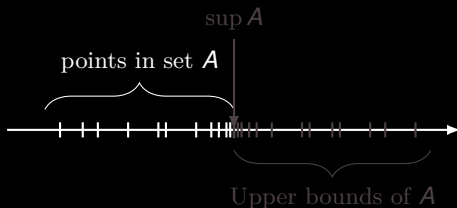
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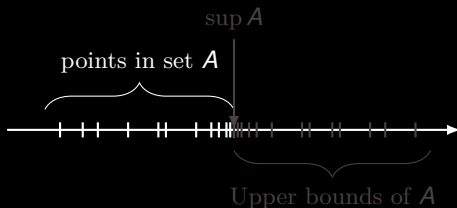
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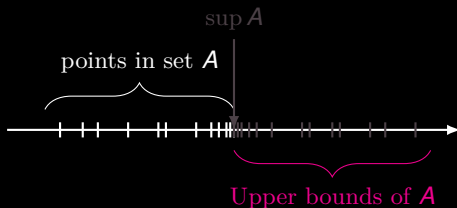
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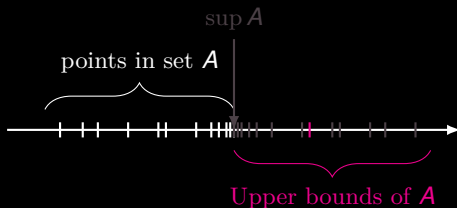
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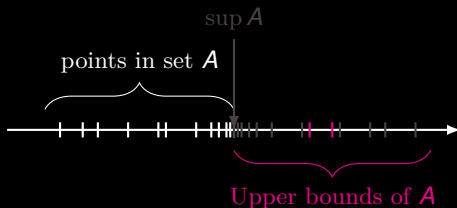
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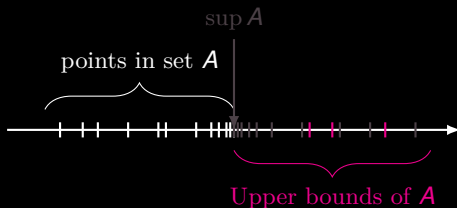




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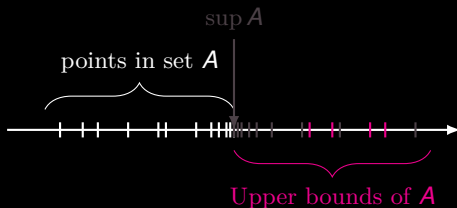
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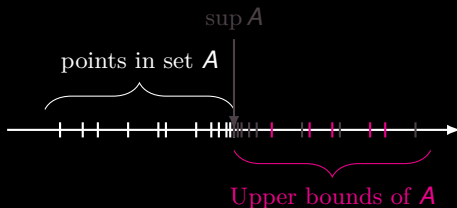
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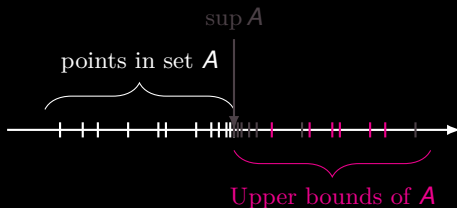
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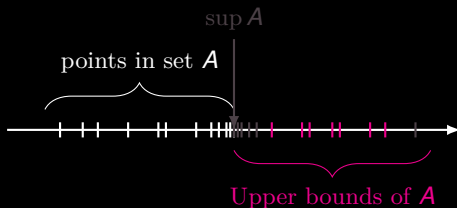
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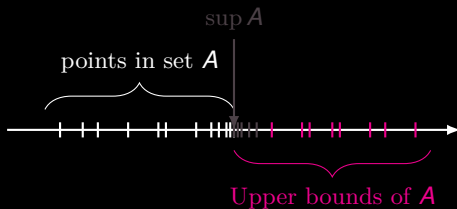
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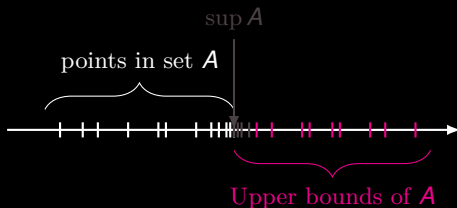
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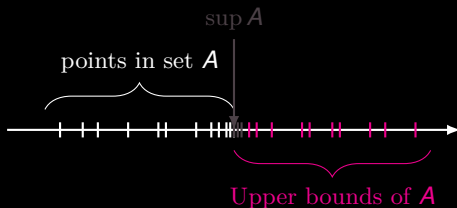
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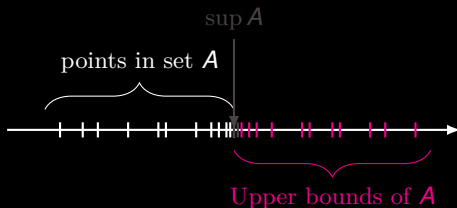




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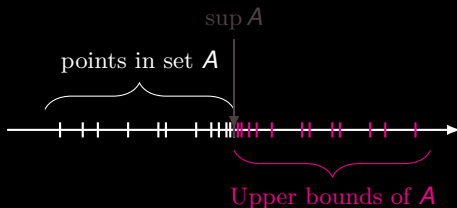
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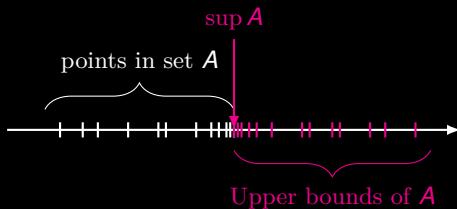
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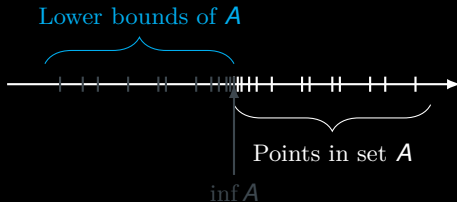
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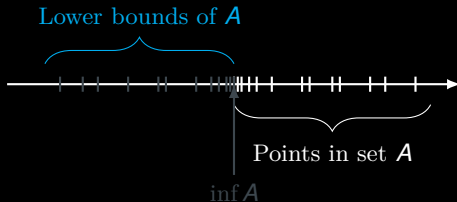
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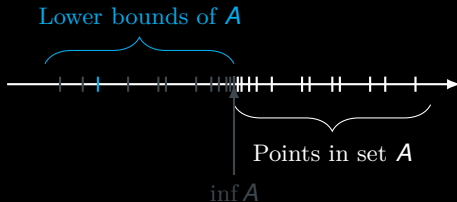
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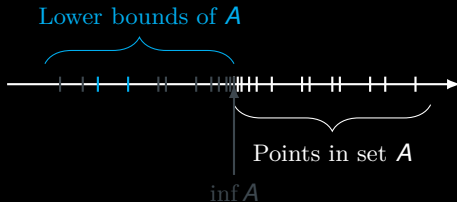
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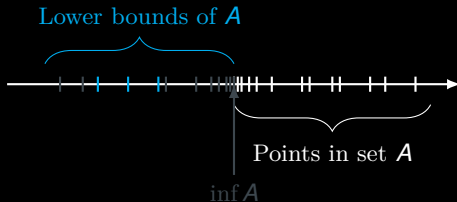
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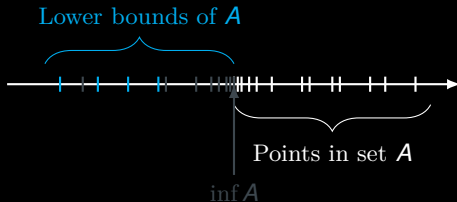
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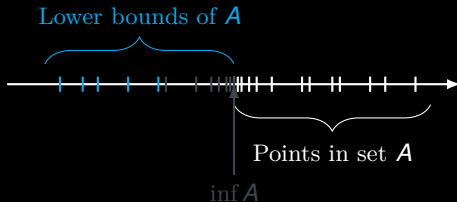
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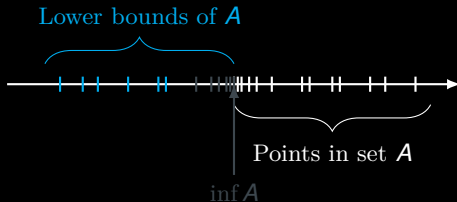
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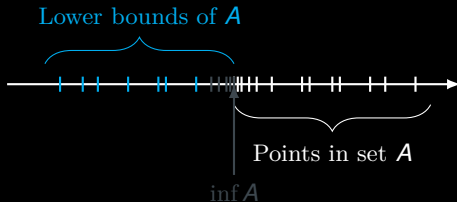
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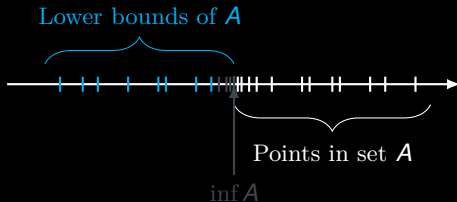
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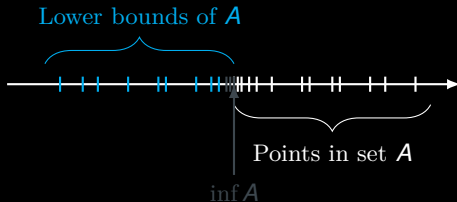
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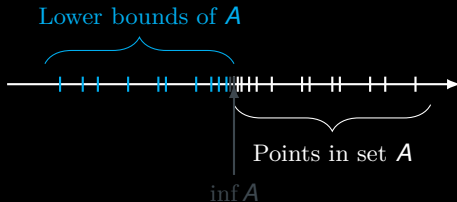
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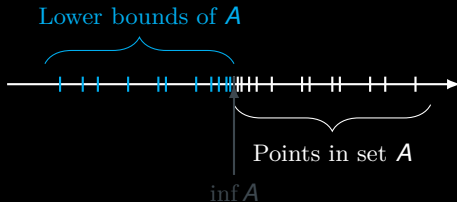
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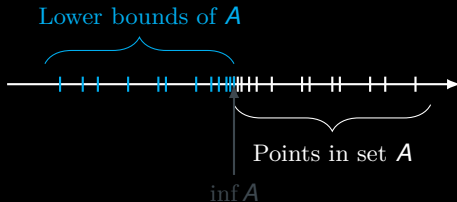
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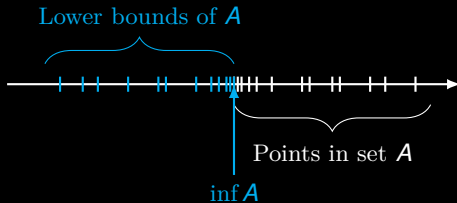
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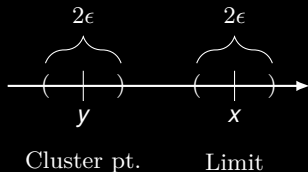
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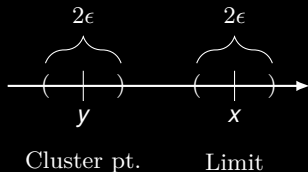
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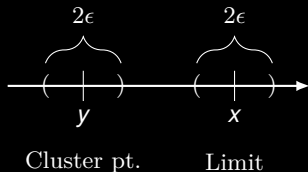
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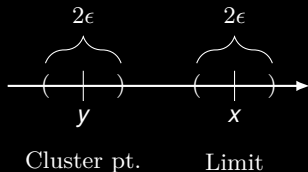
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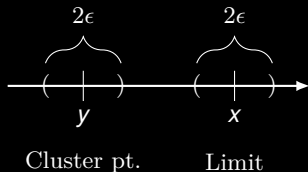
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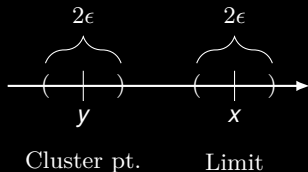
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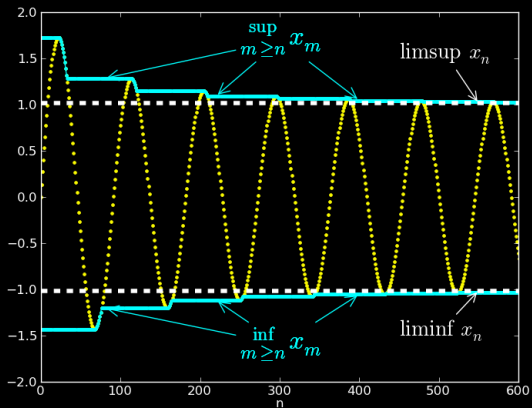
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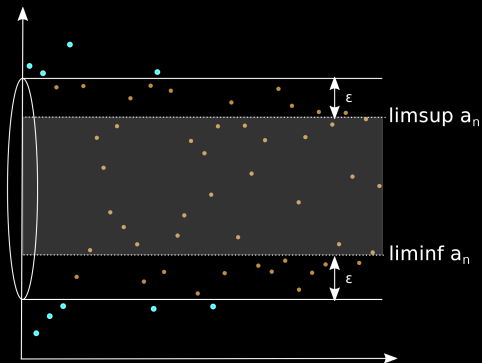
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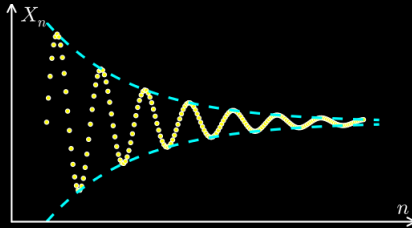
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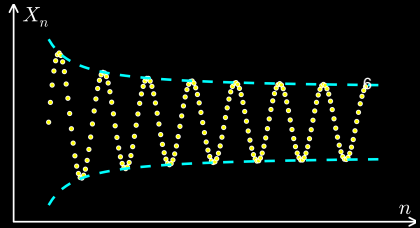
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§ 3.1 Real number system

§ 3.2 Sequences of real numbers

§ 3.3 Open and closed sets

§ 3.4 Real-valued functions

§ 3.5 Various other types of continuity

§ 3.6 Liminf and limsup of sets

§ 3.7 Some techniques in calculus

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Def. A subset  $O \subset \mathbb{R}$  is said to be an *open set* if for each  $x \in O$ , there exists an  $r > 0$  such that  $(x - r, x + r) \subset O$ .

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HW Ex. 3.59, 2.60, 2.61, 2.66, on p. 71 – 73.

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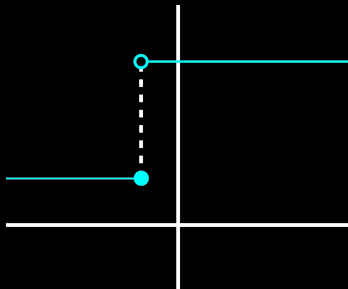
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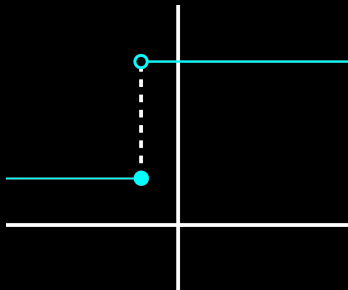


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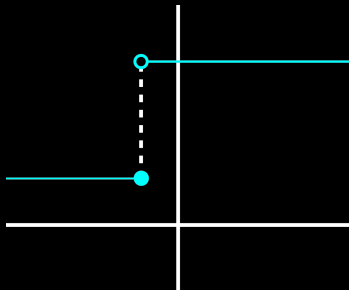


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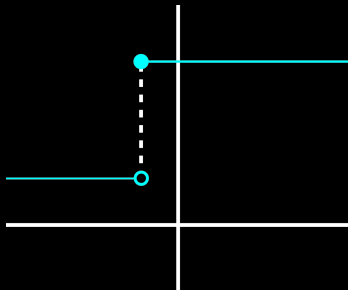
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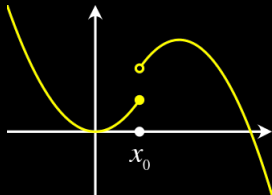
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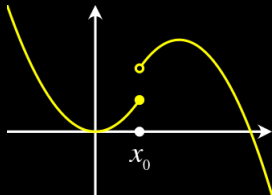
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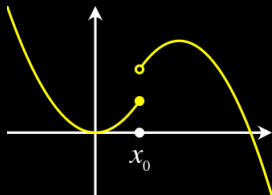
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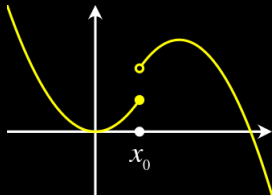
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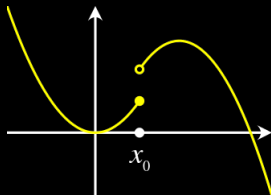
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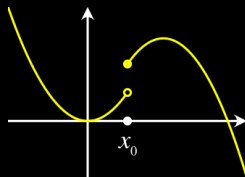
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## Interpretation Under a Probability Space

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