

Intro to Math Thinking Fall 2024: Assignment 10.1

1. Let $A = (a, b)$, $C = (c, d)$ where A, C are intervals.

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap C &= \{x | a < x < b\} \cap \{x | c < x < d\} \\ &= \{x | \max(a, c) < x < \min(b, d)\} \\ &= (\max(a, c), \min(b, d)) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for closed intervals and $\frac{1}{2}$ -intervals. Hence, true.

False for unions. Observe that $(0, 1) \cup (3, 4)$ is not an interval.

2. (a) $(-\infty, 1) \cup (3, +\infty)$
(b) $(-\infty, 1] \cup (7, +\infty)$
(c) $(-\infty, 5] \cup (8, +\infty)$
(d) $(3, 8]$
(e) $[3, +\infty)$
(f) $(-\infty, \pi) \cup (\pi, +\infty)$
(g) $[4]$
(h) \emptyset
(i) $(-\infty, 7] \cup [8, +\infty)$
(j) $(5, 7]$
3. Let A be a set of $\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{R}$ that has an upper bound $c \in \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$. We can find another upper bound $c + 1 > c$. Since this can be done with any upper bound, there are infinitely many different upper bounds. ■
4. Let A be a set of $\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{R}$ that has a least upper bound c such that for any upper bound b of the set, $c \leq b$. Suppose there exists 2 lubs, c_1, c_2 . Since they are lubs, they are also upper bounds such that $(c_1 \leq c_2) \wedge (c_2 \leq c_1) \Leftrightarrow c_1 = c_2$. Hence, the lub is unique. ■
5. Let A be a set of $\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{R}$ for the following
- (a) (\Rightarrow) Let b be the least upper bound of A . By definition of lub, $(\forall a \in A)(a \leq b)$ and for any other upper bound c , $b \leq c$.
 (\Leftarrow) $(\forall a \in A)(a \leq b)$ and for any other upper bound c , $b \leq c$. If A has a least upper bound, then by definition b is the lub of A .
Thus, the statement is true. ■
- (b) (\Rightarrow) Let b be the least upper bound of A . If $\exists c, c < b$, then c is not an upper bound of A . Thus, $\exists a \in A$ such that $a > c$.
 (\Leftarrow) $\exists c, c < b$ where c is not an upper bound of A , and $\exists a \in A$ such that $a > c$. Since **(a)** is also true, then b is the lub of A .
Hence, the statement is true. ■

6. (a) (\Rightarrow) Let $\text{lub}(A) = b$. Then by definition of least upper bound, $(\forall a \in A)(a \leq b)$. Hence, true.
 (\Leftarrow) $(\forall a \in A)(a \leq b)$. By definition of least upper bound, we can write $\text{lub}(A) = b$. Hence, true.
 Thus, the statement is true. ■
- (b) (\Rightarrow) Let $\text{lub}(A) = b$. Let $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\epsilon > 0$. $\exists a \in A$ such that $a > b - \epsilon$. By definition of lub, $a \leq b$. Rearranging $a > b - \epsilon \Leftrightarrow \epsilon > b - a$. As a tends to b , $\epsilon > b - a \Leftrightarrow \epsilon > 0$. Hence, $(\forall \epsilon > 0)(\exists a \in A)(a > b - \epsilon)$ is true.
 (\Leftarrow) Suppose $(\forall \epsilon > 0)(\exists a \in A)(a > b - \epsilon)$. Since $\epsilon > 0$ and $a \in A$, it is also true that $a \leq b$. By definition of lub, we can write $\text{lub}(A) = b$. Hence, true.
 Thus, the statement is true. ■
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8. Let A be a finite set of $\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{R}$ such that $\exists b(\forall a \in A)(a \leq b)$. If $b \leq c$ where c is any other element in $\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{R}$ that is an upper bound, then b is the least upper bound of A .
9. (a) $\text{lub}(a, b) = b$
 (b) $\text{lub}[a, b] = b$
 (c) $\text{max}(a, b) = \text{undefined}$
 (d) $\text{max}[a, b] = b$
10. Let $A = \{|x - y| \mid x, y \in (a, b)\}$. The largest element of A can be constructed by letting $x = b - \epsilon, y = a + \epsilon$ such that $|x - y| = |(b - \epsilon) - (a + \epsilon)| = |(b - a) - 2\epsilon| = (b - a) - 2\epsilon$ where ϵ tends to 0 from above. Since $b - a \geq (b - a) - 2\epsilon \Leftrightarrow \epsilon \geq 0$. This is a least upper bound since any element x such that $0 < x < b - a$ will be inside A .
11. Let A be a set of $\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{R}$. Then $(\forall a \in A)(a \geq b)$, where b is a lower bound of A .
12. Let A be a set of $\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{R}$. A has a greatest lower bound b if b is a lower bound, and for any other lower bound $c, c \leq b$.
13. Let A be a set of $\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{R}$ for the following
- (a) (\Rightarrow) Let b be the greatest lower bound of A . By definition of glb, $(\forall a \in A)(a \geq b)$ and for any other lower bound $c, b \geq c$.
 (\Leftarrow) $(\forall a \in A)(a \geq b)$ and for any other lower bound $c, b \geq c$. If A has a greatest lower bound, then by definition b is the glb of A .
 Thus, the statement is true. ■
- (b) (\Rightarrow) Let b be the greatest lower bound of A . If $\exists c, c > b$, then c is not a lower bound of A . Thus, $\exists a \in A$ such that $a < c$.
 (\Leftarrow) $\exists c, c > b$ where c is not a lower bound of A , and $\exists a \in A$ such that $a < c$. Since

(a) is also true, then b is the glb of A .

Hence, the statement is true. ■

14. (a) (\Rightarrow) Let $\text{glb}(A) = b$. Then by definition of greatest lower bound, $(\forall a \in A)(a \geq b)$. Hence, true.
 (\Leftarrow) $(\forall a \in A)(a \geq b)$. By definition of greatest lower bound, we can write $\text{glb}(A) = b$. Hence, true.
Thus, the statement is true. ■
- (b) (\Rightarrow) Let $\text{glb}(A) = b$. Let $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\epsilon > 0$. $\exists a \in A$ such that $a < b + \epsilon$. By definition of glb, $a \geq b$. Rearranging $a < b + \epsilon \Leftrightarrow \epsilon > a - b$. As a tends to b , $\epsilon > a - b \Leftrightarrow \epsilon > 0$. Hence, $(\forall \epsilon > 0)(\exists a \in A)(a < b + \epsilon)$ is true.
 (\Leftarrow) Suppose $(\forall \epsilon > 0)(\exists a \in A)(a < b + \epsilon)$. Since $\epsilon > 0$ and $a \in A$, it is also true that $a \geq b$. By definition of glb, we can write $\text{glb}(A) = b$. Hence, true.
Thus, the statement is true. ■
15. Let A be a nonempty set of \mathbb{R} that has a lower bound. $\exists b(\forall a \in A)(a \geq b)$ where any lower bound $c, c \leq b$. By definition of greatest lower bound, we can write $\text{glb}(A) = b$, and thus \mathbb{R} is complete. ■
16. Completeness Property for \mathbb{Z} states every non-empty set of \mathbb{Z} that contains a lower/upper bound contains a greatest/least lower/upper bound.