

# Least Upper Bound - Supremum

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## 1 Axiom of Completeness

**Axiom of Completeness** - Every nonempty set of real numbers that is bounded above has a least upper bound.

**Definition** (Upper bound). *Set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is bounded above if there exists a real number  $b$  such that it is greater than all the values in  $A$ . ( $\exists b \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq b, \forall a \in A$ )*

**Definition** (Least Upper Bound - Supremum). *The least upper bound is an element  $s$  in  $A$ , such that:*

1.  *$s$  is an upper bound*
2. *For any other upper bound,  $b$ ,  $s \leq b$*

*This means that out of all the bounds,  $s$  is the smallest. The supremum is denoted as  $s = \sup(A)$ .*

**Example 1.1.** *For a set  $A$  and a number  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , define*

$$c + A = \{c + a : a \in A\}$$

*and show  $\sup(c + A) = c + \sup A$ .*

*Proof.*

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