

MATH202 Introduction to Analysis (2007 Fall and 2008 Spring)  
Tutorial Note #10

Midterm Review (Real Number)

Recall the two main theorems

Theorem 1: (Supremum Limit Theorem)

$c$  is upper bound of  $S$   
There exists  $\{w_n\} \in S$ , such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n = c \leftrightarrow c = \sup S$

Theorem 2: (Infimum Limit Theorem)

$c$  is lower bound of  $S$   
There exists  $\{w_n\} \in S$ , such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n = c \leftrightarrow c = \inf S$

Example 1

Compute the supremum and infimum of the set

$$S = \{x + 2y : x \in (-1, 1), y \in (-2, 5)\}$$

Solution:

(Step 1) First, since  $-1 < x < 1$  and  $-2 < y < 5$ , thus we have

$$-5 = -1 + 2(-2) < x + 2y < 1 + 2(5) = 11$$

So the upper bound and lower bound are 11 and -5 respectively.

(Step 2)

To show  $\sup S = 11$  (This maximum is obtained when  $x \rightarrow 1$  and  $y \rightarrow 5$ )

We construct our  $w_n = x_n + 2y_n$

Pick  $x_n = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$  and  $y_n = 5 - \frac{1}{n}$ , (note  $x_n \in (0, 1)$  and  $y_n \in (-2, 5)$ )

Hence  $w_n = 1 - \frac{1}{n} + 2\left(5 - \frac{1}{n}\right) = 11 - \frac{3}{n} \in S$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n = 11$

Therefore by supremum limit theorem, we get  $\sup S = 11$

To show  $\inf S = -5$  (This minimum is obtained when  $x \rightarrow -1$  and  $y \rightarrow -2$ )

Pick  $x_n = -1 + \frac{1}{n}$  and  $y_n = -2 + \frac{1}{n}$ , (note  $x_n \in (0, 1)$  and  $y_n \in (-2, 5)$ )

So  $w_n = -1 + \frac{1}{n} + 2\left(-2 + \frac{1}{n}\right) = -5 + \frac{3}{n} \in S$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n = -5$

By infimum limit theorem, we get  $\inf S = -5$

### Example 2

Find the supreme and infimum of the set

$$S = \{3x^2 - y^3 : x \in [-2,3], y \in (0,3)\}$$

(Step 1) Note that  $0 \leq x^2 \leq 9$  and  $0 < y^3 < 3^3 = 27$

Hence

$$-27 = 3(0) - 27 < 3x^2 - y^3 < 3(9) - (0)^3 = 27$$

So the upper bound and lower bound are 27 and  $-27$  respectively

(Step 2) To show  $\sup S = 27$  (It is obtained when  $x^2 = 9 \rightarrow x = 3$  and  $y \rightarrow 0$ )

Pick  $x_n = 3$  and  $y_n = \frac{1}{n}$  (then  $x_n \in [-2,3]$  and  $y_n \in (0,3)$ )

Then  $w_n = 3x_n^2 - y_n^3 = 3(3)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^3 = 27 - \frac{1}{n^3} \in S$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n = 27$

Therefore by supreme limit theorem,  $\sup S = 27$

To show  $\inf S = -27$  (obtained when  $x^2 = 0 \rightarrow x = 0$  and  $y \rightarrow 3$ )

Pick  $x_n = 0$  and  $y_n = 3 - \frac{1}{n}$  (then  $x_n \in [-2,3]$  and  $y_n \in (0,3)$ )

So  $w_n = 3x_n^2 - y_n^3 = 3(0)^2 - \left(3 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^3 \in S$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n = (-3)^3 = -27$

Therefore by infimum limit theorem,  $\inf S = -27$

### Example 3

Find the supreme and infimum of the set

$$A = \{x^6 + \frac{1}{y^3} : x \in (1,2) \setminus \mathbf{Q}, y \in (2,4) \cap \mathbf{Q}\}$$

(Note: Hence  $x$  need to be irrational and  $y$  need to be rational)

(Step 1) Note that  $1 < x < 2$  and  $2 < y < 4$ , so

$$\frac{65}{64} = 1^6 + \frac{1}{4^3} < x^6 + \frac{1}{y^3} < 2^6 + \frac{1}{2^3} = \frac{513}{8}$$

So the upper bound and lower bound are  $\frac{513}{8}$  and  $\frac{65}{64}$  respectively

(Step 2) To show  $\sup S = \frac{513}{8}$  (when  $x \rightarrow 2$  and  $y \rightarrow 2$ )

Pick  $x_n = 2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}n}$  (But not  $x_n = 2 - \frac{1}{n+1}$ ) and  $y_n = 2 + \frac{1}{n}$

So  $w_n = \left(2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}n}\right)^6 + \frac{1}{\left(2 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^3} \in S$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n = 2^6 + \frac{1}{2^3} = \frac{513}{8}$

By supreme limit theorem,  $\sup A = \frac{513}{8}$ .

To show  $\inf S = \frac{65}{64}$  (when  $x \rightarrow 1$  and  $y \rightarrow 4$ )

Pick  $x_n = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n}}$  (once again not  $x_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2n}$ ) and  $y_n = 4 - \frac{1}{n}$

Then  $w_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n}}\right)^6 + \frac{1}{\left(4 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^3} \in S$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n = 1^6 + \frac{1}{4^3} = \frac{65}{64}$

So by infimum limit theorem,  $\inf S = \frac{65}{64}$

#### Example 4

Find the supreme and infimum of the set

$$S = \{x - \sqrt{y} : x \in \mathbf{Q} \cap (0, \sqrt{3}), y \in \mathbf{Q} \cap (2, \pi)\}$$

Hence we require  $x$  and  $y$  are both rational numbers.

Solution:

(Step 1) Note that  $0 < x < \sqrt{3}$  and  $-2 < y < \pi$

Then  $-\sqrt{\pi} = 0 - \sqrt{\pi} < x - \sqrt{y} < \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}$

Hence the upper bound and lower bound are  $\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}$  and  $-\sqrt{\pi}$  respectively.

(Step 2) To show  $\sup S = \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}$  (when  $x \rightarrow \sqrt{3}$  and  $y \rightarrow 2$ )

Pick  $x_n = \frac{[10^n \sqrt{3}]}{10^n} \in \mathbf{Q}$  (not  $x_n = \sqrt{3} - \frac{1}{n}$ !!!!) and  $y_n = 2 + \frac{1}{n}$

Then  $w_n = x_n - \sqrt{y_n} = \frac{[10^n \sqrt{3}]}{10^n} - \sqrt{2 + \frac{1}{n}} \in S$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n = \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}$

By supreme limit theorem,  $\sup S = \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}$

To show  $\inf S = -\sqrt{\pi}$  (when  $x \rightarrow 0$  and  $y \rightarrow \pi$ )

Pick  $x_n = \frac{1}{n}$  and  $y_n = \frac{[10^n \pi]}{10^n} \in \mathbf{Q}$

Then  $w_n = x_n - \sqrt{y_n} = \frac{1}{n} - \sqrt{\frac{[10^n \pi]}{10^n}} \in S$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n = -\sqrt{\pi}$

By infimum limit theorem,  $\inf S = -\sqrt{\pi}$

Difficult situation:

A) Unknown Set

Example 5

Let  $A$  be the subset of real numbers which  $\sup A = \sqrt{7}$ , find the supreme of the set  
$$B = \{x^3 + 7y : x, y \in A\}$$

Solution:

(Step 1) Note  $x, y \in A$  and  $\sup A = \sqrt{7}$ , so  $x \leq \sqrt{7}$  and  $y \leq \sqrt{7}$

Therefore  $x^3 + 7y \leq (\sqrt{7})^3 + 7(\sqrt{7}) = 14\sqrt{7}$ . So the upper bound is  $14\sqrt{7}$

(Step 2) To show  $\sup B = 14\sqrt{7}$

Since  $\sup A = \sqrt{7}$ . By supreme limit theorem, there exist a sequence  $\{a_n\} \in A$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \sqrt{7}$

Pick  $x_n = y_n = a_n$  (so  $x_n, y_n \in A$ )

Then  $w_n = x_n^3 + 7y_n = a_n^3 + 7a_n \in B$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n = 14\sqrt{7}$

By supremum limit theorem, we conclude  $\sup B = 14\sqrt{7}$ .

(Remark: Some students may set  $x_n = y_n = \sqrt{7} - \frac{1}{n}$  or  $x_n = y_n = \sqrt{7}$ , which is not right since  $B$  is unknown set and we do not know what  $B$  exactly contains!)

Example 6

Let  $C$  be the subset of rational number which  $\inf C = \frac{1}{2}$ , find the infimum of the set

$$D = \{p^3 - q : p \in C, q \in [0,1] \setminus \mathbb{Q}\}$$

(Here  $q$  is an irrational number)

Solution:

(Step 1) Note that  $p \in \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow p \geq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $0 \leq q \leq 1$

Hence  $p^3 - q \geq \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - 1 = -\frac{7}{8}$ , so the lower bound is  $-\frac{7}{8}$

(Step 2) To show  $\inf D = -\frac{7}{8}$  (when  $p \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$  and  $q \rightarrow 1$ )

Since  $\inf C = \frac{1}{2}$ , by infimum limit theorem, there exist  $\{c_n\} \in C$ , such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = \frac{1}{2}$$

Pick  $p_n = c_n$  and  $q_n = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}n}$  (so  $p_n \in C$  and  $q_n \in [0,1] \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ )

Then  $w_n = p_n^3 - q_n = c_n^3 - (1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n}}) \in D$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n = -\frac{7}{8}$ .

By infimum limit theorem,  $\inf D = -\frac{7}{8}$ .

#### Example 7

Let  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  and  $A_3$  be the subsets of real numbers such that  $\inf A_1 = 2$ ,  $\inf A_2 = 6$  and  $\inf A_3 = 3$ . Find the infimum of the set  $S = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3$

(Step 1)

For any  $x \in S$ , then  $x \in A_1$  or  $x \in A_2$  or  $x \in A_3$ ,  
but we must have  $x \geq 2$ , so the lower bound of  $S$  is 2.

(Step 2)

To show  $\inf S = 2$  (happen when  $x \rightarrow 2$  by elements in  $A_1$ )

By infimum limit theorem, there exists  $a_n \in A_1$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 2$ .

Pick  $w_n = a_n$ , since  $A_1 \subseteq A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3$ , then  $w_n \in A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3$

and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n = 2$ .

By infimum limit theorem, we conclude  $\inf S = 2$

#### Example 8

Let  $D$  be a subset of real number such that  $\sup E = 1$ , find the supremum of the set

$$S = \{x^3 - 3y + 2z^5 : x \in \mathbf{Q} \cap (-1, e), y \in (1, 3) \setminus \mathbf{Q}, z \in D\}$$

(Note that  $x$  is rational and  $y$  is irrational)

(Step 1)

Since  $-1 < x < e$ ,  $1 < y < 3$  and  $z \leq 1$

So  $x^3 - 3y + 2z^5 < e^3 - 3(1) + 2(1)^5 = e^3 - 1$

The upper bound is  $e^3 - 1$

(Step 2)

To show  $\sup S = e^3 - 2$  (when  $x \rightarrow e$ ,  $y \rightarrow 1$  and  $z \rightarrow 1$ )

We construct  $w_n = x_n^3 - 3y_n + 2z_n^5$  as follows:

For  $x_n$ , we pick  $x_n = \frac{[10^n e]}{10^n} \in \mathbf{Q} \cap (-1, e)$

For  $y_n$ , we pick  $y_n = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n}} \in (1, 3) \setminus \mathbf{Q}$

For  $z_n$ , by supreme limit theorem, there exist  $\{e_n\} \in E$  which  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e_n = 1$ , pick  $z_n = e_n$

So  $w_n = x_n^3 - 3y_n + 2z_n^5 = \left(\frac{[10^n e]}{10^n}\right)^3 - 3\left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n}}\right) + 2e_n^5 \in S$ , and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n =$

$e^3 - 1$ . By supreme limit theorem,  $\sup S = e^3 - 1$

Try to finish the following exercises, if you have any questions about the exercises, please feel free to find me.

☺Exercise 1

Find the supreme and infimum of the sets by using limit theorem.

- a)  $\{x - 2y: x \in (2,3) \text{ and } y \in [2,5]\}$
- b)  $\left\{\frac{3}{n} - \frac{4}{m}: n \in \mathbf{N}, m \in \mathbf{Q} \cap (1,2)\right\}$
- c)  $\{2 - x^3 + y - z: x \in (2,3) \setminus \mathbf{Q}, y, z \in (1,2) \cap \mathbf{Q}\}$
- d)  $\{|x - y|: x, y \in (0, \sqrt{3}) \cap \mathbf{Q}\}$
- e)  $\{e^x - y: x \in (-2, \ln 3) \cap \mathbf{Q}, y \in [2, \infty)\}$
- f)  $\{4x^5 + 2y^2: x \in (2,5) \setminus \mathbf{Q} \text{ and } y \in (-3,2)\}$

☺Exercise 2

Let A be the non-empty subset of the real number, which  $\sup A = 3$  and  $\inf A = -2$ .

Find the supreme of the following sets

- a)  $\left\{\frac{1}{x+5} - y^3, x, y \in A\right\}$
- b)  $\{3x - 2y: x \in A, y \in \mathbf{Q} \cap (-2,2)\}$
- c)  $\{6x^3 - 2y + z: x, y \in A \text{ and } z \in (0,2) \setminus \mathbf{Q}\}$
- d)  $\{\sqrt{5+x} + y: x \in A, y \in \mathbf{Q} \cap (1, \pi]\}$

☺Exercise 3

- a) Find the supreme and infimum of the following sets

$$A = \left\{1 + \frac{2}{n}: n \in \mathbf{N}\right\}, B = \{3 - p: p \in \mathbf{Q} \cap (2,3)\}, C = \{x + \sqrt{2}y: x, y \in [1,2] \setminus \mathbf{Q}\}$$

- b) Find the supreme and infimum of the set

$$S = A \cup B \cup C$$

☺Exercise 4

Find the infimum of the set

$$S = \left\{x \in \mathbf{Q}: \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sin^{\frac{x}{e}}\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) \text{ converges}\right\}$$

$$T = \left\{b \in \mathbf{R} \setminus \mathbf{Q}: \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \ln\left(1 + \frac{b}{k}\right) \text{ diverges, } b \geq 0\right\}$$