

## Exercise 1.3

1.3.0: T, F, prove the True ones and give counter examples to the False one.

a. If  $A$  and  $B$  are nonempty, bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  then  $\sup(A \cap B) \leq \sup A$ . True

proof: (case 1) If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  then  $\sup(A \cap B) = -\infty$  and there is nothing to prove.

case 2: If  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$  and both set

since  $(A \cap B) \subset A$  then any upperbound of  $A$  is an upperbound of  $(A \cap B)$ .

Therefore  $\sup A$  is an upperbound of  $(A \cap B)$ .

By completeness axiom the  $\sup(A \cap B)$  exists.

By Def of supremum  $\sup(A \cap B) \leq \sup A$   $\square$

b. let  $\varepsilon$  be a positive real number. If  $A$  is a nonempty, bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and

$B = \{ \varepsilon x : x \in A \}$  then  $\sup B = \varepsilon \sup A$ . True

If  $x \in A$  Then  $x \leq \sup A$

since  $\varepsilon > 0$  we have  $\varepsilon x \leq \varepsilon \sup A$

so the latter is an upperbound of  $B$ .

It follows that  $\sup B \leq \varepsilon \sup A$

If  $x \in A$  then  $\varepsilon x \in B$  so  $\varepsilon x \leq \sup B$  (i.e.  $\frac{\sup B}{\varepsilon}$  is an upperbound of  $A$ )

It follows that  $\sup A \leq \frac{\sup B}{\varepsilon}$

$\varepsilon \sup A \leq \sup B$

c. If  $A+B$  defined  $:= \{a+b, a \in A, b \in B\}$  where  $A, B \neq \emptyset$ , bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}$   
 then  $\sup(A+B) = \sup A + \sup B$ . True

If  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$  then  $x \leq \sup A$  and  $y \leq \sup B$

$$x+y \leq \sup A + \sup B$$

so  $\sup(A+B) \leq \sup A + \sup B$ .

If this inequality is strict, then  $\sup(A+B) - \sup B < \sup A$

By Approximation property there is an  $a_0 \in A$  s.t.  $\sup(A+B) - \sup B < a_0$

This implies  $\sup(A+B) - a_0 < \sup B$

By Approximation property there is an  $b_0 \in B$  s.t.  $\sup(A+B) - a_0 < b_0$

We conclude:  $\sup(A+B) < a_0 + b_0$ . ✗

d. If  $A-B := \{a-b : a \in A, b \in B\}$  where  $A, B \neq \emptyset$ , bounded subset. Then:  $\sup(A-B) = \sup A - \sup B$

False.

let  $A=B=[0,1]$  then  $A-B=[-1,1]$

$$\sup(A-B) = 1 \neq 0 = \sup A - \sup B.$$

13.1: Find the inf and sup of each of the following sets.

a.  $E = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 + 2x = 3\}$  .  $x^2 + 2x - 3 = 0$

$$(x-1)(x+3) = 0$$

$$x = -3, x = 1$$

$x \in [-3, 1]$ . So

$$\inf E = -3$$

$$\sup E = 1$$

b.  $E := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 - 2x + 3 > x^2 \text{ and } x > 0\}$

$$x^2 - 2x + 3 > x^2$$

$$-2x + 3 > 0 \implies -2x > -3 \implies x < \frac{3}{2}$$

$$x < \frac{3}{2}, x > 0 \implies 0 < x < \frac{3}{2} \quad \text{so } \inf E = 0$$

$$\sup E = \frac{3}{2}$$

c.  $E = \left\{ \frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q} : p^2 < 5q^2 \text{ and } p, q > 0 \right\}$

$$p^2 < 5q^2$$

$$\frac{p^2}{q^2} < 5 \implies \frac{p}{q} < \sqrt{5} \implies \inf E = 0, \sup E = \sqrt{5}$$

d.  $E = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} : x = 1 + \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$

since  $1 + \frac{(-1)^n}{n} = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$  since  $n$  odd

and  $1 + \frac{(-1)^n}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{n}$  since  $n$  even

$$\inf E = 0, \sup E = \frac{3}{2}$$

e.  $E = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} : x = \frac{1}{n} + (-1)^n \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$

since  $\frac{1}{n} + (-1)^n = \frac{1}{n} - 1$  since  $n$  odd  $\left\{ 0, -\frac{2}{3}, \dots, -1 \right\}$

and  $\frac{1}{n} + (-1)^n = \frac{1}{n} + 1$  since  $n$  even

$$\inf E = -1, \sup E = \frac{3}{2}$$

1.  $E = \left\{ 2 - \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$

since  $2 - \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} = 2 + \frac{1}{n^2}$  since  $n$  <sup>odd</sup> even  $\{3, \dots\}$

And  $2 - \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} = 2 - \frac{1}{n^2}$  since  $n$  <sup>odd</sup> <sub>even</sub>  $\{1, \dots\}$

$\inf E = \frac{7}{4}$  ,  $\sup E = 3$  .

1.3.2: prove that for each  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exist a rational  $r_n$  such that  $|a - r_n| < \frac{1}{n}$ .

since  $\frac{a-1}{n} < \frac{a+1}{n}$  choose  $r_n \in \mathbb{Q}$  sit  $\frac{a-1}{n} < r_n < \frac{a+1}{n}$

ie  $|a - r_n| < \frac{1}{n}$

1.3.4: prove that a lower bound of a set need not be unique but the infimum of  $E$  is unique:  
 If  $m$  is a lower bound of  $E$  then so is any  $M \leq m$ .

let  $M, m$  two infimum of  $E$  then  $M, m$  are lower bound of  $E$

Hence, By def  $m \leq M$  and  $M \leq m$

By Trichotomy property conclude  $m = M$

So the inf is unique.

1.3.5:

suppose that  $E$  is bounded and nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

since  $-E$  is a bounded and nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{Z}$  it has a supremum

By the completeness Axiom and that supremum belongs to  $-E$  by Thm 2

Hence by reflection principle  $\inf E = -\sup(-E) = -(-E) = E$

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1.3.7:

a. prove that if  $x$  is an upperbound of a set  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $x \in E$  then  $x$  is the supremum of  $E$ .

① let  $x$  be an upperbound of  $E$  and  $x \in E$ .

② If  $M$  is any upperbound of  $E$  then  $M \geq x$

Hence, by definition  $\sup E = x$

b. Make and prove an analogous statement for the infimum of  $E$ .

If  $x$  is a lowerbound of  $E$  and  $x \in E$  then  $x = \inf E$ .

proof:  $-x$  is an upperbound of  $-E$  and  $-x \in -E$  so  $-x = \sup(-E)$

Thus  $x = -\sup(-E) \rightarrow x = \inf E$ .

c. show by example that the converse of each of these statements is false.

If  $E$  is the set of points  $x_n$  such that  $x_n = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$  for odd  $n$  and  $x_n = \frac{1}{n}$  for even  $n$  then  $\sup E = 1$ ,  $\inf E = 0$  but neither 0 nor 1 belong to  $E$ .

1.3.8: suppose that  $E, A, B \subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $E = A \cup B$ , prove that if  $E$  has a supremum and both  $A$  and  $B$  are nonempty, then  $\sup A$  and  $\sup B$  both exist and  $\sup E$  is one of the numbers  $\sup A$  or  $\sup B$ .

since  $A \subseteq E$  any upperbound of  $E$  is an upperbound of  $A$ .

since  $A$  is nonempty By completeness axiom that  $A$  has a supremum.

Similarly  $B \rightarrow B$  has supremum.

By Monotone property  $\sup A, \sup B \leq \sup E$ .

set  $M := \max \{ \sup A, \sup B \}$  and observe that  $M$  is an upperbound of both  $A$  and  $B$ .

If  $M < \sup E$ , then there is an  $x \in E$  s.t.  $M < x < \sup E$ .

But  $x \in E$  implies  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$ .

Thus  $M$  is not an upperbound for one of the sets  $A$  or  $B$ .

1.3.9: A dyadic rational is a number of the form  $\frac{k}{2^n}$  for some  $k, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , prove that

if  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers and  $a < b$  then there exists a dyadic rational  $q$  s.t.  $a < q < b$ .

By induction  $2^n > n$ . Hence By Archimedean principle there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\text{s.t. } 2^n > \frac{1}{b-a}$$

let  $E := \{ k \in \mathbb{N} : 2^n b \leq k \}$ . By Archimedean principle,  $E$  is nonempty

Hence, let  $m_0$  be the least element in  $E$ ,  $q = \frac{m_0 - 1}{2^n}$ .

since  $b > 0$ ,  $m_0 \geq 1$ .

since  $m_0$  least element in  $E$  it follows that  $m_0 - 1 < 2^n b$

i.e.  $q < b$  on other hand  $m_0 \in E$  implies  $2^n b \leq m_0$  so

$$a = \frac{b - (b-a)}{2^n} < \frac{m_0 - 1}{2^n} = \frac{m_0 - 1}{2^n} = q$$

$$\rightarrow q < a$$

$$a < q < b$$

1.3.11: If  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $b - a > 1$  then there is at least one  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t  $a < k < b$ .

Let  $E = \{n \in \mathbb{Z}; n \leq a\}$

If  $a \geq 0$  then  $0 \in E$ . then By Archimedean principle there is an  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t  $m > -a$  i.e  $n := -m \in E$ .

Thus  $E$  is nonempty.

since  $E$  is bounded above (by  $a$ ), By completeness axiom and Thm 2 it follows that  $n_0 = \sup E$  exists and belong to  $E$ .

set  $k = n_0 + 1$ , since  $k > \sup E$ ,  $k$  cannot belong to  $E$ .

i.e  $a < k$

since  $n_0 \in E$  and  $b - a > 1$

$$k = n_0 + 1 \leq a + 1$$

$n_0 = \sup E$ ,  $a$  upper bdd  $E$ .

$$< a + (b - a)$$

$$k < b$$

$$a < k < b \quad \square$$