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Properties of the Supremum and infimum

① Let A, B be bounded subset of \mathbb{R} such that $x \in A, y \in B \Rightarrow x \leq y$. Then $\sup A \leq \inf B$.

\Rightarrow Since A, B are non-empty bounded subsets of \mathbb{R} , $\sup A$ and $\inf B$ exist. Let $\sup A = a^*$ and $\inf B = b^*$.

Let $b \in B$. Then $x \in A \Rightarrow x \leq b$. This shows that b is an upper bound of A . Since $\sup A = a^*$ and b is an upper bound of A it follows that $a^* \leq b$.

Now $a^* \leq b$ for all $b \in B$. Therefore a^* is a lower bound of B . Since $\inf B = b^*$ and a^* is a lower bound of B it follows that $a^* \leq b^*$, i.e.

$$\sup A \leq \inf B.$$

② Let S and T be two non-empty bounded subset of \mathbb{R} and $V = \{x+y : x \in S, y \in T\}$

$$\text{Then } \sup V = \sup S + \sup T$$

$$\text{and } \inf V = \inf S + \inf T.$$

\Rightarrow Let $s^* = \sup S$, $t^* = \sup T$.

Now we show that $s^* + t^*$ is upper bound of V .

Let $s + t \in V \because s \in S, t \in T$.

Since $s^* = \sup S$ and $t^* = \sup T$ so

$$s \leq s^*, t \leq t^* \Rightarrow s + t \leq s^* + t^*$$

which is true for any $s \in S, t \in T$.

So $\forall s + t \in V, s + t \leq s^* + t^*$

1. $s^* + t^*$ is upper bound of U

Let u be any upper bound of U .

Then $s + t \leq u \quad (\forall s \in S, t \in T) \Rightarrow s + t \in U$.

$$\Rightarrow t \leq u - s.$$

$$\Rightarrow t \leq u - s \quad \forall t \in T.$$

$\Rightarrow u - s$ is upper bound of T .

Since t^* is ~~is~~ $\text{sup } T$ no.

$$t^* \leq u - s \quad (\because t^* \text{ is least upper bound})$$

~~\therefore Similarly $s^* \leq u - t \quad \forall t \in T$~~

~~Again $u - s$ is upper bound of T .~~

Again $s \leq u - t^* \quad \forall s \in S$.

$$\Rightarrow u - t^* \text{ is upper bound of } S$$

$$\Rightarrow s^* \leq u - t^* \quad \because \left[\begin{array}{l} s^* = \text{sup } S, \\ \text{so } s^* \text{ is least upper} \\ \text{bound} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow s^* + t^* \leq u.$$

$\therefore s^* + t^*$ is least upper bound.

$$s^* + t^* = \text{sup } U$$

$$\therefore \text{sup } U = \text{sup } S + \text{sup } T.$$

Second proof is similar as above

