

upper bound: $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Then $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ is an upper bound if $\alpha \geq x, \forall x \in S$.

~~Lower bound~~

Lower bound: $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Then $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ is a lower bound if $\beta \leq x, \forall x \in S$.

Clearly if S has an upper bound $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ then $\alpha+1, \alpha+2, \dots$ all are upper bounds of S .

Similarly if β is lower bound then $\beta-1, \beta-2, \dots$ all are lower bounds.

Bounded above set: A set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is called bounded above if S has a upper bound.

Bounded below set: A set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is called bounded below if S has lower bound.

Bounded set: A set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is called bounded if S is bounded above set and bounded below set. i.e. if S is bounded above as well as bounded below.

Ex: Let $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^n \leq 1\}$ clearly $\forall x \in S$
 $x^n \leq 1 \Rightarrow x \leq x^n \leq 1$ so $\forall x \in S, x \leq 1$
Therefore S is bounded above set and bounded by 1.

Note: From above example 1 is upper bound of S .
then 2, 3, 2.5, 3.5, ... all real numbers greater than 1 are upper bound.

Let $U = \{ \text{set of all upper bound of } A \}$
 $= \{1, 1.2, 1.3, \dots, 2, \dots\}$
 $= \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x > 1\}$

clearly we can say about least element of U

but not about greatest element. From this we introduce the concept of least upper bound. Similarly for bounded below set

$$A = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x > \frac{1}{2}\}$$

we see

$$U' = \{\text{set of all lower bound of } A\}$$

$$= \{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, 0, -1, \dots\}$$

$$= \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$$

So we can say about greatest element of U' but not lowest element. From this we introduce the concept of greatest lower bound.

① First we say existence of this two concept.

least upper bound: (lub) An upper bound α of $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ called lub if it is the least upper bound. i.e. it is less than every upper bound / which is also called supremum.

Greatest lower bound: (glb / infimum).

A lower bound β of $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ called infimum / glb if β is greater than all other lower bound.

① lub Axiom: A least upper bound exists for any $S \neq \emptyset$, $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ which is bounded above.

② glb Axiom: A greatest lower bound exists for any $S \neq \emptyset$, $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ which is bounded below.

① For a non-empty set S , bounded above, the supremum of S is denoted by $\boxed{\sup S}$, also $\sup S$ may or may not belong to S .

Also infimum of S is denoted by $\boxed{\inf S}$ which may or may not belong to S .

⊙ If S is finite then

(i) $\sup S = \max S$

(ii) $\inf S = \min S$.

Th: (Least upper bound axiom).

Every non-empty subset of \mathbb{R} that is bounded above has a supremum.

Proof: Let $S (\neq \emptyset) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and S is bounded above. So $\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $x \leq \alpha \forall x \in S$.

Let $U = \{u \in \mathbb{R} : u \text{ is an upper bound of } S\}$.
Clearly $U \neq \emptyset$, (\because ~~α is upper bound~~ S is bounded above ~~implies~~ $\exists \alpha, \forall x \in S$ so $\alpha \in U$).

Again $u \in U$ and $x \in S \Rightarrow x \leq u$ ~~$\forall x \in S, u \in U$~~
 $\Rightarrow U$ is bounded below.

$\Rightarrow U (\neq \emptyset) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and bounded below

Then by "infimum axiom" U has infimum.

Let $l = \inf U$. Then $\forall u \in U \Rightarrow l \leq u$

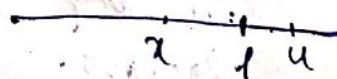
Since every $x \in S$ is lower bound of U and

$l = \inf U \Rightarrow l \geq x, \forall x \in S$.

So l is ~~lower~~ upper bound of S and ~~not~~

$u > l \forall u \in U$,

Hence $\boxed{l = \sup S}$.



Th: (Greater lower bound axiom)

Every non-empty subset of \mathbb{R} that is bounded below has a infimum (H.T).

Th: Let S be a non-empty subset of \mathbb{R} , bounded below. A lower bound l of S is infimum of S iff for each $\epsilon > 0$ $\exists x \in S$ s.t. $l \leq x < l + \epsilon$ depend on ϵ

\Rightarrow proof:

Let $l = \inf S$. Let $\epsilon > 0$. Since l is infimum of S then l is greatest lower bound of S .

~~Th~~ Since l is lower bound so $\forall x \in S, l \leq x$.
 Now $l + \epsilon > l$, if $l + \epsilon$ is lower bound then l can ~~not~~ be come greater which is contradiction. so $l + \epsilon$ is not lower bound so $\exists x \in S$ s.t. $x < l + \epsilon$. Therefore $l \leq x < l + \epsilon$.

Conversely let for each $\epsilon > 0 \exists x \in S$ s.t.

$$l \leq x < l + \epsilon.$$

we shall show that l is infimum of S .

To show this we ~~first~~ show l is lower bound and ~~after that~~ it is greatest.

it is given that l is lower bound. For greatestness of l .

let l_0 is ~~any~~ lower bound and $l < l_0$

$$\text{Then } l_0 - l > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{l_0 - l}{2} > 0. \text{ Let } \epsilon = \frac{l_0 - l}{2}$$

Then by given condition $\exists x \in S$ s.t.

$$l \leq x < l + \epsilon.$$

$$\Rightarrow x < l + \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow x < l + \frac{l_0 - l}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x < \frac{l_0 + l}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x < l_0 - \epsilon < l_0$$



$$\text{From } \epsilon = \frac{l_0 - l}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\epsilon = l_0 - l$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon + l = l_0 - \epsilon.$$

But l_0 is lower bound of S 's
 $\forall x \in S, l_0 \leq x$.

So l_0 is not lower bound. Hence

$\therefore l_0$ is greatest lower bound.

Properties of Supremum and Infimum

(i) $S(\neq \emptyset) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, and $L = \sup S$

\Rightarrow (a) $x \leq L \forall x \in S$

(b) for any $\epsilon > 0 \exists x_0(\epsilon) \in S$ s.t.
 $L - \epsilon < x_0 \leq L$

(ii) $S(\neq \emptyset) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and $l = \inf S$

\Rightarrow (a) $l \leq x \forall x \in S$

(b) for any $\epsilon > 0 \exists x_0(\epsilon) \in S$ s.t.
 $l \leq x_0 < l + \epsilon$

problem:

(i) Worked Example (S. K. Mafa) (H.T)

(ii) Find Supremum and infimum of $A = (0, 1)$

(iii) Find $\sup A$ and $\inf A$ where

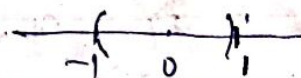
(a) $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 < 1\}$

(b) $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : 3x^2 + 8x - 3 < 0\}$

(c) $A = \{\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n} : m, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

(d) $A = \{\frac{n+(-1)^n}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

\Rightarrow (a) $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 < 1\}$



if $x = 1$ then $x^2 = 1$

so $1 \notin A$

if $x = -1$ then $x^2 = 1$ $x = -1 \notin A$

every element $x > 1 \notin A$
 $x < -1 \notin A$