

MATH 142A: Introduction to Analysis

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Today: Set of real numbers and
completeness axiom

> Q&A: January 11

Next: Ross § 7

Week 2:

- Quiz 1 (Wednesday, January 13) - Lectures 1-2
- homework 1 (due Friday, January 15)

Maximum and minimum

Let F be an ordered field and let $S \subset F$, $S \neq \emptyset$

Def

Examples 1. Any finite nonempty subset of F has max and min

2. For $F = \mathbb{R}$ and $a < b$, denote

$$[a, b] :=$$

$$(a, b) :=$$

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$$(a) \max [a, b] = \max (a, b) =$$

$$\min [a, b] = \min (a, b) =$$

Maximum and minimum

(b) $\max [a, b)$, $\max (a, b)$, $\min (a, b]$, $\min (a, b)$ do not exist

3. Recall $\max [0, \sqrt{2}] = \max \{x \in \mathbb{R} : 0 \leq x \leq \sqrt{2}\} =$

But $\max \{q \in \mathbb{Q} : 0 \leq q \leq \sqrt{2}\}$

Upper / lower bound

Let F be an ordered field and let $S \subset F$, $S \neq \emptyset$

Def If $M \in F$, then M is called an upper bound of S and S is called bounded above

If $m \in F$, then m is called a lower bound of S and S is called bounded below

S is called bounded, if it is bounded above and bounded below

Examples 1. Intervals $[a, b]$, $[a, b)$, $(a, b]$, (a, b) are bounded:

any $m \leq a$ is a lower bound, any $M \geq b$ is an upper bound for these sets.

2. If $s_0 = \max S$, then any $M \geq s_0$ is an upper bound for S .

3. Sets \mathbb{N} , \mathbb{Z} , \mathbb{Q} , \mathbb{R} are not bounded above.

Supremum and infimum

Let F be an ordered field and let $S \subset F$, $S \neq \emptyset$

Def If S is bounded above and S has a
then we call it the $\sup S$,

If S is bounded below and S has a
then we call it the $\inf S$,

Examples 1. If $\max S$ exists, then $\sup S = \max S$ (similarly \inf)

2. $\sup [a, b] = \sup [a, b) = \sup (a, b) = \sup (a, b] = b$ (similarly for \inf)

Completeness axiom

$$3. (a) \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R} \quad \max [0, \sqrt{2}] = \max \{ x \in \mathbb{R} : 0 \leq x \leq \sqrt{2} \} =$$

$$\sup [0, \sqrt{2}] = \sup \{ x \in \mathbb{R} : 0 \leq x \leq \sqrt{2} \} =$$

$$(b) \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R} \quad \max \{ x \in \mathbb{Q} : 0 \leq x \leq \sqrt{2} \}$$

$$\sup \{ x \in \mathbb{Q} : 0 \leq x \leq \sqrt{2} \} =$$

$$(c) \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{Q} \quad \max \{ x \in \mathbb{Q} : 0 \leq x \leq \sqrt{2} \}$$

$$\sup \{ x \in \mathbb{Q} : 0 \leq x \leq \sqrt{2} \}$$

Completeness Axiom

Every nonempty subset S of \mathbb{R} that is bounded above has a least upper bound, i.e., $\sup S$ exists and is a real number.

Satisfied by \mathbb{R} (by definition), not satisfied by \mathbb{Q} .

Corollary 4.5

Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}$.

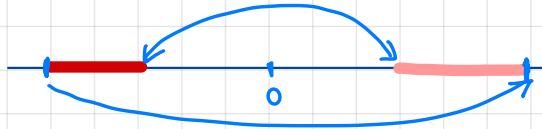
Proof

Denote $-S = \{-s : s \in S\}$.

①: S bounded below \Rightarrow

②:

③:



Archimedean Property

• $\forall a > 0 \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\frac{1}{n} < a$

• $\forall b > 0 \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $n > b$



Thm 4.6 (Archimedean Property)

$\forall a > 0, b > 0 \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

Proof: (by contradiction) Suppose AP is not true.

① $S := \{an : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

②

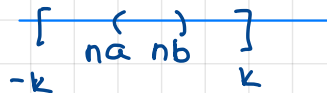
Denseness of \mathbb{Q}

Thm 4.7 (Denseness of \mathbb{Q})

$$(a, b \in \mathbb{R}) \wedge (a < b) \Rightarrow \exists q \in \mathbb{Q} (q \in (a, b))$$

Proof: Enough to show that $\exists m \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$a < \frac{m}{n} < b \Leftrightarrow an < m < bn$$



①

How to show that $\exists m \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $an_0 < m < bn_0$?

Choose the smallest integer greater than an_0 .

$$\textcircled{2} \quad n_0 \max\{|a|, |b|\} > 0 \stackrel{AP}{\Rightarrow} \exists k \text{ s.t. } k \geq n_0 \max\{|a|, |b|\}$$

$$\Rightarrow -k \leq n_0 a \leq n_0 b \leq k$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad K := \{j \in \mathbb{Z} : -k \leq j \leq k, j > an_0\}, \quad K \text{ finite and } K \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \exists \min K =: m$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad m = \min K \Rightarrow m-1 \leq an_0 \Rightarrow m \leq an_0 + 1 < n_0 b \Rightarrow n_0 a < m < n_0 b. \quad \blacksquare$$