

MATH 142A: Introduction to Analysis

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Today: Set of real numbers and
completeness axiom

> Q&A: January 10

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Week 2:

- homework 1 (due Friday, January 14)

Maximum and minimum

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

Def $(s_0 = \max S) := (s_0 \in S \wedge \forall s \in S (s \leq s_0))$ maximum of S

$(s_0 = \min S) := (s_0 \in S \wedge \forall s \in S (s_0 \leq s))$ minimum of S

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

Take $F = \mathbb{Q}$ or \mathbb{R} $\max \{-\frac{1}{2}, 0, 1, \frac{7}{3}\} = \frac{7}{3}$, $\min \{-\frac{1}{2}, 0, 1, \frac{7}{3}\} = -\frac{1}{2}$

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

$[a, b] := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x \leq b\}$ $(a, b) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x < b\}$

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

$(\forall x \in (a, b) (x \leq b) \wedge b \in (a, b]) \Rightarrow b = \max (a, b)$

Maximum and minimum

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

(Proof by contradiction:

Suppose that $\exists x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $x_0 = \max [a, b)$. The

$x_0 \in [a, b) \wedge \forall x \in [a, b) (x \leq x_0)$. But

$x_0 \in [a, b) \Rightarrow x_0 < b \Rightarrow x_0 < \frac{x_0 + b}{2} < b \Rightarrow \left(\frac{x_0 + b}{2} \in [a, b) \wedge \frac{x_0 + b}{2} > x_0 \right)$
Contradiction)

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

But $\max \{q \in \mathbb{Q} : 0 \leq q \leq \sqrt{2}\}$ does not exist

(Suppose $q_0 = \max \{q \in \mathbb{Q} : 0 \leq q \leq \sqrt{2}\}$. Then $q_0 < \sqrt{2}$, $\sqrt{2} - q_0 > 0$.

$\sqrt{2} - q_0 > 0 \Rightarrow \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $0 < \frac{1}{n_0} < \sqrt{2} - q_0$. Then

$q_0 < q_0 + \frac{1}{n_0} < \sqrt{2}$ contradiction

Upper / lower bound

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

Def If $M \in F \wedge \forall s \in S \quad s \leq M$, then M is called an **upper bound** of S and S is called bounded above

If $m \in F \wedge \forall s \in S \quad m \leq s$, 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 least upper bound

then we call it the **supremum** of S , **$\sup S$**

$$(M = \sup S) := (\forall s \in S (s \leq M)) \wedge (\forall M_1 < M \exists s_1 \in S (s_1 > M_1)) \quad (*)$$

If S is bounded below and S has a greatest lower bound

then we call it the **infimum** of S , **$\inf S$**

$$(m = \inf S) := (\text{exercise})$$

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

(take $s_1 = M$ in definition $(*)$)

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

(for $[a, b)$: if $M_1 < b$, then $\frac{b+M_1}{2} \in [a, b) \wedge \frac{b+M_1}{2} > M_1$)
 $\underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{s_1}$

Completeness axiom

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

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

$$(b) \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R} \quad \max \{ x \in \mathbb{Q} : 0 \leq x \leq \sqrt{2} \} \text{ does not exist}$$

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

$$(c) \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{Q} \quad \max \{ x \in \mathbb{Q} : 0 \leq x \leq \sqrt{2} \} \text{ does not exist}$$

$$\sup \{ x \in \mathbb{Q} : 0 \leq x \leq \sqrt{2} \} \text{ does not exist}$$

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.

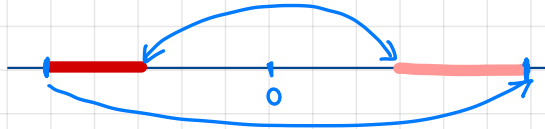
$$(S \neq \emptyset) \wedge (S \text{ bounded above}) \Rightarrow \exists \sup S$$

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

Corollary 4.5

Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}$. $(S \neq \emptyset) \wedge (S \text{ bounded below}) \Rightarrow \exists \inf S$

Proof



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

①: S bounded below $\Rightarrow \exists m \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $m \leq s \quad \forall s \in S \Rightarrow \forall s \in S -s \leq -m$

$\Rightarrow -S$ is bounded above

②: $-S$ is bounded above $\stackrel{\text{CA}}{\Rightarrow} \exists \sup(-S) =: s_0$

③: $s_0 = \sup(-S) \Leftrightarrow (\forall s \in S -s \leq s_0) \wedge (\forall M_1 < s_0 \exists s_1 \in S (M_1 < -s_1))$

$\Leftrightarrow (\forall s \in S -s_0 \leq s) \wedge (\forall \underset{m}{-M} > -s_0 \exists s_1 \in S (-\underset{m}{M_1} > s_1))$

$\Leftrightarrow -s_0 = \inf S$



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)

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

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

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

① $S := \{na : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is bounded $\stackrel{CA}{\Rightarrow} \exists \sup S =: s_0$

② Consider $s_0 - a$: $a > 0 \Rightarrow s_0 - a < s_0 \stackrel{\text{def. sup}}{\Rightarrow} \exists n_0 \text{ s.t. } s_0 - a < a n_0$
 $\Rightarrow s_0 < (n_0 + 1)a \in S \Rightarrow s_0 \neq \sup S$, contradiction



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.

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

$$\textcircled{1} \quad b - a > 0 \stackrel{\text{AP}}{\Rightarrow} \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } n_0(b - a) > 1$$

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

Choose the smallest integer greater than an_0 .

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

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

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

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

