

# MATH 142A: Introduction to Analysis

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Today: Set of real numbers and  
completeness axiom

> Q&A: January 10

Next: Ross § 7

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

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  $S \subset \mathbb{R}$ .

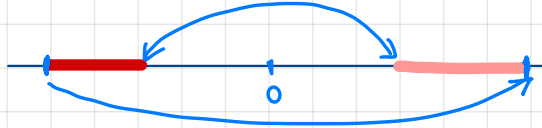
Proof

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



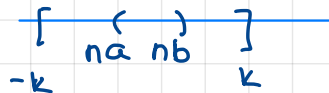
## Denseness of $\mathbb{Q}$

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  $an_0$ .

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

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

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

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