

## The Completeness property of $\mathbb{R}$

Every nonempty set of real numbers that has an upper bound also has a supremum in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Ex: let  $S \neq \emptyset \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $S$  be bounded above and let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and

$$a + S = \{a + x : x \in S\}$$

prove that  $\sup(a + S) = a + \sup S$ .

Pf: let  $u = \sup S$ .

Then  $x \leq u$  for all  $x \in S$ .

$$\therefore a + x \leq a + u \text{ for all } x \in S$$

$\Rightarrow a + u$  is an upper bound of  $a + S$ .

$$\therefore \sup(a + S) \leq a + u = a + \sup S \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Now, if  $v$  is any upper bound of the set  $a + S$ , then  $a + x \leq v$  for all  $x \in S$ .

$$\Rightarrow x \leq v - a \text{ for all } x \in S$$

$\therefore v - a$  is an upper bound of  $S$ .

$$\Rightarrow \sup S \leq v - a$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{a + \sup S} \leq v. \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = \sup S \leq v - a$$

$$\Rightarrow a + u \leq v.$$

Since  $v$  is any upper bound of  $a+S$ , so we can replace  $v$  by  $\sup(a+S)$  to get

$$a + u \leq \sup(a+S)$$

$$\Rightarrow a + \sup S \leq \sup(a+S) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

From (1) & (11) we get

$$\underline{\underline{\sup(a+S) = a + \sup S}} \quad \#$$

### Bounded above and bounded below function

$$f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

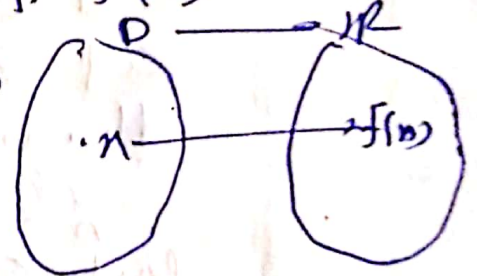
We say that  $f$  is bounded above if the set

$f(D) = \{f(x) : x \in D\}$  is bounded above in  $\mathbb{R}$

i.e. if there exists  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $f(x) \leq M$

for all  $x \in D$ . Similarly the function

$f$  is bounded below if the set  $f(D) = \{f(x) : x \in D\}$  is bounded below in  $\mathbb{R}$ .



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## Archimedean property:

of  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then there exists  $n_x \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x < n_x$ .

Pf: if the assertion is false, then  $n \leq x$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore  $x$  is an upper bound of  $\mathbb{N}$ , the set of natural numbers. By the completeness property  $\mathbb{N}$  has a supremum  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $u - 1 < u$ , so  $u - 1$  is not an upper bound of  $\mathbb{N}$ , so there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $u - 1 < m \Rightarrow u < m + 1$ .

But  $m + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$ , so  $u < m + 1$  contradicts the fact that  $u$  is <sup>an upper bound</sup> ~~the supremum~~ of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

Hence there must exist  $n_x \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$x < n_x.$$

Corollary: if  $S = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$ , then  $\inf S = 0$ .

Pf: since  $S \neq \emptyset$  is bounded below by 0, so it has an infimum and let  $w = \inf S$ . Clearly,  $w \geq 0$  and  $w \leq \frac{1}{n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then  $\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{R}$ . By Archimedean property there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\frac{1}{\varepsilon} < n$ , which implies  $\frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$ . Therefore we have  $0 \leq w \leq \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$ . But since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, so  $w = 0 \Rightarrow \inf S = 0$ .