

Exercises for section 2.3

2) $S_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x > 0\}$.

- S_2 has lower bound, for example -1 is a lower bound for S_2 .
- S_2 Does not have any upper bound, as if u is an upper bound for S_2 then u has to be bigger than 1 so it's positive. $u+1$ is positive so it is in S_2 but it's not less than u , which is a contradiction.
- $\inf S_2 = 0$,
 - i) for every x in S_2 ; $x > 0$ so 0 is a lower bound for S_2
 - ii) 0 is the greatest lower bound. if u is another lower bound and $u > 0$ then $u/2 > 0$, there for $u/2 \in S_2$. that means u ($u > u/2$) can not be a lower bound.
- \sup of S_2 Does not exist, because S_2 Does not have any upper bound by the first part.

4) $S_4 = \{1 - \frac{(-1)^n}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\} = \{2, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{4}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \dots\}$

We claim that $\sup S_4 = 2$ and $\inf S_4 = \frac{1}{2}$

- $\sup S_4 = 2$. i) 2 is an upper bound for S_4

$$1 - \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \leq 2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{-(-1)^n}{n} \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow (-1)^{n+1} \leq n$$

but $(-1)^{n+1} \leq 1$ and $1 \leq n$ so $(-1)^{n+1} \leq n$

- ii) 2 is the least upper bound. if u is another upper bound then $u \geq 2$ since 2 is in S_4 . there for 2 is the least upper bound.

6) $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, assume t is the upper bound of S contained in S .
 We want to show that $t = \sup S$

i) t is an upper bound for S by assumption

ii) If r is another upper bound for S then r is bigger than every element in S , in particular, it has to be bigger than t since it is in S . therefore t is the least upper bound for S .

8) $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is nonempty, $u = \sup S$

- for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $u - \frac{1}{n}$. if $u - \frac{1}{n}$ is an upper bound for S .
 as $u - \frac{1}{n} < u$, u can not be the least upper bound for S .

- $u + \frac{1}{n}$ is an upper bound for S . because if $x \in S$.

$x \leq u$, u is an upper bound for $S \Rightarrow x \leq u + \frac{1}{n}$

as x was arbitrary $u + \frac{1}{n}$ is an upper bound for S .

11) $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, $s^* = \sup S$, $s^* \in S$, $u \notin S$.

then $\sup(S \cup \{u\}) = \sup\{s^*, u\}$

i) $\sup\{s^*, u\}$ is an upper bound for $S \cup \{u\}$,

because if $x \in S \cup \{u\}$ then

$x \in \{u\} \Rightarrow x = u \Rightarrow x \leq u \Rightarrow x \leq \sup\{s^*, u\}$
 or
 $x \in S \Rightarrow x \leq s^* \Rightarrow x \leq \sup\{s^*, u\}$

11) Continued

ii) $\sup\{S^*, u\}$ is the least upper bound for $S \cup \{u\}$.

assume t is an upper bound for $S \cup \{u\}$ we need to show.

$$\sup\{S^*, u\} \leq t.$$

if t is an upper bound for $S \cup \{u\}$ then

$$u \leq t$$

and for every $x \in S$, $x \leq t$, since S^* is the least upper bound for S , t has to be bigger than S^* . As $\begin{matrix} u \leq t \\ S^* \leq t \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \sup\{S^*, u\} \leq t$

Remark: Note that we did not need the assumption S^* belongs to S and $u \notin S$. they are not necessary assumptions.

12) assume S is a non empty finite subset of \mathbb{R} .

then $\sup S \in S$. we will show this by induction on the number of elements in S .

i) if S has only one element, say S^* . its easy to see that S^* is the sup of S (you have to do the details) so its in S .

ii) if the statement is true for n then it is true for $n+1$

let S be a subset of \mathbb{R} with $n+1$ element. take an element x in S and define the set A to be $S \setminus \{x\}$ (\setminus means minus)

Now A has n elements, so by assumption of induction its sup

12) ii) Continued.

belongs to A . by the previous problem

$$\sup(S) = \sup(A \cup \{x\}) = \sup(\sup(A), x)$$

Now if the sup of $\sup(A)$ and x is $\sup(A)$, then it belongs to A and since $A \subseteq S$ it belongs to S
if sup of $\sup(A)$ and x is x then its already in S .

2.4

1) $\sup \{1 - \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\} = 1$, $A = \{1 - \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

i) 1 is an upper bound for A , as $1 - \frac{1}{n} < 1$ or $-\frac{1}{n} < 0$
or $\frac{1}{n} > 0$

ii) 1 is the least upper bound for A . if this is not true.
there must be an upper bound, t , of A which is less than 1
 $t < 1 \Rightarrow 1 - t > 0$ by Corollary 2.4.5 $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\frac{1}{n} \leq 1 - t$
hence $t \leq 1 - \frac{1}{n}$ which contradicts t being an upper bound
for S .

3) let S be a non empty subset of \mathbb{R} and u has the properties in the problem then $u = \sup S$

i) u is an upper bound for S :

take an arbitrary element x in S we need to prove $x \leq u$
by the second property, $u + \frac{1}{n}$ is an upper bound for S then
 $x \leq u + \frac{1}{n}$ for every n . then $x \leq u$ otherwise $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$

3) Continued.

(by Corollary 2.4.5) $\frac{1}{n} < x - u \Rightarrow u + \frac{1}{n} < x$ which is a contradiction.

ii) u is the least upper bound for S :

if this is not true, there must be an upper bound t for S which is less than u ,

$$t < u, (2.4.5) \Rightarrow \exists n. \frac{1}{n} < u - t \Rightarrow t < u - \frac{1}{n}.$$

property on says that $u - \frac{1}{n}$ is not an upper bound for S .

So there must be an element y in S , s.t. $u - \frac{1}{n} < y$

Combining with $t < u - \frac{1}{n}$ we get $t < y$. So t can not be an upper bound for S .

6) $\sup(A+B) = \sup(A) + \sup(B)$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall a \in A, a &\leq \sup(A) \\ \forall b \in B, b &\leq \sup(B) \end{aligned} \Rightarrow a+b \leq \sup(A) + \sup(B)$$

So $\sup(A) + \sup(B)$ is an upper bound for $A+B$, so, $\boxed{\sup(A+B) \leq \sup(A) + \sup(B)}$

for the other direction. fix on arbitrary $b \in B$.

and observe: $\forall a \in A, a+b \leq \sup(A+B)$, or $a \leq \sup(A+B) - b$

then $\sup(A+B) - b$ is an upper bound for A , then

$$\sup(A) \leq \sup(A+B) - b \Rightarrow b \leq \sup(A+B) - \sup(A)$$

now b is an arbitrary element in B so $\sup(A+B) - \sup(A)$

is an upper bound for B which implies $\sup(B) \leq \sup(A+B) - \sup(A)$

or equivalently $\boxed{\sup(A) + \sup(B) \leq \sup(A+B)}$.

6) the inf statement is similarly proved.

Remark one can first show that $\sup(-A) = -\inf(A)$, and then conclude the statement about inf's from the statement about sup's

$$7) \quad f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$g: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x \in X \quad f(x) &\leq \sup \{ f(x) : x \in X \} \\ x \in X \quad g(x) &\leq \sup \{ g(x) : x \in X \} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow f(x) + g(x) \leq \sup \{ f(x) : x \in X \} + \sup \{ g(x) : x \in X \}$$

so $\sup \{ f(x) \} + \sup \{ g(x) \}$ is an upper bound for $f(x) + g(x)$

$$\text{hence } \sup \{ f(x) + g(x) \} \leq \sup \{ f(x) \} + \sup \{ g(x) \}.$$

inf statement is similar.

for examples let $X = [-2, 2]$.

Ex 1 $f(x) \equiv 2, g(x) \equiv 3 \Rightarrow$ equalities.

Ex 2. $f(x) = x, g(x) = -x$, both sup & inf gives inequalities.

$$\text{Ex 3. } f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ -x+1 & 0 < x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 2x+1 & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 1 & 0 < x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

equality for sup's

inequality for inf's