

Completeness axiom: If  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $S \neq \emptyset$  and  $S$  is bounded above then  $\sup S \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Prop. 2.1. If  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $S \neq \emptyset$  and  $S$  is bounded below then  $\inf S \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Proof: Let  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \text{ is a lower bound of } S\}$ .

Clearly  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $S$  is bounded below then  $A \neq \emptyset$ .

Claim  $A$  is bounded above. Let  $s \in S$ . Then if  $x \in A$  since it's a lower bound of  $S$  it follows that  $x \leq s$  for all  $x \in A$ . Thus  $s$  is an upper bound of  $A$ .

By the completeness axiom  $\sup A \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\alpha = \sup A$ .

Claim  $\alpha = \inf S$ . Thus need to show  $\alpha$  is the greatest lower bound of  $S$ .

First:  $\alpha$  is a lower bound of  $S$  because... Let  $s \in S$ .

Thus  $s$  is an upper bound of  $A$ . Since  $\alpha$  is the least upper bound of  $A$  then  $\alpha \leq s$ .

This shows  $\alpha \leq s$  for all  $s \in S$ . So  $\alpha$  is a lower bound.

Second:  $\alpha$  is the greatest lower bound. Let  $\gamma$  be any other lower bound of  $S$ . Then  $\gamma \in A$  by definition. Since  $\alpha$  is least upper bound of  $A$ , then  $\gamma \leq \alpha$ . This shows  $\alpha$  is the greatest of lower bounds of  $S$ .

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Suppose  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $S \neq \emptyset$  and  $S$  is bounded above then  $\alpha = \sup S \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(\*) Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and consider  $\alpha - \epsilon$ . Since  $\alpha - \epsilon < \alpha$  and  $\alpha$  was the least upper bound, then  $\alpha - \epsilon$  is not an upper bound of  $S$ . Thus there is  $s_0 \in S$  such that  $\alpha - \epsilon < s_0$ .

Suppose  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $S \neq \emptyset$  and  $S$  is bounded below then  $\beta = \inf S \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and consider  $\beta + \epsilon$ . Since  $\beta + \epsilon > \beta$  and  $\beta$  was the greatest lower bound, then  $\beta + \epsilon$  is not an lower bound of  $S$ . Thus there is  $s_1 \in S$  such that  $\beta + \epsilon > s_1$ .

Recall:  $\mathbb{N}$  is well ordered. (Axiom 2.10).

$F$  is well ordered if for every  $A \subseteq F$ ,  $A \neq \emptyset$  then  $A$  has a least element. I.e. there is  $a_0 \in A$  such that  $a_0 \leq a$  for all  $a \in A$ .

Recall: Well ordering of  $\mathbb{N}$  implies induction is true.

(Theorem 1.3).  
Induction true means that if the base case and induction step hold then the statement is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Theorem 2.1:  $\mathbb{N}$  is unbounded above.

Proof: Suppose not. Then  $\mathbb{N}$  is bounded above.

Since  $\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{N} \neq \emptyset$  then by the completeness axiom  $\alpha = \sup \mathbb{N} \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $\epsilon = 1$  then by (\*) there is  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\alpha - 1 < n_0$ . Since  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  implies  $n_0 + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$  then  $\alpha < n_0 + 1$  implies  $\alpha$  is not an upper bound of  $\mathbb{N}$ . Contradicting that  $\alpha$  was the least upper bound.

Archimedean Principle: If  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x > 0$  then there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{1}{n} < x$ .

Proof: Since  $\mathbb{N}$  is unbounded above there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{1}{x} < n$ . Then  $\frac{1}{n} < x$ .

Theorem 2.2  $\mathbb{Q}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

What does dense mean?

Definition:  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$  if between any two real numbers there exists an element of  $A$ .

Equivalently,

$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $x < y$  then  $A \cap (x, y) \neq \emptyset$ .