

Analysis I
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Lesson 3
Supremum, Infimum, and Continuum Property

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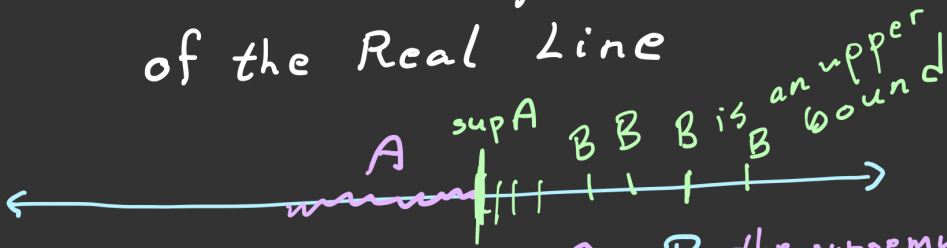
Today's lesson has **four** parts each with its own set of videos and notes. Do the classwork and all the homework as you proceed through the lesson. There are **seven** homework problems. This lesson expects you to already know how to do proofs of upper and lower bounds, proofs about maxima and minima, and proofs by contradiction. You may wish to scan through your notes on these topics before starting.

Lesson 3 Part 1 Supremum

Watch the [Playlist MAT320S21-3-1to9](#) being sure to do the classwork yourself before watching the solutions.

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Sup and Inf and the Continuum Property of the Real Line



Definition: Given a set $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ the supremum

$$\sup(A) = \min \{ B \mid B \text{ is an upper bound for } A \}$$

The Continuum Property of the Real Line:

If a set, $A \subset \mathbb{R}$, has an upper bound
then A has a supremum in $\mathbb{R}$

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Note that the supremum is an upper bound and it is the smallest upper bound.

Given a set A , how do we prove $t = \sup(A)$?

Part I: Prove t is an upper bound for A
Given any $x \in A$, show $x \leq t$.

Part II: Prove t is the smallest upper bound
Prove this by contradiction
Assume on the contrary that there is a smaller upper bound $B < t$
So $\forall x \in A, x \leq B$. Contradict this somehow.

Scratchwork

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Defn B is an upper Bound for A
 $\forall x \in A \quad x \leq B$

Defn of supremum:

$\sup A = \min \{B \mid B \text{ is an upper bound for } A\}$
 the smallest upper bound

Useful for Justifications

Rules of Inequalities

I $a \geq b$ AND $b \geq c \Rightarrow a \geq c$

II $a \geq b$ AND $c \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow a+c \geq b+c$

III $a \geq b$ AND $c > 0 \Rightarrow ac \geq bc$

IV $a \geq b$ AND $c < 0 \Rightarrow ac \leq bc$

Average Theorem

$a < b \Rightarrow a < \frac{a+b}{2} < b$



Prove $\sup(A) = t$

where $A =$

Part I: Show t is an upper bound

① Given $x \in A$



(final) $x \leq t$

Part II: Show t is the smallest
 ① Assume on the contrary that
 $\exists$ a smaller upper bound $B < t$.



⊗ Something.

Scratchwork

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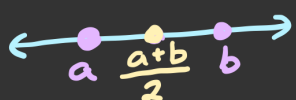
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① Given $x \in A$

① $x \leq t$

Upper bound
proof like
last week

Part II: Show t is the smallest

① Assume on the contrary that
 $\exists$ a smaller upper bound $B < t$.

②

③

⊗ Something.

name
the smaller
upper
bound

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|| Prove $\sup(A) = t = 5$ ||
 where $A = (3, 5)$

Part I: Show t is an upper bound

① Given $x \in A = (3, 5)$ ① Given

② $3 < x < 5$ ② By defn (a,b)

③ $x \leq 5$ ③ defn of $\leq$

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 Done with Part I

Part II: Show t is the smallest

① Assume on the contrary that

$\exists$ a smaller upper bound $B < 5$

② $\forall x \in A = (3, 5) \quad x \leq B$ ② defn of upper bound

} Try for a contradiction

⊗ something. Try this! classwork!

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I $a \geq b$ AND $b \geq c \Rightarrow a \geq c$
II $a \geq b$ AND $c \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow a+c \geq b+c$
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Average Theorem
 $a < b \Rightarrow a < \frac{a+b}{2} < b$

Diagram for the proof:

what about $x = \frac{B+5}{2}$?

Part II: Show t is the smallest

① Assume on the contrary that $\exists$ a smaller upper bound $B < 5$

② $\forall x \in A = (3, 5) \quad x \leq B$ ① defn of upper bound

③ Use $x = \frac{B+5}{2}$ to reach a Contradiction

} Try for a contradiction

⊗ Something. Try this! classwork!

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I $a > b$ AND $b > c \Rightarrow a > c$

II $a > b$ AND $c \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow a + c > b + c$

III $a > b$ AND $c > 0 \Rightarrow ac > bc$

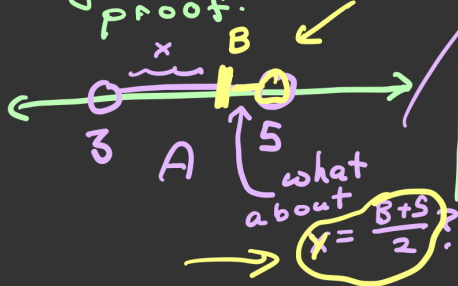
IV $a > b$ AND $c < 0 \Rightarrow ac < bc$

Average Theorem

$a < b \Rightarrow a < \frac{a+b}{2} < b$



Diagram for the proof:



Part II: Show t is the smallest

① Assume on the contrary that $\exists$ a smaller upper bound $B < 5$ ① Indirect hyp.

② $\forall x \in A = (3, 5) \quad x \leq B$ ② defn of upper bound

③ $4 \leq B$ ③ $4 \in (3, 5)$

④ Let $y = \frac{B+5}{2}$ then $B < y < 5$ ④ $a < b \Rightarrow a < \frac{a+b}{2} < b$

⑤ $3 < 4 \leq B < y < 5$ ⑤ by step 3 and step 4

⑥ $y \in (3, 5)$ ⑥ defn of (a, b)

⑦ $y \leq B$ ⑦ by step 2 taking $x = y$

⊗ $B < y$ in step 4

Thus our indirect hypothesis is false. So 5 is the smallest upper bound. Part II is done.

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Scratchwork
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 $\forall x \in A \quad x \leq B$
Defn of supremum:
 $\sup A = \min \{B \mid B \text{ is an upper bound for } A\}$
the smallest upper bound

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Prove $\sup(A) = 4$
where $A = [2, 4]$

Part I: Show t is an upper bound
Classwork

Part II: Show t is the smallest
Classwork

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where $A = [2, 4]$

Part I: Show t is an upper bound

① Given $x \in [2, 4]$ ① Given

② $2 \leq x \leq 4$ ② by defn $[a, b]$

③ $x \leq 4$ ③ final by step 2

Part II: Show t is the smallest

① Assume on the contrary
that there is a smaller
upper bound $B < 4$ ① Ind HYP

② --- ② Defn upper bound

Continue as class work.

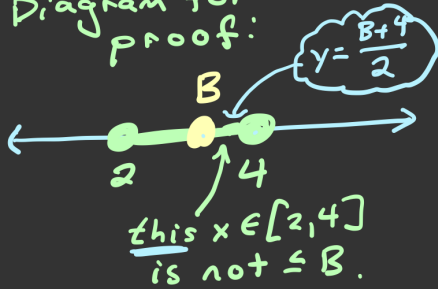
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Diagram for the proof:



Part II: Show t is the smallest
 ① Assume on the contrary
 that there is a smaller
 upper bound $B < 4$ ① Ind Hyp
 ② $\forall x \in [2, 4] x \leq B$ ③ Defn upper bound

Try for
classwork

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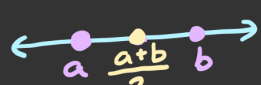


Diagram for the proof:
 $y = \frac{B+4}{2}$
 $2 \leq B < y < 4 \leq 4$
 this $x \in [2, 4]$ is not $\leq B$.

Plan
 Prove $\sup(2, 5) = ?$
 Choosing max(2, 5) = 5
 Prove $\sup(2, 4) = ?$
 Defn $\inf(2, 4) = 2$

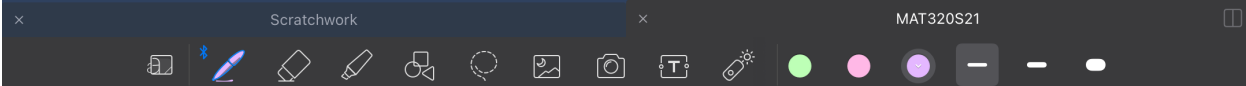
Part II: Show t is the smallest
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 upper bound $B < 4$ ① Ind Hyp

② $\forall x \in [2, 4] x \leq B$ ③ Defn upper bound
 ③ $3 \leq B$ ③ $3 \in [2, 4]$
 ④ Let $y = \frac{B+4}{2}$ ④ $a < b \Rightarrow a < \frac{a+b}{2} < b$
 $B < y < 4$
 ⑤ $2 \leq 3 \leq B < y < 4 \leq 4$ ⑤ by step 3 and step 4
 ⑥ $y \in [2, 4]$ ⑥ by defn of $[a, b]$
 ⑦ $y \leq B$ ⑦ by step 2 $x = y$
 ⊗ $B < y$ in Step 4.
 Thus our indirect hyp is false
 4 is the smallest upper bound
 $4 = \sup[2, 4]$ QED

Be sure to complete the classwork above and replay videos as needed until it is well understood before continuing.

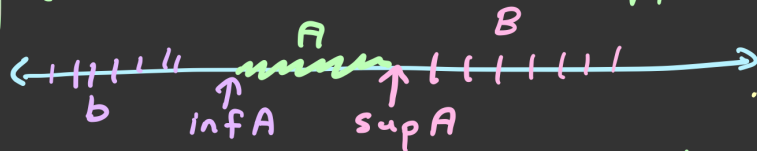
Lesson 3 Part 2 Infimum

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Supremum and Infimum

Defn: $\sup(A) = \min \{B \mid B \text{ is an upper bound for } A\}$



Defn: $\inf(A) = \max \{b \mid b \text{ is a lower bound for } A\}$

Classwork Show $\inf(2, 4) = 2$

Classwork Show $\inf[5, \infty) = 5$

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Scratchwork

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Defn: $\inf(A) = \max \{ b \mid b \text{ is a lower bound for } A \}$

• Classwork Show $\inf(2, 4) = 2$

Part I 2 is a lower bound for $(2, 4)$

Part II 2 is the biggest lower bound. //

Scratchwork

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• Classwork Show $\inf(2, 4) = 2$

Part I 2 is a lower bound for $(2, 4)$ ||

Part II 2 is the biggest lower bound. ||

[Part I: Given: $x \in (2, 4)$ Show $2 \leq x$] $\leftarrow$ Defn of lower bound

Proof: (easy so you do yourself)

Part II: 2 is the biggest lower bound for $(2, 4)$

① Assume on the contrary that fill in.

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Part II: 2 is the biggest lower bound for $(2,4)$

① Assume on the contrary
that there is a bigger lower bound $b > 2$

② $\forall x \in (2,4) \quad b \leq x$

① Ind. Hyp.
② defn of lower bound

Draw to Plan Proof

$b \leq x$
 $x \geq b$

Contradiction

Call this bad point y and then get a $\otimes$

can you find an x in $(2,4)$ smaller than b ?

Part II: 2 is the biggest lower bound for $(2,4)$

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that there is a bigger lower bound $b > 2$

① Ind. Hyp.

② $\forall x \in (2,4) \quad b \leq x$

② defn of lower bound

③ $b \leq 3$

③ $3 \in (2,4)$

④ Let $y = \frac{2+b}{2}$

so $2 < y < b$

④ $a < b \Rightarrow a < \frac{a+b}{2} < b$

$$y = \frac{2+b}{2}$$

$y \in (2,4)$ but $y < b$.

⑤ $2 < y < b \leq 3 < 4$

⑤ by steps 3 and 4

⑥ $y \in (2,4)$

⑥ by defn of interval

Try to write the Contradiction Yourself.

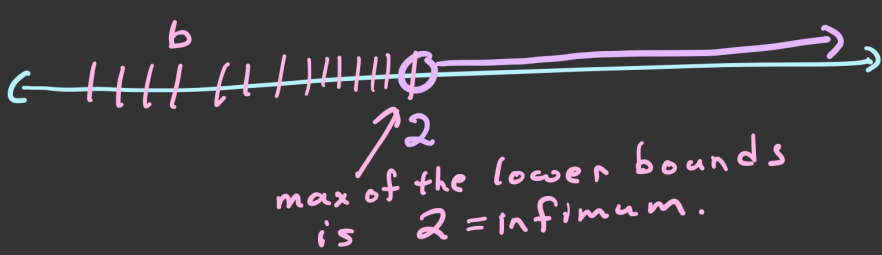
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Classwork $\inf(2, \infty) = 2$



max of the lower bounds
is $2 = \infimum.$

Part I ?

Part II ?

pause + try

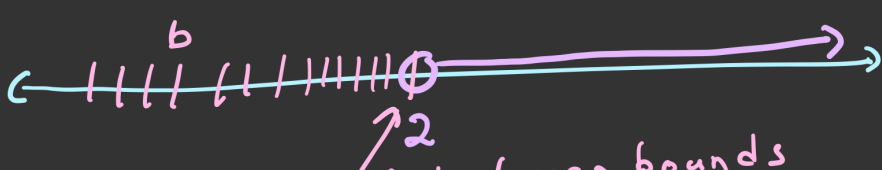
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max of the lower bounds
is $2 = \text{infimum}$.

Part I Show 2 is a lower bound for $(2, \infty)$

Given

Show

so easy 2 lines

Classwork $\inf(2, \infty) = 2$



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Part I Show 2 is a lower bound for $(2, \infty)$

Given $x \in (2, \infty)$

Show $2 \leq x$

① $x \in (2, \infty)$

② $2 < x$

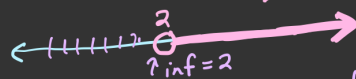
③ $2 \leq x$

① Given

② Defn of (a, ∞)

③ Defn of $\leq$

done w/ Step I



Part II Show 2 is the biggest lower bound for $(2, \infty)$

① Assume on the contrary. Try!

Part II Show 2 is the biggest lower bound for $(2, \infty)$

① Assume on the contrary that there is a bigger lower bound $b > 2$.

② $\forall x \in (2, \infty) \quad b \leq x$

③ $5 \leq x$

① Indirect hypothesis

② defn of lower bound

③ $5 \in (2, \infty)$

What point in $(2, \infty)$ is smaller than b in our picture?

Finish the proof!

$y = \frac{2+b}{2}$

Part II Show 2 is the biggest lower bound for $(2, \infty)$

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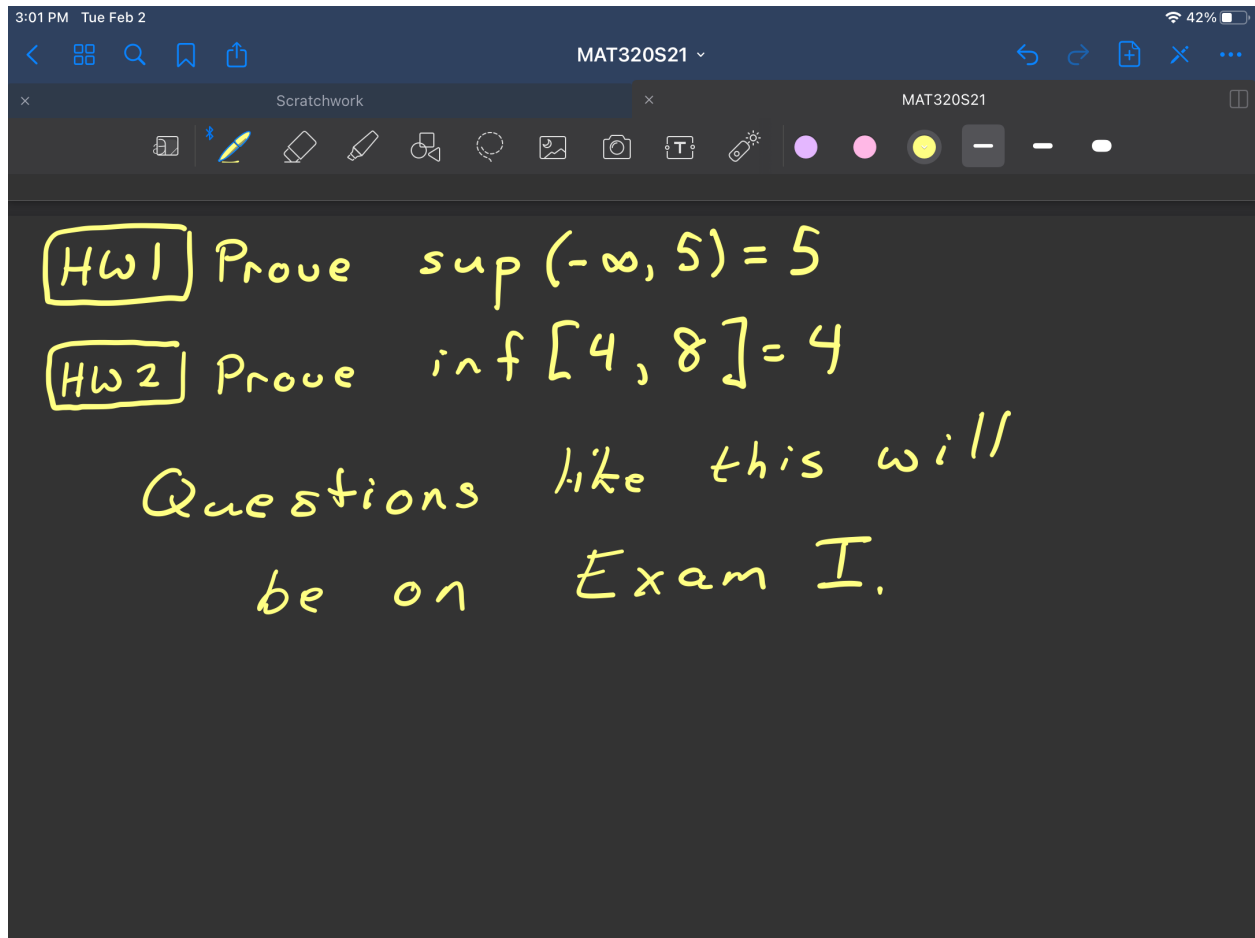
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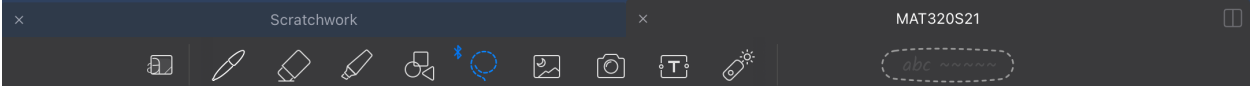
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The above homeworks 1-2 may be done after watching the rest of the videos..

Lesson 3 Part 3 Max vs Sup

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Max vs Sup



• $\text{Max}(A)$ = is an upper bound for A
that is in A

Here $\text{Max}(A) = 4$ because $\forall x \in [2, 4] \ x \leq 4$
and $4 \in [2, 4]$

$\text{Sup}(A)$ = smallest upper bound

Here $\text{Sup}(A) = 4$ because 4 is an upper bound
and 4 is the smallest.

Continuous Property of the Reals

Any set A with an upper bound has $\sup A$.
but A may not have a max.

Max vs Sup



New
 $A = (2, 4)$

$\text{Max}(A)$ = is an upper bound for A
that is in A

No Max Here ~~$\text{Max}(A) = 4$ because $\forall x \in [2, 4] \ x \leq 4$~~
and ~~$4 \in [2, 4]$~~

$\text{Sup}(A)$ = smallest upper bound
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and 4 is the smallest.

Continuum Property of the Reals

Any set A with an upper bound has $\text{sup} A$.
but A may not have a max.

Write a proof that $(2, 4)$ has no max.
We know $\text{sup}(2, 4)$ exists by Continuum Prop.

Hint: For this classwork above you need to use proof by contradiction and then the definition of max. See [Lesson 2 video 20](#) after trying.

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Scratchwork MAT320S21

Theorem if $\max A$ exists
then $\max A = \sup A$.

Theorem if $\sup A \in A$
then $\max A$ exists.

Careful $A = (2, 4)$
has no max

Diagram 1: A number line with a solid dot at b . Above the dot is $\sup A$ and below is $\max A$. The interval is labeled $[a, b]$.

Diagram 2: A number line with an open circle at b . Above the circle is $\sup A$ and below is $\text{not in } A$. The interval is labeled $[a, b)$.

Diagram 3: A number line with open circles at a and b . Above b is $\sup A = b$ and below is $\text{notice } \sup A \notin A$. The interval is labeled (a, b) .

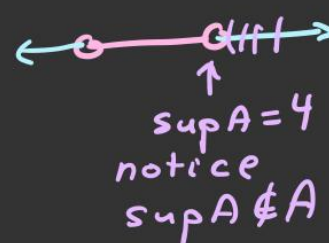
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Careful $A = (2, 4)$
has no $\max$



Theorem if $\max A$ exists
then $\max A = \sup A$.

we are proving
 $\sup A = t$
 $\max A = t$

Part I: Show $t = \max A$ is an upper bound.

① $\max(A)$ is an upper bound ① defn of $\max$
Done with Part I

Part II: Show $t = \max A$ is the smallest upper bound.

① Assume on the contrary $B < t = \max A$ ① Indirect hyp.
there is an upper bound



② $\forall x \in A, x \leq B$

② Defn upper bound

③ $t = \max A$ is in A

③ by defn of $\max$

④ $t \leq B$ $\otimes B < t$ in Step 1

④ by Step 2

Done with Part II

The Theorem is proven QED

[HW3] show if $\min A$ exists
then $\min A = \inf A$

[HW4] Find a set A with an $\inf$ but no $\min$

Theorem if $\sup A \in A$ then $\max A = M = \sup A$
Proof Part I M is an upper bound } Defn of Max
Part II $M \in A$

Part I follows immediately for $M = \sup A$

① M is an upper bound ① defn of sup done with Part I

Part II follows from given $M = \sup A \in A$. done with Part I

① $M \in A$

② Given $M = \sup A$
is in A

QED

Hint

HW5 Prove if $\inf A \in A$ then $\min A = \inf A$

Find a set $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ where $\inf A \notin A$
and $\min A$ does not exist.

Above we have HW3, HW4, and HW5. Don't forget HW1 and HW2 in Part 2 as well. If you are tired you may wish to do the last part on another day.

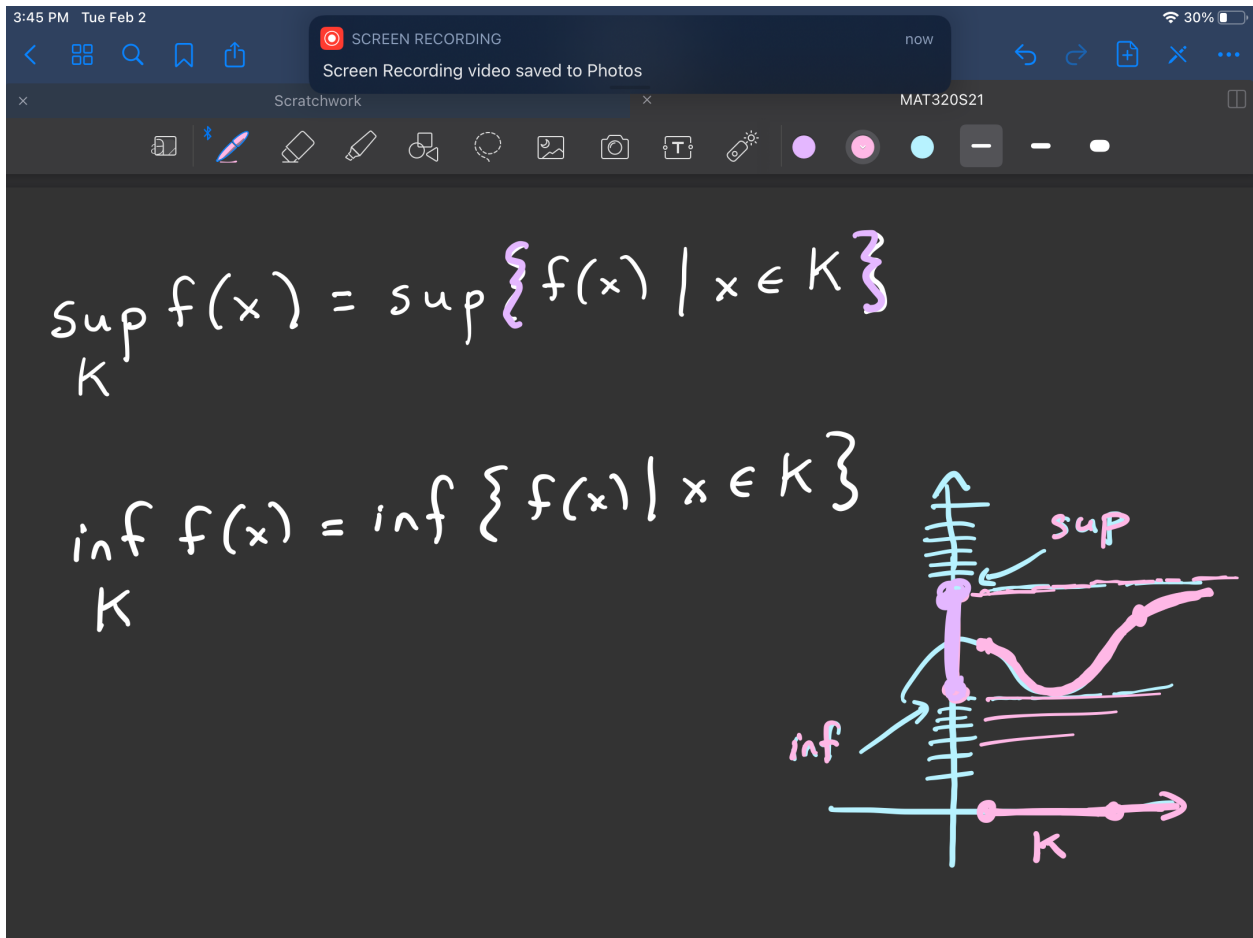
Hint for HW5:

Given: $m = \inf A$ and $m \in A$

Show: $m = \min A$

Lesson 3 Part 4 Sup and Inf of functions

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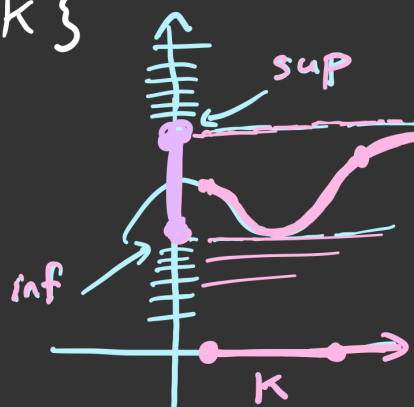


$$\sup_K f(x) = \sup \{ f(x) \mid x \in K \}$$

$$\inf_K f(x) = \inf \{ f(x) \mid x \in K \}$$

$$\text{Thm: } \sup_K -f(x) = -\inf_K f(x)$$

$$\text{Thm: } \sup_K (f(x) + g(x)) \leq \sup_K f(x) + \sup_K g(x)$$



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Scratchwork

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Thm: $\sup_K -f(x) = -\inf_K f(x)$

t s

Show $t = -s$

Prove this!

Think about how to do this.

The left graph shows a function $y = f(x)$ on a coordinate plane. A horizontal line is drawn at $y = s$, labeled $s = \inf_K f(x)$. Another horizontal line is drawn at $y = t$, labeled $t = \sup_K -f(x)$. The right graph shows the function $y = -f(x)$ on a coordinate plane. A horizontal line is drawn at $y = t$, labeled $t = \sup_K -f(x)$. Another horizontal line is drawn at $y = s$, labeled $s = \inf_K f(x)$.

Thm: $\sup_K -f(x) = -\inf_K f(x)$

Show $t = -s$

Prove $t = \sup \{-f(x) \mid x \in K\}$

Part I: t is an upper bound for $A = \{-f(x) \mid x \in K\}$

Part II: t is the smallest upper bound.

Proof of Part I: Given $y \in A$ show $y \leq t$.

- ① Given any $y \in A$
- ② $y = -f(x)$ for some $x \in K$
 $\exists x \in K$ s.t. $y = -f(x)$
- ③ $s \leq f(u) \forall u \in K$
- ④ $s \leq f(x)$
- ⑤ $-s \geq -f(x)$

⑥ $\inf_K f(x) = s$ and defn of inf
 s is a lower bound

⑦ by $x \in K$ in step 2

⑧ $a \leq b + c = -1 < 0 \Rightarrow$
 $ac \geq bc$

⑨ $\text{final } y = -f(x) \text{ from Step 2}$
 $\text{sub } t = -s$

⑩ $\text{final } y \leq t$

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Proof of Part II: Show $t = -s$ is the smallest upper bound for $A = \{-f(x) \mid x \in K\}$

① Assume on the contrary that $\exists$ a smaller upper bound $B \leq t = -s$

① Indirect hypothesis

②

Use that $s = \inf_K f(x)$.

Complete this proof for HW6 CHALLENGE!

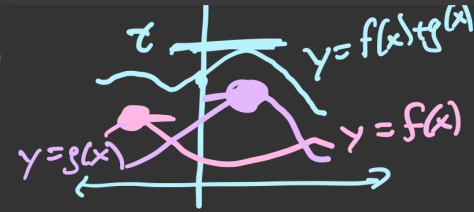
⊗ Contradiction

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Thm: $\sup_K (f(x) + g(x)) \leq \sup_K f(x) + \sup_K g(x)$

↑ This is also a challenging homework **HW7**



$t = \sup_K (f(x) + g(x)) = \sup \{f(x) + g(x) \mid x \in K\}$

Show $t \leq \sup_K f(x) + \sup_K g(x)$

To do this use the defn of sup
says t is the smallest upper bound.

It will be enough to show $\sup_K f(x) + \sup_K g(x)$ is an upper bound.

Above we have the extra challenging homework problems HW6 and HW7. This homework is required, not extra credit.