

Recall the interval notion for subsets of the reals:

$$\begin{aligned}(a, b) &:= \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x < b\}, & [a, b) &:= \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x < b\}, & (a, b] &:= \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x \leq b\}, \\ [a, b] &:= \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x \leq b\}, & (-\infty, b) &:= \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x < b\}, & (-\infty, b] &:= \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \leq b\}, \\ (a, \infty) &:= \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x > a\}, & [a, \infty) &:= \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \geq a\}, & (\infty, \infty) &:= \mathbb{R}.\end{aligned}$$

Recall the following definitions pertaining to a subset S of an ordered field F :

- » $B \in F$ is an *upper bound* for S if $s \leq B$ for all $s \in S$,
- » $b \in F$ is a *lower bound* for S if $b \leq s$ for all $s \in S$,
- » S is *bounded* if it has both an upper bound and a lower bound.
- » $B \in F$ is a *supremum* for S if it is a least upper bound. This means that B is an upper bound and if B' is any upper bound, then $B \leq B'$. If B exists, then we write $B = \sup(S)$ or $B = \text{lub}(S)$.
- » $b \in F$ is a *infimum* for S if it is a greatest lower bound. This means that b is a lower bound and if b' is any lower bound, then $b' \leq b$. If b exists, then we write $b = \inf(S)$ or $b = \text{glb}(S)$.
- » If S has a supremum B and $B \in S$, then we call B the *maximum* or *maximal element* of S and write $\max(S) = B$.
- » If S has an infimum b and $b \in S$, then we call b the *minimum* or *minimal element* of S and write $\min(S) = b$.

Finally, recall that \mathbb{R} satisfies the *completeness axiom*: every nonempty subset of \mathbb{R} that is bounded above has a supremum.

PROBLEM 1. Let $S = [0, 1) \subset \mathbb{R}$.

- (a) Give three upper bounds and three lower bounds for S .
- (b) Is S bounded? (Appeal to the definition of *bounded* here.)
- (c) Does S have a supremum? If so, what is it? Same question for infimum.
- (d) Does S have a maximum? a minimum?

PROBLEM 2. These questions concern the ordered field of rational numbers \mathbb{Q} , not the field \mathbb{R} . Let $S = (0, \pi) \cap \mathbb{Q}$, a subset of \mathbb{Q} .

- (a) Is S bounded?
- (b) Does S have a supremum?

PROBLEM 3. Here we're are considering subsets of \mathbb{R} . Fill in the following table, using "DNE" if the quantity does not exist:

	sup	max	inf	min
$[-1, 2)$				
$(-1, 2) \cup [3, 4]$				
$[3, \infty) \cup [3, 4]$				
$\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$				
$\{-7, \sqrt{2}, 8, 23\}$				
$\left\{\frac{n}{n+1} : n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$				
$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - 1/n, 1 + 1/n)$				
$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - 1/n, 1 + 1/n)$				

PROBLEM 4. Mark each of the following statements as true or false. In each case, give a brief explanation if it is true or a specific counterexample if it is false. Throughout, S denotes a nonempty subset of \mathbb{R} .

- (a) If S has an upper bound, then S has a least upper bound.
- (b) If S is bounded, then S has a maximum and a minimum.
- (c) If $S \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ and S is bounded, then $\sup S \in \mathbb{Q}$.
- (d) If $m = \inf S$ and $m' < m$, then m' is a lower bound of S .