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Context: the real line $\mathbb{R}, <$

A	min(A)	max(A)	L	inf(A) max(L)	U	sup(A) min(U)
$[3,4)$	3	DNE	$(-\infty, 3]$	3	$[4, \infty)$	4
$(3,4)$	DNE	DNE	$(-\infty, 3]$	3	$[4, \infty)$	4
$(3,4]$	DNE	4	$(-\infty, 3]$	3	$[4, \infty)$	4
$[3,4]$	3	4	$(-\infty, 3]$	3	$[4, \infty)$	4
$(-\infty, 5)$	DNE	DNE	\emptyset	DNE	$[5, \infty)$	5
$(-\infty, 5]$	DNE	5	\emptyset	DNE	$[5, \infty)$	5

$$L = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \leq a \text{ for all } a \in A\}$$

$$U = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a \leq x \text{ for all } a \in A\}$$

$$glb(A) = \inf(A) = \max(L)$$

$$lub(A) = \sup(A) = \min(U)$$

DNE = "Does not Exist"

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\emptyset	DNE	DNE	$(-\infty, \infty)$	DNE	$(-\infty, \infty)$	DNE
\mathbb{R}	DNE	DNE	\emptyset	DNE	\emptyset	DNE

A binary operation on a set A is a function $f: A \times A \rightarrow A$.
We often write $f(a,b)$ as $a \cdot b$.

We will assume there is a set \mathbb{R} with element 0, 1 and binary operations $+$, \cdot such that:

- $(x+y)+z = x+(y+z)$
 - $(x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z)$
 - $x+y = y+x$
 - $x \cdot y = y \cdot x$
 - $x+0 = x$
 - $x \cdot 1 = x$
- $x \cdot (y+z) = (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot z)$
Distributivity
- for all x , there exists $(-x)$ such that $x + (-x) = 0$
 - for all $x \neq 0$, there exists $(\frac{1}{x})$ such that $x \cdot (\frac{1}{x}) = 1$

From these assumption, define

$$x - y = x + (-y)$$

$$x/y = x \cdot \left(\frac{1}{y}\right) \text{ if } y \neq 0$$

We also assume \mathbb{R} has an order relation $<$ such that:

$$\text{Compatibility } \begin{cases} x < y \Rightarrow x + z < y + z \\ (x < y \text{ and } 0 < z) \Rightarrow x \cdot z < y \cdot z \end{cases}$$

(least upper bound property)

$\emptyset \neq A \subset \mathbb{R}$ and A has an upper bound $\Rightarrow A$ has a least upper bound

(density) $x < y \Rightarrow x < z < y$ for some z

$$(0 \neq 1 \text{ ; } \underbrace{\text{other axioms ; } x < y}_{\text{all axioms but density}}) \Rightarrow x < \frac{x+y}{2} < y$$

- A set $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ is called inductive if $1 \in A$ and $x \in A \Rightarrow x+1 \in A$
- $[1, \infty)$ is inductive.
- $\{1\} \cup [2, \infty)$ is inductive.
- $\{1, 2\} \cup [3, \infty)$ is inductive.
- $\{1, \dots, n\} \cup [n+1, \infty)$ is inductive.
- $\{\frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, 2, \frac{5}{2}, 3, \frac{7}{2}, \dots\}$ is inductive.

$$\mathbb{Z}_+ = \bigcap \{A \subset \mathbb{R} \mid A \text{ is inductive}\}$$

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Our official definition

Claim \mathbb{Z}_+ is an inductive set.

$$1 \in \mathbb{Z}_+$$

Suppose $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. We need to show $n+1 \in \mathbb{Z}_+$

Suppose $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ is inductive. Since $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $n \in A$. Since A is inductive, $n \in A \Rightarrow n+1 \in A$. So, $n+1 \in A$. The above argument works for any inductive A , so $n+1 \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. \square

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Principle of Induction

If $B \subset \mathbb{Z}_+$ and B is inductive, then $B = \mathbb{Z}_+$.

Proof By definition of \mathbb{Z}_+ , $\mathbb{Z}_+ \subset B$. But then $B \subset \mathbb{Z}_+ \subset B$; so, $B = \mathbb{Z}_+$. \square

→ Proofs by induction:

You want to prove every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ has property P .

1.) $B = \{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \mid n \text{ has } P\}$

2.) Prove $1 \in B$ (that is, 1 has P).

3.) Prove $n \in B \Rightarrow n+1 \in B$
 $\underbrace{\quad}_n \text{ has } P$

Every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ is even or odd.

• 1 is odd

• If n is even, then $n+1$ is odd
(Why? $n = 2m \Rightarrow n+1 = 2m+1$)

• If n is odd, then $n+1$ is even
(Why? $n = 2m+1 \Rightarrow n+1 = 2m+2 = 2(m+1)$)

• If n is even or odd, then $n+1$ is even or odd.

Strong Induction Principle

If $B \subset \mathbb{Z}_+$ and $S_n \in B \Rightarrow n \in B$, then $B = \mathbb{Z}_+$.

$$\begin{array}{l} \uparrow \\ S_1 = \emptyset \quad S_2 = \{1\} \\ S_2 = \{1\} \quad S_3 = \{1, 2\} \\ S_{n+1} = \{1, \dots, n\} \quad S_{n+1} = [1, n] \cap \mathbb{Z}_+ \end{array}$$

Well-ordered Principle

$\emptyset \neq A \subset \mathbb{Z}_+ \Rightarrow \min(A)$ exists