

1) The supremum is the minimum of the set of upper bounds

The infimum is the maximum of the set of lower bounds.

a)  $\sup [0, 1] = 1 \in [0, 1]$

b)  $\sup (0, 1) = 1 \notin (0, 1)$

c)  $\mathbb{N}$  has no upper bound.

(note: many other examples as well)

2)

Ross, 4.11.

Assume towards a contradiction that there exist  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a < b$ , such that  $(a, b) \cap \mathbb{Q}$  is finite. Then  $(a, b) \cap \mathbb{Q}$  has a maximum, which we call  $r$ . Since  $r \in (a, b)$ ,  $a < r < b$ , and by the denseness of  $\mathbb{Q}$  there exists  $s \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $r < s < b$ . But then  $s \in (a, b) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ , which contradicts the definition of  $r = \max(a, b) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ .

3)

If  $a > b$ , then by the AP  
 There exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  
 $n > \frac{1}{a-b}$ . Thus  $a-b > \frac{1}{n}$  and  $a > b + \frac{1}{n}$

4)

We use the following fact:

If  $a, b > 0$  then  $a < b$  if and only if  $a^2 < b^2$ .

Proof: assume  $a < b$ . By axioms,  $a^2 < ab$   
and  $ab < b^2$  so  $a^2 < b^2$ .

Similarly  $a \geq b$  implies  $a^2 \geq b^2$ , so  
 $a^2 < b^2$  must imply  $a < b$ .

If  $r \in S$ , then  $r^2 = |r|^2 < 2 < 2^2$   
so  $r \leq |r| < 2$ . Thus  $S$  is bounded above,

and nonempty ( $0 \in S$ ) so  $t = \sup S$  exists.

Since  $1 \in S$ ,  $t \geq 1 > 0$ .

To show  $t^2 = 2$ , we rule out

$t^2 > 2$  and  $t^2 < 2$ .

If  $t^2 > 2$ , let  $0 < \delta < \min\left\{\frac{t^2 - 2}{2\epsilon}, 1\right\}$ .

Then  $(t - \delta)^2 = t^2 - 2t\delta + \delta^2 \geq t^2 - 2t\delta$   
 $\Rightarrow t^2 - (t^2 - 2) = 2$ .

If  $t^2 < 2$  let  $0 < \delta < \min\left\{\frac{2-t^2}{2t+1}, 1\right\}$ .

Then  $(t + \delta)^2 = t^2 + 2t\delta + \delta^2 \leq t^2 + 2t\delta + \delta$   
 $= \delta^2 + \delta(2t+1) < t^2 + (2-t^2) = 2$   
so  $t + \delta \in S$ , which contradicts  $t = \sup S$ .

5) (Note: other solutions, with different values, exist)

a)  $N_1 = 1$   $n > 1 \Rightarrow 6n > 6 \Rightarrow \forall n > 6 + n$

(if we assume  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , any  $N_1$  works)

b)  $N_2 = \sqrt{12}$   $n > \sqrt{12} \Rightarrow n^2 > 12 \Rightarrow \frac{n^2}{2} > 6$   
 $\Rightarrow n^2 > 6 + \frac{n^2}{2} \Rightarrow n^2 - 6 > \frac{n^2}{2}$

(if we assume  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $N_2 = 3$  works)

c)  $N_3 = \sqrt{12}$   $n > N_3 \Rightarrow n > N_1, N_2$  and  $n^2 - 6 > 0$   
 $\left| \frac{n+b}{n^2-b} \right| = \frac{n+b}{n^2-b} \leq \frac{\frac{?n}{n}}{\frac{n^2}{2}} = \frac{14}{n} .$

(if we assume  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $N_3 = 3$  works)

d)  $N_4 = \frac{14}{\varepsilon}$  If  $n > \frac{14}{\varepsilon}$ ,  $\frac{14}{n} < \varepsilon$ .

e) Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . choose  $N = \max \left\{ \frac{14}{\varepsilon}, \sqrt{12} \right\} .$

If  $n > N$ , by  $a-d$ ,

$$\left| \frac{n+b}{n^2-b} - 0 \right| \leq \frac{14}{n} < \varepsilon . \text{ So } \frac{n+b}{n^2-b} \rightarrow 0 .$$

6) a)  $\boxed{N_1 = 1}$

$$n > 1 \Rightarrow 6n > 6 \Rightarrow r_n > 6 + 4$$

b)  $\boxed{N_2 = b}$

$$n > b \Rightarrow n - b > 0 \Rightarrow n^2 - bn > 0$$

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c)  $n > 1 \Rightarrow 6n > 6 \Rightarrow n^2 - bn < n^2 - 6$

c)  $\boxed{N_3 = b}$  If  $n > b$ ,

$$n^2 - b > 0 \quad \text{so}$$

$$\left| \frac{n+b}{n^2-b} \right| = \frac{n+b}{n^2-b} < \frac{r_n}{n^2-6n} = \frac{1}{n-6}$$

$$d) N_b = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} + b$$

$$n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon} + b \Rightarrow n - b > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$$

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon (n - b) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon > \frac{1}{n - b}$$

(since  $n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon} + b > b$ ).

e) let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Choose  $N = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} + b$ .

For  $n > N$ , then

$$\left| \frac{n+b}{n^2-b} - 0 \right| = \frac{n+b}{n^2-b} < \frac{1}{n-b} < \varepsilon.$$

$$\text{So } \frac{n+b}{n^2-b} \rightarrow 0.$$

7)

Ross 8.1

a) Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Choose  $N = \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ . If  $n > N$ , then

$$\left| \frac{(-1)^n}{n} - 0 \right| = \frac{1}{n} < \frac{1}{N} = \epsilon.$$

b) Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Choose  $N = \frac{1}{\epsilon^3}$ . If  $n > N$ , then

$$\left| \frac{1}{n^{1/3}} - 0 \right| = \frac{1}{n^{1/3}} < \frac{1}{N^{1/3}} = \epsilon.$$

If  $n^{1/3} \leq N^{1/3}$  then  $(n^{1/3})^3 \leq (N^{1/3})^3$  so  $n \leq N$ .  
Thus  $n > N$  implies  $n^{1/3} > N^{1/3}$ .

c) Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Choose  $N = \frac{7}{9\epsilon}$ . If  $n > N$ ,

$$\left| \frac{2n-1}{3n+2} - \frac{2}{3} \right| = \left| \frac{6n-3 - (6n+4)}{9n+6} \right| = \left| \frac{-7}{9n+6} \right| < \frac{7}{9n} < \frac{7}{9N} = \epsilon.$$

d) See problem 2.

8)

Ross 8.2

a) Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Choose  $N = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ . If  $n > N$ ,

$$\left| \frac{n}{n^2+1} - 0 \right| < \frac{n}{n^2} = \frac{1}{n} < \frac{1}{N} = \varepsilon.$$

Thus  $\frac{n}{n^2+1} \rightarrow 0$ .

b) Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Choose  $N = \frac{106}{9\varepsilon}$ . If  $n > N$

$$\left| \frac{\gamma_{n-19}}{3n+7} - \frac{2}{3} \right| = \frac{106}{9n+21} < \frac{106}{9n} < \frac{106}{9N} = \varepsilon$$

Thus  $\frac{\gamma_{n-19}}{3n+7} \rightarrow \frac{2}{3}$

c) Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Choose  $N = \frac{41}{14\varepsilon}$  If  $n > N$

$$\left| \frac{u_{n+3}}{u_{n-5}} - \frac{4}{7} \right| = \frac{41}{4q_n - 35} < \frac{41}{4q_n - 35n} = \frac{41}{14n} < \frac{41}{14N} = \varepsilon$$

Thus  $\frac{u_{n+3}}{u_{n-5}} \rightarrow \frac{4}{7}$

d) Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Choose  $N = \frac{16}{25\epsilon}$ . If  $n > N$

$$\left| \frac{2n+4}{5n+2} - \frac{2}{5} \right| = \frac{16}{25n+10} < \frac{16}{25n} < \frac{16}{25N} = \epsilon$$

Thus  $\frac{2n+4}{5n+2} \rightarrow \frac{2}{5}$

e) Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Choose  $N = \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ . If  $n > N$ ,

$$\left| \frac{1}{n} \sin n - 0 \right| = \frac{|\sin n|}{n} \leq \frac{1}{n} < \frac{1}{N} = \epsilon.$$

Thus  $\frac{1}{n} \sin n \rightarrow 0$ .