

**Completeness Axiom:** Every nonempty subset  $S$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  that is bounded above has a real supremum.

i.e. \_\_\_\_\_ .

Complete the proof below for the Corollary to the Completeness Axiom

**Corollary:** Every nonempty subset  $S$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  that is bounded below has a real infimum.

PROOF:

Let  $S$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and \_\_\_\_\_ . [Show  $\inf S$  exists.]

Define  $T = \{t = -s \mid s \in S\}$ .

Since  $S$  is bounded below,  $\exists m \in \mathbb{R}$ , such that \_\_\_\_\_  $\forall s \in S$ .

Then  $-s \leq -m \forall s \in S$ .

Thus \_\_\_\_\_  $\forall t \in T$ .

In other words,  $T$  is bounded above by \_\_\_\_\_ .

Now by the Completeness Axiom, \_\_\_\_\_ .

[To complete the proof we will show that  $-\sup T = \inf S$ .

In order to show this, we must verify the definition of infimum by showing

(i):  $-\sup T$  is a \_\_\_\_\_ of  $S$  and (ii):  $-\sup T$  is  $\geq$  all other lower bounds of  $S$ .]

By definition of supremum,

\_\_\_\_\_  $\forall t \in T$

$\sup T \geq -s \forall s \in S$

\_\_\_\_\_  $\leq$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\forall s \in S$

Thus,  $-\sup T$  is \_\_\_\_\_ for  $S$ . [Thus, we have shown (i)]

Let  $c$  be a lower bound for  $S$ . [Show that \_\_\_\_\_ .]

Then \_\_\_\_\_  $\forall s \in S$ .

Then  $-s \leq -c \forall s \in S$ , which implies that

$t \leq -c \forall t \in T$ ,

which implies that  $-c$  is \_\_\_\_\_ for  $T$ .

Thus,  $\sup T \leq -c$  by \_\_\_\_\_ .

Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ . In other words,  $-\sup T$  is the greatest lower bound. [i.e. We have shown (ii).]

Thus, by definition of infimum, \_\_\_\_\_ .

Therefore,  $\inf S \in \mathbb{R}$  exists. ■

Complete the proof below for the Archimedean Property.

[Note: This property holds for both  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$ .]

**Archimedean Property:** If  $a > 0$  and  $b > 0$ , then  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $na > b$

PROOF:

Let  $a > 0, b > 0$  and BWOC suppose \_\_\_\_\_ .

[Hint: Don't forget to negate "there exists"]

Let  $S = \{na \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

Then \_\_\_\_\_ is an upper bound for  $S$ ,

and by the Completeness Axiom, \_\_\_\_\_ .

Since  $a > 0$ , then  $-a < 0$ .

Then adding  $\sup S$  to both sides  $\Rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_  $< \sup S$ .

Thus  $\sup S - a$  is not an upper bound for  $S$  because \_\_\_\_\_ .

Hence, there must be an **element of  $S$**  that is \_\_\_\_\_ .

That is,  $\exists ma \in S$  such that  $ma > \sup S - a$ .

Then  $ma + a$  \_\_\_\_\_ .

$\Rightarrow (m + 1)a > \sup S$ . (\*)

But  $(m + 1) \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

so  $(m + 1)a \in$  \_\_\_\_\_ . ~~✗~~

This is a contradiction, since an element of  $S$  cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ [see (\*)] or  $\sup S$  would fail to be an upper bound.

Therefore,  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $na > b$ . ■

**1. Prove the following 2 corollaries to the Archimedean Property.**

[Hint: Corollaries are direct results of a "main" theorem... so use the main theorem. Don't redo the proof of the main theorem. ]

(a). If  $a > 0$ , then  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{1}{n} < a$ .

(b). If  $b > 0$ , then  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $b < n$ .

**2. Section 4, p. 26: #1-4(a, e, i, m, q, u, w), 7(b), 8, 10, [11, 14 if finished Denseness of  $\mathbb{Q}$ ]**

**3. Prove the following:**

Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  that is bounded above. If  $x < \sup(A)$ , then  $\exists a \in A$  such that  $x < a < \sup(A)$ .