

JMA 02 M435.

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1) A bounded above \Leftrightarrow there exists $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x \in A \Rightarrow x \leq \alpha$.

We can write this as A bounded above \Leftrightarrow there exists $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x \in A \Rightarrow -x \geq -\alpha$.

Thus if we define $B = \{-x : x \in A\}$

Then $-x \in B \Rightarrow -x \geq -\alpha$ so

$\frac{3}{2}$ ✓ B is bounded below.

Since $\alpha = \sup A$, $-\alpha = \inf B$

$\therefore \inf B = -\sup A$.

Suppose $-\alpha + \epsilon$, $\epsilon > 0$, is also a lower bound for B . Then since $-x \geq -\alpha + \epsilon$, $-x \in B$, $x \leq \alpha - \epsilon$. But $x \in A$ and since α is an upper bound for A there exists, for $\epsilon > 0$, $x \in A$ such that $\alpha - \epsilon < x \leq \alpha$ so

$-\alpha < -x < -\alpha + \epsilon \therefore -\alpha + \epsilon$ is not

a lower bound for B .

$\frac{3}{2}$ ✓ $\therefore \inf B = -\sup A$ and $\inf B$ is unique