

(L-4). eg:  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ .  
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Def: Unbounded above set: A non-empty subset  $S$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  is said to be unbounded above if it is not bounded above. i.e., for each real number  $k$  we can find at least one element  $x \in S$  such that  $x > k$ .

Example (1) If  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , then  $S$  is bounded above by 4 and any number <sup>greater than</sup> 4 is also upper bound of  $S$ .

(2) The set of negative integers i.e.  $\{\dots, -3, -2, -1\}$  is a bounded above set.

(3) The set  $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{I}, \mathbb{R}$  all are unbounded above sets.

(4) The intervals  $(a, b), [a, b], (-\infty, a), (-\infty, b]$  all are bounded above sets whereas  $(a, \infty), [a, \infty), (-\infty, \infty)$  are unbounded above.

Bounded below set: A non-empty subset  $S$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  is said to be bounded below if there exists a real number  $k$  st.  $k \leq x \forall x \in S$ .

This real number  $K$  is said to be a lower bound of  $S$ . If  $S$  is bounded below then it has infinite number of lower bounds  
eg:  $\{1, 2, 3\}$   
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$\Rightarrow$  Unbounded below set: A non-empty subset  $S$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  is s.t.b unbounded below if it is not bounded below.  
i.e., for each real number  $K$  we can find at least one element  $x \in S$  s.t.  $x < K$

Example (i) If  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , then  $S$  is bounded below by 1 & any number less than 1 is a lower bound of  $S$ . In fact every finite set is bounded below

- (2) The set of positive integers is bounded below.
- (3) The sets  $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{I}, \mathbb{R}$  all are unbounded below sets
- (4) The intervals  $(a, b), [a, b], (a, \infty), [a, \infty)$  all are bounded below sets.

Bounded set: A non-empty subset  $S$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  is said to be bounded if it is both bounded above and bounded below.  
i.e.,  $\exists$  two real numbers  $k$  and  $K$  such that  $k \leq x \leq K \forall x \in S$ .

- Note (i) Any finite set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is bounded set
- (ii) Any infinite set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  may or may not be bounded.

Ex:  $\mathbb{N}$  is unbounded set while  $[1, 2]$  is bounded set & both are infinite sets.

Unbounded set: A non-empty set  $S$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  is said to be unbd. set if it is unbd. other way.

either it is unbd above or unbd. below or both.

Ex:  $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Z}$  etc

→ Greatest element: Let  $S$  be a non-empty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . A real number 'g' is called greatest element of  $S$  if

(1)  $g \in S$  and  $x \leq g \quad \forall x \in S$ .

Ex:  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , greatest element of  $S$  is 4. ( $\because 4 \in S$  &  $4 > 1, 2, 3$ )

$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  greatest elt doesn't exist.

$C = (3, 5)$  greatest element  $\notin C$ .  
 $\Rightarrow C$  has no greatest element.  
 i.e. greatest elt of  $C$  doesn't exist.

→ Least element:

Let  $S$  be a non-empty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , a real number 'l' is called least element of  $S$  if

(a)  $l \in S$   
 (b)  $l \leq x \quad \forall x \in S$

Example:  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  least element of  $S$  is 1

$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  least element of  $\mathbb{Z}$  does not exist

$C = (3, 4)$  least element of  $C$  not exist.  $\because$  least (greatest) elt of  $C$  is  $3$  &  $4$  ( $3 \notin C$ )

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### \* Least Upper Bound (l.u.b) :-

Let  $S$  be a non-empty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . A real number  $u$  is said to be a least upper bound (l.u.b) or supremum of  $S$  if

- (1)  $x \leq u \quad \forall x \in S$  i.e.,  $u$  is upper bound of  $S$
- (2) if  $u'$  is any upper bound of  $S$ , then  $u \leq u'$ .

EX: (1) If  $S$  is a finite set, then its greatest element works as l.u.b.

for example: If  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  then 4 is the l.u.b of  $S$

(2) If  $S = (2, 3)$  then 3 is l.u.b

(3) If  $S = [1, 7]$  then 7 is l.u.b.

Remark: - It is clear that the l.u.b of set may or may not belong to the set

### \* Greatest Lower Bound (g.l.b) :-

Let  $S$  be a non-empty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . A real number  $l$  is said to be greatest lower bound (g.l.b) or infimum of  $S$  if

- (1)  $l \leq x \quad \forall x \in S$  i.e.,  $l$  is lower bound of  $S$
- (2) if  $l'$  is any lower bound of  $S$  then  $l' \leq l$ .

Result (1) Supremum of a set may or may not exist

(2) Least upper bound (or supremum) of a set if exists, it is unique