

Q - State and prove theorem of greatest lower bound.

Statement -

Any non-empty set of real numbers which is bounded below has greatest lower bound.

Proof - Let X be a non empty set of real numbers which is bounded below and let Y be the set of lower bounds for X .

Let $c \in X$ Then $y \leq c \forall y \in Y$

Thus Y is bounded above and hence by the theorem of least upper bound Y has a least upper bound a . We will show that a is the greatest lower bound of X .

Let $x \in X$. Then $y \leq x$ for all $y \in Y$ and thus x is an upper bound for Y . Since a is the least upper bound of Y , we have $a \leq x$.

Hence, a is a lower bound for X . Let b be any lower bound for X . Then $b \in Y$ and hence $b \leq a$.

Hence by definition, a is the greatest lower bound of X .