

Q Prove that the set  $\mathbb{R}^+$  of positive real numbers is bounded below but not bounded above.

Since every negative number or zero is a lower bound of  $\mathbb{R}^+$ , we find that  $\mathbb{R}^+$  is bounded below.

Let if possible  $K$  be an upper bound of  $\mathbb{R}^+$ . Since  $1 \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $K$  is an upper bound of  $\mathbb{R}^+$ , we have  $K \geq 1$  which means  $K > 0$ . Therefore  $K+1 > 0$  and  $K+1 \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .

Since,  $K+1 > K$ ,  $K$  cannot be upper bound of  $\mathbb{R}^+$ . Thus,  $\mathbb{R}^+$  is not bounded above.

————— Proved

Q Find the glb and lub of the set

$$S = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x^2 \leq 25\}$$

$$S = \{-5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$\text{glb } S = -5 \quad \text{Ans}$$

$$\text{lub } S = 5 \quad \text{Ans}$$

Q. Find the supremum and infimum of the set  $S = \{(-1)^n n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  if they exist

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From above,  $S$  is neither bounded above nor bounded below.

Hence, Supremum and Infimum of  $S$  does not exist.

Q. Find the supremum and infimum of  $S = \left\{1 + \frac{(-1)^n}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$  if they exist.

$$S = \left\{0, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{7}{6}, \frac{6}{7}, \frac{9}{8}, \frac{8}{9}, \dots\right\}$$

$$S = \left\{0, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{5}, \dots\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{4}, \dots\right\}$$

$$S = \left\{0, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{5}, \dots, \frac{2n}{2n+1}, \dots\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{4}, \dots, \frac{2n+1}{2n}, \dots\right\}$$

Evidently, 0 is the smallest element in  $S$  and  $\frac{3}{2}$  is the greatest element in  $S$ .

Hence,  $\text{Inf } S = 0$

$$\text{Sup } S = \frac{3}{2}$$