

Q1

1) $\frac{n+1}{n+3}$ is strictly increasing, and tends to 1.

Thus $\inf = \frac{1}{2}$, $\sup = 1$.

2) The function $x \mapsto \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ has a maximum at $x=0$, and is symmetric with respect to 0.
 $\inf = 0$ $\sup = 1$.

3) Let $a_{m,n} = \frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{3^m}$. We have

$$a_{m+1,n} > a_{m,n} \quad \text{and} \quad a_{m,n+1} > a_{m,n}$$

$$\text{Thus } \inf = 0 \quad \sup = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{6}$$

~~4) Let $f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 3$ $f'(x) = 2x + 3$~~

~~Thus $f(x)$ has a minimum @ $x = -\frac{3}{2}$
 and is symmetrical with respect to it.~~

~~The smallest values it assumes
 for $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ are $f(-1) = f(-2) = 1$~~

~~Thus $\inf = 0$ $\sup = 1$~~

4) $x^2 + 2x - 3 < 0 \Rightarrow -3 < x < 1$

$y^2 < 9 \Rightarrow -3 < y < 3$

$-6 < x+y < 4$

$\inf \qquad \qquad \qquad \sup$

Q2

1) f is not bounded above
 f is bounded below, and it attains its
lower bound ($f(1) = 1$).

2) f is bounded above (by 1) and below,
and it attains its bounds ($f(1) = 0, f(2) = 1$).

3) f is bounded above and below.

$$f'(x) = \frac{10x}{(x^2+1)^2} \quad f'(0) = 0; \quad f(0) = -4$$

It attains its lower bound ($f(0) = -4$),
but not its upper bound (which is 1).

4) f is not bounded above and not bounded
below

Q3

Assume that $a \in X$ is a greatest element, and let $b = \frac{a+r}{2}$.

Then $a < b < r$, hence $b \in X$ and $b > a$, a contradiction.

Q4

Assume a set $X \subset \mathbb{R}$ has two different greatest power bounds, a and b . Without loss of generality, we assume that $a < b$. But then

i) a is a power bound for X

ii) $\exists b > a$ which is a lower bound for X

And so a is not a greatest power bound, a contradiction

Q5

Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad x \mapsto x^2 - a$,

where $a \in \mathbb{R} \quad a > 0$ is given.

Then $f(0) = -a < 0$. Letting $\bar{a} = \max(a, 1)$

we have $f(\bar{a}) = \begin{cases} a^2 - a & \text{if } a \geq 1 \\ 1 - a & \text{if } a < 1 \end{cases}$

Then $f(\bar{a}) \geq 0$. Thus $\exists c \in [0, \bar{a}]$

such that $f(c) = 0$, that is $c^2 - a = 0$

or $c = \sqrt{a}$.

~~Q6~~ Let $a_{m,n} = \left| \frac{1}{3} - \frac{m}{2^n} \right| = \left| \frac{2^n - 3m}{3 \cdot 2^n} \right|$

~~Fix $n \in \mathbb{N}$, arbitrary. Then $\exists \bar{m} \in \mathbb{N}$~~

~~such that $|2^n - 3\bar{m}| \leq 2$~~

~~(obtained from the division of 2^n by 3:~~

~~$2^n = 3\bar{m} + r \quad 0 \leq r < 3$)~~

~~For that value of $m = \bar{m}$ we get-~~

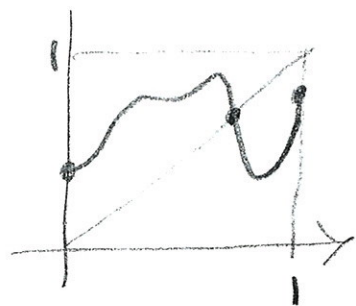
~~$a_{\bar{m},n} \leq \frac{1}{3 \cdot 2^{n-1}}$~~

~~Since n was arbitrary, the result follows.~~

Q6

If $f(0) = 0$ or $f(1) = 1$ we have finished. So assume $f(0) > 0$ and $f(1) < 1$. Then, letting $g(x) := f(x) - x$ we have that

- i) g is continuous
- ii) $g(0) > 0$
- iii) $g(1) < 0$



Then $\exists c \in [-1, 1]$ s.t. $g(c) = f(c) - c = 0$
or $f(c) = c$.