

Claim: Suppose  $S \subset \mathbb{R}$  is non-empty and bounded above. Let  $2S = \{2x \in \mathbb{R} : x \in S\}$ . Then  $\sup(2S) = 2\sup(S)$ .

proof

Let  $\beta = \sup(S)$ . We must show that  $\sup(2S) = 2\beta$ .

sub-claim 1:  $2\beta$  is an upper bound for  $2S$ .

sub-proof: Let  $y \in 2S$ . By def, there is an  $x \in S$  such that  $y = 2x$ . For this  $x$ , we have  $x \leq \beta$  so that  $2x \leq 2\beta$  or  $y \leq 2\beta$ . Thus,  $2\beta$  is an upper bound for  $2S$ . ✓

sub-claim 2:  $2\beta$  is the least such upper bound.

~~sub-proof:~~ sub-proof: Suppose  $M$  is any

upper bound for  $2S$ . Thus,  $M \geq y$  for all  $y \in 2S$ . Equivalently,  $M \geq 2x$  or  $\frac{M}{2} \geq x$  for all  $x \in S$ . Thus  $\frac{M}{2}$  is an upper bound for  $S$  and (since  $\beta$  is the least upper bound for  $S$ )  $\beta \leq \frac{M}{2}$ . Thus  $2\beta \leq M$ . So  $2\beta$  is the least upper bound for  $2S$ .

sub-claim 1 and sub-claim 2 together show that  $2\beta$  is the sup of  $2S$ .