

**Task.** If  $A$  is subset of real number and  $b$  is a real number, then show that

$$\inf(b + A) = b + \inf(A).$$

**Proof.** By definition

$$x = \inf(A)$$

if  $x \leq a$  for every  $a \in A$ , and for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $a \in A$  such that

$$a < x + \varepsilon.$$

Also notice that

$$b + A = \{b + a \mid a \in A\}.$$

It suffices to prove that

$$\inf(b + A) \geq b + \inf(A).$$

Then applying this identity to  $A' = b + A$  and  $b' = -b$  we will obtain that

$$\inf(b' + A') \geq b' + \inf(A'),$$

that is

$$\begin{aligned}\inf(-b + b + A) &\geq -b + \inf(b + A) \\ \inf(A) &\geq -b + \inf(b + A), \\ \inf(A) + b &\geq \inf(b + A).\end{aligned}$$

Which will imply that

$$\inf(A) + b = \inf(b + A).$$

Let  $x = \inf(A)$  and  $y = \inf(b + A)$ . We should prove that

$$y \geq b + x.$$

Suppose  $y < b + x$ . This means that there exist  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$y < y + \varepsilon < b + x.$$

But then there exist  $z \in b + A$  such that

$$z < y + \varepsilon < b + x.$$

Notice that  $z$  has the form  $z = b + a$  for some  $a \in A$ , whence

$$b + a < b + x$$

and so

$$a < x$$

which contradicts to the assumption that  $x = \inf(A) \leq a$ .

Hence  $y \geq b + x$ . And so

$$\inf(A) + b = \inf(b + A).$$