

Problem 5:  $\sum a_j = 0$ . Prove  $\lim a_0\sqrt{n} + \dots + a_k\sqrt{n+k} = 0$ .

*Proof.* Approximating the error

$$\begin{aligned}
& |a_0\sqrt{n} + a_1\sqrt{n+1} + \dots + a_k\sqrt{n+k}| \\
&= |(-a_1 - \dots - a_k)\sqrt{n} + a_1\sqrt{n+1} + \dots + a_k\sqrt{n+k}| \\
&\leq |a_1|\left|\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}\right| + |a_2|\left|\frac{2}{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n}}\right| + \dots + |a_k|\left|\frac{k}{\sqrt{n+k} + \sqrt{n}}\right| \\
&\leq M \cdot \left|\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}\right| \leq \frac{M}{\sqrt{n}}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $M = k^2 \cdot \text{Max}\{|a_j| : j = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Choose  $N_\varepsilon = \lceil \frac{M^2}{\varepsilon^2} \rceil + 10$ . Then as  $n \geq N_\varepsilon$ ,

$$|a_0\sqrt{n} + a_1\sqrt{n+1} + \dots + a_k\sqrt{n+k}| \leq \frac{M}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{M}{\sqrt{N_\varepsilon}} < \frac{M}{\sqrt{\frac{M^2}{\varepsilon^2}}} = \varepsilon$$

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[Note] The key point is: (i) To properly use the condition  $\sum a_j = 0$  to rewrite the term in  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}$ , and (ii) to approximate the error of the sum of several terms (we are assumed to have no arithmetic properties on limits).