

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 $M = k^2 \cdot \max\{|a_j| : j = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$. 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).