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## Dirichlet's convergence test

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Theorem. Let  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$  be sequences of real numbers such that  $\{\sum_{i=0}^n a_i\}$  is bounded and  $\{b_n\}$  decreases with 0 as limit. Then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n b_n$  converges.

Proof. Let  $A_n := \sum_{i=0}^n a_i$  and let  $M$  be an upper bound for  $\{|A_n|\}$ . By Abel's lemma,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=m}^n a_i b_i &= \sum_{i=0}^n a_i b_i - \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} a_i b_i \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} A_i (b_i - b_{i+1}) - \sum_{i=0}^{m-2} A_i (b_i - b_{i+1}) + A_n b_n - A_{m-1} b_{m-1} \\
&= \sum_{i=m-1}^{n-1} A_i (b_i - b_{i+1}) + A_n b_n - A_{m-1} b_{m-1} \\
\left| \sum_{i=m}^n a_i b_i \right| &\leq \sum_{i=m-1}^{n-1} |A_i (b_i - b_{i+1})| + |A_n b_n| + |A_{m-1} b_{m-1}| \\
&\leq M \sum_{i=m-1}^{n-1} (b_i - b_{i+1}) + |A_n b_n| + |A_{m-1} b_{m-1}|
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\{b_n\}$  converges to 0, there is an  $N(\epsilon)$  such that both  $\sum_{i=m-1}^{n-1} (b_i - b_{i+1}) < \frac{\epsilon}{3M}$  and  $b_i < \frac{\epsilon}{3M}$  for  $m, n > N(\epsilon)$ . Then, for  $m, n > N(\epsilon)$ ,  $\left| \sum_{i=m}^n a_i b_i \right| < \epsilon$  and  $\sum a_n b_n$  converges.