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## proof of integral test

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Consider the function (see the definition of floor)

$$g(x) = a_{[x]}.$$

Clearly for  $x \in [n, n+1)$ , being  $f$  non increasing we have

$$g(x+1) = a_{n+1} = f(n+1) \leq f(x) \leq f(n) = a_n = g(x)$$

hence

$$\int_M^{+\infty} g(x+1) dx = \int_{M+1}^{+\infty} g(x) dx \leq \int_M^{+\infty} f(x) \leq \int_M^{+\infty} g(x) dx.$$

Since the integral of  $f$  and  $g$  on  $[M, M+1]$  is finite we notice that  $f$  is integrable on  $[M, +\infty)$  if and only if  $g$  is integrable on  $[M, +\infty)$ .

On the other hand  $g$  is locally constant so

$$\int_n^{n+1} g(x) dx = \int_n^{n+1} a_n dx = a_n$$

and hence for all  $N \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\int_N^{+\infty} g(x) = \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n$$

that is  $g$  is integrable on  $[N, +\infty)$  if and only if  $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent.

But, again,  $\int_M^N g(x) dx$  is finite hence  $g$  is integrable on  $[M, +\infty)$  if and only if  $g$  is integrable on  $[N, +\infty)$  and also  $\sum_{n=0}^N a_n$  is finite so  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent if and only if  $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent.