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(a) **Solution:**

Proof. Suppose that $X_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} X$ and $Y_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} Y$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & P\left(\left\{\omega \in \Omega : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (X_n + Y_n)(\omega) = (X + Y)(\omega)\right\}\right) \\ &= P\left(\left\{\omega \in \Omega : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n(\omega) + Y_n(\omega) = X(\omega) + Y(\omega)\right\}\right) \\ &= P\left(\left\{\omega \in \Omega : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n(\omega) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Y_n(\omega) = X(\omega) + Y(\omega)\right\}\right) \\ &= P\left(\left\{\omega \in \Omega : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n(\omega) = X(\omega) \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Y_n(\omega) = Y(\omega)\right\}\right) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

since

$$P\left(\left\{\omega \in \Omega : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n(\omega) = X(\omega)\right\}\right) = 1$$

and

$$P\left(\left\{\omega \in \Omega : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Y_n(\omega) = Y(\omega)\right\}\right) = 1$$

Therefore, $X_n + Y_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} X + Y$. □

(b) **Solution:**

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^2 - 2X_i\bar{X}_n + \bar{X}_n^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n 2X_i\bar{X}_n + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{X}_n^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^2) - 2\bar{X}_n^2 + \bar{X}_n^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^2) - \bar{X}_n^2 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

The first term is essentially a sample mean of the squared X_i 's. For instance, define $Y_i = X_i^2$ and let \bar{Y}_n be the sample mean of the Y_i 's. Then since each Y_i are i.i.d. with finite mean and variance (since that X_i 's are i.i.d. with finite mean and variance), then by the strong law of large numbers, we have that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^2) = \bar{Y}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} E[Y_i] = E[X_i^2]$$

But we also know that

$$\text{Var}(X_i) = E[X_i^2] - E[X_i]^2$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^2 &= E[X_i^2] - \mu^2 \\ \implies E[X_i^2] &= \sigma^2 + \mu^2\end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^2) \xrightarrow{a.s.} \sigma^2 + \mu^2$.

For the second term in (1), since $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} \mu$ and $f(x) = x^2$ is a continuous function, then it follows that $\bar{X}_n^2 \xrightarrow{a.s.} \mu^2$.

By part a, we have that (1) $\xrightarrow{a.s.} \sigma^2 + \mu^2 - \mu^2 = \sigma^2$

Therefore, $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2 \xrightarrow{a.s.} \sigma^2$. □