

To check that  $\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n 1_{\{N \geq n\}}\right] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X_n 1_{\{N \geq n\}}]$   
in the proof of Wald's equation:

Recall that a sufficient condition is

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[|X_n 1_{\{N \geq n\}}|] < \infty$$

(this can be thought of as Fubini's theorem, but more fundamentally it is a consequence of the dominated convergence theorem).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[|X_n 1_{\{N \geq n\}}|] &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[|X_n| 1_{\{N \geq n\}}] \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[|X_n|] \mathbb{E}[1_{\{N \geq n\}}] \text{ by independence} \\ &= \mathbb{E}[|X_1|] \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}[N \geq n] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[|X_1|] \mathbb{E}[N] < \infty \text{ by assumption} \end{aligned}$$

(formally, this is where we use the requirement that  $\mathbb{E}[N] < \infty$ )