

1. Let  $(a_n)$  be a sequence of real numbers. Prove/Disprove:

(a) If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2$  converges.

**No, e.g.,**  $a_n = (-1)^n/\sqrt{n}$ .

(b) If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n^2|$  converges.

**Yes. By comparison test. If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  converges, then  $|a_n| \rightarrow 0$ . In particular, there is some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|a_n| < 1$  for all  $n > N$ . So  $|a_n^2| < |a_n|$  for all  $n > N$ .**

(c) If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.

**No, e.g.,**  $a_n = 1/n$ .

2. Assume  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = S$ . Find  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)^2}$ .

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n)^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n)^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)^2} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)^2}$$

**So  $A = A/4 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)^2}$  and so  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)^2} = 3A/4$ .**

3. (a) Assume  $a_n$  is a monotonically decreasing sequence. Prove that if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges, then  $na_n \rightarrow 0$ .

**First, since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges,  $a_n \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $a_n$  is monotonically decreasing,  $a_n \geq 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$ , and let  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $m > k > N$ :  $\sum_{n=1}^m a_n - \sum_{n=1}^k a_n < \epsilon/2$ . Then  $a_{k+1} + \dots + a_m = \sum_{n=1}^m a_n - \sum_{n=1}^k a_n < \epsilon/2$ . Then for every  $n > 2N$ :**

$$\frac{n}{2} a_n < a_{\lceil n/2 \rceil} + \dots + a_n < \epsilon/2.$$

**So  $na_n < \epsilon$ .**

(b) Is it true that in general, if  $a_n \geq 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges, then  $na_n \rightarrow 0$ ?

**No, e.g.,**

$$a_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} & \text{if } \sqrt{n} \in \mathbb{N} \\ 0 & \text{if otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**So  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}$ . But for  $\epsilon = 1/2$ , given  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $n > N$  such that  $\sqrt{n} \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $na_n = n/n = 1 > \epsilon$ .**