

- (a) We will prove this in three parts. For parts 1 and 2 we will assume that  $s = 0$ . In part 1, we will show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n r^n = (1-r) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n r^n.$$

In part 2, we prove that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} (1-r) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n r^n = 0.$$

Finally, in part 3, we generalise this result to cases where  $s \neq 0$ .

1. Let  $s_n$  be the partial sum  $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n c_k$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} (1-r) \sum_{n=1}^N s_n r^n &= \sum_{n=1}^N s_n r^n - \sum_{n=1}^N s_n r^{n+1} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N s_n r^n - \sum_{n=2}^{N+1} s_{n-1} r^n \\ &= s_1 r + \sum_{n=2}^N (s_n - s_{n-1}) r^n - s_N r^{N+1} \\ &= c_1 r + \sum_{n=2}^N c_n r^n - s_N r^{N+1} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N c_n r^n - s_N r^{N+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\sum_{n=1}^N c_n r^n = (1-r) \sum_{n=1}^N s_n r^n + s_N r^{N+1}.$$

By assumption  $s_N \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . Also,  $r^{N+1} \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  because  $r \in (0, 1)$ . Hence,  $s_N r^{N+1}$  vanishes as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

For all  $0 < r < 1$ , L.H.S. converges by Dirichlet's test since  $s_n$  is bounded and  $r^n$  converges monotonically to 0. Then R.H.S. also converges and we get

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n r^n = (1-r) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n r^n.$$

2. We show that  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n r^n = 0$ . We argue by the Moore-Osgood theorem that the limit can be interchanged with the sum.

Firstly we observe that for all  $N$  finite,  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} (1-r) \sum_{n=1}^N s_n r^n$  exists.

Secondly, we need to show that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n r^n$  converges uniformly for all  $r \in (0, 1)$ . We have shown convergence in part 1. To prove that it is uniform, choose some  $\epsilon > 0$ . Let  $N$  be such that  $|s_n| < \epsilon$  for all  $n > N$ . Then for all  $r \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| (1-r) \sum_{n=1}^N s_n r^n - (1-r) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n r^n \right| &= \left| (1-r) \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} s_n r^n \right| \\ &\leq (1-r) \epsilon \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} r^n \\ &= (1-r) \epsilon \frac{r^{N+1}}{1-r} \\ &< \epsilon, \end{aligned}$$

so the sum converges uniformly.

Hence, we can interchange the limits by the Moore-Osgood theorem and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n r^n &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} (1-r) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n r^n \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} (r^n - r^{n+1}) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\sum c_n$  is Abel summable to 0.

- 3.** We have shown that if a series converges to 0, then it is also Abel summable to 0. We now generalise this to series that converge to  $s \neq 0$ .

Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n = s$ , then construct  $\{c'_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  by  $c'_1 = -s$ ,  $c'_2 = c_1$ ,  $c'_3 = c_2$ , and so on. In other words we are constructing a new series by prepending  $-s$ . Then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c'_n = -s + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c'_n = -s + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n = 0.$$

Since  $\sum c'_n$  converges to 0 it is also Abel summable to 0 and

$$0 = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c'_n r^n = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} c'_1 r + \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c'_n r^n = -s + \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n r^n,$$

so  $\sum c_n$  is Abel summable to  $s$ .  $\square$

- (b) Consider the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n$ . This series clearly diverges because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n$  does not converge to 0. However, this series is Abel summable. For all  $r \in [0, 1)$  define,

$$A(r) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n r^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-r)^n = \frac{1}{1+r}$$

where for the last inequality we recognise this as a geometric series. Then  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} A(r) = 1/2$ .

- (c) The proof is similar to (a). We first assume that  $\sigma = 0$ . In part 1 we show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n r^n = (1-r)^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \sigma_n r^n.$$

Part 2 we prove that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} (1-r)^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \sigma_n r^n = 0.$$

Finally, part 3 generalises this result to cases where  $\sigma \neq 0$ .

1. Let  $s_n$  be the partial sum  $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n c_k$ . Let  $\sigma_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n s_k$  be the mean of fit  $n$  partial sums.

Following the same argument as in (a), part 1, for  $r \in (0, 1)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^N c_n r^n &= (1-r) \sum_{n=1}^N s_n r^n + s_N r^{N+1}, \\ \sum_{n=1}^N s_n r^n &= (1-r) \sum_{n=1}^N n \sigma_n r^n + N \sigma_N r^{N+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n r^n &= (1-r)^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \sigma_n r^n \\ &\quad + (1-r) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n r^{n+1} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sigma_n r^{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

By assumption,  $\sigma_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Also,  $n r^{n+1} \rightarrow 0$  since  $r \in (0, 1)$ . Hence,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sigma_n r^{n+1} = 0, \tag{1}$$

and the last term vanishes.

To show that the middle term vanishes as well, observe that  $s_n = n \sigma_n - (n-1) \sigma_{n-1}$ . Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n r^{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sigma_n r^{n+1} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n-1) \sigma_{n-1} r^{n+1} = 0,$$

where the last equality is by (1).

Hence,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n r^n = (1-r)^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \sigma_n r^n.$$

Finally, we show that these series converge for all  $r \in (0, 1)$ . For  $n$  big enough  $|\sigma_n| < 1$ , so  $|n \sigma_n r^n| < |n r^n|$ . Then R.H.S. converges because  $\sum |n r^n|$  converges.

2. We show that  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} (1-r)^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \sigma_n r^n = 0$ .

From part 1, we know that  $(1-r)^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \sigma_n r^n$  converges for all  $r \in (0, 1)$ . To show that this convergence is uniform in  $r$ , pick an  $\epsilon > 0$ . Let  $N$  be such that  $|\sigma_n| < \epsilon$  for all  $n > N$ . Then for all  $r \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| (1-r)^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} N \sigma_n r^n - (1-r)^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \sigma_n r^n \right| &= \left| (1-r)^2 \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} n \sigma_n r^n \right| \\ &\leq (1-r)^2 \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} n r^n |\sigma_n| \\ &\leq (1-r)^2 \epsilon \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} n r^n \\ &\leq (1-r)^2 \epsilon \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n r^n \\ &= (1-r)^2 \epsilon \frac{r}{(1-r)^2} \\ &\leq \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Above, we use the fact that for  $|r| < 1$ ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^M n r^{n-1} = \frac{d}{dr} \sum_{n=1}^M r^n = \frac{d}{dr} \frac{r - r^{M+1}}{1-r} = \frac{M r^{M+1} - (M+1) r^M + 1}{(1-r)^2}.$$

Limiting  $M \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n r^{n-1} = \frac{1}{(1-r)^2}. \quad (2)$$

Then the sum converges uniformly and we can interchange the limits by the Moore-Osgood theorem. We have

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n r^n = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} (1-r)^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \sigma_n r^n$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} n \sigma_n r^n (1-r)^2 \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

as desired.

3. We have shown that if  $\sum c_n$  is Cesàro summable to 0, then it is also Abel summable to 0. We now generalise this to series that are Cesàro summable to  $\sigma \neq 0$ .

If  $\sum c_n$  is Cesàro summable to  $\sigma$ , then construct  $\{c'_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  by  $c'_1 = c_1 - s$ ,  $c'_2 = c_2$ ,  $c'_3 = c_3$ , and so on. In other words we are constructing a new series by subtracting  $s$  from the first term and leaving the others intact. Then the partial sums  $\sigma'_n$  satisfy  $\sigma'_n = \sigma_n - \sigma$ , so  $\sigma'_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $\sum c'_n$  is Cesàro summable to 0, it is also Abel summable to 0 and

$$0 = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c'_n r^n = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} c'_1 r + \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c'_n r^n = c_1 - s + \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c_n r^n,$$

so  $\sum c_n$  is Abel summable to  $s$ .  $\square$

- (d) Consider the sum

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} n.$$

We show that it is Abel summable but not Cesàro summable.

To show Abel summability, we use (2) to find that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} n r^n = \frac{r}{(1+r)^n}.$$

Then

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} n r^n = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \frac{r}{(1+r)^n} = \frac{1}{4},$$

so  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} n$  is Abel summable to  $1/4$ .

To show that it is not Cesàro summable, observe that the partial sums are

$$\sigma_n = \begin{cases} (n+1)/2 & \text{for } n \text{ odd,} \\ -n/2 & \text{for } n \text{ even.} \end{cases}$$

This is easily shown by induction. For  $n$  odd, we have  $\sigma_n = \sigma_{n-1} + n = -(n-1)/2 + n = (n+1)/2$ . For  $n$  even, we get  $\sigma_n = \sigma_{n-1} - n = n/2 - n = -n/2$ .  $\sigma_1 = 1$  forms the base case. Then  $\sigma_n$  diverges and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} n$  is not Cesàro summable.