

(a) We show that  $s_n - \sigma_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

We require the fact that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n s_k = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^k c_j = \sum_{k=1}^n (n - k + 1) c_k,$$

so

$$s_n - \sigma_n = \sum_{k=1}^n c_k - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n (n - k + 1) c_k = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n (k - 1) c_k. \quad (1)$$

Pick an arbitrary  $\epsilon > 0$ . We will show that there exists  $N$  such that for all  $n > N$ ,  $|s_n - \sigma_n| < \epsilon$ .

Since  $nc_n \rightarrow 0$  by assumption, there exists  $M$  such that  $k|c_k| < \epsilon/2$  for all  $k > M$ . Let  $\rho = \sum_{k=1}^M k|c_k|$ .

Choose  $N \geq \max(2\rho/\epsilon, M)$ . Then for all  $n > N$  we have  $n > 2\rho/\epsilon$ , so  $n\epsilon > \rho + n\epsilon/2$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} n|s_n - \sigma_n| &= \left| \sum_{k=1}^n (k - 1) c_k \right| && \text{(by (1))} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n (k - 1) |c_k| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n k |c_k| \\ &= \rho + \sum_{k=M+1}^n k |c_k| \\ &\leq \rho + \sum_{k=M+1}^n \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ &= \rho + (n - M) \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ &\leq \rho + n \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ &< n\epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Dividing both sides by  $n$  concludes the proof.  $\square$

(b) We are given that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k|c_k| = 0$  and that  $\{c_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is Abel summable.

Define

$$A_n(r) = \sum_{k=1}^n c_n r^k,$$

$$A(r) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n(r) = \sum_{k=1}^n c_k r^k,$$

$$\bar{A} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} A(r).$$

We want to show that  $A(1) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k$  converges.

Choose an arbitrary  $\epsilon > 0$ . We will show that there exists  $N$  such that for all  $n > N$ ,  $|A_n(1) - \bar{A}| < \epsilon$ .

Let  $\rho > 0$  such that  $k|c_k| < \rho$  for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ; this bound exists because  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k|c_k| = 0$ . Since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} A(t) = \bar{A}$ , there exists  $0 < T < 1$  such that for all  $T < t < 1$ ,  $|A(t) - \bar{A}| < \epsilon/3$ . Let  $\alpha > \max\{3\rho/\epsilon, 1/(1-T)\} > 0$ . Because  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k|c_k| = 0$ , we can find  $N$  such that for all  $k > N$ ,  $k|c_k| < \epsilon/3\alpha$ .

Choose an arbitrary  $n > N$ . We will show that  $|A_n(1) - \bar{A}| < \epsilon$ .

Let  $r = 1 - 1/\alpha n$ . By the triangle inequality

$$|A_n(1) - \bar{A}| \leq |A_n(1) - A_n(r)| + |A_n(r) - A(r)| + |A(r) - \bar{A}|.$$

We tackle these terms one by one.

Firstly,

$$\begin{aligned} |A_n(1) - A_n(r)| &= \left| \sum_{k=1}^n c_k r^k - \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{k=1}^n c_k (1 - r^k) \right| \\ &= (1 - r) \left| \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} r^j \right| \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

$$\leq (1 - r) \sum_{k=1}^n k |c_k| \tag{3}$$

$$< (1 - r) n \rho \tag{4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\alpha n} n \rho = \frac{\rho}{\alpha} < \frac{\epsilon}{3}. \tag{5}$$

In eq. (2) we use the fact that  $1 - r^k = (1 - r)(1 + r + \dots + r^{k-1})$ . In eq. (3)  $0 < r^j < 1$  implies  $\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} r^j \leq k$ . Equation (4) is by the bound that defines  $\rho$ . Finally in eq. (5) we substitute for  $r$  and  $\alpha$ .

Bounding the second term,

$$|A(r) - A_n(r)| = \left| \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} c_k r^k \right|$$

$$< \frac{\epsilon}{3\alpha} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} r^k \quad (6)$$

$$< \frac{\epsilon}{3\alpha n} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} r^k \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\epsilon r^{n+1}}{3\alpha n(1-r)} \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{3\alpha n(1-r)} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{3}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

In eq. (6) we use the fact that  $k > n > N$ , so by our choice of  $N$ ,  $k|c_k| < \epsilon/3\alpha$ . Equation (7) is because  $1/k < 1/n$ . In eq. (8) we substitute for  $r$ .

For the final term, we have  $\alpha > 1/(1-T)$ , so  $r = 1 - 1/\alpha n > T$ . Then  $|A(r) - \bar{A}| < \epsilon/3$  by our choice of  $T$ .

Putting it all together,

$$\begin{aligned} |A_n(1) - \bar{A}| &\leq |A_n(1) - A_n(r)| + |A_n(r) - A(r)| + |A(r) - \bar{A}| \\ &< \epsilon/3 + \epsilon/3 + \epsilon/3 \\ &= \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n(1) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k = \bar{A}$ .