

MATH 361K – HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 5

Due Thursday, March 5, 2009

Please write clearly, and staple your work !

1. PROBLEM

If $\sum x_n$ with $x_n > 0$ is convergent, then is $\sum x_n^2$ always convergent ? Either prove it, or give a counterexample.

2. PROBLEMS

Assume that the series $\sum x_n$, with $x_n > 0$, is convergent. Defining $y_n := \frac{1}{n}(x_1 + \cdots + x_n)$, prove that $\sum y_n$ is always divergent.

3. PROBLEMS

Assume $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ where (x_n) with $x_n > 0$ is a strictly decreasing sequence of real numbers. let $s_n := \sum_{k=1}^n x_k$ denote the n -th partial sum. Prove that $\frac{1}{2}(x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_4 + \cdots + 2^n x_{2^n}) \leq s_{2^n} \leq (x_1 + 2x_2 + \cdots + 2^{n-1} x_{2^{n-1}}) + x_{2^n}$. Use these inequalities to prove that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ converges if and only if $\sum 2^n x_{2^n}$ converges. This is the so-called *Cauchy condensation test*.

4. PROBLEM

Use the Cauchy condensation test to prove that the p -series $\sum \frac{1}{n^p}$ converges for all $p > 1$.

5. PROBLEM

Use the Cauchy condensation test to prove that $\sum \frac{1}{n \ln n}$ diverges.