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**Proposed solution of prob. 1211**

Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  be a convergent series with positive terms. Prove that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{a_n}}{n}$  converges. Note from the poser: Since this problem is well-known, the challenge is to provide an elementary solution, one that does not invoke the Cauchy-Schwartz Inequality

*Proof* By  $(a - b)^2 \geq 0$  it follows  $a^2 + b^2 \geq 2ab$  hence

$$0 \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{a_n}}{n} \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( a_n + \frac{1}{n^2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n + \frac{\pi^2}{12} < \infty$$