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Let p be a real with $p > 1$. Let (x_0, x_1, \dots) be a sequence of nonnegative real numbers. Prove that

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x_k}{j+k+1} \right)^p < \infty \Rightarrow \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{j+1} \sum_{k=0}^j x_k \right)^p < \infty.$$

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Since $2(j+1) \geq j+k+1$ for $k = 0, \dots, j$, it follows that

$$a_j = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x_k}{j+k+1} \geq \sum_{k=0}^j \frac{x_k}{j+k+1} \geq \frac{1}{2(j+1)} \sum_{k=0}^j x_k = \frac{b_j}{2}.$$

Hence, $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j^p < \infty$ implies that

$$\infty > 2^p \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j^p \geq \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j^p$$

and the proof is complete. Note that we can assume that $p > 0$. □