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Determine if the following series converge or diverge. You may use techniques of geometric series, telescoping series,  $p$ -series, divergence test, integral test, comparison test, limit comparison test, alternating series test, absolute convergence test. Show your work and clearly indicate which test you are using.

1.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n+1}}$ . Alternating series  $(-1)^n b_n$  where  $b_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}$

yes  $b_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}$  are positive and decreasing  
and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} = 0$$

$\therefore$  series converges by A.S.T.

2.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n + n}$ . Comparison test:

Since  $\frac{1}{3^n + n} \leq \frac{1}{3^n}$   
Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n}$  converges (geometric  $|r| = |\frac{1}{3}| < 1$ )  
then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n + n}$  converges

3.  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n}{n-1}$ . alternating series  $(-1)^n b_n$  with  $b_n = \frac{n}{n-1}$

$b_n = \frac{n}{n-1}$  positive and decreasing, but

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n-1} = 1$$

therefore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n \frac{n}{n-1}$  DNE ( $\neq 0$ )

$\Rightarrow$  series diverges by Divergence test

4.  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(n) + 2 \cos(n)}{n^2 + \ln(n)}$  ← sign of numerator unpredictable  
try A.C.T.

$$\left| \frac{\sin(n) + 2 \cos(n)}{n^2 + \ln(n)} \right| \leq \frac{3}{n^2}$$

Since  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n^2}$  converges (p-series  $p=2 > 1$ )

⇒  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\sin n + 2 \cos n}{n^2 + \ln(n)} \right|$  converges by comparison

⇒  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\sin n + 2 \cos n}{n^2 + \ln(n)}$  converges absolutely

5.  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}-1}$

Comparison test:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}-1} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Since  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$  diverges (p-series  $p=1/2 \leq 1$ )

⇒ series converges

6.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n-1}{n^3-9}$

limit compare with  $\frac{2n}{n^3} = \frac{2}{n^2}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n-1}{n^3-9} \cdot \frac{n^2}{2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n^3 - n^2}{2n^3 - 18}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 - \frac{1}{n}}{2 - \frac{18}{n}}$$

$$= 1 > 0$$

Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^2}$  converges (p-series  $p=2 > 1$ )