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Please clearly organize your work, show all steps, simplify all answers, and **BOX** your answers.

1. (3 points) For the given series  $\sum a_n$ , write the ratio  $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}$  from the ratio test. Simplify your answer but *do not* take a limit.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{(n+1)!}$$

$$a_n = \frac{3^n}{(n+1)!}$$

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{3 \cdot 3^n \cdot (n+1)!}{(n+2)! \cdot 3^n}$$

$$= \frac{3}{n+2}$$

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} =$$

$$\frac{3}{n+2}$$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{3^{n+1}}{(n+1+1)!} = \frac{3 \cdot 3^n}{(n+2)!}$$

2. (3 points) Briefly explain the flaw in the following argument. Use complete sentences, justify your reasoning, and use correct terminology from the class.

The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2+1}{n^4+1}$  converges by the direct comparison test, since you can compare the terms

$$a_n = \frac{n^2+1}{n^4+1} \text{ to the terms } b_n = \frac{n^2}{n^4} = \frac{1}{n^2}.$$

Note:  $a_n = \frac{n^2+1}{n^4+1} \not\approx \frac{n^2}{n^4} = b_n$  For example, when

$$n=2 \quad a_2 = \frac{5}{17} \text{ and } b_2 = \frac{4}{16} = \frac{1}{4} \text{ but } \frac{5}{17} \not\approx \frac{1}{4}$$

Since  $a_n \not\approx b_n$  even though  $\sum b_n$  converges you can NOT conclude that  $\sum a_n$  converges.

3. (4 points) Determine if each series converges or diverges. Fully justify your answer for credit, e.g., state the convergence test you used and clearly state the necessary conditions for the test you are using. Points will be deducted for arguments that are not clearly organized.

(a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2+1}{n^4+1}$  limit comparison w/  $b_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$

$$a_n = \frac{n^2+1}{n^4+1} \quad b_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$\frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{n^2+1}{n^4+1} \cdot \frac{n^2}{1} = \frac{n^4+n^2}{n^4+1} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 = C$$

Since  $C > 0$ , and finite, by limit comparison test

$\Rightarrow \sum a_n$  &  $\sum b_n$  both converge or both diverge.

But  $\sum b_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$

Converges by p-series test w/  $p=2 > 1$

So

$\sum a_n$  converges

(b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4^n}{(3n)^n}$

root test

$$a_n = \frac{4^n}{(3n)^n}$$

So  $(a_n)^{1/n} = \left(\frac{4^n}{(3n)^n}\right)^{1/n} = \frac{4}{3n} \rightarrow 0 = L$

Since  $L < 1$ , by the root test

$\sum a_n$  converges