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30 minutes maximum. 25 possible points. No aids (book, calculator, etc.) are permitted Show all work and use proper notation for full credit. Answers should be in reasonably-simplified form.

1. [12 points] Use the comparison test or the limit comparison test to determine if the series converges or diverges. A complete answer includes (i) which test you are using, (ii) a clear application of the test, and (iii) a conclusion drawn from the test.

$$\text{a. } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{(n+2)!} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+2)(n+1)}$$

Use comparison test to convergent p-series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$.

Since $(n+2)(n+1) > n^2$, $0 \leq \frac{1}{(n+2)(n+1)} < \frac{1}{n^2}$.

So $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{(n+2)!}$ converges.

$$\text{b. } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n^2}$$

Apply limit comparison test to convergent p-series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\ln(n)}{n^2}}{\frac{1}{n^{3/2}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n^2} \cdot \frac{n^{3/2}}{1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{\sqrt{n}} \stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/n}{1/\sqrt{n}}$$

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

So $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n^2}$ converges.

c. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2(n)}{5^n}$

Comparison test with convergent geometric series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^n$. Since $0 \leq \sin^2(n) \leq 1$, $0 \leq \frac{\sin^2(n)}{5^n} \leq \frac{1}{5^n}$.

So $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2(n)}{5^n}$ converges.

2. [12 points] Do the series converge absolutely, conditionally, or neither (diverge)? A complete answer includes (i) which test(s) you are using, (ii) a clear application of the test(s), and (iii) a circled answer.

a. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\sqrt{n+2}}$

• Apply limit comparison test with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$, a divergent p-series.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+2}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+2}} = 1. \text{ So } \sum \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\sqrt{n+2}} \right| \text{ diverges.}$$

• Apply A.S.T. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+2}} = 0$, $b_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+3}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+2}} = b_n$.

So $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\sqrt{n+2}}$ converges.

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$$b. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n \ln(n))^2}$$

• Apply the limit comparison test with the convergent
 p-series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$.

$$So \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n^2 (\ln n)^2}}{\frac{1}{n^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(\ln n)^2} = 0.$$

$$So \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^n}{(n \ln n)^2} \right| \text{ converges.}$$

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$$c. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^n}{\ln(n)}$$

• Divergence Test

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{\ln(n)} \stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(2) \cdot 2^n}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln(2) \cdot n \cdot 2^n = \infty$$

$$So \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-2)^n}{\ln(n)} = DNE$$

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3. [1 points] The sum of the convergent series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{2n+1}$ is estimated by its 50th partial sum

$$S_{50} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{2n+1} = 0.2097003. \text{ Estimate how close } S_{50} \text{ is to the sum of the series } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{2n+1}.$$

$$|R_{50}| \leq b_{51} = \frac{1}{2(51)+1} = \frac{1}{103}$$