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15. Does  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n^2+1}$  converge? (Explain your answer.)

I compare this sum to  $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$  using the limit comparison test  
 $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$  is the p-series with  $p=2$ . It converges since  $p > 1$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n^2}}{\frac{3}{n^2+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2+1}{3n^2} = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{which is a constant, not 0}$$

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$$\therefore \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n^2+1} \text{ also converges.}$$

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16. Does  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{3^n}$  converge? (Explain your answer.)

I use the ratio test. Let  $\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n+1}{3^{n+1}}}{\frac{n}{3^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n} \frac{3^n}{3^{n+1}}$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n} \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3} < 1 \quad \text{The series converges.}$$

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