

Q3
(a). Consider $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$

where $a_n = \frac{3n}{n^2+1}$.

From plotting it seems $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is a decreasing sequence.

To prove this consider the ratio of consecutive terms.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} &= \frac{3(n+1)/(n+1)^2+1}{3n/n^2+1} \\ &= \frac{3n+3}{3n} \cdot \frac{n^2+1}{(n+1)^2+1} \\ &= \frac{n+1}{n} \cdot \frac{n^2+1}{n^2+2n+2} \\ &= \frac{n^3+n^2+n+1}{n^3+2n^2+2n} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{(n^3 + 2n^2 + 2n) - n^2 - n + 1}{n^3 + 2n^2 + 2n}$$

$$= \underbrace{1} + \boxed{\frac{1 - n^2 - n}{n^3 + 2n^2 + 2n}}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{for all } n \geq 1 \quad 1 - n^2 - n < 0 \\ \text{and } n^3 + 2n^2 + 2n > 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$< 1$$

$$\text{So } \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} < 1 \text{ for all } n \geq 1$$

$$\text{i.e. } a_{n+1} < a_n$$

So this is a decreasing

sequence.

$$a_{n+1} - a_n$$

$$= \frac{3n+3}{(n+1)^2+1} - \frac{3n}{n^2+1}$$

$$= \frac{3n+3}{n^2+2n+2} - \frac{3n}{n^2+1}$$

$$= \frac{(3n+3)(n^2+1) - 3n(n^2+2n+2)}{(n^2+2n+2)(n^2+1)}$$

$$= \frac{-3n^2 - 3n + 3}{(\quad) (\quad)}$$

$$< 0$$

$$\text{So } a_{n+1} < a_n$$

