

## Further mathematics for economists

### Exercise Sheet 3 - Differential Equations

1. Find the general solutions of the following differential equations

(a)  $\frac{2}{t} \frac{dx}{dt} + x^2 \sqrt{a - t^2} = 0$ ,  $a = \text{const.}$  and  $a > 0$

(b)  $xy^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + y^3$

(c)  $y \cos^2 x \frac{dy}{dx} - \tan x - 2 = 0$ ,  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$

2. Find the solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5xy}{(x+3)(2x+1)}$$

that satisfies the condition  $y = 3$  when  $x = 0$ .

3. Solve the following differential equations

(a)  $5 \frac{dy}{dt} + 10y = 2$

(b)  $5 \frac{dy}{dt} - 10y = 2$

- Find their general solutions and take their limits for  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Discuss their similarities and differences
- Find the solution for the boundary condition  $y(0) = 4$

4. Find the solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = 6x - 3$$

that satisfies  $y = 1$  when  $x = 0$ .