

**EXERCISE ONE** Consider the following differential equation:

$$\frac{y'' + 6y'}{18} = -y.$$

- 1 Find the general solution of this differential equation. (5 points)
- 2 Find the particular solution  $y$  with initial conditions  $y(0) = 5, y'(0) = 3$ . (4 points)  
What is the limit of  $y(x)$  when  $x$  goes to  $+\infty$ ? (1 point)

The characteristic equation  $z^2 + 6z + 18z = 0$  has two complex roots  $-3 \pm 3i$ . Thus the general solution of the differential equation is  $C_1 e^{-3x} \cos(3x) + C_2 e^{-3x} \sin(3x)$ . The derivative function  $y'$  is  $-3C_1 e^{-3x} \cos(3x) - 3C_1 e^{-3x} \sin(3x) - 3C_2 e^{-3x} \sin(3x) + 3C_2 e^{-3x} \cos(3x)$ . The initial conditions can be written as:

$$C_1 = 5, -3C_1 + 3C_2 = 3.$$

Thus  $C_1 = 5$ ,  $C_2 = 6$  and the desired particular solution is  $5e^{-3x} \cos(3x) + 6e^{-3x} \sin(3x)$ .