Ph1105 Problem Sheet F

- 1. Solve the following initial-value problems
- (i) x dy/dx + 4y = 0, y(1) = 2(ii) $dy/dx - (\tan x)y = 0$, y(0) = 1.

2. Suppose that an initial population of 1000 bacteria grows exponentially at the rate of 5 per cent per minute and that y = y(t) is the number of bacteria present t minutes later.

- (i) Find an initial-value problem whose solution is y(t)
- (ii) Solve for y(t)
- (iii) How long does it take for the population to double?
- (iv) How long does it take for the population to reach 20000?

3. In a certain culture of bacteria the number of bacteria increased fivefold in 20 minutes. How long did it take the population to double, assuming that the growth rate is approximated by a continuous exponential growth model.