

Consider the equation

$$x' = f(t, x)$$

What type of symmetries (or invariances) of solutions can be deduced, provided there are some symmetries of the function  $f(t, x)$ ?

(In the statements below,  $I$  and  $\tilde{I}$  are open real intervals.)

1. Let  $f(t, x)$  be  $T$ -periodic with respect to  $t$ , i.e.  $f(t + T, x) = f(t, x)$ . Then  $x(t)$  is a solution on  $I \iff x(t + T)$  is a solution on  $\tilde{I} = \{t - T; t \in I\}$ .
2. Let  $f(t, x)$  be  $p$ -periodic with respect to  $x$ , i.e.  $f(t, x + p) = f(t, x)$ . Then  $x(t)$  is a solution on  $I \iff x(t) + p$  is a solution on  $I$ .
3. Let  $f(t, -x) = -f(t, x)$ , i.e.  $f(t, x)$  is odd with respect to the variable  $x$ . Then  $x(t)$  is a solution on  $I \iff -x(t)$  is a solution on  $I$ .
4. Let  $f(-t, x) = -f(t, x)$ , i.e.  $f(t, x)$  is odd with respect to the variable  $t$ . Then  $x(t)$  is a solution on  $I \iff x(-t)$  is a solution on  $\tilde{I} = \{-t; t \in I\}$ .
5. Let  $f(-t, -x) = f(t, x)$ , i.e.  $f(t, x)$  is even with respect to (jointly) the variables  $t, x$ . Then  $x(t)$  is a solution on  $I \iff -x(-t)$  is a solution on  $\tilde{I} = \{-t; t \in I\}$ .