

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 $\tilde{I} = \{-t; t \in I\}$.