Mathematics for natural sciences I

Exercise sheet 29

Warm-up-exercises

EXERCISE 29.1. Find all solutions to the ordinary differential equation

$$y' = -\frac{y}{t} \,.$$

EXERCISE 29.2. Find all solutions to the ordinary differential equation $y' = \frac{y}{t^2} \,.$

EXERCISE 29.3. Find all solutions to the ordinary differential equation

$$y' = e^t y$$
.

EXERCISE 29.4. Find the solutions of the inhomogeneous linear differential equation

$$y' = y + 7$$
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EXERCISE 29.5. Find the solutions to the inhomogeneous linear differential equation

$$y' = y + \frac{\sinh t}{\cosh^2 t} \,.$$

EXERCISE 29.6. Let

 $f: I \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$

be a differentiable function on the interval $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Find a homogeneous linear ordinary differential equation for which f is a solution.

EXERCISE 29.7. Let

$$y' = g(t)y$$

be a homogeneous linear ordinary differential equation with a function g differentiable infinitely many times and let y be a differentiable solution.

a) Prove that y is also infinitely differentiable.

b) Let $y(t_0) = 0$ for a time-point t_0 . Prove, using the formula

$$(f \cdot g)^{(n)} = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} f^{(k)} \cdot g^{(n-k)},$$

that $y^{(n)}(t_0) = 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

EXERCISE 29.8. a) Find all solutions for the ordinary differential equation $(t \in \mathbb{R}_+)$

$$y' = \frac{y}{t} \, .$$

b) Find all solutions for the ordinary differential equation $(t \in \mathbb{R}_+)$

$$y' = \frac{y}{t} + t^7 \,.$$

c) Solve the initial value problem

$$y' = \frac{y}{t} + t^7$$
 and $y(1) = 5$.

The following statement is called the *superposition principle* for inhomogeneous linear differential equations. It says in particular that the difference of two solutions of an inhomogeneous linear differential equation is a solution of the corresponding homogeneous linear differential equation.

EXERCISE 29.9. Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a real interval and let

$$g, h_1, h_2: I \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

be functions. Let y_1 be a solution to the differential equation $y' = g(t)y + h_1(t)$ and let y_2 be a solution to the differential equation $y' = g(t)y + h_2(t)$. Prove that $y_1 + y_2$ is a solution to the differential equation

$$y' = g(t)y + h_1(t) + h_2(t)$$
.

Hand-in-exercises

EXERCISE 29.10. (2 points)

Confirm by computation that the function

$$y(t) = c\frac{\sqrt{t-1}}{\sqrt{t+1}}$$

found in Example 29.7 satisfies the differential equation

$$y' = y/(t^2 - 1)$$

EXERCISE 29.11. (3 points)

Find all solutions to the ordinary differential equation

$$y' = \frac{y}{t^2 - 3} \,.$$

EXERCISE 29.12. (5 points)

Solve the initial value problem

$$y' = \frac{t}{t^2 + 2}y$$
 with $y(3) = 7$.

EXERCISE 29.13. (3 points)

Find the solutions to the inhomogeneous linear differential equation

$$y' = y + e^{2t} - 4e^{-3t} + 1.$$

EXERCISE 29.14. (5 points)

Find the solutions to the inhomogeneous linear differential equation

$$y' = \frac{y}{t} + \frac{t^3 - 2t + 5}{t^2 - 3}.$$