

# Differential Equations II for Engineering Students

## Work sheet 1

### Exercise 1: (Repetition of DGL I)

- a) Let  $\lambda$  be any fixed real number. Determine a real representation of the general solution to the differential equation

$$y''(t) - \lambda y(t) = 0.$$

- b) Let  $L$  be another fixed positive real number. Determine all solutions to the boundary value problem

$$y''(t) - \lambda y(t) = 0 \quad y(0) = y(L) = 0.$$

For which  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  does the boundary value problem have nontrivial solutions?

The  $\lambda$ -values for which there exist non-trivial solutions (i.e. solutions that are not constantly equal to zero) are called eigenvalues of the problem. The corresponding solutions are called eigenfunctions.

**Remark:** *The solutions to this eigenvalue problem will be needed again and again during the semester!*

### Exercise 2) (Repetition Analysis II)

Given 
$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 4t & t \in [0, \frac{1}{2}] \\ 4 - 4t & t \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \\ 0 & t \in [1, 2] \end{cases}$$

- a) make a sketch of the direct 2-periodic continuation of  $f$ , and even and odd 4-periodic continuation of  $f$
- b) compute the real Fourier series of the odd 4-periodic continuation of  $f$ ,
- c) compute the real Fourier series of the even, 4-periodic extension of  $f$ .

### Recall:

Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  integrable and **periodic** with period  $T > 0$ , i.e.

$$f(t + T) = f(t), \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$$

Define the angular frequency  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$  and denote by

$T_n := \left\{ g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n (a_k \cos(k\omega t) + b_k \sin(k\omega t)), a_k, b_k \in \mathbb{R}, \right\}$  the space of all  $T$ -periodic **trigonometric polynomials of degree  $n$**  with the

inner product:  $\langle f, g \rangle := \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \cdot g(t) dt.$

and the norm  $\|g\| := \sqrt{\frac{2}{T} \int_0^T (g(t))^2 dt} = \sqrt{\langle g, g \rangle}.$

Then the functions  $\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \cos(k\omega t), \sin(k\omega t) : k \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$

are an orthonormal system and the **truncated Fourier series of  $f$**

$$f_n(x) := \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n (a_k \cos(k\omega t) + b_k \sin(k\omega t))$$

with

$$a_k := \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \cos(k\omega t) dt, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0,$$

$$b_k := \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \sin(k\omega t) dt, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

is the best approximation for  $f$  from  $T_n$ , i.e.

$$\|f - f_n\| < \|f - g\| \quad \forall g \in T_n.$$

If  **$f$  even** then  $b_k = 0$  and  $a_k = \frac{4}{T} \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \cos(k\omega t) dt \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0.$

If  **$f$  is odd** then  $a_k = 0$  and  $b_k = \frac{4}{T} \int_0^{T/2} f(t) \sin(k\omega t) dt \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.$

**Discussion:** As April 10 is a public holiday due to Easter Monday, the English exercise group is cancelled. Please attend one of the German exercise groups:

<https://www.math.uni-hamburg.de/teaching/export/tuhh/cm/d2/23/gruppen.html.de>