

1. $y'' - x^2y' - xy = 0$

2. $y''' = y'' - x^2(y')^2$

3. Aim to get this form: $\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = F(t, x, y), \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = G(t, x, y). \end{cases}$

4. The system $\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = 4x - y, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = 2x + y \end{cases}$ has the independent solutions $\{x = e^{3t}, y = e^{3t}\}$ and $\{x = e^{2t}, y = 2e^{2t}\}$.

Will focus on the simple cases (Linear Systems):

5. Non-Homogeneous: $\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = a_1(t)x + b_1(t)y + f_1(t), \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = a_2(t)x + b_2(t)y + f_2(t) \end{cases}$

6. Homogeneous: $\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = a_1(t)x + b_1(t)y + f_1(t), \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = a_2(t)x + b_2(t)y + f_2(t) \end{cases}$

Real-World Example 1: Biology (Predator–Prey Model)

Variables:

t = time, $\textcolor{blue}{x}(t)$ = rabbits, $\textcolor{blue}{y}(t)$ = foxes.

System:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\textcolor{blue}{x}}{dt} = a\textcolor{blue}{x} - b\textcolor{blue}{x}\textcolor{blue}{y}, \\ \frac{d\textcolor{blue}{y}}{dt} = c\textcolor{blue}{x}\textcolor{blue}{y} - d\textcolor{blue}{y}. \end{cases}$$

Meaning:

- ▶ Rabbits grow on their own.
- ▶ Rabbits decrease when foxes hunt them.
- ▶ Foxes grow when rabbits are available.
- ▶ Foxes decrease when food is scarce.

Real-World Example 2: Economics (Supply–Demand Model)

Variables:

t = time, x = price, y = quantity supplied.

System:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = A - B y, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = C x - D y. \end{cases}$$

Meaning:

- ▶ Price decreases when supply is high.
- ▶ Price increases due to cost/demand.
- ▶ Producers supply more when prices are high.
- ▶ Supply decreases as goods are used or sold.