

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

$$\{x = e^{3t}, y = e^{3t}\} \quad \text{and} \quad \{x = e^{2t}, y = 2e^{2t}\}.$$

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, $x(t)$ = rabbits, $y(t)$ = foxes.

System:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = ax - bxy, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = cxy - dy. \end{cases}$$

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:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = A - By, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = Cx - Dy. \end{cases}$$

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.