# Some Applications of 2-D Systems of Differential Equations

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Examples:

- Salt in Tanks (a linear system)
- ▶ Electric Circuits (a linear system)
- Population Model Competing Species (a nonlinear system)

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**Tank 2:**  $Q'_2(t) = 1 \times 3 + 3 \times \frac{Q_1(t)}{30} - (1.5 + 2.5) \times \frac{Q_2(t)}{20}$  (oz/min)

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Equilibrium (42,36) is a Nodal Sink
$$\begin{bmatrix} 80 \\ 70 \\ 60 \\ 50 \\ 0_2 40 \\ 30 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Question: What is the meaning of the homogeneous linear system in the real world?





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