Singular Perturbations of Non-linear Systems of Differential Equations and an Associated Boundary Layer Equation*

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1. Introduction. We are concerned with showing the relationship of the solutions of a certain "full" system of differential equations (1.1), as $\epsilon \to 0+$, to a particular solution of a related "degenerate" system (1.2). The systems are

(1.1)
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, y, t, \epsilon)$$

$$\epsilon^{r} \frac{dy}{dt} = g(x, y, t, \epsilon)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, y, t, 0)$$

0 = g(x, y, t, 0)

where x and f are real vectors of dimension $n_0 \ge 1$, y and g are real vectors of dimension $n \ge 1$, $\epsilon > 0$, and r > 0 is a fixed constant.

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