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$$x'_t = czF_2 - byF_3$$
,  $y'_t = axF_3 - czF_1$ ,  $z'_t = byF_1 - axF_2$ , where  $F_n = F_n(x, y, z, t)$ .

1°. First integral:

$$ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = C_1$$
,

where C is an arbitrary constant.

 $2^{\circ}$ . Suppose the function  $F_n$  is independent of t:  $F_n = F_n(x, y, z)$ . Then, on eliminating t and z from the first two equations of the system (with the above integral), one arrives at the first-order equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{axF_3(x, y, z) - czF_1(x, y, z)}{czF_2(x, y, z) - byF_3(x, y, z)}, \quad \text{where} \quad z = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{c}(C_1 - ax^2 - by^2)}.$$

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