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*An existence theorem of positive solutions to a singular nonlinear boundary value problem*

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**Abstract:** In this note we consider the boundary value problem  $y'' = f(x, y, y')$  ( $x \in [0, X]; X > 0$ ),  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y(X) = a > 0$ ; where  $f$  is a real function which may be singular at  $y = 0$ . We prove an existence theorem of positive solutions to the previous problem, under different hypotheses of Theorem 2 of L.E. Bobisud [J. Math. Anal. Appl. 173 (1993), 69–83], that extends and improves Theorem 3.2 of D. O'Regan [J. Differential Equations 84 (1990), 228–251].

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