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We study systems of differential equations that are equivariant under a torus action. We are particularly interested in constructing a quotient system in fewer variables, and in investigating which properties these systems have in common. Our motivation comes from a particularly important example of this situation: the classical hypergeometric systems of Gauss, Appell, Lauricella, etc., and their equivariant counterparts introduced by Gelfand, Graev, Kapranov and Zelevinsky in the 1980s. (Received January 22, 2011)