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We study different forms of projection operators and their application to open quantum systems. In particular, we show that applying a special class of projection operators to open systems may lead to non-linear dynamical equations, while other projection operators always lead to linear equations. We discuss general features of linear and non-linear dynamical equations and connections between them. All the features of different projectors are illustrated by examples of a qubit in a thermal bath and two interacting qubits in a common environment.

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