

Introduction to Scientific Computing

Exercise 1: *Lyapunov direct method*

14 points

- (a) Compute the derivative of the function $V(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$ with respect to the following system of differential equations (4 points)

$$\dot{x} = y + x(1 - x^2 - y^2),$$

$$\dot{y} = -x + y(1 - x^2 - y^2).$$

- (b) Using Lyapunov direct method investigate for stability the zero solution of the nonlinear system (10 points)

$$\dot{x} = -xy^2, \quad \dot{y} = 3yx^2$$

compare the result with the eigenvalue method.