

- a) Find a Liapunov function for the equilibrium point  $(0, 0)$  of the following system

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} x' = y + xy^2 \\ y' = -3x - 3x^2y - y^3 \end{cases}$$

*Hint:* Look for  $L(x, y)$  of the form  $ax^2 + by^2$ .

- b) **Extra credit:** Show that  $(0, 0)$  is a asymptotically stable equilibrium point of (1).