Homework for Lecture 6

1. For the Coppel example, derive the fundamental matrix solution. Hint: Consider the **change of variables** $x = U^T(t)y$. Generalize the example and find fundamental matrix solutions for parameters α and ω where

$$A_0 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -\alpha \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad U(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\omega t) & \sin(\omega t) \\ -\sin(\omega t) & \cos(\omega t) \end{pmatrix}.$$

and determine the values of α and ω for which the zero solution is unstable.

2. Prove the Lyapunov Stability Theorem for the periodic Hill equation. For a proof, see

- 3. Use your modification of **predcorr** with pseudo arc length continuation for equilbrium solutions of the Lorenz '63 model. Fix the parameters a and c and following paths of equilibria as you vary the parameter b and detect potential bifurcation points.
- 4. In the paper

the bifurcation behavior of equilibrium solutions is investigated for the Lorenz '96 primarily for F < 0. Starting from the equilibrium solution (F, ..., F) use your modification of predcorr with pseudo arc length continuation for equilibrium solutions to follow this path of equilibrium solutions starting from $F_0 = -1/4$ by decreasing F in dimensions N = 4 and N = 16. Detect the first pitchfork bifurcation and continue on one or more of the three branches.