

On the stability criterion for an implicit evolution problem, based on a system of two nonlinear parabolic equations

J. Hlomuka* and A. Maphiri

University of Venda

joe.hlomuka@univen.ac.za

SAMS Subject Classification: PDE's and Dynamical Systems

We construct an energy identity for an implicit evolution problem, which is based on a non-autonomous system of two nonlinear parabolic equations. From the energy identity, we construct a Lyapunov function and derive the conditions under which the null solution to the problem is stable or unstable. In other words, we use the direct Lyapunov stability/instability criterion for the null solution to the said implicit evolution problem. Problems of this nature occur either in heat transfer through surface radiation or permeable boundary Navier-stokes flows. The criterion thus derived will be tested on the two models describing the preceding phenomena. The existence of the 'weak' solution to this problem was confirmed in [1]. The computational confirmation of the solution to the problem appears in [2].

References

- [1] Joe Hlomuka, *On the existence, uniqueness and the stability of a solution to a cooling problem, for an isotropic 3-D solid*, Applied Mathematics and Computation; Vol. 163(2); pp. 693-703, Elsevier Science, Inc.(2005), New York.
- [2] Joe Hlomuka, *On the finite difference scheme for a non-linear evolution problem, with a non-linear dynamic boundary condition*, International Journal of Nonlinear Sciences and Numerical Simulation; Vol. 7(2); pp.149-154, Freund Publishing House, Ltd (2006), Tel Aviv.
- [3] Joe Hlomuka, *The linearized non-stationary problem for the permeable boundary Navier -Stokes flows*, Applied Mathematics and Computation; Vol. 158(3); pp.717-727, Elsevier Science, Inc.(2004), New York.