

**[mex112] Balancing the water level in a cone**

Water flows into a cone-shaped container at a constant rate (volume per unit time) and evaporates at a rate proportional to the free surface area. (a) Determine the equilibrium position of the water level, expressed as the volume  $V_{eq}$  at which the two processes are in balance. (b) Determine whether or not that stationary state is asymptotically stable. (c) Produce a graph of  $V/V_{eq}$  versus  $t$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 8$  and  $k_1 = 1$  for the case where the container is empty initially.

**Solution:**