1077-35-2243 Maya Chhetri\*, maya@uncg.edu, and Petr Girg. Existence of Positive Solutions For a Class of Semipositone Systems with Exponential Growth in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

We will consider an elliptic system of the form

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} -\Delta u = \lambda \, f(v) \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega \\ -\Delta v = \lambda \, g(u) \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega \\ u = 0 = v \quad \text{on} \quad \partial\Omega \,, \end{array} \right\}$$

where  $\lambda > 0$  is a parameter and  $\Omega$  is a convex bounded domain in  $R^2$  with smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ . The nonlinearities  $f, g: [0, \infty) \to R$  are  $C^1$  functions that are superlinear at infinity, bounded above by exponential functions and satisfy f(0) < 0 and g(0) < 0. We will discuss the existence of positive solution for  $\lambda$  small. (Received September 21, 2011)