

# Solutions Of Homogenous Nonlinear Elliptic Equations Using Derivatives

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**Abstract-** Let  $u^m$  be a domain of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the Hessian of  $(u^m)$  is  $D^2u^m$  and the uniformly elliptic  $F^m$ , we prove that, there exists a viscosity solution of a fully homogenous nonlinear elliptic equation by using second derivative.

$$\begin{cases} F^m(D^2u^m) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega_m, \\ u^m = \varphi^m & \text{on } \partial\Omega_m, \end{cases} \tag{1.3}$$

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## I. INTRODUCTION

In this paper we study the regularity of solutions of fully nonlinear elliptic equations of the form

$$F^m(D^2u^m) = 0, \tag{1.1}$$

where function  $u^m$  defined in a domain of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $D^2u^m$  denotes the Hessian of the function  $u^m$ . We assume that  $F^m$  is uniformly elliptic, i.e. there exists a constant  $\epsilon \geq 0$  such that:

$$(1+\epsilon)^{-1}|\xi|^2 \leq F^m_{u^m} \xi_i \xi_j \leq (1+\epsilon)|\xi|^2, \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n. \tag{1.2}$$

Here,  $u^m_{ij}$  denotes the partial derivative  $\partial^2 u^m / \partial x_i \partial x_j$ .

A function  $u^m$  is called a classical solution of (1.1) if  $u^m \in C^2(\Omega_m)$  and  $u^m$  satisfies (1.1). Actually, any classical solution of (1.1) is a smooth  $(C^{\alpha+3})$  solution, provided that  $F^m$  is a smooth  $C^\alpha$  function of its arguments  $\alpha > 1$  [3,4]. The class of classical solutions of (1.1) is not sufficiently large to provide solutions to the Dirichlet problem, see ([5],[8]):

where  $\Omega_m \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a bounded domain with smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega_m$  and  $\varphi^m$  is a continuous function on  $\partial\Omega_m$ . Even if we assume that  $\Omega_m$  is a ball in  $\mathbb{R}^{12}$  one can find a smooth uniformly elliptic  $F^m$  and a smooth  $\varphi^m$  such that the Dirichlet problem (1.2) has no classical solution, ([5], [7]).

Fortunately a concept of weak of viscosity solutions for the fully nonlinear elliptic equations was developed, so that the Dirichlet problem (1.2) has a unique viscosity solution, see [1,2]. Viscosity solutions of (1.1) are defined as continuous functions verifying a maximum principle. Their best known regularity in the interior of domain is  $C^{1+\epsilon}$ , for some  $\epsilon > 0$ , see [1].

In [5] we gave an example in  $\mathbb{R}^{12}$  of a viscosity solution of (1.1) which has bounded but discontinuous second derivatives. In this paper we show that actually the second derivative can blow up. For a sufficiently large dimension  $n$  we prove that the best possible regularity which one can expect a priori for viscosity solutions at inner points of a domain does not exceed  $C^{2-\epsilon}$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ .

## II. BASIC PREPOSITIONS AND THE MAIN LEMMA

We begin with two principal properties of the function  $w^m$ , see [5]. Let  $X = (r, s, t) \in \mathbb{R}^{12}$  be a variable vector with  $r, s$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}^{24}$ . For any  $t = (t_0, t_1, t_2, t_3) \in \mathbb{R}^4$  we denote by  $qt = t_0 + t_1 \cdot i + t_2 \cdot j + t_3 \cdot k \in \mathbb{H}$  (Hamilton quaternions).

Define the cubic form  $P = P(X) = P(r, s, t)$  as follows:

$$P(r, s, t) = Re(qr \cdot qs \cdot qt) = r_0s_0t_0 - r_0s_1t_1 - r_0s_2t_2 - r_0s_3t_3 - r_1s_0t_1 - r_1s_1t_0 - r_1s_2t_3 + r_1s_3t_2 - r_2s_0t_2 + r_2s_1t_3 - r_2s_2t_0 - r_2s_3t_1 - r_3s_0t_3 - r_3s_1t_2 + r_3s_2t_1 - r_3s_3t_0,$$

and denote

$$w^m(X) = P(X)/|X|.$$

We have the following properties of the function  $w^m$ :

**Proposition (2.1):**

Let  $a \neq a + \epsilon \in S_1^{11}$ . Then there exist two vectors  $e, f \in S_1^{11}, e, f \perp a, a + \epsilon$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} w_{ee}^m(a) - w_{ee}^m(a + \epsilon) &\geq |a - (a + \epsilon)|/4\sqrt{3} \\ w_{ff}^m(a) - w_{ff}^m(a + \epsilon) &\leq -|a - (a + \epsilon)|/4\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\|Hess(w^m(a)) - Hess(w^m(a + \epsilon))\| \geq |a - (a + \epsilon)|/24\sqrt{3}$$

in what follows we use the norm on matrices  $A \in Mat(n \times n, \mathbb{R})$  defined as  $\|A\| := Tr(A^t \cdot A)/n$ .

**Proposition (2.2):**

Let  $a \neq a + \epsilon \in S_1^{11}$ . Then there exist two vectors  $e, f \in S_1^{11}, e, f \perp a, a + \epsilon$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} w_{ee}^m(a) - w_{ee}^m(a + \epsilon) &\geq \|Hess(w^m(a)) - Hess(w^m(a + \epsilon))\|/M \\ w_{ff}^m(a) - w_{ff}^m(a + \epsilon) &\leq -\|Hess(w^m(a)) - Hess(w^m(a + \epsilon))\|/M \end{aligned}$$

where  $M := 48\sqrt{3} \cdot 32 = 1536\sqrt{3}$ .

Let now  $V = (X, X + \epsilon) \in \mathbb{R}^{24}$  be variable and  $A = (a, a'), A + \epsilon = (a + \epsilon, a' + \epsilon') \in \mathbb{R}^{24}$

be fixed with  $X, a, a' \in \mathbb{R}^{12}$ . Define for a (small) positive  $\delta$ ,

$$W_m(V) := w^m(X) + w^m(X + \epsilon), \quad W_m^\delta(V) := W_m(V)|V|^{-\delta}$$

and for a (large) positive  $K$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} u^m(V) &:= W_m^\delta(V) := (W_m(V) + K \cdot \\ r_m(V))|V|^{-\delta} &= W_m^\delta(V) + K \cdot r_m^\delta(V) \end{aligned}$$

with

$$r_m(V) = r_m(X, X + \epsilon) := |X|^2 + |X + \epsilon|^2,$$

$$r_m^\delta(V) := r_m(V)|V|^{-\delta}$$

We denote  $H_m(V) := Hess(u^m(V))$ .

In what follows we fix  $\delta = 10^{-6}, K = 60$ .

**Lemma (2.3):**

For any pair  $A = (a, a'), A + \epsilon = (a + \epsilon, a' + \epsilon') \in S_1^{23}$  one has:

- (i)  $\|W_m(A) - W_m(A + \epsilon)\| \leq 8\|Hess(W_m(A)) - Hess(W_m(A + \epsilon))\|/5;$
- (ii)  $\|H_m(A) - H_m(A + \epsilon)\| \geq \|Hess(W_m(A)) - Hess(W_m(A + \epsilon))\|/2;$
- (iii)  $\|H_m(A)\| \leq 2K.$

**Proof.** (i) Indeed since  $P$  is harmonic one easily calculates that

$$Tr(Hess(w^m(a)) - Hess(w^m(a + \epsilon))) = -15(w^m(a) - w^m(a + \epsilon))$$

(ii) Direct calculations show that

$$\begin{aligned} Hess(W_m^\delta(A)) &= Hess(W_m(A)) - \delta(\nabla W_m(A) \cdot A^t + A \cdot \nabla^t W_m(A)) - \delta W_m(A)I_{24} \\ &\quad + \delta(\delta + 2)W_m(A)(A \cdot A^t), \end{aligned}$$

$$Hess(r_m^\delta(A)) = 2J - \delta r_m(A)I_{24} + N(A)$$

where  $I_n$  is the identity matrix of size  $n$ , and  $J, N(A) \in Mat(24 \times 24, \mathbb{R})$  are defined by:

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} I_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & -I_{12} \end{pmatrix}, \quad N(A) = \begin{pmatrix} P(A) & Q(A) \\ R(A) & S(A) \end{pmatrix},$$

with the following matrices  
 $P(A), Q(A), R(A), S(A) \in Mat(12 \times 12, \mathbb{R})$   
 $P(A) = -\delta(4 + 2r_m(A) + \delta r_m(A))(a^t \cdot a)$ ,  
 $S(A) = \delta(4 + 2r_m(A) + \delta r_m(A))(a'^t \cdot a')$ ,  
 $Q(A) = \delta(2 + \delta)r_m(A)(a'^t \cdot a)$ ,  
 $R(A) = \delta(2 + \delta)r_m(A)(a^t \cdot a')$ .

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \|H_m(A) - H_m(A + \epsilon)\| \\ &= \|Hess(W_m^\delta(A)) - Hess(W_m^\delta(A + \epsilon)) - K\delta r_m(A)I_{24} \\ &+ KN(A) + K\delta r_m(A + \epsilon)I_{24} - KN(A + \epsilon)\| \\ &\geq \|Hess(W_m^\delta(A)) - Hess(W_m^\delta(A + \epsilon)) - K\delta(r_m(A) - r_m(A + \epsilon)) \\ &- K(N(A) - N(A + \epsilon))\| \\ &\geq \|Hess(W_m(A)) - Hess(W_m(A + \epsilon))\| \\ &- \delta\|(\nabla W_m(A) \cdot A^t + A \cdot \nabla^t W_m(A)) - \nabla W_m(A + \epsilon) \cdot (A + \epsilon)^t - (A + \epsilon) \\ &\cdot \nabla^t W_m(A + \epsilon)\| - \delta\|W_m(A) - W_m(A + \epsilon)\| \\ &- 3\delta\|W_m(A)(A \cdot A^t) - W_m(A + \epsilon)((A + \epsilon) \cdot (A + \epsilon)^t)\| \\ &- 66\sqrt{2}K\delta|A - (A + \epsilon)| \\ &\geq \|Hess(W_m(A)) - Hess(W_m(A + \epsilon))\| - \delta\|\nabla W_m(A) \cdot A^t - \nabla W_m(A + \epsilon) \cdot (A + \epsilon)^t\| \\ &- \delta\|\nabla W_m(A + \epsilon) \cdot A^t - \nabla W_m(A + \epsilon) \cdot (A + \epsilon)^t\| \\ &- \delta\|A \cdot \nabla^t W_m(A) - (A + \epsilon) \cdot \nabla^t W_m(A)\| \\ &- \delta\|(A + \epsilon) \cdot \nabla^t W_m(A) - (A + \epsilon) \cdot \nabla^t W_m(A + \epsilon)\| \\ &- 3K\delta\|W_m(A)(A \cdot A^t) - W_m(A + \epsilon)(A \cdot A^t)\| \\ &- 3K\delta\|W_m(A + \epsilon)((A + \epsilon) \cdot A^t) - W_m(A + \epsilon)(A \cdot A^t)\| \\ &- 3K\delta\|W_m(A + \epsilon)((A + \epsilon) \cdot A^t) - W_m(A + \epsilon)((A + \epsilon) \cdot (A + \epsilon)^t)\| \\ &- 66\sqrt{2}K\delta|A - (A + \epsilon)| \\ &\geq \|Hess(W_m(A)) - Hess(W_m(A + \epsilon))\| - 2\delta\|\nabla W_m(A) - \nabla W_m(A + \epsilon)\| \\ &- 3\delta\|W_m(A) - W_m(A + \epsilon)\| - 100K\delta|A - (A + \epsilon)| \\ &\geq (1 - 24\sqrt{3} \cdot 100(K + 1)\delta)\|Hess(W_m(A)) - Hess(W_m(A + \epsilon))\| \\ &\geq \|Hess(W_m(A)) - Hess(W_m(A + \epsilon))\|/2, \end{aligned}$$

since one can easily verify that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|N(A) - N(A + \epsilon)\| \leq 64\sqrt{2}K\delta|A - (A + \epsilon)| \\ & \text{and} \\ & \|\nabla W_m(A) - \nabla W_m(A + \epsilon)\| \leq 50|A - (A + \epsilon)| \end{aligned}$$

(iii)

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|H_m(A)\| \leq \|Hess(W_m^\delta(A))\| + K + \delta(7 + \delta) \\ & \leq \|Hess(W_m(A))\| + \delta(2|\nabla W_m(A)| + 12 + 2\delta) + K + \delta(7 + \delta) \\ & \leq 2/\sqrt{3} + 200\delta + K < 2K. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma (2.4):**

For any pair  $A = (a, a')$ ,  $A + \epsilon = (a + \epsilon, a' + \epsilon') \in S_1^{23}$  there exists  $E = (e, e') \in S_1^{23}$  with  $E \perp A$ ,  $E \perp (A + \epsilon)$  satisfying:

$$\begin{aligned} & W_{K,E,E}^\delta(A + \epsilon) = 0, \\ & W_{K,E,E}^\delta(A) \geq 2 \cdot 10^{-4} \|H_m(A) - H_m(A + \epsilon)\| \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Define:

$$Q_{A,A+\epsilon}^\delta(E) := W_{K,E,E}^\delta(A) - W_{K,E,E}^\delta(A + \epsilon) = u_{E,E}^m(A) - u_{E,E}^m(A + \epsilon)$$

Note for  $E \perp V$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & W_{K,E,E}^\delta(V) = (W_{E,E}(V) + K(|e|^2 - |e'|^2))|V|^{-\delta} - \delta(|X|^2 - |X + \epsilon|^2 + W_m(V))|V|^{-2-\delta} \end{aligned}$$

In particular this remark applies to  $A$  and  $A + \epsilon$ . By Property (ii) we can find:  $e_0, e'_0 \in S_1^{11}$ ,  $e \perp a$ ,  $e'_0 \perp a'$ ,  $e_0 \perp (a + \epsilon)$ ,  $e'_0 \perp (a + \epsilon)'$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} & (w_{e_0,e_0}^m(a) - w_{e_0,e_0}^m(a + \epsilon)) \geq \|Hess(w^m(a)) - Hess(w^m(a + \epsilon))\|/M \\ & (w_{e'_0,e'_0}^m(a') - w_{e'_0,e'_0}^m(a + \epsilon)') \geq \|Hess(w^m(a')) - Hess(w^m(a + \epsilon)')\|/M \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\theta \in [0, \pi]$  and let  $E(\theta) := ((\sin \theta)_{e_0}, (\cos \theta)_{e'_0}) \in S_1^{23}$ ; we see that  $E(\theta) \perp A$ ,  $E(\theta) \perp A + \epsilon$ . One easily verifies that

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{A,A+\epsilon}^\delta(E(\theta)) &= u_{E(\theta),E(\theta)}^m(A) - u_{E(\theta),E(\theta)}^m(A + \epsilon) \\
 &= W_{E(\theta),E(\theta)}(A) - W_{E(\theta),E(\theta)}(A + \epsilon) - \delta(W_m(A) - W_m(A + \epsilon)) \\
 &\quad - \delta(\sin^2 \theta |a|^2 - \cos^2 \theta |a'|^2 - \sin^2 \theta |a + \epsilon|^2 + \cos^2 \theta |a' + \epsilon'|^2) \\
 &= \sin^2 \theta \left( w_{\theta_0, \theta_0}^m(a) - w_{\theta_0, \theta_0}^m(a + \epsilon) \right) + \cos^2 \theta \left( w_{\theta_0, \theta_0}^m(a') - w_{\theta_0, \theta_0}^m(a' + \epsilon') \right) \\
 &\quad - \delta(W_m(A) - W_m(A + \epsilon)) \\
 &\quad - \delta(\sin^2 \theta (|a|^2 - |a + \epsilon|^2) + \cos^2 \theta (|a'|^2 - |a' + \epsilon'|^2)).
 \end{aligned}$$

Let now  $\theta \in \left[ \arcsin \frac{7}{10} = \theta_0, \arccos \frac{7}{10} = \theta_1 \right]$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{A,A+\epsilon}^\delta(E(\theta)) &\geq (2M^{-1} \sin^2 \theta_0 - 8\delta/15) (\|Hess(W_m(A)) - Hess(W_m(A + \epsilon))\|) \\
 &\quad - 2\delta \cos^2 \theta_0 (|a - (a + \epsilon)| + |a' - (a' + \epsilon')|) \\
 &\geq (2M^{-1} 0.49 - 8\delta/15) (\|Hess(W_m(A)) - Hess(W_m(A + \epsilon))\|) \\
 &\quad - 1.02\delta (|a - (a + \epsilon)| + |a' - (a' + \epsilon')|) \\
 &\geq (0.98M^{-1} - 50\delta) (\|Hess(W_m(A)) - Hess(W_m(A + \epsilon))\|) \\
 &\geq 2 \cdot 10^{-4} \|H_m(A) - H_m(A + \epsilon)\|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Besides,

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_{K,E(\theta),E(\theta)}^\delta(A + \epsilon) &= W_{E(\theta),E(\theta)}(A + \epsilon) - \delta W_m(A + \epsilon) + K \cos 2\theta \\
 &\quad - \delta(|a + \epsilon|^2 - |a' + \epsilon'|^2).
 \end{aligned}$$

This gives for  $\theta = \theta_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_{K,E(\theta_0),E(\theta_0)}^\delta(A + \epsilon) &= W_{E(\theta_0),E(\theta_0)}(A + \epsilon) - \delta W_m(A + \epsilon) + 0.02K \\
 &\quad - \delta(|a + \epsilon|^2 - |a' + \epsilon'|^2) > -2/\sqrt{3} - \\
 &\quad 2\delta + 1.2 > 0
 \end{aligned}$$

and for  $\theta = \theta_1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_{K,E(\theta_1),E(\theta_1)}^\delta(A + \epsilon) &= W_{E(\theta_1),E(\theta_1)}(A + \epsilon) - \delta W_m(A + \epsilon) + 0.02K \\
 &\quad - \delta(|a + \epsilon|^2 - |a' + \epsilon'|^2) < 2/\sqrt{3} + 2\delta - 1.2 < 0
 \end{aligned}$$

The lemma follows for  $E = E(\theta)$  with  $\theta \in ]\theta_0, \theta_1[$ .

**Proposition (2.5) (Main Lemma):**

For any pair  $A = (a, a')$ ,  $A + \epsilon = (a + \epsilon, a' + \epsilon') \in B_1^{23}$  there exist two vectors  $E = (e, e')$ ,  $\bar{E} = (\bar{e}, \bar{e}') \in S_1^{23}$  with  $E \perp A$ ,  $E \perp (A + \epsilon)$ ,  $\bar{E} \perp A$ ,  $\bar{E} \perp (A + \epsilon)$  satisfying:

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_{K,E,E}^\delta(A) - W_{K,E,E}^\delta(A + \epsilon) &\geq \epsilon \|H_m(A) - H_m(A + \epsilon)\| \\
 W_{K,\bar{E},\bar{E}}^\delta(A) - W_{K,\bar{E},\bar{E}}^\delta(A + \epsilon) &\leq -\epsilon \|H_m(A) - H_m(A + \epsilon)\|
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\epsilon := 10^{-4}$ .

**Proof.** We can suppose w.r.g. that  $|A| \leq |A + \epsilon|$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_{K,E,E}^\delta(A) - W_{K,E,E}^\delta(A + \epsilon) \quad \text{and} \\
 \|H_m(A) - H_m(A + \epsilon)\| \quad \text{are both } (-\delta)
 \end{aligned}$$

homogeneous one can as well suppose that  $|A + \epsilon| = 1$ ,  $1 \geq |A|$ .

Define  $A' := A/|A| \in S_1^{23}$ ,  $k := |A|$ .

We consider two cases:

(i)  $\|H_m(A) - H_m(A + \epsilon)\| \leq 2\|H_m(A') - H_m(A + \epsilon)\|$

(ii)  $\|H_m(A) - H_m(A + \epsilon)\| \geq 2\|H_m(A') - H_m(A + \epsilon)\|$

In the case (i) we apply Lemma 2 and find a vector  $E \in S_1^{23}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_{K,E,E}^\delta(A') - W_{K,E,E}^\delta(A + \epsilon) &= W_{K,E,E}^\delta(A) \geq 2\epsilon \|H_m(A') - H_m(A + \epsilon)\| \\
 &\geq \epsilon \|H_m(A) - H_m(A + \epsilon)\|
 \end{aligned}$$

The second inequality is obtained analogously.

Let now  $\|H_m(A) - H_m(A + \epsilon)\| \geq 2\|H_m(A') - H_m(A + \epsilon)\|$

Since  $\|H_m(A) - H_m(A + \epsilon)\| = \|k^{-\delta} H_m(A') - H_m(A + \epsilon)\| \geq 2\|H_m(A') - H_m(A + \epsilon)\|$

we get:  $(k^{-\delta} - 1)\|H_m(A')\| \geq \|H_m(A') - H_m(A + \epsilon)\|$

Thus,  $\|H_m(A) - H_m(A + \epsilon)\| = \|k^{-\delta} H_m(A') - H_m(A + \epsilon)\| = \|(k^{-\delta} - 1)H_m(A') + H_m(A') - H_m(A + \epsilon)\|$

$$\leq (k^{-\delta} - 1)\|H_m(A')\| + \|H_m(A') - H_m(A + \epsilon)\|$$

$$\leq 2(k^{-\delta} - 1)\|H_m(A')\|$$

Take now a vector  $E' = (e', 0)$  such that

$$W_{K,E',E'}^\delta(A') - W_{K,E',E'}^\delta(A + \epsilon)$$

$$= W_{E',E'}^\delta(A') - W_{E',E'}^\delta(A + \epsilon) + K \cdot r_{E',E'}^\delta(A') - K \cdot r_{E',E'}^\delta(A + \epsilon) \geq 0$$

We then get,

$$W_{K,E',E'}^\delta(A') - W_{K,E',E'}^\delta(A + \epsilon)$$

$$= (k^{-\delta} - 1)W_{K,E',E'}^\delta(A') + W_{K,E',E'}^\delta(A') - W_{K,E',E'}^\delta(A + \epsilon)$$

$$\geq (k^{-\delta} - 1)\left(W_{E',E'}^m(a') + K - \delta(|a'|^2 - |a''|^2 + W_m(A'))\right)$$

$$\geq (k^{-\delta} - 1)(K - 8 - 3\delta) \geq (k^{-\delta} - 1)K/2$$

$$\geq (k^{-\delta} - 1)\|H_m(A')\|/4 \geq \|H_m(A) - H_m(A + \epsilon)\|/8$$

which finishes the proof of the first inequality; the proof of the second one is completely parallel.

### III. VISCOSITY SOLUTIONS OF UNIFORMLY ELLIPTIC EQUATIONS ON $\mathbb{R}^{24}$

**Theorem (3.1):**

We prove that, for  $\delta = 10^{-6}$  there exists a continuous homogeneous order  $2 - \delta$  function  $u^m$  in the unit ball  $B \subset \mathbb{R}^{24}$  which is a viscosity solution to a uniformly elliptic equation (1.1).

Notice, that there are no defined in the whole space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  homogeneous order  $\alpha$  solutions to fully nonlinear elliptic equation (1.1) for  $0 < \alpha < 2$ , [6]. The proof of

Theorem is strongly based on results and methods of [5].

**Proof:**

Let  $Q$  be the space of the quadratic forms on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  equipped by its natural inner product  $a \cdot (a + \epsilon) = \text{trace}(a(a + \epsilon))$  for  $a, a + \epsilon \in Q$ .

Let us choose in the space  $Q$  an orthogonal coordinate system  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k, s, k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 1$  such that  $S$  is the

trace. Let  $\pi: Q \rightarrow Z$  be the orthogonal projection of  $Q$  onto the  $Z$ -space. For  $\epsilon > 0$ , we denote by  $K_{1+\epsilon}$  the cone:

$$K_{1+\epsilon} = \{a \in Q: \exists C > 0 \text{ s.t. the eigenvalues of } a \in [C/(1 + \epsilon), C(1 + \epsilon)]\}$$

Since on  $Q$  the maximal eigenvalue of a quadratic form is a convex function and the minimal eigenvalue is a concave function it follows that  $K_{1+\epsilon}$  is a convex cone.

Let  $K_{1+\epsilon}^*$  denote the adjoint cone of  $K_{1+\epsilon}$ , that is,  $K_{1+\epsilon}^* = \{a + \epsilon \in Q: (a + \epsilon) \cdot c = 0 \text{ for all } c \in K_{1+\epsilon}\}$

As an adjoint to a convex cone the cone  $K_{1+\epsilon}^*$  is a convex itself [8].

The Set  $L_{1+\epsilon} = Q \setminus (K_{1+\epsilon}^* \cup -K_{1+\epsilon}^*)$  Notice that  $a \in L_{1+\epsilon}$  is equivalent to  $a \cdot (a + \epsilon) = 0$  for some  $a + \epsilon \in K_{1+\epsilon}$ , i.e.,  $L_{1+\epsilon}$  is a union of all hyper-planes in  $Q$  with normals in  $K_{1+\epsilon}$ .

Let  $G \subset Q$  be a set. We say that  $G$  satisfies the  $(a + \epsilon)$ -cone condition if for any two points  $a, a + \epsilon \in G$ , the matrix  $a - (a + \epsilon) \in L_{1+\epsilon}$ .

**Lemma (3.2):**

Let  $\Sigma^m \subset Q$  be a smooth  $k$ -dimensional manifold. Assume that  $\Sigma$  satisfies the  $(1 + \epsilon)$ -cone condition. Then there exists a smooth function  $F^m$  on  $Q$  such that  $F^m(\Sigma^m) = 0$ , and which satisfies the inequality (2) with the ellipticity constant  $1 + \epsilon < 4(1 + \epsilon)^2 \sqrt{n}$ .

Denote  $D = S^{11} \times (0, 1/\sqrt{2})$ ,  $G = D^2$ . Define a map  $f_m: D \rightarrow B^{12}$  and  $g_m: G \rightarrow B^{24}$  such that if  $a \in S^{11}, \theta \in (0, 1)$ ,  $x \in (a, \theta)$  then  $f_m(x) = \theta a$ , and if  $z_1, z_2 \in D$ ,  $z = (z_1, z_2) \in G$  then  $g_m(z) = (f_m(z_1), f_m(z_2))$ . The Hessian map  $H_m$

for the function  $u^m$  is defined on the set  $B^{24} \setminus (\{X = 0\} \cup \{X + \epsilon = 0\})$ .

$$H_m: B \rightarrow Q, \quad H_m(A) := Hess(u^m(A))$$

for  $A \in B^{24} \setminus (\{X = 0\} \cup \{X + \epsilon = 0\})$ ,  $Q$  begin

the space of the quadratic forms on  $\mathbb{R}^{24}$ .

Since

$$g_m(G) \subset B^{24} \setminus (\{X = 0\} \cup \{X + \epsilon = 0\}) \quad \text{we}$$

can lift  $H_m$  on  $G$ : for  $z \in G$  define

$$h_m(z) = H_m(g_m(z)).$$

Since  $w^m$  is a homogeneous order 2 function on  $\mathbb{R}^{12}$  we conclude that the map

$$h_m: G \rightarrow Q$$

has a smooth extension to

$$h_m: \bar{G} - E \rightarrow Q,$$

where  $E := (\{0\} \times S_1^{11}) \cup (S_1^{11} \times \{0\})$ . Denote:

$$\Sigma^m = h_m(\bar{G} - E).$$

Then  $\Sigma^m$  is a closed manifold with boundary in  $Q$ . By Main

Lemma  $\Sigma^m$  satisfies the  $(1 + \epsilon)$ -cone condition with

$$1 + \epsilon = 23 \cdot 10^4.$$

Hence by Lemma 3 there exists a smooth function  $F^m$  on  $Q$  which satisfies the

inequalities (\*) with the ellipticity constant

$$1 + \epsilon < 4 \cdot \sqrt{24} \cdot 23^2 \cdot 10^8 < 1.1 \cdot 10^{12} \quad \text{and}$$

such that  $F_{|\Sigma^m}^m = 0$ . Thus for

$z \in B^{24} \cap (\{X = 0\} \cup \{X + \epsilon = 0\})$  we have:

$$F^m(D^2u^m(z)) = 0.$$

To complete the proof that  $u^m$  is a viscosity solution of (1.1)

it is sufficient to show that for any point

$z_0 \in B^{24} \cap (\{X = 0\} \cup \{X + \epsilon = 0\})$  and for

second order polynomials  $p_1(p_2)$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{24}$  such that

$p_1(z_0) = p_2(z_0) = u^m(z_0)$  and such that

$p_1 \leq u^m(p_2 \geq u^m)$  in a neighborhood of  $z_0$  it will

follow that  $F^m(D^2p_1) \leq 0(F^m(D^2p_2) \geq 0)$ .

Let  $z_0 = (0, x + \epsilon) \in \mathbb{R}^{24}$ ,  $e \in S^{23}$ . Since  $w^m$  is

a homogeneous order 2 function in  $\mathbb{R}^{12} \setminus \{0\}$  it follows that

$u^m(z_0 + \epsilon e)$  is a smooth function for  $\epsilon \geq 0$ .

We define a homogeneous order 2 function  $\psi^m$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{24}$

such that for any  $e \in S^{23}$  the quadratic part of

$u^m(z_0 + \epsilon e)$  as a function of  $\epsilon$  coincide with

$\psi^m(\epsilon e)$ . Since the range of  $Hess(\psi^m)$  coincide with

the limit set of  $Hess(u^m(z))$  as  $z \rightarrow z_0$ ,  $z \in B$  it

follows that  $\psi^m$  is a solution of the equation

$$F^m(D^2\psi^m) = 0.$$

Let  $p_m(x)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{24}$  be a quadratic form such that

$p_m \leq w^m$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{24}$ . We choose any quadratic form

$p'_m(x)$  such that  $p_m \leq p'_m \leq \psi^m$  and there is a point

$x' \neq 0$  at which  $p'_m(x') = \psi^m(x')$ . Then it follows

that  $F^m(p_m) \leq F^m(p'_m) \leq 0$ . Consequently for any

quadratic form  $p_m(x)$  from the inequality

$p_m \leq \psi^m(p_m \geq \psi^m)$  it follows that

$F^m(p_m) \leq 0(F^m(p_m) \geq 0)$ . This implies that

$\psi^m$  is a viscosity solution of (1.1) in  $\mathbb{R}^{24}$  (see [1]).

**Corollary (3.3):**

For any pair

$$A = (a, a'), A + \epsilon = (a + \epsilon, a' + \epsilon') \in S_1^{23}$$

there exists  $E = (e, e') \in S_1^{23}$  with

$E \perp A, E \perp A + \epsilon$  satisfying:

$$W_{K,E,E}^\delta(A + \epsilon) = 0,$$

$$W_{K,E,E}^\delta(A) \geq 2 \cdot 10^{-4} \|H(A) - H(A + \epsilon)\|.$$

**Proof:** Define:

$$Q_{A,E}^\delta(E) := W_{K,E,E}^\delta(A) - W_{K,E,E}^\delta(A + \epsilon) =$$

$$u_{E,E}(A) - u_{E,E}(A + \epsilon)$$

.

Note for  $E \perp V$  we have:

$$W_{K,E,E}^\delta(V) = (W_{E,E}(V) + K(|e|^2 -$$

$$|e'|^2))|V|^{-\delta} - \delta(|X|^2 - |Y|^2 +$$

$$W(V))|V|^{-2-\delta}$$

.

In particular this remark applies to  $A$  and  $A + \epsilon$ . By

Property (ii) in Lemma (2.3) we can find:

$$e_0, e'_0 \in S_1^{11}, e \perp a, e'_0 \perp a', e_0 \perp a + \epsilon, e'_0 \perp a' + \epsilon'$$

s.t.

$$(w_{e_0, e_0}(a) - w_{e_0, e_0}(a + \varepsilon)) \geq \|\text{Hess}(w(a)) - \text{Hess}(w(a + \varepsilon))\|/M$$

$$(w_{e'_0, e'_0}(a') - w_{e'_0, e'_0}(a' + \varepsilon')) \geq \|\text{Hess}(w(a')) - \text{Hess}(w(a' + \varepsilon'))\|/M$$

Let  $\theta \in [0, \pi]$  and  
 let  $E(\theta) := ((\sin \theta)e_0, (\cos \theta)e'_0) \in S_1^{23}$ ; we see that  $E(\theta) \perp A, E(\theta) \perp A + \varepsilon$ . One easily verifies that

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{A, E}^\delta(E(\theta)) &= u_{E(\theta), E(\theta)}(A) - u_{E(\theta), E(\theta)}(A + \varepsilon) \\ &= W_{E(\theta), E(\theta)}^\delta(A) - W_{E(\theta), E(\theta)}^\delta(A + \varepsilon) - \delta(W(A) - W(A + \varepsilon)) \\ &= \sin^2 \theta (w_{e_0, e_0}(a) - w_{e_0, e_0}(a + \varepsilon)) + \cos^2 \theta (w_{e'_0, e'_0}(a') - w_{e'_0, e'_0}(a' + \varepsilon')) - \delta(W(A) - W(A + \varepsilon)) \\ &= \sin^2 \theta (|a|^2 - |a + \varepsilon|^2) + \cos^2 \theta (|a'|^2 - |a' + \varepsilon'|^2) \end{aligned}$$

Let now  $\theta \in [\arcsin \frac{7}{10} = \theta_0, \arccos \frac{7}{10} = \theta_1]$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{A, E}^\delta(E(\theta)) &\geq (2M^{-1} \sin^2 \theta_0 - 8\delta/15)(\|\text{Hess}(W(A)) - \text{Hess}(W(A + \varepsilon))\|) \\ &\quad - 2\delta \cos^2 \theta_0 (|a - (a + \varepsilon)| + |a' - (a' + \varepsilon')|) \\ &\geq (2M^{-1} 0.49 - 8\delta/15)(\|\text{Hess}(W(A)) - \text{Hess}(W(A + \varepsilon))\|) \\ &\quad - 1.02\delta (|a - (a + \varepsilon)| + |a' - (a' + \varepsilon')|) \\ &\geq (0.98M^{-1} - 50\delta)(\|\text{Hess}(W(A)) - \text{Hess}(W(A + \varepsilon))\|) \\ &\geq 2 \cdot 10^{-4} \|H(A) - H(A + \varepsilon)\|. \end{aligned}$$

Besides,

$$\begin{aligned} W_{K, E(\theta), E(\theta)}^\delta(A + \varepsilon) &= W_{E(\theta), E(\theta)}^\delta(A + \varepsilon) - \delta W(A + \varepsilon) \\ &\quad + K \cos 2\theta - \delta(|a + \varepsilon|^2 - |a' + \varepsilon'|^2). \end{aligned}$$

This gives for  $\theta = \theta_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} W_{K, E(\theta_0), E(\theta_0)}^\delta(A + \varepsilon) &= W_{E(\theta_0), E(\theta_0)}^\delta(A + \varepsilon) - \delta W(A + \varepsilon) + 0.02K \\ &\quad - \delta(|a + \varepsilon|^2 - |a' + \varepsilon'|^2) > -2/\sqrt{3} - 2\delta + 1.2 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

and for  $\theta = \theta_1$

$$W_{K, E(\theta_1), E(\theta_1)}^\delta(A + \varepsilon) = W_{E(\theta_1), E(\theta_1)}^\delta(A + \varepsilon) - \delta W(A + \varepsilon) - 0.02K$$

$$-\delta(|a + \varepsilon|^2 - |a' + \varepsilon'|^2) < 2/\sqrt{3} + 2\delta - 1.2 < 0$$

The corollary follows for  $E = E(\theta)$  with  $\theta \in ]\theta_0, \theta_1[$ .  
**Corollary (3.4):**

For any pair  $A = (a, a'), A + \varepsilon = (a + \varepsilon, a' + \varepsilon') \in B_1^{23}$  there exist two vectors  $E = (e, e'), \bar{E} = (\bar{e}, \bar{e}') \in S_1^{23}$  with  $E \perp A, E \perp A + \varepsilon, \bar{E} \perp A, \bar{E} \perp A + \varepsilon$  satisfying:

$$W_{K, E, E}^\delta(A) - W_{K, E, E}^\delta(A + \varepsilon) \geq \varepsilon \|H(A) - H(A + \varepsilon)\|$$

$$W_{K, \bar{E}, \bar{E}}^\delta(A) - W_{K, \bar{E}, \bar{E}}^\delta(A + \varepsilon) \leq -\varepsilon \|H(A) - H(A + \varepsilon)\|$$

where  $\varepsilon := 10^{-4}$ .

**Proof:** We can suppose w.r.t. that  $|A| \leq |A + \varepsilon|$ . Since  $W_{K, E, E}^\delta(A) - W_{K, E, E}^\delta(A + \varepsilon)$  and  $\|H(A) - H(A + \varepsilon)\|$  are both  $(-\delta)$ -homogeneous

one can as well suppose that  $|A + \varepsilon| = 1, 1 \geq |A|$ . Define  $A' := A/|A| \in S_1^{23}, k := |A|$ .

We consider two cases:  
 (i)

$$\|H(A) - H(A + \varepsilon)\| \leq 2\|H(A') - H(A + \varepsilon)\|$$

$$\|H(A) - H(A + \varepsilon)\| \geq 2\|H(A') - H(A + \varepsilon)\|$$

In the case (i) we apply Lemma (5.1.4) and find a vector  $E \in S_1^{23}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} W_{K, E, E}^\delta(A') - W_{K, E, E}^\delta(A + \varepsilon) &= W_{K, E, E}^\delta(A) \\ &\geq 2\varepsilon \|H(A') - H(A + \varepsilon)\| \geq \varepsilon \|H(A) - H(A + \varepsilon)\| \end{aligned}$$

The second inequality is obtained analogously. Let now

$$\|H(A) - H(A + \varepsilon)\| \geq 2\|H(A') - H(A + \varepsilon)\|$$

Since

$$\|H(A) - H(B)\| = \|k^{-\delta}H(A') - H(B)\| \geq 2\|H(A') - H(B)\|$$

we get:

$$(k^{-\delta} - 1)\|H(A')\| \geq \|H(A') - H(B)\|$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \|H(A) - H(A + \varepsilon)\| &= \|k^{-\delta}H(A') - H(A + \varepsilon)\| \\ &= \|(k^{-\delta} - 1)H(A') + H(A') - H(A + \varepsilon)\| \\ &\leq (k^{-\delta} - 1)\|H(A')\| + \|H(A') - H(A + \varepsilon)\| \leq 2(k^{-\delta} - 1)\|H(A')\| \end{aligned}$$

Take now a vector  $E' = (e', 0)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} W_{K,E',E'}^\delta(A') - W_{K,E',E'}^\delta(A + \varepsilon) &= W_{E',E'}^\delta(A') - W_{E',E'}^\delta(A + \varepsilon) \\ &+ K \cdot r_{E',E'}^\delta(A') - K \cdot r_{E',E'}^\delta(A + \varepsilon) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

We then get,

$$\begin{aligned} W_{K,E',E'}^\delta(A') - W_{K,E',E'}^\delta(A + \varepsilon) &= (k^{-\delta} - 1)W_{K,E',E'}^\delta(A') + W_{K,E',E'}^\delta(A') - W_{K,E',E'}^\delta(A + \varepsilon) \\ &\geq (k^{-\delta} - 1)(w_{e',e'}^\delta(a') + K - \delta(|a'|^2 - |a''|^2 + W(A'))) \\ &\geq (k^{-\delta} - 1)(K - 8 - 3\delta) \geq (k^{-\delta} - 1)K/2 \geq (k^{-\delta} - 1)\|H(A')\|/4 \\ &\geq \|H(A) - H(A + \varepsilon)\|/8 \end{aligned}$$

which finishes the proof of the first inequality; the proof of the second one is completely parallel.

**Corollary (3.5):**

For  $\delta = 10^{-6}$  there exists a continuous homogeneous order  $2 - \delta$  function  $u_j$  in the unit ball  $B \subset \mathbb{R}^{24}$  which is a viscosity solution to a uniformly elliptic equation (1), i.e.,  $F(D^2u_j) = 0$

**Proof:** Let  $Q$  be the space of the quadratic forms on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  equipped by its natural inner product  $a \cdot (a + \varepsilon) = \text{trace}(a(a + \varepsilon))$  for  $a \in Q$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Let us choose in the space  $Q$  an orthogonal coordinate system  $z_1, \dots, z_k, s, k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 1$  such that  $s$  is the trace. Let  $\pi: Q \rightarrow Z$  be the orthogonal projection of  $Q$  onto the  $z$ -space. For  $\varepsilon > 0$  we denote by  $K_{1+\varepsilon}$  the cone:

$$K_{1+\varepsilon} = \{a \in Q: \text{there exists } C > 0 \text{ s.t. the eigenvalues of } a \in [C/(1 + \varepsilon), C(1 + \varepsilon)]\}$$

Since on  $Q$  the maximal eigenvalue of a quadratic form is a convex function and the minimal eigenvalue is a concave function it follows that  $K_A$  is a convex cone. Let  $K_{1+\varepsilon}^*$  denote the adjoint cone of  $K_{1+\varepsilon}$ , that is,  $K_{1+\varepsilon}^* = \{a + \varepsilon \in Q: (a + \varepsilon) \cdot c \geq 0 \text{ for all } c \in K_{1+\varepsilon}\}$

As an adjoint to a convex cone the cone  $K_{1+\varepsilon}^*$  is a convex itself. Set  $L_{1+\varepsilon} = Q \setminus (K_{1+\varepsilon}^* \cup -K_{1+\varepsilon}^*)$ . Notice that  $a \in L_{1+\varepsilon}$  is equivalent to  $a \cdot (a + \varepsilon) = 0$  for some  $a + \varepsilon \in K_{1+\varepsilon}$ , i.e.,  $L_{1+\varepsilon}$  is a union of all hyper-planes in  $Q$  with normals in  $K_{1+\varepsilon}$ . Let  $G \subset Q$  be a set. We say that  $G$  satisfies the  $(1 + \varepsilon)$ -cone condition if for any two points  $a, a + \varepsilon \in G$ , the matrix  $a - (a + \varepsilon) \in L_{1+\varepsilon}$ .

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