Abstract

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In three dimensions, the matrix $\boldsymbol{L}$ is defined as

$$\boldsymbol{L} = \begin{pmatrix} \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{C}^{-1}\left[\xi_3, \xi_3, \xi_3, \xi_3\right] & 2\frac{\lambda_3 - \lambda_1}{\lambda_1 \lambda_3}\left\langle \xi_1, (\nabla \xi_3)\xi_3 \right\rangle & 2\frac{\lambda_3 - \lambda_2}{\lambda_2 \lambda_3}\left\langle \xi_2, (\nabla \xi_3)\xi_3 \right\rangle \\ 2\frac{\lambda_3 - \lambda_1}{\lambda_1 \lambda_3}\left\langle \xi_1, (\nabla \xi_3)\xi_3 \right\rangle & 2\frac{\lambda_3 - \lambda_1}{\lambda_1 \lambda_3} & 0 \\ 2\frac{\lambda_3 - \lambda_2}{\lambda_2 \lambda_3}\left\langle \xi_2, (\nabla \xi_3)\xi_3 \right\rangle & 0 & 2\frac{\lambda_3 - \lambda_2}{\lambda_2 \lambda_3} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{2.1}$$

where the dependence of $\boldsymbol{L}$ and its constituent parts on t, t_0 and $\mathbf{x}_0$ has been omitted for brevity. The distinction between so-called strong and weak hyperbolic LCSs is based upon whether or not $\boldsymbol{L}$ is positive definite (Haller 2010; Farazmand and Haller 2011). By Sylvester's theorem, a square matrix is positive definite if and only if all of the leading principal minors of $\boldsymbol{L}$ are positive. The term *leading principal minors* is defined as follows (Gilbert 1991):

Definition 1 (Principals of square matrices)**.** Let $\boldsymbol{A}$ be an $n \times n$ matrix. For $1 \leq k \leq n$, the k^{th} *principal submatrix* of $\boldsymbol{A}$ is the $k \times k$ submatrix formed from the first k rows and first k columns of $\boldsymbol{A}$. Its determinant is the k^{th} principal minor.

Thus, in three dimensions, this amounts to the simultaneous fulfillment of the three requirements

$$\nabla^2 \boldsymbol{C}\left[\xi_3, \xi_3, \xi_3, , \xi_3\right] > 0 \tag{2.2a}$$

$$2\frac{\lambda_3 - \lambda_1}{\lambda_1 \lambda_3}\nabla^2 \boldsymbol{C}\left[\xi_3, \xi_3, \xi_3, \xi_3\right] - 4\left(\frac{\lambda_3 - \lambda_1}{\lambda_1 \lambda_3}\right)^2 \left\langle \xi_1, (\nabla \xi_3)\xi_3 \right\rangle^2 > 0 \tag{2.2b}$$

$$\det(\boldsymbol{L}) > 0 \tag{2.2c}$$

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