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Robert R Jensen* (rjensen@luc.edu), 1032 W. Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60660. *A Geometric Derivation of the Maximum Principle and Applications*. Preliminary report.

I will describe a geometric derivation of the maximum principle for elliptic partial differential equations which is particularly applicable to viscosity solutions. By slightly modifying this approach I will recover results previously proved by Yifeng Yu on the gradient of C^2 infinity harmonic functions. (Received August 28, 2015)