

# **Symbolic Computation of Conservation Laws of Nonlinear PDEs**

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# Outline

- Overview of conservation laws
- Conservation laws for the Zakharov-Kuznetsov equation
- Presentation of ConservationLawsMD.m, a *Mathematica* program to compute conservation laws
- Conservation laws for the Manakov-Santini System

# Overview of Conservation Laws

- The computation of conservation laws was an integral part of an in-depth study to find solutions to the Korteweg-de Vries (KdV) equation
- An infinite set of conservations laws is a factor determining that the PDE is completely integrable
- In a system described by a PDE, conservation laws
  - ▶ show which physical quantities are conserved
  - ▶ lead to discoveries toward finding solutions of PDEs such as the Inverse Scattering Transform
  - ▶ aid in the study of qualitative properties of a PDE
  - ▶ aid in the design of numerical solvers

# Conservation Law

$$D_t \rho + \text{Div } \mathbf{J} = 0 \quad \text{on PDE}$$

$\rho$  is the “conserved density”       $\mathbf{J}$  is the “flux”

The continuity equation is satisfied for all solutions of the PDE.

In 1-D,  $\mathbf{J} = J$  and  $\text{Div } \mathbf{J} = D_x J$

In 2-D,  $\mathbf{J} = (J^1, J^2)$  and  $\text{Div } \mathbf{J} = D_x J^1 + D_y J^2$

In 3-D,  $\mathbf{J} = (J^1, J^2, J^3)$  and  $\text{Div } \mathbf{J} = D_x J^1 + D_y J^2 + D_z J^3$

# The Zakharov-Kuznetsov (ZK) Equation and Conservation Laws

The ZK equation models ion-sound solitons in a low pressure uniform magnetized plasma

The (2+1)-dimensional ZK equation:

$$u_t + \alpha u u_x + \beta(u_{2x} + u_{2y})_x = 0$$

Conservation Laws:

$$D_t(u) + D_x\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}u^2 + \beta u_{2x}\right) + D_y(\beta u_{xy}) = 0$$

$$D_t(u^2) + D_x\left(\frac{2\alpha}{3}u^3 - \beta(u_x^2 - u_y^2) + 2\beta u(u_{2x} + u_{2y})\right) \\ - D_y(2\beta u_x u_y) = 0$$

## More Conservation Laws:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{D}_t \left( u^3 - \frac{3\beta}{\alpha} (u_x^2 + u_y^2) \right) + \mathbf{D}_x \left( \frac{3\alpha}{4} u^4 + 3\beta u^2 u_{2x} - 6\beta u (u_x^2 + u_y^2) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{3\beta^2}{\alpha} (u_{2x}^2 - u_{2y}^2) - \frac{6\beta^2}{\alpha} (u_x (u_{3x} + u_{x2y}) + u_y (u_{2xy} + u_{3y})) \right) \\ & \quad + \mathbf{D}_y \left( 3\beta u^2 u_{xy} + \frac{6\beta^2}{\alpha} u_{xy} (u_{2x} + u_{2y}) \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{D}_t \left( tu^2 - \frac{2}{\alpha} xu \right) + \mathbf{D}_x \left( t \left( \frac{2\alpha}{3} u^3 - \beta (u_x^2 - u_y^2) + 2\beta u (u_{2x} + u_{2y}) \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - x \left( u^2 + \frac{2\beta}{\alpha} u_{2x} \right) + \frac{2\beta}{\alpha} u_x \right) - \mathbf{D}_y \left( 2\beta (tu_x u_y + \frac{1}{\alpha} x u_{xy}) \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

# COMPUTER DEMONSTRATION

# The Generalized Zakharov-Kuznetsov Equation and Conservation Laws

$$u_t + \alpha u^n u_x + \beta(u_{2x} + u_{2y})_x = 0,$$

where  $n$  is rational,  $n \neq 0$

Conservation Laws:

$$D_t(u) + D_x\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}u^2 + \beta u_{2x}\right) + D_y(\beta u_{xy}) = 0$$

$$D_t(u^2) + D_x\left(\frac{2\alpha}{3}u^3 - \beta(u_x^2 - u_y^2) + 2\beta u(u_{2x} + u_{2y})\right) \\ - D_y(2\beta u_x u_y) = 0$$

## The third conservation law:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{D}_t \left( u^{n+2} - \frac{(n+1)(n+2)\beta}{2\alpha} (u_x^2 + u_y^2) \right) \\ & + \mathbf{D}_x \left( \frac{(n+2)\alpha}{2(n+1)} u^{2(n+1)} + (n+2)\beta u^{n+1} u_{2x} \right. \\ & - (n+1)(n+2)\beta u^n (u_x^2 + u_y^2) + \frac{(n+1)(n+2)\beta^2}{2\alpha} (u_{2x}^2 - u_{2y}^2) \\ & \left. - \frac{(n+1)(n+2)\beta^2}{\alpha} (u_x(u_{3x} + u_{x2y}) + u_y(u_{2xy} + u_{3y})) \right) \\ & + \mathbf{D}_y \left( (n+2)\beta u^{n+1} u_{xy} + \frac{(n+1)(n+2)\beta^2}{\alpha} u_{xy} (u_{2x} + u_{2y}) \right) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

# The Manakov-Santini System and Conservation Laws

$$u_{tx} + u_{2y} + (uu_x)_x + v_x u_{xy} - u_{2x} v_y = 0$$

$$v_{tx} + v_{2y} + uv_{2x} + v_x v_{xy} - v_y v_{2x} = 0$$

Conservation Laws:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{D}_t \left( f u_x v_x \right) + \mathbf{D}_x \left( f (u u_x v_x - u_x v_x v_y - u_y v_y) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - f' y (u_t + u u_x - u_x v_y) \right) + \mathbf{D}_y \left( f (u_x v_y + u_y v_x + u_x v_x^2) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + f' (u - y u_y - y u_x v_x) \right) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $f = f(t)$  is arbitrary

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{D}_t \left( f(2u + v_x^2 - yu_xv_x) \right) + \mathbb{D}_x \left( f(u^2 + uv_x^2 + u_yv \right. \\
& \quad \left. - v_y^2 - v_x^2v_y - y(uu_xv_x - u_xv_xv_y - u_yv_y)) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - f'y(v_t + uv_x - v_xv_y) - (2fx - f')y^2(u_t + uu_x - u_xv_y) \right) \\
& \quad - \mathbb{D}_y \left( f(u_xv - 2v_xv_y - v_x^3 + y(u_xv_x^2 + u_xv_y + u_yv_x)) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - f'(v - y(2u + v_y + v_x^2)) + (2fx - f'y^2)(u_xv_x + u_y) \right) = 0,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $f = f(t)$  is arbitrary

plus 3 others

# Conclusions and Future Work

- The conservation laws program is fast and has computed conservation laws for a variety of PDEs. Improvements to the code will allow for a broader class of PDEs.
- Future research will include a study of integrability of DDEs, IDEs and delay DEs, leading to techniques, algorithms, and software to compute conservation laws, symmetries, and recursion operators.
- Software can be found at <http://inside.mines.edu/~whereman>