

**Symbolic Computation of Conserved Densities,
Generalized Symmetries, and Recursion Operators
for Nonlinear Differential-Difference Equations**

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Part I Purpose, Motivation, Strategy, Demo

• Purpose

Design and implement algorithms to compute polynomial conservation laws, generalized symmetries, and recursion operators for nonlinear systems of differential-difference equations (DDEs).

• Motivation

- Conservation laws describe the conservation of physical quantities (linear momentum, energy, etc.).
Compare with constants of motion (linear momentum, energy) in mechanics.
- Conservation laws help in the study of quantitative and qualitative properties of DDEs and their solutions.
- Conserved densities can be used to test numerical integrators.
- The existence of a sufficiently large (in principal infinite) number of conservation laws or symmetries assures complete **integrability**.
- Conserved densities and symmetries aid in finding the recursion operator (which guarantees the existence of infinitely many symmetries).

Definitions and Examples for DDEs (lattices)

- **Nonlinear system of DDEs**

(continuous in time, discretized in space)

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}}_n = \mathbf{F}(\dots, \mathbf{u}_{n-1}, \mathbf{u}_n, \mathbf{u}_{n+1}, \dots),$$

$\mathbf{u}_n = (u_{1,n}, u_{2,n}, \dots, u_{m,n})$ and $\mathbf{F} = (F_1, F_2, \dots, F_m)$ are vector dynamical variables.

In practice: denote components of $\mathbf{u}_n$ by $(u_n, v_n, w_n, \dots)$.

$\mathbf{F}$ is polynomial with constant coefficients (parameters).

No restrictions on the level of the shifts or the degree of nonlinearity.

- **Typical Examples**

★ The Kac-van Moerbeke lattice

$$\dot{u}_n = u_n(u_{n+1} - u_{n-1}).$$

★ The (quadratic) Volterra lattice

$$\dot{u}_n = u_n^2(u_{n+1} - u_{n-1}).$$

★ One-dimensional Toda lattice

$$\ddot{y}_n = \exp(y_{n-1} - y_n) - \exp(y_n - y_{n+1}).$$

y_n is the displacement from equilibrium of the n th particle with unit mass under an exponentially decaying interaction force between nearest neighbors.

Change of variables:

$$u_n = \dot{y}_n, \quad v_n = \exp(y_n - y_{n+1})$$

yields

$$\dot{u}_n = v_{n-1} - v_n, \quad \dot{v}_n = v_n(u_n - u_{n+1}).$$

★ The Ablowitz and Ladik lattice

$$i \dot{u}_n = u_{n+1} - 2u_n + u_{n-1} + \kappa u_n^* u_n (u_{n+1} + u_{n-1}),$$

is an integrable discretization of the NLS equation:

$$i u_t + u_{xx} + \kappa u^2 u^* = 0$$

u_n^* is the complex conjugate of u_n .

Treat u_n and $v_n = u_n^*$ as independent variables and add the complex conjugate equation. Set $\kappa = 1$ (scaling) and absorb i in scale on t :

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u}_n &= u_{n+1} - 2u_n + u_{n-1} + u_n v_n (u_{n+1} + u_{n-1}), \\ \dot{v}_n &= -(v_{n+1} - 2v_n + v_{n-1}) - u_n v_n (v_{n+1} + v_{n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

★ The Taha-Herbst lattice

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u}_n &= -(1 + \alpha h^2 u_n + \beta h^2 u_n^2) \left\{ \frac{1}{h^3} \left(\frac{1}{2} u_{n+2} - u_{n+1} + u_{n-1} - \frac{1}{2} u_{n-2} \right) \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha}{2h} [u_{n+1}^2 - u_{n-1}^2 + u_n (u_{n+1} - u_{n-1}) + u_{n+1} u_{n+2} - u_{n-1} u_{n-2}] \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\beta}{2h} [u_{n+1}^2 (u_{n+2} + u_n) - u_{n-1}^2 (u_{n-2} + u_n)] \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

is an integrable discretization of a combined KdV-mKdV equation

$$u_t + 6\alpha u u_x + 6\beta u^2 u_x + u_{xxx} = 0.$$

Discretizations the KdV and mKdV equations are special cases.

★ The Belov-Chaltikian lattice:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u}_n &= u_n (u_{n+1} - u_{n-1}) + v_{n-1} - v_n, \\ \dot{v}_n &= v_n (u_{n+2} - u_{n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

★ The Blaszak-Marciniak three field lattice:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{u}_n &= w_{n+1} - w_{n-1}, \\ \dot{v}_n &= u_{n-1}w_{n-1} - u_n w_n, \\ \dot{w}_n &= w_n(v_n - v_{n+1}).\end{aligned}$$

★ The Blaszak-Marciniak four field lattice:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{u}_n &= v_{n-1}z_n - v_n z_{n+1}, \\ \dot{v}_n &= w_{n-1}z_n - w_n z_{n+2}, \\ \dot{w}_n &= z_{n+3} - z_n, \\ \dot{z}_n &= z_n(u_{n-1} - u_n).\end{aligned}$$

★ The relativistic Toda lattice:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{u}_n &= (1 + \alpha u_n)(v_n - v_{n-1}), \\ \dot{v}_n &= v_n(u_{n+1} - u_n + \alpha v_{n+1} - \alpha v_{n-1}).\end{aligned}$$

• Dilation Invariance of DDEs

★ The Kac-van Moerbeke lattice

$$\dot{u}_n = u_n(u_{n+1} - u_{n-1}).$$

is invariant under the scaling symmetry

$$(t, u_n) \rightarrow (\lambda^{-1}t, \lambda u_n).$$

Weight $w(u_n)$ is defined in terms of t -derivatives.

Using $w(\frac{d}{dt}) = 1$ and $w(u_{n\pm p}) = w(u_n)$,

$$w(u_n) + 1 = 2w(u_n).$$

Hence, $w(u_n) = 1$.

★ The Toda lattice

$$\dot{u}_n = v_{n-1} - v_n, \quad \dot{v}_n = v_n(u_n - u_{n+1}).$$

is invariant under the scaling symmetry

$$(t, u_n, v_n) \rightarrow (\lambda^{-1}t, \lambda u_n, \lambda^2 v_n).$$

Weights $w(u_n), w(v_n)$ are defined in terms of t -derivatives.

Using $w(\frac{d}{dt}) = 1$, $w(u_{n\pm p}) = w(u_n)$, $w(v_{n\pm p}) = w(v_n)$

$$\begin{aligned} w(u_n) + 1 &= w(v_n), \\ w(v_n) + 1 &= w(v_n) + w(u_n). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$w(u_n) = 1, \quad w(v_n) = 2.$$

The **rank** of a monomial is its total weight in terms of t -derivatives.

- **Conservation Law for DDEs:**

$$\dot{\rho}_n = J_n - J_{n+1} \quad \text{on DDE,}$$

density ρ_n , flux J_n .

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\sum_n \rho_n) = \sum_n \dot{\rho}_n = \sum_n (J_n - J_{n+1})$$

if J_n is bounded for all n .

Subject to suitable boundary or periodicity conditions

$$\sum_n \rho_n = \text{constant.}$$

First three density-flux pairs (computed by hand) for Toda lattice:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_n^{(0)} &= \ln(v_n) & J_n^{(0)} &= u_n \\ \rho_n^{(1)} &= u_n & J_n^{(1)} &= v_{n-1} \\ \rho_n^{(2)} &= \frac{1}{2}u_n^2 + v_n & J_n^{(2)} &= u_n v_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

- **Generalized Symmetries of DDEs**

A vector function $\mathbf{G}(\dots, \mathbf{u}_{n-1}, \mathbf{u}_n, \mathbf{u}_{n+1}, \dots)$ is a *symmetry* iff

$$\mathbf{u}_n \rightarrow \mathbf{u}_n + \epsilon \mathbf{G}(\dots, \mathbf{u}_{n-1}, \mathbf{u}_n, \mathbf{u}_{n+1}, \dots)$$

leaves the DDE system invariant within order ϵ .

$\mathbf{G}$ must satisfy the linearized equation

$$D_t \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{u}_n)[\mathbf{G}] = \frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u}_n + \epsilon \mathbf{G})|_{\epsilon=0} = \sum_{k=-q}^p (D^k \mathbf{G}) \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial u_{n+k}},$$

where $\mathbf{F}'$ is the Fréchet derivative of $\mathbf{F}$ in direction of $\mathbf{G}$.

D is **up-shift operator**, D^{-1} is **down-shift operator**,
and $D^i = D \circ D \circ \dots \circ D$ (i times).

- **Examples**

- ★ Kac-van Moerbeke lattice

$$\dot{u}_n = u_n(u_{n+1} - u_{n-1}).$$

Higher order symmetries of rank (2,3)

$$G^{(1)} = u_n(u_{n+1} - u_{n-1}),$$

$$G^{(2)} = u_n u_{n+1}(u_n + u_{n+1} + u_{n+2}) - u_{n-1} u_n(u_{n-2} + u_{n-1} + u_n).$$

- ★ Toda lattice

$$\dot{u}_n = v_{n-1} - v_n, \quad \dot{v}_n = v_n(u_n - u_{n+1}).$$

First three higher-order symmetries:

$$\mathbf{G}^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{G}^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} v_n - v_{n-1} \\ v_n(u_n - u_{n+1}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{G}^{(3)} = \begin{pmatrix} v_n(u_n + u_{n+1}) - v_{n-1}(u_{n-1} + u_n) \\ v_n(u_{n+1}^2 - u_n^2 + v_{n+1} - v_{n-1}) \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Recursion Operators of DDEs.**

A *recursion operator* $\mathcal{R}$ connects symmetries

$$\mathbf{G}^{(j+s)} = \mathcal{R}\mathbf{G}^{(j)}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots,$$

s is seed. For r -component systems, $\mathcal{R}$ is an $r \times r$ matrix.

Defining equation for $\mathcal{R}$:

$$D_t \mathcal{R} + [\mathcal{R}, \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{u}_n)] = \frac{\partial \mathcal{R}}{\partial t} + \mathcal{R}'[\mathbf{F}] + \mathcal{R} \circ \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{u}_n) - \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{u}_n) \circ \mathcal{R} = 0,$$

where $[\ , \]$ means commutator, $\circ$ stands for composition, and

$$\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{u}_n) = \sum_{k=-q}^p \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial u_{n+k}} \right) D^k$$

p, q are bounds of the shifts, D is up-shift operator and $D^k = D \circ D \circ \dots \circ D$ (k times).

$\mathcal{R}'[\mathbf{F}]$ is the Fréchet derivative of $\mathcal{R}$ in direction of $\mathbf{F}$:

$$\mathcal{R}'[\mathbf{F}] = \sum_{k=-q}^p (D^k \mathbf{F}) \frac{\partial \mathcal{R}}{\partial u_{n+k}}$$

Example 1

The Kac-van Moerbeke lattice

$$\dot{u}_n = u_n(u_{n+1} - u_{n-1}),$$

has recursion operator

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R} &= u_n D + u_n D^{-1} + (u_n + u_{n+1})I + u_n(u_{n+1} - u_{n-1})(D - I)^{-1} \frac{1}{u_n} I \\ &= u_n(I + D)(u_n D - D^{-1} u_n)(D - I)^{-1} \frac{1}{u_n} I \end{aligned}$$

Note: $\rho_n^{(0)} = \ln(u_n)$ and $J_n^{(0)} = -(u_n + u_{n-1})$ are density-flux pair.

Example 2

The (quadratic) Volterra equation

$$\dot{u}_n = u_n^2(u_{n+1} - u_{n-1})$$

has recursion operator

$$\mathcal{R} = u_n^2 D + u_n^2 D^{-1} + 2u_n u_{n+1} I + 2u_n^2(u_{n+1} - u_{n-1})(D - I)^{-1} \frac{1}{u_n} I$$

Example 3

The Toda lattice

$$\dot{u}_n = v_{n-1} - v_n \quad \dot{v}_n = v_n(u_n - u_{n+1})$$

has recursion operator

$$\mathcal{R} = \begin{pmatrix} -u_n I & -D^{-1} - I + (v_{n-1} - v_n)(D - I)^{-1} \frac{1}{v_n} I \\ -v_n I - v_n D & u_{n+1} I + v_n(u_n - u_{n+1})(D - I)^{-1} \frac{1}{v_n} I \end{pmatrix}$$

The recursion operator can be factored as

$$\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{H}\mathcal{S}$$

with Hamiltonian (symplectic) operator

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} D^{-1}v_n I - v_n D & -u_n v_n I + u_n D^{-1}v_n I \\ -v_n D u_n I + u_n v_n I & -v_n D v_n I + v_n D^{-1}v_n I \end{pmatrix}$$

and co-symplectic operator

$$\mathcal{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (D - I)^{-1} \frac{1}{v_n} I \\ \frac{1}{v_n} D (D - I)^{-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Key Observation**

Conserved densities, generalized symmetries, and recursion operators are invariant under the dilation (scaling) symmetry of the given DDE.

- **Overall Strategy**

Exploit dilation symmetry as much as possible.

Keep the computations as simple as possible.

Use linear algebra

- * solve linear systems
- * construct basis vectors (building blocks)
- * use linear independence
- * work in finite dimensional spaces

Use calculus and differential equations

- * derivatives
- * integrals (as little as possible)
- * solve systems of linear ODEs

Use tools from variational calculus

- * variational derivative (Euler operator)
- * higher Euler operators and homotopy operator
- * Fréchet derivative
- * calculus with operators

Use analogy between continuous and semi-discrete cases

Analogy PDEs and DDEs

	Continuous Case (PDEs)	Semi-discrete Case (DDEs)
System	$\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}_x, \mathbf{u}_{2x}, \dots)$	$\dot{\mathbf{u}}_n = \mathbf{F}(\dots, \mathbf{u}_{n-1}, \mathbf{u}_n, \mathbf{u}_{n+1}, \dots)$
Conservation Law	$D_t \rho + D_x J = 0$	$\dot{\rho}_n + J_{n+1} - J_n = 0$
Symmetry	$D_t \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{u})[\mathbf{G}]$ $= \frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u} + \epsilon \mathbf{G}) _{\epsilon=0}$	$D_t \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{u}_n)[\mathbf{G}]$ $= \frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u}_n + \epsilon \mathbf{G}) _{\epsilon=0}$
Recursion Operator	$D_t \mathcal{R} + [\mathcal{R}, \mathbf{F}'(u)] = 0$	$D_t \mathcal{R} + [\mathcal{R}, \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{u}_n)] = 0$

Table 1: Conservation Laws and Symmetries

	KdV Equation	Volterra Lattice
Equation	$u_t = 6uu_x + u_{3x}$	$\dot{u}_n = u_n(u_{n+1} - u_{n-1})$
Densities	$\rho = u, \quad \rho = u^2$ $\rho = u^3 - \frac{1}{2}u_x^2$	$\rho_n = u_n, \quad \rho_n = u_n(\frac{1}{2}u_n + u_{n+1})$ $\rho_n = \frac{1}{3}u_n^3 + u_n u_{n+1}(u_n + u_{n+1} + u_{n+2})$
Symmetries	$G = u_x, \quad G = 6uu_x + u_{3x}$ $G = 30u^2u_x + 20u_xu_{2x}$ $+10uu_{3x} + u_{5x}$	$G = u_n u_{n+1}(u_n + u_{n+1} + u_{n+2})$ $-u_{n-1}u_n(u_{n-2} + u_{n-1} + u_n)$
Recursion Operator	$\mathcal{R} = D_x^2 + 4u + 2u_x D_x^{-1}$	$\mathcal{R} = u_n(I + D)(u_n D - D^{-1}u_n)$ $(D - I)^{-1} \frac{1}{u_n}$

Table 2: Prototypical Examples

Review of Algorithm for Conserved Densities of PDEs

- (i) Determine weights (scaling properties) of variables and auxiliary parameters.
- (ii) Construct the form of the density (find monomial building blocks).
- (iii) Determine the constant coefficients (parameters).
- (iv) Compute the flux with the homotopy operator.

Example: Density of **rank** 6 for the KdV equation

$$u_t + uu_x + u_{3x} = 0$$

Step 1: Compute the weights (dilation symmetry).

Solve

$$w(u) + w(D_t) = 2w(u) + 1 = w(u) + 3.$$

Hence,

$$w(u) = 2, \quad w(D_t) = 3.$$

Step 2: Determine the form of the density.

List all possible powers of u , up to rank 6 : $[u, u^2, u^3]$.

Introduce x derivatives to ‘complete’ the rank.

u has weight 2, introduce D_x^4 .

u^2 has weight 4, introduce D_x^2 .

u^3 has weight 6, no derivative needed.

Apply the D_x derivatives.

Remove total derivative terms ($D_x u_{px}$) and highest derivative terms:

$$\begin{aligned}
[u_{4x}] &\rightarrow [] \quad \text{empty list.} \\
[u_x^2, uu_{2x}] &\rightarrow [u_x^2] \quad \text{since } uu_{2x} = (uu_x)_x - u_x^2. \\
[u^3] &\rightarrow [u^3].
\end{aligned}$$

Linearly combine the ‘building blocks’:

$$\rho = c_1 u^3 + c_2 u_x^2.$$

Step 3: Determine the coefficients c_i .

Use the defining equation

$$D_t \rho + D_x J = 0 \quad (\text{on PDE}),$$

Compute

$$\begin{aligned}
E &= D_t \rho = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial u_{kx}} D_x^k u_t = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \rho'(u)[F] \\
&= 3c_1 u^2 u_t + 2c_2 u_x u_{xt} \\
&= -3c_1 u^2 (uu_x + u_{3x}) - 2c_2 u_x (uu_x + u_{3x})_x. \\
&= -(3c_1 u^3 u_x + 3c_1 u^2 u_{3x} + 2c_2 u_x^3 + 2c_2 uu_x u_{2x} + 2c_2 u_x u_{4x}).
\end{aligned}$$

Apply the Euler operator (continuous variational derivative)

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{u}}^{(0)} &= \sum_{k=0}^m (-D_x)^k \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{kx}} \\
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial u} - D_x \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_x} + D_x^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{2x}} + \cdots + (-1)^m D_x^m \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{mx}}.
\end{aligned}$$

to E of order $m = 4$. Result:

$$\mathcal{L}_u^{(0)}(E) = -6(3c_1 + c_2)u_x u_{xx} \equiv 0$$

So, $c_1 = -\frac{1}{3}c_2$. Set $c_2 = -3$, then $c_1 = 1$.

Hence,

$$\rho = u^3 - 3u_x^2.$$

Step 4: Compute the flux J .

- Method 1: Integrate by parts (simple cases)

Integration of $D_x J = -E$ yields

$$J = \frac{3}{4}u^4 - 6uu_x^2 + 3u^2u_{2x} + 3u_{2x}^2 - 6u_xu_{3x}.$$

- Method 2: Build the form of J (cumbersome)

Note: $\text{Rank } J = \text{Rank } \rho + \text{Rank } D_t - 1$.

Build up form of J . Compute

$$D_x J = \frac{\partial J}{\partial x} + \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{\partial J}{\partial u_{kx}} u_{(k+1)x},$$

m is the order of J . Match $D_x J = -E$.

- Method 3: Use the homotopy operator (most powerful)

Higher Euler Operators:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{u}}^{(i)} = \sum_{k=i}^{\infty} \binom{k}{i} (-D_x)^{k-i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{kx}}.$$

Examples (scalar case, $\mathbf{u} = u_1 = u$):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_u^{(0)} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial u} - D_x \frac{\partial}{\partial u_x} + D_x^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{2x}} - D_x^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{3x}} + \dots \\ \mathcal{L}_u^{(1)} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial u_x} - 2D_x \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{2x}} + 3D_x^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{3x}} - 4D_x^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{4x}} + \dots \\ \mathcal{L}_u^{(2)} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{2x}} - 3D_x \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{3x}} + 6D_x^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{4x}} - 10D_x^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{5x}} + \dots \\ \mathcal{L}_u^{(3)} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{3x}} - 4D_x \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{4x}} + 10D_x^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{5x}} - 20D_x^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{6x}} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

The flux is

$$J(\mathbf{u}) = \int_0^1 \sum_{r=1}^n j_r(\mathbf{u})[\lambda \mathbf{u}] \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda}.$$

where

$$j_r(\mathbf{u}) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} D_x^i(u_r \mathcal{L}_{u_r}^{(i+1)}(-E))$$

m is the order of E , and $j_r(\mathbf{u})[\lambda \mathbf{u}]$ means

$\mathbf{u} \rightarrow \lambda \mathbf{u}$, $\mathbf{u}_x \rightarrow \lambda \mathbf{u}_x$, $\mathbf{u}_{2x} \rightarrow \lambda \mathbf{u}_{2x}$, etc.

Demonstration (scalar case, $\mathbf{u} = u_1 = u$, $j_1(\mathbf{u}) = j(u)$):

Compute J via the homotopy operator!

$$-E = 3u^3u_x + 3u^2u_{3x} - 6u_x^3 - 6uu_xu_{2x} - 6u_xu_{4x}.$$

i	$\mathcal{L}_u^{(i+1)}(-E)$	$D_x^i(u \mathcal{L}_u^{(i+1)}(-E))$
0	$3u^3 + 24uu_{2x} + 18u_{4x} + 12u_x^2$	$3u^4 + 24u^2u_{2x} + 18uu_{4x} + 12uu_x^2$
1	$-24uu_x - 36u_{3x}$	$-48uu_x^2 - 24u^2u_{2x} - 36u_xu_{3x} - 36uu_{4x}$
2	$3u^2 + 24u_{2x}$	$18uu_x^2 + 9u^2u_{2x} + 24u_{2x}^2 + 48u_xu_{3x} + 24uu_{4x}$
3	$-6u_x$	$-18u_{2x}^2 - 24u_xu_{3x} - 6uu_{4x}$

Hence,

$$j(u) = 3u^4 - 18uu_x^2 - 12u_xu_{3x} + 9u^2u_{2x} + 6u_{2x}^2.$$

Thus, the homotopy operator gives

$$\begin{aligned} J(u) &= \int_0^1 j(u)[\lambda u] \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda} \\ &= \int_0^1 (3\lambda^3u^4 - 18\lambda^2uu_x^2 - 12\lambda u_xu_{3x} + 9\lambda^2u^2u_{2x} + 6\lambda u_{2x}^2) d\lambda \\ &= \frac{3}{4}u^4 - 6uu_x^2 - 6u_xu_{3x} + 3u^2u_{2x} + 3u_{2x}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Analogy PDEs and DDEs

Conservation laws for PDEs

$$D_t \rho + D_x J = 0$$

density ρ , flux J .

Compute $E = D_t \rho$.

To guarantee the existence of J , apply the Euler operator

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{u}}^{(0)} &= \sum_{k=0}^m (-1)^k D_x^k \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{kx}} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}} - D_x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_x} \right) + D_x^2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{2x}} \right) + \cdots + (-1)^m D_x^m \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{mx}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

to E of order m . D_x is the differential operator.

If $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{u}}^{(0)}(E) = 0$, then E is a total x -derivative $(-J_x)$.

If $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{u}}^{(0)}(E) \neq 0$, the nonzero terms must vanish identically.

E must be in the kernel of $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{u}}^{(0)}$ operator, or equivalently, E must be in the image of D_x operator.

Computation of flux J :

Apply the homotopy operator

$$J(u) = \int_0^1 \sum_{r=1}^n j_r(\mathbf{u}) [\lambda \mathbf{u}] \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda}.$$

where $j_r(\mathbf{u})$ is computed with

$$j_r(\mathbf{u}) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} D_x^i (u_r \mathcal{L}_{u_r}^{(i+1)}(-E))$$

with higher Euler operators (continuous):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{u}}^{(i)} = \sum_{k=i}^m \binom{k}{i} (-D_x)^{k-i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{kx}}.$$

Conservation laws for DDEs

$$\dot{\rho}_n + J_{n+1} - J_n = 0$$

density ρ_n , flux J_n .

Compute $E = \dot{\rho}_n$.

To guarantee existence of J_n , apply the discrete Euler operator

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{u}_n}^{(0)} &= \sum_{k=-q}^p D^{-k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{n+k}} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_n} + D \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{n-1}} \right) + D^2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{n-2}} \right) + \cdots + D^q \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{n-q}} \right) \\ &\quad + D^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{n+1}} \right) + D^{-2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{n+2}} \right) + \cdots + D^{-p} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{n+p}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

to E with maximal negative and positive shifts on $\mathbf{u}$ are q and p .

D is the *up-shift* operator, D^{-1} the *down-shift* operator.

Applied to a monomial m

$$D^{-1}m = m|_{n \rightarrow n-1} \quad \text{and} \quad Dm = m|_{n \rightarrow n+1}.$$

Note: D (up-shift operator) corresponds the differential operator D_x due to the forward difference

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial x} \rightarrow \frac{J_{n+1} - J_n}{\Delta x} \quad (\Delta x = 1)$$

If $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{u}_n}^{(0)}(E) = 0$, then E matches $-(J_{n+1} - J_n)$.

If $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{u}_n}^{(0)}(E) \neq 0$, the nonzero terms must vanish identically.

In practice:

Compute $\tilde{E} = D^q E$ (remove negative shifts) and apply

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{u}_n}^{(0)} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_n} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{p+q} D^{-k} \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_n} (I + D^{-1} + D^{-2} + \dots + D^{-(p+q)})\end{aligned}$$

Computation of flux $\tilde{J}_n$

Apply the homotopy operator

$$\tilde{J}_n = \int_0^1 \sum_{r=1}^m \tilde{j}_{r,n}(\mathbf{u}_n)[\lambda \mathbf{u}_n] \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda}.$$

where $\tilde{j}_{r,n}(\mathbf{u}_n)$ is computed with

$$\tilde{j}_{r,n}(\mathbf{u}_n) = \sum_{i=0}^{p+q-1} (D - I)^i (u_{r,n} \mathcal{L}_{u_{r,n}}^{(i+1)}(-\tilde{E}))$$

with discrete higher Euler operators:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{u}_n}^{(i)} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_n} \left(\sum_{k=i}^{p+q} \binom{k}{i} D^{-k} \right).$$

Down-shift $\tilde{J}_n$ by q steps: $J_n = D^{-q} \tilde{J}_n$.

Part II Algorithms for DDEs (lattices)

• Tool: Up and Down Shift Operators

D^{-1} and D are the *down-shift* and *up-shift* operators.

For a monomial m :

$$D^{-1}m = m|_{n \rightarrow n-1}, \quad \text{and} \quad Dm = m|_{n \rightarrow n+1}.$$

Example

$$D^{-1}u_{n+2}v_n = u_{n+1}v_{n-1}, \quad Du_{n-2}v_{n-1} = u_{n-1}v_n.$$

Compositions of D^{-1} and D define an *equivalence relation*.

All shifted monomials are *equivalent*.

Example

$$u_{n-1}v_{n+1} \equiv u_{n+2}v_{n+4} \equiv u_{n-3}v_{n-1}.$$

• Tool: Equivalence Criterion

Two monomials m_1 and m_2 are equivalent, $m_1 \equiv m_2$, if

$$m_1 = m_2 + [M_n - M_{n+1}]$$

for some polynomial M_n .

Example: $u_{n-2}u_n \equiv u_{n-1}u_{n+1}$ since

$$u_{n-2}u_n = u_{n-1}u_{n+1} + [u_{n-2}u_n - u_{n-1}u_{n+1}] = u_{n-1}u_{n+1} + [M_n - M_{n+1}].$$

Main representative of an equivalence class is the monomial with label n on u (or v).

Example: $u_n u_{n+2}$ is main representative of class

$$\{u_{n-1}u_{n+1}, u_{n+1}u_{n+3}, \dots\}.$$

Use lexicographical ordering to resolve conflicts.

$u_n v_{n+2}$ (not $u_{n-2}v_n$) is the main representative of class

$$\{u_{n-3}v_{n-1}, u_{n+2}v_{n+4}, \dots\}$$

- **Algorithm for Conserved Densities of DDEs.**

Three-step algorithm to find conserved densities:

- (i) Determine the weights.
- (ii) Construct the form of density.
- (iii) Determine the coefficients.
- (iv) Compute the flux with the discrete homotopy operator.

Example: Density of rank 3 of the Toda lattice,

$$\dot{u}_n = v_{n-1} - v_n, \quad \dot{v}_n = v_n(u_n - u_{n+1}).$$

Step 1: Compute the weights.

Require uniformity in rank for each equation:

$$\begin{aligned} w(u_n) + w\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) &= w(v_{n-1}) = w(v_n), \\ w(v_n) + w\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) &= w(v_n) + w(u_n) = w(v_n) + w(u_{n+1}) \end{aligned}$$

Weights are shift invariant. Set $w(\frac{d}{dt}) = 1$ and solve the linear system: $w(u_n) = w(u_{n+1}) = 1$ and $w(v_n) = w(v_{n-1}) = 2$.

Step 2: Construct the form of the density.

List all monomials¹ in u_n and v_n of rank 3 or less:

$$\mathcal{G} = \{u_n^3, u_n^2, u_n v_n, u_n, v_n\}.$$

For each monomial in $\mathcal{G}$, introduce enough t -derivatives to obtain weight 3. Use the DDE to remove $\dot{u}_n$ and $\dot{v}_n$:

$$\frac{d^0}{dt^0}(u_n^3) = u_n^3, \quad \frac{d^0}{dt^0}(u_n v_n) = u_n v_n,$$

¹In general algorithm shifts are also needed: $u_n^3, u_n u_{n+1} u_{n-1}, u_n^2 u_{n+1}$, etc.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}(u_n^2) &= 2u_nv_{n-1} - 2u_nv_n, \\ \frac{d}{dt}(v_n) &= u_nv_n - u_{n+1}v_n, \\ \frac{d^2}{dt^2}(u_n) &= u_{n-1}v_{n-1} - u_nv_{n-1} - u_nv_n + u_{n+1}v_n.\end{aligned}$$

Gather the resulting terms in a set

$$\mathcal{H} = \{u_n^3, u_nv_{n-1}, u_nv_n, u_{n-1}v_{n-1}, u_{n+1}v_n\}.$$

Introduce main representatives.

Example: $u_nv_{n-1} \equiv u_{n+1}v_n$ are replaced by u_nv_{n-1} .

Linearly combine the monomials in

$$\mathcal{I} = \{u_n^3, u_nv_{n-1}, u_nv_n\}$$

to obtain

$$\rho_n = c_1 u_n^3 + c_2 u_nv_{n-1} + c_3 u_nv_n.$$

Step 3: Determine the coefficients c_i .

Require that $\dot{\rho}_n + J_{n+1} - J_n = 0$ holds.

Compute $\dot{\rho}_n$. Use the DDE to remove $\dot{u}_n$ and $\dot{v}_n$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}E = \dot{\rho}_n &= (3c_1 - c_2)u_n^2v_{n-1} + (c_3 - 3c_1)u_n^2v_n + (c_3 - c_2)v_{n-1}v_n \\ &\quad + c_2u_{n-1}u_nv_{n-1} + c_2v_{n-1}^2 - c_3u_nu_{n+1}v_n - c_3v_n^2.\end{aligned}$$

Shift E by $q = 1$ step up (remove negative shifts $n - 1$). Apply

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{u}_n}^{(0)} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_n} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{p+q} D^{-k} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_n} (I + D^{-1} + D^{-2} + \dots)$$

to $\tilde{E} = DE$.

The maximal shift $p + q = 1 + 1 = 2$ on u_n . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{u_n}^{(0)}(\tilde{E}) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_n}(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{D}^{-1} + \mathbf{D}^{-2})(\tilde{E}) \\ &= 2(3c_1 - c_2)u_nv_{n-1} + 2(c_3 - 3c_1)u_nv_n \\ &\quad + (c_2 - c_3)u_{n-1}v_{n-1} + (c_2 - c_3)u_{n+1}v_n \equiv 0\end{aligned}$$

The maximal shift $p + q = 0 + 1 = 1$ on v_n . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{v_n}^{(0)}(\tilde{E}) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial v_n}(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{D}^{-1})(\tilde{E}) \\ &= (3c_1 - c_2)u_{n+1}^2 + (c_3 - c_2)v_{n+1} + (c_2 - c_3)u_nu_{n+1} \\ &\quad + 2(c_2 - c_3)v_n + (c_3 - 3c_1)u_n^2 + (c_3 - c_2)v_{n-1} \equiv 0.\end{aligned}$$

Solve the linear system

$$\mathcal{S} = \{3c_1 - c_2 = 0, c_3 - 3c_1 = 0, c_2 - c_3 = 0\}.$$

The solution is $3c_1 = c_2 = c_3$. Choose $c_1 = \frac{1}{3}$, and $c_2 = c_3 = 1$:

Step 4: Compute the flux J_n .

– Method 1: Use equivalence criterion (simple cases)

Start from

$$E = \dot{\rho}_n = u_{n-1}u_nv_{n-1} + v_{n-1}^2 - u_nu_{n+1}v_n - v_n^2.$$

Replace $u_{n-1}u_nv_{n-1}$ by $u_nu_{n+1}v_n + [u_{n-1}u_nv_{n-1} - u_nu_{n+1}v_n]$.

Replace v_{n-1}^2 by $v_n^2 + [v_{n-1}^2 - v_n^2]$. Thus

$$E = [u_{n-1}u_nv_{n-1} - u_nu_{n+1}v_n] + [v_{n-1}^2 - v_n^2]$$

Group the first and second terms in the square brackets to match $[J_n - J_{n+1}]$.

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}E &= [u_{n-1}u_nv_{n-1} + v_{n-1}^2] - [u_nu_{n+1}v_n + v_n^2]. \\ J_n &= u_{n-1}u_nv_{n-1} + v_{n-1}^2.\end{aligned}$$

- Method 2: Use the homotopy operator (most powerful)
- Discrete higher Euler operators:

$$\mathcal{L}_{u_n}^{(i)} = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} \left(\sum_{k=i}^{p+q} \binom{k}{i} D^{-k} \right)$$

Examples (scalar case, $u_{1,n} = u_n$):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{u_n}^{(0)} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} (I + D^{-1} + D^{-2} + D^{-3} + \dots) \\ \mathcal{L}_{u_n}^{(1)} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} (D^{-1} + 2D^{-2} + 3D^{-3} + 4D^{-4} + \dots) \\ \mathcal{L}_{u_n}^{(2)} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} (D^{-2} + 3D^{-3} + 6D^{-4} + 10D^{-5} + \dots) \\ \mathcal{L}_{u_n}^{(3)} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} (D^{-3} + 4D^{-4} + 10D^{-5} + 20D^{-6} + \dots) \end{aligned}$$

Similar formulas for $\mathcal{L}_{v_n}^{(i)}$.

The flux is

$$\tilde{J}_n = \int_0^1 (\tilde{j}_{1,n}(\mathbf{u}_n)[\lambda \mathbf{u}_n] + \tilde{j}_{2,n}(\mathbf{u}_n)[\lambda \mathbf{u}_n]) \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda}$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{j}_{1,n}(\mathbf{u}_n) &= \sum_{i=0}^{p+q-1} (D - I)^i (u_n \mathcal{L}_{u_n}^{(i+1)}(-\tilde{E})) \\ \tilde{j}_{2,n}(\mathbf{u}_n) &= \sum_{i=0}^{p+q-1} (D - I)^i (v_n \mathcal{L}_{v_n}^{(i+1)}(-\tilde{E})) \end{aligned}$$

Note that $p+q$ is the highest shift in $\tilde{E}$, and $\tilde{j}_{r,n}(\mathbf{u}_n)[\lambda \mathbf{u}_n]$ means $\mathbf{u}_n \rightarrow \lambda \mathbf{u}_n$, $\mathbf{u}_{n+1} \rightarrow \lambda \mathbf{u}_{n+1}$, $\mathbf{u}_{n+2} \rightarrow \lambda \mathbf{u}_{n+2}$, etc.

Demonstration (vector case, $\mathbf{u}_n = (u_n, v_n)$) :

Compute J_n via the homotopy operator!

Start from

$$-\tilde{E} = -DE = -u_n u_{n+1} v_n - v_n^2 + u_{n+1} u_{n+2} v_{n+1} + v_{n+1}^2.$$

To find: flux J_n such that $(D - I)J_n = -E$.

Homotopy operator inverts the operator $(D - I)$.

i	$\mathcal{L}_{u_n}^{(i+1)}(-\tilde{E})$	$(D - I)^i(u_n \mathcal{L}_{u_n}^{(i+1)}(-\tilde{E}))$
0	$u_{n-1}v_{n-1} + u_{n+1}v_n$	$u_n u_{n-1}v_{n-1} + u_n u_{n+1}v_n$
1	$u_{n-1}v_{n-1}$	$u_{n+1}u_n v_n - u_n u_{n-1}v_{n-1}$

i	$\mathcal{L}_{v_n}^{(i+1)}(-\tilde{E})$	$(D - I)^i(v_n \mathcal{L}_{v_n}^{(i+1)}(-\tilde{E}))$
0	$u_n u_{n+1} + 2v_n$	$v_n u_n u_{n+1} + 2v_n^2$

Hence,

$$\tilde{j}_{1,n}(\mathbf{u}_n) = 2u_n u_{n+1} v_n, \quad \tilde{j}_{2,n}(\mathbf{u}_n) = u_n u_{n+1} v_n + 2v_n^2.$$

Thus, the homotopy operator gives

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{J}_n &= \int_0^1 (\tilde{j}_{1,n}(\mathbf{u}_n)[\lambda \mathbf{u}_n] + \tilde{j}_{2,n}(\mathbf{u}_n)[\lambda \mathbf{u}_n]) \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda} \\ &= \int_0^1 (3\lambda^2 u_n u_{n+1} v_n + 2\lambda v_n^2) d\lambda \\ &= u_n u_{n+1} v_n + v_n^2. \end{aligned}$$

Summary:

$$\rho_n = \frac{1}{3} u_n^3 + u_n(v_{n-1} + v_n), \quad J_n = D^{-1}J_n = u_{n-1}u_n v_{n-1} + v_{n-1}^2.$$

Analogously, conserved densities of rank ≤ 5 :

$$\rho_n^{(1)} = u_n \quad \rho_n^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2}u_n^2 + v_n$$

$$\rho_n^{(3)} = \frac{1}{3}u_n^3 + u_n(v_{n-1} + v_n)$$

$$\rho_n^{(4)} = \frac{1}{4}u_n^4 + u_n^2(v_{n-1} + v_n) + u_n u_{n+1} v_n + \frac{1}{2}v_n^2 + v_n v_{n+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_n^{(5)} = & \frac{1}{5}u_n^5 + u_n^3(v_{n-1} + v_n) + u_n u_{n+1} v_n (u_n + u_{n+1}) \\ & + u_n v_{n-1} (v_{n-2} + v_{n-1} + v_n) + u_n v_n (v_{n-1} + v_n + v_{n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

- **Algorithm for Generalized Symmetries of DDEs.**

Consider the Toda system

$$\dot{u}_n = v_{n-1} - v_n, \quad \dot{v}_n = v_n(u_n - u_{n+1}).$$

with

$$w(u_n) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad w(v_n) = 2.$$

Compute the form of the symmetry of ranks (3, 4), i.e. the first component of the symmetry has rank 3, the second rank 4.

Step 1: Construct the form of the symmetry.

List all monomials in u_n and v_n of rank 3 or less:

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = \{u_n^3, u_n^2, u_n v_n, u_n, v_n\},$$

and of rank 4 or less:

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = \{u_n^4, u_n^3, u_n^2 v_n, u_n^2, u_n v_n, u_n, v_n^2, v_n\}.$$

For each monomial in $\mathcal{L}_1$ and $\mathcal{L}_2$, introduce enough t -derivatives, so that each term exactly has rank 3 and 4, respectively.

Using the DDEs, for the monomials in $\mathcal{L}_1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^0}{dt^0}(u_n^3) &= u_n^3, & \frac{d^0}{dt^0}(u_n v_n) &= u_n v_n, \\ \frac{d}{dt}(u_n^2) &= 2u_n \dot{u}_n = 2u_n v_{n-1} - 2u_n v_n, \\ \frac{d}{dt}(v_n) &= \dot{v}_n = u_n v_n - u_{n+1} v_n, \\ \frac{d^2}{dt^2}(u_n) &= \frac{d}{dt}(\dot{u}_n) = \frac{d}{dt}(v_{n-1} - v_n) \\ &= u_{n-1} v_{n-1} - u_n v_{n-1} - u_n v_n + u_{n+1} v_n. \end{aligned}$$

Gather the resulting terms:

$$\mathcal{R}_1 = \{u_n^3, u_{n-1}v_{n-1}, u_nv_{n-1}, u_nv_n, u_{n+1}v_n\}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_2 = \{ & u_n^4, u_{n-1}^2v_{n-1}, u_{n-1}u_nv_{n-1}, u_n^2v_{n-1}, v_{n-2}v_{n-1}, v_{n-1}^2, u_n^2v_n, \\ & u_nu_{n+1}v_n, u_{n+1}^2v_n, v_{n-1}v_n, v_n^2, v_nv_{n+1}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Linearly combine the monomials in $\mathcal{R}_1$ and $\mathcal{R}_2$

$$\begin{aligned} G^{(1)} &= c_1 u_n^3 + c_2 u_{n-1}v_{n-1} + c_3 u_nv_{n-1} + c_4 u_nv_n + c_5 u_{n+1}v_n, \\ G^{(2)} &= c_6 u_n^4 + c_7 u_{n-1}^2v_{n-1} + c_8 u_{n-1}u_nv_{n-1} + c_9 u_n^2v_{n-1} \\ &\quad + c_{10} v_{n-2}v_{n-1} + c_{11} v_{n-1}^2 + c_{12} u_n^2v_n + c_{13} u_nu_{n+1}v_n \\ &\quad + c_{14} u_{n+1}^2v_n + c_{15} v_{n-1}v_n + c_{16} v_n^2 + c_{17} v_nv_{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Step 2: Determine the unknown coefficients.

Require that the symmetry condition $D_t \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{u}_n)[\mathbf{G}]$ holds.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= c_6 = c_7 = c_8 = c_9 = c_{10} = c_{11} = c_{13} = c_{16} = 0, \\ -c_2 &= -c_3 = c_4 = c_5 = -c_{12} = c_{14} = -c_{15} = c_{17}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, with $c_{17} = 1$, the symmetry of rank $(3, 4)$ is:

$$\begin{aligned} G^{(1)} &= u_nv_n - u_{n-1}v_{n-1} + u_{n+1}v_n - u_nv_{n-1}, \\ G^{(2)} &= u_{n+1}^2v_n - u_n^2v_n + v_nv_{n+1} - v_{n-1}v_n. \end{aligned}$$

Analogously, the symmetry of rank $(4, 5)$ reads

$$\begin{aligned} G^{(1)} &= u_n^2v_n + u_nu_{n+1}v_n + u_{n+1}^2v_n + v_n^2 + v_nv_{n+1} - u_{n-1}^2v_{n-1} \\ &\quad - u_{n-1}u_nv_{n-1} - u_n^2v_{n-1} - v_{n-2}v_{n-1} - v_{n-1}^2, \\ G^{(2)} &= u_{n+1}v_n^2 + 2u_{n+1}v_nv_{n+1} + u_{n+2}v_nv_{n+1} - u_n^3v_n + u_{n+1}^3v_n \\ &\quad - u_{n-1}v_{n-1}v_n - 2u_nv_{n-1}v_n - u_nv_n^2. \end{aligned}$$

• Recursion Operators of DDEs.

Key Observation

★ Recursion operator for the Kac-van Moerbeke lattice

$$\dot{u}_n = u_n(u_{n+1} - u_{n-1}),$$

is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R} &= u_n D + u_n D^{-1} + (u_n + u_{n+1})I + u_n(u_{n+1} - u_{n-1})(D - I)^{-1} \frac{1}{u_n} I \\ &= u_n(I + D)(u_n D - D^{-1} u_n)(D - I)^{-1} \frac{1}{u_n} I\end{aligned}$$

D^{-1} and D are down and up-shift operators.

I is the identity operator.

$D - I$ is the discretized version of D_x (PDE case).

$(D - I)^{-1}$ corresponding to the integral operator D_x^{-1} (PDE case).

The recursion operator has rank 1. Indeed, compare the ranks of successive symmetries (ranks 2 and 3):

$$G^{(1)} = u_n(u_{n+1} - u_{n-1}),$$

$$G^{(2)} = u_n u_{n+1}(u_n + u_{n+1} + u_{n+2}) - u_{n-1} u_n(u_{n-2} + u_{n-1} + u_n),$$

which are linked via $\mathcal{R}G^{(1)} = G^{(2)}$.

Recursion operator splits into $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_0 + \mathcal{R}_1$.

$\mathcal{R}_0$ has linear combinations of D^{-1} , D , I and $u_{n\pm p}$.

$\mathcal{R}_1$ is of the form

$$\mathcal{R}_1 = \sum_j \sum_k G^{(j)}(D - I)^{-1} \rho'_{(k)}$$

- **Algorithm for Recursion Operators of DDEs.**

Scalar Case

Step 1: Determine the rank of the recursion operator.

Recall: first two higher symmetries of Kac Van Moerbeke equation are

$$\begin{aligned} G^{(1)} &= u_n(u_{n+1} - u_{n-1}), \\ G^{(2)} &= u_n u_{n+1}(u_n + u_{n+1} + u_{n+2}) - u_{n-1} u_n(u_{n-2} + u_{n-1} + u_n), . \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$R = \text{rank } \mathcal{R} = \text{rank } G^{(2)} - \text{rank } G^{(1)} = 3 - 2 = 1.$$

Step 2: Construct the form of the recursion operator.

(i) Determine the pieces of operator $\mathcal{R}_0$

Compute the required shift (p) and linearly combine terms with D^{-1} , D , I and $u_{n\pm p}$.

Example: For the Kac-van Moerbeke lattice:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_0 &= (c_1 u_{n-1} + c_2 u_n + c_3 u_{n+1}) D^{-1} + (c_4 u_{n-1} + c_5 u_n + c_6 u_{n+1}) I \\ &\quad + (c_7 u_{n-1} + c_8 u_n + c_9 u_{n+1}) D^{+1}, \end{aligned}$$

where the c_i 's are constant coefficients.

(ii) Determine the pieces of operator $\mathcal{R}_1$

Combine the symmetries $G^{(j)}$ with $(D - I)^{-1}$ and $\rho_{(k)}'(u)$, so that every term in

$$\mathcal{R}_1 = \sum_j \sum_k G^{(j)} (D - I)^{-1} \rho'_{(k)}$$

has rank R .

The indices j and k are taken so that

$$\text{rank } (G^{(j)}) + \text{rank } (\rho_{(k)}'(u)) - 1 = R.$$

Example: For the Kac-van Moerbeke lattice:

$$\mathcal{R}_1 = c_{10}u_n(u_{n+1} - u_{n-1})(D^{+1} - I)^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{u_n}\right),$$

with c_{10} a constant coefficient.

(iii) Build the operator $\mathcal{R}$

Build $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_0 + \mathcal{R}_1$.

Example: For the Kac-van Moerbeke lattice:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R} = & (c_1u_{n-1} + c_2u_n + c_3u_{n+1})D^{-1} + (c_4u_{n-1} + c_5u_n + c_6u_{n+1})I \\ & + (c_7u_{n-1} + c_8u_n + c_9u_{n+1})D^{+1} \\ & + c_{10}u_n(u_{n+1} - u_{n-1})(D^{+1} - I)^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{u_n}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Step 3: Determine the unknown coefficients.

Substitute in the determining equation, alternatively, require that

$$\mathcal{R}G^{(k)} = G^{(k+1)}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Solution of the linear system:

$$c_1 = c_3 = c_4 = c_7 = c_9 = 0, c_2 = c_5 = c_6 = c_8 = c_{10} = 1.$$

Final result:

Recursion operator for Kac-van Moerbeke lattice:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R} = & u_n D + u_n D^{-1} + (u_n + u_{n+1})I + u_n(u_{n+1} - u_{n-1})(D - I)^{-1}\frac{1}{u_n}I \\ = & u_n(I + D)(u_n D - D^{-1}u_n)(D - I)^{-1}\frac{1}{u_n}I \end{aligned}$$

Matrix Case

Recursion operator (matrix) splits naturally in $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_0 + \mathcal{R}_1$.

Entries of matrix $\mathcal{R}_0$ are linear combinations of $(\mathbf{u}_n, \mathbf{u}_{n\pm 1}, \mathbf{u}_{n\pm 2}, \dots)$ and $(\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{D}^{-1}, \dots)$ of rank R .

Matrix $\mathcal{R}_1$ is of the form

$$\sum_j \sum_k \mathbf{G}^{(j)} (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{I})^{-1} \otimes \rho'_{(k)}$$

where $\otimes$ denotes the matrix outer product, and

$\rho'_{(k)}$ is the Fréchet derivative of $\rho_{(k)}$.

Example.

The Toda lattice

$$\dot{u}_n = v_{n-1} - v_n, \quad \dot{v}_n = v_n(u_n - u_{n+1}).$$

Recursion operator:

$$\mathcal{R} = \begin{pmatrix} -u_n \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{D}^{-1} - \mathbf{I} + (v_{n-1} - v_n)(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{I})^{-1} \frac{1}{v_n} \mathbf{I} \\ -v \mathbf{I} - v \mathbf{D} & u_{n+1} \mathbf{I} + v_n(u_n - u_{n+1})(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{I})^{-1} \frac{1}{v_n} \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

• **Example: The Ablowitz-Ladik Lattice.**

Consider the Ablowitz and Ladik discretization,

$$i \dot{u}_n = u_{n+1} - 2u_n + u_{n-1} + \kappa u_n^* u_n (u_{n+1} + u_{n-1}),$$

of the NLS equation,

$$iu_t + u_{xx} + \kappa u^2 u^* = 0$$

u_n^* is the complex conjugate of u_n . Treat u_n and $v_n = u_n^*$ as independent variables and add the complex conjugate equation. Set $\kappa = 1$ (scaling) and absorb i in the scale on t :

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u}_n &= u_{n+1} - 2u_n + u_{n-1} + u_n v_n (u_{n+1} + u_{n-1}), \\ \dot{v}_n &= -(v_{n+1} - 2v_n + v_{n-1}) - u_n v_n (v_{n+1} + v_{n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Since $v_n = u_n^*$, $w(v_n) = w(u_n)$.

No uniformity in rank! Introduce an auxiliary parameter α with weight.

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u}_n &= \alpha(u_{n+1} - 2u_n + u_{n-1}) + u_n v_n (u_{n+1} + u_{n-1}), \\ \dot{v}_n &= -\alpha(v_{n+1} - 2v_n + v_{n-1}) - u_n v_n (v_{n+1} + v_{n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Uniformity in rank leads to

$$\begin{aligned} w(u_n) + w\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) &= w(\alpha) + w(u_n) = 2w(u_n) + w(v_n), \\ w(v_n) + w\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) &= w(\alpha) + w(v_n) = 2w(v_n) + w(u_n). \end{aligned}$$

For $w\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) = 1$,

$$w(u_n) + w(v_n) = w(\alpha) = 1.$$

So, one solution is

$$w(u_n) = w(v_n) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad w(\alpha) = 1.$$

Alternatively, for $w(\frac{d}{dt}) = 0$,

$$w(u_n) + w(v_n) = 0, \quad w(\alpha) = 0.$$

The second scale helps eliminate terms in candidate density ρ .

Conserved densities (for $\alpha = 1$, in original variables):

$$\rho_n^{(1)} = u_n u_{n-1}^*$$

$$\rho_n^{(2)} = u_n u_{n+1}^*$$

$$\rho_n^{(3)} = \frac{1}{2} u_n^2 u_{n-1}^{*2} + u_n u_{n+1} u_{n-1}^* v_n + u_n u_{n-2}^*$$

$$\rho_n^{(4)} = \frac{1}{2} u_n^2 u_{n+1}^{*2} + u_n u_{n+1} u_{n+1}^* u_{n+2}^* + u_n u_{n+2}^*$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_n^{(5)} = & \frac{1}{3} u_n^3 u_{n-1}^{*3} + u_n u_{n+1} u_{n-1}^* u_n^* (u_n u_{n-1}^* + u_{n+1} u_n^* + u_{n+2} u_{n+1}^*) \\ & + u_n u_{n-1}^* (u_n u_{n-2}^* + u_{n+1} u_{n-1}^*) + u_n u_n^* (u_{n+1} u_{n-2}^* + u_{n+2} u_{n-1}^*) + u_n u_{n-3}^* \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_n^{(6)} = & \frac{1}{3} u_n^3 u_{n+1}^{*3} + u_n u_{n+1} u_{n+1}^* u_{n+2}^* (u_n u_{n+1}^* + u_{n+1} u_{n+2}^* + u_{n+2} u_{n+3}^*) \\ & + u_n u_{n+2}^* (u_n u_{n+1}^* + u_{n+1} u_{n+2}^*) + u_n u_{n+3}^* (u_{n+1} u_{n+1}^* + u_{n+2} u_{n+2}^*) + u_n u_{n+3}^* \end{aligned}$$

The Ablowitz-Ladik lattice has infinitely many conserved densities.

Density we missed

$$\rho_n^{(0)} = \ln(1 + u_n u_n^*).$$

We cannot find the Hamiltonian (constant of motion):

$$H = -i \sum [u_n^* (u_{n-1} + u_{n+1}) - 2 \ln(1 + u_n u_n^*)],$$

since it has a logarithmic term.

- **Application: Discretization of combined KdV-mKdV equation.**

Consider the integrable discretization

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u}_n = & -(1 + \alpha h^2 u_n + \beta h^2 u_n^2) \left\{ \frac{1}{h^3} \left(\frac{1}{2} u_{n+2} - u_{n+1} + u_{n-1} - \frac{1}{2} u_{n-2} \right) \right. \\ & + \frac{\alpha}{2h} [u_{n+1}^2 - u_{n-1}^2 + u_n(u_{n+1} - u_{n-1}) + u_{n+1}u_{n+2} - u_{n-1}u_{n-2}] \\ & \left. + \frac{\beta}{2h} [u_{n+1}^2(u_{n+2} + u_n) - u_{n-1}^2(u_{n-2} + u_n)] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

of a combined KdV-mKdV equation

$$u_t + 6\alpha u u_x + 6\beta u^2 u_x + u_{xxx} = 0.$$

Discretizations the KdV and mKdV equations are special cases.

Set $h = 1$ (scaling). No uniformity in rank!

Introduce auxiliary parameters γ and δ with weights.

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u}_n = & -(\gamma + \alpha u_n + \beta u_n^2) \left\{ \delta \left(\frac{1}{2} u_{n+2} - u_{n+1} + u_{n-1} - \frac{1}{2} u_{n-2} \right) \right. \\ & + \frac{\alpha}{2} [u_{n+1}^2 - u_{n-1}^2 + u_n(u_{n+1} - u_{n-1}) + u_{n+1}u_{n+2} - u_{n-1}u_{n-2}] \\ & \left. + \frac{\beta}{2} [u_{n+1}^2(u_{n+2} + u_n) - u_{n-1}^2(u_{n-2} + u_n)] \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

Uniformity in rank requires

$$w(\gamma) = w(\delta) = 2w(u_n), \quad w(\alpha) = w(u_n), \quad w(\beta) = 0.$$

Then,

$$w(u_n) + 1 = 5w(u_n),$$

Hence,

$$w(u_n) = w(\alpha) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad w(\gamma) = w(\delta) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad w(\beta) = 0,$$

Conserved densities:

For the combined KdV-mKdV case ($\alpha \neq 0, \beta \neq 0$) :

Rank $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 (after splitting):

$$\rho_n^{(1)} = \alpha u_n + \beta u_n u_{n+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_n^{(2)} &= \frac{\alpha^2}{2\beta} u_n^2 + \frac{\alpha^2}{\beta} u_n u_{n+1} - u_n u_{n+1} + \alpha u_n^2 u_{n+1} + \alpha u_n u_{n+1}^2 \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \beta u_n^2 u_{n+1}^2 + u_n u_{n+2} + \alpha u_n u_{n+1} u_{n+2} + \beta u_n u_{n+1}^2 u_{n+2}. \end{aligned}$$

For the KdV case ($\beta = 0$) :

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u}_n &= -(\gamma + \alpha h^2 u_n) \left\{ \frac{\delta}{h^3} \left(\frac{1}{2} u_{n+2} - u_{n+1} + u_{n-1} - \frac{1}{2} u_{n-2} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\alpha}{2h} [u_{n+1}^2 - u_{n-1}^2 + u_n(u_{n+1} - u_{n-1}) + u_{n+1} u_{n+2} - u_{n-1} u_{n-2}] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

with $\gamma = \delta = 1$ is a completely integrable discretization of the KdV equation

$$u_t + 6\alpha u u_x + u_{xxx} = 0.$$

Now,

$$w(\gamma) = w(\delta) = w(u_n), \quad w(\alpha) = 0.$$

Then,

$$w(u_n) + 1 = 3w(u_n).$$

So,

$$w(u_n) = w(\gamma) = w(\delta) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad w(\alpha) = 0.$$

From rank $\frac{3}{2}$ and $\frac{5}{2}$ (after splitting):

$$\rho_n^{(1)} = u_n,$$

$$\rho_n^{(2)} = u_n(\frac{1}{2}u_n + u_{n+1}),$$

$$\rho_n^{(3)} = u_n(\frac{1}{3}u_n^2 + u_n u_{n+1} + u_{n+1}^2 + \frac{1}{\alpha}u_{n+2} + u_{n+1}u_{n+2})$$

$$\rho_n^{(4)} = u_n(\frac{1}{4}u_n^3 + u_n^2 u_{n+1} + \frac{3}{2}u_n u_{n+1}^2 + u_{n+1}^3 + \cdots + u_{n+1}u_{n+2}u_{n+3})$$

$$\rho_n^{(5)} = u_n(\frac{1}{5}\alpha u_n^4 - \frac{1}{2}u_n^3 - 2u_n^2 u_{n+1} + \cdots +$$

$$\alpha u_{n+1}u_{n+2}u_{n+3}u_{n+4})$$

For the mKdV case ($\alpha = 0$) :

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u}_n = & -(\gamma + \beta h^2 u_n^2) \left\{ \frac{\delta}{h^3} (\frac{1}{2}u_{n+2} - u_{n+1} + u_{n-1} - \frac{1}{2}u_{n-2}) \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{\beta}{2h} [u_{n+1}^2(u_{n+2} + u_n) - u_{n-1}^2(u_{n-2} + u_n)] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

with $\gamma = \delta = 1$ is a completely integrable discretization of the modified KdV equation

$$u_t + 6\beta u^2 u_x + u_{xxx} = 0.$$

Now,

$$w(\gamma) = w(\delta) = 2w(u_n), \quad w(\beta) = 0.$$

Then,

$$w(u_n) + 1 = 5w(u_n).$$

So,

$$w(u_n) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad w(\gamma) = w(\delta) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad w(\beta) = 0.$$

From rank $\frac{3}{2}$ and $\frac{5}{2}$ (after splitting):

$$\rho_n^{(1)} = u_n u_{n+1},$$

$$\rho_n^{(2)} = u_n \left(\frac{1}{2} u_n u_{n+1}^2 + \frac{1}{\beta} u_{n+2} + u_{n+1}^2 u_{n+2} \right)$$

$$\rho_n^{(3)} = u_n \left(\frac{1}{3} u_n^2 u_{n+1}^3 + \frac{1}{\beta} u_n u_{n+1} u_{n+2} + \cdots + u_{n+1}^2 u_{n+2}^2 u_{n+3} \right)$$

$$\rho_n^{(4)} = u_n \left(\frac{1}{4} \beta u_n^3 u_{n+1}^4 + u_n^2 u_{n+1}^2 u_{n+2} + \cdots + \beta u_{n+1}^2 u_{n+2}^2 u_{n+3}^2 u_{n+4} \right)$$

Part III Software, Future Work, Publications

• Scope and Limitations of Algorithms.

- Systems of DDEs must be polynomial in dependent variables.
- One discretized space variable (lattice point n)
- Program only computes polynomial conservation laws and generalized symmetries (no recursion operators yet). (Non-polynomial densities in progress).
- Program does not compute conservation laws and symmetries that explicitly depend on n .
- No limit on the number of equations in the system.
In practice: time and memory constraints.
- Input systems may have (nonzero) parameters.
Program computes the compatibility conditions for parameters such that conservation laws and symmetries (of a given rank) exist.
- Systems can also have parameters with (unknown) weight.
This allows one to test lattice equations of non-uniform rank.
- For systems where one or more of the weights is free, the program prompts the user for info.
- Fractional weights and ranks are permitted.
- Lattice equations must be of first-order in t .

• Conclusions and Future Research

- Compute simple logarithmic and rational densities.
- Implement the recursion operator algorithm for DDEs.
- Improve software, compare with other strategies & packages.
- Add tools for parameter analysis (Gröbner basis, Ritt-Wu or characteristic sets algorithms).
- Introduce multiple sets of weights based on $w(\frac{d}{dt}) = 0$ and $w(\frac{d}{dt}) = 1$.
- Application: test model DDEs for integrability.
(study the integrable discretization of KdV-mKdV equation).

• Implementation in Mathematica – Software

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(Item: 0208-932, Applications/Mathematics) via FTP:

mathsource.wolfram.com or URL

<http://www.mathsource.com/cgi-bin/MathSource/Applications/>

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CONDENS.M: A Mathematica program for the symbolic computation of conserved densities for systems of nonlinear evolution equations (1996).

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All codes are available via the Internet

URL: http://www.mines.edu/fs_home/whereman/

and via anonymous FTP from mines.edu in directory
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