

**SYMBOLIC COMPUTATION  
OF  
CONSERVED DENSITIES**

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## I. INTRODUCTION

### Symbolic Software

- Solitons via Hirota's method (Macsyma & Mathematica)
- Painlevé test for ODEs or PDEs (Macsyma)
- Conservation laws of PDEs (Mathematica)
- Lie symmetries for ODEs and PDEs (Macsyma)

### Purpose of the programs

- Study of integrability of nonlinear PDEs
- Exact solutions as bench mark for numerical algorithms
- Classification of nonlinear PDEs
- Lie symmetries —→ solutions via reductions

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## II. MATHEMATICA PROGRAM FOR CONSERVED DENSITIES

- Purpose

Compute polynomial-type conservation laws  
of single PDEs and systems of PDEs

Conservation law:

$$\rho_t + J_x = 0$$

both  $\rho(u, u_x, u_{2x}, \dots, u_{nx})$  and  $J(u, u_x, u_{2x}, \dots, u_{nx})$

Consequently

$$P = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \rho dx = \text{constant}$$

provided  $J$  vanishes at infinity

Compare with constants of motions in classical mechanics

- **Example**

Consider the KdV equation

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

Conserved densities:

$$\rho_1 = u$$

$$\rho_2 = u^2$$

$$\rho_3 = u^3 - 3u_x^2$$

⋮

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_6 = & u^6 - 60u^3u_x^2 - 30u_x^4 + 108u^2u_{2x}^2 \\ & + \frac{720}{7}u_{2x}^3 - \frac{648}{7}uu_{3x}^2 + \frac{216}{7}u_{4x}^2\end{aligned}$$

⋮

Integrable equations have  $\infty$  conservation laws

## • Algorithm and Implementation

Consider the scaling (weights) of the KdV

$$u \sim \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \sim \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^3}$$

Compute building blocks of  $\rho_3$

(i) Start with building block  $u^3$

Divide by  $u$  and differentiate twice  $(u^2)_{2x}$

Produces the list of terms

$$[u_x^2, uu_{2x}] \longrightarrow [u_x^2]$$

Second list: remove terms that are total derivative  
with respect to  $x$  or total derivative  
up to terms earlier in the list

Divide by  $u^2$  and differentiate twice  $(u)_{4x}$

Produces the list:  $[u_{4x}] \longrightarrow []$

$[]$  is the empty list

Gather the terms:

$$\rho_3 = u^3 + c[1]u_x^2$$

where the constant  $c_1$  must be determined

(ii) Compute  $\frac{\partial \rho_3}{\partial t} = 3u^2u_t + 2c_1u_xu_{xt}$

Replace  $u_t$  by  $-(uu_x + u_{xxx})$  and  $u_{xt}$  by  $-(uu_x + u_{xxx})_x$

(iii) Integrate the result with respect to  $x$

Carry out all integrations by parts

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \rho_3}{\partial t} = & -\left[\frac{3}{4}u^4 + (c_1-3)uu_x^2 + 3u^2u_{xx} - c_1u_{xx}^2 + 2c_1u_xu_{xxx}\right]_x \\ & -(c_1+3)u_x^3 \end{aligned}$$

The last non-integrable term must vanish

Thus,  $c_1 = -3$

Result:

$$\rho_3 = u^3 - 3u_x^2$$

(iv) Expression  $[\dots]$  yields

$$J_3 = \frac{3}{4}u^4 - 6uu_x^2 + 3u^2u_{xx} + 3u_{xx}^2 - 6u_xu_{xxx}$$

Computer building blocks of  $\rho_6$

(i) Start with  $u^6$

Divide by  $u$  and differentiate twice

$(u^5)_{2x}$  produces the list of terms

$$[u^3u_x^2, u^4u_{2x}] \longrightarrow [u^3u_x^2]$$

Next, divide  $u^6$  by  $u^2$ , and compute  $(u^4)_{4x}$

Corresponding list:

$$[u_x^4, uu_x^2u_{2x}, u^2u_{2x}^2, u^2u_xu_{3x}, u^3u_{4x}] \longrightarrow [u_x^4, u^2u_{2x}^2]$$

Proceed with  $(\frac{u^6}{u^3})_{6x} = (u^3)_{6x}$ ,  $(\frac{u^6}{u^4})_{8x} = (u^2)_{8x}$

and  $(\frac{u^6}{u^5})_{10x} = (u)_{10x}$

Obtain the lists:

$$\begin{aligned} & [u_{2x}^3, u_xu_{2x}u_{3x}, uu_{3x}^2, u_x^2u_{4x}, uu_{2x}u_{4x}, uu_xu_{5x}, u^2u_{6x}] \longrightarrow \\ & [u_{2x}^3, uu_{3x}^2] \end{aligned}$$

$$[u_{4x}^2, u_{3x}u_{5x}, u_{2x}u_{6x}, u_xu_{7x}, uu_{8x}] \longrightarrow [u_{4x}^2]$$

and  $[u_{10x}] \longrightarrow []$

Gather the terms:

$$\rho_6 = u^6 + c_1 u^3 u_x^2 + c_2 u_x^4 + c_3 u^2 u_{2x}^2 + c_4 u_{2x}^3 + c_5 u u_{3x}^2 + c_6 u_{4x}^2$$

where the constants  $c_i$  must be determined

(ii) Compute  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho_6$

Replace  $u_t, u_{xt}, \dots, u_{nx,t}$  by  $-(uu_x + u_{xxx}), \dots$

(iii) Integrate the result with respect to  $x$

Carry out all integrations by parts

Require that non-integrable part vanishes

Set to zero all the coefficients of the independent combinations involving powers of  $u$  and its derivatives with respect to  $x$

Solve the linear system for unknowns  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_6$

Result:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_6 = & u^6 - 60u^3 u_x^2 - 30u_x^4 + 108u^2 u_{2x}^2 \\ & + \frac{720}{7} u_{2x}^3 - \frac{648}{7} u u_{3x}^2 + \frac{216}{7} u_{4x}^2\end{aligned}$$

(iv) Flux  $J_6$  can be computed by substituting the constants into the integrable part of  $\rho_6$

- Further Examples

\* Conservation laws of generalized Schamel equation

$$n^2 u_t + (n+1)(n+2) u^{\frac{2}{n}} u_x + u_{xxx} = 0$$

$n$  positive integer

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_1 &= u \\ \rho_2 &= u^2 \\ \rho_3 &= \frac{1}{2} u_x^2 - \frac{n^2}{2} u^{2+\frac{2}{n}}\end{aligned}$$

no further conservation laws

\* Conserved densities of modified vector derivative nonlinear Schrödinger equation

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}_\perp}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (B_\perp^2 \mathbf{B}_\perp) + \alpha \mathbf{B}_{\perp 0} \mathbf{B}_{\perp 0} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}_\perp}{\partial x} + \mathbf{e}_x \times \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{B}_\perp}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

Replace vector equation by

$$\begin{aligned}u_t + (u(u^2 + v^2) + \beta u - v_x)_x &= 0 \\ v_t + (v(u^2 + v^2) + u_x)_x &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$u$  and  $v$  denote the components of  $\mathbf{B}_\perp$  parallel and perpendicular to  $\mathbf{B}_{\perp 0}$  and  $\beta = \alpha B_{\perp 0}^2$

The first 5 conserved densities are:

$$\rho_1 = u^2 + v^2$$

$$\rho_2 = \frac{1}{2}(u^2 + v^2)^2 - uv_x + u_x v + \beta u^2$$

$$\rho_3 = \frac{1}{4}(u^2 + v^2)^3 + \frac{1}{2}(u_x^2 + v_x^2) - u^3 v_x + v^3 u_x + \frac{\beta}{4}(u^4 - v^4)$$

$$\rho_4 = \frac{1}{4}(u^2 + v^2)^4 - \frac{2}{5}(u_x v_{xx} - u_{xx} v_x) + \frac{4}{5}(u u_x + v v_x)^2$$

$$+ \frac{6}{5}(u^2 + v^2)(u_x^2 + v_x^2) - (u^2 + v^2)^2(u v_x - u_x v)$$

$$+ \frac{\beta}{5}(2u_x^2 - 4u^3 v_x + 2u^6 + 3u^4 v^2 - v^6) + \frac{\beta^2}{5}u^4$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho_5 = & \frac{7}{16}(u^2 + v^2)^5 + \frac{1}{2}(u_{xx}^2 + v_{xx}^2) \\
& - \frac{5}{2}(u^2 + v^2)(u_x v_{xx} - u_{xx} v_x) + 5(u^2 + v^2)(u u_x + v v_x)^2 \\
& + \frac{15}{4}(u^2 + v^2)^2(u_x^2 + v_x^2)^2 - \frac{35}{16}(u^2 + v^2)^3(u v_x - u_x v) \\
& + \frac{\beta}{8}(5u^8 + 10u^6v^2 - 10u^2v^6 - 5v^8 + 20u^2u_x^2 \\
& - 12u^5v_x + 60u v^4 v_x - 20v^2 v_x^2) \\
& + \frac{\beta^2}{4}(u^6 + v^6)
\end{aligned}$$

- Coupled Systems

\* Conserved densities for the Coupled KdV Equations  
(Hirota-Satsuma system)

$$\begin{aligned} u_t - a(u_{xxx} + 6uu_x) - 2bvv_x &= 0 \\ v_t + v_{xxx} + 3uv_x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_1 &= u \\ \rho_2 &= u^2 + \frac{2}{3}bv^2 \\ \rho_3 &= (1+a)(u^3 - \frac{1}{2}u_x^2) + b(uv^2 - v_x^2) \end{aligned}$$

and e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_4 &= u^4 - 2uu_x^2 + \frac{1}{5}u_{xx}^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{4}{5}b(u^2v^2 + \frac{2}{3}uvv_{xx} + \frac{8}{3}uv_x^2 - \frac{2}{3}v_{xx}^2) + \frac{4}{15}b^2v^4 \end{aligned}$$

provided  $a = \frac{1}{2}$

There are infinitely many more conservation laws

\* Conserved densities for the Ito system

$$\begin{aligned} u_t - u_{xxx} - 6uu_x - 2vv_x &= 0 \\ v_t - 2u_xv - 2uv_x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\rho_1 = \frac{1}{2}u$$

$$\rho_2 = \frac{1}{2}(u^2 + v^2)$$

$$\rho_3 = u^3 - \frac{1}{2}u_x^2 + uv^2$$

and infinitely many more conservation laws

## A Class of Fifth-order Evolution Equations

$$u_t + \alpha u^2 u_x + \beta u_x u_{2x} + \gamma u u_{3x} + u_{5x} = 0$$

Special cases:

$$\alpha = 30 \quad \beta = 20 \quad \gamma = 10 \quad \text{Lax}$$

$$\alpha = 5 \quad \beta = 5 \quad \gamma = 5 \quad \text{Sawada Kotera}$$

or Caudry–Dodd–Gibbon

$$\alpha = 20 \quad \beta = 25 \quad \gamma = 10 \quad \text{Kaup–Kuperschmidt}$$

$$\alpha = 2 \quad \beta = 6 \quad \gamma = 3 \quad \text{Ito}$$

Table 1 Conserved Densities for Sawada-Kotera and Lax equations

Density	Sawada-Kotera equation	Lax equation
$\rho_1$	$u$	$u$
$\rho_2$	----	$\frac{1}{2}u^2$
$\rho_3$	$\frac{1}{3}u^3 - u_x^2$	$\frac{1}{3}u^3 - \frac{1}{6}u_x^2$
$\rho_4$	$\frac{1}{4}u^4 - \frac{9}{4}uu_x^2 + \frac{3}{4}u_{2x}^2$	$\frac{1}{4}u^4 - \frac{1}{2}uu_x^2 + \frac{1}{20}u_{2x}^2$
$\rho_6$	----	$\frac{1}{5}u^5 - u^2u_x^2 + \frac{1}{5}uu_{2x}^2 - \frac{1}{70}u_{3x}^2$
$\rho_6$	$\frac{1}{6}u^6 - \frac{25}{4}u^3u_x^2 - \frac{17}{8}u_x^4 + 6u^2u_{2x}^2$ $+ 2u_{2x}^3 - \frac{21}{8}uu_{3x}^2 + \frac{3}{8}u_{4x}^2$	$\frac{1}{6}u^6 - \frac{5}{3}u^3u_x^2 - \frac{5}{36}u_x^4 + \frac{1}{2}u^2u_{2x}^2$ $+ \frac{5}{63}u_{2x}^3 - \frac{1}{14}uu_{3x}^2 + \frac{1}{252}u_{4x}^2$
$\rho_7$	$\frac{1}{7}u^7 - 9u^4u_x^2 - \frac{54}{5}uu_x^4 + \frac{57}{5}u^3u_{2x}^2$ $+ \frac{648}{35}u_x^2u_{2x}^2 + \frac{489}{35}uu_{2x}^3 - \frac{261}{35}u^2u_{3x}^2$ $- \frac{288}{35}u_{2x}u_{3x}^2 + \frac{81}{35}uu_{4x}^2 - \frac{9}{35}u_{5x}^2$	$\frac{1}{7}u^7 - \frac{5}{2}u^4u_x^2 - \frac{5}{6}uu_x^4 + u^3u_{2x}^2$ $+ \frac{1}{2}u_x^2u_{2x}^2 + \frac{10}{21}uu_{2x}^3 - \frac{3}{14}u^2u_{3x}^2$ $- \frac{5}{42}u_{2x}u_{3x}^2 + \frac{1}{42}uu_{4x}^2 - \frac{1}{924}u_{5x}^2$
$\rho_8$	----	$\frac{1}{8}u^8 - \frac{7}{2}u^5u_x^2 - \frac{35}{12}u^2u_x^4 + \frac{7}{4}u^4u_{2x}^2$ $+ \frac{7}{2}uu_x^2u_{2x}^2 + \frac{5}{3}u^2u_{2x}^3 + \frac{7}{24}u_{2x}^4 + \frac{1}{2}u^3u_{3x}^2$ $- \frac{1}{4}u_x^2u_{3x}^2 - \frac{5}{6}uu_{2x}u_{3x}^2 + \frac{1}{12}u^2u_{4x}^2$ $+ \frac{7}{132}u_{2x}u_{4x}^2 - \frac{1}{132}uu_{5x}^2 + \frac{1}{3432}u_{6x}^2$

Table 2    Conserved Densities for Kaup-Kuperschmidt and Ito equations

Density	Kaup-Kuperschmidt equation	Ito equation
$\rho_1$	$u$	$u$
$\rho_2$	----	$\frac{u^2}{2}$
$\rho_3$	$\frac{u^3}{3} - \frac{1}{8}u_x^2$	----
$\rho_4$	$\frac{u^4}{4} - \frac{9}{16}uu_x^2 + \frac{3}{64}u_{2x}^2$	$\frac{u^4}{4} - \frac{9}{4}uu_x^2 + \frac{3}{4}u_{2x}^2$
$\rho_5$	----	----
$\rho_6$	$\begin{aligned} & \frac{u^6}{6} - \frac{35}{16}u^3u_x^2 - \frac{31}{256}u_x^4 + \frac{51}{64}u^2u_{2x}^2 \\ & + \frac{37}{256}u_{2x}^3 - \frac{15}{128}uu_{3x}^2 + \frac{3}{512}u_{4x}^2 \end{aligned}$	----
$\rho_7$	$\begin{aligned} & \frac{u^7}{7} - \frac{27}{8}u^4u_x^2 - \frac{369}{320}uu_x^4 + \frac{69}{40}u^3u_{2x}^2 \\ & + \frac{2619}{4480}u_x^2u_{2x}^2 + \frac{2211}{2240}uu_{2x}^3 - \frac{477}{1120}u^2u_{3x}^2 \\ & - \frac{171}{640}u_{2x}u_{3x}^2 + \frac{27}{560}uu_{4x}^2 - \frac{9}{4480}u_{5x}^2 \end{aligned}$	----
$\rho_8$	----	----