

Symbolic Computation of Conserved Densities, Generalized Symmetries, and Recursion Operators of Nonlinear Evolution Equations and Lattices

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- **Purpose**

Design and implement algorithms to compute polynomial conservation laws and generalized symmetries (later recursion operators) for nonlinear systems of evolution and lattice equations.

- **Motivation**

- Conservation laws describe the conservation of fundamental physical quantities (linear momentum, energy, etc.).
Compare with constants of motion (linear momentum, energy) in mechanics.
- Conservation laws provide a method to study quantitative and qualitative properties of equations and their solutions, e.g. Hamiltonian structures.
- Conservation laws can be used to test numerical integrators.
- For PDEs and DDEs, 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).

PART I: Evolution Equations (PDEs)

- **System of evolution equations**

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}_x, \mathbf{u}_{2x}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{mx})$$

in a (single) space variable x and time t , and with

$$\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), \quad \mathbf{F} = (F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n).$$

Notation:

$$\mathbf{u}_{mx} = \mathbf{u}^{(m)} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial x^m}.$$

$\mathbf{F}$ is polynomial in $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}_x, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{mx}$.

PDEs of higher order in t should be recast as a first-order system.

- **Examples:**

The Korteweg-de Vries (KdV) equation:

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

Fifth-order evolution equations with constant parameters (α, β, γ) :

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

Special case. The fifth-order Sawada-Kotera (SK) equation:

$$u_t + 5u^2 u_x + 5u_x u_{2x} + 5u u_{3x} + u_{5x} = 0.$$

The Boussinesq (wave) equation:

$$u_{tt} - u_{2x} + 3u u_{2x} + 3u_x^2 + \alpha u_{4x} = 0,$$

written as a first-order system (v auxiliary variable):

$$u_t + v_x = 0,$$

$$v_t + u_x - 3u u_x - \alpha u_{3x} = 0.$$

A vector nonlinear Schrödinger equation:

$$\mathbf{B}_t + (|\mathbf{B}|^2 \mathbf{B})_x + (\mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_x) \mathbf{B}_0 + \mathbf{e} \times \mathbf{B}_{xx} = 0,$$

written in component form, $\mathbf{B}_0 = (a, b)$ and $\mathbf{B} = (u, v)$:

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

$\beta = a^2, \gamma = \theta = ab$, and $\delta = b^2$.

• **Key concept: Dilation invariance.**

Conservation laws, symmetries and recursion operators are invariant under the dilation (scaling) symmetry of the given PDE.

The KdV equation, $u_t + uu_x + u_{3x} = 0$, has scaling symmetry

$$(t, x, u) \rightarrow (\lambda^{-3}t, \lambda^{-1}x, \lambda^2u).$$

u corresponds to two x -derivatives, $u \sim D_x^2$. Similarly, $D_t \sim D_x^3$.

The *weight*, w , of a variable equals the number of x -derivatives the variable carries.

Weights are rational. Weights of dependent variables are nonnegative.

Set $w(D_x) = 1$.

Due to dilation invariance: $w(u) = 2$ and $w(D_t) = 3$.

Consequently, $w(x) = -1$ and $w(t) = -3$.

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

Every monomial in the KdV equation has rank 5.
The KdV equation is *uniform in rank*.

What do we do if equations are not uniform in rank?

Extend the space of dependent variables with parameters carrying weight.

Example: the Boussinesq system

$$\begin{aligned}u_t + v_x &= 0, \\v_t + u_x - 3uu_x - \alpha u_{3x} &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

is not scaling invariant (u_x and u_{3x} are conflict terms).

Introduce an auxiliary parameter β

$$\begin{aligned}u_t + v_x &= 0, \\v_t + \beta u_x - 3uu_x - \alpha u_{3x} &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

which has scaling symmetry:

$$(x, t, u, v, \beta) \rightarrow (\lambda x, \lambda^2 t, \lambda^{-2} u, \lambda^{-3} v, \lambda^{-2} \beta).$$

• CONSERVATION LAWS.

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

with conserved density ρ and flux J .

Both are polynomial in $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}_x, \mathbf{u}_{2x}, \mathbf{u}_{3x}, \dots$

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

if J vanishes at infinity.

Conserved densities are equivalent if they differ by a D_x term.

Example: The Korteweg-de Vries (KdV) equation

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

Conserved densities:

$$\rho_1 = u, \quad D_t(u) + D_x\left(\frac{u^2}{2} + u_{2x}\right) = 0.$$

$$\rho_2 = u^2, \quad D_t(u^2) + D_x\left(\frac{2u^3}{3} + 2uu_{2x} - u_x^2\right) = 0.$$

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

$$D_t(u^3 - 3u_x^2) + D_x\left(\frac{3}{4}u^4 - 6uu_x^2 + 3u^2u_{2x} + 3u_{2x}^2 - 6u_xu_{3x}\right) = 0.$$

$\vdots$

$$\rho_6 = u^6 - 60u^3u_x^2 - 30u_x^4 + 108u^2u_{2x}^2$$

$$+ \frac{720}{7}u_{2x}^3 - \frac{648}{7}uu_{3x}^2 + \frac{216}{7}u_{4x}^2.$$

Time and space dependent conservation law:

$$D_t(tu^2 - 2xu) + D_x\left(\frac{2}{3}tu^3 - xu^2 + 2tuu_{2x} - tu_x^2 - 2xu_{2x} + 2u_x\right) = 0.$$

• Algorithm for Conservation Laws of PDEs.

- 1). Determine weights (scaling properties) of variables and auxiliary parameters.
- 2). Construct the form of the density (find monomial building blocks).
- 3). Determine the constant coefficients.

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

Step 1: Compute the weights.

Require uniformity in rank. With $w(D_x) = 1$:

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

Solve the linear system: $w(u) = 2$, $w(D_t) = 3$.

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 terms of the form $D_x u_{px}$, or D_x up to terms kept prior in the list.

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

Linearly combine the ‘building blocks’:

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

Step 3: Determine the coefficients c_i .

Compute $D_t\rho = 3c_1u^2u_t + 2c_2u_xu_{xt}$.

Replace u_t by $-(uu_x + u_{3x})$ and u_{xt} by $-(uu_x + u_{3x})_x$.

Integrate the result, E , with respect to x . To avoid integration by parts, apply the Euler operator (variational derivative)

$$\begin{aligned} L_u &= \sum_{k=0}^m (-D_x)^k \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{kx}} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial u} - D_x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_x} \right) + D_x^2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_{2x}} \right) + \cdots + (-1)^m D_x^m \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_{mx}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

to E of order m .

If $L_u(E) = 0$ immediately, then E is a total x -derivative.

If $L_u(E) \neq 0$, the remaining expression must vanish identically.

$$\begin{aligned} D_t\rho &= -D_x \left[\frac{3}{4}c_1u^4 - (3c_1 - c_2)uu_x^2 + 3c_1u^2u_{2x} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - c_2u_{2x}^2 + 2c_2u_xu_{3x} \right] - (3c_1 + c_2)u_x^3. \end{aligned}$$

The non-integrable term must vanish.

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

Result:

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

Expression $[\dots]$ yields

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

Example: First few densities for the Boussinesq system:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_1 &= u, & \rho_2 &= v, \\ \rho_3 &= uv, & \rho_4 &= \beta u^2 - u^3 + v^2 + \alpha u_x^2. \end{aligned}$$

(then substitute $\beta = 1$).

- **Application.**

A Class of Fifth-Order Evolution Equations

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

where α, β, γ are nonzero parameters.

$$u \sim D_x^2.$$

Special cases:

$\alpha = 30$	$\beta = 20$	$\gamma = 10$	Lax.
$\alpha = 5$	$\beta = 5$	$\gamma = 5$	Sawada – Kotera.
$\alpha = 20$	$\beta = 25$	$\gamma = 10$	Kaup – Kupershmidt.
$\alpha = 2$	$\beta = 6$	$\gamma = 3$	Ito.

What are the conditions for the parameters α, β and γ so that the equation admits a density of fixed rank?

– **Rank 2:**

No condition

$$\rho = u.$$

– **Rank 4:**

Condition: $\beta = 2\gamma$ (Lax and Ito cases)

$$\rho = u^2.$$

– **Rank 6:**

Condition:

$$10\alpha = -2\beta^2 + 7\beta\gamma - 3\gamma^2$$

(Lax, SK, and KK cases)

$$\rho = u^3 + \frac{15}{(-2\beta + \gamma)}u_x^2.$$

– **Rank 8:**

1). $\beta = 2\gamma$ (Lax and Ito cases)

$$\rho = u^4 - \frac{6\gamma}{\alpha}uu_x^2 + \frac{6}{\alpha}u_{2x}^2.$$

2). $\alpha = -\frac{2\beta^2 - 7\beta\gamma - 4\gamma^2}{45}$ (SK, KK and Ito cases)

$$\rho = u^4 - \frac{135}{2\beta + \gamma}uu_x^2 + \frac{675}{(2\beta + \gamma)^2}u_{2x}^2.$$

– **Rank 10:**

Condition:

$$\beta = 2\gamma$$

and

$$10\alpha = 3\gamma^2$$

(Lax case)

$$\rho = u^5 - \frac{50}{\gamma}u^2u_x^2 + \frac{100}{\gamma^2}uu_{2x}^2 - \frac{500}{7\gamma^3}u_{3x}^2.$$

What are the necessary conditions for the parameters α, β and γ so that the equation admits ∞ many polynomial conservation laws?

- If $\alpha = \frac{3}{10}\gamma^2$ and $\beta = 2\gamma$ then there is a sequence (without gaps!) of conserved densities (Lax case).
- If $\alpha = \frac{1}{5}\gamma^2$ and $\beta = \gamma$ then there is a sequence (with gaps!) of conserved densities (SK case).
- If $\alpha = \frac{1}{5}\gamma^2$ and $\beta = \frac{5}{2}\gamma$ then there is a sequence (with gaps!) of conserved densities (KK case).

– If

$$\alpha = -\frac{2\beta^2 - 7\beta\gamma + 4\gamma^2}{45}$$

or

$$\beta = 2\gamma$$

then there is a conserved density of rank 8.

Combine both conditions: $\alpha = \frac{2\gamma^2}{9}$ and $\beta = 2\gamma$ (Ito case).

SUMMARY: see tables (notice the gaps!)

- **GENERALIZED SYMMETRY.**

$$\mathbf{G}(x, t, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}_x, \mathbf{u}_{2x}, \dots)$$

with $\mathbf{G} = (G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n)$ is a *symmetry* iff it leaves the PDE invariant for the replacement $\mathbf{u} \rightarrow \mathbf{u} + \epsilon \mathbf{G}$ within order ϵ . i.e.

$$D_t(\mathbf{u} + \epsilon \mathbf{G}) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u} + \epsilon \mathbf{G})$$

must hold up to order ϵ on the solutions of PDE.

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

$$D_t \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{u})[\mathbf{G}],$$

where $\mathbf{F}'$ is the Fréchet derivative of $\mathbf{F}$, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{u})[\mathbf{G}] = \frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u} + \epsilon \mathbf{G})|_{\epsilon=0}.$$

Here $\mathbf{u}$ is replaced by $\mathbf{u} + \epsilon \mathbf{G}$, and $\mathbf{u}_{nx}$ by $\mathbf{u}_{nx} + \epsilon D_x^n \mathbf{G}$.

- **Example.**

Consider the KdV equation

$$u_t = 6uu_x + u_{3x}.$$

Generalized symmetries:

$$\begin{aligned} G^{(1)} &= u_x, & G^{(2)} &= 6uu_x + u_{3x}, \\ G^{(3)} &= 30u^2u_x + 20u_xu_{2x} + 10uu_{3x} + u_{5x}, \\ G^{(4)} &= 140u^3u_x + 70u_x^3 + 280uu_xu_{2x} + 70u^2u_{3x} \\ &\quad + 70u_{2x}u_{3x} + 42u_xu_{4x} + 14uu_{5x} + u_{7x}. \end{aligned}$$

• **Algorithm for Generalized Symmetries of PDEs.**

Consider the KdV equation, $u_t = 6uu_x + u_{3x}$, with $w(u) = 2$.

Step 1: Construct the form of the symmetry.

Compute the form of the symmetry with rank 7.

List all powers in u with rank 7 or less:

$$\mathcal{L} = \{1, u, u^2, u^3\}.$$

For each monomial in $\mathcal{L}$, introduce the needed x -derivatives, so that each term exactly has rank 7. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} D_x(u^3) &= 3u^2u_x, & D_x^3(u^2) &= 6u_xu_{2x} + 2uu_{3x}, \\ D_x^5(u) &= u_{5x}, & D_x^7(1) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Gather the resulting (non-zero) terms

$$\mathcal{R} = \{u^2u_x, u_xu_{2x}, uu_{3x}, u_{5x}\}.$$

The symmetry is a linear combination of these monomials:

$$G = c_1 u^2u_x + c_2 u_xu_{2x} + c_3 uu_{3x} + c_4 u_{5x}.$$

Step 2: Determine the unknown coefficients c_i .

Compute D_tG and use KdV to remove u_t, u_{tx}, u_{txx} , etc.

Compute the Fréchet derivative.

Equate the resulting expressions.

Group the terms:

$$\begin{aligned} (12c_1 - 18c_2)u_x^2u_{2x} + (6c_1 - 18c_3)uu_{2x}^2 + (6c_1 - 18c_3)uu_xu_{3x} + \\ (3c_2 - 60c_4)u_{3x}^2 + (3c_2 + 3c_3 - 90c_4)u_{2x}u_{4x} + (3c_3 - 30c_4)u_xu_{5x} \equiv 0. \end{aligned}$$

Solve the linear system:

$$\mathcal{S} = \{12c_1 - 18c_2 = 0, 6c_1 - 18c_3 = 0, 3c_2 - 60c_4 = 0, \\ 3c_2 + 3c_3 - 90c_4 = 0, 3c_3 - 30c_4 = 0\}.$$

Solution: $\frac{c_1}{30} = \frac{c_2}{20} = \frac{c_3}{10} = c_4$.

Setting $c_4 = 1$ one gets: $c_1 = 30, c_2 = 20, c_3 = 10$.

Substitute the result into the symmetry:

$$G = 30u^2u_x + 20u_xu_{2x} + 10uu_{3x} + u_{5x}.$$

Note that $u_t = G$ is known as the Lax equation.

• x - t Dependent symmetries.

The KdV equation has also symmetries which explicitly depend on x and t .

The same algorithm can be used provided the highest degree of x or t is specified.

Compute the symmetry of rank 2, that is linear in x or t .

List all monomials in u, x and t of rank 2 or less:

$$\mathcal{L} = \{1, u, x, xu, t, tu, tu^2\}.$$

For each monomial in $\mathcal{L}$, introduce enough x -derivatives, so that each term exactly has rank 2. Thus,

$$D_x(xu) = u + xu_x, \quad D_x(tu^2) = 2tuu_x, \quad D_x^3(tu) = tu_{3x}, \\ D_x^2(1) = D_x^3(x) = D_x^5(t) = 0.$$

Gather the non-zero resulting terms:

$$\mathcal{R} = \{u, xu_x, tuu_x, tu_{3x}\},$$

Build the linear combination

$$G = c_1 u + c_2 xu_x + c_3 tuu_x + c_4 tu_{3x}.$$

Determine the coefficients c_1 through c_4 :

$$G = \frac{2}{3}u + \frac{1}{3}xu_x + 6tuu_x + tu_{3x}.$$

Two symmetries of KdV that explicitly depend on x and t :

$$G = 1 + 6tu_x, \text{ and } G = 2u + xu_x + 3t(6uu_x + u_{3x}),$$

of rank 0 and 2, respectively.

- **RECURSION OPERATORS.**

A *recursion operator* for a PDE system is the linear operator Φ connecting two symmetries $\mathbf{G}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{G}}$:

$$\hat{\mathbf{G}} = \Phi \mathbf{G}.$$

For n -component systems, Φ is an $n \times n$ matrix.

Defining equation for Φ :

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

where $[,]$ means commutator, $\circ$ stands for composition, and $\Phi'[\mathbf{F}]$ is the variational derivative of Φ .

- **Example.**

The recursion operator for the KdV equation (has rank 2)

$$\Phi = D_x^2 + 2u + 2D_x u D_x^{-1} = D_x^2 + 4u + 2u_x D_x^{-1},$$

where D_x^{-1} is the integration operator.

For example

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi u_x &= (D_x^2 + 2u + 2D_x u D_x^{-1})u_x = 6uu_x + u_{3x}, \\ \Phi(6uu_x + u_{3x}) &= (D_x^2 + 2u + 2D_x u D_x^{-1})(6uu_x + u_{3x}) \\ &= 30u^2u_x + 20u_x u_{2x} + 10uu_{3x} + u_{5x}. \end{aligned}$$

- **Key Observations.**

The terms in the recursion operator are monomials in $D_x, D_x^{-1}, u, u_x, \dots$

Recursion operators split naturally in $\Phi = \Phi_0 + \Phi_1$.

Φ_0 is a differential operator (no D_x^{-1} terms).

Φ_1 is an integral operator (with D_x^{-1} terms).

Application of Φ to a symmetry should not leave any integrals.

For instance, for the KdV equation:

$D_x^{-1}(6uu_x + u_{3x}) = 3u^2 + u_{2x}$ is polynomial.

Use the conserved densities: $\rho^{(1)} = u, \rho^{(2)} = u^2, \rho^{(3)} = u^3 - \frac{1}{2}u_x^2$

$$D_t \rho^{(1)} = D_t u = u_t = -D_x J^{(1)},$$

$$D_t \rho^{(2)} = D_t u^2 = 2uu_t = -D_x J^{(2)}, \quad \text{and}$$

$$D_t \rho^{(3)} = D_t(u^3 - \frac{1}{2}u_x^2) = \rho^{(3)'}(u)[u_t] = (3u^2 - u_x D_x)u_t = -D_x J^{(3)},$$

for polynomial $J^{(i)}, i = 1, 2, 3$.

So, application of D_x^{-1} , or $D_x^{-1}u$, or $D_x^{-1}(3u^2 - u_x D_x)$ to $6uu_x + u_{3x}$ leads to a polynomial result.

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

Step 1: Determine the rank of the recursion operator.

Recall: symmetries for the KdV equation, $u_t = 6uu_x + u_{3x}$, are

$$\begin{aligned} G^{(1)} &= u_x, & G^{(2)} &= 6uu_x + u_{3x}, \\ G^{(3)} &= 30u^2u_x + 20u_xu_{2x} + 10uu_{3x} + u_{5x}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

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

Step 2: Construct the form of the recursion operator.

(i) Determine the pieces of operator Φ_0

List all permutations of type $D^j u^k$ of rank R , with j and k nonnegative integers.

$$\mathcal{L} = \{D^2, u\}.$$

(ii) Determine the pieces of operator Φ_1

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

$$\Phi_1 = \sum_j \sum_k G^{(j)} D^{-1} \rho^{(k)'}(u)$$

has rank $\Phi_1 = R$.

The indices j and k are taken so that

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

List such terms:

$$\mathcal{M} = \{u_x D^{-1}\}.$$

(iii) Build the operator Φ

Linearly combine the term in

$$\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{L} \cup \mathcal{M} = \{D^2, u, u_x D^{-1}\}.$$

to get

$$\Phi = c_1 D^2 + c_2 u + c_3 u_x D^{-1}.$$

Step 3: Determine the unknown coefficients.

Require that

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

Solve the linear system:

$$\mathcal{S} = \{c_1 - 1 = 0, 18c_1 + c_3 - 20 = 0, 6c_1 + c_2 - 10 = 0, 2c_2 + c_3 - 10 = 0\},$$

Solution: $c_1 = 1, c_2 = 4$, and $c_3 = 2$. So,

$$\Phi = D^2 + 4u + 2u_x D^{-1}.$$

Examples.

The SK equation:

$$u_t = 5u^2 u_x + 5u_x u_{2x} + 5u u_{3x} + u_{5x}.$$

Recursion operator:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi = & D^6 + 3uD^4 - 3DuD^3 + 11D^2uD^2 - 10D^3uD + 5D^4u \\ & + 12u^2D^2 - 19uDuD + 8uD^2u + 8DuDu + 4u^3 \\ & + u_x D^{-1}(u^2 - 2u_x D) + G^{(2)}D^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

with $G^{(2)} = 5u^2 u_x + 5u_x u_{2x} + 5u u_{3x} + u_{5x}$.

For the vector nonlinear Schrödinger system:

$$\begin{aligned} u_t + \left[u(u^2 + v^2) + \beta u + \gamma v - v_x \right]_x &= 0, \\ v_t + \left[v(u^2 + v^2) + \theta u + \delta v + u_x \right]_x &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Recursion operator:

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \beta - \delta + 2u^2 + 2u_x D^{-1}u & \theta + 2uv - D + 2u_x D^{-1}v \\ \theta + 2uv + D + 2v_x D^{-1}u & 2v^2 + 2v_x D^{-1}v \end{pmatrix}.$$

PART II: Differential-difference (lattice) Equations

- **Systems of lattices equations**

Consider the system of lattice equations, continuous in time, discretized in (one dimensional) space

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

where $\mathbf{u}_n$ and $\mathbf{F}$ are vector dynamical variables.

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

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

- **CONSERVATION LAW:**

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

with density ρ_n and flux J_n .

Both are polynomials in $\mathbf{u}_n$ and its shifts.

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

if J_n is bounded for all n .

Subject to suitable boundary or periodicity conditions

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

- **Example.**

Consider the 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 exponential decaying interaction force between nearest neighbors.

Change of variables:

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

yields

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

Toda system is completely integrable.

The first two density-flux pairs (computed by hand):

$$\rho_n^{(1)} = u_n, \quad J_n^{(1)} = v_{n-1}, \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_n^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2}u_n^2 + v_n, \quad J_n^{(2)} = u_nv_{n-1}.$$

- **Key concept: Dilation invariance.**

The Toda system as well as the conservation laws and symmetries are invariant under the dilation symmetry

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

Thus, u_n corresponds to one t -derivative: $u_n \sim \frac{d}{dt}$.

Similarly, $v_n \sim \frac{d^2}{dt^2}$.

Weight, w , of variables are defined in terms of t -derivatives.

Set $w(\frac{d}{dt}) = 1$.

Weights of dependent variables are nonnegative, rational, and independent of n .

Due to dilation invariance: $w(u_n) = 1$ and $w(v_n) = 2$.

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

Require uniformity in rank for each equation to compute the weights: (solve the linear system):

$$w(u_n) + 1 = w(v_n), \quad w(v_n) + 1 = w(u_n) + w(v_n),$$

Solving the linear system yields $w(u_n) = 1$, $w(v_n) = 2$.

• Equivalence Criterion.

Define D *shift-down* operator, and U *shift-up* operator, on the set of all monomials in $\mathbf{u}_n$ and their shifts.

For a monomial m :

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

For example

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

Compositions of D and U define an *equivalence relation*. All shifted monomials are *equivalent*.

For example

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

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 .

For 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).

For example, $u_n u_{n+2}$ is the main representative of the class with elements $u_{n-1}u_{n+1}, u_{n+1}u_{n+3}$, etc.

Use lexicographical ordering to resolve conflicts.

For example, $u_n v_{n+2}$ (not $u_{n-2}v_n$) is the main representative of the class with elements $u_{n-3}v_{n-1}, u_{n+2}v_{n+4}$, etc.

• Steps of the Algorithm for Lattices.

Three-step algorithm to find conserved densities:

- 1). Determine the weights.
- 2). Construct the form of density.
- 3). Determine the coefficients.

Example: Density of rank 3 or 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.

Here $w(u_n) = 1$ and $w(v_n) = 2$.

Step 2: Construct the form of the density.

List all monomials 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 lattice to remove $\dot{u}_n$ and $\dot{v}_n$:

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

Gather the resulting terms in a set

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

Replace members in the same equivalence class by their main representatives .

For example, $u_n v_{n-1} \equiv u_{n+1} v_n$ are replaced by $u_n v_{n-1}$.

Linearly combine the monomials in

$$\mathcal{I} = \{u_n^3, u_n v_{n-1}, u_n v_n\}$$

to obtain

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

Step 3: Determine the coefficients.

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

Compute $\dot{\rho}_n$ and use the lattice to remove $\dot{u}_n$ and $\dot{v}_n$.

Group the terms

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

Use the equivalence criterion to modify $\dot{\rho}_n$.

Replace $u_{n-1} u_n v_{n-1}$ by $u_n u_{n+1} v_n + [u_{n-1} u_n v_{n-1} - u_n u_{n+1} v_n]$.

Introduce the main representatives. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\rho}_n &= (3c_1 - c_2)u_n^2 v_{n-1} + (c_3 - 3c_1)u_n^2 v_n \\ &\quad + (c_3 - c_2)v_n v_{n+1} + [(c_3 - c_2)v_{n-1} v_n - (c_3 - c_2)v_n v_{n+1}] \\ &\quad + c_2 u_n u_{n+1} v_n + [c_2 u_{n-1} u_n v_{n-1} - c_2 u_n u_{n+1} v_n] \\ &\quad + c_2 v_n^2 + [c_2 v_{n-1}^2 - c_2 v_n^2] - c_3 u_n u_{n+1} v_n - c_3 v_n^2.\end{aligned}$$

Group the terms outside of the square brackets and move the pairs inside the square brackets to the bottom.

Rearrange the terms to match the pattern $[J_n - J_{n+1}]$.

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\rho}_n &= (3c_1 - c_2)u_n^2 v_{n-1} + (c_3 - 3c_1)u_n^2 v_n \\ &\quad + (c_3 - c_2)v_n v_{n+1} + (c_2 - c_3)u_n u_{n+1} v_n + (c_2 - c_3)v_n^2 \\ &\quad + [\{(c_3 - c_2)v_{n-1} v_n + c_2 u_{n-1} u_n v_{n-1} + c_2 v_{n-1}^2\} \\ &\quad - \{(c_3 - c_2)v_n v_{n+1} + c_2 u_n u_{n+1} v_n + c_2 v_n^2\}].\end{aligned}$$

The terms inside the square brackets determine:

$$J_n = (c_3 - c_2)v_{n-1} v_n + c_2 u_{n-1} u_n v_{n-1} + c_2 v_{n-1}^2.$$

The terms outside the square brackets must vanish, thus

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

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

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

Analogously, conserved densities of rank ≤ 5 :

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

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

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

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

• GENERALIZED SYMMETRIES

A vector function $\mathbf{G}(\dots, \mathbf{u}_{n-1}, \mathbf{u}_n, \mathbf{u}_{n+1}, \dots)$ is a *symmetry* if the infinitesimal transformation $\mathbf{u}_n \rightarrow \mathbf{u}_n + \epsilon \mathbf{G}(\dots, \mathbf{u}_{n-1}, \mathbf{u}_n, \mathbf{u}_{n+1}, \dots)$ leaves the lattice system invariant within order ϵ .

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

$$D_t \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{u}_n)[\mathbf{G}],$$

where $\mathbf{F}'$ is the Fréchet derivative of $\mathbf{F}$, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{u}_n)[\mathbf{G}] = \frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u}_n + \epsilon \mathbf{G})|_{\epsilon=0}.$$

Here, $\mathbf{u}_n \rightarrow \mathbf{u}_n + \epsilon \mathbf{G}(\dots, \mathbf{u}_{n-1}, \mathbf{u}_n, \mathbf{u}_{n+1}, \dots)$ means that $\mathbf{u}_{n+k}$ is replaced by $\mathbf{u}_{n+k} + \epsilon \mathbf{G}|_{n \rightarrow n+k}$.

• Example

Consider the Toda lattice

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

Higher-order symmetry of rank (3, 4):

$$\begin{aligned} G_1 &= v_n(u_n + u_{n+1}) - v_{n-1}(u_{n-1} + u_n), \\ G_2 &= v_n(u_{n+1}^2 - u_n^2) + v_n(v_{n+1} - v_{n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

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

Consider the Toda system with $w(u_n) = 1$ and $w(v_n) = 2$.

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 lattice equations, 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:

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

$$\mathcal{R}_2 = \{u_n^4, u_{n-1}^2 v_{n-1}, u_{n-1} u_n v_{n-1}, u_n^2 v_{n-1}, v_{n-2} v_{n-1}, v_{n-1}^2, u_n^2 v_n, u_n u_{n+1} v_n, u_{n+1}^2 v_n, v_{n-1} v_n, v_n^2, v_n v_{n+1}\}.$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} G_1 &= c_1 u_n^3 + c_2 u_{n-1} v_{n-1} + c_3 u_n v_{n-1} + c_4 u_n v_n + c_5 u_{n+1} v_n, \\ G_2 &= c_6 u_n^4 + c_7 u_{n-1}^2 v_{n-1} + c_8 u_{n-1} u_n v_{n-1} + c_9 u_n^2 v_{n-1} \\ &\quad + c_{10} v_{n-2} v_{n-1} + c_{11} v_{n-1}^2 + c_{12} u_n^2 v_n + c_{13} u_n u_{n+1} v_n \\ &\quad + c_{14} u_{n+1}^2 v_n + c_{15} v_{n-1} v_n + c_{16} v_n^2 + c_{17} v_n v_{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Step 2: Determine the unknown coefficients.

Require that the symmetry condition 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:

$$\begin{aligned} G_1 &= u_n v_n - u_{n-1} v_{n-1} + u_{n+1} v_n - u_n v_{n-1}, \\ G_2 &= u_{n+1}^2 v_n - u_n^2 v_n + v_n v_{n+1} - v_{n-1} v_n. \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} G_1 &= u_n^2 v_n + u_n u_{n+1} v_n + u_{n+1}^2 v_n + v_n^2 + v_n v_{n+1} - u_{n-1}^2 v_{n-1} \\ &\quad - u_{n-1} u_n v_{n-1} - u_n^2 v_{n-1} - v_{n-2} v_{n-1} - v_{n-1}^2, \\ G_2 &= u_{n+1} v_n^2 + 2u_{n+1} v_n v_{n+1} + u_{n+2} v_n v_{n+1} - u_n^3 v_n + u_{n+1}^3 v_n \\ &\quad - u_{n-1} v_{n-1} v_n - 2u_n v_{n-1} v_n - u_n v_n^2. \end{aligned}$$

• **Example: Nonlinear Schrödinger (NLS) equation.**

Ablowitz and Ladik discretization of the NLS equation:

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

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. 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

$$\begin{aligned} w(u_n) + 1 &= w(\alpha) + w(u_n) = 2w(u_n) + w(v_n) = 3w(u_n), \\ w(v_n) + 1 &= w(\alpha) + w(v_n) = 2w(v_n) + w(u_n) = 3w(v_n). \end{aligned}$$

which yields

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

Uniformity in rank is essential for steps 1 and 2.

After Step 2, set $\alpha = 1$. Step 3 leads to the result:

$$\rho_n^{(1)} = c_1 u_n v_{n-1} + c_2 u_n v_{n+1}, \quad \text{etc.}$$

PART III: Software

• Scope and Limitations of Algorithms.

- Systems of evolution equations or lattice equations must be polynomial in dependent variables.
No *explicitly* dependencies on the independent variables.
- Only one space variable (continuous or discretized) is allowed.
- Program only computes polynomial conservation laws and generalized symmetries (no recursion operators yet).
- Program computes conservation laws and symmetries that explicitly depend on the independent variables, if the highest degree is specified.
- 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 evolution and 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.
- Complex dependent variables are allowed.
- PDEs and lattice equations must be of first-order in t .

• Conclusions and Future Research

- Implement the recursion operator algorithm for PDEs.
- Design an algorithm for recursion operators of DDEs.
- Improve software, compare with other packages.
- Add tools for parameter analysis (Gröbner basis).
- Generalization towards broader classes of equations (e.g. u_{xt}).
- Generalization towards more space variables (e.g. Kadomtsev-Petviashvili equation).
- Conservation laws with time and space dependent coefficients.
- Conservation laws with n dependent coefficients.
- Exploit other symmetries in the hope to find conserved densities of non-polynomial form
- Application: test models for integrability.
- Application: study of classes of nonlinear PDEs or DDEs.
- Compute constants of motion for dynamical systems (e.g. Lorenz and Hénon-Heiles systems)

• Implementation in Mathematica – Software

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