Conservation laws of differential equations: computation, connections, and applications

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Outline

- 1 Local and global conservation laws
- 2 General systematic CL computation: non-variational and variational models
- 3 CL computations for physical examples: surfactant dynamics, fluid dynamics
- Wariational systems and Noether's 1st theorem
- 5 Conservation laws in three spatial dimensions

Notation, etc.

- Independent variables: (x, t), or (t, x, y, z), or $z = (z^1, ..., z^n)$.
- Dependent variables: u(x, t), or generally $v = (v^1(z), ..., v^m(z))$.
- Derivatives:

$$\frac{d}{dt}w(t)=w'(t); \qquad \frac{\partial}{\partial x}u(x,t)=u_x; \qquad \frac{\partial}{\partial z^k}v^p(z)=v_k^p.$$

- All derivatives of order $p: \partial^p v$.
- A differential function:

$$H[v] = H(z, v, \partial v, \dots, \partial^k v)$$

• A total derivative of a differential function: the chain rule

$$D_i H[v] = \frac{\partial H}{\partial z^i} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial v^{\alpha}} v_i^{\alpha} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial v_i^{\alpha}} v_{ij}^{\alpha} + \dots$$



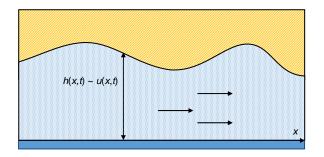
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- $J^k(x,t|u)$: the k-th order jet space with coordinates $x, t, u, \partial u, ..., \partial^k u$.
- The solution manifold \mathcal{E} in $J^k(x,t|u)$ is defined by the DE(s)+differential consequences to order k:

$$G[u] = 0$$
, $D_x G[u] = 0$, $D_t G[u] = 0$,...

• Statements are often formulated for differential functions defined in $J^k(x,t|u)$.



• System of differential equations (PDE or ODE) G[v] = 0:

$$G^{\sigma}(z, v, \partial v, \dots, \partial^{q_{\sigma}} v) = 0, \quad \sigma = 1, \dots, M.$$

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ODE: A constant of motion (conserved quantity):

$$v = v(t),$$
 $D_t T[v] = 0 \Rightarrow T[v] = \text{const.}$

• E.g. v'' + 2vv' = 5:

$$D_t(v' + v^2 - 5t) = 0 \implies v' + v^2 - 5t = C = const.$$



- For PDEs, the meaning of a local conservation law is different: the total amount of "density" is "conserved" in another sense.
- (1+1)-dimensional PDEs: v = v(x, t), only one CL type.

Local form:

$$D_t T[v] + D_x \Psi[v] = 0.$$

Global form:

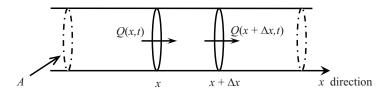
$$\left[\frac{d}{dt}\int_a^b T[v]\,dt = -\Psi[v]\right]_a^b.$$

Multidimensional PDE systems: several different CL types.

Conservation principles to derive model DEs.

Continuity equation – gas/fluid flow:

$$\rho_t + (\rho v)_x = 0, \qquad \rho = \rho(x, t), \qquad v = v(x, t).$$

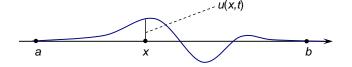


• Global form:

$$\frac{d}{dt}m = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{x}^{x+\Delta x} \rho \, dx = (\rho v) \Big|_{x}^{x+\Delta x}.$$

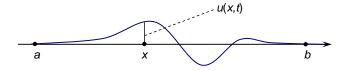
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- A local CL energy conservation: $D_t \left(\frac{\rho u_t^2}{2} + \frac{\tau u_x^2}{2} \right) D_x (\tau u_t u_x) = 0.$
- Global form:

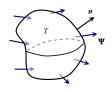
$$\frac{d}{dt}E = \frac{d}{dt}\int \left(\frac{\rho u_t^2}{2} + \frac{\tau u_x^2}{2}\right) dx = \tau u_t u_x\Big|_a^b.$$

E.g., for Dirichlet BCs $u|_{x=a,b}$, E = const.



- (3+1)-dimensional PDEs: v = v(t, x, y, z).
- Local form: $D_t T[v] + \mathrm{Div} \Psi[v] = 0$
- \Leftrightarrow
- $D_i\Phi^i[v]=0$

- Global form: $\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathcal{V}} T \, dV = \oint_{\partial \mathcal{V}} \Psi \cdot d\mathbf{S}$
- Holds for all solutions $v(t, x, y, z) \in \mathcal{E}$, in some physical domain \mathcal{V} .



• In 3D, CLs of other types on static and moving domains can exist.

Applications

Applications of Conservation Laws

Applications to ODEs

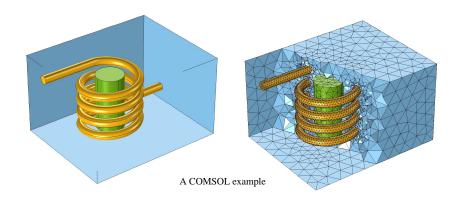
- Constants of motion.
- Reduction of order / integration.

Applications of Conservation Laws

Applications to PDEs

- Rates of change of physical variables; constants of motion.
- Differential constraints (divergence-free or irrotational fields, etc.).
- Analysis of solution behaviour: existence, uniqueness, stability.
- Potentials, stream functions, etc.
- An infinite number of CLs may indicate integrability/linearization.
- Conserved PDEs forms for finite volume/discontinuous Galerkin/special numerical methods.
- Conservation law-preserving numerical methods.
- Numerical method testing.

Applications of Conservation Laws



CLs with no physical content?

Trivial and equivalent local conservation laws

Example: (1+1)-dimensional linear wave equation

$$u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}, \quad u = u(x, t).$$

Trivial conservation laws:

Density/flux vanishes on solutions (Type I, vanishing density/flux).
 For example,

$$D_t(u_{tt}-c^2u_{xx})+D_x\left(2u\left[u_{ttx}-c^2u_{xxx}\right]\right)=0.$$

• Holds as an identity for any u(x,t) (Type II, null divergence). For example,

$$D_t(x+u_x)+D_x(2t-u_t)\equiv 0.$$

A combination thereof.

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Equivalent conservation laws:

Differ by a trivial one.
 For example,

$$D_t(u_t) - D_x(c^2u_x) = 0$$

and

$$D_t(u_t + x) - D_x(c^2u_x - 1) = 0$$

describe the same physical quantity.

- Natural to study equivalence classes of CLs.
- Linear space CL(G) of all CLs of a system $G[v] = 0 \rightarrow$ a factor space of equivalence classes.
- It is of interest to determine a basis of CLs in the factor space.

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• Same ideas for multi-dimensional models.

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• An equivalent CL:

$$D_i \tilde{\Phi}^i[v] = \tilde{\Lambda}_{\sigma}[v] G^{\sigma}[v].$$



A characteristic form of a local CL:

$$D_i \Phi^i[v] = \Lambda_{\sigma}[v] G^{\sigma}[v].$$

- $\Phi^i[v]$: fluxes.
- $\Lambda_{\sigma}[v]$: multipliers.
- There is "usually" a 1:1 correspondence between sets of (nontrivial) multipliers and the respective (nontrivial) local CLs.

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Theorem (Ibragimov, 1985)

For any (1+1)-dimensional even-order scalar evolution equation

$$u_t = F(x, t, u, \partial_x u, \dots, \partial_x^{2k} u), \qquad u = u(x, t),$$

the flux and the density of local CLs

$$\mathrm{D}_t T[u] + \mathrm{D}_x \Psi[u] = 0$$

(up to equivalence) depend only on x, t, u and derivatives of u with respect to x, and the maximal order of a derivative in the CL density T is k.

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A nonlinear diffusion equation

$$u_t = (u^2 u_x)_x, \qquad u = u(x, t).$$

Two local CLs only:

$$\mathrm{D}_t(u)-\mathrm{D}_x(u^2u_x)=0,$$

$$D_t(xu) + D_x\left(\frac{u^3}{3} - xu^2u_x\right) = 0.$$

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Constant-density Navier-Stokes equations

$$\rho = \text{const}, \quad \text{div } \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{u}_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = - \operatorname{grad} \, \boldsymbol{p} + \nu \, \Delta \mathbf{u}.$$

CLs [Gusyatnikova & Yumaguzhin, 1989]:

- Continuity (generalized): $\nabla \cdot (k(t)\mathbf{u}) = 0$.
- Momentum (generalized): $D_t(f(t)u^1) + D_x(...) + D_y(...) + D_z(...) = 0$; same for y, z.
- Angular momentum: $D_t(zu^2 yu^3) + D_x(...) + D_y(...) + D_z(...) = 0$; same for y, z.

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- Possibility II: an infinite countable set. E.g., CLs of an integrable equation.

Example: the KdV

$$u_t + uu_x + u_{xxx} = 0,$$
 $u = u(x, t).$

A hierarchy of local CLs:

$$D_{t}(u) + D_{x} \left(\frac{1}{2}u^{2} + u_{xx}\right) = 0,$$

$$D_{t} \left(\frac{1}{2}u^{2}\right) + D_{x} \left(\frac{1}{3}u^{3} + uu_{xx} - \frac{1}{2}u_{x}^{2}\right) = 0,$$

$$D_{t} \left(\frac{1}{6}u^{3} - \frac{1}{2}u_{x}^{2}\right) + D_{x} \left(\frac{1}{8}u^{4} - uu_{x}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}(u^{2}u_{xx} + u_{xx}^{2}) - u_{x}u_{xxx}\right) = 0,$$

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- Possibility III: an infinite CL family involving arbitrary functions.
 E.g., linear/linearizable equations, etc.

Example:

- A linear heat equation $u_t = a^2 u_{xx}$, u = u(x, t).
- Local CLs: $\Lambda(x, t)(u_t u_{xx}) = D_t T + D_x \Psi = 0$.
- The multiplier $\Lambda(x,t)$ is any solution of the adjoint linear PDE $\Lambda_t=-a^2\Lambda_{xx}$.
- $\bullet \ \text{E.g., } \Lambda(x,t) = e^{\mathbf{a}^2 t} \sin x \text{, then } \mathrm{D}_t \left(e^{\mathbf{a}^2 t} \ u \ \sin x \right) + \mathrm{D}_x \left(a^2 e^{\mathbf{a}^2 t} [u \cos x u_x \sin x] \right) = 0.$
- Existence of a "large" CL family is a necessary condition of invertible linearization (e.g., Bluman, Anco & Wolf, 2008).

How to compute CLs?

The idea of the direct construction method

Independent and dependent variables of the problem:

$$z = (z^1, ..., z^n), \quad v = v(z) = (v^1, ..., v^m).$$

Definition

The Euler operator with respect to an arbitrary function v^j :

$$E_{v^j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial v^j} - D_i \frac{\partial}{\partial v_i^j} + \dots + (-1)^s D_{i_1} \dots D_{i_s} \frac{\partial}{\partial v_{i_1 \dots i_s}^j} + \dots, \quad j = 1, \dots, m.$$

Theorem

The equations

$$E_{v^j}F[v]\equiv 0, \quad j=1,\ldots,m$$

hold for arbitrary v(z) if and only if

$$F[v] \equiv D_i \Phi^i$$

for some functions $\Phi^i = \Phi^i[v]$.



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The Direct CL Construction Method

- **①** Specify the dependence of multipliers: $\Lambda_{\sigma} = \Lambda_{\sigma}[z, v, \partial v, ...]$.
- ② Solve the set of determining equations $E_{\nu i}(\Lambda_{\sigma}[\nu]G^{\sigma}[\nu]) \equiv 0, \quad j=1,\ldots,m,$ for arbitrary $\nu(z)$, to find all sets of multipliers.
- **o** Find the corresponding fluxes $\Phi^i[V]$ satisfying the identity

$$\Lambda_{\sigma}[v]G^{\sigma}[v] \equiv \mathrm{D}_{i}\Phi^{i}[v].$$

For each set of fluxes, on solutions, get a local conservation law

$$\mathrm{D}_i\Phi^i[v]=0.$$



Consider a nonlinear telegraph system for $v^1=u(x,t),\ v^2=v(x,t)$:

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Euler operators:

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Split determining equations:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & \Lambda_{2v} - \Lambda_{1u} & = & 0, & \Lambda_{2u} - (u^2 + 1)\Lambda_{1v} = 0, \\ & \Lambda_{2x} - \Lambda_{1t} - u\Lambda_{1v} & = & 0, & (u^2 + 1)\Lambda_{1x} - \phi_t - u\Lambda_{1u} - \Lambda_1 = 0. \end{array}$$

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Solution: five sets of multipliers $(\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2) =$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 \\ t & x - \frac{1}{2}t^2 \\ 1 & -t \\ e^{x + \frac{1}{2}u^2 + v} & ue^{x + \frac{1}{2}u^2 + v} \\ e^{x + \frac{1}{2}u^2 - v} & -ue^{x + \frac{1}{2}u^2 - v} \end{array}$$

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Resulting five conservation laws:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{D}_t u - \mathrm{D}_x v &= 0, \\ \mathrm{D}_t [(x - \frac{1}{2}t^2)u + tv] + \mathrm{D}_x [(\frac{1}{2}t^2 - x)v - t(\frac{1}{3}u^3 + u)] &= 0, \\ \mathrm{D}_t [v - tu] + \mathrm{D}_x [tv - (\frac{1}{3}u^3 + u)] &= 0, \\ \mathrm{D}_t [e^{x + \frac{1}{2}u^2 + v}] + \mathrm{D}_x [-ue^{x + \frac{1}{2}u^2 + v}] &= 0, \\ \mathrm{D}_t [e^{x + \frac{1}{2}u^2 - v}] + \mathrm{D}_x [ue^{x + \frac{1}{2}u^2 - v}] &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

• To obtain further conservation laws, extend the multiplier ansatz...



Symbolic software for computation of conservation laws

Example of use of the GeM package for Maple for the KdV.

- Use the module: read("d:/gem32_12.mpl"):
- Declare variables: gem_decl_vars(indeps=[x,t], deps=[U(x,t),V(x,t)]);
- Declare the PDEs:

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\begin{split} \text{gem\_decl\_eqs}([\text{diff}(V(x,t),t)=&(U(x,t)^2+1)*\text{diff}(U(x,t),x)+U(x,t)\,,\\ &\text{diff}(U(x,t),t)=&\,\text{diff}(V(x,t),x)]\,,\\ &\text{solve\_for=}[\text{diff}(V(x,t),t),\,\,\text{diff}(U(x,t),t)])\,; \end{split}
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• Generate determining equations:

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\label{lem:det_eqs} \begin{split} \text{det\_eqs:=gem\_conslaw\_det\_eqs([x,t,U(x,t),V(x,t)]):} \end{split}
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• Reduce the overdetermined system:

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CL_multipliers:=gem_conslaw_multipliers();
simplified_eqs:=DEtools[rifsimp](det_eqs, CL_multipliers, mindim=1);
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Solve determining equations:

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multipliers_sol:=pdsolve(simplified_eqs[Solved]);
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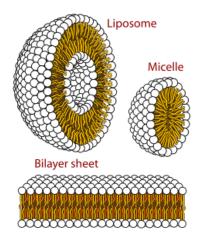
• Obtain corresponding conservation law fluxes/densities:

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gem_get_CL_fluxes(multipliers_sol, method=****);
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Computational examples

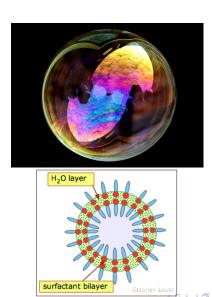
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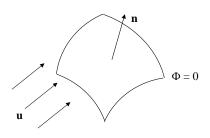
- Surfactant molecules adsorb at phase separation interfaces.
- Can form micelles, double layers, etc.



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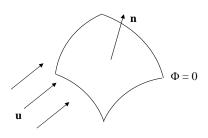
• Soap bubbles...





Parameters

- Surfactant concentration c = c(x, t).
- Flow velocity $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t)$.
- Two-phase interface: phase separation surface $\Phi(x, t) = 0$.
- Unit normal: $\mathbf{n} = -\frac{\nabla \Phi}{|\nabla \Phi|}$.

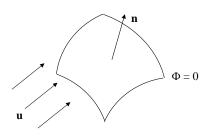


Surface gradient

- Surface projection tensor: $p_{ij} = \delta_{ij} n_i n_j$.
- Surface gradient operator: $\nabla^s = \mathbf{p} \cdot \nabla = (\delta_{ij} n_i n_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}$.
- Surface Laplacian:

$$\Delta^{s}F = (\delta_{ij} - n_{i}n_{j})\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j}}\left((\delta_{ik} - n_{i}n_{k})\frac{\partial F}{\partial x^{k}}\right).$$



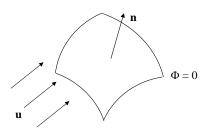


Governing equations

- Incompressibility condition: $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$.
- Fluid dynamics equations: Euler or Navier-Stokes.
- Interface transport by the flow: $\Phi_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \Phi = 0$.
- Surfactant transport equation:

$$c_t + u^i \frac{\partial c}{\partial x^i} - c n_i n_j \frac{\partial u^i}{\partial x^j} - \alpha (\delta_{ij} - n_i n_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \left((\delta_{ik} - n_i n_k) \frac{\partial c}{\partial x^k} \right) = 0.$$





Fully conserved form?

$$c_t + u^i \frac{\partial c}{\partial x^i} - c n_i n_j \frac{\partial u^i}{\partial x^j} - \alpha (\delta_{ij} - n_i n_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \left((\delta_{ik} - n_i n_k) \frac{\partial c}{\partial x^k} \right) = 0.$$

• Can the surfactant transport equation be written in the conserved form?

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Multipliers:

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where $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}(\Phi)$ is an arbitrary sufficiently smooth function.



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An infinite CL family:

$$\mathrm{D}_{t}\left(\textit{c}\,\mathcal{F}(\boldsymbol{\Phi})\left|\nabla\boldsymbol{\Phi}\right|\right)+\mathrm{D}_{\textit{i}}\left(\textit{A}^{\textit{i}}\,\mathcal{F}(\boldsymbol{\Phi})\left|\nabla\boldsymbol{\Phi}\right|\right)=0,$$

where

$$A^{i} = cu^{i} - \alpha \left(\left(\delta_{ik} - n_{i}n_{k} \right) \frac{\partial c}{\partial x^{k}} \right), \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

Euler equations: a CL study

Euler equations of inviscid fluid flow:

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CL Multiplier ansatz [Oberlack & C., 2014]:

 Λ_{σ} , $\sigma=1,2,3,4$, are functions of 45 variables

$$\begin{array}{l} t,x,y,z,\quad u^{1},u^{2},u^{3},p,\quad u^{1}_{y},u^{1}_{z},\quad u^{2}_{x},u^{2}_{y},u^{2}_{z},\quad u^{3}_{x},u^{3}_{y},u^{3}_{z},\quad p_{t},p_{x},p_{y},p_{z},\\ u^{1}_{yy},u^{1}_{yz},u^{1}_{zz},\quad u^{2}_{xx},u^{2}_{xy},u^{2}_{xz},u^{2}_{yy},u^{2}_{zz},\quad u^{3}_{xx},u^{3}_{xy},u^{3}_{xz},u^{3}_{yy},u^{3}_{yz},u^{3}_{yz},\\ p_{tt},p_{tx},p_{ty},p_{tz},p_{xx},p_{xy},p_{xz},p_{yy},p_{yz},p_{zz}. \end{array}$$

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Computed CLs:

- Continuity (generalized): $\nabla \cdot (k(t)\mathbf{u}) = 0$.
- Momentum (generalized): $D_t(f(t)u^1) + D_x(...) + D_y(...) + D_z(...) = 0$; same for y, z.
- $\bullet \ \ \text{Angular momentum:} \ \ \mathrm{D}_t(zu^2-yu^3)+\mathrm{D}_x(\ldots)+\mathrm{D}_y(\ldots)+\mathrm{D}_z(\ldots)=0; \ \text{same for } y,z.$
- Kinetic energy: $D_t(K) + ... = 0$, $K = \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{u}|^2$.
- Helicity: $D_t(h) + ... = 0$, $h = \mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}$, $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{u}$.
- Linear overdetermined system of 58,273 determining equations on the unknown Λ_{σ} .
- Additional special CLs arise in symmetry-reduced settings.



Global and local conservation laws...

Conservation laws - summary

For a DE system G[v] = 0:

- ullet The solution manifold ${\mathcal E}$ is a geometric object.
- CLs reflect its properties, and are coordinate-independent. In particular,

$$D_{(z^*)^i}(\Phi^*)^i[v^*] = J D_i \Phi^i[v] = 0$$

after a change of variables

$$(z^*)^i = f^i(z, v),$$
 $i = 1, ..., n,$
 $(v^*)^k = g^k(z, v),$ $k = 1, ..., m.$

- CLs have a characteristic form: $D_i \Phi^i[v] = \Lambda_{\sigma}[v] G^{\sigma}[v]$.
- CLs can be systematically computed (the direct method and Maple implementation).
- The direct method is complete, within a chosen ansatz.

Variational systems and Noether's 1st theorem

Symmetries and conservation laws

- Local symmetries and local conservation laws of DE systems are closely related.
- A specific well-known relationship: Noether's 1st theorem for variational DE systems.

Symmetries of differential equations

• System of differential equations (PDE or ODE) G[v] = 0:

$$G^{\sigma}(z, v, \partial v, \dots, \partial^{q_{\sigma}} v) = 0, \quad \sigma = 1, \dots, M.$$

- Independent and dependent variables: $z = (z^1, ..., z^n), \quad v = v(z) = (v^1, ..., v^m).$
- A point symmetry: a change of variables

$$(z^*)^i = f^i(z, v), i = 1, ..., n, (v^*)^k = g^k(z, v), k = 1, ..., m$$

mapping solutions to solutions.

• A Lie group of point symmetries: a symmetry group with parameter(s) a

$$(z^*)^i = f^i(z, v; a) = z^i + a\xi^i(z, v) + O(a^2),$$
 $i = 1, ..., n,$
 $(v^*)^k = g^k(z, v; a) = v^k + a\eta^k(z, v) + O(a^2),$ $k = 1, ..., m.$

• A corresponding Lie algebra of infinitesimal generators:

$$X = \xi^{i}(z, v) \frac{\partial}{\partial z^{i}} + \eta^{k}(z, v) \frac{\partial}{\partial v^{k}}.$$



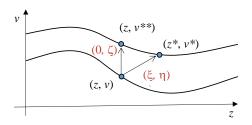
Symmetries of differential equations

• Evolutionary form of a Lie point symmetry:

$$\hat{X} = \zeta^{k}[v] \frac{\partial}{\partial v^{\mu}},$$

$$(z^{**})^{i} = z^{i}, \qquad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$(v^{**})^{k} = v^{k} + a\zeta^{k}[v] + O(a^{2}), \quad k = 1, \dots, m.$$



Symmetries of differential equations

Example 1: translations

A translation

$$x^* = x + C, \quad t^* = t, \quad u^* = u \quad (C \in \mathbb{R})$$

leaves the KdV equation invariant:

$$u_t + uu_x + u_{xxx} = 0 = u_{t^*}^* + u^* u_{x^*}^* + u_{x^*x^*x^*}^*.$$

Example 2: scalings

A scaling

$$x^* = \alpha x$$
, $t^* = \alpha^3 t$, $u^* = \alpha^{-2} u$ $(\alpha \in \mathbb{R})$

also leaves the KdV equation invariant:

$$u_t + uu_x + u_{xxx} = 0 = \alpha^5 (u_{t^*}^* + u^* u_{x^*}^* + u_{x^*x^*x^*}^*).$$

Variational principles

Action integral

$$J[v] = \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{L}(z, v, \partial v, \dots, \partial^k v) \ dz.$$

Principle of extremal action

- Variation of $v: v(z) \to v(z) + \delta v(z); \quad \delta v(z) = \varepsilon w(z); \quad \delta v(z)|_{\partial \Omega} = 0.$
- Variation of action: $\delta J \equiv J[v + \varepsilon w] J[v] = o(\varepsilon) \Rightarrow$
- Euler-Lagrange equations:

$$G^{\sigma}[v] = \mathcal{E}_{v^{\sigma}}(\mathcal{L}[v]) = 0, \qquad \sigma = 1, \dots, m.$$

• # equations = # unknowns.



Variational principles

• Example: Wave equation for u(x, t)

$$\mathcal{L} = P - K = \frac{1}{2}\tau u_x^2 - \frac{1}{2}\rho u_t^2.$$

$$E_u = \frac{d}{du} - D_t \frac{d}{du_t} - D_x \frac{d}{du_x}.$$

$$E_u \mathcal{L} = \rho(u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx}) = 0, \qquad c^2 = \tau/\rho.$$

Variational principles

- Philosophical rather than physical!
- The vast majority of models do not have a variational formulation.
- Mathematically, related to the self-adjointness of linearization (coordinate-dependent!)
- It remains an open problem how to determine whether a given system has a variational formulation.

Noether's 1st theorem

• A variational symmetry: preserves the action integral.

Theorem

Given:

- **1** a PDE system G[v] = 0, following from a variational principle;
- 2 a local variational symmetry in an evolutionary form:

$$(z^i)^* = z^i, \quad (v^k)^* = v^k + a\zeta^k[v] + O(a^2).$$

Then the given DE system has a local conservation law $\mathrm{D}_i\Phi^i[\nu]=0$. In particular,

$$\mathrm{D}_i \Phi^i[v] = \Lambda_\sigma[v] R^\sigma[v],$$

where the multipliers are the evolutionary symmetry components:

$$\Lambda_{\sigma}[v] = \zeta^{\sigma}[v].$$



Noether's theorem: example

Example: wave equation

- Equation: $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$, u = u(x, t).
- Time translation symmetry:

$$t^* = t + a, \quad \xi^t = 1;$$

 $x^* = x, \quad \xi^x = 0,$
 $u^* = u, \quad \eta = 0,$

- Evolutionary symmetry component: $\zeta = -u_t$;
- Multiplier: $\Lambda = \zeta = -u_t$;
- Conservation law (Energy):

$$\Lambda R = -u_{t}(u_{tt} - c^{2}u_{xx}) = -\left[D_{t}\left(\frac{u_{t}^{2}}{2} + c^{2}\frac{u_{x}^{2}}{2}\right) - D_{x}\left(c^{2}u_{t}u_{x}\right)\right] = 0.$$



Noether's 1st theorem and CL computation?

Noether's 1st theorem – summary

- The system G[v] = 0 may or may not be variational.
- Lie symmetries can be systematically computed. For variational models, some of them are variational (preserve the action).
- Evolutionary components $\zeta[v]$ of symmetry generators satisfy linearized equations.
- CL multipliers satisfy adjoint linearized equations and extra conditions.
- For a variational system, linearization is self-adjoint.

Then evolutionary variational symmetry components = CL multipliers.

- Noether's theorem is insightful, but not general nor efficient way to compute CLs.
- The direct CL construction method is general; it is a practical shortcut even for variational DE systems.

Different types of CLs in 3D

PDE models in three spatial dimensions

General classical physical systems in 3D:

- Independent variables: coordinates $x = (x^1, x^2, x^3) \in \Omega$, and possibly time t.
- Dependent variables: v = v(t, x) or v(x); $m \ge 1$ scalars.
- PDEs: $G^{\sigma}[v] = 0$, $\sigma = 1, \dots, M$.

Typical applications:

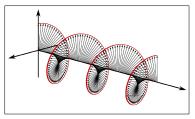
- Nonlinear mechanics, elasticity, viscoelasticity, plasticity
- Fluid mechanics
- Electromagnetism
- Wave propagation; problems, diffusion, etc.

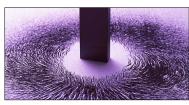
PDE models in three spatial dimensions: examples

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PDE models in three spatial dimensions: examples

Example: Navier-Stokes fluid dynamics equations

$$\rho_t + \operatorname{div} \rho \mathbf{u} = 0,$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{u}_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}) = -\operatorname{grad} \ \rho + \mu \, \Delta \mathbf{u}.$$

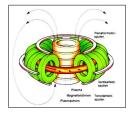


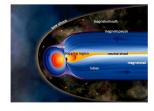


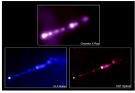
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Example: Ideal magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) equations

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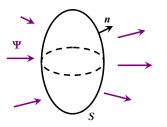
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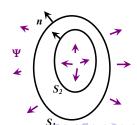
- Time-independent models.
- Differential constraints, e.g., $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$, $\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$...

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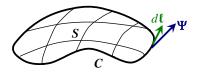
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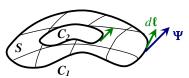
- Incompressible flow: $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} = 0$.
- Absence of magnetic sources: $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{B} = 0$.

1B. Spatial curl/topological circulation conservation laws

- Local form: $|\operatorname{Curl} \Psi[v]|_{\mathcal{E}} = 0$.
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Examples:

- Irrotational flow: $\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{u} = 0$.
- Equilibrium MHD–magnetic equation: $\operatorname{curl} (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}) = 0$ \Rightarrow circulation condition:

$$orall \mathcal{S} \subset \Omega, \quad \int_{\partial \mathcal{S}} (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot d\ell = 0.$$

2A. Volumetric conservation laws:

• A global volumetric conservation law of a given 3D PDE model, for $\mathcal{V} \subset \Omega$:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\int_{\mathcal{V}} T \, dV = -\oint_{\partial \mathcal{V}} \mathbf{\Psi} \cdot d\mathbf{S},$$

holding for all solutions $v(t, x) \in \mathcal{E}$.

Local formulation: a continuity equation

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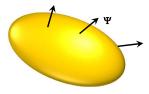
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Physical meaning: the rate of change of the volume quantity

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Conservation of electromagnetic energy:

$$\frac{1}{2}\partial_t (|\mathbf{E}|^2 + |\mathbf{B}|^2) + c \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}) = 0.$$

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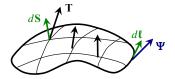
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Magnetic flux conservation: a global surface-flux conservation law (Faraday's law)

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Conserved flux density, spatial circulation flux:

$$T = B, \qquad \Psi = B \times u.$$

The global form of the surface-flux conservation law

$$\frac{d}{dt}\int_{\mathcal{S}}\mathbf{B}\cdot d\mathbf{S} = -\oint_{\partial\mathcal{S}}(\mathbf{B}\times\mathbf{u})\cdot d\ell$$

describes the time evolution of the total magnetic flux through a given fixed surface $\mathcal{S}.$

• A similar CL holds for non-ideal (resistive, viscous) plasmas.

2C. Circulatory conservation laws:

A global circulatory conservation law of a given 3D PDE model:

$$\left| \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathcal{C}} \mathbf{T} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} = -\Psi \big|_{\partial \mathcal{C}}, \qquad \boldsymbol{v} \in \mathcal{E}.$$

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is balanced by the flow through the ends of the curve.

Example: irrotational barotropic gas flow.

$$\begin{split} & \rho_t + \operatorname{div}(\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0, \\ & \mathbf{u}_t + (\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{u} + \operatorname{grad} \ f = 0, \qquad f = f_{\operatorname{bar}} = \frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2} + \int \frac{p'(\rho)}{\rho} \ d\rho. \end{split}$$

- Irrotational: $\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{u} = 0$.
- Barotropic: $p = p(\rho)$, \Rightarrow $\mathbf{u}_t + \text{grad } f = 0$.
- ullet Circulatory conservation law over an arbitrary static curve \mathcal{C} :

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathcal{C}} \mathbf{u} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} = -f|_{\partial \mathcal{C}}.$$

• For closed curves, $\partial \mathcal{C} = \emptyset$:

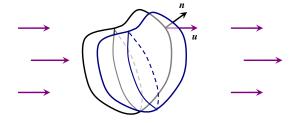
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conservation of a global velocity circulation around a static closed path.



CLs on moving domains

- Flow velocity: $\mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{x})$.
- A moving material domain consists of the same material points.



Moving volumetric conservation laws:

• A moving volumetric conservation law of a given 3D PDE model:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathcal{V}(t)} T[\mathbf{u}, v] dV = - \oint_{\partial \mathcal{V}(t)} \Upsilon[\mathbf{u}, v] \cdot d\mathbf{S},$$

holding for all solutions $v=v(t,\mathbf{x})\in\mathcal{E}$, for a volume $\mathcal{V}(t)\in\Omega$ transported by the flow.

Local formulation:

Leibniz's rule for moving domains:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathcal{V}(t)} T[\mathbf{u}, v] dV = \int_{\mathcal{V}(t)} D_t T[\mathbf{u}, v] dV + \oint_{\partial \mathcal{V}(t)} T[\mathbf{u}, v] \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

Local form:

$$D_t T[\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}] + \mathrm{Div} (\Upsilon[\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}] + T[\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}]\mathbf{u}) = 0.$$



Moving volumetric CL example: helicity

Constant-density fluid flow:

$$\operatorname{div}\mathbf{u}=0,$$

$$\mathbf{u}_t + (\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{u} + \operatorname{grad} f = 0, \qquad f = \frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2} + \frac{p}{\rho}.$$

- The fluid helicity: $h \equiv \mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}$.
- Helicity dynamics equation: $h_t + \operatorname{div} (\boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \operatorname{grad} f + (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{u}) = 0$.
- Moving volumetric CL, local form:

$$D_t T[\mathbf{u}, v] + \operatorname{Div} (\Upsilon[\mathbf{u}, v] + T[\mathbf{u}, v]\mathbf{u}) = 0, \qquad v \in \mathcal{E}.$$

$$T = h = \mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}, \qquad \Upsilon = (f - |\mathbf{u}|^2) \boldsymbol{\omega}.$$

• Global form:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathcal{V}(t)} h \, dV = - \oint_{\partial \mathcal{V}(t)} (f - |\mathbf{u}|^2) \, \boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot d\mathbf{S}.$$



Material conservation laws

 A material conservation law: a moving volumetric CL with a vanishing spatial flux, $\Upsilon[\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}]|_{\mathcal{E}} = 0$. of a given 3D PDE model, for $\mathcal{V} \subset \Omega$:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathcal{V}(t)} T[\mathbf{u}, v] dV = - \oint_{\partial \mathcal{V}(t)} \Upsilon[\mathbf{u}, v] \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0.$$

Local formulation:

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• A well-known expression for incompressible flows $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} = 0$:

$$\left| \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} T[\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}] \right| = 0, \qquad \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \equiv D_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathrm{Grad}$$

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Material conservation laws: example

The continuity equation in gas/fluid dynamics:

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \rho_t + \operatorname{div}(\rho \mathbf{u}) &= 0, \\ \rho(\mathbf{u}_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}) + \nabla \rho &= \mu \, \Delta \mathbf{u} + \rho \mathbf{g}. \end{aligned}}$$

Conservation of mass in a moving material domain :

$$\frac{d}{dt}\int_{\mathcal{V}(t)}\rho\,dV=0.$$

- In a similar way, moving surface-flux and moving circulatory CLs in material domains arise.
- Material CLs arise in a similar manner.

CLs in 3D: overview

Conservation laws in 3D: overview

- PDE systems in (3+1) dimensions can have 8 different kinds of CLs:
 - 2 time-independent/topological.
 - 3 time-dependent (fixed domains).
 - 3 time-dependent (moving domains) (also material CLs).
- Each has a local and a global form.
- Common framework, clear physical meaning.
- Each kind is locally given by divergence expression(s) ⇒ systematic computation.
- Physical examples are readily available.

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- For variational models, Noether's theorem gives useful insights in symmetry-CL relations. These relations are, however, known in a more general setting.

What was left out...

We did not discuss:

- Multiple computational aspects; multiplier dependencies; singular multipliers; etc.
- CL triviality and equivalence questions.
- 2nd Noether's theorem.
- Useful tricks and techniques to get CLs "cheap".
- Higher-order & nonlocal symmetries. Nonlocal CLs.
- Integrability, linearization,

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