

## CONSERVATION LAWS FOR PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS BASED ON THE POLYNOMIAL CHARACTERISTIC METHOD

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*In this paper, the direct construction method combined with the differential polynomial characteristic set algorithm is used to complete conservation laws of PDE. The process of the direct construction method is to solve a system of linear determining equations, which is not easy to be solved. This paper uses the differential polynomial characteristic set algorithm to overcome the shortcoming, and constructs an explicit conservation law.*

**Key words:** *direct construction method, local conservation law, differential polynomial characteristic set algorithm, variational principle*

### Introduction

In the field of PDE, conservation laws and variational formulations [1-20] have many important applications, particularly with regard to linearization and integrability of PDE. In this paper, the direct construction method [21, 22] is used to complete the conservation laws of PDE, this method holds when no variational principle exists, and its derivation process requires to solve an over-determined linear PDE (determining equations), which are usually large and not easy to be solved directly, so the differential polynomial characteristic set algorithm is used to overcome the shortcoming.

### Direct construction method

Consider the following PDE with  $M$  dependent variables  $u = (u^1, u^2, \dots, u^M)$  and  $m$  independent variables  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)$ :

$$F_\beta(x, u, \partial_x u, \dots, \partial_x^n u) = 0, \quad (\beta = 1, 2, \dots, N) \quad (1)$$

**Definition 1.** A local conservation law of (1) has the following expression:

$$D_i \Theta^i[u] = 0 \quad (2)$$

holding for all solutions of eq. (1).

**Definition 2.** If functions  $\{\Lambda^\gamma[U]\}$  and  $\{\Theta^i[U]\}$  for system (1) satisfy:

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$$\Lambda^\gamma[U]F_\gamma[U] = D_i \Theta^i[U] \quad (3)$$

then  $\{\Lambda^\gamma[U]\}$  is called multipliers of a conservation law.

The function  $\{\Lambda^\gamma[U]\}$  yields a set of multipliers for conservation law of system (1) if:

$$E_{U^o}(\Lambda^\gamma[U]F_\gamma[U]) \equiv 0, \quad o = 1, 2, \dots, M \quad (4)$$

where Euler operator is denoted by

$$E_{U^o} = \frac{\partial}{\partial U^o} - D_i \frac{\partial}{\partial U_i^o} + D_i D_j \frac{\partial}{\partial U_{ij}^o} + \dots$$

and total derivative is defined:

$$D_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + U_i^\sigma \frac{\partial}{\partial U^\sigma} + U_{ij}^\sigma \frac{\partial}{\partial U_j^\sigma} + \dots + U_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}^\sigma \frac{\partial}{\partial U_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}^\sigma} + \dots$$

### Differential polynomial characteristic set algorithm

Suppose *DTE* and *IP* are differential polynomial system (dps), we frequently use the following notations [23-25]:

*Zero(DTE)* = all solutions of *DTE* = 0;

*Zero(DTE/IP)* = all solutions of *DTE* = 0 such that *IP* ≠ 0;

*Zero(DTE, IP)* = all solutions of *DTE* = 0 such that *IP* = 0;

The *IP* denotes the initials and separate products for differential polynomials, called *IP* products;

*Premd(DTE/DCS)* = the set of pseudo-remainders of *DTE* w.r.t chain *DCS*.

**Theorem 1** Let *DPS* be a finite differential polynomials system, then the differential polynomial characteristic set algorithm yields a finite number characteristic set *DCS<sub>k</sub>* of *DPS* with initials and separate products *IP<sub>k</sub>* such that the following zero decomposition:

$$Zero(DPS) = \sum_k Zero(DCS_k / IP_k)$$

is held.

The algorithm to determine characteristic set *DCS* listed below.

**Input** A dps *DPS*.

**Output** A differential characteristic set *DCS*.

**Start** Let *i* = 0;

**Step 1** Select a basic set *DBS<sub>i</sub>* from *DPS<sub>i</sub>*;

**Step 2** Compute all the nonzero coherent dps of *DBS<sub>i</sub>*, and put them in set from *IT<sub>i</sub>*;

**Step 3**  $\forall IP$  (nonzero coherent differential polynomial)  $\in IT_i$ , compute *Premd(IP / DBS<sub>i</sub>) \ {0}*, and put the results in set *IT<sub>i</sub>*;

**Step 4** Compute *R<sub>i</sub>* = *Premd((DPS<sub>i</sub> \ DBS<sub>i</sub>) / DBS<sub>i</sub>) \ {0}*, let *RJ<sub>i</sub>* = *IT<sub>i</sub>*  $\cup$  *R<sub>i</sub>*;

**Step 5** If *RJ<sub>i</sub>* =  $\emptyset$  (Empty), then *DCS* = *DBS<sub>i</sub>*, and stop, else *i* = *i* + 1, and *DPS<sub>i</sub>* = *DPS<sub>i-1</sub>*  $\cup$  *RJ<sub>i-1</sub>*, go to **Step 1**.

Characteristic set has fine properties. On the one hand, it is equivalent to the original system under  $IS \neq 0$ , and on the other hand, it is triangular which is more important for differential problems. For example, in this paper, the determining equations of conservation law is hard to solve, we use differential polynomial characteristic set algorithm to deal with it, and obtain characteristic set which is triangular and easy to be solved.

**Local conservation law computation**

*Example 1.* Consider the following equation [26]:

$$u_t + F(u)u_x + u_{xxx} = 0 \tag{5}$$

for simplicity of computation, we specify  $F(u) = u$ , and eq. (5) is changed:

$$u_t + uu_x + u_{xxx} = 0 \tag{6}$$

Suppose that  $\xi(x, t, u, u_x)$  is a multiplier of a conservation law of eq. (6), then:

$$\xi(x, t, u, u_x)(u_t + uu_x + u_{xxx}) = D_x X + D_t T \tag{7}$$

The determining equations derived from (4) are:

$$DTE = \begin{cases} \xi_{u_x} = 0 \\ u_x \xi_{uu} + \xi_{xu} = 0 \\ \xi_t + \xi_{xxx} + u_x^3 \xi_{uuu} + u \xi_x + 3u_x \xi_{xxu} + 3u_x^2 \xi_{xuu} = 0 \end{cases} \tag{8}$$

Taking left hand side as differential polynomial in  $\xi$  and their derivatives for each equation, we have following differential polynomial system:

$$DPS = \begin{cases} \xi_{u_x} \\ u_x \xi_{uu} + \xi_{xu} \\ \xi_t + \xi_{xxx} + u_x^3 \xi_{uuu} + u \xi_x + 3u_x \xi_{xxu} + 3u_x^2 \xi_{xuu} \end{cases} \tag{9}$$

Using the differential polynomial characteristic set algorithm, we obtain the following characteristic set *DCS* of *DPS*:

$$DCS = \begin{cases} \xi_{u_x}, \xi_{uu} \\ u_t + u \xi_x, \xi_{xu}, \xi_{xx} \end{cases} \tag{10}$$

Solving the characteristic set corresponding equations  $DCS = 0$ , we have:

$$Zero(DPS) = Zero(DCS) = \{ \xi = (x - ut)c_1 + c_2u + c_3 \} \tag{11}$$

where  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  are arbitrary constants. The corresponding conserved densities is:

$$\begin{cases} T = \frac{1}{2}u(-c_1ut + c_2u) + (c_1x + c_3)u \\ X = \frac{1}{2}u^2(c_1x + c_3) + \frac{1}{3}u^3(c_2 - c_1t) + uu_{xx}(c_2 - c_1t) + c_1u_x \left( \frac{1}{2}u_x t - 1 \right) - \frac{1}{2}u_x^2 c_2 + c_1xu_{xx} + c_3u_{xx} \end{cases} \tag{12}$$

**Example 2.** Consider the following non-linear telegraph equation [27]:

$$u_{tt} - [F(u)u_x]_x - [G(u)]_x = 0 \quad (13)$$

For simplicity of computation, we specify  $F(u) = G(u) = u$ , and eq. (13) becomes:

$$u_{tt} - (uu_x)_x - u_x = 0 \quad (14)$$

Suppose  $\xi(x, t, u, u_x, u_{xx})$  is a multiplier of a conservation law of (14), then:

$$\xi(x, t, u, u_x, u_{xx})[u_{tt} - (uu_x)_x - u_x] = D_x X + D_t T \quad (15)$$

The determining equations derived from (4) are:

$$DTE = \begin{cases} \xi_{uu} = 0, \xi_{u_x u_x} = 0, \xi_{uu_x} = 0, \xi_{ut} = 0, \xi_{u_x t} = 0 \\ -\xi_{u_x x} + 2\xi_u = 0 \\ -u\xi_{u_x x} + 3u_x \xi_{u_x} - 2u\xi_u + 2\xi_{u_x} = 0 \\ -u_x^2 \xi_u - 2uu_x \xi_{ux} + u_x^2 \xi_{xu_x} + u_x \xi_{xu_x} + u_x^2 \xi_{uu_x} - u\xi_{xx} + u_x^3 \xi_{uu_x} + \xi_x + \xi_{tt} - uu_x^2 \xi_{uu} = 0 \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

Taking left hand side as differential polynomial in  $\xi$  and their derivatives for each equation, we have following differential polynomial system:

$$DPS = \begin{cases} \xi_{uu}, \xi_{u_x u_x}, \xi_{uu_x}, \xi_{ut}, \xi_{u_x t}, \\ -\xi_{u_x x} + 2\xi_u, \\ -u\xi_{u_x x} + 3u_x \xi_{u_x} - 2u\xi_u + 2\xi_{u_x} \\ -u_x^2 \xi_u - 2uu_x \xi_{ux} + u_x^2 \xi_{xu_x} + u_x \xi_{xu_x} + u_x^2 \xi_{uu_x} - u\xi_{xx} + u_x^3 \xi_{uu_x} + \xi_x + \xi_{tt} - uu_x^2 \xi_{uu} \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

Using the differential polynomial characteristic set algorithm, we obtain the following characteristic set  $DCS$  of  $DPS$ :

$$DCS = \{ \xi_{u_x}, \xi_u, \xi_{xx}, \xi_{tt} + \xi_x \} \quad (18)$$

Solving the characteristic set corresponding equations  $DCS = 0$ , we obtain the following solutions:

$$Zero(DCS) = \left\{ \xi = c_3 xt + c_4 x - \frac{1}{6} c_3 t^3 - \frac{1}{2} c_4 t^2 + c_1 t + c_2 \right\} \quad (19)$$

The corresponding conserved density is:

$$\begin{cases} T = u_t \left( c_3 xt + c_4 x - \frac{1}{6} c_3 t^3 - \frac{1}{2} c_4 t^2 + c_1 t + c_2 \right) + u \left( c_4 t - c_1 - c_3 x + \frac{1}{2} c_3 t^2 \right) \\ X = \frac{1}{2} u^2 (c_3 t + c_4) + \frac{1}{6} u c_3 t^3 (u_x + 1) + \frac{1}{2} c_4 t^2 u (u_x + 1) - u_x t (c_1 u + c_3 u_x) \\ \quad - tu(c_1 + c_3 x) - c_2 uu_x - u_x^2 c_4 - c_2 u - xuc_4 \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

## Conclusion

In this article, conservation laws of PDE are obtained by using the direct construction method. Firstly, an over-determined linear PDE (determining equations) is obtained, which is always difficult to be solved, then, we use differential polynomial characteristic set algorithm to process this problem, and get characteristic set of the determining equations, which is triangular and easy to be solved. The examples show that this method is effective to compute the local conservation laws of PDE and can be applicable to different cases of non-linear PDE.

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