Some Recent Developments in Finding Systematically Conservation Laws and Nonlocal Symmetries for Partial Differential Equations

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Abstract

This series of lectures will be concerned with some recent developments by the speaker and his collaborators on how to systematically find conservation laws for PDEs; connections between symmetries and conservation laws for PDEs; how to systematically find nonlocal symmetries for PDEs. Much of the presented material appears in [1] as well as more recent papers. The lectures should flow as follows. The number of topics to be covered will depend on the number of hours of lectures to be presented.

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- 1. General introduction giving an extensive overview of topics to be covered.
- 2. Review of local symmetriespoint, contact, higher-order.
- 3. Construction of conservation laws (CLs)-direct method to find them, connections with Noethers theorem.
- 4. Use of symmetries to construct new conservation laws from known CLs.
- 5. How to systematically find trees of equivalent but nonlocally related PDE systems for a given PDE system through the use of CLs, point symmetries and subsystems.
- 6. How to systematically find nonlocal symmetries and nonlocal conservation laws for a given PDE system.
- 7. The multidimensional situation.

All topics will be illustrated through numerous examples.

References

[1] G. Bluman, A. Cheviakov and S. Anco, *Applications of Symmetry Methods* to Partial Differential Equations, Springer (2010).