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Discussion Question

• How can you recognize a conservation law?

But what is a conservation law?

It is altogether very simple in its basic logic, but can become complicated by its internal content. Conservation means that the variation of a conserved (intensive) flow quantity within a given volume is due to the net effect of some internal sources and of the amount of that quantity which is crossing the boundary surface. This amount is called the *flux* and its expression results from the mechanical and thermodynamic

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Simplified model equations

▶ Recall the Navier-Stokes equation

$$\frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t} + \vec{V} \cdot \nabla \vec{V} = -\frac{\nabla p}{\rho} + \nu \nabla^2 \vec{V}$$

- analyze the mathematical properties of PDEs
- how to recognize if a model describes a convection or diffusion phenomenon?
- what other physical situations can occur?
- what are the associated BCs and ICs?
- numerical discretization must identify these differences
- schemes compatible with the physics



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