# Some examples of structure preservation 

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Structure preserving algorithms attempt to preserve the integrity of inherent physical or geometric properties.

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\dot{H}=\frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \dot{q}+\frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \dot{p}=\frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}-\frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \frac{\partial H}{\partial q}=0 .
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The reason for this hinges on a well-known fact.

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Proof. Let $\Xi(t)$ denote the adjoint matrix of $X(t)$ and write the columns of $X$ as $x_{i}$ and the rows of $\Xi$ as $\xi_{i}^{T}$. We have

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\dot{D} & =\sum_{i=1}^{n} \xi_{i}^{T} \dot{x}_{i}=\sum_{i=1}^{n} \xi_{i}^{T} M x_{i} \\
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After a little manipulation, and using the conditions that

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