

# Non-Hermitian random matrices

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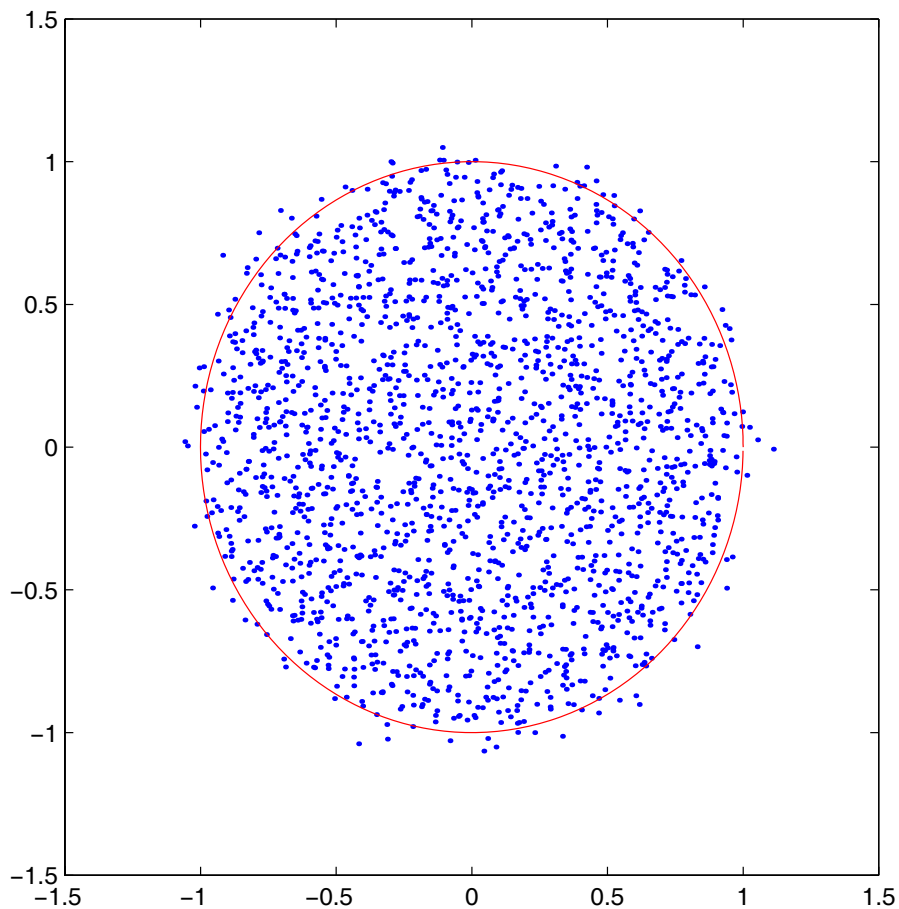
Plan:

- Survey of non-Hermitian random matrices (ensembles, tools, results, open problems)
- Weakly non-Hermitian random matrices
- Asymmetric tridiagonal random matrices

## **Part I. Survey of non-Hermitian random matrices**

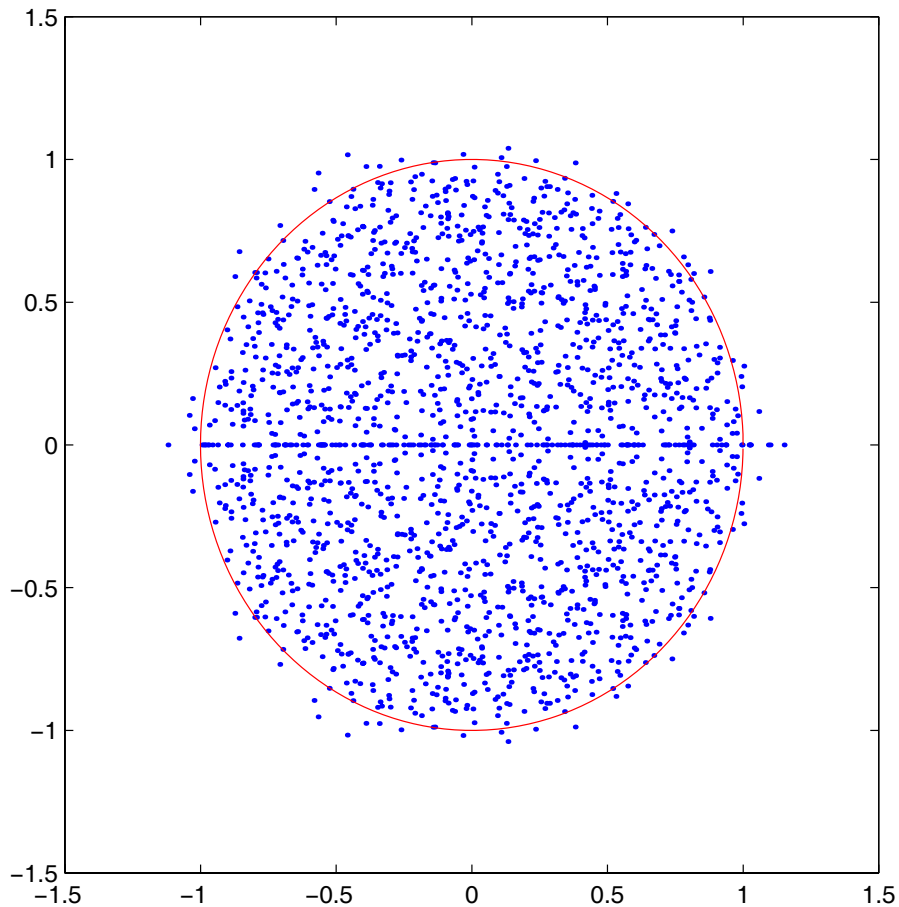
only slides with results of numerical experiments are available at present

## Circular distribution of eigenvalues (complex matrices)



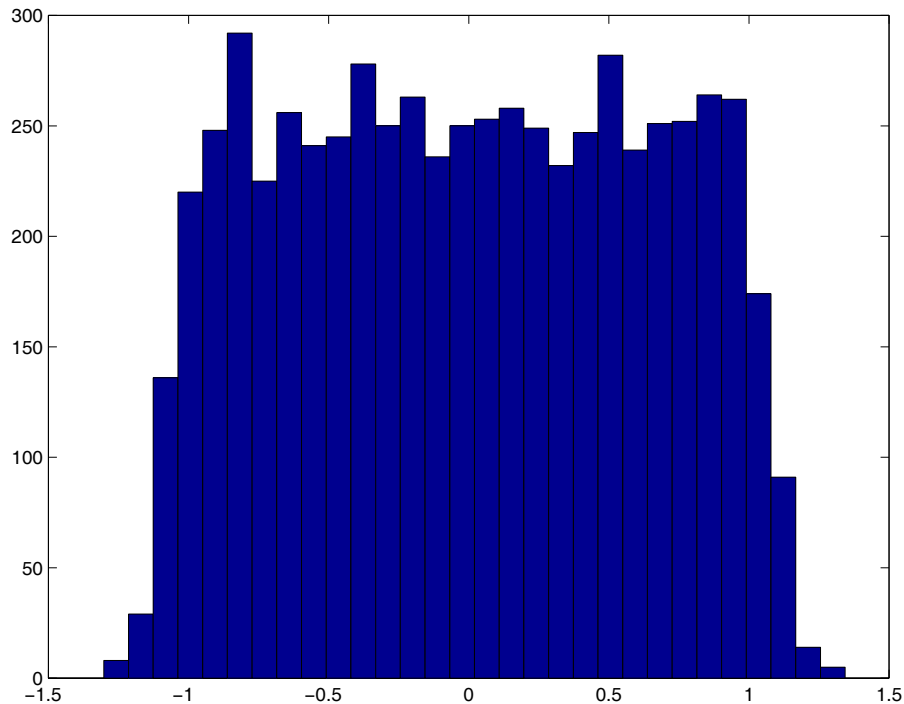
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## Circular distribution of eigenvalues (real matrices)



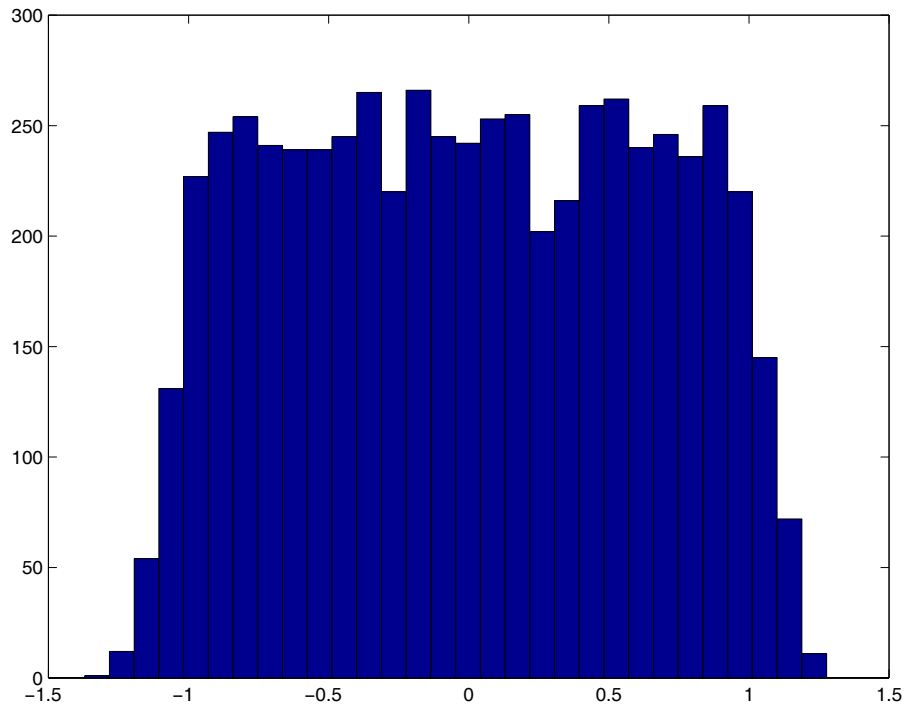
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## Uniform distribution of real eigenvalues (real matrices with normally distributed entries)



Histogram of normalized real eigenvalues of 1000 real matrices of size  $n = 50$ . Matrix entries are “drawn” independently from  $N(0,1)$ . The total number of real eigenvalues is 6250.

## Uniform distribution of real eigenvalues (real matrices with uniformly distributed entries)



Histogram of normalized real eigenvalues of 1000 real matrices of size  $n = 50$ . Matrix entries are “drawn” independently from the uniform distribution with zero mean and unit variance. The total number of real eigenvalues is 6004.

## **Part II Weakly Non-Hermitian Random Matrices**

Consider random  $n \times n$  matrices  $\tilde{J} = A + ivB$

- (i)  $A$  and  $B$  are independent *Hermitian*,  
with i.i.d. entries
- (ii)  $E(A) = 0$ ,  $E(B) = 0$
- (iii)  $E(\text{tr } A^2) = E(\text{tr } B^2) = \sigma^2 n^2$

Motivation: for any complex  $J$

$$J = X + iY \text{ where } X = \frac{J+J^*}{2} \text{ and } Y = \frac{J-J^*}{2i}.$$

Since  $A$  and  $B$  are Hermitian, have  $\tilde{J}_{kl}$  and  $\tilde{J}_{lk}$  correlated for all  $1 \leq k < l \leq n$ :

$$E(\tilde{J}_{kl}\tilde{J}_{lk}) = E(|A_{kl}|^2) - v^2 E(|B_{kl}|^2) = \sigma^2(1 - v^2).$$

All other pairs are independent.

Have central matrix distribution with two parameters:

$$\sigma^2(1 + v^2) = E(|\tilde{J}_{kl}|^2)$$

and

$$\tau = \text{corr}(\tilde{J}_{kl}\tilde{J}_{lk}) = \frac{E(\tilde{J}_{kl}\tilde{J}_{lk})}{\sqrt{E(|\tilde{J}_{kl}|^2)E(|\tilde{J}_{lk}|^2)}} = \frac{1 - v^2}{1 + v^2}.$$

Without loss of generality, assume  $\sigma^2 = 1/(1 + v^2)$ , so that

$$E(|\tilde{J}_{kl}|^2) = 1 \text{ and } E(\tilde{J}_{kl}\tilde{J}_{lk}) = \tau$$

Typical eigenvalues of  $\tilde{J}$  are of the order of  $\sqrt{n}$ , so introduce  $J = \tilde{J}/\sqrt{n} = (A + ivB)/\sqrt{n}$ .



**Eigenvalue correlation functions**  $R_k^n(z_1, \dots, z_k)$ :

$R_1^n(z)$  is the probability *density* of finding an eigenvalue of  $J = \frac{\tilde{J}}{\sqrt{n}}$ , *regardless of label*, at  $z$ .

E.g., if  $D_0$  is an infinitesimal circle covering  $z_0$ , then the probability of finding an eigenvalue of  $J$  in  $D_0$  is approximately  $R_1^n(z_0) \times \text{area}(D_0)$ .

Similarly,  $R_k^n(z_1, \dots, z_k)$  is the *probability density* of finding an eigenvalue  $J$ , *regardless of labeling*, at each of the points  $z_1, \dots, z_k$ .

Have  $k$  slots  $z_1, \dots, z_k$  and  $n$  eigenvalues of  $J$  to fill these slots, hence normalization:

$$\int \dots \int R_k^n(z_1, \dots, z_k) d^2 z_1 \dots d^2 z_k = n(n-1) \dots (n-k+1).$$

$R_1^{(n)}(z)$  gives the mean density of eigenvalues at  $z$ , i.e.

$$R_1^{(n)}(z) = E\left(\sum \delta^{(2)}(z - \lambda_j)\right)$$

where the summation is over all eigenvalues  $\lambda_j$  of  $J$  and  $\delta^{(2)}(x + iy) = \delta(x)\delta(y)$ .

If  $N_D$  is the number of eigenvalues in  $D$ , then

$$E(N_D) = \int_D R_1^{(n)}(z) d^2 z = \int_D \int R_1^{(n)}(x, y) dx dy$$

Convention:  $z = x + iy \equiv (x, y)$  and  $d^2 z = dx dy$ .

From now on, replace (i)-(iii) by

(iv) Hermitian  $A$  and  $B$  are drawn independently from the normal matrix distribution with density

$$\frac{1}{Q} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \operatorname{tr} X^2 \right) = \frac{1}{Q} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{k,l=1}^n |X_{kl}|^2 \right),$$

where  $\sigma^2(1 + v^2) = 1$  (with no loss of generality).

Have

$$\begin{aligned} X_{kl} &\sim N\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right) + i \times \text{indp. } N\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right), \quad k < l \\ X_{kk} &\sim N(0, \sigma^2) \end{aligned}$$

and the  $\{X_{kl}\}$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq l \leq n$  are independent.

The entries of  $\tilde{J} = A + ivB$  have multivariate complex normal distribution with density

$$\exp \left[ -\frac{1}{1 - \tau^2} \left( \operatorname{tr} \tilde{J} \tilde{J}^* - \frac{\tau}{2} \operatorname{Re} \operatorname{tr} \tilde{J}^2 \right) \right], \quad \tau = \frac{1 - v^2}{1 + v^2}.$$

Have  $E(\tilde{J}_{kl}) = 0$  and  $E(|\tilde{J}_{kl}|^2) = 1$  for all  $(k, l)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} E(\tilde{J}_{kl} \tilde{J}_{mj}) &= \tau \quad \text{when } k = j \text{ and } l = m \\ &= 0 \quad \text{otherwise.} \end{aligned}$$

- If  $\tau = 0$ , then  $\tilde{J}$  has independent entries (Ginibre's ensemble); have maximum asymmetry.
- If  $\tau = 1$  or  $\tau = -1$ , then  $\tilde{J} = \tilde{J}^*$  (GUE) or  $\tilde{J} = -\tilde{J}^*$ , have no asymmetry at all.

**Hermite polynomials:**

$$H_n(z) = (-1)^n \exp\left(\frac{z^2}{2}\right) \frac{d^n}{dz^n} \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{2}\right)$$

Generating function:  $\exp\left(zt - \frac{t^2}{2}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n(z) \frac{t^n}{n!}$ .

By making use of generating function,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} H_n(x) H_m(x) \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx = \delta_{n,m} n! \sqrt{2\pi} \quad (1)$$

and, for all  $0 < \tau < 1$ ,

$$\frac{\tau^n}{\sqrt{1-\tau^2}} \int H_n\left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{\tau}}\right) H_n\left(\frac{\bar{z}}{\sqrt{\tau}}\right) w_\tau^2(z, \bar{z}) d^2z = \delta_{n,m} \pi n! \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} w_\tau^2(z, \bar{z}) &= \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{1-\tau^2} \left[|z|^2 - \frac{\tau}{2}(z^2 + \bar{z}^2)\right]\right\} \\ &= \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{1+\tau} - \frac{y^2}{1-\tau}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \rightarrow \delta(y), \quad \text{as } \sigma \rightarrow 0,$$

(1) can be obtained from (2) by letting  $\tau \rightarrow 1$ .

Useful integral representation:

$$H_n(z) = \frac{(\pm i)^n}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(\frac{z^2}{2}\right) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} t^n \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2} \mp izt\right) dt.$$

## Finite matrices

**Theorem\*** Under assumption (iv), for any finite  $n$  and any  $0 \leq \tau \leq 1$ ,

$$R_k^{(n)}(z_1, \dots, z_k) = \det \|K_\tau^{(n)}(z_m, \bar{z}_l)\|_{m,l=1}^k,$$

where

$$K_\tau^{(n)}(z_1, \bar{z}_2) = \frac{n}{\pi \sqrt{1 - \tau^2}} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{\tau^j}{j!} H_j\left(\sqrt{\frac{n}{\tau}} z_1\right) H_j\left(\sqrt{\frac{n}{\tau}} \bar{z}_2\right) \times \\ \exp\left[-\frac{n}{2(1 - \tau^2)} \sum_{j=1}^2 (|z_j|^2 - \tau \operatorname{Re} z_j^2)\right]$$

Special cases:  $\tau = 0$  (Ginibre's ens.) and  $\tau = 1$  (GUE).

When  $\tau = 0$  (in the limit  $\tau \rightarrow 0$ , to be more precise):

$$K_0^{(n)}(z_1, \bar{z}_2) = \frac{n}{\pi} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{n^j}{j!} z_1^j \bar{z}_2^j \exp\left[-\frac{n}{2}(|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2)\right].$$

Can be seen from

$$\sqrt{\tau^j} H_j\left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{\tau}}\right) = z^n + \sqrt{\tau} \times (\dots)$$

Sketch of proof: obtain induced density of eigenvalues and use the orthogonal polynomial technique; the required orthogonal polynomials are Hermite polynomials  $H_j\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{\tau}} z\right)$ , they are orthogonal in  $\mathbb{C}$  with weight function  $w^2(z, \bar{z})$

## Mean eigenvalue density for finite matrices

By Theorem (\*),  $R^{(n)}(z) = K_\tau^{(n)}(z, \bar{z})$ , and

(a) if  $0 < \tau < 1$  then

$$R_1^{(n)}(z) = \frac{n}{\pi\sqrt{1-\tau^2}} e^{-n\frac{|z|^2 - \tau \operatorname{Re} z_j^2}{2(1-\tau^2)}} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{\tau^n}{j!} \left| H_j\left(\sqrt{\frac{n}{\tau}}z\right) \right|^2.$$

By letting  $\tau \rightarrow 0$  in (a):

(b) If  $\tau = 0$  (Ginibre's ensemble) then

$$R_1^{(n)}(z) = \frac{n}{\pi} e^{-n|z|^2} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{n^j |z|^{2j}}{j!}.$$

By letting  $\tau \rightarrow 1$  in (a):

(c) if  $\tau = 1$  (GUE) then

$$R_1^{(n)}(z) \equiv R^{(n)}(x, y) = \delta(y) \sqrt{\frac{n}{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{n}{2}x^2} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{j!} |H_j(\sqrt{n}x)|^2.$$

## Limit of infinitely large matrices

Consider matrices  $\tilde{J} = X + iY$ .

Can have two regimes when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ :

- strong non-Hermiticity  $E(\text{tr } Y^2) = O(E(\text{tr } X^2))$ ,
- weak non-Hermiticity  $E(\text{tr } Y^2) = o(E(\text{tr } X^2))$ .

If  $v^2 > 0$  stays constant as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , have strongly non-Hermitian  $J = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}(A + ivB)$ .

Recall  $\tau = \frac{1-v^2}{1+v^2}$ . The following result is a corollary of Theorem (\*):

**Theorem** (*Girko's Elliptic Law*) For any  $\tau \in (-1, 1)$  and any bounded  $D \subset \mathbb{C}$

$$E(N_D) = n \int \int_D \rho(x, y) dx dy + o(n)$$

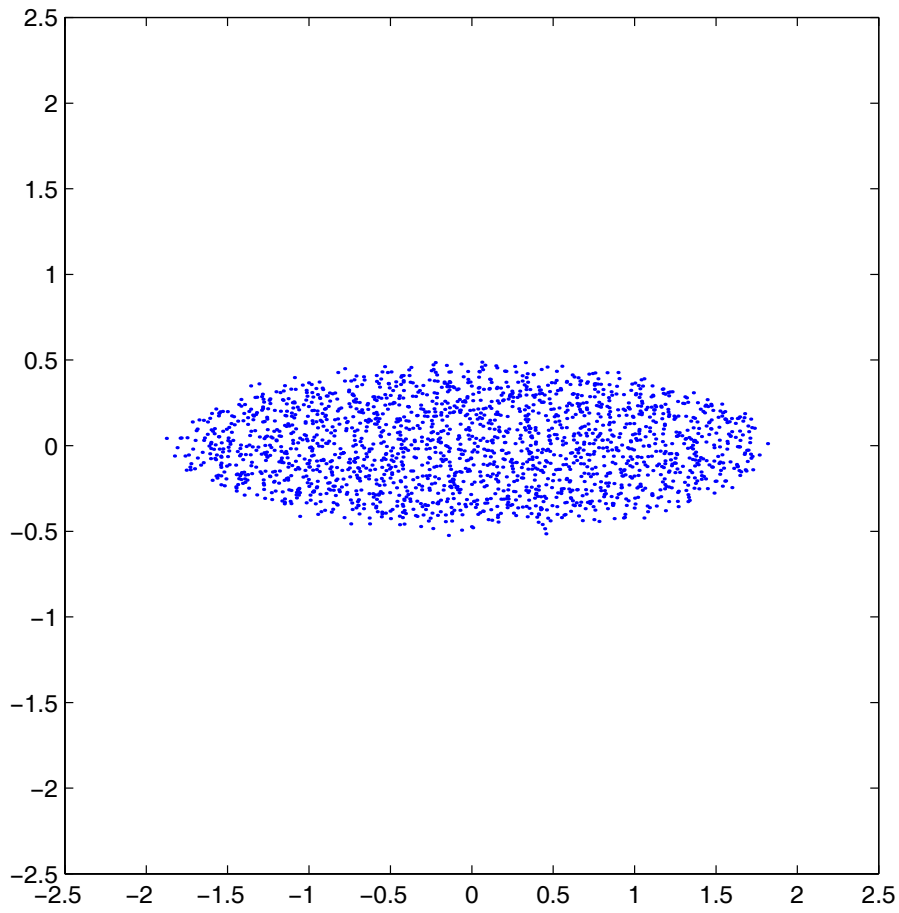
where  $N_D$  is the number of eigenvalues of  $J$  in  $D$  and

$$\rho(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi(1-\tau^2)}, & \text{when } \frac{x^2}{(1+\tau)^2} + \frac{y^2}{(1-\tau)^2} \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(Girko considered matrices  $J$  with symmetric pairs  $(J_{12}, J_{21})$ ,  $(J_{13}, J_{31})$ , ... drawn independently from a bivariate distribution (not necessarily normal))

Note:  $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 1} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \neq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 1}$ .

## Elliptic distribution of eigenvalues



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**Local scale:** area is measured in units of mean density of eigenvalues, i.e. unit area contains, on average, 1 eigenvalue.

Unit area on the global scale is  $n$  times unit area on the local scale.

Limit distribution of eigvs of  $J$ : uniform in the ellipse

$$\mathcal{E} = \left\{ z : \frac{x^2}{(1+\tau)^2} + \frac{y^2}{(1-\tau)^2} \leq 1 \right\}$$

of area  $|\mathcal{E}| = \pi\sqrt{1-\tau^2}$ . That is

$$E(N_D) \simeq \frac{|D \cap \mathcal{E}|}{|\mathcal{E}|}.$$

E.g. if  $z_0 = x_0 + iy_0 \in \mathcal{E}$  and

$$D = \left\{ z : |x - x_0| \leq \frac{\alpha}{2\sqrt{n|\mathcal{E}|}}, |y - y_0| \leq \frac{\beta}{2\sqrt{n|\mathcal{E}|}} \right\}$$

then  $E(N_{D_0}) \simeq \alpha\beta$ .

But also

$$E(N_D) = \int_D \int R_1^{(n)}(z) d^2z = \int \int \frac{1}{n|\mathcal{E}|} R_1^{(n)}\left(z_0 + \frac{w}{\sqrt{n|\mathcal{E}|}}\right) d^2w$$

Rescaled mean density of eigenvalues (around  $z_0$ ):

$$\frac{1}{n|\mathcal{E}|} R_1^{(n)}\left(z_0 + \frac{w}{\sqrt{n|\mathcal{E}|}}\right)$$



Similarly, rescaled eigenvalue correlation functions:

$$\hat{R}_k^{(n)}(w_1, \dots, w_k) := \frac{1}{(n|\mathcal{E}|)^k} R_k^{(n)}\left(z_0 + \frac{w_1}{\sqrt{n|\mathcal{E}|}}, \dots, z_0 + \frac{w_k}{\sqrt{n|\mathcal{E}|}}\right)$$

The following result is a corollary of Theorem (\*):

**Theorem** For any  $\tau \in (-1, 1)$  and  $z_0 \in \text{int } \mathcal{E}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \hat{R}_k^{(n)}(w_1, \dots, w_k) = \det \|K(w_m, \bar{w}_l)\|_{m,l=1}^k,$$

where

$$K(w_1, \bar{w}_2) = \exp\left(w_1 \bar{w}_2 - \frac{1}{2}|w_1|^2 - \frac{1}{2}|w_2|^2\right)$$

E.g., the first two correlation fncs:

$$\hat{R}_1(w) = K(w, \bar{w}) = 1$$

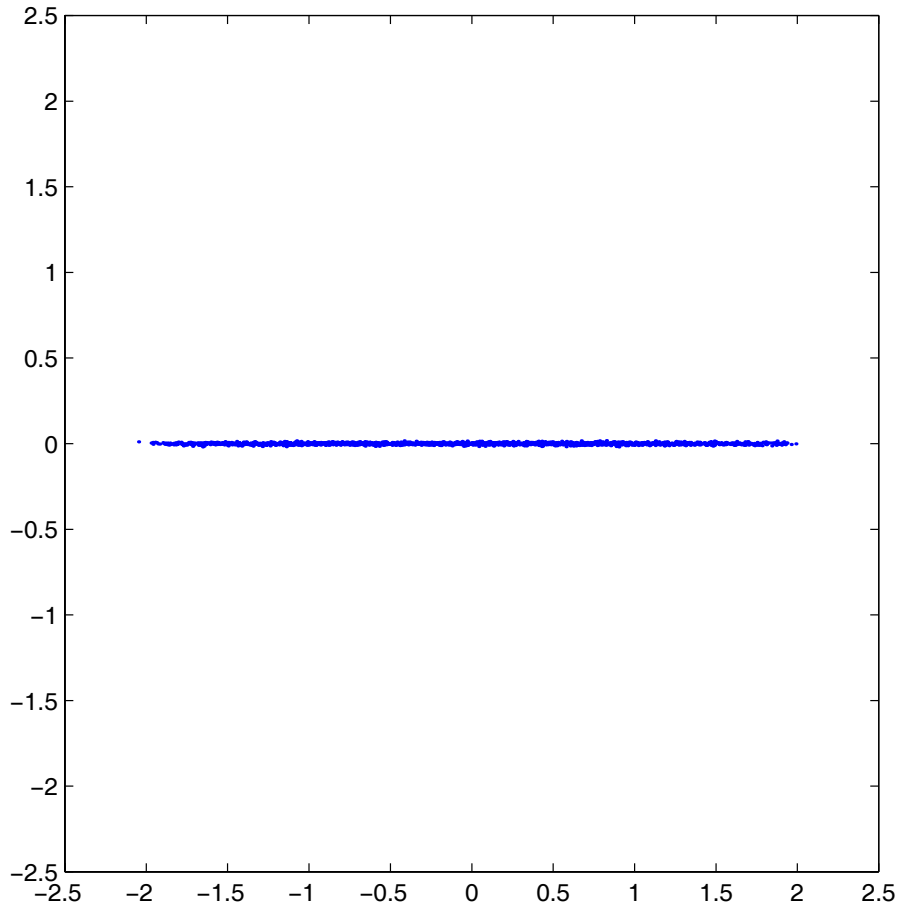
$$\begin{aligned} \hat{R}_2(w, w_2) &= \hat{R}_1(w_1) \hat{R}_1(w_2) - |K(w_1, \bar{w}_2)|^2 \\ &= 1 - \exp\left(-|w_1 - w_2|^2\right). \end{aligned}$$

No dependence on  $z_0$ , and, remarkably, no dependence on  $\tau$ .

Again,

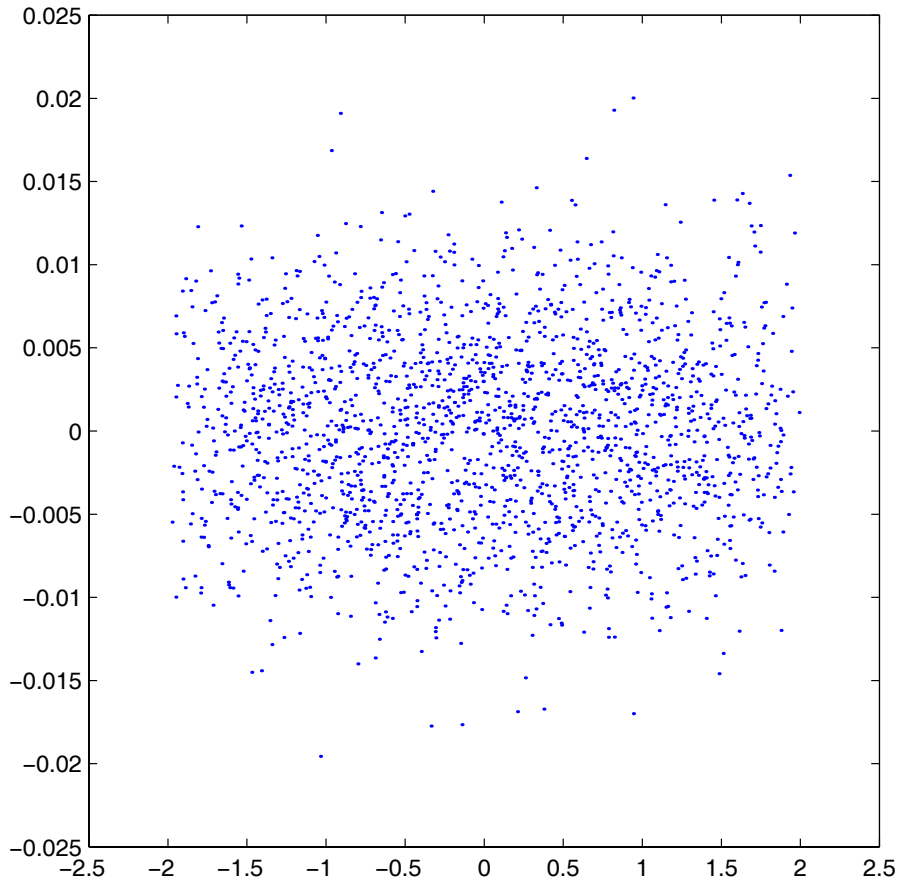
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## Eigenvalues of weakly non-Hermitian matrices



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## Regime of weak non-Hermiticity

Now consider matrices  $J = \frac{A}{\sqrt{n}} + iv\frac{B}{\sqrt{n}}$  in the limit when

$$n \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{and} \quad v^2 n \rightarrow \text{const.} \quad (3)$$

May think of eigenvalues of  $J$  as of perturbed eigenvalues of  $\frac{A}{\sqrt{n}}$ . The eigenvalues of  $\frac{A}{\sqrt{n}}$  are all real and are distributed in  $[-2, 2]$  with density

$$\nu_{sc}(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{4 - x^2} \quad (\text{Wigner's semicircle law!})$$

When perturbed they move off  $[-2, 2]$  into  $\mathbb{C}$  on the distance of the order  $\frac{1}{n}$  (first order perturbations). Correspondingly, consider

$$D = \left\{ (x, y) : x \in I \subset [-2, 2], \frac{s}{n} \leq y \leq \frac{t}{n} \right\}.$$

Then

$$E(N_D) = \int_D \int R_1^{(n)}(x, y) dx dy = \int_I dx \int_s^t d\hat{y} \frac{1}{n} R_1^{(n)}\left(x, \frac{\hat{y}}{n}\right),$$

where

$$\hat{y} = ny.$$

Hence

$$\hat{\rho}^{(n)}(x, \hat{y}) := \frac{1}{n^2} R_1^{(n)}\left(x, \frac{\hat{y}}{n}\right)$$

is the mean density of rescaled (distorted) eigenvalues  $\hat{z} = x + i\hat{y} = x + iny$ .

The following result is a corollary of Theorem (\*).

**Theorem** (Fyodorov, Khoruzhenko and Sommers)

Let  $\tau = 1 - \frac{\alpha^2}{2n}$ . Then, under assumption (iv),

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \hat{\rho}^{(n)}(x, \hat{y}) = \hat{\rho}(x, \hat{y}),$$

where

$$\hat{\rho}(x, \hat{y}) = \frac{1}{\pi\alpha} \exp\left(-\frac{2\hat{y}^2}{\alpha^2}\right) \int_{-\pi\nu_{sc}(x)}^{\pi\nu_{sc}(x)} \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha^2 u^2}{2} - 2u\hat{y}\right) \frac{du}{\sqrt{2\pi}}.$$

In the limit when  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\pi\alpha} \exp\left(-\frac{2\hat{y}^2}{\alpha^2}\right) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} \delta(\hat{y})$$

and

$$\hat{\rho}(x, \hat{y}) \rightarrow \delta(\hat{y})\nu_{sc}(x) \quad \text{Wigner's semicircle law}$$

Introduce curvilinear coordinates in the  $(x, \hat{y})$  plane:

$$(x, \tilde{y}) = \left( x, \frac{\hat{y}}{\pi\nu_{sc}(x)} \right).$$

If

$$\tilde{\rho}(x, \tilde{y}) = \frac{1}{\pi\nu_{sc}(x)} \hat{\rho}\left(x, \frac{\hat{y}}{\pi\nu_{sc}(x)}\right)$$

then

$$\tilde{\rho}(x, \tilde{y}) = \nu_{sc}(x) p_x(\tilde{y}),$$

where

$$p_x(\tilde{y}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}a} \exp\left(-\frac{a^2\tilde{y}^2}{2}\right) \int_{-1}^1 \exp\left(-\frac{a^2\tilde{y}^2}{2} - 2t\tilde{y}\right) \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

and  $a = \pi\nu_{sc}(x)\alpha$ .

- Interpretation of  $p_x(\tilde{y})$ .
- Universality of  $p_x(\tilde{y})$ .

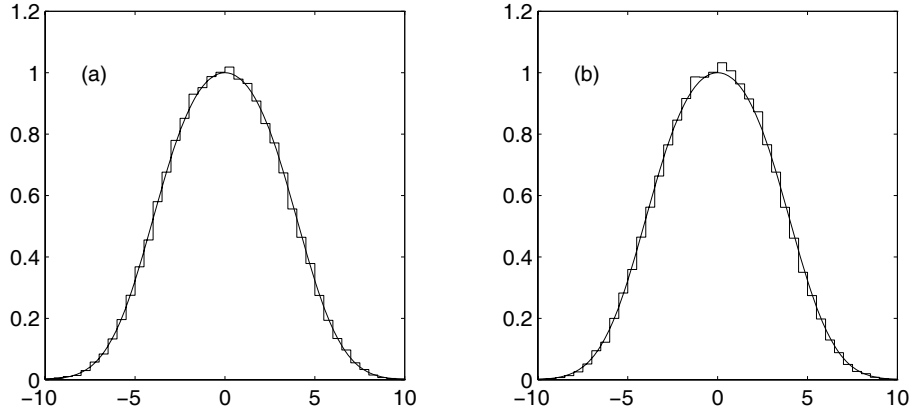
In the limit when  $a \rightarrow \infty$  obtain uniform density

$$\tilde{\rho}(x, \tilde{y}) \simeq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi a^2}, & \text{when } |\tilde{y}| \leq \frac{a^2}{2} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Eigenvalue correlation functions:

have a crossover from Wigner-Dyson to Ginibre

## Weakly non-Hermitian matrices



Histogram of the scaled imaginary parts  $\tilde{y}$  of complex eigenvalues of weakly non-Hermitian matrices

$$J = \frac{A}{\sqrt{n}}A + iv\frac{B}{\sqrt{n}} \text{ of size } n = 30. \quad v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

The solid line is the graph of  $p_x(\tilde{y})$  ( $n = \infty$ ).

For each plot 20000 matrices were generated and diagonalized. Eigenvalues  $z_j = x_j + iy_j$  falling into the window,  $|x_j| \leq 0.2$ , were selected and their imaginary parts  $y_j$  were scaled,  $\tilde{y}_j = 2\pi\nu_{sc}(0)ny_j$ .

For plot (a), the matrices  $A$  and  $A$  were “drawn” independently from the GUE with normalization  $E(\text{tr } A^2) = E(\text{tr } B^2) = n^2/2$ .

For plot (b), the entries of  $A$  and  $B$  were “drawn” from Bernoulli( $\frac{1}{2}$ ).

Another type of weakly non-Hermitian matrices:

- Dissipative matrices:

$$J = A + i\Gamma, \Gamma \geq 0 \text{ and is of finite rank } m$$

Weakly non-unitary matrices:

- Submatrices of size  $m$  of unitary matrices of size  $n$ , in the limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $m = n - a$ ,  $a$  is a constant.
- Contractions: random matrices  $J = U\sqrt{I - T}$ , where  $U \in U(n)$  and  $0 \leq T \leq I$  in the limit when  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and the rank of  $T$  remains finite. (Note that  $J^*J = I - T$ )

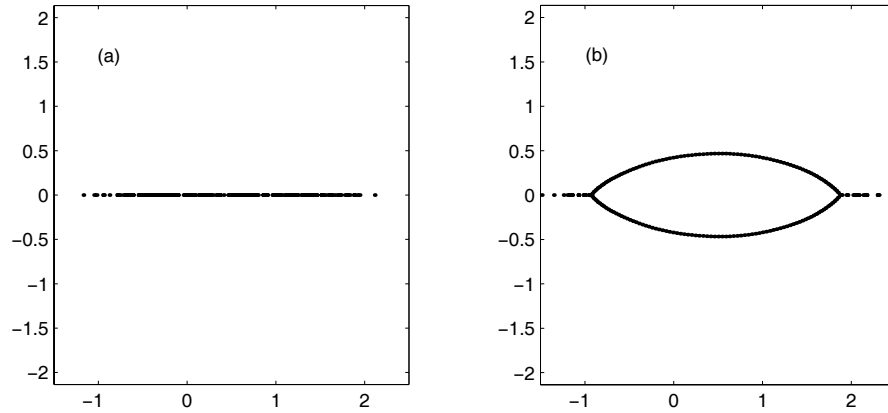
Weakly asymmetric matrices

- $J = A + vB$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are real and  $A^T = A$ ,  $B^T = -B$ .

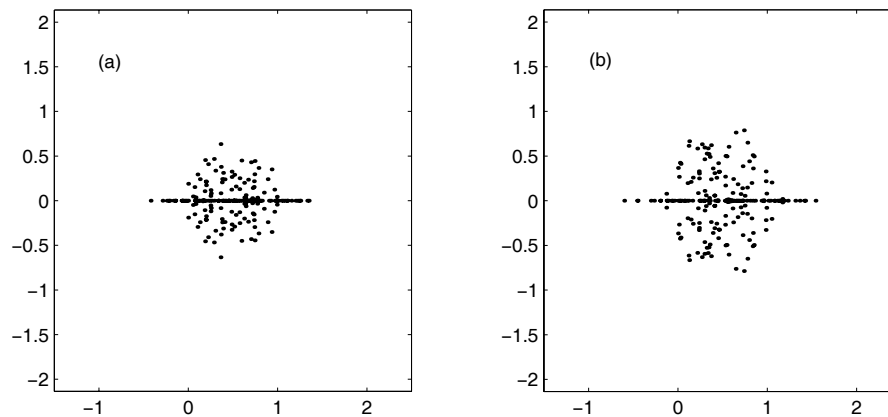


## **Part III Asymmetric Tridiagonal Random Matrices**





Eigenvalues of  $J_n$  ( $n = 201$ ) where (a) all non-zero entries are drawn from  $\text{Uni}[0, 1]$ ; and (b) the sub-diagonal and diagonal entries are drawn from  $\text{Uni}[0, 1]$  and super-diagonal entries are drawn from  $\text{Uni}[\frac{1}{2}, 1\frac{1}{2}]$ .



Eigenvalues of  $J_n$  ( $n = 201$ ) where (a) the sub- and super-diagonal entries are drawn from  $\text{Uni}[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$  and the diagonal entries are drawn from  $\text{Uni}[0, 1]$ ; and (b) the sub-diagonal entries are drawn from  $\text{Uni}[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$ , and the diagonal and super-diagonal are drawn from  $\text{Uni}[0, 1]$

Assumptions:

(I)  $(\xi_k, \eta_k, q_k)$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , are independent samples from a probability distribution in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .

(II)  $E(\ln(1 + |q|))$ ,  $E(\xi)$  and  $E(\eta)$  are finite.

E.g.  $(\xi_k, \eta_k, q_k)$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , are independent samples from a 3D prob. distr. with a compact supp. in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .

By making use of the similarity transformation  $W_n = \text{diag}(w_1, \dots, w_n)$ ,  $w_k = \exp \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (\xi_j - \eta_j) \right]$ ,

$$W_n^{-1} J_n W_n = H_n + V_n,$$

where

$$H_n = \begin{pmatrix} q_1 & c_1 & & 0 \\ c_1 & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & c_{n-1} \\ 0 & & c_{n-1} & q_n \end{pmatrix} \quad V_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & u_n \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ v_n & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c_k = \sqrt{a_{k+1} b_k} = e^{\frac{1}{2}(\xi_k + \eta_k)} \quad \text{and}$$

$$u_n/v_n = e^{n[\mathbf{E}(\xi_0 - \eta_0) + o(1)]} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

**rank 2 asymmetric perturb.** of symmetric  $H_n$ !

"Rank 2"  $\Rightarrow$  eignv. distbs. of  $H_n$  and  $H_n + V_n$  are related

"Strongly asymmetric"  $\Rightarrow$  non-trivial relation.

Facts from theory of Hermitian random operators:

- Empirical distribution fnc. of eigvs. of  $H_n$

$$\begin{aligned} N(I, H_n) &= \frac{1}{n} \#\{\text{eigvs. of } H_n \text{ in } I \subset \mathbf{R}\} \\ &= \int_I dN_n(\lambda), \quad N_n(\lambda) = N((-\infty, \lambda], H_n) \end{aligned}$$

$dN_n$  assigns mass  $\frac{1}{n}$  to each of eigvs. of  $H_n$ .

**Proposition**  $\exists$  nonrandom  $N(\lambda) \forall I \subset \mathbf{R}$ :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(I, H_n) \stackrel{a.s.}{=} \int_I dN(\lambda)$$

- Potentials:  $p(z; H_n) = \int \log |z - \lambda| dN_n(\lambda)$

$$\Phi(z) = \int \log |z - \lambda| dN(\lambda)$$

- Lyapunov exponent  $\gamma(z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} E(\ln \|S_n(z)\|)$

**Proposition** (*Thouless formula*)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(z; H_n) &\stackrel{a.s.}{=} \Phi(z) \text{ unif. in } z \text{ on } K \subset \mathbf{C} \setminus \mathbf{R} \\ &= \gamma(z) + \mathbf{E} \log c_0 \end{aligned}$$

Corollaries:

$\Phi(z)$  continuous in  $z$ ;

$\Phi(x + iy) > \mathbf{E} \log c_0 \quad \forall y \neq 0$ ; etc.

Consider

$$\mathcal{L} = \{z \in \mathbf{C} : \Phi(z) = \max[E(\xi_0), E(\eta_0)]\}$$

This curve is an equipotential line of limiting eigenvalue distribution of  $H_n$ .

If the probability law of  $(\xi_k, \eta_k, q_k)$  has bounded support then  $\mathcal{L}$  is confined to a bounded set in  $\mathbf{C}$  and is a union of closed contours:

There are  $\alpha_1 < \beta_1 \leq \alpha_2 < \beta_2 \leq \dots$  such that

$$\mathcal{L} = \cup \mathcal{L}_j, \quad \mathcal{L}_j = \{x \pm iy_j(x) : x \in [\alpha_j, \beta_j]\}$$

Notation:

$$N(K, J_n) = \frac{1}{n} \#\{\text{eigvs. of } J_n \text{ in } K\}, \quad K \subset \mathbf{C}$$

(describes distribution of eigenvalues of  $J_n$ )

**Theorem** (*Goldsheid and Khoruzhenko*) Assume (I-II). Then, with probability one,

$$(a) \forall K \subset \mathbf{C} \setminus \mathbf{R}: \quad N(K, J_n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{K \cap \mathcal{L}} \rho(z(s)) ds$$

where  $\rho(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int \frac{dN(\lambda)}{z-\lambda} \right|$  and  $ds$  is the arc-length measure on  $\mathcal{L}$ .

$$(b) \forall I \subset \mathbf{R}: \quad N(I, J_n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{I_W} dN(\lambda)$$

where  $I_W = I \cap \{\lambda : \Phi(\lambda + i0) > \max[E(\xi_0), E(\eta_0)]\}$

**Sketch of proof:** Let

$$p(z; J_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \log |z - z_j| = \frac{1}{n} \log |\det(J_n - z)|$$

where  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  are the eigenvalues of  $J_n$ .

**Claim** (*convergence of potentials*)

*With probability one,*

$$p(z; J_n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} F(z) = \max[\Phi(z), E(\xi_0), E(\eta_0)] \quad \forall z \notin \mathbf{R} \cup \mathcal{L}$$

*The convergence is uniform in  $z \in K \subset \mathbf{C} \setminus (\mathbf{R} \cup \mathcal{L})$ .*

Consider measures  $d\nu_{J_n}$  assigning mass  $\frac{1}{n}$  to each of the eigenvalues of  $J_n$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \Delta p(z; J_n) = d\nu_{J_n}$$

in the sense of distribution theory. By Claim, the potentials  $p(z; J_n)$  converge for almost all  $z \in \mathbf{C}$ . This implies convergence in the sense of distribution theory. Since the Laplacian is continuous in  $\mathcal{D}'$ ,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \Delta p(z; J_n) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} \Delta F(z)$$

in  $\mathcal{D}'$ . But then

$$d\nu_{J_n} \rightarrow d\nu \equiv \frac{1}{2\pi} \Delta F(z)$$

in the sense of of weak convergence of measures, hence Theorem.

## Proof of Claim

$$\begin{aligned}\det(J_n - z) &= \det(H_n + V_n - z) \\ &= \det(H_n - z) \det(I_n + V_n(H_n - z)^{-1})\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$p(z; J_n) = p(z; H_n) + \frac{1}{n} \log |d_n(z)|.$$

$V_n$  is rank 2.  $V_n = A^T B$ , where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} u_n & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ v_n & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore d_n(z) &= \det(I_n + A^T B(H_n - z)^{-1}) \\ &= \det(I_2 + B(H_n - z)^{-1} A^T) \cdot 2 \times 2 \det \\ &= (1 + u_n G_{1n})(1 + v_n G_{n1}) - u_n v_n G_{11} G_{nn}\end{aligned}$$

where  $G_{lk}$  is the  $(k, l)$  entry of  $(H_n - z)^{-1}$ .

Now use

$$\begin{aligned}|u_n G_{1n}| &= e^{n[E(\xi_0) - \Phi(z) + o(1)]} \\ |v_n G_{n1}| &= e^{n[E(\eta_0) - \Phi(z) + o(1)]}\end{aligned}$$

and  $|1 - u_n v_n G_{11} G_{nn}| \geq \alpha(z) > 0$ ,  $z \notin \mathbf{R}$  to complete the proof.



## Exactly solvable model

Consider  $J_n = \text{tridiag}(e^g, \text{Cauchy}(0, b), e^{-g}) + \text{p.b.c.}$ ,

$$\xi_k \equiv g, \quad \eta_k \equiv -g \quad P(q_k \in I) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_I dq \frac{b}{q^2 + b^2}$$

In this case  $J_n = W_n^{-1}(H_n + V_n)W_n$ , where

$$H_n = \text{tridiag}(1, \text{Cauchy}(0, b), 1) \quad \text{Lloyd's model}$$

For Lloyd's model an explicit expression for  $\Phi(z)$  is available:

$$4 \cosh \Phi(z) = \sqrt{(x+2)^2 + (b+|y|)^2} + \sqrt{(x-2)^2 + (b+|y|)^2}$$

By making use of it,

- If  $K = 2 \cosh g \leq K_{cr} = \sqrt{4 + b^2}$  then  $\mathcal{L}$  is empty.
- If  $K > K_{cr}$  then  $\mathcal{L}$  consists of two symmetric arcs

$$y(x) = \pm \left[ \sqrt{\frac{(K^2 - 4)(K^2 - x^2)}{K^2}} - b \right] \quad -x_b \leq x \leq x_b$$

$x_b$  is determined by  $y(x_b) = 0$ .

## Corollaries

$g = \frac{1}{2}E(\xi_0 - \eta_0)$  is a measure of asymmetry of  $J_n$ .

(1) Special case: Suppose that  $q_k \equiv \text{Const}$  all  $k$ . Then  $\gamma(0) = 0$  and  $\gamma(z) > 0 \forall z \neq 0$ . Since

$$\Phi(0) = \gamma(0) + \frac{1}{2}E(\xi_0 + \eta_0) < \max[E(\xi_0), E(\eta_0)]$$

the equation for  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\Phi(z) = \max[E(\xi_0), E(\eta_0)]$ , has continuum of solutions for any  $g \neq 0$ .

For any  $g \neq 0$  we have a bubble of complex eigv. around  $z = 0$ , i.e. no matter how small the perturb.  $V_n$  is, it moves a finite proportion of eigvs. of  $H_n$  off the real axis!

(2) Suppose now that the diagonal entries  $q_k$  are random. Then  $\gamma(x) > 0 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$  (Furstenberg) and

$$0 < \min_{x \in \Sigma} \gamma(x) = g_{\text{cr}}^{(1)} < g_{\text{cr}}^{(2)} = \max_{x \in \Sigma} \gamma(x) \leq +\infty$$

where  $\Sigma$  is the support of  $dN(\lambda)$ . Therefore

- (a) If  $|g| < g_{\text{cr}}^{(1)}$ ,  $J_n$  has zero proportion of non-real eigenvalues
- (b) If  $g_{\text{cr}}^{(1)} < |g| < g_{\text{cr}}^{(2)}$ ,  $J_n$  has finite proportions of real and non-real eigenvalues.
- (c)  $|g| > g_{\text{cr}}^{(2)}$ ,  $J_n$  has zero proportion of real eigenvalues.

## A few elementary facts from potential theory.

Suppose that  $M_n$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix. Denote by  $d\nu_{M_n}$  the measure on  $\mathbb{C}$  that assigns to each of the  $n$  eigenvalues of  $M_n$  the mass  $\frac{1}{n}$ . Its potential is given by

$$\begin{aligned} p(z; M_n) &= \frac{1}{n} \log |\det(M_n - zI_n)| \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{C}} \log |z - \zeta| d\nu_{M_n}(\zeta) \end{aligned}$$

$p(z; M_n)$  is locally integrable in  $z$  and for any sufficiently smooth function  $f(z)$  with compact support

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{C}} \log |z - \zeta| \Delta f(z) d^2 z &= \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_{|z - \zeta| \geq \varepsilon} \log |z - \zeta| \Delta f(z) d^2 z \\ &= 2\pi f(\zeta), \end{aligned}$$

by Green's formula. Hence

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} p(z; M_n) \Delta f(z) d^2 z = \int_{\mathbb{C}} f(z) d\nu_{M_n}(z).$$

Both  $p(z; M_n)$  and  $d\nu_{M_n}$  define distributions in the sense of the theory of distributions and the equation above can be also read as the equality  $d\nu_{M_n}(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \Delta p(z; M_n)$  where now  $\Delta$  is the distributional Laplacian. More generally, it is proved in potential theory that, under appropriate conditions on  $d\nu$ ,  $d\nu(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \Delta p(z)$ , where  $p(z) = \int \log |z - \zeta| d\nu_{M_n}(\zeta)$  is the potential of  $d\nu$ . This Poisson's equation relates measures and their potentials.

## Regularization of potentials

$$p_\varepsilon(z; J_n) = \frac{1}{2n} \log \det[(J_n - z)(J_n - z)^* + \varepsilon^2]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \Delta p_\varepsilon(z; J_n) &= \rho_\varepsilon(z; J_n) \\ &\xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \sum \delta(z - z_j) \quad [n \text{ is finite}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_\varepsilon(z; J_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} p_\varepsilon(z; J_n) \quad ??$$

Yes, for normal matrices. Counterexamples for non-normal matrices

In the vicinity of  $z_j$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_\varepsilon(z; J_n) &\simeq \frac{(\kappa_j \varepsilon)^2}{\pi} \frac{1}{[(\kappa_j \varepsilon)^2 + |z - z_j|^2]^2} \\ &\xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \delta(z - z_j) \quad \text{if } \kappa_j \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\kappa_j = |(\psi_j^L, \psi_j^R)^{-1}|$  and  $\psi_j^{L(R)}$  are normalized left (right) eigenvectors at  $z_j$ .

Spectral condition numbers, pseudospectra, etc.