

Random Matrices

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Part 4) Orthogonal polynomials

Reminder: GUE and Hermite polynomials

- Eigenvalues in GUE

$$\frac{1}{Z_n} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr } M^2} dM$$

are determinantal point process with kernel

$$K_n(x, y) = e^{-\frac{1}{4}(x^2+y^2)} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} H_k(x) H_k(y)$$

- H_n is the Hermite polynomial

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H_n(x) H_m(x) e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} dx = \delta_{n,m}$$

- Immediate extension to **invariant ensembles**

$$\frac{1}{Z_n} e^{-n \operatorname{Tr} V(M)} dM$$

with arbitrary V ,

$$\lim_{|x| \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{V(x)}{\log(1 + |x|)} = +\infty.$$

- Joint eigenvalue density

$$\frac{1}{Z_n} \prod_{1 \leq j < k \leq n} (\lambda_j - \lambda_k)^2 \prod_{j=1}^n e^{-nV(\lambda_j)}$$

Determinantal point process

- **Orthonormal polynomials w.r.t. $e^{-nV(x)}$**

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_k(x)p_j(x)e^{-nV(x)}dx = \delta_{k,j}$$

- **Determinantal point process with kernel**

$$K_n(x, y) = e^{-\frac{n}{2}(V(x)+V(y))} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_k(x)p_k(y)$$

Double integral

Correlation kernel has **double integral representation** in GUE case

$$K_n(x, y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} ds \oint_{\Gamma} dt e^{\frac{n}{2}(s-x)^2 - \frac{n}{2}(t-y)^2} \left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^n \frac{1}{s-t}$$

where $c > 0$ and Γ goes around zero such that $\operatorname{Re} t < c$ for $t \in \Gamma$.

- Apply classical **steepest descent** techniques to obtain large n behavior.
- **Matrix Riemann-Hilbert problem** is nonlinear/non-commutative analogue of integral representation.

Matrix Riemann-Hilbert problem for OPs

- Find 2×2 **matrix valued** function $Y(z)$ such that

RH-Y1 $Y : \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}$ is analytic.

RH-Y2 Y has boundary values for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, denoted by $Y_{\pm}(x)$, and

$$Y_+(x) = Y_-(x) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & e^{-nV(x)} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

RH-Y3 As $z \rightarrow \infty$,

$$Y(z) = \left(I + O\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) \right) \begin{pmatrix} z^n & 0 \\ 0 & z^{-n} \end{pmatrix}$$

Theorem (Fokas, Its, Kitaev (1992))

The Riemann-Hilbert problem has the unique solution

$$Y(z) = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_n^{-1} p_n(z) & \frac{1}{2\pi i} \gamma_n^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{p_n(s) e^{-nV(s)}}{s-z} ds \\ -2\pi i \gamma_{n-1} p_{n-1}(z) & -\gamma_{n-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{p_{n-1}(s) e^{-nV(s)}}{s-z} ds \end{pmatrix}$$

- p_n is the orthonormal polynomial w.r.t. $e^{-nV(x)} dx$
- γ_n is the leading coefficient of p_n .

- We give the proof for the **first row**. The first entry $Y_{11}(z)$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}(Y_{11})_+(x) &= (Y_{11})_-(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \\ Y_{11}(z) &= z^n + O(z^{n-1}), \quad \text{as } z \rightarrow \infty.\end{aligned}$$

- Therefore Y_{11} is a monic polynomial of degree n , which we call P_n .

- For Y_{12} we have $Y_{12}(z) = O(z^{-n-1})$ as $z \rightarrow \infty$, and

$$(Y_{12})_+(x) = (Y_{12})_-(x) + P_n(x)w(x)$$

- By Sokhotskii-Plemelj formula

$$Y_{12}(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P_n(s)w(s)}{s-z} ds = O(z^{-1})$$

- To satisfy the asymptotic condition $O(z^{-n-1})$ we need

$$\int s^k P_n(s)w(s)ds = 0, \quad k = 0, \dots, n-1,$$

which means that P_n is the **monic OP**.

- The proof for the second row is similar.

OP kernel in terms of the RH problem

- OP kernel is

$$\begin{aligned} K_n(x, y) &= \frac{\sqrt{e^{-nV(x)}}\sqrt{e^{-nV(y)}}}{2\pi i(x-y)} [Y_+^{-1}(y)Y_+(x)]_{2,1} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{e^{-nV(x)}}\sqrt{e^{-nV(y)}}}{2\pi i(x-y)} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} Y_+^{-1}(y)Y_+(x) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

This is based on the **Christoffel-Darboux formula**

Deift-Zhou steepest descent analysis

- **Deift-Zhou (1993)** steepest descent analysis for RH problems
- Sequence of **explicit** and **invertible** transformations $Y \mapsto X \mapsto \cdots \mapsto R$ leading to a RH problem for R on contour Σ_R , which takes the form

RH-R1 $R : \mathbb{C} \setminus \Sigma_R \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}$ is analytic.

RH-R2 On Σ_R we have a jump J_R ,

$$R_+(z) = R_-(z)J_R(z),$$

RH-R3 $R(z) = I + O(1/z)$ as $z \rightarrow \infty$.

R is close to the identity matrix

- **Goal:** J_R depends on n and

$$J_R \rightarrow I \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

- **Then also**

$$R(z) \rightarrow I \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

uniformly for $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \Sigma_R$.

Part 5) Equilibrium measures

Why varying weight $e^{-nV(x)}$?

- **Joint eigenvalue pdf from unitary matrix model is**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{Z_n} \prod_{i < j} (x_j - x_i)^2 \prod_{j=1}^n e^{-nV(x_j)} \\ = \frac{1}{Z_n} \exp \left[-n^2 \left(-\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i \neq j} \log |x_j - x_i| + \frac{1}{n} \sum_j V(x_j) \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- **Most likely distributions of eigenvalues are such that**

$$-\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \log |x_j - x_i| + \frac{1}{n} \sum_j V(x_j) \quad \text{is minimal}$$

- **Continuum limit** (mean-field approximation)

$$- \iint \log |x - y| d\mu(x) d\mu(y) + \int V(x) d\mu(x) \quad \text{is minimal}$$

among probability measures μ on $\mathbb{R}$.

Equilibrium measure

- Balance between mutual **repulsion** of eigenvalues and the **confining potential** V .
- To minimize

$$-\iint \log |x - y| d\mu(x) d\mu(y) + \int V(x) d\mu(x)$$

is a well-studied **equilibrium problem** in logarithmic potential theory.

Saff-Totik book (1997)

- There is a unique minimizer $\mu = \mu_V$ which has a density

$$d\mu_V(x) = \rho_V(x) dx$$

- **There is a constant ℓ_V**

$$2 \int \log \frac{1}{|x-y|} \rho_V(y) dy + V(x) = \ell_V \quad \text{on } \text{supp}(\rho_V)$$

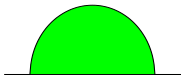
and

$$2 \int \log \frac{1}{|x-y|} \rho_V(y) dy + V(x) \geq \ell_V \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R} \setminus \text{supp}(\rho_V)$$

Example: Semicircle law

- In **GUE case** $V(x) = 2x^2$ the equilibrium density can be explicitly calculated

$$\rho_V(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{4 - x^2}, \quad -2 \leq x \leq 2$$



- This is **Wigner semi-circle law**
- If V is real analytic the support is a **finite union of intervals**

$$\text{supp}(\rho_V) = \bigcup_{j=1}^N [a_j, b_j]$$

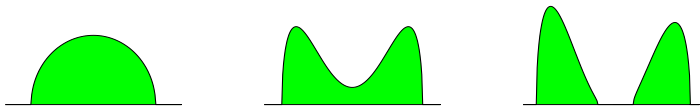
Deift-Kriecherbauer-McLaughlin (1997)

- Global eigenvalue behavior is determined by the **minimizer** of the equilibrium problem

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} K_n(x, x) = \rho_V(x)$$

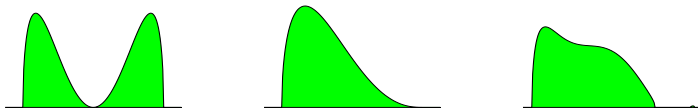
Regular cases

- $\rho_V > 0$ in the interior of each interval,
- ρ_V vanishes like a **square root** at each endpoint,
- $2 \int \log \frac{1}{|x-y|} \rho_V(y) dy + V(x) > \ell$ **outside** $\text{supp}(\rho_V)$.



Singular cases

- **Singular case I:** ρ_V vanishes at an interior point
- **Singular case II:** ρ_V vanishes to higher order at an endpoint.
- **Singular case III:** Equality in $2 \int \log \frac{1}{|x-y|} \rho_V(y) + V(x) \geq \ell$ at exterior point.



- Different local eigenvalue behavior in singular cases near critical points.

Part 6) RH steepest descent

RH problem for Y

RH-Y1 $Y : \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}$ **is analytic.**

RH-Y2 Y **has jump on real line**

$$Y_+(x) = Y_-(x) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & e^{-nV(x)} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

RH-Y3 $Y(z) = (I + O(1/z)) \begin{pmatrix} z^n & 0 \\ 0 & z^{-n} \end{pmatrix}$ **as** $z \rightarrow \infty$.

Steepest descent analysis of this RH problem is due to
Deift, Kriecherbauer, McLaughlin, Venakides, Zhou (1999)

First transformation

- We use the equilibrium measure in the first transformation of the RH problem
- Define the g -function

$$g(z) = \int \log(z - s) \rho_V(s) ds$$

- From equilibrium problem with $\ell = \ell_V$:

$$\begin{aligned} g_+(x) + g_-(x) - V(x) + \ell &= 0 && \text{for } x \in \text{supp}(\mu_V), \\ g_+(x) + g_-(x) - V(x) + \ell &\leq 0 && \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

- From definition as a log-transform:

$$g_+(x) - g_-(x) = 2\pi i \int_x^\infty \rho_V(s) ds$$

is purely imaginary.

First transformation

- **We define**

$$T(z) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{n\ell/2} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-n\ell/2} \end{pmatrix} Y(z) \begin{pmatrix} e^{-n(g(z)+\ell/2)} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{n(g(z)+\ell/2)} \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Then** $T(z) = I + O(1/z)$ **as** $z \rightarrow \infty$.

- Jumps can all be expressed nicely in terms of analytic function ϕ ,

$$2\phi(z) = -2g(z) + V(z) - \ell$$

- ϕ satisfies

$$g_+(x) - g_-(x) = -2\phi_+(x) = 2\phi_-(x) \\ \text{for } x \in (a, b)$$

Jumps for T in one-interval case

A horizontal line with arrows pointing to the right. Two points, a and b , are marked on the line with dots. Above the line, three transition matrices are shown, each associated with a region by an arrow pointing to that region:

- For $x < a$: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & e^{-2n\phi} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- For $x \in (a, b)$: $\begin{pmatrix} e^{2n\phi_+} & 1 \\ 0 & e^{2n\phi_-} \end{pmatrix}$
- For $x > b$: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & e^{-2n\phi} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- $\phi(x) > 0$ for $x < a$ and for $x > b$,
- $\phi_+ = -\phi_-$ is purely imaginary on (a, b) and

$$\frac{d}{dx}\phi_+(x) = \pi i \rho_V(x) \quad \text{with} \quad \rho_V(x) > 0$$

Correlation kernel in terms of T

- Recall that

$$K_n(x, y) = \frac{\sqrt{e^{-nV(x)}}\sqrt{e^{-nV(y)}}}{2\pi i(x-y)} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} Y_+^{-1}(y) Y_+(x) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Assume $x, y \in (a, b)$.
- Transformation $Y \mapsto T$ gives

$$K_n(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi i(x-y)} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{-n\phi_+(y)} \end{pmatrix} T_+^{-1}(y) T_+(x) \begin{pmatrix} e^{-n\phi_+(x)} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- This is based on $2g_+ - V + \ell = -2\phi_+$ on (a, b) .

Second transformation $T \mapsto S$

- **Factorization** of jump matrix for T on (a, b) ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{2n\phi_+} & 1 \\ 0 & e^{2n\phi_-} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ e^{2n\phi_-} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ e^{2n\phi_+} & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

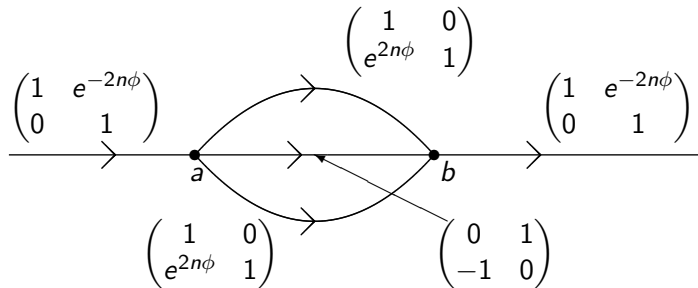
- **Open a lens** around $[a, b]$ and define

$$S = T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -e^{2n\phi} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{in upper part of the lens}$$

$$S = T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ e^{2n\phi} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{in lower part of the lens}$$

$$S = T \quad \text{outside the lens}$$

RH problem for S in one-interval case



- We have $\phi > 0$ on $(-\infty, a)$ and on (b, ∞)
- From Cauchy-Riemann equations:

$$\operatorname{Re} \phi < 0 \quad \text{on the lips of the lens}$$

provided that $\rho_V(x) > 0$ on (a, b)

Correlation kernel in terms of S

- We have for $x, y \in (a, b)$,

$$K_n(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi i(x-y)} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{-n\phi_+(y)} \end{pmatrix} T_+^{-1}(y) T_+(x) \begin{pmatrix} e^{-n\phi_+(x)} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Transformation $T \mapsto S$ gives

$$K_n(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi i(x-y)} \times \\ \begin{pmatrix} -e^{n\phi_+(y)} & e^{-n\phi_+(y)} \end{pmatrix} S_+^{-1}(y) S_+(x) \begin{pmatrix} e^{-n\phi_+(x)} \\ e^{n\phi_+(x)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Sine kernel in the bulk

- The outcome of the steepest descent analysis will be that for $x, y \in (a + \delta, b - \delta)$,

$$S_+^{-1}(y)S_+(x) = I + O(x - y) \quad \text{as } y \rightarrow x$$

- Then for x and y with $x - y$ small

$$K_n(x, y) \approx \frac{1}{2\pi i(x - y)} \begin{pmatrix} -e^{n\phi_+(y)} & e^{-n\phi_+(y)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-n\phi_+(x)} \\ e^{n\phi_+(x)} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Replacing

$$x \mapsto x^* + \frac{x}{n\rho_V(x^*)}, \quad y \mapsto x^* + \frac{y}{n\rho_V(x^*)}$$

and taking limit $n \rightarrow \infty$ we arrive at the sine kernel

$$\frac{\sin \pi(x - y)}{\pi(x - y)}.$$