

**Special Number Theory Seminar**

**From Random Matrix Theory**

**to  $L$ -Functions**

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# Origins of Random Matrix Theory

Classical Mechanics: 3 Body Problem Intractable.

Heavy nuclei like Uranium (200+ protons / neutrons)  
even worse!

Get some info by shooting high-energy neutrons into  
nucleus, see what comes out.

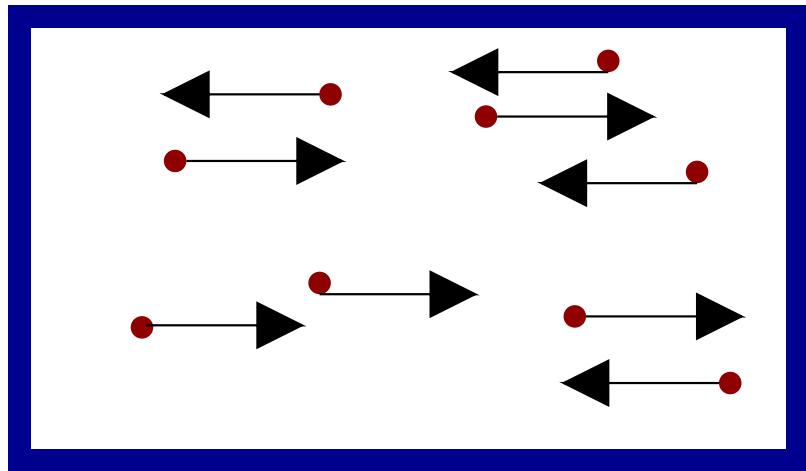
## Fundamental Equation:

$$H\psi_n = E_n\psi_n$$

$E_n$  are the energy levels

Approximate with finite matrix.

## Origins (cont)



Statistical Mechanics: for each configuration, calculate quantity (say pressure).

Average over all configurations – most configurations close to system average.

Nuclear physics: choose matrix at random, calculate eigenvalues, average over matrices.

Look at: Real Symmetric, Complex Hermitian, Classical Compact Groups.

# Random Matrix Ensembles

Real Symmetric Matrices:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1N} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{1N} & a_{2N} & a_{3N} & \cdots & a_N \end{pmatrix} = A^T$$

Let  $p(x)$  be a probability density.

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &\geq 0 \\ \int_{\mathbb{R}} p(x) dx &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Often assume  $p(x)$  has finite moments:

$$k^{th}\text{-moment} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x^k p(x) dx.$$

Define

$$\text{Prob}(A) = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} p(a_{ij}).$$

# Eigenvalue Distribution

**Key to Averaging:**

$$\text{Trace}(A^k) = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i^k(A).$$

**By the Central Limit Theorem:**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Trace}(A^2) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij}a_{ji} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij}^2 \\ &\sim N^2 \cdot 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i^2(A) &\sim N^2\end{aligned}$$

Gives  $N \text{Ave}(\lambda_i^2(A)) \sim N^2$  or  $\lambda_i(A) \sim \sqrt{N}$ .

## Eigenvalue Distribution (cont)

$\delta(x - x_0)$  is a unit point mass at  $x_0$ .

To each  $A$ , attach a probability measure:

$$\mu_{A,N}(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta\left(x - \frac{\lambda_i(A)}{2\sqrt{N}}\right)$$

Obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} k^{th}\text{-moment} &= \int x^k \mu_{A,N}(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\lambda_i^k(A)}{(2\sqrt{N})^k} \\ &= \frac{\text{Trace}(A^k)}{2^k N^{\frac{k}{2}+1}} \end{aligned}$$

## Semi-Circle Law

$N \times N$  real symmetric matrices, entries i.i.d.r.v. from fixed  $p(x)$ .

**Semi-Circle Law:** Assume  $p$  has mean 0, variance 1, other moments finite. Then

$$\mu_{A,N}(x) \rightarrow \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{1 - x^2} \text{ with probability 1}$$

**Trace formula converts sums over eigenvalues to sums over entries of  $A$ .**

Expected value of  $k^{th}$ -moment of  $\mu_{A,N}(x)$  is

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \dots \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\text{Trace}(A^k)}{2^k N^{\frac{k}{2}+1}} \prod_{i < j} p(a_{ij}) da_{ij}$$

## Proof: $2^{nd}$ -Moment

$$\text{Trace}(A^2) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} a_{ji} = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij}^2.$$

Substituting into expansion gives

$$\frac{1}{2^2 N^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sum_{i,j=1}^N a_{ji}^2 \cdot p(a_{11}) da_{11} \cdots p(a_{NN}) da_{NN}$$

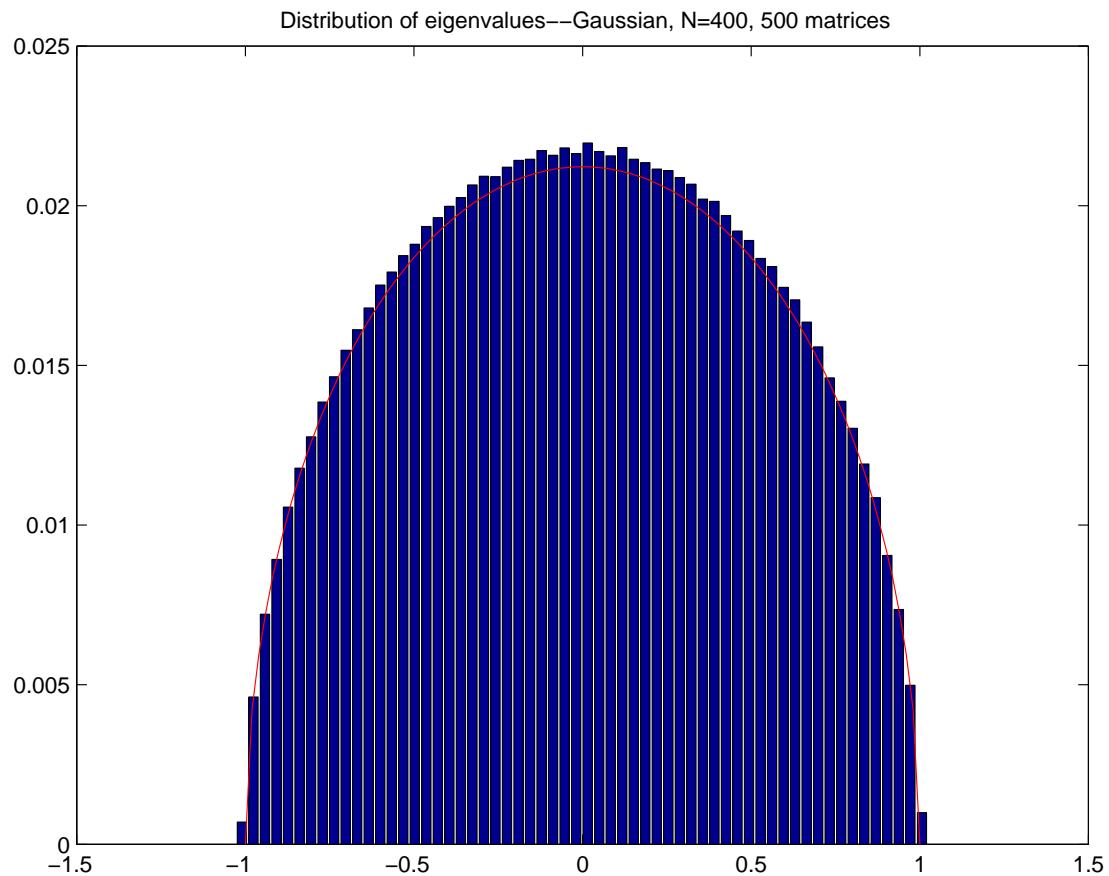
Integration factors as

$$\int_{a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}} a_{ij}^2 p(a_{ij}) da_{ij} \cdot \prod_{\substack{(k,l) \neq (ij) \\ k < l}} \int_{a_{kl} \in \mathbb{R}} p(a_{kl}) da_{kl} = 1.$$

Have  $N^2$  summands, answer is  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

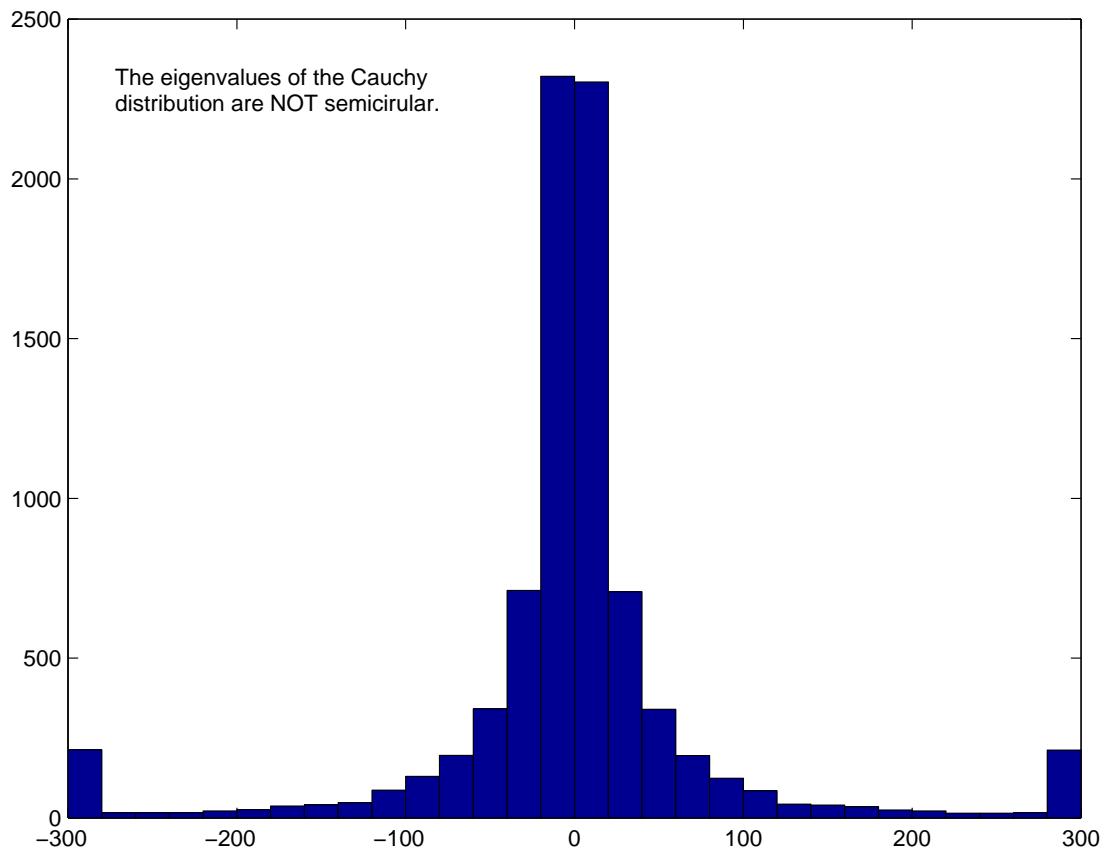
**Key: Averaging Formula, Trace Lemma.**

# Random Matrix Theory: Semi-Circle Law



500 Matrices: Gaussian  $400 \times 400$   
 $p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2}$

# Random Matrix Theory: Semi-Circle Law



Cauchy Distr: Not-Semicircular (Infinite Variance)

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}$$

## GOE Conjecture

**GOE Conjecture:**  $N \times N$  Real Symmetric, entries iidrv. As  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , the probability density of the distance between two consecutive, normalized eigenvalues approaches  $\frac{\pi^2}{4} \frac{d^2\Psi}{dt^2}$  (the GOE distr).

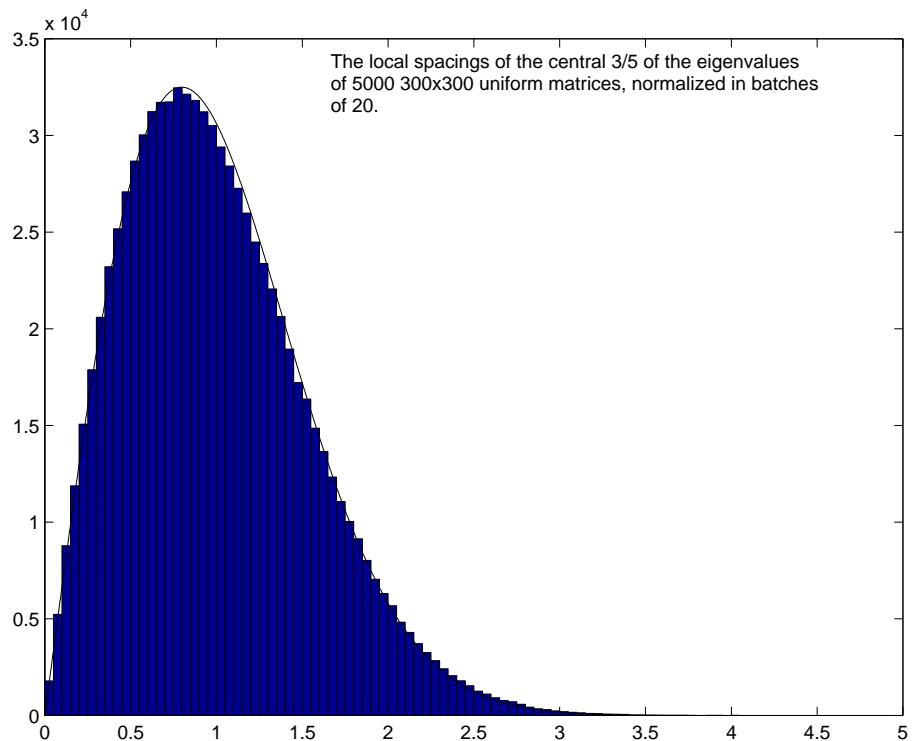
$\Psi(t)$  is (up to constants) the Fredholm determinant of the operator  $f \rightarrow \int_{-t}^t K * f$ , kernel

$$K = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \frac{\sin(\xi - \eta)}{\xi - \eta} + \frac{\sin(\xi + \eta)}{\xi + \eta} \right)$$

Only known if entries chosen from Gaussian.

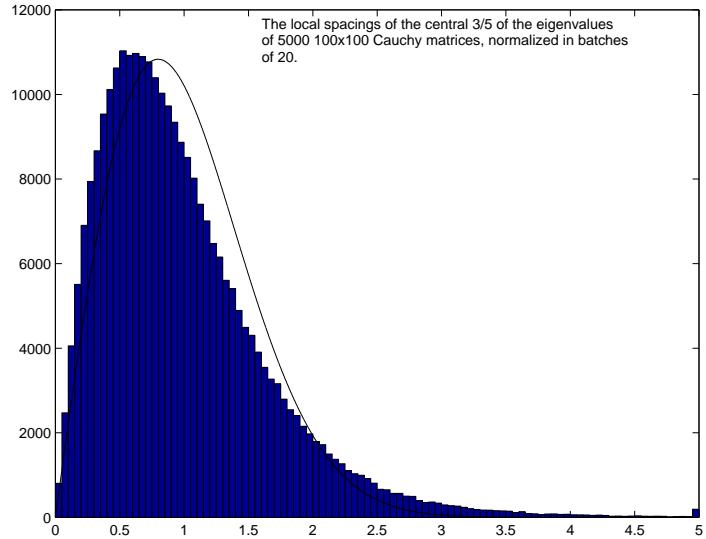
Consecutive spacings well approximated by  $Axe^{-Bx^2}$ .

**Uniform Distribution:**  $p(x) = \frac{1}{2}$

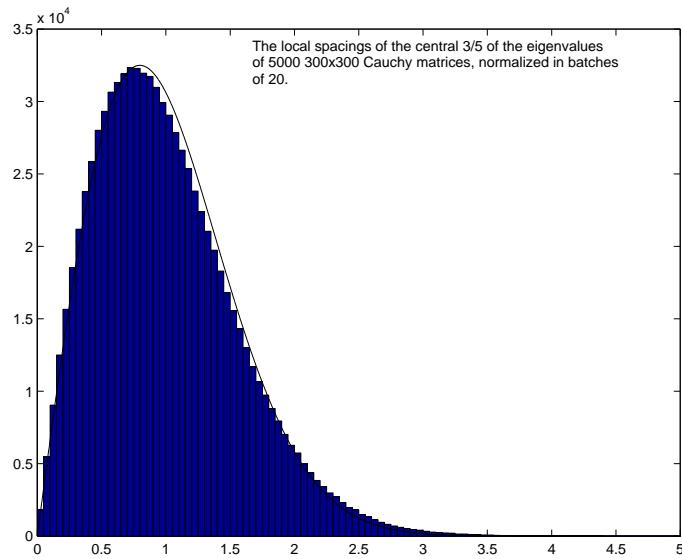


5000:  $300 \times 300$  uniform on  $[-1, 1]$

**Cauchy Distribution:**  $p(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}$

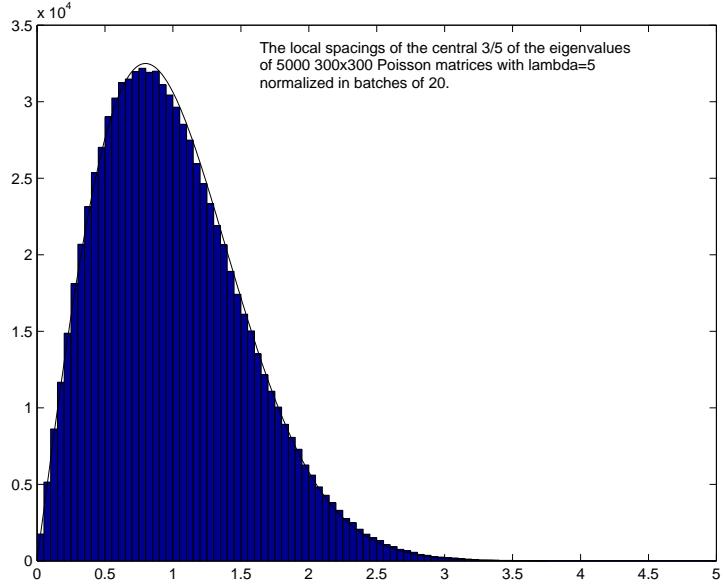


5000:  $100 \times 100$  Cauchy

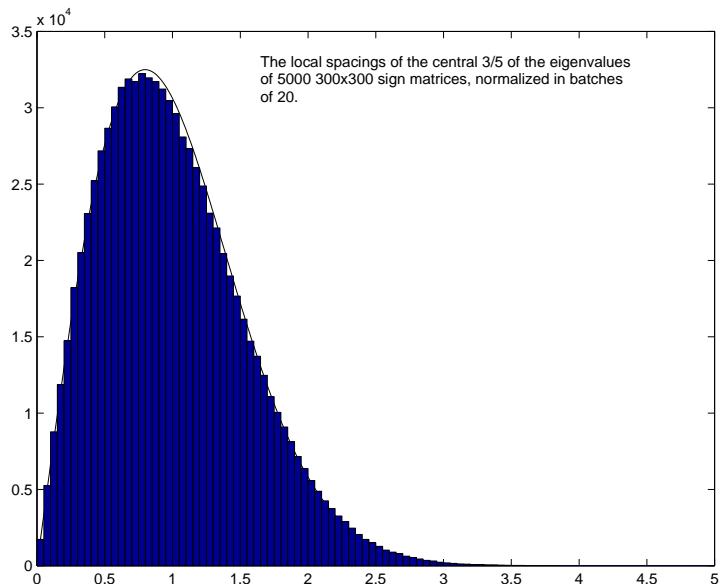


5000:  $300 \times 300$  Cauchy

**Poisson Distribution:**  $p(n) = \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda}$



5000:  $300 \times 300$  Poisson,  $\lambda = 5$



5000:  $300 \times 300$  Poisson,  $\lambda = 20$

## Fat Thin Families

Need a family **FAT** enough to do averaging.

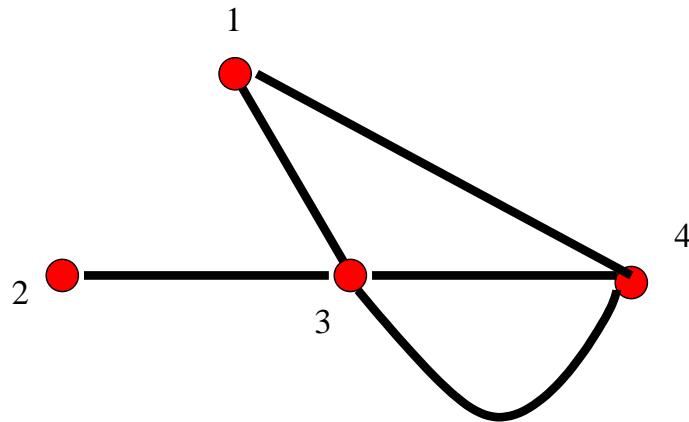
Need a family **THIN** enough so that everything isn't averaged out.

Real Symmetric Matrices have  $\frac{N(N+1)}{2}$  independent entries.

Examples of thin sub-families:

- Band Matrices
- Random Graphs
- Special Matrices (Toeplitz)

# Random Graphs



Degree of a vertex = number of edges leaving the vertex.

Adjacency matrix:  $a_{ij}$  = number edges from Vertex  $i$  to Vertex  $j$ .

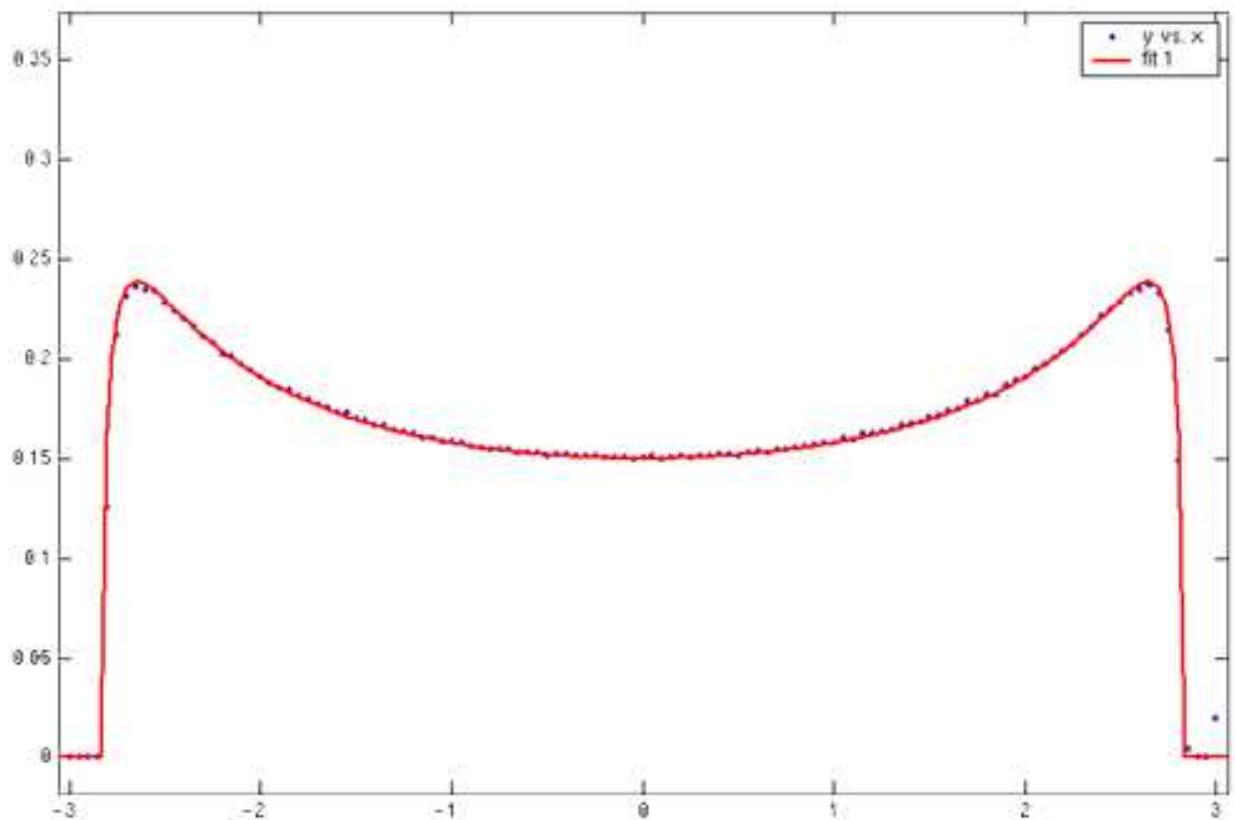
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

These are Real Symmetric Matrices.

## McKay's Law (Kesten Measure)

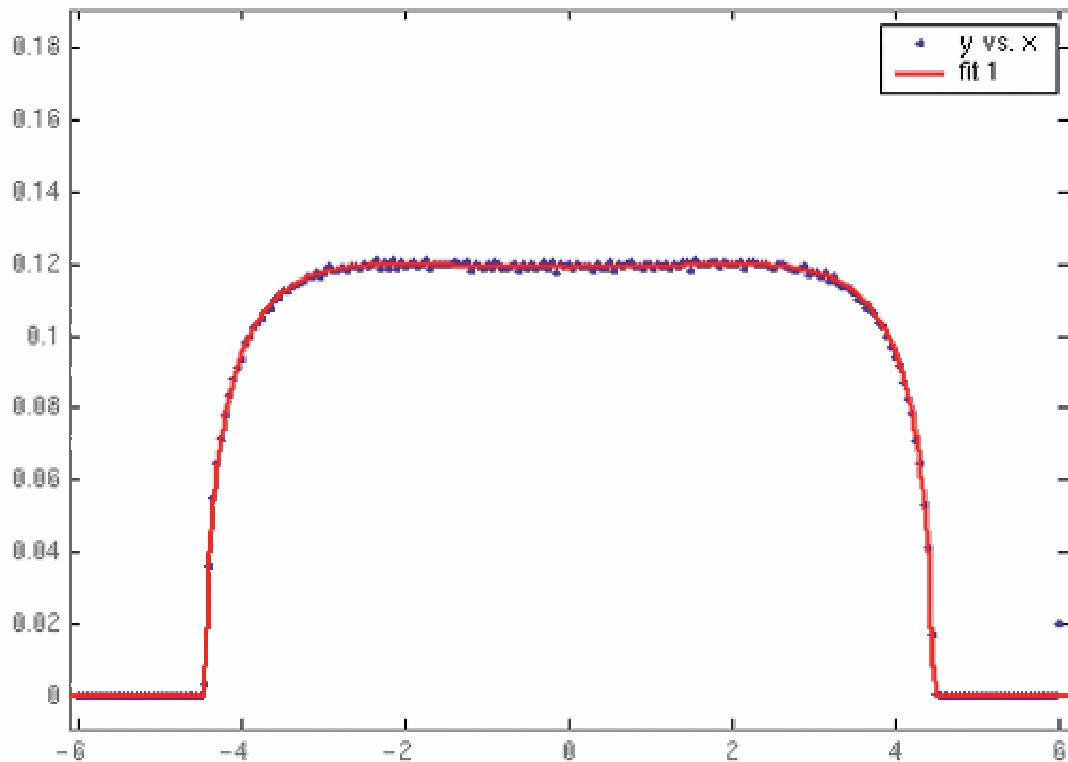
Density of States for  $d$ -regular graphs

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{d}{2\pi(d^2-x^2)} \sqrt{4(d-1)-x^2} & |x| \leq 2\sqrt{d-1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



$$d = 3.$$

## McKay's Law (Kesten Measure)

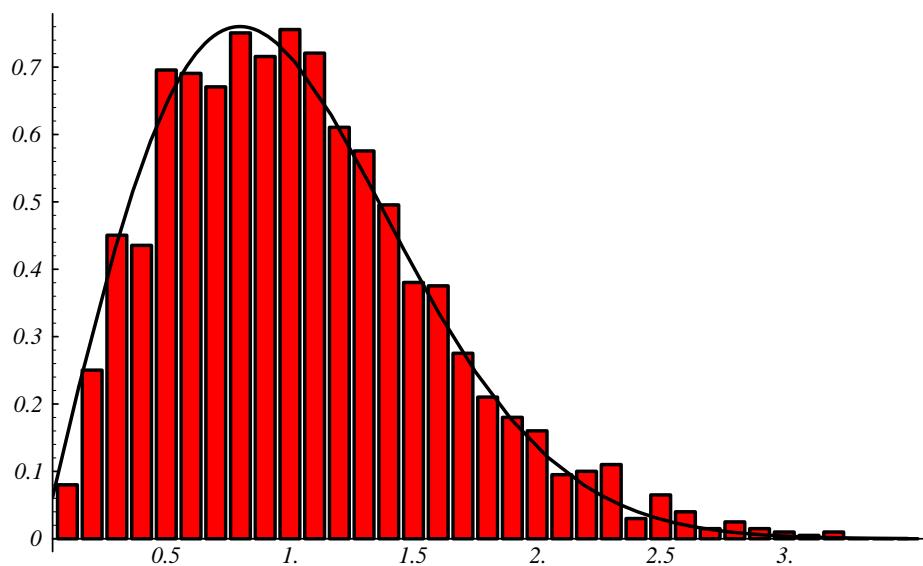


$$d = 6.$$

Idea of proof: Trace lemma, combinatorics and counting.

Fat Thin: fat enough to average, thin enough to get something different than Semi-circle.

## $d$ -Regular and GOE



3-Regular, 2000 Vertices  
Graph courtesy of D. Jakobson, S. D. Miller, Z. Rudnick, R. Rivin

# **Riemann Zeta Function: $\zeta(s)$**

## **Riemann Zeta-Function:**

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_n \frac{1}{n^s} = \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-1}, \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1.$$

## **Functional Equation:**

$$\xi(s) = \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)\pi^{-\frac{s}{2}}\zeta(s) = \xi(1-s).$$

**Riemann Hypothesis:** All non-trivial zeros have  $\operatorname{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ ; ie, on the critical line.

Spacings between zeros same as spacings between eigenvalues of Complex Hermitian matrices.

# Contour Integration

$$\begin{aligned}-\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} &= -\frac{d}{ds} \log \zeta(s) \\&= \frac{d}{ds} \sum_p \log(1 - p^{-s}) \\&= \sum_p \frac{\log p \cdot p^{-s}}{1 - p^{-s}} \\&= \sum_p \frac{\log p}{p^s} + \text{Good}(s).\end{aligned}$$

Contour Integration:

$$\begin{aligned}\int -\frac{\zeta'(s)x^s}{\zeta(s)s} ds &\quad \text{vs} \quad \sum_p \log p \int \left(\frac{x}{p}\right)^s \frac{ds}{s} \\x - \sum_{\substack{\rho \\ \zeta(\rho)=0}} \frac{x^\rho}{\rho} &\quad \text{vs} \quad \sum_{p \leq x} \log p.\end{aligned}$$

## ***L*-Functions**

*L*-functions:  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > s_0$ :

$$L(s, f) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n(f)}{n^s} = \prod_p L_p(p^{-s}, f)^{-1}.$$

Functional equation:  $s \longleftrightarrow 1 - s$ .

GRH: All *L*-functions (after normalization) have their non-trivial zeros on the critical line.

## Measures of Spacings: *n*-Level Correlations

$\{\alpha_j\}$  be an increasing sequence of numbers,  $B \subset \mathbf{R}^{n-1}$  a compact box. Define the  $n$ -level correlation by

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\left\{(\alpha_{j_1} - \alpha_{j_2}, \dots, \alpha_{j_{n-1}} - \alpha_{j_n}) \in B, j_i \neq j_k\right\}}{N}$$

Instead of using a box, can use a smooth test function.

### Results:

1. Normalized spacings of  $\zeta(s)$  starting at  $10^{20}$  (Odlyzko)
2. Pair and triple correlations of  $\zeta(s)$  (Montgomery, Hejhal)
3.  $n$ -level correlations for all automorphic cuspidal  $L$ -functions (Rudnick-Sarnak)
4.  $n$ -level correlations for the classical compact groups (Katz-Sarnak)
5. insensitive to any finite set of zeros

## Measures of Spacings: $n$ -Level Density and Families

Let  $\phi(x) = \prod_i \phi_i(x_i)$ ,  $\phi_i$  even Schwartz functions whose Fourier Transforms are compactly supported.

$$D_{n,f}(\phi) = \sum_{\substack{j_1, \dots, j_n \\ distinct}} \phi_1\left(L_f \gamma_f^{(j_1)}\right) \cdots \phi_n\left(L_f \gamma_f^{(j_n)}\right)$$

1. individual zeros contribute in limit
2. most of contribution is from low zeros
3. average over similar curves (family)

To any geometric family, Katz-Sarnak predict the  $n$ -level density depends only on a symmetry group attached to the family.

# Correspondences

## Similarities b/w Nuclear Physics and $L$ -Functions

Zeros  $\longleftrightarrow$  Energy Levels

Support  $\longleftrightarrow$  Neutron Energy

**Conjecture:** Zeros near central point in a **family** of  $L$ -functions behave like eigenvalues near 1 of a classical compact group (Unitary, Symplectic, Orthogonal).

$$\frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}|} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} D_{n,f}(\phi) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}|} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{\substack{j_1, \dots, j_n \\ j_i \neq \pm j_k}} \prod_i \phi_i \left( \frac{\log N_f}{2\pi} \gamma_f^{(j_i)} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \rightarrow \int \cdots \int \phi(x) W_{n,\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{F})}(x) dx \\ &= \int \cdots \int \widehat{\phi}(u) \widehat{W_{n,\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{F})}}(u) du. \end{aligned}$$

# Some Number Theory Results

- Orthogonal:

Iwaniec-Luo-Sarnak: 1-level density for  $H_k^\pm(N)$ ,  $N$  square-free;

Hughes-Miller:  $n$ -level density for  $H_k^\pm(N)$ ,  $N$  square-free;

Dueñez-Miller: 1, 2-level  $\{\phi \times \text{sym}^2 f : f \in H_k(1)\}$ ,  $\phi$  even Maass;

Miller: 1, 2-level for one-parameter families of elliptic curves.

- Symplectic:

Rubinstein:  $n$ -level densities for  $L(s, \chi_d)$ ;

Dueñez-Miller: 1-level for  $\{\phi \times f : f \in H_k(1)\}$ ,  $\phi$  even Maass.

- Unitary:

Miller, Hughes-Rudnick: Families of Primitive Dirichlet Characters.

## Main Tools

- **Explicit Formula:** Relates sums over zeros to sums over primes.
- **Averaging Formulas:** Petersson formula in ILS, Orthogonality of characters in Rubinstein, Hughes-Rudnick, Miller.
- **Control of conductors:** Monotone.

## 1-Level Densities

The Fourier Transforms for the 1-level densities are

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{W_{1,\text{SO(even)}}}(u) &= \delta_0(u) + \frac{1}{2}\eta(u) \\ \widehat{W_{1,\text{SO}}}(u) &= \delta_0(u) + \frac{1}{2} \\ \widehat{W_{1,\text{SO(odd)}}}(u) &= \delta_0(u) - \frac{1}{2}\eta(u) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\widehat{W_{1,\text{Symplectic}}}(u) = \delta_0(u) - \frac{1}{2}\eta(u)$$

$$\widehat{W_{1,\text{Unitary}}}(u) = \delta_0(u)$$

where  $\delta_0(u)$  is the Dirac Delta functional and

$$\eta(u) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |u| < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } |u| = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } |u| > 1 \end{cases}$$

## Dirichlet Characters: $m$ Prime

$(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^*$  is cyclic of order  $m - 1$  with generator  $g$ .

Let  $\zeta_{m-1} = e^{2\pi i/(m-1)}$ .

Principal character  $\chi_0$ :

$$\chi_0(k) = \begin{cases} 1 & (k, m) = 1 \\ 0 & (k, m) > 1. \end{cases}$$

The  $m - 2$  primitive characters are determined (by multiplicativity) by action on  $g$ .

As each  $\chi : (\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ , for each  $\chi$  there exists an  $l$  such that  $\chi(g) = \zeta_{m-1}^l$ . Thus

$$\chi_l(k) = \begin{cases} \zeta_{m-1}^{la} & k \equiv g^a(m) \\ 0 & (k, m) > 1 \end{cases}$$

## Dirichlet $L$ -Functions

Let  $\chi$  be a primitive character mod  $m$ . Let

$$c(m, \chi) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \chi(k) e^{2\pi i k/m}.$$

$c(m, \chi)$  is a Gauss sum of modulus  $\sqrt{m}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} L(s, \chi) &= \prod_p (1 - \chi(p)p^{-s})^{-1} \\ \Lambda(s, \chi) &= \pi^{-\frac{1}{2}(s+\epsilon)} \Gamma\left(\frac{s+\epsilon}{2}\right) m^{\frac{1}{2}(s+\epsilon)} L(s, \chi), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \chi(-1) = 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } \chi(-1) = -1 \end{cases} \\ \Lambda(s, \chi) &= (-i)^\epsilon \frac{c(m, \chi)}{\sqrt{m}} \Lambda(1-s, \bar{\chi}). \end{aligned}$$

## Explicit Formula

Let  $\phi$  be an even Schwartz function with compact support  $(-\sigma, \sigma)$ .

Let  $\chi$  be a non-trivial primitive Dirichlet character of conductor  $m$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum \phi\left(\gamma \frac{\log(\frac{m}{\pi})}{2\pi}\right) \\ = & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(y) dy \\ & - \sum_p \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi}\left(\frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)}\right) [\chi(p) + \bar{\chi}(p)] p^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ & - \sum_p \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi}\left(2\frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)}\right) [\chi^2(p) + \bar{\chi}^2(p)] p^{-1} \\ & + O\left(\frac{1}{\log m}\right). \end{aligned}$$

## Expansion

$\{\chi_0\} \cup \{\chi_l\}_{1 \leq l \leq m-2}$  are all the characters mod  $m$ .

Consider the family of primitive characters mod a prime  $m$  ( $m - 2$  characters):

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(y) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{m-2} \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \sum_p \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi}\left(\frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)}\right) [\chi(p) + \bar{\chi}(p)] p^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{m-2} \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \sum_p \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi}\left(2 \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)}\right) [\chi^2(p) + \bar{\chi}^2(p)] p^{-1} \\ &+ O\left(\frac{1}{\log m}\right). \end{aligned}$$

**Note can pass Character Sum through Test Function.**

## Character Sums

$$\sum_{\chi} \chi(k) = \begin{cases} m - 1 & k \equiv 1(m) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

For any prime  $p \neq m$

$$\sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \chi(p) = \begin{cases} m - 1 - 1 & p \equiv 1(m) \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Substitute into

$$\frac{1}{m-2} \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \sum_p \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi}\left(\frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)}\right) [\chi(p) + \bar{\chi}(p)] p^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

## First Sum

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{-2}{m-2} \sum_p^{m^\sigma} \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi}\left(\frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)}\right) p^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
& + 2 \frac{m-1}{m-2} \sum_{p \equiv 1(m)}^{m^\sigma} \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi}\left(\frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)}\right) p^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \ll \frac{1}{m} \sum_p^{m^\sigma} p^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \sum_{p \equiv 1(m)}^{m^\sigma} p^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \ll \frac{1}{m} \sum_k^{m^\sigma} k^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \sum_{\substack{k \equiv 1(m) \\ k \geq m+1}}^{m^\sigma} k^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \ll \frac{1}{m} \sum_k^{m^\sigma} k^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{m} \sum_k^{m^\sigma} k^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \ll \frac{1}{m} m^{\sigma/2}.
\end{aligned}$$

No contribution if  $\sigma < 2$ .

## Second Sum

$$\frac{1}{m-2} \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \sum_p \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi}\left(2 \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)}\right) \frac{\chi^2(p) + \bar{\chi}^2(p)}{p}.$$

$$\sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} [\chi^2(p) + \bar{\chi}^2(p)] = \begin{cases} 2(m-2) & p \equiv \pm 1(m) \\ -2 & p \not\equiv \pm 1(m) \end{cases}$$

Up to  $O\left(\frac{1}{\log m}\right)$  we find that

$$\begin{aligned} &\ll \frac{1}{m-2} \sum_p^{m^{\sigma/2}} p^{-1} + \frac{2m-2}{m-2} \sum_{p \equiv \pm 1(m)}^{m^{\sigma/2}} p^{-1} \\ &\ll \frac{1}{m-2} \sum_k^{m^{\sigma/2}} k^{-1} + \sum_{\substack{k \equiv 1(m) \\ k \geq m+1}}^{m^{\sigma/2}} k^{-1} + \sum_{\substack{k \equiv -1(m) \\ k \geq m-1}}^{m^{\sigma/2}} k^{-1} \\ &\ll \frac{\log(m^{\sigma/2})}{m-2} + \frac{1}{m} \sum_k^{m^{\sigma/2}} k^{-1} + \frac{1}{m} \sum_k^{m^{\sigma/2}} k^{-1} + O\left(\frac{1}{m}\right) \\ &\ll \frac{\log m}{m} + \frac{\log m}{m} + \frac{\log m}{m}. \end{aligned}$$

## Results

### Theorem [Hughes-Rudnick 2002]

$\mathcal{F}_N$  all primitive characters with prime conductor  $N$ .

If  $\text{supp}(\widehat{\phi}) \subset (-2, 2)$ , as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  agrees with Unitary.

### Theorem [Miller 2002]

$\mathcal{F}_N$  all primitive characters with conductor odd square-free integer in  $[N, 2N]$ .

If  $\text{supp}(\widehat{\phi}) < \subset (-2, 2)$ , as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  agrees with Unitary.

## Elliptic Curves

$$E : y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_4x + a_6, \quad a_i \in \mathbb{Q}$$

Often can write  $E : y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B$ .

Let  $N_p$  be the number of solns mod  $p$ :

$$N_p = \sum_{x(p)} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{x^3 + Ax + B}{p} \right) \right] = p + \sum_{x(p)} \left( \frac{x^3 + Ax + B}{p} \right)$$

Local data:  $a_E(p) = p - N_p$ .

More generally, let  $a_i = a_i(T) \in \mathbb{Z}[T]$ .

## Elliptic Curves (cont)

$$L(E, s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_E(n)}{n^s} = \prod_p L_p(E, s).$$

By GRH: All zeros on the critical line.

Rational solutions:  $E(\mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{Z}^r \oplus T$ .

**Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer Conjecture:**  
Geometric rank  $r$  equals analytic rank (order of vanishing at central point).

## Elliptic Curves

Conductors grow rapidly.

Results for small support, where Orthogonal densities indistinguishable.

Study 1 and 2-Level Densities.

$$D_{n,E}(\phi) = \sum_{\substack{j_1, \dots, j_n \\ \text{distinct}}} \phi_1\left(L_E \gamma_E^{(j_1)}\right) \cdots \phi_n\left(L_E \gamma_E^{(j_n)}\right)$$

$$D_{n,\mathcal{F}}(\phi) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}|} \sum_{E \in \mathcal{F}} D_{n,E}(\phi).$$

## 2-Level Densities

$$c(\mathcal{G}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \mathcal{G} = \text{SO(even)} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } \mathcal{G} = \text{O} \\ 1 & \text{if } \mathcal{G} = \text{SO(odd)} \end{cases}$$

For  $\mathcal{G} = \text{SO(even)}, \text{O}$  or  $\text{SO(odd)}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \int \widehat{\phi}_1(u_1) \widehat{\phi}_2(u_2) \widehat{W}_{2,\mathcal{G}}(u) du_1 du_2 \\ &= \left[ \widehat{\phi}_1(0) + \frac{1}{2}\phi_1(0) \right] \left[ \widehat{f}_2(0) + \frac{1}{2}\phi_2(0) \right] \\ &+ 2 \int |u| \widehat{\phi}_1(u) \widehat{\phi}_2(u) du \\ &- 2\widehat{\phi_1\phi_2}(0) - \phi_1(0)\phi_2(0) \\ &+ c(\mathcal{G})\phi_1(0)\phi_2(0). \end{aligned}$$

## Comments on Previous Results

- explicit formula relating zeros and Fourier coeffs;
- averaging formulas for the family;
- conductors easy to control (constant, monotone)

Elliptic curve  $E_t$ : discriminant  $\Delta(t)$ , conductor  $N_{E_t} = C(t)$  is

$$C(t) = \prod_{p|\Delta(t)} p^{f_p(t)}$$

**Conj:** Distribution of Low Zeros agrees with Orthogonal Densities.

## 1-Level Expansion

$$\begin{aligned}
D_{1,\mathcal{F}}(\phi) &= \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}|} \sum_{E \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_j \phi \left( \frac{\log N_E}{2\pi} \gamma_E^{(j)} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}|} \sum_{E \in \mathcal{F}} \widehat{\phi}(0) + \phi_i(0) \\
&\quad - \frac{2}{|\mathcal{F}|} \sum_{E \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_p \frac{\log p}{\log N_E p} \widehat{\phi} \left( \frac{\log p}{\log N_E} \right) a_E(p) \\
&\quad - \frac{2}{|\mathcal{F}|} \sum_{E \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_p \frac{\log p}{\log N_E p^2} \widehat{\phi} \left( 2 \frac{\log p}{\log N_E} \right) a_E^2(p) \\
&\quad + O \left( \frac{\log \log N_E}{\log N_E} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Want to move  $\frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}|} \sum_{E \in \mathcal{F}}$ , leads us to study

$$A_{r,\mathcal{F}}(p) = \sum_{t \bmod p} a_t^r(p), \quad r = 1 \text{ or } 2.$$

## 2-Level Expansion

Need to evaluate terms like

$$\frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}|} \sum_{E \in \mathcal{F}} \prod_{i=1}^2 \frac{1}{p_i^{r_i}} g_i \left( \frac{\log p_i}{\log N_E} \right) a_E^{r_i}(p_i).$$

Analogue of Petersson / Orthogonality:  
If  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  are distinct primes,

$$\sum_{t \bmod p_1 \cdots p_n} a_t^{r_1}(p_1) \cdots a_t^{r_n}(p_n) = A_{r_1, \mathcal{F}}(p_1) \cdots A_{r_n, \mathcal{F}}(p_n).$$

## Input

For many families

$$(1) : A_{1,\mathcal{F}}(p) = -rp + O(1)$$

$$(2) : A_{2,\mathcal{F}}(p) = p^2 + O(p^{3/2})$$

Rational Elliptic Surfaces (Rosen and Silverman): If rank  $r$  over  $\mathbb{Q}(T)$ :

$$\lim_{X \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{X} \sum_{p \leq X} -\frac{A_{1,\mathcal{F}}(p) \log p}{p} = r$$

Surfaces with  $j(T)$  non-constant (Michel):

$$A_{2,\mathcal{F}}(p) = p^2 + O\left(p^{3/2}\right).$$

## DEFINITIONS

$$D_{n,\mathcal{F}}(\phi) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}|} \sum_{E \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{\substack{j_1, \dots, j_n \\ j_i \neq \pm j_k}} \prod_i \phi_i \left( \frac{\log N_E}{2\pi} \gamma_E^{(j_i)} \right)$$

$D_{n,\mathcal{F}}^{(r)}(\phi)$ :  $n$ -level density with contribution of  $r$  zeros at central point removed.

$\mathcal{F}_N$ : Rational one-parameter family,  $t \in [N, 2N]$ , conductors monotone.

## ASSUMPTIONS

1-parameter family of Ell Curves, rank  $r$  over  $\mathbb{Q}(T)$ , rational surface.

### Assume

- GRH;
- $j(T)$  non-constant;
- Sq-Free Sieve if  $\Delta(T)$  has irr poly factor of  $\deg \geq 4$ .

Pass to positive percent sub-seq where conductors polynomial of degree  $m$ .

$\phi_i$  even Schwartz, support  $(-\sigma_i, \sigma_i)$ :

- $\sigma_1 < \min\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3m}\right)$  for 1-level
- $\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 < \frac{1}{3m}$  for 2-level.

## MAIN RESULT

**Theorem (M–):** Under previous conditions,  
as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $n = 1, 2$ :

$$D_{n,\mathcal{F}_N}^{(r)}(\phi) \longrightarrow \int \phi(x) W_{\mathcal{G}}(x) dx,$$

where

$$\mathcal{G} = \begin{cases} O & \text{if half odd} \\ SO(\text{even}) & \text{if all even} \\ SO(\text{odd}) & \text{if all odd} \end{cases}$$

**1 and 2-level densities confirm Katz-Sarnak,  
B-SD predictions for small support.**

## Excess Rank

One-parameter family, rank  $r$  over  $\mathbb{Q}(T)$ , RMT  
 $\implies 50\%$  rank  $r, r+1$ .

For many families, observe

Percent with rank  $r = 32\%$   
Percent with rank  $r+1 = 48\%$   
Percent with rank  $r+2 = 18\%$   
Percent with rank  $r+3 = 2\%$

Problem: small data sets, sub-families, convergence rate  $\log(\text{conductor})$ ?

## Data on Excess Rank

$$y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_4x + a_6$$

Family:  $a_1 : 0$  to 10, rest  $-10$  to 10.

Percent with rank 0 = 28.60%

Percent with rank 1 = 47.56%

Percent with rank 2 = 20.97%

Percent with rank 3 = 2.79%

Percent with rank 4 = .08%

14 Hours, 2,139,291 curves  
(2,971 singular, 248,478 distinct).

## Data on Excess Rank

$$y^2 + y = x^3 + Tx$$

Each data set 2000 curves from start.

<u>t-Start</u>	<u>Rk 0</u>	<u>Rk 1</u>	<u>Rk 2</u>	<u>Rk 3</u>	<u>Time (hrs)</u>
-1000	39.4	47.8	12.3	0.6	<1
1000	38.4	47.3	13.6	0.6	<1
4000	37.4	47.8	13.7	1.1	1
8000	37.3	48.8	12.9	1.0	2.5
24000	35.1	50.1	13.9	0.8	6.8
50000	36.7	48.3	13.8	1.2	51.8

Last set has conductors of size  $10^{11}$ , but on logarithmic scale still small.

## Excess Rank Calculations

### Families with $y^2 = f_t(x)$ ; $D(t)$ SqFree

<u>Family</u>	<u><math>t</math></u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u><math>t</math></u>	<u><math>r</math></u>	<u><math>r</math></u>	<u><math>r + 1</math></u>	<u><math>r + 2</math></u>	<u><math>r + 3</math></u>
$+4(4t + 2)$		[2, 2002]	1622	0		95.44			4.56
$-4(4t + 2)$		[2, 2002]	1622	0	70.53			29.35	
$9t + 1$		[2, 247]	169	0	71.01			28.99	
$t^2 + 9t + 1$		[2, 272]	169	1	71.60			27.81	
$t(t - 1)$		[2, 2002]	643	0	40.44	48.68	10.26	0.62	
$(6t + 1)x^2$		[2, 101]	93	1	34.41	47.31	17.20	1.08	
$(6t + 1)x$		[2, 77]	66	2	30.30	50.00	16.67	3.03	

1.  $x^3 + 4(4t + 2)x$ ,  $4t + 2$  Sq-Free, odd.
2.  $x^3 - 4(4t + 2)x$ ,  $4t + 2$  Sq-Free, even.
3.  $x^3 + 2^4(-3)^3(9t + 1)^2$ ,  $9t + 1$  Sq-Free, even.
4.  $x^3 + tx^2 - (t + 3)x + 1$ ,  $t^2 + 3t + 9$  Sq-Free, odd.
5.  $x^3 + (t + 1)x^2 + tx$ ,  $t(t - 1)$  Sq-Free, rank 0.
6.  $x^3 + (6t + 1)x^2 + 1$ ,  $4(6t + 1)^3 + 27$  Sq-Free, rank 1.
7.  $x^3 - (6t + 1)^2x + (6t + 1)^2$ ,  $(6t + 1)[4(6t + 1)^2 - 27]$  Sq-Free, rank 2.

## Excess Rank Calculations

### Families with $y^2 = f_t(x)$ ; All $D(t)$

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$+4(4t + 2)$	[2, 2002]	2001	0	6.45	85.76	3.95	3.85	
$-4(4t + 2)$	[2, 2002]	2001	0	63.52	9.90	25.99	.50	
$9t + 1$	[2, 247]	247	0	55.28	23.98	20.73		
$t^2 + 9t + 1$	[2, 272]	271	1	73.80		25.83		
$t(t - 1)$	[2, 2002]	2001	0	42.03	48.43	9.25	0.30	
$(6t + 1)x^2$	[2, 101]	100	1	32.00	50.00	17.00	1.00	
$(6t + 1)x$	[2, 77]	76	2	32.89	50.00	14.47	2.63	

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RMT:  $2N$  eigenvalues, in pairs  $e^{\pm i\theta_j}$ , probability measure on  $[0, \pi]^N$ :

$$d\epsilon_0(\theta) \propto \prod_{j < k} (\cos \theta_k - \cos \theta_j)^2 \prod_j d\theta_j$$

Model: forced zeros independent (suggested by Function Field analogue)

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## Interaction Model: NOT SUGGESTED BY FUNCTION FIELD

Sub-ensemble of  $SO(2N)$  with the last  $2n$  of the  $2N$  eigenvalues equal  $+1$ :

$$d\varepsilon_{2n}(\theta) \propto \prod_{j < k} (\cos \theta_k - \cos \theta_j)^2 \prod_j (1 - \cos \theta_j)^{2n} \prod_j d\theta_j,$$

with  $1 \leq j, k \leq N - n$ .

## Independent Model: SUGGESTED BY FUNCTION FIELD

$$\mathcal{A}_{2N,2n} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} g & \\ & I_{2n} \end{pmatrix} : g \in SO(2N - 2n) \right\}$$

# Random Matrix Models and One-Level Densities

Fourier transform of 1-level density:

$$\hat{\rho}_0(u) = \delta(u) + \frac{1}{2}\eta(u).$$

Fourier transform of 1-level density  
(Rank 2, Independent):

$$\hat{\rho}_{2,\text{Ind}}(u) = \left[ \delta(u) + \frac{1}{2}\eta(u) + 2 \right].$$

Fourier transform of 1-level density  
(Rank 2, Interaction):

$$\hat{\rho}_{2,\text{Int}}(u) = \left[ \delta(u) + \frac{1}{2}\eta(u) + 2 \right] + 2(|u|-1)\eta(u).$$

## Testing RMT Model

For small support, 1-level densities for Elliptic Curves agree with  $\rho_{r,\text{Indep}}$ .

Curve  $E$ , conductor  $N_E$ , expect first zero  $\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma_E^{(1)}$  with  $\gamma_E^{(1)} \approx \frac{1}{\log N_E}$ .

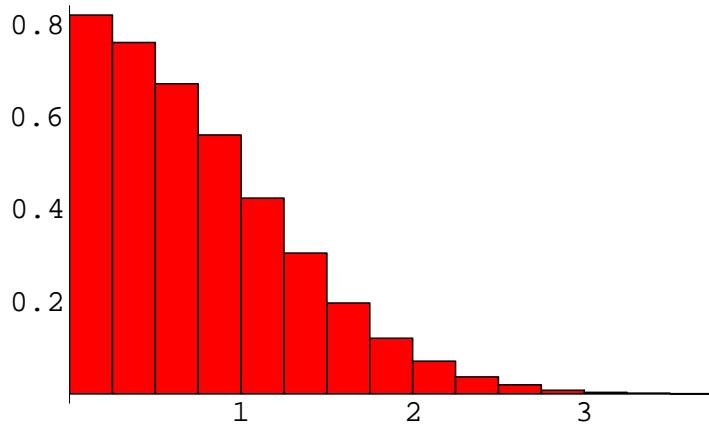
If  $r$  zeros at central point, if repulsion of zeros is of size  $\frac{c_r}{\log N_E}$ , might detect in 1-level density:

$$\frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}_N|} \sum_{E \in \mathcal{F}_N} \sum_j \phi\left(\frac{\gamma_E^{(j)} \log N_E}{2\pi}\right).$$

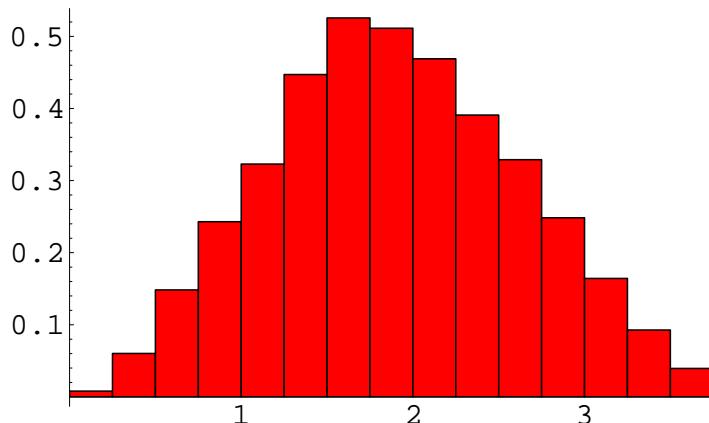
Corrections of size

$$\phi(x_0 + c_r) - \phi(x_0) \approx \phi'(x(x_0, c_r)) \cdot c_r.$$

## Theoretical Distribution of First Normalized Zero

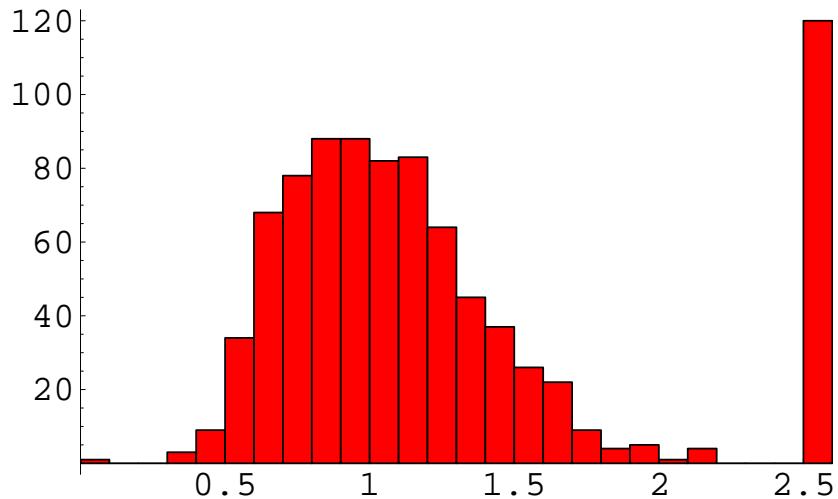


First normalized eigenvalue: 230,400 from  $\text{SO}(6)$  with Haar Measure

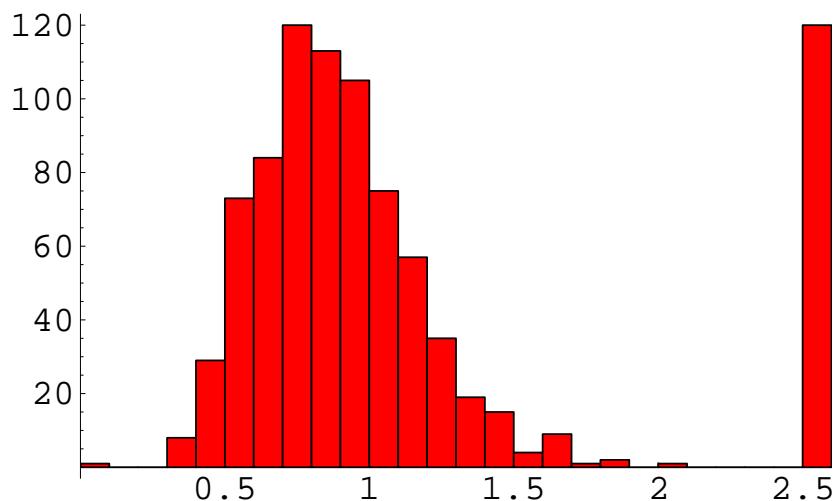


First normalized eigenvalue: 322,560 from  $\text{SO}(7)$  with Haar Measure

## Rank 0 Curves: 1st Normalized Zero (Far left and right bins just for formatting)

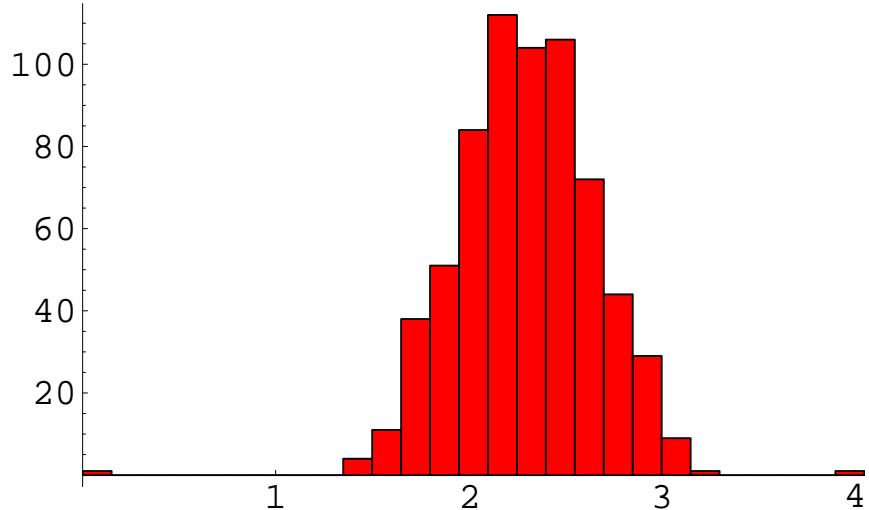


750 curves,  $\log(\text{cond}) \in [3.2, 12.6]$ ; mean = 1.04

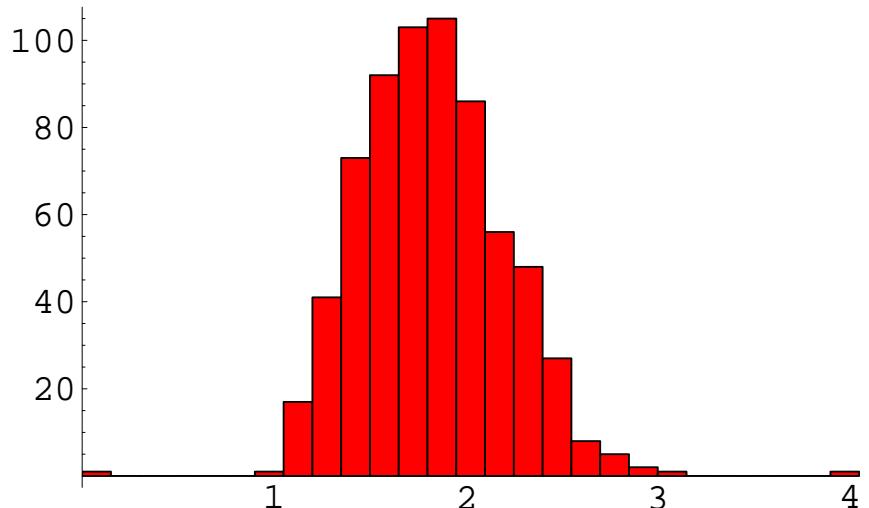


750 curves,  $\log(\text{cond}) \in [12.6, 14.9]$ ; mean = .88

## Rank 2 Curves: 1st Normalized Zero

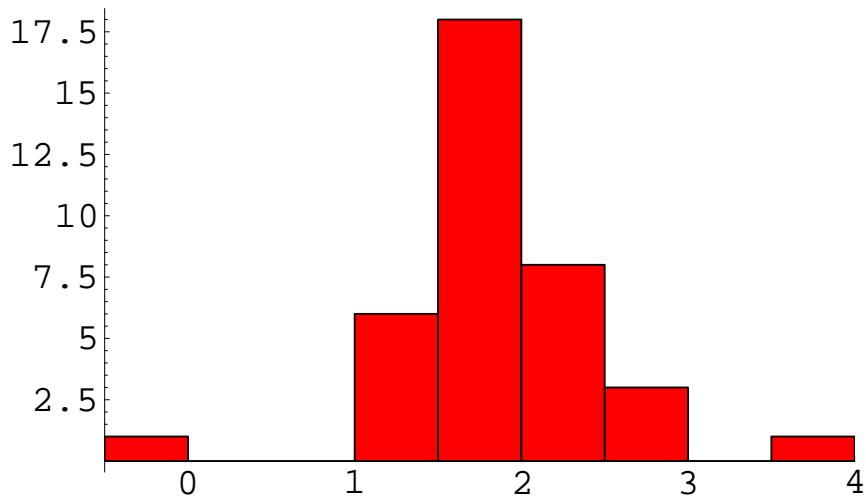


665 curves,  $\log(\text{cond}) \in [10, 10.3125]$ ; mean = 2.30

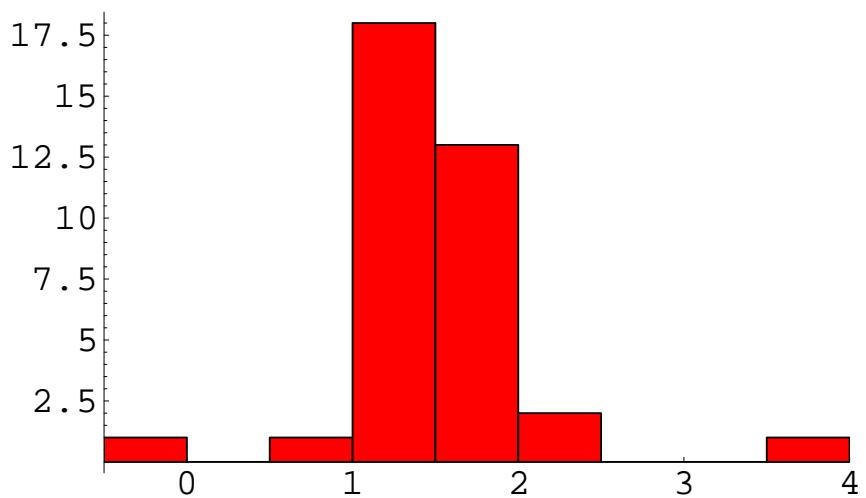


665 curves,  $\log(\text{cond}) \in [16, 16.5]$ ; mean = 1.82

## Rank 2 Curves: $[0, 0, 0, -t^2, t^2]$ 1st Normalized Zero



35 curves,  $\log(\text{cond}) \in [7.8, 16.1]$ ; mean = 2.24



34 curves,  $\log(\text{cond}) \in [16.2, 23.3]$ ; mean = 2.00

## Summary

- Similar behavior in different systems.
- Find correct scale.
- Average over similar elements.
- Need an Explicit Formula.
- Different statistics tell different stories.
- Evidence for B-SD, RMT interpretation of zeros
- Need more data.

## **Appendix**

Below are some additional details / topics of interest.

## Appendix One: Dirichlet Characters

Below is a sketch of the calculation for square-free conductors (and not just prime conductors).

## Dirichlet Characters: $m$ Square-free

Fix an  $r$  and let  $m_1, \dots, m_r$  be distinct odd primes.

$$\begin{aligned} m &= m_1 m_2 \cdots m_r \\ M_1 &= (m_1 - 1)(m_2 - 1) \cdots (m_r - 1) = \phi(m) \\ M_2 &= (m_1 - 2)(m_2 - 2) \cdots (m_r - 2). \end{aligned}$$

$M_2$  is the number of primitive characters mod  $m$ , each of conductor  $m$ .

A general primitive character mod  $m$  is given by  
 $\chi(u) = \chi_{l_1}(u)\chi_{l_2}(u) \cdots \chi_{l_r}(u)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{\chi : \chi = \chi_{l_1}\chi_{l_2} \cdots \chi_{l_r}\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{M_2} \sum_p \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi}\left(\frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)}\right) p^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{\chi \in \mathcal{F}} [\chi(p) + \bar{\chi}(p)] \\ &\frac{1}{M_2} \sum_p \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \widehat{\phi}\left(2\frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)}\right) p^{-1} \sum_{\chi \in \mathcal{F}} [\chi^2(p) + \bar{\chi}^2(p)] \end{aligned}$$

## Characters Sums:

$$\sum_{l_i=1}^{m_i-2} \chi_{l_i}(p) = \begin{cases} m_i - 1 - 1 & p \equiv 1(m_i) \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Define

$$\delta_{m_i}(p, 1) = \begin{cases} 1 & p \equiv 1(m_i) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\chi \in \mathcal{F}} \chi(p) &= \sum_{l_1=1}^{m_1-2} \cdots \sum_{l_r=1}^{m_r-2} \chi_{l_1}(p) \cdots \chi_{l_r}(p) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^r \sum_{l_i=1}^{m_i-2} \chi_{l_i}(p) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^r \left( -1 + (m_i - 1)\delta_{m_i}(p, 1) \right). \end{aligned}$$

## Expansion Preliminaries:

$k(s)$  is an  $s$ -tuple  $(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_s)$  with  $k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_s$ .

This is just a subset of  $(1, 2, \dots, r)$ ,  $2^r$  possible choices for  $k(s)$ .

$$\delta_{k(s)}(p, 1) = \prod_{i=1}^s \delta_{m_{k_i}}(p, 1).$$

If  $s = 0$  we define  $\delta_{k(0)}(p, 1) = 1 \forall p$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{i=1}^r \left( -1 + (m_i - 1)\delta_{m_i}(p, 1) \right) \\ &= \sum_{s=0}^r \sum_{k(s)} (-1)^{r-s} \delta_{k(s)}(p, 1) \prod_{i=1}^s (m_{k_i} - 1) \end{aligned}$$

## First Sum:

$$\ll \sum_p^{m^\sigma} p^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{M_2} \left( 1 + \sum_{s=1}^r \sum_{k(s)} \delta_{k(s)}(p, 1) \prod_{i=1}^s (m_{k_i} - 1) \right).$$

As  $m/M_2 \leq 3^r$ ,  $s = 0$  sum contributes

$$S_{1,0} = \frac{1}{M_2} \sum_p^{m^\sigma} p^{-\frac{1}{2}} \ll 3^r m^{\frac{1}{2}\sigma-1},$$

hence negligible for  $\sigma < 2$ . Now we study

$$\begin{aligned} S_{1,k(s)} &= \frac{1}{M_2} \prod_{i=1}^s (m_{k_i} - 1) \sum_p^{m^\sigma} p^{-\frac{1}{2}} \delta_{k(s)}(p, 1) \\ &\ll \frac{1}{M_2} \prod_{i=1}^s (m_{k_i} - 1) \sum_{n \equiv 1(m_{k(s)})}^{m^\sigma} n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\ll \frac{1}{M_2} \prod_{i=1}^s (m_{k_i} - 1) \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^s (m_{k_i})} \sum_n^{m^\sigma} n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\ll 3^r m^{\frac{1}{2}\sigma-1}. \end{aligned}$$

## First Sum (cont):

There are  $2^r$  choices, yielding

$$S_1 \ll 6^r m^{\frac{1}{2}\sigma-1},$$

which is negligible as  $m$  goes to infinity for fixed  $r$  if  $\sigma < 2$ .

Cannot let  $r$  go to infinity.

If  $m$  is the product of the first  $r$  primes,

$$\begin{aligned} \log m &= \sum_{k=1}^r \log p_k \\ &= \sum_{p \leq r} \log p \approx r \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$6^r \approx m^{\log 6} \approx m^{1.79}.$$

## Second Sum Expansions:

$$\sum_{l_i=1}^{m_i-2} \chi_{l_i}^2(p) = \begin{cases} m_i - 1 - 1 & p \equiv \pm 1(m_i) \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{\chi \in \mathcal{F}} \chi^2(p) \\
&= \sum_{l_1=1}^{m_1-2} \cdots \sum_{l_r=1}^{m_r-2} \chi_{l_1}^2(p) \cdots \chi_{l_r}^2(p) \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^r \sum_{l_i=1}^{m_i-2} \chi_{l_i}^2(p) \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^r \left( -1 + (m_i - 1)\delta_{m_i}(p, 1) + (m_i - 1)\delta_{m_i}(p, -1) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

## Second Sum Bounds:

Handle similarly as before. Say

$$\begin{aligned} p &\equiv 1 \pmod{m_{k_1}, \dots, m_{k_a}} \\ p &\equiv -1 \pmod{m_{k_a+1}, \dots, m_{k_b}} \end{aligned}$$

How small can  $p$  be?

+1 congruences imply  $p \geq m_{k_1} \cdots m_{k_a} + 1$ .

-1 congruences imply  $p \geq m_{k_{a+1}} \cdots m_{k_b} - 1$ .

Since the product of these two lower bounds is greater than  $\prod_{i=1}^b (m_{k_i} - 1)$ , at least one must be greater than  $\left( \prod_{i=1}^b (m_{k_i} - 1) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

There are  $3^r$  pairs, yielding

$$\text{Second Sum} = \sum_{s=0}^r \sum_{k(s)} \sum_{j(s)} S_{2,k(s),j(s)} \ll 9^r m^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

## Summary:

Agrees with Unitary for  $\sigma < 2$ .

We proved:

### Lemma:

- $m$  square-free odd integer with  $r = r(m)$  factors;
- $m = \prod_{i=1}^r m_i$ ;
- $M_2 = \prod_{i=1}^r (m_i - 2)$ .

Consider the family  $\mathcal{F}_m$  of primitive characters mod  $m$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\text{First Sum} &\ll \frac{1}{M_2} 2^r m^{\frac{1}{2}\sigma} \\ \text{Second Sum} &\ll \frac{1}{M_2} 3^r m^{\frac{1}{2}}.\end{aligned}$$

## Dirichlet Characters: $m \in [N, 2N]$ Square-free

$\mathcal{F}_N$  all primitive characters with conductor odd square-free integer in  $[N, 2N]$ .

At least  $N/\log^2 N$  primes in the interval.

At least  $N \cdot \frac{N}{\log^2 N} = N^2 \log^{-2} N$  primitive characters:

$$M \geq N^2 \log^{-2} N \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{M} \leq \frac{\log^2 N}{N^2}.$$

## Bounds

$$S_{1,m} \ll \frac{1}{M} 2^{r(m)} m^{\frac{1}{2}\sigma}$$

$$S_{2,m} \ll \frac{1}{M} 3^{r(m)} m^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

$2^{r(m)}$  =  $\tau(m)$ , the number of divisors of  $m$ , and  
 $3^{r(m)} \leq \tau^2(m)$ .

While it is possible to prove

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \tau^l(n) \ll x (\log x)^{2^l - 1}$$

the crude bound

$$\tau(n) \leq c(\epsilon) n^\epsilon$$

yields the same region of convergence.

## First Sum Bound

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= \sum_{\substack{m=N \\ m \text{ squarefree}}}^{2N} S_{1,m} \\ &\ll \sum_{m=N}^{2N} \frac{1}{M} 2^{r(m)} m^{\frac{1}{2}\sigma} \\ &\ll \frac{1}{M} N^{\frac{1}{2}\sigma} \sum_{m=N}^{2N} \tau(m) \\ &\ll \frac{1}{M} N^{\frac{1}{2}\sigma} c(\epsilon) N^{1+\epsilon} \\ &\ll \frac{\log^2 N}{N^2} N^{\frac{1}{2}\sigma} c(\epsilon) N^{1+\epsilon} \\ &\ll c(\epsilon) N^{\frac{1}{2}\sigma + \epsilon - 1} \log^2 N. \end{aligned}$$

No contribution if  $\sigma < 2$ .

Second sum handled similarly.

## Appendix Two: Sketch of Proof for Elliptic Curve Families

We give a quick sketch of the main ingredients. The greatest difficulty is the oscillatory behavior of the conductors. Localizing them to  $\log N^r + O(1)$  is too crude – the  $O(1)$  factor is enough to ruin the results.

# Sieving

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{t=N \\ D(t) \text{sqfree}}}^{2N} S(t) &= \sum_{d=1}^{N^{k/2}} \mu(d) \sum_{\substack{D(t) \equiv 0(d^2) \\ t \in [N, 2N]}} S(t) \\ &= \sum_{d=1}^{\log^l N} \mu(d) \sum_{\substack{D(t) \equiv 0(d^2) \\ t \in [N, 2N]}} S(t) + \sum_{d \geq \log^l N} \mu(d) \sum_{\substack{D(t) \equiv 0(d^2) \\ t \in [N, 2N]}} S(t). \end{aligned}$$

Handle first by progressions.

Handle second by Cauchy-Schwartz:

The number of  $t$  in the second sum (by Sq-Free Sieve Conj) is  $o(N)$ :

## Sieving (cont)

$$\sum_{d=1}^{\log^l N} \mu(d) \sum_{\substack{D(t) \equiv 0(d^2) \\ t \in [N, 2N]}} S(t)$$

$t_i(d)$  roots of  $D(t) \equiv 0 \pmod{d^2}$ .

$$t_i(d), t_i(d) + d^2, \dots, t_i(d) + \left[ \frac{N}{d^2} \right] d^2.$$

If  $(d, p_1 p_2) = 1$ , go through complete set of residue classes  $\frac{N/d^2}{p_1 p_2}$  times.

## Partial Summation

$\tilde{a}_{d,i,p}(t') = a_{t(d,i,t')}(p)$ ,  $G_{d,i,P}(u)$  is related to the test functions,  $d$  and  $i$  from progressions.

Applying Partial Summation

$$\begin{aligned} S(d, i, r, p) &= \sum_{t'=0}^{[N/d^2]} \tilde{a}_{d,i,p}^r(t') G_{d,i,p}(t') \\ &= \left( \frac{[N/d^2]}{p} A_{r,\mathcal{F}}(p) + O(p^R) \right) G_{d,i,p}([N/d^2]) \\ &\quad - \sum_{u=0}^{[N/d^2]-1} \left( \frac{u}{p} A_{r,\mathcal{F}}(p) + O(p^R) \right) \left( G_{d,i,p}(u) - G_{d,i,p}(u+1) \right) \end{aligned}$$

## Difficult Piece: Fourth Sum I

$$\sum_{u=0}^{[N/d^2]-1} O(P^R) \left( G_{d,i,P}(u) - G_{d,i,P}(u+1) \right)$$

Taylor  $G_{d,i,P}(u) - G_{d,i,P}(u+1)$  gives  $P^R \frac{N}{d^2} \frac{1}{P^r \log N}$ .

$$\frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}|} \sum_{i,d} \text{gives } O\left(\frac{P^R}{P^r \log N}\right).$$

Problem is in summing over the primes, as we no longer have  $\frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}|}$ .

## Fourth Sum: II

If exactly one of the  $r_j$ 's is non-zero, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{u=0}^{[N/d^2]-1} \left| G_{d,i,P}(u) - G_{d,i,P}(u+1) \right| \\ &= \sum_{u=0}^{[N/d^2]-1} \left| g\left(\frac{\log p}{\log C(t_i(d) + ud^2)}\right) - g\left(\frac{\log p}{\log C(t_i(d) + (u+1)d^2)}\right) \right| \end{aligned}$$

If conductors monotone, for fixed  $i, d$  and  $p$ , small independent of  $N$  (bounded variation).

If two of the  $r_j$ 's are non-zero:

$$\begin{aligned} |a_1a_2 - b_1b_2| &= |a_1a_2 - b_1a_2 + b_1a_2 - b_1b_2| \\ &\leq |a_1a_2 - b_1a_2| + |b_1a_2 - b_1b_2| \\ &= |a_2| \cdot |a_1 - b_1| + |b_1| \cdot |a_2 - b_2| \end{aligned}$$

## Handling the Conductors: I

$$y^2 + a_1(t)xy + a_3(t)y = x^3 + a_2(t)x^2 + a_4(t)x + a_6(t)$$

$$C(t) = \prod_{p|\Delta(t)} p^{f_p(t)}$$

$D_1(t)$  = primitive irred poly factors  $\Delta(t), c_4(t)$  share

$D_2(t)$  = remaining primitive irred poly factors of  $\Delta(t)$

$$D(t) = D_1(t)D_2(t)$$

$D(t)$  sq-free,  $C(t)$  like  $D_1^2(t)D_2(t)$  except for a finite set of bad primes.

## Handling the Conductors: II

$$y^2 + a_1(t)xy + a_3(t)y = x^3 + a_2(t)x^2 + a_4(t)x + a_6(t)$$

Let  $P$  be the product of the bad primes.

Tate's Algorithm gives  $f_p(t)$ , depend only on  $a_i(t) \pmod{p}$ .

Apply Tate's Algorithm to  $E_{t_1}$ . Get  $f_p(t_1)$  for  $p|P$ . For  $m$  large,  $p|P$ ,

$$f_p(\tau) = f_p(P^m t + t_1) = f_p(t_1),$$

and order of  $p$  dividing  $D(P^m t + t_1)$  is independent of  $t$ .

Get integers st  $C(\tau) = c_{bad} \frac{D_1^2(\tau)}{c_1} \frac{D_2(\tau)}{c_2}$ ,  $D(\tau)$  sq-free.

## Appendix III: Numerically Approximating Ranks

We give a quick sketch of how to compute values of  $L$ -functions at the central point. If the conductor is of size  $N_E$ , approximately  $\sqrt{N_E} \log N_E$  Fourier coefficients  $a_E(p)$  are needed.

# Numerically Approximating Ranks: Preliminaries

Cusp form  $f$ , level  $N$ , weight 2:

$$\begin{aligned} f(-1/Nz) &= -\epsilon Nz^2 f(z) \\ f(i/y\sqrt{N}) &= \epsilon y^2 f(iy/\sqrt{N}). \end{aligned}$$

Define

$$\begin{aligned} L(f, s) &= (2\pi)^s \Gamma(s)^{-1} \int_0^{i\infty} (-iz)^s f(z) \frac{dz}{z} \\ \Lambda(f, s) &= (2\pi)^{-s} N^{s/2} \Gamma(s) L(f, s) = \int_0^\infty f(iy/\sqrt{N}) y^{s-1} dy. \end{aligned}$$

Get

$$\Lambda(f, s) = \epsilon \Lambda(f, 2-s), \quad \epsilon = \pm 1.$$

To each  $E$  corresponds an  $f$ , write  $\int_0^\infty = \int_0^1 + \int_1^\infty$  and use transformations.

## Algorithm for $L^r(s, E)$ : I

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Lambda(E, s) &= \int_0^\infty f(iy/\sqrt{N})y^{s-1}dy \\
 &= \int_0^1 f(iy/\sqrt{N})y^{s-1}dy + \int_1^\infty f(iy/\sqrt{N})y^{s-1}dy \\
 &= \int_1^\infty f(iy/\sqrt{N})(y^{s-1} + \epsilon(-1)^k y^{1-s})dy.
 \end{aligned}$$

Differentiate k times with respect to s:

$$\Lambda^{(k)}(E, s) = \int_1^\infty f(iy/\sqrt{N})(\log y)^k(y^{s-1} + \epsilon(-1)^k y^{1-s})dy.$$

At  $s = 1$ ,

$$\Lambda^{(k)}(E, 1) = (1 + \epsilon(-1)^k) \int_1^\infty f(iy/\sqrt{N})(\log y)^k dy.$$

Trivially zero for half of  $k$ ; let  $r$  be analytic rank.

## Algorithm for $L^r(s, E)$ : II

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda^{(r)}(E, 1) &= 2 \int_1^\infty f(iy/\sqrt{N})(\log y)^r dy \\ &= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \int_1^\infty e^{-2\pi ny/\sqrt{N}} (\log y)^r dy.\end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts

$$\Lambda^{(r)}(E, 1) = \frac{\sqrt{N}}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n} \int_1^\infty e^{-2\pi ny/\sqrt{N}} (\log y)^{r-1} \frac{dy}{y}.$$

We obtain

$$L^{(r)}(E, 1) = 2r! \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n} G_r \left( \frac{2\pi n}{\sqrt{N}} \right),$$

where

$$G_r(x) = \frac{1}{(r-1)!} \int_1^\infty e^{-xy} (\log y)^{r-1} \frac{dy}{y}.$$

## Expansion of $G_r(x)$

$$G_r(x) = P_r \left( \log \frac{1}{x} \right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-r}}{n^r \cdot n!} x^n$$

$P_r(t)$  is a polynomial of degree  $r$ ,  $P_r(t) = Q_r(t - \gamma)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1(t) &= t; \\ Q_2(t) &= \frac{1}{2}t^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{12}; \\ Q_3(t) &= \frac{1}{6}t^3 + \frac{\pi^2}{12}t - \frac{\zeta(3)}{3}; \\ Q_4(t) &= \frac{1}{24}t^4 + \frac{\pi^2}{24}t^2 - \frac{\zeta(3)}{3}t + \frac{\pi^4}{160}; \\ Q_5(t) &= \frac{1}{120}t^5 + \frac{\pi^2}{72}t^3 - \frac{\zeta(3)}{6}t^2 + \frac{\pi^4}{160}t - \frac{\zeta(5)}{5} - \frac{\zeta(3)\pi^2}{36}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $r = 0$ ,

$$\Lambda(E, 1) = \frac{\sqrt{N}}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n} e^{-2\pi ny/\sqrt{N}}.$$

Need about  $\sqrt{N}$  or  $\sqrt{N} \log N$  terms.

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