Bulk and Blip Distributions of Various Random Matrix Ensembles Under Anticommutator Operator

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Why care about Large Random Matrices

Figure of two particles before collision

Population evolution of a predator-prey population

Complex plot of an L-function

Random Matrix Ensenbles: the GOE

Definition (Gaussian Orthogonal Ensemble)

The GOE X_N is constructed by assigning a random variable a_{ij} to each entry of a square matrix by the following rules:

$$
\begin{cases} a_{ij} = a_{ji} \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1) & i \neq j \\ a_{ii} \sim \mathcal{N}(0,2) \end{cases}.
$$

$$
X_N = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1N} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{N1} & a_{N2} & \cdots & a_{NN} \end{pmatrix}
$$

For any instance A_N^1 of X_N , $A_N = A_N^{\top}$, so eigenvalues of A_N are purely real.

 A_N is a fixed matrix w/o randomness

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Deriving Spectral distributions

Definition (Spectral Measure of Eigenvalues)

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

where $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^N$ are the eigenvalues of X_N . Size of eigenvalues are typically where {.

Moments of the distribution

Lemma (Computing Moments by Trace)

Let $M_{N,k}$ be the k^{th} moment of the spectral distribution $\nu_{A_N,N}$. The moment can be computed by the trace of A_N . i.e.

$$
M_{N,k}(A_N) = \frac{\lambda_1^k + \dots + \lambda_N^k}{N^{\frac{k}{2}+1}} = \frac{\text{Tr}(A_N^k)}{N^{\frac{k}{2}+1}}.
$$

Remark

The power of N on the numerator depends on the normalization adopted for the definition of spectral density.

Matrix to RMT Ensembles

Corollary

For a random matrix ensemble X_N , the moment of the spectral density can be computed by the expected trace:

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Definition (Limiting Spectral Density of a RMT Ensemble)

The LSD is defined as the spectral density of the RMT ensenble as N approaches infinity. Also, we define the moment of the LSM as follows.

$$
\nu_X(x) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \nu_{X_N, N}(x).
$$

LSD's are well-defined for most matrix ensembles.

A Useful Tool

Lemma (Wick's Formula)

Let (x_1, \ldots, x_n) be a real Gaussian random vector, and $\mathcal{P}_2(k)$ be the set of all pairings of $[k]$. Then

$$
\mathbb{E}(x_{i_1}\cdots x_{i_k})=\sum_{\pi\in\mathcal{P}_2(k)}\mathbb{E}_{\pi}(x_{i_1},\ldots,x_{i_k})\quad \text{for any }i_1,\ldots,i_k\in[n],
$$

where \mathbb{E}_{π} is the paired expectation, i.e.

$$
\mathbb{E}_{(12)(34)}[x_1x_2x_3x_4] = \mathbb{E}[x_1x_2]\mathbb{E}[x_3x_4].
$$

Experimental Spectral Density: $N = 1000$

 $2/2\pi \approx 0.318$

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LSD of GOE: Semicircular Law

Theorem (Semicircular Law)

Let $\{X_N\}_{N=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of $N \times N$ GOE random matrices with spectral measure $\{\nu_{X_N,N}\}_{N=1}^{\infty}$. Then, $\{\nu_{X_N,N}\}_{N=1}^{\infty}$ converges weakly almost surely to semicircle distribution

$$
\lim_{N\to\infty}\nu_{X_N,N} = \sigma,
$$

where $\sigma := \frac{1}{2\pi}$ √ $4-t^2$, in the sense that

$$
\lim_{N \to \infty} \mathbb{P} \left(|M_{N,k}(X_N) - M_k(\sigma)| > \epsilon \right) = 0.
$$

Proof Sketch of the semicircle law

Lemma (Moments of GOE)

$$
M_k(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-2}^2 t^k \sqrt{4-t^2} dt = \begin{cases} C_{k/2} & (k=0 \mod 2) \\ 0 & (k=1 \mod 2) \end{cases}
$$

where C_k is the k^{th} Catalan number.

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Definition

Consider the Anticommutator product, namely

$$
\{A, B\} := AB + BA.
$$

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Anticommutator of two RMT Ensenbles

O GOE;

- ² Palindromic Toeplitz;
- \bullet k-checkerboard.

Spectral Density of the Anticommutator

Definition (Spectral Density of the Anticommutator)

$$
\mu_N(x) := \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \delta \left(x - \frac{\lambda}{N} \right).
$$

Theorem (Moments of Spectral Density)

$$
M_{N,k}(X_N Z_N + Z_N X_N) = \mathbb{E}\left[\text{Tr}\left(\left[\frac{1}{N}(X_N Z_N + Z_N X_N)\right]^k\right)\right].
$$

Definition of PTE

Definition (Palindromic Toeplitz)

An $N \times N$ real symmetric palindromic Toeplitz matrix (where N is assumed to be even for simplicity) is a matrix A_N whose entries are paramatrized by $b_0, b_1, \ldots, b_{N/2-1}$, where the b_i 's are i.i.d. random variables with mean 0 and variance 1:

$$
a_{ij} = \begin{cases} b_{|i-j|}, & \text{if } 0 \le |i-j| \le \frac{N}{2} - 1\\ b_{N-1-|i-j|}, & \text{if } \frac{N}{2} \le |i-j| \le N - 1. \end{cases}
$$

This matrix is in the form

$$
\begin{pmatrix} b_0 & b_1 & \cdots & b_1 & b_0 \ b_1 & b_0 & \cdots & b_2 & b_1 \ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \ b_1 & b_2 & \cdots & b_0 & b_1 \ b_0 & b_1 & \cdots & b_1 & b_0 \end{pmatrix}.
$$

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Remark (Kologlu, Kopp, Miller 2011)

The structure of the PTE creates Diophantine Obstructions which make certain terms of the expected trace vanish in the $N \to \infty$. In particular, terms that have a Crossing Pairing vanish.

Moments of {GOE, PT}

Question

Can we compute the moments of the Spectral distribution of the anticommutator of two ensembles GOE, PT ?

Figure: Moments of ${GOE, PTE}$

Computing Normalized Spectral Density

Remark

Foiling trace expansion and invoking Wick's formula, we verify that GOE's have crossings do not contribute to the moments as $N \to \infty$.

Example

$$
N^3\mu(2) = \mathbb{E}[\text{Tr}(XZXZ)] + \mathbb{E}[\text{Tr}(XZZX)] + \mathbb{E}[\text{Tr}(ZXXZ)] + \mathbb{E}[\text{Tr}(ZXZX)]
$$

$$
= 2(\mathbb{E}[\text{Tr}(XXZZ)] + \mathbb{E}[\text{Tr}(XZXZ)]).
$$

The following computations give motivation for the following definitions.

Special Words

Definition (Special Words)

A special word of length $2k$ is composed of k blocks of $\{XX, ZX, XZ\}$. The characteristic of a special word w, $\chi(w)$, is the number XX blocks.

Example

When $k = 3$,

XX ZX XZ

has length 6, characteristic 1.

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Set of Special Words

Definition (Set of Special Words)

 $H_{n,k}$ is the set of special words of length $2n$, characteristic k.

Example

For $n = 2$ and $k = 1$:

 $H_{2,1} = \{XX ZX, XXX XZ, ZX XX, XZ XX\}.$

Valid Pairings

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Remark (Motivation for Validness)

Assuming x, z are independent r.v. with mean zero, then

$$
\mathbb{E}[xz] = 0.
$$

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Non-Crossing Pairings

Definition (Non-Crossing Pairings)

A non-crossing pairing is a valid pairing where for any two pairs $\{i, k\}$ and $\{i, l\}$, it is not the case that $i < i < k < l$.

Example

For the word $XXZZ$, the pairing $(12)(34)$ is non-crossing, while the pairing $(13)(24)$ is crossing because $1 < 2 < 3 < 4$.

The crossing pairs vanish due to Diophantine Obstructions. AISC, UNC Greensboro, October 12, 2024

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Pairing Number

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 $\nu_{n,k}$ is the number of valid, non-crossing pairings for all words in $H_{n,k}$, i.e.

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Definition (Auxiliary Sequence)

Define

$$
\sigma_{n,s,k} \ := \ \sum_{w \in H_{n,s,k}} \varphi(w).
$$

 $H_{n,s,k}$ is the set of all words with n total blocks, at least s blocks of XX in the beginning, k blocks of XZ , ZX .

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Moment Computation as a Combinatorial Problem

Theorem (Moments of $\{PTE, GOE\}$)

The n^{th} moment of the LSD of the anticommutator ensemble of $\{GOE, PTE\}$ can be computed by the pairing number, i.e.

$$
M_n = \nu_{n,n} = \sigma_{n,s=0,k=-n}.
$$

Initial Conditions for $\sigma_{n,s,k}$

Theorem (Initial Conditions for $\sigma_{n,s,k}$)

For $n, s, k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\text{nos}}$,

- \bullet $\sigma_{n, s, k} = 0$ if $s + k > n$,
- $\sigma_{n,s,2k+1} = 0,$
- $\sigma_{n,s,-k} = 0$,

•
$$
\sigma_{n,s,0} = (2n-1)!!
$$
.

Proof.

Conditions $s + k > n$ and $k < 0$ will not generate a valid word. k odd does not generate valid pairings.

If $k = 0$, then the word is comprised solely of X's, which reduces to the GOE case.

Theorem 3: Recurrence Relation for $\sigma_{n,s,2k}$

Theorem (Recurrence Relation for $\sigma_{n,s,2k}$)

The recurrence relation for $\sigma_{n,s,2k}$ is given by:

$$
\sigma_{n,s,2k} = \sum_{p=s+1}^{n} \sum_{q=p+1}^{n} \sum_{r=0}^{2k} [\sigma_{n-q+p,p,r} \cdot \sigma_{q-p-1,0,2k-2-r}]
$$

+
$$
\sum_{p=s+1}^{n} \sum_{q=p+1}^{n} \sum_{r=0}^{2k} [\sigma_{n-q+p-1,p-1,r} \cdot \sigma_{q-p,1,2k-2-r}].
$$

Recurrence Relation: Demo

Proposition

The pairing number of the word is given by the sum of the product of pairing numbers generated by the Y-slicings.

$$
\varphi(W) \ = \ \sum_{\substack{W_1,V_1 \\ Type \ 1}} \varphi(W_1)\varphi(V_1) + \sum_{\substack{W_2,V_2 \\ Type \ 2}} \varphi(W_2)p(V_2).
$$

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$$

Corollary (Informal justification of the recurrence relation)

$$
\sigma_{n,s,2k} =
$$

$$
\sum_{p=s+1}^{n} \sum_{q=p+1}^{n} \sum_{r=0}^{2k} \left[\sigma_{n-q+p,p,r} \cdot \sigma_{q-p-1,0,2k-2-r} + \sigma_{n-q+p-1,p-1,r} \cdot \sigma_{q-p,1,2k-2-r} \right].
$$

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Numerical computations of theoretical moments

Figure: Numerical values of $\sigma_{n,s=0,k}$

Recap: k-Checkerboard

Definition $((k, w)$ -Checkerboard)

An $N \times N$ (k, w)-checkerboard matrix $M = (m_{ij})$ is a matrix whose entries are defined as

$$
m_{i,j} = \begin{cases} a_{i,j} & \text{if } i \not\equiv j \mod k \\ w & \text{if } i \equiv j \mod k \end{cases}
$$

where $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ with a_{ij} i.i.d. random variables with mean 0 and variance 1, and $w \in \mathbb{R}$. For example, $(2, w)$ -checkerboard matrices look like the following:

$$
M = \begin{pmatrix} w & a_{0,1} & w & a_{0,1} & w & \cdots & a_{0,N-1} \\ a_{0,1} & w & a_{1,2} & w & a_{1,4} & \cdots & w \\ w & a_{1,2} & w & a_{2,3} & w & \cdots & a_{2,N-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}
$$

We refer to the $(k, 1)$ -checkerboard ensemble as the k-checkerboard ensemble.

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Anticommutator of Checkerboards

Question

What is the limiting spectral distribution of the anticommutator of k-checkerboard and j-checkerboard?

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Multiple Regimes

Figure: Multiple Regimes

There is one bulk regime and five other smaller regimes (blip regimes).

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A Closer Look

Figure: Intermediary Blips Figure: Largest Blip

Limiting Spectral Distribution

Observation

Numerical simulation tells us location of 5 blip regimes:

$$
\bullet \ \frac{N^2}{kj} + \Theta(N) \ (1 \ \text{blip eigenvalue});
$$

$$
\bullet \pm \frac{1}{k}\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{j}}N^{3/2}+\Theta(N) \ \ (k-1 \ \text{blip} \ \text{eigenvalues});
$$

$$
\mathbf{\Theta} \pm \frac{1}{j} \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{k}} N^{3/2} + \Theta(N) \ \ (j-1 \ \text{blip eigenvalues}).
$$

Remark

Standard techniques fail to find centered distribution \rightarrow construction of weight functions.

Definitions

We focus on the spectral distribution of the largest blip.

Definition

The empirical largest blip spectral measure of $\{A_N, B_N\}$:

$$
\mu_{\{A_N, B_N\}}(x) = \sum_{\lambda \text{ eigenvalues}} g_0^{2n} \left(\frac{j k \lambda}{2N^2} \right) \delta \left(x - \left(\frac{\lambda - \frac{2}{jk} N^2}{N} \right) \right),
$$

where $g_0^{2n}(x) = x^{2n}(2-x)^{2n}, n(N) = \log \log(N)$.

Weight Function for Largest Blip Regime

Figure: $g_0(x)^{100} = x^{100}(2-x)^{100}$

Moments of the Empirical Largest Blip Spectral Measure

Theorem

The mth moment of the largest blip spectral measure is

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[\mu_{\{A_N,B_N\}}^{(m)}\right] = \sum_{\substack{m_{1a}+m_{1b}+m_{2a}+m_{2b}=m;\\m_{1a},m_{1b}\text{ even}}} C(m,m_{1a},m_{2a},m_{1b},m_{2b})
$$
\n
$$
\left(k\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{k}}\right)^{m_{1a}+2m_{2a}} \left(j\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{j}}\right)^{m_{1b}+2m_{2b}},
$$
\nwhere $C(m,m_{1a},m_{2a},m_{1b},m_{2b}) := m! \left(\frac{2}{jk}\right)^m \frac{2^{\frac{m_{1a}+m_{1b}}{2}-2(m_{2a}+m_{2b})}m_{1a}!|m_{1b}!|}{m_{1a}!m_{1b}!m_{2a}!m_{2b}!}.$

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