

From the Manhattan Project to Elliptic Curves

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Introduction

Goals

- Determine correct scale and statistics to study eigenvalues and zeros of L -functions.
- See similar behavior in different systems.
- Discuss the tools and techniques needed to prove the results.
- Find sub-systems with interesting behavior!

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Sketch of proofs

In studying many statistics, often three key steps:

- 1 Determine correct scale for events.
- 2 Develop an explicit formula relating what we want to study to something we understand.
- 3 Use an averaging formula to analyze the quantities above.

It is not always trivial to figure out what is the correct statistic to study!

Classical Random Matrix Theory

With Olivia Beckwith, Leo Goldmakher, Chris Hammond, Steven Jackson, Cap Khoury, Murat Koloğlu, Gene Kopp, Victor Luo, Adam Massey, Eve Ninsuwan, Vincent Pham, Karen Shen, Jon Sinsheimer, Fred Strauch, Nicholas Triantafillou, Wentao Xiong

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

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

Fundamental Equation:

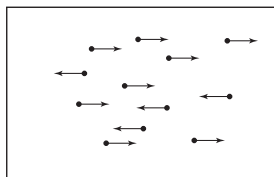
$$H\psi_n = E_n\psi_n$$

H : matrix, entries depend on system

E_n : energy levels

ψ_n : energy eigenfunctions

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- 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 (real Symmetric $A = A^T$, complex Hermitian $\bar{A}^T = A$).

Random Matrix Ensembles

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

Fix p , define

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

This means

$$\text{Prob}(A : a_{ij} \in [\alpha_{ij}, \beta_{ij}]) = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq N} \int_{\alpha_{ij}}^{\beta_{ij}} p(x_{ij}) dx_{ij}.$$

Want to understand eigenvalues of A .

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$N \times N$ real symmetric matrices, entries i.i.d.r.v. from a fixed $p(x)$ with mean 0, variance 1, and other moments finite. Then for almost all A , as $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$\mu_{A,N}(x) \longrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{1-x^2} & \text{if } |x| \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

SKETCH OF PROOF: Eigenvalue Trace Lemma

Want to understand the eigenvalues of A , but choose the matrix elements randomly and independently.

Eigenvalue Trace Lemma

Let A be an $N \times N$ matrix with eigenvalues $\lambda_i(A)$. Then

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

where

$$\text{Trace}(A^k) = \sum_{i_1=1}^N \cdots \sum_{i_k=1}^N a_{i_1 i_2} a_{i_2 i_3} \cdots a_{i_k i_1}.$$

SKETCH OF PROOF: Correct Scale

$$\text{Trace}(A^2) = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i(A)^2.$$

By the Central Limit Theorem:

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

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i(A)^2 \sim N^2$$

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

SKETCH OF PROOF: Averaging Formula

Recall k -th moment of $\mu_{A,N}(x)$ is $\text{Trace}(A^k)/2^k N^{k/2+1}$.

Average k -th moment is

$$\int \cdots \int \frac{\text{Trace}(A^k)}{2^k N^{k/2+1}} \prod_{i \leq j} p(a_{ij}) da_{ij}.$$

Proof by method of moments: Two steps

- Show average of k -th moments converge to moments of semi-circle as $N \rightarrow \infty$;
- Control variance (show it tends to zero as $N \rightarrow \infty$).

SKETCH OF PROOF: Averaging Formula for Second Moment

Substituting into expansion gives

$$\frac{1}{2^2 N^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij}^2 \cdot p(a_{11}) da_{11} \cdots p(a_{NN}) da_{NN}$$

Integration factors as

$$\int_{a_{ij}=-\infty}^{\infty} a_{ij}^2 p(a_{ij}) da_{ij} \cdot \prod_{\substack{(k,l) \neq (i,j) \\ k < l}} \int_{a_{kl}=-\infty}^{\infty} p(a_{kl}) da_{kl} = 1.$$

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SKETCH OF PROOF: Averaging Formula for Higher Moments

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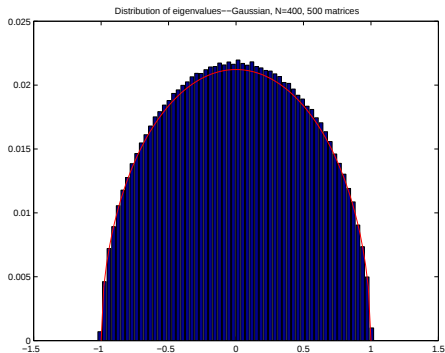
$$\frac{1}{2^k N^{k/2+1}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{i_1=1}^N \cdots \sum_{i_k=1}^N a_{i_1 i_2} \cdots a_{i_k i_1} \cdot \prod_{i \leq j} p(a_{ij}) da_{ij}.$$

Main contribution when the $a_{i_\ell i_{\ell+1}}$'s matched in pairs, not all matchings contribute equally (if did would get a Gaussian and not a semi-circle; this is seen in Real Symmetric Palindromic Toeplitz matrices).

Distribution of eigenvalues of real symmetric palindromic Toeplitz matrices and circulant matrices (with Adam Massey and John Sinsheimer), *Journal of Theoretical Probability* **20** (2007), no. 3, 637–662.

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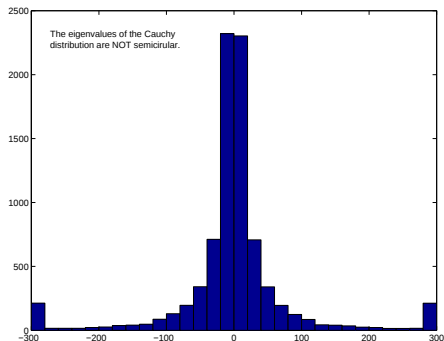
Numerical examples



500 Matrices: Gaussian 400×400

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2}$$

Numerical examples



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

I. Zakharevich, *A generalization of Wigner's law*, Comm. Math. Phys. **268** (2006), no. 2, 403–414.

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Block Circulant Ensemble

With Murat Koloğlu, Gene Kopp, Fred Strauch and Wentao Xiong.

The Ensemble of m -Block Circulant Matrices

Symmetric matrices periodic with period m on wrapped diagonals, i.e., symmetric block circulant matrices.

8-by-8 real symmetric 2-block circulant matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_0 & c_1 & \color{red}{c_2} & c_3 & c_4 & d_3 & c_2 & d_1 \\ c_1 & d_0 & d_1 & \color{blue}{d_2} & d_3 & d_4 & c_3 & d_2 \\ \hline c_2 & d_1 & c_0 & c_1 & \color{red}{c_2} & c_3 & c_4 & d_3 \\ c_3 & d_2 & c_1 & d_0 & d_1 & \color{blue}{d_2} & d_3 & d_4 \\ \hline c_4 & d_3 & c_2 & d_1 & c_0 & c_1 & \color{red}{c_2} & c_3 \\ d_3 & d_4 & c_3 & d_2 & c_1 & d_0 & d_1 & \color{blue}{d_2} \\ \hline \color{red}{c_2} & c_3 & c_4 & d_3 & c_2 & d_1 & c_0 & c_1 \\ d_1 & \color{blue}{d_2} & d_3 & d_4 & c_3 & d_2 & c_1 & d_0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Choose distinct entries i.i.d.r.v.

Oriented Matchings and Dualization

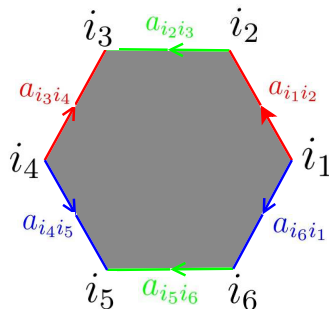
Compute moments of eigenvalue distribution (as m stays fixed and $N \rightarrow \infty$) using the combinatorics of pairings.

Rewrite:

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_n(N) &= \frac{1}{N^{\frac{n}{2}+1}} \sum_{1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_n \leq N} \mathbb{E}(a_{i_1 i_2} a_{i_2 i_3} \cdots a_{i_n i_1}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{N^{\frac{n}{2}+1}} \sum_{\sim} \eta(\sim) m_{d_1(\sim)} \cdots m_{d_l(\sim)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

where the sum is over oriented matchings on the edges $\{(1, 2), (2, 3), \dots, (n, 1)\}$ of a regular n -gon.

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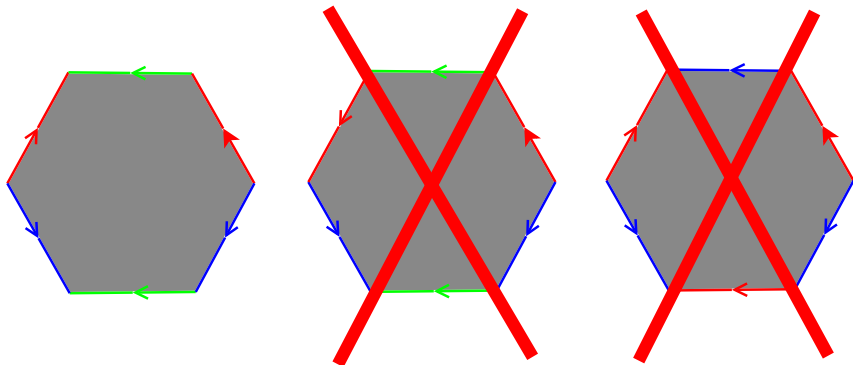


$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc|cc} c_0 & \textcolor{red}{c}_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & d_3 & c_2 & d_1 \\ c_1 & d_0 & d_1 & \textcolor{green}{d}_2 & d_3 & d_4 & c_3 & d_2 \\ \hline c_2 & d_1 & c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & \textcolor{blue}{d}_3 \\ c_3 & d_2 & \textcolor{red}{c}_1 & d_0 & d_1 & d_2 & d_3 & d_4 \\ \hline c_4 & d_3 & c_2 & d_1 & c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ \textcolor{blue}{d}_3 & d_4 & c_3 & d_2 & c_1 & d_0 & d_1 & d_2 \\ \hline c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & d_3 & c_2 & d_1 & c_0 & c_1 \\ d_1 & d_2 & d_3 & d_4 & c_3 & \textcolor{green}{d}_2 & c_1 & d_0 \end{array} \right)$$

Figure: An oriented matching in the expansion for $M_n(N) = M_6(8)$.

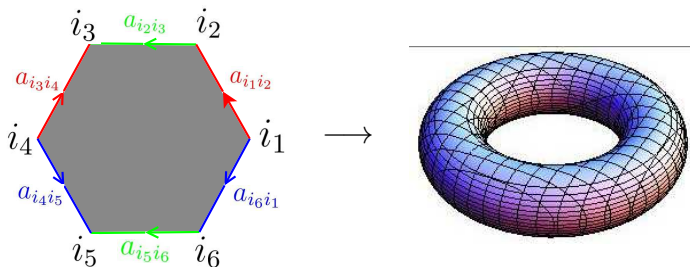
Contributing Terms

As $N \rightarrow \infty$, the only terms that contribute to this sum are those in which the entries are matched in pairs and with opposite orientation.



Only Topology Matters

Think of pairings as topological identifications; the contributing ones give rise to orientable surfaces.



Contribution from such a pairing is m^{-2g} , where g is the genus (number of holes) of the surface. Proof: combinatorial argument involving Euler characteristic.

Computing the Even Moments

Theorem: Even Moment Formula

$$M_{2k} = \sum_{g=0}^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \varepsilon_g(k) m^{-2g} + O_k \left(\frac{1}{N} \right),$$

with $\varepsilon_g(k)$ the number of pairings of the edges of a $(2k)$ -gon giving rise to a genus g surface.

J. Harer and D. Zagier (1986) gave generating functions for the $\varepsilon_g(k)$.

Harer and Zagier

$$\sum_{g=0}^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \varepsilon_g(k) r^{k+1-2g} = (2k-1)!! c(k, r)$$

where

$$1 + 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c(k, r) x^{k+1} = \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x} \right)^r.$$

Thus, we write

$$M_{2k} = m^{-(k+1)} (2k-1)!! c(k, m).$$

A multiplicative convolution and Cauchy's residue formula yield the characteristic function of the distribution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi(t) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(it)^{2k} M_{2k}}{(2k)!} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-t^2/2m)^k}{k!} c(k, m) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi i m} \oint_{|z|=2} \frac{1}{2z^{-1}} \left(\left(\frac{1+z^{-1}}{1-z^{-1}} \right)^m - 1 \right) e^{-t^2 z/2m} \frac{dz}{z} \\
 &= \frac{1}{m} e^{\frac{-t^2}{2m}} \sum_{\ell=1}^m \binom{m}{\ell} \frac{1}{(\ell-1)!} \left(\frac{-t^2}{m} \right)^{\ell-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Results

Fourier transform and algebra yields

Theorem: Koloğlu, Kopp and Miller

The limiting spectral density function $f_m(x)$ of the real symmetric m -block circulant ensemble is given by the formula

$$f_m(x) = \frac{e^{-\frac{mx^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi m}} \sum_{r=0}^m \frac{1}{(2r)!} \sum_{s=0}^{m-r} \binom{m}{r+s+1} \frac{(2r+2s)!}{(r+s)!s!} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^s (mx^2)^r.$$

As $m \rightarrow \infty$, the limiting spectral densities approach the semicircle distribution.

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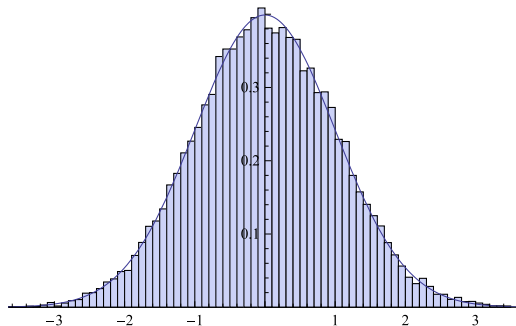


Figure: Plot for f_1 and histogram of eigenvalues of 100 circulant matrices of size 400×400 .

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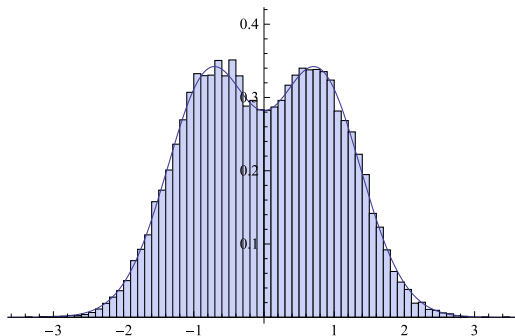


Figure: Plot for f_2 and histogram of eigenvalues of 100 2-block circulant matrices of size 400×400 .

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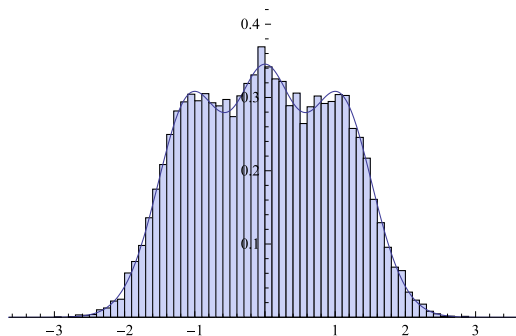


Figure: Plot for f_3 and histogram of eigenvalues of 100 3-block circulant matrices of size 402×402 .

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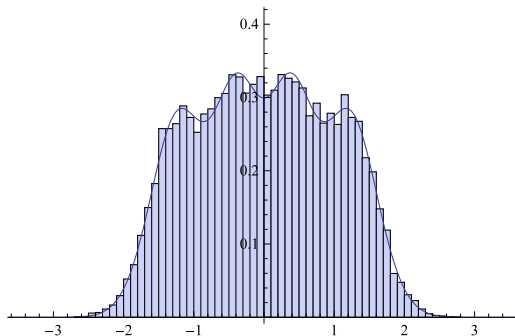


Figure: Plot for f_4 and histogram of eigenvalues of 100 4-block circulant matrices of size 400×400 .

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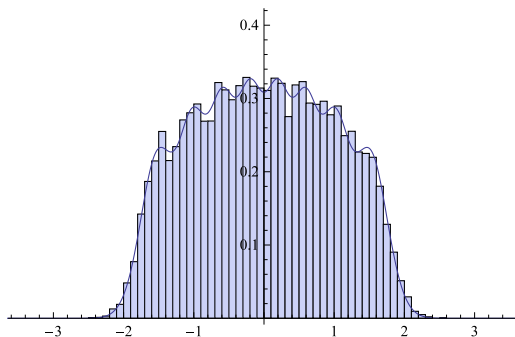


Figure: Plot for f_8 and histogram of eigenvalues of 100 8-block circulant matrices of size 400×400 .

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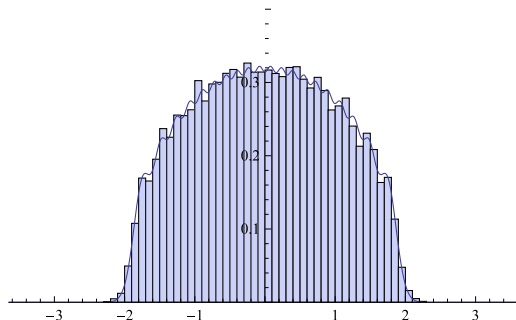


Figure: Plot for f_{20} and histogram of eigenvalues of 100 20-block circulant matrices of size 400×400 .

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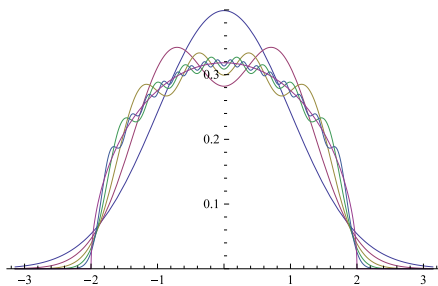


Figure: Plot of convergence to the semi-circle.

The Limiting Spectral Measure for Ensembles of Symmetric Block Circulant Matrices (with Murat Koloğlu, Gene S. Kopp, Frederick W. Strauch and Wentao Xiong), *Journal of Theoretical Probability* **26** (2013), no. 4, 1020–1060. <http://arxiv.org/abs/1008.4812>

Other Ensembles: $N \times N$ (k, w) -checkerboard ensemble

Matrices $M = (m_{ij}) = M^T$ with a_{ij} iidrv, mean 0, variance 1, finite higher moments, w fixed and

$$m_{ij} = \begin{cases} a_{ij} & \text{if } i \not\equiv j \pmod{k} \\ w & \text{if } i \equiv j \pmod{k}. \end{cases}$$

Example: $(3, w)$ -checkerboard matrix:

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

Split Eigenvalue Distribution: Checkerboard and Generalizations

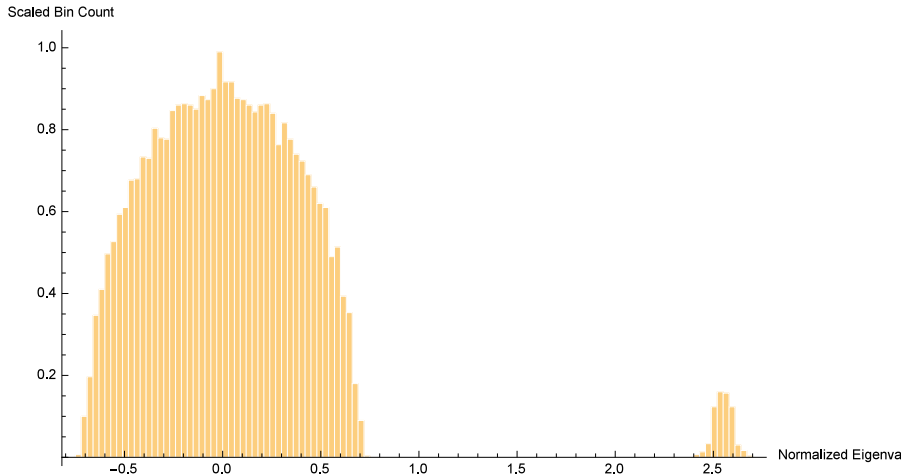


Figure: Histogram of normalized eigenvalues for 100×100

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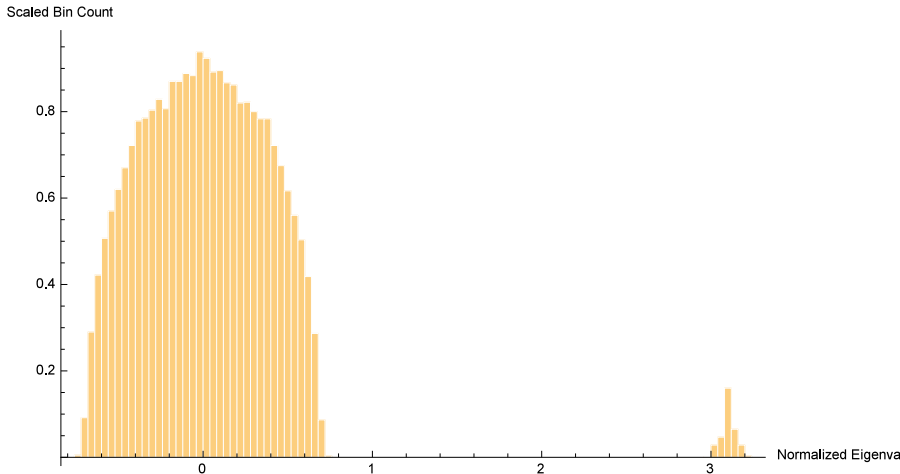


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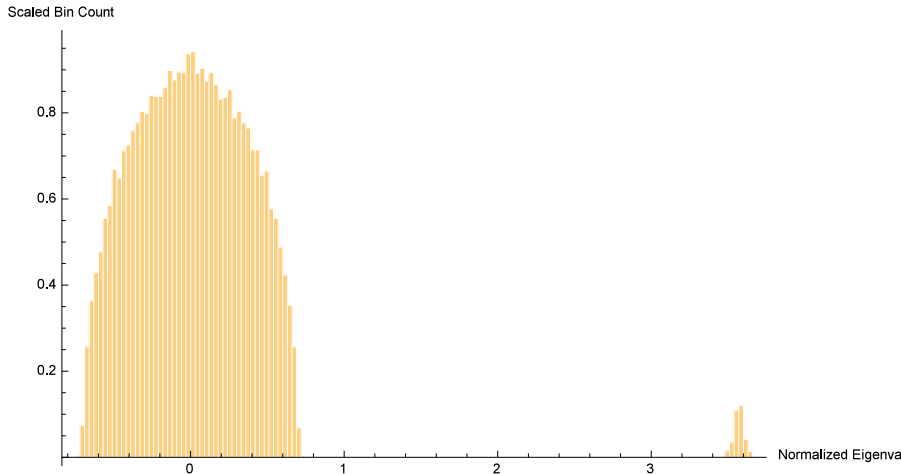


Figure: Histogram of normalized eigenvalues for 100×200

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Figure: Histogram of normalized eigenvalues for $100\,250 \times 250$

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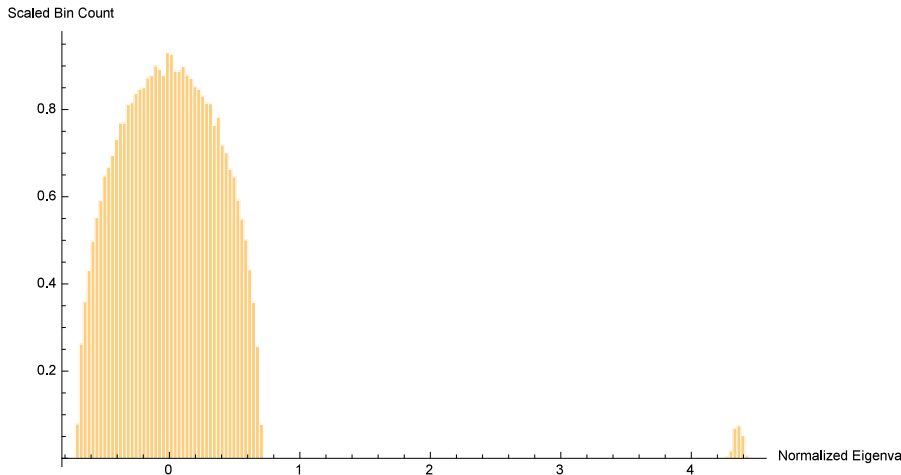


Figure: Histogram of normalized eigenvalues for $100\,300 \times 300$

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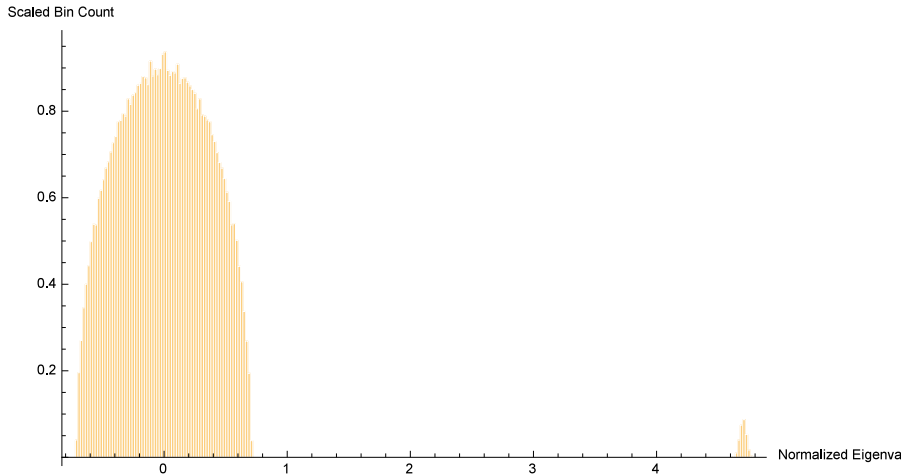


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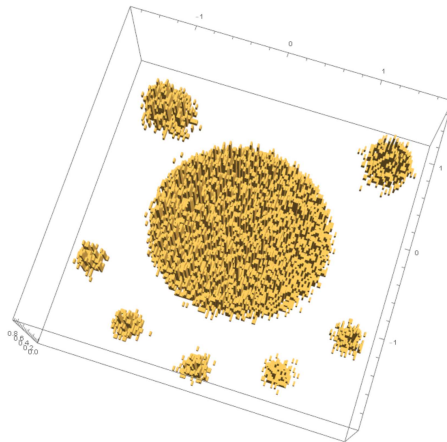


Figure: Complex Generalization I.

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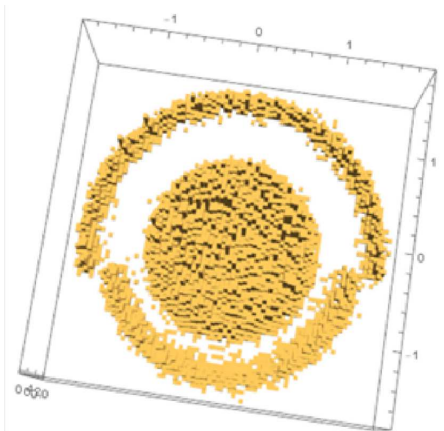


Figure: Complex Generalization II.

Introduction to *L*-Functions

Riemann Zeta Function

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-1}, \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1.$$

Unique Factorization: $n = p_1^{r_1} \cdots p_m^{r_m}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-1} &= \left[1 + \frac{1}{2^s} + \left(\frac{1}{2^s}\right)^2 + \cdots\right] \left[1 + \frac{1}{3^s} + \left(\frac{1}{3^s}\right)^2 + \cdots\right] \cdots \\ &= \sum_n \frac{1}{n^s}. \end{aligned}$$

Riemann Zeta Function (cont)

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$$\pi(x) = \#\{p : p \text{ is prime}, p \leq x\}$$

Properties of $\zeta(s)$ and Primes:

- $\lim_{s \rightarrow 1+} \zeta(s) = \infty, \pi(x) \rightarrow \infty.$
- $\zeta(2) = \frac{\pi^2}{6}, \pi(x) \rightarrow \infty.$

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Functional Equation:

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

Riemann Hypothesis (RH):

All non-trivial zeros have $\text{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$; can write zeros as $\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma$.

Observation: Spacings b/w zeros appear same as b/w eigenvalues of Complex Hermitian matrices $\overline{A}^T = A$.

General L -functions

$$L(s, f) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_f(n)}{n^s} = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} L_p(s, f)^{-1}, \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1.$$

Functional Equation:

$$\Lambda(s, f) = \Lambda_{\infty}(s, f)L(s, f) = \Lambda(1 - s, f).$$

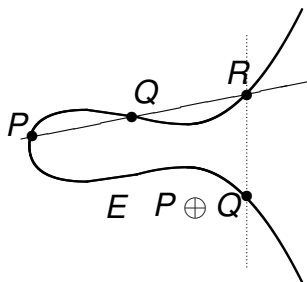
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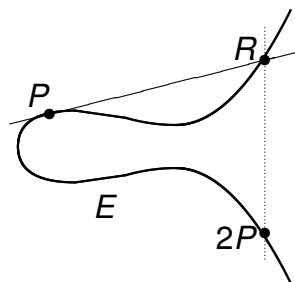
Observation: Spacings b/w zeros appear same as b/w eigenvalues of Complex Hermitian matrices $\overline{A}^T = A$.

Elliptic Curves: Mordell-Weil Group

Elliptic curve $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ with rational solutions $P = (x_1, y_1)$ and $Q = (x_2, y_2)$ and connecting line $y = mx + b$.



Addition of distinct points P and Q



Adding a point P to itself

$$E(\mathbb{Q}) \approx E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}^r$$

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Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer Conjecture

Rank of group of rational solutions equals order of vanishing of $L(s, E)$ at $s = 1/2$.

Properties of zeros of L -functions

- infinitude of primes, primes in arithmetic progression.
- Chebyshev's bias: $\pi_{3,4}(x) \geq \pi_{1,4}(x)$ 'most' of the time.
- Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture.
- Goldfeld, Gross-Zagier: bound for $h(D)$ from L -functions with many central point zeros.
- Even better estimates for $h(D)$ if a positive percentage of zeros of $\zeta(s)$ are at most $1/2 - \epsilon$ of the average spacing to the next zero.

Distribution of zeros

- $\zeta(s) \neq 0$ for $\Re(s) = 1$: $\pi(x)$, $\pi_{a,q}(x)$.
- GRH: error terms.
- GSH: Chebyshev's bias.
- Analytic rank, adjacent spacings: $h(D)$.

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Contour Integration (see Fourier Transform arising):

$$\int -\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} \phi(s) ds \quad \text{vs} \quad \sum_p \log p \int \phi(s) e^{-\sigma \log p} e^{-it \log p} ds.$$

Knowledge of zeros gives info on coefficients.

Explicit Formula: Example

Dirichlet L -functions: Let ϕ be an even Schwartz function and $L(s, \chi) = \sum_n \chi(n)/n^s$ a Dirichlet L -function from a non-trivial character χ with conductor m and zeros $\rho = \frac{1}{2} + i\gamma_\chi$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\rho} \phi\left(\gamma_\chi \frac{\log(m/\pi)}{2\pi}\right) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(y) dy \\ -2 \sum_p \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \hat{\phi}\left(\frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)}\right) \frac{\chi(p)}{p^{1/2}} \\ -2 \sum_p \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)} \hat{\phi}\left(2 \frac{\log p}{\log(m/\pi)}\right) \frac{\chi^2(p)}{p} &+ O\left(\frac{1}{\log m}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Katz-Sarnak Density Conjectures

Measures of Spacings: n -Level Density and Families

Let g_i be even Schwartz functions whose Fourier Transform is compactly supported, $L(s, f)$ an L -function with zeros $\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma_f$ and conductor Q_f :

$$D_{n,f}(g) = \sum_{\substack{j_1, \dots, j_n \\ j_i \neq \pm j_k}} g_1 \left(\gamma_{f,j_1} \frac{\log Q_f}{2\pi} \right) \cdots g_n \left(\gamma_{f,j_n} \frac{\log Q_f}{2\pi} \right)$$

- Properties of n -level density:
 - ◇ Individual zeros contribute in limit
 - ◇ Most of contribution is from low zeros
 - ◇ Average over similar L -functions (family)

n -Level Density

n -level density: $\mathcal{F} = \cup \mathcal{F}_N$ a family of L -functions ordered by conductors, g_k an even Schwartz function: $D_{n,\mathcal{F}}(g) =$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}_N|} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}_N} \sum_{\substack{j_1, \dots, j_n \\ j_i \neq \pm j_k}} g_1 \left(\frac{\log Q_f}{2\pi} \gamma_{j_1;f} \right) \cdots g_n \left(\frac{\log Q_f}{2\pi} \gamma_{j_n;f} \right)$$

As $N \rightarrow \infty$, n -level density converges to

$$\int g(\vec{x}) \rho_{n,\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{F})}(\vec{x}) d\vec{x} = \int \hat{g}(\vec{u}) \hat{\rho}_{n,\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{F})}(\vec{u}) d\vec{u}.$$

Conjecture (Katz-Sarnak)

(In the limit) Scaled distribution of zeros near central point agrees with scaled distribution of eigenvalues near 1 of a classical compact group.

1-Level Densities

Let $\mathcal{G}$ be one of the classical compact groups: Unitary, Symplectic, Orthogonal (or SO(even), SO(odd)).

If $\text{supp}(\widehat{g}) \subset (-1, 1)$, 1-level density of $\mathcal{G}$ is

$$\widehat{g}(0) = c_{\mathcal{G}} \frac{g(0)}{2},$$

where

$$c_{\mathcal{G}} = \begin{cases} 0 & \mathcal{G} \text{ is Unitary} \\ 1 & \mathcal{G} \text{ is Symplectic} \\ -1 & \mathcal{G} \text{ is Orthogonal.} \end{cases}$$

Identifying the Symmetry Groups

- Often suggested by monodromy group in the function field.
- Tools: Explicit Formula, Summation Formula.
- How to identify symmetry group in general? One possibility is by the signs of the functional equation:
Folklore Conjecture: If all signs are even and no corresponding family with odd signs, Symplectic symmetry; otherwise $SO(\text{even})$. (False!)

The low lying zeros of a $GL(4)$ and a $GL(6)$ family of L-functions (with Eduardo Dueñez), *Compositio Mathematica* **142** (2006), no. 6, 1403–1425.

<http://arxiv.org/abs/math/0506462>

Explicit Formula

- π : cuspidal automorphic representation on GL_n .
- $Q_\pi > 0$: analytic conductor of $L(s, \pi) = \sum \lambda_\pi(n)/n^s$.
- By GRH the non-trivial zeros are $\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma_{\pi,j}$.
- Satake params: $\{\alpha_{\pi,i}(p)\}_{i=1}^n$; $\lambda_\pi(p^\nu) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_{\pi,i}(p)^\nu$.
- $L(s, \pi) = \sum_n \frac{\lambda_\pi(n)}{n^s} = \prod_p \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \alpha_{\pi,i}(p)p^{-s})^{-1}$.

$$\sum_j g\left(\gamma_{\pi,j} \frac{\log Q_\pi}{2\pi}\right) = \widehat{g}(0) - 2 \sum_{\rho, \nu} \widehat{g}\left(\frac{\nu \log p}{\log Q_\pi}\right) \frac{\lambda_\pi(p^\nu) \log p}{p^{\nu/2} \log Q_\pi}$$

Some Results: Rankin-Selberg Convolution of Families

Symmetry constant: $c_{\mathcal{L}} = 0$ (resp, 1 or -1) if family $\mathcal{L}$ has unitary (resp, symplectic or orthogonal) symmetry.

Rankin-Selberg convolution: Satake parameters for $\pi_{1,p} \times \pi_{2,p}$ are $\{\alpha_{\pi_1 \times \pi_2}(k)\}_{k=1}^{nm} = \{\alpha_{\pi_1}(i) \cdot \alpha_{\pi_2}(j)\}_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1 \leq j \leq m}}.$

Theorem (Dueñez-Miller)

If $\mathcal{F}$ and $\mathcal{G}$ are *nice* families of L -functions, then $c_{\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{G}} = c_{\mathcal{F}} \cdot c_{\mathcal{G}}.$

Breaks analysis of compound families into simple ones.

The effect of convolving families of L-functions on the underlying group symmetries (with Eduardo Dueñez),

Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society, 2009; doi: 10.1112/plms/pdp018.

<http://arxiv.org/pdf/math/0607688.pdf>

1-Level Density

Assuming conductors constant in family $\mathcal{F}$, have to study

$$\nu^{\text{th}} \text{ moment : } \lambda_f(p^\nu) = \alpha_{f,1}(p)^\nu + \cdots + \alpha_{f,n}(p)^\nu$$

$$S_1(\mathcal{F}) = -2 \sum_p \hat{g}\left(\frac{\log p}{\log R}\right) \frac{\log p}{\sqrt{p} \log R} \left[\frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}|} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \lambda_f(p) \right]$$

$$S_2(\mathcal{F}) = -2 \sum_p \hat{g}\left(2 \frac{\log p}{\log R}\right) \frac{\log p}{p \log R} \left[\frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}|} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \lambda_f(p^2) \right]$$

The corresponding classical compact group determined by

$$\frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}|} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \lambda_f(p^2) = c_{\mathcal{F}} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{Unitary} \\ 1 & \text{Symplectic} \\ -1 & \text{Orthogonal.} \end{cases}$$

Takeaways

Very similar to Central Limit Theorem.

- Universal behavior: main term controlled by first two moments of Satake parameters, agrees with RMT.
- First moment zero save for families of elliptic curves.
- Higher moments control convergence and can depend on arithmetic of family.

Correspondences

Similarities between L -Functions and Nuclei:

Zeros $\longleftrightarrow$ Energy Levels

Schwartz test function $\longrightarrow$ Neutron

Support of test function $\longleftrightarrow$ Neutron Energy.

Main Tools

- 1 **Control of conductors:** Usually monotone, gives scale to study low-lying zeros.
- 2 **Explicit Formula:** Relates sums over zeros to sums over primes.
- 3 **Averaging Formulas:** Orthogonality of characters, Legendre Sums, Petersson Formula, Kuznestov Formula

Applications of n -level density

Bounding the order of vanishing at the central point.

Average rank $\cdot \phi(0) \leq \int \phi(x) W_{G(\mathcal{F})}(x) dx$ if ϕ non-negative.

Theorem (Miller, Hughes-Miller)

Using n -level arguments, for the family of cuspidal newforms of prime level $N \rightarrow \infty$ (split or not split by sign), for any r there is a c_r such that probability of at least r zeros at the central point is at most $c_r r^{-n}$.

Better results from 2-level than Iwaniec-Luo-Sarnak for $r \geq 5$.

Low lying zeros of L-functions with orthogonal symmetry (with Christopher Hughes), Duke Mathematical Journal

136 (2007), no. 1, 115–172. <http://arxiv.org/abs/math/0507450>

Elliptic Curves: First Zero Above Central Point

Eduardo Dueñez, Duc Khim Huynh, Jon P. Keating and
Nina Snaith

Theoretical results: $y^2 = x^3 + A(T)x + B(T)$

Theorem: M– '04

For small support, one-param family of rank r over $\mathbb{Q}(T)$:

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}_N|} \sum_{E_t \in \mathcal{F}_N} \sum_j \varphi \left(\frac{\log C_{E_t}}{2\pi} \gamma_{E_t, j} \right) = \int \varphi(x) \rho_{\mathcal{G}}(x) dx + r\varphi(0)$$

$$\text{where } \mathcal{G} = \begin{cases} \text{SO}(\text{odd}) & \text{if half odd} \\ \text{SO}(\text{even}) & \text{if all even} \\ \text{weighted average} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Supports Katz-Sarnak, B-SD, and Independent model in limit.

Independent Model:

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

Interesting Families

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Question: Does the sub-family of rank $r + 2$ curves in a rank r family behave like the sub-family of rank $r + 2$ curves in a rank $r + 2$ family?

Equivalently, does it matter how one conditions on a curve being rank $r + 2$?

Testing Random Matrix Theory Predictions

Know the right model for large conductors, searching for the correct model for finite conductors.

In the limit must recover the independent model, and want to explain data on:

- 1 **Excess Rank:** Rank r one-parameter family over $\mathbb{Q}(T)$: observed percentages with rank $\geq r + 2$.
- 2 **First (Normalized) Zero above Central Point:** Influence of zeros at the central point on the distribution of zeros near the central point.

Excess Rank

One-parameter family, rank r over $\mathbb{Q}(T)$.

Density Conjecture (Generic Family) $\implies$ 50% rank r , $r+1$.

For many families, observe

Percent with rank $r \approx 32\%$

Percent with rank $r+1 \approx 48\%$

Percent with rank $r+2 \approx 18\%$

Percent with rank $r+3 \approx 2\%$

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

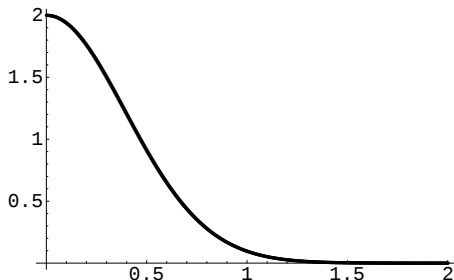
Data on Excess Rank

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

Each set is 2000 curves, last has conductors of size 10^{17} ,
(small on logarithmic scale).

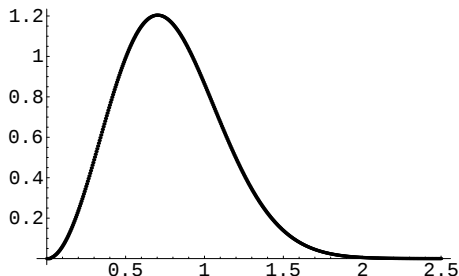
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1000	38.4	47.3	13.6	0.6	<1
4000	37.4	47.8	13.7	1.1	1
8000	37.3	48.8	12.9	1.0	2.5
24000	35.1	50.1	13.9	0.8	6.8
50000	36.7	48.3	13.8	1.2	51.8

RMT: Theoretical Results ($N \rightarrow \infty$)



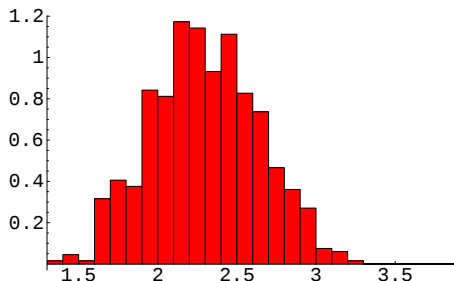
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Rank 2 Curves: 1st Norm. Zero above the Central Point

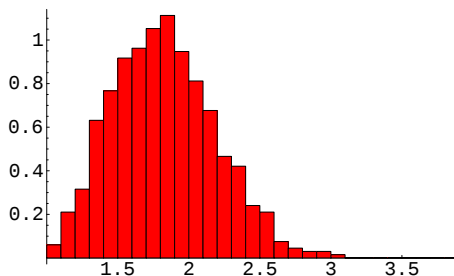


665 rank 2 curves from

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$\log(\text{cond}) \in [10, 10.3125]$, median = 2.29, mean = 2.30

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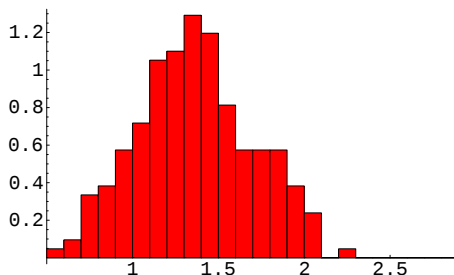


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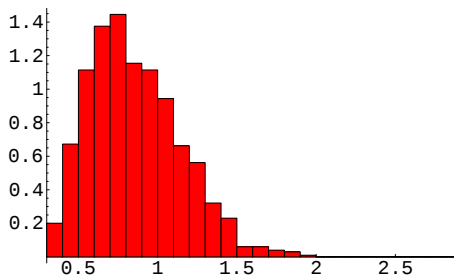
$\log(\text{cond}) \in [16, 16.5]$, median = 1.81, mean = 1.82

Rank 0 Curves: 1st Norm Zero: 14 One-Param of Rank 0



209 rank 0 curves from 14 rank 0 families,
 $\log(\text{cond}) \in [3.26, 9.98]$, median = 1.35, mean = 1.36

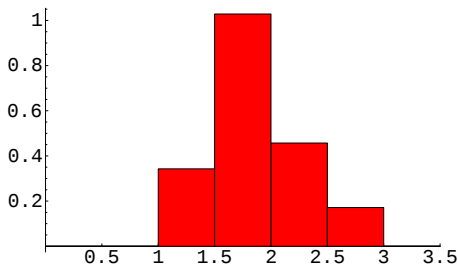
Rank 0 Curves: 1st Norm Zero: 14 One-Param of Rank 0



996 rank 0 curves from 14 rank 0 families,
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Rank 2 Curves from $y^2 = x^3 - T^2x + T^2$ (Rank 2 over $\mathbb{Q}(T)$)

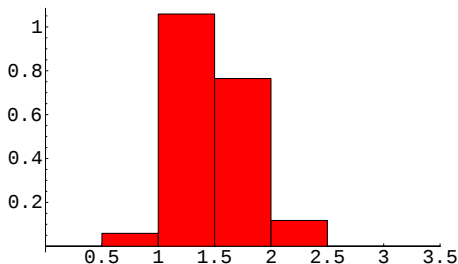
1st Normalized Zero above Central Point



35 curves, $\log(\text{cond}) \in [7.8, 16.1]$, $\tilde{\mu} = 1.85$, $\mu = 1.92$,
 $\sigma_{\mu} = .41$

Rank 2 Curves from $y^2 = x^3 - T^2x + T^2$ (Rank 2 over $\mathbb{Q}(T)$)

1st Normalized Zero above Central Point



34 curves, $\log(\text{cond}) \in [16.2, 23.3]$, $\tilde{\mu} = 1.37$, $\mu = 1.47$,
 $\sigma_{\mu} = .34$

Summary of Data

- The repulsion of the low-lying zeros increased with increasing rank, and was present even for rank 0 curves.
- As the conductors increased, the repulsion decreased.
- Statistical tests failed to reject the hypothesis that, on average, the first three zeros were all repelled equally (i.e., shifted by the same amount).

Spacings b/w Norm Zeros: Rank 0 One-Param Families over $\mathbb{Q}(T)$

- All curves have $\log(\text{cond}) \in [15, 16]$;
- z_j = imaginary part of j^{th} normalized zero above the central point;
- 863 rank 0 curves from the 14 one-param families of rank 0 over $\mathbb{Q}(T)$;
- 701 rank 2 curves from the 21 one-param families of rank 0 over $\mathbb{Q}(T)$.

	863 Rank 0 Curves	701 Rank 2 Curves	t-Statistic
Median $z_2 - z_1$	1.28	1.30	-1.60
Mean $z_2 - z_1$	1.30	1.34	
StDev $z_2 - z_1$	0.49	0.51	
Median $z_3 - z_2$	1.22	1.19	0.80
Mean $z_3 - z_2$	1.24	1.22	
StDev $z_3 - z_2$	0.52	0.47	
Median $z_3 - z_1$	2.54	2.56	-0.38
Mean $z_3 - z_1$	2.55	2.56	
StDev $z_3 - z_1$	0.52	0.52	

Spacings b/w Norm Zeros: Rank 2 one-param families over $\mathbb{Q}(T)$

- All curves have $\log(\text{cond}) \in [15, 16]$;
- z_j = imaginary part of the j^{th} norm zero above the central point;
- 64 rank 2 curves from the 21 one-param families of rank 2 over $\mathbb{Q}(T)$;
- 23 rank 4 curves from the 21 one-param families of rank 2 over $\mathbb{Q}(T)$.

	64 Rank 2 Curves	23 Rank 4 Curves	t-Statistic
Median $z_2 - z_1$	1.26	1.27	0.59
Mean $z_2 - z_1$	1.36	1.29	
StDev $z_2 - z_1$	0.50	0.42	
Median $z_3 - z_2$	1.22	1.08	1.35
Mean $z_3 - z_2$	1.29	1.14	
StDev $z_3 - z_2$	0.49	0.35	
Median $z_3 - z_1$	2.66	2.46	2.05
Mean $z_3 - z_1$	2.65	2.43	
StDev $z_3 - z_1$	0.44	0.42	

Rank 2 Curves from Rank 0 & Rank 2 Families over $\mathbb{Q}(T)$

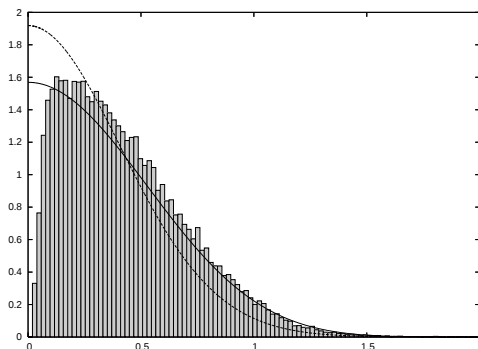
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Mean $z_3 - z_1$	2.56	2.65	
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New Model for Finite Conductors

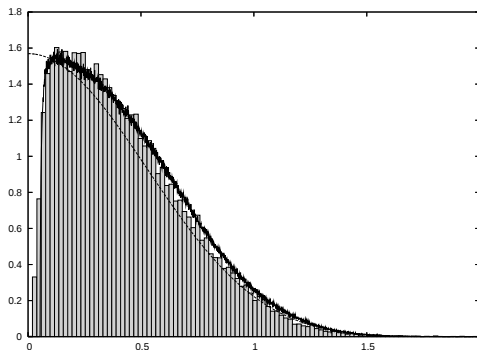
- **Replace conductor N with $N_{\text{effective}}$.**
 - ◇ Arithmetic info, predict with L -function Ratios Conj.
 - ◇ Do the number theory computation.
- **Excised Orthogonal Ensembles.**
 - ◇ $L(1/2, E)$ discretized.
 - ◇ Char. polys $\Lambda_A(\theta) = \det(I - e^{i\theta} A^{-1})$ model $L(1/2 + it, E)$.
 - ◇ Study matrices in $SO(2N_{\text{eff}})$ with $|\Lambda_A(0)| \geq ce^N$.
- **Painlevé VI differential equation solver.**
 - ◇ Use explicit formulas for densities of Jacobi ensembles.
 - ◇ Key input: Selberg-Aomoto integral for initial conditions.

Modeling lowest zero of $L_{E_{11}}(s, \chi_d)$ with $0 < d < 400,000$



Lowest zero for $L_{E_{11}}(s, \chi_d)$ (bar chart), lowest eigenvalue of $SO(2N)$ with N_{eff} (solid), standard N_0 (dashed).

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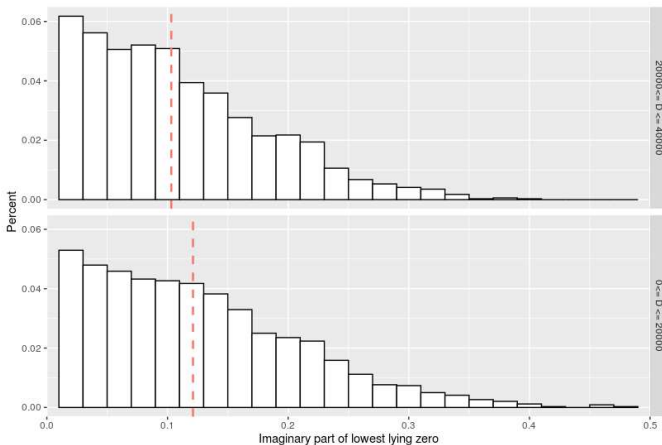
Lowest zero for $L_{E_{11}}(s, \chi_d)$ (bar chart); lowest eigenvalue of $\text{SO}(2N)$: $N_{\text{eff}} = 2$ (solid) with discretisation, and $N_{\text{eff}} = 2.32$ (dashed) without discretisation.

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Open Questions and References

Open Questions: Low-lying zeros of L -functions

- Generalize excised ensembles for higher weight GL_2 families where expect different discretizations.
- Obtain better estimates on vanishing at the central point by finding optimal test functions for the second and higher moment expansions.
- Further explore L -function Ratios Conjecture to predict lower order terms in families, compute these terms on number theory side.

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