OF THE ORIGIN AND DESIGN OF EIGENVALUES IN GENERAL, WITH CONCISE REMARKS ON THE ENGLISH CONSTITUTION.

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Introduction
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A Declaration of Independence

When, in the Course on Probabalistic Events (Math 241a), it becomes necessary and sufficient for one group to dissolve the equations which have connected them with another, and to assume among the probability functions of the field a separate and equal probability to which the Laws of Nature entitle them, a decent respect requires a declaration of the causes which imply the independence.

We hold this theorem to be self-evident: that all events are created equal; that they are endowed by their Observer with certain inalienable probabilities; that among these are "p" and "q"; that to secure these probabilities, probability functions are defined over groups, deriving their powers from the consequences of the theorems; that whenever any form of probability becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the group to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new theorems.

We, therefore, the representatives of the Outcome Space, solemnly publish and declare that these events are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states; that they are absolved from all connection to the previous events, and that all connection between them and the Prior States is, and ought to be, totally dissolved; and that as free and independent probabilities, they have full power to do all acts and outcomes which independent probabilities may of right do.

And for the support of this declaration, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our laws, and our sacred lemmas.
Goals for the Talk

Describe Systems of the World.

See how Independence allows Natural Understanding.
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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!
Background Material: Linear Algebra

**Eigenvalue, Eigenvector**

Say $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ is an eigenvector of $A$ with eigenvalue $\lambda$ if $A\mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v}$.

**Example:**

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 2 \\
2 & 1 \\
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
1 \\
1 \\
\end{pmatrix}
= 3
\begin{pmatrix}
1 \\
1 \\
\end{pmatrix}
\]

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 2 \\
2 & 1 \\
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
1 \\
-1 \\
\end{pmatrix}
= -1
\begin{pmatrix}
1 \\
-1 \\
\end{pmatrix}.
\]
Background Material: Probability

**Probability Density**

A random variable $X$ has a probability density $p(x)$ if

- $p(x) \geq 0$;
- $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x) \, dx = 1$;
- $\text{Prob}(X \in [a, b]) = \int_{a}^{b} p(x) \, dx$.

**Examples:**

1. **Exponential:** $p(x) = \frac{e^{-x/\lambda}}{\lambda}$ for $x \geq 0$;
2. **Normal:** $p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}$;
3. **Uniform:** $p(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$ for $a \leq x \leq b$ and 0 otherwise.
Background Material: Probability (cont)

Key Concepts

- Mean (average value): \( \mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xp(x)dx \).
- Variance (how spread out): \( \sigma^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 p(x)dx \).
- \( k \)th moment: \( \mu_k = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^k p(x)dx \).

Key observation

As a nice function is given by its Taylor series, a nice probability density is determined by its moments.
Classical Random Matrix Theory
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Fundamental Equation:

\[ H \psi_n = E_n \psi_n, \]  
where

- \( H \): matrix, entries depend on system
- \( E_n \): energy levels
- \( \psi_n \): energy eigenfunctions
Origins (continued)

- 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 $\overline{A}^T = A$).
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}
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\[
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\]
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This means

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

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

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

where

$$\text{Trace}(A^k) = \sum_{i_1=1}^{N} \cdots \sum_{i_N=1}^{N} a_{i_1i_2} a_{i_2i_3} \cdots a_{i_Ni_1}.$$
Eigenvalue Distribution

\[ \delta(x - x_0) \text{ is a unit point mass at } x_0:\]
\[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \delta(x - x_0) \, dx = f(x_0). \]
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To each \( A \), attach a probability measure:

\[
\mu_{A,N}(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \delta \left( x - \frac{\lambda_i(A)}{2\sqrt{N}} \right)
\]
\[
\int_{a}^{b} \mu_{A,N}(x) \, dx = \frac{\# \left\{ \lambda_i : \frac{\lambda_i(A)}{2\sqrt{N}} \in [a, b] \right\}}{N}
\]
\[
\text{k}^{\text{th}} \text{ moment} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\lambda_i(A)^k}{2^k N^{k/2 + 1}} = \frac{\text{Trace}(A^k)}{2^k N^{k/2 + 1}}.
\]
Density of States
Wigner’s Semi-Circle Law

$N \times N$ 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 $N \to \infty$

$$\mu_{A,N}(x) \quad\longrightarrow\quad \begin{cases} 
\frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{1-x^2} & \text{if } |x| \leq 1 \\
0 & \text{otherwise.}
\end{cases}$$
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 $N \to \infty$;
- Control variance (show it tends to zero as $N \to \infty$).
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

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

Higher moments involve more advanced combinatorics (Catalan numbers).
Numerical example: Gaussian density

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

500 Matrices: Gaussian $400 \times 400$
Numerical example: Cauchy density $\rho(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1 + x^2)}$
Numerical example: Cauchy density \( p(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1 + x^2)} \)

The eigenvalues of the Cauchy distribution are NOT semicircular.
Real Symmetric Toeplitz Matrices
Chris Hammond and Steven J. Miller
Toeplitz Ensembles

Toeplitz matrix is of the form

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
 b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & \cdots & b_{N-1} \\
 b_{-1} & b_0 & b_1 & \cdots & b_{N-2} \\
 b_{-2} & b_{-1} & b_0 & \cdots & b_{N-3} \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
 b_{1-N} & b_{2-N} & b_{3-N} & \cdots & b_0
\end{pmatrix}
\]

- Will consider Real Symmetric Toeplitz matrices.
- Main diagonal zero, \( N - 1 \) independent parameters.
- Normalize Eigenvalues by \( \sqrt{N} \).
The $k^{th}$ moment of $\mu_{A,N}(x)$ is

$$M_k(A, N) = \frac{1}{N^{k+1}} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_i^k(A) = \frac{\text{Trace}(A^k)}{N^{k+1}}.$$
Even Moments

\[ M_{2k}(N) = \frac{1}{N^{k+1}} \sum_{1 \leq i_1, \ldots, i_{2k} \leq N} \mathbb{E}(b_{|i_1-i_2|}b_{|i_2-i_3|} \cdots b_{|i_{2k}-i_1|}). \]

Main Term: \( b_j \)'s matched in pairs, say

\[ b_{|i_m-i_{m+1}|} = b_{|i_n-i_{n+1}|}, \quad \chi_m = |i_m - i_{m+1}| = |i_n - i_{n+1}|. \]

Two possibilities:

\[ i_m - i_{m+1} = i_n - i_{n+1} \quad \text{or} \quad i_m - i_{m+1} = -(i_n - i_{n+1}). \]

\((2k - 1)!! \) ways to pair, \(2^k\) choices of sign.
Main Term: All Signs Negative (else lower order contribution)

\[ M_{2k}(N) = \frac{1}{N^{k+1}} \sum_{1 \leq i_1, \ldots, i_{2k} \leq N} \mathbb{E}(b_{|i_1-i_2|} b_{|i_2-i_3|} \cdots b_{|i_{2k}-i_1|}). \]

Let \( x_1, \ldots, x_k \) be the values of the \( |i_j - i_{j+1}| \)'s, \( \epsilon_1, \ldots, \epsilon_k \) the choices of sign. Define \( \tilde{x}_1 = i_1 - i_2, \tilde{x}_2 = i_2 - i_3, \ldots \)

\[
\begin{align*}
    i_2 &= i_1 - \tilde{x}_1 \\
    i_3 &= i_1 - \tilde{x}_1 - \tilde{x}_2 \\
    &\vdots \\
    i_1 &= i_1 - \tilde{x}_1 - \cdots - \tilde{x}_{2k}
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\tilde{x}_1 + \cdots + \tilde{x}_{2k} = \sum_{j=1}^{k} (1 + \epsilon_j) \eta_j x_j = 0, \quad \eta_j = \pm 1.
\]
Even Moments: Summary

Main Term: paired, all signs negative.

\[ M_{2k}(N) \leq (2k - 1)!! + O_k \left( \frac{1}{N^x} \right). \]

Bounded by Gaussian.
**The Fourth Moment**

\[ M_4(N) = \frac{1}{N^3} \sum_{1 \leq i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4 \leq N} \mathbb{E}(b_{i_1-i_2} b_{i_2-i_3} b_{i_3-i_4} b_{i_4-i_1}) \]

Let \( x_j = |i_j - i_{j+1}|. \)
Case One: $x_1 = x_2$, $x_3 = x_4$:

$$i_1 - i_2 = -(i_2 - i_3) \quad \text{and} \quad i_3 - i_4 = -(i_4 - i_1).$$

Implies

$$i_1 = i_3, \quad i_2 \text{ and } i_4 \text{ arbitrary.}$$

Left with $\mathbb{E}[b_{x_1}^2 b_{x_3}^2]$:

$N^3 - N$ times get 1, $N$ times get $p_4 = \mathbb{E}[b_{x_1}^4]$. 

Contributes 1 in the limit.
The Fourth Moment

\[ M_4(N) = \frac{1}{N^3} \sum_{1 \leq i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4 \leq N} \mathbb{E}(b_{i_1-i_2} | b_{i_2-i_3} | b_{i_3-i_4} | b_{i_4-i_1}) \]

**Case Two: Diophantine Obstruction:** \( x_1 = x_3 \) and \( x_2 = x_4 \).

\[ i_1 - i_2 = -(i_3 - i_4) \quad \text{and} \quad i_2 - i_3 = -(i_4 - i_1). \]

This yields

\[ i_1 = i_2 + i_4 - i_3, \quad i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4 \in \{1, \ldots, N\}. \]

If \( i_2, i_4 \geq \frac{2N}{3} \) and \( i_3 < \frac{N}{3}, i_1 > N \): at most \((1 - \frac{1}{27})N^3\) valid choices.
**The Fourth Moment**

**Theorem: Fourth Moment:** Let $p_4$ be the fourth moment of $p$. Then

$$M_4(N) = 2\frac{2}{3} + O_{p_4}\left(\frac{1}{N}\right).$$

500 Toeplitz Matrices, $400 \times 400$. 
Main Result

**Theorem: HM ’05**

For real symmetric Toeplitz matrices, the limiting spectral measure converges in probability to a unique measure of unbounded support which is not the Gaussian. If $p$ is even have strong convergence).

Massey, Miller and Sinsheimer ’07 proved that if first row is a palindrome converges to a Gaussian.
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:

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
  c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & d_3 & d_2 & d_1 \\
  c_1 & d_0 & d_1 & c_2 & c_3 & d_4 & c_3 & d_2 \\
  c_2 & d_1 & c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & d_3 \\
  c_3 & d_2 & c_1 & d_0 & d_1 & d_2 & d_3 & d_4 \\
  c_4 & d_3 & c_2 & d_1 & c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\
  d_3 & d_4 & c_3 & d_2 & c_1 & d_0 & d_1 & d_2 \\
  c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & d_3 & c_2 & d_1 & c_0 & c_1 \\
  d_1 & d_2 & d_3 & d_4 & c_3 & d_2 & c_1 & d_0 
\end{pmatrix}
\]

Choose distinct entries i.i.d.r.v.
Oriented Matchings and Dualization

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

$$M_n(N) = \frac{1}{N^{n+1}} \sum_{1 \leq i_1, \ldots, i_n \leq N} \mathbb{E}(a_{i_1} a_{i_2} a_{i_3} \cdots a_{i_n})$$

$$= \frac{1}{N^{n+1}} \sum_{\sim} \eta(\sim) m_{d_1}(\sim) \cdots m_{d_l}(\sim).$$

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

\begin{figure}
\centering
\begin{align*}
\begin{pmatrix}
 c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & d_3 & c_2 & d_1 \\
 c_1 & d_0 & d_1 & d_2 & d_3 & d_4 & c_3 & d_2 \\
 c_2 & d_1 & c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & d_3 \\
 c_3 & d_2 & c_1 & d_0 & d_1 & d_2 & d_3 & d_4 \\
 c_4 & d_3 & c_2 & d_1 & c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\
 d_3 & d_4 & c_3 & d_2 & c_1 & d_0 & d_1 & d_2 \\
 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 & d_2 & c_1 & d_0 
\end{pmatrix}
\end{align*}
\end{figure}

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

As \( N \to \infty \), 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.

\[
\phi(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(it)^{2k} M_{2k}}{(2k)!} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-t^2/2m)^k}{k!} c(k, m)
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{2\pi im} \int_{|z|=2} \frac{1}{2z^{-1}} \left( \left( \frac{1 + z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1}} \right)^m - 1 \right) e^{-t^2z/2m} \frac{dz}{z}
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{m} e^{-t^2/2m} \sum_{\ell=1}^{m} \binom{m}{\ell} \frac{1}{(\ell - 1)!} \left( \frac{-t^2}{m} \right)^{\ell-1}.
\]
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

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

As $m \to \infty$, the limiting spectral densities approach the semicircle distribution.
Results (continued)

**Figure:** Plot for $f_1$ and histogram of eigenvalues of 100 circulant matrices of size $400 \times 400$. 
Results (continued)

**Figure:** Plot for $f_2$ and histogram of eigenvalues of 100 2-block circulant matrices of size $400 \times 400$. 
Figure: Plot for \( f_3 \) and histogram of eigenvalues of 100 3-block circulant matrices of size \( 402 \times 402 \).
Figure: Plot for $f_4$ and histogram of eigenvalues of 100 4-block circulant matrices of size $400 \times 400$. 
Results (continued)

**Figure**: Plot for $f_8$ and histogram of eigenvalues of 100 8-block circulant matrices of size $400 \times 400$. 
Results (continued)

Figure: Plot for $f_{20}$ and histogram of eigenvalues of 100 20-block circulant matrices of size $400 \times 400$. 
Results (continued)

**Figure:** Plot of convergence to the semi-circle.

Checkerboard Matrices
Checkerboard Matrices: $N \times N (k, w)$-checkerboard ensemble

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

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

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} w & a_{0,1} & a_{0,2} & w & a_{0,4} & \cdots & a_{0,N-1} \\ a_{1,0} & w & a_{1,2} & a_{1,3} & w & \cdots & a_{1,N-1} \\ a_{2,0} & a_{2,1} & w & a_{2,3} & a_{2,4} & \cdots & w \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{0,N-1} & a_{1,N-1} & w & a_{3,N-1} & a_{4,N-1} & \cdots & w \end{pmatrix}$$
**Figure:** Histogram of normalized eigenvalues: 2-checkerboard $100 \times 100$ matrices, 100 trials. Peaceful Independence of Colony as it pursues its own destiny.
Figure: Histogram of normalized eigenvalues: 2-checkerboard 150 × 150 matrices, 100 trials. Peaceful Independence of Colony as it pursues its own destiny.
Split Eigenvalue Distribution

**Figure**: Histogram of normalized eigenvalues: 2-checkerboard $200 \times 200$ matrices, 100 trials. Peaceful Independence of Colony as it pursues its own destiny.
Split Eigenvalue Distribution

**Figure**: Histogram of normalized eigenvalues: 2-checkerboard $250 \times 250$ matrices, 100 trials. Peaceful Independence of Colony as it pursues its own destiny.
Split Eigenvalue Distribution

Figure: Histogram of normalized eigenvalues: 2-checkerboard 300 × 300 matrices, 100 trials. Peaceful Independence of Colony as it pursues its own destiny.
**Split Eigenvalue Distribution**

**Figure:** Histogram of normalized eigenvalues: 2-checkerboard $350 \times 350$ matrices, 100 trials. Peaceful Independence of Colony as it pursues its own destiny.
The Weighting Function

Use weighting function \( f_n(x) = x^{2n}(x - 2)^{2n} \).

**Figure:** \( f_n(x) \) plotted for \( n \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \).
The Weighting Function

Use weighting function $f_n(x) = x^{2n}(x - 2)^{2n}$.

**Figure:** $f_n(x)$ plotted for $n = 4^m$, $m \in \{0, 1, \ldots, 5\}$. 
Spectral distribution of hollow GOE

Figure: Hist. of eigenvals of 32000 (Left) $2 \times 2$ hollow GOE matrices, (Right) $3 \times 3$ hollow GOE matrices.

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Introduction to $L$-Functions
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Functional Equation:

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

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General $L$-functions

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\[ \Lambda(s, f) = \Lambda_\infty(s, f)L(s, f) = \Lambda(1 - s, f). \]

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Nuclear spacings: Thorium

227 spacings b/w adjacent energy levels of Thorium.
Zeros of $\zeta(s)$ vs GUE

70 million spacings b/w adjacent zeros of $\zeta(s)$, starting at the $10^{20}$th zero (from Odlyzko).
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

$E(\mathbb{Q}) \approx E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}^r$
Elliptic curve $L$-function

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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.
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 $N_{\text{eff}}$ (solid), standard $N_0$ (dashed).
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Lowest zero for $L_{E_{11}}(s, \chi_d)$ (bar chart), lowest eigenvalue of SO($2N$) effective $N$ of $N_{\text{eff}} = 2$ (solid) with discretisation and with effective $N$ of $N_{\text{eff}} = 2.32$ (dashed) without discretisation.
Correspondences

Similarities between $L$-Functions and Nuclei:

- Zeros $\leftrightarrow$ Energy Levels
- Schwartz test function $\rightarrow$ Neutron
- Support of test function $\leftrightarrow$ Neutron Energy.
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