# ABBA and the Random Matrix Discotheque

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## Definition: Random Matrices

"A random matrix is a matrix ... that is random."

Classical Mechanics: 3-body problem - intractable!

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#### Wigner's Insights

- Treat H as random Hermitian matrix
- Eigenvalue behavior of *H* well approximated by averaging over Hermitian ensemble

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Montgomery's Conjecture:



70 million  $\zeta(s)$  zero spacings, vs. random matrix prediction (Odlyzko)

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# Why combine random matrices?



#### "Tridge" in Midland, Michigan

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	Number Theory	Random Matrix Theory		
Object	L-functions	Random Matrices		
Events	Zeros	Eigenvalues		
Process	Rankin-Selberg Convolution	???		

Let A, B be  $N \times N$  random real symmetric matrices, with entries i.i.d. from a distribution with mean 0, variance 1, and all finite moments.

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_2 & a_1 & a_0 \\ a_1 & a_0 & a_1 & \cdots & a_3 & a_2 & a_1 \\ a_2 & a_1 & a_0 & \cdots & a_4 & a_3 & a_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & \cdots & a_0 & a_1 & a_2 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \cdots & a_1 & a_0 & a_1 \\ a_0 & a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_2 & a_1 & a_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Symmetric Palindromic Toeplitz (SPT)

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Disco!

# Definition: "Disco" of A, B

$$\mathcal{D}(A,B) = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B & A \end{bmatrix} =$$

# Limiting Distributions of A, B

**A:** Gaussian (Massey, Miller, and Sinsheimer, 2007)

$$\Phi(x)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\int_{-\infty}^{x}e^{-t^{2}/2} dt$$



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B: Semi-circle (Wigner, 1955)

$$\Phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{x} e^{-t^{2}/2} dt \qquad f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{4-x^{2}}, & |x| \leq 2\\ 0, & |x| > 2. \end{cases}$$



# **Defining Probability Space**

## The kth Moment of D

$$M_k(\mathcal{D}) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{(2N)^{\frac{k}{2}+1}} \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^{2N} \lambda_i^k(\mathcal{D})\right]$$

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#### Lemma

$$\operatorname{tr}(\mathcal{D}^{k}) = \operatorname{tr}((A+B)^{k}) + \operatorname{tr}((A-B)^{k})$$
$$= 2\sum_{\substack{l=0\\l: \text{even}}}^{k}\sum_{\substack{i_{1}+\dots+i_{p}=k-l\\j_{1}+\dots+j_{p}=l}}\operatorname{tr}(A^{i_{1}}B^{j_{1}}\cdots A^{i_{p}}B^{j_{p}})$$

Note: Only the terms with even power survive!

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Take k = 4.

$$M_4(\mathcal{D}) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{(2N)^3} \mathbb{E}[\operatorname{tr}(\mathcal{D}^4)]$$
  
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We know

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{N^3} \mathbb{E}[\operatorname{tr}(A^4)] = M_4(A)$$
$$\lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{N^3} \mathbb{E}[\operatorname{tr}(B^4)] = M_4(B)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{tr}(A^2B^2) &= \sum_{1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_4 \leq 4} a_{i_1, i_2} a_{i_2, i_3} b_{i_3, i_4} b_{i_4, i_1} \\ \mathsf{tr}(ABAB) &= \sum_{1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_4 \leq 4} a_{i_1, i_2} b_{i_2, i_3} a_{i_3, i_4} b_{i_4, i_1} \end{aligned}$$

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 $\mathbb{E}[a] = \mathbb{E}[b] = 0 \implies a, b$  have to be paired

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# Gaussian



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For  $2\alpha$  a's and  $2\beta$  b's, the number of contributing pairing configurations is:

$$\mathcal{P}(\alpha,\beta) = \sum_{\substack{|V|=\beta+1\\ \deg(v)=d_1,d_2,\ldots,d_{\beta+1}\\ v \in V}} \frac{2(\alpha+\beta)}{\sigma_r(G)} \prod_{s=1}^{\beta+1} \binom{2r_s+d_s-1}{d_s-1} (2r_s-1)!!$$

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- Computation of small even moments:

	Semicircle	Disco of A, B	Gaussian
2	1	1	1
4	2	2.25	3
6	5	7	15
8	14	27.5	105

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Theorem (B., Borade, Devlin, Ma, Miller, and X., 2019)  
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\geq \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{k} \qquad (Stirling's Formula) \\
\gg B$$

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# A Brave New Distribution

# Disco vs. Gaussian, Semicircle



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