

## 2. Classical RMT results

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# Spectral Transforms

- Stieltjes transform, Green and Blue functions

- $\rho(\lambda) = N^{-1} \sum_i \delta(\lambda - \lambda_i)$

- Stieltjes transform:

$$\mathcal{S}(z) = \int d\lambda \frac{\rho(\lambda)}{\lambda - z} = \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} [(\mathbf{H} - z\mathbf{I})^{-1}]$$

- Green function:

$$G(z) \equiv -\mathcal{S}(z); \quad \rho(\lambda) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\pi} \Im (G(\lambda - i\epsilon))$$

- Blue function:  $B[G(z)] = z$

# Spectral Transforms

- R-transforms and S-transforms

- R-transform:  $R(z) = B(z) - z^{-1}$

- Properties:

$$R_{aH}(z) = aR_H(az)$$

$$R(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k z^{k-1} \quad c_k : \text{ Generalized cumulants}$$

- S-transform:

$$\eta(y) \equiv -\frac{1}{y}G\left(-\frac{1}{y}\right); \quad S(z) = -\frac{1+z}{z}\eta^{-1}(1+z)$$

# Spectral Transforms

- Example 1: Wigner semi-circle

$$G(z) = \frac{z \pm \sqrt{z^2 - 4}}{2} \quad R(z) = z$$

- Example 2: Marcenko-Pastur  $Q = T/N$ ,  $q = 1/Q$

$$\rho(\lambda) = (1-Q)^+ \delta(\lambda) + \frac{\sqrt{4\lambda q - (\lambda + q - 1)^2}}{2\pi\lambda q} \quad \lambda \in [(1-\sqrt{q})^2, (1+\sqrt{q})^2]$$

$$G(z) = \frac{(z + q - 1) - \sqrt{(z + q - 1)^2 - 4zq}}{2zq}, \quad R(z) = \frac{1}{1 - qz}, \quad S(z) = \frac{1}{1 + qz}$$

# Four-ways to the semi-circle

- **1. From the full multivariate density.** The GOE measure:

$$P(\mathbf{H}) \propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}\mathbf{H}^2\right] \rightarrow \rho(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_N) = Z^{-1} \prod_{i < j} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j| \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \lambda_i^2\right]$$

- Transform Van der Monde determinant with Orthogonal Polynomials, compute  $\rho(\lambda)$  by integrating over  $N - 1$  variables, take the large  $N$  limit  $\rightarrow \rho(\lambda) = \sqrt{4 - \lambda^2}/2\pi$
- Use the analogy with the partition function of a charged gaz with logarithmic interactions, confined by a parabolic potential. At equilibrium, force on each particle is zero:

$$\lambda = \int d\lambda' \frac{\rho(\lambda')}{\lambda - \lambda'}$$

# Four-ways to the semi-circle

Tricomi's equation, solved by Wigner's semi-circle

- Note: Dyson's Brownian motion: add a small Gaussian matrix and use second order perturbation theory and rescale to keep a fixed variance:

$$d\lambda_i = \left[ -\lambda_i + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} \right] dt + dB_t$$

# Four-ways to the semi-circle

- 2. From a recursion relation on the Green function  $G(z) = (z\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{H})^{-1}$
- Start from an  $N \times N$  sym. matrix with IID entries and add a row and a column of IID elements.
- Expand twice the inverse of a matrix in terms of minors. One easily gets:

$$\frac{1}{G_{00}^{N+1}(z)} = z - H_{00} - \sum_{ij} H_{0i} H_{0j} G_{ij}^N(z)$$

- Find a similar recursion for  $G_{0i}^{N+1}$  which shows that off diagonal elements are  $O(1/\sqrt{N})$  whereas diagonal elements are of order one.

# Four-ways to the semi-circle

- Hence:

$$\frac{1}{G_{00}^{N+1}(z)} \approx z - \sum_i^N H_{0i}^2 G_{ii}^N(z) + O(1/\sqrt{N})$$

- Since  $H_{0i}$  and  $G_{ii}$  are independent, one can use the law of large numbers to get, for large  $N$ :

$$\overline{G}^{-1} = z - \overline{G}^{-1} \rightarrow \overline{G} = \frac{1}{2}(z \pm \sqrt{z^2 - 4})$$



# Four-ways to the semi-circle

- 3. The REPLICA method

- Use a Gaussian integral representation of the inverse:

$$A_{ii}^{-1} = \frac{\int [\prod_j d\phi_j] \phi_i^2 \exp[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{jk} \phi_j A_{kj} \phi_k]}{\int [\prod_j d\phi_j] \exp[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{jk} \phi_j A_{kj} \phi_k]}$$

The “Replica Trick” is to write this as:

$$A_{ii}^{-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \int [\prod_{ja} d\phi_j^a] \frac{1}{n} \sum_{a=1}^n \phi_i^{a2} \exp[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{a=1}^n \sum_{jk} \phi_j^a A_{kj} \phi_k^a]$$

- Use this with  $A = z1 - H$ , trace over  $i$  and average over Gaussian  $H_{ij}$ , leading to:

$$G(z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{2\partial}{n\partial z} \int [\prod_{ja} d\phi_j^a] \exp[-\frac{z}{2} \sum_a \sum_j \phi_i^{a2} + \frac{1}{4N} \sum_{a,b} \sum_{ij} \phi_i^a \phi_i^b \phi_j^a \phi_j^b]$$

# Four-ways to the semi-circle

- ‘Replica sym.’ ansatz: Introduce two ‘order parameters’

$$q_0(z) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \phi_i^a \phi_i^a, \quad q_1(z) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \phi_i^a \phi_i^b,$$

enforced by two  $\delta$  functions, expressed in Fourier transform.  
Integration over  $\phi$  becomes Gaussian again.

- The remaining integral finally reads:

$$\int dq_0 dq_1 d\lambda d\mu \exp[NnF(q_0, q_1, \lambda, \mu)]$$

with:

$$F(q_0, q_1, \lambda, \mu) = \left(\lambda + \frac{z}{2}\right)q_0 + \mu(n-1)q_1 - \frac{1}{2} \ln \lambda - \frac{1}{2n} \ln \frac{\lambda + n\mu}{\lambda} + \frac{q_0^2}{4} + \frac{(n-1)q_1^2}{4}$$

# Four-ways to the semi-circle

- Work at finite  $n$  and let  $N \rightarrow \infty$ : saddle point calculation leading to the following equation:

$$\lambda^* + \frac{z}{2} + \frac{q_0^*}{2}, \quad \lambda^* q_0^* = 1, \longrightarrow G(z) = q_0^* = \frac{1}{2}(z \pm \sqrt{z^2 - 4})$$

# Four-ways to the semi-circle

- 4. Free convolution (more below)
- If  $\mathbf{H}_1$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2$  are two IID large ( $N \rightarrow \infty$ ) Gaussian matrices, then:

$$R_{H_1+H_2}(z) = R_{H_1}(z) + R_{H_2}(z)$$

- But:  $\mathbf{H}_1 + \mathbf{H}_2 =_L \sqrt{2}\mathbf{H}$  – Hence:

$$R_{\sqrt{2}H}(z) = \sqrt{2}R_H(\sqrt{2}z) = 2R_H(z) \longrightarrow R_H(z) = az$$

- Generalized CLT

# Four-ways to the semi-circle: pros and cons

- 1. Rigorous, access to multi-point correlations but specific (Gaussian ensemble) and relatively heavy
- 2. Makes explicit the CLT character of the semi-circle, can be extended to Lévy variables, no access to multi-point correlations
- 3. Non rigorous but very flexible, leads to solution for more complicated RM ensembles, can be extended to multi-point correlations
- 4. Elegant and powerful (see below) but no access to multi-point correlations and structure of eigenvectors

# Other classic RMT results

- 1. Structure of eigenvectors

- The GOE is invariant under rotations, hence there cannot be any localisation of eigenvectors. Therefore, the inverse participation ratio (Hirfindahl index) of any eigenvector is zero:

$$\sum_i w_i^{\alpha 2} = \frac{1}{N}, \quad w_i^{\alpha} = |\langle i|\alpha\rangle|^2$$

- More precisely, for a given  $\alpha$ ,

$$P(w) = N \exp[-Nw]$$

(Porter-Thomas distribution)

# Other classic RMT results

- 2. Finite  $N$  results

- Note; The density of states is *self-averaging*

- Convergence of the averaged density of states for Gaussian elements:

$$|E[\rho_N] - \rho_\infty| \leq \kappa N^{-2/3}$$

Note: comes from the edge scaling spill-over:

$$\rho_N(\lambda = 2 + \epsilon) = N^{-2/3} f(\epsilon N^{-2/3})$$

which itself can be guessed from:  $\int_{2-\epsilon}^2 du \sqrt{2-u} = \frac{1}{N} \propto \epsilon^{3/2}$ .

- For a fixed realization:

$$|\rho_N - \rho_\infty| = \xi N^{-2/5}$$

# Other classic RMT results

- Can be extended to non Gaussian elements provided high enough moments exist.
- More precise results about the largest eigenvalue: Tracy-Widom, see below.



# Other classic RMT results

- 3. Universal correlations

- Universal level repulsion: degeneracies are of co-dimension 1
  - For example for a  $2 \times 2$  matrix:

$$\Delta = 0 \quad \text{when} \quad (H_{11} - H_{22})^2 + H_{12}^2 = 0$$

This implies, for the level spacing distribution:

$$P(s) \sim_{s \rightarrow 0} s$$

- Wigner surmise (for a  $2 \times 2$  Gaussian matrix):

$$P(s) \propto s \exp[-s^2]$$

extremely good fit for the exact large  $N$  result, and universal (resists change of global densities, etc.) – for example, true

# Other classic RMT results

for the Marcenko-Pastur problem, or for quantized classically chaotic systems

- Universal two-level density on a local scale (after rescaling such that  $\rho(\lambda) = 1$ ):

$$\rho\left(\lambda, \lambda + \frac{u}{N}\right) = 1 - \frac{\sin \pi u}{\pi u}$$

- Incompressibility

$$\langle n^2(\Delta) \rangle - \langle n(\Delta) \rangle^2 \sim \frac{2}{\pi^2} \ln \Delta \ll \Delta$$

# Other classic RMT results

- 4. Lévy matrices

- $H_{ij}$ : IID with power-law tails, exponent  $\mu < 2$  such that the variance diverges, rescaled by  $N^{1/\mu}$
- $\rho(\lambda)$  can be exactly computed and has no edge [for a rigorous proof, see Ben-Arous-Guionnet]
- $\rho(\lambda) \sim_{|\lambda| \rightarrow \infty} |\lambda|^{-1-\mu}$
- Interesting structure of eigenvectors (no rotational symmetry) – transition between localized and extended
- Structure of correlations and level spacing unknown