

## 4. Extreme eigenvalues

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# The Tracy-Widom problem

- Edge and extreme eigenvalues
- Max of IID variables: trivial problem – Fréchet, Gumbel and Weibull
- Max of correlated variables: a few known non trivial cases, such as the max of eigenvalues of GOE, GUE
- Tracy-Widom result:

$$\lambda_{\max} = 2 + \frac{\xi}{N^{2/3}}, \quad F_{TW}(\xi)$$

where  $F_{TW}(\xi)$  is expressed in terms of Painlevé solutions,  
 $\ln F_{TW}(\xi) \sim_{\pm\infty} -|\xi|^{3/2,3}$

# Rank one perturbations

- Universality of TW?
- TW result expected to breakdown when the distribution of matrix elements is too broad
- An auxiliary problem: what is the largest eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{\Lambda}$ , where  $\mathbf{H}$  is Wigner and  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$  a rank-one perturbation with eigenvalue  $S$  ?
- Several methods: free, direct perturbation, replicas

# Rank one perturbations

- R-transform method

- Green function for  $\Lambda$ :

$$G(z) = \frac{N-1}{Nz} + \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{z-S} \rightarrow B(z) \approx \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{N} \frac{S}{1-Sz}$$

Sum of R-transforms:

$$R_{H+\Lambda} = z + \frac{1}{N} \frac{S}{1-Sz} \rightarrow z \approx G + \frac{1}{G} + \frac{1}{N} \frac{S}{1-SG}$$

- Isolated eigenvalue out of the Wigner sea if  $SG_W(z) = 1$  has a non trivial solution, leading to

$$z = \lambda_{\max} = S + \frac{1}{S} \quad (S > 1); \quad \lambda_{\max} = 2 \quad (S \leq 1)$$

# Rank one perturbations

- But: No info on the structure of the largest eigenvector

## Extension: Wigner with one Large Element

- Symmetric  $H_{ij}$  Gaussian with variance  $1/N$  except one pair  $H_{\alpha\beta} = H_{\beta\alpha} = S$
- Rank two perturbation with eigenvalues  $\pm S$
- Extension of the above result: two eigenvalues  $\pm(S + 1/S)$  pop out of the Wigner sea when  $S > 1$
- Different derivation based on Statistical Mechanics

$$\mathcal{H} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^N H_{ij} s_i s_j + \frac{z}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N s_i^2$$

where  $s_i$  are soft spins verifying the spherical constraint  $\sum_{i=1}^N \langle s_i^2 \rangle = N$ . Solution with 'replica trick'.

# Wigner Problem with One Large Element

- **Zero temperature solution:**  $\lambda_{\max} = 2$  or  $\lambda_{\max} = S + 1/S$ .
  - First solution corresponds to usual Tracy-Widom statistics ( $N^{-2/3}$ ) with a delocalized eigenvector (Porter-Thomas).
  - Second solution has Gaussian fluctuations ( $1/\sqrt{N}$ ), localized on  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  with weight  $w_\alpha = w_\beta = (1 - 1/S^2)/2$ .

# Wigner Problem with Fat Tails

- Matrix elements IID with distribution

$$P(H) \sim \frac{A^\mu}{|H|^{1+\mu}} \text{ with } A \sim O(1/\sqrt{N}).$$

- Largest element (out of  $N^2/2$ ) is such that  $H_{\max}$  is distributed with Fréchet of order  $N^{2/\mu-1/2}$ . From the above:
  - If  $\mu > 4$ :  $H_{\max} \ll 1$ , one recover Tracy-Widom.
  - If  $\mu < 4$ :  $H_{\max} \gg 1$ ,  $\lambda_{\max} = H_{\max}$ : Fréchet distribution.
  - If  $\mu = 4$ :  $H_{\max} \sim O(1)$ ,  $\lambda_{\max} = 2$  or  $\lambda_{\max} = H_{\max} + 1/H_{\max}$



# Wigner Problem with Fat Tails

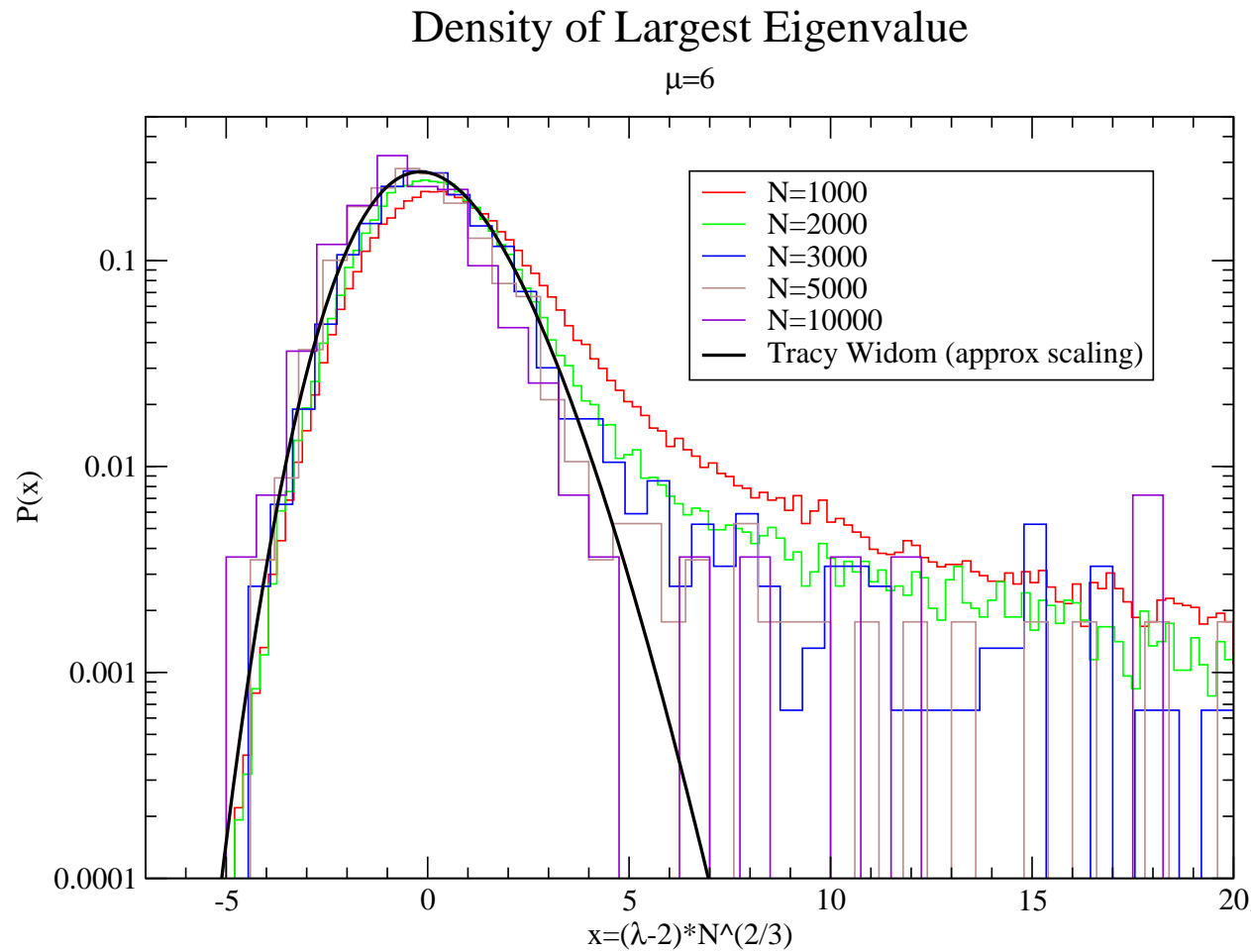
- Largest Eigenvalue statistics

- $\mu > 4$ :  $\lambda_{\max} - 2 \sim N^{-2/3}$  with a **Tracy-Widom** distribution
- $2 < \mu < 4$ :  $\lambda_{\max} \sim N^{\frac{2}{\mu} - \frac{1}{2}}$  with a *Fréchet* distribution (although the density goes to zero when  $\lambda > 2$  !!)
- $\mu = 4$ :  $\lambda_{\max} \geq 2$  but remains  $O(1)$ , with a new distribution:

$$P(s) = w\delta(s - 1) + (1 - w)\Theta(s - 1)F(s) \quad \lambda_{\max} = s + \frac{1}{s}$$

- Note: The case  $\mu > 4$  still has a power-law tail for finite  $N$

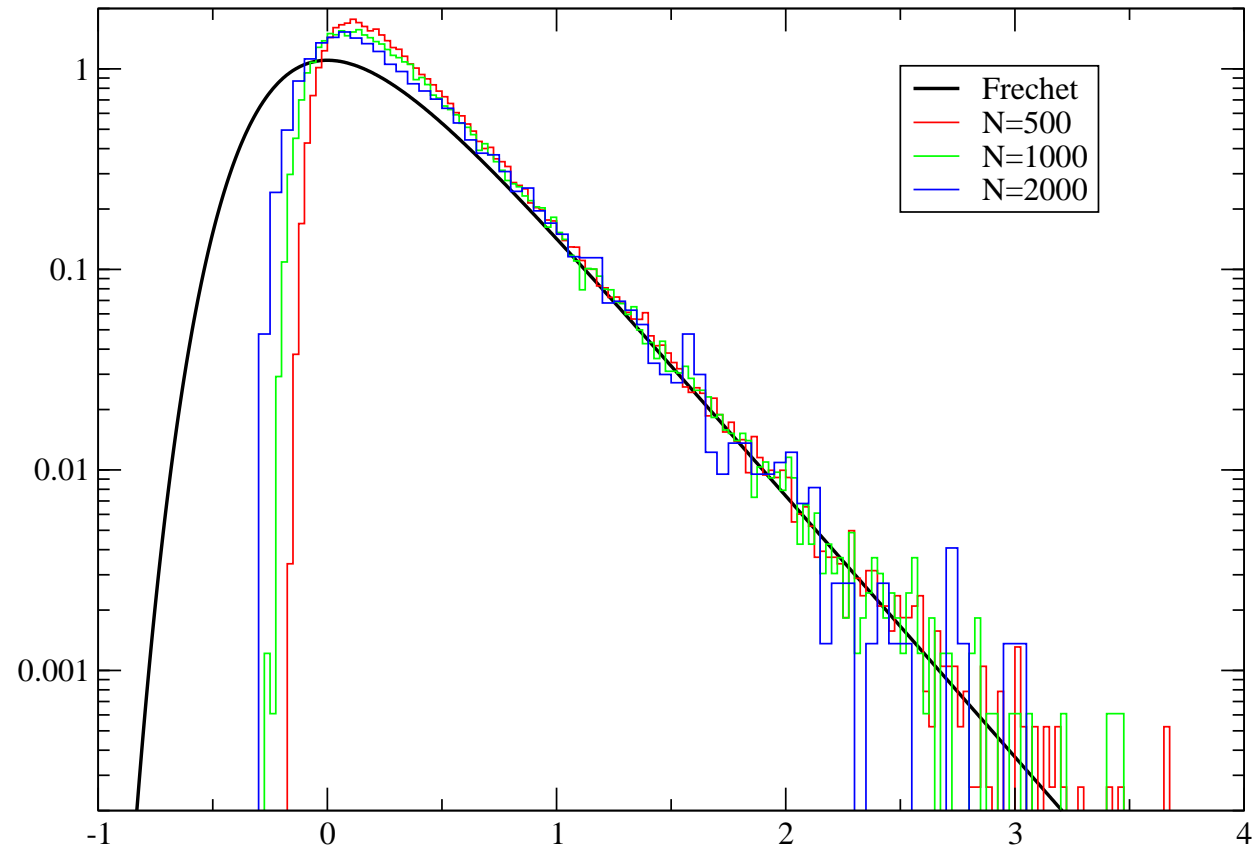
# Density for $\mu = 6$



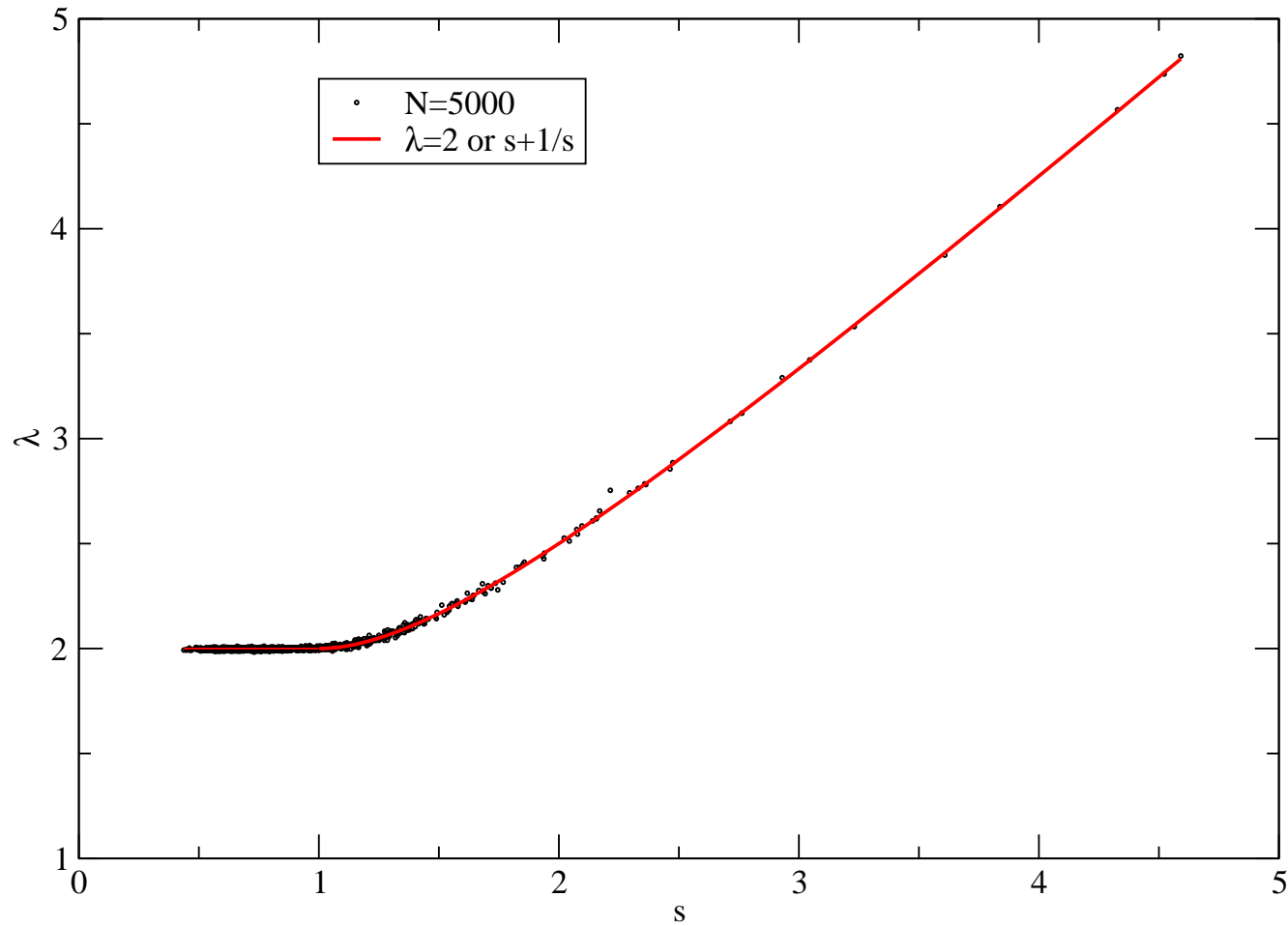
# Density for $\mu = 3$

## Largest Eigenvalue of a Random Matrix with $\mu=3$

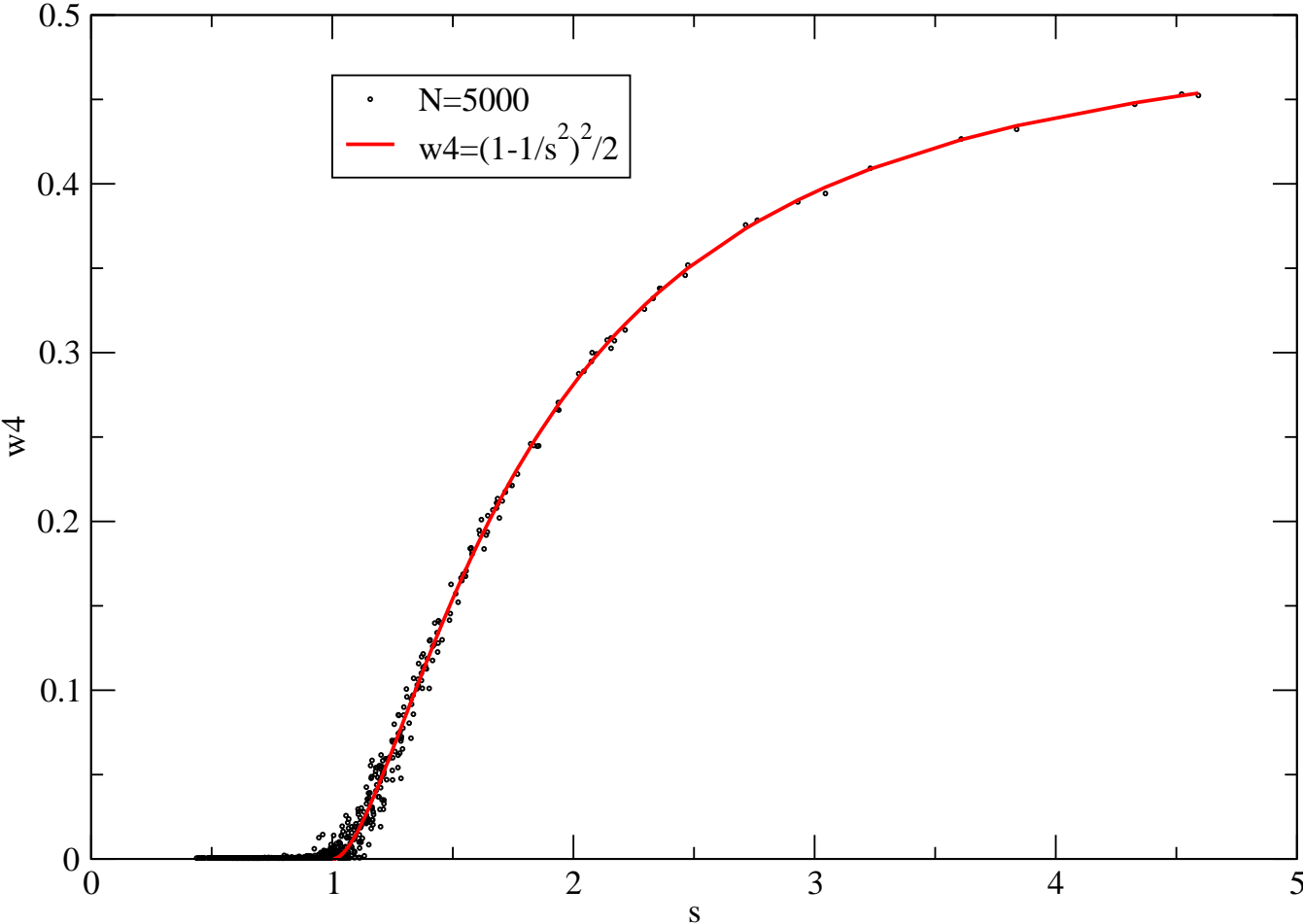
Density of  $\log(\lambda_{\max}/\text{norm})$



# Largest Eigenvalue vs Largest Element ( $\mu = 4$ )



# Inverse Participation Ratio vs Largest Element



# Wishart Problem with a Large Element

- Take  $H_{ij}$  standard Wishart matrix, except for  $H_{11} = S$  – i.e. one day one stock jumps

$$W = \sum_{k>1}^T H_{i,k}H_{j,k} + H_{i,1}H_{j,1}$$

- Solve using  $R$  transform.

$$\lambda_{\max}(S) = \left( \frac{1}{Q} + S^2 \right) \left( 1 + \frac{1}{S^2} \right) \quad S \geq 1/Q^{1/4} \quad (1)$$

- For  $S < 1/Q^{1/4}$  one has  $\lambda_{\max} = 1 + 1/Q + 1/(2\sqrt{Q})$  (M-P solution).
- Same classification as for the Wigner case around  $\mu = 4$

# Wishart Problem with a Large Element

- Note: different from the Student ensemble: one day, all stocks jump

# Dynamics of the top eigenvector of EMA matrices

- Specific dynamics of large top eigenvalue and eigenvector: Ornstein-Uhlenbeck processes (on the unit sphere for  $\mathbb{V}^1$ )

- The angle obeys the following SDE:

$$d\theta \approx -\frac{\epsilon}{2} \sin 2\theta dt + \zeta_t dW_t$$

with

$$\zeta_t^2 \approx \epsilon^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 2\theta_t + \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_0} \cos^2 2\theta_t \right]$$

- Eigenvector dynamics:

$$\langle \langle \psi_{0t+\tau} | \psi_{0t} \rangle \rangle \approx E(\cos(\theta_t - \theta_{t+\tau})) \approx 1 - \epsilon \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_0} (1 - \exp(-\epsilon\tau))$$



# The variogram of the top eigenvector

