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Analogous calculations, which we leave as exercise, show that for $N \times N$ Hermitian matrices

$$(57.1) \quad \left| \det \frac{\partial \vec{F}_1}{\partial (\lambda, u)} \right| = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j|^2 \mathcal{F}_2(u),$$

$$\mathcal{F}_2(u) > 0$$

and for $2N \times 2N$ Hermitian self-dual matrices.

$$(57.2) \quad \left| \det \frac{\partial \vec{F}_1}{\partial (\lambda, u)} \right| = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j|^4 \mathcal{F}_4(u),$$

$$\mathcal{F}_4(u) > 0.$$

(see (2) (3) Chap 2)

For $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N) \in \mathbb{C}^N$, the matrix

$$(57.3) \quad V(\lambda) = \det \left(\lambda_j^{i-1} \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq N}$$

is called the Vandermonde determinant. Explicit evaluation (exercise) shows that

(58.1)

$$V(\lambda) = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} (\lambda_j - \lambda_i)$$

Thus

real symmetric $\rightarrow |V(\lambda)|^\beta = |V(\lambda)|^1, \beta=1$

Hermitian $\rightarrow |V(\lambda)|^\beta = |V(\lambda)|^2, \beta=2$

Hermitian self-dual $\rightarrow |V(\lambda)|^\beta = |V(\lambda)|^4, \beta=4$

The eigenvalues of

We see that Hermitian self-dual matrices experience

the largest repulsion amongst themselves, while

the eigenvalues of real symmetric matrices experience the

least.

If we consider invariant convergence factors

of the form (see p32)

$$F(\tau) = e^{-\tau Q(\tau)}$$

then locally $P_N(\tau) d\tau$ takes the form

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(59.1)

$$P_N(M) dM = e^{-\sum Q(\lambda_i)} (V(\lambda)) / P^\beta f_\beta(U(P))$$

$$d^N \lambda \quad d^{N(N-1)/2} P$$

$\beta = 1, 2, 4$ respectively. Thus the eigenvalues and eigenvectors are independent.

We now show how to globalize this change of variables in order to compute probabilities of events.

Again we consider the case of real symmetric matrices

S_N with distribution $P_N(M) dM$. Let $f: S_N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

be any bdd measurable function. We compute

$$(59.1) \quad \mathbb{E} \exp(f) = \int f(M) P_N(M) dM$$

For example, if $\chi_{a,b}(x)$ is the characteristic function of the interval (a,b) and

$$(59.2) \quad f(M) = \prod_{i=1}^N [1 - \chi_{a,b}(\lambda_i(M))]$$

where $\lambda_1(M), \dots, \lambda_N(M)$ are the eigenvalues of M , then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \exp(\mathcal{F}) &= \int \prod_{i=1}^N (1 - \chi_{a,b}(\lambda_i(M))) P_N(M) dM \\ &= \text{Prob}(M: M \text{ has no eigenvalues in } (a,b)) \end{aligned}$$

This is the so-called gap probability

We now compute $\mathbb{E} \exp \mathcal{F}$ for any \mathcal{F} . (This form of the calculation is due to O. Conway.) As dM is invariant under conjugation by an orthogonal matrix

$$dM' = dM, \quad M' = OM O^T$$

we have

$$(60.1) \quad \int \mathcal{F}(M) P_N(M) dM = \int \mathcal{F}(OM O^T) P_N(OM O^T) dM$$

for any orthogonal matrix O . Let dO denote

Haar measure on the orthogonal group O_N (Reference:

Haar Measure, L. Nachbin). Integrating both sides of (60.1)

wrt dO , we find

$$(60.2) \quad \int \mathcal{F}(M) P_N(M) dM = \int \left(\int \mathcal{F}(OM O^T) P_N(OM O^T) dO \right) dM$$

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As $\text{meas}(S_N \setminus A_N) = 0$, we have

$$\int f(\mu) P_N(\mu) d\mu = \int_{A_N} \left(\int_{O_N} f(O\mu O^T) P_N(O\mu O^T) dO \right) d\mu$$

Now for $\mu \in A_N$, the eigenvalues are distinct

$$\Lambda(\mu) = \text{diag}(\lambda_1(\mu), \dots, \lambda_N(\mu)),$$

$$\lambda_1(\mu) < \dots < \lambda_N(\mu),$$

and the ~~first components of the eigenvectors~~ the

eigenvector matrix $O(\mu) = (u_1(\mu), \dots, u_N(\mu))$ is uniquely

specified as a smooth matrix by the condition

$$u_j(1, \mu) > 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, N.$$

Thus for $\mu \in A_N$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{O_N} f(O\mu O^T) P_N(O\mu O^T) dO \\ &= \int_{O_N} f(OO(\mu)\Lambda(\mu)(OO(\mu))^T) P_N(OO(\mu)\Lambda(\mu)(OO(\mu))^T) dO \\ &= \int_{O_N} f(O\Lambda(\mu)O^T) P_N(O\Lambda(\mu)O^T) dO \end{aligned}$$

as Haar measure is invariant under right (and left)

multiplication, These calculations show that

(62.1) $E \exp(F) = \int_{A_N} \left[\int_{O_N} f(O \Lambda(M) O^T) P_N(O \Lambda(M) O^T) dO \right] dM$

Note that $\int_{O_N} f(O \Lambda(M) O^T) P_N(O \Lambda(M) O^T) dO$ depends only on the eigenvalues of M .

Let $g: \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an arbitrary bounded measurable function and consider $g(\Lambda(M)) = g(\lambda_1(M), \dots, \lambda_N(M))$.

Assume $\int |g(\Lambda(M))| dM < \infty$.

We compute

$$\int_{A_N} g(\Lambda(M)) dM$$

Now for each $M \in A_N$, \exists an open nbhd O_M of M , $M \in O_M \subset A_N$ with a smooth parameterization

(62.2) $O_M = \left\{ M(\lambda, p) = O(p) \Lambda \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_N \end{pmatrix} O(p)^T \mid \lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_N, p^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^2 < \epsilon^2 \right\}$

where $O(p=0) = O(M)$. The sets $\{O_M : M \in A_N\}$ provide an open cover for A_N . Hence \exists a (countable) partition of unity $\{g_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$ subordinate to $\{O_M\}$ i.e. the g_j 's are

Now from the calculation above O_1^+ , the set of orthogonal matrices $\{O\}$ with $o_j(1) = (Oe_j, e_1) > 0$, $j=1, \dots, N$ is an open subset of the orthogonal group.

Each $O \in O_1^+$ is contained in an open nbhd V_0

$$(63.1) \quad O \in V_0 = \{O(p) : p^2 = \sum_{j=1}^N p_j^2 < \varepsilon^2\} \subset O_1^+$$

$$(63.2) \quad O(0) = O$$

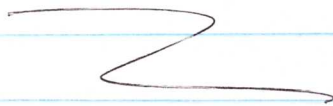
where $O(p)$ is a smooth function of p . The sets $\{V_0\}$ provide an open cover for O_1^+ .

It follows that \exists a

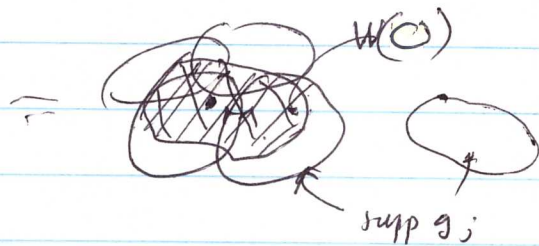
(countable) partition of unity $\{g_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$ subordinate to $\{V_0 : O \in O_1^+\}$

i.e. the g_j 's are C^∞ functions on O_1^+ such

that:



(64.1) The collection of supports $\{\text{supp } g_j : j \geq 1\}$ is locally finite i.e. for any $0 \in O_i^+$, \exists a nbhd $W(0)$ of 0 st $W(0) \cap \{\text{supp } g_j\} \neq \emptyset$ for only a finite # of j 's.



(64.2) $\sum_j g_j(0) = 1 \quad \forall 0 \in O_i^+$, and $g_j(0) \geq 0 \quad \forall 0 \in O_i^+$
and $j \geq 1$.

(64.3) For any j , $\exists V_0$ st $\text{supp } g_j \subset V_0$

In addition

(64.4) $\text{supp } g_j$ is compact for each $j \geq 1$

The existence of the partition of unity $\{g_j\}$ subordinate to the open cover, with the additional property (64.4) follows from the general theory of manifolds (see e.g.

F.W. Warner, Foundations of Differentiable Manifolds and Lie groups, 1971, Th^m 1.11 p10.) Note that as O_1^+ is an open subset of the orthogonal group, it is indeed a manifold.

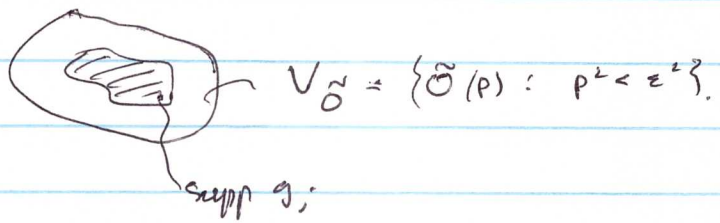
Again from the calculations above, every $M \in A_N$ has a unique orthogonal matrix $O(M) \in O_1^+$ st

$M = O(M) \Lambda(M) O(M)^T$ and $M \mapsto O(M)$ is smooth. Thus

$$(65.11) \quad \int_{A_N} g(\Lambda(M)) dM = \int_{A_N} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} g_j(O(M)) \cdot g(\Lambda(M)) dM$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{A_N} g_j(O(M)) g(\Lambda(M)) dM.$$

Now fix j : then $\text{supp } g_j \subset V_{\tilde{O}}$ for some $\tilde{O} \in O_1^+$



Consider the open set $A_{\tilde{O}} = \{M = O \Lambda O^T : O \in V_{\tilde{O}}, \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots < \lambda_N\}$

in A_N .

Now $g_j(O(M)) > 0 \Rightarrow O(M) \in V_{\tilde{\sigma}}$.

Hence $M = O(M) \Lambda(M) O(M)^T \in A_{\tilde{\sigma}}$.

~~$\tilde{\sigma}(M) \Lambda(M) \tilde{\sigma}(M)^T \in A_{\tilde{\sigma}}$~~ and we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{A_N} g_j(O(M)) g(\Lambda(M)) dM \\ &= \int_{A_{\tilde{\sigma}}} g_j(O(M)) g(\Lambda(M)) dM \end{aligned}$$

and we are reduced to the local calculation in

the previous lecture. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} (66.1) \quad & \int_{A_N} g_j(O(M)) g(\Lambda(M)) dM \\ &= \int_{\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_N} \int_{p^1 < \dots < p^N} \left(\prod_{1 \leq i < k \leq N} |\lambda_i - \lambda_k| \right) g_j(\tilde{O}(p)) g(\Lambda) \tilde{f}_1^{(j)}(p) dp d\lambda^N \\ &= \left(\int_{\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_N} g(\Lambda) \prod_{1 \leq i < k \leq N} |\lambda_i - \lambda_k| d\lambda^N \right) \int_{p^1 < \dots < p^N} \tilde{f}_1^{(j)}(p) g_j(\tilde{O}(p)) dp \end{aligned}$$

Here $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_j$: why?

Inserting this relation into (65.1) we find

$$(66.2) \quad \int_{A_N} g(\Lambda(M)) dM = \left(\int_{\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_N} g(\Lambda) \prod_{i < k} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j| d\lambda^N \right) C$$

where

$$(67.1) \quad C = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{p^2 < \varepsilon_j^2} f_j^{(j)}(p) g_j(\tilde{O}(p)) dp$$

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We may now apply the above calculation to

Exp f in (62.1). We find

$$(67.2) \quad \text{Exp } f = C \int_{\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_N} \left[\int_{O_N} f(O \Lambda O^T) P_N(O \Lambda O^T) dO \right] \\ \times \prod_{1 \leq i < k \leq N} |\lambda_i - \lambda_k| d^N \lambda$$

Setting $f \equiv 1$ in (67.2) we find

$$1 = C \int_{\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_N} \left(\int_{O_N} P_N(O \Lambda O^T) dO \right) \\ \times \prod_{1 \leq i < k \leq N} |\lambda_i - \lambda_k| d^N \lambda$$

Thus where O_N denotes the orthogonal group,

$$(67.3) \quad \text{Exp } f = \int_{\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_N} \int_{O_N} f(O \Lambda O^T) \prod_{i < k} |\lambda_i - \lambda_k| \\ P_N(O \Lambda O^T) d^N \lambda dO$$

$$\int_{\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_N} \int_{O_N} \prod_{i < k} |\lambda_i - \lambda_k| P_N(O \Lambda O^T) d^N \lambda dO$$

In particular if

- $P_N(M)$ is invariant under O_N , e.g.,

$$P_N(M) = e^{-\text{tr} Q(M)} = P_N(\lambda)$$

- if $f(M)$ is also O_N invariant

$$f(M) = f(\lambda_1(M), \dots, \lambda_N(M)) = f(\lambda)$$

eg if $\psi(M)$ is given as in (54.2)

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (68.1) \quad \langle \text{Exp } f \rangle &= \frac{\int_{\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_N} \int_{O_N} f(\lambda) \prod_{i < k} (\lambda_i - \lambda_k) P_N(\lambda) d^N \lambda}{\int_{\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_N} \int_{O_N} \prod_{i < k} (\lambda_i - \lambda_k) P_N(\lambda) d^N \lambda} \\
 &= \frac{\int_{\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_N} f(\lambda) \prod_{i < k} (\lambda_i - \lambda_k) P_N(\lambda) d^N(\lambda)}{\int_{\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_N} \prod_{i < k} (\lambda_i - \lambda_k) P_N(\lambda) d^N \lambda}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the eigenvectors integrate out completely when we compute the statistics of the eigenvalues in the case of invariant ensembles. In the case of general Wigner

ensembles, this is not the case and the change of variables $M = O \Lambda O^T \rightarrow (\Lambda, O)$ does

not simplify the computation of ^{the} statistics of the eigenvalues. One needs to take a different approach (see ref (10) L. Erdős)

Note: From (67.3) we see that when it comes to computing $\int \exp f$ for any $f = f(M)$, integrating w.r.t to $P_N(M) dM$ is the same as integrating $f(O \Lambda O^T)$ w.r.t

$$P_N(O \Lambda O^T) \prod_{1 \leq i < k \leq N} |\lambda_i - \lambda_k| d^N \lambda dO \quad \text{over } \{\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_N\} \times O_N$$

This is not to say that dM is the product of $\prod_{i < k} |\lambda_i - \lambda_k| d^N \lambda$ and Haar measure, i.e.

$$dM = \prod_{i < k} |\lambda_i - \lambda_k| d^N \lambda dO, \quad dO = \text{Haar measure.}$$

What we are saying is that if we integrate functions of the special form $f(M) = f(O \Lambda O^T)$ with respect to these measures, we obtain the same result. Said differently, what (67.3) in fact tells us is that $P_N(M) dM$ is the push forward $M_\#$ of the measure

$$d\mu(\Lambda, O) = \left(\prod_{i < k} |\lambda_i - \lambda_k| \right) P_N(O \Lambda O^T) d^N \lambda dO \Big/ \int \dots \int_{\substack{\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_N \\ O_N}} \prod_{i < k} |\lambda_i - \lambda_k| P_N(O \Lambda O^T) d^N \lambda dO$$

under the map $\varphi: (\Lambda, O) \mapsto M = O \Lambda O^T$ from $\{\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_N\} \times O_N$ onto S_N ,

$$\int f(M) P_N(M) dM = \int f(\varphi(\Lambda, O)) d\mu(\Lambda, O) = \int f(M) dM_\varphi(M)$$

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A similar argument for the Hermitian ensemble,
 $(\beta=2)$ leads to exactly the same formulas for $\mathbb{E} \exp f$

as above except $\prod_{1 \leq i < k \leq N} (\lambda_i - \lambda_k)$ is replaced

by $\prod_{1 \leq i < k \leq N} (\lambda_i - \lambda_k)^2$. And for the Hermitian

self-dual case $(\beta=4)$ $\prod_{1 \leq i < k \leq N} (\lambda_i - \lambda_k)$ is replaced by $\prod_{1 \leq i < k \leq N} (\lambda_i - \lambda_k)^4$

We leave the details as an exercise.

We now show how to compute

$\mathbb{E} \exp f$ for invariant Hermitian ensembles $(\beta=2)$

$$(70.1) \quad P_{\text{inv}}(x) = e^{-\text{tr} Q(x)}, \quad Q(x) \rightarrow +\infty \text{ as } |x| \rightarrow \infty$$

and f is of the form

$$(70.2) \quad f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[1 - g(\lambda_i(x)) \right]$$

for some bounded function $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

We follow the method of Tracy & Widom (see (2.13)).

We will need some auxiliary results from functional analysis and matrix theory.

Let X and Y be 2 separable Hilbert spaces.

Let $A: X \rightarrow Y$ be trace class (see eg B. Simon, Trace ideals and their applications) and let $B: Y \rightarrow X$ be bounded. Then

$$(71.1) \quad \det(I_X + BA) = \det(I_Y + AB)$$

Let $\{f_j(x)\}$ and $\{g_j(x)\}$ denote real- or complex valued functions on \mathbb{R} that are in $L^2(d\mu)$ for some Borel measure $d\mu$ on \mathbb{R}

Then the following identity is true

$$(71.2) \quad \int \dots \int \det(f_j(x_k))_{j,k=1,\dots,N} \det(g_j(x_k))_{j,k=1,\dots,N} d\mu(x_1) \dots d\mu(x_N) \\ = N! \det \left(\int f_j(x) g_k(x) d\mu(x) \right)_{j,k=1,\dots,N}$$

Proof of (71.1) Note first that because $A: X \rightarrow Y$ is

trace class, it can be represented (see [Simon 7]) in the

form

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sigma_i (u_i, \cdot) v_i$$

$$\text{if } Aw = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sigma_i (u_i, w) v_i$$

where the singular values $\sigma_i, i \geq 1$ are positive and summable, $\sum \sigma_i < \infty$, and the $\{u_i\}$ and $\{v_i\}$

are orthogonal & normalized in X and Y resp. i.e.

$$(u_i, u_j)_X = \delta_{ij}, \quad (v_i, v_j) = \delta_{ij}$$

Extending $\{v_i\}$ if necessary to an orthonormal basis

$\{v_i\} \cup \{v'_i\}$ of Y , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}_Y AB &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (v_k, ABv_k) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (v'_k, ABv'_k) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (v_k, \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sigma_i (B^* u_i, v_k) v_i) + 0 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sigma_i (B^* u_i, v_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sigma_i (u_i, Bv_i) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}_X BA &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (u_k, \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sigma_i (u_i, u_k) Bv_i) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (u_k, \sigma_k Bv_k) = \text{tr}_Y AB. \end{aligned}$$

$$(73.1) \quad \text{tr}_X BA = \text{tr}_Y AB$$

Since $T \mapsto \det(1+T)$ is analytic on the trace class operators, it is enough to show that

$$\det(1 + \alpha AB) = \det(1 + \alpha BA)$$

for α small. But then by the formula (see [Simon])

$$\det(1+T) = e^{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} \text{tr} T^k}, \quad T \text{ small}$$

it is enough to show $\text{tr}_X (BA)^k = \text{tr}_Y (AB)^k$, $k \geq 1$.

But by (73.1) for $k \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}_X (BA)^k &= \text{tr}_X [(BA)^{k-1} B] A \\ &= \text{tr}_Y A [(BA)^{k-1} B] \\ &= \text{tr}_Y (AB)^k \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

Remarks

Formula (71.1), the commutation formula is extremely useful in many, many different areas of mathematics

For example, if we replace B by $-B/\lambda$, $\lambda \neq 0$
we see from (71.1) that

$$\det(I_X - \frac{1}{\lambda} BA) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \det(I_X - \frac{1}{\lambda} AB) = 0$$

Thus

$$(74.1) \quad \text{spec } BA \setminus 0 = \text{spec } AB \setminus 0$$

The map $AB \rightarrow BA$ is the fundamental
isospectral action (see Deift, DMTour, 1978, Applications
of a Commutator Formula, for many different applications
of (71.1)). Some of the most applications of the
formula involve the observation that X and Y are
in general different spaces, so one may be finite
dimensional, the other infinite dimensional; in particular
this is the situation, as we will see, in RMT.