

the remaining particles: Indeed, suppose $F = F(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

is a symmetric function of x_1, \dots, x_n . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n!} \int F(x_1, \dots, x_n) R_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n \\ &= \frac{N!}{(N-n)! n!} \int F(x_1, \dots, x_n) P_N(x_1, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots, x_N) \\ & \quad dx_1 \dots dx_n dx_{n+1} \dots dx_N \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_n \leq N} F(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_n}) P_N(x_1, \dots, x_N) dx_1 \dots dx_N.$$

Thus

$$(93.1) \quad \text{Exp } \hat{F} = \frac{1}{n!} \int F(x_1, \dots, x_n) R_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n$$

where

$$(93.2) \quad \hat{F}(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_n \leq N} F(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_n})$$

is the symmetric extension of $F(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ to N variables.

Suppose $x_1^0 < x_2^0 < \dots < x_n^0$ and let $\delta > 0$ be small.

Let χ_j^0 be the characteristic function of the (disjoint)

sets $(x_j^0 - \frac{\delta}{2}, x_j^0 + \frac{\delta}{2})$. Let

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \prod_{j=1}^n \chi_j^0(x_{\sigma_j})$$

clearly F is symmetric

Hence Lemma (93.2) we have from (93.2)

$$\begin{aligned} \delta^n R_n(x_1^0, \dots, x_n^0) &\sim \frac{1}{n!} \int F(x_1, \dots, x_n) P_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n \\ &= \int \hat{F}(x_1, \dots, x_n) P_N(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n \\ &= \int_{x_1 < \dots < x_n} \hat{F}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \hat{P}_N(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n \end{aligned}$$

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(where $\hat{P}_N = N! P_N$)

$$= \int_{x_1 < \dots < x_n} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_n \leq N} F(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_n}) \hat{P}_N(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n$$

Now as $x_1 < \dots < x_n$, $F(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_n}) = \prod_{j=1}^n \chi_j^0(x_{i_j})$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \delta^n R_n(x_1^0, \dots, x_n^0) &= \sum_{x_1 < \dots < x_n} \left[\sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_n \leq N} \left(\prod_{j=1}^n \chi_j^0(x_{i_j}) \right) \right] \hat{P}_N(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n \\ &= \sum_{x_1 < \dots < x_n} \left[\chi_1^0(x_1) \dots \chi_n^0(x_n) + \dots + \chi_1^0(x_{N-n+1}) \dots \chi_n^0(x_N) \right] \\ &\quad \hat{P}_N(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n \end{aligned}$$

\approx Prob (exactly 1 eigenvalue in each of the intervals $(x_j^0 - \delta/2, x_j^0 + \delta/2)$)
↑
why?

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In the case of RMT $P_N(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N) d\lambda_1 \dots d\lambda_N$

only has physical meaning, even though $P_N(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N)$ is symmetric in the λ_i 's, only when $\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_N$. Indeed, remember that the map $M \mapsto (\Lambda(M), \mathcal{O}(M))$ always specifies the eigenvalues in some order, in particular, $\lambda_1(M) < \dots < \lambda_N(M)$.

When we compute the expectation $\langle \text{Exp } F \rangle$ for some quantity $F(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N)$ which is symmetric in $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N$,

we have

(94+.1)
$$\langle \text{Exp } F \rangle = \int_{\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_N} F(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N) P_N(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N) d\lambda_1 \dots d\lambda_N$$

However as a computational convenience we observe that

(94+.2)
$$\langle \text{Exp } F \rangle = \frac{1}{N!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} F(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N) P_N(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N) d\lambda_1 \dots d\lambda_N$$

Although (94+.2) is easier to manipulate, when we want to understand the meaning of the statistic $\langle \text{Exp } F \rangle$, we must refer to (94+.1)

Thus

(95.1) $R_n(x_1^0, \dots, x_n^0)$ is the density of the probability that is one eigenvalue at each of the points

$$x_1^0, \dots, x_n^0, \quad x_1^0 < \dots < x_n^0$$

Note the following:

If $F = F(x_1) = \chi_{\Omega}(x_1)$, the characteristic function.

of $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}$

$$\hat{F}(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \sum_{i=1}^N F(x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^N \chi_{\Omega}(x_i) = \# \{i: x_i \in \Omega\}$$

Thus by (93.1)

$$(95.1) \quad \mathbb{E} \exp(\# \{i: x_i \in \Omega\}) = \int_{\Omega} R_1(x) dx$$

Bearing (94+) in mind, we also have for random matrix ensembles,

$$(95.2) \quad \mathbb{E} \exp(\# \{i: \lambda_i \in \Omega\}) = \int_{\Omega} R_1(x) dx$$

Also if Ω_1, Ω_2 are two disjoint sets in \mathbb{R} can

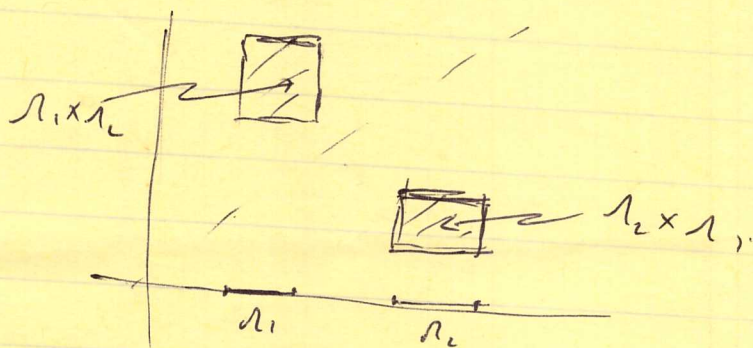
$$F(x_1, x_2) = \chi_{\Omega_1}(x_1) \chi_{\Omega_2}(x_2) + \chi_{\Omega_2}(x_1) \chi_{\Omega_1}(x_2).$$

Then

$$\hat{F}(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 \leq N} [\chi_{\Omega_1}(x_{i_1}) \chi_{\Omega_2}(x_{i_2}) + \chi_{\Omega_2}(x_{i_1}) \chi_{\Omega_1}(x_{i_2})]$$

$$= \# \{ (i_1, i_2) : i_1 < i_2, (x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}) \in \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 \cup \Omega_2 \times \Omega_1 \}$$

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Thus

(96.1)

$$\text{Exp } \left(\# \{ \text{pairs } (i_1, i_2), i_1 < i_2 \}$$

either $x_{i_1} \in \Omega_1$ and $x_{i_2} \in \Omega_2$

or $x_{i_2} \in \Omega_1$ and $x_{i_1} \in \Omega_2$)

$$= \frac{1}{2!} \int [\chi_{\Omega_1}(x_1) \chi_{\Omega_2}(x_2) + \chi_{\Omega_1}(x_2) \chi_{\Omega_2}(x_1)] R(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2$$

$$= \int_{\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2} R(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2$$

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Exercise: Show how (96.1) changes if $\Omega_1 = \Omega_2$.

We now show how to compute $R_n(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ using

(89.1)

$$\langle \Phi \rangle = \det (\mathbb{I}_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} + K \chi_g)$$

where $f(x) = \det(\mathbb{I} + g(x))$ and K is given in (88.2)

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Again bearing (9.4+) in mind, we have for random matrix ensemble,

$$\int_{x_1 < \dots < x_N} \hat{F}(x_1, \dots, x_N) \hat{P}_N(x) d^N x$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \hat{F}(x_1, \dots, x_N) P_N(x) d^N x, \quad P_N = \frac{1}{N!} \hat{P}_N$$

$$(9.6.1) \quad \int_{\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2} R(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2$$

for definiteness that

Now suppose Ω_1 lies to the left of Ω_2



Then for $x_1 < \dots < x_N$

$$\hat{F}(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 \leq N} \chi_{\Omega_1}(x_{i_1}) \chi_{\Omega_2}(x_{i_2})$$

= # { ordered pairs of eigenvalues, $(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}), x_{i_1} < x_{i_2}$ such that $(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}) \in \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$ }

Hence

$$(9.6.1) \quad \mathbb{E} \# \{ \text{ordered pairs of eigenvalues, } (x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}), x_{i_1} < x_{i_2}, \text{ such that } (x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}) \in \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 \} \\ = \int_{\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2} R(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2$$

More explicitly for any $g \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$.

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$$(97.0) \quad \int \prod_{i=1}^N (1 + g(x_i)) P_N(x_1, \dots, x_N) d^N x = \det (1 + K_X g)_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}$$

where

$$P_N(x) d^N x = \frac{\left(\prod_{i=1}^N w(x_i) \right) |V(x)|^L d^N x}{\left(\prod_{i=1}^N w(y_i) \right) |V(y)|^L d^N y}$$

Choose g such that

$$1 + g = \gamma_0 \chi_0 + \dots + \gamma_k \chi_k \quad \text{for some } k$$

where χ_i are the characteristic functions of disjoint ^(Borel) sets

Ω_i , $0 \leq i \leq k$, in \mathbb{R} , such that $\mathbb{R} = \bigcup_{i=0}^k \Omega_i$.
Here $\gamma_i \in \mathbb{R}$, $i=0, \dots, k$.

Clearly

$$(97.1) \quad g = (\gamma_0 - 1) \chi_0 + \dots + (\gamma_k - 1) \chi_k \\ = \sum_{i=0}^k m_i \chi_i, \quad m_i = \gamma_i - 1, \quad 0 \leq i \leq k.$$

For any $1 \leq j \leq N$, let

$$(97.2) \quad \sigma_j(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_N) = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_j \leq N} \xi_{i_1} \dots \xi_{i_j}$$

denote the j th elementary symmetric function and set $\sigma_0 = 1$.

We have

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$$(98.1) \quad \prod_{i=1}^N (1 + \xi_i) = \sum_{j=0}^N \sigma_j(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_N)$$

Thus

$$\int \prod_{i=1}^N (1 + g(x_i)) P_N(x) d^N x$$
$$= \sum_{j=0}^N \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_j \leq N} \int g(x_{i_1}) \dots g(x_{i_j}) P_N(x) d^N x$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^N \binom{N}{j} \int g(x_1) \dots g(x_j) P_N(x) d^N x$$

(by symmetry)

$$= \sum_{j=0}^N \binom{N}{j} \frac{(N-j)!}{N!} \int g(x_1) \dots g(x_j) R_j(x_1, \dots, x_j) dx_1 \dots dx_j$$

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Substituting (98++2) for $\prod_{i=1}^j g(x_i)$ we find (exercise: see ref(3)

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$$(98.2) \quad \int \prod_{i=1}^N (1 + g(x_i)) P_N(x) d^N x$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{n_0, n_1, \dots, n_k \geq 0 \\ 0 \leq |n| \leq N}} \frac{\eta_0^{n_0} \eta_1^{n_1} \dots \eta_k^{n_k}}{|n|!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{|n|}} R_{|n|}(x_1, \dots, x_{|n|}) x$$

$\{x_{n_0, n_1, \dots, n_k} \text{ of } \{x_1, \dots, x_{|n|}\} \text{ lie in } \Delta_0, \Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k \text{ resp by } d^{|n|} x$

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Now
 (98+.1)
$$\prod_{i=1}^j g(x_i) = \prod_{i=1}^j (\eta_0 \chi_0(x_i) + \dots + \eta_k \chi_k(x_i))$$

$$= \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_j=0}^k \eta_{i_1} \dots \eta_{i_j} \chi_{i_1}(x_1) \dots \chi_{i_j}(x_j)$$

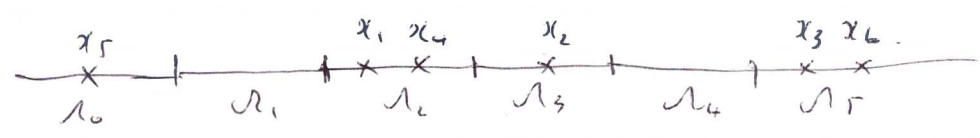
$$= \sum_{\substack{n_0, n_1, \dots, n_k \geq 0 \\ \sum_{i=0}^k n_i = j}} \sum_{\substack{0 \leq i_1, \dots, i_j \leq k \\ \#\{d: i_d=0\} = n_0 \\ \#\{d: i_d=k\} = n_k}} \eta_{i_1} \dots \eta_{i_j} \chi_{i_1}(x_1) \dots \chi_{i_j}(x_j)$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{n_0, n_1, \dots, n_k \geq 0 \\ \sum_{i=0}^k n_i = j}} \eta_0^{n_0} \dots \eta_k^{n_k} E(n_0, \dots, n_k; x)$$

where

(98+.2)
$$E(n_0, n_1, \dots, n_k; x) = \sum_{\substack{0 \leq i_1, \dots, i_j \leq k \\ \#\{d: i_d=0\} = n_0 \\ \vdots \\ \#\{d: i_d=k\} = n_k}} \chi_{i_1}(x_1) \dots \chi_{i_j}(x_j)$$

Consider, for example, the case where $k=5$ and $j=6$ and
 $n_0=1$ $n_1=0$ $n_2=2$ $n_3=1$ $n_4=0$ $n_5=2$, $\sum_{d=0}^k n_d = j=6$
 and with $\{x_1, \dots, x_6\}$ arranged as follows



Now clearly $\chi_{i_1}(x_1) \chi_{i_2}(x_2) \dots \chi_{i_j}(x_6) = 1$ if and only
 if $i_1=2$ $i_2=3$ $i_3=5$ $i_4=2$ $i_5=0$ $i_6=5$

In particular only one term in (98+2.1) contributes. We

conclude that

$$(98++1) \quad E(n_0, n_1, \dots, n_k : x) = \sum_{\{x = \{x_0, \dots, x_j\} : n_q \text{ of the } x_i\text{'s are in } \mathcal{R}_q, 0 \leq q \leq k\}} (x)$$

Thus

$$(98++2) \quad \prod_{i=1}^j f(x_i) = \sum_{\substack{n_0, n_1, \dots, n_k \geq 0 \\ \sum_{i=0}^k n_i = k}} \eta_0^{n_0} \eta_1^{n_1} \dots \eta_k^{n_k} \sum_{\{x = \{x_0, \dots, x_j\} : n_q \text{ of the } x_i\text{'s} \in \mathcal{R}_q, 0 \leq q \leq k\}} (x)$$

where $|n| = n_0 + n_1 + \dots + n_k$

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On the other hand, by the Fredholm expansion of a determinant,

$$\begin{aligned} \det(1 + K_g) &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^j} \det \begin{bmatrix} k(x_1, x_1) & \dots & k(x_1, x_j) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ k(x_j, x_1) & \dots & k(x_j, x_j) \end{bmatrix} \prod_{i=1}^j g(x_i) d^j x \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^N \frac{1}{j!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^j} \det(k(x_i, x_h))_{i,h=1}^j \prod_{i=1}^j g(x_i) d^j x \end{aligned}$$

Here we have used the fact that $\det(k(x_i, x_h))_{i,h=1}^j = 0$ if $j > N$ (why?).

Again expanding out $g(x)$ using (98.2) we find as above

$$\begin{aligned} (99.1) \quad \det(1 + K_g) &= \sum_{\substack{n_0, n_1, \dots, n_k \geq 0 \\ 0 \leq |n| \leq N}} \frac{\eta_0^{n_0} \dots \eta_k^{n_k}}{|n|!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{|n|}} \det(k(x_i, x_h))_{i,h=1}^{|n|} \\ &\quad \times \chi_{\{n_0, n_1, \dots, n_k \} \text{ of } \{x_1, \dots, x_{|n|}\} \text{ lie in } \Omega_0, \Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_k \text{ resp}} d^{|n|} x \end{aligned}$$

Equating (98.2) and (99.1), and comparing coefficients, we

find in particular for $k \leq N$, $n_0 = 0, n_1 = \dots = n_k = 1$

$$(100.1) \quad 0 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \Delta_k(x_1, \dots, x_k) \chi_{\{\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_k \text{ have one of } \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}, \Omega_0 \text{ has none}\}} d^k x$$

where
$$\Delta_k(x_1, \dots, x_k) = R_k(x_1, \dots, x_k) - \det(K(x_i, x_j))_{i,j=1}^k$$

As $\Delta_k(x_1, \dots, x_k)$ is symmetric, (100.1) \Rightarrow

$$(100.2) \quad \int_{\substack{x_1 \leq \dots \leq x_k \\ \#\{i: x_i \in I_j\} = 1 \\ 1 \leq i \leq k}} \Delta_k(x_1, \dots, x_k) d^k x = 0$$

Let $I_j = (a_j, b_j)$, $1 \leq j \leq k$, be disjoint intervals ordered from the left as

$$a_1 < b_1 < a_2 < b_2 < \dots < a_k < b_k.$$

and inserting these I_j 's into (100.2) and letting

$b_j \downarrow a_j$ we obtain

$$\Delta_k(a_1, \dots, a_k) = 0$$

for all $a_1 < \dots < a_k$ and hence for all a_1, \dots, a_k by symmetry. We conclude that for $k \geq 1$,

$$(100.3) \quad R_k(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \det(K(x_i, x_j))_{1 \leq i, j \leq k}$$

Exercise Use the above calculations to derive (95.1)

Remark: For other proofs of this result see ref 3 p96-98

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and also ref 2 pp103-108 (this calculation is taken from [Fleeh]).

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The above calculations show that in order to evaluate key eigenvalue statistics for Unitary Ensembles

we must understand the asymptotic behavior of the correlation kernel

$$K(x, y) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \phi_j(x) \phi_j(y)$$

where $\phi_j(x) = p_j(x) (w(x))^{-1/2}$, and the p_j 's are orthonormal w.r.t the weight $w(x)$,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} p_i(x) p_j(x) w(x) dx = \delta_{ij}, \quad 0 \leq i, j < \infty.$$

Thus the problem of the asymptotics of eigenstatistics reduces, for Unitary Ensembles to the classical problem of the asymptotics of orthogonal polynomials (OP's)

We now compute

Prob $\{n_1 \text{ eigenvalues in } \Omega_1, \dots, n_k \text{ eigenvalues in } \Omega_k\}$

where again the Ω_i 's are disjoint and $\sum_{j=1}^k n_j = N$

Set $n_0 = N - \sum_{j=1}^k n_j$ and set $\Omega_0 = \mathbb{R} \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^k \Omega_j$

Again letting χ_i be the characteristic function of Ω_i , $0 \leq i \leq k$, we

have, using (48+4.1)

Prob $\{n_0 \text{ eig's in } \Omega_0, \dots, n_k \text{ eig's in } \Omega_k\}$

$$= \int_{x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_N} E(n_0, n_1, \dots, n_k; x) \frac{N!}{(z_1^N)} |V(x)|^2 d^N x$$

$$\frac{\int_{x_1 \leq \dots \leq x_N} \frac{N!}{(z_1^N)} |V(x)|^2 d^N x}{\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \frac{N!}{(z_1^N)} |V(x)|^2 d^N x}$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} E(n_0, \dots, n_k; x) \frac{N!}{(z_1^N)} |V(x)|^2 d^N x$$

$$\frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \frac{N!}{(z_1^N)} |V(x)|^2 d^N x}{\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \frac{N!}{(z_1^N)} |V(x)|^2 d^N x}$$

Now for

$$F(x, \gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_k) = \frac{N!}{(z_1^N)} (\gamma_0 \chi_0 + \dots + \gamma_k \chi_k) \text{det}$$

we have for $\sum_{i=1}^k n_i \leq N$

$$E(n_0, \dots, n_k; x) = \frac{1}{n_0! \dots n_k!}$$

$$\frac{\partial^{n_1 + \dots + n_k}}{\partial \gamma_1^{n_1} \dots \partial \gamma_k^{n_k}} \Big|_{\substack{\gamma_0=1 \\ \gamma_1=\dots=\gamma_k=0}} F(x; \gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_k)$$

where we have used (88.1) with $\bar{i} = N$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F &= \prod_{i=1}^N (\delta_0 \chi_0 + \dots + \delta_k \chi_k)(x_i) \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{n_0, n_1, \dots, n_k \geq 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^k n_i = N}} \delta_0^{n_0} \dots \delta_k^{n_k} \in (n_0, \dots, n_k; N).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

Prob { n_1 eggs in d_1, \dots, n_k eggs in d_k }

$$= \frac{1}{n_1! \dots n_k!} \left. \frac{\partial^{n_1 + \dots + n_k}}{\partial \delta_1^{n_1} \dots \partial \delta_k^{n_k}} \right|_{\substack{\delta_0 = 1 \\ \delta_1 = \dots = \delta_k = 0}} \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \prod_{i=1}^N (\delta_0 \chi_0 + \dots + \delta_k \chi_k)(x_i) \prod_{i=1}^N \omega(x_i) |V(x_i)|^k d^N x}{\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \prod_{i=1}^N \omega(x_i) |V(x_i)|^k d^N x}$$

Let $1+g = \delta_0 \chi_0 + \dots + \delta_k \chi_k$
and hence at $\delta_0 = 1$,

$$g = \eta_1 \chi_1 + \dots + \eta_k \chi_k \quad \text{where } \eta_j = \delta_j - 1, \quad 1 \leq j \leq k$$

It follows now from (89.11)

$$\langle F \rangle = \langle 1+g \rangle = \det (I + k \chi_g)$$

where k is the correlation kernel in (88.21)

$$k(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \phi_i(x) \phi_i(y)$$

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Thus, finally,

(01+++.) Prob {n₁ eggs in r₁, ..., n_k eggs in r_k}

$$= \frac{1}{n_1! \dots n_k!} \frac{\partial^{n_1 + \dots + n_k}}{\partial m_1^{n_1} \dots \partial m_k^{n_k}} \left| \det \left(1 + k \sum_{i=1}^k m_i x_i \right) \right|_{m_1 = \dots = m_k = -1}$$

(Ref: Szegő, "Orthogonal Polynomials").

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For the next couple of lectures we will

consider this problem. A key object that controls

the asymptotics of OP's is the so-called equilibrium

measure (see Ref 2, Chap 6: see also Saff & Totik
"Logarithmic potentials and external fields" for
the general theory)

We will see eventually that this quantity is intimately
related to the density of states for RMT and also to the

one-point correlation function $R_1(x)$. The calculations below are
taken from ref(2), which in turn are based on work of K. Johansson (see ref(2)).

In the calculations that follow we will always

assume that the probability density $P_N(M) dM$

varies with N in the following way

$$(102.1) \quad P_N(M) dM = \frac{1}{Z_N} e^{-N \text{tr} V(M)} dM$$

As all our calculations so far have assumed that

N is given and fixed, they all remain valid: we

must just set

$$w = w_N = e^{-N\text{tr}V(u)}$$

After integrating out the eigenvectors we obtain as before a probability measure on the eigenvalues

$$\hat{P}_N(\lambda) d^N \lambda = \frac{1}{\hat{Z}_N} e^{-N \sum V(\lambda_i)} \prod_{i < j} (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2 d^N \lambda$$

where (after symmetrizing)

$$(103.1) \quad \hat{Z}_N = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} e^{-N \sum V(\lambda_i)} \prod_{i < j} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j|^2 d^N \lambda$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} e^{-N^2 H(\lambda)} d^N \lambda$$

where $H(\lambda) = \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i \neq j}^N \log |\lambda_i - \lambda_j|^{-1} + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N V(\lambda_i)$

Let

$$(103.2) \quad \mu_\lambda = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{\lambda_i}$$

be the normalized counting measure for the eigenvalues.

and note that $H(\lambda)$ can be expressed as

follows:

$$(104.1) \quad H(\mu_\lambda) = \iint_{t \neq s} \log |t-s|^{-1} d\mu_\lambda(t) d\mu_\lambda(s) + \int V(t) d\mu_\lambda(t)$$

Note that the scaling in the potential

$$e^{-trV} \rightarrow e^{-NtrV}$$

is chosen so that the terms in (104.1) are balanced.

Intuitively the leading contribution to the partition function

(103.1) as $N \rightarrow \infty$ comes from those λ_i for which $H(\mu_\lambda)$

is a minimum. Thus we are led to consider

the following energy minimization problem

$$(104.2) \quad E^V = \inf_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1(\mathbb{R})} H(\mu)$$

where $H(\mu) = \iint \log |t-s|^{-1} d\mu(t) d\mu(s) + \int V(t) d\mu(t)$
 and $\mathcal{M}_1(\mathbb{R}) = \{ \mu \text{ is a Borel measure on } \mathbb{R} : \int d\mu = 1 \}$

We will show eventually that (103.2) has a unique minimizer $\mu = \mu^{ed}$, the equilibrium measure mentioned above. From the definition

of $H(\mu)$, μ^{ed} has an electrostatic interpretation: it is the equilibrium configuration for electrons with logarithmic electrostatic repulsion

$$\iint \log|t-s|^{-1} d\mu^{ed}(t) d\mu^{ed}(s)$$

in an external field $\int V(t) d\mu^{ed}(t)$. As already

indicated μ^{ed} is intimately related to a variety of problems in RMT, and also in analysis. The existence and uniqueness of the solution of the variational problem (104.2) relies ultimately on the fact that we are dealing with a (constrained) convex minimization problem.