

$0 < \mu'(\mathbb{D} \setminus \{x \mid |x| \leq R\}) \leq \infty$ . It follows that

$$(121.1) \quad \text{supp } \mu' \subset [-R, R]$$

Note that since  $V(x) \geq V_0 > -\infty$ , and  $q\mu'$  has compact support,

$$-\infty < V_0 \leq \int V(x) q\mu'(x) < \infty$$

and hence

$$(121.2) \quad \infty > E^V - V_0 > \iint \log |t-s|^{-1} d\mu'(t) d\mu'(s) > -\infty$$

We say that  $q\mu'$  has finite logarithmic and potential energy.

We now consider uniqueness. Recall that a finite signed measure  $\mu$  has a (unique) Jordan decomposition  $\mu = \mu^+ - \mu^-$  where  $\mu^\pm$  are positive finite measures,  $0 \leq \int d\mu^\pm < \infty$ , and are mutually singular i.e. supported on disjoint sets. If  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are 2 finite measures,

$\mu = \mu_1 - \mu_2$  is a finite signed measure. We

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say that a real or complex valued function  $f$  is integrable <sup>if it is integrable</sup> with respect to  $|\mu| = \mu^+ + \mu^-$ , and in

this case

$$\int f d\mu = \int f d\mu^+ - \int f d\mu^-$$

If  $\mu = \mu_1 - \mu_2$  is any decomposition of the finite signed measure  $\mu$  as a difference of finite measures, then it is easy to see that

$$\int f d\mu = \int f d\mu_1 - \int f d\mu_2$$

for all  $f$  that are integrable with respect to  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  (and hence integrable w.r.t  $\mu$ ).

### Lemma 122.1

Let  $\mu$  be a finite signed measure on  $\mathbb{R}$  with mean zero i.e.  $\int d\mu = 0$  and with compact support. Then

(122.2)

$$\int \int \log|x-y|^{-1} d\mu(x) d\mu(y) \geq 0.$$

Remark:

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Inequality (122.2) needs some interpretation.

Although the function  $\log|x-y|^{-1}$  is bdd below on the compact support of  $\mu_1(x) \otimes \mu_2(y)$ , the function is not bdd above. Therefore we do not know whether it is integrable w.r.t

$$\mu_1(x) \otimes \mu_2(y) = (\mu_1(x) \otimes \mu_1(y) + \mu_2(x) \otimes \mu_2(y)) - (\mu_1(x) \otimes \mu_2(y) + \mu_2(x) \otimes \mu_1(y))$$

where  $\mu = \mu_1 - \mu_2$  is any decomposition of  $\mu$  as a difference of measures.

So what we mean by (122.2) is that for any decomposition  $\mu = \mu_1 - \mu_2$ , where  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  are measures with compact support,

$$\begin{aligned} (123.1) \quad & \iint \log|x-y|^{-1} (\mu_1(x) \mu_1(y) + \mu_2(x) \mu_2(y)) \\ & \geq \iint \log|x-y|^{-1} (\mu_1(x) \mu_2(y) + \mu_2(x) \mu_1(y)) \\ & = 2 \iint \log|x-y|^{-1} \mu_1(x) \mu_2(y) \\ & = 2 \iint \log|x-y|^{-1} \mu_2(x) \mu_1(y) \end{aligned}$$

Here there is no ambiguity since  $\log|x-y|^{-1}$  is bdd below on the compact set  $\text{supp } \mu \times \text{supp } \mu$  and hence both sides of

The inequalities in (23.1) are well defined.

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Of course if  $\log|x-y|^{-1}$  is integ. w.r.t both the measures

$q_{\mu_1}(x) q_{\nu_1}(y)$  and  $q_{\mu_2}(x) q_{\nu_2}(y)$ , then it is integrable

w.r.t both the measures  $q_{\mu_1}(x) q_{\nu_2}(y)$  and  $q_{\mu_2}(x) q_{\nu_1}(y)$ .

In this case  $|x-y|^{-1}$  is integ. with respect to  $d\mu(x) \otimes d\nu(y)$

and so (22.2) is true as it stands.

Proof of Lemma (22.1): For any real  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\log(s^2 + \varepsilon^2) = \log \varepsilon^2 + \int_0^s \frac{2t}{t^2 + \varepsilon^2} dt$$

$$= \log \varepsilon^2 + 2 \operatorname{Im} \int_0^s \frac{i}{t + i\varepsilon} dt$$

$$= \log \varepsilon^2 + 2 \operatorname{Im} \int_0^s dt \int_0^\infty e^{i(t+i\varepsilon)u} du$$

$$= \log \varepsilon^2 + 2 \operatorname{Im} \int_0^\infty du e^{-\varepsilon u} \int_0^s dt e^{itu}$$

$$= \log \varepsilon^2 + 2 \operatorname{Im} \int_0^\infty du e^{-\varepsilon u} \frac{e^{ius} - 1}{iu}$$

$$= \log \varepsilon^2 + 2 \operatorname{Im} \int_0^\infty du e^{-\varepsilon u} \frac{e^{ius} - 1}{iu}$$

Hence for the function  $\log(|x-y|^2 + \varepsilon^2)$ , which is

clearly integrable with respect to the (compactly supported measure)  $q\mu \otimes q\mu$ ,

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$$\begin{aligned} & \iint \log((x-y)^2 + \varepsilon^2) d\mu(x) d\mu(y) \\ &= \iint \log \varepsilon^2 d\mu(x) d\mu(y) + 2 \operatorname{Im} \int_0^\infty du e^{-\varepsilon u} \iint d\mu(x) d\mu(y) \frac{e^{i(x-y)u}}{iu} \\ &= 2 \operatorname{Im} \int_0^\infty du \frac{e^{-\varepsilon u}}{iu} |\hat{\mu}(u)|^2 \quad (\text{as } \int d\mu = 0) \\ &= -2 \int_0^\infty du e^{-\varepsilon u} \frac{|\hat{\mu}(u)|^2}{u}, \quad \text{where } \hat{\mu}(u) = \int e^{-ixu} d\mu(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$(125.1) \quad - \iint \log((x-y)^2 + \varepsilon^2) d\mu(x) d\mu(y) = 2 \int_0^\infty du e^{-\varepsilon u} \frac{|\hat{\mu}(u)|^2}{u} \geq 0.$$

Note that  $\hat{\mu}(0) = \int d\mu(x) = 0$ , and as  $\hat{\mu}(u)$  is analytic in  $u$ , there is no singularity in the integral on the RHS

as  $u \rightarrow 0$ . Writing out (125.1) we find for any decomposition  $\mu = \mu_1 - \mu_2$ , where  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  are measures with compact support

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint \log((x-y)^2 + \varepsilon^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (d\mu_1(x) d\mu_1(y) + d\mu_2(x) d\mu_2(y)) \\ &= \iint \log((x-y)^2 + \varepsilon^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (d\mu_1(x) d\mu_1(y) + d\mu_2(x) d\mu_2(y)) \\ & \quad + \int_0^\infty du e^{-\varepsilon u} \frac{|\hat{\mu}(u)|^2}{u} \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$ , by the monotone convergence th<sup>m</sup> (126)

(we use here that  $\log(|x-y|^{-1} + \varepsilon)$  is bounded below uniformly in  $\varepsilon < 1$  as the measures have compact support.)  
 (by, for example,  $\log((x-y)^2 + 1)^{-1/2}$  which is integrable)

$$(126.1) \quad \iint \log|x-y|^{-1} (d\mu_1(x) d\mu_2(y) + d\mu_2(x) d\mu_1(y)) \\ = \iint \log|x-y|^{-1} (d\mu_1(x) d\mu_2(y) + d\mu_2(x) d\mu_1(y)) \\ + \int_0^\infty \frac{|\tilde{\mu}(u)|^2}{u} du$$

which implies, in particular, inequality (122.2)

Now suppose  $\mu, \tilde{\mu} \in \mathcal{M}_1(\mathbb{R})$  are two prob. distrib's

for which  $E^V = H(\mu) = H(\tilde{\mu}) = \inf_{\mu' \in \mathcal{M}_1(\mathbb{R})} H(\mu')$ .

By the argument above,  $\mu$  and  $\tilde{\mu}$  have compact

support. As  $-\infty < E^V < \infty$ , it follows as before (see (121.21)) that  $\log|x-y|^{-1}$  is integrable

respect to  $d\mu \otimes d\mu$  and  $d\tilde{\mu} \otimes d\tilde{\mu}$ . Hence it follows

from (123.1) that  $\log|x-y|^{-1}$  is integrable with

respect to  $d\mu \otimes d\tilde{\mu}$  and  $d\tilde{\mu} \otimes d\mu$ : all we need to

note is that  $\int d\mu - d\tilde{\mu} = 1 - 1 = 0$ . It follows (127)

that  $\log|x-y|^{-1}$  is integrable w.r.t. to the measure  $d\mu_t \otimes d\mu_t$  where

$$(127.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \mu_t &= t\tilde{\mu} + (1-t)\mu \\ &= \mu + t(\tilde{\mu} - \mu), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \iint \log|x-y|^{-1} d\mu_t(x) d\mu_t(y) + \int V d\mu + t \int V d(\tilde{\mu} - \mu) \\ &= \iint \log|x-y|^{-1} d\mu(x) d\mu(y) + \int V d\mu \\ &\quad + 2t \iint \log|x-y|^{-1} d\mu(x) d(\tilde{\mu} - \mu)(y) + t \int V d(\tilde{\mu} - \mu) \\ &\quad + t^2 \iint \log|x-y|^{-1} d(\tilde{\mu} - \mu)(x) d(\tilde{\mu} - \mu)(y) \end{aligned}$$

(Note by the above discussion all the integrals are well-defined and finite.) Now  $\tilde{\mu} - \mu$  has mean zero

& compact support. Hence by (122.2),  $f(t)$  is a

convex function of  $t$ , and so, for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ,

$$f(t) \leq (1-t)f(0) + tf(1) = (1-t) \left[ \int V d\mu + \int V d(\tilde{\mu} - \mu) \right] + t \left[ \int V d\mu + \int V d(\tilde{\mu} - \mu) \right] = \int V d\mu + t \int V d(\tilde{\mu} - \mu) = f(t)$$

$$= E^V \quad \text{as} \quad H(\mu) = H(\tilde{\mu}) = E^V. \quad (128)$$

Thus  $H(\mu_t) = E^V = \text{const.}$  In particular, by (126.1),

$$0 = \frac{1}{2} F''(t) = \int \log|x-y|^{-1} d(\tilde{\mu}-\mu)(x) d(\tilde{\mu}-\mu)(y) \\ = \int_0^\infty \frac{|\hat{\tilde{\mu}}-\hat{\mu}|(u)|^2}{u} du$$

Thus  $\hat{\tilde{\mu}}(u) = \hat{\mu}(u) \quad \forall u > 0$ , and hence  $\forall u$

$$\text{as} \quad \hat{\tilde{\mu}}(u) = \overline{\hat{\tilde{\mu}}(-u)}, \quad \hat{\mu}(u) = \overline{\hat{\mu}(-u)}$$

(alternatively,  $\hat{\tilde{\mu}}(u)$  and  $\hat{\mu}(u)$  are entire!). Thus

$\tilde{\mu} = \mu$  as desired. This completes the proof of Th<sup>m</sup> 113.3.

Remark: The proof of Th<sup>m</sup> 113.3 follows the "standard"

path for the solution of a convex minimization

problem.

Recall the definition (92.1) of the correlation function  $R_1(x)$ :

$$(128.1) \quad R_1(x) = n \int P_n(x, x_2, \dots, x_n) dx_2 \dots dx_n$$



where

$$(129.1) \quad P_N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = \frac{1}{Z_N} e^{-N \sum_{i=1}^N V(x_i)} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} (x_i - x_j)^2 d^N x$$

and  $Z_N$  is the normalization factor (partition function)

$$(129.2) \quad Z_N = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} e^{-N \sum_{i=1}^N V(x_i)} \prod_{i < j} (x_i - x_j)^2 d^N x$$

Our goal is, eventually, to prove the following result.

Thm 129.3 Let  $V(x)$  be a continuous function

satisfying (12.1),  $\frac{V(x)}{\log(x^2+1)} \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ .

Then

$$(129.4) \quad \frac{1}{N} \int R_1(x) dx \rightarrow \mu^{ed}$$

as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\square$

By (95.2),  $\int_{\Omega} R_1(x) dx = (\text{Exp}(\# \text{ eigenvalues in } \Omega))$ ,  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Thus (129.4) says that

$$\text{Exp}(\# \text{ eigenvalues in } \Omega^N / N) \rightarrow \mu^{ed}(\Omega)$$

In other words,  $\mu^{ed}$  is the density of states.

Recall from (13.1),  $k(t,s) = \log|t-s|^{-1} + \frac{1}{2}V(t) + \frac{1}{2}V(s)$ .

(130.1) Let 
$$K_N(x) = \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq N} k(x_i, x_j)$$

$$= \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq N} \log|x_i - x_j|^{-1} + (N-1) \sum_{i=1}^N V(x_i)$$

The key to the proof of (129.4) is following "large deviation" estimate!

Lemma 130.2 Let

$$P_N(x) dx = \frac{1}{Z_N} e^{-N \sum_{i=1}^n V(x_i)} \prod_{i < j} (x_i - x_j)^{-2} d^N x$$

be a prob. meas. (as in (129.1) above) and let  $\eta > 0$  be given. Set

(130.3) 
$$A_{N,\eta} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^N : \frac{1}{N} K_N(x) \leq E^V + \eta\}$$

and let  $a \geq 0$  be any positive number. Then  $\exists N^* = N^*(\eta)$  which depends on  $\eta$ , but not on  $a$ , st

(130.4) 
$$P_N(\mathbb{R}^N \setminus A_{N,\eta+a}) \leq e^{-aN^a}, \quad N \geq N^*(\eta)$$

Proof: For any  $\varepsilon' > 0$ , set

(130.5) 
$$\psi_{\varepsilon'}(x) = \frac{1}{2\varepsilon'} \int_{x-\varepsilon'}^{x+\varepsilon'} d\mu^{\text{eq}}(t)$$

where  $q\mu^{ed}$  is the eqm. meas. for  $V$ . As

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$H(\mu^{ed}) < \infty$ ,  $q\mu^{ed}$  has no point masses (why?).

and hence  $\psi_{\epsilon'}(x) \geq 0$  is a continuous function of  $x$ . In addition,

as  $q\mu^{ed}$  has compact support, so does  $\psi_{\epsilon'}(x)$ . Also

$\psi_{\epsilon'}(x)$  is the convolution of  $q\mu^{ed}$  with a function of

mean 1 and so  $\int \psi_{\epsilon'}(x) dx = 1$ . An elementary

argument shows that  $\int \psi_{\epsilon'}(x) dx \rightarrow \mu^{ed}$  as  $\epsilon' \downarrow 0$ .

We want to show more, viz., as  $\epsilon' \downarrow 0$

$$(131.1) \quad H(\psi_{\epsilon'}) \rightarrow H(\mu^{ed}) = E^V$$

Interchanging the order of integration, and then

rescaling, we obtain

$$(131.2) \quad \iint \log|t-s| \psi_{\epsilon'}(t) \psi_{\epsilon'}(s) dt ds \\ = \iint q\mu^{ed}(t) q\mu^{ed}(s) H_{\epsilon'}(t,s)$$

where

$$(131.3) \quad H_{\epsilon'}(t,s) = \frac{1}{4\epsilon'^2} \int_{-t-\epsilon'}^{-t+\epsilon'} \int_{-s-\epsilon'}^{-s+\epsilon'} \log|x-y + t-s| dx dy$$

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$$= \frac{1}{4\varepsilon'^2} \int_{-\varepsilon'}^{\varepsilon'} \int_{-\varepsilon'}^{\varepsilon'} \log |x-y + |t-s|| dx dy, \text{ by symmetry}$$

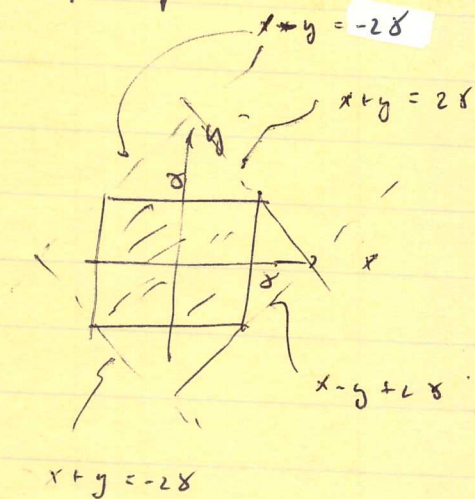
$$= \log |t-s| + \frac{1}{4\varepsilon^2} \int_{-\varepsilon}^{\varepsilon} \int_{-\varepsilon}^{\varepsilon} \log |1+(x-y)| dx dy$$

when  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon' / |t-s|$ ,  $t \neq s$ . The above integral is clearly bounded by

$$\frac{1}{4\varepsilon^2} \iint_{\substack{|x-y| \leq 2\varepsilon \\ |x+y| \leq 2\varepsilon}} |\log |1+(x-y)|| dx dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{8\varepsilon^2} \iint_{\substack{|u| < 2\varepsilon \\ |v| < 2\varepsilon}} |\log |1+u|| du dv$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \int_{-2\varepsilon}^{2\varepsilon} |\log |1+u|| du$$



which is bounded in turn, using

simple estimates (exercise!),  $\log |1+u| \leq c \log(1+|u|)$  for some  $c > 0$

Thus from (131.2) (131.3)

$$\left| \iint \log |t-s| \cdot \varphi_{\varepsilon'}(t) \varphi_{\varepsilon'}(s) dt ds - \iint \log |t-s| q_{\mu}^{ed}(t) q_{\mu}^{ed}(s) \right|$$

$$\leq c \int \log \left( 1 + \frac{\varepsilon'}{|t-s|} \right) q_{\mu}^{ed}(t) q_{\mu}^{ed}(s)$$

$$= c \left[ \int \log(|t-s| + \varepsilon') d\mu^{\text{ed}}(t) d\mu^{\text{ed}}(s) \right.$$

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$$- \int \log|t-s| d\mu^{\text{ed}}(t) d\mu^{\text{ed}}(s) \left. \right]$$

As  $\log(|t-s| + 1)$  is integrable ~~bound~~ on the (compact)

support of  $\mu^{\text{ed}}(t) \otimes \mu^{\text{ed}}(s)$ , we conclude by

monotone convergence that  $\int \log|t-s|^{-1} \psi_{\varepsilon'}(t) \psi_{\varepsilon'}(s) dt ds$

$\rightarrow \int \log|t-s|^{-1} d\mu^{\text{ed}}(t) d\mu^{\text{ed}}(s)$  as  $\varepsilon' \downarrow 0$  (Note: we have by

(121.2), for example,

$\int \log|t-s|^{-1} d\mu^{\text{ed}}(t) d\mu^{\text{ed}}(s) < \infty$ ). Thus  $H(\psi_{\varepsilon'}) \rightarrow H(\mu^{\text{ed}})$

as  $\int V(s) \psi_{\varepsilon'}(s) ds \rightarrow \int V(s) d\mu^{\text{ed}}(s)$ .

In particular, we conclude for any given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \varepsilon' = \varepsilon'(\varepsilon)$

st

$$(133.1) \quad H(\phi_{\varepsilon}) \leq E^V + \varepsilon/2$$

where

$$(133.2) \quad \phi_{\varepsilon} = \psi_{\varepsilon'} = \psi_{\varepsilon'(\varepsilon)}$$

We now use the above calculations to derive

a lower bound on  $Z_N$ . Let

$$(133.3) \quad E^N = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^N : \prod_{i=1}^N \phi_{\varepsilon}(x_i) > 0 \right\}.$$

Then

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$$\begin{aligned} (134.1) \quad Z_N &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} e^{-N \sum_i^N V(x_i)} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} |x_i - x_j|^2 d^N x \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} e^{-K_N(x) - \sum_i^N V(x_i)} \\ &\geq \int_{E^N} e^{-K_N(x) - \sum_i^N V(x_i)} \\ &= \int_{E^N} e^{-K_N - \sum V(x_i) + \sum_i^N [\log \phi_\varepsilon(x_i)]} \\ &\quad \times \prod_{i=1}^N \phi_\varepsilon(x_i) d^N x \end{aligned}$$

By Jensen's inequality

$$\int e^{f(x)} d\mu(x) \geq e^{\int f(x) d\mu(x)}$$

$\forall f \in L^1(d\mu)$ ,  $\int d\mu = 1$ , and from (134.1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \log Z_N &\geq - \int K_N(x) \prod_i^N \phi_\varepsilon(x_i) d^N x \\ &\quad - \int \sum V(x_i) \prod_i^N \phi_\varepsilon(x_i) d^N x \\ &\quad - \int \left( \sum_i^N \log \phi_\varepsilon(x_i) \right) \prod_i^N \phi_\varepsilon(x_i) d^N x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -N(N-1) H(\phi_\varepsilon) - N \int V(t) \phi_\varepsilon(t) dt - N \int (\log \phi_\varepsilon(t)) \phi_\varepsilon(t) dt \\ &\geq -N^2 H(\phi_\varepsilon) - C_\varepsilon N \geq -N^2 (E^V + \varepsilon_\varepsilon) - C_\varepsilon N \end{aligned}$$

for some constant  $c_\varepsilon$ . Thus

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$$(135.1) \quad \frac{1}{N^c} \log Z_N \geq -(E^V + \varepsilon)$$

for  $N$  suff. large, say  $N \geq N_1$ . Note that

$N_1$  depends only on  $\varepsilon$ ,  $N_1 = N_1(\varepsilon)$ .

Now by (135.1), for  $N \geq N_1$ ,

$$P_N(\mathbb{R}^N \setminus A_{N, \eta+a})$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z_N} \int_{\{K_N(x) > N^c(E^V + \eta+a)\}} e^{-KN - \sum_i^N V(x_i)} d^N x$$

$$\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} e^{-\sum_i^N V(x_i)} e^{N^c[-(E^V + \eta+a) + E^V + \varepsilon]} d^N x$$

$$= \left( \int e^{-V(t)} dt \right)^N e^{N^c(\varepsilon - \eta - a)}$$

$$\leq \left( \int e^{-V(t)} dt \right)^N e^{-aN^c} e^{-\frac{\eta}{2} N^c}$$

provided we choose  $\varepsilon < \eta/2$ . Thus for  $N$  suff. large,  $N \geq N_2 = N_2(\eta) \geq N_1$ , we have  $P_N(\mathbb{R}^N \setminus A_{N, \eta+a}) \leq e^{-aN^c}$ , we prove Lemma 30.2.  $\square$

$\Rightarrow$  The next lemma is the main technical result

that is used to prove the convergence  $\frac{1}{N} \int \mathbb{R}^N(x) dx \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^{ed}(x)$ .

Lemma 136.1

Let  $\phi: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be bounded and continuous.

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Then

$$(136.2) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \log \mathbb{E}_{P_N} \left( e^{-\frac{1}{N^{k-1}} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} \phi(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_k})} \right) \\ = \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \phi(t_1, \dots, t_k) \mu^{\text{ed}}(t_1) \dots \mu^{\text{ed}}(t_k).$$

where  $\mathbb{E}_{P_N}$  denotes expectation w.r.t.  $P_N(x) d^k x$ .

Proof: Let  $\eta > 0$  be given and let  $\chi = \chi_{A_{N, 2\eta}}$  be the characteristic function of the set  $A_{N, 2\eta}$

(see previous lemma). Now

$$\overline{\lim}_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \log \mathbb{E}_{P_N} \left( e^{-\frac{1}{N^{k-1}} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} \phi(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_k})} \right)$$

$$= \overline{\lim}_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \log \mathbb{E}_{P_N} \left( e^{-\frac{1}{N^{k-1}} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} \phi(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_k})} \chi \right)$$

$$+ e^{-\frac{1}{N^{k-1}} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} \phi(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_k})} (1 - \chi)$$

$$= \overline{\lim}_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{N} \log \mathbb{E}_{P_N} \left( e^{-\frac{1}{N^{k-1}} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} \phi(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_k})} \chi \right) \right)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{N} \log \left( \frac{\mathbb{E}_{P_N} \left( (1 - \chi) e^{\frac{1}{N^{k-1}} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} \phi(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_k})} \right)}{\mathbb{E}_{P_N} \left( \chi e^{\frac{1}{N^{k-1}} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} \phi(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_k})} \right)} \right)$$



where

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$$(137.1) \quad \Phi = N^{-k+1} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} \phi(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_k})$$

As  $\phi$  is bded, say  $|\phi| \leq b$ ,

$$|\Phi| \leq N^{-k+1} b N^k = bN$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathbb{E} \exp_N((1-x)e^\Phi)}{\mathbb{E} \exp_N(xe^\Phi)} &\leq \frac{\mathbb{E} \exp_N((1-x)e^{bN})}{\mathbb{E} \exp_N(xe^{-bN})} \\ &= e^{2bN} \frac{\mathbb{E} \exp_N(1-x)}{1 - \mathbb{E} \exp(1-x)} \\ &= e^{2bN} \frac{e^{-\eta N^2}}{1 - e^{-\eta N^2}} \end{aligned}$$

for  $N \geq N^*$  by 130.2. Hence

$$(137.1) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \log \left( 1 + \frac{\mathbb{E} \exp_N((1-x)e^\Phi)}{\mathbb{E} \exp_N(xe^\Phi)} \right) = 0,$$

and so

$$(137.2) \quad \overline{\lim}_N \frac{1}{N} \log \mathbb{E} \exp_N e^\Phi = \overline{\lim}_N \frac{1}{N} \log \mathbb{E} \exp_N(e^\Phi x)$$

Now the set  $A_{N, 2\eta}$  is compact. Indeed