Universality for non-Hermitian random matrices

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for all continuous, compactly supported test functions F, where dz denotes Lebesgue measure on the complex plane **C**.

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Key Problem. Understand $\rho_n^{(k)}(z_1, \ldots, z_k)$ at local scale. (How nearby eigenvalues interact ?)

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By Taylor expansion of $e^{-|z|^2}$,

$$\rho_n^{(1)}(\sqrt{n}z) \to \frac{1}{\pi} \mathbb{1}_{|z| \le 1}$$

for almost every $z \in \mathbf{C}$. This gives the *circular law* for complex gaussian matrices (the eigenvalues are roughly uniformly distributed in $B(0, \sqrt{n})$.

Definition (Independent-entry matrices)

For $k \ge 0$, we say two ensembles $M_n = (\xi_{ij})_{1 \le i,j \le n}$ and $M'_n = (\xi'_{ij})_{1 \le i,j \le n}$ have matching moments to order k if one has

$$\mathbf{E}\Re(\xi_{ij})^{a}\Im(\xi_{ij})^{b} = \mathbf{E}\Re(\xi'_{ij})^{a}\Im(\xi'_{ij})^{b}$$
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whenever $1 \le i, j \le n$, $a, b \ge 0$ and $a + b \le k$.

Theorem

Let M_n , M_n be (complex) random matrices matching moments with each other to fourth order. Let $z_0 \in \mathbf{C}$ be bounded and $F : \mathbf{C}^k \to \mathbf{C}$ be a nice test function. Then

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There are real eigenvalues. The spectrum splits:

$$\lambda_{1,\mathbf{R}}(M_n), \dots, \lambda_{N_{\mathbf{R}}[M_n],\mathbf{R}}(M_n)$$
$$\lambda_{1,\mathbf{C}_{+}}(M_n), \dots, \lambda_{N_{\mathbf{C}_{+}}[M_n],\mathbf{C}_{+}}(M_n)$$

in the upper half-plane $\textbf{C}_+:=\{z\in\textbf{C}:\Im(z)>0\}$

$$\overline{\lambda_{1,\mathbf{C}_{+}}(M_{n})},\ldots,\overline{\lambda_{N_{\mathbf{C}_{+}}}(M_{n})}$$

$$N_{\mathbf{R}} + 2N_{\mathbf{C}_{+}} = n.$$

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Mixed correlation functions

We need to work with the *mixed* correlation functions $\rho_n^{(k,l)} : \mathbf{R}^k \times \mathbf{C}'_+ \to \mathbf{R}^+$, defined for $k, l \ge 0$ by the formula

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^{k}} \int_{\mathbf{C}_{+}^{l}} F(x_{1}, \dots, x_{k}, z_{1}, \dots, z_{l}) \rho_{n}^{(k,l)}(x_{1}, \dots, x_{k}, z_{1}, \dots, z_{l}) dx_{i} dz_{j}$$

$$= \mathbf{E} \sum_{1 \leq i_{1} < \dots < i_{k} \leq N} \sum_{\mathbf{R}^{[M_{n}]} 1 \leq j_{1} < \dots < j_{l} \leq N} \sum_{\mathbf{C}_{+}^{[M_{n}]}} F(\lambda_{i_{1}, \mathbf{R}}(M_{n}), \dots, \lambda_{i_{k}, \mathbf{R}}(M_{n}), \lambda_{j_{1}, \mathbf{C}_{+}}(M_{n}), \dots, \lambda_{j_{l}, \mathbf{C}_{+}}(M_{n})).$$
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One can extend $\rho_n^{(k,l)}$ from $\mathbf{R}^k \times \mathbf{C}^l$ in a natural way.

The correlation functions $\rho_n^{(k,l)}$ were computed by a variety of methods (Akemann, Kanzieper,Lehmann, Sommers, Sinclair, Wieczorek, Borodin, Forerster, May etc). The case for *n* odd and even are *different*; for simplicity, we consider *n* even.

$$\rho_n^{(k,l)}(x_1,\ldots,x_k,z_1,\ldots,z_l) = \mathsf{Pf} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{K}_n(x_i,x_{i'}) & \tilde{K}_n(x_i,z_{j'}) \\ \tilde{K}_n(z_j,x_{i'}) & \tilde{K}_n(z_j,z_{j'}) \end{pmatrix}_{1 \le i,i' \le k; 1 \le j,j' \le k}$$

 $\tilde{\mathcal{K}}_n : (\mathbf{R} \cup \mathbf{C}_+) \times (\mathbf{R} \cup \mathbf{C}_+) \to M_2(\mathbf{C})$ is a certain explicit 2 × 2 matrix kernel obeying the anti-symmetry law

$$\tilde{K}(\zeta,\zeta') = -\tilde{K}(\zeta',\zeta)^{\mathsf{T}}.$$
(7)

Theorem (Real eigenvalues of a real gaussian matrix)

Let M_n be drawn from the real gaussian ensemble. Then

(Edelman – Kostlan – Shub 94)
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and

(Forrester – Nagao 07) (Var
$$N_{\mathbf{R}}(M_n) = (2 - \sqrt{2})\sqrt{\frac{2n}{\pi}} + o(\sqrt{n})$$

Numerical experiment



Figure: The spectrum of a random real gaussian $10,000 \times 10,000$ matrix, with additional detail near the origin to show the concentration on the real axis. Thanks to Ke Wang for the data and figure.

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In this theorem, we have both real and complex base points.

$$\rho_{x_0,z_0}(y_1,\ldots,y_k,w_1,\ldots,w_l).$$

Theorem (Real eigenvalues of a real matrix)

Let M_n be real random matrix which matches moments with the real gaussian matrix ensemble to fourth order. Then

$$\mathsf{E}N_{\mathsf{R}}(M_n) = \sqrt{\frac{2n}{\pi}} + O(n^{1/2-c})$$

and

Var
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for some fixed c > 0. In particular, with probability 1 - o(1)

$$N_{\mathbf{R}}(M_n) = (1+o(1))\sqrt{\frac{2n}{\pi}}.$$

Theorem (Central limit theorem, gaussian case)

(Rider 04) Let M_n be drawn from the complex gaussian ensemble. Let r > 0 be such that 1/r, $r/n^{1/2} = o(1)$. Let $B(z_0, r)$ be a disk in the bulk of the spectrum and $N_{B(z_0,r)}$ be the number of eigenvalues of M_n in the disk. Then

$$rac{N_{B(z_0,r)}-r^2}{r^{1/2}\pi^{-1/4}} o N(0,1)_{f R}$$

Extension to general ensembles:

Theorem (Central limit theorem, general case)

Let M_n be a complex random matrix which matches moments with the complex gaussian matrix ensemble to fourth order. Then the same conclusion holds for $r \leq n^{o(1)}$.
Numerical experiments

The result must hold for all possible radii.



Figure: The cumulative distribution function for the number of

Theorem (Most eigenvalues simple)

Let M_n be a random matrix (complex or real) which matches moments with the real or complex gaussian matrix to fourth order. Then with probability $1 - O(n^{-c})$, at most $O(n^{1-c})$ of the complex eigenvalues, and $O(n^{1/2-c})$ of the real eigenvalues, are repeated, for some fixed c > 0.

Conjecture. All eigenvalues are simple.

Heat flow method does not seem to work.

The eigenvalues (being mostly complex) are not ordered.

The spectrum of non-Hermitian matrices can be very sensitive to a small change.

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Connection:

$$\log |\det(M_n - z)| = \sum_{i=1}^n \log |\lambda_i(M_n) - z|.$$
(8)

Zooming in: Jensen's formula

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Applied Jensen's formula:

$$\log |\det(M_n-z_0)| = -\sum_{1\leq i\leq n:\lambda_i(M_n)\in B(z_0,r)}\lograc{r}{|\lambda_i(M_n)-z_0|}$$

$$+\frac{1}{2\pi}\int_0^{2\pi}\log|\det(M_n-z_0-re^{i\theta})|\ d\theta.$$

for any disk $B(z_0, r)$.

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Girko Hermitization trick:

$$W_{n,z} := \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M_n - z \\ (M_n - z)^* & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(9)

$$\log |\det(M_n - z)| = \frac{1}{2} \log |\det W_{n,z}| + \frac{1}{2} n \log n.$$
 (10)

Stieltjes' transform of W:

$$s_{W_{n,z}}(E+\sqrt{-1}\eta) := \frac{1}{2n}\left((W_{n,z}-E-\sqrt{-1}\eta)^{-1}\right).$$

$$\log |\det W_{n,z}| = \log |\det (W_{n,z} - \sqrt{-1}T)| - 2n\Im \int_0^T s_{W_{n,z}}(\sqrt{-1}\eta) \, d\eta.$$
(11)

Thus, in principle at least, information on the distribution of the Stieltjes transform $s_{W_{n,z}}$ will imply information on the log-determinant of $W_{n,z}$. This is the route taken, for instance, to establish the circular law (Chaifai's talk).

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Possible divergence or instability of the integral in (11) near $\eta = 0$.

Idea. Truncation; provided that one has adequate bounds on the least singular value of $W_{n,z}$.

This can be done using (Inverse-) Littlewood-Offord theorems Additive Combinatorics. One only needs a lower bound of the form n^{-100} , but much better (near optimal) bounds are known (Rudelson's talk).

Negative second moment identity (Tao-V. 05)

$$d_1^{-2} + \dots + d_n^{-2} = \sigma_1^{-2} + \dots + \sigma_n^{-2}.$$

 d_i is the distance of row X_i to the hyperplane spanned by other rows.

$$d_i=|a_1\xi_1+\ldots a_n\xi_n|=|S|,$$

where (a_1, \ldots, a_n) is the (unit) normal vector and $X_i = \xi_1, \ldots, \eta$).

$$\mathbf{P}(d_i < \epsilon = \mathbf{P}(S \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)).$$

Significant technical issue : formulae involving integrals require one to control the value of various random functions (log-determinants or Stieltjes transforms) for an *uncountable* number of choices of parameters such as z and η .

Can no *longer directly use union bound* to control exceptional events when the expected control on these quantities fails.

Idea. We use Monte Carlo method (Combinatorics and Theoretical compute science). This method enables us to use random sampling arguments to replace many of these integral expressions by discrete, random, approximations.

Lemma (Monte Carlo sampling lemma)

Let (X, μ) be a probability space, and let $F : X \to \mathbb{C}$ be a square-integrable function. Let $m \ge 1$, let x_1, \ldots, x_m be drawn independently at random from X with distribution μ , and let S be the empirical average

$$S:=\frac{1}{m}(F(x_1)+\cdots+F(x_m)).$$

Then S has mean $\int_X F d\mu$ and variance $\int_X (F - \int_X F d\mu)^2 d\mu$. In particular (by Chebyshev's inequality)

$$\mathbf{P}(|S - \int_X F \ d\mu| \ge \lambda) \le rac{1}{m\lambda^2} \int_X (F - \int_X F \ d\mu)^2 \ d\mu.$$

Monte Carlo method with large variance

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In applications, F involves the Laplacian Δ of a function with compact support; choose $F_0 = L\Delta$ where L is linear.

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Proof. Swapping argument. The only place where four moments matter.

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$$N_{B(z_0,r)} = \int_{B(z_0,r)} \frac{1}{\pi} \mathbb{1}_{|z| \le \sqrt{n}} \, dz + O(n^{o(1)}r) \tag{12}$$

uniformly for all $z_0 \in B(0, C\sqrt{n})$ and all $r \ge 1$.

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The local law was proved (about the same time) by Yau et. al. They focused on disk in the bulk of the spectrum and required only 2 matching moment. Shortly after, they extended the result to the edge, but required more moment. Very recent result of Yin (Dec 2012) claimed that one can have the edge result under 2 moment assumption as well. The methods are totally different.

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Theorem (Concentration bound on log-determinant)

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The statement holds when M_n is drawn from the real or complex gaussian ensemble.

Tridiagonalisation of GUE

Tridiagonalisation of GUE matrices (Trotter) Edelman's talk:

$$M'_{n} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1} & b_{1} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ b_{1} & a_{2} & b_{2} & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_{2} & a_{3} & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & a_{n-1} & b_{n-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & b_{n-1} & a_{n} \end{pmatrix}$$

 $a_1, \ldots, a_n \equiv N(0, 1)_{\mathbf{R}}$ being standard real Gaussians, and each b_i having a χ -distribution (all independent)

$$b_i = (\sum_{j=1}^i |z_{i,j}|^2)^{1/2}$$

where $z_{i,j} \equiv N(0,1)_{\mathbb{C}}$ are iid complex gaussians. Then the joint eigenvalue distribution of GUE is identical to the joint eigenvalue distribution of M'_n .

Lemma

Let M_n be a complex gaussian matrix, and let M'_n be the random matrix

$$M'_{n} = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_{11} & \chi_{n-1}, \mathbf{C} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0\\ \xi_{21} & \xi_{22} & \chi_{n-2}, \mathbf{C} & 0 & \dots & 0\\ \xi_{31} & \xi_{32} & \xi_{33} & \chi_{n-3}, \mathbf{C} & \dots & 0\\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots\\ \xi_{(n-1)1} & \xi_{(n-1)2} & \xi_{(n-1)3} & \xi_{(n-1)4} & \dots & \chi_{1}, \mathbf{C}\\ \xi_{n1} & \xi_{n2} & \xi_{n3} & \xi_{n4} & \dots & \xi_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

where ξ_{ij} for $1 \le j \le i \le n$ are iid copies of the complex gaussian $N(0,1)_{\mathbf{C}}$, and for each $1 \le i \le n-1$, $\chi_{i,\mathbf{C}}$ is a complex χ distribution of *i* degrees of freedom. The the two matrices have the same spectrum distribution.

First showed by Krisnapur and Virag (2011).

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Key. Show that the a_i behave as expected, with high probability.

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