

# Spectra of Random Block-Matrices

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# Spectral Measure

- The **spectral measure** of an  $n \times n$  Hermitian matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is

$$\mu_{\mathbf{A}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{\lambda_i}$$

where

- $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$  are the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
  - $\delta_x$  is the point mass at  $x$ .
- 
- $L \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\frac{1}{n} \#\{\text{e. v. in } L\} = \int_L \mu_{\mathbf{A}}(dx)$$

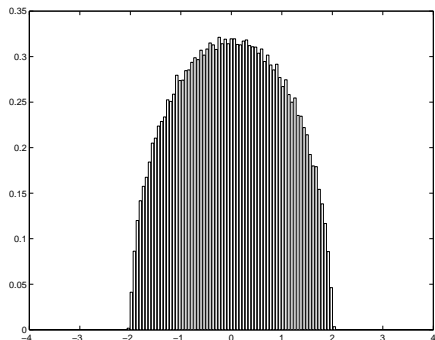
# Spectral Measure (Cont'd)

- For every  $k \geq 1$

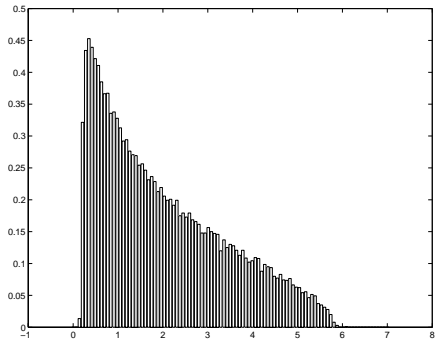
$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} x^k \mu_{\mathbf{A}}(dx) = \frac{1}{n} \text{Trace}(\mathbf{A}^k)$$

- The **limiting spectral measure** of  $\{\mathbf{A}_n\}$  is the weak limit of  $\mu_{\mathbf{A}_n}$ .

# Simulations



**Figure:** Wigner matrix repeated 100 times with  $n = 300$



**Figure:** Wishart matrix repeated 100 times with  $n = 300$  and  $p = 2n$

## Wigner's Law. Wigner (1955, 1958), Bai (1999)

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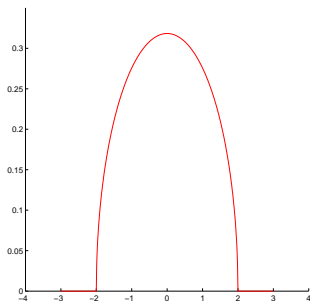


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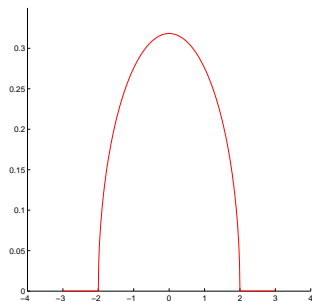
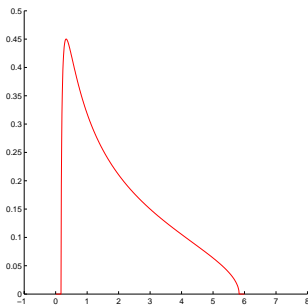


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$$\gamma_{\sigma^2}(dx) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \sqrt{4\sigma^2 - x^2} \mathbf{1}_{[-2\sigma \leq x \leq 2\sigma]}(x) dx$$

# Marchenko-Pastur's Law. Marchenko and Pastur(1967), Bai (1999)

The **almost sure** limiting spectral measure of a sequence of **Wishart matrices**  $\{\mathbf{X}_n\}$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p_n}{n} = \alpha > 0$  is the **Marchenko-Pastur distribution** with mean  $\alpha$



**Figure:** The Marchenko-Pastur distribution with  $\alpha = 2$ .

$$\rho_\alpha(dx) = \max(1 - \alpha, 0)\delta_0(dx) + \frac{\sqrt{(x - (\sqrt{\alpha} - 1))^2((\sqrt{\alpha} + 1)^2 - x)}}{2\pi x} \mathbf{1}_{[(\sqrt{\alpha}-1)^2, (\sqrt{\alpha}+1)^2]}(x)dx.$$

# Free Probability Theory

We say that a family of sequences of random matrices  $(\{\mathbf{A}_n(l)\}; l = 1, \dots, h)$  is asymptotically free if for every noncommutative polynomial  $p$  in  $h$  variables

$$\mathrm{tr}_n(p(\mathbf{A}_n(1), \dots, \mathbf{A}_n(h))) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \tau(p(\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_h)) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

where  $(\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_h)$  is a family of free noncommutative random variables in some noncommutative probability space  $(\mathcal{A}, \tau)$

# Free Probability Theory

## Free additive convolution

- If  $\{\mathbf{A}_n\}$  and  $\{\mathbf{B}_n\}$  are asymptotically free

- $\mu_{\mathbf{A}_n} \xrightarrow{m} \mu$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  *a.s.*

$$\mu_{\mathbf{B}_n} \xrightarrow{m} \nu \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad \textit{a.s.}$$

where  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are compactly supported in  $\mathbb{R}$

- then

$$\mu_{\mathbf{A}_n + \mathbf{B}_n} \xrightarrow{\omega} \mu \boxplus \nu \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad \textit{a.s.}$$

# Free Probability Theory

## Example

- $\{\mathbf{A}_n\}$  Wigner matrices

$$\mu_{\mathbf{A}_n} \xrightarrow{\omega} \gamma_1 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{a.s.}$$

- $\{\mathbf{B}_n\}$  Wishart matrices

$$\mu_{\mathbf{B}_n} \xrightarrow{\omega} \rho_1 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{a.s.}$$

$$\text{if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p_n}{n} = 1.$$

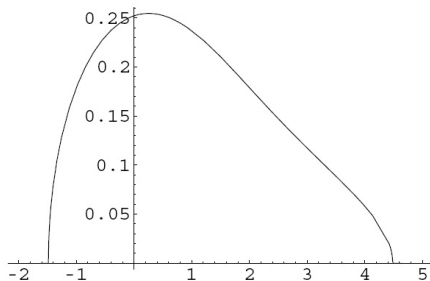
- If  $\mathbf{A}_n$  and  $\mathbf{B}_n$  are independent, then

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# Free Probability Theory

## Example (Cont'd)

- T.O. (2006)



**Figure:** The probability density functions corresponding to  $\gamma_1 \boxplus \rho_1$ .

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For  $t \neq 0$ ,  $(\gamma_1 \boxplus D_t(\rho_1))(dx) = f(x; t)dx$

$$f(x; t) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}\pi t} \left( H(x; t) - \frac{h_2(x; t)}{H(x; t)} \right) \mathbf{1}_{[s_1(t), s_2(t)]}(x),$$

$$h_1(x; t) = 2 + 27t^2 - 3tx - 3t^2x^2 + 2t^3x^3,$$

$$h_2(x; t) = 1 - tx + t^2x^2,$$

$$H(x; t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2}} \left( h_1(x; t) + \sqrt{h_1(x; t)^2 - 4h_2(x; t)^3} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}},$$

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## Example (Cont'd)

$s_1(t)$  and  $s_2(t)$  are the two real roots of the quartic equation in  $x$

$$4 + 27t^2 - 6tx - x^2 - 6t^2x^2 + 2tx^3 + 4t^3x^3 - t^2x^4 = 0$$

# Random Block-Matrices

A  $k \times k$  Hermitian random block-matrix  $\mathbb{B}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \dots)$   
is a Hermitian matrix whose entries are  
the random matrices  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \dots$

# Random Block-Matrices

## Examples

**A**, **B** and **C** are  $n \times n$  matrices ...

$$\mathbb{T}^{(3)}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbb{C}^{(4)}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A} \end{bmatrix}$$

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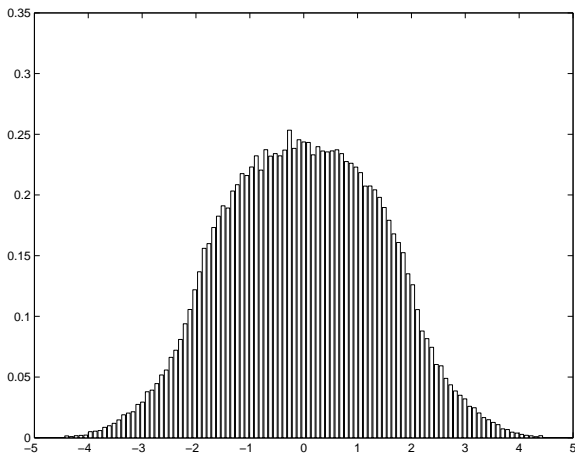
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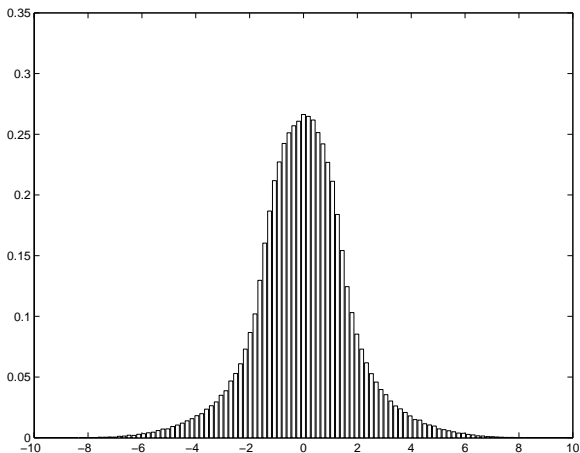
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Assume  $\mathbf{W}_k := (w_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq k}$  is Hermitian

# Simulations (1/2)



**Figure:** Histogram of the eigenvalues of  $X_{40,40}$  when  $B_{40}$  is a Gaussian Wigner matrix.

# Simulations (2/2)



**Figure:** Histogram of the eigenvalues of  $X_{40,40}$  when  $B_{40}$  is a Wishart matrix with  $\frac{p}{n} = 1$ .

# The Limiting Spectral Measure

## Theorem. T.O. (2006) Assumptions

- 1 There exists a compactly supported probability measure  $\mu$  such that

$$\mu_{\mathbf{W}_n} \xrightarrow{m} \mu \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad a.s.$$

- 2 For real  $t$ , there exist probability measures  $\mathbf{K}(t; \cdot)$  such that

$$\mu_{\mathbf{A}_n + t\mathbf{B}_n} \xrightarrow{m} \mathbf{K}(t; \cdot) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad a.s.$$

and  $\mathbf{K}(t; \cdot)$  has a support that is uniformly bounded for  $t$  in any compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

# The Limiting Spectral Measure (Cont'd)

Under these conditions we have

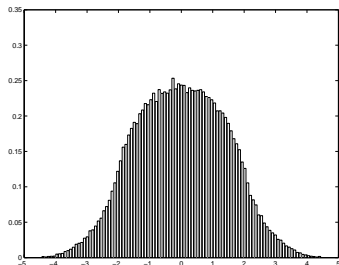
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu_{\mathbf{X}_{n,k}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_{\mathbf{X}_{n,k}} \stackrel{\omega}{=} \nu \quad \text{a.s.}$$

where the probability measure  $\nu$  is defined as

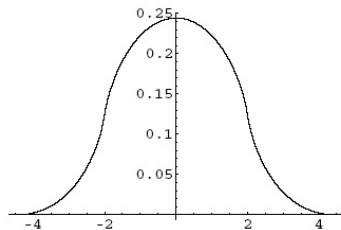
$$\nu(dx) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbf{K}(t; dx) \mu(dt).$$

# Corollary (1/2)

- $\{\mathbf{W}_n\}$  Wigner matrices
- $\{\mathbf{A}_n\}$  and  $\{\mathbf{B}_n\}$  independent Wigner matrices



**Figure:** Histogram of the eigenvalues of  $X_{40,40}$  when  $A_{40}$  and  $B_{40}$  are Gaussian matrices.



**Figure:** The probability density function corresponding to the limiting spectral distribution of  $X_{n,k}$  when  $A$  and  $B$  are Wigner matrices.

## Corollary (2/2)

- $\{\mathbf{W}_n\}$  Wigner matrices
- $\{\mathbf{A}_n\}$  and  $\{\mathbf{B}_n\}$  independent &  $\mathbf{A}_n$  is Wigner and  $\mathbf{B}_n$  is Wishart



$$g(x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x; t) \gamma_1(dt)$$

where  $f(x; t)$  is the pdf corresponding to  $\gamma_1 \boxplus D_t(\rho_1)$ .

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# Circulant Random Block-Matrices

The  $k \times k$  Hermitian Circulant block-matrix defined as

$$\mathbb{C}^{(k)}(\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2, \dots, \mathbf{A}_k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_1 & \mathbf{A}_2 & \mathbf{A}_3 & \dots & \mathbf{A}_{k-1} & \mathbf{A}_k \\ \mathbf{A}_k & \mathbf{A}_1 & \mathbf{A}_2 & \ddots & \ddots & \mathbf{A}_{k-1} \\ \mathbf{A}_{k-1} & \mathbf{A}_k & \mathbf{A}_1 & \ddots & \ddots & \cdot \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{A}_3 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \mathbf{A}_1 & \mathbf{A}_2 \\ \mathbf{A}_2 & \mathbf{A}_3 & \cdot & \dots & \mathbf{A}_k & \mathbf{A}_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

such that  $\mathbf{A}_i = \mathbf{A}_{k-i+2}$  for  $i = 2, \dots, k$ .

# The limiting spectral measure of $\mathbb{C}^{(k)}$

## Proposition. (T.O.)

Fix  $k \geq 2$ . If  $(\{\mathbf{A}_n^{(\ell)}\}; \ell = 1, \dots, \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor + 1)$  are independent sequences of Wigner random matrices and for each  $n$

$$\mathbb{C}_n^{(k)} := \mathbb{C}^{(k)}(\mathbf{A}_n^{(1)}, \mathbf{A}_n^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{A}_n^{(\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor + 1)})$$

then

$$\mu_{\mathbb{C}_n^{(k)}} \xrightarrow{\omega} \nu_k \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{a.s.}$$

where

$$\nu_k := \begin{cases} \frac{k-2}{k} \gamma_{\frac{k-2}{k}} + \frac{2}{k} \gamma_{\frac{2k-2}{k}}, & k \text{ is even;} \\ \frac{k-1}{k} \gamma_{\frac{k-1}{k}} + \frac{1}{k} \gamma_{\frac{2k-1}{k}}, & k \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

# Examples

Case  $k = 4$

$$\mu_{C_n^{(4)}} \xrightarrow{\omega} \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{\frac{3}{2}} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{a.s.}$$

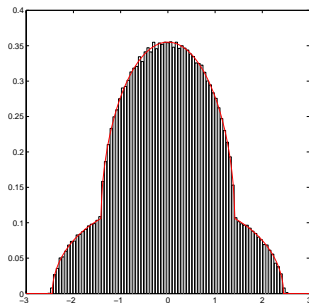


Figure: The limiting distribution of  $\mu_{C_n^{(4)}}$ .

# Examples

Case  $k = 5$

$$\mu_{C_n^{(5)}} \xrightarrow{\omega} \frac{4}{5} \gamma_{\frac{4}{5}} + \frac{1}{5} \gamma_{\frac{9}{5}} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{a.s.}$$

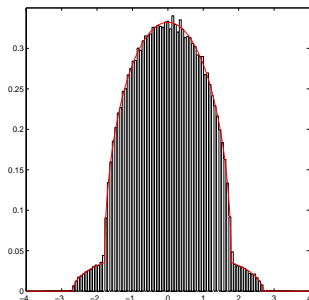


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# Existence Theorem

## Theorem (T.O.)

Let  $(\{\mathbf{A}_n^{(\ell)}\}; \ell = 1, \dots, h)$  be a family of independent sequences of  $n \times n$  Wigner random matrices. For a fixed  $k \times k$  Hermitian block-structure  $\mathbb{B}$  and each  $n$ , define

$$\mathbf{X}_n := \mathbb{B}(\mathbf{A}_n^{(1)}, \mathbf{A}_n^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{A}_n^{(h)}).$$

Then there exists a non-random probability measure  $\nu_{k,h,\mathbb{B}}$  which depends only on  $k$ ,  $h$  and the block structure  $\mathbb{B}$  such that

$$\mu_{\mathbf{X}_n} \xrightarrow{\omega} \nu_{k,h,\mathbb{B}} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{a.s.}$$

## Outline of the proof.

- 1 The proof is based on the method of moments.
- 2 **Lemma. (T.O.)** For  $s = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} x^s \mu_{\mathbf{X}_n}(dx) \rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}} x^s \mu_{\mathbf{X}}(dx) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad \textit{a.s.}$$

where ...

- $\mathbf{X} = \mathbb{B}(\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_h)$
  - $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_h$  are free semicircle random variables in some noncommutative probability space.
- 3 For  $s = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} x^s \mu_{\mathbf{X}_n}(dx) = \frac{1}{kn} \textit{Trace}(\mathbf{X}_n^s)$$

- 4  $\mu_{\mathbf{X}}$  has a compact support in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

***Thank you***