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RANDOM MATRIX THEORY  
AND ZETA FUNCTIONS

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THE TEN-FOLD WAY (CARTAN)

THE 10 FAMILIES OF  
IRREDUCIBLE COMPACT SYMMETRIC  
SPACES OF E. CARTAN IN THEIR  
STANDARD REALIZATIONS GIVE THE  
RANDOM MATRIX ENSEMBLES

M. ZIRNBAUER  
N. KATZ-S

} 1990'S

RECENTLY THEY APPEAR IN THE  
CLASSIFICATION OF TOPOLOGICAL  
INSULATORS AND SUPERCONDUCTORS  
SCHNYDER ET AL 2009.

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U CUE	$U(N)$ COMPACT $N \times N$ UNITARY MATRICES. "CIRCULAR UNITARY ENSEMBLE"
$O$ { even odd	ORTHOGONAL SUBGROUP $N \times N$ OF A'S, $A^t A = I$ ,
Sp	$USp(2N)$ SUBGROUP OF A'S $A^t J A = J$ , $J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_N \\ -I_N & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
COE	$U(N)/O(N)$ SYMMETRIC $N \times N$ REALIZED $B \rightarrow B^t B$
CSE	$U(2N)/USp(2N)$ , $2N \times 2N$ UNITARY H'S, $J^t H^t J = H$ IDENTIFIED BY $B \rightarrow B J B^t J^t$
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• THE FIRST 4 ;  $U$ ,  $SO(\text{EVEN})$ ,  
 $SO(\text{ODD})$  AND  $Sp$ , ARE THE TYPE  
III SYMMETRIC SPACES OF CARTAN,  
CORRESPOND TO THE COMPACT CLASSICAL  
GROUPS.

### 3-FOLD WAY (DYSON)

CUE, COE, CSE

LOCAL SCALED

THE STATISTICAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE  
EIGENVALUES IN THE BULK (IE AWAY  
FROM  $\pm 1$ ) OF A TYPICAL  $A \in E(N)$   
AS  $N \rightarrow \infty$  FOLLOWS ONE OF THE  
ABOVE 3 LAWS.

PROVED USING GAUDIN METHOD OF  
ORTHOGONAL POLYNOMIALS TOGETHER

WITH KNOWN ASYMPTOTICS OF  
CLASSICAL ORTHOGONAL POLYNOMIALS

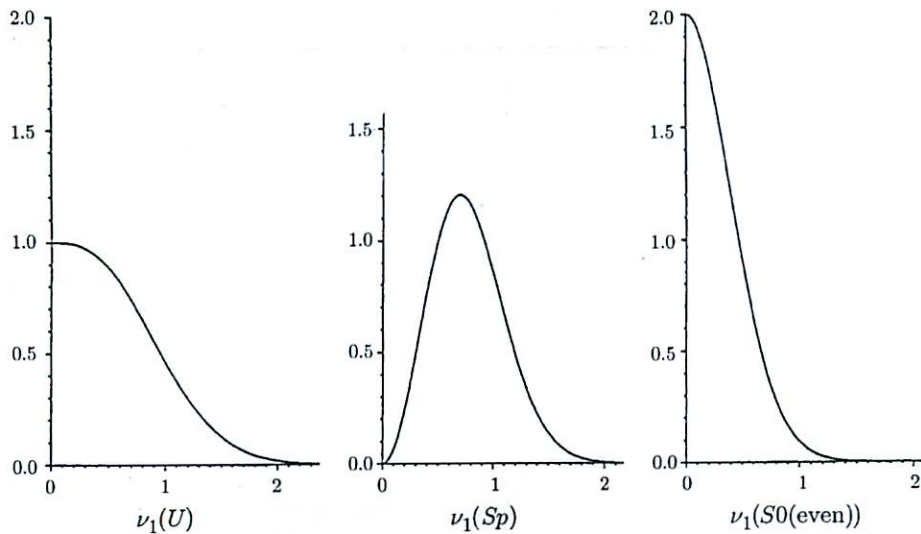
SEE:  
E. DUENEZ PU THESIS C.M.P 2004

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NB: IN THE BULK ALL THE TYPE III ENSEMBLES BECOME CUE.

THE STATISTICS OF THE EIGENVALUES NEAR 1 FOR THE VARIOUS  $E(N)$ 'S FOLLOW CHARACTERISTIC LAWS (THAT IS AFTER SCALING AND A VARYING OVER  $E(N)$ )

FOR EXAMPLE THE DISTRIBUTIONS OF THE EIGENVALUE NEAREST TO 1 FOR  $U$ ,  $Sp$  AND  $SO(\text{EVEN})$  ARE:



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# ZEROS OF ZETA FUNCTIONS:

MONTGOMERY'S PAIR CORRELATION:

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s} = \prod_p (1 - p^{-s})^{-1}$$

$$\xi(s) = \pi^{-s/2} \Gamma(s/2) \zeta(s) \stackrel{\text{f.e.}}{=} \xi(1-s) \quad (\text{RIEMANN}).$$

WRITE THE ZEROS OF  $\xi(s)$  AS

$$\rho_j = \frac{1}{2} + i\gamma_j, \quad \gamma_j \in \mathbb{R} \iff \text{RH}$$

$$\dots < \gamma_{-1} < 0 < \gamma_1 < \gamma_2 < \dots \in \gamma_j \in \dots$$

• LOCAL (SCALED) SPACING STATISTICS

$$(\text{UNFOLD}) \quad \tilde{\gamma}_j = \frac{\gamma_j \log \gamma_j}{2\pi}, \quad j \geq 1.$$

PAIR CORRELATION: LET  $\phi \in \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R})$  SET

$$W_2(\phi, N) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{1 \leq j \neq k \leq N} \phi(\tilde{\gamma}_j - \tilde{\gamma}_k)$$

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MONTGOMERY (73/74).

IF SUPPORT  $\hat{\phi} \subset (-1, 1)$  THEN

$$W_2(\phi, N) \rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x) \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\sin \pi x}{\pi x} \right)^2 \right) dx$$

AS  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,

AND HE CONJECTURES THAT THIS HOLDS WITHOUT ANY CONDITION ON SUPPORT  $\hat{\phi}$ .

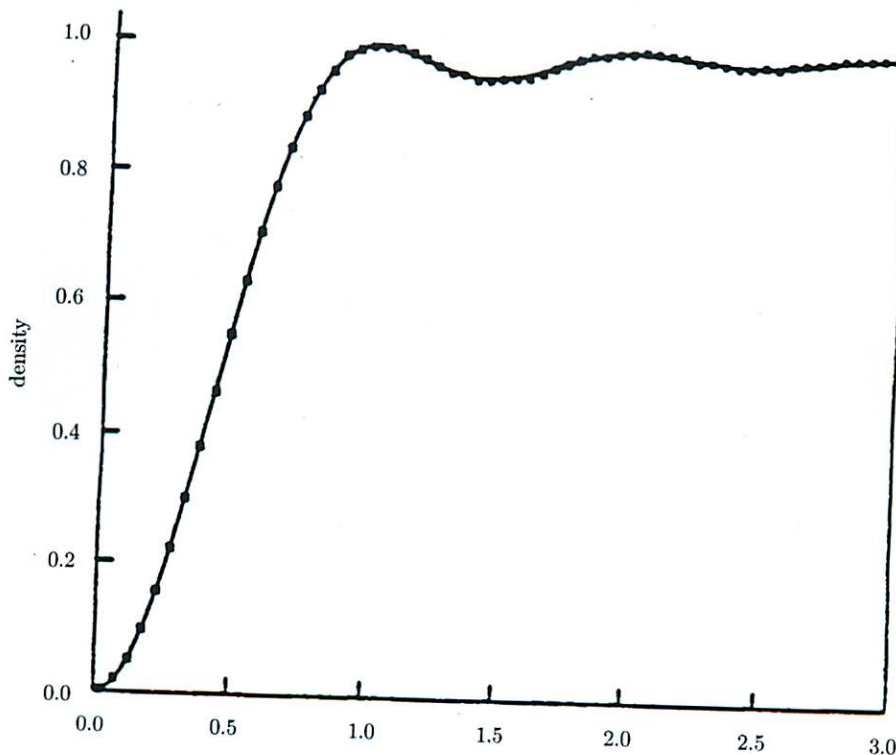


FIGURE 2. Pair correlation for zeros of zeta based on  $8 \times 10^6$  zeros near the  $10^{20}$ -th zero, versus the GUE conjectured density  $1 - \left( \frac{\sin \pi x}{\pi x} \right)^2$ .

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DYSON (1974) OBSERVES THAT

$$\left(1 - \left(\frac{\zeta \sin \pi \alpha}{\pi \alpha}\right)^2\right)$$

IS THE 2-POINT CORRELATION FOR CUE.  
SUGGESTS THAT THE LOCAL SPACING  
STATISTICS OF (HIGH) ZEROS OF  $\zeta(s)$   
FOLLOW CUE LAWS.

• CHECKED COMPREHENSIVELY NUMERICALLY  
BY ODLYZKO.

• TO PROVE THIS IT SUFFICES TO COMPUTE  
THE  $n$ -LEVEL CORRELATIONS FOR  $n \geq 2$ .

## UNIVERSALITY (RUDNICK-S 90's)

LET  $\pi$  BE AN AUTOMORPHIC CUSP  
FORM ON  $GL_m / \mathbb{Q}$  AND  $L(s, \pi)$  ITS  
STANDARD L-FUNCTION (THESE GENERALIZE  
ZETA AND PRESUMABLY GIVE ALL L-FUNCTIONS)  
THEN THE  $n$ -LEVEL CORRELATIONS OF  
THE ZEROS OF  $L(s, \pi)$  ARE GIVEN  
BY THE  $n$ -LEVEL DENSITIES, AT  
LEAST IN RESTRICTED RANGES (AND  
CONJECTURALLY IN ALL RANGES).

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- PROOF USES THE EXPLICIT FORMULA OF RIEMANN (WEIL, GUINAND) AND CRITICALLY RANKIN-SELBERG L-FUNCTIONS.
- NUMERICALLY CONFIRMED FOR MANY  $\pi$ 'S  
RUMLEY, RUBINSTEIN

## FAMILIES OF ZETA AND L-FUNCTIONS

EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT UNDERSTAND AN INDIVIDUAL L-FUNCTION ONE NEEDS TO DEFORM IT IN A FAMILY.

$GL_1$  OR DIRICHLET L-FUNCTIONS:

$$\chi(m_1 m_2) = \chi(m_1) \chi(m_2), \quad \chi(1) = 1$$

$$\chi(m + \lambda q) = \chi(m)$$

minimum period is  $q$   
= "conductivity of  $\chi$ "

$$L(s, \chi) = \prod_p (1 - \chi(p) p^{-s})^{-1} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \chi(m) m^{-s}$$



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$\mathcal{F}$  = the "family" of  $L(s, \chi)$ 's

$\chi$  is quadratic,  $\chi^2 = 1$ ,  $\chi = \chi_d$

$d$  is conductor  
square free

Distribution of the zeros near  $s = \frac{1}{2}$   
"low lying"

$$\rho_j = \frac{1}{2} + i\gamma_{j, \chi_d}$$

$$j = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

scale  $\tilde{\gamma}_{j, \chi_d} = \frac{\gamma_{j, \chi_d} \log |d|}{2\pi}$

(NO PARAMETERS!)

- Katz-S (98): The low lying zeros of  $L(s, \chi_d)$ ,  $\chi \in \mathcal{F}$  follow the laws of eigenvalues of  $USp(\infty)$  near  $z=1$ .

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$\Leftrightarrow$   $n$ -level densities being those of  $USp(\infty)$ . That is

$$\phi \in \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

$$W^{(n)}(\phi, \chi_d) := \sum_{\substack{j_1, \dots, j_n \\ |j_k| \text{ distinct}}} \phi(\tilde{\chi}_{j_1, d_1}, \dots, \tilde{\chi}_{j_n, d_n})$$

as  $X \rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{1}{|\{\chi_d: |d| \leq X\}|} \sum_{|d| \leq X} W^{(n)}(\phi, \chi_d) \rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi(x) W_{USp}^{(n)}(x) dx$$

— (\*)

where

$$W_{USp}^{(n)}(x) = \det \left( K_{USp}(x_i, x_j) \right)_{\substack{i=1, \dots, n \\ j=1, \dots, n}}$$

$$K_{USp}(x, y) = \frac{\sin \pi(x-y)}{\pi(x-y)} - \frac{\sin \pi(x+y)}{\pi(x+y)}$$

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 The  $n$ -level densities have been  
 computed for

$$\text{support } \hat{\Phi} \subset \sum_{j=1}^n |\beta_j| < 1 \quad (\text{RUBINSTEIN})$$

$$\text{support } \hat{\Phi} \subset \sum_{j=1}^n |\beta_j| < 2 \quad (\text{GAO})$$

(but cannot identify  
 the answer with (\*)).

NUMERICAL CONFIRMATION OF ALL  
 SOME  
 STATISTICS FOR THIS AND OTHER  
 FAMILIES - RUBINSTEIN .

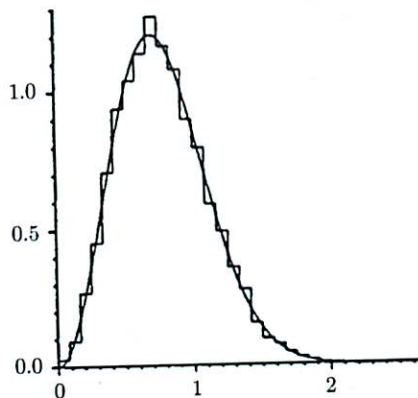


FIGURE 7. 1st zero above 0 for  $L(s, \chi_d)$ ,  $10^{12} < |d| < 10^{12} + 200000$ .

vs.  $\nu_1(5p)$  .

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The basis for understanding these phenomena - that is a symmetry type associated with  $\mathcal{Y}$  and the universal CUE law comes from function field considerations (Katz-S).

• Replace  $\mathbb{Q}$  by  $\mathbb{F}_q(t)$

### QUADRATIC FAMILY:

$K$  varies over quadratic extensions of  $\mathbb{F}_q(t)$ ,  $T = q^{-s}$

$$S_K(T) = \frac{P(T, K)}{(1-T)(1-qT)}$$

$P$  is a polynomial of degree  $2g$  where  $g$  is the genus of  $K$ . Its zeros are on the circle

$$\rho = q^{-1/2} e^{i\theta} \quad (\text{RH})$$

and asks for the distribution of the  $\theta$ 's as  $g(K) \rightarrow \infty$ .

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Using techniques from monodromy groups of families of varieties (in this example curves) over finite fields and their scaling limits (specifically GAUDIN'S methods) one shows that as  $q \rightarrow \infty$  and  $g \rightarrow \infty$

.) universally in the bulk (i.e. over all the zeros) the scaling limits of these distributions for almost all members of ANY family is CUE.

..) The distribution near the central point ( $z=1$ ) is one of the 4 symmetry types (type III spaces)

$U(\infty), Sp(\infty), SO_{\text{even}}(\infty), SO_{\text{odd}}(\infty)$

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Back to  $\mathbb{Q}$

A definition of a family  $\mathcal{F}$  of automorphic forms  $\pi$  on  $GL_n$  and hence of L-functions  $L(s, \pi)$  is given in (Shin-Templier-S 2014).

There are two sources for forming  $\mathcal{F}$ :

(1) HARMONIC: The forms  $\pi$  are defined through spectral theory of arithmetic locally symmetric spaces and transferred to  $GL_n$  by functoriality.

(2) ALGEBRAIC:  $\forall t, t \in \mathbb{P}^n$   
A FAMILY OF (SMOOTH) PROJECTIVE VARIETIES DEFINED OVER  $\mathbb{Q}$ .  
 $L(s, V_t) (= L(s, \pi_t))$  THE HASSE-WEIL ZETA FUNCTION ON A PIECE OF COHOMOLOGY.

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Given such  $\mathcal{F}$ ,  $L(s, \pi)$   $\pi \in \mathcal{F}$   
each  $\pi$  has an "analytic conductor"  
 $c(\pi)$  (Iwaniec-5) which measures  
the 'height' of  $\pi$  and also the  
density of zeros near  $s = 1/2$   
(i.e. normalize by  $\frac{\log c(\pi)}{2\pi}$ ).

$\mathcal{F}_X = \{ \pi \in \mathcal{F} : c(\pi) \leq X \}$  is finite.

to compute the  $n$ -level densities  
for  $L(s, \pi) = \sum_{\pi_1=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_{\pi}(\pi_1)}{\pi_1^s}$

one needs at least the behavior  
of

$$\frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}_X|} \sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{F}_X} \lambda_{\pi}(t) \quad \text{as } X \rightarrow \infty$$

for each  $t$  (and some uniformity).

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(.) For The HARMONIC families this is achieved through the trace formula

(..) For the algebraic families one uses techniques from monodromy groups of families (Grothendieck, Deligne, Katz).

(...) These are input into the explicit formula of Riemann-Guinand-Weil.

There are works by many people in the last 14 years studying low lying zeros for various families, all are special cases of the general formation. Technically once the  $n$ -level densities are computed an important issue is the size of the support of  $\hat{\phi}$ .



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TWO INTERESTING RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

1) ENTIN, RODITTY, RUNDICK (2012)

THEY SHOW THAT FOR THE ORIGINAL QUADRATIC FAMILY,  $\chi^2 = 1$ , THE  $n$ -LEVEL DENSITIES ARE

$$W_{USP}^{(n)} \text{ FOR } \text{support } \hat{\phi} < \left( \sum |\xi_j| < 2 \right)$$

This involves establishing an infinite set of complicated combinatorial identities. Their proof is similar to that of the "FUNDAMENTAL LEMMA".

They examine the  $n$ -level densities for  $K$  a quadratic extension of  $\mathbb{F}_p(t)$ ,  $p$  large, directly with the analogue of the above support condition on  $\hat{\phi}$ . They show that the

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combinatorial identity needed is the same as that for  $\chi^2$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then averaging over  $p$  and using Katz-S they infer the combinatorial identities.

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2) SHIM-TEMLIER CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING GENERAL FAMILY (HARMONIC)

$G$  a reductive algebraic group /  $\mathbb{Q}$

${}^L G$  its Langlands dual group

$\rho: {}^L G \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{C})$  irreducible.

Assume that  $G(\mathbb{R})$  carries discrete series and restrict to automorphic representations of  $G(\mathbb{A})$  for which  $T_0$  is discrete series and either their weights or levels or both increase.

The family  $\mathcal{Y}$  in question are  
the L-functions

$$L(s, \pi, \rho), \quad \pi \text{ as above.}$$

They compute the 1-level  
density for this family and show  
that the symmetry type of  $\mathcal{Y}$  is

$$U(\infty), Sp(\infty), O(\infty)$$

according as the Frobenius-Schur  
indicator of  $\rho$  is 0 (i.e.  
no invariant pairing) 1 (i.e.  
 $\rho$  has a symmetric pairing)  
and -1 ( $\rho$  has an alternating  
pairing).

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FOR OUR GENERAL  $\mathcal{Y}'_s$  ONE CAN COMPUTE (FINITE DIMENSIONAL) SATOR-TATE GROUPS  $H_{ST}(\mathcal{Y}) \subset GL_m(\mathbb{C})$  ASSOCIATED WITH THE DISTRIBUTION (VERTICAL) OF  $\lambda_\pi(t)$ ,  $\pi \in \mathcal{Y}$ .

VARIOUS INDICATORS ASSOCIATED WITH  $H_{ST}(\mathcal{Y})$  DETERMINE THE SYMMETRY TYPE OF  $\mathcal{Y}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  ONLY THE 4 ENSEMBLES CORRESPONDING TO TYPE III SYMMETRIC SPACES ARISE. SO AT LEAST FOR THE THEORY OF ZETA FUNCTIONS IT APPEARS THAT THESE ARE THE ONLY RELEVANT ONES.

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THERE ARE MANY APPLICATIONS OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ZEROS AND OF THE SYMMETRY TYPES FOR  $\eta$ 's.

SOME ARE:

- MOMENTS OF ZETA AND L-FUNCTIONS (KEATING-SNAITH)

- NONVANISHING OF L-FUNCTIONS AT CENTRAL POINTS, MORDELL-WEIL RANKS VIA BSD.

- SUBCONVEXITY AND APPROXIMATIONS TO LINDELOFF AND RIEMANN.

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AT A MORE SPECULATIVE LEVEL THE SYMMETRY IS PERHAPS, AS IN THE FUNCTION FIELD, CONNECTED TO A NONDEGENERATE PAIRING PRESERVED IN A SPECTRAL INTERPRETATION OF THE ZEROS.