

Local eigenvalue statistics of random band matrices

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Local statistics, localization and delocalization

One of the key physical parameter of models is the localization length, which describes the typical length scale of the eigenvectors of random matrices. The system is called delocalized if the localization length ℓ is comparable with the matrix size, and it is called localized otherwise.

- Localized eigenvectors: lack of transport (insulators), and Poisson local spectral statistics (typically strong disorder)
- Delocalization: diffusion (electric conductors), and GUE/GOE local statistics (typically weak disorder).

The questions of the order of the localization length are closely related to the universality conjecture of the bulk local regime of the random matrix theory.

From the RMT point of view, the main objects of the local regime are k -point correlation functions R_k ($k = 1, 2, \dots$), which can be defined by the equalities:

$$\mathbb{E} \left\{ \sum_{j_1 \neq \dots \neq j_k} \varphi_k(\lambda_{j_1}^{(N)}, \dots, \lambda_{j_k}^{(N)}) \right\} \\ = \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \varphi_k(\lambda_1^{(N)}, \dots, \lambda_k^{(N)}) R_k(\lambda_1^{(N)}, \dots, \lambda_k^{(N)}) d\lambda_1^{(N)} \dots d\lambda_k^{(N)},$$

where $\varphi_k : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is bounded, continuous and symmetric in its arguments.

Universality conjecture in the bulk of the spectrum (hermitian case, deloc.e.g.s.) (Wigner – Dyson):

$$(N\rho(E))^{-k} R_k(\{E + \xi_j/N\rho(E)\}) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \det \left\{ \frac{\sin \pi(\xi_i - \xi_j)}{\pi(\xi_i - \xi_j)} \right\}_{i,j=1}^k.$$

- Wigner matrices, β -ensembles with $\beta = 1, 2$, sample covariance matrices, etc.: [delocalization, GUE/GOE local spectral statistics](#)
- Anderson model (Random Schrödinger operators):

$$H_{\text{RS}} = -\Delta + V,$$

where Δ is the discrete Laplacian in lattice box $\Lambda = [1, n]^d \cap \mathbb{Z}^d$, V is a random potential (i.e. a diagonal matrix with i.i.d. entries).

In $d = 1$: narrow band matrix with i.i.d. diagonal

$$H_{\text{RS}} = \begin{pmatrix} V_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & V_2 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & V_3 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & V_{n-1} & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 & V_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

[Localization, Poisson local spectral statistics](#) (Fröhlich, Spencer, Aizenman, Molchanov, ...)

Random band matrices

Intermediate model that interpolates between random Schrödinger operator and Wigner matrices.

$\Lambda = [1, n]^d \cap \mathbb{Z}^d$ is a lattice box, $N = n^d$.

$$H = \{H_{jk}\}_{j,k \in \Lambda}, \quad H = H^*, \quad \mathbb{E}\{H_{jk}\} = 0.$$

Entries are independent (up to the symmetry) but not identically distributed. Variance is given by some function J (even, compact support or rapid decay)

$$\mathbb{E}\{|H_{jk}|^2\} = \frac{1}{W^d} J\left(\frac{|j-k|}{W}\right)$$

1d case

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix}$$

Main parameter: band width $W \in [1; N]$.

It also has non-trivial spatial structure (like random Schrödinger).

Anderson transition in random band matrices

$$W = O(1) [\sim \text{random Schrödinger}] \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad W = N [\text{Wigner matrices}]$$

Varying W , we can see the transition between localization and delocalization

Conjecture (in the bulk of the spectrum):

$d = 1$:	$l \sim W^2$	$W \gg \sqrt{N}$	Delocalization, GUE statistics
		$W \ll \sqrt{N}$	Localization, Poisson statistics
$d = 2$:	$l \sim e^{W^2}$	$W \gg \sqrt{\log N}$	Delocalization, GUE statistics
		$W \ll \sqrt{\log N}$	Localization, Poisson statistics
$d \geq 3$:	$l \sim N$	$W \geq W_0$	Delocalization, GUE statistics

At the present time only some upper and lower bounds on the order of localization length are proved rigorously ($d = 1$).

- [Schenker \(2009\)](#) $\ell \leq W^8$ – localization techniques; (improved recently to W^7)
- [Erdős, Yau, Yin \(2011\)](#) $\ell \geq W$ – RM methods;
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Main problem: to control the resolvent $G(z) = (H - z)^{-1}$ for $\varepsilon := \text{Im } z \sim 1/N$ (more precisely, to obtain the bounds for $\mathbb{E}\{|G(E + i\varepsilon)|^2\}$). The techniques allows to obtain the control only for $\varepsilon \sim 1/W$. Such control can give a bounds for the localization length, but only in a weak sense, i.e. the estimates hold for “most” eigenfunctions only:

- [Erdős, Knowles \(2011\)](#): $\ell \gg W^{7/6}$;
- [Erdős, Knowles, Yau, Yin \(2012\)](#): $\ell \gg W^{5/4}$ (not uniform in N).

Another method, which allows to work with random operators with non-trivial spatial structures, is supersymmetry techniques (SUSY), which based on the representation of the determinant as an integral over the Grassmann (anticommuting) variables.

The method allows to obtain an integral representation for the main spectral characteristic (such as density of states, second correlation functions, or the average of an elements of the resolvent) as the averages of certain observables in some SUSY statistical mechanics models (so-called dual representation in terms of SUSY). This is basically an algebraic step, and usually can be done by the standard algebraic manipulations. The real mathematical challenge is a rigour analysis of the obtained integral representation.

The method has some restrictions. First of all, up to this point it was mainly applied to the matrices with Gaussian element's distribution (except the case of characteristic polynomials that we will discuss later). Besides, it is much simpler to consider covariance of a special form.

We consider the following two models:

- **Random band matrices:** specific covariance

$$J_{ij} = (-W^2 \Delta + 1)_{ij}^{-1} \approx C_1 W^{-1} \exp\{-C_2 |i - j|/W\}$$

- Block band matrices

Assign to every site $j \in \Lambda$ one copy $K_j \simeq \mathbb{C}^W$ of an W -dimensional complex vector space, and set $K = \bigoplus K_j \simeq \mathbb{C}^{|\Lambda|W}$. From the physical point of view, we are assigning W valence electron orbitals to every atom of a solid with hypercubic lattice structure.

Such models were first introduced and studied by Wegner.

Mathematically, we obtain a Hermitian random matrix constructed of $W \times W$ blocks numerate by $j, k \in \Lambda$, and the variance in each block is a fixed number J_{jk} , where we take

$$J = 1/W + \alpha\Delta/W, \quad \alpha < 1/4d.$$

This model is one of the possible realizations of the Gaussian random band matrices.

1d case:

Only 3 block diagonals are non zero.

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & B_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ B_1^* & A_2 & B_2 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & B_2^* & A_3 & B_3 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & B_3^* & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & A_{n-1} & B_{n-1} \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & B_{n-1}^* & A_n \end{pmatrix}$$

A_j - independent $W \times W$ GUE-matrices with entry's variance $(1 - 2\alpha)/W$, $\alpha < \frac{1}{4}$

B_j -independent $W \times W$ Ginibre matrices with entry's variance α/W

"Generalised" correlation functions

$$\mathcal{R}_1(z_1, z'_1) := \mathbb{E} \left\{ \frac{\det(H - z'_1)}{\det(H - z_1)} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_2(z_1, z'_1; z_2, z'_2) := \mathbb{E} \left\{ \frac{\det(H - z'_1) \det(H - z'_2)}{\det(H - z_1) \det(H - z_2)} \right\}$$

We study these functions for $z_{1,2} = E + \xi_{1,2}/\rho(E)N$,
 $z'_{1,2} = E + \xi'_{1,2}/\rho(E)N$, $E \in (-2, 2)$.

Link with the spectral correlation functions:

$$\mathbb{E} \{ \text{Tr}(H - z_1)^{-1} \text{Tr}(H - z_2)^{-1} \} = \frac{d^2}{dz'_1 dz'_2} \mathcal{R}(z_1, z'_1; z_2, z'_2) \Big|_{z'_1=z_1, z'_2=z_2}$$

Correlation function of the characteristic polynomials:

$$\mathcal{R}_0(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \det(H - \lambda_1) \det(H - \lambda_2) \right\}, \quad \lambda_{1,2} = E \pm \xi/\rho(E)N.$$

Integral representation for characteristic polynomials

$$\mathcal{R}_0(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = C_N \int_{\mathcal{H}_2^N} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k} J_{jk}^{-1} \text{Tr} X_j X_k \right\} \prod_j \det (X_j - i\Lambda/2) d\bar{X},$$

where $\{X_j\}$ are hermitian 2×2 matrices, $\Lambda = \text{diag}\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2\}$, and $\hat{\xi} = \text{diag}\{\xi, -\xi\}$.

For the density of states X_j will be super-matrices

$$X_j = \begin{pmatrix} a_j & \rho_j \\ \tau_j & b_j \end{pmatrix}$$

with real variables a_j, b_j and Grassmann variables ρ_j, τ_j .

- The formulas can be obtained in any dimension and for any band profile J , although the specific $J = (-W^2\Delta + 1)^{-1}$ gives a nearest neighbour model which is easier to analyze.
- If we do the change of variables $X_j = U_j^* A_j U_j$, where U_j is a 2×2 unitary matrix and $A_j = \text{diag} \{a_j, b_j\}$, and integrate out a_j, b_j (i.e. put them to be equal to their saddle-point values, so write [the sigma-model approximation](#)), we obtain a classical Heisenberg model:

$$\int \exp \left\{ \pi^2 \rho(\lambda_0)^2 W^2 \sum_{j=2}^N (S_j S_{j-1} - 1) + \frac{i\pi\xi}{2N} \sum_{j=1}^N S_j \sigma_3 \right\} \prod_{j=1}^N dS_j$$

$$\longrightarrow \int e^{i\pi\xi S_0 \sigma_3 / 2} dS_0 = \frac{\sin(\pi\xi)}{\pi\xi}, \quad W^2 \gg N$$

SUSY results for the characteristic polynomials:

Let $D_2 = \mathcal{R}_0(E, E)$, $\bar{\mathcal{R}}_0(E, \xi) = D_2^{-1} \cdot \mathcal{R}_0(E + \hat{\xi}/2N\rho(E))$.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{\mathcal{R}}_0(E, \xi) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin \pi \xi}{\pi \xi}, & W \geq N^{1/2+\theta}; \\ (e^{-C_* t_* \Delta_U - i \xi \hat{\nu}} \cdot 1, 1), & N = C_* W^2 \\ 1, & 1 \ll W \leq \sqrt{\frac{N}{C_* \log N}}, \end{cases}$$

where $t_* = (2\pi\rho(E))^2$,

$$\Delta_U = -\frac{d}{dx} x(1-x) \frac{d}{dx}, \quad \nu(U) = \pi(1-2x), \quad x = |U_{12}|^2.$$

Delocalization part: [S., 2013](#) – saddle-point analysis; (the case of orthogonal symmetry is also done, [S., 2015](#))

Localization part: [M. Shcherbina, S., 2016](#) – transfer matrix approach.

Near the crossover: [S., 2018](#) – in progress

SUSY results for the density of states:

Let $g(z) = N^{-1} \mathbb{E} \{ \text{Tr} (H - z)^{-1} \}$, g_{sc} is a Stieltjes transform of semi-circle.

- [Disertori, Pinson, Spencer, 2002](#): The smoothness and the local semicircle for averaged density for RBM in 3d, i.e.

$$|g(z) - g_{\text{sc}}(z)| \leq C/W^2$$

uniformly in $\text{Im } z$, $W \geq W_0$.

- [Disertori, Lager, June 2016](#): the same in 2d.
- [M. Shcherbina, S., April 2016](#): local semicircle for averaged density for RBM in 1d (with an arrow W^{-1}).

First and second results use the cluster expansion, the third one uses the supersymmetric transfer matrices.

All other result about the density for RBM deals with $\text{Im } z \gg W^{-1}$ (but allows to control G_{ij} , which implies delocalization at this scale).

Other SUSY results for the full model:

- S., 2014: Gaussian case, three diagonal block band matrices with $J = \frac{\alpha}{W}\Delta + \frac{1}{W}$. If $W \sim N$, then

$$\frac{1}{(N\rho(\lambda_0))^2} R_2(\lambda_0 + x/N\rho(\lambda_0), \lambda_0 + y/N\rho(\lambda_0)) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 1 - \frac{\sin^2(\pi(x-y))}{\pi^2(x-y)^2}$$

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- [Erdős, Bao, 2015](#): Combining this techniques with Green's function comparison strategy (Erdős-Yau), they proved

$$\ell \geq W^{7/6}$$

in a strong sense for the block band matrices with more or less general element's distribution (subexponential tails, four Gaussian moments).

Sigma-model $\mathcal{R}_2^{(\sigma)}$

The model can be obtained by some scaling limit ($\alpha = \beta/W$, $W \rightarrow \infty$, β , n -fixed) from the expression for \mathcal{R}_2 .

The crossover is expected for $\beta \sim n$.

$$\mathcal{R}_2^{(\sigma)} = \int \exp \left\{ \frac{\beta}{4} \sum \text{Str } Q_j Q_{j+1} + \frac{\varepsilon + i\xi}{4n} \sum \text{Str } Q_j \Lambda \right\} \prod dQ_j$$

Here Q_j is a 4×4 super matrix of the block form:

$$Q_j = \begin{pmatrix} U_j^* & 0 \\ 0 & S_j^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (I + 2\hat{\rho}_j \hat{\tau}_j)L & 2\hat{\tau}_j \\ 2\hat{\rho}_j & -(I - 2\hat{\rho}_j \hat{\tau}_j)L \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_j & 0 \\ 0 & S_j \end{pmatrix},$$

$$dQ = \prod dQ_j, \quad dQ_j = (1 - 2\rho_{j1}\tau_{j1}\rho_{j2}\tau_{j2}) d\rho_{j1}d\tau_{j1} d\rho_{j2}d\tau_{j2} dU_j dS_j$$

with

$$\hat{\rho}_j = \text{diag}\{\rho_{j1}, \rho_{j2}\}, \quad \hat{\tau}_j = \text{diag}\{\tau_{j1}, \rho_{j2}\}, \quad L = \text{diag}\{1, -1\}.$$

Here $\{U_j\}$ are unitary matrices, $\{S_j\}$ are hyperbolic matrices, $Q_j^2 = I$.

Result for $\mathcal{R}_2^{(\sigma)}$ [M. Shcherbina, S., 2018]

In the dimension $d = 1$ the behavior of the sigma-model approximation $\mathcal{R}_2^{(\sigma)}$ of the second order correlation function, as $\beta \gg n$, in the bulk of the spectrum coincides with those for the GUE. More precisely, if $\Lambda = [1, n] \cap \mathbb{Z}$ and H_N , $N = Wn$ are block RBM with $J = 1/W + \beta\Delta/W^2$, then for any $|E| < \sqrt{2}$

$$(N\rho(E))^{-2}\mathcal{R}_2\left(E + \frac{\xi_1}{\rho(E)N}, E + \frac{\xi_2}{\rho(E)N}\right) \rightarrow 1 - \frac{\sin^2(\pi(\xi_1 - \xi_2))}{\pi^2(\xi_1 - \xi_2)^2},$$

in the limit first $W \rightarrow \infty$, and then $\beta, n \rightarrow \infty$, $\beta \geq Cn \log^2 n$.

"Right" limit: $\beta = \alpha W$, α is fixed, $W, n \rightarrow \infty$, $W \gg n$.

Transfer matrix approach

Let $\mathcal{K}(X, Y)$ be the p -dimensional matrix kernel of the compact integral operator in $\bigoplus_{i=1}^p L_2[X, d\mu(X)]$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int g(X_1) \mathcal{K}(X_1, X_2) \dots \mathcal{K}(X_{n-1}, X_n) f(X_n) \prod d\mu(X_i) = (\mathcal{K}^{n-1} f, \bar{g}) \\ & = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \lambda_j^{n-1}(\mathcal{K}) c_j, \quad \text{with } c_j = (f, \psi_j)(g, \tilde{\psi}_j) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Here $\{\lambda_j(\mathcal{K})\}_{j=0}^{\infty}$ are the eigenvalues of \mathcal{K} ($|\lambda_0| \geq |\lambda_1| \geq \dots$), ψ_j are corresponding eigenvectors and $\tilde{\psi}_j$ are the eigenvectors of \mathcal{K}^*

Characteristic polynomials with $J = (-W^2 \Delta + 1)^{-1}$:

$$\mathcal{K}_0(X, Y) = \frac{W^4}{2\pi^2} \mathcal{F}(X) \exp \left\{ -\frac{W^2}{2} \text{Tr} (X - Y)^2 \right\} \mathcal{F}(Y) \text{ with}$$

$$\mathcal{F}(X) = \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{4} \text{Tr} \left(X + \frac{i\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{I}}{2} + \frac{i\hat{\xi}}{N\rho(\mathbf{E})} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \log (X - i\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{I}/2) - C \right\}.$$

The main difficulties:

- 1 the transfer operator is not self-adjoint, and thus the perturbation theory is not easily applied in a rigorous way;
- 2 the transfer operator has a complicated structure including a part that acts on unitary and hyperbolic groups, hence we need to work with corresponding special functions;
- 3 the kernel of the transfer operator for the density of states and for the second correlation function contains not only the complex, but also some Grassmann variables. Therefore, for the density of states \mathcal{K}_1 is a 2×2 matrix kernel, containing the Jordan cell, and for the second correlation function \mathcal{K}_2 is a $2^8 \times 2^8$ matrix kernel, containing 4×4 Jordan cell in the main block.
Using the symmetry of the problem, \mathcal{K}_2 could be replaced by 70×70 matrix kernel, but it is still very complicated.

Resolvent version of the transfer operator approach

$$(\mathcal{K}^n f, \bar{g}) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_L z^n (\mathcal{G}(z)f, \bar{g}) dz, \quad \mathcal{G}(z) = (\mathcal{K} - z)^{-1}$$

where L is any closed contour which contains all eigenvalues of \mathcal{K} . It is sufficient to take $L = L_0 = \{|z| = 1 + Cn^{-1}\}$,

We choose $L = L_1 \cup L_2$ where $L_2 = \{z : |z| = 1 - \log^2 n/n\}$, and L_1 is some special contour, containing all eigenvalues between L_0 and L_2 . Then

$$(\mathcal{K}_\alpha^n f, \bar{g}) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{L_1} z^n (\mathcal{G}_\alpha(z)f, \bar{g}) dz - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=1-\log^2 n/n} z^n (\mathcal{G}_\alpha(z)f, \bar{g}) dz$$

The second integral is small since $|z|^n \leq e^{-\log^2 n}$

Definition of asymptotically equivalent operators ($n, W \rightarrow \infty$)

$$\mathcal{A}_{Wn} \sim \mathcal{B}_{Wn} \Leftrightarrow \oint_{L_1} z^n ((\mathcal{A}_{Wn} - z)^{-1} f, \bar{g}) dz = \oint_{L_1} z^n ((\mathcal{B}_{Wn} - z)^{-1} f, \bar{g}) dz + o(1)$$

for certain L_1

Mechanism of the crossover for \mathcal{R}_0

Key technical step

$$\mathcal{K}_{0\xi} \sim \mathcal{K}_{*\xi} \otimes \mathcal{A},$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{*\xi}(U_1, U_2) = e^{-i\xi\nu(U_1)/N} \mathcal{K}_{*0}(U_1 U_2^*) e^{-i\xi\nu(U_2)/N}, \quad \mathcal{K}_{*0} : L_2(\dot{U}(2)) \rightarrow L_2(\dot{U}(2)),$$

$$\mathcal{A}(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2) = A_1(x_1, x_2) A_2(y_1, y_2), \quad L_2(\mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow L_2(\mathbb{R}^2).$$

Here $\xi_1 = -\xi_2 = \xi$, and $\nu(U) = \pi(1 - 2|U_{12}|^2)$

Then

$$\mathcal{R}_0 = (\mathcal{K}_{*\xi}^N \otimes \mathcal{A}^N f, \bar{g})(1 + o(1)) = (\mathcal{K}_{*\xi}^N \cdot 1, 1)(\mathcal{A}^N f_1, \bar{g}_1)(1 + o(1)).$$

Here we used that both f, g asymptotically can be replaced by $1 \otimes f_1(x, y)$.

After normalization we get:

$$D_2^{-1} \mathcal{R}_0 \left(\mathbb{E} + \frac{\xi}{N\rho(\mathbb{E})}, \mathbb{E} - \frac{\xi}{N\rho(\mathbb{E})} \right) = \frac{(\mathcal{K}_{*\xi}^N \cdot 1, 1)}{(\mathcal{K}_{*0}^N \cdot 1, 1)} (1 + o(1))$$

Spectral analysis of $\mathcal{K}_{*\xi}$

A good news is that \mathcal{K}_{*0} with a kernel

$$\mathcal{K}_{*0} = t_* W^2 e^{-t_* W^2 |(U_1 U_2^*)_{12}|^2}$$

is a self-adjoint "difference" operator. It is known that his eigenfunctions are Legendre polynomials P_j . Moreover, it is easy to check that corresponding eigenvalues have the form:

$$\lambda_j = 1 - t_* j(j+1)/W^2 + O((j(j+1)/W^2)^2), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots$$

Besides,

$$\mathcal{K}_{*\xi} = \mathcal{K}_{*0} - 2i\xi \hat{\nu}/N + O(N^{-2})$$

where $\hat{\nu}$ is the operator of multiplication by ν . Thus the eigenvalues of $\mathcal{K}_{*\xi}$ are in the N^{-1} -neighbourhood of λ_j .

Mechanism of the Poisson behavior for $W^2 \ll N$

For $W^{-2} \gg N^{-1}$ (the spectral gap is much less than the perturbation norm)

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_0(\mathcal{K}_{*\xi}) &= 1 - 2N^{-1}i\xi(\nu \cdot 1, 1) + o(N^{-1}), \\ |\lambda_1(\mathcal{K}_{*\xi})| &\leq 1 - O(W^{-2}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad |\lambda_j(\mathcal{K}_{*\xi})|^N \rightarrow 0, \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots).\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$(\nu \cdot 1, 1) = 0,$$

we obtain that

$$\lambda_0(\mathcal{K}_{*\xi}) = 1 + o(N^{-1}),$$

and

$$D_2^{-1} \mathcal{R}_0 \left(E + \frac{\xi}{N\rho(E)}, E - \frac{\xi}{N\rho(E)} \right) = \frac{\lambda_0^N(\mathcal{K}_{*\xi})}{\lambda_0^N(\mathcal{K}_{*0})} (1 + o(1)) \rightarrow 1$$

The relation corresponds to the Poisson local statistics.

Mechanism of the GUE behavior for $W^2 \gg N$

In the regime $W^{-2} \ll N^{-1}$ we have $\mathcal{K}_{*0}^N \rightarrow I$ in the strong vector topology, hence one can prove that

$$\mathcal{K}_{*\xi} \sim 1 + O(W^{-2}) - N^{-1}2i\xi\nu \Rightarrow (\mathcal{K}_{*\xi}^N \cdot 1, 1) \rightarrow (e^{-2i\xi\hat{\nu}} \cdot 1, 1)$$

and

$$D_2^{-1}\mathcal{R}_0\left(E + \frac{\xi}{N\rho(E)}, E - \frac{\xi}{N\rho(E)}\right) = \frac{(e^{-2i\xi t^* \hat{\nu}} \cdot 1, 1)}{(1, 1)}(1 + o(1)) \rightarrow \frac{\sin(2\pi\xi)}{2\pi\xi}.$$

The expression for $D_2^{-1}\mathcal{R}_0$ coincides with that for GUE.

In the regime $W^{-2} = C_* N^{-1}$ observe that $\mathcal{K}_{*\xi}$ is reduced by the subspace \mathcal{E}_0 of the functions depending only on $|U_{12}|^2$.

Recall also that the Laplace operator on $\dot{U}(2)$ is reduced by \mathcal{E}_0 and have the form

$$\Delta_U = -\frac{d}{dx}x(1-x)\frac{d}{dx}, \quad x = |U_{12}|^2.$$

Besides, the eigenvectors of Δ_U and \mathcal{K}_{*0} coincide (they are Legendre's polynomials P_j) and corresponding eigenvalues of Δ_U are

$$\lambda_j^* = j(j+1).$$

Hence we can write $\mathcal{K}_{*\xi}$ as

$$\mathcal{K}_{*\xi} \sim 1 - N^{-1}(C_* t_* \Delta_U + 2i\xi\nu) + o(N^{-1}) \Rightarrow (\mathcal{K}_{*\xi}^N \cdot 1, 1) \rightarrow (e^{-C\Delta_U - 2i\xi\nu} \cdot 1, 1)$$