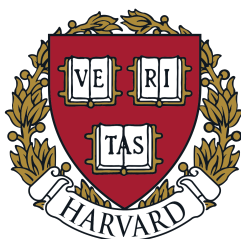# Delocalization of Eigenvectors in Random Matrices

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ABSTRACT

In this thesis, we investigate the delocalization properties of eigenvectors in random matrices with a particular focus on the non-mean field model of the random band matrix. We provide an overview of recent advancements that employ the stochastic flow method, placing them in the context of universality classes and Anderson localization. The approach enables rigorous bounds on eigenvector statistics using resolvent identities and diagrammatic perturbation methods. The analysis includes detailed estimates on the drift terms in the dynamical T-equation and applications of martingale theory to the control of the quadratic variation. The final section explores the extension of these results beyond Gaussian distributions using the Lindeberg exchange strategy and provides a Five Moment Theorem that addresses the universality of delocalization behavior.

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1 Introduction

The topic of random matrix theory (RMT) was originally motivated by the study of complex quantum systems, described by a Hamiltonian - the operator that models the interactions between constituent particles. Even when all couplings are known, the daunting and often impossible task of diagonalizing the operator to obtain its spectral decomposition prevents calculating its exact energy levels. To tackle this, Eugene Wigner introduced in his seminal 1957 paper [1] the phenomenological model of a random matrix with independent and identically distributed (i.i.d) entries. His goal was to explain the empirical observation that the spectral gaps of large nuclei follow the same statistics, regardless of the material.

The core idea was to ignore all physical details of the system except for the constraint on its symmetry type, defined by the presence of time-reversal and rotational symmetry, or the lack-thereof. The key result, now known as the Wigner semicircle law, states that the eigenvalue density of $N \times N$ self-adjoint random matrices with independent entries $H_{ij} \sim [0, 1/N]$, up to the symmetry constraint $H_{ij} = \overline{H_{ji}}$, is given by $\varrho_{SC}(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{(4 - x^2)_+}$ [2]. What Wigner proved is a type of law of large numbers that holds in the limit $N \to \infty$ and is independent of the distribution of individual entries. The prediction that the spacing of individual eigenvalues $\lambda_1(H) \leq \cdots \leq \lambda_n(H)$ follows universal gap statistics was later refined into the Wigner-Dyson-Mehta (WDM) universality conjecture [3], which asserts the latter hypothesis is true for *Wigner matrices* [4]. This RMT ensemble defines a general class of mean-field integrable models and is part of the active effort of understanding the different universality classes.

Another subject of great importance is the *Poisson universality class*, closely related to the phenomenon of localized eigenstates. While Wigner's original theory had no mention of eigenvectors [12], their properties are essential in studying the behavior of more general random operators. One historically relevant example is the Anderson localization model, introduced by Philip W. Anderson in 1958, which explores how disorder affects quantum transport [6]. The author considered the behavior of a quantum particle moving on a lattice $\mathbb{Z}^d$ with random on-site energies, represented by the random Schrödinger operator $H_{RS} = -\Delta + \lambda V$, where Δ is the discrete Laplacian and λV is a random diagonal perturbation [7]. In his work, Anderson posited that there exists a *mobility edge* that separates a transition between localized and delocalized eigenvector statistics.

Localization for large values of λ was first rigorously demonstrated using multiscale analysis [8] with alternative approaches, such as the fractional moment method [9], later ensuing. The conjectured delocalization for small λ is supported by extensive numerical evidence, yet a rigorous proof has remained out of reach [11]. The primary reason for the scarcity of rigorous results has been in the

general lack of exactly solvable models of sufficient generality. [20]. To address these gaps, it is crucial to explore systems that interpolate between localized and delocalized regimes while preserving analytical tractability. One such ensemble, supported by extensive numerical evidence, provides a promising case study for establishing the coexistence of localized and delocalized regimes. Two examples that we will consider more in depth in this thesis are the non-invariant Gaussian random matrix ensemble and the Random Band Matrix model (RBM).

Non-Invariant Gaussian Matrix

The non-invariant Gaussian random matrix ensemble, called also the critical random matrix ensemble (CRMT) [17], is defined for Hermitian matrices H with independent Gaussian-distributed off-diagonal elements [20]:

$$\langle H_{nm} \rangle = 0, \quad \langle |H_{nm}|^2 \rangle = \begin{cases} \beta^{-1}, & n = m \\ \frac{1}{2}\left[1 + \left(\frac{n-m}{b}\right)^2\right]^{-1}, & n \neq m \end{cases},$$

where $\beta = 1, 2, 4$ corresponds to the orthogonal (GOE), unitary (GUE), and symplectic (GSE) symmetry classes, respectively, and $b > 0$ is a tunable parameter. The CRMT emerged in the study of the 3D Anderson model as the critical value instantiation of a Power-law RBM (defined below). By mapping the system onto a nonlinear σ-model with nonlocal interaction and using renormalization group (RG) methods, the authors found that for $a = 1$, the model reaches a critical point with multifractal eigenstate behavior, and the spectral statistics exhibit an intermediate regime. The critical nature of CRMT is encoded in the decay $|n - m|^{-2}$, reminiscent of the Anderson model's localization in coordinate space. The parameter b influences the spectrum of fractal dimensions $d_n(b)$, governed by:

$$d_2 = \begin{cases} 1 - c_\beta B^{-1}, & B \gg 1 \\ c_\beta B, & B \ll 1 \end{cases}$$

where $B = b\pi\beta/2$, and c_β is a constant specific to the symmetry class. Notably, this leads to a duality relationship $d_2(B) + d_2(B^{-1}) = 1$ that has been numerically verified with high precision [20]. The level spacing distribution $P(s)$ of CRMT exhibits hybrid behavior, combining a Poisson tail with Wigner-Dyson statistics in the bulk. While this model effectively captures key aspects of multifractality and the coexistence of localized and delocalized phases, it lacks the rigor necessary to fully characterize the critical behaviors and universal properties of these transitions. Particularly helpful will be the aforementioned fact that the CRMT is a critical value instantiation of an random band matrix with power-law entires. Given the rich and active topic of RBMs, it will serve as our main object of study.

Random Band Matrices (RBM)

The Random band matrix model is of great interest by itself because it serves as an interpolation between Wigner matrices and the random Schrödinger operator H_{RS} [2]. A RBM $(H_{xy})_{x,y\in\Gamma}$, with centered complex random variables (r.v.), independent up to symmetry $H_{ij} = \overline{H_{ji}}$, can represent a d-dimensional quantum system on a graph $\Gamma = [\![1, N]\!]^d$ with the effective distance being of order $W < \frac{N}{2}$, defined to the band width of the model [12, 29]. What this means is that for $|i - j|_N = \min([x - y]_N, [y - x]_N) > W$ we have $H_{ij} = 0$. It is standard to also normalize the covariance matrix $S_{xy} = \mathbb{E}|H_{xy}|^2$, s.t. $\sum_x S_{xy} = 1$ for any $x \in \Gamma$. The model is conjectured to exhibit both localization for $W \ll W_c$ and delocalization for $W \gg W_c$ w.r.t a critical transition band W_c that depends on the band width W and the dimension d [12]:

$$W_c = \begin{cases} \sqrt{N} & \text{for } d = 1 \\[2mm] \sqrt{\log N} & \text{for } d = 2 \\[2mm] O(1) & \text{for } d \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

The Anderson model and the RBM are expected to have the same properties when $\lambda \approx \frac{1}{W}$ [12], an observation supported with extensive numerical evidence [22, 23]. For localization, the current best bound is up to $W \ll N^{1/4}$ [24]. On the other side of the transition, there is a long line of work of iterative improvements.

Delocalization and quantum diffusion, explained in detailed below, have been rigorously established for the case of $d \geq 7$ [14, 13, 15, 16] using diagrammatic representations. The first two papers also concluded a strong form of delocalization and GUE statistics for $W \gg N^{3/4}$ [14, 13] in the one-dimensional case. More recently, Dubova and Yang improved on the latter bound for $1d$ Gaussian random band matrices, assuming $W \gg N^{8/11}$ [11], by using the flow method [26, 33]. Sections 2 through 5 are dedicated exclusively to their work. Their contribution of a controlled truncation of observable dynamics is what lead to the conclusive work by Yau and Yin, establishing delocalization for $W \geq N^{1/2+\epsilon}$ in the one-dimensional Gaussian case [18]. The continued success of this approach has allowed for proving delocalization in two dimension when $W \geq N^\epsilon$ [19]. The latter sequence of notable results is the reason for dedicating the bulk of this thesis to the detailed examination of the tools utilized by the stochastic flow method. Furthermore, given the underlying Gaussian assumption in all previous work, the question of the non-Gaussian case is a highly motivated one. As such, the remainder of our work (Section 6) will be focused on relaxing the Gaussian assumption by proving a Five Moment Matching theorem. With this said, we can start with our model of interest:

The Model

The matrix model $(H_{ij})_{i,j\in\Gamma}$ that will be subject to our examination throughout this thesis is defined as follows: identify $\mathbb{Z}_n$ with $\Gamma = \{1, \cdots, N\}$ and equip it with the aforementioned periodic distance $|i - j|_N$, s.t. $\forall_{|i-j|_N > W} H_{ij} = 0$. Now, for a symmetric and compactly supported probability density function (PDF) on $\mathbb{R}$, define the doubly stochastic matrix $(S_{xy})_{x,y\in\Gamma}$ as:

$$\mathbb{E}|H_{xy}|^2 = S_{xy} := Z_{N,W}^{-1} f\left(\frac{|x - y|_N}{W}\right),$$

where $Z_{N,W} \asymp W$ is a normalizing constant bounded deterministically above and below by W. A technical, but necessary assumption is for S to admit a matrix square root $S^{1/2}$, satisfying the same properties for a similarly symmetric and compactly supported PDF f'.

In our analysis, we will utilize the flow method (Section 3), where the spectral parameter $z = E + i\eta$ of the resolvent of H (defined in Section 2) is varied at constant-speed in the upper-half plane $\mathbb{H}$ ($E \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\eta > 0$) as the entries of H are realized as Brownian motion [11].

2   Prerequisites

The main tool used to study both Anderson localization and random matrix statistics is the *Green's function* or *resolvent.* For a random matrix H, it is defined as:

$$G(z) := (H - zI_N)^{-1} = (H - z)^{-1},$$

where $z \in \mathbb{C}\backslash\{\lambda_1, \cdots, \lambda_N\}$ is the spectral parameter ranging over the complement of the eigenvalues $\lambda_1(H) \leq \cdots \leq \lambda_N(H)$ of H. Observe that for any eigenvector $\mathbf{u}_\alpha$ we have:

$$H\mathbf{u}_\alpha = \lambda_\alpha \mathbf{u} \Leftrightarrow (H - z)\mathbf{u}_\alpha = (\lambda_\alpha - z)\mathbf{u}_\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow G(z)\mathbf{u}_\alpha = (H - z)^{-1}\mathbf{u}_\alpha = \frac{1}{\lambda_\alpha - z}\frac{(\lambda_\alpha - z)\mathbf{u}_\alpha}{H - z} = \frac{1}{\lambda_\alpha - z}\mathbf{u}_\alpha \tag{1}$$

This is equivalent to $\mathbf{u}_\alpha$ being eigenvectors for the resolvent with $\frac{1}{\lambda_\alpha - z}$ as the eigenvalues. This also means that we have by spectral decomposition

$$G(z) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\mathbf{u}_\alpha \mathbf{u}_\alpha^*}{\lambda_\alpha - z}.$$

Now, recall that their empirical measure for H is defined as [2]:

$$\varrho_N(dx) := \frac{1}{N}\sum_{j=1}^{N}\delta(x - \lambda_j)dx,$$

Let $m(z) = m_N(z) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\varrho_N(x)}{x - z}dx$ be its Stieltjes transform for $z = E + i\eta$, where $E \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\eta > 0$. By the relationship we found above, we have the following identity, which follows from the definition of the Dirac delta function:

$$m(z) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\varrho_N(x)}{x - z}dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{N}\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N}\delta(x - \lambda_j)dx}{x - z}dx = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{j=1}^{N}\int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\delta(x - \lambda_j)}{x - z}dx = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{j=1}^{N}\frac{1}{\lambda_j - z} = \frac{1}{N}\text{Tr}(G(z))$$

From the moments method [2] we know that the Stieltjes transform $m_N(z)$ of the empirical distribution converges in probability to the Stieltjes transform $m_{SC} = \frac{1}{2}(-z + \sqrt{z^2 - 4})$ of the semicircle law as $N \to \infty$. This means that in the limit, with probability one the self-consistent equation holds:

$$m(z) = -\frac{1}{z + m(z)} \Leftrightarrow m(z) + \frac{1}{m(z)} + z = 0 \tag{2}$$

Stieltjes transform identities

Let us establish several facts and lemmas that we will need throughout our later work. We can begin by observing that:

$$m(z)(m(z) + z) = \frac{1}{4}(-z + \sqrt{z^2 - 4})(z + \sqrt{z^2 - 4}) = \frac{1}{4}(-z^2 + z^2 - 4) = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow |m(z)| = \frac{1}{|m(z) + z|^{-1}}$$

Now, take the imaginary part of (2):

$$\text{Im}(m(z)) + \text{Im}\left(\frac{1}{m(z)}\right) + \eta = 0$$

We can calculate the second term by simply expanding:

$$\frac{1}{m(z)} = \frac{1}{\text{Re}(m(z)) + \text{Im}(m(z))i} = \frac{\text{Re}(m(z)) - \text{Im}(m(z))i}{|m(z)|^2} \Leftrightarrow \text{Im}\left(\frac{1}{m(z)}\right) = -\frac{\text{Im}(m(z))}{|m(z)|^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Im}(m(z)) + \text{Im}\left(\frac{1}{m(z)}\right) + \eta = \text{Im}(m(z)) - \frac{\text{Im}(m(z))}{|m(z)|^2} + \eta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Im}(m(z))\left(1 - \frac{1}{|m(z)|^2}\right) = -\eta$$

And since $\text{Im}(m(z)) > 0$ and $\eta > 0$, we must have:

$$1 - \frac{1}{|m(z)|^2} < 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad |m(z)| < 1, \tag{2.1}$$

which is also equivalent to $\text{Im } m \asymp 1$, where $\asymp$ means being bounded above and below up to a fixed, positive factor. Furthermore, let us rewrite the latter equation as the following two identities:

$$1 - |m(z)|^2 = \frac{\eta |m(z)|^2}{\text{Im}(m(z))} \tag{2.2}$$

$$\text{Im}(m(z)) = \frac{\eta |m(z)|^2}{1 - |m(z)|^2} \tag{2.3}$$

Now, let $E \in [-10, 10]$ and $\eta \in (0, 10]$. First, we claim that $|m(z)| \geq c > 0$ uniformly. Indeed, $m(z)$ is continuous, this is equivalent to $m(z) \neq 0$, which can be verified as follows:

$$m(z) = \frac{-z + \sqrt{z^2 - 4}}{2} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{z^2 - 4} = z$$

$$\Rightarrow z^2 - 4 = z^2 \Leftrightarrow -4 = 0$$

Resolvent Identities

We can define the augmented minor Green's function for any index α as $G(z)^{(\alpha)} = (H^{(\alpha)} - w_t)^{-1}$, where:

$$\left(H^{(\alpha)} \right) := H_{ab} \cdot \mathbf{1}(a \neq \alpha) \cdot \mathbf{1}(b \neq \alpha),$$

so the augmented matrix is still $N \times N$ with the α-row and -column set to zero [2]. As a consequence:

$$G_{xy}^{(\alpha)} = \begin{cases} (-z)^{-1} & x = y = i \\ 0 & x = \alpha \text{ XOR } y = \alpha \\ G_{xy}^{[\alpha]} = (H^{[\alpha]} - z)_{xy}^{-1} & x \neq \alpha, y \neq \alpha \end{cases}$$

Before we derive the estimate, let us first establish several identities:

> **(Matrix Identities).** Let A and B be arbitrary matrices. Provided that the inverses exist, we can derive the following identities:
>
> $$\frac{1}{A} = A^{-1} = A^{-1}(A+B)(A+B)^{-1} = (A+B)^{-1} + A^{-1}B(A+B)^{-1} = \frac{1}{A+B} - \frac{1}{A}B\frac{1}{A+B}$$
>
> $$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{A+B} = \frac{1}{A} - \frac{1}{A}B\frac{1}{A+B} = \frac{1}{A} - \frac{1}{A+B}B\frac{1}{A} \tag{2.4}$$
>
> where the last equality follows from simply swapping the order $A^{-1} = A^{-1}(A+B)^{-1}(A+B)$.

Using this, we can now set $A = H_t^{(\alpha)} - z$ and $B = H_t - H_t^{(\alpha)}$, hence by substituting above, we have:

$$\frac{1}{H_t - z} = G_t(z) = \frac{1}{H_t^\alpha - z} - \frac{1}{H_t - z}\left(H_t - H_t^{(\alpha)} \right)\frac{1}{H_t^{(\alpha)} - z} = G_t^{(\alpha)} - G_t(H_t - H_t^{(\alpha)})G_t^{(\alpha)}$$

But observe that by definition of the augmented minor, the xy entry of our identity above simplifies as:

$$G_{xy} = G_{xy}^{(\alpha)} - \sum_{j=1}^{N}\sum_{k=1}^{N} G_{xj}(H_{jk} - H_{jk}^{(\alpha)})G_{ky}^{(\alpha)} = G_{xy}^{(\alpha)} - G_{x\alpha}\sum_{k\neq\alpha} H_{\alpha k}G_{ky}^{(\alpha)} = G_{xy}^\alpha + \frac{G_{x\alpha}G_{\alpha y}}{G_{\alpha\alpha}}$$

Similarly, we can derive our second resolvent identity, by applying again the same properties, with the special case of $\alpha = x$, s.t. we get:

$$G_{xy} = G_{xy}^{(x)} - G_{xx}\sum_{k\neq x} H_{xk}G_{ky}^{(x)} = -G_{xx}\sum_{k\neq x} H_{xk}G_{ky}^{(x)} \quad x \neq y$$

Lastly, let us derive the derivatives of the resolvent w.r.t. to the matrix entry H_{ij} using the limit definition. Let us define the perturbed matrix $H' = H(H_{ij} \mapsto H_{ij}+\epsilon)$ at entry H_{ij}, where $G' = (H'-z)^{-1}$

and let $\epsilon_{ij} = \mathbf{0}(0_{ij} \mapsto \epsilon)$ be the perturbed zero matrix, which we can write as $\mathbf{1}_{ij}$ when $\epsilon = 1$. By our matrix identities, we have:

$$\partial_{H_{ij}} G(z)_{xy} = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \frac{G'_{xy} - G_{xy}}{\epsilon} = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \frac{[G'(H - H')G]_{xy}}{\epsilon} = -\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \frac{[G'\epsilon_{ij}G]_{xy}}{\epsilon} = -[G'\mathbf{1}_{ij}G]_{xy} = -G_{xi}G_{jy}$$

$$\partial_{H_{ij}} \overline{G(z)_{xy}} = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \frac{\left[\overline{G'(H^\intercal - H'^\intercal)\overline{G}}\right]_{xy}}{\epsilon} = = -\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \frac{\left[\overline{G'}\epsilon_{ji}\overline{G}\right]_{xy}}{\epsilon} = -[\overline{G'}\mathbf{1}_{ji}\overline{G}]_{xy} = -\overline{G_{xj}}\ \overline{G_{iy}}$$

By extension of the Hermitian property, we have $\partial_{\overline{H}_{ij}} \overline{G(z)_{xy}} = \partial_{H_{ji}} \overline{G(z)_{xy}} = -\overline{G_{xi}}\ \overline{G_{jy}}$ Lastly, the following result is ubiquitous in RMT literature (8.3.iii [2]), and as such has its own name:

> **Ward identity:**
> $$\sum_j |G_{ij}|^2 = \frac{1}{\eta} Im\ G_{ii}$$

The proof follows directly from the spectral decomposition of the resolvent we showed in (1), by which:

$$G_{ij} = \sum_\alpha \frac{\mathbf{u}_\alpha(i)\mathbf{u}_\alpha^*(j)}{\lambda_\alpha - z} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \sum_j G_{ij}G_{ji}^* = \sum_{j,\alpha,\beta} \frac{\mathbf{u}_\alpha(i)\mathbf{u}_\alpha^*(j)}{\lambda_\alpha - z} \frac{\mathbf{u}_\beta(j)\mathbf{u}_\beta^*(i)}{\lambda_\beta - z^*}$$

And since the eigenvectors are orthogonal $\sum_j \mathbf{u}_\alpha^*(j)\mathbf{u}_\beta(j) = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$, we have:

$$\sum_j |G_{ij}|^2 = \sum_j G_{ij}G_{ji}^* = \sum_\alpha \frac{|\mathbf{u}_\alpha(i)|^2}{|\lambda_\alpha - z|^2}$$

We can also take the imaginary part of the first identity:

$$Im[G_{ii}] = Im\left[\sum_\alpha \frac{|\mathbf{u}_\alpha(i)|^2}{\lambda_\alpha - z}\right] = \sum_\alpha Im\left[\frac{|\mathbf{u}_\alpha(i)|^2}{\lambda_\alpha - E - i\eta}\right] = \sum_\alpha Im\left[\frac{|\mathbf{u}_\alpha(i)|^2(\lambda_\alpha - E + i\eta)}{(\lambda_\alpha - E)^2 + \eta^2}\right] =$$

$$= \sum_\alpha Im\left[\frac{|\mathbf{u}_\alpha(i)|^2(\lambda_\alpha - E)}{(\lambda_\alpha - E)^2 + \eta^2} + \frac{|\mathbf{u}_\alpha(i)|^2 \cdot i\eta}{(\lambda_\alpha - E)^2 + \eta^2}\right] = \sum_\alpha \frac{|\mathbf{u}_\alpha(i)|^2 \cdot \eta}{(\lambda_\alpha - E)^2 + \eta^2} = \frac{1}{\eta}\sum_\alpha \frac{|\mathbf{u}_\alpha(i)|^2}{|\lambda_\alpha - z|^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_j |G_{ij}|^2 = \frac{1}{\eta} Im\ G_{ii}$$

3 Flow Method

At the heart of the recent advances in the theory of delocalization lies the flow method, a dynamic technique that will be the primary tool of our exploration. First appearing in the paper of von Soosten and Warzel [26], it was used to prove non-ergodic delocalization in the Rozenzweig-Porter model [25]. Subsequent work [33] extended the methodology to general Wigner matrices [2], allowing for a simplified proof of the local semicricle law. The primary idea is to trace the evolution of the Green's function (resolvent) along random characteristic curves, enabling direct concentration estimates and more refined spectral control. More recently, it was used to prove delocalization for the one- and two-dimensional band matrices [18, 19].

3.1 Construction

Consider the Brownian perturbation of the standard deviation matrix defined as $H(t)_{xy} = \sqrt{S_{xy}} b(t)_{xy}$, where $b(t)_{xy} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, t)$ represents the component Brownian motion. For this system, the matrix resolvent is augmented as $G(t) = (H(t) - w(t))^{-1}$, where:

$$w(t) = -\frac{1}{m(z)} - tm(z) = z + (1 - t)m(z) \tag{3}$$

by the self-consistent equation (2). In order to study this system and its transition from $t = 0$ with $G(0) = m(z)$, to $t = 1$ with $G(1) = G(z)$, we will employ stochastic calculus. For this purpose, observe that our differentials are $dH(t)_{xy} = \sqrt{S_{xy}} db_{xy}(t)$ and $\partial_t w(t) = -m(z)$. Recall the Îto equation, namely, the statement that a function $f(\vec{b}(t), t)$, dependent on a Brownian random walk $\vec{b}(t) = (b(t)_1, \cdots, b(t)_d)$ w.r.t to time t, has derivative:

$$df(\vec{b}(t), t) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} dt + \sum_{i=1}^{d} \frac{\partial f}{\partial b_i} db_i(t) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{d} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial b_i^2} dt$$

In our case, by taking the function to be $G(t)$ and using restriction of a symmetric matrix and the latter differentials, we get the following expression:

$$dG(t)_{xy} = \frac{\partial G(t)_{xy}}{\partial t} dt + \sqrt{S_{ij}} \sum_{i \leq j} \frac{\partial G(t)_{xy}}{\partial b(t)_{ij}} db(t)_{ij} + \frac{S_{ij}}{2} \sum_{i \leq j} \frac{\partial^2 G(t)_{xy}}{\partial b(t)_{ij}^2} (db(t)_{ij})^2$$

To calculate the individual terms, we will use the definition of derivative:

$$\frac{\partial G(t)_{xy}}{\partial t} = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \frac{(H(t) - w(t + \epsilon))_{xy}^{-1} - (H(t) - w(t))^{-1}xy}{\epsilon},$$

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whereas the following matrix identity: $A^{-1} - B^{-1} = A^{-1}(B-A)B^{-1}$ can help us approximate for small perturbations. Namely, for $\Delta w(t) = w(t+\epsilon) - w(t)$, we have:

$$\left[(H(t) - w(t+\epsilon))^{-1}\right]_{xy} - \left[(H(t) - w(t))^{-1}\right]_{xy} = [G(t)\Delta w(t)G(t)]_{xy}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial G(t)_{xy}}{\partial t} = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \frac{[G(t)\Delta w(t)G(t)]_{xy}}{\epsilon} = \sum_j G(t)_{xj}\frac{dw(t)}{dt}G(t)_{jy} = -m(z)\sum_j G(t)_{xj}G(t)_{jy}$$

Similarly, we can carry out the calculation for the second term, using the independence of entries:

$$\frac{\partial G(t)_{xy}}{\partial b(t)_{ij}} = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \frac{(\sqrt{S_{xy}}b(t+\epsilon)_{ij} + w(t))^{-1}_{xy} - (\sqrt{S_{xy}}b(t)_{ij} + w(t))^{-1}_{xy}}{\epsilon} =$$

$$= \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \frac{[G(t)\sqrt{S}(b(t+\epsilon) - b(t))G(t)]_{xy}}{\epsilon} = \sum_{\alpha,\beta} G(t)_{x\alpha}\sqrt{S_{\alpha\beta}}db(t)_{\alpha\beta}G(t)_{\beta y}$$

Lastly, using the Brownian motion fact that $|db(t)|^2 = dt$ and carrying out the summation, we get:

$$dG(t)_{xy} = -m(z)\sum_j G_{xj}G_{jy}dt + \sum_{\alpha,\beta} G_{x,\alpha}\sqrt{S_{\alpha,\beta}}db_{\alpha,\beta}(t)G_{\beta,t} + \sum_j G_{xj}\left(\sum_y S_{jy}G_{yy}\right)G_{jy}dt =$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha,\beta} G_{x\alpha}\sqrt{S_{\alpha\beta}}db_{\beta(t)}G_{\beta y} + \sum_j G_{xj}S_{jy}\left[G_{yy} - m(z)\right]G_{jy}dt = d\text{I}(t) + d\text{II}(t)dt$$

This provides us with the decomposition of a stochastic term $d\text{I}(t)$ and a deterministic term $d\text{II}(t)dt$.

3.2   Dynamical T-equation

Having found the differential of the resolvent, we will now proceed with defining the time-dependent T-matrix as:

$$T(t)_{ab} = \sum_{x,y} S^{\frac{1}{2}}_{ax}F(t)_{xy}S^{\frac{1}{2}}_{yb},$$

where $F(t)_{xy} = |G(t)_{xy}|^2 = G(t)_{xy}\overline{G(t)_{xy}}$. Applying Itô's formula to $F(t)_{xy}$, we have:

$$dF(t)_{xy} = d|G_{xy}|^2 = G(t)_{xy}d\overline{G(t)}_{xy} + \overline{G(t)}_{xy}dG(t)_{xy} + dG(t)_{xy}d\overline{G(t)}_{xy}.$$

$$d|G_{xy}|^2 = G_{xy}d\overline{G_{xy}} + \overline{G}_{xy}dG_{xy} + d\left[G_{xy}, \overline{G}_{xy}\right]$$

$$d|G_{xy}|^2 = G_{xy}d\overline{G_{xy}} + \overline{G}_{xy}dG_{xy} + d\left[\sum_{\alpha,\beta} G_{x\alpha}dH_{\alpha\beta}\overline{G}_{xy}\right]$$

$$d|G_{xy}|^2 = G_{xy}d\overline{G_{xy}} + \overline{G}_{xy}dG_{xy} + \sum_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta} G_{x\alpha}G_{\beta\gamma}\overline{G_{xy}G_{\delta\gamma}}$$

In order to find the derivative of the T-matrix, we need to substitute for the earlier terms we found, namely $dG(t)_{xy} = dI(t)_{xy} + dII(t)_{xy}dt$ and its conjugate, noting that $dI(t)_{xy}\overline{dI(t)}_{xy}$ contributes to the quadratic variation, we obtain $dF(t)_{xy} = dM(t)_{xy} + \Omega(t)_{xy}dt$, where

$$dM(t)_{xy} = \overline{G(t)}_{xy}dI(t)_{xy} + G(t)_{xy}\overline{dI(t)}_{xy}$$

$$\Omega(t)_{xy} = G_{xy}\frac{\overline{dII(t)}_{xy}}{dt} + \overline{G_{xy}}\frac{dII(t)_{xy}}{dt} + \frac{d\left[G_{xy}, \overline{G_{xy}}\right]}{dt}$$

and when expanded w.r.t to $dI(t)$ and $dII(t)dt$:

$$dM(t)_{xy} = \sum_{\alpha,\beta}\overline{G_{xy}}G_{x\alpha}S_{\alpha\beta}^{1/2}G_{\beta y}dB_{\beta(t)} + \sum_{\alpha,\beta}G_{xy}\overline{G_{x\alpha}}S_{\alpha\beta}^{1/2}\overline{G_{\beta y}}dB_{\beta(t)}$$

$$\Omega(t)_{xy} = G_{xy}(t)\left(\overline{\sum_j G_{xj}(t)S_{jy}(G_{yy}(t) - m(z))G_{jy}(t)}\right) +$$

$$+\overline{G_{xy}(t)}\left(\sum_j G_{xj}(t)S_{jy}(G_{yy}(t) - m(z))G_{jy}(t)\right) + \sum_{\alpha,\beta}|G_{xa}(t)|^2 S_{\alpha,\beta}|G_{x\beta}(t)|^2$$

Hence, by Itô the T-equation becomes:

$$dT = T^2 dt + S^{1/2}dM_t(z)S^{1/2} + S^{1/2}\Omega_t(z)S^{1/2}dt \qquad (3.1)$$

Now, define the *time-dependent diffusion profile* as:

$$\Theta_t = \frac{|m(z)|^2 S}{1 - t|m(z)|^2 S}$$

Let us take its derivative w.r.t to t:

$$\frac{d\Theta_t}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}\frac{|m(z)|^2 S}{1 - t|m(z)|^2 S} = \frac{-|m(z)|^2 S(-|m(z)|^2 S)}{(1 - t|m(z)|^2 S)^2} = \Theta_t^2 \Leftrightarrow d\Theta_t = \Theta_t^2 dt$$

Consider the fluctuation term $\mathcal{E}_t(z)$, i.e the difference between our T-matrix and the diffusion profile:

$$\mathcal{E}_t(z) : T_t(z) - \Theta_t$$

We can compute its evolution equation $d\mathcal{E}_t(z) = dT_t(z) - d\Theta_t$ by substituting for what we found before:

$$\Rightarrow d\mathcal{E}_t(z) = T_t(z)^2 dt - \Theta_t^2 dt - S^{1/2}dM_t(z)S^{1/2} + S^{1/2}\Omega_t(z)S^{1/2}dt$$

But observe that:

$$T_t(z)^2 - \Theta_t^2 = (\mathcal{E}_t(z) + \Theta_t(z))^2 - \Theta_t(z)^2 = \mathcal{E}_t(z)^2 + \Theta_t\mathcal{E}_t(z) + \mathcal{E}_t(z)\Theta_t$$

$$\Rightarrow d\mathcal{E}_t(z) = \{\Theta_t\mathcal{E}_t(z) + \mathcal{E}_t(z)\Theta_t\}dt + \mathcal{E}_t^2(z)dt - S^{1/2}dM_t(z)S^{1/2} + S^{1/2}\Omega_t(z)S^{1/2}dt \qquad (3.2)$$

Now, observe that the first term $\{\Theta_t\mathcal{E}_t(z) + \mathcal{E}_t(z)\Theta_t\}dt$ makes this equation a matrix-valued linear SDE with a nonlinear stochastic term $W(t) = \mathcal{E}_t^2(z)dt - S^{1/2}dM_t(z)S^{1/2} + S^{1/2}\Omega_t(z)S^{1/2}dt$. This means that we have to apply a method of variation of parameters (a matrix-valued Duhamel formula [11]). For this, let us identify an integrating factor $U(t,s)$. Observe that:

$$\partial_t\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\} = \Theta_t + (t-s)\Theta_t^2 = \Theta_t\frac{1 - t|m(z)|^2S + (t-s)|m(z)|^2S}{1 - t|m(z)|^2S} =$$

$$= \Theta_t\frac{1 - s|m(z)|^2S}{1 - t|m(z)|^2S} = \Theta_t\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}$$

This is equivalent to $\partial_t U(t,s) = \Theta_t U(t,s)$, which makes $U(t,s)$ our evolution operator, since also $U(t,t) = \text{Id}$. We can then define the integral form: $\mathcal{E}_t(z) = \int_0^t U(t,s)W(s)U(t,s)ds$, and verify that it satisfies our SDE by using Leibniz's integral rule, we get:

$$d\mathcal{E}_t(z) = U(t,t)W(t)U(t,t)dt + \int_0^t d\left[U(t,s)W(s)U(t,s)\right]ds =$$

$$= W(t)dt + \int_0^t \left[\Theta_t U(t,s)W(s)U(t,s) + U(t,s)W(s)U(t,s)\Theta_t\right]dtds =$$

$$= \mathcal{E}_t^2(z)dt - S^{1/2}dM_t(z)S^{1/2} + S^{1/2}\Omega_t(z)S^{1/2}dt + \{\Theta_t\mathcal{E}_t(z) + \mathcal{E}_t(z)\Theta_t\}dt$$

Therefore, by the pathwise uniqueness of solutions to SDEs (Thm. 9.1 [27]), the following expression satisfies the same SDE:Define:

$$\mathcal{E}_t(z) = \mathcal{E}_t^D(z) + \mathcal{E}_t^M(z) + \mathcal{E}_t^S(z) \qquad (3.3)$$

$$\mathcal{E}_t^D(z) = \int_0^t \{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\Omega(s)S^{1/2}\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}ds,$$

$$\mathcal{E}_t^M(z) = -\int_0^t \{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}dM(s)S^{1/2}\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}ds,$$

$$\mathcal{E}_t^S(z) = \int_0^t \{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}\mathcal{E}_s^2(z)\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}ds,$$

3.3   Stopping time

While the three terms we achieved in the previous section are a good start, we have non-linear powers w.r.t to term $\mathcal{E}_t(z)$ itself, which is what we are trying to bound. This means that we have to be more careful in our analysis. For this purpose, we will have to use a stopping time argument [11]. More specifically, for a fixed $\delta_{\text{stop}} > 0$ and $D \lesssim 1$ ($a \lesssim b \equiv a = O(b)$), independent of N, define:

$$\tau_{\text{stop},1} = \inf\left\{s \geq 0 : \max_{a,b}|\mathcal{E}_s(z)_{ab}| \geq W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}}W^{-\frac{3}{4}}|\text{Im } w_s|^{-1} \cdot W^{-1}|\text{Im } w_s|^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right\} \wedge 1 \qquad (3.4.1)$$

$$\tau_{\text{stop},2} = \inf\left\{s \geq 0 : \max_{a,b}\frac{|G_s(z)_{ab} - \delta_{ab}m(z)|^2}{(S^{1/2}T_s(z)S^{1/2})_{ab} + S_{ab}^{1/2} + W^{-D}} \geq W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/10}\right\} \wedge 1 \qquad (3.4.2)$$

$$\tau_{\text{stop}} = \tau_{\text{stop},1} \wedge \tau_{\text{stop},2} \qquad (3.4.2)$$

The reasoning behind the latter definitions is simple - informally, our goal is to establish a bootstrapping mechanism that will allow us to propagate forward the stopping time through a self-reinforcement (continuity) argument. While the particular choices for constants may seem arbitrary at the moment, they are informed by the bounds we get on the maximal entries of the diffusion profile Θ_t (Sec. 4.1), the assumption of $\eta \gg W^{-3/4}$, as well as the technical steps in our analytic argument. That said, we can still gain some intuition as to the meaning of each. With $\tau_{\text{stop},1}$ we have control over the size the error term $\mathcal{E}_s(z) = T_s(z) - \Theta_s$, whereas $\tau_{\text{stop},2}$ is w.r.t to the deviation of the resolvent entries from the semicircle law $m(z)$, normalized by appropriate terms. The self-reinforcing argument works as follows:

1. Initially, we know $\mathcal{E}_0(z) = 0$, so $\tau_{\text{stop}} > 0$ with probability 1.

2. For any $s \leq \tau_{\text{stop}}$, we can control the error terms in the flow SDE by means of martingale inequalities, since we will be working with the stopped martingales $\mathcal{E}_t^{D,\text{stop}}$, $\mathcal{E}_t^{M,\text{stop}}$, and $\mathcal{E}_t^{S,\text{stop}}$.

3. This will allow us to prove the following theorem in Section 7.1:

   Theorem 1: (Stopping time). $\mathbb{P}[\tau_{stop,i} \neq 1] \lesssim_D N^{-D}$ *for any* $i = 1, 2$ *and* $D > 0$.

4. Then we can prove that $\forall s \in [0,1]$, $\tau_{\text{stop}} = 1$ with high probability.

The particular delocalization bound for $W \gg N^{8/11}$ emerges from the need for the combined error term $W^{-\frac{7}{4}}\eta^{-\frac{3}{2}}$ in equation (3.4.1) to be much smaller than the typical size of the Θ entries of $O(W^{-1}\eta^{-\frac{1}{2}})$, while maintaining he diffusion time scale $\eta \approx W^2 N^{-2}$ (Sec. 4.1) :

$$W^{-\frac{7}{4}}\eta^{-\frac{3}{2}} \ll W^{-1}\eta^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$W^{-\frac{7}{4}}(W^2 N^{-2})^{-\frac{3}{2}} \ll W^{-1}(W^2 N^{-2})^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow W^{-\frac{7}{4}} W^{-3} N^3 \ll W^{-1} W^{-1} N$$

$$W^{-\frac{11}{4}} \ll N^{-2} \quad \Leftrightarrow W \gg N^{\frac{8}{11}}$$

Therefore, by demonstrating that $\tau_{\text{stop}} = 1$, we will have established control on the diffusion profile of the band matrix. We will now continue on to the next section, where we present the technical definition of delocalization and explore in more detail the nature of quantum diffusion and the origin of the corresponding bounds on Θ_t and the size of η.

4 Quantum Diffusion and Delocalization

We will need the following definition for the statement of delocalization and quantum diffusion:

Definition 1: (Stochastic Domination). Consider two sequences of r.v.s parametrized by $s \in S_N$:

$$X = \{X_N(s) : N \in \mathbb{Z}_+, s \in S_N\}, \quad Y = \{Y_N(s) : N \in \mathbb{Z}_+, s \in S_N\},$$

Then if for any $\epsilon, D > 0$, $\exists N_{\epsilon,D}$, s.t. $\sup_{s \in S_N} \mathbb{P}(X_N(s) > N^\epsilon Y_N(s)) < N^{-D}$ for $N \geq N_{\epsilon,D}$, we write $X \prec Y$ and say that X is **stochastically dominated** by Y uniformly in s.

4.1 Quantum Diffusion

Recall our time-dependent T-equation $T(t)$ and diffusion profile Θ_t. The standard T-matrix and diffusion profile Θ are just the latter two at the end of the spectral curve when $t = 1$, i.e:

$$T(z)_{ab} = T_{ab} = \sum_{x,y} S_{ax}^{\frac{1}{2}} |G_{xy}|^2 S_{yb}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \Theta := \frac{|m(z)|^2 S}{1 - |m(z)|^2 S}$$

The first theorem established by Dubova and Yang (Theorem 2 [11]) shows that in the bulk $T \approx \Theta$:

Theorem 2: (Quantum Diffusion) *For $|E| < 2$ fixed, assume $\exists \nu > 0$, s.t. $\eta \asymp W^2 N^{-2}$ and $W \geq W^{8/11+\eta}$. Then:*

$$\max_{x,y} |T_{xy} - \Theta_{xy}| \prec W^{-\frac{7}{4}} \eta^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

This result has a physical interpretation. First, observe that by (2.1) and Lemma A.1.1, $1 - |m(z)|^2 \asymp \eta \Leftrightarrow \exists \alpha > 0, 1 - |m(z)|^2 \geq \alpha \eta$, we have that:

$$\Theta = \frac{|m(z)|^2 S}{1 - |m(z)|^2 S} = \frac{|m(z)|^2 S}{1 - |m(z)|^2 - |m(z)|^2 (S - \mathrm{Id})} \sim \frac{S}{\alpha \eta - (S - \mathrm{Id})}$$

If we recall the phenomenology of our model, we can interpret the band width W as the range of interactions in the particle system $\mathbb{Z}_N = \{1, \cdots, N\}$. In this context, since the doubly stochastic matrix is normalized as $\sum_x S_{xy} = 1$ and $\sum_y S_{xy} = 1$ for fixed $x, y \in \Gamma$, it has a unique interpretation as the transition matrix for a random walk on $\mathbb{Z}_N$. In this context, $S - \mathrm{Id}$ is then clearly its generator, which allows us to consider Θ as its resolvent. The spectral gap of this random walk on Γ with steps of variance W^2 is of order $W^2 N^{-2}$ [?]. Standard bounds for diffusion Lemma A.2 imply that $\max_{a,b} \Theta_{ab} \lesssim W^{-1} \eta^{-1/2}$, whereas the latter theorem reveals a distinct scaling $W^{-\frac{7}{4}} \eta^{-\frac{3}{2}} \ll W^{-1} \eta^{-1/2}$. This in fact is precisely what characterized quantum diffusion, because instead of following standard resolvent bounds, the maximal entry of the diffusion profile Θ exhibits different scaling behavior, akin to the phenomenon

of interference in quantum systems. Moreover, this quantum correction persists until the relaxation time $\eta^{-1} \asymp N^2 W^{-2}$ (Thouless time [34, 35, 36]), allowing us to prove delocalization (Theorem 2).

4.2   Delocalization

The following (Thm. 4 [11]) is a direct consequence of Theorem 2, discussed at length in Section 7.3:

Theorem 3   *Assume $|E| < 2$ is fixed and that $\exists \nu > 0$, s.t. $\eta \asymp W^2 N^{-2}$ and $W \geq N^{8/11+\nu}$. Then:*

$$\max_{x,y} |G_{xy} - \delta_{xy} m(z)|^2 \prec W^{-1} \eta^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

A direct corollary of this result is the "complete delocalization of (bulk) eigenvectors"[11, 29], for which we need some notation. Firstly, for any index x and integer $\ell \geq 1$, define $P_{x,\ell}(y) := \mathbf{1}[|x - y| \geq \ell]$, i.e the component projection for any indices x, y on the complement of the open ball $B_\ell(x) = \{y : |x - y| < \ell\}$. Given any $\epsilon, \kappa > 0$, define the labeling set for the localized to scale ℓ eigenvectors in the bulk as:

$$\mathcal{A}_{\epsilon,\ell,\kappa} = \left\{ \alpha : \lambda_\alpha \in [-E + \kappa, E - \kappa] : \sum_x |\mathbf{u}_\alpha(x)| \|P_{x,\ell} \mathbf{u}_\alpha\| \leq \epsilon \right\}$$

As we will see in Section 7.3, Theorem 3 this implies directly the following (Corollary 5 [11]):

Theorem 4: (Delocalization).   *For any $\ell \ll N$ and fixed $\epsilon, \kappa, c > 0$:*

$$\frac{|\mathcal{A}_{\epsilon,\ell,\kappa}|}{N} \lesssim \sqrt{\epsilon} + \mathcal{O}(N^{-c})$$

The notation for $\mathcal{A}_{\epsilon,\ell,\kappa}$ contains all indices that are of exponentially localized eigenvectors in $B_{O(\ell)}(x)$ (Remark 7.2 [29]). As such, what the result above implies is that the set of such vectors is vanishingly small up to an error term $\sqrt{\epsilon}$, i.e all vectors in the bulk are "delocalized".

5   Estimates

In this section we will state all of the inequalities and stochastic bounds we will need for control of our SDE terms. Their rigorous justification is presented in the Appendix. From now on, for the sake of brevity we will define $\eta_s = |\text{Im } w_s|$ and $\eta_t = |\text{Im } w_t|$, the notation of which includes the indexing with any particular time instantiation $t_0 \in [0, 1]$. With this, let us state

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(E1) $\sup_x \sum_y |G_{xy}| \lesssim W^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} \eta_s^{-\frac{3}{4}}$ per Lemma B.1.

(E2) $\max_{x,y} |G_{xy} - \delta_{xy} m(z)| \lesssim W^{-\frac{1}{2}} \eta_s^{-\frac{1}{4}}$ per Lemma B.2.

(E3) The entries of Θ_t are $O\left(W^{-1}\eta_t^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)$ per Lemma A.2

(E4) Per the covariance normalization, $S_{ab} \lesssim W^{-1}$

(E5) $\sum_y |B_{xy}|, \sum_y |S_{xy}|$ have size $O(1)$ per Lemma A.4.

(E6) $\sum_x \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \lesssim \eta_t^{-1}\eta_s$ per Corollary A.3

(E7) $(t-s) \lesssim \eta_s$ per Lemma A.1.2.

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6   Bounds on Flow Terms

In this section, our goal is to control the three terms of the fluctuations between the T_{xy} and Θ_{xy} matrices. The squared $\mathcal{E}_t^S$ and M-term $\mathcal{E}_t^M$ of the flow SDE can be handled using the resolvent bounds we derived earlier, along with standard martingale calculus. However, the drift term $\mathcal{E}_t^D$ requires extra care. For it, we will follow Dubova and Yang's derivation closely, which employs the graphical perturbation methods developed by Bourgade, Yau and Yin, in their self-energy renormalization paper [31]. More specifically, we will use Definition 17 [11] for the diagrammatic notation of a standard oriented graph:

Definition 2: (Diagrammatic notation)

- Each vertex will be assigned a label, corresponding to a matrix index $\alpha \in \{1, \cdots, N\}$.

- Each blue-colored loop $\circlearrowleft$, regardless of direction, represents a term $G_s(z)_{\alpha\alpha} - m(z)$;

- A solid blue edge $\alpha \longrightarrow \beta$ represents a factor of $G_s(z)_{\alpha\beta}$, whereas a red $\alpha \longrightarrow \beta$ one is $\overline{G_s(z)_{\alpha\beta}}$;

- A black wavy edge $\alpha \leftsquigarrow \beta$ represents $S_{\alpha\beta}$, whereas $\alpha \leftsquigarrow \beta$ is $B_{\alpha\beta} = (I - sm(z)^2 S)^{-1}$;

- A double edge $\alpha =\!=\!=\!= \beta$ represents $\{\mathrm{Id} + (t - s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}$, which commute as shown before;

Having defined the diagrammatic notation, we can now present the main operation that will allow the bounding of the drift term, namely Lemma 16 [11], which lists the loop expansion (Lemma 3.5 [31]) and the regular vertex expansion (Lemma 3.14 [31]):

Loop Expansion

Consider a differentiable function $f : \mathbb{C}^{N^2} \to \mathbb{C}$, which represents the remaining subgraph per our diagrammatic notation above. For fixed time $s \in [0, 1]$, we have the following identity of subgraphs, not accounting for the renormalization term:

$$(G_s(z))_{vv} - m)f(G_s(z)) = sm \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^{N} B_{v\alpha}S_{\alpha\beta}\big((G_s(z))_{\alpha\alpha} - m\big)\big((G_s(z))_{\beta\beta} - m\big)f(G_s(z))$$

$$-sm \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^{N} B_{v\alpha}S_{\alpha\beta}(G_s(z))_{\beta\alpha}\partial_{H_{s,\beta\alpha}}f(G_s(z)) = sm\mathcal{G}_{1,s}(z)_{ab} + sm\mathcal{G}_{2,s}(z)_{ab} + sm\mathcal{G}_{3,s}(z)_{ab} + sm\mathcal{G}_{4,s}(z)_{ab}.$$

Here, $\mathcal{G}_{1,s}(z)_{ab}$ is equivalent to the first term, whereas subgraphs $\mathcal{G}_{2,s}(z)_{ab}$ through $\mathcal{G}_{4,s}(z)_{ab}$ are the result of expanding the partial derivative $\partial_{H_{s,\alpha\beta}}f(G_s(z))$, using the fact that: $\partial_{H_{\beta\alpha}}G_{xy} = -G_{x\beta}G_{\alpha y}$ and $\partial_{H_{\beta\alpha}}\overline{G}_{xy} = -\overline{G}_{x\alpha}\overline{G}_{\beta y}$. Similarly, the regular vertex expansion for a connected pair of edges is:

Regular Vertex Expansion

For a differentiable function $f : \mathbb{C}^{N^2} \to \mathbb{C}$ and fixed time $s \in [0, 1]$, we have the following identity, not accounting for the renormalization term:

$$G_{xu}G_{uy}f(G) = mB_{uy}G_{xy}f(G) + sm\sum_{\gamma\delta=1}^{N} B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x\gamma}(G_{\delta\delta} - m)G_{\gamma y}f(G)$$

$$+sm\sum_{\gamma\delta=1}^{N} B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x\delta}(G_{\gamma\gamma} - m)G_{\delta y}f(G) - sm\sum_{\gamma\beta=1}^{N} B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x\gamma}G_{\delta y}\partial_{H_{\delta\gamma}}(f(G))$$

$$= m\mathcal{G}_{i0,s} + sm\mathcal{G}_{i1,s} + sm\mathcal{G}_{i2,s} - sm\mathcal{G}_{i3,s}^{(1)} - sm\mathcal{G}_{i3,s}^{(2)} - sm\mathcal{G}_{i3,s}^{(3)},$$

where $\mathcal{G}_{i0,s}$, $\mathcal{G}_{i1,s}$ and $\mathcal{G}_{i2,s}$ represent the first three terms, respectively, and $\mathcal{G}_{i3,s}^{(i)}$ are the resulting elements from applying the resolvent derivatives w.r.t. to $H_{\beta\alpha}$. To be clear, the exact number of the latter do not follow from the lemma itself and are rather a feature of our particular diagrammatic structure. The explicit results will be verified when we apply the lemma to each respective term.

6.1 Estimate for $\mathcal{E}_t^{D,\text{stop}}(z)$

The goal for this subsection is to bound the drift term, which we can expand and rewrite as follows:

$$\mathcal{E}_t^{D,\text{stop}}(z)_{ab} = \int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} \{\text{Id} + (t - s)\Theta_t\}S^{\frac{1}{2}}\Omega_s(z)S^{\frac{1}{2}}\{\text{Id} + (t - s)\Theta_t\}ds$$

$$= \int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} \{\text{Id} + (t - s)\Theta_t\}\left\{\overline{G_s(z)}_{xy}G_s(z)_{xu}S_{uv}\left[G_s(z)_{vv} - m(z)\right]G_s(z)_{uy}\right\}\{\text{Id} + (t - s)\Theta_t\}ds+$$

$$\int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} \{\text{Id} + (t - s)\Theta_t\}\left\{G_s(z)_{xy}\overline{G_s(z)}_{xu}S_{uv}\left[\overline{G_s(z)}_{vv} - m(z)\right]\overline{G_s(z)}_{uy}\right\}\{\text{Id} + (t - s)\Theta_t\}ds =$$

Observe that we can represent the first term with the diagrammatic notation defined earlier, whereas its complex conjugate has the exact same structure, with only the colors of the straight edges being flipped. Since this doesn't change the underlying estimates we have from the previous section, WLOG we can pick the first term and write it out as follows:

$$\left[\{\text{Id} + (t - s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax}\overline{G_s(z)}_{xy}G_s(z)_{xu}S_{uv}\left[G_s(z)_{vv} - m(z)\right]G_s(z)_{uy}\left[\{\text{Id} + (t - s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax}$$

By applying the loop expansion at edge v, we get the following four subgraphs:
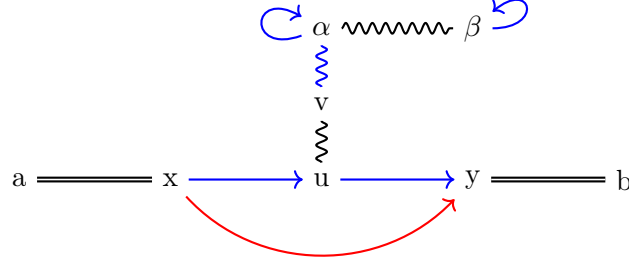
$$\mathcal{G}_{1,s}(z)_{ab} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{xy}} G_{xu} S_{uv} B_{v\alpha}(G_{\alpha\alpha} - m)S_{\alpha\beta}(G_{\beta\beta} - m)G_{uy} \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{2,s}(z)_{ab} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{x\alpha}G_{\beta y}} G_{xu} S_{uv} B_{v\alpha} S_{\alpha\beta}G_{\beta\alpha}G_{uy} \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{3,s}(z)_{ab} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{xy}} G_{x\beta} G_{\alpha u} S_{uv} B_{v\alpha} S_{\alpha\beta}G_{\beta\alpha}G_{uy} \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{4,s}(z)_{ab} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{xy}} G_{xu} S_{uv} B_{v\alpha} S_{\alpha\beta}G_{\beta\alpha}G_{u\beta}G_{\alpha y} \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

Observe that in all cases we have a vertex u that has one incoming and one outgoing blue edge, implying that we can again apply the regular vertex expansion w.r.t to u. For both $\mathcal{G}_{1,s}$ and $\mathcal{G}_{2,s}$ the incoming and outgoing edges are the same, starting and ending at x and y, respectively. For $i = 3$ and $i = 4$ we have

a different incoming or outgoing edge, so the corresponding expansion will require slight reformulation. Accounting for this fact, we get the following identities:

- For $\mathcal{G}_{1,s}$ and $\mathcal{G}_{2,s}$:

$$G_{xu}G_{uy}f(G) = mB_{uy}G_{xy}f(G) + sm\sum_{\gamma\delta=1}^{N}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x\gamma}(G_{\delta\delta}-m)G_{\gamma y}f(G)$$

$$+sm\sum_{\gamma\delta=1}^{N}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x\delta}(G_{\gamma\gamma}-m)G_{\delta y}f(G) - sm\sum_{\gamma\beta=1}^{N}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x\gamma}G_{\delta y}\partial_{H_{\delta\gamma}}(f(G))$$

- For $\mathcal{G}_{3,s}$:

$$G_{\alpha u}G_{uy}f(G) = mB_{uy}G_{\alpha y}f(G) + sm\sum_{\gamma\delta=1}^{N}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{\alpha\gamma}(G_{\delta\delta}-m)G_{\gamma y}f(G)$$

$$+sm\sum_{\gamma\delta=1}^{N}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{\alpha\delta}(G_{\gamma\gamma}-m)G_{\delta y}f(G) - sm\sum_{\gamma\delta=1}^{N}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{\alpha\gamma}G_{\delta y}\partial_{H_{\delta\gamma}}(f(G))$$

- For $\mathcal{G}_{4,s}$:

$$G_{xu}G_{u\beta}f(G) = mB_{u\beta}G_{x\beta}f(G) + sm\sum_{\gamma\delta=1}^{N}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x\gamma}(G_{\delta\delta}-m)G_{\gamma\beta}f(G)$$

$$+sm\sum_{\gamma\delta=1}^{N}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x\delta}(G_{\gamma\gamma}-m)G_{\delta\beta}f(G) - sm\sum_{\gamma\delta=1}^{N}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x\gamma}G_{\delta\beta}\partial_{H_{\delta\gamma}}(f(G))$$

As we noted earlier, each of the former identities can be represented as the sum of independent subgraphs, such that for $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$, we have:

$$\mathcal{G}_{i,s} = m\mathcal{G}_{i0,s} + sm\mathcal{G}_{i1,s} + sm\mathcal{G}_{i2,s} - sm\mathcal{G}_{i3,s}^{(1)} - sm\mathcal{G}_{i3,s}^{(2)} - sm\mathcal{G}_{i3,s}^{(3)},$$

We will begin by focusing our attention on the first three terms for a fixed $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$, namely $\mathcal{G}_{ij}$ for $j = 0, 1, 2$. For brevity, let us define $\eta_s = |\text{Im}w_s| = |\text{Im}[z + (1-t)m(z)]|$. Using the estimates we defined in Section 5, we can simplify each of the resulting subgraph, starting with $j = 0$:

Size estimates for $\mathcal{G}_{10,s}$

Following diagrammatic notation, each of the $B_{uy_i}G_{x_iy_i}f(G)$ terms becomes:

$$\mathcal{G}_{10,s}(z)_{ab} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{xy}} S_{uv} B_{v\alpha}(G_{\alpha\alpha} - m)S_{\alpha\beta}(G_{\beta\beta} - m)B_{uy}\left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

We can apply estimate (2) to the two loops around α and β, as well as estimate (1) to the red edge connecting x and y. From this, we receive three multiplicative terms $O(W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/20}W^{-1/2}\eta_s^{-1/4})$, i.e combined it yields a term $O(W^{3\delta_{\text{stop}}/20}W^{-3/2}\eta_s^{-3/4})$. By estimate (5), we can sum all the wavy lines out in order β, α, v, and finally u for a $O(1)$ term, keeping our earlier estimate. We can stop here by leaving the connected component that is a double line from a to x, a blue line from x to y and another double line from y to b, i.e: $\mathcal{G}_{10,s} \lesssim W^{3\delta_{\text{stop}}/20}W^{-3/2}\eta_s^{-3/4} \times$ a $=\!=$ x $\longrightarrow$ y $=\!=$ b
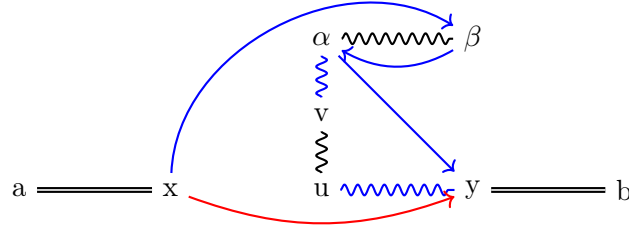
Size estimates for $\mathcal{G}_{20,s}$

$$\mathcal{G}_{20,s}(z)_{ab} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{x\alpha}} G_{xy}\overline{G_{\beta y}} S_{uv} B_{v\alpha}S_{\alpha\beta}G_{\beta\alpha}B_{uy}\left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

Repeating the same process as before, we bound all three red lines using estimate (2) and sum over the wavy edges in the same order (β, α, v, and u), s.t. we get the same bound as above:

$\mathcal{G}_{20,s} \lesssim W^{3\delta_{\text{stop}}/20}W^{-3/2}\eta_s^{-3/4} \times$ a $=\!=$ x $\longrightarrow$ y $=\!=$ b

Size estimates for $\mathcal{G}_{30,s}$

$$\mathcal{G}_{30,s}(z)_{ab} = \left[\{\mathrm{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{xy}} G_{x\beta} S_{uv} B_{v\alpha} S_{\alpha\beta} G_{\beta\alpha} G_{uy} B_{uy} \left[\{\mathrm{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

Here, we eliminate first the edges $\beta\to\alpha$ and $\alpha\to y$ using estimate (2), giving us a $O(W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/10}W^{-1}\eta_s^{-1/2})$ term. Due to the edge from $x\to\beta$, we are not going to be summing $\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta$ over S_{ab} entries because it serves as a multiplicative term to the blue edge $x\to\beta$. For this reason, we will apply the individual $S_{ab} \lesssim W^{-1}$ bound, s.t now summing over $x\to\beta$ with estimate (1) gives us a combined bound $O(W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/20}W^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon}\eta_s^{-3/4})$. Finally, by summing over the remaining wavy edges, starting with α, v and then u, due to the $O(1)$ term (estimate (5)), we get an estimate of the form: $\mathcal{G}_{30,s} \lesssim W^{3\delta_{\text{stop}}/20}W^{-\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon}\eta_s^{-5/4}\times$ a $=$ x $\to$ y $=$ b

Size estimates for $\mathcal{G}_{40,s}$
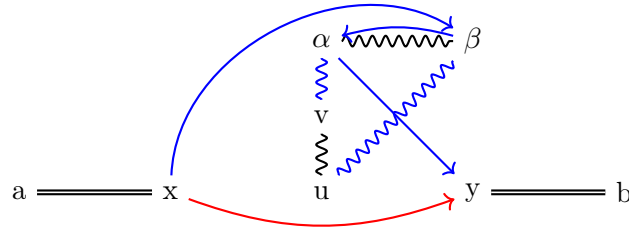
$$\mathcal{G}_{4,s}(z)_{ab} = \left[\{\mathrm{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{xy}} G_{x\beta} S_{uv} B_{v\alpha} S_{\alpha\beta} G_{\beta\alpha} B_{u\beta} G_{\alpha y} \left[\{\mathrm{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

Here, we bound first the inner edges $\alpha\to y$ and $\beta\to\alpha$, we get by estimate (2) a combined term $\lesssim O(W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/10}W^{-1}\eta_s^{-1/2})$. Again, by the same logic as above, we have to account for the individual term $\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta$ instead of summing over it, retaining a $O(W^{-1})$ term. By applying estimate (1) for the edge $x\to\beta$ and summing over the remaining wavy lines, we get the same bound as above, namely: $\mathcal{G}_{40,s} \lesssim W^{3\delta_{\text{stop}}/20}W^{-\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon}\eta_s^{-5/4}\times$ a $=$ x $\to$ y $=$ b

Size estimates for $\max_{i=1,\cdots,4} \mathcal{G}_{40,s}$

In order to combine all the latter estimates, we can represent with a pink arrow either blue or red:

$$\max_{i=1,\cdots,4} |\mathcal{G}_{40,s}| \lesssim W^{3\delta_{\text{stop}}/20}W^{-\frac{3}{2}+\epsilon}\eta_s^{-5/4}\times \quad \text{a} = \text{x} \longrightarrow \text{y} = \text{b}$$

In order to complete the latter result, we need to consider two subcases w.r.t. to the double lines by splitting the double line $\left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$ into its two components:

- $(t-s)\,[\Theta_t]_{yb} \lesssim (t-s)W^{-1}\eta_t^{-1/2} \lesssim W^{-1}\eta_t^{-1/2}\eta_s$ (estimate 3 & 7), where by summing over y with estimate (1), we get $O(W^{3\delta_{\text{stop}}/20}W^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon}\eta_s^{-3/4})$ over x with estimate (6), we have $O(\eta_t^{-1}\eta_s)$, we get a combined term $O((t-s)W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/20}W^{-\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon}\eta_t^{-3/2}\eta_s^{1/4})$

- Id_{yb} is of course $O(1)$, hence we don't have a varying term. This means that we can bound the edge ending at y with estimate (2), s.t. we get $O(W^{2\delta_{\text{stop}}/20}W^{-1/2}\eta_s^{-1/4})$ term. Combining it with $O(\eta_t^{-1}\eta_s)$ from estimate (6), we have $O(W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/20}W^{-1/2}\eta_t^{-1}\eta_s^{3/4})$. With this, the total bound is:

$$\text{a} = \text{x} \longrightarrow \text{y} = \text{b} \quad \lesssim (t-s)W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/20}W^{-\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon}\eta_t^{-3/2}\eta_s^{1/4} + W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/20}W^{-1/2}\eta_t^{-1}\eta_s^{3/4} \lesssim$$

$$\lesssim W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/20}W^{-\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon}\eta_t^{-3/2}\eta_s^{5/4} + W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/20}W^{-1/2}\eta_t^{-1}\eta_s^{3/4}$$

This means that if we combine the diagram bound with the result above, we get:

$$\max_{i=1,2,3,4} |\mathcal{G}_{i0,s}| \lesssim W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/5}W^{-2+2\epsilon}\eta_t^{-3/2} + W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/5}W^{-2+2\epsilon}\eta_t^{-1}\eta_s^{1/2}$$

Lastly, we need to integrate over $s \in [0,t]$ by using a change of variable $\sigma = \eta_s$, s.t. the bounds of the integral are $\sigma \in [\eta_t, \eta_0]$:

$$\max_{i=1,2,3,4}\int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} |\mathcal{G}_{i0,s}|ds \lesssim W^{\frac{\delta_{\text{stop}}}{5}+2\epsilon}W^{-2}\eta_t^{-3/2}\int_{\eta_t}^{\eta_0}d\sigma + W^{\frac{\delta_{\text{stop}}}{5}+2\epsilon}W^{-2}\eta_t^{-1}\int_{\eta_t}^{\eta_0}\sigma^{-1/2}d\sigma$$

$$\max_{i=1,2,3,4}\int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} |\mathcal{G}_{i0,s}|ds \lesssim W^{\frac{\delta_{\text{stop}}}{5}+2\epsilon}W^2\eta_t^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

Size estimates for $\mathcal{G}_{11,s}$

In order to represent $B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x_i\gamma}(G_{\delta\delta}-m)G_{\gamma y_i}f(G)$, we need to add the two new vertices γ and δ:

$$\left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax}\overline{G_{xy}}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x\gamma}(G_{\delta\delta}-m)G_{\gamma y}S_{uv}B_{v\alpha}(G_{\alpha\alpha}-m)S_{\alpha\beta}(G_{\beta\beta}-m)B_{uy}\left[\{\text{Id}+(t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

To estimate this graph, we will bound all loops $\circlearrowright$ and $x{\to}y$ using estimate (2) which yields in total $O(W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/5}W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1})$. Then, we sum the wavy lines over $\beta, \alpha, v, u, \delta$ in that order, which is $O(1)$ by estimate (5).The combined bound is: $\mathcal{G}_{11,s} \lesssim W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/5}W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1}\times$ a $=\!=$ x $\longrightarrow \gamma \longrightarrow$ y $=\!=$ b

Size estimates for $\mathcal{G}_{21,s}$
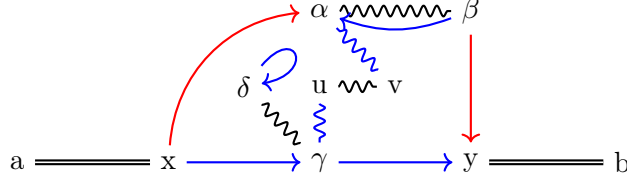
$$\mathcal{G}_{21,s}(z)_{ab} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax}\overline{G_{x\alpha}}G_{x\gamma}G_{\gamma y}\overline{G_{\beta y}}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}(G_{\delta\delta}-m)S_{uv}B_{v\alpha}S_{\alpha\beta}G_{\beta\alpha}\left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

Here, we will repeat an equivalent procedure as above, bounding the loop at δ and the edges $x{\to}\alpha$, $\beta{\to}\alpha$ and $\beta{\to}y$, getting a bound $O(W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/5}W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1})$. Then, we can sum the wavy lines with estimate (5), getting an equivalent bound as above: $\mathcal{G}_{21,s} \lesssim W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/5}W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1}\times$ a $=\!=$ x $\longrightarrow \gamma \longrightarrow$ y $=\!=$ b
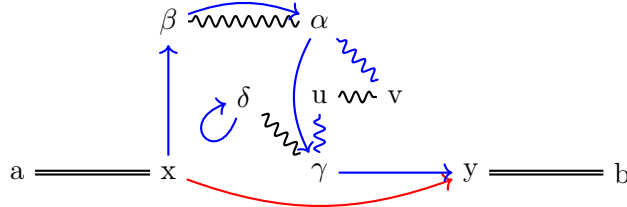
Size estimates for $\mathcal{G}_{31,s}$

$$\mathcal{G}_{31,s}(z)_{ab} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax}\overline{G_{xy}}G_{x\beta}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{\alpha\gamma}(G_{\delta\delta}-m)G_{\gamma y}S_{uv}B_{v\alpha}S_{\alpha\beta}G_{\beta\alpha}\left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

Let us start by bounding the loop at δ, as well as the $x{\to}y$, $\beta{\to}\alpha$ and $\alpha{\to}\gamma$. In total, this contributes $O(W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/5}W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1})$. However, here we don't have the same structure as before, since γ no longer has an ingoing edge from x. We can abstract away the wavy lines (blue and red) with an orange wavy line, and handle the individual terms, which will be contributing only with $O(1)$ per estimate (5). As such, the bound is of the form: $\mathcal{G}_{31,s} \lesssim W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/5}W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1}\times$ a $=\!=$ x $\longrightarrow \beta \leadsto \gamma \longrightarrow$ y $=\!=$ b

Size estimate for $\mathcal{G}_{41,s}$
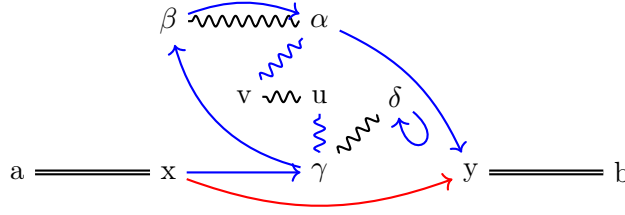
$$\mathcal{G}_{41,s}(z)_{ab} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax}\overline{G_{xy}}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x\gamma}(G_{\delta\delta} - m)G_{\gamma\beta}S_{uv}B_{v\alpha}S_{\alpha\beta}G_{\beta\alpha}G_{\alpha y}\left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

Here the logic is the same as above, namely, after eliminating the loop at δ and the edges $x{\to}y$, $\gamma{\to}\beta$, and $\beta{\to}\alpha$ we get a term $O(W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/5}W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1})$. The remaining graph is of similar form as the one before, with the wavy edges being abstracted away with the orange one: $\mathcal{G}_{41,s} \lesssim W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/5}W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1}\times$

$\text{a} = \text{x} \longrightarrow \gamma \rightsquigarrow \alpha \longrightarrow \text{y} = \text{b}$

Size estimate for $\max_{i=1,\cdots,4}\mathcal{G}_{i1,s}$

As such, all our graphs are bounded by:

$$\max_{i=1,\cdots,4}\mathcal{G}_{i1,s} \lesssim W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}/5}W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1} \times \begin{cases} \text{a} = \text{x} \longrightarrow \gamma \longrightarrow \text{y} = \text{b} \\ \\ \text{a} = \text{x} \longrightarrow \gamma \rightsquigarrow \alpha \longrightarrow \text{y} = \text{b} \end{cases}$$

Observe that the latter subgraphs are almost identical to the one we calculate for the $\mathcal{G}_{i0,s}$ estimates with the addition of a solid line. This means that we will have an additional term $O(W^{1/2}\eta_s^{-3/4})$ from estimate (1). As such, the subgraph is bounded by the sum of terms $O(\eta_t^{-3/2}\eta_s^{1/2})$ and $O(\eta_t^{-1})$, i.e combined with the multiplicative term, we get:

$$\max_{i=1,\cdots,4}|\mathcal{G}_{i1,s}| \lesssim W^{-2}\eta_t^{-3/2}\eta_s^{-1/2} + W^{-2}\eta_t^{-1}\eta_s^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \max_{i=1,\cdots,4}\int_0^t |\mathcal{G}_{i1,a}|ds \lesssim W^{-2}\eta_t^{-3/2}\int_{\eta_t}^{O(1)}\sigma^{-1/2}d\sigma + W^{-2}\eta_t^{-1}\int_{\eta_t}^{O(1)}\sigma^{-1}d\sigma =$$

$$= 2W^{-2}\eta_t^{-3/2} - 2W^{-2}\eta_t^{-1} - W^{-2}\eta_t^{-1}\ln\eta_t \in O(W^{-2}\eta_t^{-3/2})$$

Size estimates for $\mathcal{G}_{12,s}$

Following the regular vertex expansion, we have to now represent each of the subgraphs that has the form $\mathcal{G}_{i2,s} = B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x_i\delta}(G_{\gamma\gamma} - m)G_{\delta y_i}f(G)$. By applying the graphical representation we get:

$$\mathcal{G}_{12,s} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{xy}} B_{u\gamma} S_{\gamma\delta} G_{x\delta}(G_{\gamma\gamma} - m)G_{\delta y}S_{uv}B_{v\alpha}(G_{\alpha\alpha} - m)S_{\alpha\beta}(G_{\beta\beta} - m)\left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

Canceling all three loops $\circlearrowleft$ and the edge $x{\to}y$ gives us a combined term $O(W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1})$ per estimate (2). Subsequently, we sum out all the wavy lines, which gives us the same bound as before: $\mathcal{G}_{12,s} \lesssim W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1}\times$ a $=\!=$ x $\longrightarrow \delta \longrightarrow$ y $=\!=$ b

Size estimates for $\mathcal{G}_{22,s}$

$$\mathcal{G}_{22,s} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{x\alpha}} B_{u\gamma} S_{\gamma\delta} G_{x\delta}(G_{\gamma\gamma} - m)G_{\delta y}\overline{G_{\beta y}}S_{uv}B_{v\alpha}S_{\alpha\beta}G_{\beta\alpha}\left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

Here we cancel the loop at γ and the directed edges $x{\to}\alpha$, $\beta{\to}y$ and $\beta{\to}\alpha$. With this, we are again left with a term $O(W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1})$, s.t. after summing out the wavy lines using estimate (5), we get the same bound: $\mathcal{G}_{22,s} \lesssim W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1}\times$ a $=\!=$ x $\longrightarrow \delta \longrightarrow$ y $=\!=$ b

Size estimates for $\mathcal{G}_{32,s}$

$$\mathcal{G}_{32,s} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{xy}} G_{x\beta} B_{u\gamma} S_{\gamma\delta} G_{\alpha\delta}(G_{\gamma\gamma} - m)G_{\delta y}S_{uv}B_{v\alpha}S_{\alpha\beta}G_{\beta\alpha}\left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

For this subgraph, we start by eliminating the loop at γ and the edges $\beta{\to}\alpha$, $\alpha{\to}\delta$, and $x{\to}y$. This means that we have 5 instead of 4 terms per estimate (2), i.e we get a combined term $O(W^{-5/2}\eta_s^{-5/4})$. With this, we have a similar subgraph remaining with a few extra wavy edges that will sum out to $O(1)$ per estimate 5, hence the total estimate will be equivalent to: $\mathcal{G}_{32,s} \lesssim W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1}\times$ a $=\!=$ x $\longrightarrow \delta \longrightarrow$ y $=\!=$ b
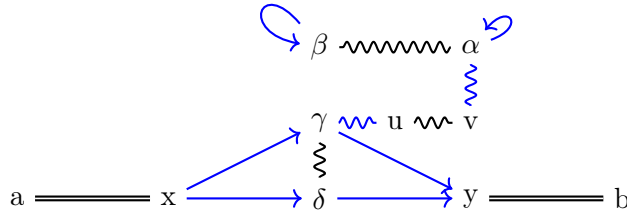
Size estimate for $\mathcal{G}_{42,s}$
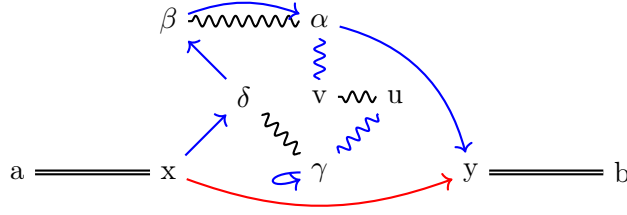
$$\mathcal{G}_{42,s} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{xy}} B_{u\gamma} S_{\gamma\delta} G_{x\delta}(G_{\gamma\gamma} - m) G_{\delta\beta} S_{uv} B_{v\alpha} S_{\alpha\beta} G_{\beta\alpha} G_{\alpha y} \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

Here, we eliminate the loop at γ and the edges $\delta{\to}\beta$, $\beta{\to}\alpha$ and $x{\to}y$, all contributing $O(W^{-1/2}\eta_s^{-1/4})$. By summing over $\beta \rightsquigarrow \alpha$ for an $O(1)$ term, we again have a bound that is equivalent to the previous ones, since all the wavy lines sum up to contribute $O(1)$. As such, we have a bound, equivalent to:

$\mathcal{G}_{42,s} \lesssim W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1} \times$ a $=\!\!=$ x $\longrightarrow \delta \longrightarrow$ y $=\!\!=$ b . But these are exactly the same bounds as for $\mathcal{G}_{i1,s}$, which means that $\max_{i=1,\cdots,4} |\mathcal{G}_{i2,s}| \lesssim W^{-2}\eta_t^{-3/2}$

Size estimate for $\mathcal{G}_{13,s}^{(1)}$

The last non-regularization term from the regular vertex expansion contains a partial derivative: $\mathcal{G}_{i3,s} = B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x_i\gamma}G_{\delta y_i}\partial_{H_{\delta\gamma}}(f(G))$. Recall the resolvent perturbation by which we have that $\partial_{H_{\delta\gamma}}\overline{G_{x_iy_i}} = -\overline{G_{x_i\gamma}G_{\delta y_i}}$ and $\partial_{H_{\delta\gamma}}G_{x_iy_i} = -G_{x_i\delta}G_{\gamma y_i}$. Applying the latter identities results in summation of 3 separate subgraphs for each $G_{i3,s}$. We can again represent each of them individually for $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$:

$$\mathcal{G}_{13,s}^{(1)} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} G_{x\delta} G_{\gamma y} S_{uv} B_{v\alpha}(G_{\alpha\alpha} - m) S_{\alpha\beta}(G_{\beta\beta} - m) B_{u\gamma} S_{\gamma\delta} G_{x\gamma} G_{\delta y} \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

Here, we bound the two loops at β, α and then the edges $x{\to}\gamma$ and $\gamma{\to}y$, getting a combined term $O(W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1})$. Hence, after summing over the wavy lines, we get the same bound as before: $\mathcal{G}_{13,s}^{(1)} \lesssim$ $W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1} \times$ a $=\!\!=$ x $\longrightarrow \delta \longrightarrow$ y $=\!\!=$ b

Size estimate for $\mathcal{G}_{13,s}^{(2)}$
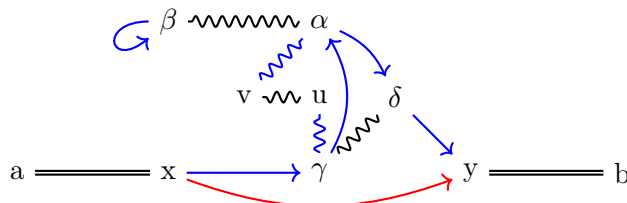
$$\mathcal{G}_{13,s}^{(2)} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{xy}}S_{uv}B_{v\alpha}G_{\alpha\delta}G_{\gamma\alpha}S_{\alpha\beta}(G_{\beta\beta} - m)B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x\gamma}G_{\delta y} \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

We start by eliminating the loop at β and then the edges $x\to\gamma$, $\gamma\to\alpha$, and $\alpha\to\delta$, getting back $O(W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1})$ by estimate (2). Observe that with this we have almost the same subgraph as before with an additional wavy line $\gamma \rightsquigarrow \delta$, i.e our estimate looks like: $\mathcal{G}_{13,s}^{(2)} \lesssim W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1}\times$ a $=$ x $\longrightarrow \gamma \rightsquigarrow \delta \longrightarrow$ y $=$ b

Size estimate for $\mathcal{G}_{13,s}^{(3)}$

$$\mathcal{G}_{13,s}^{(3)} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{xy}}S_{uv}B_{v\alpha}(G_{\alpha\alpha} - m)S_{\alpha\beta}G_{\beta\delta}G_{\gamma\beta}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x\gamma}G_{\delta y} \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

For the last subgraph, we start with the loop α and then apply the second estimate for the edges $x\to y$, $\gamma\to\beta$, and $\beta\to\delta$. We get a combined term $O(W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1})$, s.t. after summing out $\beta, \alpha, v, u,$, we get a final estimate that looks like the one before: $\mathcal{G}_{13,s}^{(3)} \lesssim W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1}\times$ a $=$ x $\longrightarrow \gamma \rightsquigarrow \delta \longrightarrow$ y $=$ b . And since the partial derivative expansion is equivalent to the summation of the latter three subgraphs, we get a combined bound on $\mathcal{G}_{i3,s}$ that is $O(W^{-2}\eta_t^{-3/2})$ by using our earlier calculations.

Size estimate for $\mathcal{G}_{23,s}^{(1)}$

$$\mathcal{G}_{23,s}^{(1)} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{x\gamma}G_{\delta\alpha}G_{\beta y}}S_{uv}B_{v\alpha}S_{\alpha\beta}G_{\beta\alpha}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x\gamma}G_{\delta y} \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

For this subgraph, we can bound the three red edges along with $\beta\to\alpha$, for which we get combined term $O(W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1})$. After summing over the wavy edges in order β, α, v, u, we get the same bound as before: $\mathcal{G}_{23,s}^{(1)} \lesssim W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1}\times$ a $=$ x $\longrightarrow \gamma \rightsquigarrow \delta \longrightarrow$ y $=$ b

Size estimate for $\mathcal{G}_{23,s}^{(2)}$

$$\mathcal{G}_{23,s}^{(2)} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{x\alpha}G_{\beta\gamma}G_{\delta y}} S_{uv}B_{v\alpha}S_{\alpha\beta}G_{\beta\alpha}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x\gamma}G_{\delta y} \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

Here, we can get bound all the red lines along with $\beta \to \alpha$, s.t. after the summation over the wavy lines in order β, α, v, u, we get the familiar: $\mathcal{G}_{23,s}^{(2)} \lesssim W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1} \times$ a $=$ x $\longrightarrow \gamma \wwbar \delta \longrightarrow$ y $=$ b
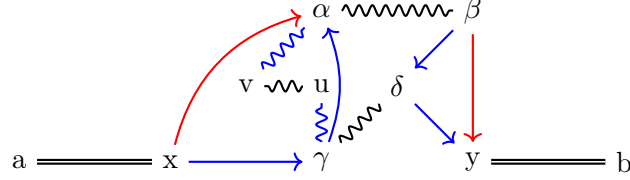
Size estimate for $\mathcal{G}_{23,s}^{(3)}$

$$\mathcal{G}_{23,s}^{(3)} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{x\alpha}G_{\beta y}} S_{uv}B_{v\alpha}S_{\alpha\beta}G_{\beta\delta}G_{\gamma\alpha}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x\gamma}G_{\delta y} \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

Lastly, by bounding all the red edges along with $\gamma \to \alpha$ and $\beta \to \delta$ and summing over the wavy edges in order β, α, v, u, we get the equivalent bound: $\mathcal{G}_{23,s}^{(3)} \lesssim W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1} \times$ a $=$ x $\longrightarrow \gamma \wwbar \delta \longrightarrow$ y $=$ b , which makes this subgraph subject to the same $O(W^{-2}\eta_t^{-3/2})$ estimate.

Size estimate for $\mathcal{G}_{33,s}^{(1)}$

$$\mathcal{G}_{33,s}^{(1)} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{x\gamma}G_{\delta y}} G_{x\beta}S_{uv}B_{v\alpha}S_{\alpha\beta}G_{\beta\alpha}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{\alpha\gamma}G_{\delta y} \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

By bounding all the blue edges we get a combined $O(W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1})$ term, s.t. after summing over the wavy edges in order β, α, v, u, we get a final bound: $\mathcal{G}_{33,s}^{(1)} \lesssim W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1} \times$ a $=$ x $\longrightarrow \gamma \wwbar \delta \longrightarrow$ y $=$ b

Size estimate for $\mathcal{G}_{33,s}^{(2)}$

$$\mathcal{G}_{33,s}^{(2)} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{xy}} G_{x\delta}G_{\gamma\beta}S_{uv}B_{v\alpha}S_{\alpha\beta}G_{\beta\alpha}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{\alpha\gamma}G_{\delta y} \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

For this graph, let us bound the edges $x \to y$, $\gamma \to \beta$, $\beta \to \alpha$ and $\alpha \to \gamma$, s.t. after summing over the wavy lines in order of the indices $\beta, \alpha, v, u, \gamma$, we get a final bound: $\mathcal{G}_{33,s}^{(2)} \lesssim W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1} \times$ a $=$ x $\longrightarrow \delta \longrightarrow$ y $=$ b

Size estimate for $\mathcal{G}_{33,s}^{(3)}$

$$\mathcal{G}_{33,s}^{(3)} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{xy}}G_{x\beta}S_{uv}B_{v\alpha}S_{\alpha\beta}G_{\beta\delta}G_{\gamma\alpha}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{\alpha\gamma}G_{\delta y}\left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

Lastly, by bounding all of the red edges along with $\beta{\to}\delta$, $\alpha{\to}\gamma$, we get a combined estimate $O(W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1})$. This leaves us with a bound that looks like $\mathcal{G}_{33,s}^{(3)} \lesssim W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1}\times$ a $=$ x $\to$ β $\sim$ δ $\to$ y $=$ b , where the red wavy line represents a sequence of black and blue wavy lines (specifically those starting at the indices $\beta, \alpha, v, u, \gamma$. And since we already showed that estimation of these subgraphs doesn't change with extra wavy lines per the $O(1)$ contribution from estimate (5), this set of subgraphs is also $O(W^{-2}\eta_t^{-3/2})$ as the ones before.

Size estimate for $\mathcal{G}_{43,s}^{(1)}$

$$\mathcal{G}_{43,s}^{(1)} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{x\gamma}G_{\delta y}}S_{uv}B_{v\alpha}S_{\alpha\beta}G_{\beta\alpha}G_{\alpha y}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x\gamma}G_{\delta\beta}\left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

By bounding all the blue edges, getting a $O(W^{-1/2}\eta_s^{-1/4})$ term and subsequently summing over the wavy lines in order $\beta, \alpha, v, u, \gamma$, the resulting estimate is $\mathcal{G}_{43,s}^{(1)} \lesssim W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1}\times$ a $=$ x $\to$ γ $\sim$ δ $\to$ y $=$ b

Size estimate for $\mathcal{G}_{43,s}^{(2)}$

$$\mathcal{G}_{43,s}^{(2)} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{xy}}S_{uv}B_{v\alpha}S_{\alpha\beta}G_{\beta\delta}G_{\gamma\alpha}G_{\alpha y}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x\gamma}G_{\delta\beta}\left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

Bounding $\gamma{\to}\alpha$, $\delta{\to}\beta$, $\beta{\to}\delta$ and $x{\to}y$ for a combined $O(W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1})$ term, and summing over β, α, v, u, we get: $\mathcal{G}_{43,s}^{(2)} \lesssim W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1}\times$ a $=$ x $\to$ γ $\sim$ α $\to$ y $=$ b

Size estimate for $\mathcal{G}_{43,s}^{(3)}$

$$\mathcal{G}_{43,s}^{(3)} = \left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{ax} \overline{G_{xy}}S_{uv}B_{v\alpha}S_{\alpha\beta}G_{\beta\alpha}G_{\alpha\delta}G_{\gamma y}B_{u\gamma}S_{\gamma\delta}G_{x\gamma}G_{\delta\beta}\left[\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}\right]_{yb}$$

Here, we bound the edges $\alpha{\to}\delta$, $x{\to}y$, $\beta{\to}\alpha$, and $\delta{\to}\beta$ for a combined term $O(W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1})$. After summing out $\beta, \alpha, v, u, \delta$ in that order, we get $\mathcal{G}_{43,s}^{(3)} \lesssim W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1}\times$ $\text{a}\!=\!\!=\!\text{x}\to\gamma\to\text{y}\!=\!\!=\!\text{b}$. With this, we have in fact verified that all of the partial derivative terms satisfy the estimate: $O(W^{-2}\eta_t^{-3/2})$.

Combined bound

6.2 Estimate for $\mathcal{E}_t^{M,\text{stop}}(z)$

$$\mathcal{E}_t^{M,\text{stop}}(z) = -\int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}}\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{1/2}dM(s)S^{1/2}\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\} =$$

$$= -\int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}}\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{\frac{1}{2}}\sum_{u,v}\left[\overline{G_{xy}}G_{xu}dH_{uv}(t)G_{vy}\right]S^{\frac{1}{2}}\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}-$$

$$-\int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}}\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}S^{\frac{1}{2}}\sum_{u,v}\left[G_{xy}\overline{G_{xu}dH_{uv}(t)}\,\overline{G_{vy}}\right]S^{\frac{1}{2}}\{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\} =$$

$$= \mathcal{E}_t^{M,1}(z) + \mathcal{E}_t^{M,2}(z)$$

The latter two terms can be written diagrammatically using the same notation as before (Def. 2):
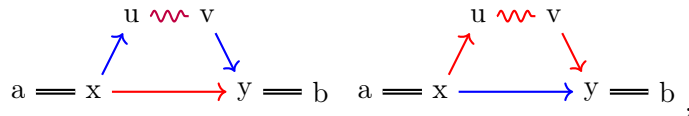
where the purple wavy line represents dH_{uv} and the red wavy line is its complement. In order to estimate the latter term, we will apply the Burkholder-Davis-Gundy (BGD) inequality [28], defined below:

BDG inequality

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\sup_{0\leq s\leq t}|M_{xy}(s)|^{2p}\right] \leq C_p\mathbb{E}\left[M_{xy}\right]_t^p$$

In order to express the Quadratic Variation (QV) on the RHS, we will need to rewrite our separate graphs into one combined QV graph. To do this, we will use that fact that the Brownian increments $dB_{\alpha\beta}(t)$ are mutually uncorrelated, s.t. we clearly have that the cross-terms in the quadratic variation vanish unless we have $(u,v) = (u',v')$, i.e we can identify the latter pairs, getting a combined graph:
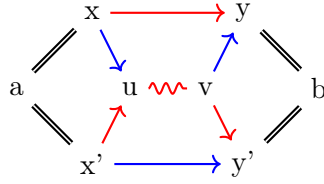
If we are to approach the bounding in the same fashion as before, we will not get appropriate bounds: By eliminating the wavy line for a term $\sqrt{S_{uv}} \lesssim W^{-1/2}$ per estimate (4) and another $O(\sqrt{dt})$ per the fact that $\mathbb{E}\,|dB_{uv}(t)|^2 = dt$. We want to keep a connected component similar to before, so let WLOG this be the path $x' = a = x \longrightarrow y = b = y'$. By applying estimate (2) to all red lines, we get a combined term $O(W^{-2}\eta_s^{-1})$. To get to the the aforementioned path, we need to bound the $x' \rightarrow y'$ using estimate (1) (since the edge is not "free") with which we get a term $O(W^{1/2}\eta_s^{-3/4})$. For what remains we will have to split three double lines into their respective Id and $(t-s)\Theta_t$ components, yielding 2^3 separate terms, each of the form $O\left(W^{-\frac{3}{2}}\eta_t^{-\frac{3a+2b}{2}}\eta_s^{\frac{5a+3b}{4}}\right)$, where $a, b \in \{0,1,2,3\}$ and $a+b = 3$. We can easily observe that by accounting for all of the terms, we have in the worst case scenario a term $\eta_s^{15/4}$, which remains as $\eta_s^{5/4}$ after canceling the other such terms. By the same logic, we can observe that we have at most $\eta_t^{-\frac{9}{2}}$ and at least η_t^{-3} from the splitting terms. FINISH THE BOUND AFTER THE OTHER TWO.

Alternative bound

The latter calculations demonstrate that we need to be more thoughtful with our estimates. Let us come back to our original form of the $S^{1/2}dM(s)S^{1/2}$ term. Observe that we can split the components $\mathcal{E}_t^{M,1}$ and $\mathcal{E}_t^{M,2}$ into 4 separate parts each by expanding the square brackets. We will this explicitly for $\mathcal{E}_t^{M,1}$, whereas the second term is equivalent up to complex conjugation:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{E}_t^{M,1} = &-\int_0^{t \wedge \tau_{\text{stop}}} (t-s)^2 \Theta_t S^{1/2} \left\{ \sum_{u,v} \left[\overline{G_{xy}}G_{xu}dH_{uv}(t)G_{vy}\right] \right\} S^{1/2}\Theta_t + \\
&-\int_0^{t \wedge \tau_{\text{stop}}} (t-s)\Theta_t S^{1/2} \left\{ \sum_{u,v} \left[\overline{G_{xy}}G_{xu}dH_{uv}(t)G_{vy}\right] \right\} S^{1/2} \\
&-\int_0^{t \wedge \tau_{\text{stop}}} (t-s) S^{1/2} \left\{ \sum_{u,v} \left[\overline{G_{xy}}G_{xu}dH_{uv}(t)G_{vy}\right] \right\} S^{1/2}\Theta_t + \\
&-\int_0^{t \wedge \tau_{\text{stop}}} S^{1/2} \left\{ \sum_{u,v} \left[\overline{G_{xy}}G_{xu}dH_{uv}(t)G_{vy}\right] \right\} S^{1/2} = \\
&= \mathcal{E}_t^{M,11} + \mathcal{E}_t^{M,12} + \mathcal{E}_t^{M,13} + \mathcal{E}_t^{M,14}
\end{aligned}
$$

Now, we will apply the BDG inequality to the individual $\mathcal{E}_t^{M,1i}$ terms for $j = 1,2,3,4$:

$$\mathbb{E}\left|\mathcal{E}_t^{M,1i}(z)_{ab}\right|^{2p} \leq C_p \mathbb{E}\left[\mathcal{E}_t^{M,1i}(z)_{ab}\right]^p$$

To calculate the quadratic variation (QV) on the RHS, recall from before that the Brownian increments $dB_{\alpha\beta}(t)$ are mutually uncorrelated, i.e our term $dH_s = \sum_{u,v} \sqrt{S_{u,v}} dB_{u,v}(s)$ has covariance structure:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[dH_s \overline{dH_s}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{u,u',v,v'} \sqrt{S_{uv}} dB_{uv}(s) \sqrt{S_{u'v'}} dB_{u'v'}(s)\right]_{ab} = S_{ab} ds$$

Hence the QV of $\left[\mathcal{E}^{M,11}\right]_{ab}$ and the other terms is:

$$\int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} (t-s)^4 \sum_{x,x',y,y',u,v} (\Theta_t S^{1/2})_{ax} (\Theta_t S^{1/2})_{ax'} \overline{G_{xy}} G_{x'y'} G_{xu} \overline{G_{x'u}} S_{uv} G_{vy} \overline{G_{vy'}} (S^{1/2}\Theta_t)_{yb} (S^{1/2}\Theta_t)_{yb'} ds$$

$$\left[\mathcal{E}^{M,12}\right]_{ab} = \int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} (t-s)^2 \sum_{x,x',y,y',u,v} (\Theta_t S^{1/2})_{ax} (\Theta_t S^{1/2})_{ax'} \overline{G_{xy}} G_{x'y'} G_{xu} \overline{G_{x'u}} S_{uv} G_{vy} \overline{G_{vy'}} S_{yb}^{1/2} S_{yb'}^{1/2} ds$$

$$\left[\mathcal{E}^{M,13}\right]_{ab} = \int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} (t-s)^2 \sum_{x,x',y,y',u,v} S_{ax}^{1/2} S_{ax'}^{1/2} \overline{G_{xy}} G_{x'y'} G_{xu} \overline{G_{x'u}} S_{uv} G_{vy} \overline{G_{vy'}} (S^{1/2}\Theta_t)_{yb} (S^{1/2}\Theta_t)_{yb'} ds$$

$$\left[\mathcal{E}^{M,14}\right]_{ab} = \int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} \sum_{x,x',y,y',u,v} S_{ax}^{1/2} S_{ax'}^{1/2} \overline{G_{xy}} G_{x'y'} G_{xu} \overline{G_{x'u}} S_{uv} G_{vy} \overline{G_{vy'}} S_{yb}^{1/2} S_{yb'}^{1/2} ds$$

Observe that we have the same primary components, differing up to the utmost left and right terms. Hence, we can abstract away the following four separate matrices:

$$\Upsilon_{yy}^u := \sum_v S_{uv} G_{vy} \overline{G}_{vy'} (\Theta_t S^{\frac{1}{2}})_{yb} (\Theta_t S^{\frac{1}{2}})_{y'b}$$

$$\Omega_{yy}^u := \sum_{x,x'} \overline{G}_{xy} G_{x'y'} G_{xu} \overline{G}_{x'u} (\Theta_t S^{\frac{1}{2}})_{ax} (\Theta_t S^{\frac{1}{2}})_{ax'}$$

$$\Gamma_{yy}^u := \sum_v S_{uv} G_{vy} \overline{G}_{vy'} S_{yb}^{\frac{1}{2}} S_{y'b}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Xi_{yy}^u := \sum_{x,x'} \overline{G}_{xy} G_{x'y'} G_{xu} \overline{G}_{x'u} S_{ax}^{\frac{1}{2}} S_{ax'}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Now, observe that our terms become expressed simply as the two-by-two products:

$$\left[\mathcal{E}_t^{M,11}(z)_{ab}\right] = \int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} (t-s)^4 \sum_{u,y}(\Omega^u\Upsilon^{u,*})_{yy'}ds \quad \left[\mathcal{E}_t^{M,12}(z)_{ab}\right] = \int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} (t-s)^2 \sum_{u,y}(\Omega^u\Gamma^{u,*})_{yy'}ds$$

$$\left[\mathcal{E}_t^{M,13}(z)_{ab}\right] = \int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} \sum_{u,y}(t-s)^2(\Xi^u\Upsilon^{u,*})_{yy'}ds \quad \left[\mathcal{E}_t^{M,14}(z)_{ab}\right] = \int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} \sum_{u,y}(\Xi^u\Gamma^{u,*})_{yy'}ds$$

Observe that both Ω^u and Ξ^u are positive-semidefinite, since we can rewrite them as:

$$\Omega^u = \left(\sum_x (\Theta_t S^{1/2})_{ax} G_{xu}\overline{G}_{xy}\right)\left(\sum_{x'}(\Theta_t S^{1/2})_{ax'}G_{x'u}\overline{G}_{x'y'}\right)^*$$

$$\Xi^u = \left(\sum_x S_{ax}^{1/2} G_{xu}\overline{G}_{xy}\right)\left(\sum_{x'} S_{ax'}^{1/2} G_{x'u}\overline{G}_{x'y'}\right)^*$$

This means that we can apply the von Neumann trace inequality, which states that the trace is bounded above by singular values $|\text{Tr}(AB)| \le \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i\beta_i$, hence by the positive-semidefiniteness:

$$\left|\sum_y (\Omega^u\Upsilon^{u,*})_{yy}\right| = |\text{Tr}\,(\Omega^u\Upsilon^{u,*})| \le \|\Omega^u\|_{op}\sum_y \Omega_{yy'}^u ds.$$

This means that we can bound each of the earlier terms as follows:

$$\left[\mathcal{E}_t^{M,11}(z)_{ab}\right] = \int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} (t-s)^4 \sum_{u,y}(\Omega^u\Upsilon^{u,*})_{yy}ds \le \int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} (t-s)^4 \sum_u \|\Upsilon^u\|_{op}\sum_y \Omega_{yy'}^u ds$$

$$\left[\mathcal{E}_t^{M,12}(z)_{ab}\right] = \int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} (t-s)^2 \sum_{u,y}(\Omega^u\Gamma^{u,*})_{yy'}ds \le \int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} (t-s)^2 \sum_u \|\Gamma^u\|_{op}\sum_y \Omega_{yy'}^u ds$$

$$\left[\mathcal{E}_t^{M,13}(z)_{ab}\right] = \int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} \sum_{u,y}(t-s)^2(\Xi^u\Upsilon^{u,*})_{yy'}ds \le \int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} (t-s)^2 \sum_u \|\Upsilon^u\|_{op}\sum_y \Xi_{yy'}^u ds$$

$$\left[\mathcal{E}_t^{M,14}(z)_{ab}\right] = \int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} \sum_{u,y}(\Xi^u\Gamma^{u,*})_{yy'}ds \le \int_0^{t\wedge\tau_{\text{stop}}} \sum_u \|\Gamma^u\|_{op}\sum_y \Xi_{yy'}^u ds$$

We can estimate the latter bounds by using the fact that $|G|^2 = GG^*$ and $|G|^4 = |G|^2|G|^2$:

$$\sum_{u,y}\Omega_{yy}^u = \sum_{u,y}\sum_{x,x'}\overline{G}_{xy}G_{x'y'}G_{xu}\overline{G}_{x'u}(\Theta_t S^{\frac{1}{2}})_{ax}(\Theta_t S^{\frac{1}{2}})_{ax'} =$$

$$= \sum_{x,x'} |G|^2_{xx'}|G|^2_{x'x}(\Theta_t S^{\frac{1}{2}})_{ax}(\Theta_t S^{\frac{1}{2}})_{ax'} \leq 4\sum_x |G|^2_{xx}(\Theta_t S^{\frac{1}{2}})_{ax}|^2,$$

following from the Schwarz inequality, since $|G|^2_{xx'}|G|^2_{x'x} = ||G|^2_{xx'}|^2$ by virtue of $|G|^2$ being Hermitian. On the other hand, by the Ward identity, $\max_{a,b}|(\Theta_t)_{ab}| \lesssim W^{-1}\eta_t^{-1/2}$ and $\sum_\beta |(\Theta_t S^{1/2})_{\alpha\beta}| \lesssim \eta_t^{-1}$ (Lemma A.2), the stopping time $s \leq \tau_{\text{stop}}$ and $(t-s) \lesssim \eta_s$ (Lemma A.1.2) , we get:

$$4\sum_x |G|^4_{xx}|(\Theta_t S^{\frac{1}{2}})_{ax}|^2 = 4\eta_s^{-2}\sum_x |\text{Im}G_{xx}|^2|(\Theta_t S^{\frac{1}{2}})_{ax}|^2 \leq 4\eta_s^{-2}|\max_k \text{Im}G_{kk}|^2\sum_x |(\Theta_t S^{\frac{1}{2}})_{ax}|^2$$

$$\lesssim \eta_s^{-3}\max_k \text{Im}G_{kk}\sum_x |(\Theta_t S^{\frac{1}{2}})_{ax}|^2 \leq W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}}\eta_s^{-3}W^{-1}\eta_t^{-3/2},$$

By the same logic as for Ω^u_{yy}, along with the fact that $S^{1/2}_{ab} \lesssim W^{-1} \Rightarrow \sum_b S^{1/2}_{ab} \lesssim 1$, we have that:

$$\sum_{u,y} \Xi^u_{yy} = \sum_{u,y}\sum_{x,x'} \overline{G}_{xy}G_{x'y'}G_{xu}\overline{G}_{x'u}S^{\frac{1}{2}}_{ax}S^{\frac{1}{2}}_{ax'} = \sum_{x,x'} |G|^2_{xx'}|G|^2_{x'x}S^{\frac{1}{2}}_{ax}S^{\frac{1}{2}}_{ax'} \leq$$

$$\leq 4\sum_x |G|^4_{xx}|S^{\frac{1}{2}}_{ax}|^2 \lesssim \eta_s^{-3}\max_k \text{Im}G_{kk}\sum_x |S^{1/2}_{ax}|^2 \lesssim W^{\frac{\delta_{\text{stop}}}{10}}W^{-1}\eta_s^{-3}$$

We need to bound the other two matrices, which we can do by using the fact that S^u is the diagonal matrix $S^u_{ij} = \delta_{ij}S_{ui} = O(W^{-1})$, along with the fact that $\|G\|_{op} = \sup_{\lambda_i} \frac{1}{|\lambda - z|} = \eta_s^{-1}$, hence we get the following bounds:

$$\|\Upsilon^u\|_{op} \leq \max_{\alpha,\beta}|(\Theta_t S^{1/2})|^2\|G^* S^u G\|_{op} \leq \max_{\alpha,\beta}|(\Theta_t S^{1/2})|^2 W^{-1}\eta_s^{-2}$$

$$\|\Gamma^u\|_{op} \leq \max_{\alpha,\beta}|S^{1/2}_{\alpha\beta}|^2\|G^* S^u G\|_{op} \lesssim W^{-3}\eta_s^{-2}$$

With this we have all the necessary pieces to complete the estimation of all the QV terms $\mathcal{E}_t^{M,1i}$, by changing the variable of integration w.r.t $\sigma = |\text{Im}w_s|$.

$$\left[\mathcal{E}_t^{M,11}(z)_{ab}\right] \lesssim \int_0^{\tau_{\text{stop}}\wedge t} \eta_s^{-1}W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}}W^{-2}\eta_t^{-\frac{3}{2}}\max_{\alpha,\beta}|(\Theta_t S^{1/2})_{\alpha,\beta}|^2 ds$$

$$\left[\mathcal{E}_t^{M,11}(z)_{ab}\right] \lesssim W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}}W^{-2}\eta_t^{-\frac{3}{2}}\max_{\alpha,\beta}|(\Theta_t S^{1/2})_{\alpha,\beta}|^2\int_{\eta_t}^{\eta_0} \sigma^{-1}ds \lesssim W^{-4+\delta+\delta_{\text{stop}}}\eta_t^{-\frac{5}{2}},$$

since $\max_{\alpha,\beta}|(\Theta_t S^{1/2})_{\alpha,\beta}|^2 \lesssim W^{-2}\eta_t^{-1}$ (Lemma A.2)and $\log\eta_t^{-1} \lesssim \log\eta^{-1} \lesssim W^\delta$ for any $\delta > 0$. The second term is:

$$\left[\mathcal{E}_t^{M,12}(z)_{ab}\right] \lesssim W^{-3}W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}}W^{-1}\eta_t^{-3/2}\int_0^t \eta_s^{-3}ds$$

$$\left[\mathcal{E}_t^{M,12}(z)_{ab}\right] \lesssim W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}}W^{-4}\eta_t^{-3/2}\int_{\eta_t}^{\eta_0} \sigma^{-3}ds \lesssim W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}}W^{-4}\eta_t^{-\frac{7}{2}}$$

$$\left[\mathcal{E}_t^{M,13}(z)_{ab}\right] \lesssim W^{\frac{\delta_{\text{stop}}}{10}} W^{-2} \max_{\alpha,\beta} |(\Theta_t S^{1/2})_{\alpha,\beta}|^2 \int_0^t (t-s)^2 \eta_s^{-5} ds \lesssim$$

$$\left[\mathcal{E}_t^{M,13}(z)_{ab}\right] \lesssim W^{\frac{\delta_{\text{stop}}}{10}} W^{-2} \max_{\alpha,\beta} |(\Theta_t S^{1/2})_{\alpha,\beta}|^2 \int_{\eta_t}^{\eta_0} \sigma^{-3} ds \lesssim W^{\frac{\delta_{\text{stop}}}{10}} W^{-2} W^{-2} \eta_t^{-1} \eta_t^{-2}$$

$$\left[\mathcal{E}_t^{M,14}(z)_{ab}\right] \leq \int_0^t \sum_u \|\Gamma^u\|_{op} \sum_y \Xi_{yy'}^u ds \lesssim N^{-4} \int_{\text{Im}w_t}^0 \sigma^{-5} \lesssim N^{-4} |\text{Im}w_t|^{-4}$$

Result

(3.14) [11]. By Chebyshev inequality, we have that for any $\delta > 0$ and $p \geq 1$, the following holds:

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\mathcal{E}_t^{M,1j}(z)_{ab} \geq N^\delta [\mathcal{E}_t^{M,1j}(z)_{ab}]^{1/2}\right|\right) \leq C_p N^{-2p\delta}$$

6.3   Estimate for $\mathcal{E}_t^{S,\text{stop}}(z)$

Let us us continue using the notation $\eta_t = |\text{Im } w_t|$ and $\eta_s = |\text{Im } w_s|$ for brevity. Now, in order to bound the squared term $\mathcal{E}_t^{S,\text{stop}}(z)$, we will use Corollary A.3 of Lemma A.2 (Display (3.7) and Lemma 23 in [11], respectively) to state the following bound:

$$\sup_x \sum_y \{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}_{xy} + \sup_y \sum_x \{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\}_{xy} = 1 + O(\eta_t^{-1}\eta_s)$$

Then by Hölder's inequality and the bound above, we have:

$$|\mathcal{E}_t^S(z)_{ab}| = \left|\int_0^{t \wedge \tau_{\text{stop}}} \{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\} \mathcal{E}_s^2(z) \{\text{Id} + (t-s)\Theta_t\} ds\right| \leq$$

$$\leq \int \left[1 + O(\eta_t^{-1}\eta_s)\right]^2 \max_{a,b} |\mathcal{E}_s(z)_{ab}^2| ds \lesssim \int_0^{\tau_{\text{stop}} \wedge t} \max_{a,b} |\mathcal{E}_s(z)_{ab}^2| ds + \int_0^{\tau_{\text{stop}} \wedge t} \eta_t^{-2} \eta_s^2 \max_{a,b} |\mathcal{E}_s(z)_{ab}^2| ds$$

We can bound $\max_{a,b} |\mathcal{E}_s(z)_{ab}^2| ds$ by using the definition of our stopping time. Since $s \leq \tau_{\text{stop}} = \tau_{\text{stop},1} \wedge \tau_{\text{stop},2}$, by property of $\tau_{\text{stop},1}$ and given a bound $N \leq W^{\frac{11}{8}-\nu}$ we have:

$$\max_{a,b} |\mathcal{E}_s(z)_{ab}| < W^{\delta_{\text{stop}}} W^{-\frac{3}{4}} \eta_s^{-1} \cdot W^{-1} \eta_s^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\max_{a,b} |\mathcal{E}_s(z)_{ab}|^2 < W^{2\delta_{\text{stop}}} W^{-\frac{3}{2}} \eta_s^{-2} \cdot W^{-2} \eta_s^{-1} = W^{2\delta_{\text{stop}}} W^{-\frac{7}{2}} \eta_s^{-3}$$

Now, observe that by matrix multiplication, for any $a, b \in \Gamma$, we have:

$$\mathcal{E}_s(z)_{ab}^2 = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \mathcal{E}_s(z)_{aj} \mathcal{E}_s(z)_{jb}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\mathcal{E}_s(z)_{ab}^2| \leq \sum_{j=1}^{N} |\mathcal{E}_s(z)_{aj}||\mathcal{E}_s(z)_{jb}| \leq \sum_{j=1}^{N} \max_{x,y} |\mathcal{E}_s(z)_{xy}|^2 = N \max_{x,y} |\mathcal{E}_s(z)_{xy}|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \max_{a,b} |\mathcal{E}_s(z)_{ab}^2| \leq W^{2\delta_{\text{stop}}} W^{-\frac{28-11}{8}-\nu} \eta_s^{-2} = W^{2\delta_{\text{stop}}} W^{-\frac{17}{8}-\nu} \eta_s^{-2}$$

Putting the last two results together gives us the following bound on $|\mathcal{E}_t^S(z)_{ab}|$:

$$|\mathcal{E}_t^S(z)_{ab}| \lesssim \int_0^t W^{2\delta_{\text{stop}}} W^{-\frac{17}{8}-\nu} \eta_s^{-2} ds + \int_0^t \eta_t^{-2} W^{2\delta_{\text{stop}}} W^{-\frac{17}{8}-\nu} \eta_s^{-1} ds$$

By doing a change of variable for $\sigma = \text{Im } w_s$, we get:

$$|\mathcal{E}_t^{S,\text{stop}}(z)_{ab}| \lesssim W^{2\delta_{\text{stop}}} W^{-\frac{17}{8}-\nu} \int_{\eta_t}^{\text{Im } w_0} \sigma^{-3} d\sigma + \eta_t^{-2} W^{2\delta_{\text{stop}}} W^{-\frac{17}{8}-\nu} \int_{\eta_t}^{\text{Im } w_0} \sigma^{-1} d\sigma$$

$$\lesssim W^{2\delta_{\text{stop}}} W^{-\frac{17}{8}-\nu} \left(\frac{\text{Im } w_0^{-2} - \eta_t^{-2}}{-2} \right) + W^{2\delta_{\text{stop}}} W^{-\frac{17}{8}-\nu} \eta_t^{-2} (\log \text{Im } w_0 - \log \eta_t)$$

By Lemma A.1.2 for any $s \in [0, t]$, we have $\text{Im } w_s = \text{Im } w_t + (t-s)\text{Im } m(z) \geq \text{Im } w_t$ and $\text{Im } m(z) \asymp 1$:

$$\Rightarrow \text{Im } w_s = \eta + (1-s)\text{Im } m(z) \leq \eta + \text{Im } m(z) = \text{Im } w_0 = \frac{\text{Im } m(z)}{|m(z)|^2} \leq \text{Im } m(z) \lesssim 1 \Leftrightarrow \log \text{Im } w_0 \lesssim 0$$

Hence, we can drop the negative term w.r.t. $\text{Im } w_0^{-2}$ and bound above by $\log \text{Im } w_0 \lesssim 0$:

$$|\mathcal{E}_t^{S,\text{stop}}(z)_{ab}| \lesssim W^{2\delta_{\text{stop}}} W^{-\frac{17}{8}-\nu} \eta_t^{-2} + W^{2\delta_{\text{stop}}} W^{-\frac{17}{8}-\nu} \eta_t^{-2} \log \eta_t^{-1} \lesssim W^{2\delta_{\text{stop}}} W^{-\frac{17}{8}-\nu} \eta_t^{-2} \log \eta_t^{-1}$$

Observe that the latter expression can be split in the following terms:

$$|\mathcal{E}_t^{S,\text{stop}}(z)_{ab}| \lesssim W^{2\delta_{\text{stop}}} W^{-\frac{3}{8}-\nu} \eta_t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \log \eta_t^{-1} \cdot W^{-\frac{3}{4}} \eta_t^{-1} \cdot W^{-1} \eta_t^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

In this context, since $\eta_t \geq \eta \geq W^{-3/4}$, the first term is:

$$W^{2\delta_{\text{stop}}} W^{-\frac{3}{8}-\eta} \eta_t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \log \eta_t^{-1} \lesssim W^{2\delta_{\text{stop}}-\nu} \log W,$$

But since $\eta > 0$ is fixed, we can pick δ_{stop} small, s.t. the latter term is $\lesssim 1$, meaning that our result above can be stated as:

Theorem 6.3. *There $\exists \delta > 0$, s.t.:*

$$|\mathcal{E}_t^{S,stop}(z)_{ab}| \lesssim W^{-\delta} \cdot W^{-\frac{3}{4}} \eta_t^{-1} \cdot W^{-1} \eta_t^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

7 Proof of Theorems

7.1 Theorem 1 - Stopping time

7.2 Theorem 2 - Quantum Diffusion

7.3 Theorem 3 - Delocalization

8 Non-Gaussian case

Up to this point, the work presented on band matrices has been focused exclusively on the case with Gaussian entries. Given that the delocalization behavior is conjectured to extend beyond this restriction, the goal for the last section of this thesis will be to do exactly that, by proving a *Five Moment* matching theorem with the help of the Lindeberg exchange strategy:

8.1 Lindeberg exchange strategy

This method was developed by Lindeberg in his seminal proof for the generalized CLT [37] and later generalized by Chatterjee [38]. The argument proceeds as follows [39]: Suppose that $X_1, \cdots, X_n \sim [\mu, 1]$ are i.i.d, and let $Y_1, \cdots, Y_n \sim [\mu, 1]$ be another such set. One would like to show that for any smooth, compactly supported function F:

$$\mathbb{E}F\left(\frac{X_1 + \cdots + X_n}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = \mathbb{E}F\left(\frac{Y_1 + \cdots + Y_n}{\sqrt{n}}\right) + o(1)$$

by swapping the entries one at a time, with the latter being the key step in this argument. Define $S = \frac{X_1 + \cdots + X_{n-1}}{\sqrt{n}}$, where clearly $\frac{X_1 + \cdots + X_n}{\sqrt{n}} = S + n^{-1/2}X_n$. Using the smoothness and compact support of F, we can apply the Taylor expansion around S:

$$F\left(\frac{X_1 + \cdots + X_n}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = F(S) + n^{-1/2}X_n F'(S) + \frac{1}{2}n^{-1}X_n^2 F''(S) + O(n^{-3/2}|X_n|^3)$$

By taking the expectation, we get:

$$\mathbb{E}F\left(\frac{X_1 + \cdots + X_n}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = \mathbb{E}F(S) + n^{-1/2}(\mathbb{E}X_n)\mathbb{E}F'(S) + \frac{1}{2}n^{-1}(\mathbb{E}X_n^2)\mathbb{E}F''(S) + O(n^{-3/2})$$

The following step is to swap the last element X_n with an independent Y_n from the other set $S' = \frac{X_1 + \cdots X_{n-1} + Y_n}{\sqrt{n}}$. By the same logic as above, we have that $\mathbb{E}F(S')$ is:

$$\mathbb{E}F\left(\frac{X_1 + \cdots + X_{n-1} + Y_n}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = \mathbb{E}F(S) + n^{-1/2}(\mathbb{E}Y_n)\mathbb{E}F'(S) + \frac{1}{2}n^{-1}(\mathbb{E}Y_n^2)\mathbb{E}F''(S) + O(n^{-3/2})$$

By taking their difference and using the matching moments of second order, we get:

$$\mathbb{E}F\left(\frac{X_1 + \cdots + X_n}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = \mathbb{E}F\left(\frac{X_1 + \cdots + X_{n-1} + Y_n}{\sqrt{n}}\right) + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

If we have higher matching moments, we could simply continue the Taylor expansion in order to refine the error term. This strategy has been extended to the case of independent Wigner matrices M_n, M_n' with the goal of obtaining similar bounds like:

$$\mathbb{E}F(M_n) - \mathbb{E}F(\tilde{M}_n) = o(1/n).$$

Given that up to this point, we have had the ample opportunity of exploring the powerful uses of Green's function, one may ask if there is an equivalent approach for the spectral behavior of random matrices. There is, indeed, such a result, also known as the *Four Moment Theorem for Green's function* [40]:

Four Moment Theorem for Green's function

Let M_n, M_n' be two Wigner random matrices satisfying the following condition:

$$P(|(M_n)_{ij}| \geq t^C) \leq \exp(-t)$$

for all $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ and $t \geq C'$ for some constants C, C', independent of i, j and n. Furthermore, assume that M_n and M_n' match in moments up to order 4 off the diagonal and up to order 2 on the diagonal for some sufficiently large C_0. Let $z = E + i\eta$ for some $E \in \mathbb{R}$ and some $\eta > 0$. We assume the level repulsion hypothesis that for any $c > 0$, one has with high probability that

$$\inf_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\lambda_i(\sqrt{n}M_n) - nz| \geq n^{-c}$$

$$\inf_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\lambda_i(\sqrt{n}M_n') - nz| \geq n^{-c}.$$

Let $1 \leq p, q \leq n$. Then for any smooth function $G : \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C}$ obeying the bounds $\nabla^j G(x) = O(1)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{C}$ and $0 \leq j \leq 5$, the theorem states that for some constant $c_0 > 0$ independent of n, we have:

$$\mathbb{E}G\left(\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}M_n - zI\right)^{-1}_{pq}\right) - \mathbb{E}G\left(\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}M_n' - zI\right)^{-1}_{pq}\right) = O(n^{-c_0})$$

8.2   Replacement

The goal for the remainder of this thesis is to prove a theorem, similar to the one above, for the delocalization of RBMs with a relaxation on the Gaussian assumption. Recall that at the root of the Lindeberg exchange strategy is to establish stochastic control at each step of a replacement. While we are working with matrices instead of of vectors of random variables, the notion of replacement naturally extends when we consider a lexicographic ordering of the indices. Similar to how we swapped

X_n with Y_n, in this context we will also start with H_{NN}. We will work our way backwards by replacing consecutively $H_{N,N-1}, \cdots, H_{i,j+1}, H_{ij}, H_{i,j-1} \cdots$. As such, at step (i,j) of the replacement (accounting for the Hermitian constraint), we will have the following two matrices, represented in lexicographic vector form:

$$H^{(i,j)} = (H_{11}, \cdots H_{i,j-1}, H_{ij}, H^G_{i,j+1}, \cdots, H^G_{NN})$$

$$H^{(i,j),G} = (H_{11}, \cdots H_{i,j-1}, H^G_{ij}, H^G_{i,j+1}, \cdots, H^G_{NN}),$$

where $H^G_{N,N}, \cdots, H^G_{i,j+1}, H^G_{ij}$ are the Gaussian replacement entries, matching in the sense of (8.1) :

Conditions

(8.1) $\mathbb{E}\left[H^\ell_{ij} \left(\overline{H}_{ij} \right)^{k-\ell} \right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\left(H^G_{ij} \right)^\ell \left(\overline{H}^G_{ij} \right)^{k-\ell} \right], \quad 0 \leq \ell \leq k \leq 5$

(8.2) $\forall q \geq 1, \quad \mathbb{E}\left| H_{xy} \right|^{2q} \prec W^{-q}$

The first condition (8.1) is the *Five Moment* matching assumption that gives the name of our result. The second (8.2) is a moment decay condition that allows us to relax the Gaussian assumption, while still providing sufficient strength of our bounds. However, we still have to verify that each consecutive replacement is manageable. For this purpose, we will define the interpolation for $t \in [0,1]$ at entries (ij) and (ji), where with slight abuse of notation, we let:

$$tH_{ij} = H^{(i,j)}[H_{ij}, H_{ji} \mapsto tH_{ij}, tH_{ji}]$$

$$tH^G_{ij} = H^{(i,j),G}[H^G_{ij}, H^G_{ij} \mapsto tH^G_{ij}, tH^G_{ij}].$$

Whenever the replacement step (i,j) is implicit from context, we will drop the superscript. In order to make our theorem applicable to the context of delocalization, we want to consider the following function:

$$F(H) = \left| (H - z)^{-1}_{ij} - m(z)S_{ij} \right|^{2p} = |G_{ij}(z) - m(z)S_{ij}|^{2p} = |W_{ij}|^{2p} \tag{8.3}$$

Our reasoning is simple. Having familiarized ourselves with the flow method and the resolvent approach, it makes sense for us to choose a function that quantifies the deviation of resolvent entries form their deterministic approximations. By raising to power $2p$, we have better tools at our disposal, namely Chebyshev' and Markov's inequalities. Let us apply our strategy to F at step ij for $t \in [0,1]$:

$$F(tH_{ij}) = F(H_{11}, \cdots, H_{i,j-1}, tH_{ij}, H^G_{i,j+1}, \cdots H^G_{NN})$$

In order to apply the Taylor series for the error terms, let us calculate the derivatives:

$$\partial_t F(tH_{ij}) = \partial_{H_{ij}} F(tH_{ij})H_{ij} + \partial_{H_{ji}} F(tH_{ij})\overline{H_{ij}}$$

We claim that the following represents the kth derivative:

$$\frac{d^k}{dt^k}F(tH_{ij}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{k} \binom{k}{\ell} \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k-\ell} F(tH_{ij})H_{ij}^{\ell} \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k-\ell} \tag{8.4}$$

Assume the latter for an induction hypothesis, having already verified the base case. Then:

$$\frac{d^{k+1}}{dt^{k+1}}F(tH_{ij}) = \frac{d}{dt}\left[\frac{d^k}{dt^k}F(tH_{ij})\right] = \frac{d}{dt}\left[\sum_{\ell=0}^{k} \binom{k}{\ell} \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k-\ell} F(tH_{ij})H_{ij}^{\ell} \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k-\ell}\right] =$$

$$= \sum_{\ell=0}^{k} \binom{k}{\ell} \frac{d}{dt}\left[\partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k-\ell} F(tH_{ij})\right] H_{ij}^{\ell} \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k-\ell}$$

By the chain rule for any ℓ and m:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left[\partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{m} F(tH_{ij})\right] = \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell+1} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{m} F(tH_{ij})H_{ij} + \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{m+1} F(tH_{ij})\overline{H_{ij}}$$

Substituting in the derivative formula gives us:

$$= \sum_{\ell=0}^{k} \binom{k}{\ell} \left[\partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell+1} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k-\ell} F(tH_{ij})H_{ij} + \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k-\ell+1} F(tH_{ij})\overline{H_{ij}}\right] H_{ij}^{\ell} \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k-\ell}$$

$$= \sum_{\ell=0}^{k} \binom{k}{\ell} \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell+1} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k-\ell} F(tH_{ij})H_{ij}^{\ell+1} \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k-\ell} + \sum_{\ell=0}^{k} \binom{k}{\ell} \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k-\ell+1} F(tH_{ij})H_{ij}^{\ell} \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k-\ell+1}$$

$$= \sum_{\ell=1}^{k+1} \binom{k}{\ell-1} \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k+1-\ell} F(tH_{ij})H_{ij}^{k+1-\ell} \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k+1-\ell} + \sum_{\ell=0}^{k} \binom{k}{\ell} \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k-\ell+1} F(tH_{ij})H_{ij}^{\ell} \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k-\ell+1}$$

But observe that we can split the sums and group it as follows:

$$= \binom{k}{0} \partial_{H_{ij}}^{0} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k+1} F(tH_{ij}) \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k+1} + \binom{k}{k} \partial_{H_{ij}}^{k+1} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{0} F(tH_{ij}) \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k+1} +$$

$$= + \sum_{\ell=1}^{k} \left(\binom{k}{\ell-1} + \binom{k}{\ell}\right) \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k+1-\ell} F(tH_{ij})H_{ij}^{\ell} \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k+1-\ell}$$

But since $\binom{k}{k} = \binom{k+1}{k+1}$ and $\binom{k}{\ell-1} + \binom{k}{\ell} = \binom{k+1}{\ell}$, this completes the induction:

$$\frac{d^{k+1}}{dt^{k+1}}F(tH_{ij}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{k+1} \binom{k+1}{\ell} \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k+1-\ell} F(tH_{ij})H_{ij}^{\ell} \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k+1-\ell}$$

Taylor series

Having derived the explicit derivatives, we can now continue with the next step in the Lindeberg exchange strategy. By the Lagrange form of Taylor's (quintic) theorem we know $\exists t_{ij} \in [0,1]$, s.t.:

$$F(H_{ij}) = F(0) + \sum_{k=1}^{5} \frac{1}{k!} \frac{d^k}{dt^k} F(tH_{ij})\Big|_{t=0} + \frac{1}{720} \frac{d^6}{dt^6} F(tH_{ij})\Big|_{t=t_{ij}},$$

where $F(sH_{ij}) = F(0)$ for $s = 0$ represents setting H_{ij} and H_{ji} to zero. Similarly, $\exists t_{ij}^G \in [0,1]$, s.t.:

$$F(H_{ij}^G) = F(0) + \sum_{k=1}^{5} \frac{1}{k!} \frac{d^k}{dt^k} F(tH_{ij}^G)\Big|_{t=0} + \frac{1}{720} \frac{d^6}{dt^6} F(tH_{ij}^G)\Big|_{t=t_{ij}^G}.$$

Let us take their difference:

$$F(H_{ij}) - F(H_{ij}^G) =$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{5} \frac{1}{k!} \left[\frac{d^k}{dt^k} F(tH_{ij})\Big|_{t=0} - \frac{d^k}{dt^k} F(tH_{ij}^G)\Big|_{t=0} \right] + \frac{1}{720} \left[\frac{d^6}{dt^6} F(tH_{ij})\Big|_{t=t_{ij}} - \frac{d^6}{dt^6} F(tH_{ij}^G)\Big|_{t=t_{ij}^G} \right] \quad (8.5)$$

Focusing on the first term, we can use formula (8.4) we derived earlier, s.t. the first term becomes:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{5} \frac{1}{k!} \left[\sum_{\ell=0}^{k} \binom{k}{\ell} \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k-\ell} F(tH_{ij}) H_{ij}^{\ell} \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k-\ell}\Big|_{t=0} - \sum_{\ell=0}^{k} \binom{k}{\ell} \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k-\ell} F(tH_{ij}^G)(H_{ij}^G)^{\ell} \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k-\ell}\Big|_{t=0} \right] =$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{t} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\ell=0}^{k} \binom{k}{\ell} \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k-\ell} F(0) \left\{ H_{ij}^{\ell} \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k-\ell} - (H_{ij}^G)^{\ell} \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k-\ell} \right\}$$

Let us take the expectation of (8.4). We can use the independence of $F(0)$ from H_{ij} and H_{ij}^G to split the expectation of the first term as:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{k=1}^{t} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\ell=0}^{k} \binom{k}{\ell} \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k-\ell} F(0) \left\{ H_{ij}^{\ell} \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k-\ell} - (H_{ij}^G)^{\ell} \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k-\ell} \right\} \right] =$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{t} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\ell=0}^{k} \binom{k}{\ell} \mathbb{E} \left[\partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k-\ell} F(0) \right] \mathbb{E} \left[H_{ij}^{\ell} \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k-\ell} - (H_{ij}^G)^{\ell} \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k-\ell} \right] =$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{t} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\ell=0}^{k} \binom{k}{\ell} \mathbb{E} \left[\partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k-\ell} F(0) \right] \left\{ \mathbb{E} \left[H_{ij}^{\ell} \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k-\ell} \right] - \mathbb{E} \left[(H_{ij}^G)^{\ell} \left(\overline{H_{ij}}\right)^{k-\ell} \right] \right\} = 0$$

by condition (8.1). This means that:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[F(tH_{ij}) - F(tH_{ij}^G) \right] = \frac{1}{720} \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{d^6}{dt^6} F(tH_{ij})\Big|_{t=t_{ij}} \right] - \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{d^6}{dt^6} F(tH_{ij}^G)\Big|_{t=t_{ij}^G} \right]$$

This means that by the Hölder' and the triangle inequalities:

$$\left| \mathbb{E}\left[F(H_{ij} - F(H_{ij}^G)] \right] \right| \leq \frac{1}{720}\left| \mathbb{E}\left[\left. \frac{d^6}{dt^6}F(tH_{ij}) \right|_{t=t_{ij}} \right] \right| + \frac{1}{720}\left| \mathbb{E}\left[\left. \frac{d^6}{dt^6}F(tH_{ij}^G) \right|_{t=t_{ij}^G} \right] \right|$$

$$\lesssim \mathbb{E}\left| \left. \frac{d^6}{dt^6}F(tH_{ij}) \right|_{t=t_{ij}} \right| + \mathbb{E}\left| \left. \frac{d^6}{dt^6}F(tH_{ij}^G) \right|_{t=t_{ij}^G} \right| = \mathcal{P} + \mathcal{P}^G$$

Applying formula (8.4) to $\mathcal{P}$ (with $\mathcal{P}^G$ following WLOG), we get:

$$\mathcal{P} = \mathbb{E}\left| \left. \frac{d^6}{dt^6}F(tH_{ij}) \right|_{t=t_{ij}} \right| = \mathbb{E}\left| \left. \sum_{\ell=0}^{6} \binom{6}{\ell} \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{6-\ell} F(tH_{ij}) H_{ij}^{\ell}\left(\overline{H_{ij}} \right)^{6-\ell} \right|_{t=t_{ij}} \right| \leq$$

$$\leq \sum_{\ell=0}^{6} \binom{6}{\ell} \mathbb{E}\left| \left. \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{6-\ell} F(tH_{ij}) H_{ij}^{\ell}\left(\overline{H_{ij}} \right)^{6-\ell} \right|_{t=t_{ij}} \right| = \sum_{\ell=0}^{6} \binom{6}{\ell} \mathbb{E}\left[\left. \left| \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{6-\ell} F(tH_{ij}) \right|_{t=t_{ij}} \right| \left| H_{ij}^{\ell} \right| \left| \left(\overline{H_{ij}} \right)^{6-\ell} \right| \right]$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=0}^{6} \binom{6}{\ell} \mathbb{E}\left[\left| \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k-\ell} F(tH_{ij})|_{t=t_{ij}} \right| \right] \mathbb{E}\left[|H_{ij}|^{\ell} \left| \overline{H_{ij}} \right|^{6-\ell} \right] \lesssim \sum_{k=0}^{7} \mathbb{E}\left| \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k-\ell} F(tH_{ij})|_{t=t_{ij}} \right| \mathbb{E}|H_{ij}|^{6},$$

where the first is the triangle inequality, the second is Hölder's L^1 inequality and the last step uses the fact that $|H_{ij}| = \left| \overline{H_{ij}} \right|$. Let us call the RHS $\mathcal{Q}$, i.e we just showed that $\mathcal{P} \lesssim \mathcal{Q}$. WLOG, we also have that $\mathcal{P}^G \lesssim \mathcal{Q}^G$. By condition (8.2), we have that $\mathbb{E}|H_{ij}|^6 \prec W^{-3}$, so our goal will be to establish a bound on the first multiple term, namely $\left| \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k-\ell} F(tH_{ij}) \right|$ for all $t \in [0,1]$. The delocalization argument will follow readily, so let us now direct our attention to the derivatives on $F(H)$ w.r.t. the entries H_{ij}.

8.3 Derivatives of $F(tH_{ij})$

By looking at the general form of our target $\left| \partial_{H_{ij}}^{\ell} \partial_{H_{ji}}^{k-\ell} F(tH_{ij}) \right|$, we can glean that a good place to start would be with the calculation of $\partial_{H_{k\ell}} F(tH_{ij})$. Given our definition of the interpolation tH_{ij}, we can tell in advance that term t will only appear as a multiple after we apply the chain rule, so we can focus exclusively on $\partial_{H_{xy}}^{\ell} F(tH_{xy})$. Recall our definition (8.3) of $F(H)$:

$$F(H) = \left| (H-z)_{ij}^{-1} - m(z)S_{ij} \right|^{2p} = |G_{ij}(z) - m(z)S_{ij}|^{2p} = |W_{ij}|^{2p}$$

Let us apply the chain rule, by recognizing that $|W_{ij}|^{2p} = \left(W_{ij} \cdot \overline{W_{ij}} \right)^p$:

$$\frac{\partial |W_{ij}|^{2p}}{\partial H_{kl}} = \frac{\partial |W_{ij}|^{2p}}{\partial W_{ij}} \cdot \frac{\partial W_{ij}}{\partial G_{ij}} \cdot \frac{\partial G_{ij}}{\partial H_{kl}} + \frac{\partial |W_{ij}|^{2p}}{\partial \overline{W_{ij}}} \cdot \frac{\partial \overline{W_{ij}}}{\partial \overline{G_{ij}}} \cdot \frac{\partial \overline{G_{ij}}}{\partial H_{kl}}$$

Using complex differentiation, we have:

$$\frac{\partial|W_{ij}|^{2p}}{\partial W_{ij}} = p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2} \cdot \overline{W_{ij}}, \quad \frac{\partial|W_{ij}|^{2p}}{\partial \overline{W_{ij}}} = p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2} \cdot W_{ij}$$

And since $W_{ij} = G_{ij} - mS_{ij}$:

$$\frac{\partial W_{ij}}{\partial G_{ij}} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial \overline{W_{ij}}}{\partial \overline{G_{ij}}} = 1$$

Recall the resolvent identities we proved in Section 2, namely $\partial_{H_{ij}} G_{xy} = -G_{xi} G_{jy}$ and $\partial_{\overline{H_{ij}}} \overline{G_{xy}} = -\overline{G_{xi}}\,\overline{G_{jy}}$. Substituting the derivatives into our chain rule expression yields:

$$\frac{\partial|W_{ij}|^{2p}}{\partial H_{kl}} = p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2} \cdot \overline{W_{ij}} \cdot 1 \cdot (-G_{ik}G_{lj}) + p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2} \cdot W_{ij} \cdot 1 \cdot (-\overline{G_{ik}G_{lj}})$$

$$\frac{\partial|W_{ij}|^{2p}}{\partial H_{kl}} = -p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2} \cdot [\overline{W_{ij}} \cdot G_{ik}G_{lj} + W_{ij} \cdot \overline{G_{ik}G_{lj}}]$$

$$\frac{\partial|W_{ij}|^{2p}}{\partial H_{kl}} = -p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2} \cdot [\overline{W_{ij}} \cdot G_{ik}G_{lj} + (\overline{W_{ij}} \cdot G_{ik}G_{lj})^*]$$

$$\frac{\partial|W_{ij}|^{2p}}{\partial H_{kl}} = -2p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2} \cdot \mathrm{Re}(\overline{W_{ij}} \cdot G_{ik}G_{lj})$$

Hence, by putting everything together, we get:

$$\partial_{H_{k\ell}} F(H) = \partial_{H_{k\ell}} |W_{ij}|^{2p} = 2p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2} \mathrm{Re}\left(W_{ij}\partial_{H_{k\ell}}\overline{W_{ij}}\right) = -2p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2}\mathrm{Re}\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell j}}\right)$$

Let us calculate the second derivative is:

$$\partial^2_{H_{k\ell}} F(H) = \partial_{H_{k\ell}}\left[2p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2}\mathrm{Re}\left(W_{ij}\partial_{H_{k\ell}}\overline{W_{ij}}\right)\right] =$$

$$= -2p\partial_{H_{k\ell}}\left[|W_{ij}|^{2p-2}\right]\mathrm{Re}\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell j}}\right) - 2p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2}\partial_{H_{k\ell}}\left[\mathrm{Re}\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell j}}\right)\right]$$

The first term is:

$$\partial_{H_{k\ell}}\left[|W_{ij}|^{2p-2}\right] = (2p-2)|W_{ij}|^{2p-4}\partial_{H_{k\ell}}\left[|W_{ij}|^2\right] = (2p-2)|W_{ij}|^{2p-4}\left(\partial_{H_{k\ell}}W_{ij} \cdot \overline{W}_{ij} + W_{ij} \cdot \partial_{H_{k\ell}}\overline{W}_{ij}\right) =$$

$$= -(2p-2)|W_{ij}|^{2p-4}\left(G_{ik}G_{\ell j} \cdot \overline{W}_{ij} + W_{ij} \cdot \overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell j}}\right) = -(4p-4)|W_{ij}|^{2p-4}\mathrm{Re}\left(W_{ij} \cdot \overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell j}}\right)$$

And the second is:

$$\partial_{H_{k\ell}}\left[\mathrm{Re}\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell j}}\right)\right] = \mathrm{Re}\left(\partial_{H_{k\ell}}W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell j}} + W_{ij}\partial_{H_{k\ell}}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell j}}\right) =$$

$$= \mathrm{Re}\left(-G_{ik}G_{\ell j}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell j}} + W_{ij}\partial_{H_{k\ell}}\left[\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell j}}\right]\right) = -\mathrm{Re}\left(G_{ik}G_{\ell j}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell j}} + W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{kk}G_{\ell j}} + \overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell\ell}G_{\ell j}}\right)$$

As such, by combining the terms, we get the second derivative expansion:

$$(8p^2 - 8p)|W_{ij}|^{2p-4}\text{Re}^2\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell j}}\right) + 2p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2}\left(|G_{ik}G_{\ell j}|^2 + \text{Re}\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{kk}G_{\ell j}}\right) + \text{Re}\left(\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell\ell}G_{\ell j}}\right)\right)$$

In order to derive the third derivative, we need to differentiate each of the terms above. By applying the chain rule and using our previous calculations, we have:

$$-48p(p-1)(p-2)|W_{ij}|^{2p-6}\text{Re}^3\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell j}}\right) + 24p(p-1)|W_{ij}|^{2p-4}\text{Re}\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell j}}\right)\text{Re}\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ii}G_{kk}G_{\ell j}} + W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell\ell}G_{j}}\right)$$

$$-4p(2p-2)|W_{ij}|^{2p-4}\text{Re}\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell j}}\right)|G_{ik}G_{\ell j}|^2 - 2p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2}\text{Re}\left(G_{ik}G_{\ell j}\overline{G_{ii}G_{kk}G_{\ell j}} + G_{ik}G_{\ell j}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell\ell}G_{jj}}\right) -$$

$$-2p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2}\text{Re}\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ii}G_{kk}G_{ii}G_{kk}G_{\ell j}}\right) - 2p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2}\text{Re}\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ii}G_{kk}G_{ik}G_{\ell\ell}G_{jj}}\right) -$$

$$-2p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2}\text{Re}\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell k}G_{\ell\ell}G_{jj}}\right) - 2p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2}\text{Re}\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell\ell}G_{jk}G_{\ell j}}\right) - 2p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2}\text{Re}\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell i}G_{kk}G_{\ell j}}\right) -$$

$$-2p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2}\text{Re}\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ii}G_{k\ell}G_{\ell k}G_{\ell j}}\right) - 2p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2}\text{Re}\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ii}G_{kk}G_{\ell\ell}G_{j\ell}}\right)$$

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Generalization As we can see, continuing with the explicit calculation of the derivatives is going to be quite unruly due to the factorial growth. For this reason, we would like to instead abstract away the estimates, focusing on the primary terms. Let us first make several observations before we prove them rigorously. We posit that the general form is along the lines of:

$$\partial_{H_{k\ell}}^{(n)}F(H) = \sum_{s=1}^{n} c_s(p)|W_{ij}|^{2p-2s}\cdot R_s^{(n)}(G,W),$$

where s indexes the power of $|W_{ij}|$, $c_s(p)$ is the polynomial coefficient in p and $T_s(G,W)$ represents the real terms from the product of G and W, i.e. the resolvent and its fluctuation, respectively. Pattern-matching for our earlier calculations we can observe that:

1. First derivative ($s = 1$): $\partial_{H_{k\ell}}F(H) = -2p|W_{ij}|^{2p-2}\text{Re}\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell j}}\right)$:

   - $c_1(p) = 1$ with $R_1^{(1)} = \text{Re}\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell j}}\right)$

2. Second Derivative $\partial_{H_{k\ell}}^{(2)}F(H)$:

   - $c_1(p) = 2p$ with $R_1^{(2)} = |G_{ik}G_{\ell j}|^2 + \text{Re}\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{kk}G_{\ell j}} + \overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell\ell}G_{\ell j}}\right)$

   - $c_2(p) = 8p(p-1)$ with $R_2 = \left(R^{(1)}\right)^2$.

3. Third derivative $\partial_{H_{k\ell}}^{(3)}F(H)$:

- $c_1(p) = -2^1 \cdot 1! \cdot p$ with $R_1^{(3)}$ being the sum of terms of the form $\mathrm{Re}(W_{ij}\overline{G_1, G_2, G_3, G_4})$

- $c_2(p) = 8p(p-1) = 2^2 \cdot 2!(p)_2$ with $R_2^{(3)} = \mathrm{Re}\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell j}}\right)\mathrm{Re}\left(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ii}G_{kk}G_{\ell j}} + W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell\ell}G_{jj}}\right)$

- $c_3(p) - 48p(p-1)(p-2) = -2^3 \cdot 3!(p)_3$ with $R_3^{(3)} = \left(R_1^{(1)}\right)^3$

Let us verify the following coefficient formula rigorously $c_n = (-1)^n 2^n \cdot n!(p)_n$. The base case is clearly satisfied, so assume it holds for n. Observe that it necessarily comes from the first term and as such, we need to worry about only two of its components. Namely, By differentiating the $|W_{ij}|^{2p-2n}$, we get a factor of $-(2p-2n)$ that reduces the power by 2 and differentiating $\mathrm{Re}^n(W_{ij}\overline{G_{ik}G_{\ell j}})$, we get and additional factor. As such, the combined result becomes $c_{n+1} = -2(n+1)(p-n)c_n = (-1)^{n+1}2^{n+1})(n+1)!(p)_{n+1}$

Abstract Form

From our earlier estimates it becomes clear that calculating an explicit formula would be rather troublesome. As such, we should instead try and abstract away the derivative structure, demonstrating that even with crude stochastic estimates, there is a form of continuity argument that retains our control over the entire replacement process. Having calculated up to the third derivative, we can now make an educated guess as to the form that all subsequent steps would take. Namely, we should expect:

$$\partial_{H_{ij}}^{k_1}\partial_{H_{ji}}^{k_2}F(H) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{2p+k_1+k_2}\sum_{\vec{\sigma}\in\{-1,1\}^\ell}\sum_{\vec{a}\in\{x,y,i,j\}^\ell}\sum_{\vec{b}\in\{x,y,i,j\}^\ell}C_{\ell,\vec{\sigma},\vec{a},\vec{b}}\prod_{i=1}^{\ell}G_{a_ib_j}(\sigma_i),$$

where $C_{\ell,\vec{\sigma}\vec{a},\vec{b}}$ is some constant, polynomial in p, and σ_i represents whether we are considering the resolvent or its conjugate, i.e $G_{a_ib_i}(1) = G_{a_ib_i}$ and $G_{a_ib_i}(-1) = \overline{G_{a_ib_i}}$.

1. prove by inductive argument
2. Stochastic bound $\prec 1$

8.4   Continuity Argument

Having established the stochastic bound on the individual derivatives, we can now lay out the aforementioned continuity argument that will allows us to preserve control throughout the entire replacement. To start, define the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
G_1 &= G\left(H_{11}, \cdots, H_{ij}^G, \cdots, H_{NN}^G\right)\\
G_2 &= G\left(H_{11}, \cdots, \tilde{t}_{ij}^G H_{ij}^G, \cdots, H_{NN}^G\right),\\
G_3 &= G\left(H_{11}, \cdots, \tilde{t}_{ij} H_{ij}^G, \cdots, H_{NN}^G\right)
\end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{t}_{ij}^G$ and $\tilde{t}_{ij}$ are the replacement variables at step ij for this argument, and as such are different than the ones we used in our Lindeberg argument. By the matrix identity (2.4), we have the following:

$$G_1 = G_2 + G_1 \left(c H_{ij}^G e_i^* e_j + \tilde{c} H_{ji}^G e_j^* e_i \right) G_2$$

have to do the same with the other terms? have to get an extra H

$$(G_2)_{xy} = (G_1)_{xy} + c H_{ij}^G (G_1)_{xi} (G_2)_{jy} + \tilde{c} H_{ij}^G (G_1)_{xj} (G_2)_{iy}$$

Given (8.2), we have $(G_1)_{xy} \prec 1$, and as such:

$$|(G_2)_{xy}| \prec 1 + W^{-\frac{1}{2}} |(G_2)_{jy}| + W^{-1/2} |(G_2)_{iy}|$$

Let $\Xi = \max_{x,y} |(G_2)_{xy}|$, then:

$$\Xi \prec 1 + W^{-1/2} \Xi,$$

hence $\Xi \prec 1$ (requires justification for the N^ϵ exponents from the stochastic domination.

How does that complete the argument?

8.5 Five Moment Theorem

Let the LHS and RHS be $\mathcal{P}$ and Q, respectively. We want $\mathcal{Q} \leq W^C$ for some $C \lesssim 1$, s.t. $\mathcal{Q} \prec 1$ (definition? - revisit).

If that were true, then $\exists$ event $\mathcal{A}$, s.t. $\mathcal{Q} \leq W^\epsilon$ on $\mathcal{A}$ with $P(\mathcal{A}) \geq 1 - W^{-D}$ (workout the details of ϵ and D- which one is given by the definition and which one do we retrieve?). Then:

$$\mathcal{P} \lesssim \mathbb{E}|H_{ij}|^6 W^\epsilon + \mathbb{E}|H_{ij}|^6 \mathbf{1}\left[A^C\right] W^C \lesssim W^{-3+\epsilon} + W^C \left\{ \mathbb{E}|H_{ij}|^{12} \right\}^{1/2} \left\{ P(A^C) \right\}^{1/2} \lesssim$$

$$\lesssim W^{-3+\epsilon} + W^C W^{-3} W^{-D_0}$$

We can pick D_0, s.t. the stochastically dominating term is $W^{-3+\epsilon}$, s.t. we get $\mathcal{P} + \mathcal{P}^G \lesssim W^{-3+\epsilon}$, i.e:

$$\left| \mathbb{E}\left(F(H_{ij}) \right) - \mathbb{E}\left(F(H_{ij}^G) \right) \right| \lesssim W^{-3+\epsilon},$$

Then, by applying the triangle inequality to the telescoping sum of replacements, and accounting for

the NW non-zero entries in the band, we have:

$$\left|\mathbb{E}\left(F(H)\right) - \mathbb{E}\left(F(H^G)\right)\right| \lesssim NW W^{-3+\epsilon} = NW^{-2+\epsilon} \tag{8.35?}$$

For the condition of delocalization, we need for any $\beta > 0$ the following to hold:

$$W \gg N^{\frac{1}{2}+\beta} = N^{\frac{1+2\beta}{2}} \Leftrightarrow N \ll W^{\frac{2}{1+2\beta}}$$

Bounding (8.3) by the latter condition gives us:

$$NW^{-2+\epsilon} \ll W^{-2+\epsilon+\frac{2}{1+2\beta}}$$

Hence, in order for our asymptotics to work, we need a negative exponent, i.e:

$$-2 + \epsilon + \frac{2}{1+2\beta} < 0$$

$$0 < \epsilon < 2 - \frac{2}{1+2\beta} = \frac{4\beta}{1+2\beta},$$

whereas since $\beta > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{4\beta}{1+2\beta}$, we can always pick such an $\epsilon > 0$ by the density of the rationals. Now, the only missing piece is to justify the assumption we made earlier, namely $\mathcal{Q} \prec 1$. For this purpose, we need to establish stochastic control of the resolvent at each step of the

9 Appendix

Lemma A.1.1

$$1 - |m|^2 \asymp \eta$$

(Lemma 3.5 [29] and Lemma 6.2 [2])

Lemma A.1.2

Im w_s = Im $w_t + (t - s)$Im $m(z)$

Proof - Recall the definition $w_s = -\frac{1}{m(z)} - sm(z)$, where $m(z)$ is the stieltjes transform. By taking its imaginary part, we have:

$$\text{Im } w_s = -\text{Im } \left(\frac{1}{m(z)} \right) - s\text{Im } m(z) = -\text{Im } \left(\frac{1}{m(z)} \right) - t\text{Im } m(z) + (t - s)\text{Im } m(z)$$

$$= \text{Im } w_t + (t - s)\text{Im } m(z)$$

Since $|\text{Im } m(z)|$ is bounded uniformly away from 0 in the bulk (Lemma 6.2. in [2]) - deduce that $(t - s) \lesssim \eta_s$

Lemma A.2 -$\max_{a,b} \Theta_{ab} \lesssim W^{-1}\eta^{-1/2}$

Lemma 23 [11] - For $|E| < 2$ fixed and $\eta \gtrsim W^2/N^2$, then

$$(\Theta_t)_{ab} + |(\Theta_t S^{\frac{1}{2}})_{ab}| + | \left(S^{\frac{1}{2}} \Theta_t S^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)_{ab} | \lesssim W^{-1}\eta_t^{-\frac{1}{2}},$$

$$\max_a \sum_b |(\Theta_t)_{ab}| + \max_a \sum_b |(\Theta_t S^{\frac{1}{2}})_{ab}| \lesssim \eta_t^{-1}$$

Corollary A.3 -

$$\sup_x \sum_y \{\text{Id} + (t - s)\Theta_t\}_{xy} + \sup_y \sum_x \{\text{Id} + (t - s)\Theta_t\}_{xy} = 1 + O(\eta_t^{-1}\eta_s)$$

Expression (3.7) in [11]

Lemma A.4 -) $\sum_y |B_{xy}|$ and $\sum_y |S_{xy}|$ have size $O(1)$.)

Lemma 25 [11] - For $|E| < 2$ fixed and arbitrary a, b, we have:

$$\sum_\alpha |(B_t)_{\alpha b}| + \sum_\beta |(B_t)_{a\beta}| \lesssim 1$$

Lemma A5: (Large Deviation estimates) *(Theorem 7.7 [2])*

Let $\left(X_i^{(N)}\right)$ and $\left(Y_i^{(N)}\right)$ are independent families of random variables and $\left(a_{ij}^{(N)}\right)$ and $\left(b_{ij}^{(N)}\right)$ be deterministic. Suppose all entrires $X_i^{(N)}$ and $Y_i^{(N)}$ are independent and satisfy:

$$\mathcal{E}X = 0, \quad \mathcal{E}|X|^2 = 1, \quad \|X\|_p := (\mathcal{E}|X|^p)^{1/p} \leq \mu_p$$

for all $p \in \mathbb{N}$ and some constants μ_p. Then, we have the bounds:

$$\sum_i b_i X_i \prec \left(\sum_i |b_i|^2\right)^{1/2} \tag{1.1}$$

$$\sum_{i,j} a_{ij} X_i Y_j \prec \left(\sum_{i,j} |a_{ij}|^2\right)^{1/2} \tag{1.2}$$

$$\sum_{i \neq j} a_{ij} X_i Y_j \prec \left(\sum_{i \neq j} |a_{ij}|^2\right)^{1/2} \tag{1.3}$$

9.1   Resolvent estimates

Lemma B.1

(Result 4.5 [11])

$$\sup_x \sum_y |G_{xy}| \lesssim W^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon}\eta_s^{-\frac{3}{4}}$$

Lemma B.2 (Result 4.6ri [11])

$$\max_{x,y} |G_{xy} - \delta_{xy}m(z)| \lesssim W^{-\frac{1}{2}}\eta_s^{-\frac{1}{4}}$$

Off-diagonal G_{xy} estimate

There will be two important observations used throughout the following estimations. First, per the covariance normalization, we have $S_{ab} \lesssim W^{-1}$. Second, $\sum_y |B_{xy}|$, $\sum_y |S_{xy}|$ have size $O(1)$ per Lemma 25 [11]. Now, having established that, we can use estimate (1.3) from the Lemma above, along with resolvent identity (3), s.t. we get:

$$|G_{xy}| = \left|G_{xx}\sum_{w\neq x} H_{xw}G_{wy}^{(x)}\right| = |G_{xx}|\left|\sum_{w\neq x}\sqrt{S_{xy}}B(t)_{xy}G_{wy}^{(x)}\right| \prec |G_{xx}|\left(\sum_{w\neq x}S_{xw}|G_{wy}^{(x)}|^2\right)^{1/2} \qquad (x \neq y)$$

$$\Rightarrow |G_{xy}|^2 \prec |G_{xx}|^2 \sum_{w \neq x} S_{xw} |G_{wy}^{(x)}|^2 \quad x \neq y \tag{3.1}$$

On the other hand, we can rewrite identity (3) as

$$G_{wy}^{(x)} = G_{wy} - \frac{G_{wx} G_{xy}}{G_{xx}},$$

s.t. we can bound the latter result using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:

$$|G_{xy}|^2 \prec |G_{xx}|^2 \sum_{w \neq x} S_{xw} |G_{wy}^{(x)}|^2 \lesssim |G_{xx}|^2 \sum_{w \neq x} S_{xw} |G_{wy}|^2 + |G_{xx}|^2 \sum_{w \neq x} S_{xw} \frac{|G_{wx} G_{xy}|^2}{|G_{xx}|^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |G_{xy}|^2 \lesssim |G_{xx}|^2 \sum_{w \neq x} S_{xy}^2 |G_{wy}|^2 + |G_{xy}|^2 \sum_{w \neq x} S_{xw} |G_{wx}|^2 \tag{4}$$

$$|G_{xy}|^2 \lesssim \sum_{w \neq x} S_{xw} |G_{wy}|^2 + N^{-2\delta} |G_{xy}|^2, \tag{4.1}$$

where (4.1) follows from (4) under assumptions $|G_{xx}| \prec 1$ and $\sup_{w \neq x} |G_{wx}|^2 \prec N^{-\delta}$. By the same logic as above, using G^* instead of G for any $w \neq y$, we have:

$$|G_{wy}|^2 = |G_{yw}^*|^2 \prec |G_{yy}^*|^2 \sum_{u \neq y} S_{yu} |G_{uw}^{*,(y)}|^2 \lesssim$$

$$\lesssim |G_{yy}^*|^2 \sum_{u \neq y} S_{yu} |G_{uw}^*|^2 + |G_{yw}^*|^2 \sum_{u \neq y} S_{yu} |G_{uy}^*|^2 =$$

$$= |G_{yy}|^2 \sum_{u \neq y} S_{yu} |G_{wu}|^2 + |G_{wy}|^2 \sum_{u \neq y} S_{yu} |G_{yu}|^2$$

Let us now multiply the latter result by S_{xw} and sum over $w \neq x$, isolating the term $w = y$:

$$\sum_{w \neq x} S_{xw} |G_{wy}|^2 \prec |G_{yy}|^2 S_{xy} + \sum_{w \neq x,y} S_{xw} |G_{wy}|^2$$

Now, by using (4), we have:

$$\sum_{w \neq x} S_{xw} |G_{wy}|^2 \lesssim S_{xy} |G_{yy}|^2 + \sum_{w \neq z} S_{xw} |G_{yy}|^2 \sum_{u \neq y} |G_{wu}|^2 S_{uy} + \sum_{w \neq x} |G_{wy}|^2 \sum_{u \neq y} |G_{yu}|^2 S_{uy} \prec$$

$$\prec S_{xy}|G_{yy}|^2 + \sum_{w,u} S_{xw}|G_{wu}|^2 S_{uy} + \sum_{w \neq x} |G_{wy}|^2 \sum_{u \neq y} |G_{yu}|^2 S_{uy} \prec$$

$$\prec S_{xy} + \sum_{w,u} S_{xw}|G_{wu}|^2 S_{uy} + N^{-2\delta} \sum_{w \neq x} S_{xw}|G_{wy}|^2 =$$

$$= S_{xy} + \left(S^{1/2}TS^{1/2}\right)_{xy} + N^{-2\delta} \sum_{w \neq x} S_{xw}|G_{wy}|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{w \neq x} S_{xw}|G_{wy}|^2 \prec S_{xy} + (S^{1/2}TS^{1/2})_{xy} \tag{5}$$

Hence, by putting together (4) and (5), we get:

$$|G_{xy}|^2 \prec S_{xy} + (S^{1/2}TS^{1/2})_{xy} + N^{-2\delta}|G_{xy}|^2 \Rightarrow \frac{|G_{xy}|^2}{S_{xy} + (S^{1/2}TS^{1/2})_{xy}} \prec 1$$

9.2   Diagonal $|G_{xx} - m(z)|$ estimate

Let us extend the assumption from the previous section for some $\delta? > 0$ as:

$$\max_{a,b} |G_{xy} - m(z)\mathbf{1}_{(x=y)}| = \Psi \leq N^{-\delta}$$

Assume the existence of a family of admissible control parameters Ω_{ij}^2, s.t $T_{ij} \prec \Omega_{i,j}^2$. Using our earlier estimates, namely (2.1) and (2.2), we have:

$$|G_{xy}|^2 \prec |G_{xx}|^2 \sum_{w \neq x} S_{xw}|G_{wy}^{(x)}|^2 \prec \sum_{w \neq x} S_{xw} \left(|G_{wy}|^2 + O_\prec(|G_{wx}G_{xy}|^2)\right) =$$

$$= T_{xy} - S_{xx}|G_{xy}|^2 + O_{\prec \Psi^4} \prec \Omega_{xy}^2 + \Psi^4 \tag{6}$$

Using Definition 8.1 [2] for operations $P_iX := \mathcal{E}[X|H^{(i)}]$ and $Q_i = X - P_iX$, we can define the following quantity:

$$Z_x := \sum_{k,l \neq x} Q_x \left(H_{xk}G_{kl}^{(x)}H_{lx}\right) \tag{7}$$

Then for $M := (\max_{i,j} S_{i,j})^{-1} \gtrsim N$, by Lemma 3.8 from [29], we have that:

$$G_{xx} = m + m^2 Z_x + O_\prec \left(\Psi^2 + M^{-1/2}\right), \quad Z_i \prec \Psi$$

$$\Rightarrow |G_{xx} - m|^2 \leqslant |Z_i|^2 + O_{\prec}(\Psi^2 + M^{-1}),$$

using $|m(z)| \leqslant 1$ from Lemma 6.2 [2]. In order to estimate $|Z_i|^2$, we can rewrite the resolvent identity (3) in a form of an inequality, which holds for $\forall k, \ell$:

$$|G_{k\ell}^{(x)}| \leq |G_{k\ell}| + \frac{|G_{kx}||G_{x\ell}|}{|G_{xx}|}$$

When applied to (6) along with the assumptions $G_{kk}^{(i)} \prec 1$, we get:

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k,l\neq x, k\neq l} S_{xk}|G_{kl}^{(x)}|^2 S_{lx} \prec \sum_k \Omega_{xk}^2 S_{kx} + \Psi^4 \tag{8}$$

Similarly, applying it to (7) along with (1.1) and (1.2) from the Lemma gives us:

$$|Z_x|^2 \leqslant \left| \sum_{k\neq x}(|H_{xk}|^2 - S_{xk})G_{kk}^{(x)} \right|^2 + \left| \sum_{k,\ell\neq x k\neq \ell} H_{xk}G_{k\ell}^{(x)}H_{\ell x} \right|^2 \tag{9}$$

Hence, by putting (8) and (9) together, we get:

$$\Rightarrow |G_{xx} - m|^2 \prec \sum_k \Omega_{xk}^2 S_{kx} + \Psi^4 + M^{-1} \tag{10}$$

Recall that $|G_{kk}^{(x)}| \prec 1$ and $S_{ab} \lesssim N^{-1}$, hence, we can bound the first term using (1.3) from the Lemma:

$$\left| \sum_{k\neq x}(|H_{xk}|^2 - S_{xk})G_{kk}^{(x)} \right|^2 \prec \left| \sum_{k\neq x} S_{xk}(|B_{xk}|^2 - 1) \right|^2 \prec \sum_{k\neq x} |S_{xk}|^2 \prec N^{-1}$$

Similarly, we can bound the second term by applying (1.3) from the Lemma:

$$\left| \sum_{k,\ell\neq x, k\neq \ell} H_{xk}G_{k\ell}^{(x)}H_{\ell x} \right|^2 = \left| \sum_{k,\ell\neq x, k\neq \ell} \sqrt{S_{xk}}B_{xk}G_{k\ell}^{(x)}\sqrt{S_{\ell x}}B_{\ell x} \right|^2 \prec \sum_{k,l\neq x, k\neq l} S_{xk}|G_{kl}^{(x)}|^2 S_{lx} \lesssim$$

$$\lesssim \sum_{k,l\neq x, k\neq l} S_{xk}|G_{kl}|^2 S_{lx} + |G_{xx}|^{-2} \sum_{k,l\neq x, k\neq l} S_{xk}|G_{kx}|^2|G_{xl}|^2 S_{lx} \lesssim \max_{a,b} |(S^{1/2}TS^{1/2})_{ab} + \max_{a,b} |S_{a,b}^{1/2}|$$

$$\Rightarrow \max_x |G_{xx} - m|^2 \prec \max_{a,b} |(S^{1/2} T S^{1/2})_{ab}| + \max_{a,b} |S_{ab}^{1/2}| + \max_{a,b} |G_{ab} - m\mathbf{1}_{a=b}|^4 + N^{-1} \prec$$

$$\prec \max_{a,b} |(S^{1/2} T S^{1/2})_{ab}| + \max_{a,b} |S_{ab}^{1/2}| + \max_{a \neq b} |G_{ab}|^4 + N^{-\delta} \max_x |G_{xx} - m|^2 + N^{-1} \prec$$

$$\max_{a,b} |(S^{1/2} T S^{1/2})_{ab}| + \max_{a,b} |S_{ab}^{1/2}| + N^{-\delta} \max_x |G_{xx} - m|^2 + N^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \max_x |G_{xx} - m|^2 \prec \max_{a,b} |(S^{1/2} T S^{1/2})_{ab}| + \max_{a,b} |S_{ab}^{1/2}| + N^{-1}$$

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