

# LAB III

## Practical RMT: level repulsion

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# Density of states

We first need to check the level density for some test models. We use only Gaussian ensembles for this lab. Matrix entries of a test matrix are random, uncorrelated. We want to discover a semi-circle law, also attributed to Wigner, which describes the density of states of a large, random matrix. This semicircle law acts as a central limit theorem for large (symmetric) random matrices.

With Gaussian ensemble one can derive many results analytically, the semicircle law is a limit for  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . It is known, that there are deviations for smaller values of  $N$ , which we should also see in our lab.

# Task 1

Use subplots, colors and labels to illustrate the results.

Calculate eigenvalues of  $n_{\text{sample}}$  random matrices drawn from **GOE ensemble** ( $N \times N$  matrix size). Make a histogram (normalized) of eigenvalues and compare with the analytical Wigner semicircle law. For this task we accumulate all eigenvalues from all generated matrices.

Wigner semicircle law:

$$\rho(E) = \frac{2}{\pi R^2} \sqrt{R^2 - E^2},$$

where in **GOE**:  $R = \sqrt{2N}$ .

*Example test values:*

- (A)  $N = 6$ ,  $n_{\text{sample}} = 20000$ ;
- (B)  $N = 20$ ,  $n_{\text{sample}} = 10000$ ;
- (C)  $N = 200$ ,  $n_{\text{sample}} = 500$

# Hints

We can plot the histogram by using `hist` function, e.g. with the following parameters

```
n, bins, _ = plt.hist(eigen, 50, density=True, \
                      facecolor='cyan', alpha=0.75)
```

We can also plot an exact function `wigner` on top of that

```
plt.plot(bins, wigner(bins), 'r-', linewidth=2)
```

Simplest way to get a random Hamiltonian from GOE:

```
h = np.random.randn(N,N)
return (h+h.T)/2
```

## Task 2

Calculate the histogram of **energy spacings** for **GOE** and **GUE** ensembles. Normalize the accumulated energy spacings to unit mean level spacing (divide by the average).

Compare with the Wigner surmise prediction:

$$P(s) = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} s e^{-\frac{\pi}{4} s^2} & \text{for GOE} \\ \frac{32}{\pi^2} s^2 e^{-\frac{4}{\pi} s^2} & \text{for GUE} \end{cases}$$

*Spectrum unfolding:*

We have to get levels with approximately uniform density, so we will only probe the middle part of the whole spectrum. For matrix sizes  $N \geq 10$  use  $1/4$  of the spectrum around the eigenvalue  $N/2$ , for smaller matrices use only the two middle eigen-energies.

*Present the results:*

Illustrate the results for the matrix sizes  $N = 8$  and  $N = 200$ . Try also to use bigger matrix sizes: how far can we reasonably increase  $N$ ?

# Hints

Sorting the eigenvalues

```
eigen = np.sort(eigen)
```

and calculating the differences (spacings):

```
diff = np.diff(eigen)
```

## Extra task

Calculate eigen-phases of the one-step kicked rotator unitary matrix  $\mathcal{F}$ . Here we have to explicitly store the whole  $M \times M$  matrix  $\mathcal{F}$ .

We can prepare an ensemble by substituting  $K \cos(x_n) \rightarrow K \cos(x_n + \theta)$  and using some 20 random values for  $\theta$ . Plot a histogram of the eigen-phases to ensure it is flat and then prepare the histogram of energy spacings. Show the results e.g. for  $K = 10$  and  $K = 2.1$  (you can also experiment with other values).

*Try to compare with the Wigner and Poisson distributions.*

Hint: eigenphases of a unitary matrix  $F$ :

$$\mathcal{F}u = e^{i\phi}u$$

calculate (all) eigenphases  $\phi \in [0, 2\pi)$  of  $F(\theta)$ , collect the ensemble by taking different values of  $\theta$