

# Universality for random permutations

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Random matrices, OP ensembles, DPPs etc.

- Global (semi circular law): Wigner (1958); Pastur (1972).
- Local convergence (sine process): Lubinsky (2008); Erdos, Péché, Ramírez, Schlein, and Yau (2010).
- Edge (Airy ensemble and Tracy-Widom fluctuations): Soshnikov (1999); Tao and Vu (2011).

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- Universality for random permutations ?
- Independence?
- Moments?

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# Longest increasing subsequence

- $\mathfrak{S}_n$ : symmetric group, (the group of permutations of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ ).
- $(\sigma(i_1), \dots, \sigma(i_k))$  increasing subsequence of  $\sigma$  of length  $k$  if  $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k$  and  $\sigma(i_1) < \dots < \sigma(i_k)$ .
- $\ell(\sigma)$ : the length of the longest increasing subsequence of  $\sigma$ .
- For example:

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 3 & 8 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 7 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\ell(\sigma) = 5.$$

## Conjecture (Ulam (1961))

If  $\sigma_n \sim U_{\mathfrak{S}_n}$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathbb{E}(\ell(\sigma_n))}{\sqrt{n}} = c.$$



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Theorem (Vershik and Kerov (1977); Logan and Shepp (1977))

If  $\sigma_n \sim U_{\mathfrak{S}_n}$  then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathbb{E}(\ell(\sigma_n))}{\sqrt{n}} = 2$$

and

$$\frac{\ell(\sigma_n)}{\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 2.$$

Theorem (Baik, Deift, and Johansson (1999))

If  $\sigma_n \sim U_{\mathfrak{S}_n}$  then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\ell(\sigma_n) - 2\sqrt{n}}{n^{\frac{1}{6}}} \leq s \right) = F_2(s).$$

$F_2$ : CDF of the GUE Tracy-Widom distribution.

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Then for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\ell(\sigma_n) - 2\sqrt{n}}{n^{\frac{1}{6}}} \leq s \right) = F_2(s). \quad (\text{TW})$$

## Definition (Ewens distribution)

Let  $\theta \geq 0$ . If  $\sigma_n \sim Ew(\theta)$  then

$$\mathbb{P}(\sigma_n = \sigma) = \frac{\theta^{\#(\sigma)-1}}{\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (\theta + k)}.$$

- $\theta = 1$ : uniform distribution.
- $\theta = 0$ : uniform distribution on permutations with a unique cycle.
- $\mathbb{E}(\#(\sigma_n)) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{\theta}{\theta + k} \sim \theta \log(n)$ .

## Corollary

Assume that  $\sigma_n \sim \text{Ew}(\theta_n)$ . If

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\theta_n \log(n)}{n^{\frac{1}{6}}} = 0. \quad (\text{H'2})$$

Then

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Other applications: Ewens-Pitman, virtual permutations (Kingman), etc.

By comparison with the uniform setting.

We denote by:

- $A_\sigma := \begin{cases} \{\rho \in \mathfrak{S}_n, \rho = \sigma \circ (i, j) \text{ and } \#(\rho) = \#(\sigma) - 1\} & \text{if } \#(\sigma) > 1 \\ \{\sigma\} & \text{if } \#(\sigma) = 1 \end{cases}.$
- $T$ : Markov operator associated to  $\left[ \frac{\mathbf{1}_{A_{\sigma_1}}(\sigma_2)}{\text{card}(A_{\sigma_1})} \right]_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in \mathfrak{S}_n}.$

- If  $\sigma_n$  is invariant under conjugation,  $T(\sigma_n)$  is also invariant under conjugation.
- $\#(T(\sigma_n)) \stackrel{\text{a.s.}}{=} \max(\#(\sigma_n) - 1, 1)$ .

Consequently, if  $\sigma_n$  is invariant under conjugation, then

- If  $\sigma_n$  is invariant under conjugation,  $T^{n-1}(\sigma_n)$  is also invariant under conjugation.
- Almost surely,  $\#(T^{n-1}(\sigma_n)) = 1$ .

## Lemma

$\forall \sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n, \forall \tau = (i, j)$  a transposition,

$$|\ell(\sigma \circ \tau) - \ell(\sigma)| \leq 2.$$

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*If*

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*Then  $\sigma_n \sim Ew(0)$ .*



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- $T^{n-1}(\sigma_n) \sim Ew(0)$ .
- Almost surely,

$$|\ell(T^{n-1}(\sigma_n)) - \ell(\sigma_n)| = |\ell(T^{\#(\sigma_n)-1}(\sigma_n)) - \ell(\sigma_n)| \leq 2(\#(\sigma_n) - 1).$$

Assume that  $\frac{\#(\sigma_n)}{n^{\frac{1}{6}}} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0$ . We obtain  $\frac{\ell(T^{n-1}(\sigma_n)) - \ell(\sigma_n)}{n^{\frac{1}{6}}} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0$ .

(TW): Uniform  $\Rightarrow Ew(0) \Rightarrow$  Invariant under conjugation +  $\frac{\#(\sigma_n)}{n^{\frac{1}{6}}} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0$

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# Young diagram

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$\lambda = (\lambda_i)_{i \geq 1} \in \mathbb{N}^*$  is a Young diagram of size  $n$  if

- $\forall i \geq 1, \lambda_{i+1} \leq \lambda_i,$
- $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i = n.$

Example: Young diagrams of size 3 are

$$\mathbb{Y}_3 = (3, \underline{0}), (2, 1, \underline{0}), (1, 1, 1, \underline{0})$$

or  $\left( \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} \right).$

# Young tableau

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A Young tableau of shape  $\lambda$  is a filling of the boxes of  $\lambda$  using the entries  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and the entries in each row and each column are increasing.

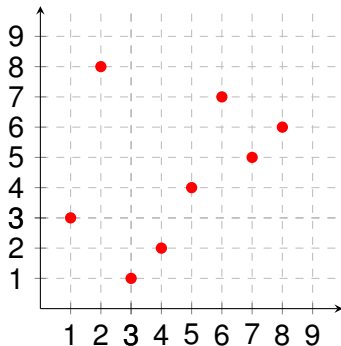
- Example: Young tableaux of shape  are

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- $\dim(\lambda) = \#$  Young tableaux of shape  $\lambda$ .
- Example:  $\dim\left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|}\hline & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline\end{array}\right) = 3$ .
- $\dim(\lambda) =$  dimension of the irreducible representation of  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  indexed by  $\lambda$ .
- $\sum_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Y}_n} \dim(\lambda)^2 = \#(\mathfrak{S}_n) = n!$ .

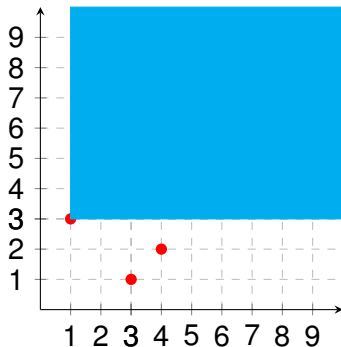
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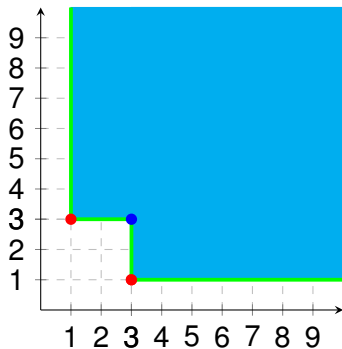
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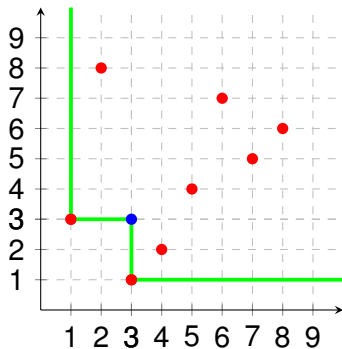
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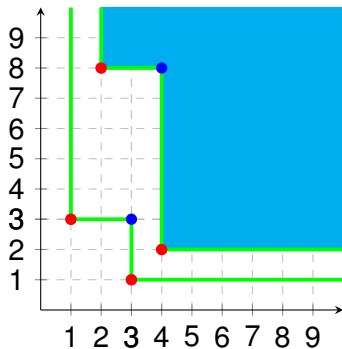
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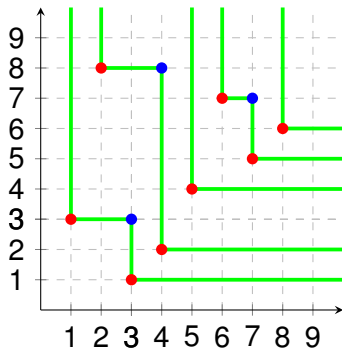
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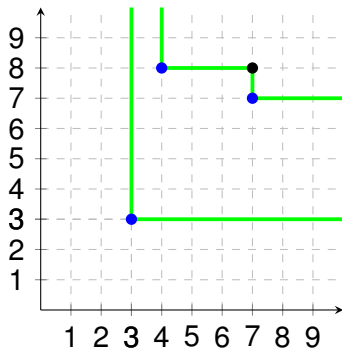
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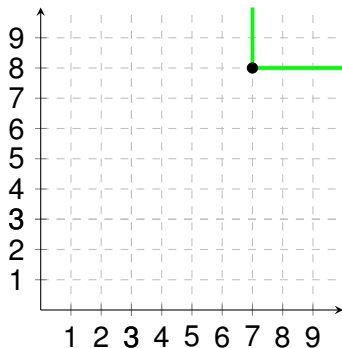
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# Robinson-Schensted correspondence

- One-to-one correspondence between permutations and pairs of standard Young tableaux of the same shape.
- We denote by  $\lambda(\sigma) := (\lambda_i(\sigma))_{i \geq 1}$  the shape of the image of  $\sigma$  by this correspondence. For example, if

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 3 & 8 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 7 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{then} \quad \lambda(\sigma) = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline \square & \square & \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square & & & \\ \hline \square & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}.$$

- $\ell(\sigma) = \lambda_1(\sigma)$ .

- If  $\sigma_n \sim U_{\mathfrak{S}_n}$  then  $\lambda(\sigma_n) \sim PL_n$ . For any  $\mu \in \mathbb{Y}_n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(\lambda(\sigma_n) = \mu) &= \frac{\#\{\text{pairs of Young tableaux of shape } \mu\}}{C} \\ &= \frac{\dim(\mu)^2}{n!}.\end{aligned}$$

- The poissonized version. If  $\lambda \sim PL^\theta$  then for any  $\mu \in \cup_{n \geq 1} \mathbb{Y}_n$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}(\lambda_\theta = \mu) = e^{-\theta} \frac{\theta^{|\mu|} \dim(\mu)^2}{|\mu|!^2}.$$

- If  $\lambda \sim PL^\theta$  then  $\{\lambda_i - i\}_{i \geq 1}$  is determinantal with discrete Bessel kernel.

# Edge: Plancherel case

## Theorem (Borodin, Okounkov, and Olshanski (2000))

If  $\sigma_n \sim U_{\mathfrak{S}_n}$  then  $\forall k \geq 1, \forall s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

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$\{\xi_1 \geq \xi_2 \geq \dots \geq \xi_k \geq \dots\}$ : *Airy ensemble*.

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# Greene's theorem

We denote by

$$\mathfrak{I}_1(\sigma) := \{s \subset \{1, 2, \dots, n\}; \forall i, j \in s, (i - j)(\sigma(i) - \sigma(j)) \geq 0\},$$
$$\mathfrak{I}_{k+1}(\sigma) := \{s \cup s', s \in \mathfrak{I}_k, s' \in \mathfrak{I}_1\}.$$

We have then

## Lemma (Greene (1974))

*For any permutation  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n$ ,*

$$\max_{s \in \mathfrak{I}_i(\sigma)} |s| = \sum_{k=1}^i \lambda_k(\sigma).$$

In particular,

$$\max_{s \in \mathfrak{I}_1(\sigma)} |s| = \lambda_1(\sigma) = \ell(\sigma).$$

## Lemma

*For any permutation  $\sigma$  and transposition  $\tau$ ,*

$$\left| \sum_{k=1}^i \lambda_k(\sigma) - \lambda_k(\sigma \circ \tau) \right| \leq 2$$

*Consequently,*

$$|\lambda_i(\sigma) - \lambda_i(\sigma \circ \tau)| \leq 4.$$

## Corollary

$$\left| \lambda_i(\sigma_n) - \lambda_i\left(T^{n-1}(\sigma_n)\right) \right| \leq 4(\#(\sigma_n) - 1). \quad (1)$$

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# Russian notations

- Rotate the diagram by  $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ .
- Complete the high function by  $x \rightarrow |x|$ .
- We denote by  $L_\lambda$  the resulting function.

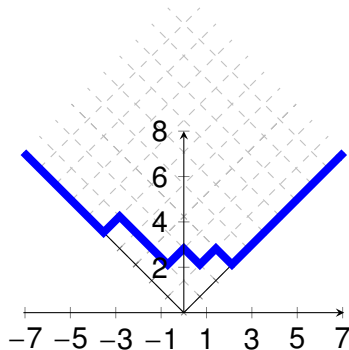


Figure:  $L_{(5,2,1,0)}$

# Vershik-Kerov-Logan-Shepp shape

Theorem (Vershik and Kerov (1977); Logan and Shepp (1977))

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P} \left( \sup_{s \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n}} L_{\lambda(\sigma_n)}(s\sqrt{2n}) - \Omega(s) \right| < \varepsilon \right) = 1,$$

where

$$\Omega(s) := \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi} (\arcsin(s) + \sqrt{1-s^2}) & \text{if } |s| < 1 \\ |s| & \text{if } |s| \geq 1 \end{cases}.$$

# Vershik-Kerov-Logan-Shepp shape

$\Omega$  is strongly related to the semi-circular law.

We denote by

$$\omega(s) := \frac{\Omega(2s) - |2s|}{2}.$$

We have

$$\exp\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{d\omega(u)}{u - \frac{1}{x}}\right) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{d\mu_{sc}(u)}{1 - ux}$$

with

$$d\mu_{sc}(u) := \frac{\sqrt{4 - u^2}}{2\pi} du.$$

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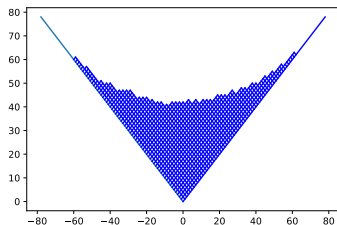


Figure: Typical Young diagram under the Plancherel distribution

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## Lemma

Let  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $\lambda = (\lambda_i)_{i \geq 1} \in \mathbb{Y}_n$ ,  $\mu = (\mu_i)_{i \geq 1} \in \mathbb{Y}_m$ . Then,

$$\|L_\lambda - L_\mu\|_\infty^2 \leq 4 \max_{i \geq 1} \left| \sum_{k=1}^i (\lambda_k - \mu_k) \right|.$$

Consequently,

$$\sup_{s \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n}} \left| L_{\lambda(\sigma_n)}(s\sqrt{2n}) - L_{\lambda(T^{n-1}(\sigma_n))}(s\sqrt{2n}) \right| \leq 2 \sqrt{\frac{\#(\sigma_n) - 1}{n}}.$$

# Fluctuations : Kerov's central limit theorem

## Theorem (Ivanov and Olshanski (2002))

$$L_{\lambda(\sigma_n)}(s\sqrt{n}) - \sqrt{n}\Omega(s) \sim \Delta(s) = \Delta(\cos(\theta)) = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{\xi_k}{\sqrt{k}} \sin(k\theta)$$

$\xi_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  *i.i.d*

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## Theorem (Borodin, Okounkov, and Olshanski (2000))

For any  $|\alpha| < 2$ , under Plancherel measure,

$$\{\lambda_i - i - \alpha\sqrt{n}\}_{i \geq 1} \rightarrow \text{Sin}_\alpha.$$

$\text{Sin}_\alpha$  D.P.P with kernel

$$K_\alpha(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(\arccos(\frac{\alpha}{2}))(x-y))}{\pi^{(x-y)}} & \text{if } x \neq y \\ \frac{\arccos(\frac{\alpha}{2})}{\pi} & \text{if } x = y \end{cases}$$

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- $(\sigma(i_1), \dots, \sigma(i_k))$  subsequence of  $\sigma$  of length  $k$  if  $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k$ .
- $LCS(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  the length of the longest common subsequence of two permutations.

## Conjecture (Bukh and Zhou (2016))

*For any integer  $n \geq 1$ , for any  $\sigma_{1,n}$  and  $\sigma_{2,n}$  independent and identically distributed random permutations,*

$$\mathbb{E}(LCS(\sigma_{1,n}, \sigma_{2,n})) \geq \sqrt{n}.$$

# Application: Longest common subsequence

## Theorem

*For any  $0 \leq \alpha < 2$ , there exists  $n_\alpha \geq 1$  such that for any  $n > n_\alpha$ , for any  $\sigma_{1,n}$  and  $\sigma_{2,n}$  independent and identically distributed random permutations with distribution invariant under conjugation.*

$$\mathbb{E}(\text{LCS}(\sigma_{1,n}, \sigma_{2,n})) \geq \alpha\sqrt{n}.$$

# Conclusion

	GUE + Wigner (with a good control on moments)	Plancherel	Random permutations invariant under conjugation (with a good control on cycles' number)
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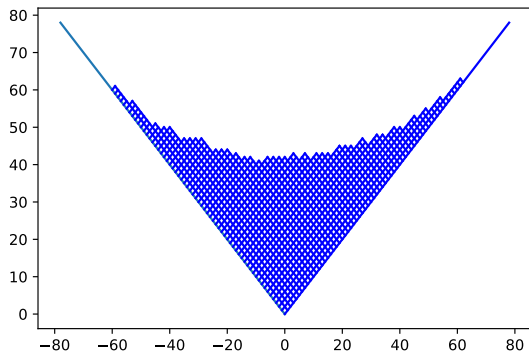
- Independance ~ invariance under conjugation ?
- Moments ~ cycles' structure ?

# Conjectures

- We need only  $\frac{\#(\sigma_n)}{n^2} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0$  to obtain Tracy-Widom fluctuations.
- For any sequence of random permutations invariant under conjugation, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P} \left( \sup_{s \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} L_{\lambda(\sigma_n)} \left( 2s\sqrt{n - \text{fix}(\sigma_n)} \right) - \sqrt{1 - \frac{\text{fix}(\sigma_n)}{n}} \Omega(s) \right| < \varepsilon \right) = 1.$$

- Under a good control on cycles we have discrete sine process (Bulk).



Thank you for  
your attention



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