

# Summer School in Peking University

## Random Matrix

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## 1 Overview

**(Q1:)** What is a random matrix? It is a matrix where entries are random variables, maybe dependent. We denote it as

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} Z_{11} & Z_{12} & \cdots & Z_{1j} & \cdots & Z_{1n} \\ Z_{21} & Z_{22} & \cdots & Z_{2j} & \cdots & Z_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ Z_{i1} & Z_{i2} & \cdots & Z_{ij} & \cdots & Z_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ Z_{m1} & Z_{m2} & \cdots & Z_{mj} & \cdots & Z_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

Examples:

- Independent matrix, i.e. noise matrix.
- Independent columns, i.e.  $(Z_1, \dots, Z_n)$ .
- Independent rows. We can use it to do dimension reduction.

We focus on symmetric random matrix. Here are some examples:

- Wigner Matrix:  $X_{jk} = X_{kj}$  for all  $j, k$ , and  $(X_{jk})$  are independent.
- Covariance Matrix:  $X = \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i Z_i^*$ , where  $(Z_i)$  are independent.

**(Q2:)** Why is random matrix theory a thing? A matrix acts on vectors:  $u \mapsto Zu$ , we need to understand this random linear map.

Examples:

- Spectral norm:  $\|Z\| = \max_{\|u\|=1} \|Zu\|_2 = \sigma_{\max}(Z)$ . (How far the ellipsoid of  $Z(B(0,1))$  from zero or by what factor can  $Z$  dilate a vector?)
- Minimum singular value:  $\sigma_{\min}(Z) = \min_{\|u\|_2=1} \|Zu\|_2$ . (How much can we contract?)  $Z$  has a null space iff  $\sigma_{\min}(Z) = 0$ .
- For symmetric situation, we can focus on the eigenvalues. We can claim  $\lambda_{\max}(X) = \max_{\|u\|_2=1} u^* X u$  and  $\lambda_{\min}(X) = \min_{\|u\|_2=1} u^* X u$ .

**(Q3:)** Where do the random matrices come from? - History?

- Hurwitz(1890s): Averaging over orthogonal group (Random orthogonal matrices).
- Wishart(1927s): Sample covariance of a normal population.
- Goldstein + Von Neumann(1951s): Random matrix model for roundoff errors in numerical linear algebra.
- Wigner(1952s): Models for a slow nuclear reaction. They study the distribution of the eigenvalues of large Wigner matrix.

**My Interest:**

- Compressed sensing.
- Randomized linear algebra + optimization, such as RSVD
- Quantum information theory.
- How did you encounter RMT?

**My Perspective:** This lecture may be very different from standard textbook of RMT.

- Flexible models.
- Nonasymptotic.
- Resources.

**Schedule:**

- Scalar concentration.
- Exp matrix concentration, Gaussian.

- Matrix Chernoff and Bernstein + examples.
- Matrix Khinchin theory.
- Gaussian Lipchitz concentration.
- GOE matrices and a proof of Wigner's theorem (not so easy).
- Universality + staff.

## 2 Scalar Concentration

For a scalar random variable  $X$  takes values in  $\mathbb{R}$ . We expect bounds for  $\mathbb{E}X$  and the tail  $\mathbb{P}(X \geq t)$ . We define MGF (moment generating function) and the log-mgf are:

$$m_X(\theta) = \mathbb{E}e^{\theta X} \quad \text{and} \quad \xi_X(\theta) = \log \mathbb{E}e^{\theta X}.$$

Example (Gaussian):

$$m_Z(\theta) = \mathbb{E}e^{\theta Z} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{\theta z} \frac{e^{-z^2/2\sigma^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} = e^{\theta^2\sigma^2/2},$$

and:

$$\xi_X(\theta) = \theta^2\sigma^2/2.$$

Let  $X$  be a real rv, then we have

$$\mathbb{E}X \leq \inf_{\theta > 0} \theta^{-1} \xi_X(\theta) \leq \sup X,$$

and

$$\mathbb{E}X \geq \sup_{\theta < 0} \theta^{-1} \xi_X(\theta) \geq \inf X.$$

Example: Let  $Z_1, \dots, Z_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ , what is  $\mathbb{E} \max_i Z_i$ ?

$$\mathbb{E} \max_i Z_i \leq \theta^{-1} \log \mathbb{E} e^{\theta \max_i Z_i} \leq \theta^{-1} \log \sum_i \mathbb{E} e^{\theta Z_i} \leq \theta^{-1} (\log n + \log \mathbb{E} e^{\theta X_i}) = \theta^{-1} (\log n + \theta^2 \sigma^2 / 2) = \sqrt{2\sigma^2 \log n}.$$

Problem:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathbb{E} \max_i Z_i}{\sqrt{2\sigma^2 \log n}} = 1$$

Let  $X$  be a real rv. Then for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\mathbb{P}(X \geq t) \leq \inf_{\theta > 0} e^{-\theta t + \xi_X(\theta)}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X \leq t) \leq \inf_{\theta < 0} e^{-\theta t + \xi_X(\theta)}$$

if the  $\xi_X(\theta) \sim \theta^2$ , then  $\mathbb{P}(X \geq t) \lesssim e^{-ct^2}$ .

Example: Let  $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ . For  $t \geq 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}(X \geq t) \leq \inf_{\theta > 0} e^{-\theta t + \xi_Z(\theta)} = \inf_{\theta > 0} e^{-\theta t + \sigma^2 \theta^2 / 2} = e^{-t^2 / 2\sigma^2}.$$

Problem:

$$\mathbb{P}(Z \geq t) \asymp t^{-1} e^{-t^2/2} / \sqrt{2\pi}.$$

If  $(Y_i)$  are independent,  $X = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$ , then  $\xi_X(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_{Y_i}(\theta)$ .  
Example: random series:  $X = \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i a_i$ , where  $\epsilon_i \sim \text{Unif}[\pm 1]$ ,  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\xi_{Y_i}(\theta) = \log\left(\frac{1}{2}e^{\theta a_i} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-\theta a_i}\right) \leq \log \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}\theta^2 a_i^2\right) = \frac{1}{2}\theta^2 a_i^2,$$

and:

$$\xi_X(\theta) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2}\theta^2 a_i^2 = \frac{1}{2}\theta^2 \nu,$$

where  $\nu = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 = \text{variance of } X$ . So:

$$\mathbb{P}(X \leq t) \leq \exp(-t^2/2\nu).$$

### 3 Exponential Matrix Concentration

We focus on  $Z = \sum_{i=1}^n S_i$ , or  $X = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$ , where  $Y_i \in \mathbb{H}_d$ . Our goal is to study the behaviour of the  $\lambda_{\max}(X)$  and  $\lambda_{\min}(X)$

First we define the standard matrix function  $f$ . For

$$A = U \text{diag}\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_d\} U^*,$$

we define:

$$f(A) = U \text{diag}\{f(\lambda_1), \dots, f(\lambda_d)\} U^*.$$

For instance, we can define  $\exp(A)$  and  $\log(A)$ . So we can generalize the mgf from last lecture:

$$M_X(\theta) := \mathbb{E}e^{\theta X} \quad \text{and} \quad \Xi_X(\theta) := \log \mathbb{E}e^{\theta X}.$$

And we have a proposition if  $X \in \mathbb{H}_d$  is random and symmetric:

$$\mathbb{E}\lambda_{\max}(X) \leq \inf_{\theta > 0} \frac{1}{\theta} \log \mathbb{E} \text{Tr} e^{\theta X} = \inf_{\theta > 0} \frac{1}{\theta} \log \text{Tr}(\exp(\Xi_X(\theta))).$$

$$\mathbb{E}\lambda_{\min}(X) \geq \sup_{\theta < 0} \frac{1}{\theta} \log \mathbb{E} \text{Tr} e^{\theta X}$$

Proof:

$$\mathbb{E}\lambda_{\max}(X) \leq \frac{1}{\theta} \mathbb{E}\lambda_{\max} \theta X \tag{1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\theta} \log \exp(\mathbb{E}\lambda_{\max}(\theta X)) \tag{2}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\theta} \log \mathbb{E} \exp(\lambda_{\max}(\theta X)) \tag{3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\theta} \log \mathbb{E}(\lambda_{\max}(e^{\theta X})) \tag{4}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\theta} \log \mathbb{E}(\text{Tr}(e^{\theta X})) \tag{5}$$

And we immediately have:

$$\mathbb{P}(\lambda_{\max}(X) \geq t) \leq \inf_{\theta > 0} e^{-\theta t} \mathbb{E} \text{Tr}(e^{\theta X}),$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\lambda_{\max}(X) \leq t) \leq \inf_{\theta < 0} e^{-\theta t} \mathbb{E} \text{Tr}(e^{\theta X}).$$

However the associative property doesn't hold for matrices  $A, B$  unless  $[A, B] = 0$ . We introduce a strong weapon to deal with:

**Theorem 3.1 (Lieb 1973)**

Let  $H \in \mathbb{H}_d$ . For positive definite  $A$ , we have the map:  $A \mapsto \text{Tr} e^{H+\log A}$  is concave.

We will omit the proof and pay more attention to the application. For  $X = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$

$$\text{Tr} \exp(\Xi_X(\theta)) = \mathbb{E} \text{Tr}(e^{\theta X}) \leq \text{Tr} \exp \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \Xi_{Y_i}(\theta) \right),$$

where  $\Xi_Y(\theta) = \log \mathbb{E} e^{\theta Y}$ . Then we have the main result:

$$\mathbb{E} \lambda_{\max}(X) \leq \inf_{\theta > 0} \frac{1}{\theta} \left[ \log d + \lambda_{\max} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \Xi_{Y_i}(\theta) \right) \right].$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\lambda_{\max}(X) \geq t) \leq d \inf_{\theta > 0} e^{-\theta t + \lambda_{\max}(\sum_{i=1}^n \Xi_{Y_i}(\theta))}.$$

Proof:

$$\mathbb{E} \lambda_{\max}(X) \leq \frac{1}{\theta} \log \mathbb{E} \text{Tr}(e^{\theta X}) \tag{6}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\theta} \log \text{Tr} \exp \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \Xi_{Y_i}(\theta) \right) \tag{7}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\theta} \log \text{Tr} \exp \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \Xi_{Y_i}(\theta) \right) \tag{8}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\theta} \log \left[ d \lambda_{\max}(e^{\sum_{i=1}^n \Xi_{Y_i}(\theta)}) \right] \tag{9}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\theta} \left[ \log d + \lambda_{\max} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \Xi_{Y_i}(\theta) \right) \right]. \tag{10}$$

We now consider some important examples. Let  $A_1, \dots, A_n \in \mathbb{H}_d$ , and  $\gamma_i \in \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  r.v.s. We have  $X = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i A_i \in \mathbb{H}_d$ . Every symmetric random matrix with jointly Gaussian entries can be written as above, moreover we can assume  $\text{Tr}(A_i A_j) = 0 (i \neq j)$ .

Here we calculate the  $Y = \gamma A$ , where  $\gamma \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ . We write  $A = U \text{diag}\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_d\} U^*$ . We have  $M_Y(\theta) = \mathbb{E} e^{\theta Y} = \mathbb{E} e^{\theta \gamma U \text{diag}\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_d\} U^*} = U \text{diag}\{e^{\theta^2 \lambda_i^2 / 2}\} U^* = \exp(\frac{\theta^2}{2} A^2)$ , and thus  $\Xi_X(\theta) = \frac{\theta^2}{2} A^2$ .

Naturally, we generalize the results to the Gaussian series. Let  $X = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i A_i$ , define  $\nu(X) = \|\mathbb{E} X^2\| = \|\sum_{i=1}^n A_i^2\|$ . We can easily have:

$$\mathbb{E} \lambda_{\max}(X) \leq \sqrt{2\nu(X) \log d}.$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\lambda_{\max}(X) \geq t) \leq d \exp(-t^2 / 2\nu(X)).$$

Another example is the diagonal Gaussian, i.e.:

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma_2 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \gamma_i & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & \gamma_n \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\gamma_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ . We have  $\mathbb{E}\lambda_{\max}(X) = \mathbb{E}\max_i \gamma_i \leq \sqrt{2\log d}$  (max-inequality), while  $\nu(X) = \|\sum_{i=1}^d E_{ii}^2\| = \|I_d\| = 1$ . This is compatible.

Another example is Gaussian orthogonal ensemble:  $X_{goe} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2d}}(G + G^*)$ , where  $G = [X_{ij}] \in \mathbb{H}_d$ . We know  $\nu(X) = \frac{d+1}{d}$  and  $\mathbb{E}\lambda_{\max}(X_{goe}) \leq \sqrt{2(1+d^{-1})\log d} \approx \sqrt{2\log d}$ . **But the accurate answer is 2 !**

If  $Z = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i B_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2}$ , then  $\nu(Z) = \|\mathbb{E}(Z^* Z)\| \wedge \|\mathbb{E}(Z Z^*)\|$ , and  $\mathbb{E}\|Z\| \leq \sqrt{2\nu(Z)\log(d_1 + d_2)}$ . We can check that:  $\mathbb{E}(Z) \gtrsim \sqrt{\nu(Z)}$ , and the gap is  $\sqrt{d}$ .

## 4 Matrix Chernoff Inequality

We now ask when is a random sub-matrix is nonsingular? We write  $A = [a_1, \dots, a_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ ,  $A$  is surjective  $\iff \lambda_{\min}(AA^*) > 0$ . And consider  $Z = [\delta_1 a_1, \dots, \delta_n a_n]$ , where  $\delta_i \in \text{Bern}(p)$ .  $Z$  surjective  $\iff \lambda_{\min}(\sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i a_i a_i^*) > 0$ .

We recall the Chernoff Theorem in scalar form:

### Theorem 4.1 (Scalar Chernoff Inequality)

Let  $X = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$ , where  $(Y_i)$  independent in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $0 \leq Y_i \leq R$ .

$$\mathbb{P}(X \geq (1+t)\mathbb{E}X) \leq \left( \frac{e^t}{(1+t)^{1+t}} \right)^{\mathbb{E}X/R} \leq \left( \frac{e}{(1+t)} \right)^{(1+t)\mathbb{E}X/R}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X \leq (1-t)\mathbb{E}X) \leq \left( \frac{e^{-t}}{(1-t)^{1-t}} \right)^{\mathbb{E}X/R} \leq e^{-t^2 \mathbb{E}X/2R}$$

Remark: this bound may not be good for  $t$  is small.

We recall the theory over psd matrix order. We say  $A \preceq B$  iff  $B - A$  is psd. The definition  $\iff \lambda_i(A) \leq \lambda_i(B)$ . A warning is  $A \preceq B \implies f(A) \preceq f(B)$  is usually wrong, e.g wrong for  $f(t) = t^2$  and  $f(t) = e^t$ , but true for  $f(t) = \log t$ .

We introduce the lemma: For random symmetric matrix  $Y$  with  $0 \preceq Y \preceq RI$ , then:

$$\Xi_Y(\theta) = \log \mathbb{E}e^{\theta Y} \preceq \left( \frac{e^{\theta R} - 1}{\theta R} \right) \mathbb{E}Y.$$

Proof: By convexity, we have  $e^{\theta a} \leq 1 + \frac{e^{\theta R} - 1}{R}a$ . Then

$$e^{\theta A} \leq I + \frac{e^{\theta R} - 1}{R}A,$$

for  $A \in \mathbb{H}_d$  and eigenvalues  $\in [0, R]$ . So:

$$\mathbb{E}e^{\theta Y} \preceq I + \frac{e^{\theta R} - 1}{R}\mathbb{E}Y.$$

We then use the logarithm monotone and:

$$\log \mathbb{E}e^{\theta Y} \preceq \log\left(I + \frac{e^{\theta R} - 1}{R}\mathbb{E}Y\right) \preceq \frac{e^{\theta R} - 1}{R}\mathbb{E}Y.$$

Then we introduce the main theorem:

### Theorem 4.2 (Matrix Chernoff Inequality)

Let  $X = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$ , where  $(Y_i)$  independent in  $\mathbb{H}_d$ ,  $0 \preceq Y_i \preceq RI$ .

$$\mathbb{P}(\lambda_{\max}(X) \geq (1+t)\lambda_{\max}(\mathbb{E}X)) \leq d \left( \frac{e^t}{(1+t)^{1+t}} \right)^{\mathbb{E}\lambda_{\max}(X)/R} \leq d \left( \frac{e}{(1+t)} \right)^{(1+t)\mathbb{E}\lambda_{\max}(X)/R}.$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\lambda_{\min}(X) \leq (1-t)\mathbb{E}\lambda_{\min}(X)) \leq d \left( \frac{e^{-t}}{(1-t)^{1-t}} \right)^{\mathbb{E}\lambda_{\min}(X)/R} \leq de^{-t^2\mathbb{E}\lambda_{\min}(X)/2R}.$$

## 5 Matrix Bernstein Inequality

We now want to estimate random multiplication by random sampling. Now we have  $A = [a_1, \dots, a_n]$  and we want to compute  $AA^* = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i a_i^* \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ . The computation cost is  $O(nd^2)$ .

A probability algorithm is to compute  $X = p^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i a_i a_i^*$ . We have  $\mathbb{E}X = AA^*$ , which means it is a unbiased estimation. We denote:

$$X - AA^* = \sum_{i=1}^n (p^{-1} \delta_i - 1) a_i a_i^* = \sum_{i=1}^n S_i = Z.$$

We have  $\mathbb{E}S_i = 0$  and  $\|S_i\| \leq p^{-1} \|a_i\|^2 \leq R$ .

We introduce the Bernstein theorem:

### Theorem 5.1 (Scalar Bernstein Inequality)

Let  $Z = \sum_{i=1}^n S_i$ , where  $(S_i)$  independent in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $|S_i| \leq R$ . For  $t \geq 0$ :

$$\mathbb{P}(|Z| \geq t) \leq 2 \exp\left(-\frac{t^2/2}{\nu + Rt/3}\right),$$

where  $\nu = \text{Var}[Z] = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}S_i^2$ .

Remark: We can observe the rate is first quadratic and then linear as  $t$  increases.  
And the matrix version is:

### Theorem 5.2 (Matrix Bernstein Inequality)

Let  $Z = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$ , where  $(Y_i)$  independent in  $\mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2}$ ,  $\|Y_i\| \leq R$ . For  $t \geq 0$ :

$$\mathbb{P}(\|Z\| \geq t) \leq (d_1 + d_2) \exp\left(-\frac{t^2/2}{\nu + Rt/3}\right),$$

where  $\nu = \max\{\mathbb{E}[ZZ^*], \mathbb{E}[Z^*Z]\} = \max\{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[Y_i Y_i^*], \mathbb{E}[Y_i^* Y_i]\}$ .

$$\mathbb{E}\|Z\| \leq \sqrt{2\nu(Z) \log(d_1 + d_2)} + \frac{1}{3} R \log(d_1 + d_2).$$

## 6 Matrix Khinchin Inequality

Tool box we need here:

- $\mathbb{E}[\gamma_i f(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)] = \mathbb{E}[(\partial_i f)(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)]$ .
- $D(A^p)(H) = \sum_{q=0}^{p-1} A^q H A^{p-1-q}$ .
- Matrix consolidation:  $|\text{Tr}[H A^q H A^r]| \leq \text{Tr}(H^2 |A|^{q+r})$ .

Now we focus on the bound on the matrix norm.

### Theorem 6.1 (Matrix Khinchin Inequality)

Let  $X = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i H_i$ , where  $H_i \in \mathbb{H}_d$ ,  $\gamma \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  i.i.d. Define  $\nu(X) = \|\mathbb{E}X^2\| = \|\sum_{i=1}^n H_i^2\|$ . Then for  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$\mathbb{E} \text{Tr} X^{2p} \leq d(2p-1)!! \nu(X)^p$$

We can prove that:  $((2p-1)!!)^{1/2p} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2p+1}{e}}$ , and then we can deduce the following inequality:

$$\mathbb{E}\|X\| \leq (\mathbb{E} \text{Tr} X^{2p})^{1/2p} \leq d^{1/2p} \sqrt{\frac{2p+1}{e}} \sqrt{\nu(X)},$$

and choose proper  $p \asymp \frac{1}{\log d}$ :

$$\mathbb{E}\|X\| \leq \sqrt{(2 \log d + 2) \nu(X)}.$$

For exponential momentum, we have the bound:

$$\mathbb{E} \text{Tr} e^{\theta X} \leq d e^{\theta^2 \nu(X)/2}.$$

That is stronger than exp matrix concentration inequality.

Proof of Theorem 6.1: Use the toolbox, we have:

$$E := \mathbb{E} \text{Tr}(X^{2p}) = \mathbb{E} \text{Tr}[X \cdot X^{2p-1}] \quad (11)$$

$$= \mathbb{E} \left( \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i H_i \right) X^{2p-1} \right) \quad (12)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\gamma_i \text{Tr}(H_i X^{2p-1})] \quad (13)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \text{Tr}[H_i (\partial_{\gamma_i} X^{2p-1})] \quad (14)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \text{Tr}[H_i \sum_{q=0}^{2p-2} X^q (\partial_{\gamma_i} X) X^{2p-2-q}] \quad (15)$$

$$= \sum_{p=0}^{2q-2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \text{Tr}[H_i X^q H_i X^{2p-2-q}] \quad (16)$$

$$\leq \sum_{p=0}^{2q-2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \text{Tr}[H_i^2 X^{2p-2}] \quad (17)$$

$$= (2p-1) \mathbb{E} \text{Tr}(V X^{2p-2}) \quad (18)$$

$$\leq (2p-1) \|V\| \mathbb{E} \text{Tr} X^{2p-2} \quad (19)$$

$$= (2p-1) \nu(X) \mathbb{E} \text{Tr} X^{2p-2} \quad (20)$$

$$= (2p-1)!! \nu(X)^p \mathbb{E} \text{Tr}(I) \quad (21)$$

$$= d(2p-1)!! \nu(X)^p. \quad (22)$$



The goe matrix can't get the equality either and the problem lies in the consolidation inequality.

## 7 Gaussian Lipchitz Concentration

Our main ingredients are:

- Gaussian IBP:  $\mathbb{E}[\gamma_i f(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)] = \mathbb{E}[(\partial_i f)(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)]$ .
- Gaussian Interpolation: Given independence standard normal  $Z = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$  and  $Z' = (\gamma'_1, \dots, \gamma'_n)$ . For  $t \in [0, 1]$ :

$$Z_t = tZ + \sqrt{1-t^2}Z'.$$

### Theorem 7.1 (Gaussian Covariance Identity)

Let  $Z, Z', Z_t$  as above. Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\text{Cov}(f(Z), g(Z)) = \mathbb{E}[f(Z)g(Z)] - \mathbb{E}[f(Z)]\mathbb{E}[g(Z)] = \int_0^1 dt \mathbb{E}\langle \nabla f(Z), \nabla g(Z_t) \rangle.$$

where  $\nabla f = (\partial_1 f, \dots, \partial_n f)$ .

Proof:

$$E := \text{Cov}(f(Z), g(Z)) = \mathbb{E}_{Z, Z'}[f(Z)g(Z) - f(Z)g(Z')](\text{create a copy}) \quad (23)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^1 \frac{d}{dt} f(Z)g(Z_t) dt\right] \quad (24)$$

$$= \int_0^1 \mathbb{E}[f(Z) \sum_{i=1}^n (\partial_i g)(Z_t) \frac{d}{dt}(Z_t)_i] \quad (25)$$

We notice that:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(Z_t)_i = \frac{d}{dt}(t\gamma_i + \sqrt{1-t^2}\gamma'_i) = \gamma_i - \frac{t}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}\gamma'_i$$

So:

$$E = \int_0^1 dt \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[f(Z)(\partial_i g)(Z_t)\gamma_i - \frac{t}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}f(Z)(\partial_i g)(Z_t)\gamma'_i] \quad (26)$$

$$= \int_0^1 dt \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[(\partial_i f)(Z)(\partial_i g)(Z_t) + f(Z)(\partial_{ii} g)(Z_t)t - \frac{t}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}f(Z)(\partial_{ii} g)(Z_t)\sqrt{1-t^2}] \quad (27)$$

$$= \int_0^1 dt \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(\partial_i f)(Z)(\partial_i g)(Z_t) \quad (28)$$

$$= \int_0^1 dt \mathbb{E}\langle \nabla f(Z), \nabla g(Z_t) \rangle. \quad (29)$$

Nice proof!

An important corollary is **Gaussian Poincare Inequality**: For  $z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_n)$ ,  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\text{Var}(f(z)) = \int_0^1 dt \mathbb{E}\langle \nabla f(Z), \nabla f(Z_t) \rangle \leq \int_0^1 dt [\mathbb{E}\|\nabla f(Z)\|_2^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} [\mathbb{E}\|\nabla f(Z_t)\|_2^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \mathbb{E}\|\nabla f(Z)\|_2^2.$$

Remark: The inequality is a kind of amplifier,  $\mathbb{E}f^2$  is large when  $\mathbb{E}(f')^2$  is large. The inequality is the foundation of the langevin monte-carlo analysis.

If  $f$  is Lipchitz, i.e  $\|\nabla f(x)\| \leq L$  almost everywhere. Then the poincare inequality implies:

$$\text{Var}f(Z) \leq L^2.$$

Let's give an interesting example. Let  $S \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be compact.  $\text{dist}(x, S) = \min_{a \in S} \|x - a\|_2$ , it's an Lipchitz function. We have:

$$\text{Var}(\text{dist}(z, S)) \leq 1.$$

However we don't know  $\mathbb{E}(\text{dist}(z, S))$  haha.

### Theorem 7.2 (Gaussian Lipchitz Concentration)

Let  $Z \in \mathcal{N}(0, I_n)$ . For  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , which is  $L$ -Lipchitz.

$$\mathbb{P}(|f(Z) - \mathbb{E}f(Z)| \geq t) \leq 2e^{-t^2/2L^2}.$$

For example we have:

$$\mathbb{P}(|\text{dist}(z, S) - \mathbb{E}\text{dist}(z, S)| \geq t) \leq 2e^{-t^2/2}.$$

Proof: We only need to prove:

$$m(\theta) = \mathbb{E}e^{\theta f(z)} \leq e^{\theta^2 L^2/2}.$$

WLOG, assume  $\mathbb{E}f(Z) = 0$ . We have

$$m'(\theta) = \mathbb{E}[f(z)e^{\theta f(z)}] = \text{Cov}(f(z), e^{\theta f(z)}) \quad (30)$$

$$= \int_0^1 dt \mathbb{E}\langle \nabla f(z), \theta \nabla f(Z_t) e^{\theta f(Z_t)} \rangle \quad (31)$$

$$= \theta \int_0^1 dt \mathbb{E}\langle \nabla f(z), \theta \nabla f(Z_t) \rangle e^{\theta f(Z_t)} \quad (32)$$

$$\leq \theta \int_0^1 dt [\mathbb{E}\|\nabla f(Z)\|_2^2]^{1/2} [\mathbb{E}\|\nabla f(Z_t)\|_2^2]^{1/2} e^{\theta f(Z_t)} \quad (33)$$

$$\leq \theta L^2 \mathbb{E}[e^{\theta f(Z)}] \quad (34)$$

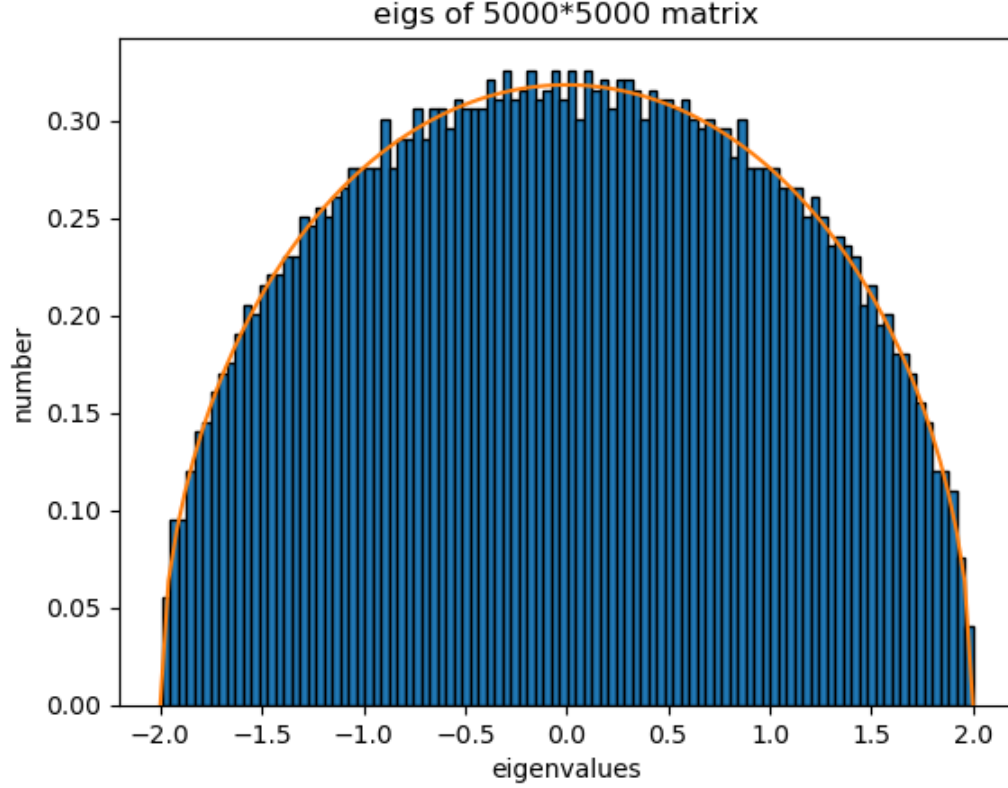
$$= \theta L^2 m(\theta) \quad (35)$$

With Gronwall's inequality,

$$m(\theta) \leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}\theta^2 L^2\right).$$

The whole picture of this theorem is:  $\|\cdot\|$ ,  $\lambda_{\max}$ ,  $\lambda_{\min}$  are all 1-Lipchitz function w.r.t.  $\|\cdot\|_F$ . An example (maybe exercise):

- $\mathbb{E}\lambda_{\max}(X) \leq \sqrt{2(d-1)\log d}$ .
- $\mathbb{P}(\lambda_{\max}(X) \geq t) \leq de^{-t^2/2(d-1)}$ .



## 8 GOE and Semicircle Law

We recall that  $X_{goe(d)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2d}}(G + G^*)$  where  $G \in \mathbb{H}_d$  has iid  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  entries. We have:

$$\mathbb{E}\|X_{goe}\| \leq \sqrt{2(1 + d^{-1}) \log(2d)},$$

and

$$\mathbb{P}(\|X_{goe} - \mathbb{E}X_{goe}\| \geq t) \leq e^{-t^2 d/4}.$$

Now I wonder what do the eigenvalues of  $X_{goe}$  actually look like.

The eigenvalues have a nice profile, which looks like a semicircle:

$$\phi_{sc} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{4 - t^2}.$$

We try to model the distribution of eigenvalues using a probability measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ . The eigenvalues are:  $\lambda_1(A) \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n(A)$ .

We denote:

$$\mu_A = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^d \delta_{\lambda_i(A)}. \quad (\text{total mass} = 1)$$

and we have:

$$\mu_A(E) = \frac{\#\{i : \lambda_i(A) \in E\}}{d}.$$

or

$$\mu_A(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t) \mu_A(dt) = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^d f(\lambda_i(A)).$$

Here we define the empirical spectral distribution (ESD): The spectral measure of  $\mu_X$  of  $X$ :

$$\mu_X = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^d \delta_{\lambda_i}(X)$$

It is a "random measure". We define:

$$\bar{\mu}_X(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t) \mu_X(dt) = \text{Tr } f(X).$$

is a random variance for each  $f$ .

### Theorem 8.1 (Mean spectral distribution)

A random matrix  $X \in \mathbb{H}_d$  admits a unique probability measure  $\bar{\mu}(X)$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t) \bar{\mu}_X(dt) = \mathbb{E} \text{Tr } f(X),$$

for all  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

We now define  $\mu_{SC}$  to be the probability measure on  $\mathbb{R}$  with density  $\phi_{sc} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{4-t^2}$ . Our goal is to compare the ESD  $\mu_{X_{goe}(d)}$  with the semicircle distributions. Our key idea is to compare the moments, and we believe:

$$|\mu(f) - \nu(f)| \approx 0$$

for lots of  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\mu \approx \nu$ .

By triangle inequality:

$$|\mu_X(f) - \mu_{SC}(f)| \leq |\mu_X(f) - \bar{\mu}_X(f)| + |\bar{\mu}_X(f) - \mu_{SC}(f)|.$$

We'll compare polynomial moments of ESD over the two distributions. (The polynomials can't see the difference.)

We now introduce Catalan numbers:  $\text{Cat}_0 = 1$  and  $\text{Cat}_p = \frac{1}{p+1} \binom{2p}{p}$ . We can prove:

$$\text{Cat}_p \leq 4^p = 2^{2p}.$$

$$\mu_{SC}(t^p) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} t^p \mu_{SC}(dt) = \text{Cat}_{p/2}.$$

### Theorem 8.2 (GOE moments)

Let  $X = X_{goe}(d)$ . For  $p \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ ,  $p \leq \sqrt{d/2}$

- $|\bar{\mu}_X(t^p) - \bar{\mu}_{SC}(t^p)| \leq \frac{4p^2}{d} \text{Cat}_{p/2}.$
- $\text{Var}[\mu_X(t^p)] = \mathbb{E}|\mu_X(t^p) - \bar{\mu}_X(t^p)|^2 \leq \frac{2ep^2}{d} \text{Cat}_{p-1}.$

Let's apply the theorem first. The norm:

$$\mathbb{E}\|X\| \leq 2\left(1 + \frac{e \log d}{\sqrt{d}}\right) \rightarrow 2.$$

Proof sketch: By moment method,

$$\mathbb{E}\|X\| \leq (d \cdot \mathbb{E}\bar{\text{Tr}}X^{2p})^{1/2p} \leq d^{1/2p} \left( \left(1 + \frac{cp^2}{d}\right) \text{Cat}_p \right)^{1/2p} \leq 2d^{1/2p} \left(1 + \frac{cp^2}{d}\right)^{1/2p}.$$

We minimize it over  $p$ .

Another example is: Let  $\chi(t) = \sum_{p=0}^n c_p t^p$  with  $n \leq \log d$ . We have:

$$|\bar{\mu}_X(\chi) - \mu_{SC}(X)| \leq \frac{2ne^{4n}}{d} \cdot \max_{|t| \leq 2} |\chi(t)|.$$

$$[\mathbb{E}|\bar{\mu}_X(\chi) - \mu_{SC}(\chi)|^2]^{1/2} \leq \frac{4ne^{4n}}{d} \max_{|t| \leq 2} |\chi(t)|.$$

Proof sketch: We can prove:  $|c_p| \leq \frac{(2n)^p}{p!} \max_{|t| \leq 2} |\chi(t)|$ .

### Theorem 8.3 (Eigen's Theorem for GOE)

Let  $X_{goe(d)}$  for  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ . For  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  bounded and continuous,

$$\bar{\mu}_{X_{goe(d)}}(f) \rightarrow \mu_{SC}(f)$$

$$\mu_{X_{goe(d)}}(f) \rightarrow \mu_{SC}(f)$$

Proof sketch:

- $\|X_{(d)}\| \leq 3$  for all large  $d$ .
- Approximate  $f$  by a polynomial on  $[-3, 3]$ .
- Borel Cantelli.

## 8.1 GOE Moment Computation

Recall:  $X = X_{goe(d)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2d}} \sum_{i,j=1}^d \gamma_{i,j} (E_{ij} + E_{ji}) =: \sum_k \gamma_k H_k$ , where  $H_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2d}} (E_{ij} + E_{ji})$ .

### Theorem 8.4 (GOE moments)

For  $X = X_{goe(d)}$  and  $p \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ ,

- MSD odd:  $\bar{\mu}_X(t^{2p+1}) = 0$
- MSD even:  $(1 - \epsilon_p)_+ \leq \bar{\mu}_X(t^{2p}) \leq e^{\epsilon_p} \text{Cat}_p$ , where  $\epsilon_p = p^2/d + p^4/d^2$ .
- ESD:  $\text{Var}[\mu_X(t^p)] \leq \frac{2e^{\epsilon_{p-1}} p^2}{d^2} \text{Cat}_{p-1}$ .

We'll follow the proof of *MKI* without so many inequalities.

Proof: **Step I:**  $p = 0$ ,  $\bar{\mu}_X(t^0) = 1$ ;

$p = 2k + 1$ ,  $X \sim -X$ , and  $\mathbb{E}\bar{\text{Tr}}X^{2k+1} = \mathbb{E}\bar{\text{Tr}}(-X)^{2k+1}(-1)\mathbb{E}\bar{\text{Tr}}X^{2k+1} = 0$ .

**Step II:** Lemma: For  $A \in \mathbb{H}_d$ ,  $\sum_k H_k A H_k = (\bar{\text{Tr}}A)I + d^{-1}A$ .

**Step III:**  $\alpha_p = \mathbb{E}\bar{\text{Tr}}X^{2p}$ . So:

$$\alpha_{p+1} := \mathbb{E}\bar{\text{Tr}}[X^{2p+2}] = \mathbb{E}\bar{\text{Tr}}[X \cdot X^{2p+1}] = \sum_k \mathbb{E}[\gamma_k \cdot \bar{\text{Tr}}[H_k \cdot X^{2p+1}]] \quad (36)$$

$$= \sum_{q=0}^{2p} \sum_k \mathbb{E}\bar{\text{Tr}}[H_k X^q H_k X^{2p-q}] = \sum_{q=0}^{2p} \mathbb{E}\bar{\text{Tr}}[(\bar{\text{Tr}}X^q)I + d^{-1}X^q] \cdot X^{2p-q} \quad (37)$$

$$= \sum_{q=0}^{2p} \mathbb{E} \left[ (\bar{\text{Tr}}X^q)(\bar{\text{Tr}}X^{2p-q}) + \frac{1}{d}\bar{\text{Tr}}[X^{2p}] \right] \quad (38)$$

$$= \left[ \sum_{q=0}^{2p} \mathbb{E}[(\bar{\text{Tr}}X^q)(\bar{\text{Tr}}X^{2p-q})] + \text{Cov}(\bar{\text{Tr}}(X^q), \bar{\text{Tr}}(X^{2p-q})) \right] + \frac{2p+1}{d}\alpha_p \quad (39)$$

$$= \sum_{q=0}^p \alpha_q \alpha_{p-q} + \sum_{q=0}^{2p} \text{Cov}(\bar{\text{Tr}}(X^q), \bar{\text{Tr}}(X^{2p-q})) + \frac{2p+1}{d}\alpha_p \quad (40)$$

$$= \sum_{q=0}^p \alpha_q \alpha_{p-q} + \text{err}_{p+1}. \quad (41)$$

Notice that:  $\text{Cat}_{p+1} = \sum_{q=0}^p \text{Cat}_q \text{Cat}_{p-q}$  for  $p \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ .

**Step IV:** We now calculate the error:

$$\text{err}_{p+1} = \frac{2p+1}{d}\alpha_p + \sum_{q=0}^{2p} \text{Cov}(\bar{\text{Tr}}(X^q), \bar{\text{Tr}}(X^{2p-q}))$$

Recall the lemma:

$$\text{Cov}(f(z), g(z)) = \int_0^1 dt \mathbb{E} \langle \nabla f(z), \nabla g(z_t) \rangle.$$

Now we let  $f(z) = \bar{\text{Tr}}(X^q)$ , and  $g(z) = \bar{\text{Tr}}(X^{2p-q})$ . Preparation:  $\gamma'_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ ,  $X' = X(\gamma') = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2d}} \sum_{ij} \gamma'_{ij} (E_{ij} + E_{ji})$ ,  $X_t = tX + \sqrt{1-t^2}X'$ . Of course  $X_t \sim X$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

The derivation:

$$\partial_{\gamma_{ij}} f(\gamma) = q \cdot \bar{\text{Tr}}[X^{q-1}(\partial_{\gamma_{ij}} X)] = q \cdot \bar{\text{Tr}}[X^{q-1}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2d}}(E_{ij} + E_{ji}))] \quad (42)$$

$$= \frac{2q}{\sqrt{2d^{3/2}}}(X^{q-1})_{ij}. (\text{Since } X^{q-1} \text{ is symmetric, and } \bar{\text{Tr}} \text{ has a mean term } \frac{1}{d}) \quad (43)$$

Similarly:

$$\partial_{\gamma_{ij}} g(\gamma) = \frac{2(2p-q)}{\sqrt{2d^{3/2}}}(X^{2p-q-1})_{ij}.$$

So:

$$\langle \nabla f(\gamma), \nabla g(\gamma_t) \rangle = \sum_{ij} \frac{\sqrt{2}q}{d^{3/2}}(X^{q-1})_{ij} \frac{\sqrt{2}(2p-q)}{d^{3/2}}(X_t^{2p-q-1})_{ij} = \frac{2q(2p-q)}{d^3} \text{Tr}[X^{q-1}X_t^{2p-q-1}].$$

The expectation is:

$$|\mathbb{E} \langle \nabla f(\gamma), \nabla g(\gamma_t) \rangle| = \frac{2q(2p-q)}{d^2} |\mathbb{E}[X^{q-1}X_t^{2p-q-1}]| \quad (44)$$

$$\leq \frac{2q(2p-q)}{d^2} (\mathbb{E}\bar{\text{Tr}}X^{2p-2})^{(q-1)/2p-2} (\mathbb{E}\bar{\text{Tr}}X_t^{2p-2})^{(2p-q-1)/2p-2} \quad (45)$$

$$= \frac{2q(2p-q)}{d^2} \alpha_{p-1}. \quad (46)$$

Now we calculate the covariance.

$$\text{Cov}(\bar{\text{Tr}}(X^q), \bar{\text{Tr}}(X^{2p-q})) \leq \frac{2q(2p-q)}{d^2} \alpha_{p-1}. \quad (47)$$

and

$$|\text{err}_{p+1} - \frac{2p+1}{d} \alpha_p| \leq \sum_{q=0}^{2p} \frac{2q(2p-q)}{d^2} \alpha_{p-1} \quad (48)$$

$$\leq \frac{3p^3}{d^2} \alpha_{p-1} \quad (49)$$

which means:

$$\frac{2p+1}{d} \alpha_p - \frac{3p^3}{d^2} \alpha_{p-1} \leq \text{err}_{p+1} \leq \frac{2p+1}{d} \alpha_p + \frac{3p^3}{d^2} \alpha_{p-1}.$$

**Step V:** Solving the recurrence: our recurrence is a perturbation of  $\text{Cat}_p$ . (Technique!)

**Step VI:** Variance:

$$\text{Var}[\mu_X(t^p)] = \text{Var}[\bar{\text{Tr}}X^p] \leq \mathbb{E}\|\nabla_\gamma(\bar{\text{Tr}}X(\gamma)^p)\|_2^2 \quad (50)$$

$$= \frac{2p^2}{d^2} \mathbb{E} \text{Tr}X^{2p-2} = \frac{2p^2}{d^2} \alpha_{p-1} \leq \frac{2p^2}{d^2} e^{\epsilon_{p-1}} \text{Cat}_{p-1}. \quad (51)$$

Q.E.D.

We'll then explore other random matrices "look like" GOE.

## 9 Universality

Recall that the proofs on GOE exploited it is a gaussian matrices. What about other random matrix models.

For example, Wigner matrix!

$$W = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{i \leq j} W_{ij} (E_{ij} + E_{ji}) \in \mathbb{H}_d,$$

where  $\mathbb{E}W_{ji} = 0$ ,  $\text{Var}W_{ij} = 1$ .

Recall the CLT: Let  $Y \in L_2$  be a real r.v. with  $\mathbb{E}Y = 0$  and  $\text{Var}Y = 1$ .  $T_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$ , where  $Y_i \sim Y$  i.i.d. We have for  $h$  continuous and bounded:

$$|\mathbb{E}h(T_n) - \mathbb{E}h(Z)| = 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Here we do not require that  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ . We want to apply it to matrix models:

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \in \mathbb{H}_d,$$

where  $(Y_i)$  is independent and  $\mathbb{E}Y_i = 0$ .

And the variance transforms into a covariance tensor (the second order statistics):

$$\text{Var}_\otimes[X] = \mathbb{E}[X \otimes X].$$

Here the tensor of the matrix means:

$$(A \otimes A)_{ijkl} = a_{ij} \cdot a_{kl}.$$

Compared with a Gaussian matrix  $Z \in \mathbb{H}_d$  with jointly Gaussian entries. (Unique!)

- $\mathbb{E}Z = \mathbb{E}X = 0$ .
- $\text{Var}_\otimes[Z] = \text{Var}_\otimes[X]$ .

The second item  $\implies \nu(Z) = \|\mathbb{E}Z^2\| = \|\mathbb{E}X^2\| = \nu(X)$ .

Recall Multivariate CLT: Suppose  $X_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$ , where  $(Y_i)$  is independent and  $\mathbb{E}Y_i = 0$ . Let  $Z$  be normal,  $\mathbb{E}Z = 0$  and  $\text{Var}_\otimes[Z] = \text{Var}_\otimes[Y]$ . We have for  $h$  continuous and bounded:

$$|\mathbb{E}h(T_n) - \mathbb{E}h(Z)| = 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Surprisingly, we can compare polynomials of  $X$  and  $Z$  without i.i.d. assumptions.

Define:

$$\|W\|_p := (\mathbb{E}\bar{\text{Tr}}|W|^p)^{1/p} \quad \text{for } p \geq 1.$$

### Theorem 9.1 (2022)

With  $X = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \in \mathbb{H}_d$  an independent summation and  $\mathbb{E}Y_i = 0$ . Assume  $\|Y_i\| \leq R$ , define  $\nu(X) = \|\mathbb{E}X^2\|$ . Let  $Z$  be normal,  $\mathbb{E}Z = 0$  and  $\text{Var}_\otimes[Z] = \text{Var}_\otimes[Y] = \text{Var}_\otimes[X]$ . Then for  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$|\|X\|_{2p} - \|Z\|_{2p}| \lesssim [p^2 R \nu(X)]^{1/3} + pR.$$

Since MKI:

$$\|Z\|_{2p} \lesssim \sqrt{p\nu(Z)},$$

we have the bounds for relative variance:

$$\frac{|\|X\|_{2p} - \|Z\|_{2p}|}{\sqrt{\nu(Z)}} \leq \left(\frac{p^4 R^2}{\nu(Z)}\right)^{1/6} + \left(\frac{p^2 R^2}{\nu(Z)}\right)^{1/2} (\ll 1).$$

It is nontrivial when  $p^4 R^2 \ll \nu(Z) = \nu(X)$ .

**Remark: In Hilbert space:**  $a_n \rightarrow a \iff \|a_n\| \rightarrow \|a\|$  and  $a_n \rightharpoonup a$ .

Now we add another assumption to Wigner matrix:  $|W_{ij}| \leq B$  and  $|2W_{ij}| \leq B$ . We easily have  $\nu(W) = \nu(X_{goe}) = 1 + d^{-1} \leq 2$ .

Example 1 (Rademacher Entries):  $W_{ii} \sim \text{Unif}[\pm\sqrt{2}]$  and  $W_{ij} \sim \text{Unif}[\pm 1]$  for  $i \neq j$ . Here  $B = \sqrt{2}$ .

Example 2 (Sparse Rademacher Entries): It is similar to a adjacent matrix of a sparse graph.  $W_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \epsilon_{ij} S_{ij}$ ,  $\epsilon_{ij} \sim \text{Unif}[\pm 1]$  and  $S_{ij} \sim \text{Bern}(s)$ . Here  $B = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$ .

What does the universality apply?

$$\frac{p^4 B^2}{d} \ll \text{Const.}$$

For example 1, we require  $p^4 \ll d$ ; for example 2, we require  $p^4 \ll sd$ . When  $p \sim \log d$ , the inequality holds.

## 9.1 Concentration

Recall  $\|X_{goe(d)}\|_{2p}^{2p} = (1 + \frac{cp^2}{d}) \text{Cat}_p \approx \text{Cat}_p$  when  $d \rightarrow \infty$ . Fix  $\epsilon > 0$  and let  $p \geq \frac{\log d}{\epsilon}$ :

$$\mathbb{E}\|w\| \leq d^{1/2p} (\mathbb{E}\bar{\text{Tr}}W^{2p})^{1/2p} \leq (1 + \epsilon) \|W\|_{2p} \quad (52)$$

$$\leq (1 + \epsilon) (\|X_{goe}\|_{2p} + \text{universality error}) \quad (53)$$

$$\leq (1 + \epsilon) ((1 + \text{goe error}) \text{Cat}_p^{1/2p} + \text{universality error}) \quad (54)$$

$$\leq 2(1 + c\epsilon) \quad (55)$$

Recall the GOE moments, we need to verify:



- MSD odd:  $\bar{\mu}_W(t^{2p+1}) = 0$
- MSD even:  $(1 - \epsilon_p)_+ \leq \bar{\mu}_W(t^{2p}) \leq e^{\epsilon_p} \text{Cat}_p$ , where  $\epsilon_p = p^2/d + p^4/d^2$ .
- ESD:  $\text{Var}[\mu_W(t^p)] \leq \frac{2e^{\epsilon_p-1}p^2}{d^2} \text{Cat}_{p-1}$ .

We notice that  $W_{ij} \sim -W_{ij}$ , and the first result holds.

For the second claim:

$$\bar{\mu}_W(t^{2p}) = \|W\|_{2p}^{2p} = \|X_{\text{goe}(d)}\|_{2p}^{2p} (1 \pm \text{universality error}) \quad (56)$$

$$= \text{Cat}_p \left(1 \pm \frac{cp^2}{d}\right) \left(1 \pm \left(\frac{B^2 p^4}{d}\right)^{1/6}\right)^{2p} \quad (57)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Cat}_p. \quad (58)$$

Still, we need to transfer polynomials to bounded continuous functions.

For the third claim: we need extra concentration results:

$$\mu_W(f) \approx \bar{\mu}_W(f).$$

Since we do not have enough time, the proof is omitted.

## 10 Lindeberg Exchange

We now focus on CLT.

### Theorem 10.1

Let  $Y \in L_3$  be a real r.v. with  $\mathbb{E}Y = 0$  and  $\text{Var}Y = 1$ ,  $\mathbb{E}|Y|^3 \leq M_3$ . Let  $T_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$  where  $(Y_i)$  are i.i.d. copies of  $Y$ . For standardized normal  $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  and  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ :

$$|\mathbb{E}h(T_n) - \mathbb{E}h(Z)| \leq \frac{M_3}{\sqrt{n}} \|h'''\|_{\text{sup}}.$$

A corollary is for  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $|h(t)| \leq 1$  and  $h$  is 1-Lipchitz.

$$|\mathbb{E}h(T_n) - \mathbb{E}h(Z)| \leq \text{Const} \cdot \frac{M_3^{1/3}}{n^{1/6}}.$$

which implies CLT.

The proof of the corollary is to smooth the bounded Lipchitz function.

Now we come back to the theorem.

**Lemma 10.1.** Consider  $Y, Z \in L_3$  with  $\mathbb{E}Y = \mathbb{E}Z$  and  $\mathbb{E}Y^2 = \mathbb{E}Z^2$ ,

$$|\mathbb{E}h(Y) - \mathbb{E}h(Z)| \leq \frac{1}{6} \|h'''\|_{\text{sup}} (\mathbb{E}|Y|^3 + \mathbb{E}|Z|^3).$$

Proof: By Taylor's theorem,

$$|h(Y) - h(0) - h'(0)Y - \frac{1}{2}h''(0)Y^2| \leq \frac{1}{6} \|h'''\|_{\text{sup}} |Y|^3$$

$$|h(Z) - h(0) - h'(0)Z - \frac{1}{2}h''(0)Z^2| \leq \frac{1}{6} \|h'''\|_{\text{sup}} |Z|^3$$

Combine them together.

**Theorem 10.2 (Lindeberg Exchange)**

Let  $(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  and  $(Z_1, \dots, Z_n)$  be independent r.v.s in  $L_3$ . Assume  $\mathbb{E}Y_i = \mathbb{E}Z_i$  and  $\mathbb{E}Y_i^2 = \mathbb{E}Z_i^2$ ,

$$|\mathbb{E}f(Y_1, \dots, Y_n) - \mathbb{E}f(Z_1, \dots, Z_n)| \leq \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\partial_{iii} f\|_{\sup} (\mathbb{E}|Y_i|^3 + \mathbb{E}|Z_i|^3).$$

Proof: We define:  $W_i = (Y_1, \dots, Y_i, Z_{i+1}, \dots, Z_n)$ ,  $Y = W_n$ ,  $Z = W_0$ . Observe the telescope:

$$|\mathbb{E}f(Y_1, \dots, Y_n) - \mathbb{E}f(Z_1, \dots, Z_n)| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |\mathbb{E}f(W_i) - \mathbb{E}f(W_{i-1})| \leq \text{RHS}.$$

An important corollary is standard sums. Let  $Y, Z \in L_3$  with  $Y, Z$  standardized.  $M = \mathbb{E}|Y|^3 \vee \mathbb{E}|Z|^3$ .  $(Y_i)$  and  $(Z_i)$  are copies of  $Y$  and  $Z$ .

$$|\mathbb{E}h(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i) - \mathbb{E}h(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i)| \leq \frac{\frac{1}{3} M \|h'''\|_{\sup}}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

We now extend the above results to the matrix cases.

**Theorem 10.3 (2024)**

Let  $Y, Z \in \mathbb{H}_d$  symmetric matrices,  $\|Y\| \vee \|Z\| \leq R$ , s.t.  $\mathbb{E}Y = \mathbb{E}Z = 0$  and  $\text{Var}_{\otimes}[Y] = \mathbb{E}[Y \otimes Y] = \mathbb{E}[Z \otimes Z] = \text{Var}_{\otimes}[Z]$ . Consider the i.i.d. sums:

$$W_n = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \quad \text{where } (Y_i) \text{ are i.i.d. copies of } Y$$

$$W_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i \quad \text{where } (Z_i) \text{ are i.i.d. copies of } Z$$

For  $p \in \mathbb{N}$

$$|\|W_n\|_{2p} - \|W_0\|_{2p}| \leq (p^2 R (\nu(W_n) + \nu(W_0)))^{1/3} + pR.$$

Proof idea: Lindeberg!