## Homework 1

**1.** Prove that  $\mathbb{E}[\langle \mu, x^k \rangle^2] - (\mathbb{E}\langle \mu, x^k \rangle)^2 \to 0$  as  $N \to \infty$ .

As we did in the calculation of  $\mathbb{E}\langle \mu, x^k \rangle$ , we can rephrase  $\mathbb{E}[\langle \mu, x^k \rangle^2] - (\mathbb{E}\langle \mu, x^k \rangle)^2$  as follows:

$$\begin{split} &\mathbb{E}\left[\langle\mu,x^{k}\rangle^{2}\right]-\left(\mathbb{E}\langle\mu,x^{k}\rangle\right)^{2} \\ &=\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\frac{1}{N}\sum_{j=1}^{N}\lambda_{j}^{k}\right)^{2}\right]-\left(\frac{1}{N}\mathbb{E}\sum_{j=1}^{N}\lambda_{j}^{k}\right)^{2} \\ &=\frac{1}{N^{2}}\left(\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\sum_{j=1}^{N}\lambda_{j}^{k}\right)^{2}\right]-\left(\mathbb{E}\sum_{j=1}^{N}\lambda_{j}^{k}\right)^{2}\right) \\ &=\frac{1}{N^{2}}\left(\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\operatorname{tr}H^{k}\right)^{2}\right]-\left(\mathbb{E}\left[\operatorname{tr}H^{k}\right]\right)^{2}\right) \\ &=\frac{1}{N^{2}}\left(\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i_{1},\ldots,i_{k}=1}^{N}\sum_{i'_{1},\ldots,i'_{k}=1}^{N}H_{i_{1},i_{2}}\cdots H_{i_{k},i_{1}}H_{i'_{1},i'_{2}}\cdots H_{i'_{k},i'_{1}}\right] \\ &-\left(\mathbb{E}\sum_{i_{1},\ldots,i_{k}=1}^{N}H_{i_{1},i_{2}}\cdots H_{i_{k},i_{1}}\right)^{2}\right) \\ &=\frac{1}{N^{2}}\sum_{\mathbf{i},\mathbf{i}'\in\{1,2,\ldots,N\}^{k}}\left(\mathbb{E}\left[T_{\mathbf{i}}T_{\mathbf{i}'}\right]-\mathbb{E}T_{\mathbf{i}}\,\mathbb{E}T_{\mathbf{i}'}\right) \end{split}$$

where  $T_{(i_1,...,i_k)} = H_{i_1,i_2}H_{i_2,i_3}\cdots H_{i_k,i_1}$ .

Like a way we defined a graph for each  $\mathbf{i} \in \{1, \dots, N\}^k$ , we may associate a pair  $(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}')$  to a graph as follows:

Let  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_k), \mathbf{i}' = (i'_1, \dots, i'_k) \in \{1, \dots, N\}^k$ . Define the graph  $G_{\mathbf{i}} = (V_{\mathbf{i}}, E_{\mathbf{i}})$  associated with  $\mathbf{i}$  where  $V_{\mathbf{i}} = \{i_j : j \in \{1, \dots, k\}\}$  and  $E_{\mathbf{i}} = \{\{i_j, i_{j+1}\} : j \in \{1, \dots, k\}\}$  with  $i_{k+1} \coloneqq i_1$ . Also, define the graph  $G_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'} = (V_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'}, E_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'})$  associated with  $\{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'\}$  where  $V_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'} = V_{\mathbf{i}} \cup V_{\mathbf{i}'}$ 

and  $E_{\mathbf{i},\mathbf{i}'} = E_{\mathbf{i}} \cup E_{\mathbf{i}'}$ .

Traversing the graph  $G_{\mathbf{i}}$   $(i_1 \to \cdots \to i_k \to i_1)$  or  $G_{\mathbf{i},\mathbf{i}'}$   $(i_1 \to \cdots \to i_k \to i_1)$  and  $i'_1 \to \cdots \to i'_k \to i'_1)$ , let  $N_{\mathbf{i}}$  or  $N_{\mathbf{i},\mathbf{i}'}(e)$   $(e \in E_{\mathbf{i}})$  or  $e \in E_{\mathbf{i},\mathbf{i}'}$  be the number of times the traverse passes e (in any direction), respectively.

With these definitions, we obtain

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}\left[T_{\mathbf{i}}T_{\mathbf{i}'}\right] &= \prod_{\substack{e \in E_{\mathbf{i},\mathbf{i}'} \\ e \text{ is a loop}}} \mathbb{E}\left[H_e^{N_{\mathbf{i},\mathbf{i}'}(e)}\right] \cdot \prod_{\substack{e \in E_{\mathbf{i},\mathbf{i}'} \\ e \text{ is a non-loop}}} \mathbb{E}\left[H_e^{N_{\mathbf{i},\mathbf{i}'}(e)}\right] \\ &= \prod_{\substack{e \in E_{\mathbf{i},\mathbf{i}'} \\ e \text{ is a loop}}} \mathbb{E}\left[H_{11}^{N_{\mathbf{i},\mathbf{i}'}(e)}\right] \cdot \prod_{\substack{e \in E_{\mathbf{i},\mathbf{i}'} \\ e \text{ is a non-loop}}} \mathbb{E}\left[H_{12}^{N_{\mathbf{i},\mathbf{i}'}(e)}\right], \end{split}$$

where  $H_e = H_{ij}$  if  $e = \{i, j\}$ , due to the identical distribution conditions. Similarly,

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}\left[T_{\mathbf{i}}\right] &= \prod_{\substack{e \in E_{\mathbf{i}} \\ e \text{ is a loop}}} \mathbb{E}\left[H_e^{N_{\mathbf{i}}(e)}\right] \cdot \prod_{\substack{e \in E_{\mathbf{i}} \\ e \text{ is a non-loop}}} \mathbb{E}\left[H_e^{N_{\mathbf{i}}(e)}\right] \\ &= \prod_{\substack{e \in E_{\mathbf{i}} \\ e \text{ is a loop}}} \mathbb{E}\left[H_{11}^{N_{\mathbf{i}}(e)}\right] \cdot \prod_{\substack{e \in E_{\mathbf{i}} \\ e \text{ is a non-loop}}} \mathbb{E}\left[H_{12}^{N_{\mathbf{i}}(e)}\right]. \end{split}$$

Because  $\mathbb{E}H_{11} = \mathbb{E}H_{12} = 0$ , unless  $N_{\mathbf{i},\mathbf{i}'}(e) = N_{\mathbf{i}}(e) + N_{\mathbf{i}'}(e) \geq 2$  for all  $e \in E_{\mathbf{i},\mathbf{i}'}$ , we have  $\mathbb{E}\left[T_{\mathbf{i}}T_{\mathbf{i}'}\right] - \mathbb{E}T_{\mathbf{i}}\mathbb{E}T_{\mathbf{i}'} = 0$ . Also when  $E_{\mathbf{i}} \cap E_{\mathbf{i}'} = \emptyset$ , we have  $\mathbb{E}\left[T_{\mathbf{i}}T_{\mathbf{i}'}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[T_{\mathbf{i}}\right]\mathbb{E}\left[T_{\mathbf{i}'}\right]$  due to the independence conditions. Moreover, when there is a bijection on  $\{1,\ldots,N\}$  which maps  $\mathbf{i}$  to  $\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{i}'$  to  $\mathbf{j}'$ , then we have

$$\mathbb{E}\left[T_{\mathbf{i}}T_{\mathbf{i'}}\right] - \mathbb{E}T_{\mathbf{i}}\,\mathbb{E}T_{\mathbf{i'}} = \mathbb{E}\left[T_{\mathbf{j}}T_{\mathbf{j'}}\right] - \mathbb{E}T_{\mathbf{j}}\,\mathbb{E}T_{\mathbf{j'}}$$

due to the identical distribution (by applying the bijection on the product). So, this defines an equivalence relation on  $\left(\{1,\ldots,N\}^k\right)^2$ .

Now, we will count those equivalence classes (of  $(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}')$ 's) by  $|V_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'}| (\leq 2k)$ . Let us  $\mathcal{G}_v$  denote the set of all representatives for equivalence classes of  $a_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'}$ 's (defined by the bijection on  $\{1, \ldots, N\}$ ) with  $|V_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'}| = v$ ,  $N_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'}(e) \geq 2$  for every  $e \in E_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'}$ , and  $E_{\mathbf{i}} \cap E_{\mathbf{i}'} \neq \emptyset$ . Note that the cardinality of an equivalence class is exactly  $v!\binom{N}{v}$ , if N is sufficiently large, that is,  $N \geq v$ .

Using this observation, we have (when  $N \geq 2k$ )

$$\begin{split} &\mathbb{E}\left[\langle \mu, x^k \rangle^2\right] - \left(\mathbb{E}\langle \mu, x^k \rangle\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}' \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}^k} \left(\mathbb{E}\left[T_{\mathbf{i}} T_{\mathbf{i}'}\right] - \mathbb{E} T_{\mathbf{i}} \, \mathbb{E} T_{\mathbf{i}'}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}' \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}^k} \left(\mathbb{E}\left[T_{\mathbf{i}} T_{\mathbf{i}'}\right] - \mathbb{E} T_{\mathbf{i}} \, \mathbb{E} T_{\mathbf{i}'}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{v=1}^{2k} v! \binom{N}{v} \sum_{(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}') \in \mathcal{G}_v} \left(\mathbb{E}\left[T_{\mathbf{i}} T_{\mathbf{i}'}\right] - \mathbb{E} T_{\mathbf{i}} \, \mathbb{E} T_{\mathbf{i}'}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{v=1}^{2k} v! \binom{N}{v} \sum_{(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}') \in \mathcal{G}_v} \left(\prod_{\substack{e \in E_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'} \\ e \text{ is a loop}}} \mathbb{E}\left[H_{11}^{N_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'}(e)}\right] \cdot \prod_{\substack{e \in E_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'} \\ e \text{ is a non-loop}}} \mathbb{E}\left[H_{12}^{N_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'}(e)}\right] - \prod_{\substack{e \in E_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'} \\ e \text{ is a non-loop}}} \mathbb{E}\left[H_{12}^{N_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'}(e)}\right] \cdot \prod_{\substack{e \in E_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'} \\ e \text{ is a non-loop}}} \mathbb{E}\left[H_{12}^{N_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'}(e)}\right] \cdot \prod_{\substack{e \in E_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'} \\ e \text{ is a non-loop}}} \mathbb{E}\left[H_{12}^{N_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'}(e)}\right] \cdot \prod_{\substack{e \in E_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'} \\ e \text{ is a non-loop}}} \mathbb{E}\left[H_{11}^{N_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'}(e)}\right] \cdot \prod_{\substack{e \in E_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'} \\ e \text{ is a non-loop}}} \mathbb{E}\left[H_{12}^{N_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'}(e)}\right] \cdot \prod_{\substack{e \in E_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'} \\ e \text{ is a non-loop}}} \mathbb{E}\left[H_{11}^{N_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'}(e)}\right] \cdot \prod_{\substack{e \in E_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'} \\ e \text{ is a non-loop}}} \mathbb{E}\left[H_{12}^{N_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'}(e)}\right] \cdot \prod_{\substack{e \in E_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'} \\ e \text{ is a non-loop}}} \mathbb{E}\left[H_{12}^{N_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'}(e)}\right] \cdot \prod_{\substack{e \in E_{\mathbf{i}'} \\ e \text{ is a non-loop}}} \mathbb{E}\left[H_{12}^{N_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'}(e)}\right] \right)$$

where 
$$\hat{H}_{ij} := N^{-1/2}H_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$
 if  $i \neq j$ ,  $\hat{H}_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(0,2)$  if  $i = j$ .

Moreover, we can observe that  $\mathcal{G}_v$  does not depend on N: as we can pick a representative whose set of vertices is contained in  $\{1,\ldots,v\}$ . Since any k-th moment of a normal random variable are finitely well-defined,  $\sum_{(\mathbf{i},\mathbf{i}')\in\mathcal{G}_v}(\cdots)$  in the last line of the equation above does not depend on N. Denoting those terms (independent of N) as  $C_v$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\langle \mu, x^k \rangle^2\right] - \left(\mathbb{E}\langle \mu, x^k \rangle\right)^2 = \sum_{v=1}^{2k} C_v \cdot v! \cdot N^{-(k+2)} \binom{N}{v}.$$

Therefore, it suffices to prove that  $\mathcal{G}_v = \emptyset$  so that  $C_v = 0$  for  $v \geq k+2$ , since other (lower degree) terms disappears as  $N \to \infty$ , since  $\binom{N}{v} \sim N^v$ .

Suppose  $(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}') \in \mathcal{G}_v$ . Since  $E_{\mathbf{i}} \cap E_{\mathbf{i}'} \neq \emptyset$ ,  $G_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'}$  is connected, with v vertices and  $\leq k$  edges, as every edge should be passed more than once during traverse. Since  $v = |V(G_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'})| \leq |E(G_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}'})| + 1 \leq k + 1$  for a connected

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graph $G_{\mathbf{i},\mathbf{i}'}$ , we have $\mathcal{G}_v = \emptyset$ when $v \geq k + 2$ . This completes the pro-	oof.	