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1 Recap

We have established the semicircle law for real Wigner random matrices. If W is an $n \times n$ real symmetric matrix with independent entries X_{ij} above the main diagonal (mean zero, variance 1), and mean zero diagonal entries, then the empirical spectral distribution of W/\sqrt{n} converges to the semicircle law as $n \to \infty$:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \delta_{\lambda_i/\sqrt{n}} = \mu_{\rm sc}.$$

The convergence is weakly almost sure.

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References

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