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1. La mano de Yavé se posó sobre mí. Yavé me hizo salir por medio de su espíritu. Me depositó en medio de un valle, que estaba lleno de huesos humanos.

2. Me hizo recorrer el valle en todos los sentidos; los huesos esparcidos por el suelo eran muy numerosos, y estaban completamente secos.

3. Entonces me dijo: “¿Hijo de hombre, podrán revivir estos huesos?” Respondí: “Yavé, tú lo sabes”.

-Ezequiel 37:1-3



# Abstract

Palabras clave:



# Agradecimientos

A mis padres ...





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# Introduction

Around modern statistics, there are two problems that random matrix theory can help solve; one is the study of large covariance matrices, and the other is the theoretical justification of deep learning.

Throughout history, the collection of data from nature has been affected by intrinsic noise that arises as a result of imprecision or errors in measurement. Traditional statistical methods are useful for eliminating this noise when working with small amounts of data. When the number of variables and observations increases, the relationships between variables are modeled with a very large covariance matrix that requires the use of random matrix theory.

In a topic adjacent to statistics, the theoretical foundation of new deep learning techniques is incomplete. Despite the advances that have been achieved using this type of model, their implementation normally follows heuristic rules, which makes it impossible to generalize the results or find optimal methodologies. Currently, there are several attempts to generate a rigorous theory for the convergence of deep learning models. Essentially, a deep learning model is a set of parameters that are updated in each iteration of the training algorithm. One approach to this problem is to represent the training of the model under a certain algorithm as the evolution of a matrix-valued stochastic process.

Random matrix theory, through the study of the evolution of matrix processes, provides tools for solving this problem. Typically, the study of random matrices is based on knowing the behavior of spectral distributions. In particular, when working with matrix-valued stochastic processes, it is of interest to know the behavior of their eigenvalue process.

In Freeman Dyson's seminal work [1], a system of differential equations is obtained to describe the eigenvalues of a Brownian motion in a space of real (GOE), complex (GUE), or quaternionic (GSE) self-adjoint matrices. The process that describes the evolution of each of these eigenvalues is called Dyson's Brownian motion, and it is the only weak solution to the following stochastic differential equation,

$$d\lambda_j = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\beta}} dB_j + \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{dt}{\lambda_j - \lambda_k}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\lambda_i$  is the  $i$ -th eigenvalue of the matrix, and  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n$  represent independent Brownian motions. In this case, the parameter  $\beta$  depends on the space in which the random matrices take values, and thus  $\beta = 1$  represents the orthogonal case (GOE),  $\beta = 2$  the unitary case (GUE), and  $\beta = 4$  the symplectic case (GSE).

Several subsequent works find differential equations for the eigenvalues of matrix processes. Particularly, Graczyk and Małeckı [2] manage to generalize Dyson's result by finding a differential equation for the eigenvalues of matrix processes  $X = (X_t, t \geq 0)$  that satisfy a stochastic differential equation of the form

$$dX(t) = g(X(t))dW(t)h(X(t)) + h(X_t)dW(t)^T g(X(t)) + b(X(t))dt, \quad (2)$$

where  $W(t)$  is a matrix whose entries are all independent Brownian motions, and where the functions  $g$  and  $h$  act spectrally on  $X$ . Under certain acceptable regularity conditions, Graczyk and Małeckı show that the eigenvalues of this process are the only solution to the following differential equation

$$d\lambda_j = 2g(\lambda_j)h(\lambda_j)dB_j + \left( b(\lambda_j) + \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{G(\lambda_j, \lambda_k)}{\lambda_j - \lambda_k} \right) dt, \quad (3)$$

where  $B_1, \dots, B_n$  are independent Brownian motions and  $G(x, y) := g^2(x)h^2(y)$ .

In a different context, Marcus, Spielman, and Srivastava [3] study convolutions of polynomials and find that, using an analogy with free probability, it is possible to write these convolutions as the expected polynomials of sums and products of random matrices invariant under unitary transformations. Specifically, they find that the roots of characteristic polynomial of a Brownian motion in the space of Hermitian matrices satisfy the equation

$$d\lambda_j = \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{dt}{\lambda_j - \lambda_k}. \quad (4)$$

This equation coincides with the equation satisfied by Dyson's Brownian motion when the diffusion coefficient is removed.

A final precedent is found in Holcomb and Paquette [4] where they build a tridiagonal matrix model whose eigenvalues satisfy (4). The presence of this equation in several contexts suggests that a relationship can be found and used to translate knowledge between different areas.

This thesis is a modest attempt to explore how the theory of stochastic processes and finite free probability can be used to approach the study of eigenvalue processes. In the first chapter we introduce basic concepts on random matrix theory, stochastic calculus, and non-commutative probability. In Chapter two we use stochastic calculus tools to study the

behavior of eigenvalue processes in a quite general setting. In Chapter three we provide a brief introduction to finite free probability theory as a theoretical setting to study expected characteristic polynomials. Finally, in Chapter four we construct matrix-valued stochastic processes whose spectrum behaves as the roots of the expected characteristic polynomial for some of the matrix-valued stochastic processes studied in Chapter two. We then relate these results to Finite Free Probability Theory by showing some connections.



# Chapter 1

## Preliminaries

The purpose of this chapter is (1) to introduce the concepts and results that are used throughout the thesis and (2) to standardize the notation coming from different areas, so it is easier to read the text. The first section briefly introduces the objects of study of random matrix theory and a few matrix algebra results that are recalled later in the proofs. The second section introduces stochastic calculus for  $\mathbb{R}$ -valued processes and then for processes taking values in spaces of matrices. The theory developed here will be used for the dynamics of eigenvalues in Chapters 2 and 4. The last section covers the essential definition and theorems coming from non-commutative probability theory that constitutes a precedent for Chapter 3.

To be consistent along the text, we introduce here the notation we will be using. However, the use of several kinds of objects commonly denoted with the same symbols makes it necessary to specify what kind of object we are dealing with every time. The time parameter of a stochastic process will always be shown in parentheses (i.e.  $W(t)$ ). Subindexes will represent the entry of a matrix or vector. An integer interval of length  $k$  will be represented by the symbol  $[k]$ , i.e.

$$[k] := \{1, 2, \dots, k-1, k\}.$$

When we place a set  $S$  in the combinations symbol  $\binom{S}{k}$ , we denote the collection of all of the subsets of  $S$  that have exactly  $k$  elements.

The determinant of a matrix  $A$  will be denoted by  $[A]$  and if  $S, T$  are sets of integers,  $[A]_{S,T}$  represents the determinant of the submatrix  $A_{S,T}$ . The transpose of  $A$  is denoted as  $A^T$  and if it has complex entries, its adjoint element is  $A^*$ . The space of  $n \times m$  matrices with entries in a field  $\mathbb{F}$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{M}_{n,m}(\mathbb{F})$ . The space of  $n \times n$  symmetric matrices is denoted by  $\mathcal{H}_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$  and the space of  $n \times n$  hermitian by  $\mathcal{H}_{n,n}(\mathbb{C})$ .

The symbol  $\langle X, Y \rangle(t)$  denotes the quadratic covariation between  $X$  and  $Y$  and sometimes

it will also be represented by  $dXdY$ . The derivative concerning a given variable  $x$  will be represented either using  $\frac{d}{dx}$ ,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  or  $\partial_x$  and following the convention in the literature we will sometimes denote  $\frac{d}{dt}f = g$  as  $df = gdt$ .

In the next section, we introduce the basic concepts in the study of random matrices.

## 1.1 Introduction to main concepts in Random Matrix Theory

This section is meant to present the essential objects we study in random matrix theory and illustrate a few techniques that can be used to derive results. However, most of the relevant results are presented later with the tools introduced in the following sections.

### 1.1.1 Matrix algebra

Before stating the most specific concepts and results related to random matrices, it is important to mention a few purely algebraic results of matrices as they will be useful along the thesis.

The Cauchy-Binet formula allows us to find the minor of a product of matrices in terms of the minors of the individual matrices.

**Theorem 1.1.1** (Cauchy-Binet formula). *Let  $m, n, p, k$  be integers,  $A$  an  $m \times n$  matrix, and  $B$  an  $n \times p$  matrix, then*

$$[AB]_{S,T} = \sum_{|U| \subset \binom{[n]}{k}} [A]_{S,U} [B]_{U,T},$$

where  $S \in \binom{[m]}{k}$ ,  $T \in \binom{[p]}{k}$ .

The following Theorem taken from [3] can be seen as an equivalent to the Cauchy-Binet formula for sums of matrices.

**Theorem 1.1.2.** *Let  $k, n$  be integers such that  $k \leq n$ ,  $A, B$  two  $n \times n$  matrices, and  $S, T \in \binom{[n]}{k}$ . Then*

$$[A + B]_{S,T} = \sum_{i=0}^k \sum_{V \in \binom{[k]}{i}} (-1)^{\|U\|_1 + \|V\|_1} [A]_{U(S), V(T)} [B]_{\bar{U}(S), \bar{V}(T)},$$

with  $\bar{U} = [k] \setminus U$ .

A basic linear algebra theorem that has major relevance is the Spectral Theorem.



**Theorem 1.1.3** (Spectral Theorem). *Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  self adjoint matrix. Then there exists an orthonormal basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and real eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  such that, for every  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .*

$$Av_i = \lambda_i v_i.$$

### 1.1.2 Random matrix ensembles

A random matrix  $R$  is simply a measurable function from a probability space to a space of matrices.

$$R : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{n,m}(\mathbb{F}).$$

In general Random Matrix Theory, the field for the entries  $\mathbb{F}$  can be quite general but for the goals of this work it is enough to consider  $\mathbb{F} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$ .

Given any self adjoint  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , we can associate an empirical probability measure  $\hat{\mu}$  to its set of eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  given by

$$\hat{\mu}(B) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{1}_B(\lambda_j).$$

We call  $\hat{\mu}$  the empirical spectral measure.

If  $A$  is random (i.e. its entries are random variables),  $\hat{\mu} : \Omega \times \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a random measure, which means that for every  $\omega$ ,  $\hat{\mu}(\omega, \cdot)$  is a probability measure, and for every measurable set  $B \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $\hat{\mu}(\cdot, B)$  is a real random variable. In this case, it is possible to define a deterministic empirical measure associated to  $A$  by simply taking the expectation of  $\hat{\mu}$  on the measure of  $A$ .

$$\hat{\nu}(B) := \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{1}_B(\lambda_j) \right] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n P(\lambda_j \in B).$$

We call  $\hat{\nu}$  the mean spectral measure.

We are usually interested on knowing if  $\hat{\mu}$  and  $\hat{\nu}$  converge to a given law when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . The following examples show that this happens in some cases.

**Example 1.1.1.** Let  $A = cI$  for  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $I$  the identity matrix with size  $n \times n$ . Then

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$\hat{\mu}_n(\{c\}) = \hat{\nu}_n(\{c\}) = 1$  for every  $n$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \hat{\nu}_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \hat{\mu}_n = \delta_c.$$

**Example 1.1.2.** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with  $A = \text{diag}[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n]$  and  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  are i.i.d. random variables with uniform distribution on  $[0, 1]$ . Then both  $\hat{\mu}_n$  and  $\hat{\nu}_n$  converge to the measure of a uniform random variable on  $[0, 1]$ .

Using that the trace equals the sum of eigenvalues, we have that the expectation over  $\hat{\nu}$  is equal to

$$\int_{\mathbb{C}} z \hat{\nu}(dz) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \text{Tr}(A) \right].$$

The next identity allows us to compute similar moments of  $A$ .

**Theorem 1.1.4** (Trace identity). *Let  $A$  be a normal  $n \times n$  matrix ( $A^*A = AA^*$ ), then*

$$\frac{1}{n} \text{Tr}(A^k A^{*j}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^k \bar{\lambda}_i^j = \int_{\mathbb{C}} z^k \bar{z}^j \hat{\mu}(dx),$$

where  $\hat{\mu}$  is the empirical spectral measure associated to  $A$ . If  $A$  is random and we take expectation over its probability law, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{C}} x^k \bar{z}^j \hat{\nu}(dz) = \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E} \left[ \text{Tr}(A^k A^{*j}) \right].$$

In random matrix theory it is common to work with matrix ensembles. An ensemble is a set of matrices with an associated probability measure.

**Example 1.1.3** (Independent identically distributed entries ensemble). If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix whose entries  $A_{ij}, 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n$  are all independent identically distributed random variables, we say that  $A$  is an i.i.d. ensemble.

**Example 1.1.4** (Diagonal i.i.d. ensemble). If  $D$  is a diagonal  $n \times n$  matrix whose every entry is an i.i.d. random variable, then we say that  $D$  is a diagonal i.i.d. ensemble.

**Example 1.1.5** (Gaussian invariant ensembles). Let  $\mathbb{H}$  denote the field of quaternions and  $\mathbb{F} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}\}$ . If  $R$  is a hermitian matrix whose entries are standard normal random variables in  $\mathbb{F}$  independent except for symmetries, then we say that  $R$  is a Gaussian invariant ensemble. Depending on  $\mathbb{F}$  we have particular names for each ensemble.

- If  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ , we call  $R$  the Gaussian orthogonal ensemble.
- If  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$ , we call  $R$  the Gaussian unitary ensemble.
- If  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{H}$ , we call  $R$  the Gaussian symplectic ensemble.

The specific names are given because the distribution of the eigenvalues of  $R$  remains unchanged under a conjugation by an orthogonal (respectively unitary, symplectic) matrix.

This property is analogous to the property of a vector of independent normal variables that preserve their distribution after being transformed by an orthogonal matrix.

**Example 1.1.6** (Haar unitary ensemble). If we consider  $\mathcal{U}_{n,n}(\mathbb{C})$  the group of complex unitary matrices ( $U^*U = I_n = UU^*$ ). In  $\mathbb{U}_{n,n}(\mathbb{C})$ , we can define a Haar measure unique up to a constant. If we normalize this measure we have the only Haar probability measure  $\mu_U$  in  $\mathbb{U}_{n,n}(\mathbb{C})$ . A Haar unitary ensemble is a matrix sampled from  $\mu_U$ .

**Example 1.1.7** (Wigner example). Let  $W$  be a random self-adjoint matrix whose every entry is an i.i.d. random variable except for the symmetries. Then we say that  $W$  is a Wigner ensemble. Notice in particular that the Gaussian invariant ensembles are Wigner ensembles. This is one of the first studied ensembles.

**Example 1.1.8** (Wishart ensemble). Let  $R$  be an  $n \times n$  i.i.d. standard Gaussian ensemble and define  $E := R^T R$ , then we say  $E$  is a Wishart ensemble. This ensemble is used to model covariance matrices.

### 1.1.3 Asymptotic results for random matrices

The next results give the convergence of an empirical spectral measure to a continuous probability measure in  $\mathbb{R}$  when the matrix dimension  $n$  tends to infinity. The limit only depends on the first two moments of the variables involved and not on the whole distribution, thus it can be seen as a matrix analogous to the Central Limit Theorem.

**Theorem 1.1.5** (Wigner's semicircle law [5]). *For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $W^{(n)}$  be a Wigner ensemble and its entries  $W_{ij}^{(n)}$  satisfy the following conditions.*

1.  $\mathbb{E} \left[ |W_{ij}^{(n)}|^k \right] < \infty$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .
2.  $\mathbb{E} [W_{ij}] = 0$  for every  $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n$ .
3.  $\mathbb{E} \left[ W_{ij}^{(n)2} \right] = 1/\sqrt{n}$ .

*Then both  $\hat{\mu}$  and  $\hat{\nu}$  converge in distribution to the semicircle distribution, i.e. the absolutely continuous distribution with density*

$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{4 - x^2}}{2\pi}$$

## 1.2 Stochastic Calculus

Stochastic calculus is one of the most useful tools when working with continuous time processes. The results provided by the Itô integral and related concepts allow us to study

dynamical systems with random behavior. In this section, we introduce some stochastic calculus used in the thesis. The first part deals with the definition and main properties of Itô and Stratonovich integrals in  $\mathbb{R}$ -valued processes, we later generalize the definition to  $\mathbb{R}^d$ -valued processes and finally to processes taking values in spaces of matrices.

### 1.2.1 Stochastic calculus for $\mathbb{R}^n$ -valued processes

We start defining the Itô integral for  $\mathbb{R}$ -valued processes and stating its main properties. In all of the next definitions, consider we are working on a filtered probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_t, P)$  and we use the convention that a continuous time stochastic process is a stochastic process indexed by  $\mathbb{R}^+ = [0, \infty)$ . Most of the definitions and results here are taken from [6], a more general approach to the subject can be found in [7] or [8].

There are several definitions of the Itô integral, some of them are more general. For the sake of simplicity, we will use one that resembles the definition of Lebesgue integral. Let us consider a simple process  $X = (X(t))_{t \geq 0}$  adapted to the filtration  $\mathcal{F}_t$ , i.e.

$$X(t) = \xi_0 \delta_{0,t} + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \xi_j \mathbf{1}_{(t_j, t_{j+1}]}(t),$$

for some  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = T$  and variables  $\xi_i$  that are  $\mathcal{F}_{t_i}$ -measurables. For simple adapted processes, the Itô integral with respect to a Brownian motion can be defined as

**Definition 1.2.1.** Let  $X$  be a simple process adapted to  $\mathcal{F}_t$  and square integrable. Let  $B = (B(t))_{t \geq 0}$  be a Brownian motion adapted to  $\mathcal{F}_t$ . The Itô integral of  $X$  with respect to  $B$  on  $[0, T]$  is

$$\int_0^T X(s) dB(s) := \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \xi_j (B(t_{j+1}) - B(t_j)).$$

It is not hard to verify from the definition that the integral is linear and has zero mean. Also, it can be proven that it satisfies the so-called Itô isometry,

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \int_0^T X(s) dB(s) \right)^2 \right] = \int_0^T \mathbb{E} [X^2(s)] ds.$$

Another important fact is that the Itô integral is a martingale. These last two are the most important properties of this integral and one usually wants to preserve them when defining a stochastic integral for more general processes. The proof of these properties can be found in [9], [6] or [7].

If we have a square integrable continuous time process  $X(t)$  adapted to  $\mathcal{F}_t$  and a sequence of simple adapted processes  $X_n(t)$  that are also square integrable and converge in probability

to  $X(t)$ , then under proper conditions, one can prove that the integrals  $\int_0^T X_n(s)dB(s)$  also have a limit in probability. We define the Itô integral for general adapted processes as this limit.

**Definition 1.2.2.** Let  $X$  be a square integrable adapted process to  $\mathcal{F}_t$  and  $(X_n(t))_{n \geq 0}$  a sequence of simple adapted, square integrable processes converging in probability to  $X(t)$ . We define the integral of  $X(t)$  with respect to a Brownian motion  $B(t)$  as

$$\int_0^T X(s)dB(s) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}^P \int_0^T X_n(s)dB(s).$$

As we have mentioned before, when extending the definition of the Itô integral to more general processes, one wishes to preserve the good properties it has for simple processes. The next Theorem allows us to characterize when the integral has these properties

**Theorem 1.2.1.** If  $X = (X(t), t \geq 0)$  and  $Y = (Y(t), t \geq 0)$  are regular adapted process and satisfy

$$P \left( \int_0^T X^2(s)ds < \infty \right) = 1, \quad P \left( \int_0^T Y^2(s)ds < \infty \right) = 1,$$

then the integrals  $\int_0^T X(s)dB(s)$ ,  $\int_0^T Y(s)dB(s)$  exist and it satisfy the following properties,

1. *Linearity.* For  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\int_0^T (\alpha X(s) + \beta Y(s))dB(s) = \alpha \int_0^T X(s)dB(s) + \beta \int_0^T Y(s)dB(s). \quad (1.1)$$

If additionally, the process  $X$  satisfies

$$\int_0^T \mathbb{E} [X^2(s)] ds < \infty,$$

then the integral  $\int_0^T X(s)dB(s)$  has the following properties

2. *Martingale property.* For  $t \leq T$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^T X(s)dB(s) \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right] = \int_0^t X(s)dB(s) = \int_0^T X(s)\mathbb{1}_{[0,t]}(s)dB(s).$$

3. *Itô's isometry.*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^T X(s)dB(s) \right]^2 = \int_0^T \mathbb{E} [X^2(s)] ds.$$

For a proof of last Theorem, consult [6]. If we consider, for a given adapted process  $X$ , the Itô integral process  $I = (I(t), t \geq 0)$  defined as

$$I(t) := \int_0^t X(s)dB(s),$$

we know that this process is a martingale. We can also define its quadratic variation  $d\langle I, I \rangle(t)$  as a limit in probability,

$$d\langle I, I \rangle(t) := \lim_{\delta_n \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (Y(t_{j+1,n}) - Y(t_{j,n}))^2,$$

with  $\{t_{j,n}\}_{j=1}^n$  a partition of  $[0, t]$  for every  $n$  and  $\delta_n = \sup_j \{t_{j+1,n} - t_{j,n}\} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

The following Theorem gives us a way to find explicitly the quadratic variation of an Itô integral process,

**Theorem 1.2.2.** *The quadratic variation of an Itô integral is*

$$d\langle I(t), I(t) \rangle(t) = d\langle \int_0^t X(s)dB(s), \int_0^t X(s)dB(s) \rangle(t) = \int_0^t X^2(s)ds.$$

We can notice in Definition 1.2.1 that when we define the Itô integral, we care about in which point of the interval  $(t_i, t_{i+1}]$  we evaluate  $X(t)$ . This is not casual and we want to take the lower value so that the resulting process is a martingale. However, this causes that several results from classical calculus are not generalized in Itô calculus. One of the main results in Itô calculus is the following theorem, that allows us to prove some other important facts.

**Theorem 1.2.3** (Itô formula for Brownian motion). *Let  $f$  be a twice differentiable function and  $B$  a Brownian motion, then*

$$f(B(t)) = f(0) + \int_0^t f'(B(s))dB(s) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t f''(B(s))ds.$$

The proof is done using a Taylor expansion of second order for  $f$  and taking a limit. We will omit it here, but it is important to notice that (under suitable conditions) the Itô formula allows us to write a function of a Brownian motion as a sum of a martingale and a finite variation process.

We can define the Itô integral with respect to processes other than the Brownian motion. The class of processes for which we can define an Itô integral is rather large, so we will define a smaller class that is of interest for this work.

**Definition 1.2.3** (Itô process). We say that an  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -adapted process  $Y = (Y(t), 0 \leq t \leq T)$  is an Itô process if there exist  $\mu = (\mu(t), 0 \leq t \leq T)$ ,  $\sigma = (\sigma(t), 0 \leq t \leq T)$  adapted processes

such that  $\int_0^T |\mu(s)|ds < \infty$ ,  $\int_0^T \sigma^2(s)ds < \infty$ , and  $Y(0)$  an  $\mathcal{F}_0$ -measurable variable that satisfy

$$Y(t) = Y(0) + \int_0^t \mu(s)ds + \int_0^t \sigma(s)dB(s). \quad (1.2)$$

It is an usual convention to write the “differential” of an Itô process as

$$dY(s) = \mu(s)ds + \sigma(s)dB(s).$$

This notation only means that  $Y$  satisfies (1.2). We usually call  $\int_0^t \mu(s)ds$  the finite variation part of  $Y$  and  $\int_0^t \sigma(s)dB(s)$  the martingale part of  $Y$ .

Using the fact that the covariation of any function with a finite variation function is zero, we can find that the quadratic variation of an Itô process is given by

$$d\langle Y, Y \rangle(t) = \int_0^t \sigma^2(s)ds.$$

Now we can define the integral of an adapted process  $X$  with respect to an Itô process  $Y$ .

**Definition 1.2.4** (Itô integral with respect to an Itô process). Let  $Y$  be an adapted process such that its Itô integral exists for every  $t$  in  $[0, T]$ . Let  $Y$  be an Itô process  $dY = \mu ds + \sigma dB$  and  $X, Y$  satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T |X(s)\mu(s)|ds &< \infty, \\ \int_0^T X^2(s)\sigma^2(s)ds &< \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Then, the integral of  $X$  with respect to  $Y$  is defined, for  $0 \leq t \leq T$  as

$$\int_0^t X(s)dY(s) = \int_0^t X(s)\mu(s)ds + \int_0^t X(s)\sigma(s)dB(s).$$

Although the definition of an Itô integral with respect to an Itô process can be given in a more direct way, it happens to coincide with the last one. In a similar spirit as in the definition of the Itô integral with respect to an Itô process, we can also extend Theorem 1.2.3 for Itô processes.

**Theorem 1.2.4** (Itô formula for Itô processes). *Let  $Y$  be an Itô process satisfying  $dY = \mu ds + \sigma dB$  and  $f$  be a twice continuously differentiable function, then the stochastic differential of  $f(Y(t))$  is well defined and is given by*

$$\begin{aligned}
df(Y(t)) &= f'(Y(t))dY(t) + \frac{1}{2}f''(Y(t))d\langle Y, Y \rangle(t), \\
&= \left( f'(Y(t))\mu(t) + \frac{1}{2}f''(Y(t))\sigma^2(t) \right) dt + f'(Y(t))\sigma(t)dB(t).
\end{aligned}$$

Although the Itô integral is the most common one, it is not the only notion of stochastic integration and some others can be used in certain contexts. One of the most used alternatives is the Stratanovich integral, that preserves several properties of standard calculus. The Stratanovich integral is useful when we deal with random matrix calculus because it allows to simplify calculations.

**Definition 1.2.5** (Stratanovich integral). Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two continuous adapted processes. The Stratanovich integral of  $X$  with respect to  $Y$  denoted as  $\int_0^t X(s)\partial Y(s)$  is the  $L^2$  limit of the sums

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{2} (X(t_{i+1,n}) + X(t_{i,n})) (Y(t_{i+1,n}) - Y(t_{i,n})).$$

as  $\delta_n = \delta_n = \sup_j \{t_{j+1,n} - t_{j,n}\} \rightarrow 0$ .

The main difference between the Itô and Stratanovich integrals is the point we take for the evaluation of the integrand process in the interval  $(t_{i,n}, t_{i+1,n}]$ . While we take the left point in the Itô integral, we take the average between the extremes for the Stratanovich one. Both integrals happen to be related by the following result.

**Theorem 1.2.5** (Relationship between Itô and Stratanovich integrals). *Let  $X, Y$  be two continuous adapted processes such that the Itô integral of  $X$  with respect to  $Y$  is well-defined. The Stratanovich integral of  $X$  with respect to  $Y$  is*

$$\int_0^t X(s)\partial Y(s) = \int_0^t X(s)dY(s) + \frac{1}{2}\langle X, Y \rangle(t).$$

By the last Theorem we can write the Stratanovich differential similarly to the Itô differential as

$$Y(s)\partial X(s) = Y(s)dX(s) + \frac{1}{2}d\langle X, Y \rangle(t).$$

Sometimes we write this differential as  $Y(s)\partial X(s) = Y(s) \circ dX(s)$ . This notation is especially helpful when we work with matrix-valued processes.

Perhaps the main situation when the Stratanovich integral is used instead of the Itô version is when we want to preserve the classical integration by parts formula. The next



Theorem uses the relationship between both integrals to compute the differential of the product  $XY$ .

**Theorem 1.2.6** (Integration by parts for Itô and Stratanovich integral [8]). *Let  $X, Y$  be two adapted processes such that the integrals  $\int_0^t X(s)dY(s)$  and  $\int_0^t Y(s)dX(s)$  are well defined, then*

$$\begin{aligned} d(XY) &= XdY + YdX + d\langle X, Y \rangle, \\ &= XdY + \frac{1}{2}d\langle X, Y \rangle + YdX + \frac{1}{2}d\langle X, Y \rangle = X\partial Y + Y\partial X, \\ &= X \circ dY + Y \circ dX. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that in the case of the Stratanovich integral, we recover the classical integration by parts formula.

The next results are technical but they are needed for the proofs in Chapter 2. The first one states the existence of a process called local time and the stochastic differential equation it satisfies, the second one gives a way to prove when this local time process is zero. Both results with their proofs can be found in [8]

**Theorem 1.2.7** (Tanaka's formula). *Let  $X$  be a continuous semimartingale. For any real number  $a$ , there exists an increasing continuous process  $L^a$  called the local time of  $X$  in  $a$  such that,*

$$\begin{aligned} |X(t) - a| &= |X(0) - a| + \int_0^t \text{sgn}(X(s) - a) dX(s) + L^a(t), \\ (X(t) - a)^+ &= (X(0) - a)^+ + \int_0^t \mathbf{1}_{\{X(s) > a\}} dX(s) + \frac{1}{2}L^a(t), \\ (X(t) - a)^- &= (X(0) - a)^- - \int_0^t \mathbf{1}_{\{X(s) \leq a\}} dX(s) + \frac{1}{2}L^a(t). \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.2.8.** *Let  $\rho : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  a measurable function that satisfies*

$$\int_{0+} \frac{ds}{\rho(s)} = \infty.$$

*If  $X$  is a continuous semimartingale such that, for some  $\epsilon > 0$  and every  $t$ , the process*

$$A_t = \int_0^t \mathbf{1}_{\{0 < X(s) \leq \epsilon\}} \rho(X(s))^{-1} d\langle X, X \rangle(s) < \infty \quad a.s.,$$

*then  $L^0(X) = 0$ .*

Gronwall's lemma allows us to bound a function satisfying a differential inequality by the solution of the associated differential equation. It will be useful for the multidimensional version of the Yamada-Watanabe Theorem. The proof is in [9][page 213].

**Lemma 1.2.9** (Gronwall's lemma). *Let  $T > 0$  and let  $g$  be any nonnegative bounded measurable function on  $[0, T]$ . Assume that there exists two constants  $a \geq 0$  and  $b \geq 0$  such that for every  $t \in [0, T]$ ,*

$$g(t) \leq a + b \int_0^t g(s) \, ds.$$

*Then we also have, for every  $t \in [0, T]$ ,*

$$g(t) \leq a \exp(bt).$$

Below it is stated a generalized version of the well-known McKean's principle. This result gives solutions for a stopping time to be infinite a.s. In particular, it is used when working with eigenvalue processes to conclude the non-collision of the eigenvalues. This generalization and its proof appear in [10].

**Lemma 1.2.10** (Generalized McKean's argument). *Let  $Z = (Z_s)_{s \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  be an adapted càdlàg  $\mathbb{R}^+ \setminus \{0\}$ -valued stochastic process on a stochastic interval  $[0, \tau_0)$  such that  $Z_0 > 0$  a.s. and  $\tau_0 = \inf\{0 < s \leq \tau_0 : Z_{s-} = 0\}$ . Suppose that  $h : \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and satisfies the following:*

1. *For all  $t \in [0, \tau_0)$ , we have  $h(Z_t) = h(Z_0) + M_t + P_t$ , where*
  - (a)  *$P$  is an adapted càdlàg process on  $[0, \tau_0)$  such that  $\inf_{t \in [0, \tau_0 \wedge T]} P_t > -\infty$  a.s. for each  $T \in \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus \{0\}$ ,*
  - (b)  *$M$  is a continuous local martingale on  $[0, \tau_0)$  with  $M_0 = 0$ ,*
2.  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} h(z) = -\infty$ .

*Then  $\tau_0 = \infty$  a.s.*

### Stochastic Calculus for $\mathbb{R}^n$ -valued processes

If we have a continuous time stochastic process taking values in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , it is possible to give a definition of the Itô integral with respect to a multivariate Brownian motion. Based on this, we can extend several results of univariate stochastic calculus, this can then be used for introducing stochastic calculus for matrix-valued processes.

An  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -valued Brownian motion  $\vec{B} = \{(B_1(t), \dots, B_n(t)), t \geq 0\}$  is an  $n$  length vector whose every entry  $B_i$  is an independent Brownian motion in  $\mathbb{R}$ . An  $n$ -dimensional process  $\vec{X}$  is said to be adapted to a filtration  $\mathcal{F}$  if each one of its entries is. If  $X_i$  is the  $i$ th entry of  $\vec{X}$  and for every  $i$  we have that

$$\int_0^T X_i^2(s) ds < \infty,$$

then we can define the Itô integral of  $\vec{X}$  with respect to  $\vec{B}$  in  $0 \leq t \leq T$  as

$$\int_0^t \vec{X}(s) \cdot d\vec{B}(s) := \sum_{j=1}^n \int_0^t X_j(s) dB_j(s).$$

Notice that the integral notation suggests the similarity with a dot product. Similarly we also denote the multivariate integral as  $\vec{X}(s) \cdot d\vec{B}(s)$ .

The process  $\sum_{j=1}^n \int_0^t X_j(s) dB_j(s)$  takes values in  $\mathbb{R}$ . If we add a finite variation part  $\mu$ , then we can have a process  $Y$  similar to an Itô process but driven by a multidimensional Brownian motion,

$$dY(s) = \mu(s)ds + \sum_{j=1}^n X_j(s)dB_j(s).$$

If we take  $\vec{\mu}(t) = (\mu_1(t), \dots, \mu_n(t))$  to be a vector of integrable functions and for each  $i \in [n]$  we consider a vector-valued process  $\vec{\sigma}_i(t) = (\sigma_{i1}(t), \dots, \sigma_{in}(t))$ , then for each  $i \in [n]$  we have a single dimensional Itô process driven by a multivariate Brownian motion,

$$dY_i = \mu_i(s)ds + \sum_{j=1}^n \sigma_{ij}(s)dB_j(s)$$

By taking  $\vec{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  we have an  $n$ -dimensional Itô process, which is denoted in differential form by

$$d\vec{Y}(s) = \vec{\mu}(s)ds + \Sigma(s)d\vec{B}(s),$$

with  $\Sigma$  an  $n \times n$  matrix valued function with entries  $\sigma_{ij}$ .

Before stating the Itô formula for multidimensional processes, we need to know the quadratic covariation between entries of a multidimensional Itô process.

**Theorem 1.2.11.** *Let  $\vec{Y}$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Itô process, then the quadratic covariation of two of its entries  $Y_i, Y_j$  is given by*

$$\langle Y_i, Y_j \rangle(t) = \int_0^t (\Sigma \Sigma^T)_{ij}(t) dt.$$

The matrix  $\Sigma\Sigma^T$  is often called the diffusion matrix. In the next Theorem, we generalize the Itô formula for multidimensional Itô processes.

**Theorem 1.2.12** (Multidimensional Itô formula). *Let  $\vec{Y}$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Itô process and  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a  $C^2$  function. The process  $f(Y_1(t), \dots, Y_n(t))$  is also an Itô process and has a stochastic differential given by*

$$\begin{aligned} df(Y_1(t), \dots, Y_n(t)) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f(Y_1(t), \dots, Y_n(t)) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} f(Y_1(t), \dots, Y_n(t)) d\langle Y_i, Y_j \rangle(t). \end{aligned}$$

In particular when  $n = 2$ ,  $Y_1(t) = Y(t)$  for some Itô process  $dY = \mu dt + \sigma dB$ ,  $Y_2(t) = t$  and  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we have that

$$df(Y(t), t) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(Y(t), t) dY(t) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(Y(t), t) dt + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2(t) \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(Y(t), t) dt. \quad (1.3)$$

### Infinitesimal generator and harmonic functions

Every Itô process is markovian and thus it has an associated Markov semigroup and infinitesimal generator. These operators can tell us many of the properties of the processes and in particular the infinitesimal generator can be used to prove that some transformations of an Itô process are martingales.

**Definition 1.2.6.** Let  $X$  be an Itô process with  $dX(t) = \mu(X, t)dt + \sigma(X, t)dB(t)$ . The infinitesimal generator of  $X$  is the second order differential operator  $\mathcal{A}_t$ ,

$$\mathcal{A}_t f(x, t) = (\mathcal{A}_t f)(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2(x, t) \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x, t) + \mu(x, t) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, t).$$

With this definition, we can re-write equation (1.3) as

$$df(Y(t), t) = \left( \mathcal{A}_t f(Y(t), t) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(Y(t), t) \right) dt + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(Y(t), t) \sigma(Y(t), t) dB(t).$$

If the integral  $\int_0^t \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(X(s), s) \sigma(X(s), s) dB(s)$  is a martingale, then the process  $f(Y(t), t) - \int_0^t \left( \mathcal{A}_s f(Y(s)) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial s}(Y(s), s) \right) ds$  is a martingale. This result is stated in the following Theorem

**Theorem 1.2.13.** *Let  $Y(t)$  be an Itô process with differential  $dY(t) = \mu(Y(t), t)dt + \sigma(Y(t), t)dB(t)$  such that  $\mu(x, t)$  and  $\sigma(x, t)$  are Lipschitz in  $x$  with the same constant for every  $t$  and satisfy*

$$|\mu(x, t)| + |\sigma(x, t)| \leq K(1 + |x|).$$

If  $f(x, t)$  is a twice continuously differentiable function in  $x$  and once in  $t$  with  $\partial_x f$  bounded, then the process

$$M^f(t) := f(Y(t), t) - \int_0^t \left( \mathcal{A}_s f(Y(s), s) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial s}(Y(s), s) \right) ds,$$

is a martingale.

We have in particular that under the same conditions, when  $\mathcal{A}_t f(Y(t)) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(Y(t), t) = 0$ ,  $f(Y(t), t)$  is a martingale. If  $f$  only depends on  $x$ , this is equivalent to asking it to be a solution to  $\mathcal{A}_t f = 0$ . These functions are known as harmonic functions for the process  $Y$ .

### Complex stochastic calculus

It is possible to define continuous time stochastic processes in more general fields than  $\mathbb{R}$  and then create a notion of stochastic integral for these processes. Particularly, in the case of random matrix theory, we care about process taking values in the field of complex numbers ( $\mathbb{C}$ ) and the field of quaternions ( $\mathbb{H}$ ). Provided that both spaces can be seen as a vector space with  $\mathbb{R}$  as the field of scalars, the extension of the definitions is natural by considering that every process in  $\mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{H}$  has the form  $A + iB$  or  $A + iB + jC + kD$ , respectively, with  $A, B, C, D$  stochastic processes taking values in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Example 1.2.1** (Brownian motion in  $\mathbb{C}$ ). Let  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  be two independent Brownian motions taking values in  $\mathbb{R}$ . We say that  $Z = B_1 + iB_2$  is a Brownian motion in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Some of the matrix-valued processes in this thesis have entries in  $\mathbb{C}$  and thus it is useful to introduce the following result for complex Brownian motions.

**Theorem 1.2.14.** *Let  $Z$  be a complex Brownian motion, then its quadratic covariation and the quadratic variation with respect to its complex conjugate are given by*

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Z, Z \rangle(t) &= \langle B_1 + iB_2, B_2 + iB_2 \rangle(t) = \langle B_1, B_1 \rangle(t) - \langle B_2, B_2 \rangle(t) = 0, \\ \langle Z, \bar{Z} \rangle(t) &= \langle B_1 + iB_2, B_2 - iB_2 \rangle(t) = \langle B_1, B_1 \rangle(t) + \langle B_2, B_2 \rangle(t) = 2t. \end{aligned}$$

### 1.2.2 Stochastic calculus for matrix-valued processes

In a similar fashion as we can generalize the stochastic calculus results for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -valued processes, it is possible to extend the definitions and results to matrix-valued processes. Given a filtered

probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ , an  $n \times m$  continuous time matrix valued process  $M$  is a function

$$\begin{aligned} M : \mathbb{R}^+ \times \Omega &\rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{m,n}(\mathbb{F}), \\ (t, \omega) &\mapsto M(t, \omega), \end{aligned}$$

where for every fixed  $\omega^*$ ,  $M(t, \omega^*)$  is a function from  $\mathbb{R}^+$  to  $\mathcal{M}_{m,n}(\mathbb{F})$  and for every fixed  $t^*$ ,  $M(t^*)$  is a random matrix.  $\mathbb{F}$  represents an arbitrary field for the entries,  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{H}$  are usual choices, but in this thesis we are only interested in matrix-valued processes with entries in  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Usually, we need the matrix-valued process to satisfy some symmetry condition such as being symmetric, hermitian or orthogonal. It is common then to restrict the matrix valued process to take values in a smaller subset of  $\mathcal{M}_{m,n}$ . Along this work, we are only interested in squared matrix-valued processes.

**Example 1.2.2** (Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{M}_{n,n}(\mathbb{F})$ ). We say that a matrix-valued process  $B = (B(t), t \geq 0)$  is a standard Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{M}_{n,n}(\mathbb{F})$  if every entry  $B_{ij}$  is an independent Brownian motion in the field  $\mathbb{F}$ .

**Example 1.2.3** (Symmetric Brownian motion). Let  $W$  be an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix-valued stochastic process. We say that  $W$  is a standard Brownian motion in the space of symmetric matrices if every entry  $W_{ij}$  is a real Brownian motion independent of all the other entries, except for the symmetries.

Now we show the definition of the Itô integral for matrix-valued processes.

**Definition 1.2.7** (Itô integral with respect to a matrix-valued Itô process). Let  $W = (W(t), t \geq 0)$  be a matrix-valued Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{M}_{n,m}(\mathbb{F})$  and let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two adapted matrix-valued processes in  $\mathcal{M}_{p,n}(\mathbb{F})$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{m,q}(\mathbb{F})$ , respectively. The  $ij$  entry of the Itô integral  $\int_0^t (X(s)dW(s)Y(s))$  is defined as,

$$\left( \int_0^t (X(s)dW(s)Y(s)) \right)_{ij} = \sum_{k,l} \int_0^t X_{ik}(s)Y_{lj}(s)dW_{kl}(s),$$

where  $1 \leq k \leq n$ ,  $1 \leq l \leq m$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p$  and  $1 \leq j \leq q$ .

The definition above applies also when we are integrating with respect to a Brownian motion in smaller subspace of  $\mathcal{M}_{n,m}(\mathbb{F})$ . An interesting property of the stochastic matrix integral is that one can integrate by the left or by the right and this operation need not to be commutative, even if it is well defined in both cases.

Just as in the  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^n$  case, we can enlarge the class of process with respect we can integrate. It is convenient to define such processes only in spaces of squared matrices.

**Definition 1.2.8** (Matrix-valued Itô process). Let  $B$  be a Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{M}_{n,n}(\mathbb{F})$  and  $S, R, M$  be adapted matrix-valued processes taking values in  $\mathcal{M}_{n,n}(\mathbb{F})$ . Then we say the process  $X$  satisfying

$$dX(t) = S(t)dB(t)R(t) + M(t)dt,$$

is an Itô process in  $\mathcal{M}_{n,n}(\mathbb{F})$ .

In particular, if  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$  and  $M$  is symmetric, we have that  $Y$  satisfying

$$dY(t) = S(t)dB(t)R(t) + R(t)dB(t)^T S(t) + M(t)dt,$$

is an Itô process in the space of symmetric matrices with real coefficients.

The definition of an Itô integral with respect to an Itô process in  $\mathcal{M}_{n,n}(\mathbb{F})$  is a direct extension of the definition of Itô integral with respect to an Itô process in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

The quadratic covariation between two matrix-valued processes  $X, Y$  taking values in  $\mathcal{M}_{nm}(\mathbb{F})$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{mp}(\mathbb{F})$  is the matrix  $\langle X, Y \rangle(t)$  with entries given by

$$\langle X, Y \rangle_{ij}(t) = \sum_{k=1}^m \langle X_{ik}, Y_{kj} \rangle(t).$$

The same applies when we find the quadratic variation of a matrix-valued process. Now we state the Itô formula for matrix valued processes. This is taken from [11]

**Theorem 1.2.15** (Itô Formula for matrix valued processes). *Let  $U \subset \mathcal{M}_{m,n}(\mathbb{R})$  an open set,  $X$  a continuous semimartingale taking values in  $U$  and  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  twice continuously differentiable. Then  $f(X)$  is a continuous semimartingale and*

$$\begin{aligned} f(X(t)) &= f(X(0)) + \text{Tr} \left( \int_0^t Df(X(s))^T dX(s) \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,l=1}^n \sum_{i,k=1}^m \int_0^t \frac{\partial^2}{\partial X_{ij} \partial X_{kl}} f(X(s)) d\langle X_{ij}, X_{kl} \rangle(s). \end{aligned}$$

The next version of matrix-valued integration by parts formula appears in [12] and it is extensively used along the thesis.

**Theorem 1.2.16** (Integration by parts for matrix-valued processes). *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two matrix-valued semimartingales taking values in  $\mathcal{M}_{nm}(\mathbb{F})$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{np}(\mathbb{F})$ , respectively. Then the differential of the product  $X^T Y$  is*

$$d(X^T Y) = X^T(dY) + (dX)^T Y + (dX)^T(dY).$$

By extending the definition of the Stratanovich integral first to multivariate processes and then to matrix-valued ones, we can see that in general, if  $X$  and  $Y$  are matrix-valued continuous semimartingales, then

$$Y^T(\partial X) = Y^T(dX) + \frac{1}{2}(dY)^T(dX).$$

Using this fact, we can write Theorem 1.2.16 in Stratanovich notation as

**Theorem 1.2.17** (Integration by parts for matrix-valued Stratanovich integrals). *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two matrix-valued semimartingales taking values in  $\mathcal{M}_{nm}(\mathbb{F})$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{np}(\mathbb{F})$ , respectively. Then the differential of the product  $X^T Y$  is*

$$d(X^T Y) = X^T(\partial Y) + (\partial X)^T Y.$$

### 1.3 Non-commutative probability

Although random matrices are constructed based on classical definitions of random variables as measurable functions in a given probability space, they differ fundamentally from classical random variables in their basic algebraic properties. Namely, the product of random matrices does not need to commute, whereas the product of real-valued random variables always commutes. This simple fact complicates the use of classical analytical tools in probability to study random matrices. Recently, the emerging field of non-commutative probability has developed several techniques for the algebraic study of non-commutative random variables. These techniques have significantly impacted random matrices theory.

In this section we give a brief introduction to the fundamental concepts and ideas of non-commutative probability and its application to the study of random matrices. These concepts will be later used in Chapter 3.

#### 1.3.1 Non-commutative probability spaces

A classical probability space is defined based on its analytical structure. When we work in non-commutative probability spaces, we are mainly concerned about the algebraic relationship between random variables. Before introducing the concept of a non-commutative probability space, we define an unital algebra.

**Definition 1.3.1** (Unital algebra). Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a vector space over the field  $\mathbb{F}$  equipped with the additional binary operation  $\cdot$ . We say that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a unital algebra if it satisfies the following



properties for  $a, b, c \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in K$ ,

1. Right distributivity.  $(a + b) \cdot c = a \cdot c + b \cdot c$ .
2. Left distributivity.  $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$ .
3. Compatibility with scalars.  $(\alpha a) \cdot (\beta b) = (\alpha\beta)(a \cdot b)$ .
4. Identity. There is an element  $1_{\mathcal{A}}$  such that  $a1_{\mathcal{A}} = a = 1_{\mathcal{A}}a$ . We call  $1_{\mathcal{A}}$  the identity element in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Usually we denote  $a \cdot b = ab$  to simplify notation. Now we give the definition of non-commutative probability space found in [13].

**Definition 1.3.2** (Non-commutative probability space). A non-commutative probability space  $(\mathcal{A}, \varphi)$  consists of a unital algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  and a unital linear functional  $\varphi$ , i.e.

$$\varphi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad \varphi(1_{\mathcal{A}}) = 1.$$

An element  $a$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  is called a non-commutative random variable in  $(\mathcal{A}, \varphi)$  or simply a random variable in  $(\mathcal{A}, \varphi)$ .

A concept related to non-commutative probability is that of  $*$ -probability space (star probability space). We introduce the definition of a  $*$ -algebra.

**Definition 1.3.3** ( $*$ -Algebra). We say that a unital algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $*$ -algebra if it is equipped with an antilinear operation  $*$ ,  $\mathcal{A} \ni a \mapsto a^* \in \mathcal{A}$  that satisfies  $(a^*)^* = a$  and  $(ab)^* = b^*a^*$  for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ .

We call  $a^*$  the adjoint of  $a$ . If we replace “unital algebra” by “ $*$ -algebra” in Definition 1.3.2 we get the definition of a  $*$ -probability space.

There are some additional properties we can have for the functional  $\varphi$  in a non-commutative probability space  $(\mathcal{A}, \varphi)$ . If  $\varphi(ab) = \varphi(ba)$  for every  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$  we say that  $\varphi$  is tracial. If  $(\mathcal{A}, \varphi)$  is a  $*$ -probability space and  $\varphi(a^*a) \geq 0$  for every  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ , we say that  $\varphi$  is positive. If  $\varphi(a^*a) = 0$  only when  $a = 0$ , then we say that  $\varphi$  is faithful.

Depending on its algebraic properties, we can distinguish different kinds of non-commutative random variables.

We say that  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  is self-adjoint if  $a^* = a$ , unitary if  $a^*a = 1_{\mathcal{A}} = a^*a$  and normal if it commutes with its adjoint  $a^*a = aa^*$ .

The notion of a non-commutative probability space generalizes the idea of some spaces of random variables, including spaces of random matrices.

**Example 1.3.1.** Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be a classical probability space and  $\mathcal{A} = L^\infty(\Omega, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{R})$  the set of bounded measurable functions from  $\Omega$  taking values in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Equip  $\mathcal{A}$  with the linear operator  $\varphi$  given by

$$\varphi(a) = \int_{\Omega} a(\omega) dP(\omega) = \mathbb{E}[a],$$

for  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $(\mathcal{A}, \varphi)$  is a non commutative probability space.

If we take the space  $\mathcal{A}' = L^\infty(\Omega, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{C})$  of bounded measurable functions taking complex values, then we can have a  $*$ -operation given by the complex conjugate and  $(\mathcal{A}', \varphi)$  is a  $*$ -probability space.

The hypothesis of the variables being bounded is for them to form an algebra. If we can not guarantee  $a^n$  is in  $\mathcal{A}$  for every  $n$ , then  $\mathcal{A}$  is not an algebra. This condition causes our non-commutative probability space not to include all of the classical random variables we can define in a classical probability space. However, we can relax hypotheses to enlarge the class of classical random variables that form an algebra.

**Example 1.3.2.** Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be a classical probability space and

$$\mathcal{A} = L^{\infty-}(\Omega, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{F}) := \bigcap_{1 \leq p < \infty} L^p(\Omega, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{F})$$

with  $\mathbb{F} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$ .

Clearly  $L^\infty(\Omega, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{F}) \subset L^{\infty-}(\Omega, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{F})$ , and since we are asking every variable in  $L^{\infty-}(\Omega, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{F})$  to have all the positive moments, we can assure it is an algebra. With this, we have that the space of the classical random variables with finite moments of every order is a non-commutative probability space.

A definition of a non-commutative probability space that includes random variables which do not necessarily have finite moments of every order can be done, but it is not needed for the purposes of this work.

**Example 1.3.3.** Let  $\mathbb{F} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{n,n}(\mathbb{F})$  be the algebra of  $n \times n$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{F}$ , where the operations are  $+$  the sum of matrices and  $\cdot$  the usual matrix product. Denote by  $\text{tr}$  the normalized trace, i.e.

$$\text{tr}(A) := \frac{1}{n} \text{Tr}(A) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n A_{jj},$$

for  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{n,n}(\mathbb{F})$ .

Define a  $*$ -operation by

$$(A^*)_{ij} := \overline{A_{ji}}.$$

Then  $(\mathcal{M}_{n,n}(\mathbb{F}), \text{tr})$  is a  $*$ -probability space. In the case  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ , the  $*$ -operation is simply taking the transpose.

The entries of a matrix need not to be random for the space of matrices to be a non-commutative probability space, but we can indeed ask every entry to be a random variable and thus we recover the definition of a space of random variables is indeed a non-commutative probability space.

**Example 1.3.4.** Let  $\mathbb{F} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$  and  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{M}_{n,n}(L^{\infty-}(\Omega, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{F}))$  the space of  $n \times n$  matrices with entries in  $L^{\infty-}(\Omega, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{F})$ . Equip  $\mathcal{A}$  with the functional  $\varphi(\cdot)$  given by

$$\varphi(A) = \mathbb{E}[\text{tr}(A)] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \int_{\Omega} A_{jj}(\omega) d\mathbb{P}(\omega).$$

Then  $(\mathcal{A}, \varphi)$  is a  $*$ -probability space with the  $*$ -operation being the conjugate transpose or simply the transpose if  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ .

One of the central concepts in classical probability theory is the distribution of a random variable. In a non-commutative probability space  $(\mathcal{A}, \varphi)$  we can define the distribution of a random variable  $a$  as the way in which  $\varphi$  acts on  $a$ , in analogy to classical probability, we define the moments of a non-commutative random variable.

**Definition 1.3.4.** Let  $a$  be a random variable in a  $*$ -probability space  $(\mathcal{A}, \varphi)$ . A  $*$ -moment of  $a$  is any expression of the form

$$\varphi(a^{e_0} \cdots a^{e_k}),$$

with  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $e_0, \dots, e_k \in \{1, *\}$ .

Denote by  $\mathbb{C}\langle x, x^* \rangle$  the unital algebra freely generated by the indeterminates  $x$  and  $x^*$ , i.e.  $\mathbb{C}\langle x, x^* \rangle$  is the algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  generated by all of the monomials of the form

$$x^{e_0} \cdots x^{e_k},$$

with  $k$  and  $e_1, \dots, e_k$  as in Definition 1.3.4. Now we present the definition of a  $*$ -distribution.

**Definition 1.3.5.** Let  $a$  be a random variable in a  $*$ -probability space  $(\mathcal{A}, \varphi)$ . A  $*$ -distribution is a linear functional

$$\mu : \mathbb{C}\langle x, x^* \rangle \rightarrow \mathbb{C},$$

that satisfies

$$\mu(x^{e_0} \cdots x^{e_k}) = \varphi(a^{e_0} \cdots a^{e_k}).$$

with  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $e_0, \dots, e_k \in \{1, *\}$ .

In the particular case in which  $a$  is normal, the distribution is determined by the moments of the form  $\varphi(a^k(a^*)^l)$  for  $k, l \geq 0$ , and moreover, if  $a$  is self-adjoint it is enough to consider the moments  $\varphi(a^k)$  for  $k \geq 0$ .

For the normal case, it is possible to link the concept of distribution in classical probability with the definition in the non-commutative case.

**Definition 1.3.6.** Let  $a$  be a random variable in a non-commutative probability space  $(\mathcal{A}, \varphi)$ . If there exists a compactly supported probability measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  such that for every  $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\int_{\mathbb{C}} z^k \bar{z}^l d\mu(z) = \varphi(a^k(a^*)^l),$$

then the distribution of  $a$  is uniquely determined by  $\mu$  and we call  $\mu$  the analytic distribution of  $a$ .

In the case  $\mathcal{A} = L^\infty(\Omega, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{F})$  and  $\varphi(\cdot) = \mathbb{E}[\cdot]$ , the analytical distribution of  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  is the measure on the Borel sets of  $\mathbb{F}$  induced by  $a$ , i.e.

$$\mu(B) = P(\{\omega \in \Omega : a(\omega) \in B\}),$$

for  $B$  a Borel set of  $\mathbb{F}$ .

**Example 1.3.5** (Haar unitary random variable). Let  $u$  be a random variable in a non-commutative probability space  $(\mathcal{A}, \varphi)$ . We say that  $u$  is a Haar unitary element if it is unitary ( $u^*u = 1_{\mathcal{A}} = uu^*$ ) and for every  $k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$  we have

$$\varphi(u^k) = 0.$$

This definition generalizes the one of Haar unitary ensemble for random matrices.

### 1.3.2 Notions of independence

The definition of independence in classical probability assumes that the product of random variables is commutative. This property does not hold in general for non-commutative probability spaces and particularly in the case of random matrix spaces. Instead, we have four different notions of independence defined in terms of the moments.

Formally, a notion of independence is a rule that allows to compute mixed moments of the form

$$\varphi(a^{m_1}b^{n_1} \cdots a^{m_k}b^{n_k}), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \quad m_i, n_j \in \{1, *\},$$

in terms of the individual moments of  $a$  and  $b$ .

The classical notion of independence corresponds to what we call tensor independence in non-commutative probability.

**Definition 1.3.7** (Tensor independence). Let  $(\mathcal{A}, \varphi)$  be a non-commutative probability space and  $I$  a set of indexes. A set of unital subalgebras  $(\mathcal{A}_i)_{i \in I}$  is called tensor independent if

1. For every  $a \in \mathcal{A}_i$  and  $b \in \mathcal{A}_j$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  commute.
2. For all the finite subsets  $J \subset I$  and all  $a_j \in \mathcal{A}_j$  we can compute  $\varphi\left(\prod_{j \in J} a_j\right)$  as

$$\varphi\left(\prod_{j \in J} a_j\right) = \prod_{j \in J} \varphi(a_j)$$

When we say that two random variables  $a, b$  are tensor independent, we mean that the unitary subalgebras  $\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2$  generated by  $a$  and  $b$ , respectively are tensor independent.

Tensor independence is a symmetric relationship. If  $a$  is tensor independent of  $b$ , then  $b$  is tensor independent of  $a$ , this is not the case for every notion of independence. We can distinguish three additional notions of independence, for the purposes of this work, we introduce only the notion of “Free independence”, the definition of the other notions of independence can be found in [14].

**Definition 1.3.8** (Free independence). Let  $(\mathcal{A}, \varphi)$  be a non-commutative probability space and  $I$  a set of indexes. A set of unital subalgebras  $(\mathcal{A}_i)_{i \in I}$  is called tensor independent if  $\varphi(a_1 \cdots a_k) = 0$  whenever we have that

1.  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,
2.  $a_j \in \mathcal{A}_{i(j)}$  with  $i(j) \in I$  for every  $j \in [k]$ ,
3.  $\varphi(a_j) = 0$  for every  $j \in [k]$ ,
4. Consecutive elements in  $a_1 \cdots a_k$  come from different algebras, i.e.

$$i(1) \neq i(2), i(2) \neq i(3), \dots, i(k-1) \neq i(k).$$

When we say that two random variables  $a, b$  are freely independent, we mean that the unitary subalgebras  $\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2$  generated by  $a$  and  $b$ , respectively are freely independent.

### 1.3.3 Convolution

In classical probability, when we need to compute the distribution of a sum of (tensor) independent random variables, we use a convolution. In non-commutative probability spaces, adding two independent random variables in any notion of independence gives place to a different kind of convolution.

**Definition 1.3.9** (Non-commutative convolution). Let  $(\mathcal{A}, \varphi)$  be a non-commutative probability space and  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$  be independent (in some notion), then the convolution (in some notion) of  $a$  and  $b$  is the algebraic distribution of  $a + b$ , i.e. the linear operator characterizing the moments

$$\varphi((a + b)^m),$$

with  $m$  a sequence of the form  $m = e_1 e_2 \cdots e_k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $e_j \in \{1, *\}$ , for all  $j \in [k]$ .

If  $a$  is a classical random variable and its moment generating function  $\mathbb{E}[e^{ta}]$  exists, we can define  $K_a(t)$  the cumulant generating function of  $a$  as

$$K_a(t) := \log \mathbb{E}[e^{ta}].$$

This function is analytic (at least in a neighborhood of zero) and has a Taylor expansion given by

$$K_a(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} \kappa_n(a),$$

with  $\kappa_n(a)$  being the  $n$ th cumulant of  $a$ . This function linearizes the (tensor) convolution in the sense that if  $a, b$  are (tensor) independent, then

$$K_{a+b}(t) = K_a(t) + K_b(t).$$

This ultimately implies that the cumulants  $\kappa_a(n)$  linearize the (tensor) convolution if  $a, b$  are (tensor) independent, i.e.

$$\kappa_{a+b}(n) = \kappa_a(n) + \kappa_b(n).$$

Analogous coefficients can be defined for the other notions of independence. The main tool to study them is the Cauchy-Stieltjes transform sometimes called just “Cauchy transform”.

**Definition 1.3.10** (Cauchy-Stieltjes transform). Let  $\mu$  be a probability measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ , its Cauchy-Stieltjes transform,  $G_\mu(t)$  is

$$G_\mu(z) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{z-t} \mu(dt),$$

for  $z \in \mathbb{C}^+ := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Im}(z) > 0\}$ . The Cauchy transform takes values in  $\mathbb{C}^- := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Im}(z) > 0\}$ .

When  $\mu$  is characterized by its moments  $m_k(\mu)$ , there is a relationship between them and the Cauchy-Stieltjes transform  $G_\mu$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} G_\mu(z) &= z^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{t}{z}} \mu(dt) = z^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{t}{z}\right)^k \mu(dt), \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z^{-(k+1)} \int_{\mathbb{R}} t^k \mu(dt) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{m_k(\mu)}{z^{k+1}}, \end{aligned}$$

with  $m_k(\mu)$  being the  $k$ th moment of  $\mu$  and for  $|z| \geq \sup\{t : t \in \text{supp}(\mu)\}$ .

The collection of functions  $f_z(t) = 1/(z-t)$  parametrized by  $z \in \mathbb{C}^+$  forms a separating test family for the space of probability measures. This implies that the Cauchy-Stieltjes transform characterizes uniquely the probability measure. Due to the relevance of this proposition we state it in the next Theorem.

**Theorem 1.3.1.** *Given  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  two probability measures on  $\mathbb{C}$  with Cauchy-Stieltjes transforms  $G_\mu$  and  $G_\nu$  respectively. Then*

$$\mu = \nu \Leftrightarrow G_\mu = G_\nu.$$

The following are Cauchy-Stieltjes transforms for a few well-known distributions

**Example 1.3.6.** • A random variable has standard semicircle distribution if it has density  $f$  such that

$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{4-x^2}}{2\pi}, \quad x \in [-2, 2].$$

In this case, its Cauchy-Stieltjes transform is

$$G_s(z) = \frac{z - \sqrt{z^2 - 4}}{2}, \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{C}^+.$$

• A random variable has arcsine distribution if it has density  $g$  such that

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}, \quad x \in [-2, 2].$$

In this case, its Cauchy-Stieltjes transform is given by

$$G_a(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{z^2 - 4}}.$$

- Let  $\mu$  be an empirical probability measure over a finite set of points  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ . Then

$$\mu(\{x\}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \delta_{x_k}(x),$$

and its Cauchy-Stieltjes transform is given by

$$G_\mu(z) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{z - x_k}.$$

If  $\mu$  is absolutely continuous with respect to the Lebesgue measure and has density  $f_\mu$ , then it is possible to recover  $f_\mu$  from the Cauchy transform  $G_\mu$  by using the Stieltjes inversion formula.

**Theorem 1.3.2.** *Let  $\mu$  be an absolutely continuous probability measure in  $\mathbb{R}$  with density  $h_\mu$  and Cauchy transform  $G_\mu$ . Then*

$$f_\mu(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im}[G_\mu(x + iy)].$$

Using the Cauchy-Stieltjes transform it is possible to define other transforms that linearize convolution in different notions of independence. We include here the ones that are useful for this work

**Definition 1.3.11** (Non-commutative linearizing transforms). Let  $\mu$  be a probability measure on  $\mathbb{R}$  with Cauchy-Stieltjes transform  $G_\mu$ . We can define the following transforms for  $\mu$ .

1. The  $\mathcal{K}$  transform  $\mathcal{K}_\mu$  is the compositional inverse of  $G_\mu$ ,

$$\mathcal{K}_\mu(z) := G_\mu^{-1}(z).$$

2. The  $\mathcal{R}$  transform  $\mathcal{R}_\mu$  is defined in terms of the  $\mathcal{K}$  transform

$$\mathcal{R}_\mu(z) := \mathcal{K}_\mu(z) - \frac{1}{z}.$$

3. The  $S$  transform  $S_\mu$  is defined in terms of the inverse under composition of the  $\mathcal{R}$  transform,



$$S_\mu(z) := \frac{1}{z} \mathcal{R}_\mu^{-1}(z).$$

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be non-commutative random variables with real support and analytic distributions  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ , respectively. The distribution of the sum  $a + b$  is said to be the convolution in a notion of independence if  $a$  and  $b$  satisfy a notion of independence.

1. If  $a$  and  $b$  are tensor independent, the distribution of  $a + b$  is the classical (or tensor) convolution of  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  denoted by  $\mu * \nu$ .
2. If  $a$  and  $b$  are freely independent, the distribution of  $a + b$  is the free convolution of  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  denoted by  $\mu \boxplus \nu$ .

We say that  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  satisfy an independence relationship if the associated random variables satisfy it.

The relationship between the transforms defined above and the convolution of non-commutative random variables is stated in the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.3.3.** *Let  $\mu, \nu$  be two compactly supported probability measures on  $\mathbb{R}$ . If they are freely independent, then*

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mu \boxplus \nu}(z) = \mathcal{R}_\mu(z) + \mathcal{R}_\nu(z).$$

The fact that the notion of non-commutative convolution generalizes the sum of independent random variables allows us to get results that are similar to the Central Limit Theorem. In the next section we state this result for the classical and free independence cases.

### 1.3.4 Classical and free central limit theorems

Each notion of independence and convolution gives in turn a new limit for sums of the form

$$S_n = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \cdots + X_n}{\sqrt{n}},$$

for  $X_i$  independent (in some sense) and identically distributed random variables with mean 0 and variance 1.

In classical probability, the variables are tensor independent and the limit is the Gaussian distribution. The next Theorem gives us the generalization for the case of free independence. A proof can be found in [13].

**Theorem 1.3.4.** *Let  $(\mathcal{A}, \varphi)$  be a non-commutative probability space and  $(a_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of random variables in  $\mathcal{A}$  with common distribution and that have zero mean ( $\varphi(a_1) = 0$ ) and variance 1 ( $\varphi(a_1^2) = 1$ ).*

Denote by  $\xrightarrow{D}$  the convergence in distribution and define  $S_n$  as

$$S_n := \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n a_j}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

1. If the random variables are tensor independent, then

$$S_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{D} N,$$

with  $N$  a standard normal random variable.

2. If the random variables are freely independent, then

$$S_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{D} s,$$

with  $s$  a standard semicircular random variable.

## Chapter 2

# Eigenvalue processes for matrix-valued processes

In this chapter we prove the form of the dynamic equation for the Dyson Brownian motion in the real and complex cases. We then show an extension of the result to matrix-valued diffusion processes. Most of the material in the chapter is taken from [2] which in turn uses techniques appearing in [12] for the study of Wishart processes. In the first section, the essential tools are introduced and then the result is proven for the Dyson Brownian motion. In the second section, the results are generalized for matrix-valued Itô processes and the particular cases of the Wishart and Jacobi processes are given.

At the end of the chapter we will prove that if  $B = (B(t), t \geq 0)$  is a Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{M}_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $X$  is a matrix-valued process satisfying the following system of stochastic differential equations

$$dX(t) = g(X(t))dB(t)h(X(t)) + h(X(t))dB(t)^Tg(X(t)) + b(X(t))dt, \quad (2.1)$$

then its eigenvalues are semimartingales that satisfy the system of stochastic differential equations given by

$$d\lambda_i = 2g(\lambda_i)h(\lambda_i)dW_i + \left(b(\lambda_i) + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{G(\lambda_i, \lambda_k)}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k}\right)dt, \quad (2.2)$$

until the time of first collision, which means whenever  $\lambda_i = \lambda_j$  for any  $i \neq j$ . We will show, however that the first collision is impossible in finite time a. s. The analogous result holds when  $B$  is a Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{M}_{n,n}(\mathbb{C})$  and we take  $B(t)^*$  instead of  $B(t)^T$  in (2.1).

In order to illustrate the techniques and introduce the most basic process of this kind, we will first prove the particular cases of the real and complex Dyson Brownian motion, which are simply the eigenvalue processes of Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{H}_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{n,n}(\mathbb{C})$ , respectively.

In both cases, the processes are particular cases of (2.2) with  $b \equiv 0$  and  $g \equiv h \equiv 1/\sqrt[4]{2}$ . Notice that this implies that  $X$  is a process in  $\mathcal{H}_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$  ( $\mathcal{H}_{n,n}(\mathbb{C})$ ) whose off-diagonal entries are standard real-valued (complex-valued) Brownian motions and the diagonal entries would be real-valued (complex-valued) Brownian motions with variance 2. In the later case (2.2) would turn into

$$d\lambda_i = \sqrt{2}dW_i + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{dt}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k},$$

which exactly the system of stochastic differential equations we expect to have for the Dyson Brownian motion.

## 2.1 Dyson Brownian Motion

This section is mainly used to show the results for the Dyson Brownian motion, but some of the general results will be used also to prove the analogous equations for the spectrum of more general matrix diffusions in later sections. In the first subsection we derive the stochastic differential equations for the eigenvalues of a symmetric real Brownian matrix up to the collision time. In the second subsection we do the same for a self adjoint complex Brownian matrix. In the third section we prove that the collision time is almost surely infinite. No proof of the existence and uniqueness of a solution for the equations is given in this section, but it is later given in a more general case in section 2.2.

The first description of the Dyson Brownian motion was given in [1] as a model for a Coulomb gas executing each one a Brownian motion and the repulsive forces between them. In generality, the Dyson Brownian motion is the process that models the spectrum of a Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{H}_{n,n}(\mathbb{F})$  and it is described by the system of stochastic differential equations

$$d\lambda_i = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\beta}}dW_i + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{dt}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k},$$

where the  $W_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$  are independent standard Brownian motions and  $\beta$  parametrizes the field in which the entries of the matrix take values. If  $\beta = 1$ , then  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ , if  $\beta = 2$ , then  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$  and if  $\beta = 4$ ,  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{H}$ . Other matrix models for different values of  $\beta$  have been proposed in [15] and [4]. In the first one for  $\beta \in [0, 2]$  and for  $\beta \in (0, \infty)$  in the second one.

In this section, we only prove the result for  $\beta \in \{1, 2\}$  and we will notice that the difference is essentially the covariance between entries of the matrix, so the extension to  $\beta = 4$  would be quite similar.

### 2.1.1 Real case

The properties of the one dimensional Brownian motion allow to easily extend the definition to Brownian motions in different spaces, such as  $\mathbb{R}^n$  or  $\mathcal{M}_{n,n}(\mathcal{F})$ . In the particular case that  $B$  is a Brownian motion in the space of symmetric matrices with real entries, for every  $t$ , the process is a multiple of a GOE, i.e.  $B(t) = \sqrt{t}R$  with  $R$  a GOE. This means the law of  $B$  keeps invariant under orthogonal transformations and this property is essential for the results in this case. For the sake of clearness, we give a precise definition of a Brownian motion in the space of symmetric matrices.

**Definition 2.1.1** (Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{H}_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$ ). Let  $B = (B(t), t \geq 0)$  be a stochastic process taking values in  $\mathcal{M}_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$  whose entries are standard Brownian motions  $\{B_{ij}(t)\}_{1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n}$  such that,

$$d\langle B_{ij}, B_{kl} \rangle(t) = (\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} + \delta_{il}\delta_{jk}) dt.$$

Then we say that  $B$  is a Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{H}_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$ .

A process  $B$  as defined above clearly has real eigenvalues, so we can order them. Let  $\lambda_1(t) > \lambda_2(t) > \dots > \lambda_n(t)$  be the eigenvalues. Notice they are also time-dependent functions, we are interested in knowing if for some  $t_0$  the order of some of them is changed. Due to the continuity of the paths, this happens only if at some point the eigenvalues changing the order are equal. The next stopping time gives us the first time of collision of the eigenvalues.

**Definition 2.1.2** (First time of collision). Let  $\lambda_1(t) > \lambda_2(t) > \dots > \lambda_n(t)$  be the ordered eigenvalues of a matrix-valued stochastic process. We define the first collision time  $\tau$  as

$$\tau := \inf\{t : \lambda_i(t) = \lambda_j(t) \text{ for some } i \neq j\}. \quad (2.3)$$

In the following Theorem, we derive a stochastic differential equation for the behaviour of a Brownian symmetric matrix's spectrum on  $[0, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.1.** *Let  $B = (B(t), t \geq 0)$  be a symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix-valued Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{M}_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$  with diagonalization  $B = H\Lambda H^T$  and eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ . Define  $\tau$  the first time of collision of the eigenvalues as in (2.3).*

*Then, for  $t < \tau$  the eigenvalue process  $\Lambda = (\Lambda(t), t \geq 0)$  verifies the following stochastic differential equations:*

$$d\lambda_i = \sqrt{2}dW_i + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{dt}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} \quad (2.4)$$

where  $(W_i)_{i \in [n]}$  are independent Brownian motions on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* For a fixed  $t \geq 0$  the matrix  $B(t)$  is equal in law to  $\sqrt{t}R$  with  $R$  a Gaussian orthogonal ensemble. Using that  $R$  is invariant under orthogonal transformations this implies that for every orthogonal matrix  $O$ , we have

$$OB(t)O^T \stackrel{d}{=} O\sqrt{t}RO^T \stackrel{d}{=} \sqrt{t}ORO^T \stackrel{d}{=} \sqrt{t}R \stackrel{d}{=} B(t).$$

In particular,  $B(t)$  is also invariant under orthogonal transformations.

We have that  $H^{-1} = H^T$ , its stochastic logarithm  $L$  is defined by a stochastic differential equation as

$$dL := H^{-1}\partial H = H^T\partial H = H^T dH + \frac{1}{2}(dH^T)dH.$$

We use the matrix Itô formula on  $I = H^T H$ ,

$$0 = dI = d(H^T H) = H^T dH + (dH)^T H + (dH)^T dH = H^T \partial H + (\partial H)^T H = dL + dL^T.$$

This implies that  $dL^T = -dL$  and the stochastic logarithm of  $H$  is skew-symmetric. Now we use that  $\Lambda = H^T B H$  and the matrix Itô formula again to get

$$\begin{aligned} d\Lambda &= d(H^T B H) = (\partial H^T B)H + H^T B \partial H = (\partial H)^T B H + H^T (\partial B)H + H^T B \partial H, \\ &= (\partial H)^T H \Lambda + H^T (\partial B)H + \lambda H^T \partial H = (\partial L)^T \Lambda + H^T (\partial B)H + \Lambda \partial L, \\ &= H^T (\partial B)H - (\partial L)\Lambda + \Lambda \partial L. \end{aligned}$$

The diagonals of  $(\partial L)\Lambda$  and  $\Lambda \partial L$  coincide, so  $d\Lambda_{ii} = (H^T (\partial B)H)_{ii}$ . Let  $dN := H^T (\partial B)H$ . Now, for  $i \neq j$ , we use that  $\Lambda$  is diagonal to get

$$0 = dN_{ij} + (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)dL_{ij}.$$

We can then conclude that  $dL_{ij} = dN_{ij}/(\lambda_j - \lambda_i)$  whenever  $i \neq j$ . Now we need to find a more explicit representation for  $dN$ . We see that  $dN$  and  $H^T(dB)H$  differ only in a finite variation part, so the martingale term must coincide and it is characterized by the quadratic covariation that we can find using the covariation of  $B$ .

$$\begin{aligned} dN_{ij}dN_{kl} &= d\langle (H^T(\partial B)H)_{ij}, (H^T(\partial B)H)_{kl} \rangle(t) = d\langle (H^T(dB)H)_{ij}, (H^T(dB)H)_{kl} \rangle(t), \\ &= \sum_{p,q,r,s} d\langle H_{pi}dB_{pq}H_{qj}, H_{rk}dB_{rs}H_{sl} \rangle(t) = \sum_{p,q,r,s} H_{pi}H_{qj}H_{rk}H_{sl}dB_{pq}dB_{rs}, \end{aligned}$$

Recall that  $d\langle B_{ij}, B_{kl} \rangle(t) = (\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} + \delta_{il}\delta_{jk}) dt$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{p,q,r,s} H_{pi} H_{qj} H_{rk} H_{sl} (\delta_{rp}\delta_{sq} + \delta_{rq}\delta_{sp}) dt, \\
&= \left( \sum_p H_{ip}^T \delta_{rp} H_{rk} \right) \left( \sum_q H_{jq}^T \delta_{qs} H_{sl} \right) dt + \left( \sum_p H_{ip}^T \delta_{sp} H_{sl} \right) \left( \sum_q H_{jq}^T \delta_{rq} H_{rk} \right) dt \\
&= (\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} + \delta_{il}\delta_{jk}) dt.
\end{aligned}$$

We had previously got that  $d\Lambda_{ii} = dN_{ii}$ , and thus using the covariation of  $N$  we can find the martingale term of  $\lambda_i$ ,

$$d\lambda_i d\lambda_j = d\Lambda_{ii} d\Lambda_{jj} = dN_{ii} dN_{jj} = 2\delta_{ij} dt.$$

Then the martingale term of every eigenvalue is  $\sqrt{2}$  times a Brownian motion that is independent of the martingale term of any other eigenvalue. Now we need to find the finite variation part of  $\lambda_i$ . Let us call  $F$  the finite variation part of  $N$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
dF &= \frac{1}{2} (dH^T dBH + H^T dBdH) = \frac{1}{2} ((dH^T H)(H^T dBH) + (H^T dBH)(H^T dH)), \\
&= \frac{1}{2} ((dNdL)^T + dNdL).
\end{aligned}$$

The last equality is because  $dN$  and  $H^T(dB)H$  only differ in a finite variation term. Using the previous results we find

$$(dNdL)_{ij} = \sum_k dN_{ik} dL_{kj} = \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{dN_{ik} dN_{kj}}{\lambda_j - \lambda_k} = \delta_{ij} \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{dt}{\lambda_j - \lambda_k}.$$

We can conclude that

$$dF_{ii} = \frac{1}{2} ((dNdL)_{ii}^T + (dNdL)_{ii}) = (dNdL)_{ii} = \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{dt}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k}.$$

Now we know the martingale and finite variation terms of  $\lambda_i$  and we can write the explicit expression for it.

$$d\lambda_i = \sqrt{2} dW_i + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{dt}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k}$$

where  $W_1, \dots, W_n$  are independent standard Brownian motions. □

### 2.1.2 Complex case

Before proceeding with the result, we define a Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{H}_{n,n}(\mathbb{C})$ , which is totally analogous to the Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{H}_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Definition 2.1.3** (Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{H}_{n,n}(\mathbb{C})$ ). Let  $B = (B(t), t \geq 0)$  be a stochastic process taking values in  $\mathcal{M}_{n,n}(\mathbb{C})$  whose off-diagonal entries are complex Brownian motions  $\{B_{ij}(t)\}_{1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n}$  such that,

$$d\langle B_{ij}, B_{kl} \rangle(t) = 2\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl}dt, \quad (2.5)$$

and the diagonal entries are  $n$  independent real-valued Brownian motions with variance 2, which means

$$d\langle B_{ii}, B_{jj} \rangle(t) = 2\delta_{ij}dt. \quad (2.6)$$

Then we say that  $B$  is a Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{H}_{n,n}(\mathbb{C})$ .

Notice that (2.5) implies that  $B_{ij}(t) = \overline{B_{ji}}$  and together with (2.6) this means that  $B$  is effectively a process taking values in  $\mathcal{H}_{n,n}(\mathbb{C})$ .

For the case of a Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{H}_{n,n}(\mathbb{C})$  there are basically two equivalent formulations of the Dyson Brownian motion. If we take the eigenvalue process defined as in 2.1.3, then the eigenvalues satisfy the system of SDE

$$d\lambda_i = dW_i + 2 \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{dt}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k},$$

if instead we consider the process  $B' = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}B$ , then the eigenvalues obey the system

$$d\lambda_i = dW_i + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{dt}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k}.$$

We are more interested in the latter re-scaled process since it generalizes the  $\mathcal{H}_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$  case in the following sense. If we take  $\beta \in \{1, 2\}$ , and study the eigenvalues of the process  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{\beta}}B(t)$  with  $B$  a Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{H}_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$  (resp.  $\mathcal{H}_{n,n}(\mathbb{C})$ ), then before the time of first collision they satisfy

$$d\lambda_i = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\beta}}dW_i + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{dt}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k}. \quad (2.7)$$

Although we do not prove it here, it is a well known fact that equation (2.7) holds also in the case  $\beta = 4$  which is for a self-adjoint random matrix whose entries are quaternionic Brownian motions [1].



**Theorem 2.1.2.** *Let  $B' = (B(t), t \geq 0)$  be a matrix-valued Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{H}_{n,n}(\mathbb{C})$  and  $B := \frac{1}{2}B'$  have diagonalization  $B = H\Lambda H^*$  and eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ . Define  $\tau$  the first time of collision of the eigenvalues as in (2.3)*

*Then, for  $t < \tau$  the eigenvalue process  $\Lambda = (\Lambda(t), t \geq 0)$  verifies the following system of stochastic differential equations:*

$$d\lambda_i = dW_i + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{dt}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k}, \quad (2.8)$$

where  $(W_i)_{i \in [n]}$  are independent Brownian motions.

*Proof.* The proof is the same as the real case, but in this case, the entries are complex Brownian motions outside the diagonal and real Brownian motions in the diagonal. Recalling the covariation for a Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{H}_{n,n}(\mathbb{C})$  and the re-scaling, we have

$$d\langle B_{ij}, B_{kl} \rangle(t) = \frac{1}{2} d\langle B'_{ij}, B'_{kl} \rangle = \delta_{il} \delta_{jk} dt.$$

Similarly to the real case, for a fixed  $t \geq 0$  the matrix  $B(t)$  is equal in law to  $\sqrt{t}R$  with  $R$  a Gaussian unitary ensemble. Using that  $R$  is invariant under unitary transformations this implies that for every unitary matrix  $U$ , we have

$$UB(t)U^* \stackrel{d}{=} U\sqrt{t}RU^* \stackrel{d}{=} \sqrt{t}URU^* \stackrel{d}{=} \sqrt{t}R \stackrel{d}{=} B(t).$$

We have that  $H^{-1} = H^*$ , so repeating the procedure in the real case we define equally the stochastic logarithm as  $dL := H^* \partial H$  and use Itô's formula for  $I = H^*H$ ,

$$0 = dI = d(H^*H) = H^*dH + (dH)^*H + (dH)^*dH = H^*\partial H + (\partial H)^*H = dL + dL^*.$$

We have that  $dL^* = -dL$  and  $L$  is skew-hermitian. Now we use Itô formula for  $\Lambda = H^*BH$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d\Lambda &= d(H^*BH) = (\partial H^*B)H + H^*B\partial H = (\partial H)^*BH + H^*(\partial B)H + H^*B\partial H, \\ &= (\partial H)^*H\Lambda + H^*(\partial B)H + \Lambda H^*\partial H = (dL)^*\Lambda + H^*(\partial B)H + \Lambda dL, \\ &= H^*(\partial B)H - dL\Lambda + \Lambda dL. \end{aligned}$$

The processes  $dL\Lambda$  and  $\Lambda dL$  have the same diagonal entries, so the diagonal of  $\Lambda$  coincides with the one of  $H^*(\partial B)H$ . Define  $dN := H^*(\partial B)H$ . Outside the diagonal,  $\Lambda$  has zero entries, so we can equate this to the corresponding entries of  $dN$  and  $dL\Lambda, \Lambda dL$  to get for every

$i \neq j$ ,

$$0 = dN_{ij} + (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)dL_{ij},$$

which in turn implies

$$dL_{ij} = \frac{dN_{ij}}{\lambda_j - \lambda_i}, \quad i \neq j.$$

Now, repeating the real case, we find the quadratic covariation of  $dN$  using that  $dN$  and  $H^*dBH$  coincide up to a finite variation term, but using  $d\langle B_{ij}, \overline{B_{kl}} \rangle(t) = 2\delta_{il}\delta_{jk}dt$ .

$$\begin{aligned} dN_{ij}dN_{kl} &= d\langle (H^*(\partial B)H)_{ij}, (H^*(\partial B)H)_{kl} \rangle(t) = d\langle (H^*(dB)H)_{ij}, (H^*(dB)H)_{kl} \rangle(t), \\ &= \sum_{p,q,r,s} d\langle H_{ip}^*dB_{pq}H_{qj}, H_{kr}^*dB_{rs}H_{sl} \rangle(t) = \sum_{p,q,r,s} H_{ip}^*H_{qj}H_{kr}^*H_{sl}dB_{pq}dB_{rs}, \\ &= \sum_{p,q,r,s} H_{ip}^*H_{qj}H_{kr}^*H_{sl}\delta_{rq}\delta_{sp}dt = \left( \sum_p H_{ip}^*\delta_{sp}H_{sl} \right) \left( \sum_q H_{kr}^*\delta_{rq}H_{qj} \right) dt, \\ &= \delta_{il}\delta_{kj}dt. \end{aligned}$$

We can use this and the previous result that  $d\Lambda$  and  $dN$  coincide in the diagonal to find the covariation of the eigenvalues and this way we find their martingale term

$$d\lambda_i d\lambda_j = d\Lambda_{ii}d\Lambda_{jj} = dN_{ii}dN_{jj} = \delta_{ij}dt.$$

Just as in the real case, the martingale term of every eigenvalue is a (real) Brownian motion independent of any other eigenvalue. Again, call  $F$  the finite variation part of  $N$  and use that  $dN$  and  $H^T(dB)H$  only differ in a finite variation term to find,

$$\begin{aligned} dF &= \frac{1}{2} (dH^*dBH + H^*dBdH) = \frac{1}{2} ((dH^*H)(H^*dBH) + (H^*dBH)(H^*dH)), \\ &= \frac{1}{2} ((dNdL)^* + dNdL). \end{aligned}$$

We have an expression for  $L$  in terms of  $N$ . We recall it to find the covariation  $d\langle N, L \rangle(t)$ ,

$$(dNdL)_{ij} = \sum_k dN_{ik}dL_{kj} = \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{dN_{ik}dN_{kj}}{\lambda_j - \lambda_k} = \delta_{ij} \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{dt}{\lambda_j - \lambda_k}.$$

Thus  $F$  is a diagonal matrix, and the  $i$ th diagonal term is given by

$$dF_{ii} = \frac{1}{2} ((dNdL)_{ii}^* + (dNdL)_{ii}) = (dNdL)_{ii} = \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{dt}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k}.$$

With the martingale and finite variation terms of  $\lambda_i$ , we conclude the stated result.

$$d\lambda_i = dW_i + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{dt}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k}$$

where  $W_1, \dots, W_n$  are independent standard Brownian motions.  $\square$

### 2.1.3 Non-collision of the eigenvalues

We have found that the eigenvalues of a Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{M}_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{n,n}(\mathbb{C})$  satisfy Dyson's equation until the first time of collision. Now we prove that this time  $\tau$  is infinite a.s.

The proof we give is taken from [2] and makes use of the so called McKean's argument appearing first in [16] and used in [12] and [11]. The result is rather general because it is used for the generalization to matrix-valued diffusion processes.

**Theorem 2.1.3.** *Let  $\Lambda = (\lambda_i)_{i=1,\dots,p}$  be a process starting at the open Weyl chamber  $\Delta_p$  and satisfying (2.13) with functions  $g, h, b : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $g^2, h^2, b$  are Lipschitz continuous and  $g^2 h^2$  is convex or is continuously differentiable with derivative uniformly Lipschitz on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then the first collision time  $\tau$  defined as in (2.12) is infinite a.s.*

*Proof.* Define  $U := -\sum_{i < j} \log(\lambda_j - \lambda_i)$  for  $t \in [0, \tau]$ . By Itô's formula and the fact that  $d\lambda_i d\lambda_j = 4\delta_{ij} g^2(\lambda_i) h^2(\lambda_i) dt$  we find

$$\begin{aligned} dU &= \sum_{i < j} \left[ \frac{d\lambda_i - d\lambda_j}{\lambda_j - \lambda_i} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\langle \lambda_i, \lambda_i \rangle + d\langle \lambda_j, \lambda_j \rangle}{(\lambda_j - \lambda_i)^2} \right], \\ &= \sum_{i < j} \left[ \frac{d\lambda_i - d\lambda_j}{\lambda_j - \lambda_i} + 2 \frac{g^2(\lambda_i) h^2(\lambda_i) - g^2(\lambda_j) h^2(\lambda_j)}{(\lambda_j - \lambda_i)^2} dt \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Now we define the following processes

$$\begin{aligned}
dM &= 2 \sum_{i < j} \frac{g(\lambda_i)h(\lambda_i)d\nu_i - g(\lambda_j)h(\lambda_j)d\nu_j}{\lambda_j - \lambda_i}, \\
dA_1 &= \sum_{i < j} \frac{b(\lambda_i) - b(\lambda_j)}{\lambda_j - \lambda_i} dt, \\
dA_2 &= 2 \sum_{i < j} \frac{(g^2(\lambda_j) - g^2(\lambda_i))(h^2(\lambda_j) - h^2(\lambda_i))}{(\lambda_j - \lambda_i)} dt, \\
dA_3 &= \sum_{i < j} \frac{1}{\lambda_j - \lambda_i} \sum_{k \neq i, k \neq j} \left( \frac{G(\lambda_i, \lambda_k)}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} - \frac{G(\lambda_j, \lambda_k)}{\lambda_j - \lambda_k} \right) dt, \\
&= \sum_{i < j < k} \frac{G(\lambda_j, \lambda_k)(\lambda_k - \lambda_j) - G(\lambda_i, \lambda_k)(\lambda_k - \lambda_i) + G(\lambda_i, \lambda_j)(\lambda_j - \lambda_i)}{(\lambda_j - \lambda_i)(\lambda_k - \lambda_i)(\lambda_k - \lambda_j)} dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Using (2.13) we find that  $dU = dM + dA_1 + dA_2 + dA_3$ . Our goal is to use the McKean argument by proving that  $U$  is bounded over any bounded interval  $[0, t]$ . Let us start by showing that the finite variation part of  $U$  ( $dA_1, dA_2$ , and  $dA_3$ ) is bounded. Lipschitz continuity of  $b, g^2$  and  $h^2$  implies that  $|A_1(t)| \leq Kp(p-1)t/2$  and  $|A_2(t)| \leq K^2p(p-1)t$  with  $K$  a constant appearing in the Lipschitz condition. Later, we define a function  $H$  as

$$H(x, y, z) := [(g^2(x) - g^2(z))(h^2(y) - h^2(z)) + (g^2(y) - g^2(z))(h^2(x) - h^2(z))] (y - x),$$

then

$$H(x, y, z) = (G(x, y) - G(x, z) - G(y, z) + G(z, z)) (y - x),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
H(x, y, z) + H(y, z, x) - H(x, z, y) &= 2(z - y)G(y, z) - 2(z - x)G(x, z) + 2(y - x)G(x, y) \\
&\quad + G(x, x)(z - y) - G(y, y)(z - x) + G(z, z)(y - x).
\end{aligned}$$

By the Lipschitz conditions on  $g^2$  and  $h^2$  we find that  $|H(x, y, z)| \leq 2K^2|(y - x)(z - y)(z - x)|$ . Using the last equality, we can write  $2dA_3 = dA_4 + dA_5$ , with  $0 \leq A_4(t) \leq K^2p(p-1)(p-2)t/6$  and

$$dA_5(t) = \sum_{i < j < k} \frac{G(\lambda_j, \lambda_j)(\lambda_k - \lambda_i) - G(\lambda_i, \lambda_i)(\lambda_k - \lambda_j) - G(\lambda_k, \lambda_k)(\lambda_j - \lambda_i)}{(\lambda_j - \lambda_i)(\lambda_k - \lambda_i)(\lambda_k - \lambda_j)} dt, \quad (2.9)$$

$$= \sum_{i < j < k} \left( \frac{G(\lambda_j, \lambda_j) - G(\lambda_i, \lambda_i)}{\lambda_j - \lambda_i} - \frac{G(\lambda_k, \lambda_k) - G(\lambda_j, \lambda_j)}{\lambda_k - \lambda_j} \right) \frac{1}{\lambda_k - \lambda_i} dt. \quad (2.10)$$

If  $G(x, x)$  is convex, then  $A_5$  is non positive. If  $G(x, x)$  is continuously differentiable with derivative uniformly Lipschitz, then

$$|G'(x, x) - G'(y, y)| \leq C|x - y|,$$

and the (2.10) is bounded by  $C$ , which means  $|A_5(t)| \leq Ct$ .

We have found that the finite variation part of  $U$  is bounded for finite  $t$ , then we can apply McKean's argument 1.2.10 to conclude that  $U$  can not explode in finite time and thus  $\tau = \infty$  a.s.

□

## 2.2 Generalization for matrix-valued diffusion processes

**Theorem 2.2.1.** *Let  $B = (B(t), t \geq 0)$  be a Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{M}_{p,p}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $X(t)$  be a symmetric  $p \times p$  matrix-valued stochastic process satisfying the stochastic differential equation*

$$dX(t) = g(X(t))dB(t)h(X(t)) + h(X(t))dB(t)^T g(X(t)) + b(X(t))dt, \quad (2.11)$$

where  $g, h, b$  are real functions acting spectrally, and  $X(0)$  is a symmetric  $p \times p$  matrix with  $p$  different eigenvalues.

Let  $G(x, y) = g^2(x)h^2(y) + g^2(y)h^2(x)$ , and

$$\tau = \inf\{t : \lambda_i(t) = \lambda_j(t) \text{ for some } i \neq j\}. \quad (2.12)$$

Then, for  $t < \tau$  the eigenvalue process  $\Lambda(t)$  verifies the following stochastic differential equations:

$$d\lambda_i = 2g(\lambda_i)h(\lambda_i)dW_i + \left( b(\lambda_i) + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{G(\lambda_i, \lambda_k)}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} \right) dt, \quad (2.13)$$

where  $(W_i)_i$  are independent Brownian motions.

*Proof.* Recall that for every  $t$ , the process  $X(t)$  admits a decomposition of the form

$$X(t) = H\Lambda H^T,$$

where both  $\Lambda$  and  $H$  are matrix-valued stochastic processes,  $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p)$  is the diagonal matrix of ordered eigenvalues of  $X(t)$  and  $H$  is the corresponding matrix of eigenvectors.

Let us define the stochastic logarithm of  $H$  as

$$dA := H^{-1}\partial H = H^T\partial H = H^T dH + \frac{1}{2}(dH^T)dH.$$

By using Itô's formula on  $I = H^T H$  we find

$$0 = dI = d(H^T H) = H^T dH + (dH)^T H + (dH)^T dH = H^T \partial H + (\partial H)^T H = A + A^T.$$

Which means  $A$  is skew symmetric. Using that  $H^T H = I$ , we have  $\Lambda = H^T H \Lambda H^T H = H^T X H$ , by the matrix Itô formula, we find

$$\begin{aligned} d\Lambda &= d(H^T X H) = (\partial H^T X)H + H^T X \partial H, \\ &= (\partial H)^T X H + H^T (\partial X)H + H^T X \partial H, \\ &= (\partial H)^T H \Lambda + H^T (\partial X)H + \Lambda H^T \partial H, \\ &= (\partial A)^T \Lambda + H^T (\partial X)H + \Lambda \partial A, \\ &= H^T (\partial X)H - (\partial A)\Lambda + \Lambda \partial A. \end{aligned}$$

The entries in the diagonals of  $(\partial A)\Lambda$  and  $\Lambda \partial A$  coincide, and thus the diagonal of  $\Lambda \partial A - (\partial A)\Lambda$  is zero. Let us denote  $dN = H^T (\partial X)H$ , then

$$d\lambda_j = dN_{jj},$$

and, using that  $\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix, if  $i \neq j$ ,

$$0 = dN_{i,j} + (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)dA_{ij}.$$

This leads to the following representation for  $A_{ij}$ ,

$$dA_{i,j} = \frac{dN_{i,j}}{\lambda_j - \lambda_i}, \quad i \neq j. \quad (2.14)$$

From (4.2) we compute the quadratic covariation  $dX_{ij}dX_{km}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
dX_{ij}dX_{km} &= d\langle (g(X(t))dB(t)h(X(t)))_{ij} + (h(X_t)dB^T(t)(g(X(t))))_{ij}, \\
&\quad (g(X(t))dB(t)h(X(t)))_{km} + (h(X_t)dB^T(t)(g(X(t))))_{km} \rangle, \\
&= d\langle (g(X(t))dB(t)h(X(t)))_{ij}, (g(X(t))dB(t)h(X(t)))_{km} \rangle \\
&\quad + d\langle (g(X(t))dB(t)h(X(t)))_{ij}, (h(X_t)dB^T(t)(g(X(t))))_{km} \rangle \\
&\quad + d\langle (h(X_t)dB^T(t)(g(X(t))))_{ij}, (h(X_t)dB^T(t)(g(X(t))))_{km} \rangle \\
&\quad + d\langle (h(X_t)dB^T(t)(g(X(t))))_{ij}, (g(X(t))dB(t)h(X(t)))_{km} \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Let us first find  $d\langle (g(X(t))dB(t)h(X(t)))_{ij}, (g(X(t))dB(t)h(X(t)))_{km} \rangle$ , the other summands are analogous,

$$\begin{aligned}
&d\langle (g(X(t))dB(t)h(X(t)))_{ij}, (g(X(t))dB(t)h(X(t)))_{km} \rangle, \\
&= d\left\langle \sum_{p,q} g(X(t))_{ip}dB(t)_{pq}h(X(t))_{qj}, \sum_{r,s} g(X(t))_{kr}dB(t)_{rs}h(X(t))_{sm} \right\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

using the independence between the entries in the brownian matrix,

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{p,q} d\langle g(X(t))_{ip}dB(t)_{pq}h(X(t))_{qj}, g(X(t))_{kp}dB(t)_{pq}h(X(t))_{qm} \rangle \\
&= \sum_{pq} g(X(t))_{ip}h(X(t))_{qj}, g(X(t))_{kp}h(X(t))_{qm} dt, \\
&= \left( \sum_p g(X(t))_{ip}g(X(t))_{kp} \right) \left( \sum_q h(X(t))_{qj}h(X(t))_{qm} \right) dt, \\
&= (g(X(t))g(X(t))^T)_{ik} (h(X(t))^T h(X(t)))_{jm} dt, \\
&= (Hg(\Lambda)H^T Hg(\Lambda)H^T)_{ik} (Hh(\Lambda)H^T Hh(\Lambda)H^T)_{jm} dt, \\
&= (Hg^2(\Lambda)H^T)_{ik} (Hh^2(\Lambda)H^T)_{jm} dt = g^2(X)_{ik}h^2(X)_{jm} dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Proceeding similarly with the other four summands we find

$$dX_{ij}dX_{km} = (g^2(X)_{ik}h^2(X)_{jm} + g^2(X)_{im}h^2(X)_{jk} + g^2(X)_{jk}h^2(X)_{im} + g^2(X)_{jm}h^2(X)_{ik})dt.$$

Since  $dN = H^T(\partial X)H$  only differs in a finite variation part of  $H^T(dX)H$ , the martingale part of both processes coincide and then the quadratic covariation of the entries of  $N$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
dN_{ij}dN_{km} &= d\langle (H^T dXH)_{ij}, (H^T dXH)_{km} \rangle = \sum_{pqrs} d\langle H_{ip}^T dX_{pq} H_{qj}, H_{kr}^T dX_{rs} H_{sm} \rangle, \\
&= \sum_{pqrs} H_{ip}^T H_{qj} H_{kr}^T H_{sm} dX_{pq} dX_{rs}, \\
&= \sum_{pqrs} H_{ip}^T H_{qj} H_{kr}^T H_{sm} (g^2(X)_{pr} h^2(X)_{qs} + g^2(X)_{ps} h^2(X)_{qr} + g^2(X)_{qs} h^2(X)_{pr} \\
&\quad + g^2(X)_{qr} h^2(X)_{ps}) dt.
\end{aligned}$$

We find first  $\sum_{pqrs} H_{ip}^T H_{qj} H_{kr}^T H_{sm} g^2(X)_{pr} h^2(X)_{qs}$  and the other terms are similar,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{pqrs} H_{ip}^T H_{qj} H_{kr}^T H_{sm} g^2(X)_{pr} h^2(X)_{qs} &= \left( \sum_{pr} H_{ip}^T g^2(X)_{pr} H_{rk} \right) \left( \sum_{qs} H_{jq}^T h^2(X)_{qs} H_{sm} \right), \\
&= (H^T H g^2(\Lambda) H^T H)_{ik} (H^T H h^2(\Lambda) H^T H)_{jm} = g^2(\Lambda)_{ik} h^2(\Lambda)_{jm}.
\end{aligned}$$

Repeating the analogous procedure with all of the terms we find that the covariation is

$$dN_{ij}dN_{km} = (g^2(\Lambda)_{ik} h^2(\Lambda)_{jm} + g^2(\Lambda)_{im} h^2(\Lambda)_{jk} + g^2(\Lambda)_{jk} h^2(\Lambda)_{im} + g^2(\Lambda)_{jm} h^2(\Lambda)_{ik}) dt.$$

It follows that the quadratic variation in the diagonal is

$$dN_{ii}dN_{jj} = 4\delta_{ij} g^2(\lambda_i) h^2(\lambda_j) dt.$$

Now, in order to compute  $F$ , the finite variation part of  $N$ , we use (4.2),

$$\begin{aligned}
dF &= H^T b(X) H dt + \frac{1}{2} (dH^T dXH + H^T dX dH), \\
&= b(\Lambda) dt + \frac{1}{2} ((dH^T H)(H^T dXH) + (H^T dXH)(H^T dH)),
\end{aligned}$$

using that the martingale part of  $H^T dH$  and  $H^T \partial H$  coincide and the same with  $H^T (\partial X) H$  and  $H^T (dX) H$ ,

$$= b(\Lambda) dt + \frac{1}{2} ((dN dA)^T + dN dA).$$

Now we can use (2.14) and (2.2) to find  $dN dA$ ,



$$(dN dA)_{ij} = \sum_{k \neq j} dN_{ik} dA_{kj} = \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{dN_{ik} dN_{kj}}{\lambda_j - \lambda_k} = \delta_{ij} \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{g^2(\lambda_i) h^2(\lambda_k) + g^2(\lambda_k) h^2(\lambda_i)}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} dt.$$

Recalling that  $G(x, y) = g^2(x)h^2(x) + g^2(y)h^2(y)$ , we have that

$$(dN dA)_{ij} = \delta_{ij} \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{G(\lambda_i, \lambda_k)}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} dt.$$

From (2.2) we have that the martingale part of  $N_{ii}$  has the form  $2g(\lambda_i)h(\lambda_i)dW_i$  for some Brownian motion  $W_i$ . Putting together the martingale and finite variation parts of  $N$  we have that

$$dN_{ii} = 2g(\lambda_i)h(\lambda_i)dW_i + \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{G(\lambda_i, \lambda_k)}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} dt.$$

Since  $d\lambda_i = dN_{ii}$ , this finishes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.2.** *Let  $W(t)$  be a complex  $p \times p$  Brownian matrix. Suppose that  $X = (X(t), t \geq 0)$  is a matrix-valued process taking values in the group of self adjoint matrices and it satisfies the following matrix stochastic differential equation:*

$$dX(t) = g(X(t))dW(t)h(X(t)) + h(X(t))dW(t)^*g(X(t)) + b(X(t))dt, \quad (2.15)$$

with  $g, h, b : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $X_0$  is a hermitian  $p \times p$  random matrix with  $p$  different eigenvalues.

Let  $G(x, y) = g^2(x)h^2(y) + g^2(y)h^2(x)$ , and

$$\tau = \inf\{t : \lambda_i(t) = \lambda_j(t) \text{ for some } i \neq j\}.$$

Then, for  $t < \tau$  the eigenvalue process  $\Lambda_t$  verifies the following stochastic differential equations:

$$d\lambda_i = 2g(\lambda_i)h(\lambda_i)dW_i + \left( b(\lambda_i) + 2 \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{G(\lambda_i, \lambda_k)}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} \right) dt, \quad (2.16)$$

where  $(W_i)_i$  are independent Brownian motions.

*Proof.* Recall that for a complex Brownian motion  $Z$  we have that

$$d\langle Z, Z \rangle(t) = 0, \quad d\langle Z, \overline{Z} \rangle(t) = 2dt.$$

Then we can compute the quadratic covariation  $dX_{ij}dX_{kl}$  using (2.15),

$$dX_{ij}dX_{kl} = d\langle X_{ij}, X_{kl} \rangle(t), \quad (2.17)$$

$$= d\langle (g(X)dWh(X) + h(X)dW^*g(X))_{ij}, (g(X)dWh(X) + h(X)dW^*g(X))_{kl} \rangle(t), \quad (2.18)$$

$$= d\langle (g(X)dWh(X))_{ij}, (h(X)dW^*g(X))_{kl} \rangle + d\langle (g(X)dWh(X))_{kl}, (h(X)dW^*g(X))_{ij} \rangle(t), \quad (2.19)$$

$$= 2g^2(X)_{il}h^2(X)_{jk}dt + 2g^2(X)_{kj}h^2(X)_{li}dt, \quad (2.20)$$

$$= 2(g^2(X)_{il}h^2(X)_{kj} + g^2(X)_{jk}h^2(X)_{il})dt. \quad (2.21)$$

Analogously to the real case, we define  $A$ , the stochastic logarithm of  $H$ , as

$$A := H^{-1}\partial H = H^*\partial H.$$

By using Itô's formula we find,

$$0 = dI = d(H^*H) = H\partial H^* + (\partial H)H^* = A^* + A,$$

which means  $A$  is skew-Hermitian. This implies that the real part of the terms in the diagonal of  $A$  is zero. Let us now apply Itô's formula to  $\Lambda = H^*XH$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d\Lambda &= d(H^*XH) = H^*(d(XH)) + (dH^*)XH + d(H^*)d(XH), \\ &= H^*(dX)H + H^*XdH + H^*(dXdH) + (dH^*)XH + d(H^*)(dX)H + d(H^*)XdH + dH^*dXdH, \\ &= H^*(\partial X)H + H^*X\partial H + (\partial H^*)XH = H^*(\partial X)H + \Lambda H^*\partial H + (\partial H^*)H\Lambda, \\ &= H^*(\partial X)H + \Lambda\partial A + \partial A^T\Lambda = H^*(\partial X)H + \Lambda\partial A - \partial A\Lambda. \end{aligned}$$

By the relationship between Itô's and Stratanovich's integrals,

$$H^*(\partial X)H = H^*(dX)H + \frac{1}{2}(dH^*(dX)H + H^*dXdH),$$

so using that  $X$  is hermitian, we have that  $H^*(\partial X)H$  is also hermitian and its diagonal elements are real. The process  $\Lambda\partial A - (\partial A)\Lambda$  is zero in the diagonal and thus  $d\lambda_i = (H^*(\partial X)H)_{ii}$ . If  $i \neq j$ , we have

$$0 = (H^*(\partial X)H)_{ij} + \lambda_i\partial A_{ij} - \lambda_j\partial A_{ji} = (H^*(\partial X)H)_{ij} + (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)\partial A_{ij}.$$

The last part implies  $\partial A_{ij} = \frac{(H^*(\partial X)H)_{ij}}{\lambda_j - \lambda_i}$ , whenever  $i \neq j$ .

Define  $dN = dH^*(\partial X)H$ . The martingale part of  $N$  and  $H^*(dX)H$  is the same, since they differ only in a finite variation term. We can find  $dN_{ij}dN_{kl}$  using  $dX_{ij}dX_{kl}$ ,

$$dN_{ij}dN_{kl} = 2(g^2(\Lambda)_{il}h^2(\Lambda)_{jk} + g^2(\Lambda)_{jk}h^2(\Lambda)_{il})dt.$$

Then, for the elements in the diagonal we have

$$dN_{ii}dN_{jj} = 4\delta_{ij}(g^2(\lambda_i)h^2(\lambda_i))dt. \quad (2.22)$$

Now we compute the finite variation part of  $dN$  from (2.15). Let us denote it as  $dF$ .

$$\begin{aligned} dF &= H^*b(X)Hdt + \frac{1}{2}(dH^*(dX)H + H^*dXdH), \\ &= b(\Lambda)dt + \frac{1}{2}((dH^*H)(H^*dXH) + (H^*dXH)(H^*dH)), \\ &= b(\Lambda)dt + \frac{1}{2}((dNdA)^* + dNdA). \end{aligned}$$

Using the quadratic variation of  $dN$  and  $dA$  we find their covariation,

$$\begin{aligned} (dNdA)_{ij} &= \sum_k (dN)_{ik}(dA)_{kj} = \sum_k \frac{(dN)_{ik}(dN)_{kj}}{\lambda_j - \lambda_i}, \\ &= 2\delta_{ij} \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{g^2(\lambda_i)h^2(\lambda_k) + g^2(\lambda_k)h^2(\lambda_j)}{\lambda_j - \lambda_k} + dN_{ij}dA_{jj}. \end{aligned}$$

By the properties shown above for  $dN$  and  $dA$ , if  $i = j$ ,  $dN_{jj}$  is real and  $dA_{jj}$  is purely imaginary. By independence of the real and imaginary parts of the complex Brownian motion, this implies that  $dN_{jj}dA_{jj} = 0$ . We have

$$dF_{ii} = \left( b(\lambda_i) + 2 \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{G(\lambda_i, \lambda_k)}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} \right) dt,$$

where  $G(x, y) = g^2(x)h^2(y) + g^2(y)h^2(x)$ .

Using the quadratic variation of  $dN$ , we find that the martingale part of  $dN_{ii}$  is

$$dM_{ii} = 2g(\lambda_i)h(\lambda_i)dW_i,$$

for some Brownian motion. Recall that  $d\lambda_i = dN_{ii}$ , then we have that there exist  $W_1, \dots, W_p$  independent Brownian motions such that

$$d\lambda_i = dN_{ii} = 2g(\lambda_i)h(\lambda_i)dW_i + \left( b(\lambda_i) + 2 \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{G(\lambda_i, \lambda_k)}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} \right) dt.$$

This ends the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.3** (Multidimensional Yamada-Watanabe Theorem [2]). *Let  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  and*

$$b_i : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad i = 1, \dots, p,$$

*be real-valued continuous functions satisfying the following Lipschitz conditions for  $C > 0$ ,*

$$|b_i(y_1) - b_i(y_2)| \leq C \|y_1 - y_2\|, \quad i = 1, \dots, p,$$

*for every  $y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}^p$ .*

*Further, let  $\sigma_i : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, i = 1, \dots, p$  be a set of measurable functions such that*

$$|\sigma_i(x) - \sigma_i(y)|^2 \leq \rho_i(|x - y|), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R},$$

*where  $\rho_i : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  are measurable functions such that*

$$\int_{0+} \rho_i^{-1}(x) dx = \infty.$$

*Then the pathwise uniqueness holds for the following system of stochastic differential equations*

$$dY_i = \sigma_i(Y_i)dB_i + b_i(Y)dt, \quad i = 1, \dots, p, \quad (2.23)$$

*where  $B_1, \dots, B_p$  are independent Brownian motions.*

*Proof.* Let  $Y$  and  $\hat{Y}$  be two solutions with respect to the same multidimensional Brownian motion  $B = (B_i)_{i \leq p}$  such that  $Y(0) = \hat{Y}(0)$  a.s., for  $i \leq p$  we have

$$Y_i(t) - \hat{Y}_i(t) = \int_0^t \sigma_i(Y_i) - \sigma_i(\hat{Y}_i) dB_i(s) + \int_0^t b_i(Y_i) - b_i(\hat{Y}_i) ds. \quad (2.24)$$

We can then see that

$$\int_0^t \frac{\mathbb{1}_{\{Y_i(s) > \hat{Y}_i(s)\}}}{\rho_i(Y_i(s) - \hat{Y}_i(s))} d\langle Y_i - \hat{Y}_i, Y_i - \hat{Y}_i \rangle = \int_0^t \frac{(\sigma_i(Y_i(s)) - \sigma_i(\hat{Y}_i(s)))^2}{\rho_i(Y_i(s) - \hat{Y}_i(s))} \mathbb{1}_{\{Y_i(s) > \hat{Y}_i(s)\}} ds \leq t.$$

Applying Theorem 1.2.8 we have that the local time of  $Y_i - \hat{Y}_i$  at 0 is 0. Then, we can use the Tanaka formula to find

$$\begin{aligned} |Y_i(t) - \hat{Y}_i(t)| &= \int_0^t \operatorname{sgn}(Y_i(s) - \hat{Y}_i(s)) d(Y_i(s) - \hat{Y}_i(s)), \\ &= \int_0^t \operatorname{sgn}(Y_i(t) - \hat{Y}_i(t)) (\sigma_i(Y_i) - \sigma_i(\hat{Y}_i)) dB_i(s) \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \operatorname{sgn}(Y_i(s) - \hat{Y}_i(s)) (b_i(Y_i(s)) - b_i(\hat{Y}_i(s))) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sigma_i$  is bounded, we have that  $\operatorname{sgn}(Y_i(t) - \hat{Y}_i(t))(\sigma_i(Y_i(t)) - \sigma_i(\hat{Y}_i(t)))$  is bounded and therefore the first integral in the last expression is a martingale with mean 0, which in turns implies that

$$|Y_i(t) - \hat{Y}_i(t)| - \int_0^t \operatorname{sgn}(Y_i(s) - \hat{Y}_i(s)) (b_i(Y_i(s)) - b_i(\hat{Y}_i(s))) dt,$$

is a zero-mean martingale. Then, by using the Lipschitz properties of  $b_i$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [|Y_i(t) - \hat{Y}_i(t)|] &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^t \operatorname{sgn}(Y_i(s) - \hat{Y}_i(s)) (b_i(Y_i(s)) - b_i(\hat{Y}_i(s))) ds \right], \\ &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^t |b_i(Y_i(s)) - b_i(\hat{Y}_i(s))| ds \right], \\ &= \int_0^t \mathbb{E} [|b_i(Y_i(s)) - b_i(\hat{Y}_i(s))|] ds \leq C \int_0^t \mathbb{E} [|Y_i(s) - \hat{Y}_i(s)|] ds. \end{aligned}$$

Summing for every  $i$  we get

$$\mathbb{E} [|Y(t) - \hat{Y}(t)|] \leq Cp \int_0^t \mathbb{E} [|Y(s) - \hat{Y}(s)|] ds.$$

Using Gronwall's lemma (1.2.9) we get that

$$\mathbb{E} [|Y(t) - \hat{Y}(t)|] = 0,$$

which implies  $Y(t) = \hat{Y}(t)$  a.s. for every  $t > 0$ , ending the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.4** (Spectral matrix Yamada-Watanabe theorem). *Let  $X(t)$  be a  $p \times p$  sym-*

metric matrix-valued process satisfying the equation (4.2) with initial condition  $X(0)$  that is a symmetric  $p \times p$  matrix with  $p$  different eigenvalues. Suppose further that

$$|g(x)h(x) - g(y)h(y)|^2 \leq \rho(|x - y|), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (2.25)$$

with  $\rho : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  a measurable function satisfying

$$\int_{0+} \rho^{-1}(x) dx = \infty,$$

that  $G(x, y) := g^2(x)h^2(y) + g^2(y)h^2(x)$  is locally Lipschitz and strictly positive on the set  $\{x \neq y\}$  and that  $b$  is locally Lipschitz. Then if  $\tau$  is defined as in (2.12), for  $t < \tau$ , the process of eigenvalues satisfying (2.13) has a pathwise unique solution.

*Proof.* Let  $PNP^T$  be a diagonalization for  $X(0)$ . We need to show that a unique strong solution exists for (2.13) when  $\Lambda(0) = N$ . The functions

$$b_i(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p) = b(\lambda_i) + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{G(\lambda_i, \lambda_k)}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k},$$

are locally Lipschitz continuous on  $\Delta_p$  so they can be extended from the compact sets

$$D_m = \{0 \leq \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots < \lambda_p < m, \lambda_{i+1} - \lambda_i \geq 1/m\},$$

to bounded Lipschitz functions on  $\mathbb{R}^p$ . Let  $b_i^m$  denote such extension for  $m \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ . For  $i = 1, \dots, p$ , we consider the system of SDEs,

$$d\lambda_i = 2g(\lambda_i^m)h(\lambda_i^m)dW_i + b_i^m(\Lambda^m)dt.$$

We have that  $|g(x)h(x) - g(y)h(y)|^2 \leq \rho(|x - y|)$  and  $\int_{0+} \rho(x)^{-1} dx = \infty$ , and using Theorem 2.2.3 we get that there is a unique strong solution for the system of SDEs. Since  $D_m \subset D_{m+1}$ , we have that  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} D_m = \Delta_p$ , so there exists a unique strong solution  $\Lambda(t)$  for the SDEs system up to the first exit time from  $\Delta_p$ . This time is  $\tau$ , the first collision time of the eigenvalues.

□

**Corollary 2.2.5.** *Suppose that  $b, g^2, h^2$  are Lipschitz continuous,  $g^2 h^2$  is convex or continuously differentiable with derivative uniformly Lipschitz on  $\mathbb{R}$  and that  $G(x, y) := g^2(x)h^2(y) + g^2(y)h^2(x)$  is strictly positive on  $\{x \neq y\}$ . Then the system of SDEs (2.13) for the eigenvalue process satisfying (4.2) has a unique strong solution on  $[0, \infty)$ .*

*Proof.* Recall that if  $f$  is a non-negative Lipschitz continuous function, then  $\sqrt{f}$  is  $1/2$ -Hölder continuous. Since  $g^2$  and  $h^2$  are Lipschitz continuous, then  $g^2 h^2$  is locally Lipschitz continuous

and  $gh$  is  $1/2$ -Hölder continuous. Then

$$|g(x)h(x) - g(y)h(y)|^2 \leq \left(K|x - y|^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 = K^2|x - y|.$$

Taking  $\rho(|x - y|) = K^2|x - y|$  we see that the conditions of Theorem 2.2.4 are satisfied and then the uniqueness and existence of the strong solution applies on  $[0, \tau)$ . By Theorem 2.1.3 we have that  $\tau = \infty$  a.s., and thus the existence and uniqueness is satisfied on  $[0, \infty)$ .  $\square$

### 2.2.1 Wishart process

The Wishart process is a dynamical version of the Wishart matrix, which was first described by John Wishart [17]. If we assume a data population to consist of  $n$  features observed in  $k$  individuals, then we can form a rectangular  $n \times k$  array with this data, let us name  $X$  to such array. If we further assume that the variables and individuals are totally non-correlated and they individual data points ( $i$ th feature of the  $j$ th individual) follow a standard normal distribution, then  $X$  is a standard independent Gaussian matrix of size  $n \times k$ . The matrix  $X$  can be thought as a size  $k$  sample observation of an independent Normal vector  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^k$ . It is a well known fact in statistics that an estimator for the covariance matrix of  $\vec{v}$  is  $W := X^T X$ . Under the former assumptions,  $W$  follows a Wishart distribution.

Besides estimating a covariance matrix, the Wishart matrix distribution has some other uses in multivariate statistics. A notable one is its use for Principal Component Analysis (PCA). In [18], Principal Components are described as “a sequence of projections of the data, mutually uncorrelated and ordered in variance”. The key idea is that if we find the eigenvalues of a covariance matrix and order them, then we can know what are the most influential features in the data variance, i.e. the eigenvector associated to the largest eigenvalue carries out the most variance of the data. Every eigenvector is a “projection of the data” and uncorrelated to any other eigenvector (as they form an orthogonal basis).

A natural question that comes to mind when doing PCA is what would happen to the Principal Components if we add a mild perturbation (e.g. Gaussian noise). Bru [12] tackled this problem by considering adding a Brownian motion as a noise. With this, she was able to use stochastic calculus techniques to study the behaviour of the Principal Components when the added variance fluctuated.

In this subsection, we use the Theorems proven previously to replicate Bru’s results. It is worth mentioning that the techniques in this section taken from [2] were originally inspired by the work of Bru in [12].

Once we have Theorems 2.2.1 and 2.2.2, proving the form of the eigenvalues in a Wishart process is quite straight-forward.

**Corollary 2.2.6.** *Let  $\tilde{B} = (\tilde{B}(t), t \geq 0)$  be a Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{M}_{n,m}(\mathbb{R})$  with  $n \geq m$  and define  $X = \tilde{B}^T \tilde{B}$ . Then the eigenvalues of  $X$ ,  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \dots > \lambda_n$  are given by the unique strong solution to the following system of stochastic differential equations*

$$d\lambda_i = 2\sqrt{\lambda_i}dW_i + \left( m + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{|\lambda_i| + |\lambda_k|}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} \right) dt.$$

*Moreover, if  $Y$  is any matrix-valued stochastic process satisfying the stochastic differential equation*

$$dY(t) = \sqrt{Y(t)}dB(t) + dB^T(t)\sqrt{Y(t)} + \alpha Idt,$$

*with respect to  $B = (B(t), t \geq 0)$  a Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $n \geq p-1$ , then its eigenvalues are the unique strong solution to the system of stochastic differential equations*

$$d\lambda_i = 2\sqrt{\lambda_i}dW_i + \left( \alpha + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{|\lambda_i| + |\lambda_k|}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} \right) dt. \quad (2.26)$$

*Proof.* We prove first that  $X$  satisfies

$$dX(t) = \sqrt{X(t)}dB(t) + dB^T(t)\sqrt{X(t)} + \alpha Idt,$$

for an  $n \times n$  matrix-valued Brownian motion, and then use Theorem 2.2.1.

By the matrix Itô formula we have for  $X$ ,

$$dX(t) = (d\tilde{B}^T(t))\tilde{B}(t) + (\tilde{B}^T(t))dB(t) + d\langle \tilde{B}^T, \tilde{B} \rangle(t).$$

For the covariation term we can find

$$d\langle \tilde{B}^T, \tilde{B} \rangle(t)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^m d\langle \tilde{B}_{ki}, B_{kj} \rangle(t) = m\delta_{ij}dt.$$

This means  $d\langle \tilde{B}^T, \tilde{B} \rangle(t) = mIdt$ .

For the remaining terms, we find the covariation,

$$(\tilde{B}^T dB)_{ij}((d\tilde{B})^T B)_{kl} = X_{il}\delta_{jk}dt,$$

which in total accounts for

$$d\langle X_{ij}, X_{kl} \rangle(t) = (X_{ik}\delta_{jl} + X_{il}\delta_{jk} + X_{jk}\delta_{il} + X_{jl}\delta_{ik})dt.$$



With this, we can find the quadratic variation for the diagonal and off-diagonal entries of  $X$ .

$$d\langle X_{ij}, X_{ij} \rangle(t) = \begin{cases} (X_{ii} + X_{jj})dt & \text{if } i \neq j, \\ 4X_{ii}dt & \text{if } i = j. \end{cases}$$

With this covariations, we find that the entries of  $dX$  coincide with those of  $\sqrt{X(t)}dB(t) + dB^T(t)\sqrt{X(t)} + \alpha I dt$ . Now, in Theorem 2.2.1 substitute  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ ,  $h(x) \equiv 1$  and  $b(x) \equiv \alpha$  to find that (2.26) is satisfied.  $\square$

Using Brownian motions in  $\mathcal{M}_{n,m}(\mathbb{C})$  instead and repeating all the steps we find the corresponding equation for the complex Wishart process. Also, the matrix can be rescaled as in the Dyson Brownian motion case to find a version where the  $\beta$  parameter affects the martingale part.

### 2.2.2 Jacobi process

Similarly to the Wishart case, the Jacobi process is a dynamical generalization of a random matrix used in statistics. There are basically two contexts in where the matrix jacobi process appears, one of them is in analysis of variance [19] and there it is defined as the “quotient” of a Wishart matrix and its sum to an independent Wishart matrix, i.e.

$$J := (W_1 + W_2)^{-1}W_1,$$

where  $W_1, W_2$  are independent Wishart matrices. In this context, the Jacobi matrix (known as MANOVA matrix) is something as a generalization of an  $F$  distribution in the context of univariate ANOVA.

The second context, and the one we are interested in is the Generalized Singular Value Decomposition (GSVD) algorithm [20] which is used for a block matrix. The construction we give here is found in [21] and it coincides with the construction of a Beta-matrix in [22].

Let  $M$  be an independent Gaussian matrix in  $\mathcal{M}_{m,n}(\mathbb{R})$  with  $n \leq m$ . We can decompose  $M$  as a block matrix in the way

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} M_1 \\ M_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{matrix}.$$

So  $M_1 \in \mathcal{M}_{n_1,n}$  and  $M_2 \in \mathcal{M}_{n_2,n}$  are independent Gaussian matrices in its respective spaces, and  $n_1 + n_2 = m$ . With the GSVD algorithm we can find simultaneously singular value decompositions for  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  such that  $M_1 = U_1CH, M_2 = U_2SH$  where

$U_1 \in \mathcal{M}_{n_1, n_1}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $U_2 \in \mathcal{M}_{n_2, n_2}(\mathbb{R})$  are orthogonal matrices,  $C \in \mathcal{M}_{n_1, n}$ ,  $S \in \mathcal{M}_{n_2, n}(\mathbb{R})$  are pseudo diagonals satisfying  $C^T C + S^T S = I_{n \times n}$ , and  $H \in \mathcal{M}_{n, n}$  is invertible. Although the decomposition is not unique, it can be taken so that  $U_1, U_2, H$  are Haar distributed, mutually independent and independent from  $C, S$ .

Then we take  $W_1 = M_1^T M_1$  and  $W_2 = M_2^T M_2$ , we have that  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are  $n \times n$  Wishart matrices with shape parameters  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ , respectively. Our matrix of interest is

$$J := (W_1 + W_2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} W_1 (W_1 + W_2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

With the singular values decomposition of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ , we notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \det[J] &= \det[(W_1 + W_2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} W_1 (W_1 + W_2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}], \\ &= \det[(H^T C^T C H + H^T S^T S H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} H^T C^T C H (H^T C^T C H + H^T S^T S H)^{-\frac{1}{2}}], \\ &= \det[(C^T C + S^T S)^{\frac{1}{2}} C^T C (C^T C + S^T S)^{\frac{1}{2}}], \\ &= \det C^T C. \end{aligned}$$

So  $J$  has the same eigenvalues of  $C^T C$ . If we give a singular values decomposition for  $M$ ,  $M = VDU$  with  $D \in \mathcal{M}_{m, n}(\mathbb{R})$  pseudodiagonal  $D = (\Delta, 0)^T$ ,  $\Delta$  diagonal, and  $U \in \mathcal{M}_{n, n}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $V \in \mathcal{M}_{m, m}(\mathbb{R})$  Haar unitaries and independent. Then  $M^T M = U^T \Delta^2 U$ , and

$$(W_1 + W_2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (U^T \Delta U)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Letting  $X$  be the  $m \times n_1$  upper left corner of  $V$  we have that  $M_1 = U \Delta X$ , and then

$$M_1^T M_1 = U^T \Delta X^T X \Delta U = (M^T M)^{\frac{1}{2}} (U^T X^T X U) (M^T M)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Substituting this in our previous definition for  $J$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} J &= (W_1 + W_2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} W_1 (W_1 + W_2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \\ &= (M^T M)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (M^T M)^{\frac{1}{2}} (U^T X^T X U) (M^T M)^{\frac{1}{2}} (M^T M)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = (XU)^T XU. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $X$  is invariant under multiplication by orthogonal matrices, and  $U, X$  are independent, then law of  $J$  is equal to the law of  $X^T X$ . The conclusion is that we can build the Jacobi matrix in two different ways, one using the standard definition as in the MANOVA case and another as the square of the upper left corner in a Haar distributed random matrix. This was discovered by Collins [23] and is used by Doumerc to construct the dynamical

version of this matrix [22].

For the stochastic process case, it is shown in [22] that if  $X$  is the upper corner of a Haar unitary Brownian motion, then  $J := X^T X$  satisfies the following stochastic differential equation

$$dJ(t) = \sqrt{J(t)}dB(t)\sqrt{I_n - J(t)} + \sqrt{I_n - J(t)}dB(t)\sqrt{J(t)} + (n_2 I_n - (n_1 + n_2)J(t))dt.$$

With this differential equation, it is easy again to use Theorem 2.2.1 to conclude the next corollary:

**Corollary 2.2.7.** *Let  $X$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix valued process satisfying the following stochastic differential equation*

$$dX(t) = \sqrt{X(t)}dB(t)\sqrt{I_n - X(t)} + \sqrt{I_n - X(t)}dB(t)\sqrt{X(t)} + (n_2 I_n - (n_1 + n_2)X(t))dt.$$

*Then its eigenvalues are the unique strong solution to the system of stochastic differential equations*

$$d\lambda_i = 2\sqrt{\lambda_i(1 - \lambda_i)}dW_i + \left( n_2 - (n_1 + n_2)\lambda_i + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{\lambda_i(1 - \lambda_k) + \lambda_k(1 - \lambda_i)}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} \right) dt, \quad (2.27)$$

where  $\{W_i\}_{i=1}^n$  are  $n$  independent standard Brownian motions.

*Proof.* Let  $g(x) = \sqrt{|x|}$ ,  $h(x) = \sqrt{|1 - x|}$  and  $b(x) = n_2 - (n_1 + n_2)x$  in 2.2.1. □

## 2.3 Path simulations

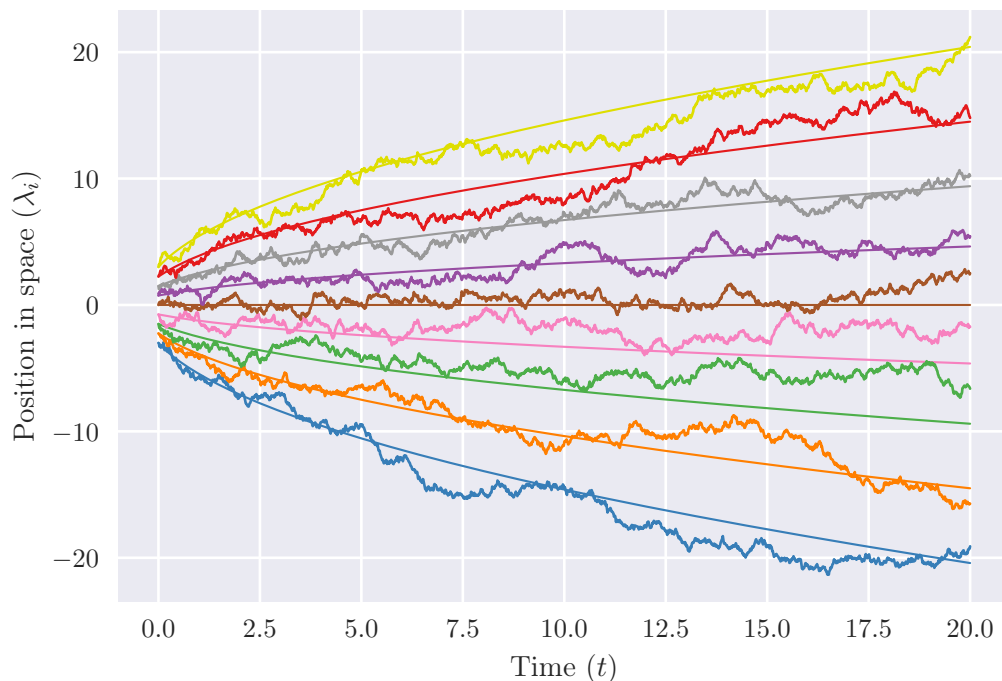
A standard technique for the simulation of solutions to stochastic differential equations is the Euler-Maruyama method. Details about the method can be found in [24][Chapter 10]. The code used for the following figures can be found in the Appendix A.

These path simulations have the purpose of visualizing the behavior of the eigenvalue process and how the presence of the Brownian motion term affects the trajectories. Comparing with the simulations of the deterministic processes in Chapter 4 will allow us to appreciate how much the finite-variation part of the process “determines” its evolution.

In Figure 2.1, we can see the path of a nine-dimensional Dyson Brownian motion compared to the finite-variation term. The color of each line represents the correspondence between

Mencionar en estas pruebas también se da la existencia y unicidad de las soluciones fuertes (por los teoremas probados anteriormente.)

the drift and the stochastic visualization. We can notice that both the random and the deterministic version do not collide. In the deterministic version, the values separate over time, while in the stochastic one, they are affected by a noise that causes them to deviate slightly.

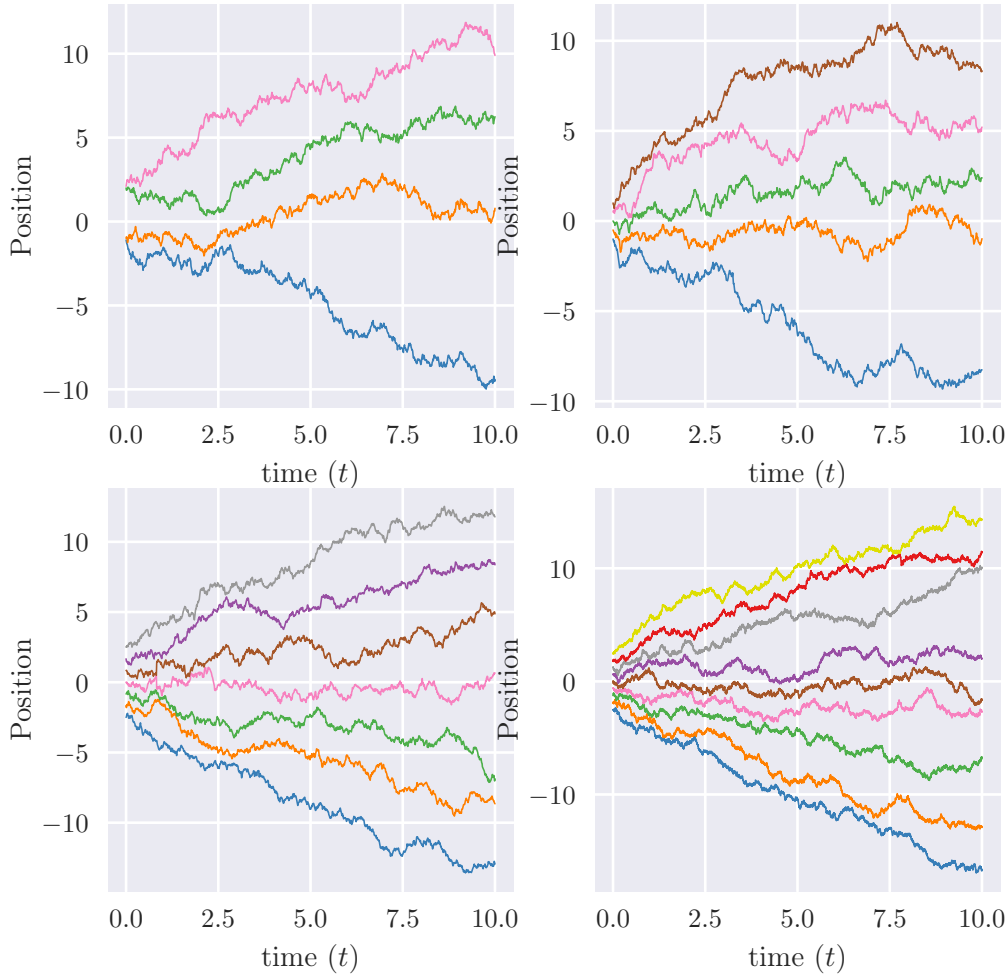


**Figure 2.1:** Superposition of simulation of a Dyson Brownian motion and its finite-variation part.

In Figure 2.2 there are four different path simulations for a Dyson Brownian motion with dimension equal to four, five, seven and nine. The initial condition in the third last cases is with  $n$  equally spaced points around zero. In the first case, the initial condition is slightly different because the two points in the middle have a separation of size one, while the surrounding points are separated by 0.1 of them. This appears to have little effect on this system, but in Chapter 4 we will see that in the deterministic case, it has an effect.

Although the distances between paths in every simulation of Figure 2.2 are stochastic, we can notice that the spacing between consecutive points is more or less uniform, which is what we would expect as the particles reject each other with a similar strength. Also, it is interesting to notice that, although the number of paths increases in every chart of the figure, the total path spacing until  $t = 10$  is more or less uniform in all of them.

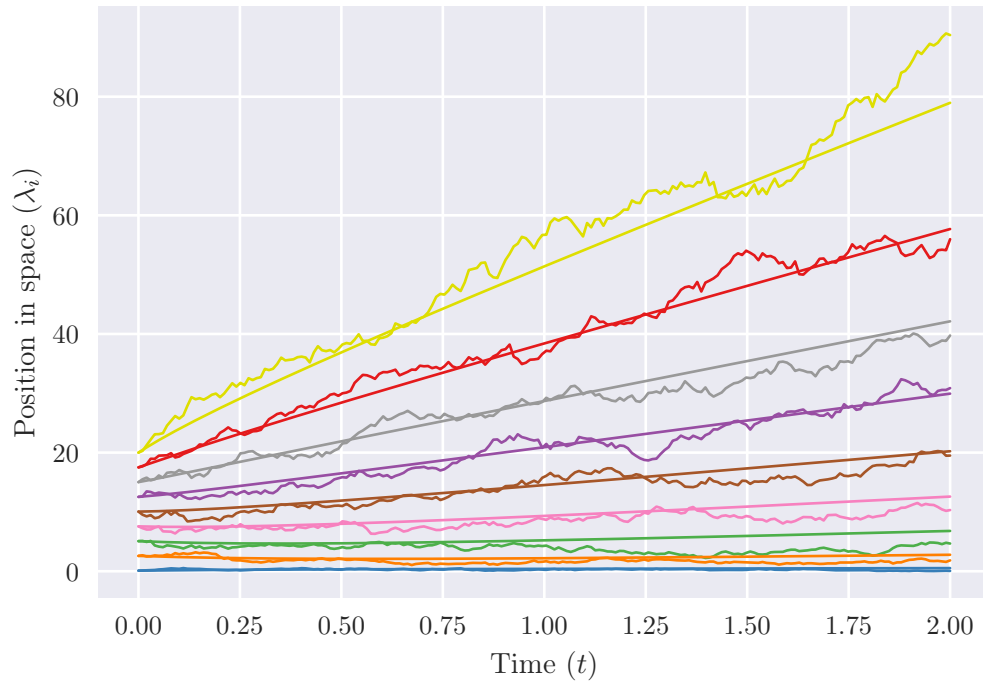
The “uniform spacing” behavior of the Dyson process contrasts with the path simulations for the Wishart process in Figure 2.3. In this figure, we have the path for a Wishart process of dimension nine with the corresponding finite variation path. As we can see, the spacing



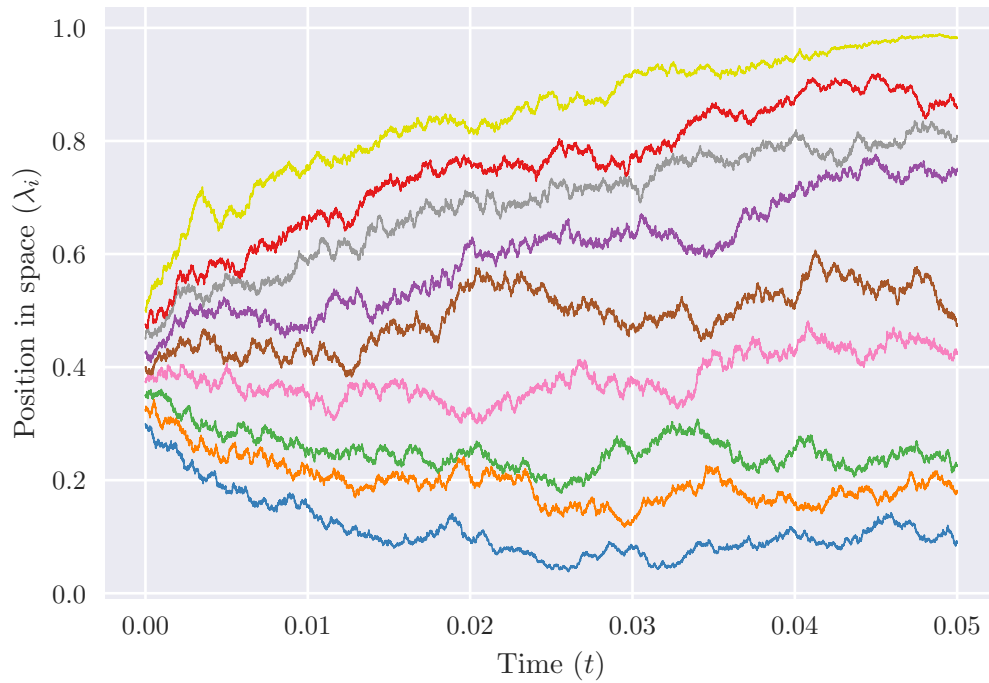
**Figure 2.2:** Simulation of four different Dyson Brownian motions with different dimension.

of the particles with the biggest values tends to grow faster. This can be explained because for the Wishart process, the interaction term is proportional to the value of both functions.

For the Jacobi process path simulations in Figure 2.4, we notice a more stable behavior. In Chapter 4 we will see that this process has an stationary distribution and thus it is expected that, given any initial condition, the process converges to it. Notice that in this simulation the convergence appears to have rather quickly, as the points appear to be evenly separated at time  $t = 0.05$ .



**Figure 2.3:** Superposition of path simulations of a Wishart process and its finite dimensional part.



**Figure 2.4:** Path simulation for a Jacobi process.

## Chapter 3

# Finite Free Probability

This chapter introduces the main ideas in finite free probability theory. In the first section we give the definition of three polynomial convolutions and some classic orthogonal polynomial ensembles. This section is purely algebraic and it is not related to probability. In section two, we present the definition of minor orthogonality, one of the central ideas in finite free probability. This is also the section in which we state initial relations between random matrices and polynomial convolutions. In the third section, we link finite free probability to free probability by defining the  $\mathcal{R}_d$  transform, then we use the precedent contents to find polynomials related to some “finite free distributions” and the corresponding limit theorems.

### 3.1 Polynomials and convolution

#### 3.1.1 Convolution of polynomials

In this subsection, we present three notions of polynomial convolution, the first two were introduced around a century ago [25] [26]. Their study began using tools outside of probability theory, but we do not include any of those results here, instead, we are merely interested in introducing them to relate them to expected characteristic polynomials of random matrices. In the next subsection we introduce three ensembles of orthogonal polynomials, namely the Hermite, Laguerre and Jacobi polynomials. We prove some nice properties of these polynomials, especially related to the notions of convolution introduced previously. The third notion of convolution was presented in the context of Finite Free Probability Theory [3] as it was found to share similar properties to the other two, linking it to Random Matrix Theory.

The three notions of convolution are defined for complex polynomials. Although one could get the convolution between any two polynomials, we are interested uniquely in monic polynomials as our main object of interest are the roots and their behavior under convolution. In full generality, we can write a monic complex polynomial  $p(z)$  as

$$p(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n z^{n-j} (-1)^j a_j.$$

The three notions of convolution are defined in function of the polynomial degree, but the polynomials need not to have the same degree. In the case the degree is different, we can take the convolution with the highest degree, and notice that this equivalent to have zero coefficients for higher powers of the polynomial with the minor degree.

### Symmetric additive convolution

This notion of convolution will be the most used along the text. Several of the results we find for the relationship of this convolution with random matrix theory can be extrapolated to the other notions, but the space and time required would be longer than the dedicated to the present work.

**Definition 3.1.1** (Symmetric additive convolution). Let  $p(z), q(z)$  be two complex polynomials of  $z$ , with degree less or equal to  $d$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p(z) &= \sum_{j=0}^n z^{n-j} (-1)^j a_j, \\ q(z) &= \sum_{j=0}^n z^{n-j} (-1)^j b_j. \end{aligned}$$

The  $n$ th symmetric additive convolution of  $p$  and  $q$  is

$$\begin{aligned} p(z) \boxplus_n q(z) &:= \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{i+j=k} \frac{(n-i)!(n-j)!}{n!(n-k)!} a_i b_j, \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n \partial_z^k p(z) \partial_z^{n-k} q(0), \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n \partial_z^k q(z) \partial_z^{n-k} p(0), \end{aligned}$$

with  $\partial_z$  denoting the differentiation with respect to  $z$ .

It is straightforward from the definition to prove that the symmetric additive convolution is linear. Let  $p, q, r$  be degree  $n$  polynomials with  $a_i, b_i, c_i$  their respective coefficients and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , then



$$\begin{aligned}
p \boxplus_n (\alpha q + r) &= \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{i+j=k} \frac{(n-i)!(n-j)!}{n!(n-k)!} a_i (\alpha b_j + c_j), \\
&= \alpha \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{i+j=k} \frac{(n-i)!(n-j)!}{n!(n-k)!} a_i b_j \\
&\quad + \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{i+j=k} \frac{(n-i)!(n-j)!}{n!(n-k)!} a_i c_j, \\
&= \alpha (p \boxplus_n q) + (p \boxplus_n r).
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.1.1.** *Let  $P(\partial_z), Q(\partial_z)$  be linear differential operators and  $p, q$  be polynomials of degree at most  $n$  such that*

$$p(z) = P(\partial_z)[z^n], \quad q(z) = Q(\partial_z)[z^n].$$

$$\text{Then } p(z) \boxplus_n q(z) = P(\partial_z)Q(\partial_z)[z^n].$$

*Proof.* We prove first that  $z^n \boxplus z^n = z^n$ . By definition of the convolution,

$$\begin{aligned}
z^n \boxplus_n z^n &= \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{i+j=k} \frac{(n-i)!(n-j)!}{n!(n-k)!} a_i b_j, \\
&= z^{n-0} (-1)^0 \left( \frac{(n-0)!(n-0)!}{n!(n-0)!} \right) = z^n.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we prove the multiplicative property of  $P$  and  $Q$ ,

$$(P(\partial_z)[r(z)] \boxplus_n Q(\partial_z)[s(z)]) = P(\partial_z)Q(\partial_z)(r(z) \boxplus s(z)).$$

For this proof, let us do it for operators of the form  $P(\partial_z)[z^n] = z^{n-k}$  and then use the linearity of the symmetric additive convolution to extend linearly to polynomials of such operators. For  $j+k \leq n$ , take  $P(\partial_z) := \frac{(n-k)!}{n!} \partial_z^k$  and  $Q(\partial_z) := \frac{(n-j)!}{n!} \partial_z^j$  and notice

$$\begin{aligned}
P(\partial_z)[z^n] &= \frac{(n-k)!}{n!} \partial_z^k [z^n] = z^{n-k}, \\
Q(\partial_z)[z^n] &= \frac{(n-j)!}{n!} \partial_z^j [z^n] = z^{n-j}.
\end{aligned}$$

The symmetric additive convolution of these polynomials is

$$\begin{aligned}
P(\partial_z)[z^n] \boxplus_n Q(\partial_z)[z^n] &= z^{n-k} \boxplus_n z^{n-j}, \\
&= \frac{(n-k)!(n-j)!}{n!n!} \frac{n!}{(n-k-j)!} z^{n-k-j} = \frac{(n-k)!(n-j)!}{n!(n-k-j)!} z^{n-k-j}.
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, the product of the linear operators is

$$\begin{aligned}
P(\partial_z)Q(\partial_z)[z^n] &= \left( \frac{(n-k)!}{n!} \partial_z^k \frac{(n-j)!}{n!} \partial_z^j \right) [z^n] = \frac{(n-k)!(n-j)!}{n!n!} \partial_z^{j+k} [z^n], \\
&= \frac{(n-k)!(n-j)!}{n!n!} \frac{n!}{(n-k-j)!} z^{n-k-j} = \frac{(n-k)!(n-j)!}{n!(n-k-j)!} z^{n-k-j}.
\end{aligned}$$

To conclude, we extend this property linearly to any  $P, Q$  polynomials on  $\partial_z$ .  $\square$

### Symmetric multiplicative convolution

Later in the thesis it is explained how the symmetric additive convolution is related to the additive convolution in Free Probability, i.e. the convolution of two measures when you add two freely independent random variables. In a similar fashion, when you multiply two freely independent random variables, there is a way to find the law of this product in terms of the laws of the original random variables. This operation between two probability distributions is called “free multiplicative convolution”. The symmetric multiplicative convolution is analogously related to the free multiplicative convolution. Although most of the results we will show are related to linking the symmetric additive convolution to sums of random variables, we also show a theorem linking products of random matrices to symmetric multiplicative convolution and several of the later additive results can be extended to the multiplicative case (see [27], [3]).

**Definition 3.1.2** (Symmetric multiplicative convolution). Let  $p$  and  $q$  be as in Definition 3.1.1 with degree at most  $n$ . The  $n$ th symmetric multiplicative convolution of  $p$  and  $q$  is

$$p(z) \boxtimes_n q(z) := \sum_{i=0}^n z^{n-i} (-1)^i \frac{a_i b_i}{\binom{n}{i}}.$$

### Asymmetric additive convolution

This notion of convolution was found for the first time by Marcus, Spielman and Srivastava in the seminal paper on Finite Free Probability Theory [3]. Although this convolution is

not related to a notion of Free convolution of measures, we introduce it because it appears naturally in the results found in Chapter 4.

**Definition 3.1.3** (Asymmetric additive convolution). Let  $p$  and  $q$  be two polynomials of degree at most  $n$  as in Definition 3.1.1. The  $n$ th asymmetric additive convolution of  $q$  and  $p$  is defined as

$$p(z) \boxplus q(z) := \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{j=0}^k \left( \frac{(n-j)!(n-k+j)!}{n!(n-k)!} \right)^2 a_j b_{k-j}.$$

Although many properties of these convolutions can be found without using Finite Free Probability Theory, we are mainly interested in describing their relationship to random matrices, so we will not include them. In the next subsection we present three ensembles of orthogonal polynomials and find that two of them have good properties related to the convolutions. The polynomials are also associated to Random Matrix Theory, as it is shown in later sections.

### 3.1.2 Classical orthogonal polynomial ensembles

In order to define a property of “orthogonality” between elements of a given space, it is required to have some notion of inner product. If we are specifically working with spaces of square integrable functions with respect to some measure  $L^2(\mu)$ , the inner product between  $f, g \in L^2(\mu)$  is given by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{\Omega} f(x)g(x)d\mu(x),$$

where  $\Omega$  is the space where the measure  $\mu$  is defined.

It is clear that a set of orthogonal polynomials does not exist for every  $L^2(\mu)$  space that we take. For example, if we take  $\mu$  to be the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ , then polynomial functions are not integrable and thus the class of polynomials in  $L^2(\mu)$  is empty. If we restrict only to probability measures associated to random variables in  $L^{\infty}(\Omega, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{F})$ , then every polynomial function is in square integrable.

The following is the precise definition of a set of orthogonal functions.

**Definition 3.1.4.** Let  $\mu$  be a measure in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $I \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  be a set of integer indices and  $(f_i(x))_{i \in I}$  be a collection of functions indexed by  $I$ . We say that the functions  $(f_i)_{i \in I}$  are a family of orthogonal functions, if they satisfy the relationship,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_j(x)f_k(x)d\mu(x) = \|f_j\|_2^2 \delta_{jk}.$$

When the functions  $(f_i)_{i \in I}$  are polynomials, we call the set an *ensemble of orthogonal polynomials*.

It is important to notice that if a set of polynomials is orthogonal under any finite measure, then it will be orthogonal under any rescaling of the same measure. This leads to different definitions of famous polynomial ensembles literature. Some definitions are more common than others, however, we will give here the definitions that allow us to reduce our use of notation. What we call here “Laguerre polynomials” of “Jacobi polynomials” are rescaled versions of the most common definitions. For a classical text on these polynomials, see [26]. For a more thorough study of orthogonal polynomials related to the theory of stochastic processes, see [28].

### Hermite polynomials

There are essentially two definitions of the Hermite polynomials, the first one is mostly used in Physics [29], and the second one is related to Probability Theory as appearing in [27]. The main difference between them is the measure under which they are orthogonal. The “physicist Hermite polynomials” are orthogonal under the measure  $e^{-x^2} dx$ , the heat kernel. The “probabilist Hermite polynomials” are orthogonal under  $e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$ , the Gaussian kernel. We will restrict to the probabilist Hermite polynomials and will use the term “Hermite polynomials” to talk about them.

The  $n$ th Hermite polynomial, denoted by  $H_n(z)$  is defined by a linear differential operator applied to  $z^n$ ,

$$H_n(z) := e^{-\frac{\partial^2}{2}} [z^n] := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{2^k k!} \partial^{2k} [z^n]. \quad (3.1)$$

Both the physicist and the probabilist Hermite polynomials have a generalization to bivariate polynomials on  $z$  and  $t$ . In the case of the probabilist Hermite polynomials, this generalization has the nice interpretation as being the polynomials orthogonal under the measure  $e^{-t\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$ , i.e. the measure of a Gaussian random variable with variance  $t$ . Notice that this implies that the physicist Hermite polynomials are the probabilist Hermite polynomials with variance 2. The generalized Hermite polynomials also known as time dependent Hermite polynomials, or Hermite polynomials with variance are polynomials on  $z$  and  $t$  generated by the analogous linear operator

$$H_n(z, t) := e^{-t\frac{\partial^2}{2}} (z^n) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k t^k}{2^k k!} \partial^{2k} [z^n]. \quad (3.2)$$

Notice that  $H_n(z, 1) = H_n(z)$ . Using the former definitions we can find explicit expressions for both  $H_n(z)$  and  $H_n(z, t)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
H_n(z) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{2^k k!} \partial^{2k} [z^n] = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^k}{2^k k!} \frac{n!}{(n-2k)!} z^{n-2k} = n! \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^k z^{n-2k}}{2^k k! (n-2k)!}, \\
H_n(z, t) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-t)^k}{2^k k!} \partial^{2k} [z^n] = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(-t)^k}{2^k k!} \frac{n!}{(n-2k)!} z^{n-2k} = n! \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(-t)^k z^{n-2k}}{2^k k! (n-2k)!}.
\end{aligned}$$

An easy substitution allows to see that the coefficient of  $z^m$  in  $H_n(z, t)$  is

$$a_m = \begin{cases} \frac{n!(-t)^{\frac{n-m}{2}}}{2^{\frac{n-m}{2}} \left(\frac{n-m}{2}\right)! m!}, & \text{if } m \text{ and } n \text{ have the same parity,} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (3.3)$$

The last expression gives us a way to find the first few Hermite polynomials,

$$\begin{aligned}
H_1(z, t) &= z, \\
H_2(z, t) &= z^2 - t, \\
H_3(z, t) &= z^3 - 3tz, \\
H_4(z, t) &= z^4 - 6tz^2 + 3t^2, \\
H_5(z, t) &= z^5 - 10tz^3 + 15t^2z, \\
H_6(z, t) &= z^6 - 15tz^4 + 45t^2z^2 - 15t^3, \\
H_7(z, t) &= z^7 - 21tz^5 + 105t^2z^3 - 105t^3z, \\
H_8(z, t) &= z^8 - 28tz^6 + 210t^2z^4 - 420t^3z^2 + 105t^4, \\
H_9(z, t) &= z^9 - 36tz^7 + 378t^2z^5 - 1260t^3z^3 + 945t^4z, \\
H_{10}(z, t) &= z^{10} - 45tz^8 + 630t^2z^6 - 3150t^3z^4 + 4725t^4z^2 - 945t^5.
\end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $t = 1$ , we can find the corresponding standard Hermite polynomials.

The Hermite polynomials are characterized by the following recursion together with the initial conditions  $H_1(x, t)$  and  $H_2(x, t)$ .

$$H_n(x, t) = xH_{n-1}(x, t) - t(n-1)H_{n-2}(x, t). \quad (3.4)$$

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The next proposition shows us that the Hermite polynomials with variance are well-behaved with respect to the symmetric additive convolution. This result will be more obvious once we have developed the tools of Finite Free Probability Theory and we will be able to give an easier proof after section 3.2.

**Proposition 3.1.2.** *The symmetric additive convolution between two Hermite polynomials with the same order  $H_n(z, t_1), H_n(z, t_2)$  is another Hermite polynomial with variance  $t_1 + t_2$ .*

*Proof.* We proceed directly by definition of the symmetric additive convolution and the closed form for the polynomials.

$$\begin{aligned}
H_n(z, t_1) \boxplus_n H_n(z, t_2) &= \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(n-i)!(n-k+i)!}{n!(n-k)!} b_i a_{k-i}, \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} z^{n-2k} \sum_{i=0}^{2k} \frac{(n-i)!(n-2k+i)!}{n!(d-2k)!} \frac{n!(-t_1)^{i/2}}{2^{i/2}(i/2)!(n-i)!} \frac{n!(-t_2)^{2k-i}}{2^{k-i/2}(k-i/2)!(n-2k+i)!}, \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} z^{n-2k} \frac{n!}{2^k} \sum_{i=0}^{2k} \frac{(-t_1)^{i/2}(-t_2)^{k-i/2}}{(i/2)!(k-i/2)!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} z^{n-2k} \frac{n!}{k!2^k} \sum_{i=0}^{2k} \frac{k!(-t_1)^{i/2}(-t_2)^{k-i/2}}{(i/2)!(k-i/2)!}, \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} z^{n-2k} \frac{n!}{k!2^k} \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} (-t_1)^{i/2} (-t_2)^{k-i/2} = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} z^{n-2k} (-1)^k \frac{n!(t_1 + t_2)^k}{k!2^k}, \\
&=: H_n(z, t_1 + t_2).
\end{aligned}$$

□

### Laguerre polynomials

As mentioned before, the ensembles of orthogonal polynomials we work with are not always monic, but we are interested on monic versions of them, so the definitions given here are proper re-scalings. The Laguerre polynomials are the set of orthogonal polynomials under the measure  $e^{-x}x^\alpha dx$ . This is a scaling of the measure associated to a chi-squared distribution with  $2(\alpha + 1)$  degrees of freedom. When  $\alpha = 0$ , it corresponds to the polynomials orthogonal under the law of a chi-squared random variable with 2 degrees of freedom. We will call this particular case the “standard Laguerre polynomials”, and when  $\alpha > 0$  we will call them the “generalized Laguerre polynomials”.

The Laguerre polynomials are usually defined as generated by the linear operator

$$\frac{1}{n!} (\partial_z - 1) [z^n]. \quad (3.5)$$

In order to get the monic polynomials proportional to the ones generated to the expression in (3.5), we need to cancel the quotient term  $n!$ . Adopting this convention, the standard Laguerre polynomials are defined by the linear differential operator

$$L_n(z) := (1 - \partial_z)^n [z^n] := \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-1)^k \partial_z^k [z^n] = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-1)^k \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} z^{n-k},$$

while the generalized Laguerre polynomials are defined by the differential operator

$$L_n^\alpha(z) := x^{-\alpha} (1 - \partial_z)^n [x^{n+\alpha}] := \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k (n+\alpha)_{n+\alpha-k} x^{n-k}.$$

Notice that this is equivalent to the definition by the linear differential operator

$$L_n^\alpha(z) := (1 - \partial_z)^{n+\alpha} [x^n] = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k (n+\alpha)_{n+\alpha-k} x^{n-k}.$$

Just as in the case of the Hermite polynomials, we can generalize to bi-variate versions which corresponds to a chi-squared law with variance  $t^2$ . The time dependent Laguerre polynomials also known as Laguerre polynomials with variance are polynomials on  $z$  and  $t$  defined by the analogous linear operator

$$L_n(z, t) := (1 - t\partial_z)^n [z^n] := \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-t)^k \partial_z^k [z^n] = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-t)^k \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} z^{n-k}. \quad (3.6)$$

Likewise, the time dependent generalized Laguerre polynomials are defined by the operator one would expect

$$L_n^\alpha(z, t) := (1 - t\partial_z)^{n+\alpha} [x^n]$$

Expanding the definition, we can list the first few time-dependent standard Laguerre polynomials,

$$\begin{aligned}
L_1(z, t) &= z - t, \\
L_2(z, t) &= z^2 - 4tz + 2t^2, \\
L_3(z, t) &= z^3 - 9tz^2 - 18t^2z + 6t^3, \\
L_4(z, t) &= z^4 - 16tz^3 + 72t^2z^2 - 96t^3z + 24t^4, \\
L_5(z, t) &= z^5 - 25tz^4 + 200t^2z^3 - 600t^3z^2 + 600t^4z - 120t^5, \\
L_6(z, t) &= z^6 - 36tz^5 + 450t^2z^4 - 2400t^3z^3 + 5400t^4z^2 - 4320t^5z + 720t^6, \\
L_7(z, t) &= z^7 - 49tz^6 + 882t^2z^5 - 7350t^3z^4 + 29400t^4z^3 - 52920t^5z^2 + 35280t^6z - 5040t^7, \\
L_8(z, t) &= z^8 - 64tz^7 + 1568t^2z^6 - 18816t^3z^5 + 117600t^4z^4 - 376320t^5z^3 + 564480t^6z^2 \\
&\quad - 322560t^7z + 40320t^8, \\
L_9(z, t) &= z^9 - 81tz^8 + 18144t^2z^7 - 42336t^3z^6 + 381024t^4z^5 - 1905120t^5z^4 + 5080320t^6z^3 \\
&\quad - 6531840t^7z^2 + 3265920t^8z - 362880t^9.
\end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $t = 1$ , we get the standard Laguerre polynomials.

The Laguerre polynomials are characterized by the following recursion together with the first two polynomials  $L_1(z) = z - 1$  and  $L_2(z) = z^2 - 4tz + 2t^2$ ,

$$L_n(z) = (z - 2n + 1)L_{n-1}(z) - (n - 1)^2L_{n-2}(z).$$

### Jacobi polynomials

The Jacobi polynomials depend on two parameters  $\alpha, \beta$  and they are orthogonal under the measure  $(1 - z)^\alpha(1 + z)^\beta dz$ . The standard Jacobi polynomials are defined by the following differential operator

$$P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(z) = \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n n!} (1 - z)^{-\alpha} (1 + z)^{-\beta} \partial_z^n \left\{ (1 - z)^\alpha (1 + z)^\beta (1 - z^2)^n \right\}.$$

The parameters  $\alpha, \beta$  take values in  $\mathbb{R}^+$ . If  $\alpha = \beta = 0$ , then we have the Legendre polynomials defined by the differential operator

$$P_n(z) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \partial_z^n [(z^2 - 1)^n].$$

Once again, we are interested in a monic scaling of these polynomials, but now we also want a “transaltion of them”. The original Jacobi (and Legendre) polynomials are defined in  $[-1, 1]$ , but we are interested in polynomials that take values in  $[0, 1]$ . We get these polynomials



by evaluating a Jacobi polynomials in  $1 - 2z$ , so that they are orthogonal under the measure  $\mathbb{1}_{(0,1)}(z)z^\alpha(1-z)^\beta dz$ , i.e. the measure of a beta distribution. In the particular case when  $\alpha = \beta = 0$ , they are orthogonal under the measure of an uniform random variable in  $(0, 1)$ . The closed form for the Legendre polynomials evaluated in  $1 - 2z$  and scaled to be monic is

$$P_n(z) = \frac{n!n!}{(2n)!} \sum_{k=0}^n z^k (-1)^{n-k} \binom{n}{k} \binom{n+k}{k}.$$

The first few Legendre polynomials are

$$\begin{aligned} P_1(z) &= z, \\ P_2(z) &= z^2 - \frac{z}{2} + \frac{1}{6}, \\ P_3(z) &= z^3 - \frac{2z^2}{5} + \frac{z}{2} - \frac{1}{10}, \\ P_4(z) &= z^4 - \frac{z^3}{2} + \frac{3z^2}{7} - \frac{5z}{28} + \frac{1}{35}, \\ P_5(z) &= z^5 - \frac{7z^4}{10} + \frac{7z^3}{3} - \frac{14z^2}{15} + \frac{7z}{30} - \frac{1}{42}, \\ P_6(z) &= z^6 - \frac{z^5}{2} + \frac{2z^4}{3} - \frac{4z^3}{7} + \frac{5z^2}{21} - \frac{z}{42} + \frac{1}{231}, \\ P_7(z) &= z^7 - \frac{z^6}{2} + \frac{5z^5}{7} - \frac{2z^4}{3} + \frac{10z^3}{21} - \frac{z^2}{14} + \frac{z}{42} - \frac{1}{429}, \\ P_8(z) &= z^8 - \frac{5z^7}{8} + \frac{5z^6}{4} - \frac{5z^5}{6} + \frac{5z^4}{14} - \frac{z^3}{28} + \frac{z^2}{56} - \frac{z}{56} + \frac{1}{6435}, \\ P_9(z) &= z^9 - \frac{3z^8}{4} + \frac{z^7}{2} - \frac{z^6}{2} + \frac{3z^5}{7} - \frac{2z^4}{21} + \frac{z^3}{28} - \frac{z^2}{56} + \frac{z}{315} - \frac{1}{12155}, \\ P_{10}(z) &= z^{10} - \frac{z^9}{2} + \frac{3z^8}{5} - \frac{3z^7}{5} + \frac{7z^6}{15} - \frac{z^5}{15} + \frac{z^4}{35} - \frac{z^3}{70} + \frac{z^2}{231} - \frac{z}{11547} + \frac{1}{46189}. \end{aligned}$$

Just as in the previous case, we will use the name “Legendre polynomials” or “Jacobi polynomials” to talk about these monic scalings.

The Jacobi polynomials are a generalization of several other polynomial ensembles and they are closely related to several topics in the theory of orthogonal polynomials. To read more about them, revise [26, Chapter IV].

## 3.2 Expected characteristic polynomials

In this section we show the relationship between the polynomial convolutions defined before and Random Matrix Theory, specifically through the expected characteristic polynomial. Although several results can be found, we will restrict to the symmetric additive case and its

relationship to sums of random matrices. The main result in this section is Theorem 3.2.8, a similar Theorem can also be stated for the product of matrices and symmetric multiplicative convolution. The first subsection introduces minor orthogonality, which is a key concept to prove the following results. In the second subsection we prove the main result.

### 3.2.1 Minor orthogonality

The next is a rather technical definition, but that allows to prove several of our results of interest.

**Definition 3.2.1** (Minor orthogonality). Let  $R$  be an  $m \times n$  random matrix. We say  $R$  is minor orthogonal if for every  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $k, l \leq \max\{m, n\}$  and all sets  $S, T, U, V$  with  $|S| = |T| = k$  and  $|U| = |V| = l$ , it satisfies

$$\mathbb{E}_R [\det[R]_{S,T} \det[R^*]_{U,V}] = \frac{\delta_{S,V} \delta_{T,U}}{\binom{\max\{m,n\}}{k}}.$$

In the last definition,  $\mathbb{E}_R$  denotes taking the expectation with respect to  $R$ . We use this convention because in what follows we will have computations of expectations with several random matrices involved and it is convenient to know what is the matrix we are taking the expectation of in every step.

Later we will prove that some well-known matrix ensembles are minor orthogonal, and that property will help us to make use of the related results. Before doing that, we will prove a Lemma that allows us to conclude that some transformations of minor orthogonal matrices are also minor orthogonal.

**Lemma 3.2.1.** *If  $R$  is minor orthogonal and  $Q$  is a constant matrix such that  $QQ^* = I$ , then  $Q$  is minor orthogonal. If  $Q^*Q = I$ , then  $RQ$  is minor orthogonal.*

*Proof.* Recall that by the Cauchy-Binet formula (Theorem 1.1.1), for  $|S| = |T| = k$  we have

$$\det[QR]_{S,T} = \sum_{|W|=k} \det[Q]_{S,W} \det[R]_{W,T},$$

so with  $|S| = |T| = k, |U| = |V| = l$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}_R [\det[QR]_{S,T} \det[R^*Q^*]_{U,V}] &= \mathbb{E}_R \left[ \sum_{|W|=k} \sum_{|Z|=l} \det[Q]_{S,W} \det[R]_{W,T} \det[R^*]_{U,Z} \det[Q^*]_{Z,V} \right], \\
&= \sum_{|W|=k} \sum_{|Z|=l} \det[Q]_{S,W} \det[Q^*]_{Z,V} \mathbb{E}_R [\det[R]_{W,T} \det[R^*]_{U,Z}], \\
&= \sum_{|W|=k} \sum_{|Z|=l} \det[Q]_{S,W} \det[Q^*]_{Z,V} \mathbb{E}_R \left[ \frac{\delta_{W,Z} \delta_{T,U}}{\binom{\max\{m,n\}}{k}} \right], \\
&= \sum_{|W|=k} \det[Q]_{S,W} \det[Q^*]_{W,V} \frac{\delta_{T,U}}{\binom{\max\{m,n\}}{k}} = \det[QQ^*]_{S,V} \frac{\delta_{T,U}}{\binom{\max\{m,n\}}{k}}, \\
&= \det[I]_{S,V} \frac{\delta_{T,U}}{\binom{\max\{m,n\}}{k}},
\end{aligned}$$

Notice that  $\det[I]_{S,V} = 1$  if and only if  $S = V$ , so we conclude that

$$\mathbb{E}_R [\det[QR]_{S,T} \det[R^*Q^*]_{U,V}] = \frac{\delta_{S,V} \delta_{T,U}}{\binom{\max\{m,n\}}{k}}.$$

The case  $Q^*Q = I$  is proven in the same way.  $\square$

The former Theorem implies that minor orthogonality is preserved under unitary transformations. Now, we will introduce the signed permutation matrix ensemble and prove that it is minor orthogonal. This ensemble will be later used to conclude minor orthogonality in a broader class of random matrices.

**Definition 3.2.2** (Signed permutation matrix). A signed permutation matrix is a matrix that can be written  $EP$  where  $E$  is a diagonal matrix with entries  $\pm 1$  and  $P$  is a permutation matrix.

**Lemma 3.2.2.** *A random matrix sampled uniformly from the set of signed permutation matrices is minor-orthogonal.*

*Proof.* Let  $Q$  be a signed permutation matrix, we can write  $Q = EP$ , where  $E$  is a diagonal random matrix with entries  $\pm 1$  taken uniformly and  $P$  is a matrix chosen uniformly from the permutation matrices, and both are independent. Then for  $|S| = |T| = k$  and  $|U| = |V| = l$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}_Q [\det[Q]_{S,T} \det[Q^*]_{U,V}] &= \mathbb{E}_{E,P} [\det[EP]_{S,T} \det[P^*E]_{U,V}], \\
&= \sum_{|W|=k} \sum_{|Z|=l} \mathbb{E}_{E,P} [\det[E]_{S,W} \det[P]_{W,T} \det[P^*]_{U,Z} \det[E]_{Z,V}],
\end{aligned}$$

every  $\det[E]_{S,W}$  is diagonal and the determinant would be zero if  $S \neq W$ , so

$$= \mathbb{E}_{E,P} [\det[E]_{S,S} \det[P]_{W,T} \det[P^*]_{U,Z} \det[E]_{V,V}],$$

Let  $\{\chi_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  be the diagonal entries of  $E$ , then

$$= \mathbb{E}_E \left[ \prod_{i \in S} \chi_i \prod_{j \in V} \chi_j \right] \mathbb{E}_P [[P]_{S,T} [P^*]_{U,V}].$$

Now we use that the variables  $\chi_i$  are independent and uniform in  $\{-1, 1\}$ , so that  $\mathbb{E}[\chi_i] = 0$ , but  $\mathbb{E}[\chi_i^2] = 1$  for all  $i$ , and this means

$$\mathbb{E}_E \left[ \prod_{i \in S} \chi_i \prod_{j \in V} \chi_j \right] = \delta_{S,V}.$$

The last equality leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_R [\det[QR]_{S,T} \det[R^*Q^*]_{U,V}] &= \delta_{S,V} \mathbb{E}_P [\det[P]_{S,T} \det[P^*]_{U,V}], \\ &= \delta_{S,V} \mathbb{E}_P [\det[P]_{S,T} \det[P^*]_{U,S}], \\ &= \delta_{S,V} \mathbb{E}_P [\det[P]_{S,T} \det[P]_{S,U}]. \end{aligned}$$

The submatrix  $P_{S,T}$  can be transformed in a diagonal matrix by a permutation matrix because it has at most a non zero entry for each row and each column. If the diagonal matrix has a zero entry in the diagonal, then the determinant  $\det[P]_{S,T}$  is zero, in other case, it is different that zero. The only case when all of the diagonal entries of the diagonal matrix are not zero is when  $T = \pi(S)$  with  $\pi$  the permutation function corresponding to  $P$ . This means that in order to have a non-zero determinant we need  $T = \pi(S) = U$ , and  $\det[P]_{S,U} \in \{-1, 1\}$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_R [\det[QR]_{S,T} \det[R^*Q^*]_{U,V}] &= \delta_{S,V} \delta_{T,U} \mathbb{E}_P [\det[P]_{S,T} \det[P]_{S,T}], \\ &= \delta_{S,V} \delta_{T,U} \mathbb{E}_P [\det[P]_{S,T}^2], \\ &= \delta_{S,V} \delta_{T,U} \mathbb{E}_P [\delta_{T=\pi(S)}], \\ &= \delta_{S,V} \delta_{T,U} P(T = \pi(S)). \end{aligned}$$

We are supposing that we are sampling uniformly from the permutation matrices of size  $n \times n$ , so the probability that  $T = \pi(S)$  when  $\pi$  is a permutation of  $n$  elements and

$|S| = |T| = k$  is  $1/\binom{n}{k}$ . So, we can conclude

$$\mathbb{E}_R [\det[QR]_{S,T} \det[R^*Q^*]_{U,V}] = \frac{\delta_{S,V} \delta_{T,U}}{\binom{n}{k}}.$$

This is the definition of being minor-orthogonal.  $\square$

Repeating the former proof but with  $E$  having size  $m \times m$  and  $P$  being  $m \times n$ , we have the corollary for rectangular signed permutations.

**Corollary 3.2.3.** *Let  $E$  be an  $m \times m$  diagonal random matrix with independent entries such that  $P(E_{ii} = 1) = P(E_{ii} = -1) = 1/2$ , and let  $P$  be an  $m \times n$  random matrix taken uniformly from the set of  $m \times n$  permutation matrices independent from  $E$ . Then  $EP$  is minor orthogonal.*

Now that we know that the signed permutations ensemble is minor orthogonal, we can use this and Lemma 3.2.1 to prove that Haar unitary ensembles are minor orthogonal.

**Corollary 3.2.4.** *An  $m \times n$  random matrix sampled from the Haar measure on  $\mathcal{M}_{n,m}(\mathbb{C})$  is minor-orthogonal.*

*Proof.* Let  $R$  be a Haar distributed random  $m \times n$  matrix with  $m \leq n$  and  $Q$  a random signed permutation matrix. Any random signed permutation matrix is unitary, so  $RQ$  is Haar distributed for fixed  $Q$ , and by Lemmas 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 we have that it is also minor-orthogonal. Then, if  $Q$  is uniformly sampled from the signed permutation matrices,

$$\mathbb{E}_R [\det[R]_{S,T} \det[R^*]_{U,V}] = \mathbb{E}_{R,Q} [\det[RQ]_{S,T} \det[(RQ)^*]_{U,V}].$$

Since  $Q$  is minor orthogonal,  $RQ$  is also minor orthogonal for fixed  $R$  and

$$\mathbb{E}_R [\mathbb{E}_Q [\det[RQ]_{S,T} \det[(RQ)^*]_{U,V}]] = \mathbb{E}_R \left[ \frac{\delta_{S,V} \delta_{T,U}}{\binom{n}{k}} \right] = \frac{\delta_{S,V} \delta_{T,U}}{\binom{n}{k}},$$

where  $k = |S| = |T|$ .  $\square$

Let us denote by  $\sigma_k(A)$  the coefficient of  $(-1)^k x^{d-k}$  in the characteristic polynomial of a  $d$ -dimensional matrix  $A$ . We will use the fact that

$$\sigma_k(A) = \sum_{|S|=k} \det[A]_{S,S}.$$

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The following two Lemmas will help us to find explicit coefficients for expected characteristic polynomials with the aid of minor orthogonality properties.

**Lemma 3.2.5.** *Let  $m \leq n$ ,  $B$  an  $n \times n$  random matrix and  $R$  an  $m \times n$  minor-orthogonal matrix independent from  $B$ . For all sets  $S, T \subset \binom{[m]}{k}$  we have*

$$\mathbb{E}_{B,R} [\det[RB R^*]_{S,T}] = \mathbb{E}_B \left[ \delta_{S,T} \frac{\sigma_k(B)}{\binom{n}{k}} \right].$$

*Proof.* Using the Cauchy-Binet formula we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{B,R} [\det[RB R^*]_{S,T}] &= \mathbb{E}_B \left[ \sum_{X,Y \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \mathbb{E}_R [\det[R]_{S,X} \det[B]_{X,Y} \det[R^*]_{Y,T}] \right], \\ &= \mathbb{E}_B \left[ \sum_{X,Y \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \det[B]_{X,Y} \mathbb{E}_R [\det[R]_{S,X} \det[R^*]_{Y,T}] \right], \\ &= \mathbb{E}_B \left[ \sum_{X,Y \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \det[B]_{X,Y} \frac{\delta_{S,T} \delta_{X,Y}}{\binom{n}{k}} \right], \\ &= \mathbb{E}_B \left[ \sum_{X \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \det[B]_{X,X} \frac{\delta_{S,T}}{\binom{n}{k}} \right], \\ &= \mathbb{E}_B \left[ \delta_{S,T} \frac{\sigma_k(B)}{\binom{n}{k}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 3.2.6.** *Let  $a > d$ ,  $A$  an  $a \times a$  random matrix and  $Q$  a random  $a \times d$  matrix sampled from the Haar measure on  $\mathcal{M}_{a,d}(\mathbb{C})$ , then*

$$\mathbb{E}_A [\mathbb{E}_Q [\chi_x(QAQ^*)]] = \mathbb{E}_A \left[ \frac{d!}{a!} \partial_x^{(a-d)} \chi_x(A) \right],$$

where  $\chi_z(\cdot)$  denotes the characteristic polynomial of  $\cdot$  with  $z$  as a variable.

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a fixed matrix and  $Q$  a Haar unitary matrix on  $\mathcal{M}_{a,b}(\mathbb{C})$ . The  $k$ th coefficient of the expected characteristic polynomial of  $QAQ^*$  is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_Q [\sigma_k(QAQ^*)] &= \sum_{|S|=k} \mathbb{E}_Q [\det[QAQ^*]_{S,S}], \\ &= \sum_{|S|=k} \frac{\sigma_k(A)}{\binom{a}{k}} = \frac{\binom{d}{k} \sigma_k(A)}{\binom{a}{k}}.\end{aligned}$$

Taking expectation with respect to  $A$  in the last expression we find

$$\mathbb{E}_A [\mathbb{E}_Q [\chi_x(QAQ^*)]] = \mathbb{E}_A \left[ \frac{\binom{d}{k} \sigma_k(A)}{\binom{a}{k}} \right] = \frac{\binom{d}{k} \mathbb{E}_A [\sigma_k(A)]}{\binom{a}{k}},$$

which is the  $k$ th coefficient of  $\frac{d!}{a!} \frac{d^{(a-d)}}{dx} \mathbb{E}_A [\chi_x(A)]$ .  $\square$

With these results, now we are ready to prove the main Theorems relating polynomial convolution to the expected characteristic polynomials of sums and products of random matrices.

### 3.2.2 Relationship to polynomial convolution

Until now, we have used minor orthogonality properties to find some expressions for expected characteristic polynomials. In this section, we will see that under suitable circumstances, those expressions are actually related to polynomial convolutions. We prove the relationship for the symmetric additive and symmetric multiplicative cases. An analogous for the asymmetric additive case can be found in [3].

For both the additive and multiplicative cases, the results are written in two parts; one for the statement of the expected characteristic polynomial coefficients and another stating explicitly the convolution of expected characteristic polynomials. The relationship with Free Probability Theory will be more evident for the additive case in the next section where we introduce the  $\mathcal{R}_n$  finite transform. For the multiplicative case a similar transform can be introduced, but it is not included in this work.

**Theorem 3.2.7.** *Let  $A, B$  be  $n \times n$  random matrices and  $R$  a  $n \times n$  minor-orthogonal matrix, such that  $A, B, R$  are jointly independent, then we have*

$$\mathbb{E}_{A,B,R} [\sigma_k(A + RBR^*)] = \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\binom{n-i}{k-i}}{\binom{n}{k-i}} \mathbb{E}_A [\sigma_i(A)] \mathbb{E}_A [\sigma_{k-i}(B)],$$

where  $\sigma_j(X)$  represents the  $j$ th coefficient in the characteristic polynomial of the matrix  $X$ .

*Proof.* We use that

Hay que corregir la introducción de la sección (y capítulo) donde dije que estas relaciones sólo se probaban en el simétrico aditivo.

$$\sigma_k(A) = \sum_{|S|=k} \det[A]_{S,S},$$

together with Theorem 1.1.2 and Lemma 3.2.5 to get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{A,B,R} [\sigma_k(A + RBR^*)] \\ = \sum_{S \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \mathbb{E}_{A,B,R} [\det[A + RBR^*]_{S,S}], \end{aligned}$$

denote by  $\bar{U}$  the complement of  $U$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{S \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \sum_{i=0}^k \sum_{U, V \in \binom{[k]}{i}} (-1)^{\|U\|_1 + \|V\|_1} \mathbb{E}_A [\det[A]_{U(S), V(S)}] \mathbb{E}_{B,R} [\det[RB R^*]_{\bar{U}(S), \bar{V}(S)}], \\ &= \sum_{S \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \sum_{i=0}^k \sum_{U, V \in \binom{[k]}{i}} (-1)^{\|U\|_1 + \|V\|_1} \mathbb{E}_A [\det[A]_{U(S), V(S)}] \delta_{\bar{U}(S), \bar{V}(S)} \frac{\mathbb{E}_B [\sigma_{k-i}(B)]}{\binom{n}{k-i}}, \end{aligned}$$

using that  $U(S) = V(S)$  if and only if  $\bar{U}(S) = \bar{V}(S)$ ,

$$= \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\mathbb{E}_B [\sigma_{k-i}(B)]}{\binom{n}{k-i}} \sum_{S \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \sum_{U, V \in \binom{[k]}{i}} \mathbb{E}_A [\det[A]_{U(S), U(S)}].$$

To finish the proof we need to find

$$\sum_{S \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \sum_{U \in \binom{[k]}{i}} \mathbb{E}_A [\det[A]_{U(S), U(S)}]. \quad (3.7)$$

We are summing over all of the sets  $V \in \binom{[n]}{i}$ , but they appear more than once in the sum. To find the number of times every element  $V \in \binom{[n]}{i}$  appears in the sum, we can count the total number of terms we are summing in (3.7) and divide by the total number of elements in  $\binom{[n]}{i}$ . We have that  $|\binom{[n]}{i}| = \binom{n}{i}$  and the number of summands is  $\binom{n}{k} \binom{k}{i}$ , so

$$\frac{\binom{n}{k} \binom{k}{i}}{\binom{n}{i}} = \frac{\frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \frac{k!}{i!(k-i)!}}{\frac{n!}{i!(n-i)!}} = \frac{(n-i)!}{(n-k)!(k-i)!} = \binom{n-i}{k-i}.$$

Thus, we have



$$\sum_{S \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \sum_{U \in \binom{[k]}{i}} \mathbb{E}_A [\det[A]_{U(S), U(S)}] = \binom{n-i}{k-i} \sum_{V \in \binom{[n]}{i}} \mathbb{E}_A [\det[A]_{V, V}] = \binom{n-i}{k-i} \mathbb{E}_A [\sigma_i(A)].$$

With this, we can conclude

$$\mathbb{E}_{A, B, R} [\sigma_k(A + RBR^*)] = \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\binom{n-i}{k-i}}{\binom{n}{k-i}} \mathbb{E}_A [\sigma_i(A)] \mathbb{E}_A [\sigma_{k-i}(B)].$$

□

**Theorem 3.2.8.** *If  $p(z)$  is the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  and  $q(z)$  is the characteristic polynomial of  $B$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  normal matrices with complex entries, then*

$$p(z) \boxplus_n q(z) = \mathbb{E}_Q [\chi_z(A + QBQ^*)],$$

where  $\chi_z(\cdot)$  denotes the characteristic polynomial of  $\cdot$  with  $z$  as a variable and  $\mathbb{E}_Q$  denotes taking expectation over  $Q$  where  $Q$  is sampled from the Haar measure on the unitary complex  $n \times n$  matrices.

*Proof.* It follows directly from Theorem 3.2.7 and definition of the symmetric additive convolution. □

The next two Theorems are the analogous of the previous ones for the symmetric multiplicative convolution. As it was stated previously, these convolutions can be seen as “approximations” to the Free additive and Free multiplicative convolutions.

**Theorem 3.2.9.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  random matrices and  $R$  a minor-orthogonal  $n \times n$  matrix, such that  $A, B, R$  are jointly independent, then*

$$\mathbb{E}_{A, B, R} [\sigma_k(ARBR^*)] = \frac{\mathbb{E}_A [\sigma_k(A)] \mathbb{E}_B [\sigma_k(B)]}{\binom{n}{k}}.$$

*Proof.*

$$\mathbb{E}_{A, B, R} [\sigma_k(ARBR^*)] = \sum_{S \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \mathbb{E}_{A, B, R} [\det[ARBR^*]_{S, S}],$$

By the Cauchy-Binet formula and independence

$$= \sum_{S, T \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \mathbb{E}_A [\det[A]_{S, T}] \mathbb{E}_{B, R} [\det[RB^*]_{T, S}],$$

By Lemma 3.2.5

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{S,T \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \mathbb{E}_A [\det[A]_{S,T}] \delta_{T,S} \frac{\mathbb{E}_B [\sigma_k(B)]}{\binom{n}{k}}, \\
&= \frac{\mathbb{E}_A [\sigma_k(A)] \mathbb{E}_B [\sigma_k(B)]}{\binom{n}{k}}.
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 3.2.10.** *Let  $p(z)$  be the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  and  $q(z)$  be the characteristic polynomial of  $B$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  normal matrices with complex entries, then*

$$p(z) \boxtimes_n q(z) = \mathbb{E}_Q [\chi_z(AQBQ^*)],$$

with  $\chi_z$  and  $\mathbb{E}_Q$  as in Theorem 3.2.8.

*Proof.* It follows directly from Theorem 3.2.9 and definition of the symmetric multiplicative convolution. □

With the results in this section we related polynomial convolutions to expected characteristic polynomials. In the following section we will be able to link the convolutions to Free Probability Theory by assigning an empirical measure to the roots of a polynomial in a similar fashion one can assign a measure to the eigenvalues of a matrix.

### 3.3 The finite $\mathcal{R}_n$ transform

In finite probability, the  $\mathcal{R}$  transform linearizes free additive convolution, which means the  $\mathcal{R}$  transform of a free additive convolution of measures is simply the sum of the  $\mathcal{R}$  transforms of each measure. The  $\mathcal{R}$  transform of a measure  $\mu$  is often defined as a formal series

$$\mathcal{R}_\mu(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} s^k r_k,$$

with  $r_k$  being the free cumulants of the measure. For the Finite Free case, a similar transform can be defined, and we will prove that it converges to the  $\mathcal{R}$  transform. A similar finite transform converging to the corresponding free one can be defined for the multiplicative convolution, we do not include those results here.

In the first part of this section we introduce some technical definitions and lemmas, then we define the finite  $\mathcal{R}_n$  transform and prove its two main properties, namely that it converges to a  $\mathcal{R}$  transform and that it linearizes symmetric additive convolution of polynomials. In the following two subsections we use the transform to find the polynomials associated to

finite free distributions and later to prove the analogous in Finite Free Probability Theory to the most classical limit theorems in Probability Theory.

Before stating the results in this section, it is important to introduce the notation for “congruent polynomials”. Let  $p, q$  be two polynomials on  $z$ , we say that  $p$  is congruent with  $q$  modulo  $z^n$  if the first  $n + 1$  coefficients of  $p$  and  $q$  coincide. We will denote this relationship by

$$p(z) \equiv q(z) \pmod{[z^n]}.$$

If we think of a formal power series as an “infinite polynomial”, the definition of polynomial congruence can be extended. Notice that if  $f(z)$  is a formal power series, then  $f(z) \pmod{[z^n]}$  is a polynomial of degree at most  $n$ .

### 3.3.1 Definition of the transform

Given any polynomial  $p(z)$  with order  $p$  we can associate an empirical measure  $\mu_p$  to its roots  $z_i$  given by

$$\mu_p(\{x\}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^p \delta_{x, z_j}.$$

This measure is similar to the spectral empirical measure of a random matrix. We can find its Cauchy transform in terms of the polynomial with the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.3.1.** *Let  $p$  be a monic polynomial of order  $p$  with roots  $\{z_i\}_{i=1}^n$ , then the Cauchy transform of the empirical measure associated to the roots  $z_i$  is given by*

$$G_{\mu_p}(z) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{z - z_j} = \frac{\partial_z p}{np}(z) = \frac{1}{n} \partial_z \ln p(z).$$

*Proof.*  $p(z)$  is a monic polynomial with roots  $\{z_j\}_{j \in [n]}$ , then we can write,

$$p(z) = \prod_{j=1}^n (z - z_j).$$

By the Leibnitz rule we find

$$\partial_z p(z) = \sum_{j=1}^n \prod_{k \neq j} (z - z_k).$$

Using the last equation we have

$$\frac{\partial_z p}{np}(z) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\prod_{k \neq j} (z - z_k)}{\prod_{l=1}^n (z - z_l)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{z - z_j} =: G_{\mu_p}(z).$$

□

Now we will define two objects that are auxiliary in the following proofs. Both are named transforms, but it is important to remark that one of them is an operator acting on functions while the other is a multiset which is uniquely related to another multiset in some way.

The existence of the  $U$  transform can be stated by the following Lemma that we state without proof. The proof can be found in [14].

**Lemma 3.3.2** ( $U$  transform). *Let  $S$  be a multiset of complex numbers and denote by  $|S| = n$  its number of elements with multiplicity. Then exists an unique multiset of complex numbers  $T$  such that  $|T| = n$  and*

$$\prod_{s_i \in S} (x - s_i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t_i \in T} (x - t_i)^n.$$

We call such multiset the  $U$  transform of  $S$ .

We will use the  $U$  transform of a set of eigenvalues (or roots of a polynomial) in order to find explicit expressions for the  $\mathcal{R}_n$  transform and prove some of its properties.

The Legendre transform, and the properties that will be proven later, will be useful to prove that the finite  $\mathcal{R}_n$  transform converges to an  $\mathcal{R}$  transform.

**Definition 3.3.1** (Legendre's transform). Let  $f$  a convex function in a domain  $D \subset \mathbb{R}$  and define

$$D^* := \left\{ x^* \in \mathbb{R} : \sup_{x \in D} \{xx^* - f(x)\} < \infty \right\}. \quad (3.8)$$

We define  $f^*$  the Legendre transform of  $f$  as the function

$$f^* : D^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

$$s \mapsto \sup_{x \in D} \{xs - f(x)\}.$$

**Lemma 3.3.3.** *Let  $f$  be a strictly convex function in a domain  $D \subset \mathbb{R}$  and such that its derivative exists in a point  $x_0 \in D$ . Then  $\partial_x[f(x)]|_{x=x_0} \in D^*$  and*

$$f^*(f'(x_0)) = x_0 f'(x_0) - f(x_0).$$

If additionally,  $f$  has a second derivative, then the following two results are satisfied

$$\begin{aligned}(f')^{-1}(x_0) &= (f^*)'(x_0), \\ f''((f^*)'(x_0)) &= \frac{1}{(f^*)''(x_0)}.\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is strictly convex and differentiable at  $x_0$  we have for  $x \in D, x \neq x_0$  that

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &> f(x_0) + (x - x_0)f'(x_0), \\ \Rightarrow f(x) - xf'(x_0) &> f(x_0) - x_0f'(x_0), \\ \Rightarrow xf'(x_0) - f(x) &< x_0f'(x_0) - f(x_0).\end{aligned}$$

This means that

$$\sup_{x \in D} \{xf'(x_0) - f(x)\} = x_0f'(x_0) - f(x_0) < \infty.$$

Then, by the definition of  $D^*$ , we have that  $f'(x_0) \in D^*$  and the Legendre transform in this point is  $f^*(f'(x_0)) = x_0f'(x_0) - f(x_0)$ .

For the second part, if  $f$  has a second derivative at  $x_0$ , differentiate the last equation to find

$$(f^*)'(f'(x_0))f''(x_0) = x_0f''(x_0) + f'(x_0) - f'(x_0) = x_0f''(x_0).$$

The second derivative  $f''(x_0)$  can not be zero because  $f$  is strictly convex, so  $(f^*)'(f'(x_0)) = z$ , which means  $f^*$  and  $f'$  are inverse under composition (in any point where  $f$  is twice differentiable). For the second equation we use the fact that these functions are inverse and derive,

$$\begin{aligned}f'((f^*)'(z)) &= z, \\ \Rightarrow f''((f^*)(x_0))(f^*)''(x_0) &= 1, \\ \Rightarrow f''((f^*)(x_0)) &= \frac{1}{(f^*)''(x_0)}.\end{aligned}$$

□

The following Theorem relates the Legendre transform to an  $L^\infty$  norm and will be used in the proof of the convergence of the finite  $\mathcal{R}_n$  transform to an  $\mathcal{R}$  transform.

**Lemma 3.3.4.** *Let  $D \subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mu$  a measure that is absolutely continuous with respect to the Lebesgue measure, then for any continuous function  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  we have that*

$$f^*(s) = \ln \left\| e^{xs - f(x)} \right\|_{\infty},$$

for all  $s \in D^*$  where the Legendre transform and the norm are taken over  $D$ .

*Proof.* We can write  $f^*$  as  $f^*(s) = \ln(\exp(f^*(s)))$ , then

$$f^*(s) = \ln(\exp(f^*(s))) = \ln \left( \exp \left\{ \sup_{x \in D} \{xs - f(x)\} \right\} \right),$$

using that  $\exp(x)$  is monotone increasing,

$$= \ln \left( \sup_{x \in D} \exp(xs - f(x)) \right) = \ln \left\| e^{xs - f(x)} \right\|_{\infty}.$$

□

Just as in the free case, the finite  $\mathcal{R}_n$  transform can be defined in terms of another transform that we will call the finite  $\mathcal{K}_n$  transform.

**Definition 3.3.2** (The  $\mathcal{K}_n$  transform [14]). Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix with real entries. We define the  $\mathcal{K}_n$  transform of its empirical spectral measure  $\mu_A$  as

$$\mathcal{K}_n^{\mu_A}(s) := -\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \ln \left\| e^{xs} \Delta^+ [xI - A]^{\frac{1}{n}} \right\|_n,$$

where  $\Delta^+$  represents the normalized determinant

$$\Delta^+[A] = \begin{cases} \det[A]^{\frac{1}{n}} & \text{if } A \text{ is positive definite,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

and the integration domain for the norm is  $(\rho_A, \infty)$  with  $\rho_A$  the spectral radius of  $A$ .

The operator  $\Delta^+$  acting on  $A$  is a particular case of a much more general object called the Fuglede-Kadison determinant, which acts on a broad set of operators and satisfies many of the properties of determinants. More information about it can be found in [30].

With the finite  $\mathcal{K}_n$  transform it is possible to define the finite  $\mathcal{R}_n$  transform.

**Definition 3.3.3** (The  $\mathcal{R}_n$  transform). Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix with real entries. We define the  $\mathcal{R}_n$  transform of its empirical spectral measure  $\mu_A$  as

$$\mathcal{R}_n^{\mu_A}(s) = \mathcal{K}_n^{\mu_A}(s) - \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \frac{1}{s}.$$

Notice that for bigger  $n$ , the definition above is more similar to the definition of the  $\mathcal{R}$  transform in terms of the  $\mathcal{K}$  transform given in Chapter 1. If we assume that  $\mathcal{K}_n^{\mu_A}(s)$  converges to some  $\mathcal{K}$  transform when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\mathcal{R}_n^{\mu_A}(s)$  would converge to the corresponding  $\mathcal{R}$  transform. In the next Theorem we will prove exactly this convergence.

**Theorem 3.3.5.** *Let  $A$  be a self-adjoint  $n \times n$  matrix with empirical spectral distribution  $\mu_A$ , then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{K}_n^{\mu_A}(s) = G_{\mu_A}^{-1}(s),$$

with  $s \in (\rho_A, \infty)$  and where  $G_{\mu_A}^{-1}(s)$  is the inverse under composition of  $G_{\mu_A}(s)$ .

*Proof.* We begin defining the function  $g(x) := -\ln \Delta^+[xI - A]$  and let  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  be the ordered eigenvalues of  $A$ . Notice that without loss of generality we can assume  $I - A$  to be positive definite. When we differentiate  $g$  with respect to  $x$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_x[g(x)] &= \partial_x [-\ln \Delta^+[xI - A]] = -\partial_x \left\{ \ln \left[ \left( \prod_{j=1}^n (x - \lambda_j) \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right] \right\}, \\ &= -\partial_x \left\{ \ln \left[ \prod_{j=1}^n (x - \lambda_j)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right] \right\} = -\partial_x \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{n} \ln(x - \lambda_j) \right] = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{x - \lambda_j} = -G_{\mu_A}(x). \end{aligned}$$

For the second derivative we have

$$\partial_{xx}[g(x)] = \partial_x \left\{ \left[ -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{x - \lambda_j} \right] \right\} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{(x - \lambda_j)^2} > 0.$$

So  $g(x)$  is strictly convex and has a second derivative. Using Lemma 3.3.3 we get

$$(g^*)'(x) = (g')^{-1}(x) = (-G_{\mu_A})^{-1}(x) = G_{\mu_A}^{-1}(-x). \quad (3.9)$$

Now we find  $(g^*)'(x)$  with the help of Lemma 3.3.4.

$$(g^*)'(s) = \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \ln \|e^{xs} - g(x)\|_{\infty} = \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \ln \|e^{xs} \Delta^+(xI - A)\|_{\infty}.$$

Substituting the last in (3.9) we get

$$G_{\mu_A}^{-1}(s) = (g^*)'(-s) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \ln \|e^{-xs} \Delta^+(xI - A)\|_{\infty}.$$

On the other hand, the limit of  $\mathcal{K}_n^{\mu_A}$  is

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{K}_n^{\mu_A}(s) = - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \ln \|e^{xs} \Delta^+(xI - A)\|_n = - \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \ln \|e^{-xs} \Delta^+(xI - A)\|_\infty.$$

This gives the desired result.  $\square$

The simplest finite  $\mathcal{K}_n$  transform we can find is the one related to the measure  $\mu_0 = \delta_0$ . Knowing this transform will also be useful for proving further results.

**Lemma 3.3.6.** *Let  $\mu_0$  be the probability measure corresponding to an atom in 0 with probability 1, i.e.*

$$\mu_0(\{x\}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{si } x = 0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Then its finite  $\mathcal{K}_n$  transform is*

$$\mathcal{K}_n^{\mu_0}(s) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \frac{1}{s}.$$

*Proof.* Notice that for every  $m$ , the measure  $\mu_0$  is the empirical spectral measure associated to the matrix  $0_{n \times n}$ , so we can write

$$\|e^{-xs} \Delta^+(xI)\|_n = \left\| e^{-xs} (x^n)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right\|_n,$$

Remember the integral is taken from  $\rho_A$  to  $\infty$ . In this case all the eigenvalues are 0, so

$$= \left( \int_0^\infty (e^{-xs} x)^n \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = (\mathcal{L}[x^n](ns))^{\frac{1}{n}},$$

where  $\mathcal{L}[f]$  represents the Laplace transform of the function  $f$ ,

$$= \left( \frac{n!}{(ns)^{n+1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}.$$

The logarithm of the previous expression is

$$\ln \left( \frac{n!}{(ns)^{n+1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{1}{n} \ln \left( \frac{n!}{(ns)^{n+1}} \right) = \frac{1}{n} \log \left( \frac{n!}{(n)^{n+1}} \right) - \frac{n+1}{n} \log s.$$

Finally, we differentiate to find the desired expression.



$$\ln \left( \frac{1}{n} \log \left( \frac{n!}{(n)^{n+1}} \right) - \frac{n+1}{n} \log s \right) = -\partial_s \left[ -\frac{n+1}{n} \log s \right] = \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right) \frac{1}{s}.$$

□

Notice that once we have this, an alternative definition for  $\mathcal{R}_n^{\mu A}(s)$  would be  $\mathcal{R}_n^{\mu A}(s) = \mathcal{K}_n^{\mu A}(s) - \mathcal{K}_n^{\mu 0}(s)$ .

Our next goal is to prove that the finite  $\mathcal{R}_n$  transform linearizes the symmetric additive convolution. In order to do so, we will first prove a couple basic lemmas.

**Lemma 3.3.7.** *Let  $p, q$  be polynomials with degree  $n$  and  $U_p, U_q$  be the  $U$  transforms of its sets of roots, then*

$$[p \boxplus_n q](x) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{u_j \in U_p, u_k \in U_q} (x - u_j - u_k)^n.$$

*Proof.* Let  $p(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n x^{n-j}(-1)^j p_j$ . Let  $x_i$  be its roots, by definition of the  $U$  transform we have,

$$p(x) = \prod_{j=0}^n (x - x_j) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_j \in U_p} (x - u_j)^n = \sum_{j=0}^n x^{n-j}(-1)^j \binom{n}{j} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_k \in U_p} u_k^j.$$

Equating coefficients we find that  $p_j = \binom{n}{j} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_k \in U_p} u_k^j$  and the analogous happens for  $q_k$ . Finally, we find the convolution

$$\begin{aligned} [p \boxplus_n q](x) &= \sum_{k=0}^n x^{n-k}(-1)^k \sum_{i+j=k} \frac{(n-i)!(n-j)!}{(n-k)!n!} \binom{n}{i} \binom{n}{j} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_m \in U_p} u_m^i \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_l \in U_q} u_l^j, \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n x^{n-k}(-1)^k \sum_{i+j=k} \frac{n!}{i!j!(n-k)!} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{u_m \in U_p, u_l \in U_q} u_m^i u_l^j, \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{u_m \in U_p, u_l \in U_q} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k}(-1)^k \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} u_m^{k-j} u_l^j, \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{u_m \in U_p, u_l \in U_q} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k}(-1)^k (u_m + u_l)^k, \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{u_m \in U_p, u_l \in U_q} (x - u_m - u_l)^n. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 3.3.8.** *Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  real symmetric matrix. Denote by  $\lambda(A)$  its spectrum and by  $U_A$  the  $U$  transform of  $\lambda(A)$ , then*

$$\frac{\|e^{-xs}\Delta^+(xI - A)\|_n^n}{\|e^{-xs}\Delta^+(xI)\|_n^n} \equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} e^{-nsu_i} \pmod{[s^{n+1}]}.$$

*Proof.* Suppose, without loss of generality that  $A$  is positive definite. By definition of the  $U$  transform, for any  $n \times n$  such symmetric matrix  $A$  we have

$$\Delta^+(xI - A)^n = \det[xI - A] = \prod_{j=1}^n (x - \lambda_j) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} (x - u_i)^n.$$

Using this and the previously found result for  $\|e^{-xs}\Delta^+(xI)\|_n^n$  we find

$$\frac{\|e^{-xs}\Delta^+(xI - A)\|_n^n}{\|e^{-xs}\Delta^+(xI)\|_n^n} = \frac{(ns)^{n+1}}{n!} \|e^{-xs}\Delta^+(xI - A)\|_n^n = \frac{(ns)^{n+1}}{n!} \int_{\rho_A}^{\infty} e^{-nxs} \Delta^+(xI - A)^n dx,$$

by definition of the  $U$  transform

$$= \frac{(ns)^{n+1}}{n!} \int_{\rho_A}^{\infty} e^{-nxs} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} (x - u_i)^n dx,$$

use the change of variables  $y = x + \rho_A$

$$= \frac{(ns)^{n+1} e^{-ns\rho_A}}{n!} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-nsy} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} (y + \rho_A - u_i)^n dy,$$

using linearity and definition of the Laplace transform

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} \frac{(ns)^{n+1}}{n!} e^{-ns\rho_A} \mathcal{L}\{(y + \rho_A - U_A)^n\}(ns),$$

by linearity of the Laplace transform

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} \frac{(ns)^{n+1}}{n!} e^{-ns\rho_A} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (\rho_A - u_i)^{n-k} \mathcal{L}\{y^k\}(ns).$$

Finally, we expand and cancel terms to arrive to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|e^{-xs}\Delta^+(xI - A)\|_n^n}{\|e^{-xs}\Delta^+(xI)\|_n^n} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} \frac{(ns)^{n+1}}{n!} e^{-ns\rho_A} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} (\rho_A - u_i)^{n-k} \frac{k!}{(ns)^{k+1}}, \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} e^{-ns\rho_A} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(ns)^{n-k} (\rho_A - u_i)^{n-k}}{(n-k)!}, \end{aligned}$$

we can use the polynomial congruence relation for the series expansion of the exponential function and the truncated series  $\sum_{k=0}^n x^k/k!$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &\equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} e^{-ns\rho_A} e^{ns(\rho_A - u_i)}, \quad \text{mod } [s^{n+1}], \\ &\equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} e^{-nsu_i}, \quad \text{mod } [s^{n+1}]. \end{aligned}$$

□

With the previous result in hand, it is now easier to find the finite  $\mathcal{R}_n$  transform of a spectral measure in terms of the  $U$  transform of its spectrum.

**Corollary 3.3.9.** *Let  $A$  be a an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix with real entries, with spectrum  $\lambda(A)$  and  $U_A$  be the  $U$  transform of  $\lambda(A)$ , then*

$$\mathcal{R}_n^{\mu_A}(s) \equiv -\frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \ln \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} e^{-nsu_i} \right) \quad \text{mod } [s^n].$$

*Proof.* Taking logarithm in both sides of Lemma 3.3.8 we get

$$\ln \left( \frac{\|e^{-xs} \Delta^+(xI - A)\|_n^n}{\|e^{-xs} \Delta^+(xI)\|_n^n} \right) \equiv \ln \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} e^{-nsu_i} \right) \quad \text{mod } [s^{n+1}].$$

The first  $n + 1$  coefficients of the power series coincide, so the first  $k$  coefficients of the derivatives also coincide. Now we use the definition of the  $\mathcal{R}_n$  transform

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_n^{\mu_A}(s) &= \mathcal{K}_n^{\mu_A}(s) - \mathcal{K}_n^{\mu_0}(s), \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \ln \|e^{-xs} \Delta^+(xI - A)\|_n + \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \ln \|e^{-xs} \Delta^+(xI)\|_n, \\ &= -\frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \ln \left( \frac{\|e^{-xs} \Delta^+(xI - A)\|_n^n}{\|e^{-xs} \Delta^+(xI)\|_n^n} \right), \\ &\equiv -\frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \ln \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} e^{-nsu_i} \right), \quad \text{mod } [s^n]. \end{aligned}$$

□

One of the central results in this section is the equivalence of the symmetric additive convolution of two polynomials and the sum of the finite  $\mathcal{R}_n$  transform of the measures associated to its roots (which is in turn the empirical measure associated to the eigenvalues of some matrix). The following Theorem shows us that the analogy between the finite  $\mathcal{R}_n$

transform and the  $\mathcal{R}$  transform is not only in terms of their convergence, but also in the role of linearizing convolution.

**Theorem 3.3.10.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $n \times n$  real symmetric matrices. The following are equivalents:*

1.

$$\mathcal{R}_n^{\mu_A}(s) + \mathcal{R}_n^{\mu_B}(s) = \mathcal{R}_n^{\mu_{A+B}}(s) \quad \text{mod } [s^n].$$

2.

$$\det[xI - A] \boxplus_n \det[xI - B] = \det[xI - A - B].$$

*Proof.* Let us denote by  $U_A, U_B$  and  $U_{A+B}$  the  $U$  transforms of the  $\lambda(A), \lambda(B)$  and  $\lambda(A+B)$ , respectively. By Lemma 3.3.7, the second statement is equivalent to

$$\mathbb{E}[(x - U_A - U_B)^n] = \mathbb{E}[(x - U_{A+B})^n].$$

Expanding the power and equating terms, the last happens if and only if the first  $m$  moments of  $U_A + U_B$  and  $U_{A+B}$  coincide. This is in turn equivalent to

$$\mathbb{E}[e^{-ms(U_A+U_B)}] = \mathbb{E}[e^{-ms(U_A+U_B)}] = \mathbb{E}[e^{-msU_{A+B}}] \quad \text{mod } [s^{n+1}].$$

Define the function  $f_A(s) := -\frac{1}{n} \ln \mathbb{E}[e^{-msU_A}]$  and similarly for  $B$  and  $A+B$ . Using this function, the second statement is equivalent to

$$f_A(s) + f_B(s) \equiv f_{A+B}(s) \quad \text{mod } [s^{n+1}]. \quad (3.10)$$

Using Corollary 3.3.9, the first statement is equivalent to

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} f_A(s) + \frac{\partial}{\partial s} f_B(s) \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial s} f_{A+B}(s) \quad \text{mod } [s^n]. \quad (3.11)$$

So proving the equivalence of the two statements reduces to prove the equivalence between (3.10) and (3.11). Because the formal series in (3.10) coincide up to the  $n+1$ th term, the derivatives coincide up to the  $n$ th term, so one implication is trivial. For the second implication, it suffices to prove that  $f_A(0) + f_B(0) = f_{A+B}(0)$ , but we have that  $f_A(0) = f_B(0) = f_{A+B}(0)$ , so the result follows.  $\square$

As it was mentioned several times before in this chapter, the relationship between symmetric additive convolution and free additive convolution shown by these results is not exclusive. Similar results can be given for the symmetric multiplicative convolution and free

multiplicative convolution. Although we are not including them here, they can be consulted in [27] and [3].

For the last part of this Chapter, we will use the recently exposed tools to find the polynomials corresponding to three classical laws in the finite free setting; namely the constant, Gaussian and Poisson distributions. After that, we will prove the finite free version of the three corresponding limit theorems; the law of large numbers, the central limit theorem and the Poisson limit theorem.

### 3.3.2 Finite free distributions

We have seen that the finite  $\mathcal{R}_n$  transform is a power series that linearizes finite free convolution. In free probability terms, we can say that the corresponding coefficients in the expansion are the finite free cumulants. Using this and the fact that we know what are the cumulants for several well known distributions, we can find the polynomials corresponding to these laws in Finite Free Probability Theory. As a prerequisite, we prove a Theorem that allows us to recover a polynomial from the finite  $\mathcal{R}_n$  transform of its roots.

**Theorem 3.3.11.** *Let  $P(n^{-1}\partial_z)$  be a polynomial on  $n^{-1}\partial_z$  such that the linear differential operator applied to  $x^n$ ,  $P(n^{-1}\partial_z)[z^n]$  is a monic polynomial. Then  $P(n^{-1}\partial_z) = \det[zI - A]$  for a matrix  $A$  if and only if*

$$\frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial_s P(s)}{P(s)} \equiv -\mathcal{R}_n^{\mu_A}(s) \quad \text{mod } [s^{n+1}]. \quad (3.12)$$

*Proof.* Recall that

$$\mathcal{R}_n^{\mu_A}(s) \equiv -\frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \ln \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} e^{-nsu_i} \right) \quad \text{mod } [s^n].$$

Also

$$\frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial_s P(s)}{P(s)} = \frac{1}{n} \partial_s [\ln P(s)].$$

Then (3.12) is satisfied if and only if

$$P(s) \equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} e^{-nsu_i} \quad \text{mod } [s^{n+1}].$$

The last relationship in turn is equivalent to

$$P(n^{-1}\partial_z)[z^n] = \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} e^{-u_i \partial_z} \right) [z^n] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} e^{-u_i \partial_z} [z^n].$$

Expanding the last term and using the definition of  $U_A$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} e^{-u_i \partial_z} [z^n] &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{(-u_i)^j}{j!} \partial_z^j [z^n], \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} \sum_{j=0}^n (-u_i)^j \frac{n!}{j!(n-j)!} z^{n-j} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u_i \in U_A} (z - u_i)^n = \det[zI - A]. \end{aligned}$$

□

With this theorem, we are ready to find the polynomials corresponding to the basic finite free distributions.

### Constant distribution

A constant random variable has a first cumulant equal to  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and all the remaining cumulants equal to zero. Then its  $\mathcal{R}_n^{\mu_A}$  transform is the constant formal series

$$\mathcal{R}_n^{\mu_A}(s) = c.$$

We can use Theorem 3.3.11 to find the polynomial  $p$  with this  $\mathcal{R}_n^{\mu_A}$  transform.

$$\begin{aligned} -c &= \frac{1}{n} \partial_s [\ln P(s)], \\ \Rightarrow - \int n c ds &= \ln P(s), \\ \Rightarrow \exp \{-ncs + c_0\} &= P(s), \end{aligned}$$

for some constant  $c_0$ . Then  $p(z)$  is the monic scaling of the polynomial  $P(n^{-1}\partial_z)[z^n] = e^{-c\partial_z}[z^n]$ . Expanding we find

$$\begin{aligned} p(z) &= e^{-c\partial_z}[z^n] = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-c)^k}{k!} \partial_z^k [z^n], \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} (-c)^k z^{n-k} = (z - c)^n. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, as we would expect,  $p$  is the monic polynomial with all the roots equal to  $c$  which is also the expected characteristic polynomial of the deterministic matrix  $cI$ .

### Gaussian distribution

In free and classical probability, the central limit random variable is characterized for having the first two cumulants non-zero and the rest of the cumulants equal to zero. We already know what is the polynomial corresponding to a constant distribution in finite free probability. To find the general polynomial corresponding to a Gaussian, we can find the polynomial with the second cumulant non-zero and the rest equal to zero. If the second cumulant is equal to  $\sigma^2$ , then the formal series expansion of  $\mathcal{R}_n^{\mu_A}$  is

$$\mathcal{R}_n^{\mu_A}(s) = s\sigma^2.$$

We can use Theorem 3.3.11 again to find

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n}\partial_s[\ln P(s)] &= -s\sigma^2, \\ \Rightarrow \ln P(s) &= -n\sigma^2 \int s ds, \\ \Rightarrow P(s) &= \exp\left\{-n\sigma^2 \frac{s^2}{2} + c_0\right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where the constant  $c_0$  accounts for making the polynomial monic. Now, evaluating  $P$  in  $n^{-1}\partial_z$  and applying to  $z^n$ , we have

$$p(z) = P(n^{-1}\partial_z)[z^n] = e^{-\sigma^2 \frac{\partial_z^2}{2n}}[z^n] =: H_n(z, \sigma^2/n).$$

The last expression corresponds to the Hermite polynomial with variance  $\sigma^2/n$ .

### Poisson distribution

The Poisson distribution has all of its cumulants equal to a constant  $\nu \in \mathbb{R}$ , the formal series expansion of its  $\mathcal{R}_n^{\mu_A}$  transform is

$$\mathcal{R}_n^{\mu_A}(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \nu s^k = \nu \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} s^k = \frac{\nu}{1-s}.$$

Where the convergence is taken in  $|s| < 1$ . Another use of Theorem 3.3.11 leads to

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\nu}{1-s} &= \mathcal{R}_n^{\mu_A}(s) = -\frac{1}{n} \partial_s [\ln P(s)], \\
\Rightarrow - \int \frac{n\nu}{s-1} ds &= \ln P(s), \\
\Rightarrow \exp \{n\nu \ln(1-s)\} &= P(s).
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we evaluate in  $n^{-1}\partial_z$  and apply to  $z^n$  and find the polynomial that has the given cumulants.

$$P(n^{-1}\partial_z)[z^n] = \left(1 - \frac{\partial_z}{n}\right)^{n\nu} [z^n] =: L_n^{(\nu-1)n}(z). \quad (3.13)$$

So the finite free Poisson distribution corresponds to a generalized Laguerre polynomial. Notice that when  $\nu = 1$ , we recover the original definition of the Laguerre polynomials given in Section 3.1.

### 3.3.3 Finite Free Limit Theorems

One of the central topics in Probability Theory is the convergence of sums of random variables to some laws. In Free Probability we have analogous convergence Theorems for the main distributions. Three of the most famous limit Theorems have the previously shown laws as limits (constant, Gaussian, Poisson). In non-commutative Probability Theory in general, these laws are characterized by their cumulants and happen to be limits of the corresponding sums of random variables. In what follows, we will show that when we re-scale and convolute polynomials under standard assumptions, we also recover our three limit laws.

**Theorem 3.3.12** (Finite Free Law of Large Numbers). *Let  $(p_i(z))_{i=1}^n$  be a sequence of degree  $n$  monic polynomials with real roots  $r_{ij}$  such that*

$$p_i(z) = \prod_{j=1}^n (z - r_{ij}).$$

*And for every fixed  $i$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n r_{ij} &= m, \\
\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n r_{ij}^2 &< c,
\end{aligned}$$



for some positive constant  $c$ . Define  $q_i(k, z) := k^{-n} p_i(kz)$ . Then

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} [q_1(k, z) \boxplus_n q_2(k, z) \boxplus_n \cdots \boxplus_n q_k(k, z)] = (x - m)^n$$

*Proof.* Write for every  $i$  the polynomial  $p_i(z)$  as

$$p_i(z) = z^n + a_{i1} z^{n-1} + \cdots$$

If  $P_i(\partial_z)$  is a linear operator that acts on  $z^n$  to generate  $p_i(z)$ , then

$$P_i(\partial_z) = 1 + a_{i1} n \partial_z + \cdots$$

Since the coefficient  $a_{i1}$  is the sum of the roots, by hypothesis we have that  $a_{i1} = m$  for every  $i$ . Now, the last equation implies that if  $q_i$  is generated by a linear differential operator  $Q_i(\partial_z)$ , then

$$Q_i(\partial_z) = 1 - \frac{m}{k} \partial_z + O(k^{-2}).$$

Using the multiplicative Theorem 3.1.1 we find

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} [q_1(k, z) \boxplus_n q_2(k, z) \boxplus_n \cdots \boxplus_n q_k(k, z)] &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{j=1}^k Q_j(\partial_z)[z^n], \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{m}{k} \partial_z + O(k^{-2})\right)^k [z^n], \\ &= e^{-m \partial_z} [z^n] = (z - m)^n. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 3.3.13** (Finite Free Central Limit Theorem [27]). *Let  $p_1, p_2, \dots$  be a sequence of degree  $n$  real rooted polynomials with  $p_i = \prod_j (x - r_{i,j})$  such that*

$$\sum_{j=1}^n r_{i,j} = 0, \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n r_{i,j}^2 = \sigma^2, \quad (3.14)$$

for all  $i$ . Define  $q_i(x) = k^{-n/2} p_i(\sqrt{k}x)$ , then

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (q_1 \boxplus_n \cdots \boxplus_n q_k) = H_n(z, \sigma^2/(n-1)).$$

with  $H_n(z, \sigma^2/(n-1))$  represents the  $n$ th Hermite polynomial with variance  $\sigma^2/(n-1)$ .

*Proof.* Using the Vieta's formulas and the hypotheses (3.14), we have that for every  $i$  it is satisfied

$$\begin{aligned}
a_1 &= \sum_{j=1}^n r_{ij} = 0, \\
a_2 &= \sum_{1 \leq j < m \leq n} r_{ij} r_{im} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n r_{ij} \sum_{m \neq j} r_{im} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n r_{ij} (a_1 - r_{ij}), \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n r_{ij}^2 = -\frac{1}{2} n \sigma^2.
\end{aligned}$$

So every  $p_i$  has the form

$$p_i(z) = z^n + (0)z^{n-1} - \frac{n\sigma^2}{2n(n-1)}z^{n-2} + \dots$$

Multiplying by the factors to get  $q$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
q_i(z) &= z^n + (0)z^{n-1} - \frac{n\sigma^2 k^{-n/2}}{2n(n-1)} k^{\frac{n-2}{2}} z^{n-2} + \dots, \\
&= z^n - \frac{\sigma^2}{2(n-1)k} z^{n-2}.
\end{aligned}$$

This means that the linear differential operator  $Q_i(\partial_z)$  that generates  $q_i$  must have the form

$$Q_i(\partial_z)[z^n] = \left( 1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{2(n-1)k} \partial_z^2 + O(k^{-3/2}) \right) [z^n].$$

We recall the multiplicative Theorem 3.1.1 to find,

$$\begin{aligned}
q_1 \boxplus_n \dots \boxplus_n q_k &= \prod_{j=1}^k Q_j(\partial_z)[z^n], \\
&= \left( 1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{2(n-1)k} \partial_z^2 + O(k^{-3/2}) \right)^k [z^n].
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we can find

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (q_1 \boxplus_n \dots \boxplus_n q_k) = e^{-\frac{\sigma^2}{2(n-1)}} [z^n].$$

The last expression is the definition given previously for  $H_n(z, \sigma^2/(n-1))$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.14** (Finite Free Poisson Limit Theorem). *Let  $p(z) = x^{n-1}(x-1)$ . And for  $\nu n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the  $\nu n$  times symmetric additive convolution of  $p(z)$  with itself is a polynomial*

corresponding to the finite free Poisson distribution.

$$\underbrace{p(z) \boxplus_n p(z) \boxplus_n \cdots \boxplus_n p(z)}_{\nu n \text{ times}} = (\nu n)! (-n)^{-\nu n} z^{n(1-\nu)} L_{\nu n}^{n(1-\nu)}(zn).$$

*Proof.* Notice that  $x^{n-1}(x-1) = x^n - x^{n-1}$  can be written as generated by a linear differential operator in the following way

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \partial_z\right) [z^n] = z^n - z^{n-1}.$$

Now, applying once again Theorem 3.1.1 we get

$$\underbrace{p(z) \boxplus_n p(z) \boxplus_n \cdots \boxplus_n p(z)}_{\nu n \text{ times}} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \partial_z\right)^{\nu n} [z^n].$$

Which is exactly the polynomial corresponding to the finite free Poisson distribution given in (3.13).  $\square$



## Chapter 4

# Deterministic eigenvalue processes for matrix valued processes

In this last chapter we give a relationship between finite free probability and the eigenvalues of matrix-valued stochastic processes. In the first section construct a matrix process whose eigenvalues evolve according to the dynamics of the Dyson Brownian motion without the martingale part. We call this process the deterministic Dyson Brownian motion. In the second section we construct a similar matrix-valued process whose spectrum evolves according to the finite variation part of equation (2.13). We are especially interested in the deterministic versions of the Wishart and Jacobi processes. In the third section, we relate these processes with finite free probability by showing that the convolution of certain polynomials satisfies differential equations that ultimately leads to conclude that their roots follow a similar dynamics to the deterministic version of the eigenvalue processes. This constitutes the main result in this work.

### 4.1 Deterministic Dyson Brownian motion

In this section we prove that a given matrix-valued stochastic process has a deterministic spectrum and follows the dynamics of the finite variation part in the Dyson Brownian motion. The proof uses the same techniques as the former results for the stochastic differential equations of eigenvalue processes.

**Theorem 4.1.1.** *Let  $Z$  be a process with covariation  $dZ_{ij}dZ_{kl} = (\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} + \delta_{il}\delta_{jk} - 2\delta_{ij}\delta_{kl}\delta_{ik})dt$  and no finite variation part, which means  $Z$  is a symmetric matrix with independent Brownian motions in its entries, except for the diagonal, where  $Z_{ii} = 0$ . Let  $X$  be a matrix valued process such that  $X = H^T \Lambda H$  and it satisfies the stochastic differential equation*

$$H^T dXH = dZ.$$

Then the eigenvalue process  $\Lambda$  satisfies

$$d\lambda_i = \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{dt}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k}. \quad (4.1)$$

*Proof.* Define  $dA = H^T \partial H$  and  $dN = H^T \partial ZH$ .

The same procedure as in 2.2.1 leads to

$$d\Lambda = dN + \Lambda dA - dA\Lambda.$$

We conclude that  $d\lambda_i = dN_{ii}$  and for  $i \neq j$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= dN_{ij} + \lambda_i dA_{ij} - \lambda_j dA_{ij}, \\ \Rightarrow dA_{ij} &= \frac{dN_{ij}}{\lambda_j - \lambda_i}. \end{aligned}$$

The quadratic covariation of  $N$  is the same as the one for  $Z$  because they only differ in a finite variation term, so

$$dN_{ij}dN_{kl} = d\langle (H^T dXH)_{ij}, (H^T dXH)_{kl} \rangle(t) = d\langle Z_{ij}, Z_{kl} \rangle = (\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} + \delta_{il}\delta_{kj} - 2\delta_{ij}\delta_{kl}\delta_{ik})dt.$$

Particularly, we have that  $dN_{ii}dN_{jj} = 0$  for every choice of  $j$  and  $i$ . Thus every entry in the diagonal of  $N$  is a finite variation process and so it is  $\lambda_i$ . Let us finally compute the finite variation part  $F$  of  $N$ .

$$\begin{aligned} dF &= \frac{1}{2} (H^T dX dH + dH^T dXH), \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (H^T dX H H^T dH + dH^T H H^T dXH), \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (dN dA + (dN dA)^T). \end{aligned}$$

For  $dN dA$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (dN dA)_{ij} &= \sum_{k \neq j} dN_{ik} dA_{kj} = \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{dN_{ik} dA_{kj}}{\lambda_j - \lambda_k}, \\ &= \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{\delta_{ik} \delta_{kj} + \delta_{ij} \delta_{kk} - 2\delta_{ik} \delta_{kj} \delta_{ij}}{\lambda_j - \lambda_k} dt = \delta_{ij} \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{dt}{\lambda_j - \lambda_k}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $F$  is diagonal with  $dF_{ii} = \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{dt}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k}$ . We conclude that

$$d\lambda_i = \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{dt}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k}.$$

□

## 4.2 Deterministic eigenvalue processes for matrix-valued diffusions

Now that we have shown the construction of a matrix-valued process whose eigenvalue is the deterministic Dyson Brownian motion, we generalize the result to get processes with a deterministic spectrum that can follow the dynamics of any eigenvalue process with the form (2.13).

**Theorem 4.2.1.** *Let  $B = (B(t), t \geq 0)$  be a Brownian motion in  $\mathcal{M}_{p,p}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $Y(t) = QMQ^T$  be a symmetric  $p \times p$  matrix-valued stochastic process satisfying the stochastic differential equation*

$$dY(t) = g(Y(t))dB(t)h(Y(t)) + h(Y(t))dB(t)^T g(Y(t)) + b(Y(t))dt, \quad (4.2)$$

where  $g, h, b$  are real functions acting spectrally, and  $Y(0)$  is a symmetric  $p \times p$  matrix with  $p$  different eigenvalues.

Let  $G(x, y) = g^2(x)h^2(y) + g^2(y)h^2(x)$ ,  $\tau$  be defined as in (2.12), and take a process  $X = (X(t), t \geq 0)$  with diagonalization  $X = H\Lambda H^T$  such that  $H^T(d\Lambda)H$  has the same off-diagonal entries as  $Q^T(dM) \circ Q$  and has diagonal entries equal to zero.

Then, for  $t < \tau$  the eigenvalue process  $\Lambda(t)$  verifies the following system of stochastic differential equations:

$$d\lambda_i = \left( b(\lambda_i) + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{G(\lambda_i, \lambda_k)}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} \right) dt. \quad (4.3)$$

*Proof.* We define again  $L$  to be the stochastic logarithm of  $H$ ,  $L := H^T \circ dH$  and using the same techniques as in Theorem 2.2.1 we have that,

$$d\Lambda = H^T \circ (\partial X) \circ H - (\partial L) \circ \Lambda + \Lambda \circ \partial L.$$

Using that  $\Lambda \circ \partial L - (\partial L) \circ \Lambda$  has zero diagonal, we get that  $d\lambda_i = (H^T \circ (\partial X) \circ H)_{ii}$  and by hypothesis, we know that the martingale part of this diagonal is zero.

Define  $dN := H^T \circ (\partial X) \circ H$ . For  $i \neq j$  we have that  $dL_{ij} = dN_{ij}/(\lambda_j - \lambda_i)$ .

Finally, we compute the finite variation  $dF$  part of  $dN$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} dF &= H^T b(X) H dt + \frac{1}{2} (dH^T dX H + H^T dX H), \\ &= b(\Lambda) dt + \frac{1}{2} ((dN dA)^T + dN dA). \end{aligned}$$

For  $dN dA$  we find

$$(dN dA)_{ij} = \sum_{k \neq j} dN_{ik} dA_{kj} = \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{dN_{ik} dN_{kj}}{\lambda_j - \lambda_k}.$$

Now we use that the martingale part of  $dN$  has the same entries as  $Q^T M Q$  and by the results in Theorem 2.2.1 we know that

$$(Q^T M Q)_{ik} (Q^T M Q)_{kj} = \delta_{ij} G(\lambda_i, \lambda_k) dt,$$

so substituting the last result we get

$$d\lambda_i = dF_{ii} = b(\lambda_i) dt + \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{G(\lambda_i, \lambda_k) dt}{\lambda_j - \lambda_k},$$

which is the desired result. □

These results can be particularized for any matrix-valued diffusions. Especially, we are interested in the Wishart and Jacobi processes. We give the proofs for these as a corollary to last Theorem.

#### 4.2.1 Wishart process

**Corollary 4.2.2.** *Let  $Y = (Y(t), t \geq 0)$  be an  $n \times n$  Wishart process with parameter  $m$  and diagonalization  $Y = Q M Q^T$ . Let  $X$  be an  $n \times n$  self adjoint matrix process with diagonalization  $X = H \Lambda H^T$ , such that the off-diagonal part of  $H^T dX H$  and  $\stackrel{d}{=} Q^T dY Q$  coincide, and*



$(H^T dXH)_{ii} = 0$  for every  $i \in [n]$ . Then the eigenvalues of  $X$ ,  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$  satisfy the following system of stochastic differential equations

$$d\lambda_i = \left( m + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{|\lambda_i| + |\lambda_k|}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} \right) dt. \quad (4.4)$$

*Proof.*

□

#### 4.2.2 Jacobi process

**Corollary 4.2.3.** *Let  $Y = (Y(t), t \geq 0)$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix Jacobi process with parameters  $n_1, n_2$  and diagonalization  $Y = QMQ^T$ . Let  $X$  be an  $n \times n$  self adjoint matrix process with diagonalization  $X = H\Lambda H^T$ , such that the off-diagonal part of  $H^T dXH$  and  $\stackrel{d}{=} Q^T dYQ$  coincide, and  $(H^T dXH)_{ii} = 0$  for every  $i \in [n]$ . Then the eigenvalues of  $X$ ,  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$  satisfy the following system of stochastic differential equations*

$$d\lambda_i = \left( n_2 - (n_1 + n_2)\lambda_i + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{\lambda_k(1 - \lambda_i) + \lambda_i(1 - \lambda_k)}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} \right) dt. \quad (4.5)$$

### 4.3 Dynamical behavior of the deterministic eigenvalue processes

**Lemma 4.3.1.** *Let  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  be a system of  $n$  functions moving according to (4.1) and  $\lambda_i(0) > \lambda_j(0)$  and there is no  $\lambda_k$  such that  $\lambda_i(0) > \lambda_k(0) > \lambda_j(0)$ . Then,  $\lambda_i$  and  $\lambda_k$  repel each other if and only if*

$$\frac{2}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2} > \sum_{k \neq i, j} \frac{1}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_k)(\lambda_j - \lambda_k)} \quad (4.6)$$

*Proof.* The distance between the particles grows if and only if its derivative is positive, so

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}(\lambda_i - \lambda_j) &= \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{1}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} - \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{1}{\lambda_j - \lambda_k} = \sum_{k \neq i, j} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} - \frac{1}{\lambda_j - \lambda_k} \right) + \frac{2}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j}, \\ &= \sum_{k \neq i, j} \frac{\lambda_j - \lambda_k - \lambda_i + \lambda_k}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_k)(\lambda_j - \lambda_k)} + \frac{2}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} = \frac{2}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2} - \sum_{k \neq i, j} \frac{1}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_k)(\lambda_j - \lambda_k)}. \end{aligned}$$

Comparing to zero, we get the desired result.

□

**Theorem 4.3.2.** *If a system of functions satisfies (4.1), then there are no collisions.*

*Proof.* Write condition (4.6) as

$$\frac{2}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2} > \sum_{k \neq i, j} \frac{1}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j + \lambda_j - \lambda_k)(\lambda_j - \lambda_k)},$$

and take  $\lambda_i \rightarrow \lambda_j$ . As  $\lambda_i$  approaches  $\lambda_k$ , the left-hand side grows to  $\infty$ , while the right-hand side converges to the finite quantity

$$\sum_{k \neq i, j} \frac{1}{(\lambda_j - \lambda_k)^2}.$$

Thus, before the collision occurs, the distance between  $\lambda_i$  and  $\lambda_j$  starts to grow.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.3.** *Let  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$  be a system of functions moving according to (4.1) and let  $\lambda_i, \lambda_j$  be such that for a given  $t_0$  it is satisfied  $\lambda_i(t_0) > \lambda_j(t_0)$  and*

$$\lambda_i(t_0) - \lambda_j(t_0) = \min_{k, l \in [n]} |\lambda_k(t_0) - \lambda_l(t_0)|.$$

*Then,  $\lambda_i$  and  $\lambda_k$  repel.*

*Proof.* Define the quotients  $c_{ik}, c_{jk}$  as

$$c_{ik} = \frac{\lambda_i - \lambda_k}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j}, \quad c_{jk} = \frac{\lambda_j - \lambda_k}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j}.$$

Notice that the condition that the distance between  $\lambda_i$  and  $\lambda_j$  is minimal means that there is no  $\lambda_k$  between them and therefore for a fixed  $k_0$ ,  $c_{ik_0}$  and  $c_{jk_0}$  have the same sign. We can write the right-hand side of (4.6) as

$$\sum_{k \neq i, j} \frac{1}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_k)(\lambda_j - \lambda_k)} = \sum_{k \neq i, j} \frac{1}{c_{ik}(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)c_{jk}(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)} = \sum_{k \neq i, j} \frac{(c_{ik}c_{jk})^{-1}}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2}.$$

With this, condition (4.6) can be written as

$$\frac{2}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2} > \sum_{k \neq i, j} \frac{(c_{ik}c_{jk})^{-1}}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2}, \tag{4.7}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 > \sum_{k \neq i, j} \frac{1}{c_{ik}c_{jk}}. \tag{4.8}$$

We know that the distance between  $\lambda_i$  and  $\lambda_j$  is minimal, in the worst-case scenario, all of the other distances are the same as  $\lambda_i - \lambda_j$ , so  $|c_{ik}|, |c_{ij}| > 1$ . Notice that if  $\lambda_{i-1}$  is the function located immediately bellow  $\lambda_i$ , this would mean that in the worst case scenario

$c_{i,i-1} = -1$  and  $c_{j,i-1} = -2$ . Similarly, for  $\lambda_{i-2}$  we would have  $c_{i,i-1} = -2, c_{j,i-2} = -3$ . In general,  $c_{i,i-l} = -l, c_{j,i-l} = -(l+1)$ . Analogously, if  $\lambda_{j+l}$  is the function located  $l$  positions below  $j$ , then  $c_{j,j+l} = l, c_{i,j+l} = l+1$ .

Now, for the arrangement of the functions, we have two extreme cases. If  $\lambda_i$  and  $\lambda_j$  are the functions in one of the extremes (i.e. the two biggest or two smallest ones), this would mean that the right-hand side of (4.8) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k \neq i,j} \frac{1}{c_{ik}c_{jk}} &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} \frac{k+1-k}{k(k+1)} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} \left( \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+1} \right), \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{n-1} = \frac{n-2}{n-1} < 2. \end{aligned}$$

So in this case, applying Lemma 4.3.1,  $\lambda_i, \lambda_j$  would repel each other. The other extreme case is when exactly half of the functions are located at each side of  $\lambda_i$  and  $\lambda_j$ . Let us suppose first that  $n$  is even, in this case we would have,

$$\sum_{k \neq i,j} \frac{1}{c_{ik}c_{jk}} = 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\frac{n-2}{2}} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} = 2 \left( 1 - \frac{2}{n} \right) = 2 - \frac{4}{n} < 2.$$

There is also separation in this case. Finally, if  $n$  is even, we consider the previous sum for  $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$  and sum the term corresponding to the remaining function.

$$\sum_{k \neq i,j} \frac{1}{c_{ik}c_{jk}} = 2 - \frac{4}{n} + \frac{1}{(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1)(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 2)} < 2.$$

So, even in the worst-case scenario, criterion (4.6) is satisfied, and we conclude that the minimal distance grows for every initial condition of the system.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.3.4.** *In a system governed by (4.1), for  $n \geq 3$  not all of the functions separate for every given initial condition. For  $n = 2$ , the functions always repel each other.*

*Proof.* We prove the first part by providing a counterexample. Suppose that the separation between  $\lambda_i$  and  $\lambda_j$  is 1, while all of the other separations are 0.1. The same computations that the proof of in Theorem 4.3.3, but with a re-scaling of the  $c_{ik}c_{jk}$  lead to

$$\sum_{k \neq i,j} \frac{1}{c_{ik}c_{jk}} = \frac{1}{0.01} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n-1} \right) = 100 - \frac{100}{n-1}.$$

Clearly, for  $n \geq 3$ , condition (4.6) is satisfied.

For the second part, we simply take that if  $\lambda_i$  and  $\lambda_j$  are the unique functions in the system, then

$$\sum_{k \neq i, j} \frac{1}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_k)(\lambda_j - \lambda_k)} = 0 < \frac{2}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2},$$

for every position of  $\lambda_i, \lambda_j$ . □

**Lemma 4.3.5.** *Let  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$  be a system of  $n$  functions moving according to (4.4), and let  $\lambda_i, \lambda_j$  be such that  $\lambda_i(t_0) > \lambda_j(t_0)$  and there is no  $\lambda_k$  such that  $\lambda_i(t_0) > \lambda_k(t_0) > \lambda_j(t_0)$ . Then  $\lambda_i$  and  $\lambda_j$  repel each other if and only if*

$$\frac{\lambda_i + \lambda_j}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2} > \sum_{k \neq i, j} \frac{\lambda_k}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_k)(\lambda_j - \lambda_k)}. \quad (4.9)$$

*Proof.* Take the derivative of the separation and use linearity with (4.4) to get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}(\lambda_i - \lambda_j) &= \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{\lambda_i + \lambda_k}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} - \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{\lambda_j + \lambda_k}{\lambda_j - \lambda_k}, \\ &= \sum_{k \neq i, j} \frac{(\lambda_i + \lambda_k)(\lambda_j - \lambda_k) - (\lambda_j + \lambda_k)(\lambda_i - \lambda_k)}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_k)(\lambda_j - \lambda_k)} + 2 \frac{\lambda_i + \lambda_j}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j}, \\ &= \sum_{k \neq i, j} \frac{2\lambda_k(\lambda_j - \lambda_i)}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_k)(\lambda_j - \lambda_k)} + 2 \frac{\lambda_i + \lambda_j}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j}. \end{aligned}$$

Comparing to zero yields the result. □

**Corollary 4.3.6.** *In a system of  $n$  functions satisfying (4.4) there is no collision of the functions.*

*Proof.* Use condition (4.9) and let  $\lambda_i \rightarrow \lambda_j$ , then

$$\frac{\lambda_i + \lambda_j}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2} \rightarrow \infty,$$

but

$$\sum_{k \neq i, j} \frac{\lambda_k}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_k)(\lambda_j - \lambda_k)} = \sum_{k \neq i, j} \frac{\lambda_k}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j + \lambda_j - \lambda_k)(\lambda_j - \lambda_k)} \rightarrow \sum_{k \neq i, j} \frac{\lambda_k}{(\lambda_j - \lambda_k)^2} < \infty.$$

So before the functions collide, the derivative of the separation is positive and they repel each other. □

**Theorem 4.3.7.** *Let  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$  be a system of  $n$  functions moving according to (4.4) and let  $\lambda_i, \lambda_j$  be such that for a given  $t_0$  it is satisfied  $\lambda_i(t_0) > \lambda_j(t_0)$  and*

$$\lambda_i(t_0) - \lambda_j(t_0) = \min_{k, l \in [n]} |\lambda_k(t_0) - \lambda_l(t_0)|.$$

*Then,  $\lambda_i$  and  $\lambda_k$  do not necessarily repel.*

*Proof.* We will prove providing an initial condition for which the minimal distance will have a negative derivative. Let  $\lambda_j(t_0) = \min_{k \leq n} \lambda_k(t_0)$  and so  $\lambda_i(t_0) = \min_{k \neq j} \lambda_k(t_0)$ . Similarly to the proof of Theorem 4.3.3, let us define the quotients  $c_{ik}, c_{jk}$  as

$$c_{ik} = \frac{\lambda_i - \lambda_k}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j}, \quad c_{jk} = \frac{\lambda_j - \lambda_k}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j}.$$

For every fixed  $k$ , the quotients  $c_{ik}$  and  $c_{jk}$  have the same sign and given the minimality of  $\lambda_i - \lambda_j$  we have that  $c_{ik}c_{jk} > 1$ . Using these quantities, the separation condition (4.9) is reduced to

$$\lambda_i + \lambda_j > \sum_{k \neq i, j} \frac{\lambda_k}{c_{ik}c_{jk}}.$$

Suppose that  $\lambda_i - \lambda_j = 1$ , and that  $\lambda_k > \lambda_i$  for all  $k \notin \{i, j\}$ . Assume further that the separation between all the  $(\lambda_k)_{k \neq i, j}$  is  $1 + \epsilon$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then  $c_{i, i-1} = 1 + \epsilon$ ,  $|c_{j, i+1}| = 2 + \epsilon$  and in general  $|c_{i, i+l}| = l(1 + \epsilon)$ ,  $|c_{j, i+l}| = 1 + l(1 + \epsilon)$ . Furthermore, we have that  $\lambda_{i+l}$  can be expressed as

$$\lambda_{i+l} = \lambda_i + l(1 + \epsilon) = \lambda_j + 1 + l(1 + \epsilon).$$

With this, the separating condition for  $\lambda_i$  and  $\lambda_j$  can be written as

$$2\lambda_j + 1 > \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{\lambda_j + 1 + k(1 + \epsilon)}{k(1 + \epsilon)(1 + k(1 + \epsilon))}.$$

The left-hand side is fixed for fixed  $\lambda_j(t_0)$ . For the left-hand side we have

$$\sum_{k=2}^n \frac{\lambda_j + 1 + k(1 + \epsilon)}{k(1 + \epsilon)(1 + k(1 + \epsilon))} = \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{\lambda_j + 1}{k(1 + \epsilon)(1 + k(1 + \epsilon))} + \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{1 + k(1 + \epsilon)}.$$

For the second element in the sum and  $\epsilon$  sufficiently small we have

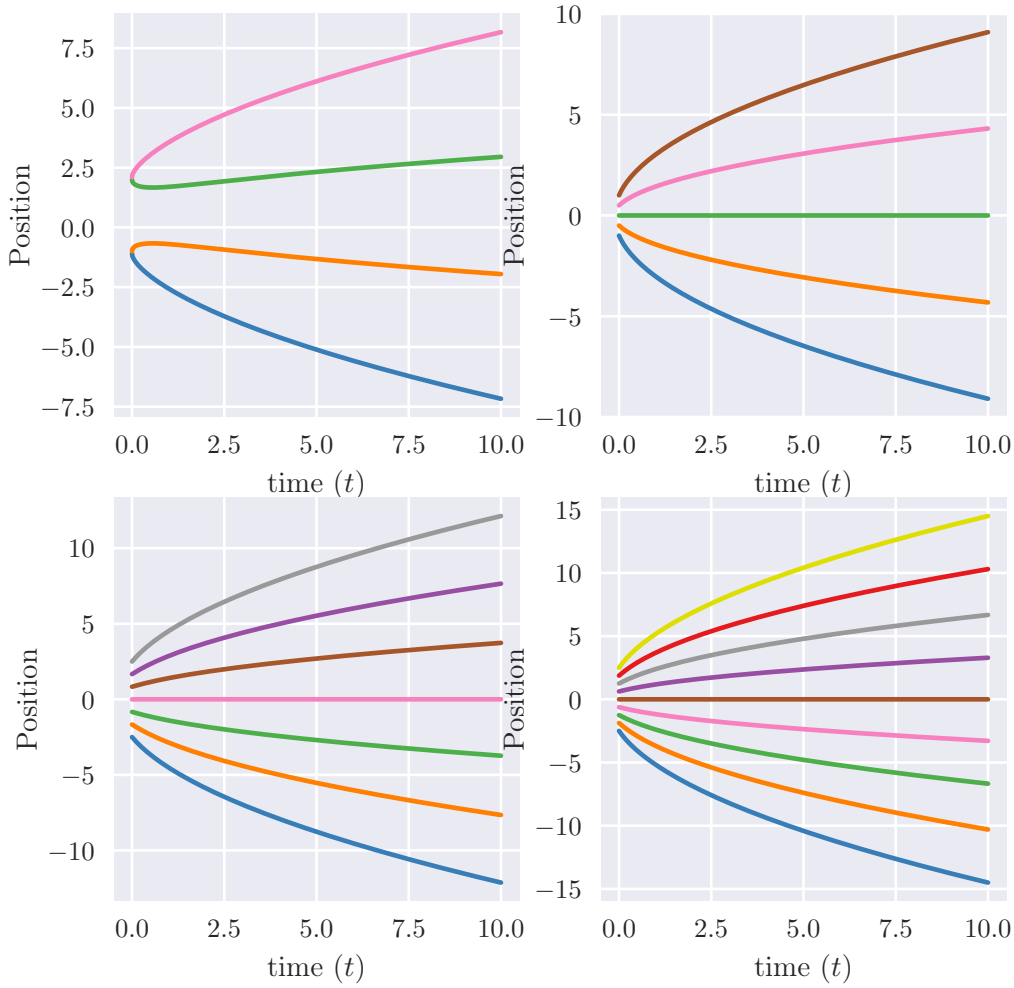
$$\sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{1+k(1+\epsilon)} > \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{1+2k} > \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{1+k}.$$

The last expression can be made arbitrarily big for  $n$  big enough. We conclude that under these conditions, for a system with enough functions, the minimal distance can be made smaller with a specific initial condition.

□

## 4.4 Path simulations

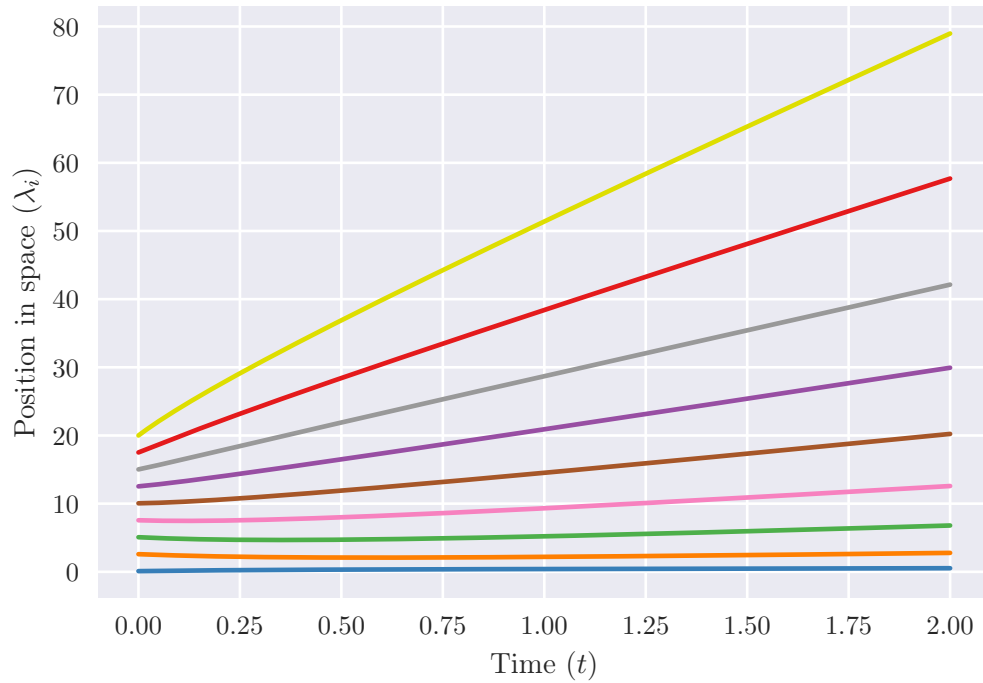
With these simulations we exemplify the dynamical behavior of the system of functions explained in the last section. In Figure 4.1 we have the analogous to Figure 2.2. The initial conditions are uniformly spaced points around zero for the last three examples. For the first example, the distance between the two points in the middle is two, while the top and bottom points are separated by 0.1 of the two in the middle. We can notice that, in concordance with Corollary 4.3.4, the bigger value actually decreases during some time until the particle spacing is more uniform and then it starts growing. For the functions with a small separation, this distance grows very quickly at the beginning, as expected by Theorem 4.3.3.



**Figure 4.1:** Simulation of four different deterministic Dyson Brownian motions with different dimension.

In the remaining three panels of Figure 4.1, we also see a behavior according to 4.3.3. Also notice that (4.1) implies that if we start with a configuration that is evenly spaced, then the points will stay evenly spaced through time, which is precisely what we can see.

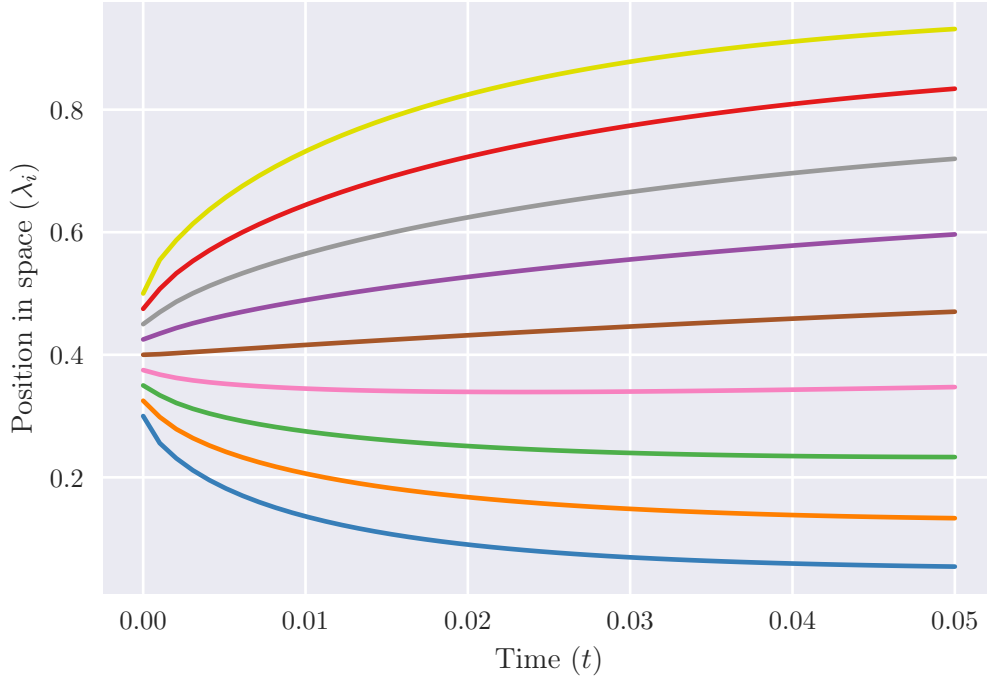
In Figure 4.2, we have the simulation analogous to 2.3 with a nine-dimensional deterministic Wishart process. Apart from observing that the total distance of the particles grows, we check that this example confirms Theorem 4.3.7, as the distance between the two paths in the bottom is minimal at some point and it continues decreasing. However, the biggest is the value of the function and the surrounding ones, the faster their spacing grows, as we can notice for the two functions in the top.



**Figure 4.2:** Simulation of the path of a deterministic Wishart process.

For the path simulations of the deterministic Jacobi process, we observe that for  $t = 0.05$  they are almost evenly spaced in  $[0, 1]$ . We would expect this deterministic process to converge to the equilibrium which would be the roots of the ninth Jacobi polynomial with parameters  $n_1 = 1, n_2 = 2$ .





**Figure 4.3:** Simulation of the path of a deterministic Jacobi process.

## 4.5 Connections with finite free probability

In this section we relate finite free probability to eigenvalue processes. To do so, we first find the expected characteristic polynomial of the random matrices. We show that in some cases they are well-known polynomials whose convolutions satisfy good properties. We start with the case of a self-adjoint Brownian matrix and then get similar results for the Wishart and Jacobi processes.

Before proceeding with the processes, let us state a lemma that will help us to find the expected characteristic polynomials by using a tridiagonal model.

**Lemma 4.5.1.** *Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  tridiagonal symmetric matrix with diagonal elements  $\{a_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  and subdiagonal elements  $\{b_j\}_{2 \leq j \leq n}$ , such that*

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_n & b_{n-1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ b_{n-1} & a_{n-1} & b_{n-2} & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & b_{n-2} & a_{n-2} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & b_1 & a_1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

*Then its characteristic polynomial  $\chi_z^n(A) = \det(zI_n - A)$  satisfies the following recursion*

$$\chi_z^n(A) = (z - a_n)\chi_z^{n-1}(A) - b_{n-1}^2\chi_z^{n-2}(A),$$

where  $\chi_z^{n-1}(A)$  represents the characteristic polynomial of the  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  lower-right block of  $A$ . Notice that, in particular, this block is also tridiagonal.

*Proof.* Let us write

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_n & b_{n-1}e_1^T \\ b_{n-1}e_1 & B \end{bmatrix},$$

with  $e_1$  the first element in the canonical base of  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ , and write  $B$  as

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} a_{n-1} & b_{n-2}e_1^{(n-2)T} \\ b_{n-2}e_1^{(n-2)} & C \end{bmatrix}.$$

The determinant of  $zI_n - A$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \det(zI_n - A) &= (zI_n - A)_{11} \det(zI_{n-1} - B) - (zI_n - A)_{12} (xI_n - A)_{21} \det(xI_n - C) \\ &= (z - a_n)\chi_z^{n-1}(A) - b_{n-1}^2\chi_z^{n-2}(A). \end{aligned}$$

□

With this lemma and the tools developed in the former chapters, we are ready to study the expected characteristic polynomial of some matrix-valued stochastic processes. In the next subsection, we start with the Dyson Brownian motion.

#### 4.5.1 Dyson Brownian motion

In Chapter 3 we saw that the tools developed by Marcus and collaborators [3, 31] allow us to express expected characteristic polynomials of sums and products of random matrices as convolutions of the original polynomials. However, we still did not see any tool useful for finding such polynomials when we can not express them in terms of another characteristic polynomial. This topic has been covered in the literature several times [32–34] but we will use the approach by Ioanna Dumitriu and Alan Edelman found in [35] because it requires to introduce less technical concepts. Once we find the expected characteristic polynomials by these means, we will relate them to Finite Free Probability Theory using the previous developed tools.

As a first step, we will make use of the invariance under orthogonal (or unitary) transformations of the GOE (or GUE) in order to find a tridiagonal model with the same matrix

distribution.

**Lemma 4.5.2.** *Let  $A_\beta$  denote an  $n \times n$  matrix from the GOE, GUE or GSE, for  $\beta = 1, 2, 4$ , respectively. Then the eigenvalues of the tridiagonal matrix  $H_\beta$  have the same joint law as the eigenvalues of  $A_\beta$ , with  $H_\beta$  defined as*

$$H_\beta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} N_1 & \xi_2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \xi_2 & N_2 & \xi_3 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \xi_3 & N_3 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \xi_n & N_n \end{bmatrix}. \quad (4.10)$$

The diagonal entries  $N_i, 0 \leq i \leq n$  are independent normal random variables with mean 0 and variance 2, while the subdiagonal entries  $\xi_i$  are independent random variables distributed as

$$\xi_i \sim \chi_{\beta(n+1-i)}.$$

Note that in this case  $\chi_\nu$  denotes the chi distribution which is the squared root of a chi-squared random variable or the absolute value of a normal random variable in the case  $\nu$  is integer.

We call  $H_\beta$  the tridiagonal  $\beta$ -Hermite ensemble.

*Proof.* Write  $A_\beta$  as

$$A_\beta = \begin{bmatrix} N_1 & \vec{x}^T \\ \vec{x} & B_\beta \end{bmatrix},$$

with  $N_1$  a normal random variable,  $\vec{x}$  an  $n-1$ -dimensional gaussian vector with independent entries in  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{H}$ , depending on  $\beta$ , and  $B_\beta$  an  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix from the GOE, GUE or GSE, respectively. All of the elements are independent from each other.

Now we take  $H$  to be any  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  orthogonal (or unitary, symplectic, according to  $\beta$ ) matrix such that  $H\vec{x}^T = \|\vec{x}\|_2 e_1$ , where  $e_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$  is the first element in the canonical basis of  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ . Then we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \vec{0}^T \\ \vec{0} & H \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} N_1 & \vec{x}^T \\ \vec{x} & B_\beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \vec{0}^T \\ \vec{0} & H^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} N_1 & \vec{x}^T \\ \|\vec{x}\|_2 e_1 & HB_\beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \vec{0}^T \\ \vec{0} & H^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} N_1 & \|x\|_2 e_1^T \\ \|x\|_2 e_1 & HB_\beta H^T \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now we can find the distribution of each of the blocks of the new matrix. The variable  $N_1$  has not changed, it is a standard normal variable. The term  $\|\vec{x}\|_2$  is the norm of a Gaussian vector of length  $n - 1$  with real (complex or quaternionic) entries, non-correlated and with variance  $1/2$ , so it is distributed like a  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\chi_{\beta(n-1)}$  random variable, where  $\beta$  indicates the number of normal variables in each entry of the matrix. Since  $B_\beta$  is a GOE (GUE, GSE), it is invariant under orthogonal (unitary, symplectic) transformations and thus  $HB_\beta H^T$  is a GOE (GUE, GSE).

The matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \vec{0}^T \\ \vec{0} & H \end{bmatrix}$  is orthogonal (unitary, symplectic), so the eigenvalue distribution of  $A_\beta$  remains unchanged under this transformation. By repeating the procedure with  $B_\beta$ , we find the tridiagonal matrix (4.10), which finishes the proof.  $\square$

Since  $H_\beta$  has the same distribution as an invariant Gaussian ensemble, the expected characteristic polynomials are the same, and we can find them using that  $H_\beta$  is tridiagonal and Lemma 4.5.1.

**Theorem 4.5.3.** *Let  $X$  be an  $n \times n$  GUE, then its expected characteristic polynomial,  $P_n(z)$  is the  $n$ th Hermite polynomial.*

*Proof.* Let  $A_2$  be a tridiagonalization of  $X$ . Due to Lemma 4.5.2 we know that the eigenvalues of  $A_2$  have the same joint distribution of those of  $X$ , so the expected characteristic polynomial must coincide. We can use Lemma 4.5.1 to find the expected characteristic polynomial of  $A$ . Let  $Q_n$  denote its characteristic polynomial, then

$$\begin{aligned} P_n(z) &= \mathbb{E} \left( \left( z - \frac{N_1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) Q_{n-1}(z) - \frac{\xi_{2(n-1)}^2}{2} Q_{n-2}(z) \right), \\ &= zP_{n-1}(z) - (n-1)P_{n-2}(z). \end{aligned}$$

So  $P_n(z)$  satisfies the recursion that determines the Hermite polynomials. We need to check the initial conditions  $P_1(z)$  and  $P_2(z)$ . For  $P_1(z)$  the condition is trivial

$$P_1(z) = \mathbb{E} \left( z - \frac{N_1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = z.$$

For  $P_2(z)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} P_2(z) &= \mathbb{E} \left( \det \begin{bmatrix} z - N_1 & \xi_2 \\ \xi_2 & z - N_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( z - \frac{N_1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 - \frac{\xi_2^2}{2} \right], \\ &= z^2 - 1. \end{aligned}$$

So  $P_1(z) = H_1(z)$  and  $P_2(z) = H_2(z)$ . Using the recursion, we can conclude that  $P_n(z) = H_n(z)$ .  $\square$

Recall that a self adjoint Brownian motion has the same law as  $\sqrt{t}$  times a Gaussian invariance ensemble. Once again, we use an equality in distribution and Lemma 4.5.1 in order to find the expected characteristic polynomial of a self adjoint Brownian motion.

**Corollary 4.5.4.** *Let  $B(t)$  be an  $n \times n$  self-adjoint complex Brownian matrix, then its expected characteristic polynomial  $P_n(z, t)$  is the  $n$ th generalized Hermite polynomial with variance  $t$ ,  $H_n(z, t)$ , i.e. the Hermite polynomials which are orthogonal with respect to a Gaussian random variable of variance  $t$ .*

*Proof.* We will prove the result by showing that  $P_n(x, t)$  satisfies the following recursion

$$P_n(z, t) = xP_{n-1}(z, t) - t(n-1)P_{n-2}(z, t),$$

with initial conditions  $P_1(z, t) = z$  and  $P_2(z, t) = z^2 - t$ .

For any given  $t$ ,  $B(t)$  has the same law as  $\sqrt{t}A_2$  with  $A_2$  a GUE. By Lemma 4.5.2, the expected characteristic polynomial is the same as that of  $\sqrt{t}H_2$  with  $H_2$  a 2-Hermite polynomial. Let  $Q_n(x, t)$  be the characteristic polynomial of  $\sqrt{t}H_2$ , applying Lemma 4.5.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} P_n(x, t) &= \mathbb{E} \left( \left( x - \sqrt{\frac{t}{2}} N_1 \right) Q_{n-1}(x, t) - \frac{t}{2} \xi_{2(n-1)}^2 Q_{n-2}(x, t) \right), \\ &= xP_{n-1}(x, t) - t(n-1)P_{n-2}(x, t). \end{aligned}$$

Now we find the first two polynomials,

$$\begin{aligned} P_1(x, t) &= \mathbb{E} \left( x - \sqrt{\frac{t}{2}} N_1 \right) = x, \\ P_2(x, t) &= \mathbb{E} \left( \det \begin{bmatrix} x - \sqrt{\frac{t}{2}} N_1 & \sqrt{\frac{t}{2}} \xi_2 \\ \sqrt{\frac{t}{2}} \xi_2 & x - \sqrt{\frac{t}{2}} N_2 \end{bmatrix} \right), \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left( \left( x - \sqrt{\frac{t}{2}} N_1 \right) \left( x - \sqrt{\frac{t}{2}} N_2 \right) - \frac{t}{2} \xi_2^2 \right), \\ &= x^2 - t. \end{aligned}$$

With this, we have found a recursion and initial conditions that are enough to uniquely determine the expected characteristic polynomial of a self-adjoint complex Brownian matrix.  $\square$

Now that we know that the expected characteristic polynomial of a self adjoint Brownian motion is a Hermite polynomial with variance  $t$ , we are ready to give a much easier proof of Proposition 3.1.2 using the tools of Finite Free Probability Theory.

*Alternate proof of Proposition 3.1.2.* Let  $H_n(z, t_1)$  and  $H_n(z, t_2)$  be the expected characteristic polynomials of two independent self-adjoints Brownian motions  $B_1 = (B_1(t), t \geq 0)$  and  $B_2 = (B_2(t), t \geq 0)$  evaluated at the times  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ , respectively. By the Lévy property of the Brownian motion, we know that  $B := B_1 + B_2$  is another self-adjoint Brownian motion, evaluated at the time  $t_1 + t_2$ . By Theorem 3.2.8, and using the invariance under unitary transformations of  $B_1, B_2$ , the convolution of the Hermite polynomials is the expected characteristic polynomial of  $B$ , and Corollary 4.5.4 allows us to conclude that this polynomial is  $H_n(z, t_1 + t_2)$ .  $\square$

The Hermite polynomials not only are the expected characteristic polynomials for our Gaussian invariant ensembles, they somehow also carry all the “non-stochastic information” of the eigenvalues in the sense that their roots satisfy (4.1). We will prove this by first showing that the Hermite polynomials are “harmonic” in some sense, i.e., they are a solution for the martingale problem of a Brownian motion in reversed time.

**Theorem 4.5.5.** *The Hermite polynomials  $H_n(z, t)$  solve the differential equation*

$$\partial_t[H_n(z, t)] + \frac{1}{2}\partial_{zz}[H_n(z, t)] = 0, \quad (4.11)$$

and the Cauchy transform  $G_{H_n}(y)$  of the empirical measure associated to its roots  $\{z_j(t)\}_{j \in [n]}$ ,

$$G_{H_n}(z, t) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{z_j(t) - z},$$

solves the viscous Burgers equation with diffusion coefficient  $-1/2$ ,

$$\partial_t[\partial G_{H_n}(z, t)] + nG_{H_n}(z, t)\partial_z[G_{H_n}(z, t)] = -\frac{1}{2}\partial_{zz}[G_{H_n}(z, t)].$$

*Proof.* Lets us write  $H_n(z, t) = H_n$ ,  $G_{H_n}(z, t) = G$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \partial_z f$  to simplify the notation.

First, we prove that  $H$  satisfies (4.11). Write  $H_n(z, t) = \exp\left\{-\frac{t\partial_z^2}{2}\right\}(z^n)$ , and

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial_t H_n &= \partial_t \exp \left\{ -\frac{t \partial_z^2}{2} \right\} (z^n) = \partial_t \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (-1)^j \frac{t^j \partial_z^{2j} (z^n)}{2^j j!}, \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (-1)^j \frac{\partial_t (t^j) \partial_z^{2j} (z^n)}{2^j j!} = \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (-1)^j \frac{j (t^{j-1}) \partial_z^{2j} (z^n)}{2^j j!}, \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (-1)^j \frac{j (t^{j-1}) \partial_z^{2j} (z^n)}{2^j j!} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (-1)^{j-1} \frac{(t^{j-1}) \partial_z^{2(j-1)} \partial_{zz} (z^n)}{2^{j-1} (j-1)!}, \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \partial_{zz} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor n/2-1 \rfloor} (-1)^k \frac{(t^k) \partial_z^{2k} (z^n)}{2^k k!} = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_{zz} H_n.
\end{aligned}$$

For the Cauchy transform part, we recall from Lemma 3.3.1 that since  $H_n$  is monic on  $z$ , then  $G = \frac{\partial_z H_n}{n H_n}$ .

Now, let us show that  $G$  satisfies (4.5.5), for this we compute  $\partial_t G$ ,  $G \partial_z G$  and  $\partial_{zz} G$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial_t G &= \frac{1}{n} \partial_t \left( \frac{\partial_z H_n}{H_n} \right) = \frac{1}{n} \frac{H_n \partial_t \partial_z H_n - \partial_z H_n \partial_t H_n}{H_n^2}, \\
\partial_z G &= \frac{1}{n} \partial_z \left( \frac{\partial_z H_n}{H_n} \right) = \frac{1}{n} \frac{H_n \partial_{zz} H_n - (\partial_z H_n)^2}{H_n^2}, \\
\partial_{zz} G &= \frac{1}{n} \partial_z \left( \frac{H_n \partial_{zz} H_n - (\partial_z H_n)^2}{H_n^2} \right), \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \frac{H_n^2 \partial_z H_n \partial_{zz} H_n + H_n^3 \partial_{zzz} H_n - 2 H_n^2 \partial_z H_n \partial_{zz} H_n}{H_n^4} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{n} \frac{2 H_n^2 \partial_z H_n \partial_{zz} H_n - 2 H_n (\partial_z H_n)^3}{H_n^4}, \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \frac{-3 H_n \partial_z H_n \partial_{zz} H_n + H_n^2 \partial_{zzz} H_n + 2 (\partial_z H_n)^3}{H_n^3}, \\
G \partial_z G &= \frac{\partial_z H_n}{n H_n} \left( \frac{H_n \partial_{zz} H_n - (\partial_z H_n)^2}{H_n^2} \right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \frac{H_n \partial_z H_n \partial_{zz} H_n - (\partial_z H_n)^3}{H_n^3}.
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we can use the above results to find

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial_t G + n G \partial_z G &= \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{H_n \partial_t \partial_z H_n - \partial_z H_n \partial_t H_n}{H_n^2} + \frac{H_n \partial_z H_n \partial_{zz} H_n - (\partial_z H_n)^3}{H_n^3} \right), \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{-\frac{1}{2} H_n^2 \partial_{zzz} H_n + \frac{1}{2} H_n \partial_z H_n \partial_{zz} H_n + H_n \partial_z H_n \partial_{zz} H_n - (\partial_z H_n)^3}{H_n^3} \right), \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{\frac{3}{2} H_n^2 \partial_z H_n \partial_{zz} H_n - \frac{1}{2} H_n^2 \partial_{zzz} H_n - (\partial_z H_n)^3}{H_n^3} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_{zz} G.
\end{aligned}$$

□

Using Theorem 4.5.5 it is easy to prove that the roots of the time dependent Hermite polynomials evolve according to (4.1).

**Corollary 4.5.6.** *The roots  $\{z_i(t)\}_{i \leq n}$  of the Hermite polynomials  $H_n(z, t)$  satisfy the deterministic Dyson's equation,*

$$dz_i = \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{dt}{z_i - z_k}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $z_i(t)$  be the roots of  $H_n(z, t)$ , this means

$$H_n(z_i(t), t) = 0, \quad \Rightarrow \partial_t[H_n(z_i(t), t)] = 0.$$

By the chain rule and the heat kind equation (4.11) in Theorem 4.5.5 we have that

$$0 = \partial_t[H_n(z_i(t), t)] = (\partial_t[z_i])\partial_z[H_n(z_i(t), t)] - \frac{1}{2}\partial_{zz}[H_n(z_i(t), t)],$$

using the Leibniz rule

$$\frac{d}{dt}z_i(t) = \frac{\partial_{zz}[H_n(z_i(t), t)]}{2\partial_z[H_n(z_i(t), t)]} = \frac{2\sum_{k \neq i} \prod_{j \neq i, j \neq k} (z_i - z_j)}{2\prod_{j \neq i} (z_i - z_j)} = \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{1}{z_i - z_k}.$$

□

As a final part for this subsection, let us prove that if you have an arbitrary (real valued) initial condition for a self adjoint Brownian motion, then its expected characteristic polynomial will also satisfy (4.11). Notice that as a consequence, this means that its roots will move according to (4.1).

**Theorem 4.5.7.** *Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  fixed self-adjoint matrix and  $W$  an  $n \times n$  self-adjoint Brownian matrix, then  $q_A(z, t)$  defined as*

$$q_A(z, t) := \mathbb{E}[\chi_z(A + W)],$$

*satisfies the following differential equation*

$$\partial_t[q_A(z, t)] + \frac{1}{2}\partial_{zz}[q_A(z, t)] = 0.$$



*Proof.* Let  $p(z) = \mathbb{E}[\chi_z(A)]$  and  $r(z, t) = \mathbb{E}[\chi_z(W)]$ . Corollary 4.5.4 tells us that  $r(z, t)$  is the  $n$ th Hermite polynomial  $H_n(z, t)$ . Write these polynomials as

$$p(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j,$$

$$H_d(z, t) = \sum_{j=0}^n b_j t^{j/2} z^{d-j}.$$

Notice that if  $n$  is odd all of the  $b_j$  are zero for even  $j$  and if  $n$  is even, all of the  $b_j$  are zero for odd  $j$ . Further, using the explicit expression for the coefficients we have the following recursion for  $b_j$

$$b_j = \frac{n!(-1)^{j/2}}{2^{j/2}(j/2)!(n-j)!}, \quad (4.12)$$

$$b_{j-2} = \frac{n!(-1)^{\frac{j-2}{2}}}{2^{\frac{j-2}{2}} \left(\frac{j-2}{2}\right)!(n-j+2)!}, \quad (4.13)$$

$$\Rightarrow b_j = \frac{n!(-1)^{\frac{j-2}{2}}}{2^{\frac{j-2}{2}} \left(\frac{j-2}{2}\right)!(n-j+2)!} \frac{(-1)(n-j+2)(n-j+1)}{j}, \quad (4.14)$$

$$= b_{j-2} \frac{(-1)(n-j+2)(n-j+1)}{j}. \quad (4.15)$$

Using the invariance of  $W$  under unitary transforms and Theorem 3.2.8 we have that  $q_A(z, t) = H_n(z, t) \boxplus_n p(z)$ . By definition,

$$q_A(z, t) = H_n(z, t) \boxplus_n p(z) := \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{i=0}^k c_{k,i,n} b_i a_{k-i} t^{i/2},$$

with  $c_{k,i,n} = \frac{(n-i)!(n-k+i)!}{n!(n-k)!}$ .

We compute first  $\partial_{zz}[q_A(z, t)]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial_{zz}[q_A(z, t)] &= \partial_{zz} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(n-i)!(n-k+i)!}{n!(n-k)!} b_i a_{k-i} t^{i/2} \right], \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (n-k)(n-k-1) z^{n-k-2} (-1)^k \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(n-i)!(n-k+i)!}{n!(n-k)!} b_i a_{k-i} t^{i/2}, \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} z^{n-k-2} (-1)^k \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(n-i)!(n-k+i)!}{n!(n-k-2)!} b_i a_{k-i} t^{i/2}, \\
&= \sum_{k=2}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{i=0}^{k-2} \frac{(n-i)!(n-(k-2)+i)!}{n!(n-(k-2)-2)!} b_i a_{k-2-i} t^{i/2}, \\
&= \sum_{k=2}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{i=0}^{k-2} \frac{(n-i)!(n-k+i+2)!}{n!(n-k)!} b_i a_{k-2-i} t^{i/2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now the derivative with respect to  $t$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial_t[q_A(z, t)] &= \partial_t \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{i=0}^k c_{k,i,n} b_i a_{k-i} t^{i/2} \right], \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(n-i)!(n-k+i)!}{n!(n-k)!} b_i a_{k-i} \frac{i}{2} t^{\frac{i-2}{2}}, \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} \frac{(n-j-2)!(n-k+j+2)!}{n!(n-k)!} b_{j+2} a_{k-j-2} \left( \frac{j+2}{2} \right) t^{j/2}, \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} \frac{(n-j)!(n-k+j+2)!}{n!(n-k)!} b_j a_{k-j-2} \frac{(j+2)t^{j/2}}{2},
\end{aligned}$$

using (4.15) for  $b_{j+2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} \frac{(n-j)!(n-k+j+2)!}{n!(n-k)!} b_j a_{k-j-2} t^{j/2}, \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=2}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} \frac{(n-j)!(n-k+j+2)!}{n!(n-k)!} b_j a_{k-j-2} t^{j/2} = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_{zz} q_A(z, t).
\end{aligned}$$

□

We conclude with this theorem that no matter the initial condition of the self-adjoint Brownian motion, the roots of its expected characteristic polynomial will move according to the deterministic Dyson equation. In the next subsection we get similar results for the Wishart process.

### 4.5.2 Wishart process

Similarly to the Brownian motion case, we will first construct a tridiagonal model that will help us to get the expected characteristic polynomial.

**Lemma 4.5.8.** *Let  $W_\beta$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix from the  $\beta$ -Wishart ensemble ( $\beta \in \{1, 2, 4\}$ ). The eigenvalues of  $W_\beta$  have the same joint law as those of the tridiagonal matrix  $L_\beta = B_\beta^T B_\beta$  with  $B_\beta$  is an  $m \times n$  bidiagonal matrix defined as*

$$B_\beta = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{n\beta} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \xi_{\beta(m-1)} & \xi_{n\beta-\beta} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \xi_\beta & \xi_{n\beta-\beta(m-1)} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (4.16)$$

The variables  $\xi_j$  being independent random variables with distribution  $\xi_j \sim \chi_j$ . We call  $L_\beta$  the tridiagonal  $\beta$ -Laguerre ensemble.

*Proof.* Take  $G$  to be an  $m \times n$  matrix with independent standard  $\beta$ -Gaussian random variables as entries (real if  $\beta = 1$ , complex if  $\beta = 2$  and quaternions if  $\beta = 4$ ). Write  $G$  as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{x}^T \\ G_1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We have that  $\vec{x}$  is a vector distributed as a multivariate  $\beta$ -normal variable with mean  $\vec{0}$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma = I$ , while  $G_1$  is an  $(m-1) \times n$  matrix of independent standard  $\beta$ -Gaussian random variables.

Take  $R$  to be a “right reflector” corresponding to  $\vec{x}$  independent of  $G_1$ , which means  $\vec{x}^T R = \|\vec{x}\|_2 e_1$ . Due to being a reflector,  $R$  is orthogonal (unitary, symplectic) and this means that  $G_1 R$  is an  $(m-1) \times n$  matrix with independent standard  $\beta$ -Gaussian matrices as entries.

Now take  $G_1 R = [\vec{y}, G_2]$  with  $\vec{y}$  being a  $\beta$ -Gaussian vector with mean  $\vec{0}$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma = I$ . Then  $G_2$  is an  $(m-1) \times (n_1)$  matrix of independent standard  $\beta$ -Gaussian random variables. Let  $L$  be a left reflector corresponding to  $\vec{y}$  ( $Ly = \|\vec{y}\|_2 e_1$ ) independent of  $G_2$ . Again by the orthogonality (unitarity, symplecticity) of  $L$ ,  $LG_2$  is still an  $(m-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix of independent standard  $\beta$ -Gaussian random variables. This means that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & L \end{bmatrix} GR = \begin{bmatrix} \|\vec{x}\|_2 & 0 \\ \|\vec{y}\|_2 e_1 & LG_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We proceed with this procedure now for  $LG_2$ . The product by an orthogonal (unitary, symplectic) matrix does not affect the singular values of a matrix, so the singular values of the

bidiagonal matrix  $B_\beta$  and the original matrix  $G$  are the same. The eigenvalues of  $W = GG^T$  are the squares of the singular values of  $G$  and the same happens with the eigenvalues of  $L_\beta = B_\beta B_\beta^T$  which is a tridiagonal matrix.

The distribution of the entries follows from the definition of the complex and symplectic normal distributions as sums of real normal random variables.  $\square$

Another use of Lemma 4.5.1 together with the last Lemma help us to prove that the Laguerre polynomials are the expected characteristic polynomials of the Wishart ensemble.

**Theorem 4.5.9.** *Let  $R$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $R_{ij}$  be independent Gaussian random variables with mean 0 and variance 1, then*

$$E [\chi_x (R^T R)] = L_n(z),$$

where  $L_n(x) = (1 - \partial_z)^n [z^n]$  is the  $n$ th standard Laguerre polynomial.

*Proof.* We use the tridiagonal model defined before together with Lemma 4.5.1. Let  $P_n(z)$  be the characteristic polynomial of  $L_\beta$  with  $L_\beta$  being a tridiagonal  $\beta$ -Laguerre ensemble, then

$$P_n(z) = (z - (L_\beta)_{11})P_{n-1}(z) - (L_\beta)_{12}^2 P_{n-2}(z).$$

The corresponding entries are

$$(L_\beta)_{11} = \xi_{n\beta}^2 + \xi_{\beta(m-1)}^2, \quad (L_\beta)_{12} = \xi_{\beta(n-1)} \xi_{\beta(m-1)},$$

with this the expected characteristic polynomial satisfies the recursion

$$\mathbb{E} [P_n(z)] = \mathbb{E} \left[ (z - \xi_{n\beta}^2 - \xi_{\beta(m-1)}^2) P_{n-1}(z) - \xi_{\beta(n-1)}^2 \xi_{\beta(m-1)}^2 P_{n-2}(z) \right], \quad (4.17)$$

$$= (z - \beta(n - m + 1)) \mathbb{E} [P_{n-1}(z)] - \beta^2(n - 1)(m - 1) \mathbb{E} [P_{n-2}(z)]. \quad (4.18)$$

Which is satisfied by the Laguerre polynomials. By finding the cases  $n = 1$  and  $n = 2$ , then using a recursive argument, we finish the proof.

The case  $n = 1$  is trivial because in this case  $G$  is an univariate Gaussian random variable, so  $G^T G = G^2$  is a chi-squared random variable and  $P_1(z) = z - 1$ . For the case  $n = 2$  we have

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$$\begin{aligned}
P_2(z) &= \det[zI - G^T G] = \det \begin{bmatrix} z - g_1^2 - g_2^2 & -g_1 g_3 - g_2 g_4 \\ -g_1 g_3 - g_2 g_4 & z - g_3^2 - g_4^2 \end{bmatrix}, \\
&= z^2 - z(g_1^2 + g_2^2 + g_3^2 + g_4^2) + g_1^2 g_3^2 + g_2^2 g_4^2 - 2g_1 g_2 g_3 g_4.
\end{aligned}$$

Taking expectation leads to  $P_z(z) = z^2 - 4z + 2$ . The rest of the polynomials are found using recursion (4.17).  $\square$

The dynamical case can be found using the static case and the fact that a Wishart matrix has the same law as  $tG^T G$ , for  $G$  a matrix of independent standard normal variables.

**Theorem 4.5.10.** *Let  $B$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $B_{ij}$  be independent standard Brownian motions, then*

$$E[\chi_z(B^T B)] = L_n(z, t),$$

where  $L_n(z, t) = (1 - t\partial_z)^n z^n$  is the  $n$ th Laguerre polynomial with variance  $t$ .

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix of independent standard Gaussian random variables, so  $B \stackrel{d}{=} \sqrt{t}G$  and this means  $B^T B \stackrel{d}{=} tG^T G$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[\det[zI - B^T B]] &= \mathbb{E}[\det[zI - tG^T G]] = t^n \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{z}{t}I - G^T G\right], \\
&= t^n \left(1 - \frac{d}{d(z/t)}\right)^n \left[\frac{z^n}{t}\right] = t^n \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \left(\frac{z}{t}\right)^{n-k}, \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^n (-t)^k \binom{n}{k} \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} z^{n-k} = \left(1 - t \frac{d}{dz}\right)^n [z^n].
\end{aligned}$$

$\square$

As defined before, the time dependant Laguerre polynomials are generated by the operator  $(1 - t\partial_z)^n [z^n]$ . On the other hand, the Finite Free Poisson distribution is represented by the roots of the polynomial  $(1 - \frac{1}{n}\partial_z)^n [z^n]$ , this is the expected characteristic polynomial of a Wishart process rescales by  $1/n$  and evaluated at time  $t = 1$ . It turns out that we can find a heat kind equation for every polynomial satisfying  $p(z, t) = (1 - ct\partial_z)^n [z^n]$  with  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Every such equation would imply a unique dynamics for the polynomial roots which is basically a rescaling of the space-time relationship.

**Theorem 4.5.11.** *Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $P(t, z) := (1 - ct\partial_z)^n [z^n]$ , with  $t \geq 0, z \in \mathbb{C}$ , then  $P(t, z)$  satisfies the following differential equation*

$$c\partial_z P(t, z) + cz\partial_{zz} P(t, z) + \partial_t P(t, z) = 0.$$

*Proof.* By definition of  $P(t, z)$ ,

$$P(t, z) = (1 - ct\partial_z)^n [z^n] = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-ct)^k \partial_z^k [z^n] = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-ct)^k \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} z^{n-k}.$$

Now we find the derivatives

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_z [P(t, z)] &= \partial_z \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{(-ct)^k n!}{(n-k)!} z^{n-k} \right] = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} \frac{(-ct)^k n!}{(n-k-1)!} z^{n-k-1}, \\ \partial_{zz} [P(t, z)] &= \partial_z \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} \frac{(-ct)^k n!}{(n-k-1)!} z^{n-k-1} \right] = \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} \binom{n}{k} \frac{(-ct)^k n!}{(n-k-2)!} z^{n-k-2}, \\ \partial_t [P(t, z)] &= \partial_t \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{(-ct)^k n!}{(n-k)!} z^{n-k} \right] = \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} k \frac{(-c)^k t^{k-1} n!}{(n-k)!} z^{n-k}, \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k+1} (k+1) (-c)^{k+1} t^k \frac{n!}{(n-k-1)!} z^{n-k-1}. \end{aligned}$$

For the sum we can separate the last terms with index  $n-1$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} (c\partial_z + cz\partial_{zz} + \partial_t) [P] &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} \left[ c \binom{n}{k} (-ct)^k \frac{n!}{(n-k-1)!} z^{n-k-1} \right. \\ &\quad + cz \binom{n}{k} (-ct)^k \frac{n!}{(n-k-2)!} z^{n-k-2} \\ &\quad + \left. \binom{n}{k+1} (k+1) (-c)^{k+1} t^k \frac{n!}{(n-k-1)!} z^{n-k-1} \right] \\ &\quad + cn(-ct)^{n-1} n! + n(-c)^n t^{n-1} n!, \end{aligned}$$

reagruping the terms we find

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} \binom{n}{k} (-ct)^k n! \left( \frac{(n-k-1)cz^{n-k-1} - c(n-k-1)z^{n-k-1}}{(n-k-1)!} \right), \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} \binom{n}{k} \frac{c^{k+1} (-t)^k n! z^{n-k-1}}{(n-k-1)!} (1 + n - k - 1 - n + k) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

□

Now, analogously to the Hermite polynomials and the Dyson Brownian motion, we prove the dynamical behavior for the roots of the polynomial defined by  $(1 - ct\partial_z)^n[z^n]$ . In this case, the dynamics will depend on the constant  $c$ . For a negative  $c$ , the time will be reversed and in general for a bigger  $c$  the movement will be faster.

**Theorem 4.5.12.** *Let  $P(t, z)$  be a monic polynomial with degree  $n$  satisfying the equation*

$$c\partial_z[P(t, z)] + cz\partial_{zz}[P(t, z)] + \partial_t[P(t, z)] = 0.$$

*Then its roots  $(z_i(t))_{i=1}^n$  satisfy the equation of motion*

$$dz_i = c \left( \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{z_i + z_k}{z_i - z_k} + n \right) dt.$$

*Proof.* Let  $z_i(t)$  be such that  $P(t, z_i(t)) = 0$  for every  $t$ , this means in particular that  $\partial_z P(t, z_i(t)) = 0$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \partial_t[P(t, z_i(t))] = \partial_t[z_i(t)]\partial_z[P(t, z)]|_{z=z_i} + \partial_t[P(t, z)]|_{z=z_i}, \\ &= \partial_t[z_i(t)]\partial_z[P(t, z)]|_{z=z_i} - [c\partial_z[P(t, z)] - cz\partial_{zz}[P(t, z)]]|_{z=z_i}, \end{aligned}$$

now we use that  $P(t, z)$  is monic and the Leibnitz rule to get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}z_i(t) &= c \left[ \frac{\partial_z[P(t, z)] + z\partial_{zz}[P(t, z)]}{\partial_z[P(t, z)]} \right]_{z=z_i} = c \left[ 1 + \frac{2z_i \sum_{k \neq i} \prod_{j \neq i, j \neq k} (z_i - z_j)}{\prod_{j \neq i} (z_i - z_j)} \right], \\ &= c \left[ 1 + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{2z_i}{z_i - z_k} \right], \\ &= c \left[ 1 + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{2z_i}{z_i - z_k} - \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{z_i - z_k}{z_i - z_k} + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{z_i - z_k}{z_i - z_k} \right], \\ &= c \left[ 1 + \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{2z_i - z_i + z_k}{z_i - z_k} + n - 1 \right] = c \left[ \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{z_i + z_k}{z_i - z_k} + n \right]. \end{aligned}$$

□

In total analogy to Proposition 3.1.2, we have a similar result for the Laguerre polynomials using asymmetric additive convolution.

**Proposition 4.5.13.** *Let  $L_n(z, t_1) = (1 - ct_1\partial_z)^n[z^n]$  and  $L_n(z, t_2) = (1 - ct_2\partial_z)^n[z^n]$  be two Laguerre polynomials of degree  $n$ , then their asymmetric additive convolution  $L_n(z, t_1) \boxplus L_n(z, t_2)$  is a Laguerre polynomial of degree  $n$  with variance  $t_1 + t_2$ ,  $L_n(z, t_1 + t_2)$ .*

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_n(z, t_1) \boxplus L_n(z, t_2) &= \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{j=0}^k \left( \frac{(n-j)!(n-k+j)!}{n!(n-k)!} \right)^2 \binom{n}{j} \frac{(ct_1)^j n!}{(n-j)!} \binom{n}{k-j} \frac{(ct_1)^{k-j} n!}{(n-k+j)!} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{j=0}^k \frac{((n-j)!)^2 ((n-k+j)!)^2 (n!)^4 (ct_1)^j (ct_2)^{k-j}}{(n!)^2 ((n-k)!)^2 j! (k-j)! ((n-j)!)^2 ((n-k+j)!)^2}, \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{(-1)^k z^{n-k} n!}{(n-k)!} \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} (ct_1)^j (ct_2)^{k-j}, \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{(-1)^k z^{n-k} n!}{(n-k)!} [c(t_1 + t_2)]^k = L_n(z, t_1 + t_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Finally, just like in the Dyson Brownian motion case, we state a Theorem that allows us to conclude that, no matter the initial position of the roots, if convoluted with a Laguerre polynomial, they will always move according to the deterministic Wishart process.

**Theorem 4.5.14.** *Let  $L_n(z, t)$  be a Laguerre polynomial of order  $n$  with variance  $t$  and let  $p(z)$  be any monic polynomial. Then the asymmetric additive convolution of  $L_n(z, t)$  and  $p(z)$ ,  $L_n(z, t) \boxplus p(z)$  satisfies the following differential equation*

$$c\partial_z[L_n(z, t) \boxplus p(z)] + cz\partial_{zz}[L_n(z, t) \boxplus p(z)] + \partial_t[L_n(z, t) \boxplus p(z)] = 0.$$

*Proof.* We find the derivatives first

$$\begin{aligned}
 \partial_z[L_n(z, t) \boxplus p(z)] &= \partial_z \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{j=0}^k \left( \frac{(n-j)!(n-k+j)!}{n!(n-k)!} \right)^2 \binom{n}{j} \frac{(ct_1)^j n!}{(n-j)!} b_{k-j} \right], \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (n-k) z^{n-k-1} (-1)^k \sum_{j=0}^k \left( \frac{(n-j)!(n-k+j)!}{n!(n-k)!} \right)^2 \binom{n}{j} \frac{(ct_1)^j n!}{(n-j)!} b_{k-j},
 \end{aligned}$$

we use the first derivative to find the second one

$$\begin{aligned}
 \partial_{zz}[L_n(z, t) \boxplus p(z)] &= \partial_{zz} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{j=0}^k \left( \frac{(n-j)!(n-k+j)!}{n!(n-k)!} \right)^2 \binom{n}{j} \frac{(ct_1)^j n!}{(n-j)!} b_{k-j} \right], \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (n-k)(n-k-1) z^{n-k-2} (-1)^k \sum_{j=0}^k \left( \frac{(n-j)!(n-k+j)!}{n!(n-k)!} \right)^2 \binom{n}{j} \frac{(ct_1)^j n!}{(n-j)!} b_{k-j},
 \end{aligned}$$



finally, for the derivative in time

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial_t[L_n(z, t) \boxplus p(z)] &= \partial_t \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{j=0}^k \left( \frac{(n-j)!(n-k+j)!}{n!(n-k)!} \right)^2 \binom{n}{j} \frac{(ct_1)^j n!}{(n-j)!} b_{k-j} \right], \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{j=1}^k \left( \frac{(n-j)!(n-k+j)!}{n!(n-k)!} \right)^2 \binom{n}{j} \frac{c^j j t_1^{j-1} n!}{(n-j)!} b_{k-j}, \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \left( \frac{(n-j-1)!(n-k+j+1)!}{n!(n-k)!} \right)^2 \binom{n}{j+1} \frac{c^{j+1} (j+1) t_1^j n!}{(n-j-1)!} b_{k-j-1},
\end{aligned}$$

with a shift in the coefficients we can have the same index as in the two other derivatives

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} z^{n-k-1} (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{j=0}^k \left( \frac{(n-j-1)!(n-k+j)!}{n!(n-k-1)!} \right)^2 \binom{n}{j+1} \frac{c^{j+1} (j+1) t_1^j n!}{(n-j-1)!} b_{k-j}, \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (n-k)^2 z^{n-k-1} (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{j=0}^k \left( \frac{(n-j)!(n-k+j)!}{n!(n-k)!} \right)^2 \binom{n}{j} \frac{c^{j+1} t_1^j n!}{(n-j)!} b_{k-j},
\end{aligned}$$

Now we can sum all over the same set of indexes up to  $n-2$  and sum the two terms with index  $n-1$  outside

$$\begin{aligned}
&(c\partial_z + cz\partial_{zz} + \partial_t)[L_n(z, t) \boxplus p(z)] \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} z^{n-k-1} (-1)^k \sum_{j=0}^k \left( \frac{(n-j)!(n-k+j)!}{n!(n-k-1)!} \right)^2 \binom{n}{j} \frac{c^{j+1} t_1^j n!}{(n-j)!} b_{k-j} \left( (n-k)^2 - (n-k-1)^2 \right) \\
&\quad + (-1)^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left( \frac{(j+1)!}{n!} \right)^2 \binom{n}{j} \frac{c^{j+1} t_1^j n!}{(n-j)!} b_{n-j+1} \\
&\quad + (-1)^n \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left( \frac{(j+1)!}{n!} \right)^2 \binom{n}{j} \frac{c^{j+1} t_1^j n!}{(n-j)!} b_{n-j+1} = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

□

All the results in this section were analogous to the Hermite polynomials relationship to the Dyson Brownian motion. As we will see in the next section, the results are not as easy to generalize for the matrix Jacobi process. Thus we will need to make a more extensive use of Finite Free Probability Theory.

### 4.5.3 Jacobi process

For the last process we study in this thesis, we will use a slightly different approach. Although some useful matrix models have been proposed for the Jacobi ensemble [36, 37], we will make use of the definition of the Jacobi matrix in terms of Wishart matrices and what we already know about the Laguerre relationship to Wishart. As we will see, the Jacobi process is stationary, which makes it impossible to define something as the “dynamical Jacobi polynomials” (at least as we did with Hermite and Laguerre), however, it is possible to recover the deterministic dynamics when we have an initial law that does not make the process stationary.

Before proceeding with the proper Jacobi process, let us find the expected characteristic polynomial of a static Jacobi matrix. This process is more challenging than the two previous processes, but the static case is greatly simplified by using the tools of Finite Free Probability theory.

Recall from Chapter 2 that there are essentially two definitions for the Jacobi matrix, one coming from the Multivariate Analysis of Variance and other coming from the upper left corner of a Haar unitary Brownian matrix. For the static case, We work with the MANOVA case.

**Theorem 4.5.15.** *Let  $A, B$  be two  $n \times n$  random matrices with i.i.d. standard Gaussian entries. Define the matrix  $M$  as*

$$M := (A^T A + B^T B)^{-1} A^T A,$$

*then the expected characteristic polynomial of  $M$ ,  $\chi_z(M)$  is the  $n$ th Legendre polynomial,*

$$\chi_z(M) = \frac{n!n!}{(2n)!} \sum_{k=0}^n z^k (-1)^{n-k} \binom{n}{k} \binom{n+k}{k}.$$

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*Proof.* Denote  $p_M(z) := \chi_z(M)$ . To obtain  $p_M(z)$ , we can first find that of its inverse,  $p_{M^{-1}}(z)$ . We have

$$M^{-1} = (A^T A)^{-1} (A^T A + B^T B) = I + (A^T A)^{-1} B^T B.$$

Under the assumptions that  $I$  and  $(A^T A)^{-1} B^T B$  are normal and that  $(A^T A)^{-1} B^T B$  is invariant under conjugation by an orthogonal matrix, it holds that

$$p_{M^{-1}}(z) = p_I(z) \boxplus_n p_{(A^T A)^{-1} B^T B}(z).$$

Furthermore, under the assumption that  $(A^T A)^{-1}$  and  $B^T B$  are normal and invariant under conjugation by orthogonal matrices, it holds that

$$p_{(A^T A)^{-1} B^T B}(z) = p_{(A^T A)^{-1}} \boxtimes p_{B^T B}(z).$$

We also know that  $p_{B^T B}(z) = L_n(z)$  and  $p_{(A^T A)^{-1}}(z) = \frac{z^n}{L_n(0)} L_n(1/z)$ . With this, we can find  $p_{M^{-1}}(z)$ , by noticing that  $L_n(0) = (-1)^n n!$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p_{(A^T A)^{-1} B^T B}(z) &= p_{(A^T A)^{-1}} \boxtimes_n p_{B^T B}(z) = \left( \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} z^n p_{A^T A}(1/z) \boxtimes p_{B^T B}(z) \right), \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \frac{a_k b_k}{\binom{n}{k}}, \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \frac{\binom{n}{k} \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \binom{n}{k} (-1)^{n-2k} \frac{n!}{k!}}{\binom{n}{k}}, \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} (-1)^{n-2k} \frac{n!}{k!}, \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \binom{n}{k}^2 (-1)^{2n-2k}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we calculate  $p_{M^{-1}}(z)$ , remembering that  $p_I(z) = (z-1)^n$

$$\begin{aligned} p_I \boxplus_n p_{(A^T A)^{-1} B^T B} &= \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^k \sum_{j=0}^k \frac{(n-j)!(n-k+j)!}{n!(n-k)!} \binom{n}{j} \binom{n}{k-j}^2 (-1)^{2n-2(k-j)}, \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^{2n-k} \binom{n}{k} \sum_{j=0}^k \frac{n!n!k!}{j!(k-j)!(k-j)!(n-k+j)!}, \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^{2n-k} \binom{n}{k} \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{n}{k-j} \binom{k}{j}, \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n z^{n-k} (-1)^{2n-k} \binom{n}{k} \binom{n+k}{k}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we use  $p_M(z) = \frac{z^n}{p_{M^{-1}}(0)} p_{M^{-1}}(1/z)$  to obtain

$$p_M(z) = \frac{n!n!z^n}{(2n)!} \sum_{k=0}^n z^{k-n} (-1)^{n-k} n! \binom{n}{k} \binom{n+k}{k} = \frac{n!n!}{(2n)!} \sum_{k=0}^n z^k (-1)^{n-k} n! \binom{n}{k} \binom{n+k}{k}.$$

This corresponds to the  $n$ -th Legendre polynomial evaluated at  $1-2z$ , which is precisely

the desired expected characteristic polynomial.  $\square$

Now we will approach the dynamical version. Let  $N_1, N_2$  be two  $n \times n$  random matrices with i.i.d standard Gaussian entries and  $B_1, B_2$  be two independent Brownian motions in  $\mathcal{M}_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$ . Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} (B_1^T B_1 + B_2^T B_2)^{-1} B_1^T B_1 &\stackrel{d}{=} (tN_1^T N_1 + tN_2^T N_2)^{-1} tN_1^T N_1 = (N_1^T N_1 + N_2^T N_2)^{-1} N_1^T N_1, \\ (B_1^T B_1 + B_2^T B_2)^{-1/2} B_1^T B_1 (B_1^T B_1 + B_2^T B_2)^{-1/2} \\ &\stackrel{d}{=} (tN_1^T N_1 + tN_2^T N_2)^{-1/2} tN_1^T N_1 (tN_1^T N_1 + tN_2^T N_2)^{-1/2}, \\ &= (N_1^T N_1 + N_2^T N_2)^{-1/2} N_1^T N_1 (N_1^T N_1 + N_2^T N_2)^{-1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, in both definitions of the Jacobi matrix, if we substitute the Gaussian random variables with Brownian motions, we get the same distribution. This means that the matrix Jacobi process is stationary with the law of the zeroes of the associated Jacobi polynomial. Then the expected characteristic polynomial does not depend on  $t$  and we can not formulate something as the time dependent Jacobi polynomials or Jacobi polynomials with variance. We will see, however, that if we start the process with another distribution, we can recover the deterministic Jacobi dynamics. All of the following content is taken from [21], where the author manages to generalize the results we got in the previous subsections together with the Jacobi case. We will work with the Jacobi matrix definition in [22] where the Jacobi process can be expressed by the following matrix

$$W = (M_1^T M_1 + M_2^T M_2)^{-1} M_1^T M_1 (M_1^T M_1 + M_2^T M_2)^{-1},$$

where  $M_1, M_2$  are independent Gaussian matrices with dimensions  $n_1 \times k$  and  $n_2 \times k$ , respectively. We can write  $W_i = M_i^T M_i$  and  $\Delta = \det[(W_1 + W_2)^{-1}]$  for a shorter notation. Now to compute the characteristic polynomial we have,

$$\begin{aligned} p_W(z) &= \det \left[ zI - (W_1 + W_2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} W_1 (W_1 + W_2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right], \\ &= \Delta \det \left[ z(W_1 + W_2) - (W_1 + W_2)^{\frac{1}{2}} W_1 (W_1 + W_2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right], \\ &= \Delta \det \left[ z(W_1 + W_2)(W_1 + W_2)^{\frac{1}{2}} (W_1 + W_2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - (W_1 + W_2)^{\frac{1}{2}} W_1 (W_1 + W_2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right], \\ &= \Delta \det \left[ (W_1 + W_2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] \det [z(W_1 + W_2) - W_1] \det \left[ (W_1 + W_2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right], \\ &= \Delta \det [(z - 1)W_1 + zW_2]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus finding the expected characteristic polynomial (up to a normalization constant) can

be done without the need to use the inverse of  $W_1 + W_2$ .

Replicating the procedure in [21], we will first replicate the former results of the static Wishart and Jacobi matrices with an operator that generalized characteristic polynomials, then we will show that the Wishart process can be built in the base of this operator by adding a time parameter. Finally, we will extend this same procedure to the Jacobi process. In the process of building these generalizations we will make extensive use of Finite Free Probability Theory.

**Definition 4.5.1** (Generalized characteristic polynomial). Let  $A, B$  be two random independent Gaussian matrices in  $\mathcal{M}_{n_1, k}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{n_2, k}(\mathbb{R})$  respectively. We define the generalized characteristic polynomial  $p_{A,B}(x, y, z)$  as

$$p_{A,B}(x, y, z) := \det [xI + yA^T A + zB^T B] .$$

Similarly, we define the reciprocal generalized reciprocal polynomial as  $q_{A,B}(x, y, z) := y^{n_1} z^{n_2} P_{A,B}(x, y, z)$ .

Notice that this generalizes the characteristic polynomial of the (static and dynamical) Wishart and the static Jacobi cases.

Similarly to the univariate cases (Theorem 3.1.1), we have a multiplicative Theorem in terms of the operators that generate the new multivariate polynomials.

**Theorem 4.5.16.** *Let  $F$  and  $G$  be two-variable polynomials and  $A, B \in \mathcal{M}_{k, n_1}, C, D \in \mathcal{M}_{k, n_2}$  such that  $C$  and  $D$  are invariant under product by signed permutation matrices. Suppose that*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [q_{A,B}(x, y, z)] &= F(\partial_x \partial_y, \partial_x \partial_z) [x^k y^{n_1} z^{n_2}], \\ \mathbb{E} [q_{C,D}(x, y, z)] &= G(\partial_x \partial_y, \partial_x \partial_z) [x^k y^{n_1} z^{n_2}]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } \mathbb{E} [q_{A+C, B+D}(x, y, z)] = F(\partial_x \partial_y, \partial_x \partial_z) G(\partial_x \partial_y, \partial_x \partial_z) [x^k y^{n_1} z^{n_2}]$$

*Proof.* If  $F', G'$  are the linear differential operators (multivariate polynomials on  $\partial_x \partial_y, \partial_x \partial_z$ ) generating  $p_{A,B}$  and  $p_{C,D}$  and they satisfy the former multiplicative property, then it can be extended to  $F, G$  by linearity. Thus we prove for  $F', G'$ .

By definition, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [p_{A,B}(x, y, z)] &= \mathbb{E} [\det [xI + yA^T A + zB^T B]] = \mathbb{E} [\chi_x(-yA^T A - zB^T B)] , \\ \mathbb{E} [p_{C,D}(x, y, z)] &= \mathbb{E} [\det [xI + yC^T C + zD^T D]] = \mathbb{E} [\chi_x(-yC^T C - zD^T D)] . \end{aligned}$$

Notice that by Theorem 3.2.8 we have that

$$\mathbb{E} [p_{A+C, B+D}(x, y, z)] = \mathbb{E} [\chi_x(-yA^T A - zB^T B)] \boxplus_n \mathbb{E} [\chi_x(-yC^T C - zD^T D)].$$

Applying Theorem 3.1.1 we get to the desired result by considering the derivatives in  $y, z$  as constant coefficients when evaluating in  $x$ .  $\square$

With the next Theorem we get a limit for the products of differential operators, similarly to what we did in Chapter 3 when proving the finite free limit theorems. We will use this Theorem to prove properties of the generalized characteristic polynomial of Gaussian matrices, by see these matrices as limits.

**Theorem 4.5.17.** *Let  $\{A_i\}_{i=0}^\infty$  and  $\{B_i\}_{i=0}^\infty$  be sequences of matrices invariant under transformation by signed permutation matrices such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [Tr(A_i^T A_i)] &= \sigma_1 n_1 k, \\ \mathbb{E} [Tr(B_i^T B_i)] &= \sigma_2 n_2 k. \end{aligned}$$

*If we define  $C_m, D_m$  as*

$$\begin{aligned} C_m &:= \sum_{i=0}^m \frac{A_i}{\sqrt{m}}, \\ D_m &:= \sum_{i=0}^m \frac{B_i}{\sqrt{m}}. \end{aligned}$$

*Then the matrices  $C_m, D_m$  satisfy*

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} [q_{C, D}(x, y, z)] = e^{\sigma_1 \partial_x \partial_y + \sigma_2 \partial_x \partial_z} [x^k y^{n_1} z^{n_2}].$$

*Proof.* First we use the following expansion for the determinant,

$$\det(A + hB) = \det(A) + h Tr(\text{adj}(A) B) + O(h^2).$$

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This means for  $q_{A_i/\sqrt{m}, B_i/\sqrt{m}}(x, y, z)$  that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E} \left[ q_{A_i/\sqrt{m}, B_i/\sqrt{m}}(x, y, z) \right] &= y^{n_1} z^{n_2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \det \left[ xI + \frac{1}{m} (y^{-1} A_i^T A_i + z^{-1} B_i^T B_i) \right] \right], \\
 &= y^{n_1} z^{n_2} \left[ x^k + \frac{x^{k-1} y^{-1}}{m} \mathbb{E} [Tr(A_i^T A_i)] + \frac{x^{k-1} z^{-1}}{m} \mathbb{E} [Tr(B_i^T B_i)] + O\left(\frac{1}{m^2}\right) \right], \\
 &= x^k y^{n_1} z^{n_2} + \frac{\sigma_1 n_1 k}{m} x^{k-1} y^{n_1-1} z^{n_2} + \frac{\sigma_2 n_2 k}{m} x^{k-1} y^{n_1} z^{n_2-1} + O\left(\frac{1}{m^2}\right), \\
 &= \left( 1 + \frac{\sigma_1}{m} \partial_y \partial_x + \frac{\sigma_2}{m} \partial_z \partial_x + O\left(\frac{1}{m^2}\right) \right) [x^k y^{n_1} z^{n_2}]
 \end{aligned}$$

Once we have found  $q_{A_i/\sqrt{m}, B_i/\sqrt{m}}(x, y, z)$  as a polynomial on the operators  $\partial_x \partial_y$  and  $\partial_x \partial_z$ , we apply Theorem 4.5.16 to get, for  $q_{C_m, D_m}(x, y, z)$ ,

$$\mathbb{E} [q_{C_m, D_m}(x, y, z)] = \left( 1 + \frac{\sigma_1}{m} \partial_y \partial_x + \frac{\sigma_2}{m} \partial_z \partial_x + O\left(\frac{1}{m^2}\right) \right)^m [x^k y^{n_1} z^{n_2}]$$

Taking  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in the last expression we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} [q_{C_m, D_m}(x, y, z)] &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{\sigma_1}{m} \partial_y \partial_x + \frac{\sigma_2}{m} \partial_z \partial_x + O\left(\frac{1}{m^2}\right) \right)^m [x^k y^{n_1} z^{n_2}], \\
 &= e^{\sigma_1 \partial_x \partial_y + \sigma_2 \partial_x \partial_z} [x^k y^{n_1} z^{n_2}],
 \end{aligned}$$

which is the desired result.  $\square$

Applying the previous Theorem, we find that the differential operator that generates the generalized characteristic polynomial of Gaussian matrices, has an exponential form.

**Corollary 4.5.18.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be equal in law to  $\sigma_1 N_1$  and  $\sigma_2 N_2$  where  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are matrices with all of the entries being independent standard normal random variables, then*

$$\mathbb{E} [q_{A, B}(x, y, z)] = e^{\sigma_1 \partial_x \partial_y + \sigma_2 \partial_x \partial_z} [x^k y^{n_1} z^{n_2}].$$

*Proof.* Let  $\{A_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\{B_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be as in Theorem 4.5.17 and define  $C_m, D_m$  in the same way. On the one hand we have, as shown previously

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} [q_{C_m, D_m}(x, y, z)] = e^{\sigma_1 \partial_x \partial_y + \sigma_2 \partial_x \partial_z} [x^k y^{n_1} z^{n_2}].$$

Due to the existence of the second moment of the entries, on the other hand, we have that  $C_m, D_m$  converge in law to a Gaussian independent matrix whose entries have variance  $\sigma_1^2$  and  $\sigma_2^2$ , respectively, i.e.

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} [q_{C_m, D_m}(x, y, z)] = \mathbb{E} [q_{\sigma_1 N_1, \sigma_2 N_2}(x, y, z)].$$

□

With this we have an operator that allows us to compute  $q_{A,B}(x, y, z)$  for  $A, B$  independent Gaussian matrices with zero mean and variances  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$ , respectively. Our goal is to be able to use this to study matrix-valued stochastic processes by letting the variances vary linearly in time. Hence, the entries of the matrices have the same law as a standard Brownian motion starting at zero. An interesting question is how this behavior would be affected if we start our processes at points different than zero. The answer is given by Theorem 4.5.16 and noticing that any polynomial  $r(x, y, z)$  of orders  $k, n_1, n_2$  can be seen as a polynomial differential operator acting on  $x^k y^{n_1} z^{n_2}$ , so if  $S \in \mathcal{M}_{k, n_1}(\mathbb{R}), T \in \mathcal{M}_{k, n_2}(\mathbb{R})$  are fixed matrices and  $A, B$  are Gaussian independent matrices with variances  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$ , respectively, then

$$\mathbb{E} [q_{S+A, T+B}(x, y, z)] = e^{\sigma_1 \partial_x \partial_y + \sigma_2 \partial_x \partial_z} [q_{S, T}(x, y, z)].$$

We are interested in  $p_{A,B}(x, y, z)$ , the reciprocal polynomial in  $y$  and  $z$ . Let us denote by  $R_k^z(\cdot)$  the reciprocal polynomial operator of order  $k$  in the variable  $z$ , which means, for  $r(x, y, z)$  a polynomial,

$$R_k^z(r(x, y, z)) = z^k r\left(x, y, \frac{1}{z}\right).$$

Now notice that for  $A, B$  Gaussian independent matrices with variances  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  and given matrices  $S, T$  we have  $q_{S+A, T+B}(x, y, z) = R_{n_2}^z(R_{n_1}^y(p_{S+A, T+B}(x, y, z)))$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [p_{A,B}(x, y, z)] &= R_{n_2}^z \left( R_{n_1}^y \left( \mathbb{E} [q_{S+A, T+B}(x, y, z)] \right) \right), \\ &= R_{n_2}^z \left( R_{n_1}^y \left( e^{\sigma_1 \partial_x \partial_y + \sigma_2 \partial_x \partial_z} q_{S, T}(x, y, z) \right) \right), \\ &= R_{n_2}^z \left( R_{n_1}^y \left( e^{\sigma_1 \partial_x \partial_y + \sigma_2 \partial_x \partial_z} R_{n_2}^z (R_{n_1}^y(p_{S, T}(x, y, z))) \right) \right), \\ &= \left( R_{n_2}^z \circ R_{n_1}^y \circ e^{\sigma_1 \partial_x \partial_y + \sigma_2 \partial_x \partial_z} \circ R_{n_2}^z \circ R_{n_1}^y \right) [p_{S, T}(x, y, z)]. \end{aligned}$$

We will find an expression for this operator applied to  $x^i y^j z^l$  with  $j \leq n_1, l \leq n_2$ . Then it is extended linearly to a general polynomial.



$$\begin{aligned}
& (R_{n_2}^z \circ R_{n_1}^y \circ e^{\sigma_1 \partial_x \partial_y + \sigma_2 \partial_x \partial_y} \circ R_{n_2}^z \circ R_{n_1}^y) [x^i y^j z^l] \\
&= (R_{n_2}^z \circ R_{n_1}^y \circ e^{\sigma_1 \partial_x \partial_y + \sigma_2 \partial_x \partial_y}) [x^i y^{n_1-j} z^{n_2-l}], \\
&= (R_{n_2}^z \circ R_{n_1}^y \circ e^{\sigma_2 \partial_x \partial_z}) \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sigma_1^r}{r!} \partial_x^r \partial_y^r [x^i y^{n_1-j} z^{n_2-l}], \\
&= (R_{n_2}^z \circ R_{n_1}^y \circ e^{\sigma_2 \partial_x \partial_z}) \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sigma_1^r}{r!} \partial_x^r [x^i] \frac{(n_1-j)!}{(n_1-j-r)!} y^{n_1-j-r} z^{n_2-l}, \\
&= (R_{n_2}^z \circ R_{n_1}^y \circ e^{\sigma_2 \partial_x \partial_z}) z^{-l} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{n_1-j}{r} y^{n_1-j-r} \sigma_1^r \partial_x^r [x^i],
\end{aligned}$$

doing the same procedure for  $e^{\sigma_2 \partial_x \partial_z}$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (R_{n_2}^z \circ R_{n_1}^y \circ e^{\sigma_2 \partial_x \partial_z}) z^{n_2-l} (y + \sigma_1 \partial_x)^{n_1-j} [x^i], \\
&= R_{n_2}^z \circ R_{n_1}^y \left\{ (z + \sigma_2 \partial_x)^{n_2-l} (y + \sigma_1 \partial_x)^{n_1-j} [x^i] \right\}, \\
&= (1 + z \sigma_2 \partial_x)^{n_2-l} (1 + y \sigma_1 \partial_x)^{n_1-j} [x^i y^j z^l].
\end{aligned}$$

In the case when we start the processes at the origin we have that

$$p_{S,T}(x, y, z) = \det[xI + y0_{n_1,k} + z0_{n_2,k}] = x^k \det[I] = x^k,$$

which leads to

$$\mathbb{E}[p_{A,B}(x, y, z)] = (1 + z \sigma_2 \partial_x)^{n_2-l} (1 + y \sigma_1 \partial_x)^{n_1-j} [x^k]. \quad (4.19)$$

If we let  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 1$  and replace  $y = -1, z = 0$  in (4.19), for  $n_1 = k$ , we recover the static Wishart matrix and we can conclude that

$$\mathbb{E}[\det[xI - A^T A]] = (1 - \partial_x)^{n_1} [x^k], \quad (4.20)$$

which is exactly the associated Laguerre polynomial previously defined in Section 3.1. Thus, we have successfully replicated the result in Subsection 4.5.2.

Keeping the unitary variances and replacing  $x = 0, y = (x - 1), z = x$ , we get the static Jacobi matrix, as shown previously, thus

$$\mathbb{E}[\det[(x - 1)W_1 + xW_2]] = (1 + x \partial_x)^{n_2} (1 + (x - 1) \partial_x)^{n_1} [x^k] = P_k^{n_2-k, n_1-k}(2x - 1).$$

This is the Jacobi polynomial of order  $k$  with parameters  $n_2 - k$  and  $n_1 - k$  evaluated in

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$2x - 1$ . When we normalize to make it monic, we get the result appearing in [33].

Now let  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = t$ , then  $A, B$  are equal in law to standard Brownian motions in  $\mathcal{M}_{n_1, k}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{n_2, k}(\mathbb{R})$ , respectively. We should recover the expected characteristic polynomial of the Wishart and Jacobi processes. The Wishart case is evident by replacing  $-1$  with  $-t$  in (4.20) and compare it to equation (3.6). For the Jacobi process with initial condition  $p(z)$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E} [\det[(z - 1)W_1(t) + zW_2(t)]] = (1 + xt\partial_x)^{n_2} (1 + (x - 1)t\partial_x)^{n_1} [p(z)]. \quad (4.21)$$

In analogy to what we found for the Dyson Brownian motion and the Wishart process, we need to verify if the roots of the polynomial defined in (4.21) satisfy a differential equation given by the finite variation part of (2.27). Let us work in full generality and define for polynomials of the form  $x^i y^j z^l$ , the operator

$$Q_{n_1, n_2}^t [x^i y^j z^l] = (1 + zt\partial_x)^{n_2 - l} (1 + yt\partial_x)^{n_1 - j} [x^i y^j z^l],$$

that is later extended to general polynomials linearly.

Denote the time-dependant polynomial  $Q_{n_1, n_2}^t [p(x, y, z)]$  by  $\hat{p}(x, y, z, t)$ . In analogy to what we have done with the Hermite and Laguerre cases, we want to find for every  $t$  the values  $x(t), y(t), z(t)$  such that  $\hat{p}(x(t), y(t), z(t), t) = 0$ . By derivating with respect to  $t$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \partial_t [\hat{p}(x(t), y(t), z(t), t)] \\ &= [(\partial_t x(t))\partial_x \hat{p}(x, y, z, t) + (\partial_t y(t))\partial_y \hat{p}(x, y, z, t) \\ &\quad + (\partial_t z(t))\partial_z \hat{p}(x, y, z, t) + \partial_t \hat{p}(x, y, z, t)]_{(x, y, z) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, again in full generality, let us find some properties satisfied by the time-dependant polynomial with arbitrary parameters.

**Lemma 4.5.19.** *The time-dependant polynomial  $\hat{p}(x, y, z, t)$  satisfies*

$$\partial_t [\hat{p}(x, y, z, t)]_{t=0} = (n_1 y + n_2 z) \partial_x [\hat{p}(x, y, z, t)]_{t=0} - y^2 \partial_y \partial_x [\hat{p}(x, y, z, t)]_{t=0} - z^2 \partial_z \partial_x [\hat{p}(x, y, z, t)]_{t=0}. \quad (4.22)$$

*Proof.* A general polynomial  $p$  on  $x, y, z$ , can be written as

$$p(x, y, z) = \sum_{i,j,l} c_{ijl} x^i y^j z^l,$$

where  $c_{ijl}$  is the coefficient associated to the term  $x^i y^j z^l$ . When we apply  $Q_{n_1, n_2}^t$  to  $p(x, y, z)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{n_1, n_2}^t[p(x, y, z)] &= (1 + zt\partial_x)^{n_2-l} (1 + yt\partial_x)^{n_1-j} \left[ \sum_{i,j,l} c_{ijl} x^i y^j z^l \right], \\ &= \sum_{i,j,l} c_{ijl} (1 + zt\partial_x)^{n_2-l} (1 + yt\partial_x)^{n_1-j} [x^i y^j z^l] \\ &= \sum_{i,j,l} c_{ijl} \sum_{r=0}^{n_2-l} \binom{n_2-l}{r} (zt\partial_x)^r \sum_{s=0}^{n_1-j} \binom{n_1-j}{s} (yt\partial_x)^s [x^i y^j z^l], \\ &= \sum_{i,j,l} c_{ijl} \{ (n_2-l)zt\partial_x + (n_1-j)yt\partial_x + O(t^2) \} [x^i y^j z^l], \\ &= \sum_{i,j,l} c_{ijl} \{ (n_2-l)itx^{i-1}y^jz^{l+1} + (n_1-j)itx^{i-1}y^{j+1}z^l \} + O(t^2). \end{aligned}$$

Then, differentiating in  $t$  and evaluating at  $t = 0$  gives us

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \{ Q_{n_1, n_2}^t[p(x, y, z)] \} \Big|_{t=0} &= \partial_t \left\{ \sum_{i,j,l} c_{ijl} \{ (n_2-l)itx^{i-1}y^jz^{l+1} + (n_1-j)itx^{i-1}y^{j+1}z^l \} + O(t^2) \right\} \Big|_{t=0}, \\ &= \sum_{i,j,l} c_{ijl} \{ (n_2-l)ix^{i-1}y^jz^{l+1} + (n_1-j)ix^{i-1}y^{j+1}z^l \}. \end{aligned}$$

We can re-write the last two terms in every summand as

$$\begin{aligned} (n_2-l)ix^{i-1}y^jz^{l+1} &= n_2z\partial_x[x^i y^j z^l] - z^2\partial_x\partial_z[x^i y^j z^l], \\ (n_1-j)ix^{i-1}y^{j+1}z^l &= n_1y\partial_x[x^i y^j z^l] - y^2\partial_x\partial_y[x^i y^j z^l]. \end{aligned}$$

Extending by linearity to  $p$  we have that

$$\partial_t[\hat{p}]_{t=0} = (n_1y + n_2z)\partial_x[p] - y^2\partial_y\partial_x[p] - z^2\partial_z\partial_x[p].$$

This finishes the proof since  $p(x, y, z) = \hat{p}(x, y, z, t)|_{t=0}$ . □

This last result together with (4.22) give us that

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t[x(t)]\partial_x[p(x(t), y(t), z(t))] + \partial_t[y(t)]\partial_y[p(x(t), y(t), z(t))] + \partial_t[z(t)]\partial_z[p(x(t), y(t), z(t))] \\ = -(n_1y + n_2z)\partial_x[p] + y^2\partial_y\partial_x[p] + z^2\partial_z\partial_x[p]. \end{aligned}$$

As a last step, we will use that  $\hat{p}$  is homogeneous in order to find more convenient expressions for the derivatives. We state this result as a general Lemma for homogeneous polynomials.

**Lemma 4.5.20.** *Let  $r(x, y, z)$  be a homogeneous polynomial of order  $k$  in  $x, y, z$ , then*

$$y^2\partial_y\partial_xr + z^2\partial_z\partial_xr = (y + z)(k - 1)\partial_xr - yz(\partial_z\partial_xr + \partial_y\partial_xr) - (y + z)x\partial_{xx}r.$$

*Proof.* The fact that  $r$  is homogeneous with degree  $k$  implies that  $\partial_xr$  is homogeneous with degree  $k - 1$ , then

$$z\partial_z\partial_xr + y\partial_y\partial_xr + x\partial_{xx}r = (k - 1)\partial_xr.$$

The last equality implies

$$\begin{aligned} y^2\partial_y\partial_xr &= y(k - 1)\partial_xr - yz\partial_z\partial_xr - yx\partial_{xx}r, \\ z^2\partial_z\partial_xr &= z(k - 1)\partial_xr - zy\partial_y\partial_xr - zx\partial_{xx}r. \end{aligned}$$

And summing up these two expressions leads to

$$y^2\partial_y\partial_xr + z^2\partial_z\partial_xr = (y + z)(k - 1)\partial_xr - yz(\partial_z\partial_xr + \partial_y\partial_xr) - (y + z)x\partial_{xx}r.$$

□

Then we have for  $\hat{p}$

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_tx)(\partial_x\hat{p}) + (\partial_ty)(\partial_y\hat{p}) + (\partial_tz)(\partial_z\hat{p})|_{t=0} \\ = -(n_1y + n_2z)\partial_x\hat{p} + (y + z)(k - 1)\partial_x\hat{p} - yz(\partial_z\partial_x\hat{p} + \partial_y\partial_x\hat{p}) - (y + z)x\partial_{xx}\hat{p}|_{t=0}. \end{aligned}$$

With this, we are ready to prove that, for an arbitrary initial condition, we can recover

the deterministic Jacobi dynamics.

**Theorem 4.5.21.** *Let  $J = (J(t), t \geq 0)$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix valued Jacobi process with parameters  $n_1 - k$  and  $n_2 - k$ , respectively. Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{n,n}$  be any matrix with roots in  $[0, 1]$ . Then the roots of the expected characteristic polynomial of  $A + J(t)$  satisfy the deterministic Jacobi equation (4.5).*

*Proof.* In the above results, we can substitute  $y = w, z = (w - 1)$  and define the polynomial  $j(x, w, t)$  as

$$j(x, w, t) = \hat{p}(x(t), w(t), w(t) - 1, t).$$

Using the above results, we have for  $j(w, t)$

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_t x)(\partial_x j) + (\partial_t w)(\partial_w j)|_{t=0} \\ = -(n_1 w + n_2 w - n_2) \partial_x j + (2w - 1)(k - 1) \partial_x j - w(w - 1)(\partial_x \partial_w j) - (2w - 1)x \partial_{xx} j|_{t=0}. \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $x = 0$ , we find the evolution equation for the matrix Jacobi process

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_t w) \frac{\partial_w j}{\partial_x j} \Big|_{t=0} &= -(n_1 w + n_2 w) + (2w - 1)(k - 1) - w(w - 1) \frac{\partial_x \partial_w j}{\partial_x j} \Big|_{t=0}, \\ \Rightarrow \partial_t w &= -[n_1 w + n_2(w - 1) + (2w - 1)(k - 1)] \frac{\partial_x j}{\partial_w j} - w(w - 1) \frac{\partial_x \partial_w j}{\partial_w j}, \\ &= [-(n_1 - k + 1)w - (n_2 - k + 1)(w - 1)] \frac{\partial_x j}{\partial_w j} - w(w - 1) \frac{\partial_x \partial_w j}{\partial_w j}. \end{aligned}$$

To further simplify the last expression we need some hypothesis about the relationship between  $\partial_x j$  and  $\partial_w j$ . We recover this from the definition as the generalized characteristic polynomial.

$$\begin{aligned} j(x, w, t) &= \mathbb{E} [\det[xI + (u - 1)A_1^T(t)A_1(t) + uA_2^T(t)A_2(t)]] , \\ &= \mathbb{E} [\det[xI + (u - 1)A_1^T(t)A_1(t) + u(I - A_1^T(t)A_1(t))]] , \\ &= \mathbb{E} [\det[(x + u)I - A_1^T(t)A_1(t) + (u - u)A_1^T(t)A_1(t)]] , \\ &= \mathbb{E} [\det[(x + u)I - A_1^T(t)A_1(t)]] . \end{aligned}$$

So this means that the derivatives of  $j$  with respect to  $x$  are the same as its derivatives with respect to  $w$  and then we can equate  $\partial_w j$  to  $\partial_x j$  to get

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial_t w_i &= -(n_1 - k + 1)w_i - (n_2 - k + 1)(w_i - 1) - w_i(w_i - 1) \frac{\partial_{xx} j}{\partial_x j}, \\
&= -(n_1 - k + 1)w_i - (n_2 - k + 1)(w_i - 1) - w_i(w_i - 1) \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{2}{w_i - w_j}, \\
&= n_2 - (n_1 + n_2)w_i + (w_i + w_i - 1)(k - 1) - \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{2w_i(w_i - 1)}{w_i - w_j}, \\
&= n_2 - (n_1 + n_2)w_i + (w_i + w_i - 1) \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{w_i - w_j}{w_i - w_j} - \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{2w_i(w_i - 1)}{w_i - w_j}, \\
&= n_2 - (n_1 + n_2)w_i + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{(w_i + w_i - 1)(w_i - w_j) - 2w_i(w_i - 1)}{w_i - w_j}, \\
&= n_2 - (n_1 + n_2)w_i + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{w_i^2 + w_i(w_i - 1) - w_i w_j - w_j(w_i - 1) - 2w_i(w_i - 1)}{w_i - w_j}, \\
&= n_2 - (n_1 + n_2)w_i + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{-w_i w_j - w_j(w_i - 1) + w_i}{w_i - w_j}, \\
&= n_2 - (n_1 + n_2)w_i + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{w_j(1 - w_i) + w_i(1 - w_j)}{w_i - w_j}.
\end{aligned}$$

□

# Conclusions

The contents presented in this thesis come from different areas that are seemingly unrelated but connected through the application to random matrices. The thesis has no pretensions on arriving to new results through the connections of these topics, but a deeper work in this direction can lead to mutual enrichment. The study of convolution from the stochastic processes point of view could allow to get new results. Also, the use of algebraic and combinatorics tools of Free Probability Theory is still not very well explored and could be a starter of new ways to explore these objects.

Two of the most important results in this work are Theorem 4.5.3 in conjunction with Proposition 3.1.2 and Theorem 4.5.10 together with 4.5.13. Each pair of these results tells us that, for the specific case of Hermite and Laguerre polynomials, we can relate the symmetric (correspondingly asymmetric) additive convolution to the evolution of an Itô process over time. This fact has the advantages that allows us to use the several tools of stochastic calculus applied to a different topic. As an example, the proof of Proposition 3.1.2 could be made much more simpler using the Lévy process properties of the Brownian motion. A slightly less trivial example is that, by applying 4.3.3 with the former Theorem and proposition relating the convolution to the evolution of the process, we are able to conclude the original result of [38] that the minimal distance of the roots in a polynomial always grows when doing symmetric additive convolution with another polynomial. In the same line, an implication of Theorem 4.3.7 is that the asymmetric additive convolution does not satisfy the same property, i.e. we have found an example of an asymmetric additive convolution of polynomials in which the mesh (minimal distance between roots) does not grow.

Given the existence of several algorithms in Machine Learning and multivariate statistics that are modeled by the transformation of a random matrix, it is natural to expect that stochastic calculus could be applied to deduce results about the behavior of the system over time. This approach has already been proved useful in the work of Bru to study the behavior of Principal Analysis Components under a random perturbation [12].

On the other hand, the proofs of some of results about the matrix-valued processes are greatly simplified with the tools of Finite Free Probability Theory. As an example, the

relationship of Jacobi polynomials to the Jacobi matrix distribution is much shorter using the properties of convolution than the one found in [34]. Similar ideas could be applied to get analogous results for other matrix-valued stochastic processes.

There are several problems related to the relationship between the topics in the thesis that have not been covered or even mentioned. In first place, most of the work was focused on symmetric additive convolution. While this is arguably the notion of convolution that can be the most easily related to stochastic processes, similar results could be obtained for the other two notions and they could be applied to processes with multiplicative increments, as an example. The exploration of more matrix-valued stochastic models and how they can be studied from the stochastic analysis and finite free probability points of view is still a pending topic.

Finally, some questions arose during the realization of this work that were left behind because they surpassed the goals and time limitations of the thesis. As an example, it would be of interest what is the behavior of the stochastic expected polynomial of a matrix-valued diffusion process. This more general approach would deal not only with expected values, but also with more general properties of the eigenvalues and maybe it could be related to Finite Free Probability Theory using convolution of random polynomials. A natural question concerning the last section would be to find an explicit representation for the Jacobi polynomials considering different starting positions, prove that their roots actually converge to the stable distribution and evaluating the velocity of convergence.

In sum, this master's thesis serves as an exploration of how two different branches of probability can be related through the study of a common object of study. While some of the results presented here, can be interesting, there are a lot of questions and opportunities to explore deeper connections between these areas.



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## Appendix A

### Code for the path simulations

```
1  %% Euler-Maruyama method for eigenvalue SDE solutions
2  import numpy as np
3  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4  import matplotlib
5
6  def dyson(dt=0.1,time=10,n=5,starting=np.linspace(start=0, stop=5, num
=5)):
7      num_points = int(time / dt)
8      simulation = np.zeros((num_points,n))
9      for l in range(n):
10         simulation[0,l] = starting[l]
11         sqrttime = np.sqrt(dt)
12         for i in range(num_points-1):
13             for j in range(n):
14                 mu = 0
15                 for k in range(n):
16                     diff = simulation[i,j] - simulation[i,k]
17                     if diff != 0:
18                         mu += 1/diff
19                 simulation[i+1,j] = simulation[i,j] + dt*mu + sqrttime*np.
random.randn()
20         return simulation
21
22  def deterministic_dyson(dt=0.1,time=10,n=5,starting=np.linspace(start=0,
stop=5, num=5)):
23      num_points = int(time / dt)
24      simulation = np.zeros((num_points,n))
25      for l in range(n):
26         simulation[0,l] = starting[l]
27         sqrttime = np.sqrt(dt)
28         for i in range(num_points-1):
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29         for j in range(n):
30             mu = 0
31             for k in range(n):
32                 diff = simulation[i,j] - simulation[i,k]
33                 if diff != 0:
34                     mu += 1/diff
35                 simulation[i+1,j] = simulation[i,j] + dt*mu
36         return simulation
37
38     def wishart(dt=0.1,time=10,n=5,starting=np.linspace(start=0, stop=5, num
=5)):
39         num_points = int(time / dt)
40         simulation = np.zeros((num_points,n))
41         for l in range(n):
42             simulation[0,l] = starting[l]
43         sqrttime = np.sqrt(dt)
44         for i in range(num_points-1):
45             for j in range(n):
46                 mu = 0
47                 for k in range(n):
48                     diff = simulation[i,j] - simulation[i,k]
49                     if diff != 0:
50                         mu += (simulation[i,k]+simulation[i,j])/diff
51                 simulation[i+1,j] = simulation[i,j] + dt*(mu+n) + sqrttime*np
.random.randn()*np.sqrt(simulation[i,j])
52         return simulation
53
54     def deterministic_wishart(dt=0.1,time=10,n=5,starting=np.linspace(start
=0, stop=5, num=5)):
55         num_points = int(time / dt)
56         simulation = np.zeros((num_points,n))
57         for l in range(n):
58             simulation[0,l] = starting[l]
59         sqrttime = np.sqrt(dt)
60         for i in range(num_points-1):
61             for j in range(n):
62                 mu = 0
63                 for k in range(n):
64                     diff = simulation[i,j] - simulation[i,k]
65                     if diff != 0:
66                         mu += (simulation[i,k]+simulation[i,j])/diff
67                 simulation[i+1,j] = simulation[i,j] + dt*(mu+n)
68         return simulation
69
70     def jacobi(dt=0.1,time=10,n=5,starting=np.linspace(start=0.1, stop=0.9,

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num=5),n_1=5,n_2=5):
71     num_points = int(time / dt)
72     simulation = np.zeros((num_points,n))
73     for l in range(n):
74         simulation[0,l] = starting[l]
75     sqrttime = np.sqrt(dt)
76     for i in range(num_points-1):
77         for j in range(n):
78             mu = 0
79             for k in range(n):
80                 diff = simulation[i,j] - simulation[i,k]
81                 if diff != 0:
82                     mu += (simulation[i,j]*(1-simulation[i,k]) +
simulation[i,k]*(1-simulation[i,j]))/diff
83                 simulation[i+1,j] = simulation[i,j] + dt*(mu+n_2-(n_1+n_2)*
simulation[i,j]) + 2*sqrttime*np.random.randn()*np.sqrt(simulation[i,j]
]*(1-simulation[i,j]))
84     return simulation
85
86 def deterministic_jacobi(dt=0.1,time=10,n=5,starting=np.linspace(start
=0.1, stop=0.9, num=5),n_1=5,n_2=5):
87     num_points = int(time / dt)
88     simulation = np.zeros((num_points,n))
89     for l in range(n):
90         simulation[0,l] = starting[l]
91     sqrttime = np.sqrt(dt)
92     for i in range(num_points-1):
93         for j in range(n):
94             mu = 0
95             for k in range(n):
96                 diff = simulation[i,j] - simulation[i,k]
97                 if diff != 0:
98                     mu += (simulation[i,j]*(1-simulation[i,k]) +
simulation[i,k]*(1-simulation[i,j]))/diff
99                 simulation[i+1,j] = simulation[i,j] + dt*(mu+n_2-(n_1+n_2)*
simulation[i,j])
100     return simulation

```

**Listing A.1:** Euler-Maruyama algorithm for simulation of eigenvalue processes

