



Random G -circulant matrices.

Spectrum of random convolution operators

on large finite groups

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Framework & notation

- main object: an $N \times N$ matrix $A = A_N$ with random coefficients, $N \rightarrow \infty$
- eigenvalues $\lambda_i = \lambda_i(A) \in \mathbb{C}$
- (empirical) spectral measure:

$$L_A = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{\lambda_i}, \quad L_A(I) = \frac{1}{N} |\{i: \lambda_i \in I\}|,$$

- average spectral measure

$$\bar{L}_A = \mathbb{E}L_A$$

- L_A – „global behaviour” of eigenvalues
- $L_{\sqrt{AA^*}}$ – global behaviour of singular values
- **Main question:** Do $L_A, L_{\sqrt{AA^*}}$ converge as $N \rightarrow \infty$?

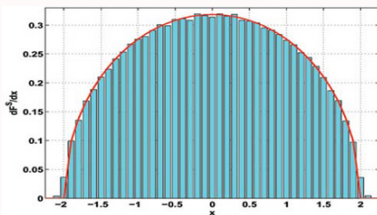
Classical results (I): semicircular law

- $A_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} [X_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^N$, $X_{ij} = \overline{X_{ji}}$
- X_{ij} , $i \leq j$ - indep., X_{ij} , $i < j$ - i.i.d. and X_{ii} - i.i.d.
- $\mathbb{E}X_{ij} = 0$, $\mathbb{E}|X_{ij}|^2 = 1$.

Theorem (Wigner + ...)

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Pic. Alan Edelman

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Theorem (Marchenko–Pastur)

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$$X_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(g_{ij} + \sqrt{-1}g'_{ij}), \quad g_{i,j}, g'_{ij} - \text{i.i.d. } N(0, 1),$$

and $\rho_N = \bar{L} \sqrt{A_N A_N^*}$, then on \mathbb{R}_+ ,

$$\frac{d\rho_N}{dx} = 2xe^{-Nx^2} \sum_{\ell=0}^{N-1} (\mathcal{L}_\ell(Nx^2))^2,$$

where \mathcal{L}_ℓ – Laguerre's polynomials

$$\mathcal{L}_\ell(x) = \frac{e^x}{\ell!} \frac{d^\ell}{dx^\ell} (e^{-x} x^\ell) = \sum_{k=0}^{\ell} \binom{\ell}{k} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} x^k$$

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Theorem (Mehta, Girko, . . . , Tao–Vu)

With probability one L_{A_N} converges weakly to the uniform distribution on the unit disc in \mathbb{C} (denoted by θ_∞).

Theorem (Ginibre–Mehta)

If X_{ij} – standard complex Gaussians, $\theta_N = \bar{L}_{A_N}$, then

$$\frac{d\theta_N(z)}{dz} = \frac{1}{\pi} e^{-N|z|^2} \sum_{\ell=0}^{N-1} \frac{N^\ell |z|^{2\ell}}{\ell!}.$$

Matrices with additional structure

- In 1999 r. Z. Bai asked about the limiting behaviour of spectral measures of symmetric random matrices with additional linear structure, in particular Toeplitz matrices

$$T_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} [X_{|i-j|}]_{i,j=1}^N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \begin{bmatrix} X_0 & X_1 & \cdots & \cdots & X_{N-2} & X_{N-1} \\ X_1 & X_0 & X_1 & \cdots & X_{N-3} & X_{N-2} \\ X_2 & X_1 & X_0 & X_1 & \cdots & X_{N-3} \\ \vdots & \cdots & \ddots & \ddots & \cdots & \vdots \\ X_{N-2} & X_{N-3} & \ddots & \ddots & X_0 & X_1 \\ X_{N-1} & X_{N-2} & X_{N-3} & \cdots & X_1 & X_0 \end{bmatrix},$$

where $X_i - \text{i.i.d.}$, $\mathbb{E}X_i = 0$, $\mathbb{E}X_i^2 = 1$.

- Solved independently by Bryc, Dembo, Jiang and Hammond, Miller (2003).
- Many articles on matrices with additional structure in subsequent years (Bose, Chatterjee, Kargin, Massey, Meckes, R.A., Miller, Sen, Virág)

Matrices with additional structure

- For most models the limiting measure is known only through its moments
- One of the exceptions – circulant matrices

$$C_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} [X_{i-j \bmod N}]_{i,j=1}^N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \begin{bmatrix} X_0 & X_{N-1} & \cdots & \cdots & X_2 & X_1 \\ X_1 & X_0 & X_{N-1} & \cdots & X_3 & X_2 \\ X_2 & X_1 & X_0 & X_{N-1} & \cdots & X_3 \\ \vdots & \cdots & \ddots & \ddots & \cdots & \vdots \\ X_{N-2} & X_{N-3} & \ddots & \ddots & X_0 & X_{N-1} \\ X_{N-1} & X_{N-2} & X_{N-3} & \cdots & X_1 & X_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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- L_{C_N} converges weakly in probability to the standard Gaussian measure on \mathbb{C}
- $L_{\sqrt{C_N C_N^*}}$ converges to the measure with density $2xe^{-x^2}$ on \mathbb{R}_+ .

Abelian G -circulants

- The matrix \mathcal{C}_N describes convolution with the sequence $\mathbb{X}_N = N^{-1/2}(X_0, \dots, X_{N-1})$ on the cyclic group \mathbb{Z}_N :

$$(\mathcal{C}_N x)(i) = (\mathbb{X}_N * x)(i) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_N} \mathbb{X}_N(i - j)x(j)$$

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- Meckes studied also the case $\mathbb{E}X_g^2 = \alpha \neq 0$ (in particular the case of real-valued X_g). The limit has a different form, one also needs additional assumptions on G_N .

Sketch of proof

- The matrices \mathcal{C}_N are normal, so the case of singular values reduces to that of eigenvalues.
- All the matrices \mathcal{C}_N are diagonal in the Fourier basis (the basis of characters on G_N), their eigenvalues are given by

$$\lambda_\varphi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G_N|}} \sum_{g \in G_N} X_g \overline{\varphi}(g), \quad \varphi \in \widehat{G}_N$$

- CLT shows that $\lambda_\varphi \xrightarrow{D} \theta_1$, moreover for every $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $f(\lambda_\varphi), f(\lambda_\psi)$ are asymptotically independent (we use orthogonality relations).
- Together with Chebyshev's inequality this gives

$$\int f(x) L_{\mathcal{C}_N}(dx) = \frac{1}{|G_N|} \sum_{\varphi \in \widehat{G}_N} f(\lambda_\varphi) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} \int_{\mathbb{C}} f(z) d\theta_1(z)$$

General G -circulants

- Let G be a large (not necessarily Abelian) group, and

$$\mathcal{C} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} [X_{hg^{-1}}]_{h,g \in G},$$

where $X_g, g \in G$ are i.i.d., $\mathbb{E}X_g = \mathbb{E}X_g^2 = 0$, $\mathbb{E}|X_g|^2 = 1$.

- What can be said about the behaviour of eigenvalues/singular values?
- For which sequences of groups G_N , $|G_N| \rightarrow \infty$ do the measures $L_{C_N}, L_{\sqrt{C_N C_N^*}}$ converge weakly in probability?
- Does the limit depend on the algebraic structure of G_N ?

Representation theory in one slide

- G – group, unitary representations – homomorphisms
 $\Lambda: G \rightarrow U(n)$, $n = \dim \Lambda$
- Λ – irreducible if there are no nontrivial invariant subspaces
- Λ_1, Λ_2 – equivalent if $\Lambda_1(g)F = F\Lambda_2(g)$ for some isomorphism $F: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$
- \widehat{G} – family of (equivalence classes) of irreducible representations of G
- $\{g \mapsto \Lambda_{ij}(g): \Lambda \in \widehat{G}, i, j \leq \dim(\Lambda)\}$ – an orthogonal basis of $L_2(G)$, $\|\Lambda_{ij}\|_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\dim \Lambda}}$
- Plancherel measure on \widehat{G} :

$$\mu_G(\{\Lambda\}) = \frac{(\dim \Lambda)^2}{|G|}, \quad \mu_G(\widehat{G}) = 1$$

- Projected Plancherel measure – measure on \mathbb{Z}_+ given by

$$\tilde{\mu}_G(\{n\}) = \frac{n^2}{|G|} |\{\Lambda \in \widehat{G}: \dim \Lambda = n\}|.$$

Fourier Transform

- Fourier transform of $x \in L_2(G)$:

$$\widehat{x}(\Lambda) = \sum_{g \in G} x_g \Lambda(g)$$

- The mapping $x \mapsto \widehat{x}$ is an isomorphism between $L_2(G)$ and $\bigoplus_{\Lambda \in \widehat{G}} \mathbb{C}^{\dim \Lambda} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{\dim \Lambda}$
- $\widehat{x * y}(\Lambda) = \widehat{x}(\Lambda) \widehat{y}(\Lambda)$
- Counterparts of the Plancherel formula, inversion formula, etc.

Representation theory – main consequences

- The convolution with \mathbb{X} in the Fourier basis has a block-diagonal structure
- The blocks of size $\dim(\Lambda)^2 \times \dim(\Lambda)^2$ act on the subspaces $(\overline{\Lambda}_{ij})_{i,j \leq \dim(\Lambda)}$ through multiplication from the left by $\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)$
- The spectrum of left multiplication by $A \in \mathbb{C}^n \otimes \mathbb{C}^n$ is the same as the spectrum of A , the multiplicities of eigenvalue grow n times.

Proposition

If $\mathbb{X} = (X_g)_{g \in G}$, $\mathcal{C} = [X_{hg^{-1}}]_{h,g \in G}$, then the spectral measure of \mathcal{C} (resp. $\sqrt{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{C}^*}$) is a mixture of spectral measures of the matrices $\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)$ (resp. $\sqrt{\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)^*}$) driven by the Plancherel measure of the group:

$$L_{\mathcal{C}} = \sum_{\Lambda \in \widehat{G}} \mu_G(\Lambda) L_{\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)}.$$

Main result – singular values

Theorem (A.)

Assume that

- $|G_N| \rightarrow \infty$
- $\tilde{\mu}_{G_N}$ converges weakly to a measure μ on $\mathbb{Z}_+ \cup \{\infty\}$
- ξ – random variable, $\mathbb{E}\xi = \mathbb{E}\xi^2 = 0$, $\mathbb{E}|\xi|^2 = 1$
- $\mathcal{C}_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G_N|}} [X_{gh^{-1}}]_{g,h \in G_N}$, where X_g – independent copies ξ .

Then $L_{\sqrt{\mathcal{C}_N \mathcal{C}_N^*}}$ converges weakly in probability to the measure L_∞ with density

$$\frac{dL_\infty(x)}{dx} = \sum_{1 \leq n \leq \infty} \mu(n) \frac{d\rho_n(x)}{dx}.$$

In particular, if $\tilde{\mu}_{G_N}$ converges to Dirac's delta at ∞ , then L_∞ is the quartercircle law.

Sketch of proof - the Gaussian case

- If $X_g \sim \theta_1$, then $\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda), \Lambda \in \widehat{G}$ are independent, moreover $\sqrt{\dim(\Lambda)}\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)_{ij}$ are i.i.d $\sim \theta_1$.
- Thus $\bar{L} \sqrt{\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)^*} = \mathbb{E}L \sqrt{\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)^*} = \rho^{\dim \Lambda}$
- Grouping the summands according to the dimension we get

$$\begin{aligned} L \sqrt{c_N c_N^*} &= \sum_n \frac{n^2}{|G_N|} \sum_{\dim(\Lambda)=n} L \sqrt{\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)^*} \\ &\simeq \sum_{1 \leq n \leq \infty} \tilde{\mu}_{G_N}(n) \rho_n \end{aligned}$$

The limiting behaviour based on two observations:

- For $n \rightarrow \infty$, $L \sqrt{\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)^*} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} \rho_\infty$.
- For fixed n if $\tilde{\mu}_{G_N}(n) > \varepsilon > 0$, the LLN implies

$$\sum_{\dim(\Lambda)=n} L \sqrt{\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)^*} \simeq \rho_n |\{\Lambda \in \widehat{G}_N : \dim \Lambda = n\}|$$

Sketch of proof – the general case

- If X_g arbitrary, $\mathbb{E}X_g = \mathbb{E}X_g^2 = 0$, $\mathbb{E}|X_g|^2 = 1$ the contribution of low-dimensional irreps can be analyzed via CLT, as in the Abelian case.
- For high-dimensional irreps one shows that asymptotically (after some truncations)

$$\int x^{2k} \bar{L}_{\sqrt{\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)^*}}(dx) = \mathbb{E} \frac{1}{\dim(\Lambda)} \text{Tr} \left(\frac{1}{|G_N|} \widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda) \widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)^* \right)^k$$

depends only on $\mathbb{E}X_g = \mathbb{E}X_g^2 = 0$, $\mathbb{E}|X_g|^2 = 1$ (an easy combinatorial expansion)

- Thus for large N , $\bar{L}_{\sqrt{\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)\widehat{\mathbb{X}}(\Lambda)^*}} \simeq \rho_{\dim \Lambda} \simeq \rho_\infty$

Theorem (Talagrand)

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Meckes and Szarek proved a concentration inequality for polynomials in random matrices, which in combination with Talagrand's theorem, after some truncations, gives

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Another approach to concentration and universality

Theorem (Polaczyk)

Assume that A_N is a sequence of $n_N \times n_N$ Hermitian random matrices, whose entries are uniformly square-integrable and can be partitioned into stochastically independent blocks of size at most m_N . Assume that d is any distance metrizing weak convergence of probability measures. If $n_N \rightarrow \infty$ and $m_N = o(n_N^2)$, then

$$d\left(L \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_N}} A_N, \mathbb{E} L \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_N}} A_N\right) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0.$$

More recent approach

To deal with universality one should be also able to use recent results by Brailovskaya and van Handel.

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- G – fixed, $G_N = G^{\times N}$. If G is Abelian in the limit one gets ρ_1, θ_1 . If G is non-Abelian: $\rho_\infty, \theta_\infty$

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- For every positive integer n , the measure δ_n is a limit of projected Plancherel measures of a sequence of finite groups.

Other results

- If $\tilde{\mu}_{G_N} \rightarrow \delta_\infty$, then families of independent random convolution operators are asymptotically free. This allows for computation of average spectral measures of polynomials in these operators.
- A CLT in the Gaussian case:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{|G_N|}} \left(\text{Tr} f \left(\frac{1}{|G_N|} \mathcal{C}_N \mathcal{C}_N^* \right) - \mathbb{E} \text{Tr} f \left(\frac{1}{|G_N|} \mathcal{C}_N \mathcal{C}_N^* \right) \right)$$

for f of class C^1 , Lipschitz.

A different normalization than in classical CLT's for random matrices (e.g., Lytova–Pastur)

A few open problems

- Is there universality of the limiting spectral measure L_{C_N} (if G_N 's have only irreps of bounded degree this follows from the approach by Meckes, in general requires analysis of the smallest singular value).
- Understand the local behaviour of eigenvalues.
- How does the operator norm behave?
- Extend results to the case $\mathbb{E}X_g^2 = \alpha \neq 0$.

Theorem (Meckes)

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$$p = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\{a \in G_N : a^2 = e\}|}{|G_N|}.$$

Then $L_{\mathcal{C}_N}$ converges weakly in probability to $(1 - p)\gamma_0 + p\gamma_\alpha$, where γ_α is the centered Gaussian measure on $\mathbb{C} \simeq \mathbb{R}^2$ with covariance matrix

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \alpha \end{bmatrix}.$$

Remarks:

- $\gamma_0 = \theta_1$
- $\alpha = 1$ corresponds to real-valued entries.

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$$\tilde{\mu}_G^{(i)} = \frac{n^2}{|G|} |\{\Lambda \in \hat{G}: \dim \Lambda = n, \iota(\Lambda) = i\}|.$$

Theorem (Gerspach)

Assume that

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- ξ – a real random variable, $\mathbb{E}\xi = 0$, $\mathbb{E}\xi^2 = 1$
- $\mathcal{C}_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G_N|}} [X_{gh^{-1}}]_{g,h \in G_N}$, where X_g – i.i.d. copies of ξ .

Then $L_{\sqrt{\mathcal{C}_N \mathcal{C}_N^*}}$ converges weakly in probab. to L_∞ with density

$$\frac{dL_\infty(x)}{dx} = \sum_{i \in \{-1, 0, 1\}} \sum_{1 \leq n \leq \infty} \mu^{(i)}(n) \frac{d\rho_n^{(i)}(x)}{dx},$$

where $\rho_n^{(i)}$, $i = 1, 0, -1$, is the expected spectral measure of $\sqrt{A_n A_n^*}$ where A_n is an $n \times n$ matrix from the real, complex and quaternionic Ginibre ensemble.

If X_g are Gaussian then a similar result holds for $L_{\mathcal{C}_N}$ (with $\theta_n^{(i)}$ in the limit).

Thank you