

Lectures 10 – 11 : Gaussian Ensembles

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Recall that:

1) the density of the Gaussian Ensembles can be represented by

$$\frac{1}{Z_{n,\beta}} e^{-\frac{\beta}{4} \text{tr} H^2} dH$$

where $\beta = 1, 2, 4$ denote GOE, GUE and GSE respectively.

2) the joint eigenvalue density is given by

$$P(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) = \frac{1}{\tilde{Z}_{n,\beta}} \prod_{i>j} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j|^\beta e^{-\frac{\beta}{4} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2} \quad (1)$$

where $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots < \lambda_n$.

Now we consider the $n \times n$ symmetric matrix M_n to a tridiagonal symmetric matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_n & b_{n-1} & & & \\ b_{n-1} & a_{n-1} & b_{n-2} & & \\ & b_{n-2} & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & b_1 \\ & & & b_1 & a_1 \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

where $b_i \geq 0$.

Assume the eigenvector of M is $\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)^T$, and then we have the equation $M \cdot \vec{u} = \lambda \cdot \vec{u}$, which in other form: $b_{k-1}u_{k-1} + (a_k - \lambda)u_k + b_k u_{k+1} = 0$.

Now we consider the normalized eigenvalues: $v_1^2, v_2^2, \dots, v_n^2$

- $\langle \vec{v}_i, \vec{v}_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$
- Assume that $v_{i1} > 0$, and $\sum_{i=1}^n v_{i1}^2 = 1$

Now we want to show that there is a map between $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n, v_{11}, v_{21}, \dots, v_{n-1,1})$ and $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1})$.

That is, we have to show that: if we have $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots < \lambda_n$ and $v_{11}, v_{21}, \dots, v_{(n-1)1} > 0$

with $\sum_{i=1}^n v_{i1}^2 < 1$, then there is a unique vector $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1})$ for which the corresponding diagonal matrix has the appropriate eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

Now consider

$$V = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$$

$$V^T = [\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2, \dots, \vec{q}_n],$$

so we have $VV^T = I$, $VM = DV$, $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$

We would like to show that given \vec{q}_1 and D , we can compute $\vec{q}_2, \dots, \vec{q}_n$.

Claim: From the eigenvalue equation we get $b_{k-1}\vec{q}_{(k-1)} + a_k\vec{q}_k + b_k\vec{q}_{k+1} = D\vec{q}_k$, if we look at row i , we have $b_{k-1}u_{k-1}^{(i)} + a_k u_k^{(i)} + b_k u_{k+1}^{(i)} = \lambda_i u_k^{(i)}$, $v_i = [u_1^{(i)}, u_2^{(i)}, \dots, u_n^{(i)}]$.

Assume $b_0 = 0$,

$$a_1\vec{q}_1 + b_1\vec{q}_2 = D\vec{q}_1 \quad (2)$$

$$b_1\vec{q}_1 + a_2\vec{q}_2 + b_2\vec{q}_3 = D\vec{q}_2 \quad (3)$$

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Recall: $\langle \vec{q}_i, \vec{q}_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$, and $a_k \langle \vec{q}_k, \vec{q}_k \rangle = \vec{q}_k^T D \vec{q}_k$.

We have D , \vec{q}_1 , then:

$$(1) \Rightarrow a_1 = \vec{q}_1^T D \vec{q}_1 \quad (4)$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow b_1\vec{q}_2 = D\vec{q}_1 - a_1\vec{q}_1 \Rightarrow b_1, \vec{q}_2 \quad (5)$$

so we have

$$b_1 = \| D\vec{q}_1 - a_1\vec{q}_1 \|_2$$

$$\vec{q}_2 = \frac{D\vec{q}_1 - a_1\vec{q}_1}{b_1}$$

Thus, following this process, we have $D, \vec{q}_1 \Rightarrow a_1 \Rightarrow b_1, \vec{q}_2 \Rightarrow a_2 \Rightarrow b_2, \vec{q}_3, \dots$

So we can say:

$$a_k = \vec{q}_k^T D \vec{q}_k \quad (6)$$

$$b_k\vec{q}_{k+1} = D\vec{q}_k - a_k\vec{q}_k - b_{k-1}\vec{q}_{k-1} \quad (7)$$

Now we would like to show that for any $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots < \lambda_n$, $v_{11}, v_{21}, \dots, v_{(n-1)1} > 0$, $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} v_{i1}^2 < 1$, there

exists a tridiagonal matrix. For this, we use the same recursion. We need (7) cannot be zero, for $k \leq n-1$

Let $P_k(\lambda_i) = \frac{q_{k,i}}{q_{1,i}}$, then we can consider P_k as a map from $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$ to \mathbb{R} .

Thus:

$$P_1(x) = 1$$

$$P_1 \rightarrow P_2 \rightarrow P_3 \dots$$

So we say P_k is a polynomial of degree at most $k - 1$

If $b_k \vec{q}_{k+1} = 0$, then $b_k P_{k+1}(\lambda) = 0$, which cannot happen if $k < n$. (Because we would get a polynomial of degree $\leq n - 1$ vanishing at $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$).

Note: P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n is the system of orthonormal polynomials on the measure $\mu(\lambda_i) = q_{1i}^2$. Here by orthonormal polynomials we mean $\langle P_i, P_j \rangle = \int P_i(x) P_j(x) d\mu(x) = \sum P_i(\lambda_k) P_j(\lambda_k) \mu(\lambda_k) = \langle \vec{q}_i, \vec{q}_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$.

Now we go back to consider the map:

$$\varphi : (\vec{a}, \vec{b}) \rightarrow (\vec{\lambda}, \vec{q}_1)$$

here $\vec{q}_1 = (v_{11}, v_{21}, \dots, v_{(n-1)1})$.

Theorem 1. 1) $Jac(\varphi) = \frac{\Delta(\vec{\lambda})}{\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} b_i^{i-1}} \cdot \frac{1}{q_{1n}}$, where $\Delta(\vec{\lambda}) = \prod_{i>j} (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)$

$$2) \Delta(\vec{\lambda}) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} b_i^i}{\prod_{i=1}^n q_i}$$

Corollary 2. $Jac(\varphi) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} b_i}{\prod_{i=1}^n q_i} \cdot \frac{1}{q_n}$

BTW, from now on,

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} a_n & b_{n-1} & & & & & & & \\ b_{n-1} & a_{n-1} & b_{n-2} & & & & & & \\ & b_{n-2} & \ddots & \ddots & & & & & \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots & b_1 & & & \\ & & & & \ddots & b_1 & a_1 & & \\ & & & & & & & & \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

Now first we proof the existence of the map.

Proof. 1) If we got $(\vec{\lambda}, \vec{q})$ from a certain (\vec{a}, \vec{b}) , then we can recover (\vec{a}, \vec{b}) (and also $\vec{q}_2, \vec{q}_3, \dots, \vec{q}_n$)

$$V = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{q}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{q}_n^T \end{bmatrix}$$

We have the recursion equation:

$$b_{k-1} \vec{q}_{k-1} + a_k \vec{q}_k + b_k \vec{q}_{k+1} = D q_k$$

$$a_k = \vec{q}_k^T D \vec{q}_k$$

$$b_k \vec{q}_{k+1} = D \vec{q}_k - a \vec{q}_k - b_{k-1} \vec{q}_{k-1}$$

$$\therefore D_1 \vec{q}_1 \Rightarrow a_1 \Rightarrow b_1, \vec{q}_2 \Rightarrow \dots$$

2) For each (λ, \vec{q}) , there is an (\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}) .

Set $\mu(\lambda_i) = q_{1i}^2$, here μ is a probability measure on $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$.

$P_1(\lambda_1) = 1$, P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{n-1} is the system of orthonormal polynomial w.r.t. μ .

$$\langle P_i, P_j \rangle_\mu = \delta_{ij} = \sum P_i(\lambda_k) P_j(\lambda_k) q_{1k}^2$$

Set

$$a_k = \langle P_k, \lambda P_k \rangle, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$b_k = \langle P_{k+1}, \lambda P_k \rangle, k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

With this choice of $\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}, b_k \vec{q}_{k+1} = D \vec{q}_k - a \vec{q}_k - b_{k-1} \vec{q}_{k-1}$, which is a polynomial of degree k .

$$\therefore \lambda P_k - a_k P_k - b_{k-1} P_{k-1} = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} C_i P_i$$

$$\therefore C_i = \langle P_i, \lambda P_k - a_k P_k - b_{k-1} P_{k-1} \rangle$$

So we have:

$$i = 1, C_{k+1} = \langle P_{k+1}, \lambda P_k \rangle = b_k$$

$$i < k-1, C_i = \langle P_i, \lambda P_{k+1} \rangle = 0$$

$$i = k, C_k = \langle P_k, \lambda P_k \rangle = a_k$$

Now set $q_{ki} = P_k(\lambda_i) q_{1i}$, then q_k will satisfy $b_{k-1} \vec{q}_{k-1} + a_k \vec{q}_k + b_k \vec{q}_{k+1} = D \vec{q}_k$. □

Now we go back to Gaussian O/U/S ensemble.

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} a_n & b_{n-1} & & & & \\ b_{n-1} & a_{n-1} & b_{n-2} & & & \\ & b_{n-2} & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & b_1 & \\ & & & b_1 & a_1 & \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

where $a_i \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta}}N(0, \sqrt{2}), b_i \sim \frac{1}{\beta}\chi_{i\beta}$.

Joint density of (\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}) :

$$f(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}) = \frac{1}{Z_{n\beta}} e^{-\frac{\beta}{4} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 - \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} b_i^2} \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} b_i^{\beta-1}$$

Joint density of $(\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{q}) : f(\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{q}) = |Jac| \cdot$ same expression with $(\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{q})$.

$$\therefore \sum_i a_i^2 + 2_i b_i^2 = Tr M^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2$$

and

$$Jac(\varphi) = \frac{\Delta(\tilde{\lambda})}{\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} b_i^{i-1}} \cdot \frac{1}{q_{1n}}$$

$$\Delta(\tilde{\lambda}) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} b_i^i}{\prod_{i=1}^n q_i}$$

$$\therefore |Jac| \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} b_i^{\beta-1} = \frac{1}{q_n} \Delta(\lambda)^\beta \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} q_i^{\beta-1}$$

$$\therefore f(\lambda, \vec{q}) = \frac{1}{Z_{n,\beta}} e^{-\frac{\beta}{4} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2} \prod_{i < j} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j|^\beta \prod_{i=1}^n q_i^{\beta-1} \frac{1}{q_n}$$

$\therefore \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{q}$ are independent, and the density of λ is:

$$\frac{1}{\tilde{Z}_{n,\beta}} \prod_{i > j} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j|^\beta e^{-\frac{\beta}{4} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2}$$

the density of \vec{q} is:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n q_i^{\beta-1} \cdot \frac{1}{q_n}$$

Theorem 3. In $G O/U/S E$, $(\vec{V}_1, \vec{V}_2, \dots, \vec{V}_n)$ is independent of $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ each \vec{V}_i is distributed uniformly on $V : \|V\|_2 = 1, \vec{v}_i > 0$. Furthermore, $(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n)$ is distributed according to the Haar measure of the appropriate group.

Important Note: We can go backwards in the previous proof.

$(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ is distributed according to $\frac{1}{\tilde{Z}_{n,\beta}} \prod_{i > j} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j|^\beta e^{-\frac{\beta}{4} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2}$, this has the same distribution as

λ from

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta}} \begin{bmatrix} N(0, \sqrt{2}) & \chi_{(n-1)\beta} & & & & & \\ \chi_{(n-1)\beta} & N(0, \sqrt{2}) & \chi_{(n-2)\beta} & & & & \\ & \chi_{(n-2)\beta} & \ddots & \ddots & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \chi_{\beta} & & \\ & & & \chi_{\beta} & N(0, \sqrt{2}) & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

This family is called Gaussian β -ensemble (or Dyson's β -ensemble, Jacobi β -ensemble).
Now we prove the Theorem 1.

Proof. Claim: $\Delta(\tilde{\lambda}) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} b_i^i}{\prod_{i=1}^n q_i}$

$$M = UDU^T$$

$$D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

$$U^T = [\vec{q}_1, \dots, \vec{q}_n]$$

$$A = [e_1, Me_1, \dots, M^{n-1}e_1]$$

then

$$\text{Det } A = \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} b_i^i$$

$$Me_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a_n \\ b_{n-1} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}, M^2e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} * \\ * \\ b_{n-1}b_{n-2} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \dots M^{k-1}e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} * \\ \vdots \\ \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} b_{n-i} \\ * \end{bmatrix}$$

then

$$U^T \vec{e}_1 = \vec{q}_1$$

$$A = [\vec{e}_1, M\vec{e}_1, \dots, M^{n-1}\vec{e}_1] = [UU^T e_1, UDU^T e_1, \dots, UD^{n-1}U^T e_1] = U[\vec{q}_1, D\vec{q}_1 \dots D^{n-1}\vec{q}_1]$$

$$B = [\vec{q}_1, D\vec{q}_1 \dots D^{n-1}\vec{q}_1]$$

then:

$$\det B = \det A$$

Since

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} q_{11} & \lambda_1 q_{11} & \lambda_1^2 q_{11} & \dots & \lambda_1^{n-1} q_{11} \\ q_{12} & \lambda_2 q_{12} & \dots & \dots & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ q_{1n} & \lambda_n q_{1n} & \lambda_n^2 q_{1n} & \dots & \lambda_n^{n-1} q_{1n} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\therefore \det B = \prod_{i=1}^n q_{1i} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \lambda_1 & \lambda_1^2 & \dots & \lambda_1^{n-1} \\ 1 & \lambda_2 & \lambda_2^2 & \dots & \lambda_2^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & \lambda_n & \lambda_n^2 & \dots & \lambda_n^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \prod_{i=1}^n q_{1i} \prod_{i < j} (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)$$

□