

3) Determinantal point processes.

3.1) Point processes.

Definition 9: A point process η on Λ is a random point measure, where point measures are measures which are locally finite sum of Dirac measures.

Definition 10: A point process is simple if

$$\mathbb{P}(\eta(x) \leq 1, \forall x \in \Lambda) = 1,$$

i.e., no double points.

Remark: A simple point process can be identified with the support of the random point measure.

Let us do two examples:

(1) Poisson point process on \mathbb{R}^d with intensity s :

Take $\Lambda = \mathbb{R}^d$ and \mathbb{P} the probability measure s.t.,

$\forall B_1, B_2 \subset \Lambda$, bounded and $\forall n, m \geq 0$:

$$\mathbb{P}(\#B_1 = n) = \frac{(s|B_1|)^n}{n!} e^{-s|B_1|}$$

and if $B_1 \cap B_2 = \emptyset \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\#B_1 = n_1, \#B_2 = n_2) = \mathbb{P}(\#B_1 = n_1) \mathbb{P}(\#B_2 = n_2)$.

(2) GUE eigenvalues:

In this case, $\Lambda = \mathbb{R}$ and \mathbb{P} is the probability of the GUE ensemble.

Then, the point process η associated with the GUE eigenvalues

(3.1) is
$$\eta(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(x - \lambda_i).$$

3.2) Correlation functions.

. For a point process η on Λ , the total mass (points with multiplicity, in the support of η) in a set $A \subset \Lambda$ is given by

$$(3.2) \quad \eta(\mathbb{1}_A), \quad \mathbb{1}_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \in A \\ 0, & x \notin A \end{cases}$$

. For a general function, we denote:

$$(3.3) \quad \eta(f) = \int_{\Lambda} f(x) \eta(x) dx$$

Moments: Let $g^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be the n -point correlation functions of the point process η with respect to a measure μ .

Lemma 11: Let $A \subset \Lambda$ a subset. Then,

$$(3.4) \quad \int_{A^n} d\mu(x_1) \dots d\mu(x_n) g^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{\eta(\mathbb{1}_A)^n}{(\eta(\mathbb{1}_A) - n)!} \right)$$

Proof: For $n=1$: $\eta(\mathbb{1}_A) = \sum_i \mathbb{1}_{[x_i \in A]} \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}(\eta(\mathbb{1}_A)) = \mathbb{E}(\#x_i \in A) = \int_A d\mu(x) g^{(1)}(x)$

. For $n=2$: notice that $\eta(\mathbb{1}_A)(\eta(\mathbb{1}_A) - 1) = \sum_i \mathbb{1}_{[x_i \in A]} \sum_{j \neq i} \mathbb{1}_{[x_j \in A]}$, because if $i \notin A \Rightarrow \sum_{j \neq i} \dots$ is irrelevant, while if $i \in A \Rightarrow \sum_{j \neq i} \dots = (\eta(\mathbb{1}_A) - 1)$

. For general n :

$$\begin{aligned} & \eta(\mathbb{1}_A)(\eta(\mathbb{1}_A) - 1) \dots (\eta(\mathbb{1}_A) - n + 1) = \\ & \left(\sum_{i_1} \sum_{i_2 \neq i_1} \dots \sum_{i_n + 2 \neq i_1, \dots, i_{n-1}} \prod_{k=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{[x_{i_k} \in A]} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \mathbb{E} \left(\dots \right) &= \int_{A^n} d\mu(x_1) \dots d\mu(x_n) g^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \end{aligned}$$

In particular: (a) $E(\mathcal{N}(A)) = \int_A g^{(0)}(x) d\mu(x)$

$$(3.5) \quad (b) \quad \text{Var}(\mathcal{N}(A)) = \int_{A^2} g^{(2)}(x, y) d\mu(x) d\mu(y) + \int_A g^{(0)}(x) d\mu(x) - \left(\int_A g^{(0)}(x) d\mu(x) \right)^2$$

3.3) Determinantal class of point processes.

Definition 12: A point process is determinantal if the n -point correlation functions are given by

$$(3.6) \quad g^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \det_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} (K(x_i, x_j))$$

where $K(x, y)$ is a kernel (of an integral operator):

$K: L^2(\Lambda, d\mu) \rightarrow L^2(\Lambda, d\mu)$, non-negative, locally trace-class.

Theorem 13: (Macchi; Soshnikov). In the case of Hermitian K , K defines a determinantal point process

$$\text{iff} \quad 0 \leq K \leq 1.$$

• If the corresponding point process exists, then it is unique.

Remarks: • A determinantal point process is simple.

• The # of points is n with prob. 1 iff K is an orthogonal projection with $\text{rank}(K) = n$.

Example: • GUE eigenvalues' point process!

3.4) Hole probability.

One of the quantities of interest is the hole probability of a set A , i.e., the probability that no points are in A .

$$\mathbb{P}(\eta(\mathbb{1}_A) = 0) = \mathbb{E} \left(\prod_i (1 - \mathbb{1}_A(x_i)) \right), \text{ because } \prod_i (1 - \mathbb{1}_A(x_i)) = \begin{cases} 0, & \exists i \text{ st. } x_i \in A \\ 1, & A \text{ is empty.} \end{cases}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{i_1, \dots, i_n} \prod_{k=1}^n \mathbb{1}_A(x_{i_k}) \right)$$

(3.7)

$$\stackrel{\text{Symmetry}}{=} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_n \\ \text{all different}}} \prod_{k=1}^n \mathbb{1}_A(x_{i_k}) \right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \int_{A^n} d\mu(x_1) \dots d\mu(x_n) S^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$

For determinantal point processes:

$$(3.8) \quad \mathbb{P}(\eta(\mathbb{1}_A) = 0) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \int_{A^n} d\mu(x_1) \dots d\mu(x_n) \det \left(K(x_i, x_j) \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$$

$$\equiv \det(\mathbb{1} - K)_{L^2(A, d\mu)} \quad (= \det(\mathbb{1} - \mathbb{1}_A K \mathbb{1}_A)_{L^2(A, d\mu)})$$

This is called Fredholm determinant.

Remark: There is a whole theory on Fredholm determinants of operators, but here we do not need it. As soon as the series is well defined it is fine.

Example: $\mu(A)$ finite, and $|K(x, y)| \leq C$ in A . Then,

$$\left| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \int_{A^n} d\mu(x_1) \dots d\mu(x_n) \det(K(x_i, x_j)) \right| \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} C^n \mu(A)^n \frac{n!}{n!} \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} C^n \mu(A)^n \stackrel{\text{Hadamard bound}}{\leq} e^{C \mu(A)} < \infty.$$

Application: Distribution of the largest eigenvalue for GUE.

$$(3.9) \quad \mathbb{P}(\lambda_{\max}^{GUE, N} \leq s) = \mathbb{P}(\eta^{GUE, N}(\mathbb{1}_{(s, \infty)}) = 0) = \det(\mathbb{1} - \mathbb{1}_{(s, \infty)} K_N^{GUE} \mathbb{1}_{(s, \infty)})$$

where K_N^{GUE} is the kernel for GUE eigenvalues of $N \times N$ matrices.

3.5) When a measure defines a determinantal point process?

We have seen that for GUE eigenvalues, the measure

$$\frac{1}{Z} (\det(\lambda_i^{j-1}))^2 \prod_{i=1}^N (e^{-\frac{\lambda^2}{2N}} d\lambda_i)$$

induces a determinantal point process. This is a particular case of the following theorem.

Theorem 16: (Barodin; Tracy-Widom for GUE).

Consider a measure of the form

$$(3.10) \quad \frac{1}{Z_N} \det_{1 \leq i, j \leq N} (\phi_i(x_j)) \cdot \det_{1 \leq i, j \leq N} (\psi_i(x_j)) d\mu(x_1) \dots d\mu(x_N)$$

with $Z_N \neq 0$. Then, (3.10) defines a determinantal point process with kernel

$$(3.11) \quad K_N(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^N \psi_i(x) [A^{-1}]_{ij} \phi_j(y)$$

$$\text{where: } A_{ij} = \int \phi_i(s) \psi_j(s) d\mu(s)$$

Proof: Notation: $\langle a | b \rangle \doteq \int a(x) b(x) d\mu(x)$, $\langle x | b \rangle \doteq b(x)$, $\langle a | x \rangle \doteq a(x)$

Suppose that we can find functions $\tilde{\phi}_i, \tilde{\psi}_i, i=1, \dots, N$ such that:

(a) $\text{vect}(\{\phi_i\}) = \text{vect}(\{\tilde{\phi}_i\})$

(b) $\text{vect}(\{\psi_i\}) = \text{vect}(\{\tilde{\psi}_i\})$

and (c) $\langle \tilde{\phi}_k | \tilde{\psi}_l \rangle = \delta_{kl}$.

[(a), (b) possible by Gram-Schmidt; (c) is possible since $Z_N \neq 0$]

Then: (3.10) = const. $\det \left(\tilde{\Phi}_i(x_j) \right)_{i,j \in \{1, \dots, N\}} \cdot \det \left(\tilde{\Psi}_i(x_j) \right)_{i,j \in \{1, \dots, N\}} d^N \mu(x)$

as for GUE

$$= \text{const} \cdot \det \left(K_N(x_i, x_j) \right)_{i,j \in \{1, \dots, N\}} d^N \mu(x)$$

$$\text{with } K_N(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^N \tilde{\Psi}_k(x) \tilde{\Phi}_k(y).$$

Using $\langle \tilde{\Phi}_k, \tilde{\Phi}_\ell \rangle = \delta_{k\ell}$, one verifies:

$$\int_1 d\mu(x) K_N(x, y) = N$$

$$\int_1 d\mu(x) K_N(x, z) K_N(z, y) = K_N(x, y).$$

These two properties are the only two used in the GUE case.

$$\text{Thus: } S^{(N)}(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \det \left(K_N(x_i, x_j) \right)_{i,j \in \{1, \dots, N\}}.$$

$$K_N = \sum_{k=1}^N |\tilde{\Psi}_k\rangle \langle \tilde{\Phi}_k|.$$

let S and T the change of basis matrices:

$$\phi_i = \sum_{j=1}^N S_{ij} \tilde{\Phi}_j; \quad \psi_i = \sum_{j=1}^N T_{ij} \tilde{\Psi}_j$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow K_N &= \sum_{k=1}^N |\tilde{\Psi}_k\rangle \langle \tilde{\Phi}_k| = \sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{i,j=1}^N (T^{-1})_{ki} |\psi_i\rangle (S^{-1})_{kj} \langle \phi_j| \\ &= \sum_{i,j=1}^N |\psi_i\rangle \underbrace{\left((T^t)^{-1} \cdot S^{-1} \right)_{ij}}_{= (S \cdot T^t)^{-1}_{ij}} \langle \phi_j| \end{aligned}$$

Define $A = S \cdot T^t$ and compute

$$\langle \phi_i | \psi_j \rangle = \sum_{k\ell} S_{ik} T_{j\ell} \cdot \underbrace{\langle \tilde{\Phi}_k | \tilde{\Psi}_\ell \rangle}_{= \delta_{k\ell}} = \sum_k S_{ik} T_{jk} = A_{ij}.$$

Remark: A det. p.p. with kernel $K(x, y)$ is the same as the one with kernel $\tilde{K}(x, y) = \frac{\psi(x)}{\psi(y)} K(x, y)$ for any $\psi(x)$ with $\psi(x) \neq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{1}$.

One says that K and \tilde{K} are conjugate kernels.