

Some properties of the Airy Process,  $\mathcal{A}_2$ .

From the formula of the extended kernel, it is immediate that the Airy Process is stationary.

The one-point distribution is given by the  $\beta=2$  Tracy-Widom distribution:

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{A}_2(0) \leq s) = F_2(s).$$

Covariance:  $\text{Cov}(\mathcal{A}_2(0), \mathcal{A}_2(u)) = \begin{cases} \text{Var}(\mathcal{A}_2(0)) - u + \sigma(u^2), & u \ll 1, \\ \frac{1}{u^2} + \sigma(u^{-4}), & u \gg 1. \end{cases}$

The Airy process is not a Markov process.

7.4) Dyson's Brownian Motion.

Consider matrices  $H$  in one of the GOE/GUE/GSE ensembles. Then, the independent parameters are:

$$\begin{cases} H_{ii}, & 1 \leq i \leq N \\ H_{ij}^{(\beta)}, & 1 \leq i < j \leq N, \beta = 1, 2, 4 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow p = N + \frac{\beta}{2} N(N-1)$  independent real "entries", which we denote by  $H_\mu, \mu = 1, \dots, p$ .

Dyson's Brownian Motion on matrices consists in independent

Ornstein-Uhlenbeck processes on  $H_\mu$  (i.e., Brownian Motions in a quadratic potential) as follows:

$$(1) \begin{cases} dH_\mu = -\alpha \cdot H_\mu dt + \sigma_\mu dB_\mu, & \sigma_\mu = \begin{cases} 1, & \mu = (i,i) \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ \text{where } dB_\mu \text{ are independent standard B.M.} \end{cases}$$

Denote by  $P(H_1, \dots, H_p; t)$  the probability density at time  $t$ . Then, one can check that  $P$  satisfies the Smoluchowski equation:

$$(2) \quad \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \sum_{\mu=1}^p \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{\mu} \cdot \frac{\partial^2}{\partial H_{\mu}^2} P + \alpha \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial H_{\mu}} (H_{\mu} P) \right]$$

Moreover, the solution of (2) with initial condition  $H(0)$  at  $t=0$  is given by

$$(3) \quad \begin{cases} P(H, t) = \frac{\text{const}}{(1 - q_t^2)^{p/2}} \cdot \exp \left[ - \frac{\alpha \text{Tr}((H - q_t H(0))^2)}{(1 - q_t^2)} \right] \\ \text{where } q_t = \exp(-\alpha \cdot t) \end{cases}$$

In particular,  $P^{\text{stat}}(H) = \text{const} \cdot \exp[-\alpha \text{Tr}(H^2)]$  is the stationary solution of (3) [take  $t \rightarrow \infty$  in (3)].

Question: What happens to the eigenvalues when the matrices evolves according to (1)?

Answer: The  $N$  eigenvalues,  $\lambda_1(t) > \lambda_2(t) > \dots > \lambda_N(t)$  satisfy the system of SDE:

$$(4) \quad \begin{cases} d\lambda_i = \left[ -\alpha \lambda_i + \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{\lambda_j - \lambda_i} \right] dt + db_i, \quad (i=1, \dots, N) \\ \text{where } db_i \text{ are independent standard B.M.} \end{cases}$$

Let us now determine (4). First of all, notice that the evolution (1) does not depend on the choice of basis. In fact, the solution (3) involves only a trace, which is representation-independent.

Therefore we choose a representation such that at time  $t$ ,  $H(t)$  is diagonal and see what happens at  $t+dt$ .

We have:  $H(t)|\psi_i\rangle = \lambda_i|\psi_i\rangle$  with the eigenvalues a.s. all different. The problem can be formulated as follows:

at time  $t+dt$ , we have an Hamiltonian  $H(t+dt) = H(t) + \delta H$  with  $\delta H = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{dt}) + \mathcal{O}(dt)$ , in any case with  $\delta H$  small.

⇒ Goal: find the perturbation of the eigenvalues.

Result:  $\lambda_i(t+dt) \stackrel{\circledast}{=} \lambda_i(t) + \delta H_{ii}^{(0)} + \sum_{j \neq i} \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\beta-1} \frac{(\delta H_{ij}^{(\lambda)})^2}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} + \mathcal{O}((\delta H_i)^3)$   
 (see below)

Since  $\delta H_{ii}^{(0)} = -\alpha \cdot \lambda_i(t) dt + dB_{ii}$   
 and  $(\delta H_{ij}^{(\lambda)})^2 = \frac{d\epsilon}{2} \quad (= \frac{1}{2} (dB_{ij}^{(\lambda)})^2)$ .

Therefore,  $d\lambda_i = -\alpha \lambda_i dt + \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} dt + dB_{ii}$ .

Now we just have to justify  $\circledast$ :

Lemma: Let  $H$  a  $N \times N$  matrix,  $V$  another  $N \times N$  matrix. Suppose  $H|\psi_i\rangle = \lambda_i|\psi_i\rangle$  with  $\lambda_i$  all distincts.  $\{|\psi_i\rangle\}_{i=1}^N$  form an o.n. basis.  
 Then  $(H + \epsilon V)|\psi'_i\rangle = \lambda'_i|\psi'_i\rangle$ , with  $\lambda'_i = \lambda_i + \epsilon \langle \psi_i | V | \psi_i \rangle + \epsilon^2 \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{|\langle \psi_i | V | \psi_j \rangle|^2}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$

Proof: We use  $\{|\psi_i\rangle, i=1, \dots, N\}$  as basis and write  $|\psi'_i\rangle = |\psi_i\rangle + \epsilon \sum_j A_{ij} |\psi_j\rangle + \epsilon^2 \sum_j B_{ij} |\psi_j\rangle + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$ , and  $\lambda'_i = \lambda_i + \epsilon a_i + \epsilon^2 b_i + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$

⇒  $(H + \epsilon V)|\psi'_i\rangle = \lambda'_i|\psi'_i\rangle$  becomes, order by order;

$\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$ :  $H|\psi_i\rangle = \lambda_i|\psi_i\rangle \quad ; \quad r.$

$\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^1)$ :  $V \cdot |\psi_i\rangle = a_i |\psi_i\rangle + (\lambda_i - H) \sum_j A_{ij} |\psi_j\rangle$ ,  
 multiplied by  $\langle \psi_k | \Rightarrow \langle \psi_k | V | \psi_i \rangle = \delta_{ki} a_i + (\lambda_i - \lambda_k) A_{ik}$

In particular, for  $k=i \Rightarrow \langle \psi_i, V \psi_i \rangle = a_i$

and for  $k \neq i : \langle \psi_k, V \psi_i \rangle = (\lambda_i - \lambda_k) A_i^k$

$\sigma(\epsilon^2)$ :  $V \sum_j A_i^j |\psi_j\rangle = b_i |\psi_i\rangle + a_i \sum_j A_i^j |\psi_j\rangle + (\lambda_i - H) \sum_j B_i^j |\psi_j\rangle$

multiplied by  $\langle \psi_k |$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_j A_i^j \langle \psi_k, V \psi_j \rangle = b_i \cdot \delta_{k,i} + a_i \cdot A_i^k + (\lambda_i - \lambda_k) B_i^k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{For } k=i: \quad b_i &= \sum_j A_i^j \langle \psi_i, V \psi_j \rangle - a_i \cdot A_i^i \\ &= \sum_{j \neq i} A_i^j \langle \psi_i, V \psi_j \rangle + \cancel{A_i^i \langle \psi_i, V \psi_i \rangle} - \cancel{\langle \psi_i, V \psi_i \rangle A_i^i} \\ &= \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\langle \psi_i, V \psi_j \rangle \cdot \langle \psi_j, V \psi_i \rangle}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} \quad \neq \end{aligned}$$

7.4.1) Multimatrix model and Airy process (for Hermitian case).

Now we consider Dyson's Brownian Motion for  $\beta=2$  and

$\alpha = \frac{\beta}{4N} = \frac{1}{2N}$ . Let  $H(t=0)$  be distributed according to the

Stationary measure  $e^{-\frac{\text{Tr}(H_0^2)}{2N}} dH_0$ . Consider  $m$  times  $0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_m$ . Then, by (3), the measure on matrices  $H_0, \dots, H_m$  at these times is given by

$$(5) \quad \frac{1}{Z_{N,m}} \cdot e^{-\frac{\text{Tr}(H_0^2)}{2N}} \cdot \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} e^{-\frac{\text{Tr}(H_{j+1} - q_j H_j)^2}{2N(1-q_j^2)}} dH_0 \dots dH_m,$$

where  $q_j \doteq \exp[-(t_{j+1} - t_j)/2N]$  and  $H_j$  is the matrix at time  $t_j$ .

(5) can be rewritten as

$$(6) \quad \frac{1}{Z_{N,m}} \cdot e^{-\frac{\text{Tr}(H_0^2)}{2N(1-q_0^2)}} \prod_{j=1}^{m-1} e^{-\frac{\text{Tr}(H_j^2)}{2N} \left[ \frac{1}{1-q_{j-1}^2} + \frac{q_j^2}{1-q_j^2} \right]} \cdot e^{-\frac{\text{Tr}(H_m^2)}{2N(1-q_{m-1}^2)}} \cdot \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} e^{\frac{q_j}{N(1-q_j^2)} \text{Tr}(H_j \cdot H_{j+1})} dH_0 \dots dH_m.$$



Denote by  $\alpha_k \doteq \frac{1}{2N(1-q_k^2)}$ ,  $\gamma_k \doteq \frac{1 - q_{k-1}^2 q_k^2}{2N(1-q_{k-1}^2)(1-q_k^2)}$ , and  $\beta_k \doteq \frac{q_k}{N(1-q_k^2)}$ .

Then, (6) writes

$$(7) \quad \frac{1}{Z_{N,m}} \cdot e^{-\alpha_0 \cdot \text{Tr}(H_0^2)} \cdot \left( \prod_{k=1}^{m-1} e^{-\gamma_k \cdot \text{Tr}(H_k^2)} \right) \cdot e^{-\alpha_{m-1} \cdot \text{Tr}(H_{m-1}^2)} \cdot \prod_{k=0}^{m-1} e^{\beta_k \cdot \text{Tr}(H_k \cdot H_{k+1})} dH_0 \dots dH_{m-1}.$$

As in the case of a single GUE matrix, if we are interested only in the eigenvalues, we have to integrate out the angular variables.

We have seen that

$$dH_k = \Delta_N(\lambda_k) \cdot d\lambda_k \cdot dU_k,$$

where  $\lambda_k = (\lambda_{k,1}, \dots, \lambda_{k,N})$ , are the eigenvalues of  $H_k$

and  $H_k = U_k \Lambda_k U_k^{-1}$  with  $U_k \in U(N)$  and  $\Lambda_k = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{k,1} & & 0 \\ & \dots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_{k,N} \end{pmatrix}$ .

Replacing  $H_k = U_k \Lambda_k U_k^{-1}$  in (7), the only terms in which the  $U_k$  do not disappear is the last product:

$$(8) \quad \prod_{k=0}^{m-1} e^{\beta_k \cdot \text{Tr}(U_k \Lambda_k U_k^{-1} U_{k+1} \Lambda_{k+1} U_{k+1}^{-1})}$$

Defining  $V_k \doteq U_k^{-1} U_{k+1}$ , we get  $(8) = \prod_{k=0}^{m-1} e^{\beta_k \text{Tr}(\Lambda_k V_k \Lambda_{k+1} V_k^{-1})}$

The problem is to integrate over the unitary group  $U(N)$  the expressions!

Lemma: [Harish-Chandra / Itzykson-Zuber formula]:

$$(9) \quad \int_{U(N)} dU \exp[\beta \cdot \text{Tr}(\Lambda_1 U \Lambda_2 U^{-1})] = \frac{1}{\beta^{N(N-1)/2}} \cdot \left( \prod_{p=1}^{N-1} p! \right) \cdot \frac{\det[e^{\beta \lambda_{1,i} \cdot \lambda_{2,j}}]_{1 \leq i, j \leq N}}{\Delta_N(\lambda_1) \Delta_N(\lambda_2)}$$

if  $\Lambda_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{1,1} & & 0 \\ & \dots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_{1,N} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\Lambda_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{2,1} & & 0 \\ & \dots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_{2,N} \end{pmatrix}$ .

We are not going to prove this Lemma here. Look e.g.

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Applying this Lemma, we get the following expression for the joint distribution of eigenvalues:

$$(10) \left\{ \begin{aligned} P(\{\lambda_{k,i}\}_{k,i}) &= \frac{1}{\sum_{N,m}} \left( \prod_{i=1}^N e^{-\alpha_0 \cdot \lambda_{i,0}^2} \right) \cdot \left( \prod_{k=1}^{m-1} \prod_{i=1}^N e^{-\gamma_k \cdot \lambda_{k,i}^2} \right) \cdot \left( \prod_{i=1}^N e^{-\alpha_{m-1} \cdot \lambda_{m-1,i}^2} \right) \\ &\cdot \Delta_N(\lambda_1) \cdot \left( \prod_{k=0}^{m-1} \det \left( e^{\beta_k \cdot \lambda_{k,i} \cdot \lambda_{k+1,i}} \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq N} \right) \cdot \Delta_N(\lambda_m) d\lambda_0 \dots d\lambda_m \end{aligned} \right.$$

Since the Vandermonde determinants coming from (9) are all canceled by the ones coming from the  $d\lambda_k = \Delta_N^2(\lambda_k) d\lambda d\lambda_k$  except for one at the beginning and at the end.

The measure (10) is of the form needed to apply theorem at page (4) of chapter 7.1. We do not do the computations here (analogue to the ones of the  $N$  non-intersecting Brownian Bridges).

The final result is that the eigenvalues forms a space-time extended determinantal point process with kernel

$$(11) \left\{ \begin{aligned} K_N(t_1, x_i; t_2, x_j) &= \begin{cases} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{-\frac{k(t_2-t_1)}{2N}} \cdot P_k(x) P_k(y) \cdot e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{4N}}, & \text{for } t_1 \leq t_2, \\ - \sum_{k=N}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{k(t_2-t_1)}{2N}} \cdot P_k(x) P_k(y) \cdot e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{4N}}, & \text{for } t_1 > t_2, \end{cases} \\ \text{where } P_k(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi N} \sqrt{2^k k!}} \cdot H_k\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2N}}\right), & \text{with } H_k \text{ the standard Hermite polynomials.} \end{aligned} \right.$$

The kernel (11) is called extended Hermite kernel.

Edge scaling: The edge scaling is the following. Let

$\lambda_i(t)$  be the  $i$ -th largest eigenvalue of the stationary solution of (4) for  $\beta=2$ . Then, define

$$(12) \quad \lambda_i^{\text{vesc}}(s) \doteq \frac{\lambda_i(2s \cdot N^{2/3}) - 2N}{N^{1/3}}.$$

Then one can prove that:  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_2^{\text{vesc}}(s) = \mathcal{A}_2(s)$ , the Airing process.

### 7.5) The LGU Theorem ("discrete version" of Karlin-McGregor).

In a lot of applications, it is useful the following result on non-intersecting paths on directed graphs.

- Consider a graph  $(V, E)$  of vertices  $V$  and edges  $E$ :
- The edges are directed.
- A path  $\pi$  is a sequence of consecutive vertices joined by directed edges.
- Let  $\mathcal{P}(u, v)$  denote the set of all paths starting from  $u \in V$  and ending at  $v \in V$ .
- Two paths  $\pi$  and  $\pi'$  intersect if they have a common vertex.
- To every edge assign a weight  $w(e)$ ,  $e \in E$ . Then, the weight of a path  $\pi$  is given by

$$w(\pi) \doteq \prod_{e \in \pi} w(e), \quad \text{and}$$

define the total weight of paths from  $u$  to  $v$  is defined by

$$h(u, v) \doteq \sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{P}(u, v)} w(\pi).$$

The final important condition on the graph is the following:

Given initial points  $(u_1, \dots, u_m)$  and final points  $(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ , there exists at most a unique permutation  $\sigma \in S_m$  s.t. we can connect  $u_i$  to  $v_{\sigma(i)}$ ,  $i=1, \dots, m$ , by a set of non-intersecting paths.

We say that  $(u_1, \dots, u_m)$  and  $(v_1, \dots, v_m)$  are compatible if there exist a way of connecting them. Then we choose the numbering of the  $v_i$ 's s.t. the above permutation is the identity.

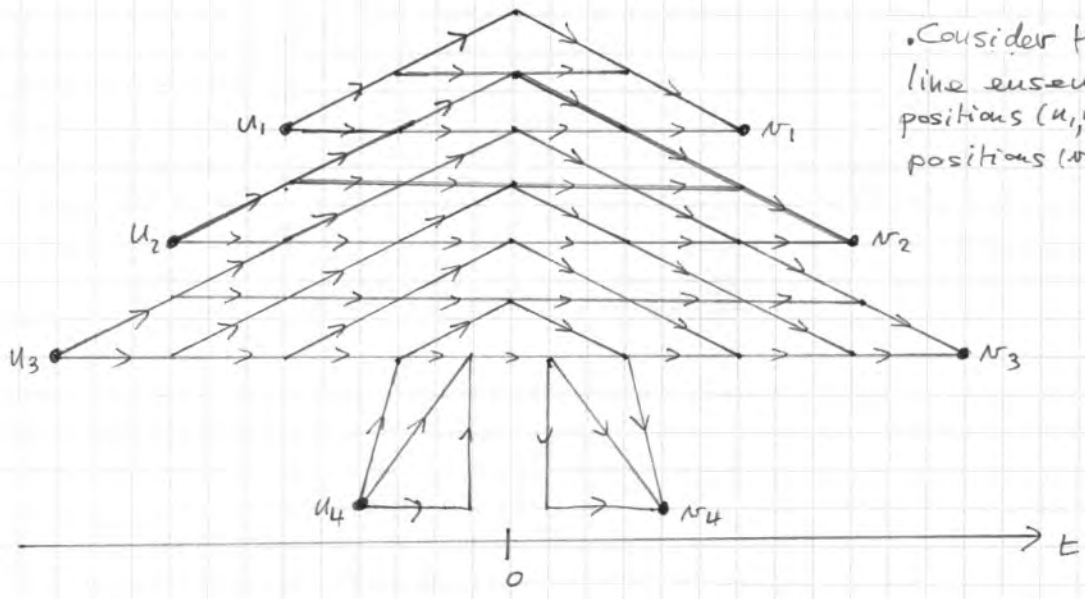
Proposition: Denote by  $\mathcal{P}^{\text{nonint}}(\vec{u}, \vec{v})$  the set of all non-intersecting  $m$ -tuples of paths from  $\vec{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_m)$  to  $\vec{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_m)$ . Then,

$$w(\mathcal{P}^{\text{nonint}}(\vec{u}, \vec{v})) = \sum_{(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_m) \in \mathcal{P}^{\text{nonint}}(\vec{u}, \vec{v})} w(\pi_1) \dots w(\pi_m) = \det(h(u_i, v_j))_{1 \leq i, j \leq m}$$

The proof uses the same ingredients of Karlin-McGuire theorem (∃! permutation s.t. non-intersecting, weight =  $\prod$  local weights).

Application: The Xmas-tree determinantal point process.

Let us consider the following graph with  $w(v) = 1$ ,  $\forall$  vertex.



Consider the non-intersecting line ensembles with initial positions  $(u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4)$  and final positions  $(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4)$ .

Show that the point process at  $t=0$  is determinantal and compute the correlation kernel. Have a nice Xmas!