

Non-normal matrices: spectral instability, pseudospectrum, and random perturbation

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Non-normal operators

Normal operator/matrix: $NN^* = N^*N$;

Non-normal: $NN^* \neq N^*N$.

Examples of non-normal operators/matrices:

- Kramers-Fokker-Planck type operators
- PDE solvability theory
- Damped wave equations
- Open quantum systems
- Scattering theory - long term behavior of a quantum particle
- Linearized operators from models in fluid dynamics
- Evolution driven by non-normal operators

For any bounded normal operator N

$$\|(N - z)^{-1}\| = \frac{1}{\text{dist}(z, \text{Spec}(N))}, \quad z \notin \text{Spec}(N).$$

Spectral instability of non-normal operators

For a non-normal operator N and $z \notin \text{Spec}(N)$ one has
either

$$\|(N - z)^{-1}\| \asymp \frac{1}{\text{dist}(z, \text{Spec}(N))}$$

(zone of spectral stability)

or

$$\|(N - z)^{-1}\| \gg \frac{1}{\text{dist}(z, \text{Spec}(N))}.$$

(zone of spectral instability)

Spectral instability of non-normal operators

Example: Left shift operator on \mathbb{C}^N / Jordan block

$$J_N := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & & \\ & 0 & 1 & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & & 0 & 1 & \\ & & & & 0 & 1 \\ & & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{Spec}(J_N) = \{0\}.$$

Zone of spectral instability: For $z \in D(0, 1) := \{w \in \mathbb{C} : |w| < 1\}$

$$\|(J_N - z)v\|_2 = |z|^N \Rightarrow \|(J_N - z)^{-1}\| \geq |z|^{-N}$$

$$v := (1 \quad z \quad z^2 \quad \dots \quad z^{N-1})^T \Rightarrow \|v\|_2 \asymp 1.$$

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Spectral instability of non-normal operators

$$J_N - z := \begin{bmatrix} -z & 1 & & & & & \\ & -z & 1 & & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & & & \\ & & & -z & 1 & & \\ & & & & -z & 1 & \\ & & & & & -z & 1 \\ & & & & & & -z \end{bmatrix}.$$

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Challenges with non-normal matrices

- (i) The eigenvalue analysis in many applications turns out to be misleading.
- (ii) The eigenvalues are sensitive to perturbations and thereby often yielding unreliable results.

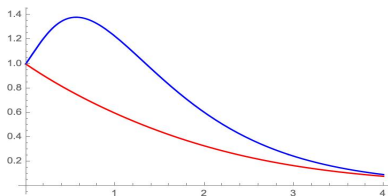
Challenges with non-normal matrices

Example 1. Set $f_A(t) := \|\exp(tA)\|$, $f_B(t) := \|\exp(tB)\|$, $t \geq 0$ ($\|\cdot\|$ denotes the operator norm),

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- For large t 's the slopes of the curves are determined via an eigenvalue analysis.
- Slopes for $t \asymp 1$?

Challenges with non-normal matrices



$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- The 'hump'-like structure of the curve $\{f_B(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ cannot be explained solely by the eigenvalues of B .
- Such hump-like structures are ubiquitous in dynamical systems, commonly known as the transient behaviors.

(Example taken from the book by Trefethen and Embree)

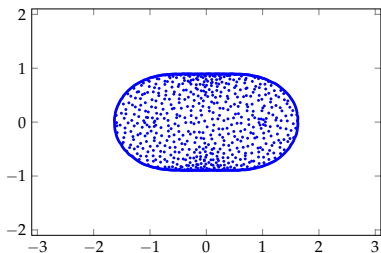
Challenges with non-normal matrices

Example 3. Simulate a Haar U_N . Compute the eigenvalues of $U_N H_N U_N^*$. $N = 1000$.

$$H_N := J_N + D_N$$

$$D_N = \text{diag}(\{d_i\}_{i=1}^N)$$

$$d_i = -2 + \frac{4i}{N}, i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

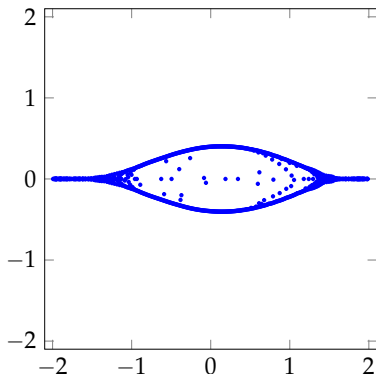


Twisted Toeplitz / Toeplitz with variable coefficients

Challenges with non-normal matrices

Example 4. Simulate a Haar U_N . Compute the eigenvalues of $U_N \tilde{H}_N U_N^*$. $N = 1000$.

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{H}_N &:= J_N + \tilde{D}_N \\ \tilde{D}_N &= \text{diag}(\{X_i\}_{i=1}^N) \\ \{X_i\} &\text{ i.i.d. Unif}[-2, 2]\end{aligned}$$



Non-periodic one-way model – “limit” of Hatano-Nelson model
(due to Brézin, Feinberg, and Zee)

Eigenvalues move to the ‘Hatano-Nelson bubble’

Challenges with non-normal matrices

Remark. Recall $H_N = J_N + D_N$ and $\tilde{H}_N = J_N + \tilde{D}_N$, with

$$D_N = \text{diag}(\{d_i\}), \quad d_i = -2 + \frac{4i}{N}, i = 1, 2, \dots, N,$$
$$\tilde{D}_N := \text{diag}(\{X_i\}), \quad \{X_i\} \text{ i.i.d. Unif}[-2, 2].$$

Hence

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{\lambda_i(H_N)} \Rightarrow \text{Unif}[-2, 2], \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{\lambda_i(\tilde{H}_N)} \Rightarrow \text{Unif}[-2, 2].$$

However, simulated spectrums of $U_N H_N U_N^*$ and $U_N \tilde{H}_N U_N^*$ are completely different.

ε -pseudospectrum ($\varepsilon > 0$)

$$(1). \text{Spec}_\varepsilon(A) := \text{Spec}(A) \cup \{z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \text{Spec}(A) : \|(A - z)^{-1}\| \geq \varepsilon^{-1}\}$$

$$(2). \text{Spec}_\varepsilon(A) = \bigcup_{\|E\| \leq \varepsilon} \text{Spec}(A + E)$$

$$(3). z \in \text{Spec}_\varepsilon(A) \Leftrightarrow z \in \text{Spec}(A) \text{ or } \exists v_z \text{ s.t. } \|(A - z)v_z\| \leq \varepsilon \|v_z\|$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow (2) \Leftrightarrow (3)$$

[Varah '79], [Trefethen, Embree '05]

For any $A \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$ and any $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\text{Spec}_\varepsilon(A) \supset \text{Spec}(A) + D(0, \varepsilon).$$

If $\|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_2$ and $A \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$ then

$$A \text{ normal} \Leftrightarrow \text{Spec}_\varepsilon(A) = \text{Spec}(A) + D(0, \varepsilon) \forall \varepsilon > 0.$$

More generally, if $A = V\Lambda V^{-1}$ is diagonalizable then

$$\text{Spec}_\varepsilon(A) \subset \text{Spec}(A) + D(0, \varepsilon \kappa(V)), \quad \kappa(V) := \frac{s_{\max}(V)}{s_{\min}(V)}.$$

Example 2 (revisited): For any $\delta = \delta_N > 0$ let

$$J_N^{(\delta)} := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & & \\ & 0 & 1 & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & & 0 & 1 & \\ & & & & 0 & 1 \\ \delta & & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Observe: Eigenvalues of $J_N^{(\delta)} = \{\delta^{1/N} e^{2\pi i k/N}, k \in [0, N-1] \cap \mathbb{Z}\}$.

Therefore

- If $\delta = |z|^N$ for some $z \in D(0, 1)$ then an **exponentially small perturbation** of J_N produces eigenvalues that are at a distance $|z|$ from $\text{Spec}(J_N)$. Thus $\text{Spec}_{r,N}(J_N) \supset D(0, r)$ for any $r \in (0, 1)$.
- If $\delta \asymp 1$ or if $\delta = O(N^{-\alpha})$ for any $\alpha > 0$ then eigenvalues of $J_N^{(\delta)}$ approaches $\mathbb{S}^1 := \partial D(0, 1)$.

Pseudospectrum

Example 2 (continued):

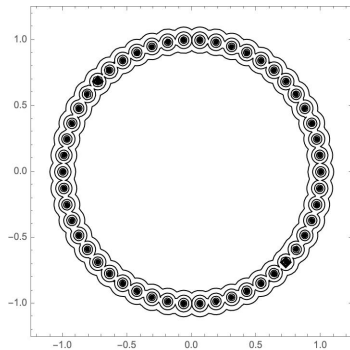
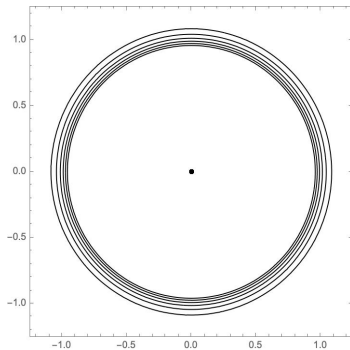


Figure: $N = 50$, $\varepsilon = 10^{-1}, 10^{-1.2}, \dots, 10^{-2}$. Pseudospectral level lines: J_N on the left panel, $C_N := J_N^{(1)}$ on the right panel.

Examples 3 and 4 (revisited):

$$H_N := \begin{bmatrix} -2 + \frac{4}{N} & 1 & & & & \\ & -2 + \frac{8}{N} & 1 & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & & 2 - \frac{2}{N} & 1 & \\ & & & & & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \tilde{H}_N := \begin{bmatrix} X_1 & 1 & & & & \\ & X_2 & 1 & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & & X_{N-1} & 1 & \\ & & & & & X_N \end{bmatrix}$$

$\{X_i\}$ are i.i.d. $\text{Unif}[-2, 2]$.

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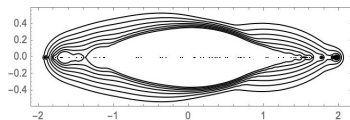
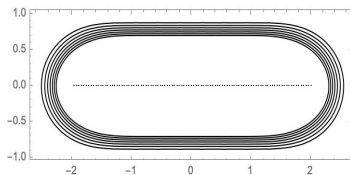
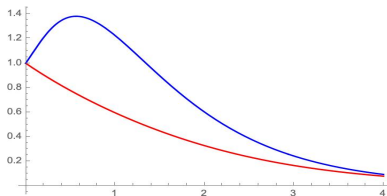


Figure: $N = 100$, $\varepsilon = 10^{-2}, 10^{-2.4}, \dots, 10^{-4.4}$. Pseudospectral level lines: H_N on the left panel, \tilde{H}_N on the right panel.

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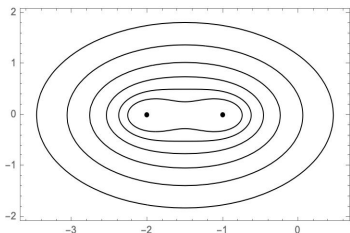
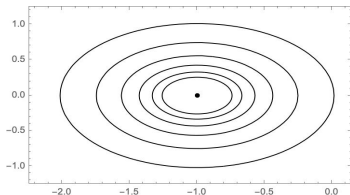


Figure: $\varepsilon = 10^{-0.2}, 10^{-0.4}, \dots, 10^{-1.2}$. Pseudospectral level lines: **A** on the left panel, **B** on the right panel.

Real life implications: Onset of turbulence in the plane Couette flow at a high Reynolds number.

Spectrum of the Navier-Stokes evolution operator linearized about the laminar flow contained in the left half of the plane. For a sufficiently large Reynolds number and a small $\varepsilon > 0$ its ε -pseudospectrum protrudes a distance 'much' greater than ε into the right half plane, and as a result certain perturbations of the plane Couette flow grow transiently at that high Reynolds number eventually decaying due to viscosity.

Move from pseudospectrum to random perturbation

- Pseudospectra are generally harder to characterize and computationally more expensive.
- Random perturbation is an efficient model.
 - The pseudospectrum measures how much one can move the spectrum by a **worst**-case perturbation.
 - In many physical models the **perturbation** of an operator is generally induced by sources that are primarily **uncontrolled** by experimentalists.
 - Natural to study spectral features of disordered perturbations of a non-normal operators/matrices, e.g. open quantum systems.
 - If the simulated $U_N = \mathcal{U}_N + \Delta_N$, where \mathcal{U}_N is a 'true' unitary and Δ_N captures the machine/rounding error then the spectrum of $\hat{A}_N := U_N A_N U_N^*$ is **same** as that of $A_N + \hat{\Delta}_N$.

Random perturbations of non-normal matrices

Example. For $\mathbf{a}(\xi) := \sum_{i=-d_-}^{d_+} a_i \xi^i$, with $\xi \in \mathbb{S}^1$, set

$$T_N(\mathbf{a}) := \sum_{i \geq 0} a_i J_N^i + \sum_{i < 0} a_i (J_N^*)^i.$$

For $\mathbf{a}(\xi) = 2\xi^{-3} - \xi^{-2} + 2\xi^{-1} - 4\xi - 2\xi^2$

$$T_N(\mathbf{a}) := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4 & -2\iota & & & & & & & & \\ 2\iota & 0 & -4 & -2\iota & & & & & & & \\ -1 & 2\iota & 0 & -4 & -2\iota & & & & & & \\ 2 & -1 & 2\iota & 0 & -4 & -2\iota & & & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & & \\ & & & & & 0 & -4 & -2\iota & & & \\ & & & & & & 2 & -1 & 2\iota & 0 & -4 \\ & & & & & & & 2 & -1 & 2\iota & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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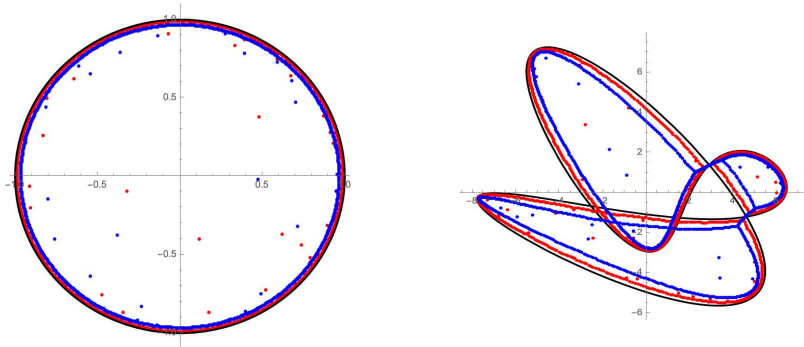


Figure: $N = 1000$. Eigenvalues of $U_N A_N U_N^*$, U_N a simulated Haar unitary, computed through Mathematica are in blue. Eigenvalues of $A_N + N^{-2} G_N$ are in red, where G_N is the random matrix with i.i.d. standard complex Gaussian entries. Left panel: $A_N = J_N$, and right panel: $A_N = T_N(\mathbf{a})$. Symbol curves S^1 (left panel) and $\alpha(S^1)$ (right panel) in black.

Random perturbations of non-normal matrices

Examples 3 and 4 (revisiting again).

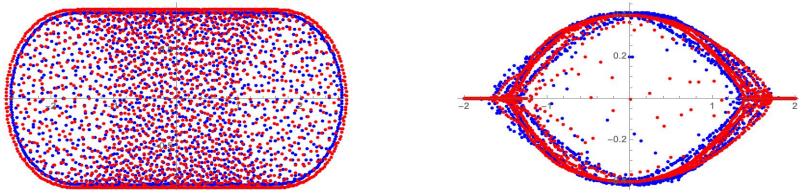


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Setup:

- A_N an $N \times N$ non-normal matrix.
- E_N is a random matrix with entries that are of $O(1)$.
(e.g. i.i.d. Gaussian entries)
- Consider $A_N + N^{-\gamma}E_N$ for $\gamma > 1/2$.

Observe $\gamma > 1/2$ is necessary. Since $\|E_N\| \asymp N^{1/2}$.

- **Limit** of the bulk of the **eigenvalues**. How does it depend on “ $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} A_N$ ”? Universal w.r.t. to the distribution of E_N ?
W.r.t. γ ?

$$L_N := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{\lambda_i}.$$

- Are there **outliers**?
 stray eigenvalues away from the support of the limiting measure
If so, what is the limit (of the random point process)?
Universal/non-universal?
- How do **eigenvectors** look like? Localization/delocalization?
Quantum unique ergodicity?

- Non-self-adjoint (semiclassical) pseudodifferential operators
 - probabilistic Weyl law
[Hager '06], [Hager, Sjöstrand '08], [Sjöstrand '08, '09]
[Bordeaux, Montrieux '08]
 - local eigenvalue statistics
[Nonenmacher, Vogel '17]
- Twisted Toeplitz matrices/Berezin-Toeplitz quantization of smooth functions on torus
[Christiansen, Zworski '10], [B., Paquette, Zeitouni '19]
[Vogel '20]
- Random bi-diagonal matrix/one-way model
[B., Paquette, Zeitouni '19]

■ Non-self-adjoint Toeplitz matrices

- probabilistic Weyl law/asymptotic eigenvalue density

[Hager, Davies '09], [Guionnet, Wood, Zeitouni '14]
[B., Paquette, Zeitouni '19, '20], [Sjöstrand, Vogel '21a, '21b]
[O'Rourke, Wood '22]

- rate of convergence, local law

[O'Rourke, Wood '22]

- limit of point process induced by outlier eigenvalues

[Sjöstrand, Vogel '17a, '17b], [B., Zeitouni '20]

- localization/scarring of eigenvectors

[B., Vogel, Zeitouni '23]

Spectrum of random perturbation of Toeplitz matrices

$$T_N(\mathbf{a}) = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & \cdots & a_{N-1} \\ a_{-1} & a_0 & a_1 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ a_{-2} & a_{-1} & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & a_1 & a_2 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & a_{-1} & a_0 & a_1 \\ a_{-(N-1)} & \cdots & \cdots & a_{-2} & a_{-1} & a_0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad a_i \in \mathbb{C}.$$

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$T_N(\mathbf{a})$ **finitely banded** if $a_i = 0$ for $i \geq d_1 + 1$ and $i \leq -(d_2 + 1)$ for some $d_1, d_2 \geq 0$.

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- ▶ $T_N(\mathbf{a})$ can be viewed as a finite dimensional version of an infinite dimensional matrix/operator $T(\mathbf{a})$.

$$T_N(\mathbf{a}) = \mathbf{1}_{[1,N] \cap \mathbb{N}} T(\mathbf{a}) \mathbf{1}_{[1,N] \cap \mathbb{N}}$$

- ▶ The **symbol** of $T(\mathbf{a})/ T_N(\mathbf{a})$ is \mathbf{a} .

$$\mathbf{a}(\xi) := \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k \xi^k, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{S}^1.$$

- If $T(\mathbf{a})$ (or equivalently $T_N(\mathbf{a})$) is finitely banded then \mathbf{a} is a **Laurent polynomial**.

$$\mathbf{a}(\xi) = \sum_{k=-d_2}^{d_1} a_k \xi^k.$$

Examples.

- $T_N(\mathbf{a}) = J_N \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{a}(\xi) = \xi.$
- $T_N(\mathbf{a}) = J_N + J_N^2 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{a}(\xi) = \xi + \xi^2.$
- $T_N(\mathbf{a}) = 2(J_N^3)^* - (J_N^2)^* + 2\iota J_N^* - 4J_N - 2\iota J_N^2 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{a}(\xi) = 2\xi^{-3} - \xi^{-2} + 2\iota\xi^{-1} - 4\xi - 2\iota\xi^2.$

Theorem (B., Paquette, Zeitouni '19, '20)

For *any* $\gamma > \frac{1}{2}$, if E_N satisfies *Assumption (A)* then the *empirical distribution of the eigenvalues* of $T_N + N^{-\gamma}E_N$ converges weakly, in probability, to the law of $\mathbf{a}(U)$ where $U \sim \text{Unif}(\mathbb{S}^1)$.

(also follows from [O'Rourke, Wood '22])

For any $f \in C_b(\mathbb{C})$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(\lambda_i) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\mathbf{a}(e^{i\theta})) d\theta, \quad \text{in probability.}$$

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Examples.

$$T_N = J_N, \mathbf{a}(\xi) = \xi. L_N \Rightarrow \text{law of } U, \text{ where } U \sim \text{Unif}(\mathbb{S}^1).$$

$$T_N = J_N + J_N^2, \mathbf{a}(\xi) = \xi + \xi^2. L_N \Rightarrow \text{law of } U + U^2.$$

Limit of the bulk of the spectrum

Theorem (B., Paquette, Zeitouni '19, '20)

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Assumption (A)

(1)

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\|E_N\|_{\text{HS}}^2 \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{i,j} |e_{i,j}|^2 \right] = O(N^2).$$

(2) (*Technical condition*) For every $\alpha > 0 \exists \beta \in (0, \infty)$, such that for any M_N with $\|M_N\| = O(N^\alpha)$,

$$\mathbb{P} \left(s_{\min}(M_N + E_N) \leq N^{-\beta} \right) = o(1).$$

Matrices satisfying Assumption (A)

- The entries of E_N are **i.i.d.** with **finite second moment**.

follows from [Tao-Vu '08]

- $E_N = \sqrt{N}U_N$, where U_N is **Haar Unitary**.

follows from [Rudelson-Vershynin '14]

- The entries of E_N are **independent**, satisfy a **uniform anti-concentration bound near zero**, and have **uniform lower bound on the truncated variance**.

[Bordenave-Chafaï '12]

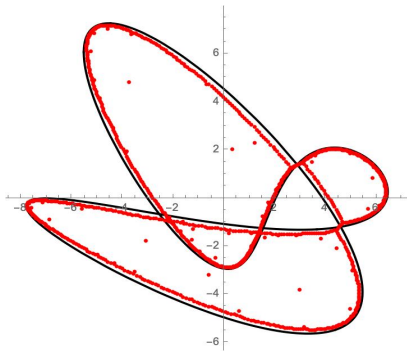
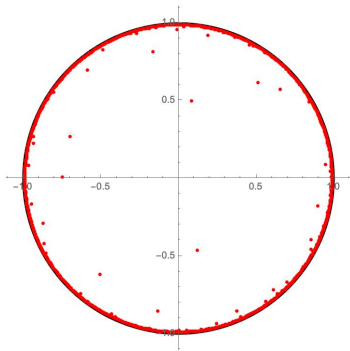
- The entries of E_N have an **inhomogeneous variance profile** satisfying some appropriate assumptions.

[Cook '16]

- E_N can also be **sparse** random matrix.

[Tao-Vu '08]

Regions of no outliers



Theorem (B., Zeitouni '20)

The entries of E_N are independent entries with **zero mean and unit variance**. Then for any $\gamma > \frac{1}{2}$, with **probability $\rightarrow 1$** , there are **no outliers** in any open set

$$U \not\subseteq \mathcal{R}_0 := \{z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbf{a}(\mathbb{S}^1) : \text{wind}_{\mathbf{a}}(z) = 0\}.$$

Theorem (B., Zeitouni '20)

Additionally assume that E_N be a random matrix with i.i.d. entries having **zero mean and unit variance** and satisfying some **anti-concentration bound** (e.g. bounded density). Then for any $\gamma > \frac{1}{2}$, the point processes induced by the outlier eigenvalues converge to the **zero set** of some **non-universal (w.r.t. the distribution of the entries of E_N) random analytic function**.

Definition of the limiting random analytic function involves skew semistandard Young Tableaux

$T_N = J_N$, entries of E_N are standard complex Gaussian

Limiting random analytic function is a hyperbolic Gaussian analytic function:

$$F(z) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} g_{\ell} z^{\ell} \sqrt{\ell+1}$$

$\{g_{\ell}\}$ i.i.d. standard complex Gaussian

Limit of outliers: The Limaçon

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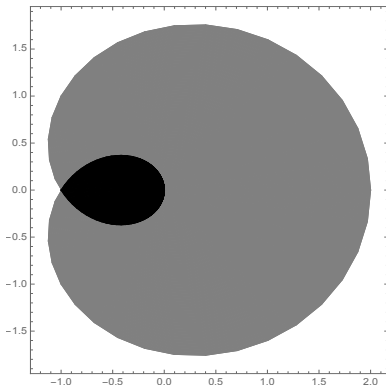


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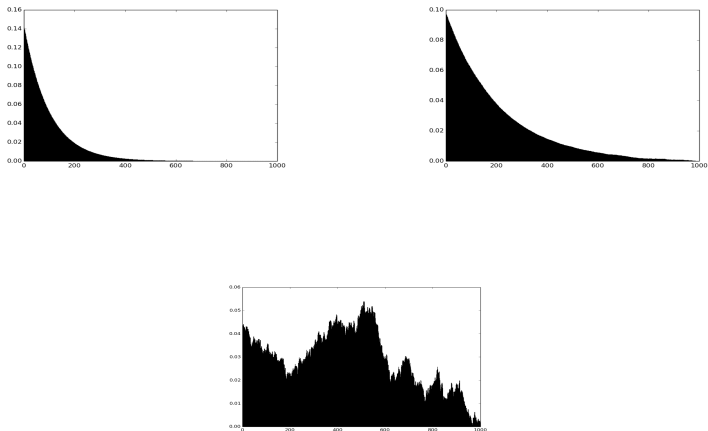


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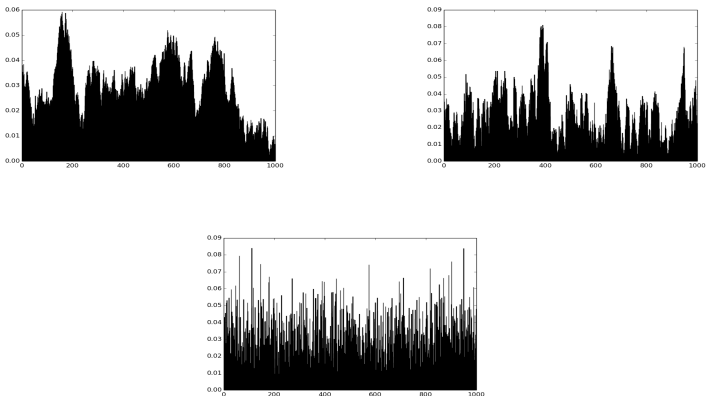


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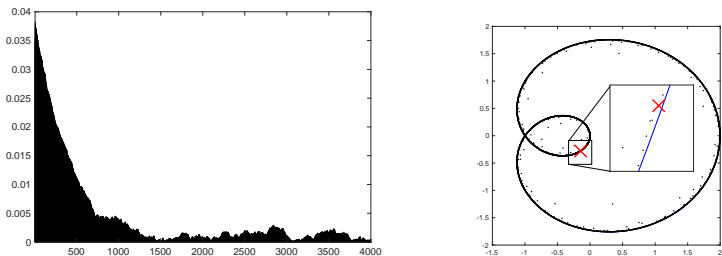


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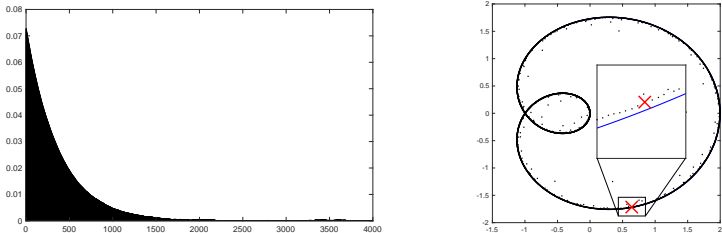


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Theorem (B., Vogel, Zeitouni '23)

For *most* (right)-eigenvectors v , with probability $\rightarrow 1$, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, (under some assumptions on E_N) the followings hold:

- **Localization at scale $N/\log N$:** For any $\ell \in [1, N] \cap \mathbb{Z}$

$$\|v\|_{\ell^2([1, N-\ell])} \wedge \|v\|_{\ell^2([\ell, N])} \lesssim \exp(-c\ell \log N/N) + N^{-c'}$$

- **Eigenvectors spread out at scale $N/\log N$:**

$$|\text{Supp}(v)| \gtrsim N/\log N$$

$$|\text{Supp}(v)| := \min\{|I| : \|v\|_{\ell^2(I)} \gtrsim 1\}$$

Delocalization of eigenvectors for $\gamma < 1$

We expect a **long-range correlation** and some form of **quantum unique ergodicity**.

Work in progress with **Vogel and Zeitouni**.

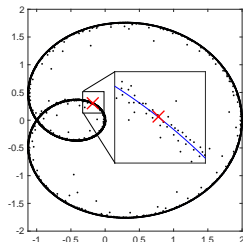
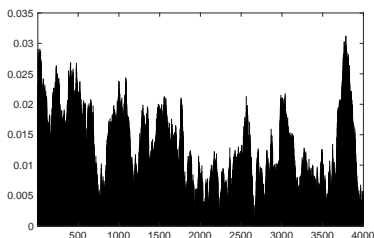


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Facts:

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- If $\{\mu_N\}$ is a **tight** sequence of (**random**) probability measures such that $\mathcal{L}_{\mu_N}(z) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_\mu(z)$, for Lebesgue a.e. $z \in \mathbb{C}$, in probability, for some probability measure $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$, then $\mu_N \Rightarrow \mu$, in probability.

$$\int f d\mu_N \rightarrow \int f d\mu, \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty, \text{ in probability, } f \in C_b(\mathbb{C}).$$

Facts:

$$L_N^A := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{\lambda_i(A_N)}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{L_N^A}(z) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log |z - \lambda_i(A_N)| = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log |\lambda_i(A_N - z\text{Id}_N)| \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \log \left| \prod_{i=1}^N \lambda_i(A_N - z\text{Id}_N) \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \log |\det(A_N - z\text{Id}_N)|. \end{aligned}$$

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Identify the log-potential of the limit: $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{a}(U)}(z)$

► Recall

$$\mathbf{a}(\xi) = \sum_{\ell=-d_2}^{d_1} a_\ell \xi^\ell.$$

► Fix $z \in \mathbb{C}$. Let $\xi_1(z), \dots, \xi_d(z)$ be the roots of the polynomial $(\mathbf{a}(\xi) - z) \cdot \xi^{d_2}$. Here $d := d_1 + d_2$.

► Therefore

$$(\mathbf{a}(\xi) - z) \cdot \xi^{d_2} = a_{d_1} \cdot \prod_{\ell=1}^d (\xi - \xi_\ell(z)).$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{a}(U)}(z) &= \int_{\mathbb{S}^1} \log |\mathbf{a}(\xi) - z| d\xi = \int_{\mathbb{S}^1} \log |(\mathbf{a}(\xi) - z) \cdot \xi^{d_2}| d\xi \\ &= \log |a_{d_1}| + \sum_{\ell=1}^d \int_{\mathbb{S}^1} \log |\xi - \xi_\ell(z)| d\xi \\ &= \log |a_{d_1}| + \sum_{\ell=1}^d \log_+ |\xi_\ell(z)|.\end{aligned}$$

► The form of the limit depends on the **number of the roots** that are **greater than one** in moduli.

Proof ideas for the LSD: The limaçon

Back to the example: $\mathbf{a}(\xi) = \xi + \xi^2$.

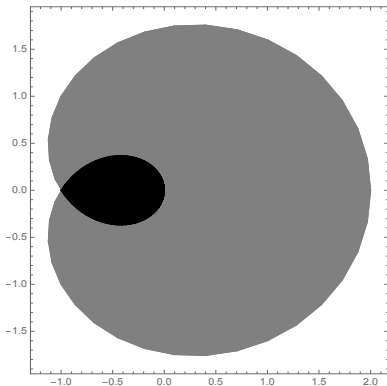


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$$|\xi_2(z)| \leq |\xi_1(z)|$$

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Idea: Expand the determinant and find the dominant term

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$$\frac{1}{N} \log |\det(T_N + N^{-\gamma} E_N - z \text{Id}_N)| \rightarrow \log |\xi_1(z)| + \log |\xi_2(z)|, \quad z \in \mathcal{R}_0$$

$$\frac{1}{N} \log \left| \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} -z & 1 & 1 & & & \\ & -z & 1 & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & -z & 1 & 1 \\ & & & & -z & 1 \\ & & & & & -z \end{bmatrix} \right) \right|$$
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Formally



$$\begin{aligned} & \det(T_N + N^{-\gamma} E_N - z \text{Id}_N) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{X, Y \subset [N] \\ |X|=|Y|}} (\pm) \cdot \det((T_N - z \text{Id}_N)[X; Y]) \cdot \det(N^{-\gamma} E_N[X^c; Y^c]) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^N P_k(z), \end{aligned}$$

where $P_k(z)$ is the homogeneous polynomial of degree k in the expansion of the determinant in the entries of E_N .

Formally

- For $z \in \mathcal{R}_i$, $i = 0, 1, 2$

$$\sum_{k \neq i} P_k(z) = o(P_i(z)). \quad (\text{a})$$

and

$$P_i(z) \asymp \log_+ |\xi_1(z)| + \log_+ |\xi_2(z)|. \quad (\text{b})$$

- To prove (a) compute high moments.
- To prove (b) one needs certain **anti-concentration bounds**.
 - **Assume** the entries of E_N **satisfy required** anti-concentration bounds. Prove the convergence of the log-potentials.
 - Show **separately** that the specific distribution of the entries of E_N do not affect the limiting spectral distribution (**replacement principle**).

Thank you!