

Matrix Models, integrable systems and Riemann-Hibert methods

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1. Review: Hermitian 1-matrix models at finite N

Partition function:

$$\mathbf{Z}_n(V) := \int_{\mathcal{H}_N} dM e^{-N \text{tr} V(M)}$$

The **potential** V usually a real polynomial

$$V(x) := \sum_{a=1}^d \frac{t_a}{j} x^j,$$

e.g. **Gaussian Unitary Ensemble (GUE)**

$$V(H) = \alpha H^2$$

Projection: Diagonalize

$$H = U \text{diag}(x_1, \dots, x_N) U^\dagger$$

and integrate over $U(N)$ (*Weyl integration formula*)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Z}_N &\propto \int dx_1 \dots \int dx_N \Delta^2(x_1, \dots, x_N) e^{-N \sum_{i=1}^N V(x_i)} \\ \Delta(x_1, \dots, x_N) &:= \prod_{i < j}^N (x_i - x_j) \quad (\text{Vandermonde determinant}) \end{aligned}$$

Joint probability density for eigenvalues

$$\begin{aligned} P_N(x_1, \dots, x_N) &= \frac{1}{\mathbf{Z}_N} \Delta^2(x_1, \dots, x_N) e^{-N \sum_{i=1}^N V(x_i)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\mathbf{Z}_N} e^{\left(\sum_{i \neq j} \ln(x_i - x_j) - N \sum_{i=1}^N V(x_i) \right)} \end{aligned}$$

Orthogonal polynomials (Heine integral formula)

$$p_N(x) = \langle \det(x\mathbf{I} - M) \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z_N} \int_{\kappa} dx_1 \dots \int dx_N \prod_{i=1}^N (x - x_i) \Delta^2(\underline{x}) e^{-N \sum_{j=1}^N V(x_j)}$$

$$\int p_n(x) p_m(x) e^{-NV(x)} dx = h_n \delta_{nm}$$

All the statistical properties of the spectrum are expressible in terms of these **orthogonal polynomials**.

Partition function:

$$\mathbf{Z}_N = N! \prod_{j=0}^{N-1} h_j$$

The k -point correlation function:

$$P_k^N(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \det K_N(x_i, x_j)|_{1 \leq i, j, \leq k}$$

where

$$K_N(x, y) := \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{h_j} p_j(x) p_j(y) e^{-\frac{N}{2}(V(x)+V(y))}$$

is the **Christoffel-Darboux kernel**.

The **1-point function** (density of eigenvalues):

$$\rho_N(x) = P_1^N(x) = K_N(x, x)$$

The **Gap probability**:

$$E_J = \det(\mathbf{I} - \hat{K}_N \circ \chi_J), \quad J = \cup_{k=1}^m [a_{2k-1}, a_{2k}]$$

Finite N Spectral Curve

The **recursion** and differential (**Freund**) relations for OP's

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_N(x) \\ p_{N+1}(x) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ a_N & x + b_N \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_{N-1}(x) \\ p_N(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \begin{pmatrix} p_{N-1}(x) \\ p_N(x) \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{D}_N(x) \begin{pmatrix} p_{N-1}(x) \\ p_N(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

$(\mathbf{D}(x) = 2 \times 2$ matrix valued polynomial of $\deg = d$)

determine the **characteristic equation**

$$\det(y\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{D}_N(x)) = 0.$$

This defines the **finite N spectral curve** (hyperelliptic), which determines the **moments** of the eigenvalues density

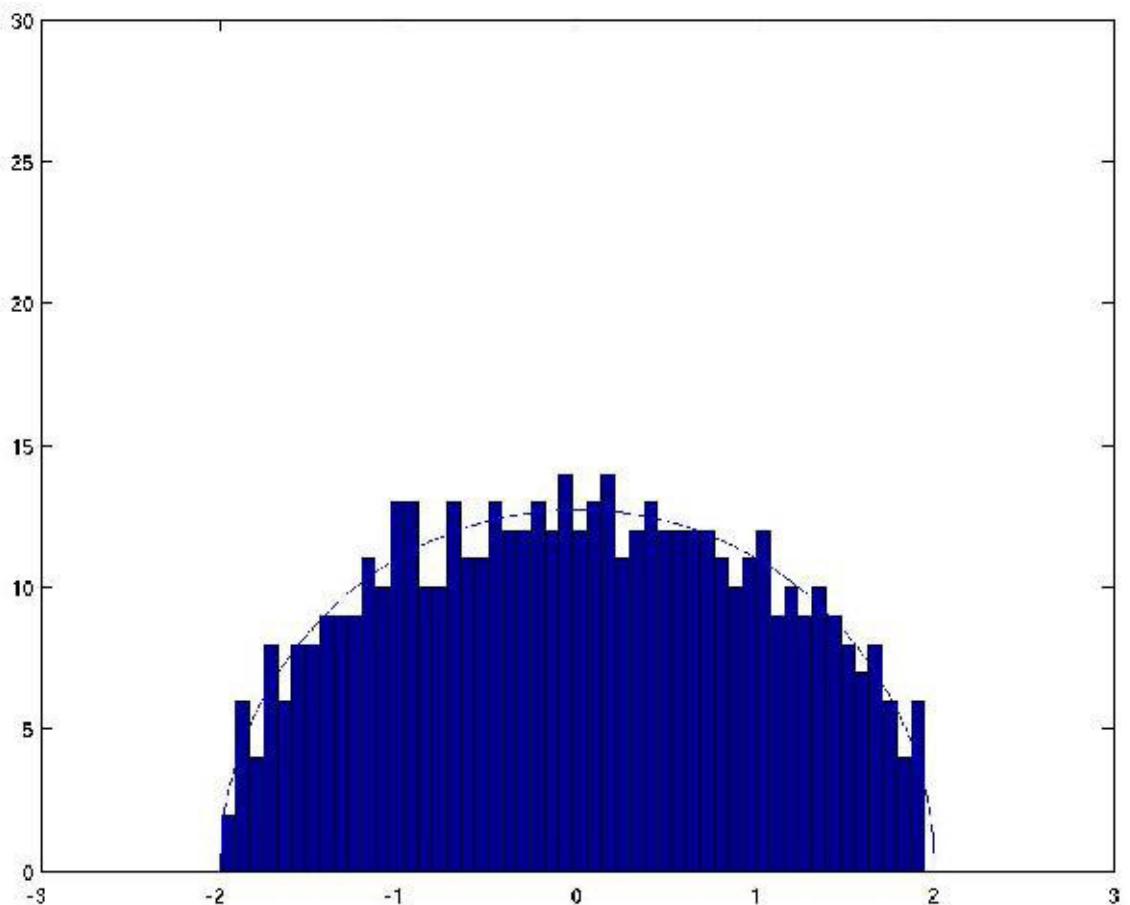
$$\int_{\mathbf{R}} x^j \rho_N(x) dx = \underset{x=\infty}{\text{res}} x^j y dx = -\frac{j}{N^2} \frac{\partial \ln \mathbf{Z}_N}{\partial t_j}$$

$N \rightarrow \infty$ (scaled) **continuum limit**

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \rho_N(x) = \rho_{eq}(x)$$

For GUE: “**Wigner semi-circle law**:

$$\propto \sqrt{N^2 - x^2}$$



In general: minimize the **Free energy**:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}_0 := & - \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N^2} \ln \mathcal{Z}_N \\ & = \min_{\rho(x) \geq 0} \left[\int V(x) \rho(x) dx - \int \int \rho(x) \rho(x') \ln|x - x'| \right]\end{aligned}$$

The **equilibrium density** ρ_{eq} in general is obtained from the variational equation $\delta \mathcal{F}_0 = 0$

$$2\mathcal{P} \int \frac{\rho_{\text{eq}}(x) dx}{x - x'} = V'(x)$$

and is supported on a finite union of intervals $I = \cup_{a=1}^k I_a$.

It is related to the **resolvent** by

$$\omega(z) := \frac{1}{N} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle \text{tr} \frac{1}{M - z} \right\rangle = \int_I dx \frac{\rho_{\text{eq}}(x)}{x - z}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus I.$$

Asymptotic spectral curve:

The function $y = -\omega(x)$ satisfies an algebraic relation given by

$$y^2 = yV'(x) + R(x)$$

where $R(x)$ is a polynomial of degree less than $V'(x)$, and the **moments** of ρ_{eq} are given by:

Moments and spectral residue formulae:

$$\int_I dx x^j \rho_{\text{eq}}(x) = - \underset{z=\infty}{\text{res}} z^j \omega(z) dz = j \partial_{t_J} \mathcal{F}_0$$

Universality: k -point correlation function (“bulk” region)

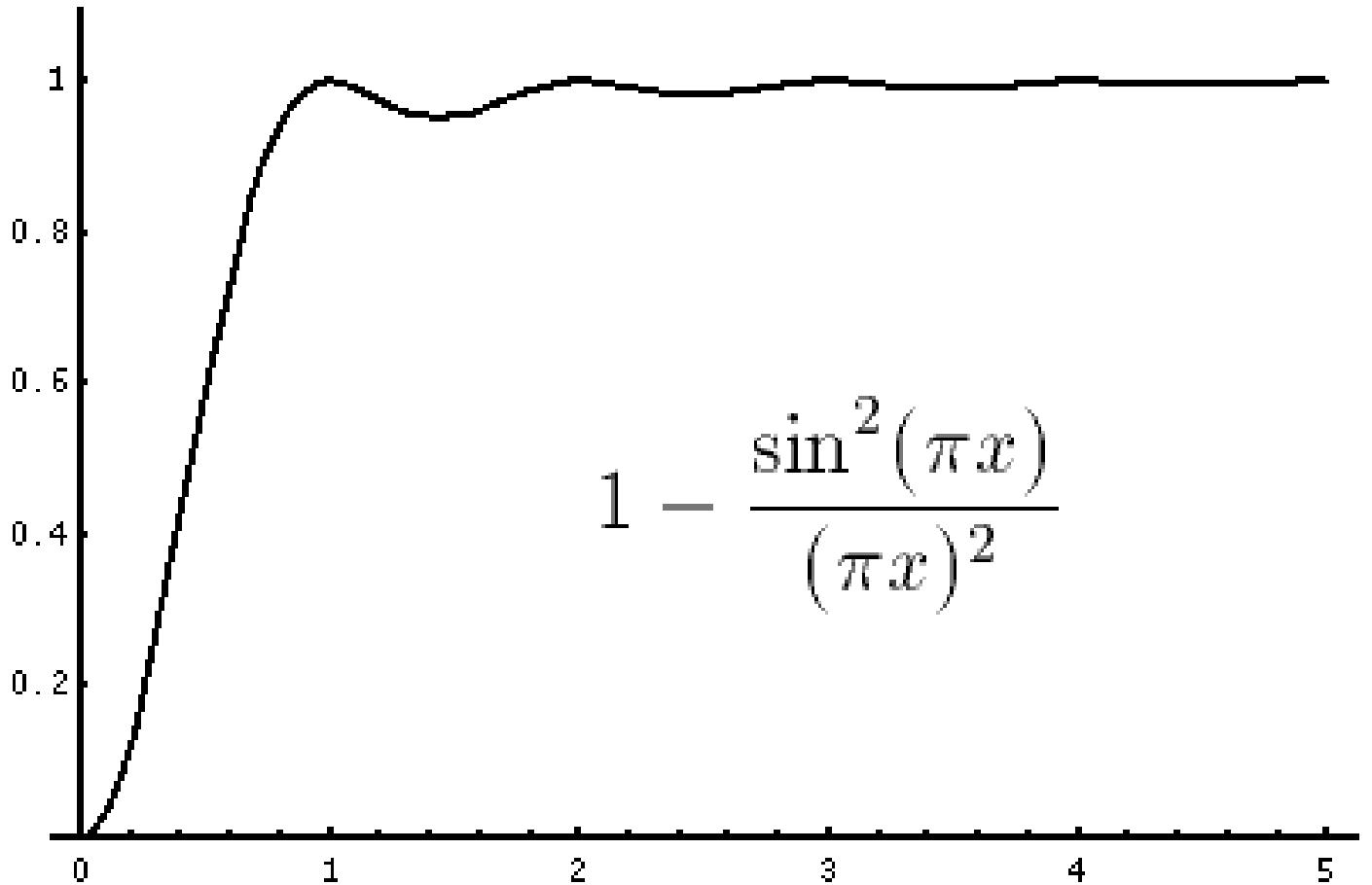
$$P_k(x_1, \dots, x_k) \propto \det K_S(x_i, x_j) |_{1 \leq i, j \leq k}$$

$$K_S(x_i, x_j) := \frac{\sin(\pi(x_i - x_j))}{\pi(x_i - x_j)} \quad (\text{sine kernel})$$

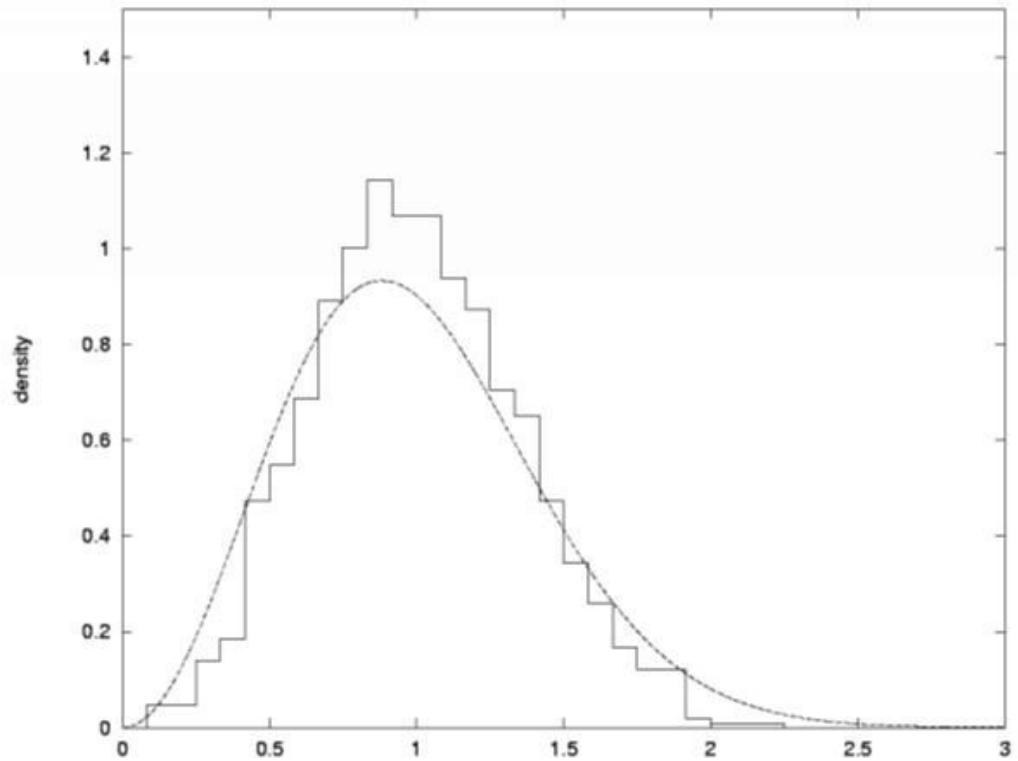
Proved via ”Riemann-Hilbert” method:

- 1) Scaled large N asymptotics of OP’s
- 2) “Nonlinear WKB method”

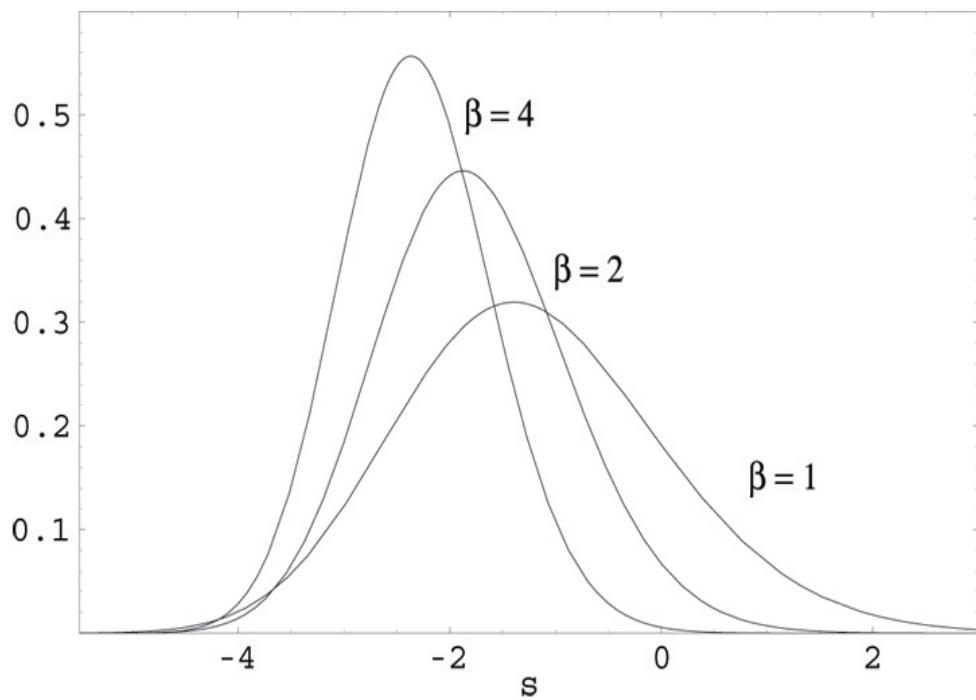
Pair correlation function (level repulsion)



Bulk Spacing distributions (Jimbo-Miwa P_V):



Edge Spacing distributions (Tracy-Widom P_{II}):



2. 2-matrix models

Partition function:

$$\mathbf{Z}_N(V_1, V_2) = \int \int d\mu(M_1, M_2)$$

$$\propto \int \prod_{i=1}^N dx_i dy_i \Delta(x) \Delta(y) e^{-N \sum_{j=1}^N (V_1(x_j) + V_2(y_j) - x_j y_j)}$$

$$d\mu := \exp \text{tr} (-V_1(M_1) - V_2(M_2) + M_1 M_2) dM_1 dM_2$$

$$V_1(x) = \sum_{a=1}^{d_1+1} \frac{u_a}{a} x^a, \quad V_2(y) = \sum_{b=1}^{d_2+1} \frac{v_b}{b} y^b.$$

Relation to bi-orthogonal polynomials:

$$\pi_n(x) = x^n + \dots, \quad \sigma_n(y) = y^n + \dots, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$\int \int dx dy \pi_n(x) \sigma_m(y) e^{-V_1(x) - V_2(y) + xy} = h_n \delta_{mn},$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_N = N! \prod_{j=0}^{N-1} h_j$$

Fredholm Kernels:

$$K_{12}^N(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{h_n} \pi_n(x) \sigma_n(y) e^{-V_1(x) - V_2(y)}$$

$$K_{11}^N(x, x') = \int dy \ K_{12}^N(x, y) e^{x'y}$$

$$K_{22}^N(y', y) = \int dx \ K_{12}^N(x, y) e^{xy'}$$

$$K_{21}^N(y', x') = \int \int dx dy K_{12}^N(x, y) e^{xy'} e^{x'y'}$$

Density of eigenvalues :

$${}^N\rho_1(x) = \frac{K^N_{11}(x, x)}{N}, \quad {}^N\rho_2(y) = \frac{K^N_{22}(y, y)}{N}$$

Correlation functions:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^N\rho_{11}(x, x') &= \frac{1}{N^2} \det \begin{pmatrix} K^N_{11}(x, x) & K^N_{11}(x, x') \\ K^N_{11}(x', x) & K^N_{11}(x', x') \end{pmatrix} \\ {}^N\rho_{12}(x, y) &= \frac{1}{N^2} \det \begin{pmatrix} K^N_{11}(x, x) & K^N_{12}(x, y) \\ K^N_{21}(y, x) - e^{xy} & (K^N_{22}(y, y)) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Gap probabilities (spacing distributions):

$$\begin{aligned} {}^N p_J^1 &= \det \left(\mathbf{I} - \hat{\mathbf{K}}_{11}^N \circ \chi_J \right), \quad (\text{Matrix } M_1) \\ {}^N p_J^2 &= \det \left(\mathbf{I} - \hat{\mathbf{K}}_{22}^N \circ \chi_{\tilde{J}} \right), \quad (\text{Matrix } M_2) \\ E_{J, \tilde{J}} &= \det \left(\mathbf{I} - \hat{\mathbf{K}}^N \circ \text{diag}(\chi_J, \chi_{\tilde{J}}) \right), \quad (\text{Matrix } M_1) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\hat{\mathbf{K}}^N = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{K}}_{11}^N & \hat{\mathbf{K}}_{12}^N \\ \hat{\mathbf{K}}_{21}^N - \hat{\mathbf{E}} & \hat{\mathbf{K}}_{22}^N \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{E}}(f)(x) := \int e^{xy} f(y) dy$$

(matrix Fredholm integral operator)

and $\chi_J, \chi_{\tilde{J}}$ are the characteristic function of the sets J, \tilde{J} .

Support of biorthogonality measure

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{\kappa} dx dy f(x) g(y) e^{-V_1(x) - V_2(y) + xy} \\ &:= \sum_j \sum_k \kappa_{jk} \int_{\Gamma_j} dx \int_{\hat{\Gamma}_k} dy f(x) g(y) e^{-V_1(x) - V_2(y) + xy} \end{aligned}$$

where $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j=1,\dots,d_1}$, $\{\hat{\Gamma}_k\}_{k=1,\dots,d_2}$ are a basis of homologically independent curves in the complex x - and y -planes.

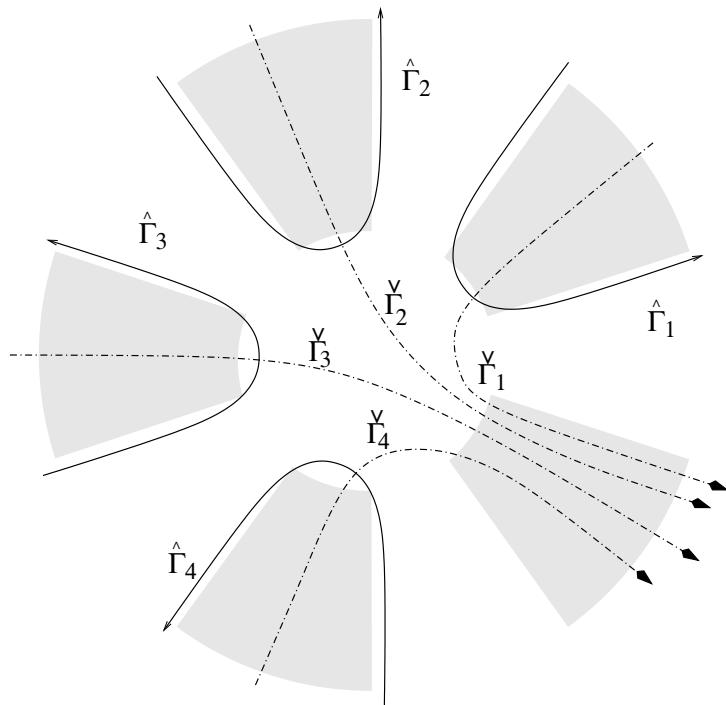


Figure 1: Wedge and antiwedge contours

Wave vectors

$$\Psi(x) := \left[\underset{\infty}{\psi_0(x)}, \dots, \underset{\infty}{\psi_n(x)}, \dots \right]^t$$

$$\Phi(y) := \left[\underset{\infty}{\phi_0(y)}, \dots, \underset{\infty}{\phi_n(y)}, \dots \right]^t$$

$$\psi_n(x) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{h_n}} \pi_n(x) e^{-V_1(x)}$$

$$\phi_n(y) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{h_n}} \sigma_n(y) e^{-V_2(y)}$$

Recursions relations, differential equations

$$x \underset{\infty}{\Psi}(x) = Q \underset{\infty}{\Psi}(x) , \quad y \underset{\infty}{\Phi}(y) = P^t \underset{\infty}{\Phi}(y) ,$$

$$\partial_x \underset{\infty}{\Psi}(x) = -P \underset{\infty}{\Psi}(x) , \quad \partial_y \underset{\infty}{\Phi}(y) = -Q^t \underset{\infty}{\Phi}(y)$$

$$Q := \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0(0) & \gamma(0) & 0 & \cdots \\ \alpha_1(1) & \alpha_0(1) & \gamma(1) & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots \\ \alpha_{d_2}(d_2) & \alpha_{d_2-1}(d_2) & \alpha_{d_2-2}(d_2) & \cdots \\ 0 & \alpha_{d_2}(d_2+1) & \alpha_{d_2-1}(d_2+1) & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P := \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0(0) & \beta_1(1) & \beta_2(2) & \beta_3(3) & \cdots \\ \gamma(0) & \beta_0(1) & \beta_1(2) & \beta_2(3) & \cdots \\ 0 & \gamma(1) & \beta_0(2) & \beta_1(3) & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma(2) & \beta_0(3) & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

Fourier-Laplace transforms along wedge contours $\hat{\Gamma}_j$

$$\tilde{\phi}_m^{(j)}(x) := \int_{\hat{\Gamma}_j} \phi_m(y) e^{xy} dy$$

Generalized Christoffel-Darboux identity:

$$(z - x) \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \tilde{\phi}_m^{(j)}(x) \psi_m(z) = \sum_{a=0}^{d_2} \sum_{b=0}^{d_2} \tilde{\phi}_{N-1+a}^{(j)}(x) \mathbf{A}_{ab}^N \psi_{N-d_2+b}(z),$$

Christoffel-Darboux matrix \mathbf{A}^N

$$\mathbf{A}^N := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -\gamma(N-1) \\ \alpha_{d_2}(N) & \alpha_{d_2-1}(N) & \cdots & \alpha_1(N) & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_{d_2}(N+1) & \cdots & \alpha_2(N+1) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \alpha_{d_2}(N+d_2-1) & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

3. The “direct” and “dual” fundamental systems

“Second type” solutions to recursions and differential equations

$$\psi_m^{(k)}(x) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\check{\Gamma}_k} ds \iint_{\kappa} dz dw \frac{\psi_m(z)}{x-z} \frac{V'_2(s) - V'_2(w)}{s-w} e^{-V_2(w) + V_2(s) + zw - xs}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq d_2$$

“Direct” fundamental system

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_N(x) &= \left(\begin{array}{c} \Psi_N^{(0)}(x) \\ \Psi_N^{(1)}(x) \\ \vdots \\ \Psi_N^{(d_2)}(x) \end{array} \right) \\ \Psi_N^{(k)}(x) &:= \left(\begin{array}{c} \psi_{N-d_2}^{(k)}(x) \\ \vdots \\ \psi_N^{(k)}(x) \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

“Dual fundamental system”

$$\tilde{\Phi}_N(x) := \left(\begin{array}{c} \tilde{\Phi}_N^{(0)}(x) \\ \tilde{\Phi}_N^{(1)}(x) \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{\Phi}_N^{(d_2)}(x) \end{array} \right)$$

with **row vectors**

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Phi}_N^{(k)}(x) &:= (\tilde{\phi}_{N-1}^{(k)}(x) \cdots \tilde{\phi}_{N-1+d_2}^{(k)}(x)) \\ \tilde{\phi}_m^{(0)}(x) &:= e^{V_1(x)} \iint_{\kappa} dz dw \frac{\phi_m(w)}{x-z} e^{-V_1(z) + zw}, \quad m \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1 (Dual pairing) For $N \geq d_2$, the matrices $\overset{\sim}{\Phi}_N(x)$ and $\overset{N}{\Psi}(x)$ are bilinearly paired via the Christoffel–Darboux matrix

$$\overset{\sim}{\Phi}_N(x) \overset{N}{\mathbf{A}} \overset{N}{\Psi}(x) = \mathbf{I}$$

Theorem 2. (Recursion relations and differential equations)
The pair of matrices $\overset{N}{\Psi}(x)$ and $\overset{\sim}{\Phi}_N(x)$ satisfy the recursion relations

$$\overset{N}{\Psi}_{N+1}(x) = \overset{N}{\mathbf{a}}(x) \overset{N}{\Psi}_{N+1}(x) \quad \overset{\sim}{\Phi}_N(x) = \overset{N}{\Phi}_{N+1}(x) \overset{\sim}{\mathbf{a}}_N(x)$$

where

$$\overset{N}{\mathbf{a}}(x) := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ \frac{-\alpha_{d_2}(N)}{\gamma(N)} & \dots & \frac{-\alpha_1(N)}{\gamma(N)} & \dots & \frac{(x-\alpha_0(N))}{\gamma(N)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overset{\sim}{\mathbf{a}}_N(x) \overset{N}{\mathbf{A}} \overset{N}{\mathbf{a}}(x) := \mathbf{I}$$

and the differential equations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \overset{N}{\Psi}(x) &= -\overset{N}{\mathbf{D}_1}(x) \overset{N}{\Psi}(x), \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \overset{\sim}{\Phi}_N(x) &= -\overset{\sim}{\Phi}_N(x) \overset{N}{\mathbf{D}_1}(x), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{D}_1(x) := \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0(N-d_2) & \dots & \beta_{d_2-1}(N-1) & 0 \\ \gamma(N-d_2) & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \ddots & \beta_0(N-1) & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \gamma(N-1) & V'_1(x) \end{pmatrix}^N \\
& - \frac{\gamma(M)}{\alpha_{d_2}(M-1)} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{d_2-1}(N-1) & \dots & \alpha_0(N-1)-x & \gamma(N-1) \\ 0 & \dots & & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
& - \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_Q V'_1(x)_{N-d_2, N-1} & \dots & \nabla_Q V'_1(x)_{N-d_2, N+d_2-1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \nabla_Q V'_1(x)_{N, N-1} & \dots & \nabla_Q V'_1(x)_{N, N+d_2-1} \end{pmatrix}^N \mathbf{A} \\
& \widetilde{\mathbf{D}}_1(x) := \begin{pmatrix} V'_1(x) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \gamma(N-1) & \beta_0(N) & \dots & \beta_{d_2-1}(L) \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \gamma(L-1) & \beta_0(L) \end{pmatrix} \\
& - \frac{\gamma(L)}{\alpha_{d_2}(L+1)} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 & \gamma(N-1) \\ 0 & & & \alpha_0(N)-x \\ 0 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \alpha_{d_2-1}(L) \end{pmatrix} \\
& - \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_Q V'_1(x)_{N-d_2, N-1} & \dots & \nabla_Q V'_1(x)_{N-d_2, N+d_2-1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \nabla_Q V'_1(x)_{N, N-1} & \dots & \nabla_Q V'_1(x)_{N, N+d_2-1} \end{pmatrix} \\
& \nabla_Q V'_1(x)_{mn} := \iint_{\kappa} dz dw \frac{V'_1(z) - V'_1(x)}{z-x} \psi_m(z) \phi_n(w) e^{zw}
\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3. (*Riemann-Hilbert characterization*)

3.1 (*Jump discontinuities*) The limits Ψ_{\pm}^N , $\tilde{\Phi}_{\pm}^N$ when approaching the contours Γ_j from the left (+) and right (-) are related by the following jump discontinuity conditions

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_{+}^N(x) &= \Psi_{-}^N(x)\mathbf{H}^{(j)} \\ \tilde{\Phi}_{+}^N(x) &= \hat{\mathbf{H}}^{(j)}\tilde{\Phi}_{-}^N(x)\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{H}^{(j)} &:= \mathbf{I} - 2\pi i \mathbf{e}_0 \kappa^T \\ \hat{\mathbf{H}}^{(j)} &= (\mathbf{H}^{(j)})^{-1} = \mathbf{I} + 2\pi i \mathbf{e}_0 \kappa^T\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{e}_0 := \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \kappa := \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \kappa_{j1} \\ \vdots \\ \kappa_{jd_2} \end{pmatrix}$$

3.2 (*Large argument asymptotics*) The asymptotic form of $\tilde{\Phi}_N^N(x)$ and $\Psi_N^N(x)$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$ in any given Stokes sector \mathcal{S}_j , is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\Phi}_N^N(x) &\sim K_j e^{T(q)} Y_N(q) \Omega_N q^G H_N \\ \Psi_N^N(x) &\sim \mathbf{A}_N^{-1} H_N^{-1} q^{-G} \Omega_N^{-1} Y_N^{-1}(q) e^{-T(q)} K_j^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

where

$$Y(q) = \mathbf{I} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{q}\right).$$

where

$$T(q) := \text{diag}(V_1(x) - n \ln x, S_0(q) + n \ln q, \dots, S_{d_2-1}(q) + n \ln q)$$

$$H_N := \text{diag} \left(\sqrt{h_{N-1}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{h_N}}, \dots, \frac{1}{\sqrt{h_{N+d_2-1}}} \right)$$

$$S_\ell(q) := xy_\ell - V_2(y_\ell) - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{V_2''(y_\ell)}{2\pi} \right)$$

The **saddle points** $\{y_\ell\}_{l=1\dots d_2}$ satisfy

$$V_2'(y_\ell) = x,$$

$$y_\ell(q) = (v_{2+1})^{\frac{1}{d_2}} \omega^l q + \mathcal{O}(1),$$

$$q := x^{\frac{1}{d_r}}, \quad \omega := e^{\frac{2\pi i}{d_2}}$$

$$G := (0, 0, 1, \dots, d_2 - 1)$$

$$\Omega_N := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Omega_N^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Omega_N := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Omega_N^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\Omega_N^0)_{jk} := \omega^{(j-1)(k+N-1)}, \quad 1 \leq j, k \leq d_2.$$

“Dual” Spectral curve. (*Characteristic polynomial:
 $d_2 + 1$ -fold branched covering of x -Riemann sphere or $d_1 + 1$ -fold
 branched covering of y -Riemann sphere*)

$$E(x, y) := \det_N(y\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{D}_1(x)) = -(V'_1(x) - y)(V'_2(y) - x) - 1 \\ + \left\langle \text{tr} \left(\frac{V'_1(x) - V'_1(M_1)}{x\mathbf{I} - M_1} \frac{V'_1(x) - V'_1(M_2)}{y\mathbf{I} - M_2} \right) \right\rangle = 0$$

Theorem 4 (*Residue formulæ*)

$$\frac{\partial \ln(\mathbf{Z}_N)}{\partial u_a} = \underset{x=\infty}{\text{res}} x^{-a} y dx \\ \frac{\partial \ln(\mathbf{Z}_N)}{\partial v_b} = \underset{y=\infty}{\text{res}} y^{-b} x dy$$

Large N asymptotics

Apply the Riemann-Hilbert method, based upon the g -function

$$\mathbf{g} = (g_0(x), g_1(x), \dots, g_{d_2}(x))$$

where

$$g_j(x) := \int_{b_0}^{p_j(x)} y dx$$

is evaluated on the **equilibrium curve**, determined by the **variational equations**

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_0}{\partial \epsilon_i} = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, \text{genus}$$

$$\epsilon_j := \oint_{A_j} y dx, \quad \text{“filling fractions”}$$

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