

Orthogonal Polynomials in the Normal Matrix Model

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Orthogonal polynomials

- **Orthogonal polynomials** on the real line

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_n(x)x^k w(x) dx = 0, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$$

- **OP** satisfy three term recurrence

$$xP_n(x) = P_{n+1}(x) + a_n P_n(x) + b_n P_{n-1}(x)$$

- **What about polynomials satisfying a longer recurrence (but finite) ?**

$$xQ_n(x) = Q_{n+1}(x) + a_{n,0}Q_n(x) + a_{n,1}Q_{n-1}(x) + \\ + a_{n,2}Q_{n-2}(x) + \dots + a_{n,r}Q_{n-r}(x)$$

Multiple orthogonal polynomials

- **Multiple orthogonal polynomial (MOP)** is a monic polynomial of degree $n_1 + n_2$

$$P_{n_1, n_2}(x) = x^{n_1 + n_2} + \dots$$

characterized by

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_{n_1, n_2}(x) x^k w_1(x) dx = 0, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n_1 - 1,$$
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_{n_1, n_2}(x) x^k w_2(x) dx = 0, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n_2 - 1.$$

- w_1, w_2 are two given weight functions.
- $(n_1, n_2) \in \mathbb{N}^2$ is a multi-index.
- Immediate extension to r weights w_1, \dots, w_r and $(n_1, \dots, n_r) \in \mathbb{N}^r$.

- Given MOPs P_{n_1, n_2} with two weight functions.
- The polynomials Q_n defined by

$$Q_{2k} = P_{k, k}, \quad Q_{2k+1} = P_{k+1, k}$$

have a **four term recurrence**

$$xQ_n(x) = Q_{n+1}(x) + a_n Q_n(x) + b_n Q_{n-1}(x) + c_n Q_{n-2}(x)$$

- MOPs with r weight functions and near-diagonal multi-indices satisfy an **$r + 2$ -term recurrence**.

2. MOP in random matrix theory

- MOPs appeared first in **Hermite**'s proof of the transcendence of the number e .
- MOPs were later used in analytic number theory, and approximation theory (simultaneous rational approximation).
- MOPs appear in **random matrix theory** and related stochastic processes
 - (a) Random matrices with external source
 - (b) Non-intersecting Brownian motions
 - (c) Non-intersecting squared Bessel paths
 - (d) Coupled random matrices (two matrix model)

Non-intersecting squared Bessel paths

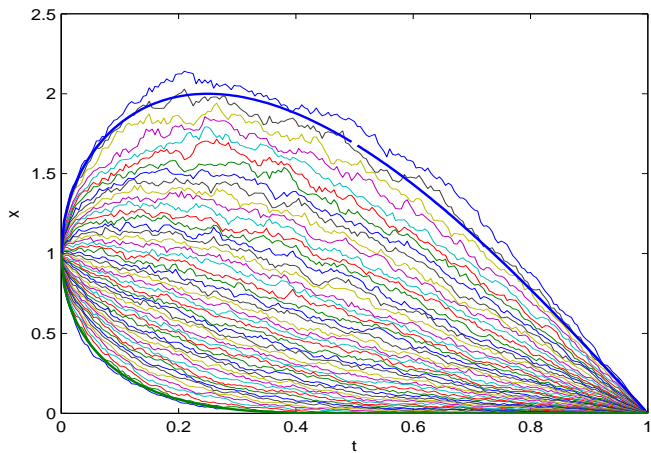
- **Squared Bessel process** is a Markov process on $[0, \infty)$ depending on a parameter $\alpha > -1$, with transition probabilities

$$p_t^\alpha(x, y) = \frac{1}{2t} \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{\alpha/2} e^{-(x+y)/(2t)} I_\alpha\left(\frac{\sqrt{xy}}{t}\right), \quad x, y > 0,$$

where I_α is the **modified Bessel function**

- Assume n independent squared Bessel paths conditioned so that
 - (a) the paths start at time $t = 0$ at $a > 0$
 - (b) the paths end at time $t = 1$ at 0
 - (c) the paths do **not intersect**

Simulation of 50 non-intersecting paths



Average polynomial

- **Random positions** $x_1(t) < x_2(t) < \dots < x_n(t)$ at time $t \in (0, 1)$ give rise to **random polynomial**

$$\prod_{j=1}^n (x - x_j(t))$$

- **Average polynomial**

$$P_n(x) = \mathbb{E} \left[\prod_{j=1}^n (x - x_j(t)) \right]$$

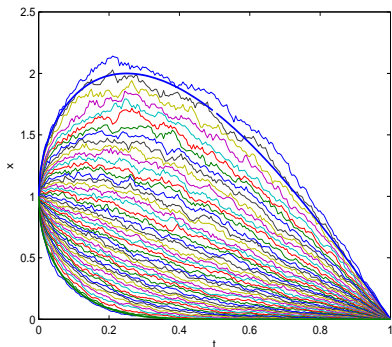
is MOP on $[0, \infty)$ with $(n_1, n_2) = (\lceil n/2 \rceil, \lfloor n/2 \rfloor)$ and

$$w_1(x) = x^{\alpha/2} e^{-\frac{x}{2t(1-t)}} I_{\alpha} \left(\frac{\sqrt{ax}}{t} \right)$$

$$w_2(x) = x^{(\alpha+1)/2} e^{-\frac{x}{2t(1-t)}} I_{\alpha+1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{ax}}{t} \right)$$

- Recurrence relation (four term) and differential equation (third order) for MOPs were found earlier

Coussement-Van Assche (2003)



- Asymptotic analysis of MOPs leads to the **limiting domain** filled by the squared Bessel paths
- Local correlations at the **critical time** when the paths come to the wall at 0

K-Martínez Finkelshtein-Wielonsky (2009 + to appear)

3. Normal matrix model

- Probability measure on $n \times n$ **complex matrices**

$$\frac{1}{Z_n} e^{-\frac{n}{t_0} \operatorname{Tr}(MM^* - V(M) - \overline{V}(M^*))} dM, \quad t_0 > 0,$$

where

$$V(M) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{t_k}{k} M^k.$$

- Model depends on parameters

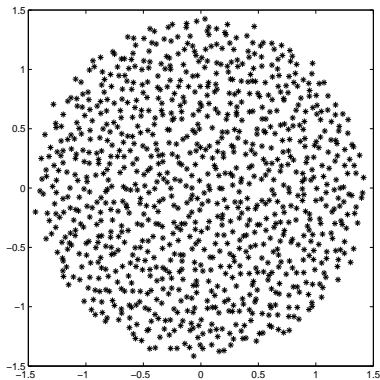
$$t_0 > 0, \quad t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k, \dots$$

- For $t_1 = t_2 = \dots = 0$ this is the **Ginibre ensemble**.

Ginibre (1965)

Ginibre ensemble

- Eigenvalues in the Ginibre ensemble have a limiting distribution as $n \rightarrow \infty$ that is **uniform in a disk** around 0 with radius $\sqrt{t_0}$.



- For general t_1, t_2, \dots , the eigenvalues of M fill out a **two-dimensional domain**

$$\Omega = \Omega(t_0, t_1, \dots)$$

provided $t_0 > 0$ is sufficiently small.

- Ω is characterized by

$$t_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{area}(\Omega), \quad t_k = -\frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{C} \setminus \Omega} \frac{dA(z)}{z^k}, \quad k \geq 1$$

- As a function of t_0 , the boundary of Ω evolves according to the model of **Laplacian growth**.
- The exterior harmonic moments t_k , $k \geq 1$, are constants of the motion.

Wiegmann-Zabrodin (2000)

Teoderescu-Bettelheim-Agam-Zabrodin-Wiegmann (2005)

Unstable

- Laplacian growth model is **unstable**.
- Singularities develop in finite time.

4. Mathematical problem

- **Normal matrix model**

$$\frac{1}{Z_n} e^{-\frac{n}{t_0} \text{Tr}(MM^* - V(M) - \bar{V}(M^*))} dM, \quad t_0 > 0,$$

is **not well-defined** if V is a polynomial of degree ≥ 3

- **The normalization constant (partition function)**

$$Z_n = \int e^{-\frac{n}{t_0} \text{Tr}(MM^* - V(M) - \bar{V}(M^*))} dM = +\infty.$$

is **divergent**.

Elbau-Felder approach

- **Elbau and Felder** use a **cut-off**.
- They restrict to matrices with eigenvalues in a well-chosen bounded domain D .
- Then the induced probability measure on eigenvalues is a **determinantal point process** on D .
- Eigenvalues fill out a domain Ω that evolves according to Laplacian growth provided t_0 is small enough.

Elbau-Felder (2005)

- **Average characteristic polynomial**

$$P_n(z) = \mathbb{E}[zI_n - M]$$

in the cut-off model is an **orthogonal polynomial** for scalar product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \iint_D f(z) \overline{g(z)} e^{-\frac{n}{t_0}(|z|^2 - V(z) - \overline{V(z)})} dA(z)$$

Elbau (ETH thesis, arXiv 2007)

- Orthogonality does not make sense if $D = \mathbb{C}$, since integrals would diverge if f and g are polynomials

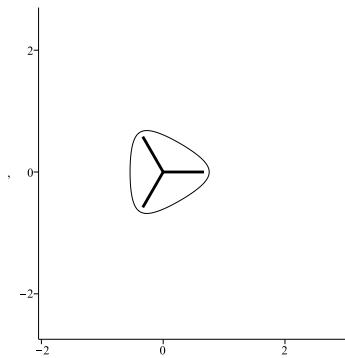
- **Conjecture:** The zeros of P_n do not fill out the domain Ω as $n \rightarrow \infty$, but instead accumulate **along a contour** Σ_1 .
- In the cubic case

$$V(z) = \frac{t_3}{3}z^3, \quad t_3 > 0,$$

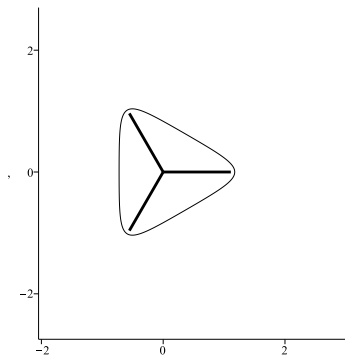
the contour is a three-star

$$\Sigma_1 = [0, x^*] \cup [0, e^{2\pi i/3}x^*] \cup [0, e^{-2\pi i/3}x^*].$$

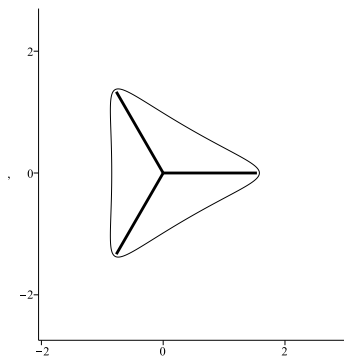
Cubic case



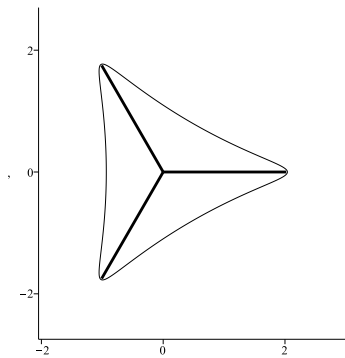
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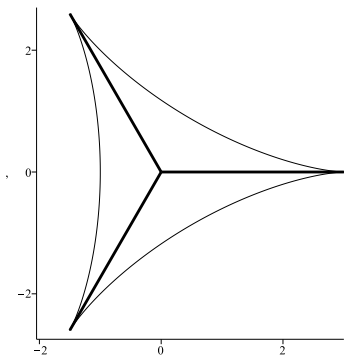
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Cubic case



- OPs in the cut-off model satisfy a **recurrence relation**
- If $\deg V = r + 1$ then

$$zP_n(z) = P_{n+1}(z) + a_{n,0}P_n(z) + \cdots + a_{n,r}P_{n-r}(z) \\ + \text{“remainder term”}$$

- Remainder term comes from boundary integrals that are due to the cut-off.
- Remainder term is **exponentially small** for $t_0 > 0$ sufficiently small.

Elbau (ETH thesis, arXiv 2007)

5. Different approach

- **Scalar product**

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \iint_D f(z) \overline{g(z)} e^{-\frac{n}{t_0}(|z|^2 - V(z) - \overline{V(z)})} dA(z)$$

satisfies (due to Green's theorem)

$$\begin{aligned} n \langle zf, g \rangle &= t_0 \langle f, g' \rangle + n \langle f, V'g \rangle \\ &\quad - \frac{t_0}{2i} \oint_{\partial D} f(z) \overline{g(z)} e^{-\frac{n}{t_0}(|z|^2 - V(z) - \overline{V(z)})} dz. \end{aligned}$$

- **Drop the boundary term.**

Hermitian form

- We consider an a priori **abstract sesquilinear form** on the space of polynomials satisfying

$$n\langle zf, g \rangle = t_0\langle f, g' \rangle + n\langle f, V'g \rangle$$

- We also want to keep the **Hermitian form** condition

$$\langle g, f \rangle = \overline{\langle f, g \rangle}.$$

- What can we say about the orthogonal polynomials (OPs)

$$\langle P_k, z^j \rangle = 0, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$$

for such an Hermitian form ?

Lemma

If $\deg V = r + 1$ then OPs for an Hermitian form satisfying

$$n\langle zf, g \rangle = t_0\langle f, g' \rangle + n\langle f, V'g \rangle$$

satisfy an $r + 2$ -term recurrence relation

Proof: Suppose $zP_k(z) = P_{k+1}(z) + \sum_{j=0}^k a_{k,j}P_{k-j}(z)$

- Then $a_{k,j} = \frac{\langle zP_k, P_{k-j} \rangle}{\langle P_{k-j}, P_{k-j} \rangle}$
- $n\langle zP_k, P_{k-j} \rangle = t_0\langle P_k, P'_{k-j} \rangle + n\langle P_k, V'P_{k-j} \rangle$
- **First term** $\langle P_k, P'_{k-j} \rangle = 0$
- **Second term** $\langle P_k, V'P_{k-j} \rangle = 0$ if $j > r$.

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Is there a multiple orthogonality?

Theorem (Bleher-K, arXiv 2011)

- (a) The real vector space of Hermitian forms satisfying

$$n\langle zf, g \rangle = t_0\langle f, g' \rangle + n\langle f, V'g \rangle$$

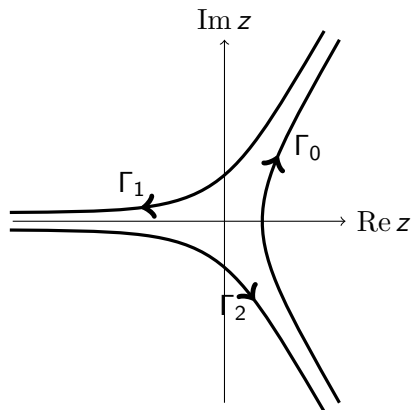
is r^2 dimensional, where $r = \deg V - 1$.

- (b) Any such Hermitian form is of the form

$$\sum_{j,k=0}^r C_{j,k} \int_{\Gamma_j} dz \int_{\bar{\Gamma}_k} ds f(z) \bar{g}(s) e^{-\frac{n}{t_0}(zs - V(z) - \bar{V}(s))}$$

- $(C_{j,k})_{j,k=0,\dots,r}$ is a **Hermitian matrix** with zero row and column sums,
- $\Gamma_0, \dots, \Gamma_r$ is a system of unbounded contours along which the **integrals converge**.

Contours Γ_j for cubic potential



- Contours $\Gamma_0, \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2$ for $V(z) = \frac{t_3}{3}z^3$ with $t_3 > 0$, extending to infinity at **asymptotic angles** $\pm\pi/3$ and π .

- The Hermitian form

$$\sum_{j,k=0}^r C_{j,k} \int_{\Gamma_j} dz \int_{\bar{\Gamma}_k} ds f(z) \bar{g}(s) e^{-\frac{n}{t_0} (zs - V(z) - \bar{V}(s))}$$

is similar to the bilinear form for the **biorthogonal polynomials in the two-matrix model**.

- The integrals for the biorthogonal polynomials are over the real line, instead of over Γ_j and $\bar{\Gamma}_k$.

Mehta (1994), Eynard-Mehta (1998)

Ercolani-McLaughlin (2001)

Bertola-Eynard-Harnad (2002, 2003)

Multiple orthogonal polynomials

- The biorthogonal polynomials are **multiple orthogonal polynomials** in the case of polynomial potentials.

K-McLaughlin (2005)

- Same argument carries over to orthogonal polynomials for the Hermitian forms. They are **multiple orthogonal polynomials** with r weights.
- Weights are on

$$\Gamma = \bigcup_{j=0}^r \Gamma_j$$

instead of on the real line.

- For $V(z) = \frac{t_3}{3}z^3$ the two weights are

$$\begin{cases} w_0(z) = e^{\frac{nt_3}{3t_0}z^3} \sum_{k=0}^2 C_{j,k} \int_{\bar{\Gamma}_k} e^{-\frac{n}{t_0}(zs - \frac{t_3}{3}s^3)} ds \\ w_1(z) = e^{\frac{nt_3}{3t_0}z^3} \sum_{k=0}^2 C_{j,k} \int_{\bar{\Gamma}_k} se^{-\frac{n}{t_0}(zs - \frac{t_3}{3}s^3)} ds \end{cases} \quad z \in \Gamma_j,$$

- Multiple orthogonality on $\Gamma = \Gamma_0 \cup \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$

$$\int_{\Gamma} P_n(z) z^k w_0(z) dz = 0, \quad k = 0, \dots, \left[\frac{n}{2} \right] - 1,$$

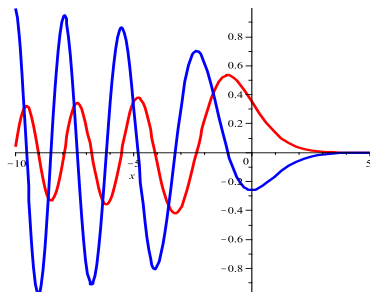
$$\int_{\Gamma} P_n(z) z^k w_1(z) dz = 0, \quad k = 0, \dots, \left[\frac{n}{2} \right] - 1,$$

- Weight w_0 is expressed in terms of the **Airy function**

$$\text{Ai}(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_0} e^{\frac{1}{3}s^3 - zs} ds$$

and weight w_1 in terms of the derivative

$$\text{Ai}'(z) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_0} se^{\frac{1}{3}s^3 - zs} ds$$



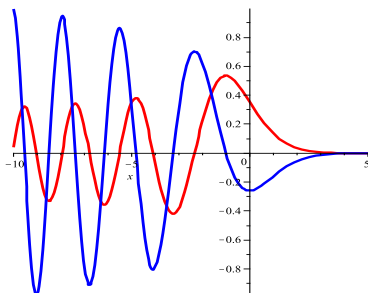
- The Airy function $\text{Ai}(x)$ is the solution of the Airy differential equation

$$y''(x) = xy(x)$$

that satisfies

$$\text{Ai}(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}x^{1/4}} e^{-\frac{2}{3}x^{3/2}} (1 + O(1/x))$$

as $x \rightarrow +\infty$.



7. Asymptotic analysis

- We want to choose Hermitian matrix $(C_{j,k})$ in such a way that we can find the **large n asymptotics** of the MOP P_n for the n -dependent weights

$$\begin{cases} w_0(z) = e^{\frac{nt_3}{3t_0}z^3} \sum_{k=0}^2 C_{j,k} \int_{\bar{\Gamma}_k} e^{-\frac{n}{t_0}(zs - \frac{t_3}{3}s^3)} ds \\ w_1(z) = e^{\frac{nt_3}{3t_0}z^3} \sum_{k=0}^2 C_{j,k} \int_{\bar{\Gamma}_k} se^{-\frac{n}{t_0}(zs - \frac{t_3}{3}s^3)} ds \end{cases} \quad z \in \Gamma_j,$$

- Q1: Can we find the limiting behavior of zeros of $P_{n,n}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$?
- Q2: Can we find the connection with Laplacian growth ?
- Q3: What happens in the critical case ?

Theorem (Bleher-K, arXiv 2011)

With the choice

$$C = (C_{j,k}) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

the following hold. Assume $0 < t_0 < t_{0,crit} = \frac{1}{8t_3^2}$

- (a) Then the orthogonal polynomials P_n for the Hermitian form **exist if n is sufficiently large.**
- (b) The zeros of P_n accumulate as $n \rightarrow \infty$ on the set

$$\Sigma_1 = [0, x^*] \cup [0, \omega x^*] \cup [0, \omega^2 x^*], \quad \omega = e^{2\pi i/3},$$

$$x^* = \frac{3}{4t_3} \left(1 - \sqrt{1 - 8t_0 t_3^2} \right)^{2/3}$$

Theorem to be continued...

Main tool: Riemann-Hilbert problem

- MOPs with two weight functions have a **Riemann-Hilbert problem** of size 3×3

(1) $Y : \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{3 \times 3}$ is analytic,

(2) $Y_+ = Y_- \begin{pmatrix} 1 & w_0 & w_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ on \mathbb{R} ,

(3) $Y(z) = (I_3 + O(1/z)) \begin{pmatrix} z^{n_1+n_2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z^{-n_1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & z^{-n_2} \end{pmatrix}$ as $z \rightarrow \infty$.

Van Assche-Geronimo-K (2001)

- RH problem has a unique solution if and only if the MOP P_{n_1, n_2} uniquely exists and in that case

$$Y_{11}(z) = P_{n_1, n_2}(z)$$

- MOPs with r weight functions have a RH problem of size $(r+1) \times (r+1)$.

RH problem for OPs w.r.t. Hermitian form in cubic case

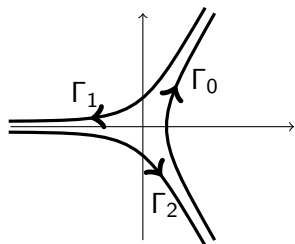
- There is a **RH problem** of size 3×3 with jumps on Γ that characterizes the MOPs

(1) $Y : \mathbb{C} \setminus \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{3 \times 3}$ is analytic,

(2) $Y_+ = Y_- \begin{pmatrix} 1 & w_0 & w_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ on Γ ,

(3) $Y(z) = (I_3 + O(1/z)) \begin{pmatrix} z^n & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z^{-n/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & z^{-n/2} \end{pmatrix}$ as $z \rightarrow \infty$.

(assume n is even)

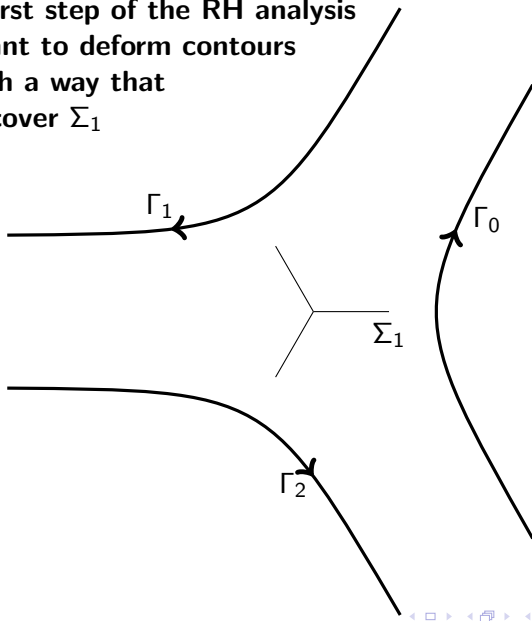


- RH problem is ideal tool for **asymptotic analysis...**

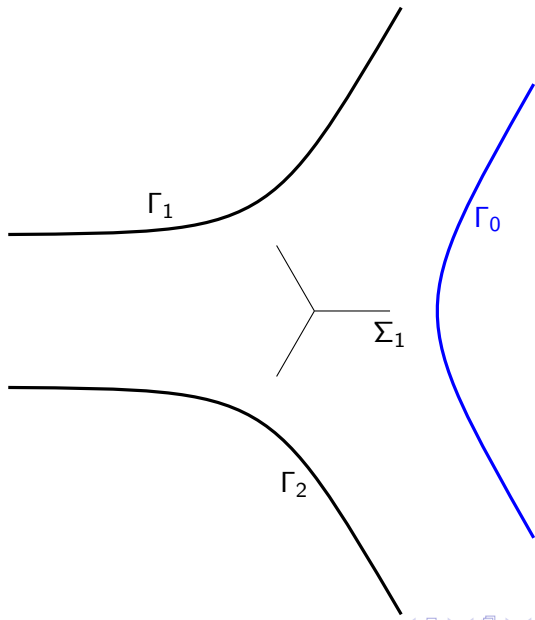
Deift-Zhou (1993)

Why this choice for C ?

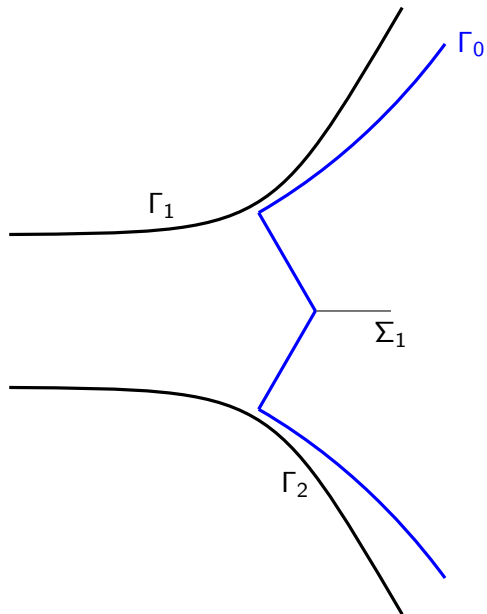
- In a first step of the RH analysis we want to deform contours in such a way that they cover Σ_1



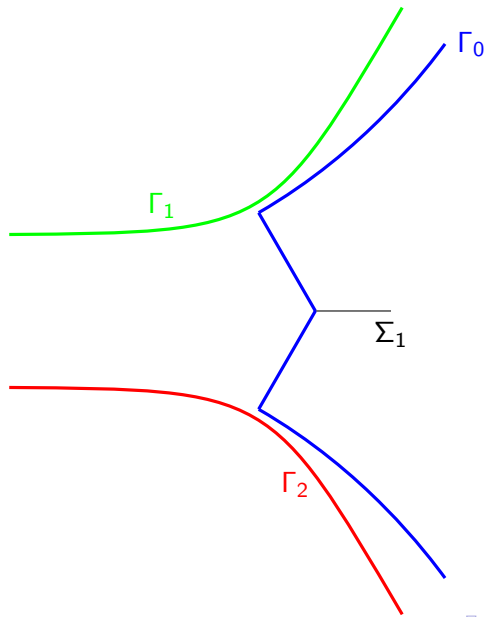
Deformation of contours



Deformation of contours

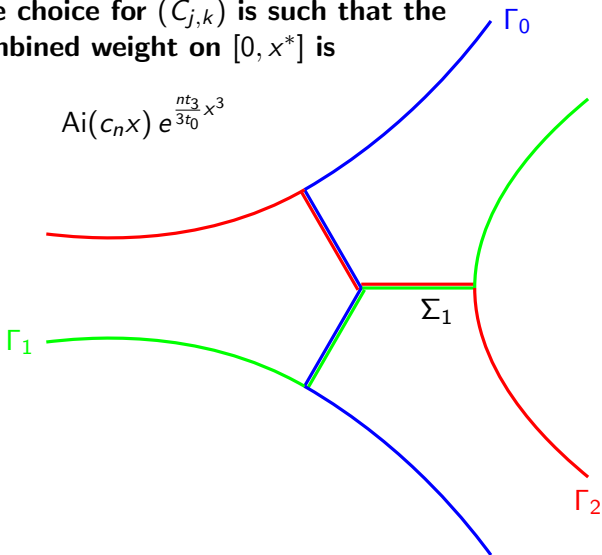


Deformation of contours



- The choice for $(C_{j,k})$ is such that the combined weight on $[0, x^*]$ is

$$\text{Ai}(c_n x) e^{\frac{nt_3}{3t_0} x^3}$$



Multiple orthogonality with Airy weights

- On Σ_1 the **new weights** are

$$w_{0,n}(z) = \omega^{2j} \text{Ai}(c_n|z|) e^{\frac{nt_3}{3t_0} z^3}, \quad z \in [0, \omega^j x^*], \quad j = 0, 1, 2,$$

$$w_{1,n}(z) = \omega^j \text{Ai}'(c_n|z|) e^{\frac{nt_3}{3t_0} z^3}, \quad c_n = \frac{n^{2/3}}{t_0^{2/3} t_3^{1/3}}.$$

- **Large n behavior** of the two weights for $z \in \Sigma_1 \setminus \{0\}$,

$$w_{k,n}(z) \approx \exp(-nQ(z)),$$

$$Q(z) = \frac{1}{t_0} \left(\frac{2}{3\sqrt{t_3}} |z|^{3/2} - \frac{t_3}{3} z^3 \right).$$

- Next step is the characterization of the limiting zero distribution of the polynomials in terms of Q .

Theorem (continued)

- (c) There is a **limiting zero distribution** μ_1^* on Σ_1 .
- (d) μ_1^* is characterized by a **vector equilibrium problem** from logarithmic potential theory.
- (e) The function

$$t_3 z^2 + t_0 \int \frac{1}{z-s} d\mu_1^*(s)$$

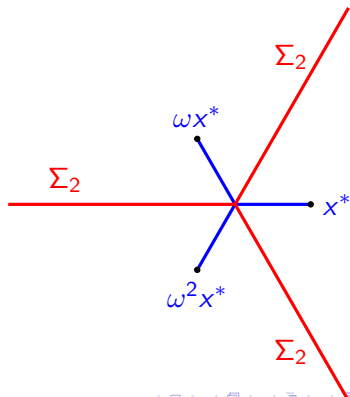
extends to a **meromorphic function** on a compact three sheeted Riemann surface

Minimize the energy functional

$$\iint \log \frac{1}{|x-y|} d\mu_1(x)d\mu_1(y) - \iint \log \frac{1}{|x-y|} d\mu_1(x)d\mu_2(y) \\ + \iint \log \frac{1}{|x-y|} d\mu_2(x)d\mu_2(y) + \int Qd\mu_1$$

over (μ_1, μ_2) such that

- μ_1 is a measure on Σ_1
with $\mu_1(\Sigma_1) = 1$
- μ_2 is a measure on Σ_2
with $\mu_2(\Sigma_2) = \frac{1}{2}$



- There is a **unique minimizer** (μ_1^*, μ_2^*) of the vector equilibrium problem.
- μ_1^* is the limiting distribution of the zeros of P_n , that is,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{z: P_n(z)=0} \delta_z = \mu_1^*$$

(weak* convergence of measures)

The function

$$\xi_1(z) = t_3 z^2 + t_0 \int \frac{1}{z-s} d\mu_1^*(s), \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \Sigma_1$$

extends to a **meromorphic function** on a compact three sheeted Riemann surface whose only poles are at infinity.

- $\xi_1(z)$ is one of the solutions of a cubic equation (a.k.a. the **spectral curve**)

$$\xi^3 - t_3 z^2 \xi^2 - \left(t_0 t_3 + \frac{1}{t_3} \right) z \xi + z^3 + A = 0$$

$$A = \frac{1 + 20t_0 t_3^2 - 8t_0^2 t_3^4 - (1 - 8t_0 t_3^2)^{3/2}}{32t_3^3}.$$

$$\xi_1(z) = t_3 z^2 + t_0 \int \frac{1}{z-s} d\mu_1^*(s), \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \Sigma_1$$

Theorem (continued)

(f) The equation $\xi_1(z) = \bar{z}$ defines a **simple closed curve** $\partial\Omega$ that is the boundary of a **domain** Ω containing Σ_1 in its interior.

(g) Ω has exterior harmonic moments $(0, 0, t_3, 0, 0, \dots)$ and

$$\text{area}(\Omega) = \pi t_0$$

8. Outlook

Many open questions

- **Where are the eigenvalues ??**
- **Critical case $t_0 = t_{0,crit}$?**
- **Supercritical case $t_0 > t_{0,crit}$??**
- **More general potentials V ?**

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