

On Random Matrices Related to Quantum Informatics

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Variations on the theme of "sample" (or "empirical") covariance matrices XX^T , where $X = \{X_{jk}\}_{j,k=1}^n$ are random **square** matrices. The subject is rather old with a lot of versions and motivations. A recent one is from

$$(\textit{Quantum Informatics}) \cap (\textit{Statistical Mechnaics}).$$

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Product of Triangular Matrices

Generalities

Let A be $n \times n$ real symmetric and B be $n \times n$ real anti-symmetric. Set

$$X = A + B,$$

assume a certain distribution for A and B , and study the Normalized Counting Measure (NCM)

$$N_n = n^{-1} \sum_{l=1}^n \delta_{\lambda_l^{(n)}}$$

of XX^T as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and also extreme eigenvalues, fluctuations of N_n , local statistics, **eigenvectors**, etc.

Product of Triangular Matrices

Generalities

Recall that in the convention setting $X = n^{-1/2}Y$, where $\{Y_{jk}\}_{j,k=1}^n$ are independent standard Gaussian ($\mathbf{E}\{Y_{jk}\} = 0$, $\mathbf{E}\{Y_{jk}^2\} = 1$) and then N_n tends weakly with probability 1 to the quarter-circle law

$$\rho(\lambda) := N'(\lambda) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \sqrt{\frac{4-\lambda}{\lambda}} \mathbf{1}_{[0,4]}(\lambda)$$

in which $\lambda = 4$ ($\lambda = 0$) is known as the standard *soft (hard) edge*. This is an old result of *Marchenko-P.*

Write

$$X = (X + X^T)/2 + (X - X^T)/2 := A + B$$

and obtain the simplest example of the above setting.

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Generalities

We need a bit more: the replacement $A \rightarrow A + yI$, i.e. $X \rightarrow X + yI$.

This is a particular case of results *Silverstein-Dozier 04*,

$y^2 < 1$: similar to quarter-circle law (standard soft and hard edges, the latter at 0);

$y^2 = 1$: upper edge is standard soft, lower edge is non standard hard

$$\rho(\lambda) = \text{Const } \lambda^{-1/3}(1 + o(1)), \lambda \searrow 0;$$

$y^2 > 1$: both edges are strictly positive and standard soft.

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Definition and Results

Write in general setting

$$A = \frac{1}{2}A^+ + \frac{1}{2}(A^+)^T + A^0, \quad B = \frac{1}{2}B^+ - \frac{1}{2}(B^+)^T$$

where A^+ and B^+ are lower triangular, and A^0 is diagonal. Choose $A^+ = B^+$, $A^0 = yI$ to get

$$A + B = A^+ + yI.$$

Assume that $\{A_{jk}^+\}_{n \geq j > k \geq 1}$ are independent standard Gaussian, $\mathbf{E}\{A_{jk}^+\} = 0$, $\mathbf{E}\{(A_{jk}^+)^2\} = 1/n$ to obtain

$$M_n = (A^+ + yI)(A^+ + yI)^T.$$

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Definition and Results

Theorem

Let M_n be as above. Then its NCM converges weakly with probability 1 to the non-random limit N , whose Stieltjes transform f solves uniquely

$$\log(1 + f) = \left(y^2 - z(1 + f) \right)^{-1}, \quad \Im f \cdot \Im z > 0, \quad \Im z \neq 0.$$

$\text{supp } N = [a_-(y), a_+(y)] \subset \mathbb{R}_+$, N is a. c. and if $\rho = N'$, then

(i) $y \neq 0$: $a_-(y) = e^{-1}y^4 e^{1/y^2}$, $y \rightarrow 0$, $a_+(y) = e(1 + y^2)$, $y \rightarrow 0$

$$\rho(\lambda) = \text{Const } |a_{\pm} - \lambda|^{1/2}(1 + o(1)), \quad |a_{\pm} - \lambda| \rightarrow 0,$$

(ii) $y = 0$: $a_-(0) = 0$, $a_+(0) = e$ and

$$\rho(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \text{Const } (e - \lambda)^{1/2}(1 + o(1)), & \lambda \nearrow e, \\ (\lambda \log^2 \lambda)^{-1}(1 + o(1)), & \lambda \searrow 0. \end{cases}$$

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Comments

(i) f is not algebraic, cf *Anderson-Zeitouni 08*, e.g. Silverstein-Dozier case

$$f = \left(y^2(1+f)^{-1} - z(1+f) \right)^{-1}.$$

(ii) Most singular hard edge known. Recall the standard hard edge

$$\rho(\lambda) = \text{Const } \lambda^{-1/2}(1 + o(1)), \lambda \searrow 0,$$

of the quarter-circle law and more general Laguerre-type ensembles.

(iii) Implies an interesting quantum phase transition.

(iv) The rate of convergence of minimum eigenvalue of M_n , (à la Tomczak-Jaegerman et al), local statistics, etc?

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Outline of Proof (remainder of the quarter-law derivation)

A short(est) proof of the quarter-circle law for Gaussian vectors is as follows:

(i) Pass to the Stieltjes transform of N_n :

$$g_n(z) := \int \frac{N_n(d\lambda)}{\lambda - z} = n^{-1} \text{Tr } G(z), \quad G = (M - z)^{-1}$$

(ii) Use the Poincaré inequality to prove

$$\mathbf{Var}\{g_n(z)\} \leq \text{Const} / n^2 |\text{Im } z|^4$$

thereby reducing the problem to the convergence of $\mathbf{E}\{g_n(z)\}$.

(iii) Use the resolvent identity and the integration by parts to prove

$$f_n := \mathbf{E}\{g_n\} = -\frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z} f_n - \frac{1}{zn} \mathbf{E}\{g_n \text{Tr } M_n G\}.$$

(iv) Use again the resolvent identity and (ii) – (iii) to obtain

$$zf_n^2 + zf_n + 1 = C(z)/n, \quad C(z) < \infty, \quad \Im z \neq 0.$$

(v) Pass to the limit $n \rightarrow \infty$, solve the limiting quadratic equation for $\Im f(z) \Im z > 0$ and recover N from the Stieltjes-Frobenius inversion formula.

For matrices $Z = \{Z_{jk}^{(n)}\}_{j,k=1}^n$ with i.i.d. (but not necessarily Gaussian) entries use the "interpolation trick" (a two-term integration by parts) for

$$n^{-1/2}(\sqrt{1-t}X + \sqrt{t}Z).$$

More general versions

$$H + n^{-1}XTX^T, \quad \text{and} \quad (A + n^{-1/2}X)T(A + n^{-1/2}X)^T$$

where X has independent entries and H , T and A are given can also be studied by similar approach.

L.Pastur, M. Shcherbina Eigenvalue Distribution of Large Random Matrices AMS. 2011.

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Outline of Proof for Triangular Gaussian Matrices

Consider the technically simpler case $y = 0$. Use again the Stieltjes transform of N_n and the Poincaré

$$\mathbf{Var}\{g_n(z)\} \leq 1/n^2 |\Im z|^4, \quad (1)$$

reducing the problem to the study of

$$f = \lim f_n, \quad f_n := \mathbf{E}\{g_n\} = n^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{E}\{G_{jj}\}, \quad \Im z \neq 0.$$

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Outline of Proof

The resolvent identity, the integration by parts and (1) imply:

$$\mathbf{E}\{G_{jj}\} \simeq -\frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z} \frac{j-1}{n} \mathbf{E}\{G_{jj}\} - \frac{1}{z} \mathbf{E}\{G_{jj}\} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \mathbf{E}\{n^{-1} \text{Tr}(A^T GA)_{kk}\}$$
$$\mathbf{E}\{n^{-1} \text{Tr}(A^T GA)_{jj}\} \simeq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=j}^n \mathbf{E}\{G_{kk}\} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=j}^n \mathbf{E}\{G_{kk}\} \mathbf{E}\{n^{-1} \text{Tr}(A^T GA)_{jj}\}.$$

View this as the finite-difference scheme for

$$f(t, z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty, j/n \rightarrow t} \mathbf{E}\{G_{jj}\}.$$

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Outline of Proof

Then the limit $j/n \rightarrow t \in [0, 1]$ yields the equations

$$f(t, z) = - \left(z - \int_0^t h(s, z) ds \right)^{-1}, \quad h(t, z) = \left(1 + \int_t^1 f(s, z) ds \right)^{-1},$$

and

$$f(z) = \int_0^1 f(t, z) dt.$$

Denote

$$\varphi(t, z) = \int_t^1 f(s, z) ds$$

to obtain

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \varphi = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \varphi \right)^2 (1 + \varphi)^{-1}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \varphi \Big|_{t=0} = z^{-1}, \quad \varphi(0, z) = f(z),$$

thus

$$\varphi(t, z) = -1 + e^{-C(t-1)}, \quad Ce^{-C} = -z^{-1}.$$

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Next Steps

- (i) Non-Gaussian case (can be treated similarly to the quarter-law case (interpolation trick etc.)).
- (ii) "Scaling asymptotics" of ρ for $\lambda \sim y^2 \rightarrow 0$ to determine the type of corresponding quantum phase transition.
- (iii) Two term asymptotics of the NCM ν_n of the spectral projection $\mathcal{E}_{M_n}(\Delta)$, $\Delta \subset \sigma := \text{supp } N$:

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_n(\Delta) &= (\alpha\delta_1 + (1-\alpha)\delta_0) \\ &+ n^{-1} \begin{cases} \mu_1(\Delta), & 0 \notin \text{supp } N \text{ (gap, no pt)}, \\ \log(n) \mu_2(\Delta) & 0 \in \text{supp } N \text{ (no gap, pt)}, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha = |\Delta|/|\text{supp } N|$. This is an analog of the Strong Szegő theorem for Toeplitz operators. Involves the analysis of eigenvectors.

Tensor Product Version of Sample Covariance Matrices

Definition

Consider complex random i.i.d. vectors $\{\varphi_\alpha^j\}_{\alpha,j=1}^{p,k}$, $p = 1, 2, \dots$, k is fixed, and $\varphi_\alpha^j \in \mathbb{C}^d$ is

- either $d^{-1/2}X_\alpha^j$, and X_α^j is complex Gaussian vectors with i.i.d. standard components
- or uniformly distributed over the unit sphere.

Set

$$\Phi_\alpha = \varphi_\alpha^1 \otimes \dots \otimes \varphi_\alpha^k$$

and consider the $d^k \times d^k$ random matrix

$$M_{p,d,k} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^p \Phi_\alpha \otimes \Phi_\alpha.$$

We are interested in the (non-random) limit as $p \rightarrow \infty$, $d \rightarrow \infty$, $p/d^k = p/n \rightarrow c \in (0, \infty)$ of

Tensor Product Version of Sample Covariance Matrices

Definition

the Normalized Counting Measure (NCM)

$$N_{p,d,k} = d^{-k} \sum_{l=1}^{d^k} \delta_{\lambda_l}, \quad n = d^k.$$

It is also of interest the limits of the extreme eigenvalues, local statistics, fluctuations of $N_{p,d,k}$, etc.

Studied by M. Hastings et al (CMP **310** (2012) 25-74) as a model of data hiding and correlation locking schema.

Proved the MP law for the limit N of the expectation of the NCM and the convergence of extreme eigenvalues to the endpoints of the support of N by fairly involved combinatorial analysis of moments $d^{-k} \text{Tr} M_{p,d,k}^m$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

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Definition

Remark. For Gaussian φ 's $\Phi_\alpha \in (\mathbb{C}^d)^{\otimes k}$ has just dk independent parameters, while a generic $\Psi \in (\mathbb{C}^d)^{\otimes k}$ has d^k independent parameters. Nevertheless the MP law and the convergence of extreme eigenvalues hold in this case.

We show below that the MP law is valid for the limit with probability 1 of $N_{p,d,k}$ in the above and more general cases (vectors with independent but not necessarily Gaussian components as well as for vectors with log-concave distribution).

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Pajor-P. Approach

The approach used above for the quarter-circle law and its "triangular" analog does not apply to the tensor product version.

We will use an elaboration of the Marchenko-P. and Girko approach. Its version for $k = 1$ is given by Pajor-P. It is applicable to log-concave distributed φ_α 's (not necessarily Gaussian) and any k .

(i) Observe that

$$M = \sum_{\alpha=1}^p L_\alpha, \quad L_\alpha = (x, \varphi_\alpha) \varphi_\alpha.$$

(ii) Use either martingale differences (or Poincaré for Gaussian) to prove

$$\mathbf{Var}\{g_n(z)\} = o(1), \quad \Im z \neq 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty, \quad p \rightarrow \infty, \quad p/n \in [0, \infty)$$

(iii) Use the resolvent identity to write

$$f_n = -z^{-1} + (zn)^{-1} \sum_{\alpha=1}^p (G\varphi_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha)$$

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Pajor-P. Approach

(iv) Use the rank one perturbation formulas:

$$G = G_\alpha - \frac{G_\alpha L_\alpha G_\alpha}{1 + (G_\alpha \varphi_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha)}, \quad G_\alpha = G|_{\varphi_\alpha=0}$$

implying

$$(G \varphi_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha) = \frac{(G_\alpha \varphi_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha)}{1 + (G_\alpha \varphi_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha)}.$$

to rewrite (iii) as

$$f_n = -z^{-1} + (zn)^{-1} \sum_{\alpha=1}^p \frac{(G_\alpha \varphi_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha)}{1 + (G_\alpha \varphi_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha)}.$$

(v) Use the independence of G_α and φ_α and to obtain:

$$\mathbf{E}_\alpha\{(G_\alpha\varphi_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha)\} = n^{-1}\text{Tr}G_\alpha, \quad \mathbf{Var}\{(G_\alpha\varphi_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha)\} \leq \text{Const}/n|\Im z|^2.$$

(iv) Use (ii) and (v) to replace $(G_\alpha\varphi_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha)$ in (iv) by its expectation $f_{\alpha n} := \mathbf{E}\{n^{-1}\text{Tr}G_\alpha\}$.

(v) Use the rank one perturbation formula of (iv) to find that $f_{\alpha n} = f_n + O(1/n)$ and get the "pre"-limiting quadratic equation

$$f_n = -\frac{1}{z} + \frac{c}{z} \frac{f_n}{1 + f_n} + o(1), \quad \Im z \neq 0, \quad c = p/n$$

equivalent to the above.

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Basic Relations

For any $n \times n$ matrix A we need random vectors $\varphi \in \mathbb{C}^n$ possessing

(i) isotropy

$$\mathbf{E}\{(A\varphi, \varphi)\} = n^{-1}\text{Tr } A;$$

(ii) vanishing of fluctuations of $(A\varphi, \varphi)$ ("good" vectors)

$$\mathbf{Var}\{(A\varphi, \varphi)\} = \|A\|\delta_n, \quad \delta_n = O(1), \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Lemma

Let $\varphi \in \mathbb{C}^d$ be a random vector as above and A is $d^k \times d^k$ matrix. If $\varphi^1, \dots, \varphi^k$ are k independent copies of φ then the random vector $\Phi = \varphi^1 \otimes \dots \otimes \varphi^k$ also possesses the above properties in which $n = d^k$ and δ_n is replaced by $C_k \delta_d$, where C_k depends only on k .

Proof is based on the martingale-differences.

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Perspectives

Study the extreme eigenvalues, both for $c > 1$ (both edges are standard soft) and $c = 1$ (lower edge is standard soft). Have likely different rates of convergence (depending on k).

Example: for Gaussian vectors

$$\mathbf{Var}\{g_n\} \leq \frac{C(z)k}{n^{1+1/k}}, \quad 0 < C(z) < \infty, \quad \text{Im } z \neq 0,$$

thus, different scaling of fluctuations of linear eigenvalue statistics (CLT), etc.