# The Wigner semicircle law for tensors

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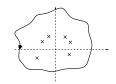
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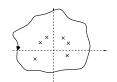


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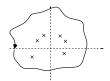
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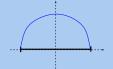
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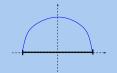


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#### Real symmetric tensors have:

- at least two real eigenvalues (a continuous function on a compact set with no boundary attains its extrema which are critical points)
- at most  $[(p-1)^N-1]/(p-2)$  complex eigenvalues
- typically exponentially many real eigenvalues

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$$p = 2$$
 balanced invariant  $I_n = Tr(T^n)$ 

 $p \ge 3$  more complicated

$$I_2(T) = 3 \sum_{a_1, a_2, b} T_{a_1 a_1 b} T_{a_2 a_2 b} + 2 \sum_{a, b, c} T_{abc} T_{abc}$$

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Directional Borel Leroy sum of its perturbative series  $w = |w|e^{i\psi}$ :

$$\mathcal{Z}_{\pm}(w;T) = \int_{e^{\mathrm{i}\,\theta}\pm\,\mathbb{R}^N} [d\phi] \; e^{-S(\phi)} \;, \qquad heta_{\pm} = rac{1}{p} \left(\psi\mprac{\pi}{2}
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Cuts along  $\mathbb{R}$ , dominated by the largest and smallest real eigenvalues of T

$$\mathcal{Z}_+(y;T) - \mathcal{Z}_-(y;T) \sim egin{cases} e^{-rac{p-2}{2p}\left(rac{y}{\lambda_{\mathsf{max}}}
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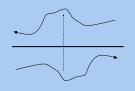
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Spectral theorem for balanced invariants:

$$I(T) = \sum_{n} a_n \frac{I_n(T)}{N} , \quad h_I(w) = \sum_{n} a_n w^n$$

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# The p=3 case

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$$\alpha(\lambda) = \frac{1}{3^{1/2}} \left[ \left( \frac{3^3}{w^2} \right)^{1/6} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{w^2}}} \right)^{1/3} - \left( \frac{1}{1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{w^2}}} \right)^{1/3} \right]$$

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integrate out T

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$$b_t = \frac{(p-1)^{p/2}}{(p-2)^{(p-2)/2}}$$

at  $b_t$  the largest non removable singularity of the resolvent jumps from  $p^{p/2}/(p-1)^{(p-1)/2}$  to  $p^{p/2}$ .

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Two solutions  $\theta_0 = \pi/2$ ,  $\rho_0^2 = T_p(w^{-2})$  and  $(\theta_1, \rho_1^2)$  with  $\theta_1 \neq \pi/2$ .

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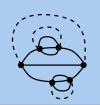
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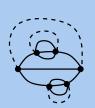
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## PROBLEM 3: RECONSTRUCT THE SIGNAL

Identify the signal v in the spiked model

$$A_{a_1...a_p} = \frac{b}{N^{\frac{p}{2}-1}} v_{a_1} \dots v_{a_p} + T_{a_1...a_p} ,$$

for  $b > b_t$