

# Non-Hermitian random matrices with a variance profile

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## The matrix model $Y_n$

Consider a  $n \times n$  matrix  $Y_n$  with entries

$$Y_{ij} = \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{\sqrt{n}} X_{ij}$$

where

- ▶ the  $X_{ij}$ 's are i.i.d. random variables with

$$\mathbb{E}X_{ij} = 0 ; \quad \mathbb{E}|X_{ij}|^2 = 1 , \quad \mathbb{E}|X_{ij}|^{4+\varepsilon} < \infty .$$

- ▶ The  $\sigma_{ij}$ 's ( $= \sigma_{ij}(n)$ ) are deterministic,  $\geq 0$  and account for the **variance** of  $Y_n$ 's entries as

$$\mathbb{E}|Y_{ij}|^2 = \frac{\sigma_{ij}^2}{n} \quad (\sigma_{ij}^2(n) \leq \sigma_{\max}^2 < \infty)$$

Matrix  $V_n = \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}^2}{n} \right)$  is the **normalized variance profile matrix** of  $Y_n$

## Associated spectral measure

Denote by  $\mu_n^Y$  the **spectral distribution** of  $Y_n$

$$\mu_n^Y = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{\lambda_i} \quad (\text{a priori } \lambda_i \in \mathbb{C})$$

- ▶ The purpose of the talk is to describe the limiting behaviour of  $\mu_n^Y$  under appropriate assumptions on  $V_n$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

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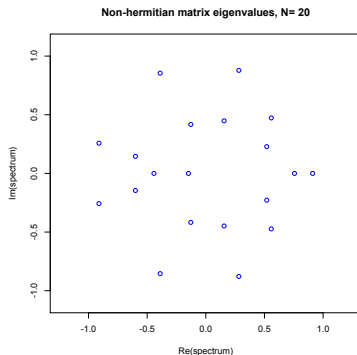


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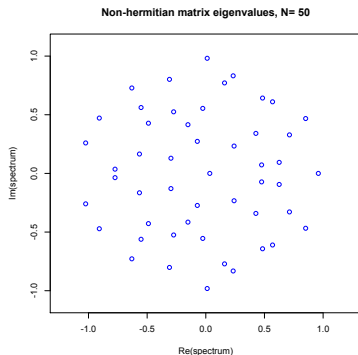


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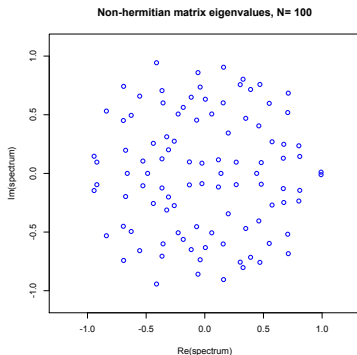


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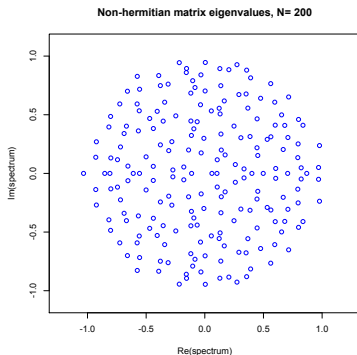


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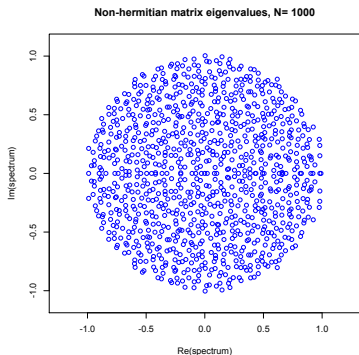


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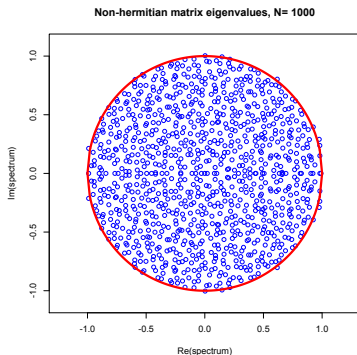


Figure: The circular law (in red)

## Doubly stochastic variance profile $V_n$

Theorem (Cook, Hachem, N., Renfrew)

If  $V_n = \left(\frac{1}{n}\sigma_{ij}^2\right)$  is doubly stochastic, i.e.

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_i \sigma_{ij}^2 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_j \sigma_{ij}^2 = 1 \quad \forall i, j \in [n]$$

Then

$$\mu_n^Y \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\mathcal{D}} \mu_{\text{circ}} \quad (\text{in probability})$$

### Remarks

- ▶ Some sparsity is allowed
- ▶ The number of non-zero entries in  $V_n$  in each row/column remains linear in  $n$ .

$$\text{Example : } V_n = \frac{1}{n} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1}_{n \times n} \\ 0 & \mathbf{1}_{n \times n} & 0 \\ \mathbf{1}_{n \times n} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Remark 1: deterministic equivalents

- ▶ A priori, the sequence of variance profiles  $(V_n)$  is arbitrary with no relationship between  $V_n$  and  $V_{n+1}$ .
- ▶ In particular, we cannot always expect the existence of some probability measure  $\mu_\infty$  such that

$$\mu_n^Y \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_\infty .$$

- ▶ To describe  $\mu_n^Y$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we exhibit **deterministic** probability distributions  $\mu_n^{\text{det}}$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  such that

$$\boxed{\mu_n^Y \overset{\mathcal{P}}{\sim} \mu_n^{\text{det}}} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \forall f \in C_b(\mathbb{C}), \quad \int f d\mu_n^Y - \int f d\mu_n^{\text{det}} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\mathcal{P}} 0 .$$

$(\mu_n^{\text{det}})$  will be called the **deterministic equivalents** of  $\mu_n^Y$ .

## Remark 2: Sparsity

Recall that the variance profile is upper bounded:

$$\sup_{n \geq 1} \sup_{i, j \leq n} \sigma_{ij}^2 \leq \sigma_{\max}^2.$$

We also want to enable some of the  $\sigma_{ij}^2$ 's to be equal to zero.

- ▶ Matrix  $V_n$  cannot be too sparse.

$$\#\{\text{non null entries of } V_n\} \propto n^2,$$

otherwise, one easily shows that

$$\mu_n^Y \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\mathcal{D}} \delta_0 \quad (\text{in probability})$$

### Remark 3: Irreducibility of the variance profile $V_n$

- ▶ If matrix  $V_n$  is **reducible**, then there exists a permutation matrix  $P_\sigma$  such that

$$P_\sigma^{-1}V_nP_\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} A & \star \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $A, B$  are square matrices. If not,  $V_n$  is **irreducible**.

- ▶ If  $V_n$  **reducible**, then up to a permutation,

$$Y_n = \begin{pmatrix} Y_n^1 & \star \\ 0 & Y_n^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

and it suffices to study separately the spectral measures of  $Y_n^1$  and  $Y_n^2$ .

- ▶ We therefore assume that matrix  $V_n$  is **irreducible**.

## Main result

### Theorem (Cook, Hachem, N., Renfrew)

Assume that the variance profile  $(V_n)$  is **robustly irreducible** then

- ▶ for all  $n \geq 1$ , there exists a **radial** probability distribution

$$\mu_n^{\text{det}} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{C}), \quad \text{supp}(\mu_n^{\text{det}}) \subset \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C}, |z| \leq \sqrt{\rho(V_n)} \right\},$$

defined via a set of  $2n$  **master equations** such that

$$\boxed{\mu_n^Y \stackrel{\mathcal{P}}{\sim} \mu_n^{\text{det}}}$$

- ▶ If  $\mu_n^{\text{det}}$  does not depend on  $n$ , then

$$\forall n \geq 1, \mu_n^{\text{det}} := \mu_\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{\mu_n^Y \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\mathcal{D}} \mu_\infty} \quad (\text{in probability})$$

### Remark

Why is  $\mu_n^{\text{det}}$  radial? Can be expected if  $Y_n$  has complex gaussian entries:

$$\forall \theta \in [0, 2\pi], \quad Y_n^\theta = \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{\sqrt{n}} X_{ij} e^{i\theta} \right) \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{=} Y_n = \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{\sqrt{n}} X_{ij} \right)$$

## Related work

### Subsequent paper by Alt, Erdős and Krüger

"Local Inhomogeneous circular law" arXiv:1612.07776

- ▶ local law for the same model (much sharper than the global law)
- ▶ **but** for lower bounded variance profiles

$$\sigma_{ij}^{(n)} \geq \sigma_* > 0 ,$$

which prevents from any sparsity.



# Robust irreducibility assumption I

## Through examples

- ▶ If the variance profile is uniformly (in  $n$ ) lower bounded:

$$\sigma_{ij}^2 \geq \sigma_{\min}^2 > 0$$

then it is **RI**.

- ▶ The variance profile is **RI**

$$V_{3n} = \frac{1}{3n} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{1}_{n \times n} & \mathbf{1}_{n \times n} \\ \mathbf{1}_{n \times n} & 0 & 0 \\ \mathbf{1}_{n \times n} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ The band variance profile, with band of width  $\varepsilon_0 n$  is **RI**

$$\sigma_{ij}^2 = \sigma^2 \left( \frac{i}{n}, \frac{j}{n} \right) \quad \text{with} \quad \sigma^2(x, y) = \mathbf{1}_{\{|x-y| \leq \varepsilon_0\}} \cdot$$

## Robust irreducibility assumption (informal)

The sequence  $(V_n)$  is RI if

- ▶ there exists a threshold  $\sigma > 0$  such that the **skeleton matrix**

$$V_n^\sigma = \frac{1}{n} \left( \sigma_{ij}^2 \mathbf{1}_{\{\sigma_{ij}^2 > \sigma^2\}} \right)$$

is irreducible,

- ▶ there is a linear proportion of non-null entries in each column/row

$$|\{i, V_{ij}^\sigma > 0\}| \geq \delta n \quad \forall j \in [n]$$

$$|\{j, V_{ij}^\sigma > 0\}| \geq \delta n \quad \forall i \in [n]$$

- ▶ For every row/column, a (fixed) linear proportion  $\kappa n$  of entries can be removed from  $V_n^\sigma$  while keeping the remaining matrix irreducible.

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## Master equations

### Theorem

Let  $V_n$  be irreducible and consider the following system with unknown the two  $n \times 1$  vectors  $\mathbf{q} = (q_i)$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{q}} = (\tilde{q}_i)$ :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q_i = \frac{(V_n^T \mathbf{q})_i}{s^2 + (V_n^T \mathbf{q})_i (V_n \tilde{\mathbf{q}})_i} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \\ \tilde{q}_i = \frac{(V_n \tilde{\mathbf{q}})_i}{s^2 + (V_n^T \mathbf{q})_i (V_n \tilde{\mathbf{q}})_i} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \\ \sum_{i=1}^n q_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{q}_i \end{array} \right.$$

Denote by  $\rho(V_n)$  the spectral radius of  $V_n$  and by  $\vec{q} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{q} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{q}} \end{pmatrix}$ . Then this system admits a unique solution satisfying

$$\begin{cases} \vec{q}(s) \succ 0 & \text{for } s \in (0, \sqrt{\rho(V_n)}), \\ \vec{q}(s) = 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

One can define the probability measure on  $\mathbb{C}$  by

$$\mu_n^{\det} \{z, |z| \leq s\} = 1 - \frac{1}{n} \langle \vec{q}(s), V_n \mathbf{q}(s) \rangle$$

## Example 1: the circular law

### Constant variance profile

If  $\sigma_{ij}^2 = \sigma^2$  is constant, then the  $2n$  master equations merge into a single one:

$$q = \frac{\sigma^2 q}{s^2 + \sigma^4 q^2}$$

and we fortunately recover the **circular law**.

### Doubly stochastic variance profile

If  $V_n$  is doubly stochastique, then the  $2n$  master equations merge into a single one:

$$q = \frac{q}{s^2 + q^2} \quad (\text{circular law}). \quad \text{Hint: try the equations with}$$

$$\mathbf{q} = q \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{q}} = q \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where} \quad q = \frac{q}{s^2 + q^2}$$

## Example 2: separable variance profile

### Separable variance profile

Let

$$\mathbb{E}|Y_{ij}|^2 = \frac{1}{n} d_i \tilde{d}_j, \quad d_i, \tilde{d}_j > 0$$

- ▶ Then the  $2n$  master equations merge into a single one

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d_i \tilde{d}_i}{s^2 + d_i \tilde{d}_i u_n(s)} = 1} \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_n^{\text{det}}\{|z| \leq s\} = 1 - u_n(s)$$

In this case,

$$\boxed{\mu_n^Y \stackrel{\mathcal{P}}{\sim} \mu_n^{\text{det}}}$$

### Example 3: sampled variance profile

Theorem (Cook, Hachem, N., Renfrew)

Let  $\sigma : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  and consider the **sampled variance profile**:

$$\sigma_{ij}(n) = \sigma\left(\frac{i}{n}, \frac{j}{n}\right)$$

Then  $\boxed{\mu_n^Y \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\mathcal{D}} \mu_\infty}$  in probability, where

$$\mu_\infty\{|z| \leq s\} = 1 - \int_{[0,1]^2} q_\infty(x, s) \tilde{q}_\infty(y, s) \sigma^2(x, y) dx dy$$

with

$$\begin{cases} q_\infty(x, s) = \frac{\int_0^1 \sigma^2(y, x) q_\infty(y, s) dy}{s^2 + \int_0^1 \sigma^2(y, x) q_\infty(y, s) dy \int_0^1 \sigma^2(x, y) \tilde{q}_\infty(y, s) dy} , \\ \tilde{q}_\infty(x, s) = \frac{\int_0^1 \sigma^2(x, y) \tilde{q}_\infty(y, s) dy}{s^2 + \int_0^1 \sigma^2(y, x) q_\infty(y, s) dy \int_0^1 \sigma^2(x, y) \tilde{q}_\infty(y, s) dy} . \end{cases}$$

## Example 4

### Limiting measure with mass point at zero

Let

$$V_n = \frac{1}{3n} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{1}_{n \times n} & \mathbf{1}_{n \times n} \\ \mathbf{1}_{n \times n} & 0 & 0 \\ \mathbf{1}_{n \times n} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho^* := \sqrt{\rho(V_n)} = \frac{\sqrt[4]{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Then

$$\mu_\infty(dz) = \frac{1}{3} \delta_0(dz) + \frac{12}{\pi} \frac{|z|^2}{\sqrt{1+36|z|^4}} \mathbf{1}_{\{|z| \leq \rho^*\}} \ell(dz)$$

and

$$\mu_n^Y \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\mathcal{D}} \mu_\infty \quad (\text{in probability})$$

### Remark

Under condition

$$\sigma_{ij} \geq \sigma_* > 0,$$

it is proved by Alt, Erdős and Krüger that  $\mu_n^{\det}$  admits a density

$$\varphi_n(|z|) > 0 \quad \text{for} \quad |z| < \sqrt{\rho(V_n)}.$$

Not the case here.



## Example 4 - continued

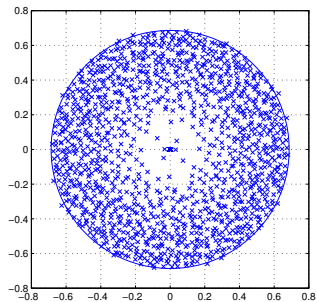
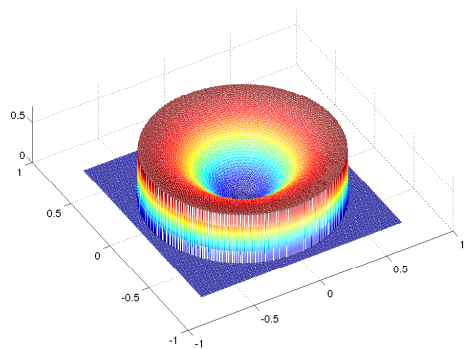


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# Girko's hermitization trick

## Logarithmic potential

$$U_\mu(z) = - \int_{\mathbb{C}} \log |\lambda - z| \mu(d\lambda) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\mu = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \Delta U_\mu}$$

## Hermitization

Let  $\nu_n^{Y,z}$  be the spectral distribution of the **Hermitian** model

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & Y_n - z \\ (Y_n - z)^* & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $\nu_n^{Y,z}$  is the symmetrized empirical measure of the singular values of  $Y - zI$  and

$$\boxed{- \int_{\mathbb{C}} \log |\lambda - z| \mu_n^Y(d\lambda) = - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \log |t| \nu_n^{Y,z}(dt)}$$

## Deterministic equivalents for the hermitized model

One can prove that there exists a family of deterministic probability measures  $\nu_n^z$  such that

$$\nu_n^{Y,z} \sim \nu_n^z$$

Each  $\nu_n^z$  is defined via (its Stieltjes transform from) 2n **Schwinger-Dyson equations**:

$$\begin{cases} p_i &= \frac{(V_n^T \mathbf{p})_i + \eta}{|z|^2 - ((V_n \tilde{\mathbf{p}})_i + \eta)((V_n^T \mathbf{p})_i + \eta)} \\ \tilde{p}_i &= \frac{(V_n \tilde{\mathbf{p}})_i + \eta}{|z|^2 - ((V_n \tilde{\mathbf{p}})_i + \eta)((V_n^T \mathbf{p})_i + \eta)} \end{cases}, \quad \eta \in \mathbb{C}^+$$

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- ▶ Deterministic problem: define (and control!)

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \log |t| \nu_n^z(dt)$$

⇒ need for estimates such as **Wegner estimates**.



## Where do the master equations come from?

Schwinger-Dyson equations ..

$$\begin{cases} p_i(\eta) &= \frac{(V_n^T \mathbf{p})_{i+\eta}}{s^2 - ((V_n \tilde{\mathbf{p}})_{i+\eta})((V_n^T \mathbf{p})_{i+\eta})} \\ \tilde{p}_i(\eta) &= \frac{(V_n \tilde{\mathbf{p}})_{i+\eta}}{s^2 - ((V_n \tilde{\mathbf{p}})_{i+\eta})((V_n^T \mathbf{p})_{i+\eta})} \end{cases}$$

.. evaluated along the imaginary axis ( $\eta = it$ )..

$$r_i(t) = \text{im } p_i(it), \quad \begin{cases} r_i &= \frac{(V_n^T \mathbf{r})_{i+t}}{s^2 + [(V_n^T \mathbf{r})_{i+t}][(V_n \tilde{\mathbf{r}})_{i+t}]} \\ \tilde{r}_i &= \frac{(V_n \tilde{\mathbf{r}})_{i+t}}{s^2 + [(V_n^T \mathbf{r})_{i+t}][(V_n \tilde{\mathbf{r}})_{i+t}]} \end{cases}$$

.. then one lets  $t \downarrow 0$

$$q_i = \lim_{t \downarrow 0} r_i(t), \quad \begin{cases} q_i &= \frac{(V_n^T \mathbf{q})_i}{s^2 + (V_n^T \mathbf{q})_i (V_n \tilde{\mathbf{q}})_i} \\ \tilde{q}_i &= \frac{(V_n \tilde{\mathbf{q}})_i}{s^2 + (V_n^T \mathbf{q})_i (V_n \tilde{\mathbf{q}})_i} \end{cases}$$

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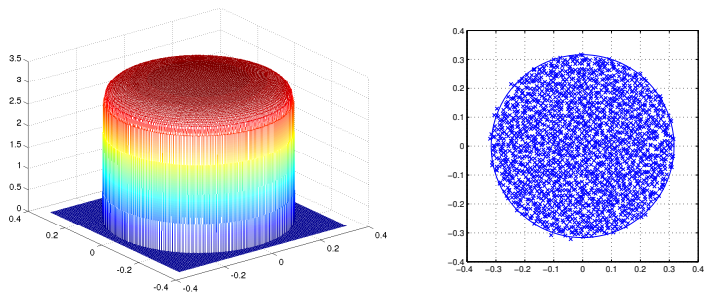


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$$V_n^1 : \sigma_{ij}^2 = \sigma^2 \left( \frac{i}{n}, \frac{j}{n} \right) \quad \text{with} \quad \sigma^2(x, y) = \mathbf{1}_{\{|x-y| \leq 1/20\}} \cdot$$

## Example 2: modified band variance profile

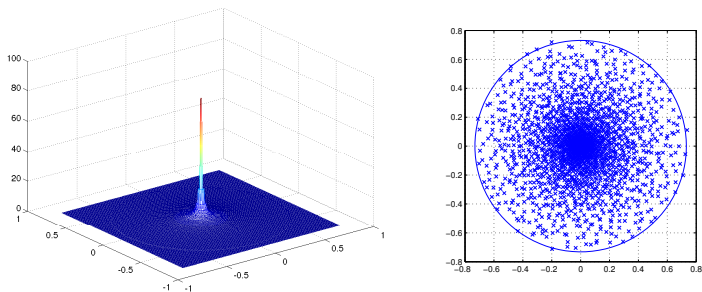


Figure: Density and sampled eigenvalue for the variance profile  $V_n^2$

$$V_n^2 : \quad \sigma_{ij}^2 = \sigma^2 \left( \frac{i}{n}, \frac{j}{n} \right) \quad \text{with} \quad \sigma^2(x, y) = (x + y)^2 \mathbf{1}_{\{|x-y| \leq 1/10\}} .$$

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