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The Wigner semicircle law for tensors

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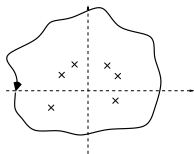
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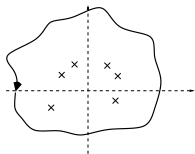


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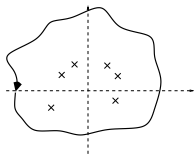


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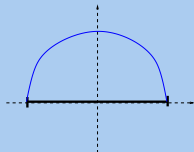
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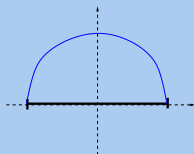
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Real symmetric tensors have:

- 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

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$p = 2$  balanced invariant  $I_n = \text{Tr}(T^n)$

$p \geq 3$  more complicated

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

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

$$\mathcal{Z}_{\pm}(w; T) = \int_{e^{i\theta_{\pm}} \mathbb{R}^N} [d\phi] e^{-S(\phi)}, \quad \theta_{\pm} = \frac{1}{p} \left( \psi \mp \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

Cuts along  $\mathbb{R}$ , dominated by the largest and smallest real eigenvalues of  $T$

$$\mathcal{Z}_+(y; T) - \mathcal{Z}_-(y; T) \sim \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{p-2}{2p} \left( \frac{y}{\lambda_{\max}} \right)^{\frac{2}{p-2}} + \dots}, & y > 0 \\ e^{-\frac{p-2}{2p} \left( \frac{y}{\lambda_{\min}} \right)^{\frac{2}{p-2}} + \dots}, & y < 0 \end{cases}.$$

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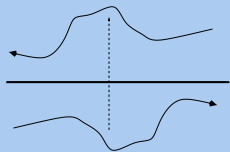
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Spectral theorem for balanced invariants:

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# THE $p = 3$ CASE

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$$\rho(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2\pi|\lambda|^{1/3}} \left( \frac{3^3}{2^2} \right)^{1/6} \left[ \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{3^3/2^2}} \right)^{1/3} - \left( 1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{3^3/2^2}} \right)^{1/3} \right],$$

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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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$$\partial_\theta f = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} - \frac{b}{w} \rho^p \cos^{p-1} \theta \sin \theta , \quad \partial_\rho f = \frac{1}{\rho} \left( 1 - \rho^2 + \frac{b}{w} \rho^p \cos^p \theta + \frac{1}{w^2} \rho^{2p} \right) ,$$

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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$$f(\theta, \rho) = \ln(\sin \theta) + \ln \rho - \frac{1}{2}\rho^2 + \frac{b}{wp} \rho^p \cos^p \theta + \frac{1}{2pw^2} \rho^{2p} .$$

Resolvent is  $\omega(w) = \frac{1}{w} \rho_\star^2$  with  $\star$  the dominant saddle point

Saddle point equations:

$$\partial_\theta f = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} - \frac{b}{w} \rho^p \cos^{p-1} \theta \sin \theta , \quad \partial_\rho f = \frac{1}{\rho} \left( 1 - \rho^2 + \frac{b}{w} \rho^p \cos^p \theta + \frac{1}{w^2} \rho^{2p} \right) ,$$

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

At  $b_t$  the saddle point  $(\theta_1, \rho_1^2)$  becomes dominant at the largest non removable singularity of  $\omega(w)$ .

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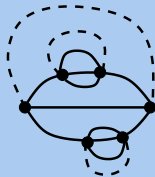
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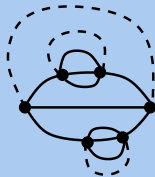
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- build the graphical representation for the spiked model.
- what is  $b_t$  in this language?



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For  $p = 2$

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Is for  $p \geq 3$

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## PROBLEM 3: RECONSTRUCT THE SIGNAL

Identify the signal  $v$  in the spiked model

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

for  $b > b_t$