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# Random Matrix Theory

\* Quick Tour of the Notes

\* This Semester

- Finite Random Matrix Theory
- Tracy Widom + Growth Processes
- Free Probability

## Finite Random Matrix Theory

- \* Exact formulas: entries usually standard normals
- \*  $n=1$ : Undergrad Formulas
- \*  $n=\infty$ : Important Infinite Random Matrix Theory Formulas
- \*  $n$  finite: More structure than  $n \geq 1$   
Opportunities for research  
for applications

## Scalar Random Variables ( $n=1$ )

Math	MATLAB	Prob Density	<del>Random Vector Theory</del>
Standard Normal	randn(C)	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2}$	<del>norm(randn(N,1))<sup>2</sup></del>
chi-squared $\chi_r^2$	chi2rnd(r)	$x^{r/2-1} e^{-x/2} \frac{1}{2^{r/2} \Gamma(r/2)}$	norm(randn(N,1)) <sup>2</sup>
Beta distribution	betarnd(A,B)	$\frac{x^{A-1} (1-x)^{B-1}}{\int_0^1 u^{A-1} (1-u)^{B-1} du} \leftarrow B(A,B)$	$X = \text{chi2rnd}(2A)$ $Y = \text{chi2rnd}(2B)$ $X/(X+Y)$

### Chi-Squared with Vectors:

$X = \text{randn}(V,1)$   
\* Return  $X^T X$

### Beta Distribution with vectors

$X = \text{randn}(2A,1)$   
 $Y = \text{randn}(2B,1)$   
 $g = \text{gsurf}(X,Y)$   
Return  $g^2/(1+g^2)$

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### Random MATRICES (real case)

$g = \text{randn}(n, n)$  ( $n \times n$  iid normals)  
"Ginibre Matrix"

Hermitic Gaussian Ensemble (Wigner 1955)  $g = \text{randn}(n, n)$   
Return  $(g + g') / \sqrt{2n}$  ( $n \times n$  sym)

Laguerre Wishart Matrices (Wishart 1928)  $g = \text{randn}(n, m)$   
Wishart  $(n, m)$  Return  $(g * g') / m$  ( $n \times n$  sym pos)

Jacobi MANOVA MATRICES  
 $W_1 = \text{wishart}(n, m_1)$   
 $W_2 = \text{wishart}(n, m_2)$   
Return  $(W_1 + W_2) \backslash W_1$

$n=1$   
Gaussian  
chi-squared  
Beta

$n \rightarrow \infty$   
Semi Circle  
Marcenko-Pastur "Free Poisson"  
General McKay etc

(must check Free prob name)



### Classical orthogonal Polynomials (Warning Normalizations + Scalings vary)

#### Hermite Polynomials

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 &= 1 \\ H_1 &= x \\ H_2 &= x^2 - 1 \\ H_3 &= x^3 - 3x \\ H_4 &= x^4 - 6x^2 + 3 \end{aligned}$$

#### (Probabilists Form)

$$H_j \text{ is } \log j$$

Orthogonal with respect to a Gaussian  
 $G = \text{randn}(n)$

$$E(H_j(G) H_k(G)) = \delta_{jk} (k!)$$

Pair that these are not 1

$$\int H_j(x) H_k(x) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} = \delta_{jk} k!$$

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## Laguerre Polynomials

$$L_0^{(\alpha)} = 1$$

$$L_1^{(\alpha)} = -x + \alpha + 1$$

$$L_2^{(\alpha)} = \frac{x^2}{2} - (\alpha + 2)x + \frac{(\alpha + 2)(\alpha + 1)}{2}$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} x^{\alpha} L_k^{(\alpha)}(x) L_j^{(\alpha)}(x) dx = \delta_{jk} k! \Gamma(\alpha + 1 + k)$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} x^{\alpha} L_j^{(\alpha)}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) L_k^{(\alpha)}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) dx = \text{constant} \times \delta_{jk}$$

## Jacobi Polynomials

orthogonalize the Beta Distribution

~~Pure Problem: Let  $m_k =$~~

~~Applied Problem:~~

## Moment Problems

Pure Math: Given a pdf  $f(x)$  we define the moments  $m_k = \int x^k f(x) dx$  ( $m_0 = 1$ )

Invert Problem: Given  $m_0, m_1, \dots$  is there ~~an~~ a pdf? Is it unique?

Exists is related to the infinite <sup>Hankel</sup> matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} m_0 & m_1 & m_2 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \\ m_2 & m_3 & m_4 \end{bmatrix}$  being pos definite

Uniqueness is implied by ~~the~~ Carleman's condition

Some variations & complications ...