

# ① Lecture 2 Feb 11, 2013

## From Gaussian Ensembles to Stochastic Operators

### 1. (Real) GOE "Gaussian orthogonal Ensemble"

$$A = \text{randn}(n);$$

$$S = (A + A') / \sqrt{2n}$$

Fact:  $\lambda_{\max}(S) \approx \sqrt{2} \quad \lambda_{\min}(S) \approx -\sqrt{2}$  when  $n \gg 1$

Fact: Normalized histogram  $\approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{4-x^2}$

$(A+A')/2$  has  $N(0, 1)$  on diagonal &  $N(0, \frac{1}{2})$  off

### 2. (Complex) GUE "Gaussian Unitary Ensemble"

$$A = \text{randn}(n) + i \sigma \text{randn}(n);$$

$$S = (A + A') / (2\sqrt{n})$$

Two Facts above remain true.

Notes: p. 48, 135-136 for above.

p 63 for below

### 3. Chi-distribution and orthogonal invariance

Let  $V_n = \text{randn}(n, 1)$ , i.e. an  $n$ -vector with independent standard normal entries

a)  $\|V_n\|$  is known as a  $X_n$  variable

its prob density is  $\frac{x^{n-1} e^{-x^2/2}}{2^{n/2-1} \Gamma(n/2)}$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+$

(obviously  $X_{n_1}^2 + X_{n_2}^2 = X_{n_1+n_2}^2$ )

Degrees of freedom need not be integers, however

### b) Orthogonal Invariance

If  $Q$  is fixed or a random + independent of  $V_n$ , then

$Qv_n$  and  $v_n$  are identically distributed.

$$\text{Joint density} = (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\|V_n\|^2}$$

which only depends on  $\|V_n\|$

$$V_n = \|V_n\| \cdot \frac{v_n}{\|v_n\|}$$

↑  
uniform  
on sphere  
↓  
 $x_n$       independent

## 4. Central Limit Theorem

Scalar:  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{i=1}^k x_i \rightarrow \text{Standard Normal}$

if  $x_i$  have mean 0  
variance 1 (+ bounded moments)

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Suppose  $X_i$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix with elements of mean 0 & variance 1 (of finite moments)

$$X = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^K X_i$$

Then  $(X + X')/2n$  converges to a GOE.

Similarly for a GUE

Hence, "universality" already seems likely.

5. Universality is a physics' originating term somewhat related to what appears when considering statistical ensembles. It is an indicator of a central limit theorem effect. If a non-Gaussian random matrix acts approximately, asymptotically, or on average like a Gaussian matrix, we say that universality is occurring.

6. The "O" in GOE, the "U" in GUE

Let  $A = \text{randn}(n)$

Clearly  $Q_1 A Q_2$  is also  $\text{randn}(n)$

for orthogonal  $Q_1, Q_2$

So is  $(QAQ')$  (rows & columns rotated!)

Thus  $(QAQ')^T + (QAQ')^T$  is distributed as  $A^TA'$

Same with GUE for unitary matrices

7. Theorem: Let  $T_n$  be the random Sym tridiagonal Matrix

with diagonal:  $\sqrt{2} \cdot \text{randn}(\eta, 1)$   
off-diagonal:  $[X_{\beta(n-1)}, X_{\beta(n-2)}, \dots, X_1]$

Divide by  $\sqrt{n}$  to get eigenvalues approx.  $\{-z, z\}$

When  $\beta=1$ , the eigenvalues of  $T_n$  are distributed  
the same as the GOE

When  $\beta=2$  they are the same as GUE

$\beta=4$  " " " " " " GSE

All  $\beta > 0$  make sense

Comment: To compute all eigenvalues  
of Gaussian ensembles efficiently one  
could use MATLAB's dense eig (calls LAPACK)  
or sparse eig (calls ARPACK) but  
both are inefficient.

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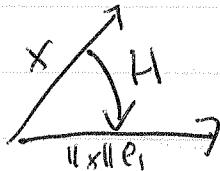
Let  $X = \text{randn}(n)$ 

$$S = \frac{X + X^T}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Diagonals  $\sqrt{2}I$  i.e. variance = 2off-diag: variance =  $\frac{2}{2} = 1$ 

Householder Reflector from numerical computation  
 Given  $x$  construct  $H$  orthogonal so that

$$Hx = \|x\|e_1 \quad (e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix})$$



Details don't matter.

One construction  $v = x - \|x\|e_1$ 

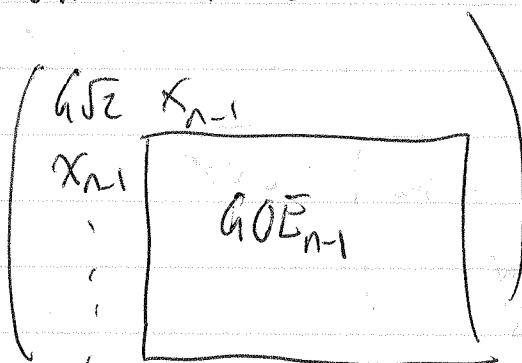
$$H = I - \frac{2vv^T}{v^Tv}$$

external angle bisector

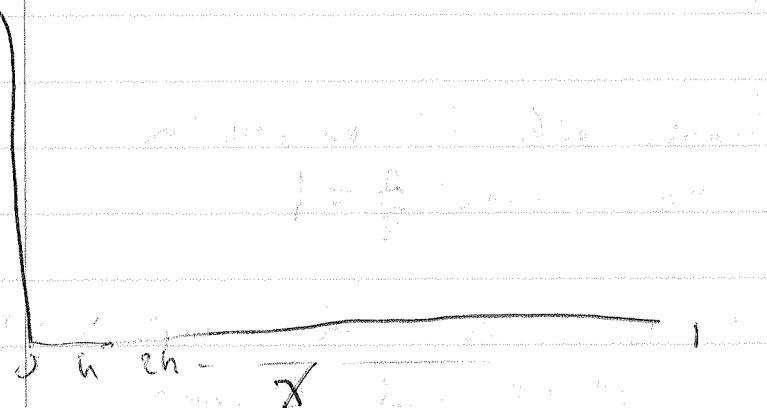
On computers other choices used for stability

 $H$  is thought of as a tool to insert zeros

Usual Tridiagonal



## Brownian Motion + White Noise



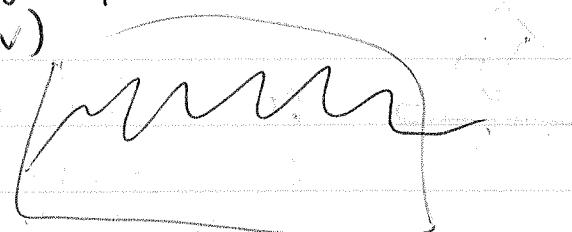
$$h = 1/n$$

$$\gamma = [0:h:1]$$

$$\delta w = \text{randn}(n\gamma, 1) \cdot \text{sqrt}(h)$$

$$w = \text{cumsum}(\delta w)$$

$$\text{plot}(\gamma, w)$$



Note that  $w(x)$  is normal with mean 0 & variance  $h+h+\dots+h = X$

so  $w(x)$  makes sense as a random variable

$$\delta w = (\text{standard normal}) \cdot \sqrt{\Delta x}$$

$$w'(x) = \frac{\delta w}{\Delta x} \propto \frac{\delta w}{h} \quad \text{discrete time noise process}$$

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Operators on  $L_2(\Omega)$ Discrete  $\{f_0), f(h), f(2h), \dots\}$ Continuous  $f(x)$ 

$$\text{1st derivative: Discrete: } \frac{1}{h} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_0 \\ f(h) \\ f(2h) \end{bmatrix}, \dots$$

Continuous:  $f(x) \rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} f(x)$

$$\text{2nd derivative: } \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Multiplication by } x \quad b \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots \end{bmatrix} \quad f(x) \rightarrow x \cdot f(x)$$

$$\text{Multiplication by } w'(x) \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{h}} \begin{bmatrix} a & \dots & a \end{bmatrix} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{h}} \cdot \text{diag}(\text{rand}(N, 1))$$

Let  $T = \text{discretization of } \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - x + \frac{2}{\sqrt{h}} w'(x)$

$$\text{then } \text{diag}(T) = \left[ -\frac{2}{h^2} + h \cdot i + \text{rand}(1)/\sqrt{h}; \text{ for } i \in N \right]$$

$$\text{synd}(T) = -2/h^2 * \cos(\pi i / h)$$

Easy Theorem: The upper left of  
the tridiagonal mod

$$x_n \approx \sqrt{n} + \frac{6}{\sqrt{2}}$$

converges