

Last time

H_N - $N \times N$ Hermitian matrix

global regime: $\frac{\#\{\lambda_i \in B\}}{N} \sim ?$

$\mu_{H_N} = \frac{1}{N} \sum \delta_{\lambda_i}$, then this is $\mu_{H_N}(B)$.

Wigner's thm

H_N - matrix with indep. entries above the diagonal

$\mathbb{E} H_N(u, v) = 0$, $\mathbb{E} H_N(u, v)^2 = 1$ + technical cond's

μ_N - the spectral measure of $H_N / \sqrt{2N}$

Then $\mu_N \rightarrow \mu_W$, $\frac{d\mu_W}{dx} = \frac{2}{\pi} (1-x^2)_+^{1/2}$

We have proved a bit less:

$\mathbb{E} \mu_N \rightarrow \mu_W$, $\mathbb{E} \mu_N(B) = \mathbb{E} \frac{\#\{\lambda_i \in B\}}{N}$.

Idea: $\int x^k d\mathbb{E} \mu_N \rightarrow \int x^k d\mu_W$,
contribution comes from trees.

Before leaving the global regime,

1) another theorem

2) another method of proof

and to save time: another thm. using another method of proof.

Consider a sequence of graphs, $\{G_N = (V_N, E_N)\}$, $\#V_N = N$.

Assume that

1) G_N is d -regular

2) $\text{girth}(G_N) = \text{length of shortest cycle} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \infty$.

let μ_N be the spectral measure of $A_N / 2\sqrt{d-1}$, where

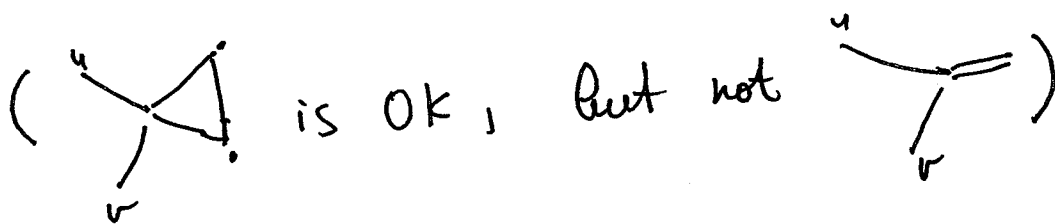
$$A_N(u,v) = \begin{cases} 1, & uv \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Thm $\mu_N \xrightarrow{w} \mu_{KM}^d$, $\frac{d\mu_{KM}^d}{dx} = \frac{2d(d-1)}{\pi} \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{d^2 - 4(d-1)x^2}$


One can use moments (again, only trees contribute).
let us show a modification of this argument.

let $B_{k,N}$ be an $N \times N$ matrix,

$$B_{k,N}(u,v) = \# \text{ paths of length } k \text{ from } u \text{ to } v \text{ in } G_N \text{ without backtracking } (u_{j+2} \neq u_j)$$



lemma $B_{k,N} \cdot A_N = B_{k+1,N} + (d-1)B_{k-1,N}$

Proof 
 $\begin{cases} \text{bt on last step} \rightsquigarrow B_{k-1,N} \\ \text{no bt on last step} \rightsquigarrow B_{k+1,N} \end{cases}$

Therefore $B_{k,N} = q_k(A_N)$,

$$x q_k(x) = q_{k+1}(x) + (d-1) q_{k-1}(x).$$

Thus $\frac{B_{k,N}}{\sqrt{d(d-1)^{k-1}}} = P_k\left(\frac{A_N}{\sqrt{d-1}}\right)$, and

$$2x P_k(x) = P_{k+1}(x) + P_{k-1}(x).$$

Checking $k=0,1,2$, we see that these are exactly the orth. polys with resp. to $\mu_{k,N}^d$, that we have seen before.

Thus $0 = \frac{1}{N} \operatorname{tr} \frac{B_{k,N}}{\sqrt{d(d-1)^{k-1}}} = \int P_k d\mu_N \rightarrow$ and

on the other hand

$$0 = \int P_{k-1} d\mu_{k,N}^d, \quad k=1,2,\dots$$

Thus $\mu_N \rightarrow \mu_{k,N}^d$.

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Rmk's 1) one can put \pm s on edges

2) allow cycles, as long as there are not too many of them (a random d -reg graph is Ok)

3) estimate on the rate of convergence

4) argument can be used to prove Wigner's thm

(esp easy for $H_N(u,v) = \begin{cases} \pm 1, & u \neq v \\ 0 & \end{cases}$)

1) The edge of the spectrum

According to Wigner's law,

$$\#\{\lambda_i \in B\} \approx N \int_B \frac{2}{\pi} (1-x^2)_+^{1/2} dx. \quad (+)$$

Is this also true for "small" B ? We focus on B near the edge (e.g. $B = (1-b_1, 1+b_2)$).

Let $B = (1-\epsilon, 1)$. Then

$$N \int_B \frac{2}{\pi} (1-x^2)_+^{1/2} dx \asymp N \epsilon^{3/2},$$

so, for $\epsilon \asymp N^{-2/3}$, the RHS is $\Theta(1)$ (and not necessarily integer), whereas the LHS of (+) is integer. So (+) can not hold on the scale $N^{-2/3}$.

It appears that this is the only obstruction: (+) holds on any larger scale (e.g. $N^{-2/3} \log \log N$). The formal defs: below.

We focus on the average:

$$\mathbb{E} \#\{\lambda_i \in B\};$$

the same methods can be used to solve the (more interesting) qm about gap distribution, et al (e.g. the distribution of $\frac{\lambda_{\max} - \mathbb{E} \lambda_{\max}}{\sqrt{\text{Var} \lambda_{\max}}}$).

Def The Airy f_n is a (special) solution of $y'' = xy$
 (ie $Ai''(x) = x Ai(x)$). $[Ai(x) \sim \frac{e^{-\frac{2}{3}x^{3/2}}}{2\sqrt{\pi} x^{1/4}}, x \rightarrow +\infty$

Goal $\mathbb{E} \# \text{ eigenvalues in } \mathbb{1} + (\mathbb{2}N^{2/3})^{-1}A \rightarrow$

$$\rightarrow \int_A [Ai'(x)^2 - x Ai(x)^2] dx$$

(say, for A being a union of intervals, bounded from below)

Soshnikov '97: the statement holds under the following

assumptions:

(i) H_W is Hermitian, $\{H_W(u,v) \mid u \leq v\}$ are independent

(ii) $\mathbb{E} H_W(u,v) = 0$; $H_W(u,v)$ is "isotropic" for $u < v$

(iii) $\mathbb{E} |H_W(u,v)|^{2k} \leq (Ck)^k$ ("subgaussian tails")

Rmk Earlier proved for one (important) special distribution

(GUE): Forrester, Tracy-Widom, ...

[Hence it is sufficient to prove that the limit $\frac{d}{dN}$
 not depend on the R.M.]

We focus on the special case:

$$H_W(u,v) \begin{cases} \sim \mathcal{U}(\Pi), & u < v \\ 0, & u = v. \end{cases}$$

How do moments help?

Let $\mu_i = (\lambda_i - 1) 2N^{2/3}$, we are interested in

$$\lim \mathbb{E} \xi_N(A), \quad \xi_N = \sum \delta_{\mu_i}.$$

$$\mathbb{E} \operatorname{tr} \left(\frac{H_N}{2\sqrt{N}} \right)^m = \mathbb{E} \sum \lambda_i^m = \mathbb{E} \sum \left(1 + \frac{\mu_i}{2N^{2/3}} \right)^m \approx$$

$$\approx \mathbb{E} \sum \exp \left(\frac{m}{2N^{2/3}} \mu_i \right) = \int \exp \frac{m\mu}{2N^{2/3}} d\mathbb{E} \xi_N.$$

easy to justify

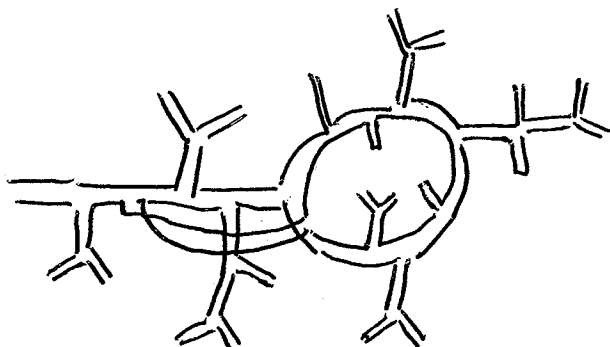
Setting $m \times 2 \ll N^{2/3}$, we obtain the Laplace transform of $\mathbb{E} \xi_N$ at the point α . Hence we need to study moments of order $\Theta(N^{2/3})$ (as opposed to $\Theta(1)$, as before).

Sinai & Soshnikov: if $m \ll N^{2/3}$, the dominant paths are still trees (appropriately defined).



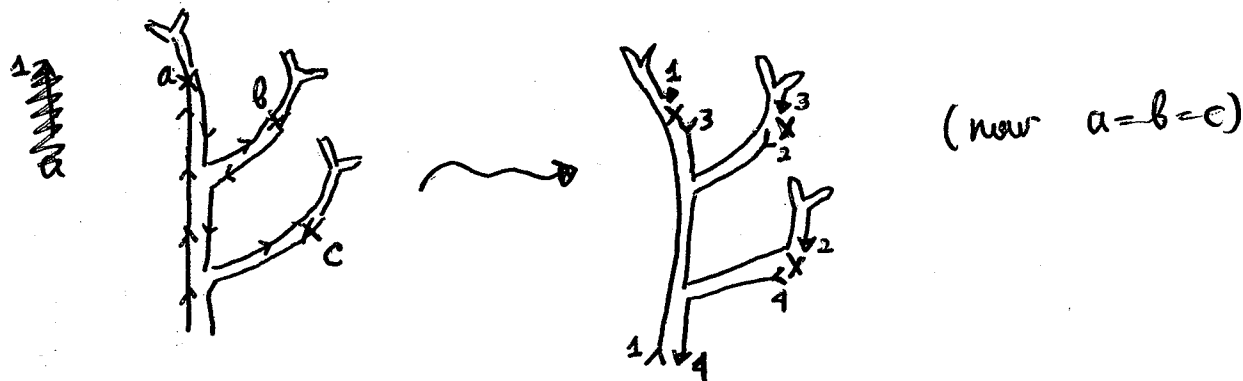
(\Leftrightarrow for $S_N \ll N^{2/3}$, nothing interesting happens).

For $m \times N^{2/3}$, other paths appear, eg:



Soshnikov's approach:

pick a tree, and do the following $g \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ times:
 choose 3 vertices a, b, c on the tree, and glue them
 as follows:



[The picture on the prev. page corresponds to $g=1$].

Fact "all" paths are obtained in this way, thus

$$\# \text{ paths } (2m) =$$

$$= (1+o(1)) \cdot \underbrace{\# \text{ trees}}_{\substack{\text{computed} \\ \text{via Catalan} \\ \text{numbers}}} \cdot \sum_{g \geq 0} \left[\frac{(m+1)^3}{2} \right]^g / g!$$

[valid
 for $m \ll N^{0.99}$
 in particular:
 $m = \alpha N^{2/3}$]

Exercise Find the limit, and show that it satisfies
 the same differential equation as

$$y(x) = \int e^{\alpha x} [A'(x)^2 - x A(x)^2] dx.$$

