

Asymptotic expansion of the partition function of one-matrix models

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Goal: rigorous derivation of $Z_n(\mathbf{t}; \epsilon)$ for $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ and $n \rightarrow \infty$ with $n\epsilon = x > 0$ finite, in the so called multi-cut case.

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- Relevant statistical quantities are described by orthogonal polynomials like the one point function: $\rho_n(\lambda) = \frac{1}{n} e^{-\frac{1}{\epsilon} V(\lambda)} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} p_j(\lambda)^2$ which is related to the distribution of eigenvalues.

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- For $t > t_c$, support of $d\mu_{V_t}$ consists of more than one interval, (multi-cut case).

Toda equations

The partition function $Z_n(\mathbf{t}; \epsilon)$ is also a *tau*-function of the Toda lattice: the dependent variables

$$\gamma_n^2(\mathbf{t}; \epsilon) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Z_{n+1}(\mathbf{t}; \epsilon) Z_{n-1}(\mathbf{t}; \epsilon)}{Z_n(\mathbf{t}; \epsilon)^2}$$

$$\beta_n(\mathbf{t}; \epsilon) = -\epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \log \frac{Z_{n+1}(\mathbf{t}; \epsilon)}{Z_n(\mathbf{t}; \epsilon)}$$

solve the Toda equations. The first flow is

$$\epsilon \frac{\partial \gamma_n}{\partial t_1} = \frac{\gamma_n}{2} (\beta_{n-1} - \beta_n), \quad \epsilon \frac{\partial \beta_n}{\partial t_1} = \gamma_n^2 - \gamma_{n+1}^2,$$

Initial data: $\beta_n(\mathbf{t}, \epsilon)|_{\mathbf{t}=0} = 0$ and $\gamma_n(\mathbf{t}, \epsilon)|_{\mathbf{t}=0} = \sqrt{n\epsilon}$.

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Introducing the 't Hooft coupling parameter $x = N\epsilon$

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with

$$F_g(x, \mathbf{t}) = \sum_k \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} a_g(i_1, \dots, i_k) t_{i_1} \dots t_{i_k} x^h$$

with $h = 2 - 2g - k + |i|/2$ and $i = i_1 + \dots + i_k$ and

$$a_g(i_1, \dots, i_k) = \frac{1}{k!} \# \{ \text{connected oriented ribbon graph of genus } g \text{ with} \\ k \text{ vertices of valencies } i_1, \dots, i_k \}$$

Enumerative geometry and Random Matrices

$$\begin{aligned} \log \frac{Z_n(\mathbf{t}; \epsilon)}{Z_n(\mathbf{0}; \epsilon)} &= \epsilon^{-2} [6x^3 t_3^2 + 2x^3 t_4 + 216x^4 t_3^2 t_4 + 18x^4 t_4^2 + 288x^5 t_4^3 + 45x^4 t_3 t_5 \\ &\quad + 2160x^5 t_3 t_4 t_5 + 90x^5 t_5^2 + 5400x^6 t_4 t_5^2 + 5x^4 t_6 + 1080x^5 t_3^2 t_6 \\ &\quad + 144x^5 t_4 t_6 + 4320x^6 t_4^2 t_6 + 108000x^6 t_3 t_5 t_6 + 270000x^7 t_5^2 t_6 \\ &\quad \quad \quad 300x^6 t_6^2 + 21600x^7 t_4 t_6^2 + 36000x^8 t_6^3] \\ &+ \frac{3}{2} x t_3^2 + x t_4 + 234x^2 t_3^2 t_4 + 30x^2 t_4^2 + 1056x^3 t_4^3 + 60x^2 t_3 t_5 + 6480x^3 t_3 t_4 t_5 \\ &\quad + 300x^3 t_5^2 + 32400x^4 t_4 t_5^2 + 10x^2 t_6 + 3330x^3 t_3^2 t_6 + 600x^3 t_4 t_6 \\ &31680x^4 t_4^2 t_6 + 66600x^4 t_3 t_5 t_6 + 283500x t_5^2 t_6 + 2400x^4 t_6^2 + 270000x^5 t_4 t_6^2 \\ &\quad \quad \quad + 696000x^6 t_6^3 + O(\epsilon^2) \end{aligned}$$

coeff $1/\epsilon^2$: $2x^3 t_4 \leftrightarrow a_0(4)$, $18x^4 t_4^2 \leftrightarrow a_0(4, 4)$,

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- Relation between random matrices expansion and enumerative geometry: E.Brézin, C.Itzykson, G.Parisi, J.B.Zuber 1978, E.Brézin, C.Itzykson, J.B.Zuber 1980.
- Existence of the expansion in even power of ϵ^2 : N. Ercolani, K. Mc Laughlin 2003, P. Bleher, A. Its 2004.
- Explicit computation of the coefficients $a_g(k_1, \dots, k_m)$: Harer-Zagier (1986), Morozov-Shakirov (2009), Dubrovin-Di (2016).

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- The integration with respect to t_k is performed term by term in the above expansion taking as a reference point the GUE, and using the result that the space of 1-cut potentials in the class of polynomial weights, is path connected.

Computation of the coefficients $a_g(k_1, \dots, k_m)$

Take $\epsilon = 1$ and consider

$$\langle \text{Tr} M^{i_1} \dots \text{Tr} M^{i_k} \rangle_c = k! \sum_{0 \leq g \leq \frac{1}{2}(\frac{|i|}{2} - k + 1)} a_g(i_1, \dots, i_k) N^{2-2g-k+\frac{|i|}{2}}$$

and define

$$C_k(n, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k) = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\langle \text{Tr} M^{i_1} \dots \text{Tr} M^{i_k} \rangle_c}{\lambda^{i_1+2} \dots \lambda^{i_k+1}}$$

- $C_1(n, \lambda_1)$ was obtained by Harer-Zagier (1986),
- $C_2(n, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ was obtained by Morozov-Shakirov (2009),
- $C_k(n, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k)$, $k \geq 1$ was obtained by Dubrovin-Di (2016).

Alternatively $C_k(n, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k)$ can be obtained using topological recursion formulas.

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- The partition function has an oscillatory behaviour described by (Bonnet-David-Eynard 2000, Eynard 2012, Scherbina, Guionnet-Borot 2013)

$$Z_n(\mathbf{t}, \epsilon) \propto \theta(nc^*; \tau) e^{-n^2 F_0 - F_1 + \dots}, \quad \epsilon = \frac{1}{n}$$

where c^* is the fraction of eigenvalues in one of the two intervals and θ is the Jacobi θ -function.

Derivation by Bonnet-David-Eynard

Suppose that the potential is 2-cut with minimum values $E_1 < E_2$. Then the eigenvalues of the matrix model are distributed asymptotically in two intervals.

$$Z_n \propto \sum_{j=0}^n Z_{n,c_j}, \quad c_j = \frac{j}{n}$$

where Z_{n,c_j} is the matrix model obtained by forcing to have j eigenvalues in $(-\infty, E_0)$ and $n-j$ in $(E_0, +\infty)$, with $E_1 < E_0 < E_2$. Then

$$-\log Z_{n,c_j} = n^2 F_0(c_j) + F_1(c_j) + \frac{1}{n^2} F_2(c_j) + O(n^{-4})$$

Performing a Taylor expansion of $F_0(c_j)$ near the stationary point c^*

$$\begin{aligned} Z_n \propto \sum_{j=0}^n Z_{n,c_j} &\simeq e^{-n^2 F_0(c^*) - F_1(c^*)} \sum_{j=0}^n e^{F_0''(c^*)(j-c^*n)^2} + \dots \\ &\simeq e^{-n^2 F_0(c^*) - F_1(c^*)} \theta(nc^*; \tau) + \dots, \quad \tau = \frac{2\pi i}{F_0''(c^*)} \end{aligned}$$

Loop equations and determination of F_j

- 1-point resolvent

$$W_1(z) := \frac{d}{dV(z)} \frac{1}{N^2} \log Z_N, \quad \frac{d}{dV(z)} = - \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z^{j+1}} \frac{d}{dt_j}.$$

Assuming $W_1(z)$ has a $1/n^2$ expansion $W_1(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{W_1^{(k)}(z)}{n^{2k}}$, then

$$W_1^{(k)}(z) := \frac{d}{dV(z)} F_k.$$

$W_1^{(k)}$ are obtained by solving the loop equation

$$\oint_C \frac{V_t'(x) W_1(x)}{z-x} dx = W_1(z)^2 + \frac{1}{N^2} W_2(z, z)$$

iteratively using the topological recursion (Chekhov-Eynard-Orantin).

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$$Z_{n, \sigma}^{GUE} = (2\pi)^{n/2} \left(\frac{\sigma}{4n}\right)^{n^2/2} \prod_{j=1}^n j!$$

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$$F_1(\mathbf{t}) = \frac{1}{24} \log[\mathcal{A}^{12} \prod_{j < k} (a_k - a_j)^4 \prod_{j=1}^4 h(a_j)] \quad \text{G. Akemann 1996}$$

with $\theta(z; \tau) = \sum_n \in \mathbb{Z} e^{\pi i n^2 \tau + 2\pi i z n}$, c^* the fraction of eigenvalues in $[a_3, a_4]$ and \mathcal{A} the period of the non normalised holomorphic one-form of the elliptic curve $y^2 = \prod_{j=1}^4 (\lambda - a_j)$ and τ the elliptic modulus of the curve.

- F_1 can also be expressed via the Dedekind η function.
- F_1 was calculated for hyperelliptic curves by Chekhov and in 2-matrix models by Eynard, Kokotov and Korotkin.

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- it is possible to integrate term by term the equation (1) from the reference time \mathbf{t}^* to any other time \mathbf{t} in the set \mathcal{S} .

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$$\log Z_{2n+1}(r, s) = \log(2n+1)! + \log \hat{Z}_n(-1/2, r, s_+) + \log \hat{Z}_n(1/2, r, s_-)$$

with $s_{\pm} = s(1 \pm 1/(2n+1))$ and

$$\hat{Z}_n(\alpha, r, s) = \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^n} \prod_{j < i} (\lambda_j - \lambda_i)^2 \prod_{j=1}^n \lambda_j^\alpha e^{\frac{2n}{s}(\lambda_j^2 - r\lambda_j)} d\lambda_j$$

Theorem. The partition function $Z_n(r, s)$ associated to the potential $V_{r,s}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{s}(\lambda^4 - r\lambda^2)$ has an asymptotic expansion

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As a function of n , the oscillatory term assumes only two values.

Determination of $\frac{\partial}{\partial t_k} Z_n$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for general potential

The following relation is satisfied (Jimbo-Miwa, Bertola)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t_k} \log Z_n(\mathbf{t}) = -\frac{n}{2} \operatorname{Res}_{\lambda=\infty} (\operatorname{Tr}(X_n^{-1}(\lambda) X_n'(\lambda) \sigma_3 \lambda^k d\lambda)),$$

where $X_n(\lambda)$ is a 2×2 matrix (A. Fokas, A. Its, A. Kitaev)

$$X_n(\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_n^{-1} p_n(\lambda) & \frac{\gamma_n^{-1}}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{R}} p_n(s) \frac{e^{-nV_t(s)} ds}{s - \lambda} \\ -2\pi i \gamma_{n-1} p_{n-1}(\lambda) & -\gamma_{n-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} p_{n-1}(s) \frac{e^{-nV_t(s)} ds}{s - \lambda} \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} p_j(\lambda) p_m(\lambda) e^{-nV_t(\lambda)} d\lambda = \delta_{jm},$$

and γ_n 's are recurrence coefficients for the orthogonal polynomials.

Remark.

- the leading term of the asymptotic expansion of $X_n(\lambda)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ was obtained by Deift et al (1999) where they also show that $X_n(\lambda)$ has an asymptotic expansion in the form

$$X_n(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{P}_k(\lambda, n)}{n^k},$$

where the matrix $\mathcal{P}_k(\lambda, n)$ is uniformly bounded in n . For our purpose we obtain the first subleading term.

- The non trivial part of our analysis is to identify the terms of the asymptotic expansion as $n \rightarrow \infty$ of r.h.s. of

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial t_k} \log Z_n = \frac{n}{2} \operatorname{Res}_{\lambda=\infty} (\operatorname{Tr}(X_n^{-1}(\lambda) X_n'(\lambda) \sigma_3 \lambda^k d\lambda))$$

as an anti-derivative with respect to the times t_k .

Explicit computation

Let us introduce the Szegő kernel

$$S \begin{bmatrix} \delta \\ \epsilon \end{bmatrix} (z_0, z_1) = \frac{\theta \begin{bmatrix} \delta \\ \epsilon \end{bmatrix} (\int_{z_1}^{z_0} du; \tau)}{E(z_0, z_1) \theta \begin{bmatrix} \delta \\ \epsilon \end{bmatrix} (0; \tau)}$$

and the 1-form

$$\Phi_{q_0, p_0}(z) := -S \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ nc^* \end{bmatrix} (z, p_0) S \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ nc^* \end{bmatrix} (q_0, z).$$

Notice that

$$\Phi_{q, q}(z) := -B(z, q) - (\log \theta \begin{bmatrix} \delta \\ \epsilon \end{bmatrix} (0; \tau))'' du(z) du(q),$$

where $B(z, q)$ is the so called canonical symmetric bi-differential or Bergman kernel.

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Then from steepest decent analysis of the Riemann-Hilbert problem for $X_n(\lambda)$

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{d}{dV(z)} \log Z_n &= n^2 \frac{dF_0}{dV(z)} + n(\log \vartheta(nc^*, \tau))' du(z)/dz \\ &+ \frac{1}{8} \sum_{j=1}^4 \operatorname{Res}_{\lambda=a_j} \frac{\Phi_{\bar{\lambda}, \lambda}(z) - \Phi_{\lambda, \bar{\lambda}}(\bar{z})}{\frac{dz}{3} \int_{\bar{\lambda}}^{\lambda} d\mu(\xi)} + \frac{1}{48} \sum_{j=1}^4 \operatorname{Res}_{\lambda=a_j} \frac{\Phi_{\lambda, \lambda}(z) - \Phi_{\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\lambda}}(z)}{\frac{dz}{3} \int_{\bar{\lambda}}^{\lambda} d\mu(\xi)} + O(1/n) \\ &= \frac{d}{dV(z)} \left(n^2 F_0 + F_1 - \log \theta(nc^*; \tau) - \frac{\theta'(nc^*; \tau)}{\theta(nc^*; \tau)} \frac{F_1^{(1)}}{n} - \frac{\theta'''(nc^*; \tau)}{\theta(nc^*; \tau)} \frac{F_0^{(3)}}{6n} \right) \\ &\quad + O(1/n) \end{aligned}$$

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- $\widetilde{W}_1^{(1)}(z)dz = -(\log \theta [\delta_\epsilon] (0; \tau))' du(z),$
- $\widetilde{W}_2^{(0)}(z, z)dz^2 = \Phi_{\bar{z}, \bar{z}}(z) = -B(z, \bar{z}) - (\log \theta [\delta_\epsilon] (0; \tau))'' du(z)du(\bar{z}),$

$$\widetilde{W}_1^{(2)}(z)dz = \sum_{j=1}^4 \operatorname{Res}_{\lambda=a_j} \left[\frac{\Phi_{\bar{\lambda}, \lambda}(z) - \Phi_{\lambda, \bar{\lambda}}(\bar{z})}{\frac{8}{3} \int_{\bar{\lambda}}^{\lambda} d\mu(\xi)d\xi} + \frac{\Phi_{\lambda, \lambda}(z) - \Phi_{\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\lambda}}(z)}{16 \int_{\bar{\lambda}}^{\lambda} d\mu(\xi)} \right]$$

Theorem. The space of one-cut regular potential in the parameter space $\mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^{2d}$ is connected.

- The expansion of the partition function is obtained by integration in the space of times from the point $(0, t_2, 0, t_4, 0, \dots, 0)$ to any point \mathbf{t} corresponding to a one-cut regular potential.

Conclusion

We derive the asymptotic expansion of the partition function of Hermitian matrix integral in the two cut case as

$$\log Z_n(\mathbf{t}) = \log C_n - n^2 F_0(\mathbf{t}) - F_1(\mathbf{t}) + \log \theta(nc^*(\mathbf{t}); \tau(\mathbf{t})) + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

where

$$C_n = \frac{n!}{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor! \lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor!} Z_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor, \sigma^*}^{GUE} Z_{\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor, \sigma^*}^{GUE}, \quad \sigma^* = 4e^{3/2}$$

- Our main contribution is the derivation of the constant C_n . For the remaining terms of the expansion, our analysis confirms earlier results by Bonnet-David-Eynard, Eynard.
- Open problem: obtain the expansion by solving the loop equations.