



Assignments for the lecture on  
*Random Matrices*  
Winter term 2019/20

**Assignment 2**

Hand in on Thursday, 31.10.19, Mailbox 040.

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**Exercise 1** (10 points).

Using your favorite programming language or computer algebra system, generate  $N \times N$  random matrices for  $N = 3, 9, 100$ . Produce in each case a plot of the eigenvalue distribution for a single random matrix and as well a plot for the average over a high number of matrices of the considered size. The entries should be independent identically distributed (i.i.d.) according to

- (i) the Bernoulli distribution  $\frac{1}{2}(\delta_{-1} + \delta_1)$ , where  $\delta_x$  denotes the Dirac measure with atom  $x$ .
- (ii) the normal distribution.

**Exercise 2** (10 points).

Prove Proposition 2.2 from the lecture notes, i.e. compute the moments of a standard Gaussian random variable:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t^n e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt = \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ odd,} \\ (n-1)!! & n \text{ even.} \end{cases}$$

**Exercise 3** (10 points).

Let  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_n$  be independent standard complex Gaussian random variables with mean 0 and  $\mathbb{E}[|Z_i|^2] = 1$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

- (i) Show that

$$\mathbb{E}[Z_{i_1} \cdots Z_{i_r} \overline{Z_{j_1}} \cdots \overline{Z_{j_r}}] = \#\{\sigma \in S_r : i_k = j_{\sigma(k)} \text{ for } k = 1, \dots, r\}.$$

- (ii) Show that

$$\mathbb{E}[Z_1^n \overline{Z_1}^m] = \begin{cases} 0 & m \neq n, \\ n! & m = n. \end{cases}$$

**Exercise 4** (10 points).

Let  $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1}^N$  be a Gaussian (GUE) random matrix with entries  $a_{ii} = x_{ii}$  and  $a_{ij} = x_{ij} + \sqrt{-1}y_{ij}$ . Recall that this means that  $x_{ij}$  ( $i \leq j$ ) and  $y_{ij}$  ( $i < j$ ) are real i.i.d. Gaussian random variables, normalized such that  $\mathbb{E}[|a_{ij}|^2] = \frac{1}{N}$ . Consider the random vector

$$(x_{11}, \dots, x_{NN}, x_{12}, \dots, x_{1N}, \dots, x_{N-1N}, y_{12}, \dots, y_{1N}, \dots, y_{N-1N})$$

in  $\mathbb{R}^{N^2}$  and show that it has the density

$$C \exp\left(-N \frac{\text{Tr}(A^2)}{2}\right) dA,$$

where  $C$  is a constant and

$$dA = \prod_{i=1}^N dx_{ii} \prod_{i < j} dx_{ij} dy_{ij}.$$