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Abstract

It is well known that for Toeplitz matrices generated by a “sufficiently smooth” real-valued symbol, the eigenvalues behave asymptotically as the values of the symbol on uniform meshes while the singular values, even for complex-valued functions, do as those values in modulus. These facts are expressed analytically by the Szegő and Szegő-like formulas, and, as is proved recently, the “smoothness” assumptions are as mild as those of L_1 . In this paper, it is shown that the Szegő-like formulas hold true even for Toeplitz matrices generated by the so-called Radon measures.

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1 Introduction

We consider a sequence of Toeplitz matrices

$$A_n = [a_{kl}], \quad a_{kl} = a_{k-l}, \quad 0 \leq k, l \leq n-1, \quad (1)$$

constructed from the coefficients of a formal Fourier series

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{ikx}, \quad (2)$$

and will be interested in the asymptotic behavior of their eigenvalues $\lambda_i(A_n)$ (in the Hermitian case) and singular values $\sigma_i(A_n)$ (in the non-Hermitian case) as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Due to G. Szegő [5] and successive works [1, 6, 8, 9, 11] we enjoy the following beautiful formula:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n F(\lambda_i(A_n)) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F(f(x)) dx, \quad (3)$$

which is valid for any test function $F(x)$ from a suitable set \mathcal{F} .

G. Szegő proved (3) for a real-valued $f \in L_\infty$ and \mathcal{F} comprising all continuous functions on the interval $[\text{ess inf } f, \text{ess sup } f]$. For $f \in L_\infty$ this interval contains all $\lambda_i(A_n)$. Since this is not the case for $f \in L_p$ with $p < \infty$, it was proposed in [8] to take up as \mathcal{F} all functions uniformly bounded and uniformly continuous for $-\infty < x < \infty$; a bit more restrictive choice for \mathcal{F} might be all continuous functions with bounded support [8]. For both cases, the same formula (3) holds true for $f \in L_2$ [8, 9] and even for $f \in L_1$ [11]. If f is not necessarily real-valued, under the same “smoothness” assumptions on f and the same \mathcal{F} we have quite a similar formula for the singular values:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n F(\sigma_i(A_n)) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F(|f(x)|) dx. \quad (4)$$

An important and somewhat expected difference is that the eigenvalues behave as the value of $f(x)$ (when f is real-valued and in some special cases of complex-valued f [10]) while the singular values do as the same values in modulus. Formula (4) was proposed by S. Parter [6] and proved first for a specific subclass of L_∞ ; then it was extended to the whole of L_∞ [1] and further to L_2 [8, 9] and even to L_1 [11].

However, we have long suspected that L_1 is still not the ultimate extension. For example, let

$$a_k = 1, \quad k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

It this case $f(x)$ (usually called a *symbol* or *generating function*) is not a function in the classical sense (it is a multiple of the Dirach delta function). Despite this, the eigenvalues of $A_n = A_n(f)$ are easy to find explicitly:

$$\lambda_1 = n; \quad \lambda_k = 0, \quad k = 2, \dots, n.$$

Therefore, the Szegö formula (3) gives the true asymptotic distribution even for this case if only we set $f(x)$ to zero in the integrand.

Thus, we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n F(\lambda_i(A_n)) = F(0) \quad (5)$$

for any $F \in \mathcal{F}$. From now onwards, let \mathcal{F} be the set of all uniformly bounded and uniformly continuous functions.

If A_n is an arbitrary sequence of matrices satisfying (5), we say that the eigenvalues of A_n have a *cluster* at zero. An equivalent definition reads [8, 9]: zero is a cluster for $\lambda_i(A_n)$ if for any $\varepsilon > 0$ the number $\gamma_n(\varepsilon)$ of those i from 1 to n for which $|\lambda_i(A_n)| > \varepsilon$ is $o(n)$ (that is, $\frac{\gamma_n(\varepsilon)}{n} \rightarrow 0$). To denote the fact, we write $\lambda(A_n) \sim 0$. If (5) is fulfilled for the singular values, we write $\sigma(A_n) \sim 0$.

The above observation might suggest that we could have a cluster at zero in all cases when f is *not a function modulo a function* (that is, after subtracting any function from an appropriate space). Of course, it gives just a flavour of where we should look for a rigorous formulation. The purpose of this paper is to propose one by making a step from functions to “non-functions”.

Let us assume that the Fourier coefficients are the values of a linear bounded functional $\mathcal{T}(\phi)$ on the space of continuous functions ϕ on the basic closed interval $\Pi = [-\pi, \pi]$. Such a functional is called a *Radon measure* [4]. It is well-known that there exists a bounded-variation function μ on Π such that

$$\mathcal{T}(\phi) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \phi(x) d\mu(x), \quad (6)$$

where the integral is understood in the sense of Stiltjes. Thus, it is μ that can be viewed now as a symbol.

We know that any function μ of bounded variation is a sum of three functions (see, for example, [5])

$$\mu = \mu_a + \mu_s + \mu_j, \quad (7)$$

where μ_a is an *absolutely continuous function*, μ_s is the so-called *singular function* (a continuous function with zero derivative at almost every point), and μ_j is a *function of jumps*. All three components are of bounded variation as well. The derivative $f \equiv \mu'_a$ of μ_a exists almost everywhere in the Lebesgue sense and belongs to L_1 . The derivatives of μ_j and μ_s are almost everywhere equal to zero. Consequently, $\mu' = \mu'_a$ almost everywhere. Recall that, by definition, μ_j is a sum of a countable number of *jumps*:

$$\mu_j(x) = \sum_{x < s_k} h_k^- + \sum_{x > s_k} h_k^+,$$

where

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |h_k^\pm| < \infty.$$

(The values at $x = s_k$ do not count.) Note that $f = \mu'_a$ is determined uniquely as a function from L_1 .

Our main result is the following theorem.

Theorem 1.1 *Suppose that μ is a function of bounded variation on Π , and $f \equiv \mu' \in L_1$ is its derivative. Let A_n be Toeplitz matrices of the form (1) where*

$$a_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-ikx} d\mu(x). \quad (8)$$

Then, for any $F \in \mathcal{F}$, the relation (3) holds true, provided that μ is real-valued, and (4) holds true in case μ might be complex-valued. The test-function set \mathcal{F} consists of all uniformly bounded and uniformly continuous functions.

In other words, in the real-valued case the eigenvalues of A_n are distributed as the values of $f(x)$, and in the complex-valued case the singular values of A_n are distributed as the values of $|f(x)|$. Compared to the previous knowledge, a new message is that f in the Szego-like formulas is not a generating function for A_n . It is the derivative of the Radon-measure symbol μ , and it is μ that generates A_n . The Fourier series (2) is not associated with any function in the classical sense. However, at least in the Radon-measure case, it can be juxtaposed to some function from L_1 that describes the spectral distributions precisely by the Szego-like formulas.

2 Preliminaries

Given a matrix sequence A_n , we try to associate it with another sequence B_n for which (3) or (4) is easier to prove and which is close, in a certain sense, to A_n . By definition, two sequences of n -tuples $\{\alpha_i^{(n)}\}_{i=1}^n$ and $\{\beta_i^{(n)}\}_{i=1}^n$ are equally distributed if, for any $F \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(F(\alpha_i^{(n)}) - F(\beta_i^{(n)}) \right) = 0. \quad (9)$$

We capitalize on the following lemma [9].

Lemma 2.1 *Let $G(x)$ be a continuous, nonnegative, and strictly increasing function for $x \geq 0$, and $G(0) = 0$. Let c_1 and c_2 be positive constants.*

Given two matrix sequences A_n and B_n , assume that for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists N such that for all $n \geq N$, the difference between A_n and B_n can be split

$$A_n - B_n = E_n + R_n \quad (10)$$

so that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n G(\sigma_i(E_n)) \leq c_1 \varepsilon n \quad (11)$$

and

$$\text{rank} R_n \leq c_2 \varepsilon n. \quad (12)$$

Then the singular values of A_n and B_n are equally distributed.

If A_n and B_n are Hermitian, assume that E_n and R_n are Hermitian and, instead of (11), that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n G(|\lambda_i(E_n)|) \leq c_1 \varepsilon n. \quad (13)$$

Then, the eigenvalues of A_n and B_n are equally distributed as well.

An important example is $G(x) = x^2$; in this case (11) is equivalent to the Frobenius-norm (Schatten 2-norm) estimate

$$\|E_n\|_F^2 \leq c_1 \varepsilon n. \quad (14)$$

Another useful example is $G(x) = x$; in this case (11) is equivalent to the Schatten trace-norm estimate (see [2, 7])

$$\|E_n\|_{tr} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i(E_n) \leq c_1 \varepsilon n. \quad (15)$$

Once having (14) or (15), from the Weyl inequalities we infer that (13) is also valid (for the respective $G(x)$).

The main vehicle to relate the eigenvalues with the symbol μ is the next observation. Consider the following one-to-one correspondence between vectors and polynomials:

$$p = \begin{bmatrix} p_0 \\ \dots \\ p_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} p_i x^i.$$

If A_n are Toeplitz matrices with the elements a_k of the form (8), then

$$(A_n p, p) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |p(e^{ix})|^2 d\mu(x). \quad (16)$$

We take advantage of special probe vectors p for which the “kernel” $|p(e^{ix})|^2$ can be expressed explicitly. As in [11], these are the columns of the Discrete Fourier Transform matrix:

$$p_k^{(n)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{n}k \cdot 0} \\ \dots \\ e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{n}k \cdot (n-1)} \end{bmatrix}, \quad k = 0, \dots, n-1. \quad (17)$$

On having made this choice, we obtain

$$(A_n p_k^{(n)}, p_k^{(n)}) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \Phi_n(k, x) d\mu(x), \quad \Phi_n(k, x) \equiv \frac{1}{2\pi} |p_k^{(n)}(e^{ix})|^2. \quad (18)$$

A direct calculation yields [11]

$$\Phi_n(k, x) = \frac{\sin^2(H_n(k, x)n)}{2\pi n \sin^2 H_n(k, x)}, \quad (19)$$

where

$$H_n(k, x) = \frac{2\pi k + xn}{2n}.$$

We use this formula to prove an important lemma which all the constructions hinge on. This is a touch-up of the result from [11].

Lemma 2.2 *Let $0 < \delta < \pi$. Then, for any n ,*

$$\max_{-\delta \leq x \leq \delta} \Phi_n(k, x) \leq \frac{c_1(\delta)}{n}, \quad c_1(\delta) = \frac{1}{2\pi \sin^2 \frac{\delta}{2}}, \quad (20)$$

for all $k \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$ except for at most $c_2 \delta n + 1$ indices with $c_2 = 2/\pi$.

Proof. Denote by ν_n the number of $k \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$ for which (20) does not hold, and let τ_n be the number of those k for which the denominator in (19) is strictly less than $n/c_1(\delta)$. That means that

$$\min_{-\delta < x < \delta} \sin H_n(k, x) < \sin \frac{\delta}{2}. \quad (21)$$

Since (20) takes place whenever (21) does not, we conclude that $\nu_n \leq \tau_n$.

To estimate τ_n , assume by the moment that $\delta \leq \pi/2$. Then (21) amounts to the claim that

$$\pi m - \frac{\delta}{2} < -\frac{\pi k}{n} + \frac{x}{2} < \frac{\delta}{2} + \pi m$$

for some integer m and $x \in [-\delta, \delta]$. The latter implies that

$$\pi m - \delta < -\frac{\pi k}{n} < \delta + \pi m.$$

Since $0 \leq k \leq n-1$, it is possible only when $m = 0$ or $m = -1$. Thus, we can estimate τ_n by counting how many indices k satisfy

$$1 - \frac{\delta}{\pi} < \frac{k}{n} < 1 \quad \text{or} \quad 0 \leq \frac{k}{n} < \frac{\delta}{\pi}.$$

Thus, $\tau_n < \frac{2\delta}{\pi}n + 1$. The same estimate stands also when $\pi/2 < \delta \leq \pi$. \square

3 Main results

We call a Radon measure *nonnegative* if the corresponding symbol μ is a monotone nondecreasing function. The general case can be reduced to those because an arbitrary function of bounded variation is a difference of two monotone nondecreasing functions.

For a Radon measure, a point is called *essential* if the full variation in any its neighbourhood is nonzero. The closure of the set of all essential points is said to be a *support* of this measure. We are going to show that a “small” support for a nonnegative measure means that the eigenvalues of the corresponding Toeplitz matrices are “almost clustered” at zero.

Lemma 3.1 Consider a nonnegative Radon measure with symbol μ , and assume that it is supported on a closed interval of length δ . Then the Toeplitz matrices $A_n = A_n(\mu)$ generated by μ can be split

$$A_n = A_{1n} + A_{2n} \quad (22)$$

so that

$$\sigma(A_{1n}) \sim 0 \quad (23)$$

and, for some $c > 0$ independent of δ and n ,

$$\text{rank} A_{2n} \leq c\delta n \quad (24)$$

for all sufficiently large n .

Proof. Assume, first, that the interval of length δ is inside $[-\delta, \delta]$. Set $P_n = [P_{1n}, P_{2n}]$, where P_{1n} contains all the columns $p_k^{(n)}$ for which (20) is fulfilled, all other $p_k^{(n)}$ being relegated to P_{2n} . Then

$$A_{1n} = P_n \begin{bmatrix} P_{1n}^* A_n P_{1n} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} P_n^*, \quad A_{2n} = P_n \begin{bmatrix} 0 & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix} P_n^*.$$

From (16) and thanks to the nonnegativeness of the Radon measure, A_n are Hermitian nonnegative matrices. Obviously, A_{1n} is also a Hermitian nonnegative matrix. Hence,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \sigma_k(A_{1n}) = \text{trace } A_{1n} = \text{trace } P_{1n}^* A_n P_{1n},$$

and by Lemma 2.2,

$$\text{trace } P_{1n}^* A_n P_{1n} \leq c_1(\delta) \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\mu = o(n).$$

Consequently, $\sigma(A_{1n}) \sim 0$ and, from Lemma 2.2, the rank of A_{2n} does not exceed $(c_2 + 1)\delta n$ for all sufficiently large n .

If \mathcal{I} is an arbitrarily located interval of length δ , then we choose a shift s so that $s + \mathcal{I} \subset [-\delta, \delta]$. Thus, the said-above splitting is taken for granted for Toeplitz matrices \tilde{A}_n generated by $\mu(s + x)$. As is readily seen from (8),

$$\tilde{A}_n = D_n^* A_n D_n, \quad \text{where} \quad D_n = \begin{bmatrix} e^{is \cdot 0} & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & e^{is \cdot (n-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

is a unitary diagonal matrix. Having had $\tilde{A}_n = \tilde{A}_{1n} + \tilde{A}_{2n}$, now we set

$$A_{1n} = D_n \tilde{A}_{1n} D_n^*, \quad A_{2n} = D_n \tilde{A}_{2n} D_n^*,$$

which completes the proof. \square

Lemma 3.2 *Assume that Toeplitz matrices A_n are generated by a nonnegative Radon measure with a compact support of the Lebesgue measure δ . Then $A_n = A_{1n} + A_{2n}$ so that (23) and (24) are valid.*

Proof. Since the support of the Radon measure is a compact set, it can be covered by finitely many (say, m) open intervals (a_i, b_i) so that

$$\sum_{i=1}^m (b_i - a_i) < 2\delta.$$

Let $\mu_i = \mu$ on $[a_i, b_i]$ and an appropriate constant elsewhere so that $\mu = \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i$.

Now we obtain

$$A_n(\mu) = \sum_{i=1}^m A_n(\mu_i)$$

and apply Lemma 3.1 to every $A_n(\mu_i)$. The claim follows immediately. \square

Denote by $\text{var } \mu$ the full variation of μ . By $\text{meas supp } \mu$, it is meant the Lebesgue measure of the support of μ . The next lemma is a rather well-known assertion [5] (we give a bit more straightforward proof).

Lemma 3.3 *Let μ be a singular function or function of jumps coupled with a nonnegative Radon measure. Then for any $\varepsilon > 0$, μ can be split*

$$\mu = \mu_1 + \mu_2 \tag{25}$$

so that

$$\text{meas supp } \mu_1 \leq \varepsilon \tag{26}$$

and

$$\text{var } \mu_2 \leq \varepsilon. \tag{27}$$

Moreover, the support of μ_1 is a union of finitely many closed intervals.

Proof. We know that $\mu' = 0$ almost everywhere. Therefore, the set of those x where $\mu'(x) > \varepsilon/2$ or does not exist is of zero Lebesgue measure. Thus, for any $\delta > 0$, it can be covered by a union of countably many non-intersecting open intervals (a_i, b_i) such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (b_i - a_i) < \delta.$$

Denote by $\text{var}(\mu; a_i, b_i)$ the full variation on the interval $[a_i, b_i]$. Since

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \text{var}(\mu; a_i, b_i) \leq \text{var} \mu < +\infty,$$

for a sufficiently large $m = m(\varepsilon)$ we obtain $\sum_{i=m+1}^{\infty} \text{var}(\mu; a_i, b_i) \leq \varepsilon/2$. Set $E = \bigcup_{i=1}^m [a_i, b_i]$ and write $\mu = \mu_1 + \mu_2$ so that μ_1 is supported within E and $\mu_1 = \mu$ on E . It is clear that $\text{meas supp } \mu_1 \leq \delta$ and, also,

$$\text{var} \mu_2 \leq \sum_{i=m+1}^{\infty} \text{var}(\mu; a_i, b_i) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{[-\pi, \pi] \setminus E} \mu'(x) dx \leq \varepsilon.$$

The choice $\delta = \varepsilon$ completes the proof. \square

Lemma 3.4 *Let μ be a symbol of a nonnegative Radon measure. Then*

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \sigma_k(A_n) \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \text{var} \mu. \quad (28)$$

Proof. We take into account that $A_n = A_n^* \geq 0$. Hence, the singular values coincide with the eigenvalues, and their sum is equal to $\text{trace } A_n$. Since A_n is a Toeplitz matrix, it is sufficient to show that $a_0 \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \text{var} \mu$. This trivially emanates from (8). \square

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Assume, first, that μ is a monotone non-decreasing function. Then $\mu = \mu_a + \mu_s + \mu_j$, where μ_a is an absolutely continuous function, μ_s is a singular function, μ_j is a function of jumps, and all three are also monotone non-decreasing functions. Apart from $A_n = A_n(\mu)$, consider Toeplitz matrices B_n generated by μ_a . We intend to show that A_n and B_n enjoy the premises of Lemma 2.1.

Take an arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$. Using Lemma 3.3, we can write $\mu_s + \mu_j = \mu_1 + \mu_2$ so that (26) and (27) are fulfilled. Denote by T_n and U_n the Toeplitz matrices generated by μ_1 and μ_2 , respectively.

Due to Lemma 3.2, we have $T_n = T_{1n} + T_{2n}$ with $\text{trace} T_{1n} = o(n)$ and $\text{rank} T_{2n} \leq c_2 \varepsilon n$. By Lemma 3.4, $\text{trace} U_n \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \varepsilon n$. Thus, setting up $E_n = U_n + T_{1n}$ and $R_n = T_{2n}$, we obtain, for some $c > 0$,

$$\|E_n\|_{tr} \leq c\varepsilon n \quad \text{and} \quad \text{rank} R_n \leq c\varepsilon n$$

for all sufficiently large n . As Lemma 2.1 states, A_n and B_n are bound to have equally distributed singular values (and eigenvalues).

In the general case, we write $\mu = \mu_+ - \mu_-$, where μ_+ and μ_- are monotone non-decreasing functions. Then, we consider the above splittings and make use of the triangular inequality for the trace norm and that the rank of a sum does not exceed the sum of ranks. The Szegö-like formulas for Toeplitz matrices generated by the absolutely continuous component of μ were proved in [11]. \square

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