

# Fredholm determinant with the confluent hypergeometric kernel

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# Problem Statement

Let  $K_s$  be the integral operator acting on  $L^2(-s, s)$  with **confluent hypergeometric kernel**:

$$K_s(u, v) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\Gamma(1 - \beta + \alpha)\Gamma(1 + \beta + \alpha)}{\Gamma(1 + 2\alpha)\Gamma(2 + 2\alpha)} \frac{A(u)B(v) - A(v)B(u)}{u - v},$$

$$A(x) = 2e^{-\pi i \beta \operatorname{sgn}(x)/2} x |2x|^\alpha e^{-ix} \phi(\alpha + \beta + 1, 2\alpha + 2, 2ix),$$

$$B(x) = e^{-\pi i \beta \operatorname{sgn}(x)/2} |2x|^\alpha e^{-ix} \phi(\alpha + \beta, 2\alpha, 2ix),$$

$\phi(a, c, z)$  is the confluent hypergeometric function;

$\alpha, \beta$  are complex parameters,  $\Re \alpha > -1/2$ .

Our aim is to obtain the asymptotics of the **Fredholm determinant**  $P_s = \det(I - K_s)$  for large  $s$ .

- The kernel  $K_s$  is a particular case of a kernel that appears in the representation theory of the infinite-dimensional unitary group considered by Borodin and Olshanski.
- $K_s$  can be obtained as a scaling limit at a Fisher-Hartwig singularity for a unitary random matrix ensemble. (i.e. a root-type singularity and a step-function)
- if  $\beta = 0$   $K_s$  reduces to the kernel in terms of Bessel functions:

$$K_s(u, v) = \frac{\sqrt{uv}}{2} \frac{J_{\alpha+\frac{1}{2}}(u)J_{\alpha-\frac{1}{2}}(v) - J_{\alpha+\frac{1}{2}}(v)J_{\alpha-\frac{1}{2}}(u)}{u - v},$$

that was considered by Nagao, Slevin, Akemann et al, Witte, Forrester, Kuijlaars, Vanlessen. It can be obtained as a scaling limit at a root-type singular point for a unitary random matrix ensemble.

- if  $\alpha = 0, \beta = 0$   $K_s$  becomes the sine-kernel:

$$K_{\sin}(x, y) = \frac{\sin(x - y)}{\pi(x - y)}$$

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comparison with the sine-kernel asymptotics:

$$\ln \det(I - K_{\sin}) = -\frac{s^2}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \ln s + c_0 + O\left(\frac{1}{s}\right), \quad s \rightarrow \infty,$$

(des Cloizeaux and Mehta (1973), Dyson (1976), Widom (1994), Deift, Its, Zhou (1997), Krasovsky (2004), Ehrhardt(2007))

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Asymptotics of the Tracy-Widom distribution:

$$\ln \det(I - K_{\text{Airy}}) = -\frac{s^3}{12} - \frac{1}{8} \ln s + \varkappa + O(s^{-3/2}), \quad s \rightarrow +\infty,$$

$$\varkappa = \frac{1}{24} \ln 2 + \zeta'(-1),$$

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Here the denominator is known (the Toeplitz determinant with a Fisher-Hartwig singularity, Böttcher, Silbermann):

$$D_n(f) = n^{\alpha^2 - \beta^2} \frac{G(1 + \alpha + \beta) G(1 + \alpha - \beta)}{G(1 + 2\alpha)} (1 + o(1)), \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

A classical representation of a Toeplitz determinant:

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We find the asymptotics of  $p_n(z)$  by solving the associated Riemann-Hilbert problem (RHP).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\varphi} \ln D_n(f_\varphi) = & -\frac{1}{2}n^2 \tan \frac{\varphi}{2} - \frac{n}{2} \left( 2\alpha \tan \frac{\varphi}{2} - \frac{2\alpha}{\cos \frac{\varphi}{2}} \right) - \frac{1}{8} \frac{\cos \varphi/2}{\sin \varphi/2} \\ & + \frac{\beta^2 \cos \varphi/2}{2 \sin \varphi/2} - \alpha^2 \left( \tan \frac{\varphi}{2} - \frac{1}{\cos \varphi/2} + \frac{\cos \varphi/2}{2 \sin \varphi/2} \right) + O \left( \frac{1}{n \sin^2(\varphi/2)} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where the remainder term is uniform for  $2s/n \leq \varphi \leq \pi - \varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

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By integrating  $\frac{d}{d\varphi} \ln D_n(f_\varphi)$  and using the expression for  $D_n(f_\varphi)$  as  $\varphi \rightarrow \pi$ , we obtain for any  $\frac{2s}{n} \leq \varphi \leq \pi - \varepsilon$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \ln D_n(f_\varphi) &= (n^2 + 2n\alpha + 2\alpha^2) \ln \cos \frac{\varphi}{2} + 2(n\alpha + \alpha^2) \ln \frac{1 + \sin \frac{\varphi}{2}}{\cos \frac{\varphi}{2}} - \frac{1}{4} \ln n \\ &- \left( \frac{1}{4} - \beta^2 + \alpha^2 \right) \ln \sin \frac{\varphi}{2} - 2\alpha^2 \ln 2 + \frac{1}{12} \ln 2 + 3\zeta'(-1) + O\left(\frac{1}{n \sin \frac{\varphi}{2}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $\varphi = \frac{2s}{n}$ , and using

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we obtain Theorem 1.

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Connection formula between Toeplitz and Hankel determinants:

$$(D_n^H(\omega))^2 = \frac{\pi^{2n}}{2^{2(n-1)^2}} \frac{(\kappa_{2n} + p_{2n}(0))^2}{p_{2n}(1)p_{2n}(-1)} D_{2n}(f(z)), \quad (\text{Deift, Its, Krasovsky})$$

here  $p_n$  are polynomials orthonormal on the unit circle with the weight  $f(z)$ .



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