

# Eigenvalue Distribution of a Quasi-Hermitian Random Matrix Model

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## Definitions

- **Quasi-hermiticity.** Let  $B$  and  $\varphi$  be  $N \times N$  matrices where  $\varphi$  is a complex matrix and  $B$  a Hermitian, positive metric. We call  $\varphi$  (strictly) quasi-Hermitian with respect to the metric  $B$  if it fulfills the *intertwining relation*

$$\varphi^\dagger B = B\varphi, \quad (1)$$

i.e. if  $\varphi$  is Hermitian with respect to the metric  $B$ . For  $B = \mathbb{1}$  it reduces to ordinary hermiticity.

- The general solution of the intertwining relation (1) is

$$\varphi = AB, \quad (2)$$

where  $A = A^\dagger$  is an arbitrary Hermitian matrix. [1] Thus, given  $B$ , there are  $N^2$  independent quasi-Hermitian matrices with respect to  $B$ .

- For a positive metric, the spectrum of  $\varphi$  is real and has been studied in [1,2,3].
- **Indefinite metric.** In the following we relax the condition that  $B$  has to be positive-definite and mainly concentrate on the indefinite metric when  $B$  is of the form

$$B = \text{diag}(\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_k, \underbrace{-1, \dots, -1}_{N-k}). \quad (3)$$

- Equation (2) still describes the general solution of the intertwining relation (1). Though the spectrum no longer has to be purely real but may contain pairs of complex-conjugated eigenvalues.
- We will analyze the spectrum of  $\varphi$  when  $B$  is deterministic and  $A$  is randomly chosen from the GUE ensemble, i.e. has the probability distribution

$$P(A) = Z_N^{-1} e^{-\frac{Nm^2}{2} \text{Tr} A^2},$$

where  $m > 0$  is a parameter and  $Z_N$  the normalization constant. This induces a probability distribution on  $\varphi$ ,

$$P(\varphi) = \tilde{Z}_N^{-1} e^{-\frac{Nm^2}{2} \text{Tr}(B^{-2}\varphi^\dagger\varphi)} = \tilde{Z}_N^{-1} e^{-\frac{Nm^2}{2} \text{Tr}(\varphi^\dagger\varphi)}.$$

## Method for analyzing the large $N$ limit: Feynman Diagrams and Hermitization

- In the large  $N$  limit we can obtain the averaged eigenvalue density of the quasi-Hermitian matrix  $\varphi$  from the resolvent of  $\varphi = AB$  (Green's function),

$$G(w) = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} \frac{1}{w - AB} \right\rangle, \quad (4)$$

where we average over the GUE ensemble of  $A$ .

- Averaging over  $A$  becomes easier if one can avoid the product of matrices  $AB$  using the trick due to [4] where they introduce the  $2N \times 2N$  matrix

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ B & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{with the non-Hermitian resolvent} \quad \frac{1}{z - H} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{z}{z^2 - AB} & \frac{1}{z^2 - AB} A \\ \frac{1}{z^2 - BA} B & \frac{z}{z^2 - BA} \end{pmatrix}.$$

From its upper left block we can get the Green's function (4) (dividing by  $z$  and substituting  $w = z^2$ ).

- Since the resolvent of  $H$  is not Hermitian, the next step uses the method of Hermitization [5,6,7,8] where we end up with the  $4N \times 4N$  resolvent

$$\hat{G} = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \eta & z \\ z^* & \eta \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & H \\ H^\dagger & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right]^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \eta & 0 & z & -A \\ 0 & \eta & -B & z \\ z^* & -B & \eta & 0 \\ -A & z^* & 0 & \eta \end{pmatrix}^{-1}.$$

- The following procedure is now to expand the resolvent  $\hat{G}$  in powers of bare propagators  $\hat{G}_0 = \hat{G}|_{A=0}$  and rearrange the perturbative expansion in terms of the self energy  $\hat{\Sigma}$ .

$$\text{---} \hat{G} \text{---} = \text{---} \hat{G}_0 \text{---} + \text{---} \hat{G}_0 \hat{\Sigma} \hat{G}_0 \text{---} + \text{---} \hat{G}_0 \hat{\Sigma} \hat{G}_0 \hat{\Sigma} \hat{G}_0 \text{---} + \dots$$

We can express  $\hat{\Sigma}$  in terms of the connected cumulants of the distribution of  $A$  and the full propagator  $\langle \hat{G} \rangle$ . In the planar limit we arrive at the following expression for the self energy

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \overline{A^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \overline{A^2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \overline{A^2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \overline{44} & 0 & 0 & \overline{41} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \overline{14} & 0 & 0 & \overline{11} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\overline{\alpha\beta} = N^{-1} \langle \text{Tr} \hat{G}_{\alpha\beta} \rangle$  are block traces. After taking  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ , they are uniquely determined by the Schwinger-Dyson equation  $\langle \hat{G} \rangle = \frac{1}{\hat{G}_0^{-1} - \hat{\Sigma}}$ . All other blocks of  $\langle \hat{G} \rangle$  can be found in terms of the four quantities  $\overline{11}, \overline{14}, \overline{41}, \overline{44}$ . In particular

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} \hat{G}_{31} \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} \frac{1}{z^2 - AB} \right\rangle = \frac{m^2 z}{N} \text{Tr} \frac{B^{-1}(\overline{14} - m^2 w^* B^{-1})}{\overline{11} \cdot \overline{44} - (\overline{41} - m^2 w B^{-1})(\overline{14} - m^2 w^* B^{-1})}.$$

## Holomorphic solution: Eigenvalues on the real line

- If  $\overline{11} = \overline{44} = 0$ , then  $\overline{41}$  is a holomorphic function of  $w$  as well as

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} \frac{1}{w - AB} \right\rangle = -\frac{m^2}{N} \text{Tr} \frac{B^{-1}}{\overline{41} - m^2 w B^{-1}}.$$

It accounts for the real part of the spectrum of  $AB$ .

- If  $B$  is of the form (3), the holomorphic gap equation reduces to the cubic equation

$$m^2 b + \frac{\lambda}{b + w} + \frac{1 - \lambda}{b - w} = 0, \quad \text{with } b = -m^{-2} \overline{41}.$$

- For the line density of real eigenvalues one can find [9]

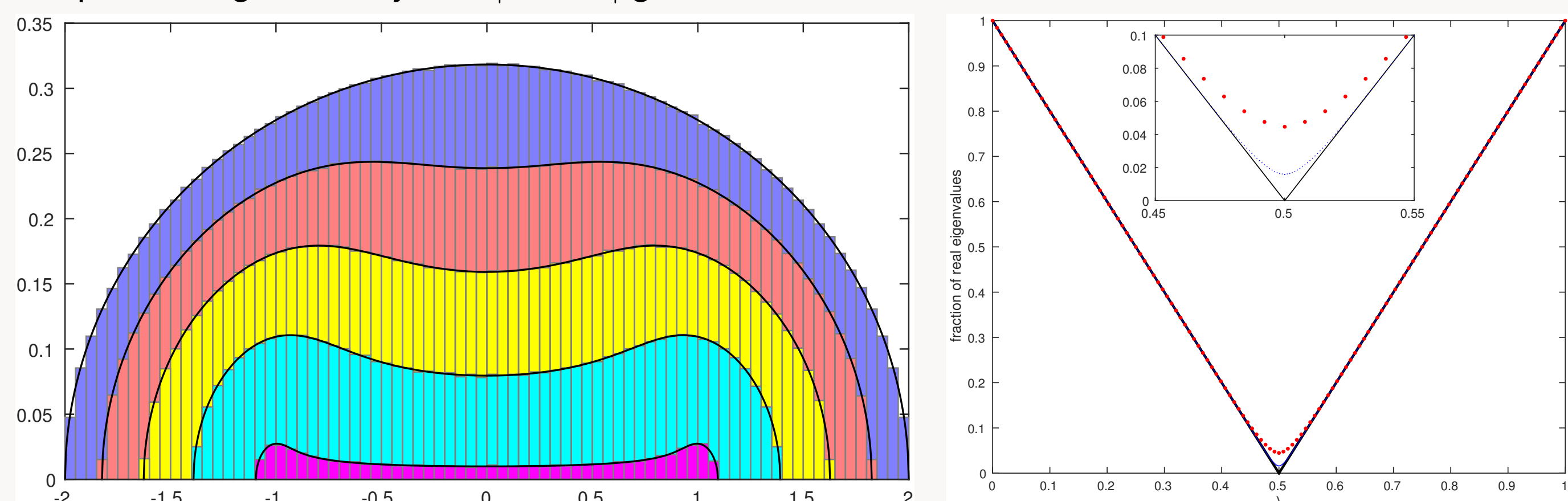
$$\rho^{(1)}(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \lim_{\epsilon \searrow 0} \text{Im} [G(x - i\epsilon) - G(x + i\epsilon)] = \text{sign}(1 - 2\lambda) \frac{|\xi - \sqrt{\Delta}|^{2/3} - |\xi + \sqrt{\Delta}|^{2/3}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot 2^{2/3} \cdot 6\pi m^2 x}, \quad |x| < |w_\pm|,$$

where the density is supported on  $[w_-, w_+]$ .  $\lambda = k/N$  describes the ratio of ones in  $B$  (see (3)),

$$w_\pm = \pm \left( \frac{3|1 - 2\lambda|^{2/3} \left[ (1 - 2\sqrt{\lambda(1-\lambda)})^{1/3} + (1 + 2\sqrt{\lambda(1-\lambda)})^{1/3} \right] + 2}{2m^2} \right)^{1/2},$$

$$\xi = \xi(x) = -27m^4(1 - 2\lambda)x, \quad \Delta = \Delta(x) = \xi^2 + 4 \cdot 27m^6(1 - m^2 x^2)^3.$$

- Integrating  $\rho^{(1)}(x)$  one finds that the fraction of real eigenvalues is given by  $|1 - 2\lambda|$ . In [10] it has been proven algebraically that  $|1 - 2\lambda|$  gives a lower bound for this fraction, even for finite  $N$ .



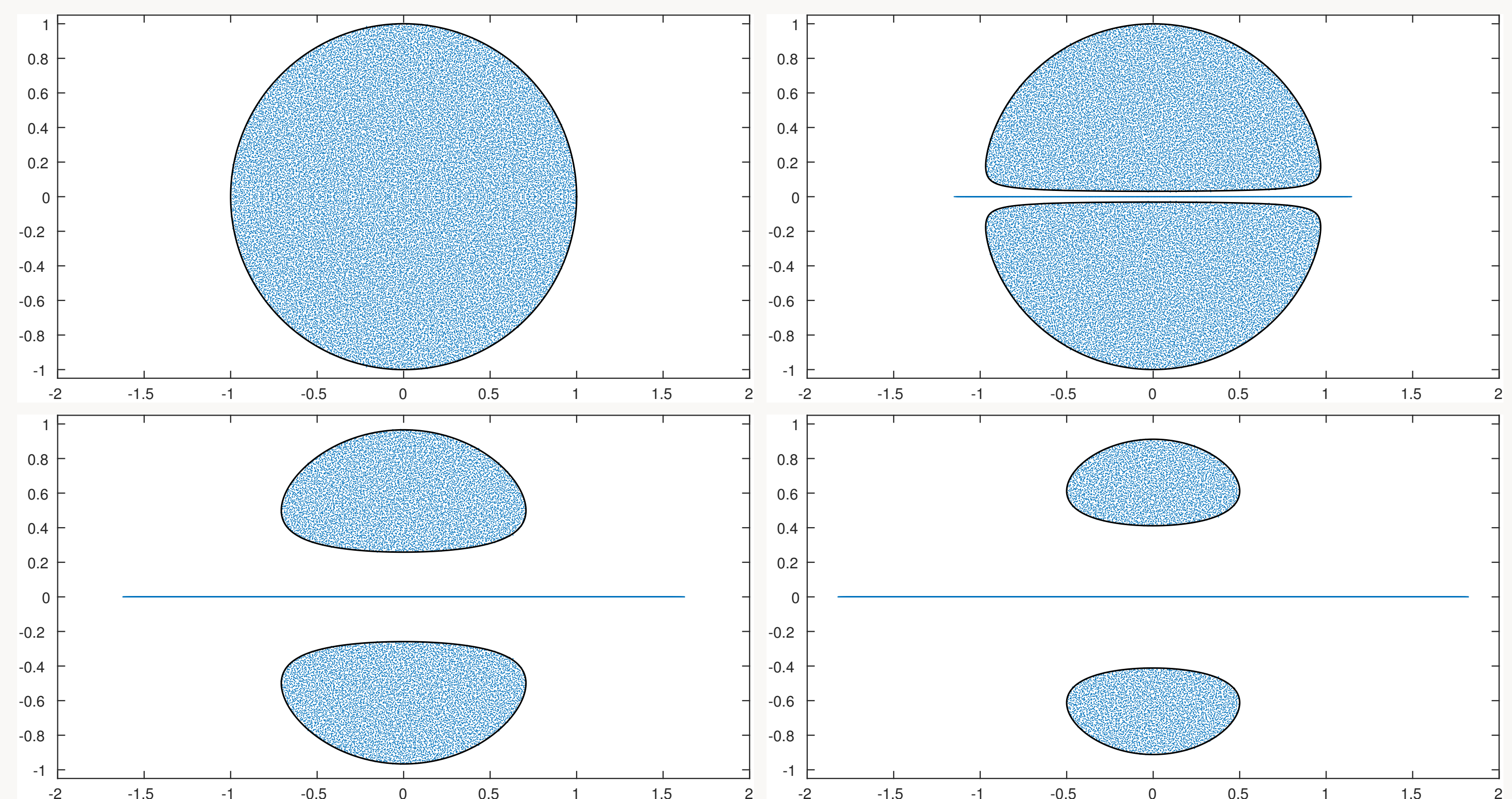
**Figure:** (left) Histogram of real eigenvalues from a single sample using a numerical simulation with  $N = 32768$ . Different color represent different  $\lambda$ : 31/64, 3/8, 1/4, 1/8, 1/32768 (ordered as density increases). The solid black line shows the theoretical prediction. (right) Fraction of real eigenvalues as a function of  $\lambda$ . Solid black line shows the theoretical prediction, while the dots represent numerical simulations with  $N = 128$  averaged over 500000 samples (red) and  $N = 1024$  using 2000 samples (blue).

## Non-holomorphic solution: Domain of complex eigenvalues

- $\overline{11}$  and  $\overline{44}$  are either both zero or non-zero. If  $\overline{11} = \overline{44} \neq 0$ , all quantities are non-holomorphic functions of  $w$ . It accounts for eigenvalues of  $AB$  in the complex plane. The boundary of the two-dimensional domain occupied by these eigenvalues is obtained by setting  $\overline{11}$  and  $\overline{44}$  to zero in the non-holomorphic gap equations.
- For any positive-definite  $B$ , one can consistently show that only the holomorphic solution exists.
- If  $B$  is of the form (3), the holomorphic and non-holomorphic solution co-exist for  $0 < \lambda = k/N < 1$ . The boundary of these blobs can be parametrized in polar coordinates as [9]

$$r_{\pm}(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2m}} \left( 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{\sin \theta_0}{\sin \theta} \right)^2} \right)^{1/2}, \quad \text{when } \sin^2 \theta \geq \sin^2 \theta_0 \text{ with } \sin \theta_0 = |2\lambda - 1|. \quad (5)$$

$r_+$  is the part of the boundary farther from the origin, and  $r_-$  the closer one.



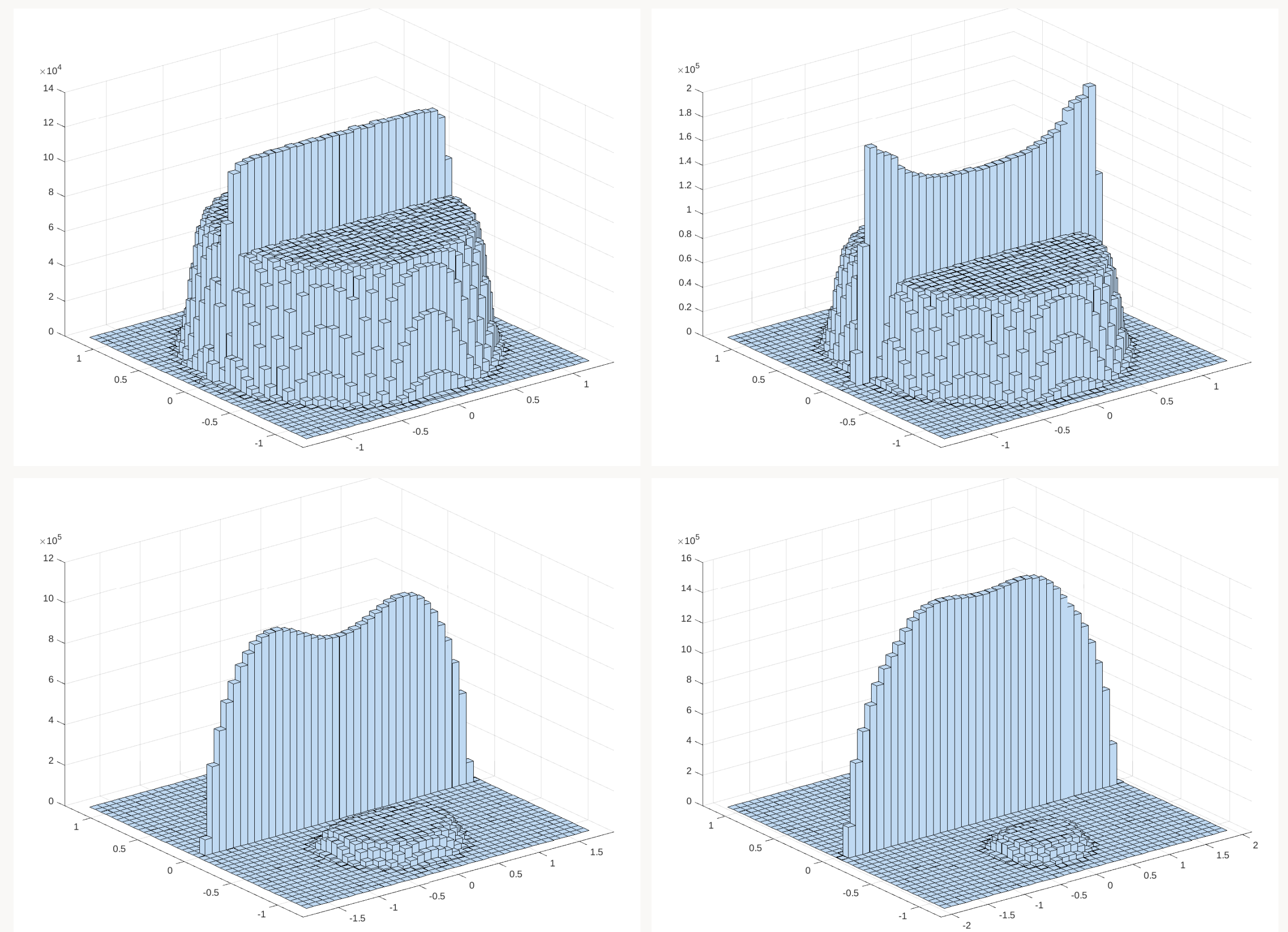
**Figure:** The blue dots represent the eigenvalues of  $AB$  obtained from numerical simulations using a single realization with  $N = 32768$  for various  $\lambda$ : 1/2, 15/32, 1/4, 1/8 (from upper left to lower right). The solid black line shows the theoretical boundary prediction given by (5).

- The blobs are symmetric regarding the real axis and the model is symmetric under the transformation  $\lambda \mapsto 1 - \lambda$ .
- The distance of the blob from the real axis is  $m^{-1} \sin(\theta_0/2)$  and touches the line when  $\lambda$  approaches 1/2. This is a special case where there is no line density of real eigenvalues and the complex eigenvalues uniformly fill a disk, like in the Ginibre ensemble.
- The area of the two blobs we obtain by

$$2 \int_{r_-}^{r_+} \int_{\theta_0 - \pi}^{2\pi - \theta_0} r dr d\varphi = \int_{\theta_0 - \pi}^{2\pi - \theta_0} (r_+^2(\theta) - r_-^2(\theta)) d\varphi = \frac{2\pi\lambda}{m^2}.$$

- From the Green's function we can also get the density inside the blob which turns out to be constant and independent of  $\lambda$ ,

$$\rho(w) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial w^*} G(w) = \frac{m^2}{\pi}.$$



**Figure:** Histograms with two-dimensional bins in the complex plane showing the eigenvalue distribution obtained by numerical simulations of 500000 samples with  $N = 128$  for various  $\lambda$ : 1/2, 15/32, 1/4, 1/8 (from upper left to lower right). For finite  $N$  there can be additional real eigenvalues as one notices from the figure in the section holomorphic solution.

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