

Higher Order Analogues of the Tracy Widom Distribution and Integrable Hierarchies.

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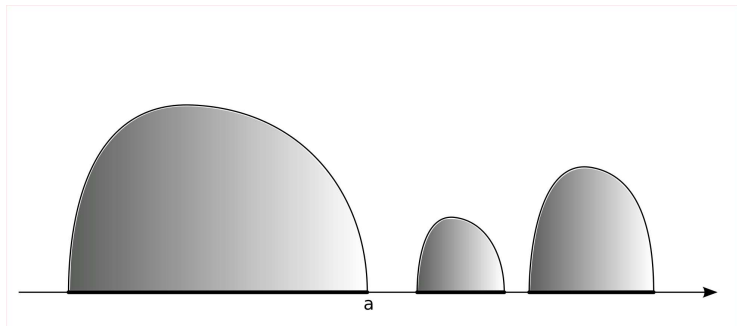
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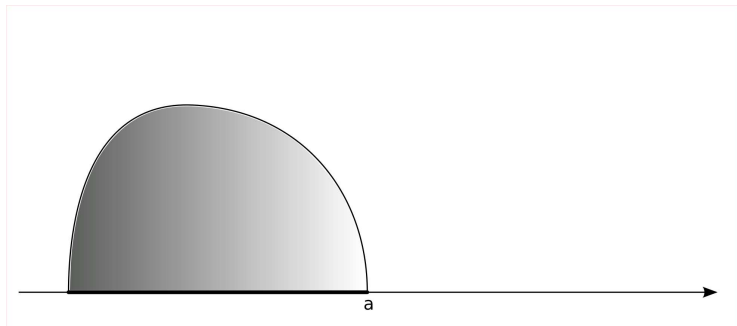


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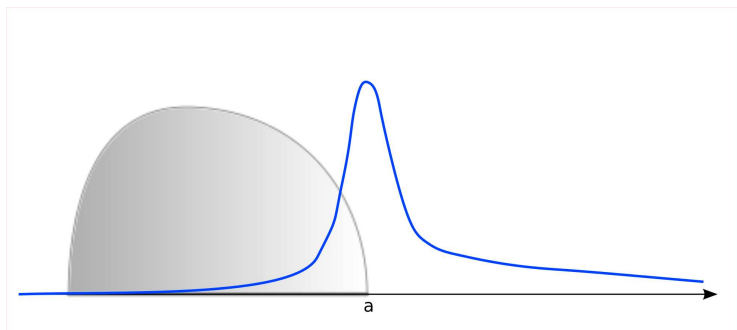


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The value of the maximum eigenvalue will be described by some distribution.

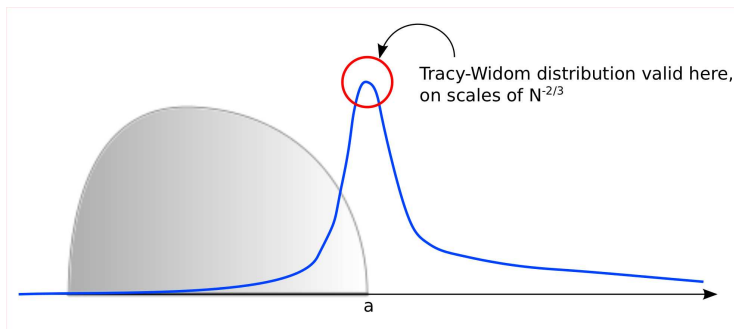


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For small fluctuations about the mean, the distribution is given by the Tracy-Widom distribution.

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P} \left(cN^{2/3}(\lambda_{\max} - a) < s \right) = \exp \left(- \int_s^{+\infty} (y - s) q_0^2(y) dy \right)$$

in terms of the Hastings-McLeod solution q_0 of the Painlevé II equation.



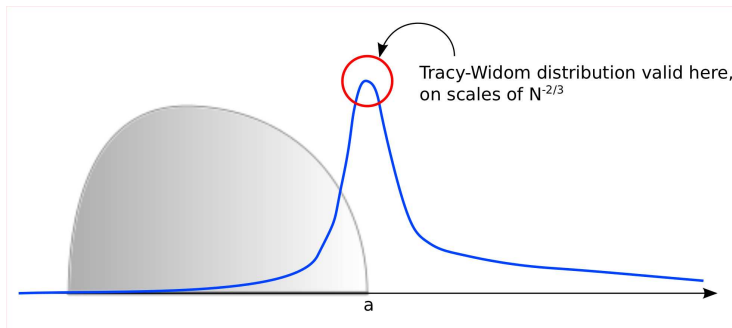
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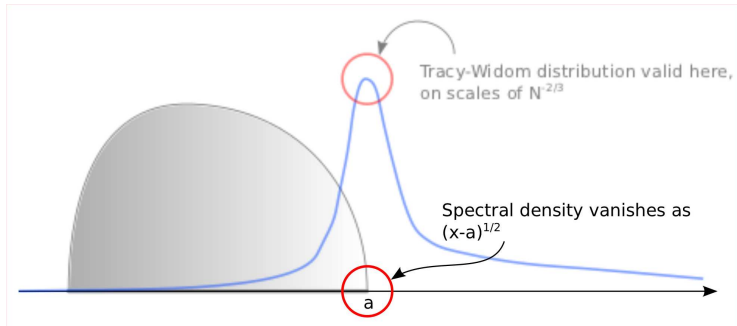
which is defined by the asymptotic behaviour,

$$q_0(x) \sim \text{Ai}(x), \text{ as } x \rightarrow +\infty,$$



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The appearance of Tracy-Widom is a universal property because the spectral density generically ends with square root behaviour.



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$$\text{TW} \Rightarrow k\text{-TW}$$

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Lenard recursion relation

$$\frac{d}{dx} \mathcal{L}_{j+1} f = \left(\frac{d^3}{dx^3} + 4f \frac{d}{dx} + 2f_x \right) \mathcal{L}_j f, \quad \mathcal{L}_0 f = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \mathcal{L}_j 0 = 0,$$

Higher Order TW distributions

The k -TW distribution has been computed by RH methods.

Theorem [Claeys, Its, Krasovsky]

The $2k + 1$ -TW takes the form,

$$\frac{d}{ds} \log \mathbb{P}^{(2k+1)}(\lambda_{\max} < s) = \int_{-\infty}^{x(s)} u(\xi; \tau_1(s), \dots, \tau_{2k}(s))^2 d\xi,$$

with $u(x) = u(x; \tau_1, \dots, \tau_{2k})$ satisfying

$$u''(x) = [q_x(x) + q(x)^2]u(x),$$

Theorem [Claeys, Its, Krasovsky] (cont.)

$q(x; \tau_1, \dots, \tau_{2k})$ is a solution of the Painlevé II Hierarchy with

$$x(s) = -2^{\frac{4k+1}{4k+3}} b_0(s), \quad \tau_j(s) = (2j+1) 2^{\frac{4(k-j)+1}{4k+3}} b_j(s)$$

where,

$$b_j(s) = \frac{\Gamma(2k + \frac{3}{2})}{\Gamma(j + \frac{3}{2})\Gamma(2k + 2 - j)} s^{2k+1-j}$$

Asymptotics [Claeys, Its, Krasovsky]

For $x \rightarrow \infty$ and $x \rightarrow -\infty$ we have respectively,

$$q(x) = \frac{1}{2x} + O(x^{-\frac{4n+1}{2n}}), \quad q(x) = \left(\frac{n!^2}{(2n)!} |x| \right)^{\frac{1}{2n}} + O(|x|^{-1}),$$

$$u(x) = 2^{-\frac{4k+1}{4k+3}} \sqrt{\frac{x}{2}} (1 + o(1)), \quad u(x) = o(1),$$

TW Using Orthogonal Polynomials

Recently a simpler derivation of TW was given by [Nadal, Majumdar] using,

$$\mathbb{P}_N(\lambda_{\max} < y; \alpha, \{g_l\}) = \frac{Z_N(y; \alpha, \{g_l\})}{Z_N(\infty; \alpha, \{g_l\})},$$

where,

$$Z_N(y; \alpha, \{g_l\}) \equiv \frac{1}{N!} \int_{-\infty}^y \prod_{i=1}^N d\lambda_i e^{-N\alpha V(\lambda_i)} \prod_{k>j}^N (\lambda_k - \lambda_j)^2$$

$$V(\lambda) \equiv \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{l} g_l \lambda^l$$

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It is then easy to rewrite,

$$Z_N(y; \alpha, \{g_l\}) = \prod_{i=0}^{N-1} h_i = h_0^N \prod_{i=1}^{N-1} r_i^{N-i}.$$

Here we have defined the ratios

$$r_n = \frac{h_n}{h_{n-1}}.$$

TW Using Orthogonal Polynomials

The inner product has the simple property,

$$\langle \lambda \pi_n | \pi_m \rangle = \langle \pi_n | \lambda \pi_m \rangle,$$

which leads to the standard 3-term recurrence,

$$\lambda \pi_n = \sqrt{r_{n+1}} \pi_{n+1} + s_n \pi_n + \sqrt{r_n} \pi_{n-1}$$

The derivation of [Nadal, Majumdar] proceeds from here and derives recursion relations between r_n and s_n .

Main Result

In recent work we extended the orthogonal polynomial analysis to the k -TWs and found more compact expressions,

Theorem [Akemann, MA]

$$\log \mathbb{P}^{(k)}(s) = - \int_{-\infty}^0 dx \frac{x}{2} (u(x, s) - u(x, \infty))$$

$u(x, s)$ satisfies,

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This is Painlevé 34.

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In the following a “local” operator will mean a matrix with a finite number of non-zero diagonals,

$$\begin{pmatrix} & & 0 \\ & \diagdown & \\ & \diagup & \\ 0 & & \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \partial$$

- Due to the three term recurrence relation B is local.
- A and C are not local.
- However, they have the commutations relations with B of,

$$[B, A] = 1 \quad [B, C] = -\partial_y B$$

Flow Equation - finite N

We want to redefine the operators A and C so that they are local.

We mimic the derivation of the usual string equations. Introduce

$$P_{nm} \equiv A_{nm} + C_{nm} - \frac{N}{2} V'(B)_{nm}$$

It can be shown by integration by parts that P is local and anti-symmetric. Hence,

$$P = -\frac{N}{2} (V'(B)_+ - V'(B)_-)$$

It also satisfies,

Flow Equation

$$[P, y - B] = \partial_y(y - B) = 1 - \partial_y B$$

String Equation - finite N

A second local operator can be constructed by noting,

$$\int_{-\infty}^y d\lambda \partial_\lambda \left[(\lambda - y) e^{-NV(\lambda)} \pi_n(\lambda) \pi_m(\lambda) \right] = 0$$

and expressing the action of the derivative in terms of A , B and C .

This leads to the local anti-symmetric operator,

$$H = -\frac{N}{2} \left((V'(B)(B - y))_+ - (V'(B)(B - y))_- \right)$$

which satisfies,

String Equation

$$[B - y, H] = B - y \quad (1)$$

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The partition function can then be written as,

$$\log[Z_N(y; \alpha, \{g_l\})] = N^2 \int_0^1 d\xi (1 - \xi) \log[r(\xi, y)] + O(1/N)$$

Double Scaling limit

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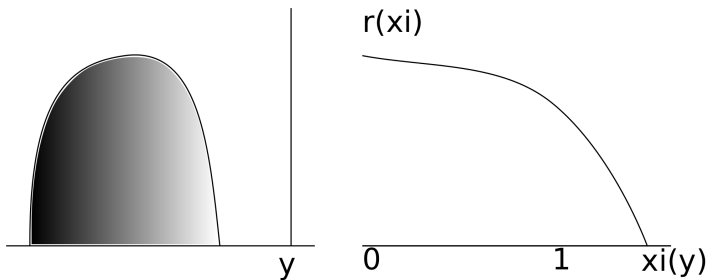
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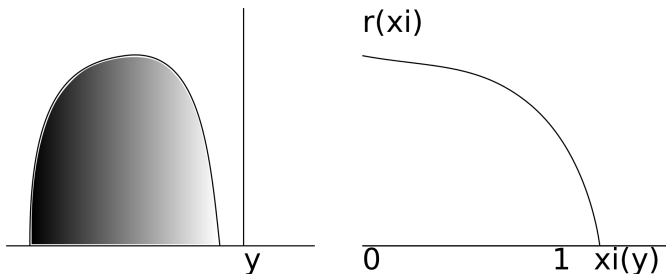
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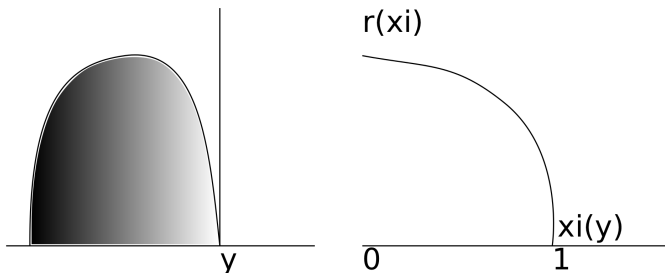
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$$\begin{aligned} r(\xi, y) &= r_c(1 + \epsilon\rho(x, s) + O(\epsilon^{3/2})) , \\ s(\xi, y) &= \sqrt{r_c}(s_c + \epsilon\sigma(x, s) + O(\epsilon^{3/2})) \end{aligned}$$

It will also be useful to introduce the functions,

$$u \equiv \rho + \sigma , \quad v \equiv \rho - \sigma .$$

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From,

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we see $P \rightarrow \epsilon^{m/2 - (2k+1)/2} \times (d^m + \dots)$.

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Reduction of Commutators

The equation, $[\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{P}] = f(x)$ can be reduced to an ODE by using pseudo-differential operators.

Pseudo-differential Operators

A pseudo-differential operator is a Laurent series in ∂ , where ∂^{-1} acts as an anti-derivative.

Useful Properties

- It can be shown that $[\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{P}] = f(x)$ is solved by $\mathcal{P} = (\mathcal{B}^{l/2})_+$ for any l .
- $[\mathcal{B}, (\mathcal{B}^{(2m-1)/2})_+] = -4^{1-m} \mathcal{L}'_m[u]$

We now can study the double scaling limit of both the flow and string equations.

Back to the Double Scaling Limit

Lets see how this works for the flow equation,

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$$\epsilon(\epsilon^{(m-2k-1)/2}[\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{H}] + O(\epsilon^{(m-2k-1)/2+1})) = \epsilon(d^2 + u - s) + O(\epsilon^2),$$

Having both sides of the string equation scale with the same dimension fixes the scaling dimension of H .

Back to the Double Scaling Limit

This fixes \mathcal{H} to be a differential operator of order $2k + 1$

We have,

$$[\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{H}] = (d^2 + u - s)$$

To reduce the scaled string equation we must modify \mathcal{H} slightly since the RHS is a differential operator. Let $\mathcal{H} \equiv \bar{\mathcal{H}} + \frac{1}{4}\{x, d\}$, then,

$$[\mathcal{B}, \bar{\mathcal{H}}] = \frac{1}{2}xu'(x) + u(x) - s$$

which can be reduced by pseudo-differential operators. We have,

$$\bar{\mathcal{H}} = \left((\mathcal{B}^{(2k+1)/2})_+ - s(\mathcal{B}^{(2k-1)/2})_+ \right).$$

Which after rescalings gives,

$$\mathcal{L}'_{k+1}[u] - 4s\mathcal{L}'_k[u] = xu'(x) + 2u(x) - 2s.$$

Back to the Double Scaling Limit

Finally we double scale the expression for Z_N when N is large,

$$\log[Z_N(y; \alpha, \{g_l\})] = N^2 \int_0^1 d\xi (1 - \xi) \log[r(\xi, y)] + O(1/N) .$$

it takes the form,

$$\log Z^{(k)}(s) = - \int_{-\infty}^0 dx \frac{x}{2} (u(x, s) + v(x, s)) ,$$

where we have introduced the scaled partition function $\log Z^{(k)}(s)$.
We have for the double scaling limit of the gap probability,

$$\log \mathbb{P}^{(k)}(s) = - \int_{-\infty}^0 dx \frac{x}{2} (u(x, s) - u(x, \infty))$$

Main Result

Theorem [Akemann, MA]

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We can relate these two formulation using a BT found in [Clarkson, Joshi, Pickering].

$$2\mathcal{L}_k[u] - x = 2\psi(x)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \psi''(x) + (u - s)\psi(x) = 0$$

and

$$2\mathcal{L}_k[W' - W^2 + s] - x = 2\psi(x)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \psi'(x) + W\psi(x) = 0$$

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Eliminating W gives again,

$$2\mathcal{L}_k \left[s - \frac{\psi''}{\psi} \right] - x = 2\psi^2(x)$$

On the other hand eliminating ψ gives,

$$(d + 2W)\mathcal{L}_k[W' - W^2 + s] = xW + \frac{1}{2}$$

which looks a lot like the Painlevé II hierarchy.

Shift Identity

We can make this more explicit by proving a lemma,

Shift Identity

For a constant z , we have,

$$\mathcal{L}_k[u(x) + z] = \sum_{j=0}^k (4z)^{k-j} \frac{\Gamma(k + 1/2)}{\Gamma(k - j + 1)\Gamma(j + 1/2)} \mathcal{L}_j[u(x)]$$

This allows us to rewrite our result in precisely the manner of Claeys et. al!

Summary

- Reviewed the higher-order analogues of TW that arises when the behaviour of the spectral density changes at the support edge.
- Shown that by extending the method introduced by Nadal and Madjumdar we can significantly simplify the results of Claeys et al.
- Gave a relation between the results of Claeys and ours via a Backlund transformation.
- Future; can we find examples of where such distributions arise? Can a similar analysis be done for other models?