

Random Structures: from the Discrete to the Continuous

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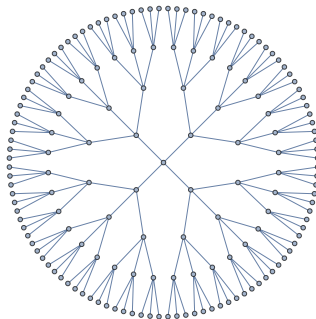
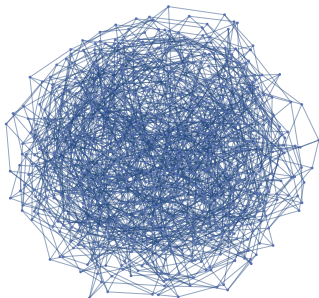
Sparse non-Hermitian random matrices

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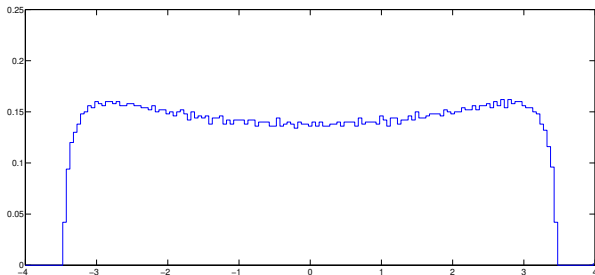


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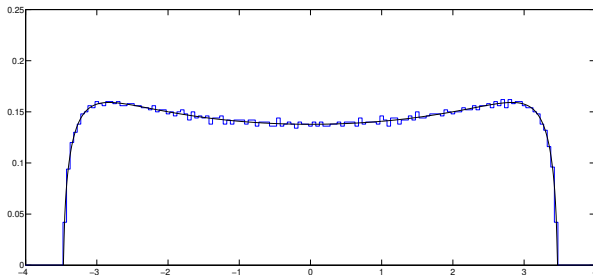
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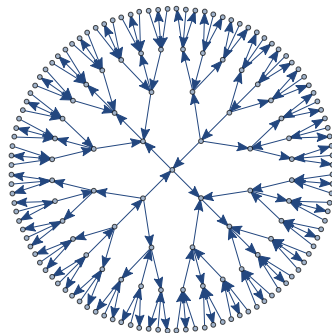
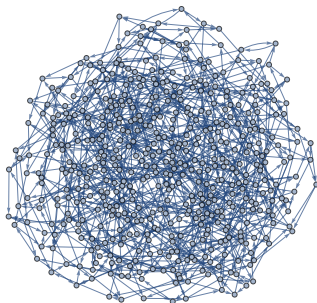
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Kesten-McKay Law: In the large N limit,

$$\varrho(\lambda; A) \rightarrow \frac{d\sqrt{4(d-1) - \lambda^2}}{2\pi(d^2 - \lambda^2)}$$

Random regular digraphs

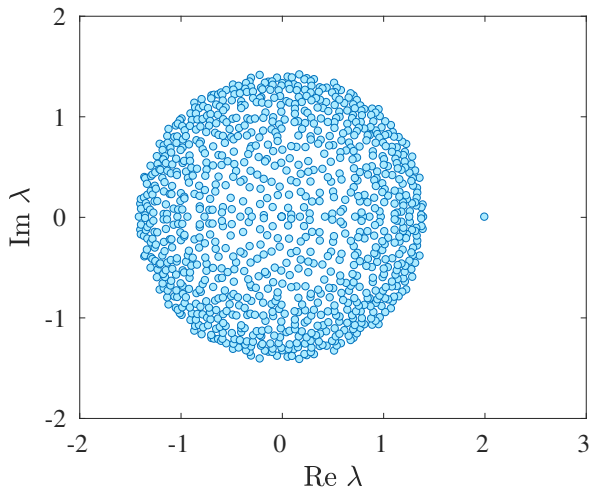


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Random regular digraphs

Scatter plot of eigenvalues, $d^+ = d^- = 2$, $N = 1000$.



Spectral regularisation

Introduce the Green's function (resolvent)

$$G_A(z) = \operatorname{Tr} (A - zI)^{-1}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(A).$$

Can check that (in an integral sense)

$$\varrho(\lambda; A) = -\frac{1}{\pi N} \partial_{z^*} \operatorname{Tr} G_A(z) \Big|_{z=\lambda}.$$

Problem: only defined outside the spectrum; we would rather work with something that is smooth on the whole of \mathbb{C} .

Spectral regularisation

Introduce the $2N \times 2N$ normal block matrix

$$B(z, \eta) = \begin{pmatrix} \eta I & -i(A - zI) \\ -i(A^\dagger - z^* I) & \eta I \end{pmatrix},$$

then

$$B^{-1}(z, \eta) = \begin{pmatrix} \eta X & iX(A - zI) \\ iY(A - zI)^\dagger & \eta Y \end{pmatrix},$$

where $X = (\eta^2 + (A - zI)(A - zI)^\dagger)^{-1}$ and

$Y = (\eta^2 + (A - zI)^\dagger(A - zI))^{-1}$ are the Schur complements.

Sometimes called “Hermitization”. [Feinberg & Zee, Nuclear Physics B, 504, 3, 1997].

Spectral regularisation

This is useful because

$$\varrho(\lambda; A) = \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0^+} \varrho^{(\eta)}(\lambda; A)$$

where

$$\rho^{(\eta)}(\lambda; A) = \frac{i}{N\pi} \partial_{z^*} \sum_{j=1}^N [B(z, \eta)^{-1}]_{j+N, j} \Big|_{z=\lambda},$$

which is real, positive, and smooth on the whole of \mathbb{C} .

Plan of attack: study $\rho^{(\eta)}(\lambda; A)$ for $N \rightarrow \infty$, then take $\eta \rightarrow 0$.

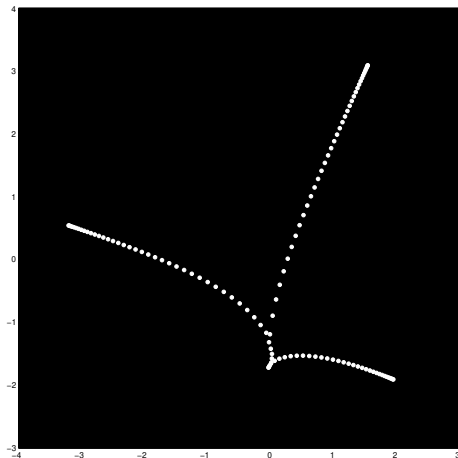
Spectral regularisation

The 'Bull's head' matrix:

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0.7 & 0 & \\ 2i & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0.7 & \ddots \\ 0 & 2i & 0 & 0 & 1 & \ddots \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

(from *Spectra and Pseudospectra*, Trefethen)

Spectral regularisation



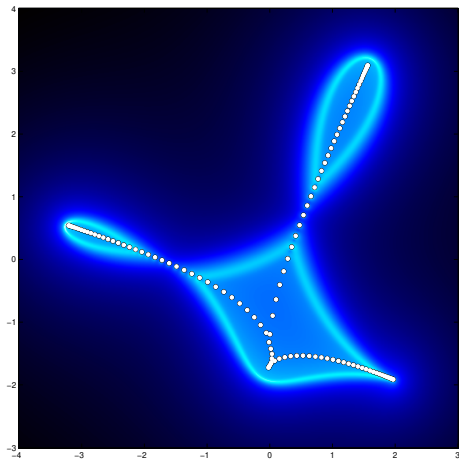
A scatter plot of eigenvalues of the 'Bull's head' of size $N = 120$

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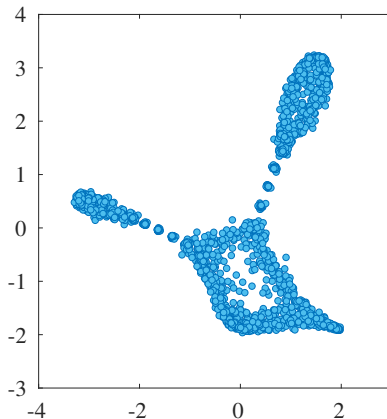
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Spectral regularisation



Eigenvalues of random perturbations $X + \eta S$

Spectral regularisation

Theorem: Let P and Q be $N \times N$ matrices of IID standard complex Gaussian random variables, and let $S = PQ^{-1}$. For any $N \times N$ matrix X ,

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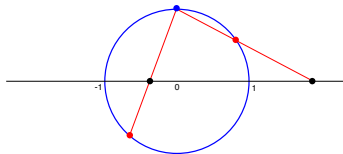
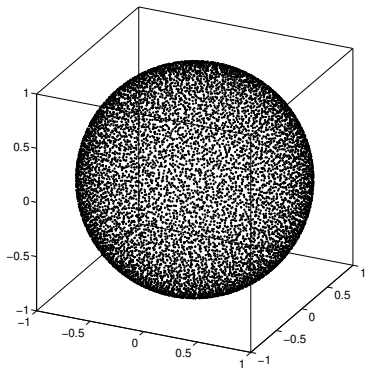
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Exchanging the limits $\eta \rightarrow 0$ and $N \rightarrow \infty$ in the calculation of the spectral density relies on the stability of the spectrum; generally need control over angle between eigenvectors. Very few cases have been proved - we will make this an assumption.

Spectral regularisation

Corollary: $S = PQ^{-1}$ has uniform density of the Reimann sphere



Result is universal in limit $N \rightarrow \infty$.

[C Bordenave - Electronic Communications in Probability, 2011]

Recursion relations

Recall we care about the diagonal of the lower left block of $B(z, \eta)^{-1}$, where

$$B(z, \eta) = \begin{pmatrix} \eta I & -i(A - zI) \\ -i(A^\dagger - z^* I) & \eta I \end{pmatrix}.$$

Re-package into 2×2 matrices

$$\mathbf{G}_{jk} = i \begin{pmatrix} [B^{-1}]_{j,k} & [B^{-1}]_{j,k+N} \\ [B^{-1}]_{j+N,k} & [B^{-1}]_{j+N,k+N} \end{pmatrix},$$

so

$$\rho(z) = \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0^+} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N\pi} \sum_{j=1}^n \partial_{z^*} [\mathbf{G}_j]_{21}.$$

Recursion relations

If

$$A_{jk} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A_{jk} \\ A_{kj}^* & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & z \\ z^* & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

then

$$G_{jj}(z) = \left(z - i\eta \mathbf{1}_2 - A_{jj} - \sum_{k, \ell \neq j} A_{jk} G_{k\ell}^{(j)} A_{\ell j} \right)^{-1}.$$

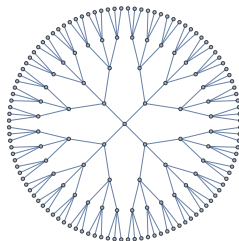
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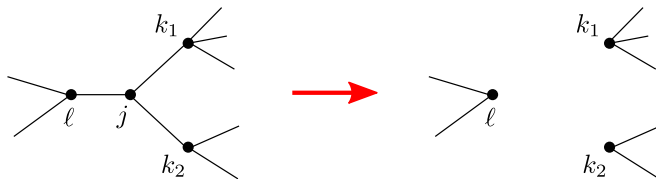
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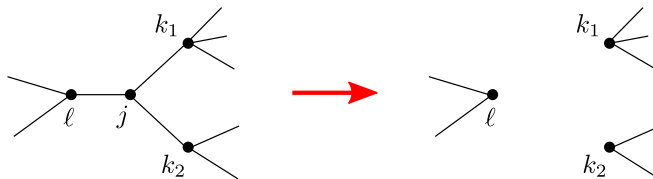
Exploit local tree structure...



$$G_{jj}(z) = \left(z - i\eta \mathbf{1}_2 - A_{jj} - \sum_{k_1, k_2 \neq j} A_{jk_1} G_{k_1 k_2}^{(j)} A_{k_2 j} \right)^{-1}$$
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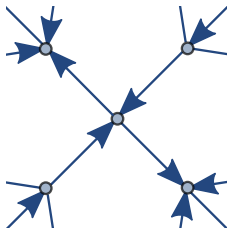
“Cavity method” allows for self-consistent solution



$$G_{jj}^{(\ell)}(z) = \left(z - i\eta \mathbf{1}_2 - A_{jj} - \sum_{k_1, k_2 \neq j, \ell} A_{jk_1} G_{k_1 k_2}^{(j)(\ell)} A_{k_2 j} \right)^{-1}$$

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Recursion relations



$$\begin{aligned}G_j &= g \\G_k^{(j)} &= g_+, \quad \text{if } j \rightarrow k, \\G_k^{(j)} &= g_-, \quad \text{if } k \rightarrow j.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}g^{-1} &= -i\eta \mathbf{1}_2 + z - d \sigma_+ g_+ \sigma_- - d \sigma_- g_- \sigma_+, \\g_+^{-1} &= -i\eta \mathbf{1}_2 + z - d \sigma_+ g_+ \sigma_- - (d-1) \sigma_- g_- \sigma_+, \\g_-^{-1} &= -i\eta \mathbf{1}_2 + z - (d-1) \sigma_+ g_+ \sigma_- - d \sigma_- g_- \sigma_+, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\sigma_+ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Recursion relations

Warm-up: $d \gg 1$ then $g \approx g_+ \approx g_-$. Send $\eta \rightarrow 0$, and

$$g^{-1} = z - d \sigma_+ g \sigma_- - d \sigma_- g \sigma_+,$$

...or written out in full

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & g_{12} \\ g_{21} & g_{11}^* \end{pmatrix} = \frac{-d}{d^2 |g_{11}|^2 - |z|^2} \begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & z/d \\ z^*/d & g_{11}^* \end{pmatrix}$$

Trivial solution $g_{11} = 0$; non-trivial solution only possible if $|z|^2 < d$, where we get $\rho(z) = 1/\pi d$.

Recursion relations

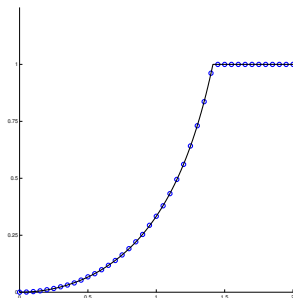
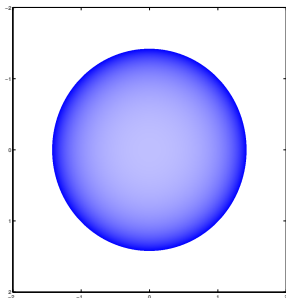
General solution for any d :

$$\mathbf{g} = \frac{(d-1)}{(d^2 - |z|^2)} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\left(\frac{d}{d-1}\right) (d - |z|^2)} & z \\ z^* & -\sqrt{\left(\frac{d}{d-1}\right) (d - |z|^2)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Spectral density of random d -in d -out graphs:

$$\rho(z) = \frac{(d-1)}{\pi} \left(\frac{d}{d^2 - |z|^2} \right)^2, \quad |z| \leq \sqrt{d},$$

Recursion relations



$$\int_{|z|<r} \rho(z) dz = \min \left\{ (d-1) \frac{r^2}{d^2 - r^2}, 1 \right\}.$$

Recursion relations

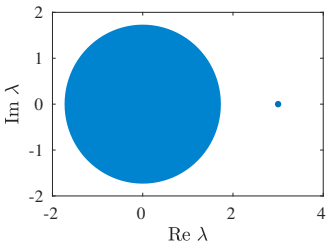
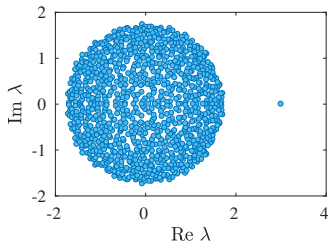
What problem did we actually solve?

- Approximated large random matrix A with infinite random operator \mathcal{A} .
- Domain: space of sequences indexed by elements of the free group \mathcal{F}_2 on generators $\{\alpha, \beta\}$, consists of all finite length strings of symbols $\{\alpha, \beta\}$, or their inverses $\{\alpha^{-1}, \beta^{-1}\}$, after cancellation of adjacent reciprocal pairs.
- Action: $\mathcal{A}|x\rangle_w = |x\rangle_{w\alpha} + |x\rangle_{w\beta}$

We computed the “Brown’s measure” of \mathcal{A} .

Recursion relations

Another example: $d^+ = d^- = 3$ and the forward operator on \mathcal{F}_3

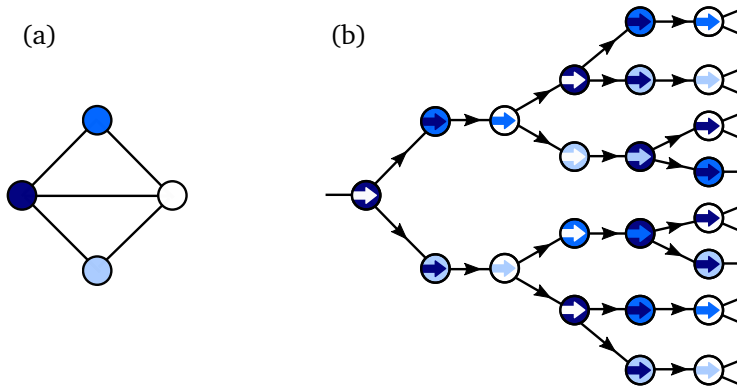


Note outlier eigenvalue at $\sqrt{3}$

...need slightly different theory needed to pick this up.

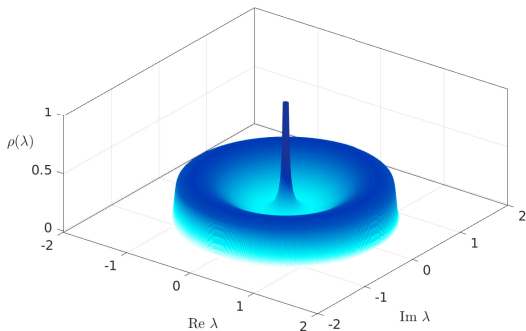
Recursion relations

General case: quasi-transitive tree of non-backtracking walks



Recursion relations

Alternative approach: population dynamics in ensemble average for random digraphs



$$G' \stackrel{D}{=} \left(z - i\eta \mathbf{1}_2 - D - \sum_{\ell=1}^{K'} A_{i\ell} G'_{\ell} A_{j\ell}^{\dagger} \right)^{-1}.$$

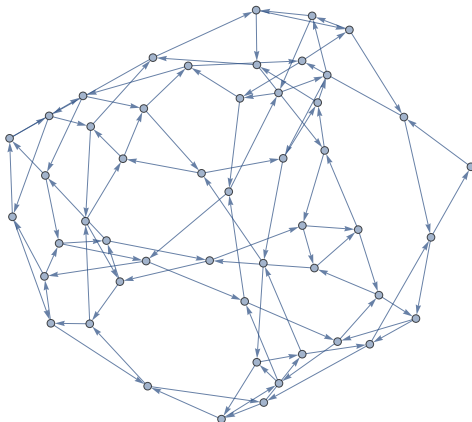
Spectra of Sparse non-Hermitian Random Matrices

Review with Izaak Neri and Fernano Metz [arXiv:1811.10416], including:

- Hermitization method
- Cavity method for recursion relations
- Theory for spectral outliers
- Eigenvector correlators

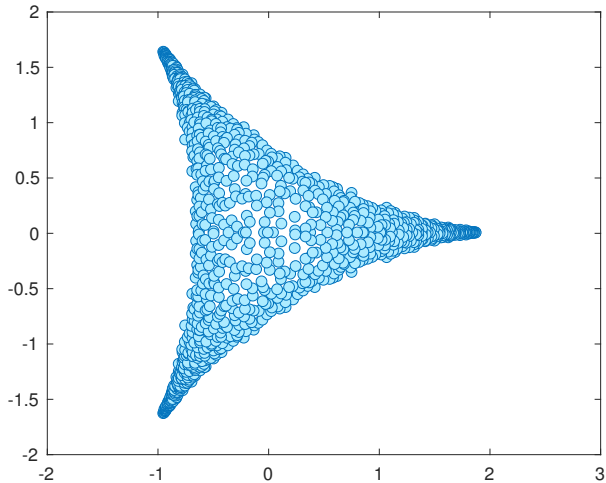
Cyclic motifs

What about digraphs that aren't tree-like?



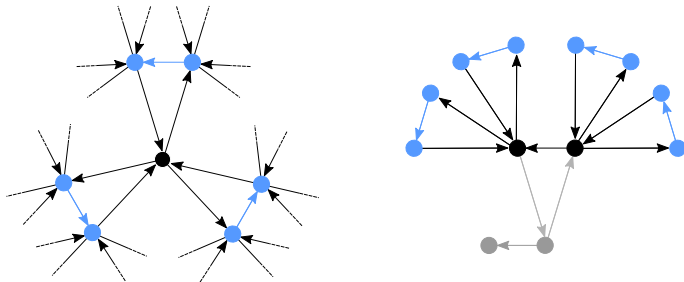
Example: $d^+ = d^- = 2$, composed of 3-cycles

Cyclic motifs



Cyclic motifs

Can still use cavity method, on the graph between cycles:



Group nodes into pairs p , denote by A^* the block matrix describing edges between pairs. Need to solve 4×4 matrix equation

$$G_{pp}^{-1} = A_{pp}^* - \begin{pmatrix} z & 0 \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} - (d-1)A_{pq}^{*-} G_{pp} A_{qp}^{*-} - (d-1)A_{pq}^{*+} G_{pp} A_{qp}^{*+}$$

Boundary of spectrum is determined by existence of non-trivial solutions. After some algebra we can parameterise the curve by an angle $\varphi \in [0, 2\pi)$, giving (for general $k \geq 3$)

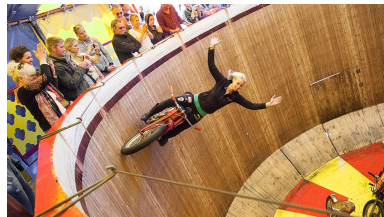
$$z_b(\varphi) = \frac{1}{t}e^{-i\varphi} + (d-1)t^{k-1}e^{i(k-1)\varphi},$$

where t is the minimal positive real solution of

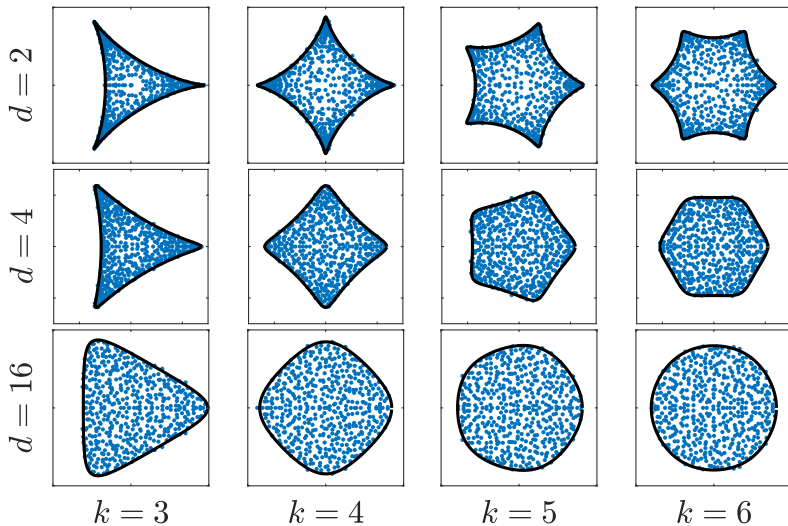
$$(d-1)t^{2k} - dt^2 + 1 = 0.$$

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Hypotrochoids:



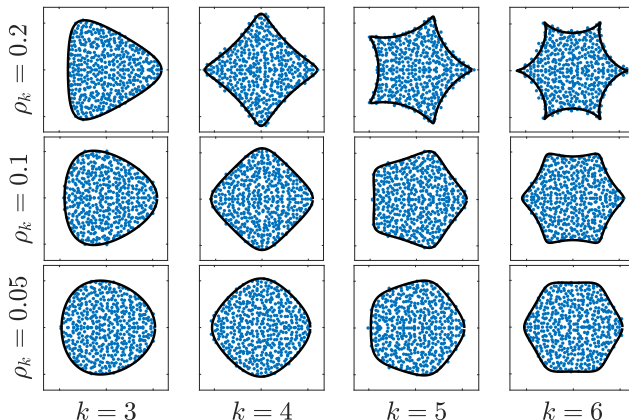
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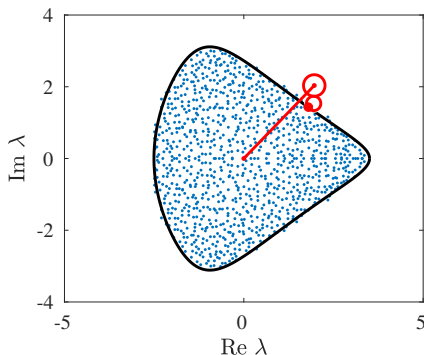
Dense limit: random matrices with correlations $\mathbb{E}\text{Tr} A^k / N = \rho_k$
have spectral boundary

$$z_b(\varphi) = e^{-i\varphi} + \rho_k e^{i(k-1)\varphi}$$



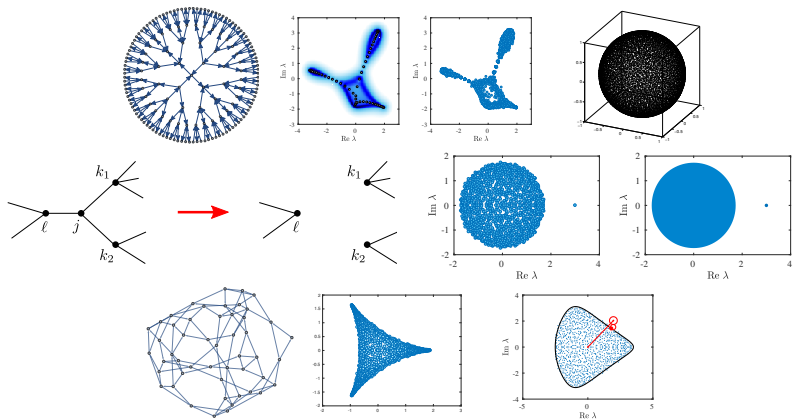
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Competing cycles lead to **polytrochoid** spectra:



$$e^{-i\varphi} + d_1 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{d_1 + d_2}} \right)^{k_1} e^{i(k_1-1)\varphi} + d_2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{d_1 + d_2}} \right)^{k_2} e^{i(k_2-1)\varphi}$$

Summary



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