

Asymptotics of the
Weingarten function
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$U_N = N \times N$ unitary group with Haar
measure (normalized to be a
probability measure)

$u_{ij} : U_N \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ (i,j) entry

Problem: $d < N$, $i_1, \dots, i_d, i'_1, \dots, i'_d$
 $j_1, \dots, j_d, j'_1, \dots, j'_d$; Calculate

$$\int u_{i_1 j_1} \dots u_{i_d j_d} \overline{u_{i'_1 j'_1}} \dots \overline{u_{i'_d j'_d}} dU$$

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By symmetry: $\int |u_{11}|^2 du = \frac{1}{N}$

• $\int |u_{ij}|^4 du = \binom{N+1}{2}^{-1}$

• $\int |u_{12}|^2 |u_{11}|^2 du = \frac{1}{N(N+1)}$

• $\int |u_{ij}|^{2k} du = \binom{N+k-1}{k}^{-1}$

} for these and others
see Hiai & Petz

Weingarten Function \rightarrow systematic method

$S_d =$ permutations of $[d] = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, d\}$

$\#(\sigma) = n^\circ$ cycles in cycle decomposition

$|\sigma| = d - \#(\sigma) = n^\circ$ transpositions

in a minimal factorization

$\phi(\pi) = N^{\#(\pi)}$ for $\pi \in S_d, d < N$

$\phi \in \mathbb{C}[S_d] = \{f: S_d \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid \text{with convolution product}\}$

THM $\phi \in \mathbb{C}[S_d]^{-1}$ and central

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Example: S_d $d=2$

S_2 acts on \mathbb{C}^2 via left reg. rep.

$$e \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1,2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\phi \mapsto \phi(e)e + \phi((1,2))(1,2)$$

$$= N^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + N \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= N \begin{pmatrix} N & 1 \\ 1 & N \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\phi^{-1} = N^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} N & 1 \\ 1 & N \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{N^{-1}}{N^2-1} \begin{pmatrix} N & -1 \\ -1 & N \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{N^2-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{-1}{(N-1)N(N+1)} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \phi^{-1}(e) = \frac{1}{N^2-1} \quad \phi^{-1}((1,2)) = \frac{-1}{(N-1)N(N+1)}$$

Thm (Weingarten-Collins)

let $Wg_N = \phi^{-1}$

$$\cdot Wg_N(\pi) = \int u_{11} \overline{u_{1\pi(1)}} \cdots u_{dd} \overline{u_{d\pi(d)}} du$$

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$$\cdot \int u_{i_1 j_1} \cdots u_{i_d j_d} \overline{u_{i'_1 j'_1}} \cdots \overline{u_{i'_d j'_d}} dU_N$$

$$= \sum_{\pi, \sigma \in S_d} \delta_{i_1, i'_1 \circ \pi} \delta_{j_1, j'_1 \circ \sigma} Wg_N(\pi \sigma^{-1})$$

$$\cdot Wg_N(\pi) = \frac{1}{(d!)^2} \sum_{\lambda \vdash d} \frac{\chi^\lambda(e)^2}{S_\lambda(1^d)} \chi^\lambda(\pi)$$

$$\lambda = \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k, \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_k$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \dots + \lambda_k = d$$

$$S_\lambda(1^d) = \dim(\pi_{U_N}^\lambda)$$

When $d = 3$

$$Wg_N = \frac{1}{3!} \left\{ \frac{\chi^{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}}}{N(N+1)(N+2)} + \frac{\chi^{\begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}}}{N(N-1)(N-2)} + \frac{2\chi^{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}}}{(N-1)N(N+1)} \right\}$$

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$$Wg(e) = \frac{N^2 - 2}{N(N^2 - 1)(N^2 - 4)} = N^{-3} + 3N^{-5} + \dots$$

$$Wg((1,2)(3)) = \frac{-1}{(N^2 - 1)(N^2 - 4)} = -N^{-4} - 5N^{-6} - \dots$$

$$Wg((1,2,3)) = \frac{2}{N(N^2 - 1)(N^2 - 4)} = 2N^{-5} + 10N^{-7} + \dots$$

$$Wg((1,2,3,\dots,k)) = \frac{(-1)^{k-1} C_{k-1}}{\prod_{\ell=1}^{k-1} (N - \ell)}$$

$$C_k = \frac{1}{k+1} \binom{2k}{k} = k^{\text{th}} \text{ Catalan } n^{\circ}$$

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Cumulants of the Weingarten Function

Notation: Suppose we have a sequence of multi-linear functions $\{k_r\}_{r=1,2,3,\dots}$

If $V = \{i_1, \dots, i_\ell\} \subseteq [n]$ let

$$k_V(a_1, \dots, a_n) = k_\ell(a_{i_1}, a_{i_2}, \dots, a_{i_\ell})$$

If $\pi = \{V_1, \dots, V_k\} \in \mathcal{P}(n)$ let

$$k_\pi(a_1, \dots, a_n) = k_{V_1}(a_1, \dots, a_n) \cdots k_{V_k}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$$

e.g. $k_{\{(1,3), (2,4)\}}(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4)$

$$= k_2(a_1, a_3) k_2(a_2, a_4)$$

Suppose $n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + \dots + n_r = n$

$$\sigma_1 \in S_{n_1}, \sigma_2 \in S_{n_2}, \dots, \sigma_r \in S_{n_r}$$

$$\sigma = \sigma_1 \times \sigma_2 \times \dots \times \sigma_r \in S_{n_1} \times S_{n_2} \times \dots \times S_{n_r} \subseteq S_n$$

Define $k_r(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_r)$ by the system

$$Wg(\sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_r) = \sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{P}(r)} k_\pi(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_r)$$

$$Wg(\sigma) = k_1(\sigma)$$

$$Wg(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = k_2(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) + k_1(\sigma_1) k_1(\sigma_2)$$

i. e. $k_2(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = Wg(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - Wg(\sigma_1) Wg(\sigma_2)$

$$k_3(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3) = Wg(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3) - \{Wg(\sigma_1) Wg(\sigma_2, \sigma_3) + Wg(\sigma_1, \sigma_3) Wg(\sigma_2) + Wg(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) Wg(\sigma_3)\} + 2 Wg(\sigma_1) Wg(\sigma_2) Wg(\sigma_3)$$

Thm (Collins 2004) $\pi \in S_d \quad d < N$

$Wg_N(\pi)$ power series in $\frac{1}{N}$ Then

- highest degree term is $d + |\pi|$
- terms decrease in steps of 2
- $Wg_N(\pi) = \omega_1(\pi) N^{-(d + |\pi|)} + \omega_2(\pi) N^{-(d + |\pi| + 2)} + \omega_3(\pi) N^{-(d + |\pi| + 4)} + \dots$

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• $\pi = c_1 \cdots c_k =$ decomposition into cycles

$$w_1(\pi) = w_1(c_1) \cdots w_1(c_k)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad w_1(c(1, \dots, k)) &= (-1)^{k-1} \frac{1}{k} \binom{2k-2}{k-1} \\ &= (-1)^{k-1} C_{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

Catalan

• order of $k_n(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_r)$ is at most $d + |\sigma| + 2(r-1)$

$$(d = n_1 + \dots + n_r \quad \sigma_i \in S_{n_i} \quad \sigma = \sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_r)$$

Definition let $\mu_n(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r)$ be the coefficient of the highest order term of $k_n(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r)$

$$\mu_1(\sigma) = w_1(\sigma)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_2(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) &= w_2(\sigma_1 \sigma_2) - w_1(\sigma_1) w_2(\sigma_2) \\ &\quad - w_2(\sigma_1) w_1(\sigma_2) \end{aligned}$$

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since we know $w_2(\sigma)$ when σ has only one cycle, knowledge of $\mu_2(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ tells us $w_2(\sigma)$ when σ has two cycles. Thus we can inductively recover w_2 from μ_2 .

Problem: calculate $\mu_2(\pi_1, \pi_2)$ for arbitrary permutations π_1 and π_2 .

$$\mu_2(\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3) = \mu_1(\pi_1) \mu_2(\pi_2, \pi_3) + \mu_2(\pi_1, \pi_3) \mu_1(\pi_2)$$

so it suffices to know $\mu_2(\delta_p, \delta_q)$ where $\delta_p = (1, 2, 3, \dots, p)$, $\delta_q = (1, 2, 3, \dots, q)$

let $\delta = \delta_{2p, 2q} = (1, 2, \dots, 2p) (2p+1, \dots, 2(p+q)) \in S_{2(p+q)}$

$$k_2(\delta_p, \delta_q) = k_{2p+2q}(u, \overline{\delta(1)}, \dots,$$

$$u_{2p+2q-1}, \overline{\delta(2p+2q-1)}, \dots, \overline{u_{(2p+2q), 2p+2q}})$$

$$\bullet \lim_N N^{2p+2q} k_{2p+2q}(u, \overline{\delta(1)}, \dots)$$

$$= \kappa_{2p, 2q}(u, u^*, u, u^*, \dots, u, u^*)$$

Haar unitary

second order free cumulant

order of $k_2(\delta_p, \delta_q)$ is $2p+2q$

$$\therefore \mu_2(\delta_p, \delta_q) = \kappa_{2p, 2q}(u, u^*, \dots, u, u^*)$$

$$= (-1)^{p+q} c_{p, q}$$

$c_{p, q} = n^0$ non-crossing permutations of a (p, q) -annulus