# Extreme value statistics in random matrix theory: random and quantum chaotic states

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# Outline

- A few basic concepts
  - 1) Random matrix theory

spectra eigenvectors random matrices

2) Extreme value statistics

identically distributed, independent random variables correlated variables

- Exact results
  - 1) Tracy-Widom distribution
  - 2) Eigenstate intensities

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# Why do we care about random matrix theory?

- Eugene Wigner brought them into physics while thinking about slow neutron resonances, experiments motivated by nuclear reactor design
- Bohigas-Giannoni-Schmit conjecture the properties of quantized strongly chaotic systems behave statistically in the same way as ensembles of random matrices
- Maybe we care about electron transport in nano-systems...
- Or maybe, connections to entanglement and localization...
- Or maybe, connections to number theory...
- Or maybe, certain analyses of financial markets...
- Or maybe, any of a broad range of engineering concerns...
- Or ... well, the list seems to just keep growing endlessly...

# ENERGY LEVELS

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# What are some basic eigenstate properties?

- Berry conjecture asymptotically eigenstates of chaotic systems are like random waves
- Quantum ergodicity probability densities associated with quantum eigenstates tend to uniform in a classical phase space (Schnirelman, Colin de Verdiére, Zelditch)
- Eigenstate scarring short periodic orbits enhance features of chaotic quantum eigenstates (Heller)
- Coherent branching scattering eigenstates or waves in weakly random media exhibit strong features along branches



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# Random waves





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#### Stadium eigenstate

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## Random matrices

Imagine an N-dimensional Hermitian matrix, could be a Hamiltonian, but it has Gaussian random matrix elements,

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} H_{11} & H_{12} & H_{13} & \dots \\ H_{21} & H_{22} & H_{23} & \\ H_{31} & H_{32} & H_{32} & \\ \vdots & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $(j \neq k$  - diagonal elements get multiplied by a  $\sqrt{2}$ )

$$\beta = 1, \quad H_{jk} = x_{jk} \qquad \text{say } \rho(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)$$
  

$$\beta = 2, \quad H_{jk} = x_{jk} + ix_{jk}^{(i)}$$
  

$$\beta = 4, \quad H_{jk} = x_{jk}\mathbf{1} + i\left[x_{jk}^{(1)}\sigma_1 + x_{jk}^{(2)}\sigma_2 + x_{jk}^{(3)}\sigma_3\right]$$

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# Random matrices II

Then, the joint probability density for the ensemble of such matrices can be written (no correlations)

$$\rho(\mathbf{H})\mathrm{d}\mathbf{H} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^{\frac{\beta N}{2}\left(N-1+\frac{2}{\beta}\right)} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{4}\mathrm{Tr}\left(\mathbf{H}^{2}\right)\right]\mathrm{d}\mathbf{H}$$

We care more about the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{H}$  than the individual matrix elements. We are really interested more in something like

$$\rho(\mathbf{H}) d\mathbf{H} = \rho(\lambda, \mathbf{U}) d\lambda d\mathbf{U}$$
$$= \rho(\lambda) d\lambda d\mathbf{U}$$

where

$$\lambda = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{U}^{-1}$$

# Random matrices III

Suddenly, there are very strong correlations introduced by the variable change, notice the Vandermonde determinant,

$$\rho(\lambda) \mathrm{d}\lambda \mathrm{d}\mathbf{U} = \mathcal{C}_{\beta} \prod_{k>j=1}^{N} |\lambda_{j} - \lambda_{k}|^{\beta} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{4} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \lambda_{j}^{2}\right] \mathrm{d}\lambda \mathrm{d}\mathbf{U}$$

- There are two very well-known spectral correlations, level repulsion and spectral rigidity.
- $\beta = 0$  in the Vandermonde determinant would correspond to Poisson eigenvalue statistics.
- The eigenstates behave statistically like uniformly random vectors according to the Haar measures for the special orthogonal SO(N), unitary SU(N), or symplectic Sp(2N, R) groups.

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# Extreme value statistics

- In its simplest form, one considers the statistics of the largest or smallest of a set of random variable values - it puts the focuss on the tails of probability densities
- Mathematicians and engineers have been working on this since at least the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century

structural design for wind, floods, turbulence,  $\dots$  finance issues, many other things  $\dots$ 

• Physicists have been rather slow coming to this by comparison, but now the interest is growing:

disordered media - random lasers, minima in thermodynamic contexts, quantum information theory

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# Uncorrelated random variables

- Let {*s<sub>j</sub>*}, *j* = 1, ..., *N* be independent and identically distributed.
- A joint probability density can be defined and denoted

$$\rho(\vec{s}; N) = \rho(s_1, s_2, ..., s_N; N) = \prod_{j=1}^{N} \rho(s_j; N)$$

• The distribution function of the maximum is given by,

$$F_{max}(t; N) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} \mathrm{d}\vec{s} \ \rho(\vec{s}; N) = \left[\int_{-\infty}^{t} \mathrm{d}s_{j} \ \rho(s_{j}; N)\right]^{N} \quad (\text{any j})$$

• Or for the minimum

$$F_{min}(t; N) = 1 - \int_{t}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}\vec{s} \,\rho(\vec{s}; N) = 1 - \left[1 - \int_{-\infty}^{t} \mathrm{d}s_{j} \,\rho(s_{j}; N)\right]^{N}$$

# Universal distribution functions - Fisher/Tippett 1928

• The Weibull/Fréchet distribution function

$$F(t; N) = 1 - \exp[-(\pm t - a_N)^{\gamma_N}/b_N]$$

is expected for uncorrelated random variables with compact support from above or below (or heavy tailed densities).

• The Gumbel distribution function

$$F(t; N) = \exp[-e^{-(t-a_N)/b_N}]$$

is expected for uncorrelated random variables with non-compact support whose tails decay at least exponentially fast.

• For example, consider the uniform density  $\rho(t) = 1$  (0 < t < 1):

$$F_{max}(t; N) = t^N \longrightarrow e^{-N(1-t)}$$
 Weibull  
 $F_{min}(t; N) = 1 - (1-t)^N \longrightarrow 1 - e^{-Nt}$  Fréchet

# Complex and real Gaussian variables

• Absolute square of complex Gaussian variable:

$$\rho(t) = e^{-t} \qquad (0 \le t \le \infty)$$

and hence

$$F_{max}(t; N) = (1 - e^{-t})^N \to \exp\left(-e^{-(t - \ln N)}\right) \quad \text{Gumbel}$$
  
$$F_{min}(t; N) = 1 - \left[1 - (1 - e^{-t})\right]^N \to 1 - e^{-Nt} \quad \text{Fréchet}$$

• Square of real Gaussian variable:

$$ho(t)=\sqrt{rac{1}{2\pi t}}\mathrm{e}^{-t/2}\qquad (0\leq t\leq\infty)$$

and hence

$$F_{max}(t; N) = \operatorname{erf}^{N}\left(\sqrt{t/2}\right) \to \exp\left(-e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(t-\ln\frac{2N}{\pi t}\right)}\right) \quad \text{Gumbel}$$
  
$$F_{min}(t; N) = 1 - \left[1 - \operatorname{erf}\left(\sqrt{t/2}\right)\right]^{N} \to 1 - e^{-N\sqrt{\frac{2t}{\pi}}} \quad \text{Fréchet}$$

# RMT example with strong correlations - largest eigenvalue

- Largest eigenvalue follows the Tracy-Widom distribution  $F_{\beta}(s)$ .
- Use semicircle radius *R* and matrix dimensionality to obtain scaled variable *s*

$$s = \frac{R}{N^{1/3}} (\lambda_{max} - R)$$
$$R = 2\sqrt{\beta N - \beta + 2} \approx 2\sqrt{\beta N}$$

Won't go through the math, but

$$q''(x) = xq(x) + 2q(x)^3$$
Painlevé equation  

$$F_2(s) = \exp\left[-\int_s^\infty dx (x-s) q^2(x)\right]$$

$$F_1(s) = \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\int_s^\infty dx q(x)\right] F_2(s)^{1/2}$$

• Shows up in many unexpected ways, not just for  $\lambda_{max}$ .

# Plot of Tracy-Widom distribution



# Joint probability densities for intensities

• Norm constraint is naturally expressed in amplitude variables:

$$\rho_{\beta}(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_N) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{N\beta}{2}\right)}{\pi^{N\beta/2}} \, \delta\left(\sum_{j=1}^N |z_j|^2 - 1\right)$$

 $\beta = 1,2$  for real, complex respectively. Real  $\longrightarrow$  orthogonal ensembles, complex  $\longrightarrow$  unitary ensembles. Intensities:

$$ho_{eta}(ec{s}; \mathsf{N}) = \pi^{\mathsf{N}(eta/2-1)} \mathsf{\Gamma}\left(rac{\mathsf{N}eta}{2}
ight) \left[\prod_{j=1}^{\mathsf{N}} s_j^{eta/2-1} \mathrm{d}s_j
ight] \delta\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\mathsf{N}} s_j - 1
ight)$$

- Complex is equivalent to "broken stick problem" where N-1 cuts at uniformly random locations are made.
- Real is intimately connected to relationship between hyperspherical and cartesian coordinates.

# An auxiliary function for "decorrelating" intensities

• The distribution function for the maximum is:

$$F_{max}^{\beta}(t;N) = \pi^{N(\beta/2-1)} \Gamma\left(\frac{N\beta}{2}\right) \left[\prod_{j=1}^{N} \int_{0}^{t} s_{j}^{\beta/2-1} \mathrm{d}s_{j}\right] \delta\left(\sum_{j=1}^{N} s_{j} - 1\right)$$

- Define auxiliary function G<sup>β</sup>(t, u; N); results by replacing unity in norm constraint with u, thus F<sup>β</sup><sub>max</sub>(t; N) = G<sup>β</sup>(t, u = 1; N).
- The Laplace transform of G<sup>β</sup>(t, u; N) renders the integrals over the N differentials ds<sub>i</sub> into a product form and gives:

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-us} G_{\beta}(t, N, u) du = \begin{cases} \Gamma(\frac{N}{2}) \left(\frac{\operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{st})}{\sqrt{s}}\right)^{N} & \text{real} \\ \Gamma(N) \left(\frac{1-e^{-st}}{s}\right)^{N} & \text{complex} \end{cases}$$

• The *N* integrals have been performed at the cost of now needing the inverse Laplace transforms of these expressions.

## Exact results for unitary ensembles

• Distribution function for maximum follows by expanding the *N*<sup>th</sup> power and using the inverse Laplace transform:

$$\mathcal{L}_{s}^{-1}\left(\frac{e^{-smt}}{s^{N}}\right) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(N)}(u-mt)^{N-1}\Theta(u-mt)$$
$$F_{max}^{\beta=2}(t;N) = \sum_{m=0}^{N} \binom{N}{m}(-1)^{m}(1-mt)^{N-1}\Theta(1-mt)$$

• Interestingly reduces to a piecewise smooth expression with the intervals  $I_k = [1/(k+1), 1/k]$ , where  $k = 1, 2, \cdots, N-1$ 

$$F_{max}(t \in I_k; N) = \sum_{m=0}^k {N \choose m} (-1)^m (1 - mt)^{N-1}$$

• Maximal distributions of correlated variables possessing unit norm constraints, satisfy this type of combinatoric form.

# Exact results continued

$$\mathcal{F}_{max}(t \in I_1; N) = 1 - N(1-t)^{N-1} = 1 - N \int_t^1 \mathcal{P}_1(s) \mathrm{d}s$$

and quite generally

$$F_{max}(t \in I_k, N) = \sum_{m=0}^k \binom{N}{m} (-1)^m \int_{s_i \ge t} \mathcal{P}_m(s_1, \ldots, s_m) \, \mathrm{d} s_1 \cdots ds_m$$

• For the minima

$$F_{min}(t,N) = 1 - \Gamma(N) \left[ \prod_{i=1}^{N} \int_{t}^{1} ds_{i} \right] \delta \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N} s_{i} - 1 \right)$$

$$F_{min}(t,N) = \begin{cases} 1 - (1 - Nt)^{N-1} & 0 \le t \le 1/N \\ 1 & 1/N \le t \le 1 \end{cases}$$

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# Exact results continued again



Exact probability density <u>vs</u> asymptotic Gumbel density in scaled variable  $x = N(t - \ln(N)/N)$ . Inset shows difference between exact and Gumbel for same values of N, but unscaled.

# Quantum kicked rotor as example of chaotic system



Probability densities (histograms) of scaled max and min (inset) of eigenfunctions in rotor position basis (N = 32) in parameter range 13.8 < K < 14.8. Exact density for random states shown as continuous, dashed lines are respectively Gumbel and Fréchet.

# Concluding eigenstate property remarks

- Extreme intensity statistics give alternate approach to understanding random states or quantum chaotic eigenstates.
- It is possible to derive some compact, exact results for unitary ensembles with any dimensionality and give excellent approximations for same quantities in orthogonal ensembles.
- Max intensities tend to  $\infty$ -dimensional limit very slowly and thus functional forms contain some information about system size. Means scale as  $\ln a_\beta N/N$  for unitary and orthogonal cases.

- Min intensity statistics tend much more rapidly toward their  $\infty$ -dimensional Fréchet form. Mean minima scale as  $N^{-2}$  and  $\pi N^{-3}$  for unitary and orthogonal cases.
- These "extreme" measures provide new way to explore non-ergodicity. Localization and system dynamical features would generate deviations from the random matrix theory results.

#### Exact results for orthogonal ensembles?

• Exact results for interval [1/2, 1] for ortho and unitary cases:

$$F_{max}(t \in I_1; N) = 1 - N(1-t)^{N-1}$$
 unitary  
=  $1 - N \left[ 1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \sin^{-1} \sqrt{t} - \sqrt{t} \sum_{m=1}^{\frac{N-2}{2}} \frac{2^{2m}}{\pi m \binom{2m}{m}} (1-t)^{m-1/2} \right]$  even  
=  $1 - N \left[ 1 - \sqrt{t} - \sqrt{t} \sum_{m=1}^{\frac{N-3}{2}} \frac{1}{2^{2m-1}} \binom{2m-1}{m} (1-t)^m \right]$  odd

• Reconsider the Laplace transform approach

$$F_{max}(t;N) = \Gamma\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) \sum_{m=0}^{N} (-1)^m \binom{N}{m} \mathcal{L}_s^{-1} \left[\frac{\operatorname{erfc}^m(\sqrt{st})}{s^{N/2}}\right]_{u=1}$$

# A saddle point approximation

After playing around, divided and multiplied by complementary error function asymptotic form:

$$\mathcal{L}_{s}^{-1}\left(\left(\pi st\right)^{m/2} \mathrm{e}^{mst} \mathrm{erfc}^{m}\left(\sqrt{st}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\pi t}\right)^{m/2} \frac{e^{-smt}}{s^{\frac{N+m}{2}}}\right) \approx \left(\frac{N+m}{2-2mt}\right)^{m/2}$$

$$\times \quad \mathrm{e}^{\frac{m(N+m)t}{2-2mt}} \mathrm{erfc}^{\mathrm{m}}\left(\sqrt{\frac{(N+m)t}{2-2mt}}\right) \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(\frac{N+m}{2}\right)} (1-mt)^{\frac{N+m-2}{2}} \Theta(1-mt)$$

This gives

$$F_{\max}^{\beta=1}(t \in I_k; N) = \sum_{m=0}^{k} \frac{\binom{N}{m}(-1)^m \left(\frac{N+m}{2}\right)^{\frac{m}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) (1-mt)^{\frac{N}{2}-1}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{N+m}{2}\right)} \times e^{\frac{m\left(\frac{N+m}{2}\right)t}{1-mt}} \operatorname{erfc}^m \left(\sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{N+m}{2}\right)t}{1-mt}}\right)$$



Comparison of max intensity distribution functions for orthogonal ensembles. Full saddle point approximation improves considerably agreement with "exact" result vis-a-vis asymptotic Gumbel form. Simpler asymptotic form is an improvement only at larger *t*.

# Distribution functions for maxima and minima intensities

- Suppose an ensemble of systems acts in an N-dimensional vector space, {|j⟩}, j = 1, ..., N with eigenvectors of a member system, {|φ<sub>n</sub>⟩}, n = 1, ..., N. The intensities are s<sub>j</sub> = |⟨φ<sub>n</sub>|j⟩|<sup>2</sup>.
- A joint intensity probability density can be defined

$$\rho(\vec{s}; N) = \rho(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_N; N)$$

- Let the maximum intensity be  $s = \max[s_j], j = 1, ... N$
- The distribution function is given by,

$$F_{max}(t;N) = \int_{\frac{1}{N}}^{t} \mathrm{d}s \rho_{max}(s;N) = \int_{0}^{t} \mathrm{d}\vec{s}\rho(\vec{s};N)$$

• Or for the minimum intensity  $s = \min[s_j], \ j = 1, ... N$ 

$$F_{min}(t; N) = 1 - \int_{t}^{\frac{1}{N}} \mathrm{d}s \ \rho_{min}(s; N) = 1 - \int_{t}^{1} \mathrm{d}\vec{s} \ \rho(\vec{s}; N)$$

# Distribution functions for maxima and minima intensities

- Let's pretend for a slide or two that the  $\{s_j\}$ , j = 1, ..., N are similarly distributed independent random variables.
- A joint probability density can be defined and denoted

$$\rho(\vec{s}; N) = \rho(s_1, s_2, ..., s_N; N) = \prod_{j=1}^{N} \rho(s_j; N)$$

The distribution function of the maximum is given by,

$$F_{max}(t;N) = \int^t \mathrm{d}\vec{s} \ \rho(\vec{s};N) = \left[\int^t \mathrm{d}s_j \ \rho(s_j;N)\right]^N \quad (\text{any j})$$

• Or for the minimum

$$F_{min}(t; N) = 1 - \int_{t} \mathrm{d}\vec{s} \ \rho(\vec{s}; N) = 1 - \left[1 - \int^{t} \mathrm{d}s_{j} \ \rho(s_{j}; N)\right]^{N}$$

#### 2 relevant examples: complex and real Gaussian amplitudes

• Complex Gaussian amplitude with  $\frac{1}{N}$ -mean intensity density:

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$$\rho(s) = N e^{-Ns} \qquad (0 \le s \le \infty)$$

$$F_{max}(t; N) = \left(1 - e^{-Nt}\right)^N \longrightarrow \exp\left(-e^{-N(t - \frac{1}{N} \ln N)}\right) \qquad \text{Gu}$$

$$F_{min}(t; N) = 1 - \left[1 - \left(1 - e^{-Nt}\right)\right]^N \rightarrow 1 - e^{-N^2t} \qquad \text{Fr}$$

• Real Gaussian amplitude leads to  $\frac{1}{N}$ -mean intensity density:

$$\rho(s) = \sqrt{\frac{N}{2\pi s}} e^{-Ns/2} \qquad (0 \le s \le \infty)$$

$$F_{max}(t; N) = \operatorname{erf}^{N}\left(\sqrt{Nt/2}\right) \qquad \rightarrow \exp\left(-e^{-\frac{N}{2}\left(t - \frac{1}{N}\ln\frac{2N}{\pi t}\right)}\right) \operatorname{Gu}$$

$$F_{min}(t; N) = 1 - \left[1 - \operatorname{erf}\left(\sqrt{Nt/2}\right)\right]^{N} \rightarrow 1 - e^{-\sqrt{\frac{2N^{3}t}{\pi}}} \qquad \operatorname{Fr}$$