

Random Matrix Theory: Lecture 5

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Definition

A **point process** over a space Λ is a random object X such that $X(D)$ is the number of points in a set $D \subset \Lambda$, which is a random variable on \mathbb{N} . It is said that X has **intensity functions** (or **correlation functions**) $\rho_k : \Lambda^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, with respect to μ , if

$$E \left[\prod_{i=1}^k X(D_i) \right] = \int_{D_1} \cdots \int_{D_k} \rho_k(x_1, \dots, x_k) \mu(dx_k) \cdots \mu(dx_1),$$

where $D_i \subset \Lambda$ are disjoint sets.

Example

Let $V = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ be a random vector on \mathbb{R}^n , such that the variables are exchangeable, i.e. any permutation of the variables gives the same probability distribution. Let $h_n(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be its probability density. Then, $X(D) = \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{X_i}(D)$ is a point process on \mathbb{R} , w.r.t. the Lebesgue measure, and its correlation functions are

$$\rho_k(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-k}} h_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_{k+1} \dots dx_n, \quad (1)$$

with $k = 1, \dots, n$.

Definition

A **determinantal point process** is such that

$$\rho_k(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \det[K(x_i, x_j)]_{i,j=1}^k,$$

where $K : \Lambda \times \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is measurable, and it is called the **kernel** of the process.

Example

See Peres and Virag (2005). Let us present this first interesting example, the where the points are zeros of a random function. Define $f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ where a_n are i.i.d. Gaussian r.v.s over \mathbb{C} . Then

1. The radius of convergence is 1 almost surely.
2. The set $\mathcal{Z} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : f(z) = 0\}$ is almost surely infinite but countable.
3. $X(D) = |D \cap \mathcal{Z}|$ is a determinantal point process over \mathbb{D} , w.r.t. the Lebesgue measure, with kernel

$$K(x, w) = \frac{1}{\pi(1 - z\bar{w})^2},$$

which is called the Bergman kernel.

Example

See Ginibre (1965). Let M be a $n \times n$ random matrix where the entries are independent Gaussian r.v.s. Then, the eigenvalues of M form a determinantal process over \mathbb{C} , w.r.t. $\mu(dz) = e^{-|z|^2} dz/\pi$, with kernel

$$K(z, w) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(z\bar{w})^k}{k!}.$$

Example

Take $\Lambda = \mathbb{R}$. It turns out that the kernel

$$K(x, y) = \frac{\sin(\pi(x - y))}{\pi(x - y)}$$

defines a determinantal process, w.r.t. the Lebesgue measure. This process arises in the limit in different physical and mathematical situations, that is why it is said to be a universal object.

from the density of eigenvalues

Let X_n be the point process from the eigenvalues of the GUE ensemble.

From one Lemma we can see that X_n has correlation functions given by

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_k(x_1, \dots, x_k) &= \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-k}} h_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_{k+1} \dots dx_n \\ &= \det([K_n(x_i, x_j)]_{i,j=1}^k)\end{aligned}$$

with $k = 1, \dots, n$.

According to the Christoffer-Darboux identity

$$\begin{aligned}K_{n+1}(x, y) &= e^{-(V(x)+V(y))/2} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{h_k(x)h_k(y)}{\gamma_k^2} \\&= e^{-(V(x)+V(y))/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi n!}} \frac{h_{n+1}(x)h_n(y) - h_n(x)h_{n+1}(y)}{x - y} \\&= e^{-\frac{1}{2}((x/\sqrt{2})^2+(y/\sqrt{2})^2)} \frac{2^{-n}}{2\sqrt{\pi n!}} \times \\&\quad \frac{H_{n+1}(x/\sqrt{2})H_n(y/\sqrt{2}) - H_n(x/\sqrt{2})H_{n+1}(y/\sqrt{2})}{x - y},\end{aligned}$$

$$e^{-(x/\sqrt{2})^2/2} H_{n+1}(x/\sqrt{2}) \sim \frac{2^{n+1}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \Gamma\left(\frac{n+2}{2}\right) \cos\left(\sqrt{n+1}x - \frac{(n+1)\pi}{2}\right),$$

and

$$e^{-(y/\sqrt{2})^2/2} H_n(y/\sqrt{2}) \sim \frac{2^n}{\sqrt{\pi}} \Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) \cos\left(\sqrt{ny} - \frac{n\pi}{2}\right),$$

the Sine kernel

Take $x = \frac{u}{\sqrt{n}}$ and $y = \frac{v}{\sqrt{n}}$

$$\begin{aligned} K_{n+1}(x, y) &\sim \frac{2^{-2k}}{2\sqrt{\pi}(2k)!} \frac{2^{2k+1}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{2^{2k}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{\pi} \frac{(2k)!}{2^{2k} k!} k! \\ &\quad \frac{\cos(u) \sin(v) - \sin(u) \cos(v)}{u - v} \sqrt{n} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\pi} \frac{\cos(u) \sin(v) - \sin(u) \cos(v)}{u - v} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\pi} \frac{\sin(u - v)}{u - v} \end{aligned}$$

Then in the limit the set of eigenvalues form the

Sine point process.