# Higher order moments and free cumulants of complex Wigner matrices

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#### Definition

By a complex Wigner matrix  $X_N$  we mean a  $N \times N$  random matrix of the form  $X_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}(x_{i,j})$  such that,

- ◊ the entries are complex random variables;
- $\diamond$  the matrix is self-adjoint:  $x_{i,j} = \overline{x_{j,i}}$ ;
- ♦ all entries on and above the diagonal are independent:  $\{x_{i,j}\}_{i < j} \cup \{x_{i,i}\}_i$  are independent;
- ♦ the entries above the diagonal,  $\{x_{i,j}\}_{i < j}$ , are identically distributed;
- $\diamond$  the diagonal entries,  $\{x_{i,i}\}_i$ , are identically distributed;
- $\diamond \ \mathrm{E}(x_{i,j}) = 0 \text{ for all } i, j,$
- $\diamond \ \mathrm{E}(x_{i,j}^2) = 0 \text{ for all } i \neq j,$
- $\diamond \operatorname{E}(|x_{i,j}|^2) = 1 \text{ for all } i,j,$
- $\diamond \ \mathrm{E}(|x_{i,j}|^k) < \infty \text{ for all } i,j,k.$

A collection  $X = (X_N)_N$  of Wigner matrices satisfying these conditions will be called Wigner ensemble.

#### Theorem (Wigner 1955)

$$\frac{1}{N}\lim_{N\to\infty}E(\operatorname{Tr}(X_N^m))=\int_{\mathbb{R}}t^m d\mu(t),$$

where  $\mu$  is the semicircle distribution on [-2, 2].

Equivalently, if we let  $\alpha_m := \frac{1}{N} \lim_{N \to \infty} E(\operatorname{Tr}(X_N^m))$ . Then,

$$\alpha_m = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{m/2+1} \binom{m}{m/2} & \text{for } m \text{ even} \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

$$\sim \alpha_m = |\mathsf{NC}_2(m)|.$$



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## Moment-cumulant relation

$$\alpha_m = \sum_{\pi \in NC(m)} \kappa_\pi,$$

where,

$$\kappa_{\pi} = \prod_{B \subset \pi} \kappa_{|B|}.$$

### Two different approaches

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A partitioned permutation is a pair  $(\mathcal{V}, \pi)$  consisting of  $\pi \in S_n$  and  $\mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{P}(n)$  with  $\pi \leq \mathcal{V}$ . The set of partitioned permutations is denoted by  $\mathcal{PS}_n$ . We let,

$$|(\mathcal{V},\pi)|=2|\mathcal{V}|-|\pi|,$$

with  $|\mathcal{V}| = n - \#(\mathcal{V})$  and  $|\pi| = n - \#(\pi)$ . It is satisfied,

$$|(\mathcal{V} \vee \mathcal{U}, \pi \sigma)| \leq |(\mathcal{V}, \pi)| + |(\mathcal{U}, \sigma)|.$$

For  $(\mathcal{V}, \pi), (\mathcal{W}, \sigma) \in \mathcal{PS}_n$  we define their product as,

 $(\mathcal{V},\pi)\cdot(\mathcal{W},\sigma) = \begin{cases} (\mathcal{V}\vee\mathcal{W},\pi\sigma) & \text{if } |(\mathcal{V}\vee\mathcal{W},\pi\sigma)| = |(\mathcal{V},\pi)| + |(\mathcal{W},\sigma)|, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 



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#### Definition

For  $(\mathcal{U}, \gamma) \in \mathcal{PS}_n$  fixed we say that  $(\mathcal{V}, \pi) \in \mathcal{PS}_n$  is  $(\mathcal{U}, \gamma)$ -non crossing if,

$$(\mathcal{V},\pi)\cdot(\mathbf{0}_{\pi^{-1}\gamma},\pi^{-1}\gamma)=(\mathcal{U},\gamma).$$

The set of  $(\mathcal{U}, \gamma)$ -non crossing partitioned permutations will be denote by  $\mathcal{PS}_{NC}(\mathcal{U}, \gamma)$ .

Let  $m_1, \ldots, m_r \in \mathbb{N}$  and

$$\gamma_{m_1,\ldots,m_r} := (1,\ldots,m_1)\cdots(m_1+\cdots+m_{r-1}+1,\ldots,m),$$

with  $m = \sum_{i=1}^{r} m_i$ . We use the notation,

$$\mathcal{PS}_{NC}(m_1,\ldots,m_r) := \mathcal{PS}_{NC}(1_m,\gamma_{m_1,\ldots,m_r}).$$



$$\mathcal{PS}_{NC}(m) = \{(0_{\pi}, \pi) : \pi \in NC(m)\} \cong NC(m).$$
$$\mathcal{PS}_{NC}(1_{m_1+m_2}, \gamma_{m_1,m_2}) = \{(0_{\pi}, \pi) \mid \pi \in S_{NC}(m_1, m_2)\}$$
$$\cup \{(\mathcal{V}, \pi) \mid \pi \in NC(m_1) \times NC(m_2), \mathcal{V} \lor \gamma = 1_n \text{ and } |\mathcal{V}| = |\pi| + 1\}$$

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In the first part we have  $S_{NC}(m_1, m_2)$  and in the second part  $\mathcal{PS}_{NC}(m_1, m_2)'$ . We shall write

$$\mathcal{PS}_{NC}(m_1, m_2) = S_{NC}(m_1, m_2) \cup \mathcal{PS}_{NC}(m_1, m_2)'.$$



## Partitioned permutations on two circles



#### Definition

Given

$$\{\alpha_m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}, \text{ and } \{\alpha_{m_1,m_2}\}_{m_1,m_2=1}^{\infty}$$

a sequence of first and second order moments, we define the first  $\{\kappa_m\}_m$ , and second  $\{\kappa_{m_1,m_2}\}_{m_1,m_2}$  order cumulants as the sequences given by the recursive formulas,

$$\alpha_m = \sum_{\pi \in NC(m)} \kappa_\pi \tag{2}$$

$$\alpha_{m_1,m_2} = \sum_{(\mathcal{U},\pi)\in\mathcal{PS}_{NC}(m_1,m_2)} \kappa_{(\mathcal{U},\pi)}$$
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with  $\kappa_{(\mathcal{U},\pi)}$  defined as follows,

$$\kappa_{(\mathcal{U},\pi)} = \prod_{\substack{D \text{ blocks of } \mathcal{U} \\ B_1, \dots, B_l \text{ cycles of } \pi \\ B_l \subset D}} \kappa_{|B_1|, \dots, |B_l|}$$

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## Two different approaches

$$\alpha_{m_1,m_2} = |NC_2(m_1,m_2)| \qquad \qquad \kappa_{p,q} = \begin{cases} 2K_4 & \text{if } p = q = 2\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} + K_4 |NC_2^{(2)}(m_1,m_2)|.$$



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#### Definition

For each  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $(\alpha_{m_1,...,m_r})_{m_1,...,m_r=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence indexed by r subscripts. We call this a moment sequence of order r. Given the moment sequences of orders at most r:

$$(\alpha_m)_{m=1}^{\infty}, (\alpha_{m_1,m_2})_{m_1,m_2=1}^{\infty}, \ldots, (\alpha_{m_1,\ldots,m_r})_{m_1,\ldots,m_r=1}^{\infty}$$

we define the free cumulants sequences

$$(\kappa_m)_{m=1}^{\infty}, (\kappa_{m_1,m_2})_{m_1,m_2=1}^{\infty}, \ldots, (\kappa_{m_1,\ldots,m_r})_{m_1,\ldots,m_r=1}^{\infty}$$

associated to these moment sequences with the recursive equations:

$$\alpha_{m_1,\ldots,m_t} = \sum_{(\mathcal{U},\pi)\in\mathcal{PS}_{NC}(m_1,\ldots,m_t)} \kappa_{(\mathcal{U},\pi)}$$

for t = 1, ..., r. With  $\kappa_{(\mathcal{U},\pi)}$  is defined as follows:

$$\kappa_{(\mathcal{U},\pi)} = \prod_{\substack{B \text{ block of } \mathcal{U} \\ V_1, \dots, V_i \text{ cycles of } \pi \text{ with } V_i \subset B}} \kappa_{|V_1|, \dots, |V_i|}$$

The numbers  $\kappa_{m_1,...,m_r}$  are called the *free cumulants of order r* and the sequence  $(\kappa_{m_1,...,m_r})_{m_1,...,m_r=1}^{\infty}$  is called the *free cumulant sequence of order r*.



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## Third order case

Let  $X_N$  be a  $N \times N$  Wigner matrix which satisfies the extra condition:

$$K_3(x_{1,1}, x_{1,1}, x_{1,1}) = 0.$$

Let,

$$\alpha_{m_1,m_2,m_3} := \mathsf{NK}_3(\mathrm{Tr}(X_{\mathsf{N}}^{m_1}),\mathrm{Tr}(X_{\mathsf{N}}^{m_2}),\mathrm{Tr}(X_{\mathsf{N}}^{m_3})).$$

#### Theorem (M, Mingo, '22)

For  $m_1, m_2, m_3 \in \mathbb{N}$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{m_1,m_2,m_3} &= |\mathsf{NC}_2(m_1,m_2,m_3)| + 4\mathsf{K}_6|\mathcal{PS}_{\mathsf{NC}_2}^{(1,1,1)}(m_1,m_2,m_3)| \\ &+ 4\mathsf{K}_4^2|\mathcal{PS}_{\mathsf{NC}_2}^{(2,1,1)}(m_1,m_2,m_3)| + 2\mathsf{K}_4|\mathcal{PS}_{\mathsf{NC}_2}^{(1,1)}(m_1,m_2,m_3)| \\ &+ (\mathring{\mathsf{K}}_4 - 2\mathsf{K}_4)|\mathcal{PS}_{\mathsf{NC}_{2,1,1}}^{(1,1,1)}(m_1,m_2,m_3)| \end{aligned}$$

equivalently,

$$\kappa_{m,n,p} = \begin{cases} 4K_6 & \text{if } m = n = p = 2\\ K_4^0 - 2K_4 & \text{if } \{m, n, p\} = \{2, 1, 1\}\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

whit  $K_6 = K_6(x_{1,2}, x_{1,2}, x_{2,1}, x_{2,1})$ ,  $K_4^0 = K_4^0(x_{1,1}, x_{1,1}, x_{1,1}, x_{1,1})$  and  $K_4 = K_4(x_{1,2}, x_{1,2}, x_{2,1}, x_{2,1})$ .

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- $x_{i,i} \sim N(0,1)$  for all *i*, this is;  $x_{i,i}$  has standard normal distribution.
- For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\epsilon_1, \ldots, \epsilon_n \in \{-1, 1\}$  and  $i \neq j$  we have that,

$$K_n(x_{i,j}^{(\epsilon_1)},\ldots,x_{i,j}^{(\epsilon_{2n+1})})=0$$

whenever either *n* is odd, or *n* is even but the number of  $\epsilon_i$  which are 1 is different to the number of  $\epsilon_i$  which are -1. With  $x_{i,j}^{(1)} = x_{i,j}$  and  $x_{i,j}^{(-1)} = x_{j,i}$ .



Let,

$$\alpha_{m_1,\ldots,m_r}^{(N)} := N^{r-2} \mathcal{K}_r(\operatorname{Tr}(X_N^{m_1}),\ldots,\operatorname{Tr}(X_N^{m_r})),$$

and

$$\alpha_{m_1,\ldots,m_r} := \lim_{N \to \infty} \alpha_{m_1,\ldots,m_r}^{(N)}.$$

#### Lemma

The limit;

$$\lim_{N\to\infty}\alpha_{m_1,\ldots,m_r}^{(N)}$$

exist for any  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $m_1, \ldots, m_r \in \mathbb{N}$ . Moreover,

$$\alpha_{m_1,\dots,m_r} = \sum_{\substack{\pi \in \mathcal{P}(m) \\ \#(\pi) - m/2 + r - 2 = 0}} \sum_{\substack{\tau \in \mathcal{P}(m) \\ \tau \lor \gamma = 1_m \\ \tau \in \mathcal{P}_{bal}(\pi)}} K_{\tau}(\pi).$$
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