

*Concentration Inequalities for Random
Matrices*

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exponential tail inequalities

classical theme in probability and statistics

quantify the asymptotic statements

central limit theorems

large deviation principles

classical exponential inequalities

sum of independent random variables

$$S_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (X_1 + \cdots + X_n)$$

$0 \leq X_i \leq 1$ independent

$$\mathbb{P}(S_n \geq \mathbb{E}(S_n) + t) \leq e^{-t^2/2}, \quad t \geq 0$$

Hoeffding's inequality

same as for X_i standard Gaussian

central limit theorem

measure concentration ideas

asymptotic geometric analysis

V. Milman (1970)

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$$F(X) = F(X_1, \dots, X_n), \quad F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \text{Lipschitz}$$

Gaussian sample

independent random variables

concentration inequalities

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X_1, \dots, X_n independently standard Gaussian

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$0 \leq X_i \leq 1$ independent, F 1-Lipschitz and convex

$$\mathbb{P}\left(F(X) \geq \mathbb{E}(F(X)) + t\right) \leq 2e^{-t^2/4}, \quad t \geq 0$$

M. Talagrand (1995)

empirical processes

X_1, \dots, X_n independent with values in (S, \mathcal{S})

\mathcal{F} collection of functions $f : S \rightarrow [0, 1]$

$$Z = \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{i=1}^n f(X_i)$$

Z Lipschitz and convex

concentration inequalities on

$$\mathbb{P}\left(|Z - \mathbb{E}(Z)| \geq t\right), \quad t \geq 0$$

$$Z = \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{i=1}^n f(X_i)$$

$$|f| \leq 1, \quad \mathbb{E}(f(X_i)) = 0, \quad f \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(|Z - M| \geq t) \leq C \exp\left(-\frac{t}{C} \log\left(1 + \frac{t}{\sigma^2 + M}\right)\right), \quad t \geq 0$$

$C > 0$ numerical constant, M mean or median of Z

$$\sigma^2 = \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(f^2(X_i))$$

M. Talagrand (1996)

P. Massart (2000)

S. Boucheron, G. Lugosi, P. Massart (2005)

P.-M. Samson (2000) (dependence)

concentration inequalities

numerous applications

- geometric functional analysis
- discrete and combinatorial probability
- empirical processes
- statistical mechanics
- random matrix theory

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recent studies of

random matrix and random growth models

new asymptotics

common, non-central, rate $(\text{mean})^{1/3}$

universal limiting **Tracy-Widom** distribution

random matrices, longest increasing subsequence,

random growth models, last passage percolation...

sample covariance matrices

multivariate statistical inference

principal component analysis

population (Y_1, \dots, Y_N)

Y_j vectors (column) in \mathbb{R}^M (characters)

$Y = (Y_1, \dots, Y_N)$ $M \times N$ matrix

sample covariance matrix $Y Y^t$ ($M \times M$)

(independent) **Gaussian** Y_j : **Wishart matrix models**

is $Y Y^t$ a good approximation of the
population covariance matrix

$$\mathbb{E}(Y Y^t) ?$$

M finite

$$\frac{1}{N} Y Y^t \rightarrow \mathbb{E}(Y Y^t) \quad N \rightarrow \infty$$

M infinite?

$$M = M(N) \rightarrow \infty \quad N \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\frac{M}{N} \sim \rho \in (0, \infty) \quad N \rightarrow \infty$$

sample covariance matrices

$$Y = (Y_1, \dots, Y_N) \quad M \times N \quad \text{matrix}$$

$$Y = (Y_{ij})_{1 \leq i \leq M, 1 \leq j \leq N}$$

Y_{ij} independent identically distributed

(real or complex)

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_{ij}) = 0, \quad \mathbb{E}(Y_{ij}^2) = 1$$

Wishart model : Y_j standard Gaussian in \mathbb{R}^M

numerous extensions

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center of interest : **eigenvalues** $0 \leq \lambda_1^N \leq \dots \leq \lambda_M^N$

of $Y Y^t$ ($M \times M$ non-negative symmetric matrix)

$\sqrt{\lambda_k^N}$ singular values of Y

$\hat{\lambda}_k^N = \frac{\lambda_k^N}{N}$ eigenvalues of $\frac{1}{N} Y Y^t$

spectral measure $\frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=1}^M \delta_{\hat{\lambda}_k^N}$

asymptotics $M = M(N) \sim \rho N \quad N \rightarrow \infty$

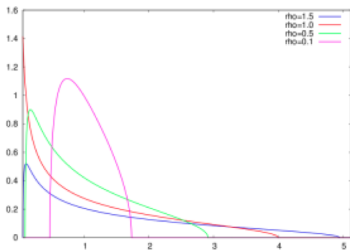
Marchenko-Pastur theorem (1967)

asymptotic behavior of the spectral measure $(\widehat{\lambda}_k^N = \lambda_k^N/N)$

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global regime

large deviation asymptotics of the spectral measure

fluctuations of the spectral measure

$$\sum_{k=1}^M [f(\widehat{\lambda}_k^N) - \int_{\mathbb{R}} f d\nu] \rightarrow G \quad \text{Gaussian variable}$$

$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ smooth

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local regime

behavior of the individual eigenvalues

spacings (bulk behavior)

extremal eigenvalues (edge behavior)

extremal eigenvalues

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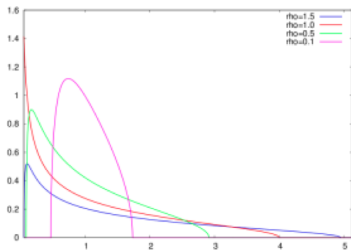
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complex or real Gaussian (Wishart matrices)

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K. Johansson (2000), I. Johnstone (2001)

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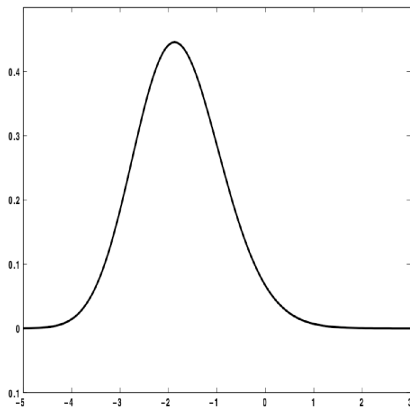
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(complex) $F_{\text{TW}}(s) = \exp\left(-\int_s^\infty (x-s)u(x)^2 dx\right), \quad s \in \mathbb{R}$

$u'' = 2u^3 + xu$ Painlevé II equation

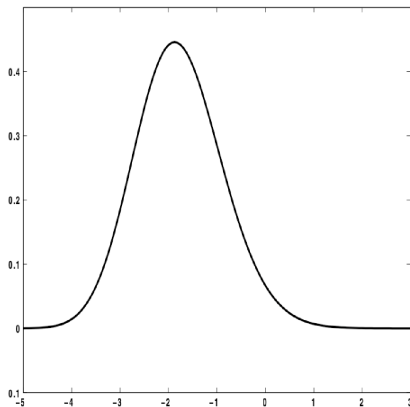


density

mean $\simeq -1.77$

$$F_{\text{TW}}(s) \sim e^{-s^3/12} \quad \text{as } s \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$1 - F_{\text{TW}}(s) \sim e^{-4s^3/27} \quad \text{as } s \rightarrow +\infty$$



density

(similar for real case)

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Gaussian (Wishart matrices)

completely solvable models

determinantal structure

orthogonal polynomial analysis

asymptotics of Laguerre orthogonal polynomials

C. Tracy, H. Widom (1994)

K. Johansson (2000), I. Johnstone (2001)

extension to non-Gaussian matrices

A. Soshnikov (2001-02)

moment method $\mathbb{E}(\text{Tr}((YY^t)^p))$

L. Erdős, H.-T. Yau (2009-12) (and collaborators)

local Marchenko-Pastur law

T. Tao, V. Vu (2010-11)

Lindeberg comparison method

symmetric matrices

(brief) survey of recent approaches to
non-asymptotic exponential inequalities

quantify the limit theorems

spectral measure

extremal eigenvalues

catch the **new rate** $(\text{mean})^{1/3}$

from the **Gaussian case to non-Gaussian models**

two main questions and objectives

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Wishart matrices

more general covariance matrices

measure concentration tool

$$F = F(Y Y^t) = F(Y_{ij})$$

satisfactory for the global regime

less satisfactory for the local regime

specific functionals

eigenvalue counting function

extreme eigenvalues

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A. Guionnet, O. Zeitouni (2000)

measure concentration tool

$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ smooth (Lipschitz)

$X = (X_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq M}$ $M \times M$ symmetric matrix

eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_M$

$F : X \rightarrow \text{Tr } f(X) = \sum_{k=1}^M f(\lambda_k)$ Lipschitz

with respect to the Euclidean structure on $M \times M$ matrices

convex if f is convex

concentration inequalities

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M. Talagrand (1995)

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Gaussian entries Y_{ij}

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compactly supported entries Y_{ij}

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non-Lipschitz functions f

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Wishart matrices (determinantal structure)

I interval in (a, b)

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exponential tail inequalities

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non-Gaussian covariance matrices

comparison with Wishart model

partial results

localization results **L. Erdős, H.-T. Yau (2009-12)**

Lindeberg comparison method **T. Tao, V. Vu (2010-11)**

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S. Dallaporta, V. Vu (2011)

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{N}_I - \mathbb{E}(\mathcal{N}_I) \geq t) \leq C e^{-ct^\delta}, \quad t \geq C \log M, 0 < \delta \leq 1$$

T. Tao, V. Vu (2012)

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fluctuations of the **largest eigenvalue**

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finite M inequalities

at the (mean)^{1/3} rate

reflecting the tails of F_{TW}

bounds on $\text{Var}(\hat{\lambda}_M^N)$

measure concentration tool

(Gaussian) Wishart matrix $Y Y^t$

$$\lambda_M^N = \max_{1 \leq k \leq M} \lambda_k^N = \sup_{|v|=1} |Y v|^2$$

$$s_M^N = \sqrt{\lambda_M^N} \quad \text{Lipschitz of the Gaussian entries } Y_{ij}$$

Gaussian concentration

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\widehat{s}_M^N \geq \mathbb{E}(\widehat{s}_M^N) + t\right) \leq e^{-Mt^2/C}, \quad t \geq 0$$

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correct large deviation bounds ($t \geq 1$)

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does not fit the small deviation regime $t = s M^{-2/3}$

extreme eigenvalues

alternate tools

Riemann-Hilbert analysis (Wishart matrices)

tri-diagonal representations (Wishart and β -ensembles)

moment methods (Wishart and non-Gaussian matrices)

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$$\mathbb{P}(\hat{\lambda}_M^N \leq b(\rho) + s M^{-2/3}) \rightarrow F_{\text{TW}}(C s)$$

bounds for Wishart matrices

tri-diagonal representation

B. Rider, M. L. (2010)

$$\mathbb{P}(\hat{\lambda}_M^N \geq b(\rho) + \epsilon) \leq C e^{-M\epsilon^{3/2}/C}, \quad 0 < \epsilon \leq 1$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\hat{\lambda}_M^N \leq b(\rho) - \epsilon) \leq C e^{-M\epsilon^3/C}, \quad 0 < \epsilon \leq b(\rho)$$

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fit the **Tracy-Widom** asymptotics ($\epsilon = s M^{-2/3}$)

$$1 - F_{\text{TW}}(s) \sim e^{-s^{3/2}/C} \quad (s \rightarrow +\infty)$$

$$F_{\text{TW}}(s) \sim e^{-s^3/C} \quad (s \rightarrow -\infty)$$

$$\text{Var}(\widehat{\lambda}_M^N) = O\left(\frac{1}{M^{4/3}}\right)$$

$$M^{2/3} [\widehat{\lambda}_M^N - b(\rho)] \rightarrow C(\rho) F_{\text{TW}}$$

$$b(\rho) = (1 + \sqrt{\rho})^2$$

$$\widehat{\lambda}_M^N = \lambda_M^N / N, \quad M = M(N) \sim \rho N$$

$$\frac{(\sqrt{MN})^{1/3}}{(\sqrt{M} + \sqrt{N})^{4/3}} \left(\lambda_M^N - (\sqrt{M} + \sqrt{N})^2 \right) \rightarrow F_{\text{TW}}$$

$$N + 1 \geq M \quad 0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$$

$$\mathbb{P} \left(\lambda_M^N \geq (\sqrt{M} + \sqrt{N})^2 (1 + \varepsilon) \right) \leq C e^{-\sqrt{MN} \varepsilon^{3/2} (\frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \wedge (\frac{M}{N})^{1/4}) / C}$$

$$\mathbb{P} \left(\lambda_M^N \leq (\sqrt{M} + \sqrt{N})^2 (1 - \varepsilon) \right) \leq C e^{-MN \varepsilon^3 (\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \wedge (\frac{M}{N})^{1/2}) / C}$$

bi and tri-diagonal representation

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_N & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ \tilde{\chi}_{(M-1)} & \chi_{N-1} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \tilde{\chi}_{(M-2)} & \chi_{N-3} & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \cdots & \ddots & \tilde{\chi}_2 & \chi_{N-M+2} & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & \tilde{\chi}_1 & \chi_{N-M+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\chi_{(N-1)}, \dots, \chi_1, \tilde{\chi}_{(M-1)}, \dots, \tilde{\chi}_1$ independent chi-variables

$B B^t$ same spectrum as $Y Y^t$ (Wishart)

H. Trotter (1984), A. Edelman, I. Dumitriu (2002)

extension to β -ensembles

bounds for non-Gaussian entries

moment method $\mathbb{E}(\text{Tr}((YY^t)^p))$

O. Feldheim, S. Sodin (2010)

largest eigenvalue (symmetric, subGaussian entries)

$$\mathbb{P}(\hat{\lambda}_M^N \geq b(\rho) + \varepsilon) \leq C e^{-M\varepsilon^{3/2}/C}, \quad 0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$$

below the mean ?

necessary for variance bounds

variance level

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\lambda}_M^N) = O\left(\frac{1}{M^{4/3}}\right)$$

S. Dallaporta (2012)

comparison with Wishart model

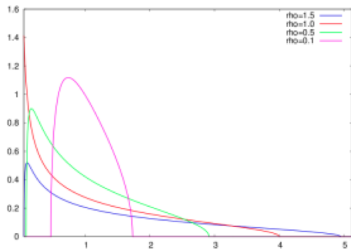
localization results **L. Erdős, H.-T. Yau (2009-12)**

Lindeberg comparison method **T. Tao, V. Vu (2010-11)**

smallest eigenvalue

soft edge $M = M(N) \sim \rho N$, $\rho < 1$

$$a(\rho) = (1 - \sqrt{\rho})^2$$



$$\mathbb{P}(\widehat{\lambda}_1^N \leq a(\rho) - \varepsilon) \leq C e^{-M\varepsilon^{3/2}/C}, \quad 0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$$

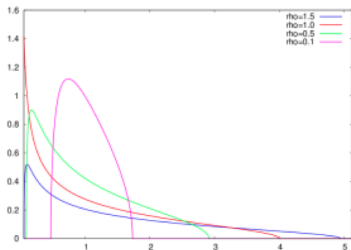
$$\mathbb{P}(\widehat{\lambda}_1^N \geq a(\rho) + \varepsilon) \leq C e^{-M\varepsilon^3/C}, \quad 0 < \varepsilon \leq a(\rho)$$

Wishart matrices **B. Rider, M. L. (2010)**

smallest eigenvalue

hard edge $M = N, \rho = 1$

$$a(\rho) = (1 - \sqrt{\rho})^2 = 0$$



$$\mathbb{P}\left(\widehat{\lambda}_1^N \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{N^2}\right) \leq C\sqrt{\varepsilon} + C e^{-cN}$$

large families of covariance matrices

M. Rudelson, R. Vershynin (2008-10)