

Two random matrix central limit theorems

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Two probabilistic models

- **Non-intersecting random walks (Dyson's Brownian motions, random Hexagon tiling)**
- **Last passage percolation**

Universal fluctuations as in the random matrix theory at least in certain asymptotic regimes

Universality theorems in random matrix theory

A. Unitary invariant ensembles

The set of $N \times N$ Hermitian matrices H with measure $e^{-N \operatorname{tr} V(H)}$

Take $N \rightarrow \infty$.

Limiting density of eigenvalues depend on V .

But local statistics are independent of V : given by sine kernel (bulk) or Airy kernel (edge)

[Pastur-Shcherbina], [Bleher-Its], [Deift-Kriecherbauer-McLaughlin-Venakides-Zhou], [Deift-Gioev]

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\left(\xi_{\max}(N) - a\right) b N^{2/3} \leq x\right) \rightarrow F_{TW}(x) = \det(1 - \mathcal{A} |_{(x, \infty)})$$

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\text{no eigenvalue in } \left(x_0 - \frac{cx}{N}, x_0 + \frac{cx}{N}\right)\right) \rightarrow \det(1 - \mathcal{S} |_{(-x, x)})$$

$$\mathcal{A}(u, v) = \frac{\text{Ai}(u) \text{Ai}'(v) - \text{Ai}'(u) \text{Ai}(v)}{u - v}$$

$$\mathcal{S}(u, v) = \frac{\sin(\pi(u - v))}{\pi(u - v)}$$

B. Orthogonal and Symplectic ensembles

[Deift-Gioev]

C. Wigner matrices

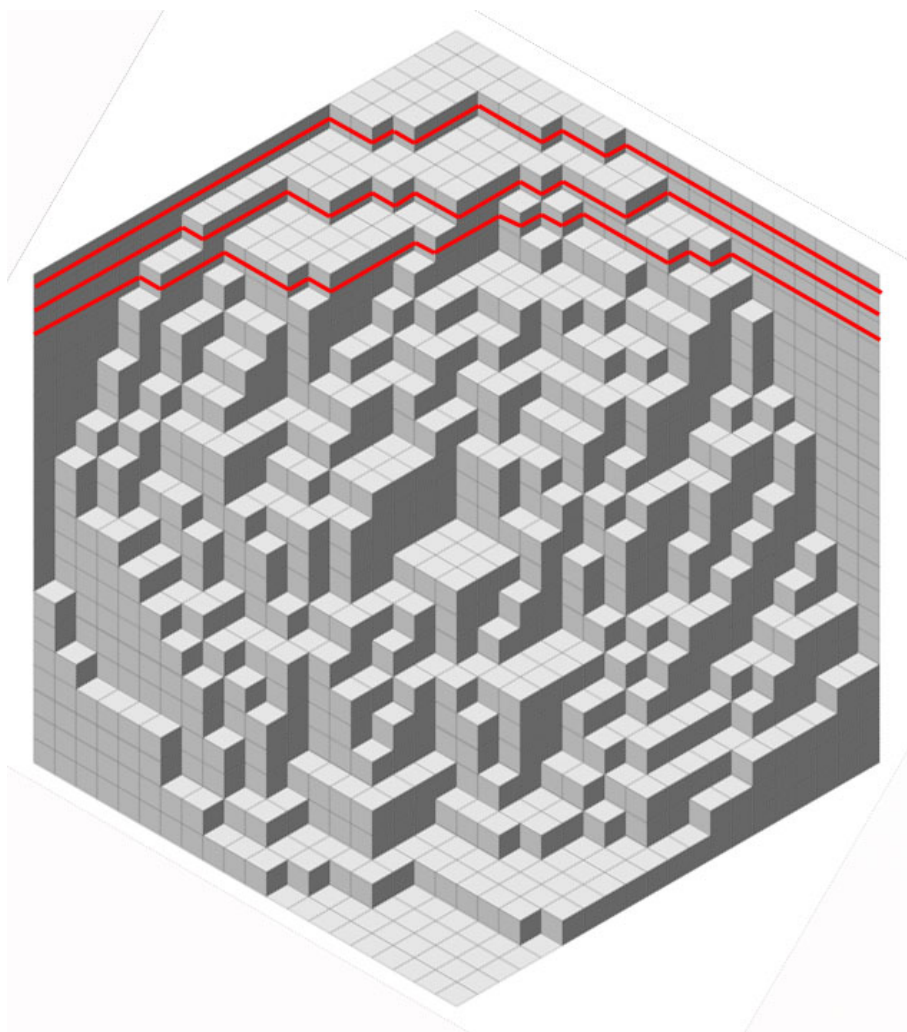
Hermitian matrices with independent and 'identically distributed' entries

Limiting distribution of the largest eigenvalue is universal [Soshnikov]

Non-intersecting random walks

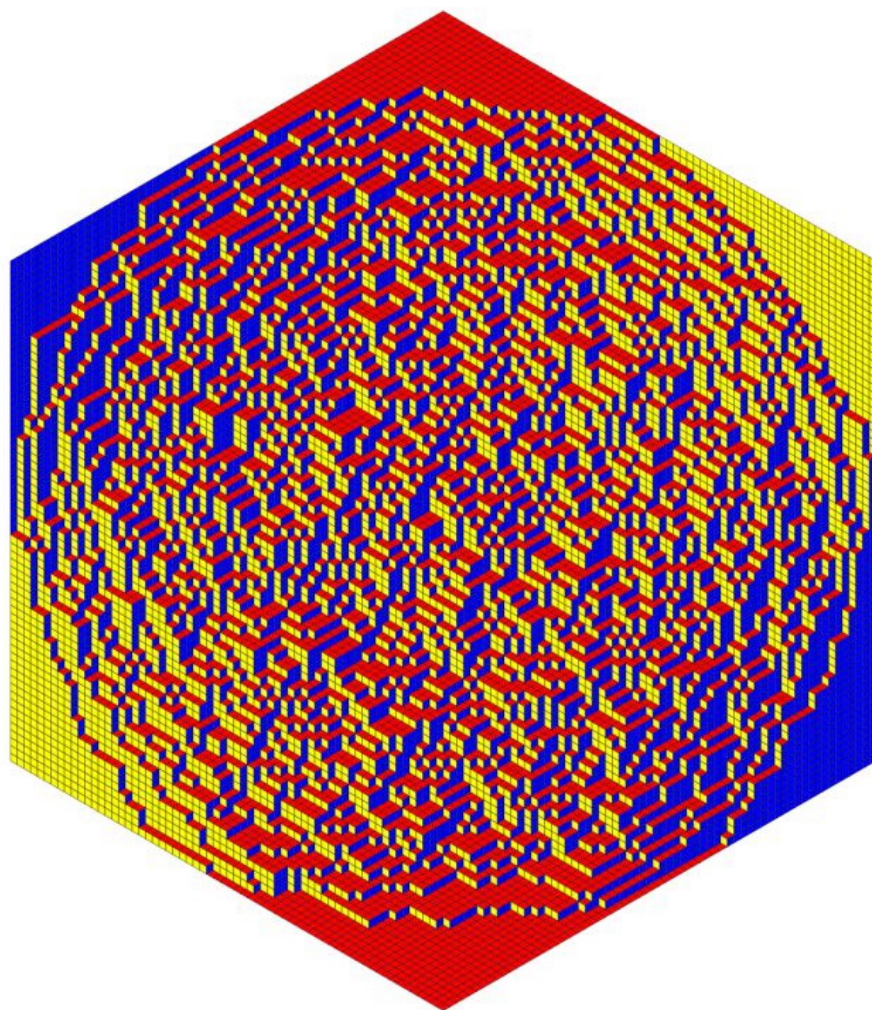
Example 1. Bernoulli walks

Picture by Propp, size=20



= random rhombus tiling of Hexagon

Propp, size=64



$n =$ number of walks

$T =$ time steps

For $n = O(T) \rightarrow \infty$, limiting distributions are given by those of GUE

[Baik-Kriecherbauer-McLaughlin-Miller] (based on the algebraic work of [Johansson])

Example 2. Dyson process

n **Brownian bridge processes** $B_t = (B_t^{(1)}, \dots, B_t^{(n)})$ for $t \in [0, 2]$ such that $B_0 = B_2 = 0$, **conditioned not to intersect** (i.e. $B_t^{(1)} > \dots > B_t^{(n)}$).

Density of B_t at time $t = 1$ is

$$c_n \cdot \prod_{1 \leq j < k \leq n} |b_j - b_k|^2 \prod_{j=1}^n e^{-b_j^2}$$

Eigenvalue density of $n \times n$ GUE!

Proof: Karlin-McGregor argument

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P}(a_1 \rightarrow b_1, a_2 \rightarrow b_2, \text{no intersect}) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(a_1 \rightarrow b_1, a_2 \rightarrow b_2) - \mathbb{P}(a_1 \rightarrow b_2, a_2 \rightarrow b_1) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(a_1 \rightarrow b_1)\mathbb{P}(a_2 \rightarrow b_2) - \mathbb{P}(a_1 \rightarrow b_2)\mathbb{P}(a_2 \rightarrow b_1) \\ &= \det \left[\mathbb{P}(a_j \rightarrow b_k) \right]_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} \end{aligned}$$

Other examples.

Longest increasing subsequences, random Young diagram [Karlin]

Random domino tiling of Aztec diamond [Johansson]

A model for bus system in Cuernavaca, Mexico [Baik-Borodin-Deift-Suidan]

General non-intersecting random walks

Fix n , take $T \rightarrow \infty$: random walks \approx Brownian motions.

If we take $T \rightarrow \infty$ first, and then $n \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain the random matrix limits.

Can we take $n, T \rightarrow \infty$ simultaneously?

Brownian approximation v.s. non-intersect conditioning

[Baik-Suidan] For general random variables with finite moment-generating function, yes when ' $T \geq O(n^{8n^3})$ '.

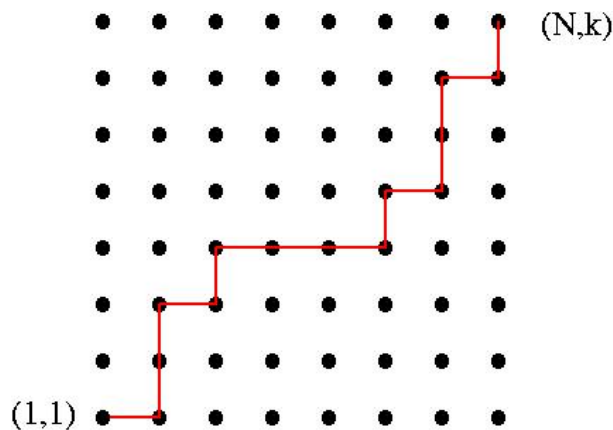
- For a few special cases, yes even when $T = O(n)$
- True for general random variables? Open question.

Last passage percolation

i.i.d. random variables $X(i, j)$ at each site $(i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$.

Admissible paths: $\Pi(N, k) =$ the set of ‘up/right’ paths from $(1, 1)$ to (N, k)

Total $\binom{N+k-2}{N-1}$ paths



Last passage time:

$$L(N, k) := \max_{\pi \in \Pi(N, k)} \left\{ \sum_{(i, j) \in \pi} X(i, j) \right\}$$

Random growth model, queues in tandem, interacting particle systems

1. Expectation

(1) $k = o(N)$, $\lim_{N,k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathbb{E}L(N,k) - \mu N}{\sqrt{Nk}} = 2\sigma$ [Seppäläinen]

(2) $k = O(N)$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathbb{E}L([xn],[yn])}{n} = a(x,y)$ Formula of $a(x,y)$ is not known for general r.v.

Exponential: $a(x,y) = (\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})^2$ [Rost]

Geometric: $a(x,y) = \frac{q(x+y) + 2\sqrt{qxy}}{1-q}$ [Johansson]

2. Limiting distribution

Exponential, Geometric [Johansson]

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P} \left(\frac{L([xn],[yn]) - a(x,y)n}{b(x,y)n^{1/3}} \leq s \right) = F_{TW}(s).$$

Any general central limit theorem? Yes for thin models.

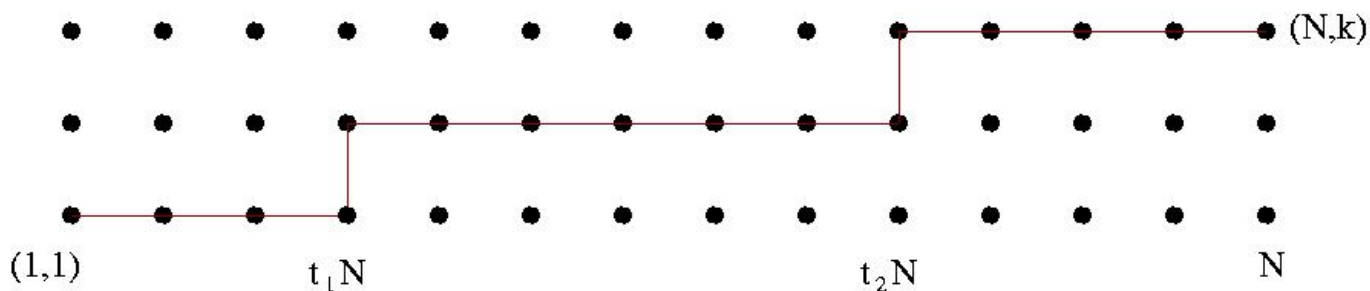
[Baik-Suidan] [Bodineau-Martin] [Suidan]

Suppose $\mathbb{E}(X_{11}) = \mu$, $Var(X_{11}) = \sigma^2$ and $\mathbb{E}|X_{11}|^4 < \infty$.

When $k = o(N^\alpha)$ and $\alpha < \frac{3}{14}$,

$$\lim_{N, k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P} \left(\frac{L(N, k) - \mu(N + k - 1) - 2\sigma\sqrt{Nk}}{\sigma k^{-1/6} N^{1/2}} \leq s \right) = F(s).$$

If all the moments are finite, $\alpha < \frac{3}{7}$.



Proof

$N \rightarrow \infty$: each level \approx Brownian motion

k fixed, $N \rightarrow \infty$ [Glynn + Whitt 1991]

$$\frac{L(N, k) - \mu N}{\sigma \sqrt{N}} \Rightarrow \hat{D}_k(1)$$

$$\hat{D}_k(1) := \sup_{0=t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_{N-1} < t_N := 1} \sum_{j=1}^k (B_j(t_j) - B_j(t_{j-1}))$$

What is this functional ?

‘Solvable’ case (exponential) [Baryshnikov 2001],
[Gravner + Tracy + Widom]: $\hat{D}_k(1) =$ largest eigenvalue of $k \times k$ random Hermitian matrix

Random matrix theory: $k \rightarrow \infty$

$$(\hat{D}_k(1) - 2\sqrt{k})k^{1/6} \Rightarrow \chi$$

“ $k \rightarrow \infty, N \rightarrow \infty$ ” = “ $N, k \rightarrow \infty$ ” ?

Need to couple BM’s: Skorohod embedding,
KMT (Komlós-Major-Tusnády) approximation