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## Okamoto $r$ - $f^2$ theory of Painlevé systems

### • Motivation

$N$  eigenvalues on the real line



Joint PDF  $p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$

Seek formulas for

(A)  $\Pr([a_1, a_2] \text{ contains exactly } n \text{ eigenvalues})$

(B)  $\Pr(\text{exactly } n \text{ eigenvalues to the right of } x \mid \text{there is an eigenvalue at } x)$

Have

$$\begin{aligned} (A) &= \binom{N}{n} \int_{[a_1, a_2]} dx_1 \int_{\mathcal{J}} dx_n \int_{(-\infty, a_1) \setminus \mathcal{J}} dx_{n+1} \dots \int_{\mathcal{J}} dx_N p(x_1, \dots, x_N) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial \mathfrak{J}^n} E_N(\mathcal{J}; \mathfrak{J}) \Big|_{\mathfrak{J}=1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{(-\infty, -\mathfrak{J}] \setminus \mathcal{J}} dx_1 \dots \int_{(-\infty, -\mathfrak{J}] \setminus \mathcal{J}} dx_N p(x_1, \dots, x_N) \quad \text{Generating } f^N$$

$$(B) - \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \prod_{i=1}^N dx_i \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \prod_{i=1}^N dx_i \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \prod_{i=1}^N dx_i p(x_1, \dots, x_N)$$

$$(1)^n \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \prod_{i=1}^N dx_i$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \prod_{i=1}^N dx_i \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \prod_{i=1}^N dx_i p(x_1, \dots, x_N)$$

Another generating  $f^n$

Suppose  $w$

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_N) \propto \prod_{j=1}^N g(x_j) \prod_{1 \leq j < k \leq N} (x_k - x_j)^2$$

Call this  $\mathcal{U}_{E_N} g$

Define

$$E_N \mu \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} g) \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^N \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \chi_J^{(i)}(x_i) \right\rangle_{\mathcal{U}_{E_N} g}$$

$$\frac{1}{C} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \prod_{i=1}^N dx_i \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \prod_{i=1}^N dx_i \right)$$

$$\prod_{j=1}^N g(x_j) \propto \prod_{1 \leq j < k \leq N} (x_k - x_j)^2$$

The

$$(A) - E_N \circ \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} g$$

$$(B) \propto g(c) E_N \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} g$$

Also, for  $\mathbb{E} = 0$  have

$$\left\langle \prod_{i=1}^N |x - x_i|^{\mu} \right\rangle_{\mathcal{U}_{E_N}(g)} = \text{average of power of characteristic polynomial}$$

- Can characterize such averages a  $\tau$ - $f^{\sharp}$  for a Painlevé system in the cases that  $g$  is classical:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \log g(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{poly. degree} \leq 1 \\ \leftarrow \text{poly. degree} \leq 2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow g(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-x^2} \\ x^a e^{-x}, & x > 0 \\ (1-x)^a (1+x)^b, & -1 < x < 1 \\ (1+x^2)^{-\alpha} \end{cases}$$

- Hamiltonian formulation of the Painlevé theory

A. Relationship to Painlevé transcendents

Hamiltonian  $H = H(p, q, t, \vec{v})$

$\leftarrow$  parameters  
 $\leftarrow$  Painlevé transcendent

Hamilton eq<sup>ns</sup>  $\odot q' = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}$   $\odot p' = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q}$

Eliminating  $p$  gives Painlevé d.e. in  $q$ .

e.g.  $H_{II} = -\frac{1}{2}(2q^2 - p + t)p - \frac{v_1 - v_2}{2}q$

①  $q' = -\frac{1}{2}(2q^2 - 2p + t)$       ②  $p' = -2qp - \frac{v_1 - v_2}{2}$

①  $\Rightarrow -2q' = 2q^2 - 2p + t$   
 $\Rightarrow p = q' + q^2 + \frac{t}{2}$

diff. ①  $a'' = -2qq' - p' - \frac{1}{2}$   
 $= -2qq' + 2pq + \frac{v_1 - v_2}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$   
 $= -2qq' + 2q(q' + q^2 + \frac{t}{2}) + \frac{v_1 - v_2}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$   
 $= 2q^3 + qt + \frac{v_1 - v_2 - 1}{2}$

Painlevé II DE with  $\alpha = \frac{v_1 - v_2 - 1}{2}$

$\downarrow$   
 $q'' = 2q^3 + qt + \alpha$

B. DE satisfied by the (auxiliary) Hamiltonian

Hamilton eq<sup>s</sup>  $\Rightarrow \frac{dH}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial t}$

e.g. For  $PII$

$\frac{dH_{II}}{dt} = -\frac{1}{2}p$  (a)

$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 H_{II}}{dt^2} = -\frac{1}{2}p' = \overset{\text{using ②}}{\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial H_{II}}{\partial q}} = \frac{1}{2}(-2qp - \frac{v_1 - v_2}{2})$  (b)

Also

$$t \frac{dH_{II}}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} 2q^2 P) P \quad v_1 v_2 q \quad (c)$$

$$(b) \Rightarrow \left( \frac{d^2 H_{II}}{dt^2} \right) - q P + \frac{v_1 v_2}{2} P q + \frac{(v_1 - v_2)}{4}$$

using (c)  $\rightarrow P \left( H_{II} t \frac{dH_{II}}{dt} - \frac{1}{2} P \right) + \frac{(v_1 v_2)^2}{4^2}$

$$- 2 \frac{dH_{II}}{dt} \left( H_{II} t \frac{dH_{II}}{dt} - 2 \left( \frac{dH_{II}}{dt} \right)^2 \right) + \frac{(v_1 v_2)^2}{4^2}$$

Set  $\sigma_{II}(t) = 2^{1/3} H_{II}(2^{1/3} t)$   $v_1 v_2 \propto a$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\left( \frac{d\sigma_{II}}{dt} \right)^2 + 4 \sigma_{II} \left( \frac{d\sigma_{II}}{dt} \right)^2 - t \sigma_{II} + \sigma_{II}^2 - a^2}_{\text{form of Painlevé I}} = 0$$

Note C. express  $H_{II}$  and therefore  $\sigma_{II}$  in terms of  $q$

Painlevé I transcendent with  $\propto a^{1/2}$

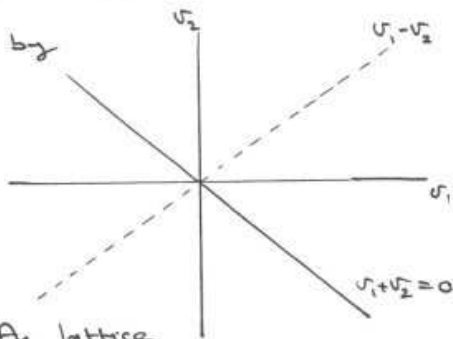
C. Aff. Weyl group symmetries

$\sigma_{II}$  is changed by

$$s_1(v_1, v_2) \rightarrow (v_2, v_1)$$

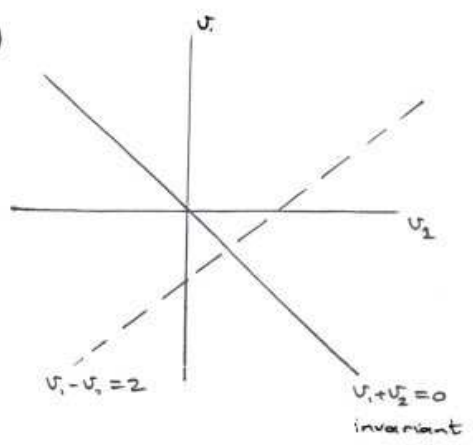
reflection the line  $v_1, v_2$

$v_1 + v_2 = 0$  Direction of  $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2$  root of  $A_2$  lattice



There also the fundamental reflection mapping,

$$s_0(v_1, v_2) = (2+v_1, 2+v_2)$$



Algebra (affine Weyl group  $A_1$ )

$$s_0^2 = 1 \quad s_1 = 1 \quad (s_0 s_1)^4 = 1$$

Suggests another fundamental mapping

rotation of 180 about  $(v_1, v_2) = (1, 1)$

( $\Leftrightarrow$  reflection that pt

$$\pi(v_1, v_2) = (2+v_1, 2+v_2)$$

This interchange reflection line leaves parameter space  $v_1 + v_2 = 0$  invariant

Algebra

$$\pi^2 = 1,$$

$$\pi s_0 = s_1 \pi$$

$\langle \pi, s_0, s_1 \rangle$

Extended  
 $A_1$  Weyl algebra

D. Bäcklund transformations

Action of  $\pi, s_0, s_1$  is defined on the parameters

- Can define action of  $\pi, s_0, s_1$  on  $p, q$  such that the Hamilton eq<sup>ns</sup> are conserved

e.g. PII Define scalars

$$\alpha_0 = 1 + \frac{v_2 - v_1}{2},$$

$\alpha_0 = 0$  defines  
reflection line  
for  $s_0$ .

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{v_1 - v_2}{2}$$

$\alpha_1 = 0$  defines  
reflection line  
for  $s_1$

Have constraint  $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 = 1$

	$\alpha_0$	$\alpha_1$	$p$	$q$	
$s_0$	$-\alpha_0$	$\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_0$	$p + \frac{4\alpha_0 q}{F} + \frac{2\alpha_0^2}{F^2}$	$q + \frac{\alpha_0}{F}$	$p - 2q^2 - t$
$s_1$	$\alpha_0 + 2\alpha_1$	$-\alpha_1$	$p$	$q + \frac{\alpha_1}{p}$	Derived by Okamoto, Noumi & Yamada
$\pi$	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_0$	$-f$	$-q$	



Note must have

$$s^2 p - p \quad \pi^2 p \quad p \quad \text{etc}$$

e.g.  $\pi^2 p - \pi(f)$

$$\begin{matrix} \pi p & 2(\pi q) & t \\ (f & 2q^2 & t) & p \end{matrix}$$

Can check that

$$s_0 H_{II} = H_{II} + \frac{\alpha_0}{f}$$

$$s_1 H_{II} = H_{II}$$

$$\pi H_{II} = H_{II} + q$$

E Shift (Schlenger) oper to s

These are composition of the elementary operators which shift the s by 1 0

e.g.  $T_{II} = \pi s_1$

$$T_{II} (\alpha, \alpha) = \pi s_1 (\alpha_0, \alpha_1)$$

$$(\alpha, 2\alpha_1, \alpha)$$

$$= (\alpha + 2\alpha, \alpha_0)$$

$$(1 \alpha_0, 1 + \alpha)$$

but  $\alpha + \alpha_1 = 1$

$$\Leftrightarrow T_{II} (v, v) = (v + 1, v_2 + 1)$$

- It turns out that the shift operators of interest also have the property

$$T H \Big|_{\substack{\vec{v} = \vec{v}^{(n)} \\ p = p^{(n)} \\ q = q^{(n)}}} \stackrel{!}{=} H \Big|_{\substack{\vec{v} = \vec{v}^{(n+1)} \\ p = p^{(n+1)} \\ q = q^{(n+1)}}} = H \Big|_{\substack{\vec{v} = \vec{v}^{(n+1)} \\ p = p^{(n)} \\ q = q^{(n)}}}$$

write

$$T^n H \Big|_{\substack{\vec{v} = \vec{v}^{(n)} \\ p = p^{(0)} \\ q = q^{(0)}}} \stackrel{!}{=} H[n]$$

Note that  $H[n]$  satisfies the appropriate  $\sigma$ -form of a Painlevé eq<sup>n</sup>.

- Introduce the  $\tau$ -f<sup>n</sup> by

$$H[n] = \frac{d}{dt} \log \chi[n]$$

Essential point Can inductively construct  $\chi[n]$

obtaining  $\left\langle \prod_{\ell=1}^n (1 - \chi^{(\ell)} / \tau) |\alpha - \alpha_\ell|^\mu \right\rangle_{\mathcal{D}E_n(g)}$

$g$  classical, amongst other examples. Hence can characterize such averages as the sol<sup>n</sup> of a  $\sigma$ -form Painlevé eq<sup>n</sup>.

# F Classical solutions

Wait  $\langle \dots \rangle$  and then  $H_L = 0$   
 $n \times n$  random matrix average

By restricting the parameter space to particular chambers via the Painle system we get such

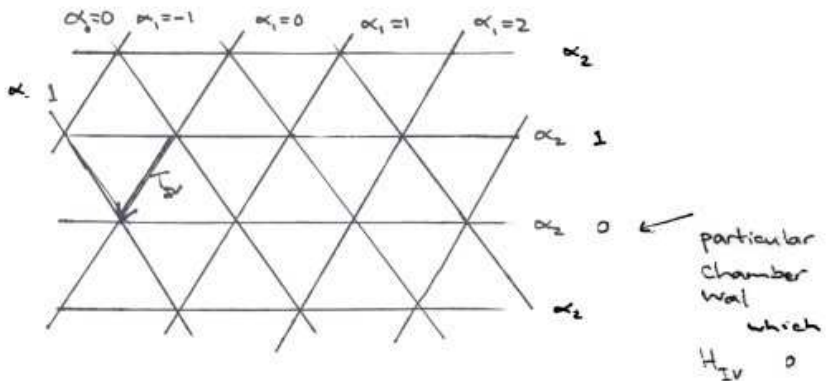
e.g. PIV critical system parameters

$$\alpha_2 = 1 + \sqrt{3} \sqrt{2}$$

$$\alpha_1 = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\alpha_2 = \sqrt{2} \sqrt{3}$$

$$\underbrace{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}_{2\text{-d space}} = 1$$



$$T_{IV} \propto \alpha \propto \alpha \quad \propto 1 \propto \propto 1$$

$$T_{IV} (v \ v \ v) = v \ \frac{1}{3}, \ v \ \frac{1}{3} \ v_3 + \frac{2}{3}$$

$$H_{IV} (2p \ q \ 2t \ pq \ 2 \ v \ v_2) p + (v_3 \ v_2) q$$

Suppose  $\alpha_2 = 0$  i.e.  $v_2 = 0$

Then we see that setting  $p =$  gives

$$H_{IV} = 0$$

Also

$$H_{IV}[1] \quad T_{IV} \quad H_{IV}[0] \quad H_{IV} \propto v^{(1)} p \ p^{(0)} \ q = q[1]$$

$$H_{IV} \propto v^{(0)} + q[1]$$

$$q[1]$$

But

$$q[1] = \left. \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \right|_{p=0, v=0}$$

$$q[1] = \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial p} (2p \ q \ 2t \ pq \ 2 \ v^{(0)} \ v^{(1)}) \right|_{p=0, v=0}$$

$$= q[0] \ q[0] + 2t \ 2 \ v \ v_2^{(0)} \ q[0]$$

R. H. eq

$$\text{Linearized by } q[1] = \frac{d}{dt} \tau[1]$$

$\Rightarrow \tau[1]$  satisfies

$$u'' + 2tu + 2(v^{(0)} \ v_2^{(0)}) u = 0$$

Hermite Weber eq<sup>n</sup>

Th per to the general integral sol<sup>n</sup>

$$\left( \int_t^{\infty} \int_t^{\infty} \right) t u^{r^{(1)} r^{(2)}} e^{-u^2} du$$

$$\langle t - u^m \rangle_{\text{UE}_1 e^{-u^2}}$$

set  
 $r^{(1)} r^{(2)} = m$

Q. Toda lattice eq<sup>n</sup>

What about  $\tau[n]$  for  $n \geq 2$ ?

establish the Toda lattice eq

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \log \left( e^{t^2 (\alpha_2^{(1)}) n} \tau_{IV}[n] \right) = \frac{\tau_{IV}[n+1] \tau_{IV}[n-1]}{(\tau_{IV}[n])^2}$$

Method

$$\frac{d}{dt} \log \frac{\tau_{IV}[n+1] \tau_{IV}[n-1]}{(\tau_{IV}[n])^2} = H_{IV}[n+1] + H_{IV}[n-1] - 2H_{IV}[n]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\tau_{IV}^{-1} H_{IV}[n] H_{IV}[n]) + \tau_{IV}^{-1} (H_{IV}[n] \tau_{IV}^{-1} H_{IV}[n]) \\ & - q[n] \tau_{IV}^{-1} q[n] \end{aligned}$$

compute th from action  
of the elementary operators  
using Table

verify  
from  
explicit  
calc

$$\rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \log \left( \frac{d}{dt} H_{IV}[n] t (\alpha_2^{(1)}) n \right)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \log \frac{d}{dt} \log \left( \tau_{IV}[n] e^{t^2 (\alpha_2^{(1)}) n} \right)$$

Sg finance

result Sylvester derived using properties  
 minor of determinant gives that the Toda  
 lattice eq<sup>n</sup>

$$\frac{d}{dt^2} \log g[n] = \frac{g[n+1]g[n-1]}{g[n]^2}$$

has the same so<sup>n</sup>

$$g[n] = \det \left[ \frac{d^{j+k}}{dt^{j+k}} g[1] \right]_{j,k} \quad 1$$

Double Wronskian

$$\tau_{IV}[n] = \det \left[ \frac{d^{j+k}}{dt^{j+k}} e^{t^2} \tau_{IV}[1] \right]_{j,k} \quad 1$$

$\left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_t^{\infty} \right) (t-u)^{-l} u^{l+1} e^{u^2} du$

Can easily perform the differentiations

$$e^{t^2} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_t^{\infty} \right) (t-u)^{-l} u^{l+1} e^{u^2} du$$

$$\left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \right) (u^{l+1} e^{u^2}) e^{2tu} du$$

$$\frac{d^{j+k}}{dt^{j+k}} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_t^{\infty} \right) (t-u)^{-l} u^{l+1} e^{u^2} (2u)^{j+k} e^{2tu} du$$

$$2^{j+k} e^{t^2} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_t^{\infty} \right) (t-u)^{-l} u^{l+1} e^{u^2} du$$

$$\rightarrow \tau_{IV}[n] = 2^{n(n-1)} \det \left[ \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_t^{\infty} \right) (t-u)^{-l} u^{l+1} e^{u^2} du \right]$$

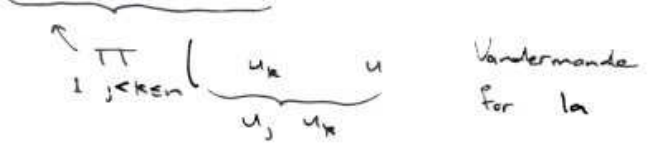
in general

$$\det \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t, u)^{j+k} du \right]_{j,k=0}^{n-1}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du f(u) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du_n f(u_n) \det \left[ t, u_j^{j+k} \right]_{j,k=0}^{n-1}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du f(u) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du_n f(u_n) \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (t, u_{j+1})^{j-1}$$

$$\det \left[ t, u_{j+1}^k \right]_{j,k=0}^{n-1}$$



$$\frac{1}{n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du, f(u) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du_n f(u_n) \prod_{j \in \{1, \dots, n\}} (u - u_k)^2$$

symmetrische  
Integrand  
use  
Vandermonde

$$\zeta_{IV}[n] = \frac{2^{n(n+1)}}{n} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \right) du, e^u (t, u)^{-(v^{(1)} v_2^{(1)})}$$

$$\left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \right) du_n e^{u_n} (t, u_n)^{-(v^{(1)} v_2^{(1)})}$$

$$\prod_{k \in \{1, \dots, n\}} u_k$$

$$\propto \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^n \left( 1 - \chi_{(t, \infty)}^{(j)} \right) \right\rangle_{\mathcal{D}E_n(e^{u^2})}^{-\left( v^{(1)} v_2^{(1)} \right)}$$

As before case) choose  $v^{(1)} v_2^{(1)} = \mu$

Consequence

$$U_N^G(t, \beta) = \frac{d}{dt} \log \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^M (1 + \beta \chi_{(t, \alpha)}^{(j)}) e^{-\alpha_j} \right\rangle_{\mathcal{U}_{E_N}(e^{-x^2})}$$

satisfies the OPIV eq

$$(\sigma_{IV})^2 + 4t \sigma_{IV} \sigma_{IV}^2 + 4 \sigma_{IV} (\sigma_{IV} + 2\alpha) (\sigma_{IV} - 2\alpha) = 0$$

$$H \quad \alpha \quad M \quad \alpha \quad N$$

Boundary condition known

$$\begin{array}{l} \beta = 0 \\ \beta = 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} M \\ M + 2 \end{array}$$

e.g.  $M = 0$

$$U_N^G(t, \beta) \sim \sum_{\mu} p_{\mu}^G$$

$$e^{-x^2} \langle p_{\mu-1} \rangle (p(x) p_{\mu-1}(x) p_{\mu-1}(x) p_{\mu}(x))$$

$$\left\langle \prod_{j=1}^M (1 + \beta \chi_{(t, \alpha)}^{(j)}) \right\rangle_{\mathcal{U}_{E_N}(e^{-x^2})} = \exp \left( \int_t U_N^G(y, \beta) dy \right) \stackrel{2^M H_M(x)}{\sim}$$

H

Application to the generation of small t expansions  
 Jacobian



$$\int_{t_0}^t (1 - 3\chi^j(t)) \int_{\mathcal{U}_N} x^2(x) dx$$

$$t \left\{ \int_{\mathcal{U}_N} y_i; a, b, 0, 3 \right\} c t + C_2 \frac{dt}{t(t-1)}$$

expl Hy

F genera p.  $\langle t, x_L, t \rangle$  satisfies  
 $\sigma_{PVI} \hat{q}$

$$\sigma_{VI}^2 (t(t + \sigma_{VI}))^2 + \left( \sigma_{VI} \left[ 2\sigma_{VI} (2u_2 + u_1 u_3 u_4) \right] \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{4}{k} (\sigma_{VI}^2 + u_k^2)$$

th

$$u_2 = \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \quad N+M \quad u_3 = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+N)$$

$$u_4 = \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \quad u_4 = \frac{1}{2}(b+a)$$

Bo dary condition

$$f(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \tau} -3c t^{a+1} \quad \leftarrow k_1 \quad e. Hy$$

The DE generate the small t expans

$$f(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} 3ct \left( 1 + c^1 t + c t^2 + \dots \right)$$

$$\frac{(3c)^2 t^{2a+2}}{1+a} \left( 1 + c_2^{(1)} t + c_2 t^2 + \dots \right)$$

$$\frac{(3c)^3 t^{3a+3}}{(1+a)^2} \left( 1 + c_3^{(1)} t + c^2 t^2 + \dots \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\langle \prod_{l=1}^M (1 - \beta X_{(0,t)}^{(l)}) \right\rangle_{\text{UE}_N(x^a(1-x)^b)}$$

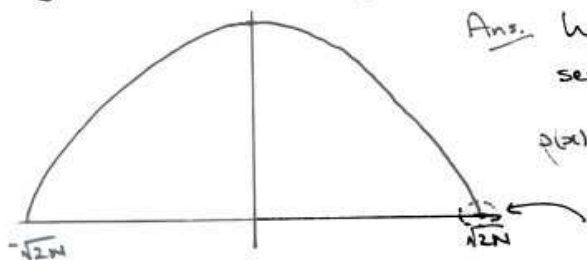
$$= 1 - \frac{c}{1+a} \beta t^{a+1} (1 + b_1^{(1)} t + b_2^{(1)} t^2 + \dots)$$

$$+ A_1 \beta^2 t^{2a+4} (1 + b_2^{(2)} t + b_2^{(2)} t^2 + \dots)$$

+  
↖ general "leading" term  $t^{ka+k^2}$

### I. Soft edge scaling

Reconsider the Gaussian case - what is the eigenvalue density?



Ans. Wigner semi-circle law

$$\rho(x) \underset{N \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{\sqrt{2N}}{\pi} \sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{2N}}$$

call this the soft edge

should scale about this pt

$$x \mapsto \sqrt{2N} + \frac{x}{\sqrt{2} N^{1/6}}$$

Same scaling as

Hermite to Airy transition

$\therefore$  Consider

$$E^{\text{soft}}(s, \beta) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^N (1 - \beta X_{(t, \infty)}^{(j)}) \right\rangle_{\text{UE}_N(e^{-x^2})}$$

$\downarrow$   
 $t \mapsto \sqrt{2N} + \frac{s}{\sqrt{2} N^{1/6}}$

$$= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}N^{1/6}} \int_s^{\infty} U_N^G(\sqrt{2}N + \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}N^{1/6}}; 0; \xi) dt\right)$$

Suggests the existence of the scaled transcendent

$$u^{\text{soft}}(t; 0; \xi) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}N^{1/6}} U_N^G\left(\sqrt{2}N + \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}N^{1/6}}; 0; \xi\right)$$

satisfies  $P_{\text{II}} \sigma_{\text{II}}^2$  with  
 $\alpha_1 = 0, \alpha_2 = -N$

Then would have

$$E^{\text{soft}}(s; \xi) = \exp\left(-\int_s^{\infty} u^{\text{soft}}(t; 0; \xi) dt\right)$$

Formally taking the limit in the d.e. gives that  $u^{\text{soft}}$  satisfies

$$(\sigma_{\text{II}}'')^2 + 4\sigma_{\text{II}}' \left( (\sigma_{\text{II}}')^2 - t\sigma_{\text{II}}' + \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{4}(\alpha + \frac{1}{2})^2 = 0$$

↑  
parameter  
in PII

with  $\alpha = -\frac{1}{2}$ . Must be solved subject to the boundary condition

$$u^{\text{soft}}(t; 0; \xi) \underset{t \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \xi \left( (Ai''(s))^2 - s(Ai(s))^2 \right)$$

scaled limit of  
corresponding boundary  
condition for  $U_N^G$ .

- Expression for  $\sigma_{II}$  in terms of Painlevé II transcendent

$$\sigma_{II}(t) = -2^{113} H_{II}(-2^{113}t)$$

where  $H_{II} = -\frac{1}{2}(2q^2 - p + t)p - (\alpha + \frac{1}{2})q$

and  $q$  satisfies PII :

$$q'' = tq' + 2q^3 + \alpha$$

while  $p$  is related to  $q$  by

$$q' = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} = p - \frac{t}{2} - q^2 \Rightarrow p = q' + q^2 + \frac{t}{2}$$

It follows that

$$H'_{II} = -\frac{1}{2}p = -\frac{1}{2}(q' + q^2 + \frac{t}{2})$$

and so

$$u^{\text{soft}}(t; 0; \frac{1}{2}) = -\frac{1}{2^{113}} \left[ q'(t; -\frac{1}{2}) + q^2(t; -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{t}{2}) \right]_{t \rightarrow -2^{113}t}$$

But an identity due originally to Gambier gives

$$-2^{113} q^2(-2^{113}t; 0) = \frac{d}{dt} q(t; \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) - \varepsilon q^2(t; \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) - \frac{\varepsilon t}{2}, \quad \varepsilon = \pm 1$$

and so

$$\frac{d}{dt} u^{\text{soft}}(t; 0; \frac{1}{2}) = -q^2(t; 0)$$

Hence  $f_t(s, s) \sim \int_s^\infty t \cdot s \cdot q(t) dt$

where  $q$  satisfies

$$q' = tq + 2q^3 \quad (\text{III eq with } \alpha = 0)$$

subject to the boundary condition

$$q \sim \frac{3}{4} A_1(t) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

(Hastings MacLeod sol)