

Characteristic polynomials in real Ginibre ensembles

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Abstract. We calculate the average of two characteristic polynomials for the real Ginibre ensemble of asymmetric random matrices, and its chiral counterpart. Considered as quadratic forms they determine a skew-symmetric kernel from which all complex eigenvalue correlations can be derived. Our results are obtained in a very simple fashion without going to an eigenvalue representation, and are completely new in the chiral case. They hold for Gaussian ensembles which are partly symmetric, with kernels given in terms of Hermite and Laguerre polynomials respectively, depending on an asymmetry parameter. This allows us to interpolate between the maximally asymmetric real Ginibre and the Gaussian Orthogonal Ensemble, as well as their chiral counterparts.

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1. Introduction

Random Matrix Theory is known to enjoy a wide range of applications in the physical sciences and beyond. This remains true when the eigenvalues of the operator to be described move into the complex plane. However, the ensemble that is perhaps the most interesting of these, the real Ginibre ensemble [1] dealing with real-valued asymmetric matrix entries, has turned out to be the most difficult. Possible applications of these ensembles include neural networks [2], directed Quantum Chaos [3], Quantum Chromodynamics [4], financial markets [5], and quantum information theory [6].

The mathematical difficulty in solving these ensembles is due to the fact that they allow for combinations of both real and complex conjugate eigenvalue pairs, with their characteristic equation having only real entries. Apart from results on the spectral density [7, 8, 3] an eigenvalue representation [9, 10] was derived as a starting point for studying systematically higher order eigenvalue correlation functions. Only very recently was their Pfaffian structure explicitly revealed [11, 12], and the probability $p_{N,k}$ that an $N \times N$ matrix has exactly k real eigenvalues [11, 13] as well as all correlations for $k = 0$ were computed [13]. Finally the complete solution for all real and complex eigenvalue correlations was achieved independently by three different groups [14, 15, 16, 17, 18].

In this paper we will give a very simple derivation for the generating kernel of all complex eigenvalue correlations in the general so called elliptic case, dealing with partly symmetric matrices depending on an asymmetry parameter. We also present new results for the chiral real Ginibre ensemble as a two-matrix model which has not yet been considered.

In the next section we will explain the relation between the complex eigenvalue density and characteristic polynomials. After defining the elliptic real Ginibre ensemble and its new chiral extension we consider their corresponding results in two separate sections 3 and 4. Our conclusions are presented in section 5.

2. The rôle of characteristic polynomials generating the kernel

We start with the simplest ensemble considered here, the real Ginibre ensemble at maximal asymmetry. It is just given by a Gaussian measure in the space of real, asymmetric $N \times N$ matrices which is invariant under orthogonal transformations:

$$d\mu(A) \equiv \prod_{i,j=1}^N \left(\frac{dA_{ij}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} A_{ij}^2 \right) \equiv DA e^{-\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} AA^T}. \quad (1)$$

The eigenvalues λ_i obey the equation $\det[\lambda_i - A] = 0$, and thus are real or occur in complex conjugate pairs. They enjoy the following ordered joint probability density function (jpdf) [9, 10]

$$d\mu(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_N) = C_N \cdot d\lambda_1 \dots d\lambda_N \cdot \prod_{i < j}^N (\lambda_i - \lambda_j) \cdot \prod_k^N f(\lambda_k), \quad (2)$$

with some positive definite weight function $f(\lambda_k) = f(\bar{\lambda}_k)$ and a normalisation constant C_N . Here the eigenvalues are ordered as follows if they are real: $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \dots$, if they are complex: $\text{Re}\lambda_1 = \text{Re}\lambda_2 > \text{Re}\lambda_3 = \text{Re}\lambda_4 > \dots$, $\text{Im}\lambda_1 = -\text{Im}\lambda_2 > 0$, $\text{Im}\lambda_3 = -\text{Im}\lambda_4 > 0, \dots$, and similarly if they are mixed (see also [18]).

This implies that the spectral density of complex eigenvalues of the $N + 2$ dimensional ensemble, which can be obtained by inserting a two-dimensional delta-function in the complex plane, is proportional to

$$R_{N+2,1}^C(\lambda) \propto i(\lambda - \bar{\lambda}) f(\lambda)^2 \langle \det[\lambda - A] \det[\bar{\lambda} - A] \rangle_N. \quad (3)$$

The brackets mean the average over the ensemble (1) with the partition function $\mathcal{Z}_N \equiv \int DA e^{-\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} AA^T}$. There is an additional contribution to the total spectral density from the real eigenvalues, which is obtained by inserting a delta-function on the real axis, which we do not consider here. We are therefore led to consider the following correlation of two characteristic polynomials of A ‡

$$\mathcal{F}_N(\lambda, \gamma) \equiv \langle \det[\lambda - A] \det[\gamma - A^\dagger] \rangle_N \equiv \frac{\mathcal{K}_N^{\beta=1}(\lambda, \gamma)}{\lambda - \gamma} \quad \text{with } \lambda \neq \gamma. \quad (4)$$

‡ The Hermitian conjugate is put here merely to stress the analogy to other ensembles discussed below, as for real matrices $\det[A^T] = \det[A]$.

It determines the antisymmetric kernel $\mathcal{K}_N^{\beta=1}(\lambda, \gamma)$, from which all correlation functions of complex eigenvalues follow for even N . While the result for odd N is known in the real Ginibre ensemble [18], very recently a general technique has been proposed for obtaining the odd N result from even N by removing an eigenvalue [19]. The kernel in eq. (4) has been derived in [14] using the Edelman result [10] for the density of complex eigenvalues, and using eq.(3). Here we will give an independent derivation which makes clear why the result is so simple, when the jpdf eq. (2) is so complicated.

The relation eq. (4) is far more general. Not only does it hold for the other real Ginibre ensembles to be introduced below, but it also holds for other symmetry classes with complex eigenvalues having unitary or symplectic invariance. For the quaternionic Ginibre ensembles at $\beta = 4$ an identical relation to eq. (4) was shown in [20] to give the skew-symmetric kernel. In the Ginibre ensembles with unitary symmetry $\beta = 2$ the kernel is symmetric and the following modified, simpler relation is known to hold [21]

$$\langle \det[\lambda - A] \det[\gamma - A^\dagger] \rangle_N = \mathcal{K}_N^{\beta=2}(\lambda, \gamma) . \quad (5)$$

The argument we just presented above for the real Ginibre ensemble at maximal asymmetry can easily be translated to the partially symmetric case depending on an asymmetry parameter τ . Here in the large- N limit the complex eigenvalues lie inside an ellipse with axes $\sim (1 \pm \tau)$ [7]. It is known [9] that its jpdf is related to eq. (2) by a simple rescaling of the eigenvalues, and we readily obtain

$$\mathcal{F}_N(\lambda, \gamma; \tau) \equiv \langle \det[\lambda - (S + vA)] \det[\gamma - (S + vA)^T] \rangle_N \equiv \frac{\mathcal{K}_N^{\beta=1}(\lambda, \gamma; \tau)}{\lambda - \gamma} , \quad (6)$$

with

$$\tau \in [0, 1] , \quad v^2 = \frac{1 - \tau}{1 + \tau} . \quad (7)$$

The average is with respect to the following partition function

$$\mathcal{Z}_N \equiv \int DS DA \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2(1 + \tau)} \text{Tr}(SS^T + AA^T) \right] , \quad (8)$$

and we consider the eigenvalues of the partly symmetric matrix $J = S + vA$. Here S and A are $N \times N$ matrices being symmetric and antisymmetric respectively, with a particular choice of variance. The limiting case $\tau = 0$ brings us back to the ensemble eq. (1) while setting $\tau = 1$ would lead to the Gaussian Orthogonal Ensemble. However, in that case the eigenvalues become real and this limit is subtle.

The second ensemble we consider in this paper is the chiral counterpart of the real Ginibre ensemble. Following [4] and its extension to a two-matrix model [22] we define the following chiral real Ginibre ensemble (*ch*) with a particular variance n ,

$$\mathcal{Z}_N^{ch} \equiv \int DA DB \exp \left[-\frac{n}{2} \text{Tr}(AA^T + BB^T) \right] . \quad (9)$$

Again we compute the average of characteristic polynomials to obtain the kernel,

$$\mathcal{F}_N^{ch}(\lambda, \gamma; \mu) \equiv \langle \det[\lambda - M] \det[\gamma - M^T] \rangle_N \equiv \frac{\mathcal{K}_N^{ch, \beta=1}(\lambda, \gamma; \mu)}{\lambda^2 - \gamma^2} , \quad (10)$$

$$M \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A + \mu B \\ -A^T + \mu B^T & 0 \end{pmatrix} . \quad (11)$$

Here both A and B are rectangular $N \times (N + \nu)$ matrices without further symmetry among the real matrix elements. They are drawn independently from the ensemble (1) extended to $\nu \geq 0$. The asymmetry parameter is given here by $\mu \in [0, 1]$, where $\mu = 1$ denotes maximal asymmetry, and $\mu = 0$ takes us back to the chiral Gaussian Orthogonal Ensemble. In [4] initially a one-matrix model was proposed, replacing B by the identity. Whilst we expect that in the large- N limit both lead to the same universal result our choice allows for an eigenvalues basis, as in the corresponding chiral extensions of Ginibre at $\beta = 2$ [22] and $\beta = 4$ [23], having complex and quaternion real matrix elements, respectively. The ensemble in eq. (9) has not been solved before and we will give a completely new result below, depending parametrically on ν . For maximal asymmetry it corresponds to class $2P$ in [24] for real elements.

The $2N + \nu$ eigenvalues λ_i of the matrix M defined in eq. (11) satisfy

$$0 = \det[\lambda - M] = \lambda^\nu \det[\lambda^2 - (A + \mu B)(-A^T + \mu B^T)] . \quad (12)$$

It will be shown elsewhere that the jpdf of these eigenvalues is again of the form in eq. (2). From that it follows that the kernel derived from $\mathcal{F}_N^{ch}(\lambda, \gamma; \mu)$ again determines all correlation functions of complex eigenvalues.

A peculiarity of the chiral ensemble is the following: the non-zero eigenvalues λ_i^2 solving the second equation in (12) are real but not necessarily positive. Thus the eigenvalues of M can have both real and purely imaginary eigenvalues as well as complex conjugate eigenvalue pairs. Moreover, all non-zero eigenvalues come in \pm pairs due to the chirality of the matrix M .

3. Characteristic polynomials for the real Ginibre ensemble

For pedagogical reasons we begin with the maximally asymmetric case eq. (4). The partly symmetric case at $\tau \neq 0$ is given as a second example below.

$$\mathcal{F}_N(\lambda, \gamma) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_N} \int DA e^{-\frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}AA^T} \det[\lambda - A] \det[\gamma - A^T] . \quad (13)$$

Writing the determinants in terms of two N -dimensional complex Grassmann vectors η_i and ζ_i , with $i = 1, \dots, N$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_N(\lambda, \gamma) &= \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_N} \int DA \int d\zeta d\eta \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} A_{ij} A_{ji}^T - \lambda \zeta_i^* \zeta_i - \gamma \eta_i^* \eta_i + \zeta_i^* A_{ij} \zeta_j + \eta_j^* A_{ji}^T \eta_i \right] \\ &= \int d\zeta d\eta \exp \left[-\lambda \zeta_i^* \zeta_i - \gamma \eta_i^* \eta_i + \frac{1}{2} (\zeta_i^* \zeta_j + \eta_j^* \eta_i)^2 \right] , \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

after integrating out the Gaussian matrix A . Here and in the following we will use summation conventions over double indices. The last term in the exponent can be written as

$$\frac{1}{2} (\zeta_i^* \zeta_j + \eta_j^* \eta_i) (\zeta_i^* \zeta_j + \eta_j^* \eta_i) = \zeta_i^* \eta_i \zeta_j \eta_j^* . \quad (15)$$

With the help of a complex Hubbard-Stratonovich (HS) transformation we can bilinearise and integrate out the Grassmann variables:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}_N(\lambda, \gamma) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int d^2z \int d\zeta d\eta \exp[-|z|^2 - \lambda\zeta_i^*\zeta_i - \gamma\eta_i^*\eta_i + z\zeta_i\eta_i^* + \bar{z}\zeta_i^*\eta_i] \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int d^2z e^{-|z|^2} (\lambda\gamma + |z|^2)^N = N! \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{(\lambda\gamma)^n}{n!}.\end{aligned}\quad (16)$$

This gives a polynomial with leading power $(\lambda\gamma)^N$ as expected. Thus our first main result leads to the following antisymmetric kernel

$$\mathcal{K}_N^1(\lambda, \gamma) = (\lambda - \gamma) N! \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{(\lambda\gamma)^n}{n!}, \quad (17)$$

which is enough to derive all complex correlation functions. On setting $\gamma = \bar{\lambda}$ and multiplying by the weight $f(\lambda)^2$, Edelman's complex density [8] in terms of an incomplete exponential follows. It is remarkable that it only depends on $|\lambda|^2$ while the jpdf eq. (2) is not isotropic. We note that Edelman derived his result using methods from multivariate statistics, and not from the jpdf.

We now turn to the partly symmetric case with $\tau \in [0, 1]$, where we can follow the same path,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}_N(\lambda, \gamma; \tau) &= \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_N} \int DS DA e^{-\frac{1}{2(1+\tau)} \text{Tr}(SS^T + AA^T)} \det[\lambda - (S + vA)] \det[\gamma - (S + vA)^T] \\ &= \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_N} \int DS DA \int d\zeta d\eta \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2(1+\tau)}(S_{ij}^2 - A_{ij}^2) - \lambda\zeta_i^*\zeta_i - \gamma\eta_i^*\eta_i\right. \\ &\quad \left. + \zeta_i^*(S_{ij} + vA_{ij})\zeta_j + \eta_i^*(S_{ij} - vA_{ij})\eta_j\right].\end{aligned}\quad (18)$$

After symmetrising and antisymmetrising the terms in the last line, e.g. $\zeta_i^*S_{ij}\zeta_j = \frac{1}{2}S_{ij}(\zeta_i^*\zeta_j + \zeta_j^*\zeta_i)$, we can complete the squares in S_{ij} and A_{ij} respectively, and integrate them out to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}_N(\lambda, \gamma; \tau) &= \int d\zeta d\eta \exp\left[-\lambda\zeta_i^*\zeta_i - \gamma\eta_i^*\eta_i - c_{\pm}^2((\zeta_i^*\zeta_i)(\zeta_j^*\zeta_j) + (\eta_i^*\eta_i)(\eta_j^*\eta_j))\right. \\ &\quad \left.- 2c_+^2\eta_i^*\zeta_i^*\eta_j\zeta_j + 2c_-^2\eta_i^*\zeta_i\eta_j\zeta_j^*\right].\end{aligned}\quad (19)$$

Here we have introduced the constants $c_{\pm}^2 \equiv \frac{1}{2}(1+\tau)(1 \pm v^2)$. The quartic terms in the Grassmann variables can be rewritten using two real HS transformations for the first line of eq. (19), and two complex ones for the second line:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}_N(\lambda, \gamma; \tau) &= \frac{1}{\pi^3} \int dx dy \int d^2z d^2w \int d\zeta d\eta \exp\left[-x^2 - y^2 - \zeta_j^*(\lambda + 2ic_-x)\zeta_j\right. \\ &\quad \left.- \eta_j^*(\gamma + 2ic_-y)\eta_j - 2|z|^2 - 2|w|^2 + 2c_+(\bar{z}\eta_j\zeta_j - z\eta_j^*\zeta_j) - 2c_-(\bar{w}\eta_j\zeta_j^* + w\eta_j^*\zeta_j)\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi^3} \int dx dy \int d^2z d^2w \exp\left[-x^2 - y^2 - 2|z|^2 - 2|w|^2\right] \\ &\quad \times \left[(\lambda + 2ic_-x)(\gamma + 2ic_-y) + 4c_+^2|z|^2 + 4c_-^2|w|^2\right]^N.\end{aligned}\quad (20)$$

Expanding the last factor twice into binomial series in powers of $|z|^2$ and $|w|^2$ we can apply the following integral representation of the Hermite polynomials:

$$\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right)^{\frac{k}{2}} H_k\left(\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2\tau}}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int dx e^{-x^2} \left(\lambda + i\sqrt{2\tau}x\right)^k, \quad (21)$$

where using eq. (7) we have $2c_- = \sqrt{2\tau}$. This eliminates the two real integrations. After integrating out the two remaining complex variables z and w we finally arrive at

$$\mathcal{F}_N(\lambda, \gamma; \tau) = N! \sum_{l=0}^N \tau^l \sum_{k=0}^l \frac{1}{k! 2^k} H_k\left(\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2\tau}}\right) H_k\left(\frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{2\tau}}\right). \quad (22)$$

As a check this is again a polynomial with leading order $(\lambda\gamma)^N$. Although our result eq. (22) could be further simplified this form is most useful for obtaining the antisymmetric kernel by applying the Christoffel-Darboux formula to the inner sum:

$$\mathcal{K}_N^1(\lambda, \gamma; \tau) = N! \sum_{l=0}^N \frac{1}{l!} \left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right)^{l+\frac{1}{2}} \left(H_{l+1}\left(\frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{2\tau}}\right) H_l\left(\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2\tau}}\right) - (\gamma \leftrightarrow \lambda) \right). \quad (23)$$

This coincides precisely with the kernel of skew-orthogonal Hermite polynomials derived in [17] via the jpdf, which is much more elaborate. As was shown there independently, this kernel generates all complex eigenvalue correlation functions of the partly symmetric ensemble eq. (8) for even N , depending parametrically on τ .

A similar kernel given in terms of orthogonal (for $\beta = 2$) [25] or skew-orthogonal (for $\beta = 4$) [26] Hermite polynomials is known for the partly symmetric Ginibre ensembles.

4. Characteristic polynomials for the chiral real Ginibre ensemble

In this section we present the calculation only for the partly symmetric case of the chiral extension of the real Ginibre ensemble, depending on asymmetry parameter μ . The simpler result at maximal asymmetry with $\mu = 1$ is given at the end of this section.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_N^{ch}(\lambda, \gamma; \mu) &= \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_N^{ch}} \int D A D B e^{-\frac{n}{2} \text{Tr}(A A^T + B B^T)} \det \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & -(A + \mu B) \\ -(A^T - \mu B^T) & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad \times \det \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & -(A - \mu B) \\ -(A^T + \mu B^T) & \gamma \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_N^{ch}} \int D A D B \int d\eta d\psi d\zeta d\varphi \exp \left[-\frac{n}{2} (A_{ia}^2 + B_{ia}^2) - \lambda (\eta_i^* \eta_i + \psi_a^* \psi_a) - \gamma (\zeta_i^* \zeta_i + \varphi_a^* \varphi_a) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \eta_i^* (A_{ia} + \mu B_{ia}) \psi_a + \psi_a^* (A_{ai}^T - \mu B_{ai}^T) \eta_i + \zeta_i^* (A_{ia} - \mu B_{ia}) \varphi_a + \varphi_a^* (A_{ai}^T + \mu B_{ai}^T) \zeta_i \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Here we have written each determinant of size $2N + \nu$ in terms of *two* Grassmann vectors, $\eta_i(\zeta_i)$ and $\psi_a(\varphi_a)$ of size N and $N + \nu$, respectively. Our summation conventions imply for $i = 1, \dots, N$, and for $a = 1, \dots, N + \nu$. In addition to μ we have a parameter n for the variance. After completing the square and integrating out the matrices A and B we

obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_N^{ch}(\lambda, \gamma; \mu) &= \int d\eta d\psi d\zeta d\varphi \exp \left[-\lambda(\eta_i^* \eta_i + \psi_a^* \psi_a) - \gamma(\zeta_i^* \zeta_i + \varphi_a^* \varphi_a) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2n}(\eta_i^* \psi_a - \eta_i \psi_a^* + \zeta_i^* \varphi_a - \zeta_i \varphi_a^*)^2 + \frac{\mu^2}{2n}(\eta_i^* \psi_a + \eta_i \psi_a^* - \zeta_i^* \varphi_a - \zeta_i \varphi_a^*)^2 \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Multiplying out and collecting all nonzero terms we need 6 new complex integrations to perform the HS transformations that bilinearise the Grassmann variables. We only give the result obtained after performing all Grassmann integrations:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_N^{ch}(\lambda, \gamma; \mu) &= \frac{1}{\pi^6} \int d^2 u d^2 v d^2 w d^2 p d^2 q d^2 z e^{-|u|^2 - |v|^2 - |w|^2 - |p|^2 - |q|^2 - |z|^2} \\ &\quad \times ((\lambda - i\delta_- u)(\gamma - i\delta_- \bar{v}) - \delta_+^2 w z + \delta_-^2 p q)^N ((\lambda - i\delta_- \bar{u})(\gamma - i\delta_- v) - \delta_+^2 \bar{w} \bar{z} + \delta_-^2 \bar{p} \bar{q})^{N+\nu}, \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

where we have used the following abbreviations

$$\delta_{\pm}^2 \equiv \frac{1}{n}(1 \pm \mu^2). \quad (27)$$

Expanding the first factor in the second line of eq. (26) as

$$(\hat{\lambda} \hat{\gamma} - \delta_+^2 w z + \delta_-^2 p q)^N = \sum_{l=0}^N \binom{N}{l} (-\delta_+^2 w z)^{N-l} \sum_{k=0}^l \binom{l}{k} (\hat{\lambda} \hat{\gamma})^k (\delta_-^2 p q)^{l-k}, \quad (28)$$

with $\hat{\lambda} \hat{\gamma} = (\lambda - i\delta_- u)(\gamma - i\delta_- \bar{v})$, and likewise the second factor, we can use the following orthogonality relation

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int d^2 p e^{-|p|^2} p^k \bar{p}^l = \delta_{kl} k!. \quad (29)$$

Applying this first to the integrations over variables p and q , and then to w and z we can reduce the four sums to two. As a final step we employ the following complex integral representation for Laguerre polynomials

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int d^2 u e^{-|u|^2} (\lambda + iu)^k (\lambda + i\bar{u})^{k+\nu} = k! (-)^k \lambda^\nu L_k^\nu(\lambda^2). \quad (30)$$

Whilst we did not find this representation in tables it can be easily verified from the standard representation of generalised Laguerre polynomials

$$L_k^\nu(x) = \sum_{m=0}^k \frac{(k+\nu)!}{(k-m)! (m+\nu)! m!} x^m. \quad (31)$$

Using the integral representation eq. (30) as well as its complex conjugate we finally arrive at the following result:

$$\mathcal{F}_N^{ch}(\lambda, \gamma; \mu) = N! (N+\nu)! \delta_+^{4N} (\lambda\gamma)^\nu \sum_{l=0}^N \left(\frac{\delta_-}{\delta_+} \right)^{4l} \sum_{k=0}^l \frac{k!}{(k+\nu)!} L_k^\nu \left(\frac{\lambda^2}{\delta_-^2} \right) L_k^\nu \left(\frac{\gamma^2}{\delta_-^2} \right). \quad (32)$$

It is a polynomial in λ and γ with the correct leading power $(\lambda\gamma)^{2N+\nu}$. Looking back to the definition of the antisymmetric kernel in our chiral case, eq. (10), we can read off the following result, after using the Christoffel-Darboux formula for Laguerre polynomials:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}_N^{ch,1}(\lambda, \gamma; \mu) &= N! (N+\nu)! \delta_+^{4N} (\lambda\gamma)^\nu \\ &\quad \times \sum_{l=0}^N \left(\frac{\delta_-}{\delta_+} \right)^{4l} \frac{(l+1)!}{(l+\nu)!} \delta_-^2 \left(L_{l+1}^\nu \left(\frac{\gamma}{\delta_-^2} \right) L_l^\nu \left(\frac{\lambda}{\delta_-^2} \right) - (\gamma \leftrightarrow \lambda) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

This gives our new kernel of the chiral real Ginibre ensemble, from which all its complex eigenvalue correlations follow. In particular for $\gamma = \bar{\lambda}$ it is proportional to a new complex eigenvalue density as in eq. (3). It is similar to the corresponding expressions for the kernel at $\beta = 2$ [22] and $\beta = 4$ [23], also given in terms of Laguerre polynomials in the complex plane.

After dealing with the general case we can go to maximal asymmetry, by setting $\mu = 1$. In this limit only the leading power of the Laguerre polynomials contributes, and we obtain

$$\mathcal{F}_N^{ch}(\lambda, \gamma; \mu = 1) = N!(N + \nu)! \left(\frac{2}{n}\right)^{4N} (\lambda\gamma)^\nu \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{1}{k!(k + \nu)!} \left(\frac{n^2\lambda\gamma}{4}\right)^{2k} \quad (34)$$

for the characteristic polynomials, with $\lim_{\mu \rightarrow 1} \delta_+^2 = \frac{2}{n}$. For the corresponding kernel we have to properly rescale with δ_-^2 and we obtain

$$\lim_{\mu \rightarrow 1} \delta_-^2 \mathcal{K}_N^{ch,1}(\lambda, \gamma; \mu) = N!(N + \nu)! \left(\frac{2}{n}\right)^{4N} (\lambda\gamma)^\nu (\lambda^2 - \gamma^2) \sum_{l=0}^N \frac{1}{l!(l + \nu)!} \left(\frac{n^2\lambda\gamma}{4}\right)^{2l}. \quad (35)$$

When setting $\gamma = \bar{\lambda}$ and comparing to eq. (17) we again find a dependence on the modulus only, despite the anisotropic jpdf. Here the incomplete exponential is replaced by an incomplete modified I -Bessel function of the first kind.

5. Conclusions

We have calculated the expectation value of the product of two characteristic polynomials with respect the following two Gaussian random matrix models: the partly symmetric real Ginibre ensemble, and its chiral counterpart, a newly introduced two-matrix model. In our calculation we have used the supersymmetric method, without the need to explicitly go to an eigenvalue basis. In this simple way we can determine a skew-symmetric kernel which is the main building block for all complex eigenvalue correlation functions that can be written as Pfaffians. One could calculate this kernel directly from the joint eigenvalue distribution (jpdf), but this turns out to be a very difficult task.

This kernel is given by a sum over Hermite polynomials for the real Ginibre case, depending on the asymmetry parameter. Here we have recovered a known, very recent result. In the chiral real Ginibre ensemble we find a new kernel given in terms of generalised Laguerre polynomials. In addition to the asymmetry μ it depends on the parameter ν labelling the number of exact zero eigenvalues. Our method offers an explanation of why the spectral density of complex eigenvalues is so simple, i.e. being an incomplete exponential or I -Bessel function at maximal asymmetry, while the jpdf is so complicated.

One possible application of our new chiral result would be in field theory for Dirac operators with a real representation. The reason complex eigenvalues appear here is due to a chemical potential μ of the quarks.

It is an open question for the chiral ensemble if for all N the kernel also determines the weight function $f(\lambda)$, and if both ingredients (i.e. kernel and weight) determine all correlation functions of real, complex and mixed eigenvalues. For the real Ginibre ensemble this fact is known to hold, and the similarity in structure makes this very suggestive.

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