

Marking and conditioning of determinantal point processes

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Fredholm determinant

The **Fredholm determinant** of a trace-class operator \mathbb{K} on $L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ with integral kernel K is given by

$$\det(1 - \mathbb{K}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \det(K(x_i, x_j))_{i,j=1}^n dx_j.$$

Integrable kernels

A kernel is **k -integrable** (in the sense of ITS-IZERGIN-KOREPIN-SLAVNOV '93) if it is of the form

$$K(x, y) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^k f_j(x) h_j(y)}{x - y} \quad \text{with} \quad \sum_{j=1}^k f_j(x) h_j(x) = 0.$$

IKS method (ITS-IZERGIN-KOREPIN-SLAVNOV '93, DEIFT-ITS-ZHOU '97, BERTOLA-CAFASSO '12)

The IKS method characterizes Fredholm determinants of integrable operators in terms of a $k \times k$ Riemann-Hilbert problem:

✓ by Jacobi's identity,

$$\partial_s \log \det(1 - M_{\theta_s} \mathbb{K}) = -\text{Tr} \left(\partial_s M_{\theta_s} \mathbb{K} (1 - M_{\theta_s} \mathbb{K})^{-1} \right),$$

✓ the kernel of the resolvent operator

$$(1 - M_{\theta_s} \mathbb{K})^{-1} - 1 = M_{\theta_s} \mathbb{K} (1 - M_{\theta_s} \mathbb{K})^{-1}$$

is characterized by a $k \times k$ Riemann-Hilbert problem,

✓ for a suitable s -dependence, this gives explicit identities for $\partial_s \log \det(1 - M_{\theta_s} \mathbb{K})$ in terms of the Riemann-Hilbert solution.

Riemann-Hilbert problem

The kernel $R(x, y)$ of the resolvent operator $\mathbf{M}_{\theta_s} \mathbb{K} (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{M}_{\theta_s} \mathbb{K})^{-1}$ is also k -integrable,

$$R(x, y) = \frac{\theta_s(x) \sum_{j=1}^k F_j(x) H_j(y)}{x - y}, \quad F = Y f, \quad H = Y^{-T} h,$$

where Y solves the Riemann-Hilbert problem:

- ✓ $Y : \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{k \times k}$ is analytic,
- ✓ $Y_+(z) = Y_-(z) (I_k - 2\pi i \theta_s(z) f(z) h(z)^T)$ for $z \in \mathbb{R}$,
- ✓ as $z \rightarrow \infty$, $Y(z) \rightarrow I_k$.

(Care must be taken for the precise sense of the boundary values and the asymptotic condition!)

Gap probabilities and multiplicative statistics

Model Riemann-Hilbert problems

IKS method and Riemann-Hilbert characterization are in particular effective if the kernel K itself is also characterized by a **model Riemann-Hilbert problem**.

Dressing procedure then allows to transform the IKS Riemann-Hilbert problem to a problem suitable for **asymptotic analysis** and for deriving **integrable differential equations**.

Determinantal point processes

Many of the modern applications of the IKS method are connected to kernels K of **determinantal point processes**.

Is there a point process interpretation of the method and of the Riemann-Hilbert problem?

Determinantal point processes

Determinantal point processes on \mathbb{R}

A DPP on \mathbb{R} is a random point process on \mathbb{R} such that

1. Correlation functions are **determinants**:

$$\rho_m(x_1, \dots, x_m) = \det (K(x_i, x_j))_{i,j=1}^m.$$

2. Average multiplicative statistics are **Fredholm determinants**:

$$\mathbb{E} \prod (1 - \phi(x_i)) = \det(1 - M_\phi \mathbb{K}).$$

In particular, the gap probability

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{no points in } A) = \det(1 - 1_A \mathbb{K}).$$

(See e.g. MACCHI '75, SOSHIKOV '00, LYONS '03, SHIRAI-TAKAHASHI '03, JOHANSSON '06, HOUGH-KRISHNAPUR-PERES-VIRAG '06, BORODIN '11.)

Orthogonal Polynomial Ensembles

N points with symmetric joint probability distribution

$$\frac{1}{Z_N} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} (x_j - x_i)^2 \prod_{j=1}^N w(x_j) dx_j.$$

Correlation kernel expressed in terms of **orthonormal polynomials** with respect to w :

$$K_N(x, y) = \sqrt{w(x)w(y)} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} p_j(x)p_j(y) = c_N \sqrt{w(x)w(y)} \frac{p_N(x)p_{N-1}(y) - p_N(y)p_{N-1}(x)}{x - y}.$$

Multiplicative statistics are ratios of Hankel determinants:

$$\det(1 - M_\phi \mathbb{K}) = \frac{H_N((1 - \phi)w)}{H_N(w)}.$$

DPPs with 2-integrable kernels

DPPs induced by orthogonal projections

Correlation kernel \mathbf{K} for which the associated integral operator

$$\mathbb{K}f(x) = \int K(x, y) f(y) d\mu(y)$$

is an **orthogonal projection** (of finite or infinite rank).

Particular cases: OPEs (finite rank) and **scaling limits of OPEs** (infinite rank):

$$K^{\sin}(x, y) = \frac{\sin \pi(x - y)}{\pi(x - y)}, \quad K^{\text{Ai}}(x, y) = \frac{\text{Ai}(x)\text{Ai}'(y) - \text{Ai}'(x)\text{Ai}(y)}{x - y},$$

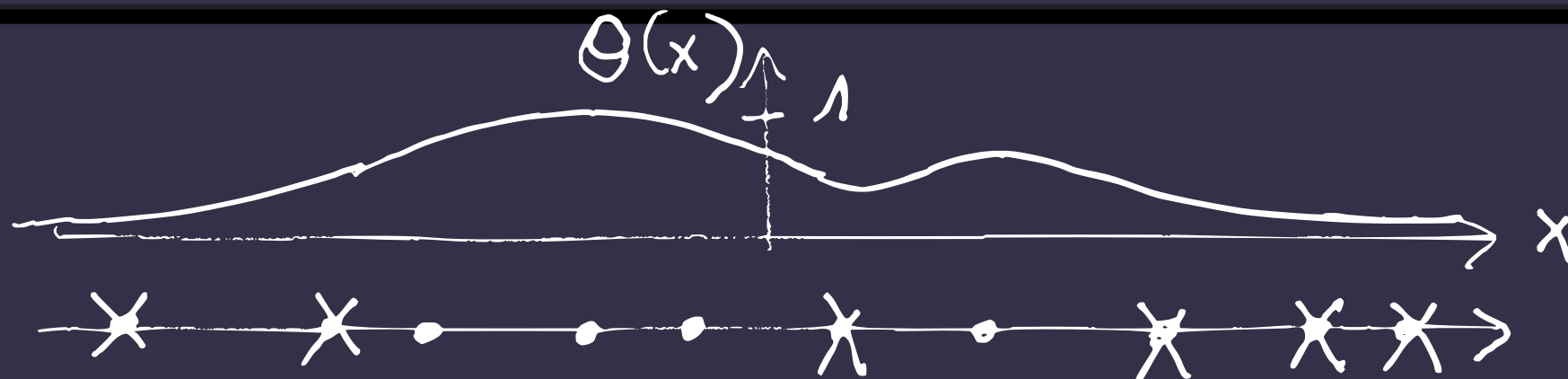
Bessel kernels, Painlevé kernels, ...

General property (SOSHNIKOV '00): Total number of points in a random configuration is a.s. equal to **rank**(\mathbb{K}).

Thinning, marking and conditioning of DPPs

Thinning

Given a point process \mathbb{P} on \mathbb{R} and $\theta : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$, we define θ -thinning of \mathbb{P} by removing each point x in the configuration independently with probability $1 - \theta(x)$.



Property

If \mathbb{P} is the DPP with kernel $K(x, y)$ and reference measure μ , then so is its θ -thinning, but now with reference measure

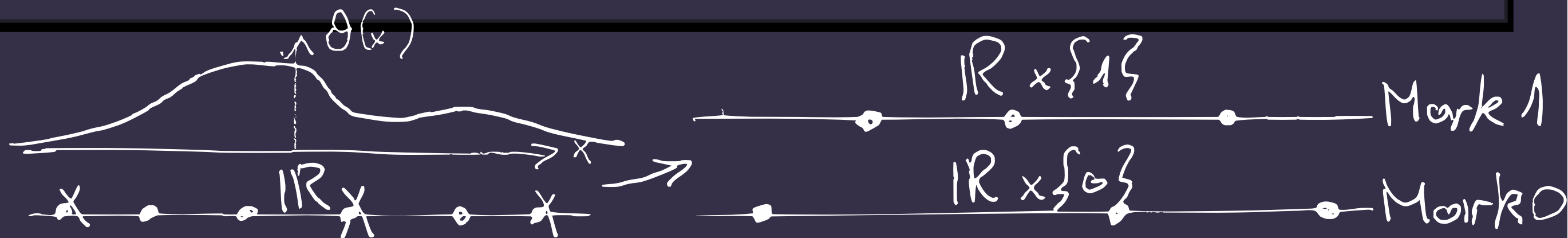
$$(1 - \theta)(x)d\mu(x).$$

Thinning preserves integrable kernel DPPs, but not orthogonal projection DPPs.

Thinning, marking and conditioning of DPPs

Marked point process

Given a point process \mathbb{P} on \mathbb{R} and $\theta : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$, we define a **marked point process** \mathbb{P}^θ on $\mathbb{R} \times \{0, 1\}$ by assigning to each point x independently mark **1** with probability $\theta(x)$ and mark **0** with probability $1 - \theta(x)$.



Property

If \mathbb{P} is the DPP with kernel $K(x, y)$ and reference measure μ , then so is \mathbb{P}^θ , but with reference measure

$$d\mu^\theta(x, b) = \theta(x)d\mu(x)d\delta_{\{b=1\}} + (1 - \theta)(x)d\mu(x)d\delta_{\{b=0\}} \text{ on } \mathbb{R} \times \{0, 1\}.$$

Marking preserves integrable kernel DPPs and orthogonal projection DPPs.

Thinning, marking and conditioning of DPPs

Conditioning on presence of a point

Given a point process \mathbb{P} on \mathbb{R} , the local reduced **Palm measure** of a point $v \in \mathbb{P}$, represents the point process \mathbb{P} conditioned on v being a point in the configuration, and then removing v .



Property (SHIRAI-TAKAHASHI '03)

If \mathbb{P} is the DPP with kernel $K(x, y)$ and reference measure μ , then \mathbb{P}_v is the DPP with kernel

$$K_v(x, y) = \frac{1}{K(v, v)} \det \begin{pmatrix} K(x, y) & K(x, v) \\ K(v, y) & K(v, v) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Palm transformation preserves OPEs, integrable kernel DPPs and orthogonal projection DPPs.

Thinning, marking and conditioning of DPPs

Conditioning on absence of points

Given a point process \mathbb{P} on \mathbb{R} , define the conditional ensemble \mathbb{P}_A by conditioning \mathbb{P} on configurations without points in $A \subset \mathbb{R}$.



Property

If \mathbb{P} is the DPP with kernel $K(x, y)$ and reference measure μ and if $\det(1 - 1_A \mathbb{K}) \neq 0$, then \mathbb{P}_A is the DPP with kernel of the operator

$$1_{A^c} \mathbb{K} (1 - 1_A \mathbb{K})^{-1}.$$

Conditioning on a gap preserves OPEs, integrable kernel DPPs, but not orthogonal projection DPPs.

Conditioning on marked point process

Given a configuration ξ and a marking function $\theta : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$, we write ξ_j for the configuration of mark j points in the marked point process \mathbb{P}^θ .



The probability to have no mark 1 particles is

$$\mathbb{P}^\theta(\xi_1 = \emptyset) = \det(1 - M_\theta \mathbb{K}).$$

If this is non-zero, we can define the conditional ensemble $\mathbb{P}_{|\emptyset}^\theta$ (on \mathbb{R}) by conditioning \mathbb{P}^θ on the event $\xi_1 = \emptyset$.

Conditional ensemble (cf. [BUFETOV '12](#), [BUFETOV-QIU-SHAMOV '21](#))

If \mathbb{P} is the DPP with kernel \mathbf{K} of the operator \mathbb{K} , then $\mathbb{P}_{|\emptyset}^\theta$ is the DPP with kernel of the operator

$$\mathbf{M}_{1-\theta} \mathbb{K} (1 - \mathbf{M}_\theta \mathbb{K})^{-1} \text{ on } L^2(\mathbb{R}, d\mu), \text{ or}$$

$$\mathbb{K} (1 - \mathbf{M}_\theta \mathbb{K})^{-1} \text{ on } L^2(\mathbb{R}, (1 - \theta)d\mu).$$

Finite number of observed particles

We want to define a conditional ensemble $\mathbb{P}_{|\mathbf{v}}^\theta$ which represents the conditioning of \mathbb{P} on particles at v_1, \dots, v_k , and on no other mark **1** particles.

Conditional ensemble

Let \mathbb{P} be a DPP with kernel \mathbf{K} of the operator \mathbb{K} , and suppose that $\mathbb{P}^\theta(\#\xi_1 = k) > 0$. For \mathbb{P}^θ -a.e. k -point mark **1** configuration $\mathbf{v} = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$,

$\mathbb{P}_{|\mathbf{v}}^\theta$ is the DPP with kernel of the operator

$$\mathbb{K}_{\mathbf{v}}(1 - \mathbf{M}_\theta \mathbb{K}_{\mathbf{v}})^{-1} \text{ on } L^2(\mathbb{R}, (1 - \theta)d\mu).$$

Compare this to the **Poisson process** \mathbb{P} with intensity ρ on $(\mathbb{R}, d\mu)$: then $\mathbb{P}_{|\emptyset}^\theta$ is the Poisson point process with intensity ρ on $(\mathbb{R}, (1 - \theta)d\mu)$, which is the same as the unconditioned distribution of mark **0** points.

Orthogonal polynomial ensembles

Conditional ensembles of OPEs

If \mathbb{P} is an N -point OPE with density $\frac{1}{Z_n} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} (x_j - x_i)^2 \prod_{j=1}^N w(x_j) dx_j$, then $\mathbb{P}_{|\mathbf{v}}^\theta$ is an $n = (N - k)$ -point OPE with density

$$\frac{1}{Z'_n} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (x_j - x_i)^2 \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\prod_{\ell=1}^k (x_j - v_\ell)^2 \right) (1 - \theta)(x_j) w(x_j) dx_j.$$

For $w(x) = e^{-Nx^2}$, $k = 0$, $1 - \theta(x) = e^{-NW(x)}$ for $W \geq 0$, $\mathbb{P}_{|\mathbf{v}}^\theta$ is the OPE with confining potential x^2 replaced by $x^2 + W(x)$. So any unitary invariant ensemble with confining potential $\geq x^2$ is a conditional ensemble of the GUE.

Theorem (C-GLESNER '21)

The IKS Riemann-Hilbert problem

- ✓ $Y : \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{k \times k}$ is analytic,
- ✓ $Y_+(z) = Y_-(z) (I_k - 2\pi i \theta(z) f(z) h(z)^T)$ for $z \in \mathbb{R}$,
- ✓ as $z \rightarrow \infty$, $Y(z) \rightarrow I_k$,

characterizes the kernel of the conditional ensemble $K_{|\emptyset}^\theta$:

$$K_{|\emptyset}^\theta = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^k F_j(x) H_j(y)}{x - y}, \quad F = Y f, \quad H = Y^{-T} h.$$

A similar characterization holds for $\mathbb{P}_{|\mathbf{v}}^\theta$, but then the kernel is connected to a **Darboux-Schlesinger transformation** of the Riemann-Hilbert problem and to **Janossy densities** (see **SOFIA TARRICONE's** talk).

Conditional ensembles in the IKS method

Point process interpretation of the IKS method

We can re-write Jacobi's identity as

$$\partial_s \log \mathbb{E} \prod_j (1 - \theta_s(x_j)) = -\mathbb{E}_{|\emptyset}^{\theta_s} \sum_j \frac{\partial_s \theta_s(x_j)}{1 - \theta_s(x_j)},$$

relating a **average multiplicative statistic** of the DPP to an **average additive statistic** in the conditional ensemble.

The IKS RH problem does not only characterize logarithmic derivatives of average multiplicative statistics, but it characterizes also the **kernel of the conditional ensemble** $\mathbb{P}_{|\emptyset}^{\theta_s}$.

Asymptotic analysis and g -functions

This point process interpretation of the IKS method is not just a different viewpoint, it also helps to analyze the Riemann-Hilbert problem asymptotically.

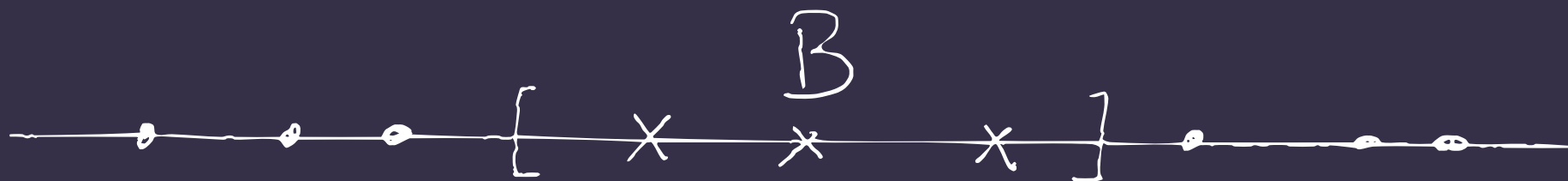
A crucial step in the DEIFT-ZHOU steepest descent method is to construct a suitable g -function, related to an equilibrium measure. This equilibrium measure should be the limiting one-point function in the conditional ensemble $\mathbb{P}_{|\theta}^\theta$. Constructing the g -function purely on analytic grounds is often hard, the point process interpretation helps to guess the form of the equilibrium measure.

Cf. pushed Coulomb gas interpretation to describe tails of $\det(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{M}_\theta \mathbb{K}^{A_i})$ and of the KPZ equation (CORWIN-GHOSAL-KRAJENBRINK-LE DOUSSAL-TSAI '18), and asymptotic analysis of the associated Riemann-Hilbert problem (CAFASSO-C, CAFASSO-C-RUZZA, CHARLIER-C-RUZZA '19-'21).

Number rigidity

Definition (GHOSH '16, GHOSH-PERES '17)

A point process is **number rigid** if for any bounded set $B \subset \mathbb{R}$, the configuration of points outside B almost surely determines the number of points in B .



Properties

DPPs induced by **finite rank projections** are trivially number rigid, since number of points is a.s. equal to the rank of the projection.

DPPs can only be number rigid if they are induced by a **projection operator** (GHOSH-KRISHNAPUR '15).

What about DPPs induced by **infinite rank projections**?

Number rigidity

Theorem (BUFETOV '16)

DPPs induced by orthogonal projections with sufficiently regular **2**-integrable kernels

$$K(x, y) = \frac{f_1(x)g_1(y) + f_2(x)g_2(y)}{x - y}$$

are number rigid (e.g., Sine, Airy, Bessel).

Question

Under which conditions does the mark **1** configuration in the marked point process \mathbb{P}^θ determine the number of points with mark **0**?

(For $\theta = \mathbf{1}_{B^c}$, this is the same as asking under which condition the point process is number rigid.)



Definition

A point process \mathbb{P} is **marking rigid** if for any measurable $\theta : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ and for \mathbb{P}_1^θ -a.e. mark $\mathbf{1}$ configuration \mathbf{v} , there exists $\ell_{\mathbf{v}} \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0, \infty\}$ such that

$$\mathbb{P}_{|\mathbf{v}}^\theta(\#\xi_0 = \ell_{\mathbf{v}}) = 1.$$

(Note that **marking rigidity implies number rigidity**, by setting $\theta = \mathbf{1}_{B^c}$.)

Theorem (C-GLESNER '21)

DPPs induced by orthogonal projections with sufficiently regular **2**-integrable kernels (including Sine, Airy, Bessel point processes) are **marking rigid**.

Conditional DPPs

The transformation $\mathbb{P} \mapsto \mathbb{P}_{|\mathbf{v}}^\theta$ is a well-behaving transformation of point processes, which preserves DPPs and important subclasses like OPEs, projection DPPs, and integrable kernel DPPs.

This transformation already appeared implicitly in:

- ✓ IKS method to study Fredholm determinants,
- ✓ unitary invariant random matrix ensembles,
- ✓ study of number rigidity.

Why study conditional DPPs

Why study conditional ensembles?

- ✓ Natural in view of the search for error-correcting codes/spectrum completion codes,
- ✓ useful in **asymptotic analysis of Fredholm determinants** of the form $\det(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{M}_\theta \mathbb{K})$ via the IKS method, where it helps to guess a convenient g -function,
- ✓ allows to study refined notion of number rigidity,
- ✓ allows to give a probabilistic interpretation to Jacobi's identity for Fredholm determinants, Darboux-Schlesinger-Backlund transformations for integrable systems (work in progress **C-GLESNER-RUZZA-TARRICONE**) ...

