

Largest Eigenvalue

~~precisely independent~~

$\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N\}$: strongly correlated random variables.

~~convergence to~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~limit~~ (a
convergent quantity)

Statistics of λ_{\max} ?

One step back

$\{X_1, \dots, X_N\}$

i.i.d. r.v.

drawn from a common $f(x)$.

$$Q_N(x) = \left[\int_{-\infty}^x \dots \int_{-\infty}^x dx_1 \dots dx_N f(x_1) \dots f(x_N) \right] = \left[\int_{-\infty}^x dy f(y) \right]^N$$

↑
Prob $[X_{\max} \leq x]$

$F(x)$
cumulative distribution
function

If we now send $N \rightarrow \infty$, since $F(x)$ is $0 \leq F(x) \leq 1$,
the limit $[F(x)]^N$ can only take values '0' or '1'.

To get a nontrivial limit, we need to send both
 $x \rightarrow \infty$ and $N \rightarrow \infty$, in such a way that the combination

$$z = \frac{x - a_N}{b_N} \text{ is kept constant}$$

(for suitable $a_N \in \mathbb{R}$ and $b_N > 0$).

The standard goal of EVS is: find $a_N, b_N, F(z)$ such that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} Q_N(a_N + b_N z) = F(z).$$

For iid variables, the celebrated Fisher-Tippett-Gnedenko thm. states that $F(z)$ can only be of three different types.

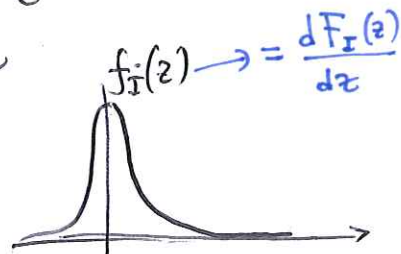
$$X^* = \sup(x: P(x) < 1)$$

↪ upper endpoint of the support of $p(x)$.

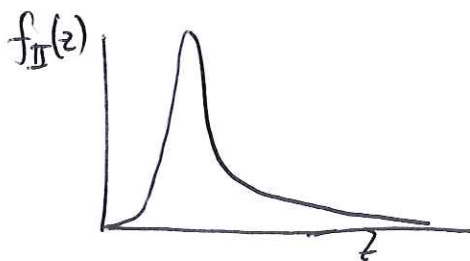
① If x^* is finite or infinite, and $p(x)$ falls off faster than any power for $x \rightarrow x^*$ (exponential and Gaussian case), then the limiting distribution is Gumbel

$$F_I(z) = e^{-e^{-z}}$$

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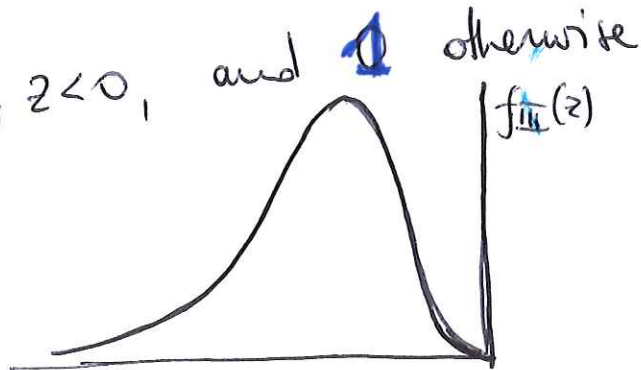
② If x^* is infinite, and $p(x)$ falls off as a power law $p(x) \sim x^{-(r+1)}$, then the limiting distribution is Fréchet $F_{II}(z) = e^{-1/z^r}$, if $z > 0$, and 0 otherwise.



(c)

③ If x^* is finite and $f(x) \sim (x^* - x)^{\gamma-1}$, then the limiting distribution $F(z)$ is Weibull.

$F_{III}(z) = e^{-|z|^\gamma}$, $z < 0$, and $\mathbb{1}$ otherwise



3 properties (maybe not so widely known)

① a_N, b_N can be found as follows

is the CDF of each individual random variable

- Gumbel: $a_N = P^{-1}(1 - \frac{1}{N})$ $b_N = P^{-1}(1 - \frac{1}{Ne}) - a_N$

- Fréchet: $a_N = 0$ and $b_N = P^{-1}(1 - \frac{1}{N})$.

- Weibull: $a_N = x^*$ and $b_N = x^* - P^{-1}(1 - \frac{1}{N})$.

② How to predict the basin of attraction?

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{P^{-1}(1-\epsilon) - P^{-1}(1-2\epsilon)}{P^{-1}(1-2\epsilon) - P^{-1}(1-4\epsilon)} = 2^c$$

if $c=0, >0, <0$ G, F, W.

③ The constants $\{a_N, b_N\}$ are not unique, but can be replaced by $\{a'_N, b'_N\}$ provided that

④

$$\begin{cases} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b'_N}{b_N} = 1. \\ \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_N - a'_N}{b_N} = 0. \end{cases}$$

Example. $p(x) = \mu e^{-\mu x}$, $x \geq 0$.

$$Q_N(x) = \left[\mu \int_0^x e^{-\mu y} dy \right]^N = \left[1 - e^{-\mu x} \right]^N \\ = e^{N \log [1 - e^{-\mu x}]}$$

As $x \rightarrow \infty$, expanding the logarithm

$$Q_N(x) \approx e^{-N e^{-\mu x}} = e^{-e^{-(\mu x - \ln N)}} \equiv F_I(z)$$

$$z = \mu x - \ln N$$

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{1}{b_N} = \mu \Rightarrow \boxed{b_N = \frac{1}{\mu}}$$

$$-\frac{a_N}{b_N} = -\ln N \Rightarrow \boxed{a_N = \frac{\ln N}{\mu}}$$

recover it from previous formulae

$$P(x) = \mu \int_0^x \exp(-\mu y) dy = 1 - e^{-\mu x},$$

hence $P^{-1}(x) = -\frac{1}{\mu} \ln(1-x)$, for $0 \leq x < 1$.

$$* \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\frac{1}{\mu} \ln \epsilon + \frac{1}{\mu} \ln(2\epsilon)}{-\frac{1}{\mu} \ln(2\epsilon) + \frac{1}{\mu} \ln(4\epsilon)} = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 2} = 2^0.$$

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 $c=0 \Rightarrow G.$

$$* a_N = -\frac{1}{\mu} \ln\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) = \frac{\ln N}{\mu} \quad \checkmark$$

$$b_N = -\frac{1}{\mu} \ln\left(\frac{1}{Ne}\right) - \frac{\ln N}{\mu} = \frac{1}{\mu} \quad \checkmark.$$

~~What happens now for eigenvalues of random matrices?~~ (f)

Lord May, Nature 238, 413 (1972) ²⁴⁻²⁸
"Will a large complex system be stable?" ⁴

Ecosystem: $\rho_i \rightarrow$ population density of the i -th species. ^{+ ALLESINA 26-27-28-9}

Completely non-interacting and stable



$$x_i = \rho_i - \rho_i^*$$

deviation from equilibrium density

$$\frac{dx_i}{dt} = -x_i$$

(exponentially fast, the density goes back to its eq. value).

Imagine now we switch on random interactions (pairwise)

$$\frac{dx_i}{dt} = -x_i + \alpha \sum_j A_{ij} x_j$$

strength of the interactions.

Are all the x_i 's going to '0' as $t \rightarrow \infty$?
as well

Take A as a Gaussian (symmetric) matrix. (variance $\sigma^2 \sim \frac{1}{N}$). (9)

Probability that the system remains stable?

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dt} \vec{x} = (\alpha A - \mathbb{1}) \vec{x}}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = S \Lambda S^{-1}$$

$$\vec{y} = S^{-1} \vec{x}$$

Make an orthogonal transformation

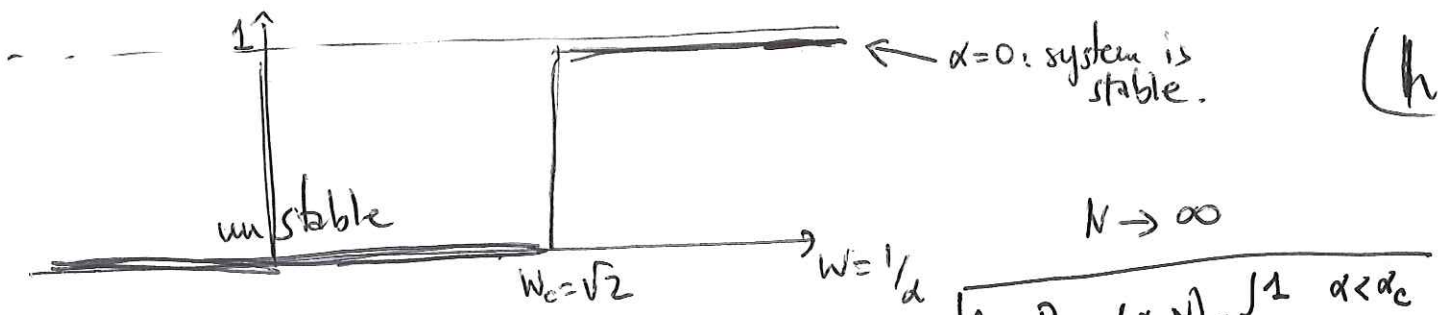
$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{y} = (\alpha \Lambda - \mathbb{1}) \vec{y}$$

$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_N \end{pmatrix}$$

Stability criterion: $\alpha \lambda_i - 1 < 0 \quad \forall i$

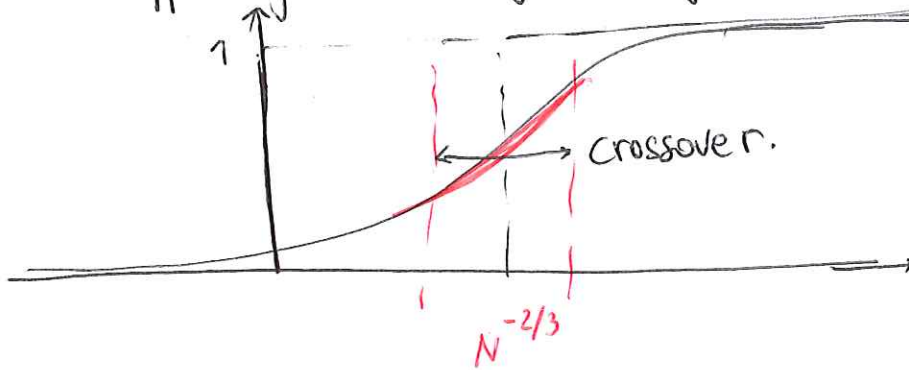
$$\boxed{\lambda_i < \frac{1}{\alpha} = w}$$

$$\text{Prob}[\lambda_i < w, \forall i] = \text{Prob}[\lambda_{\max} < w].$$



Phase transition.

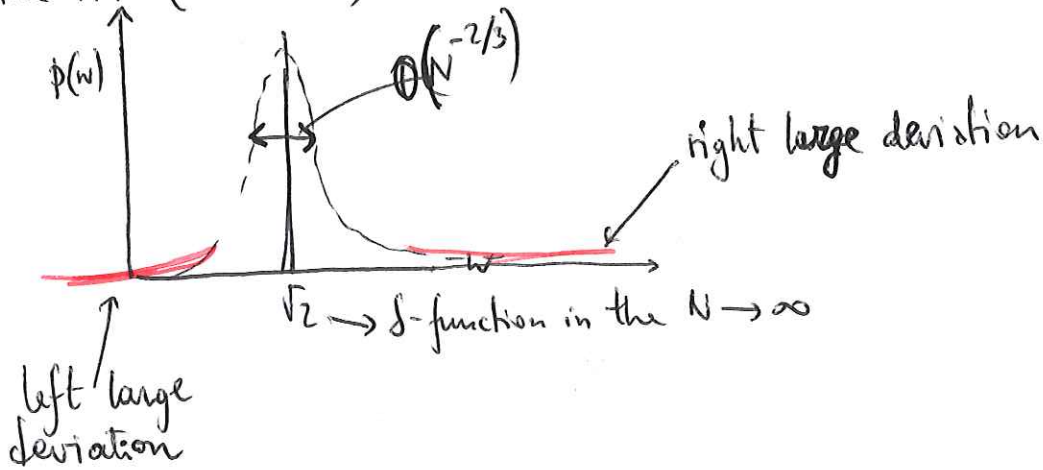
What happens for N large but finite?



$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} P_{\text{stable}}(\alpha, N) = \begin{cases} 1 & \alpha < \alpha_c \\ 0 & \alpha > \alpha_c \end{cases}$$

"Too rich a web connectance (too large a C) or too large an average interaction strength (too large an α) leads to instability. The larger the number of species, the more pronounced the effect."

Plot the PDF (derivative)



Meaning of large deviation tails?

Citrus Allusion

Longest increasing subsequence

$\{0, 8, 4, 12, 2, 10, 6, 14, 1, 9, 5, 13, 3, 11, 7, 15\}$

increasing subsequence $\{0, 6, 9, 13, 15\}$

longest increasing sub. $\{0, 2, 6, 9, 11, 15\}$

$\{0, 4, 6, 9, 11, 15\}$

$l = 6$

$\{0, 4, 6, 9, 13, 15\}$

length ↓

• S_N : group of permutations of $1, 2, \dots, N$.

If $\pi \in S_N$ $N=5$ $\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ \pi_1 : & 5 & \textcircled{1} & 3 & \textcircled{2} \textcircled{4} \end{matrix}$ $\rightarrow \boxed{l(\pi_1) = 3, N=5}$

• Equip S_N with uniform distribution, and define

~~Prob~~ $\text{Prob}[l_N \leq n] = \frac{f_{N,n}}{N!}$

total number of permutations

n° of permutations with $l_N \leq n$.

$N \rightarrow \infty ?$

Problem was raised by Ulam \rightarrow conjectured (5)

that $C = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E[l_N]}{\sqrt{N}}$ exists.

"Ulam problem".

Various conjectures about the variance.

1993 Odlyzko and Rains $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{Var}(l_N)}{N^{1/3}} \approx c_0$,
where $c_0 \approx 0.819\dots$

$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E[l_N] - 2\sqrt{N}}{N^{1/6}} \approx c_1$
where $c_1 \approx -1.758\dots$

Thm. [Baik, Deift, Johansson].

$$\chi_N = \frac{l_N - 2\sqrt{N}}{N^{1/6}} \xrightarrow{d} \chi$$

where $\text{Prob}[\chi \leq s] = F_2(s)$ TW $\rightarrow \beta = 2$.

if you compute

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{Var}(l_N)}{N^{1/3}} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} s^2 F(s) ds - \left(\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} s F(s) ds \right)^2 \approx 0.8132\dots$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E[l_N] - 2\sqrt{N}}{N^{1/6}} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} s F(s) ds \approx -1.7711\dots$$

Handout...

Large Deviations of the Largest Eigenvalue L1

$$P(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N) = B_N(\beta) \exp \left[-\beta \left(\frac{N}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \ln |\lambda_i - \lambda_j| \right) \right].$$

$$F_N(w) = \text{Prob}[\lambda_{\max} \leq w] = \text{Prob}[\lambda_1 \leq w, \lambda_2 \leq w, \dots, \lambda_N \leq w]$$

$$F_N(w) = \frac{Z_N(w)}{Z_N(w \rightarrow +\infty)}$$

$$Z_N(w) = \int_{-\infty}^w d\lambda_1 \dots \int_{-\infty}^w d\lambda_N \exp \left[-\frac{\beta}{2} \left(N \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i^2 - \sum_{i \neq j} \ln |\lambda_i - \lambda_j| \right) \right].$$

$$F_N(w) \approx \begin{cases} \exp[-\beta N^2 \Phi_-(w)] \\ \frac{1}{\beta} (\sqrt{2} N^{2/3} (w - \sqrt{2})) \\ 1 - \exp[-\beta N \Phi_+(w)] \end{cases}$$

$$w < \sqrt{2} \quad \& \quad |w - \sqrt{2}| \sim O(1)$$

$$|w - \sqrt{2}| \sim O(N^{-2/3})$$

$$w > \sqrt{2} \quad \& \quad |w - \sqrt{2}| \sim O(1)$$

$$\Phi_-(w) = \frac{1}{108} \left[36w^2 - w^4 - (15w + w^3) \sqrt{w^2 + 6} + 27(\ln 18 - 2 \ln(-w + \sqrt{w^2 + 6})) \right],$$

$$w < \sqrt{2}$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{6\sqrt{2}} (\sqrt{2} - w)^3, \quad w \rightarrow \sqrt{2}^-$$

$$\Phi_+(w) = \frac{1}{2} w \sqrt{w^2 - 2} + \ln \left[\frac{w - \sqrt{w^2 - 2}}{\sqrt{2}} \right]$$

Phase transition at the critical point $\omega_c = \sqrt{2}$

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(May's transition, with $\alpha_c = \frac{1}{\omega_c} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$).

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{N^2} \ln F_N(\omega) = \begin{cases} \Phi_-(\omega) & \omega < \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & \omega > 2 \end{cases}$$

3rd derivative of the free energy of the Coulomb gas at the critical point is discontinuous: 3rd order phase transition (in the sense of Ehrenfest).

[See review by Majumdar & Schehr, JSTAT 2013].

Derivation using Coulomb gas method.

Goal $Z_N(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\omega} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\omega} d\lambda_1 \dots d\lambda_N \exp \left[-\frac{\beta N}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i^2 - \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i \neq j} \ln |\lambda_i - \lambda_j| \right) \right]$

for $N \rightarrow \infty$.

(1) Introduce a counting function

$$n(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(x - \lambda_i)$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} dx n(x) = 1$$

$n(x) \geq 0$ everywhere

Assumptions: $N \rightarrow \infty$ $n(x)$ becomes a smooth function of 'x'.

② Instead of summing (integrating) over $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N\}$ (microstates), we first fix a certain profile $n(x)$ (non-negative, smooth, normalized). Then, we sum over all microstates "compatible" with $n(x)$, and then we sum over all possible $n(x)$.

$$1 = \int \mathcal{D}[n(x)] \delta\left(n(x) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(x - \lambda_i)\right).$$

$$Z_N(w) = \int \mathcal{D}[n(x)] \int_{-\infty}^w \dots \int_{-\infty}^w d\lambda_1 \dots d\lambda_N \exp\left[\dots \right] \times \delta\left(n(x) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(x - \lambda_i)\right).$$

③ Use the identities

$$\sum_{i=1}^N f(\lambda_i) = N \int dx n(x) f(x)$$

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^N g(\lambda_i, \lambda_j) = N^2 \iint dx dx' n(x) n(x') g(x, x')$$

$$\frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i^2 = \frac{1}{2N} \times N \int dx n(x) x^2 .$$

$$\frac{1}{2N^2} \sum_{i \neq j} \ln |\lambda_i - \lambda_j| = \frac{1}{2N^2} \left[\sum_{i,j} \ln |\lambda_i - \lambda_j| - \sum_i \ln \Delta(\lambda_i) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2N^2} \times N^2 \iint dx dx' n(x) n(x') \ln |x-x'| - \frac{1}{2N^2} \times N \int dx n(x) \ln \Delta(x)$$

\downarrow
 short-distance cutoff.

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$$Z_N(\omega) = \int \mathcal{D}[n(x)] \exp \left[-\beta N^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \int dx n(x) x^2 - \frac{1}{2} \iint dx dx' n(x) n(x') \ln |x-x'| + \frac{1}{2N} \int dx n(x) \ln \Delta(x) \right) \right] \times$$

$$\times \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^w d\lambda_1 \dots \int_{-\infty}^w d\lambda_N \delta \left(n(x) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(x - \lambda_i) \right)}_{I_N[n(x); w]} .$$

$$I_N[n(x); w] \sim \exp \left[-N \int dx n(x) \ln n(x) \right]$$

"entropic" term

Exercise:

see Dean & Majumdar

(counts how many microstates are there compatible with $n(x)$)

To leading order in 'N'

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$$Z_N(\omega) \simeq \int \mathcal{D}[n(x)] \exp \left[-\beta N^2 \mathcal{E}_\omega[n(x)] + O(N) \right]$$

where

$$\mathcal{E}_\omega[n(x)] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\omega} dx n(x) x^2 - \frac{1}{2} \iint_{-\infty}^{\omega} dx dx' n(x) n(x') \ln |x-x'|$$

(5) Saddle-point evaluation.

$$Z_N(\omega) \simeq \exp \left[-\beta N^2 \mathcal{E}_\omega[n^*(x)] \right],$$

where $n^*(x)$ is such that:

$$\left. \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}_\omega[n(x)]}{\delta n(x)} \right|_{n(x)=n^*(x)} = \frac{1}{2} x^2 - \int_{-\infty}^{\omega} dx' n^*(x') \ln |x-x'| \stackrel{C}{=} 0$$

normalization
of the density
↓
for $x \in \text{supp}[n_\omega(x)]$

Claim $n_\omega^*(x)$ cannot have unbounded support.

For large $|x|$

$$\text{LHS} \sim |x|^2$$

$$\text{RHS} \sim \ln |x|$$

so they can never balance each other.

⑥ Differentiate the integral equation wrt 'x'.

$$\frac{1}{2}x^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\omega} dx' n_{\omega}^*(x') \ln|x-x'| + C$$

Problem: $\ln|x-x'|$ is not differentiable \rightarrow Notion of 'weak derivative'

Let u be a function in $L^1([a,b])$. We say that $v \in L^1([a,b])$ is a weak derivative of u if

$$\int_a^b dx u(x) \varphi'(x) = - \int_a^b dx v(x) \varphi(x)$$

for all infinitely differentiable functions φ with $\varphi(a) = \varphi(b) = 0$.

[The notion of weak derivative extends the standard (strong) derivative to functions that are not differentiable, but integrable].

Setting $u(x) = \int dx' n_{\omega}^*(x') \ln|x-x'|$, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \int dx \varphi'(x) \left[\int dx' n_{\omega}^*(x') \ln|x-x'| \right] &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int dx \varphi'(x) \left[\int dx' n^*(x') \ln[(x-x')^2 + \epsilon^2] \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int dx \varphi(x) \left[\int dx' \frac{2(x-x')}{(x-x')^2 + \epsilon^2} \right] = - \int dx \varphi(x) \left[P_r \int dx' \frac{n^*(x')}{x-x'} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, differentiating

$$z = P_r \int_{a_1}^{a_2} dx' \frac{n_{\omega}^*(x')}{x-x'}$$

Singular integral equation

Tricomi formula.

$$g(\lambda) = P_r \int_{a_1}^{a_2} dx' \frac{f(x')}{x-x'}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow g(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\pi \sqrt{(a_2-\lambda)(\lambda-a_1)}} \left[C_0 - P_r \int_{a_1}^{a_2} \frac{dt}{\pi} \frac{\sqrt{(a_2-t)(t-a_1)} g(t)}{\lambda-t} \right]$$

where $C_0 = \int_{a_1}^{a_2} g(\lambda) d\lambda$ is a constant. In our case, $g(\lambda) = \lambda$ and $C_0 = 1$ due to normalization.

$$I(\lambda) = \text{Pr} \int_{a_1}^{a_2} \frac{dt}{\pi} \frac{\sqrt{(a_2-t)(t-a_1)}}{\lambda-t} \cdot t$$

$$\frac{t-a_1}{a_2-a_1} = \xi$$

$$I(\lambda) = \frac{(a_2-a_1)^2}{\pi} \int_0^1 d\xi \left[(a_2-a_1)\xi + a_1 \right] \frac{\sqrt{\xi(1-\xi)}}{\lambda - (a_2-a_1)\xi - a_1}$$

$$= \frac{(a_2-a_1)^2}{\pi} \int_0^1 d\xi \xi \frac{\sqrt{\xi(1-\xi)}}{\frac{\lambda-a_1}{a_2-a_1} - \xi} + \frac{a_1(a_2-a_1)}{\pi} \int_0^1 d\xi \frac{\sqrt{\xi(1-\xi)}}{\frac{\lambda-a_1}{a_2-a_1} - \xi}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{8} \left[8 \left(\frac{\lambda-a_1}{a_2-a_1} \right)^2 - 4 \left(\frac{\lambda-a_1}{a_2-a_1} \right) - 1 \right] \quad \pi \left[\frac{\lambda-a_1}{a_2-a_1} - \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$h_w(\lambda) = \frac{1}{8\pi \sqrt{(a_2-\lambda)(\lambda-a_1)}} \left[8 + (a_2-a_1)^2 + 4(a_1+a_2)\lambda - 8\lambda^2 \right]$$

Check that $\int_{a_1}^{a_2} d\lambda g(\lambda) = 1$.

$$\mathcal{E}_\omega[n_\omega^*(x)] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\omega} dx n_\omega^*(x) x^2 - \frac{1}{2} \iint_{-\infty}^{\omega} dx dx' n_\omega^*(x) n_\omega^*(x') \ln|x-x'|.$$

↳ it will be a function of (a_1, a_2)

Saddle point equation:

$$\frac{1}{2} x^2 - \int_{-\infty}^{\omega} dx' n_\omega^*(x') \ln|x-x'| + C = 0.$$

$$\underline{x=0} \rightarrow C = \int_{-\infty}^{\omega} dx' n_\omega^*(x') \ln|x'|.$$

Multiplying by $n_\omega^*(x)$ and integrating:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\omega} \frac{1}{2} x^2 n_\omega^*(x) dx - \iint_{-\infty}^{\omega} dx dx' n_\omega^*(x) n_\omega^*(x') \ln|x-x'| + C = 0$$

$$\iint_{-\infty}^{\omega} \dots = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\omega} x^2 n_\omega^*(x) dx + \int_{-\infty}^{\omega} dx n_\omega^*(x) \ln|x|.$$

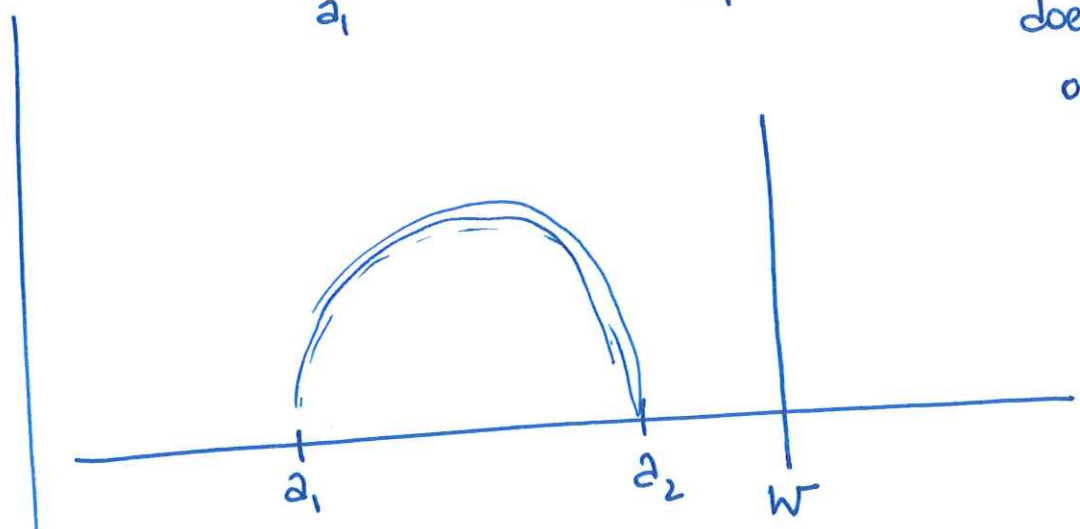
Plugging it into $\mathcal{E}_\omega[n_\omega^*(x)]$ we obtain

$$\mathcal{E}_\omega[n_\omega^*(x)] = \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\infty}^{\omega} x^2 n_\omega^*(x) dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\omega} dx n_\omega^*(x) \ln|x|.$$

if $w > a_2$

$$\mathcal{E}_w[n_{\lambda}^*(x)] = \frac{1}{4} \int_{a_1}^{a_2} x^2 n_{\lambda}^*(x) dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{a_1}^{a_2} dx n_{\lambda}^*(x) \ln|x|$$

does not depend on 'w'.



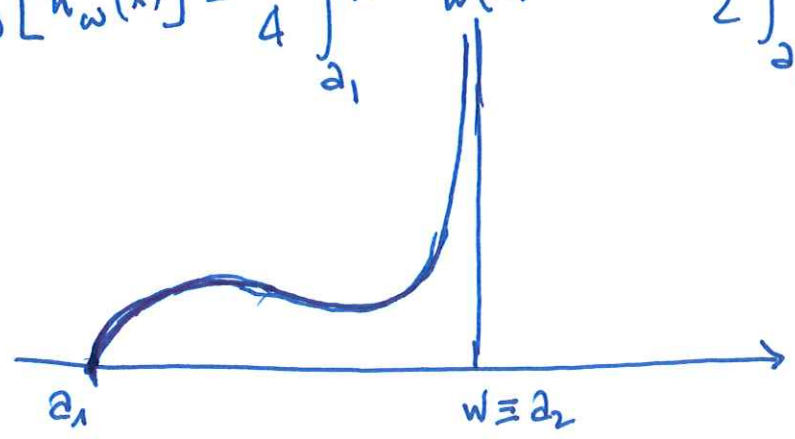
→ $F(a_1, a_2)$ to be minimized w.r.t. a_1 and a_2 .

the result yields $a_1 = -a_2 = -\sqrt{2}$.

$$\boxed{n^*(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{2 - \lambda^2}}$$

if $w < a_2$

$$\mathcal{E}_w[n_{\lambda}^*(x)] = \frac{1}{4} \int_{a_1}^w x^2 n_{\lambda}^*(x) dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{a_1}^w dx n_{\lambda}^*(x) \ln|x|$$



$$N_w^*(\lambda) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda + L(\omega)}}{2\pi\sqrt{\omega - \lambda}} \left[\omega + L(\omega) - 2\lambda \right], \text{ with } \quad \llcorner \llcorner$$

$-L(\omega) \leq \lambda \leq \omega$
 for $\omega < \sqrt{2}$.

where $L(\omega) = \frac{2\sqrt{\omega^2 + 6} - \omega}{3}$.