

**Section 6** Dyson Brownian Motion and Bulk Universality

I. Various notions of Bulk universality

The local eigenvalue statistics can either be expressed in terms of "local correlation functions" rescaled around some energy  $E$  or the "gap statistics" for a gap  $\lambda_{j+1} - \lambda_j$  with a given label  $j$ . They are called "fixed energy" and "fixed gap" universalities, and they do not coincide. In fact, eigenvalues fluctuate on a scale much larger than the typical eigenvalue spacing, the label  $j$  of the eigenvalue  $\lambda_j$  closest to a fixed energy  $E$  is not a deterministic function of  $E$ . Moreover, the two concepts both have natural averaged versions, which are generally easier to establish.

RMK: Recall that  $\int_{\delta_j}^{\delta_{j+1}} \rho_{sc}(x) dx = \frac{1}{N} \Rightarrow \delta_{j+1} - \delta_j \sim \frac{1}{N \rho_{sc}(\delta_j)}$ . Hence, the ~~fluctuation~~ gaps and correlation functions need to be rescaled by the local density  $\rho_{sc}$  to get an universal limit. This holds in more general setups, such as sample covariance matrices.

① Fixed energy universality:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $C^\infty$ . For any const  $K > 0$ , we have that uniformly in  $E \in [-2+K, 2-K]$ ,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\rho_{sc}(E)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} d\vec{\alpha} F(\vec{\alpha}) p_N^{(n)} \left( E + \frac{\vec{\alpha}}{N \rho_{sc}(E)} \right) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} d\vec{\alpha} F(\vec{\alpha}) q_{GOE/GUE}^{(n)}(\vec{\alpha}),$$

where  $\vec{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ ,  $p_N^{(n)}$  is the  $n$ -point correlation function, and  $q_{GOE/GUE}^{(n)}(\vec{\alpha})$

$= \det(S(\alpha_i - \alpha_j))_{i,j=1}^n$  is the determinant of sine-kernel we derived before.

② Averaged bulk universality (on scale  $N^{-1+\epsilon}$ ):

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\rho_{sc}(E)^n} \int_{E-b}^{E+b} \frac{dx}{2b} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} d\vec{\alpha} F(\vec{\alpha}) p_N^{(n)} \left( x + \frac{\vec{\alpha}}{N \rho_{sc}(E)} \right) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} d\vec{\alpha} F(\vec{\alpha}) q_{GOE/GUE}^{(n)}(\vec{\alpha})$$

where  $b = N^{-1+\epsilon} \forall$  const  $\epsilon > 0$ .

③ Fixed gap universality: Fixed any small constant  $\delta > 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . For any  $F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $F \in C^\infty$  and any  $k, m \in [\delta N, (1-\delta)N]$ , we have that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left| \mathbb{E}_{HN} F \left( N \rho_{sc}(\delta_k) (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k), \dots, N \rho_{sc}(\delta_k) (\lambda_{k+n} - \lambda_k) \right) - \mathbb{E}_{GOE/GUE} F \left( N \rho_{sc}(\delta_m) (\lambda_{m+1} - \lambda_m), \dots, N \rho_{sc}(\delta_m) (\lambda_{m+n} - \lambda_m) \right) \right| = 0.$$

④ Averaged gap universality: For  $l = N^\epsilon$ ,  $\forall$  const  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1}{2l+1} \sum_{j=k-l}^{k+l} \mathbb{E}_{HN} F \left( N \rho_{sc}(\delta_k) (\lambda_{j+1} - \lambda_j), \dots, N \rho_{sc}(\delta_k) (\lambda_{j+n} - \lambda_j) \right) - \mathbb{E}_{GOE/GUE} F \left( N \rho_{sc}(\delta_m) (\lambda_{m+1} - \lambda_m), \dots, N \rho_{sc}(\delta_m) (\lambda_{m+n} - \lambda_m) \right) \right| = 0.$$

Rmk: Fixed energy  $\Rightarrow$  Averaged energy, Fixed gap  $\Rightarrow$  Averaged gap,  
 Fixed energy  $\nRightarrow$  Fixed gap, Averaged energy  $\Leftrightarrow$  Averaged gap.

We will focus on proving the averaged energy universality.

Theorem 6.1 The averaged energy universality holds on scales  $N^{-1+\epsilon} \forall 0 < \epsilon < 1$ .

This is a version of the famous "Wigner-Dyson-Mehta conjecture".

## II. The three-step strategy

Step 1: Local semicircle law. At this step, we get precise estimates on the matrix elements of the resolvent, the rigidity of eigenvalues, and delocalization of eigenvectors.

Step 2: Universality for Gaussian divisible ~~ensembles~~ ensembles.

Gaussian divisible ~~se~~ ensembles are random matrices that can be written as  $H_t = H_0 + \sqrt{t} H_0^G$ , where  $H_0$  is Wigner,  $H_0^G$  is GOE/GUE ~~and~~ independent of  $H_0$ , and  $t > 0$  is a parameter.

A convenient way to generate  $H_t$  is the "matrix Ornstein-Uhlenbeck (OU) Process":

$$dH_t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} dB_t - \frac{1}{2} H_t dt, \quad H_t = H_0,$$

where  $B_t$  is a matrix Brownian motion whose entries are independent BMs up to symmetry  $B_t^* = B_t$ , and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} B_t \stackrel{\text{law}}{=} \sqrt{t} \text{GOE/GUE}$ . For each entry,

$$dh_{ij}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} db_{ij}(t) - \frac{1}{2} h_{ij}(t) dt.$$

It has a unique strong solution:

$$h_{ij}(t) = h_{ij}(0) e^{-t/2} + \int_0^t \frac{e^{-(t-t')/2}}{\sqrt{N}} db_{ij}(t').$$

Note that  $\int_0^t \frac{e^{-(t-t')/2}}{\sqrt{N}} db_{ij}(t')$  is centered Gaussian of variance  $\frac{1}{N} \int_0^t e^{-(t-t')} dt' = \frac{1}{N} (1 - e^{-t})$ .

Hence, with a slight abuse of notation, we write it as  $h_{ij}^G \cdot \sqrt{1 - e^{-t}}$ .

This gives a solution

$$H_t \stackrel{\text{law}}{=} e^{-t/2} H_0 + \sqrt{1 - e^{-t}} H_0^G.$$

A big advantage of this form is that variances are preserved throughout the process:

$$\mathbb{E} |h_{ij}(t)|^2 = e^{-t} \mathbb{E} |h_{ij}(0)|^2 + (1 - e^{-t}) \mathbb{E} |h_{ij}^G|^2 = \mathbb{E} |h_{ij}(0)|^2,$$

for  $\mathbb{E} |h_{ij}(0)|^2 = 1 + \delta_{ij}$  in the real case, and  $\mathbb{E} |h_{ij}(0)|^2 = 2$  in the complex case.

The purpose of Step 2 is to show ~~that~~ the bulk universality of  $H_t$  for  $t = N^{-1+\epsilon}$  for any  $0 < \epsilon < 1$ .

## Approximation by a Gaussian ~~div~~ divisible ensemble

Step 3: Given a Wigner matrix,  $H$ , there exists a Wigner  $H_0$  such that  $H_t$  has asymptotically ~~the~~ identical local eigenvalue statistics as  $H$ . This is usually done through a Green's function comparison argument by using certain moment matching conditions. Alternatively, one can also use a continuity estimate of ~~the~~ the matrix OU process.

The "three-step strategy" is now (one of) the most standard in proving the bulk universality of random matrices (for edge universality, the Step 2 sometimes is not necessary). Here, Step 1 is model-specific and generally is "hardest" step. The Steps 2 and 3 are more standard, ~~and~~ <sup>where</sup> general methods / proofs / arguments are known and work for "most" models. In particular, the strongest result for Step 2 has been established for very general initial conditions  $H_0$  (not necessarily a random matrix).

### III. Dyson Brownian Motion

The matrix Brownian motion introduces ~~the~~ SPDE tools to study the evolution of the eigenvalues of  $H_t$ :  $\lambda_1(t) \leq \lambda_2(t) \leq \dots \leq \lambda_N(t)$ . A classical theorem below will guarantee that the eigenvalues are simple and continuous functions of  $t$ . So the labelling is preserved along the evolution.

In principle, the eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_i(t)\}$  and eigenvectors  $\{\vec{u}_i(t)\}$  of  $H_t$  are correlated strongly, and we expect a couple system of stochastic differential equations for them (which is indeed the case if  $B_t$  is not chosen to have the law of  $\mathbb{R}$  GOE / GUE).

But, Dyson observe that the eigenvalues themselves satisfy an autonomous system of SDEs that does not involve eigenvectors, which is called the Dyson Brownian Motion (DBM).

Theorem 6.2 The eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_i(t)\}$  of  $H_t$  satisfy the following system of SDEs:

$$d\lambda_i = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\beta N}} dB_i(t) + \left( -\frac{\lambda_i}{2} + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} \right) dt, \quad 1 \leq i \leq N, \quad \begin{cases} \beta=1 & \text{for real,} \\ \beta=2 & \text{for complex.} \end{cases}$$

$\{B_i(t) : 1 \leq i \leq N\}$  is a collection of independent BMs. The solution to the above equation is called <sup>a</sup> DBM (where there is not necessarily an underlying matrix model).

Proof: Let  $\lambda_a^{(t)}$  be an eigenvalue of  $H(t) = (h_{ij}(t))$  with eigenvector  $\vec{u}_a(t)$ . Almost surely, all eigenvalues are simple. We apply Ito's formula to  $\lambda_a(t)$  to derive the DBM. We only consider the real case with  $\beta=1$ .

Differentiating:  $H \vec{u}_a = \lambda_a \vec{u}_a$ ,  $\vec{u}_a^* \vec{u}_a = \delta_{a\beta}$ , we obtain that

$$(1) \quad \frac{\partial H}{\partial h_{ij}} \vec{u}_a + H \frac{\partial \vec{u}_a}{\partial h_{ij}} = \frac{\partial \lambda_a}{\partial h_{ij}} \vec{u}_a + \lambda_a \frac{\partial \vec{u}_a}{\partial h_{ij}},$$

$$(2) \frac{\partial \vec{u}_\alpha^*}{\partial h_{ij}} \vec{u}_\beta + \vec{u}_\alpha^* \frac{\partial \vec{u}_\beta}{\partial h_{ij}} = 0, \quad \vec{u}_\alpha^* \frac{\partial \vec{u}_\alpha}{\partial h_{ij}} = 0.$$

Taking inner product with  $\vec{u}_\alpha$  (1) and using (2), we get

$$\vec{u}_\alpha^* \frac{\partial H}{\partial h_{ij}} \vec{u}_\alpha + \lambda_\alpha \vec{u}_\alpha^* \frac{\partial \vec{u}_\alpha}{\partial h_{ij}} = \frac{\partial \lambda_\alpha}{\partial h_{ij}} + \lambda_\alpha \vec{u}_\alpha^* \frac{\partial \vec{u}_\alpha}{\partial h_{ij}}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \lambda_\alpha}{\partial h_{ij}} = \vec{u}_\alpha^* \frac{\partial H}{\partial h_{ij}} \vec{u}_\alpha. \quad (*)$$

Taking inner product  $\vec{u}_\beta$  with (1) and using (2), we get (for  $\beta \neq \alpha$ )

$$\vec{u}_\beta^* \frac{\partial H}{\partial h_{ij}} \vec{u}_\alpha + \lambda_\beta \vec{u}_\beta^* \frac{\partial \vec{u}_\alpha}{\partial h_{ij}} = \lambda_\alpha \vec{u}_\beta^* \frac{\partial \vec{u}_\alpha}{\partial h_{ij}}.$$

This implies that  $\vec{u}_\alpha \frac{\partial \vec{u}_\alpha}{\partial h_{ij}} = \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} \vec{u}_\beta (\vec{u}_\beta^* \frac{\partial \vec{u}_\alpha}{\partial h_{ij}}) = \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} \vec{u}_\beta \frac{1}{\lambda_\alpha - \lambda_\beta} (\vec{u}_\beta^* \frac{\partial H}{\partial h_{ij}} \vec{u}_\alpha)$  (†)

For (\*), it writes:  $\frac{\partial \lambda_\alpha}{\partial h_{ij}} = (2 - \delta_{ij}) u_{\alpha(i)} u_{\alpha(j)}$ . For (†), it writes

$$\frac{\partial u_{\alpha(k)}}{\partial h_{ij}} = \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} \frac{u_{\beta(i)} u_{\alpha(j)} + u_{\beta(j)} u_{\alpha(i)} (1 - \delta_{ij})}{\lambda_\alpha - \lambda_\beta} u_{\beta(k)}.$$

With these two formulas, we can also compute the second order partial derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \lambda_\alpha}{\partial h_{ij} \partial h_{kl}} = (2 - \delta_{ik}) \left[ \frac{\partial u_{\alpha(i)}}{\partial h_{kj}} u_{\alpha(k)} + u_{\alpha(i)} \frac{\partial u_{\alpha(k)}}{\partial h_{kj}} \right]$$

$$= (2 - \delta_{ik}) \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} \frac{1}{\lambda_\alpha - \lambda_\beta} \left[ (u_{\beta(j)} u_{\alpha(l)} + u_{\beta(l)} u_{\alpha(j)} (1 - \delta_{lj})) u_{\beta(i)} u_{\alpha(k)} \right. \\ \left. + (u_{\beta(l)} u_{\alpha(j)} + u_{\beta(j)} u_{\alpha(l)} (1 - \delta_{lj})) u_{\beta(k)} u_{\alpha(i)} \right]$$

$$= (2 - \delta_{ik}) \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} \frac{1}{\lambda_\alpha - \lambda_\beta} (u_{\beta(j)} u_{\alpha(l)} + u_{\beta(l)} u_{\alpha(j)} (1 - \delta_{lj})) (u_{\beta(i)} u_{\alpha(k)} + u_{\beta(k)} u_{\alpha(i)}).$$

Now, using Ito's formula, we obtain that

$$d\lambda_\alpha = \sum_{i,k} \frac{\partial \lambda_\alpha}{\partial h_{ik}} dh_{ik} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,k} \sum_{j,l} \frac{\partial^2 \lambda_\alpha}{\partial h_{ik} \partial h_{jl}} [dh_{ik}, dh_{jl}]$$

$$= \sum_{i,k} u_{\alpha(i)} u_{\alpha(k)} \left[ \frac{db_{ik}}{\sqrt{N}} - \frac{1}{2} h_{ik} dt \right] + \sum_{i,k} \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} \frac{1}{2N} \frac{1}{\lambda_\alpha - \lambda_\beta} [u_{\beta(i)} u_{\alpha(k)} + u_{\beta(k)} u_{\alpha(i)}]^2 dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i,k} u_{\alpha(i)} u_{\alpha(k)} db_{ik} - \frac{1}{2} \lambda_\alpha dt + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} \frac{1}{\lambda_\alpha - \lambda_\beta} dt,$$

where we used  $[dh_{ik}, dh_{jl}] = \frac{1}{N} \delta_{il} \delta_{kj} (1 + \delta_{ik}) dt$ , and  $\sum_k h_{ik} u_{\alpha(k)} = \lambda_\alpha u_{\alpha(i)}$ .

Now, we define a new Gaussian process:  $\tilde{B}_\alpha := \sum_{i,k} u_{\alpha(i)} u_{\alpha(k)} db_{ik}$ . Clearly,  $\mathbb{E} \tilde{B}_\alpha = 0$ . We now calculate its covariance:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[(d\tilde{B}_\alpha, d\tilde{B}_\beta)] &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i,k} \sum_{l,j} u_\alpha(i) u_\alpha(k) u_\beta(l) u_\beta(j) [db_{ik}, db_{lj}] \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i,k} \sum_{l,j} u_\alpha(i) u_\alpha(k) u_\beta(l) u_\beta(j) (\delta_{il} \delta_{kj} + \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl}) dt \right] \\
&= 2 \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i,k} (u_\alpha(i) u_\beta(i) u_\alpha(k) u_\beta(k)) dt \right] = 2 \delta_{\alpha\beta} dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\tilde{B}_\alpha = \sqrt{2} B_\alpha$ , where  $B_\alpha(t)$  is a standard real BM and  $B_\alpha$ 's are independent of each other. This gives the DBM with  $\beta=1$ .  $\square$

A standard SPDE argument shows that there is a strong solution to the DBM:

$$(\#) \quad d\lambda_i = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\beta N}} dB_{i,t} + \left( -\frac{\lambda_i}{2} + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} \right) dt, \quad 1 \leq i \leq N, \quad \beta \geq 1.$$

Note: if  $\lambda_j < \lambda_i$ , then the "interaction force"  $\frac{1}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j}$  is  $> 0$ , while if  $\lambda_j > \lambda_i$ ,  $\frac{1}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} < 0$ . This gives a repulsion between particles  $\{\lambda_i\}$ .

Theorem 6.3. Let  $\bar{\Delta}_N := \{ \vec{\lambda} : \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_N \}$ . Let  $\beta \geq 1$  and suppose that the initial cond.  $\vec{\lambda}(0) \in \bar{\Delta}_N$ . Then, there exists a unique strong solution to (#) in the space of continuous functions  $(\vec{\lambda}(t))_{t \geq 0} \in C(\mathbb{R}_+, \bar{\Delta}_N)$ . Moreover,  $\forall t > 0$ , we have  $\vec{\lambda}(t) \in \bar{\Delta}_N$  and  $\vec{\lambda}(t)$  depends continuously on  $\vec{\lambda}(0)$ . In particular, if  $\vec{\lambda}(0) \in \Delta_N$ , then  $(\vec{\lambda}(t))_{t \geq 0} \in C(\mathbb{R}_+, \Delta_N)$ , i.e., the particles are separated for all for all times along the evolution.

Rmk: The DBM can be regarded as a Itô drift-diffusion process. Hence, we can mimic the proof of the existence and uniqueness of the strong solution there. But, one needs to deal with the singularities  $(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^{-1}$ . The "level repulsion mechanism" will play a significant role in the proof.

#### IV. Strong local ergodicity of DBM

~~DBM~~ The Gaussian measure is the only stationary measure of DBM and the DBM dynamics converges to this equilibrium from any initial condition.  
(GOE / GUE)

Recall the invariant  $\beta$ -ensemble:  $\vec{\lambda} = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N)$ ,  

$$\mu_N(d\lambda) = \frac{1}{Z_N} \exp(-\beta N H_N(\vec{\lambda})) d\vec{\lambda},$$

$H_N(\vec{\lambda}) = \sum_{i=1}^N V(\lambda_i) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i < j} \log |\lambda_i - \lambda_j|$ . For us, we are interested in the GOE/GUE case with  $V(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \lambda^2$ .

Then, we define the Dirichlet form associated with  $\mu_N$ :

$$D_{\mu}(f) := \frac{1}{\beta N} \sum_{i=1}^N \int (\partial_i f)^2 d\mu = \frac{1}{\beta N} \|\nabla f\|_{L^2(\mu_N)}^2, \quad \partial_i := \partial_{\lambda_i}.$$

The symmetric operator associated with the Dirichlet form is called generator and denoted by  $\mathcal{L}_{\mu} \equiv \mathcal{L}$ . It is defined through ( $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ : inner product)

$$D_{\mu}(f) = \langle f, (-\mathcal{L})f \rangle_{L^2(\mu)} = -\int f \mathcal{L} f d\mu_N. \quad (-\mathcal{L} \text{ is a positive operator})$$

Note that  $\mathcal{L}$  can be chosen as  $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\beta N} \Delta - (\nabla \ell) \cdot \nabla$ :

$$-\int f \mathcal{L} f \frac{1}{Z_N} \exp(-\beta N \ell_N(\vec{\lambda})) d\vec{\lambda} = -\int f \frac{1}{\beta N} \Delta f \frac{1}{Z_N} \exp(-\beta N \ell_N) d\vec{\lambda} + \int f (\nabla \ell) \cdot \nabla f \frac{1}{Z_N} \exp(-\beta N \ell_N) d\vec{\lambda}$$

$$= D_{\mu}(f) + \frac{1}{\beta N} \int f (\nabla f) \cdot \nabla \left( \frac{1}{Z_N} \exp(-\beta N \ell_N) \right) d\vec{\lambda} + \int f (\nabla \ell) \cdot \nabla f d\mu_N = D_{\mu}(f).$$

In components:  $\mathcal{L} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\beta N} \partial_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^N \left( -\frac{1}{2} V'(\lambda_i) + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} \right) \partial_i$ .

For  $V(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \lambda^2$ , we have  $\mathcal{L}_G = \frac{1}{\beta N} \sum_{i=1}^N \partial_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^N \left( -\frac{1}{2} \lambda_i + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} \right) \partial_i$ .

With the DBM and Ito's formula, we notice that for any twice differentiable  $g$ ,

$$\partial_t \mathbb{E} g(\vec{\lambda}(t)) = \mathbb{E} \mathcal{L}_G g(\vec{\lambda}(t)).$$

Write the distribution of  $\vec{\lambda}(t)$  at time  $t$  as  $f_t(\vec{\lambda}) \mu_N(d\vec{\lambda})$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \int g(\vec{\lambda}) f_t(\vec{\lambda}) \mu_N(d\vec{\lambda}) &= \int (\mathcal{L}_G g(\vec{\lambda})) f_t(\vec{\lambda}) \mu_N(d\vec{\lambda}) \\ &= \int g(\vec{\lambda}) [\mathcal{L}_G f_t(\vec{\lambda})] \mu_N(d\vec{\lambda}). \end{aligned}$$

In other words, the density  $f_t(\vec{\lambda})$  satisfies  $\partial_t f_t(\vec{\lambda}) = \mathcal{L}_G f_t(\vec{\lambda})$ . (\*)

Note that  $f(\vec{\lambda}) \equiv 1$  is a solution to this equation, i.e.,  $\mu_N(d\vec{\lambda})$  is a stationary measure of the DBM. Our goal is to show that for any initial condition  $f_0$ ,  $f_t \rightarrow f_{\infty} \equiv 1$ . A much harder and more important question is: how fast the dynamics reach equilibrium?

**Dyson's conjecture** The global equilibrium of DBM is reached in time of order 1 and the local equilibrium (in the bulk) is reached in time of order  $\frac{1}{N}$ .

From  $H_t = e^{-t/2} H_0 + \sqrt{1-e^{-t}} H_G$ , we see that the global equilibrium is indeed reached within a time of order 1. The key is that the local equilibrium is achieved much faster if an a priori estimate on the initial locations of the eigenvalues holds, which verifies Dyson's conjecture.

This a priori estimate is the "rigidity of eigenvalues".

Theorem 6.4 (Relaxation of DBM) Suppose for some exponent  $\xi \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ , the rigidity of the eigenvalues ~~is the~~ <sup>of  $H_t$</sup>  holds on scale  $N^{-1+\xi}$ , i.e.,  
 $\max_j |\lambda_j(t) - \delta_j(t)| < N^{-1+\xi}$   ~~$\max_j |\lambda_j(t) - \delta_j(t)| < N^{-1+\xi}$~~  uniformly in  $t \in [N^{-1+2\xi}, N]$ .

Let  $E \in [-2+\kappa, 2-\kappa]$  and  $b_N > 0$  such that  $[E-b, E+b] \subset (-2, 2)$ . Then,  $\forall n \geq 1$  and  $F \in C_c^\infty : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\left| \int_{E-b}^{E+b} \frac{dx}{2b} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} d\vec{x} F(\vec{x}) (p_t^{(n)} - p_G^{(n)}) \left(x + \frac{\vec{x}}{N}\right) \right| \leq N^\xi \left[ \frac{N^{-1+\xi}}{b} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{bNt}} \right] \|F\|_{C^1}, \quad \forall \text{ const } \xi > 0 \text{ and } t \in [N^{-1+2\xi}, N].$$

Here,  $p_t^{(n)}$  is the  $n$ -point correlation function of  $H_t$ ,  $p_G^{(n)}$  is the  $n$ -point correlation function of  $H_G$ .  $\|F\|_{C^1} = \|F\|_\infty + \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\nabla F(x)\|_\infty$ .

Bmk: The upper bound  $N$  on  $t$  is not essential. It can be replaced by  $N^\epsilon$ ,  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ , where  $H_t = e^{-t/2} H_0 + \sqrt{1-e^{-t}} H_G$  is super-close to  $H_G$  with an exponentially error  $e^{-O(N^\epsilon)}$ . For us, the most interesting case will be  $t \ll 1$ .

The above thm says that if we have rigidity on scale  $N^{-1+\xi}$ , then the DBM has averaged bulk universality for any  $t \gg N^{-1+2\xi}$  on scales  $b \gg \max\{N^{-1+\xi}, (Nt)^{-1}\}$ . If  $H_0$  is a Wigner matrix, we can choose  $\xi$  as small as possible. This gives Theorem 6.1.

~~Proof of Theorem 6.1~~ For any constant  $\epsilon > 0$ , we choose  $\xi = \epsilon$  and  $t = N^{-1+2\epsilon}$ ,  $b = N^{-1+3\epsilon}$ . As long as  $\epsilon$  is sufficiently small (e.g.,  $\epsilon < 2$ ).

In the sense of large energy windows of size  $b = N^{-\epsilon}$ , the above theorem essentially establishes the Dyson's conjecture the time to local equilibrium is  $N^{-1+\epsilon} \forall \epsilon > 0$ .

## V: Entropy

To analyze the convergence of  $f_t$  to  $f_\infty$ , a classical tool is entropy and the log-Sobolev inequality (LSI).

Def: Given two probability measures  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ , we define the relative entropy of  $\nu$  w.r.t.  $\mu$  as

$$S(\nu|\mu) = \int \log \frac{d\nu}{d\mu} d\nu = \int \frac{d\nu}{d\mu} \log \frac{d\nu}{d\mu} d\mu \quad \left( \text{Radon-Nikodym derivative} \right)$$

if  $\nu$  is absolutely continuous w.r.t.  $\mu$ . (Otherwise, we set  $S(\nu|\mu) = \infty$ .)

If  $\nu = f\mu$ , then  $\frac{d\nu}{d\mu} = f$ . Then we write  $S_\mu(f) := S(\nu|\mu) = \int f \log f d\mu$ , the entropy of  $f$ .

Since the function  $x \mapsto x \log x$  is convex on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ , by Jensen's inequality,  

$$\int f \log f d\mu \geq \left(\int f d\mu\right) \log\left(\int f d\mu\right) = 0$$
, i.e., the relative entropy is always positive.

We now present some important inequalities related to the entropy.

Prop (Gibbs inequality) Let  $X$  be a random variable defined on the probability space of  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ . For any  $\alpha > 0$ , we have:

$$E^\nu[X] \leq \alpha^{-1} S(\nu|\mu) + \alpha^{-1} \log E^\mu e^{\alpha X}.$$

Proof: Without loss of generality, we can take  $\alpha=1$  by setting  $X \rightarrow \alpha X$ . By Jensen's ineq,

$$\begin{aligned} E^\nu X - S(\nu|\mu) &= \int X d\nu - \int \frac{d\nu}{d\mu} \log \frac{d\nu}{d\mu} d\mu \\ &= \int \log \left[ e^X \frac{d\mu}{d\nu} \right] d\nu \leq \log \left[ \int e^X \frac{d\mu}{d\nu} d\nu \right] = \log [E^\mu e^X]. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Rmk: In fact, we have  $S(\nu|\mu) = \sup_X [E^\nu X - \log E^\mu e^X]$ .

Recall that the  $L^p$  distance between  $f\mu$  and  $\mu$  is defined by:  $\left[ \int |f-1|^p d\mu \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}$ . When  $p=1$ , it is also called total variation (TV) norm. Entropy is a weaker measure of distance between two probability measures than the  $L^p$  distance  $\forall p > 1$ :

$$|f \log f| = |[1+(f-1)] \log [1+(f-1)]| \leq C_p (|f-1| + |f-1|^p)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int f \log f d\mu \leq C_p \left( \int |f-1|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p} + C_p \int |f-1|^p d\mu.$$

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But, it is stronger than the TV norm. Also, notice the following simple relation:

$$\frac{d}{dp} \Big|_{p=1} \left[ \int f^p d\mu \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} = \int f \log f d\mu.$$

Prop (Pinsker inequality) Suppose  $\int f d\mu = 1$  and  $f \geq 0$ . Then, we have that

$$\left[ \int |f-1| d\mu \right]^2 \leq 2 \int f \log f d\mu.$$

Proof: Recall the equivalent form of TV norm:  $\int |f-1| d\mu = \sup_{|g| \leq 1} \left[ \int f g d\mu - \int g d\mu \right]$

Using the Gibbs inequality (with  $X=g$  and  $\nu=f\mu$ ), we get  $\forall t > 0$ ,

$$(*) \quad \int f g d\mu - \int g d\mu \leq t^{-1} \log \int e^{tg} d\mu + t^{-1} \int f \log f d\mu - \int g d\mu.$$

Denote  $h(t) := \log \int e^{tg} d\mu$ ,  $t \geq 0$ . A direct calculation gives that



$$h'(t) = \frac{\int g e^{tg} d\mu}{\int e^{tg} d\mu} = \int g d\nu_t, \text{ where } d\nu_t := \frac{e^{tg}}{\int e^{tg} d\mu} d\mu,$$

$$h''(t) = \int g^2 d\nu_t - (\int g d\nu_t)^2 = \text{Var}_{\nu_t}(g) \leq 1 \text{ since } |g| \leq 1.$$

~~By Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we get  $\text{Var}_{\nu_t}(g)$~~  By Taylor expansion,

$$h(t) \leq h(0) + th'(0) + \frac{1}{2}t^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{t} \log \int e^{tg} d\mu \leq \int g d\mu + \frac{1}{2}t.$$

Then, using (\*), we get

$$\int fg d\mu - \int g d\mu \leq \frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{t} \int f \log f d\mu \quad \forall t > 0.$$

Optimize over  $t$ , we get:  $\rightarrow \leq \sqrt{\int f \log f d\mu} \cdot \sqrt{2 \int f \log f d\mu}.$

Finally, taking sup over  $g$ , we get:  $\int |f-1| d\mu \leq \sqrt{2 \int f \log f d\mu}.$   $\square$

Entropy is particularly useful in studying ~~the~~ product measures on a "high-dimensional" space. Then, the Pinsker inequality gives a good (and actually sharp in many cases) bound on the TV distance between two measures on high-d spaces.

Consider product probability measures  $\mu = \mu_1 \otimes \mu_2$ ,  $\nu = \nu_1 \otimes \nu_2$ ,  $\nu_j = f_j \mu_j$ ,  $j=1,2$ ,

$$S(\nu_1 \otimes \nu_2 | \mu_1 \otimes \mu_2) = \int \int f_1(x) f_2(y) \log [f_1(x) f_2(y)] \mu_1(dx) \mu_2(dy)$$

$$= \int \int [f_1(x) f_2(y) \log f_1(x) \mu_1(dx) \mu_2(dy) + f_1(x) f_2(y) \log f_2(y) \mu_1(dx) \mu_2(dy)]$$

$$= \int f_1(x) \log f_1(x) \mu_1(dx) + \int f_2(y) \log f_2(y) \mu_2(dy)$$

$$= S(\nu_1 | \mu_1) + S(\nu_2 | \mu_2).$$

This makes entropy a good tool to measure distances between measures in high dimensions, since the relative entropy grows linearly in  $N$ :

$$S_{\mu}(\mu_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mu_N | \nu_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \nu_N) = \sum_{i=1}^N S(\mu_i | \nu_i).$$

On the other hand,  $\forall p > 1$ , the  $L^p$  distance grows exponentially in  $N$ , which is often useless. The entropy is ~~already~~ stronger than  $L^1$  distance, while its growth in  $N$  is much more ~~manageable~~ manageable. In addition, entropy is easier to calculate than  $L^p$ -norm for  $p \neq 2$ .

### VI: LSI (Logarithmic Sobolev inequality)

Def: A probability measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{R}^N$  satisfies the LSI if there exists a constant  $\sigma$  such that:

$$S(f) = \int f \log f d\mu \leq \sigma \int \underbrace{|\nabla f|^2}_{\frac{1}{4} \frac{|\nabla f|^2}{f}} d\mu = \sigma D(f) \quad \text{for any smooth density } f \geq 0 \text{ with } \int f d\mu = 1.$$

The smallest such  $\sigma$  is called the LSI constant of  $\mu$ .

For our purpose, we focus on Gibbs measure defined by a Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{H}$ :

$$d\mu(x) = \frac{e^{-\mathcal{H}(x)}}{Z} dx \quad (*)$$

The Dirichlet norm is defined by  $D_\mu(f) = \int |\nabla f|^2 d\mu$ . The generator associated with  $\mu$  is  $\mathcal{L} = \Delta - (\nabla \mathcal{H}) \cdot \nabla$ . Recall that  $\mathcal{L}$  satisfies

$$\int f(\mathcal{L}g) = \int (\mathcal{L}f)g = - \int \nabla f \cdot \nabla g d\mu.$$

★ Theorem 6.5 (Bakry - Emery) Suppose  $\mathcal{H}$  in (\*) satisfies a uniform convexity condition:

$$\nabla^2 \mathcal{H}(x) \geq K$$

for some constant  $K > 0$  and any  $x$ . ( $\nabla^2$  denotes the Hessian, and " $\geq$ " is used in the following sense: ~~for two Hermitian matrices~~ the smallest eigenvalue of  $\nabla^2 \mathcal{H}$  is at least  $K$ .)

Then the LSI holds for  $\mu$  with an LSI const  $\sigma \leq 2/K$ , i.e.,

$$S(f) \leq \frac{2}{K} D(\sqrt{f}) \quad \text{for any density } f \text{ with } \int f d\mu = 1.$$

Furthermore, the dynamics  $\partial_t f_t = \mathcal{L} f_t$ ,  $t > 0$ , relaxes to equilibrium on the time scale  $\frac{1}{K}$  in the following senses:

$$S(f_t) \leq e^{-2tK} S(f_0), \quad D(\sqrt{f_t}) \leq \frac{2}{t} e^{-tK} S(f_0).$$

Proof: Let  $f_t$  be a solution to  $\partial_t f_t = \mathcal{L} f_t$  with a given smooth initial condition  $f_0$ .

We can check that

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t S(f_t) &= \partial_t \int f_t \log f_t d\mu = \int (\mathcal{L} f_t) \log f_t d\mu + \int f_t \frac{\mathcal{L} f_t}{f_t} d\mu \\ &= - \int (\nabla f_t) \cdot \nabla (\log f_t) d\mu = - \int \frac{|\nabla f_t|^2}{f_t} d\mu = -4 D(\sqrt{f_t}). \quad (+) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $h_t := \sqrt{f_t}$ , then  $\partial_t h_t = \frac{1}{2h_t} \partial_t (h_t^2) = \frac{1}{2h_t} \mathcal{L} (h_t^2) = \mathcal{L} h_t + \frac{1}{h_t} |\nabla h_t|^2$ . Then, we can compute the evolution of the Dirichlet form:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t D(\sqrt{f_t}) &= \partial_t \int |\nabla h_t|^2 d\mu = 2 \int (\nabla h_t) \cdot (\nabla \partial_t h_t) d\mu \\ &= 2 \int (\nabla h_t) \cdot (\nabla \mathcal{L} h_t) d\mu + 2 \int (\nabla h_t) \cdot \nabla \frac{|\nabla h_t|^2}{h_t} d\mu \\ &= 2 \int (\nabla h_t) \cdot (\nabla \mathcal{L} - \mathcal{L} \nabla) h_t d\mu + 2 \int (\nabla h_t) \cdot \mathcal{L} (\nabla h_t) d\mu + 2 \int \sum_{i,j} (\partial_i h) \left[ \frac{2(\partial_i h)(\partial_j h)(\partial_{ij} h)}{h} - \frac{(\partial_j h)^2 \partial_i h}{h^2} \right] d\mu \\ &= -2 \int (\nabla h_t) \cdot (\nabla^2 \mathcal{H}) \cdot \nabla h_t d\mu - 2 \int \sum_{i,j} (\partial_i \partial_j h)^2 d\mu + 2 \int \sum_{i,j} \left[ \frac{2(\partial_i h)(\partial_j h)(\partial_{ij} h)}{h} - \frac{(\partial_i h)^2 (\partial_j h)^2}{h^2} \right] d\mu \\ &= -2 \int (\nabla h_t) \cdot (\nabla^2 \mathcal{H}) \cdot \nabla h_t d\mu - 2 \int \sum_{i,j} \left( \partial_{ij} h - \frac{(\partial_i h)(\partial_j h)}{h} \right)^2 d\mu \end{aligned} \quad (58)$$

$$\leq -2 \int (\nabla h_t) \cdot (\nabla^2 \mathcal{R}) \cdot (\nabla h_t) d\mu \leq -2K \int |\nabla h_t|^2 d\mu = -2K D(\sqrt{f_t}).$$

~~Integrating with Gronwall~~ In sum,  $\partial_t D(\sqrt{f_t}) \leq -2K D(\sqrt{f_t}) \Rightarrow D(\sqrt{f_t}) \leq e^{-2tK} D(\sqrt{f_0})$ .

This shows that the equilibrium is achieved at  $t=\infty$  with  $f_\infty = 1$ , where both the entropy and Dirichlet form are zero. Integrating the inequality<sup>(\*)</sup> from  $t=0$  to  $t=\infty$ , we get

$$-S(f_0) = -4 \int_0^\infty D(\sqrt{f_t}) dt \geq -4 D(\sqrt{f_0}) \int_0^\infty e^{-2tK} dt = -\frac{2}{K} D(\sqrt{f_0}).$$

This proves the LSI for any  $f = f_0$ . In particular, it also holds for  $f = f_t$ . Then,

$$\partial_t S(f_t) = -4 D(\sqrt{f_t}) \leq -2K S(f_t) \Rightarrow S(f_t) \leq e^{-2Kt} S(f_0).$$

$$\text{Finally, } S(f_t) - S(f_{t/2}) = -4 \int_{t/2}^t D(\sqrt{f_{t'}}) dt' \stackrel{\leq -2t}{\leq} D(\sqrt{f_t})$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{t/2}^t D(\sqrt{f_{t'}}) dt' \leq S(f_{t/2}) \Rightarrow D(\sqrt{f_t}) \leq \frac{1}{2t} S(f_{t/2}) \leq \frac{1}{2t} e^{-tK} S(f_0). \quad \square$$

Example (LSI for Gaussian measure) Consider a Gaussian measure on  $\mathbb{R}^N$ ,

$$d\mu(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{N/2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx.$$

By Bakry - Emery, LSI holds for  $\mu$  with  $\sigma \leq 2\sigma^2$ . This is actually sharp:  $\sigma = 2\sigma^2$ .

Prop (LSI implies spectral gap / Poincaré inequality) Let  $\mu$  satisfy LSI with LSI const  $\sigma$ . Then,  $\forall f \in L^2(\mu)$  with  $\int f d\mu = 0$ , we have

$$\int f^2 d\mu \leq \frac{\sigma}{2} \int |\nabla f|^2 d\mu = \frac{\sigma}{2} D(f),$$

i.e.,  $\mu$  has a spectral gap of size at least  $\frac{\sigma}{2}$ .

Pf: By def,  $\forall$  density  $u$ ,  $\int u \log u d\mu \leq \sigma D(\sqrt{u})$ . Define  $u = 1 + \varepsilon f$  for small  $\varepsilon > 0$

Then,

$$\int (1 + \varepsilon f) \log(1 + \varepsilon f) d\mu \leq \frac{\sigma}{4} \int \frac{\varepsilon^2 |\nabla f|^2}{1 + \varepsilon f} d\mu$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} (1 + \varepsilon f) \log(1 + \varepsilon f) d\mu \leq \frac{\sigma}{4} \int \frac{|\nabla f|^2}{1 + \varepsilon f} d\mu. \quad \text{Taking } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0, \text{ we get}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int f^2 d\mu \leq \frac{\sigma}{4} \int |\nabla f|^2 d\mu. \quad \square$$

Prop (LSI implies large deviation: Herbst bound) Suppose  $\mu$  satisfies LSI with const  $\sigma$ .

Let  $F$  be a function with  $\int F d\mu = 0$ . Then,

$$\int e^F d\mu \leq \exp\left(\frac{\sigma}{4} \| \nabla F \|_\infty^2\right), \quad \| \nabla F \|_\infty := \sup_x |\nabla F(x)|.$$

In particular, we have  $\mathbb{P}_\mu(|F| \geq a) \leq \exp\left(-\frac{a^2}{\sigma \| \nabla F \|_\infty^2}\right)$ .

This shows that LSI implies a much stronger large deviation estimate than spectral gap: with spectral gap, we only get  $\mathbb{P}^\mu(|F| \geq \alpha) \leq \frac{\gamma \|\nabla F\|_\infty^2}{2\alpha^2}$ .

Pf: Denote  $u(t) = \frac{\exp(e^t F)}{\mathbb{E}^\mu \exp(e^t F)}$ . With LSI, we get that

$$\frac{d}{dt} [e^{-t} \log \mathbb{E}^\mu \exp(e^t F)] = e^{-t} \mathbb{E}^\mu [u \log u] \leq e^{-t} \gamma \mathbb{E}^\mu |\nabla u|^2, \quad (*)$$

$$\text{where } \mathbb{E}^\mu |\nabla u|^2 = \mathbb{E}^\mu \frac{1}{4u} |\nabla u|^2 = \frac{1}{4} \mathbb{E}^\mu |e^t \nabla F - \mathbb{E}^\mu [u(t) e^t \nabla F]|^2 \leq \frac{e^{2t}}{4} \|\nabla F\|_\infty^2.$$

Integrating (\*) from any  $t < 0$  to  $t=0$  yields that

$$\log \mathbb{E}^\mu \exp(F) - e^{-t} \log \mathbb{E}^\mu \exp(e^t F) \leq \frac{\gamma}{4} \|\nabla F\|_\infty^2 (1 - e^{-t}).$$

Taking  $t \rightarrow -\infty$ , we get  $e^{-t} \log \mathbb{E}^\mu \exp(e^t F) \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^\mu F = 0$ . Hence, we get  $\log \mathbb{E}^\mu \exp(F) \leq \frac{\gamma}{4} \|\nabla F\|_\infty^2$ .

With the bound on the exponential moment, we apply Markov's inequality to get that  $\mathbb{P}^\mu(F \geq \alpha) \leq \mathbb{E}^\mu \exp(tF - t\alpha) \leq \exp(-\alpha t + t^2 \frac{\gamma}{4} \|\nabla F\|_\infty^2)$ .

Optimizing over  $t$  gives

$$\mathbb{P}^\mu(F \geq \alpha) \leq \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha^2}{\gamma \|\nabla F\|_\infty^2}\right). \quad \text{Similar bound holds for } \mathbb{P}^\mu(F \leq -\alpha). \quad \square$$

Prop: (LSI under "perturbations") Suppose  $\nu = g\mu$  for some bounded function  $g$ . Let  $\gamma_\mu$  and  $\gamma_\nu$  denote the LSI constants for  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ . Then

$$\gamma_\nu \leq \|g\|_\infty \|g^{-1}\|_\infty \gamma_\mu.$$

Proof: Take any smooth  $f \geq 0$  with  $\int f d\nu = 1$ . Denote  $\alpha := \int f d\mu \leq \|g^{-1}\|_\infty$ .

Then

$$S_\mu(f/\alpha) = \int \frac{f}{\alpha} \log \frac{f}{\alpha} d\mu, \quad \text{where } \int \frac{f}{\alpha} d\mu = 1. \quad \text{for } a \geq 0, b \geq 0 \text{ (since } x \log x \text{ is convex)}$$

Using the inequality,  $a \log a - b \log b - (1 + \log b)(a - b) \geq 0$ , we get

$$\int [f \log f - \alpha \log \alpha - (1 + \log \alpha)(f - \alpha)] d\nu \leq \|g\|_\infty \int [f \log f - \alpha \log \alpha - (1 + \log \alpha)(f - \alpha)] d\mu = \|g\|_\infty \cdot \alpha S_\mu(f/\alpha), \quad (\log(1+x) \leq x)$$

While the LHS is  $= S_\nu(f) - \alpha \log \alpha - (1 + \log \alpha)(1 - \alpha) = S_\nu(f) - [\log \alpha - (\alpha - 1)] \geq S_\nu(f)$ .

Thus, we get

$$S_\nu(f) \leq \|g\|_\infty \cdot \alpha S_\mu(f/\alpha).$$

If LSI holds for  $\mu$  with const.  $\gamma_\mu$ , then

$$S_\nu(f) \leq \|g\|_\infty \cdot \gamma_\mu \alpha \int |\nabla f/\alpha|^2 d\mu$$

$$= \|g\|_\infty \cdot \delta_\mu \int |\nabla \sqrt{f}|^2 d\mu = \|g\|_\infty \cdot \delta_\mu \int |\nabla \sqrt{f}|^2 g^{-1} d\nu \leq \overbrace{\|g\|_\infty \|g^{-1}\|_\infty}^{\delta_\nu \leq} \delta_\mu \int |\nabla \sqrt{f}|^2 d\nu.$$

This concludes the proof.  $\square$

Prop (Tensorial Property of LSI) Consider two probability measures  $\mu, \nu$  that satisfy the LSI with LSI constants  $\delta_\mu$  and  $\delta_\nu$ , respectively. Then,  $\mu \otimes \nu$  satisfies LSI with LSI constant  $\delta \leq \max\{\delta_\mu, \delta_\nu\}$ .

pf: ~~With a densing argument, it suffices to show that~~

~~$$S_{\mu \otimes \nu}(f) \leq \max\{\delta_\mu, \delta_\nu\} \int |\nabla \sqrt{f}|^2 d\mu \otimes \nu$$~~

~~for  $f$  of the form  $f(x,y) = g_1(x)g_2(y)$ , with  $a_1 = \int g_1(x) \mu(dx)$ ,  $a_2 = \int g_2(y) \nu(dy)$ .~~

Given  $f(x,y)$ , we define the marginal  $\hat{f}(x) = \int f(x,y) \nu(dy)$ , and conditional density  $f_x(y) = f(x,y) / \hat{f}(x)$ . Then, we can calculate that

$$S_{\mu \otimes \nu}(f) = \int f(x,y) \log f(x,y) \mu(dx) \nu(dy) = \int \hat{f}(x) f_x(y) [\log \hat{f}(x) + \log f_x(y)] \mu(dx) \nu(dy)$$

$$= S_\mu(\hat{f}) + \int \hat{f}(x) \left[ \int f_x(y) \log f_x(y) \nu(dy) \right] \mu(dx)$$

$$\leq \delta_\mu \int |\nabla_x \sqrt{\hat{f}(x)}|^2 \mu(dx) + \delta_\nu \int \hat{f}(x) \mu(dx) \int |\nabla_y \sqrt{f_x(y)}|^2 \nu(dy)$$

$$= \frac{\delta_\mu}{4} \int \frac{|\int \nabla_x f(x,y) \nu(dy)|^2}{\int f(x,y) \nu(dy)} \mu(dx) + \delta_\nu \int |\nabla_y \sqrt{f(x,y)}|^2 \mu(dx) \nu(dy)$$

Cauchy-Schwarz

$$\left( \int \nabla_x f(x,y) \nu(dy) \right)^2 = \left( \int 2(\nabla_x \sqrt{f}) \sqrt{f} \nu(dy) \right)^2 \leq \left( \int f(x,y) \nu(dy) \right) \cdot \left( \int 4 |\nabla_x \sqrt{f}|^2 \nu(dy) \right)$$

$$\leq \delta_\mu \int |\nabla_x \sqrt{f(x,y)}|^2 \mu(dx) \nu(dy) + \delta_\nu \int |\nabla_y \sqrt{f(x,y)}|^2 \mu(dx) \nu(dy)$$

$$\leq \max\{\delta_\mu, \delta_\nu\} \int |\nabla \sqrt{f(x,y)}|^2 \mu(dx) \nu(dy).$$

$\square$

## Prop VII. Universality of DBM

Recall that the stationary measure for GOE/GUE is  $\mu(\vec{\lambda}) = \frac{1}{Z_N} \exp(-\beta N \mathcal{H}_N(\vec{\lambda})) d\vec{\lambda}$ , where

$$\mathcal{H}_N(\vec{\lambda}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N V(\lambda_i) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i < j} \log |\lambda_j - \lambda_i|.$$

We have dynamics  $\partial_t f_t = \mathcal{L} f_t$ ,  $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\beta N} \Delta - (\nabla \mathcal{H}) \cdot \nabla$ , and Dirichlet form

$$D_\mu(f) = - \int f \mathcal{L} f d\mu = \frac{1}{\beta N} \int |\nabla f|^2 d\mu.$$

We now consider the Hessian of  $\mathcal{H}$ :

$$\langle \vec{v}, \nabla^2 \mathcal{H} \vec{v} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i v(i)^2 + \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \left( \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{v(i)^2}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2} - \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{v(i)v(j)}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2} \right) \quad (61)$$