


Almost sure GOE fluctuations of
energy levels for hyperbolic surfaces
of high genus



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I. Motivation: Number variance of Laplace spectrum of compact surfaces

Spectrum of surfaces

- Goal: Understand **eigenvalue statistics** of Laplacian on (random) surfaces.
- Today: **Number variance** (smooth statistics)
- (Ω, g) – Smooth closed surface (compact, no boundary)
- $\Delta = \text{div} \circ \text{grad}$ Laplacian (Laplace-Beltrami) on Ω
- **Spectrum** of $-\Delta$ (“spectrum of Ω ”) – purely discrete
 $\{\lambda_j\}_{j \geq 1}$: $\Delta \varphi_j + \lambda_j \cdot \varphi_j = 0$
- Weyl’s law: $N(\lambda) := \#\{j: \lambda_j \leq \lambda\} \sim \frac{\text{Area}(\Omega)}{4\pi} \cdot \lambda$

Number variance

- Weyl's law: $N(\lambda) = N_{\Omega}(\lambda) := \#\{j: \lambda_j \leq \lambda\} \sim \frac{Area(\Omega)}{4\pi} \cdot \lambda$

- \Rightarrow For $L > 0$, “random” interval

$$\text{length } \hat{L} := \frac{4\pi}{Area(\Omega)} \cdot L \quad \text{expect } L \text{ eigenvalues}$$

- Take intervals $[x, x + \hat{L}]$, $x \in [E, 2E]$ random uniform

- $n(L; x) := N(x + \hat{L}) - N(x)$ (“expectation” L)

- **Number variance**

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Number variance (smooth)

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- **Smooth statistics:** $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ smooth & rapidly decaying (e.g. compact support), unit mass

$$n_f(L; x) := \sum_j f\left(\frac{\lambda_j - x}{\hat{L}}\right)$$

- (Smooth) number variance

$$\Sigma_f^2(L; E) := \frac{1}{E} \int_E^{2E} (n_f(L; x) - L)^2 dx$$



II. Random matrix theory as a model for number variance

Ensembles of random matrices

- Recall $\Sigma_f^2(L; E) := \frac{1}{E} \int_E^{2E} (n_f(L; x) - L)^2 dx$ surface
- Let $M = M_N$ matrix belonging to a **random ensemble** of $N \times N$ matrices. $N \leftrightarrow E$
- Ensembles: GOE, GUE, Poisson
- GOE (Gaussian Orthogonal Ensemble) – symmetric matrix with i.i.d. standard Gaussian entries (save to diagonal & relations).
- GUE (Gaussian Unitary Ensemble) – Hermitian matrix with Gaussian entries.
- Poisson – diagonal matrix with i.i.d. entries.

Number variance RMT

- $M = M_N$ random $N \times N$ matrix (GOE, GUE, Poisson).
- Take **deterministic** interval $I = I_N = [a, a + \hat{L}]$.
- $n(I)$ number of eigenvalues in I
- $L = N \cdot \hat{L} = \mathbb{E}_N[n(I)]$, allowed to grow with N .
- Number variance $\Sigma^2(L; N) := \mathbb{E}_N[(n(I) - L)^2]$
“**ensemble average**”.
- Fact: $\Sigma^2(L; N) \sim \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi^2} \log(L) & GOE \\ \frac{1}{\pi^2} \log(L) & GUE \end{cases}$

(Dyson-Mehta, 1963)

Number variance RMT (cont.)

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- Can define $\Sigma_f^2(L; N)$ analogously

- $\Sigma_f^2(L; N) \sim \begin{cases} \Sigma_{GOE}^2(f) & GOE \\ \frac{1}{2} \Sigma_{GOE}^2(f) & GUE \end{cases}$

$$\Sigma_{GOE}^2(f) := 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x| \cdot \hat{f}(x)^2 dx \quad \text{constant}$$

- Variance small $f \leftrightarrow$ very rigid structure

- $\Sigma_{Poisson}^2 \sim L$ – “easy” exercise

RMT predictions (Berry)

- Conjecture (Berry 1985): Generic chaotic Ω :

$$\Sigma_{\Omega}^2(L; E) \sim \begin{cases} \Sigma_{GOE}^2(L; N) & \text{time reversal symmetry} \\ \Sigma_{GUE}^2(L; N) & \text{time reversal violated} \end{cases}$$


$$1 \ll \hat{L} \ll \sqrt{E} \quad ; \quad N = N(E) = E \quad \text{Weyl's law}$$

Completely integrable systems – Poisson.

- Time reversal violated e.g. by a magnetic field.
- Goal: study the number variance for **hyperbolic surfaces** – ensemble average & window average.
- Not a single positive example to date (numerics support).

Negative examples

- Recall Berry $\Sigma_{\Omega}^2(L; E) \sim \frac{2}{\pi^2} \log(L)$ $\hat{L} \ll \sqrt{E}, \hat{L} \rightarrow \infty$
- Selberg 1975: Found a special “arithmetic” surface s.t.
$$\Sigma_{\Omega}^2(L; E) \gg \frac{\sqrt{E}}{\log(E)^2} \quad \underline{\text{large}}$$
- Families of arithmetic (hyperbolic) surfaces violating GOE by physicists 1985-1990 Bohigas-Giannoni-Schmit, Bogomolny-Georgot-Giannoni-Schmit, Aurich-Steiner.
- Luo-Sarnak (1994): For all arithmetic surfaces $\Omega = \Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^2$
$$\Sigma_{\Omega}^2(L; E) \gg \frac{L}{\log(L)^2}$$
 inconsistent to GOE.
- Results consistent with Poisson completely integrable.
E.g. Bleher-Lebowitz (1995) flat Diophantine torus.



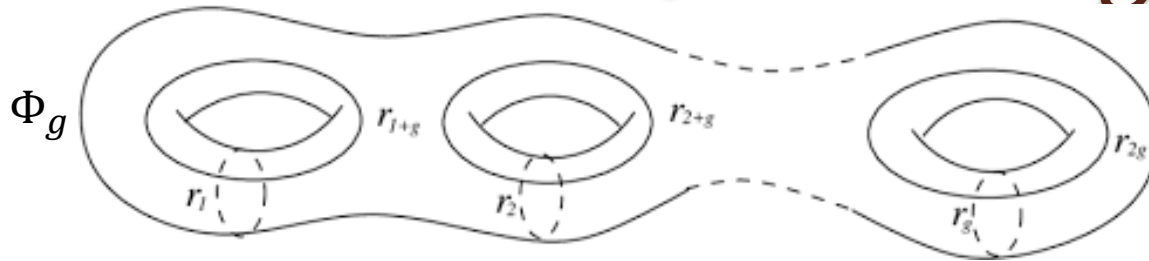
III. Weil-Peterson model random genus g hyperbolic surfaces

Take-home message

Random hyperbolic surfaces

- Definition: Ω is hyperbolic, if it is a **smooth surface of constant negative curvature** ($\equiv -1$).
- For $g \geq 2$ a **moduli space** \mathcal{M}_g of surfaces.
 $X \in \mathcal{M}_g$ is smooth closed hyperbolic, genus g
- Two equivalent ways:
 1. Different hyperbolic surfaces
 2. Endow fixed surface different hyperbolic metrics
- **Finite measure** on \mathcal{M}_g “Weil-Petterson” (WP).
- \Rightarrow **random WP hyperbolic surfaces** genus g

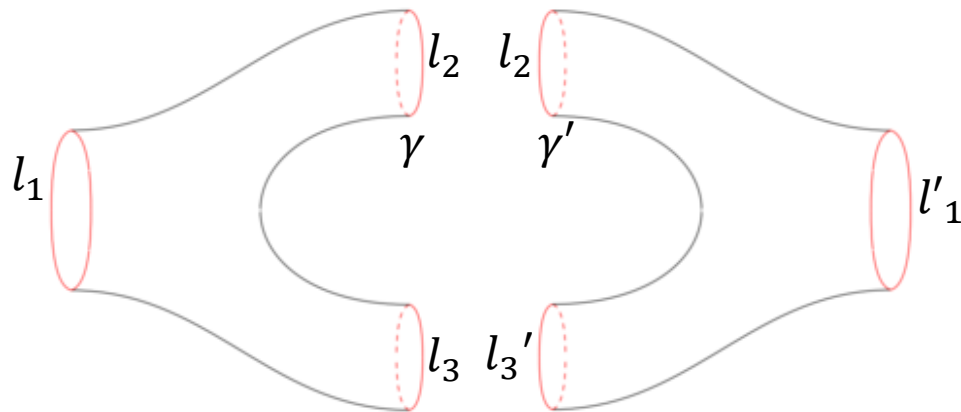
Moduli space \mathcal{M}_g



- For $g \geq 0$ let Φ_g be the (unique) genus g closed surface (compact, no boundary, topology). E.g. $g = 1 \rightsquigarrow$ torus.
- Fact: For $g \geq 2$ (assumed), Φ_g could be endowed with (many) hyperbolic metrics: i.e. Φ_g hyperbolic surface.
- By Gauss-Bonnet $Area(\Omega) = 4\pi(g - 1)$, any Ω .
$$g \rightarrow \infty \Leftrightarrow Area(\Omega) \rightarrow \infty$$
- \Rightarrow Weyl's law $\#\{j: \lambda_j \leq \lambda\} \sim (g - 1) \cdot \lambda$, g fixed
- Take into account for number variance

WP measure on \mathcal{M}_g

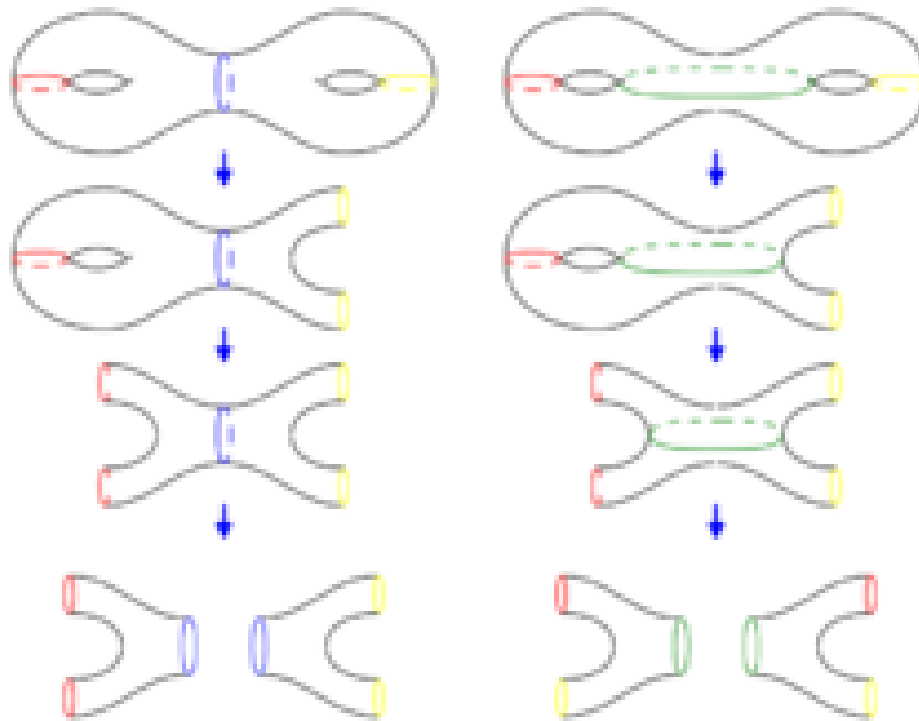
- Definition: a pair of pants is a hyperbolic surface of signature $(0,3)$ – sphere with 3 punctures.
- Fact: Given $(l_1, l_2, l_3) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^3$ exists unique (up to isometry) pair of pants with these boundary lengths.



- Can **glue** along equal lengths. Can **twist** equal pair by α
- E.g. glue along (γ, γ') get surface signature $(0,4)$, every α

Gluing pairs of pants

- When (l_1, l_2, l_3) and (l_1', l_2', l_3') are pairwise equal can glue 2 pants into a genus-2 closed surface.



$$(l_1, l_2, l_3 = l_2), (l_1, l_2', l_3' = l_2') \quad (l_1, l_2, l_3) = (l_1', l_2', l_3')$$

- 6 parameters: **lengths** (l_1, l_2, l_3) **twists** $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$

WP measure

- More generally $g \geq 2$ take $2g - 2$ pants $\Rightarrow 6g - 6$ boundary curves $\Rightarrow 3g - 3$ pairs
- Can glue (combinatorial) to closed Φ_g genus g surface
- Φ_g serves as “marking”
- Fenchel-Nielsen coordinates $(l_1, \dots, l_{3g-3}; \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{3g-3})$
- \mathcal{T}_g – Teichmüller, **not** Moduli
- Euclidean manifold of dimension $6g - 6$.
- Admits Natural **infinite** measure WP (Wolpert)

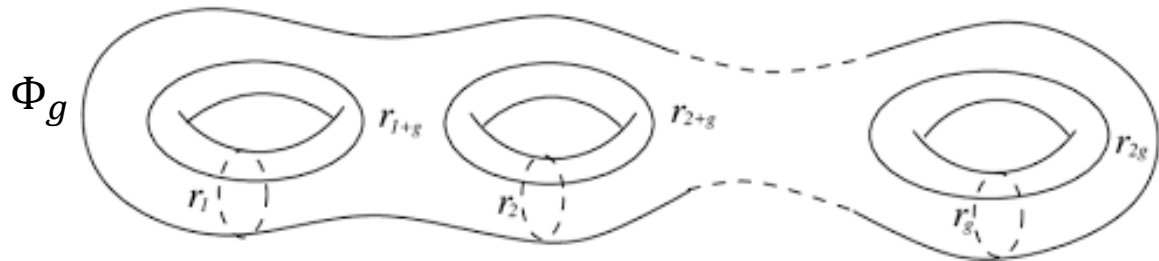
$$dl_1 \cdot \dots \cdot dl_{3g-3} \cdot d\alpha_1 \cdot \dots \cdot d\alpha_{3g-3} \text{ on } \mathcal{T}_g$$

Moduli space \mathcal{M}_g and WP measure

- Φ_g is (unique) genus g smooth “marking” surface.
- Teichmuller space $\mathcal{T}_g = \mathcal{T}(\Phi_g)$ - hyperbolic metrics Φ_g .
- Let $\varphi: \Phi_g \rightarrow (\Phi_g, \rho)$ be a self-homeomorphism of Φ_g
- Induces (another) metric on Φ_g . Identified within \mathcal{M}_g .
- Mapping class group $\text{MCG}(\Phi_g)$, WP measure invariant.
- $\mathcal{M}_g = \text{MCG}(\Phi_g) \backslash \mathcal{T}_g$ orbifold dimension $6g - 6$
- Induce WP **probability measure** \mathcal{P}_g on \mathcal{M}_g .
- (WP) **random hyperbolic surface** genus g
- Study initiated by Maryam Mirzakhani (2010s).

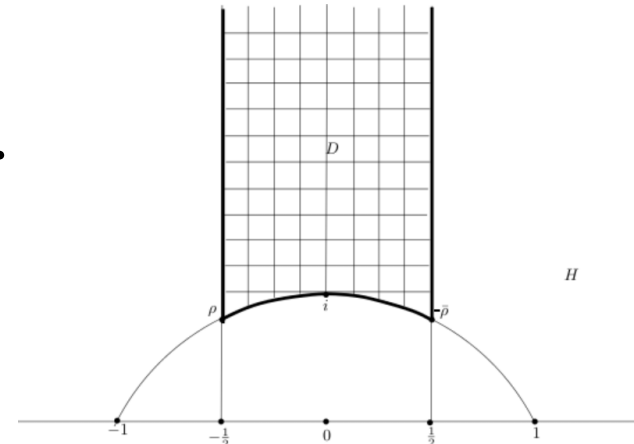
Moduli space \mathcal{M}_g - summary

- Φ_g genus g surface, serves as “marking”.
- Abstract definition: For $g \geq 2$:
 1. Teichmuller space $\mathcal{T}_g = \mathcal{T}(\Phi_g)$ - hyperbolic metrics Φ_g
 2. Mapping class group $\text{MCG}(\Phi_g)$ acts on $\mathcal{T}_g: \varphi \in \mathcal{T}_g$
 $\varphi: \Phi_g \rightarrow (\Phi_g, \rho)$ by pullback the metric ρ .
 3. Moduli space $\mathcal{M}_g = \text{MCG}(\Phi_g) \backslash \mathcal{T}_g$ is the genuinely different hyperbolic metrics on Φ_g .
 4. Inherits WP probability measure from \mathcal{T}_g



Analogy $g = 1$

- No hyperbolic
- Given $v_1, v_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ let the lattice $\Lambda = \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$
- By rotating and scaling may assume $v_1 = 1, v_2 = a + bi$, $\text{Im}(b) > 0$. $\Lambda = \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle = \langle 1, a + bi \rangle$, defines metric on the 2-torus $\mathbb{T}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{R}^* \Lambda$, modulo scaling.
- Hence different metrics on \mathbb{T}^2 :
$$\mathcal{T}_1 = \mathbb{H}^2 = \{x + yi : y > 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$$
- Metrics induced by $a + bi, a' + b'i$ identified if define the same lattice Λ .
- Factor by $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$: $\mathcal{M}_g = SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H}^2$.
- Finite (hyperbolic) measure.



Hyperbolic surfaces

- Poincare half-plane model hyperbolic plane

$$\mathbb{H}^2 = \{x + yi : y > 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$$

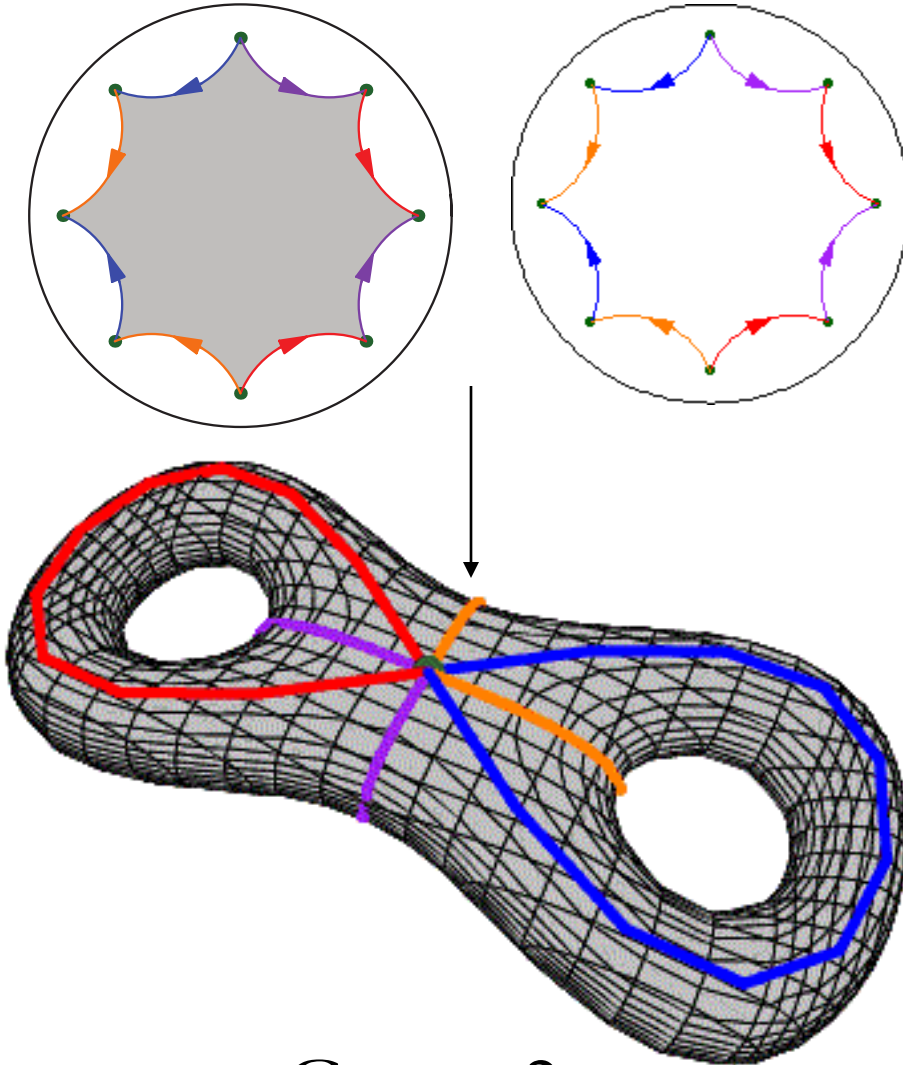
- Metric $ds^2 = \frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{y^2}$

- Laplacian $\Delta = y^2(\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2)$

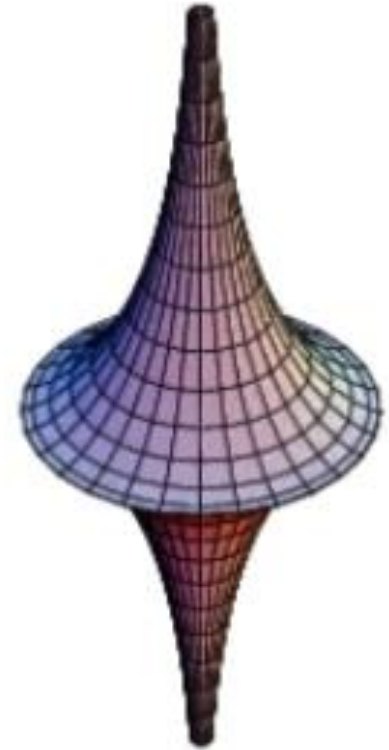
- Any hyperbolic surface is a quotient of \mathbb{H}^2 by a discrete group of isometries (uniformization). Inherits structure.



Illustration of hyperbolic surfaces



Genus 2



Pseudosphere



IV. Statement of main results

Number variance random WP surfaces

- Recall $n_f(X; L, y) := \sum_j f\left(\frac{\lambda_j - y}{\hat{L}}\right)$ $X \in \mathcal{M}_g$
- Recall $\Sigma_{GOE}^2(f) = 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x| \cdot \hat{f}(x)^2 dx$ number
- Rudnick '22: GOE statistics high genus: f even smooth, s.t. \hat{f} is compactly supported.

$$\lim_{\hat{L}, y \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{L, y \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{g \rightarrow \infty} \text{Var}_g \left(n_f(X; L, y) \right) \stackrel{WP}{\rightarrow} \Sigma_{GOE}^2(f)$$

$\hat{L} = \hat{b} \epsilon \sqrt{y} \sqrt{y}$

- Explicated result.
- Ensemble average. Valid for individual (“typical”) $X \in \mathcal{M}_g$?
- CLT (Rudnick-W '23) same regime; another work

GOE fluctuations for typical surfaces

- Rudnick-W 23': GOE variance individual $X \in \mathcal{M}_g$, high probability $g \rightarrow \infty$.
- Stronger assumptions on L, y : Assume

$$\frac{\sqrt{E}}{\log(E)} \ll \hat{L} = o(\sqrt{E})$$

- Consider $\mathcal{V}_{E;L}(X) := \frac{1}{E} \int_E^{2E} (n_f(X; L, y) - L)^2 dy$ r.v.
 $X \in \mathcal{M}_g$ random w.r.t. WP measure.
- $L = L(\hat{L}) = L(E)$ - parameter. As $y \in [E, 2E]$ expectation $\mathbb{E}_g^{WP} [n_f(X; L, y)]$ grows. Dominates fluctuations.
- $\tilde{V}_{E;L}(X)$ unbiased version.

GOE fluctuations for typical surfaces

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- $\tilde{V}_{E;L}(X)$ unbiased version.
- $\Sigma_{GOE}^2(f) = 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x| \cdot \hat{f}(x)^2 dx$
- Assume $\frac{\sqrt{E}}{\log(E)} \ll \hat{L} = o(\sqrt{E})$ (LE)
- Statement Rudnick-W (23'): For every $\varepsilon > 0$
For all \hat{L}, E sufficiently large (depend on ε) subject to (LE)
For all g sufficiently large (depending on \hat{L}, E):
One has $|\tilde{V}_{E;L}(X) - \Sigma_{GOE}^2(f)| < \varepsilon$ almost full probability.

GOE fluctuations for typical surfaces

- $\tilde{V}_{E;L}(X)$ unbiased version of smooth number variance.

- $\Sigma_{GOE}^2(f) = 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x| \cdot \hat{f}(x)^2 dx$

- Assume $\frac{\sqrt{E}}{\log(E)} \ll \hat{L} = o(\sqrt{E})$ (LE)

- Then $\forall \varepsilon > 0$

For all \hat{L}, E sufficiently large (depend on ε) subject to (LE)

For all g sufficiently large (depending on \hat{L}, E):

One has $|\tilde{V}_{E;L}(X) - \Sigma_{GOE}^2(f)| < \varepsilon$ almost full probability.

- Restatement, limit subject to (LE)

$$\lim_{\substack{E \rightarrow \infty \\ \hat{L} \rightarrow \infty}} \limsup_{g \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{P}_g^{WP}(|\tilde{V}_{E;L}(X) - \Sigma_{GOE}^2(f)| > \varepsilon) = 0$$



V. On the proofs

Length spectra of hyperbolic surfaces

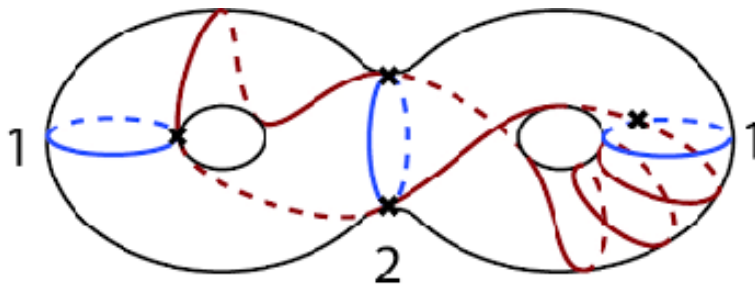
- Length spectrum (primitive) \mathcal{L}_X^g of $X \in \mathcal{M}_g$: (discrete) set of lengths of distinct (primitive) closed geodesics in X .
- Fact (Huber): Spectrum of $X \leftrightarrow \mathcal{L}_X^g$ (determine).
- Careful: Neither determines X (isometry class). Almost.
- **Selberg's trace formula** express $n_f(X; L, y) = \varphi(\mathcal{L}_X^g)$, $\varphi = \varphi_{f;L,y}: \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ "linear functional", \mathcal{N} – discrete measures on $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$.
- $\tilde{V}_{E;L}(X) = \psi(\mathcal{L}_X^g)$. φ, ψ continuous \mathcal{N} (vague topology)
- \mathcal{L}_X^g is random. Think as point-process. Limit $g \rightarrow \infty$?
- Geodesics are **simple** and **non-simple**.

(Random) Length spectra

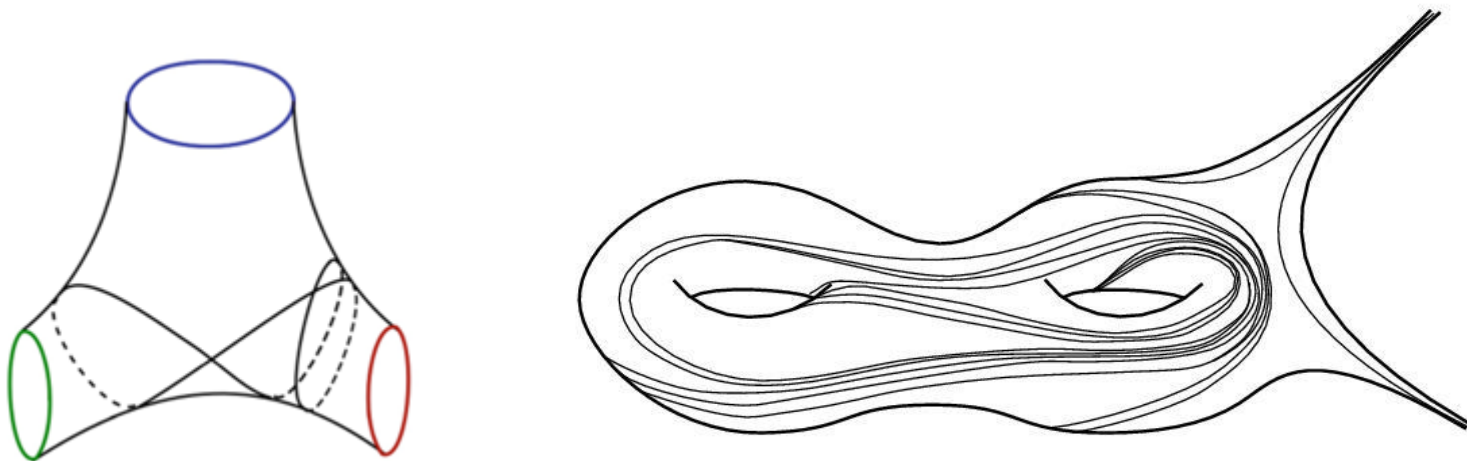
- \mathcal{L}_X^g is random. Think as point-process. Limit $g \rightarrow \infty$?
- Geodesics are **simple** or **non-simple** (self-intersecting).
- For X fixed, total number of geodesics of length $\leq M$ exponential (Geodesic Prime Number Theorem).
- Number of **simple** geodesics of length $\leq M$ – polynomial (degree $6g - 6$) $M \rightarrow \infty$, X fixed (g fixed).
- \Rightarrow Most geodesics are self-intersecting.
- “Mirzakhani’s integration formula” – a way to average functionals on \mathcal{M}_g of **simple length spectrum**.
- Too bad.

Simple vs. self-intersecting

Simple



Self-intersecting



Length spectra as point process

- Situation changes drastically regime as $g \rightarrow \infty$ (M fixed).
- Here most geodesics are **simple**.
- Number of (simple primitive) geodesics of length $\leq M$ converges to Poisson r.v., with certain parameter.
- Mirzakhani-Petri ('17) proved (simple/total) $\mathcal{L}_X^g \Rightarrow PPP$ intensity $\frac{2\sinh(x)^2}{x}$, denote \mathcal{L}_∞ .
- Mirzakhani's integration formula \Leftrightarrow Poisson correlations.
- Recall $\tilde{V}_{E;L}(X) = \psi(\mathcal{L}_X^g)$, $\psi = \psi_{E;L}$ continuous.
- Then $\tilde{V}_{E;L}(X) \Rightarrow \psi(\mathcal{L}_\infty)$. Can perform computations within PPP. Evaluate expectation $\Sigma_{GOE}^2(f)$, variance vanish.



Merci Beaucoup!