

FREENESS FOR TENSORS



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ANATOMY OF A TENSOR

$$T = (T_{i_1 \dots i_p})_{1 \leq i_e \leq N_e}$$

$p =$ order

$T_{i_1 \dots i_p} \in \mathbb{R} \text{ or } \mathbb{C}$

$l =$ a leg

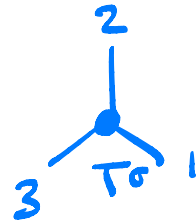
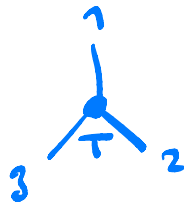
$N_e =$ dimension of the leg $= N$ (in this talk)

$p=1$: vector, $p=2$: matrix, $p \geq 3$: hypermatrix

PERMUTATION OF LEGS

$$T = (T_{i_1, \dots, i_p})_{1 \leq i_\ell \in \mathbb{N}}$$

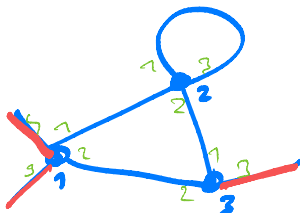
for $\sigma \in S_p$ $T^\sigma = (T_{i_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, i_{\sigma(p)}})$



$$\sigma = (12)$$

If $T_i \in \mathbb{R}$ and $T^\sigma = T \forall \sigma$, T is a symmetric tensor

TENSOR MAPS



$m = \text{map with boundary} \in \mathcal{M}_3$

$\mathcal{T} = (T_r)_{r \in V(m)}$ a collection of tensors

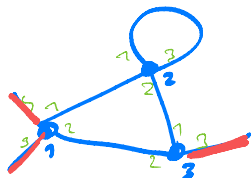
$\gamma = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if boundary} \\ \text{c.c. otherwise} \end{cases}$

$\text{deg}(r) = \text{order of } T_r$

$$m(\mathcal{T})_{i_2} = \frac{1}{N^\gamma} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}(m)} \prod_{v \in V(m)} T_{i,v}$$

tensor
of order
1 or 2

TENSOR MAPS



$$m(\tau)_i =$$

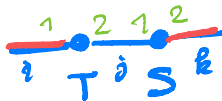
$$\frac{1}{N^3} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}} \prod_{u \in V(\mathcal{M})} T_{i u}$$

matrix trace:

$$\frac{0_i}{T}$$

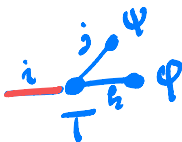
$$m(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i T_{ii}$$

matrix multiplication:



$$m(x) = \sum_{i,k} T_{ij} S_{jk}$$

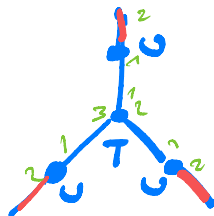
contraction by vectors



$$m(x) = \sum_{i,k} T_{ijk} \psi_j \varphi_k$$

unitary composition:

$$T \cdot U^P =$$



$$(T \cdot U)_i = \sum_j T_j \prod_{l=1}^P U_{jl} e_l$$

...

TRACE MAPS

trace maps : $m \in \mathcal{M}_0$ (no boundary).
 $m(\mathcal{G}) \in \mathbb{C}$

$\forall U \in \mathcal{U}_n$

$$m(T_1 \cdot U^{P_1}, T_2 \cdot U^{P_2}, \dots, T_n \cdot U^{P_n}) = m(T_1, \dots, T_n)$$

→ trace maps are the building block of
a spectral theory for tensors.

GURAU'S SPECTRAL MEASURE

Assume T of order $p \geq 2$, T symmetric real

$$I_n(T) := \sum m(T, \dots, T)$$

↑
all p -regular unlabeled rooted maps with n vertices connected



Thm

(Gurau)

We have: $I_n(T) = \int \lambda^n \mu_T(\lambda)$ for all $n \geq 0$
for some μ_T probability measure on \mathbb{R} .

$p=2$: $\mu_T = \text{ESD}$

⚠ for $p \geq 3$ μ_T has unbounded support.

DISTRIBUTION OF TENSORS

Let $A = \{a_i, i \in I\}$ a finite collection of tensors

Def The **distribution of A** is the collection

$(\mu(T)) : \mu \stackrel{\text{map}}{\rightarrow} \mathcal{M}_0$, $T = (T_\nu)_{\nu \in V(m)}$
 $T_\nu \in A$.

consistent order.

Ex. If $A = \{a\}$, $a \in M_N(\mathbb{R})$
 $\frac{1}{N} \text{Tr}(a^{\varepsilon_1} \dots a^{\varepsilon_k})$

$a^{\varepsilon_i} \in \{a, a^T\}$.

WIGNER RANDOM TENSOR

let $(X_i)_{i \in \{1, \dots, p\} / S_p}$ be iid real random variables

$$\mathbb{E}(X_i) = 0, \quad \mathbb{E}(X_i^2) = \frac{1}{(p-1)!}, \quad \mathbb{E}|X_i|^k \leq C_k \quad \forall k$$

Thm
(Gurson, Bonnin)

$$W^N = \frac{(X_i)_{i \in \{1, \dots, p\}^N}}{N^{\frac{p-1}{2}}}$$

$$\forall m \in \mathbb{N}_0, \quad m(W^N) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow +\infty} \mu(m)$$

converges
in distribution
(in probability)

ASYMPTOTIC FREENESS

let A_1^N, A_2^N be two collections of tensors of dimension N .

① we want to compute as $N \rightarrow +\infty$

$m(T), T = (T_\nu)_\nu, T_\nu \in A_1^N \cup A_2^N$, from the dist. of $A_\varepsilon^N, \varepsilon = 1, 2$

when A_1^N and A_2^N are in "generic" position

→ For matrices: Voiculescu's asymptotic freeness, aka deterministic equivalent

② we want to prove that natural model of random tensors are asymptotically free

TENSOR FREEDOM

MAP ACTION ON TENSOR SPACES

let $E_0 = \mathbb{C}$, $E_i =$ vector space $E_p = E_1^{\otimes p}$.

$$E = \cup E_p$$

We assume let a map $m \in \mathcal{U}_q$ with q boundary edge acts on $E_m = \prod_{v \in V(m)} E_{\deg(v)}$

$$m: \begin{array}{ccc} x = (x_v)_{v \in V(m)} & \longmapsto & m(x) \\ E_m & \longrightarrow & E_q. \end{array}$$

ex: $E_1 = \mathbb{C}^N$, $m(x) =$ tensor map
 $E_2 = \mathbb{C}^N \otimes \mathbb{C}^N = \Pi_N(\mathbb{C})$

MAP ACTION ON TENSOR SPACES

This action satisfies:

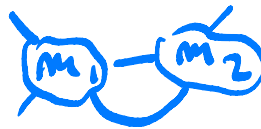
- Linear

- Clear invariance: $m(z) = m'(z)$ if $m \sim m'$

- Morphism: $(m_1, m_2)(z) = m_1(z) \otimes m_2(z)$

- Substitution:

if $m =$



$$m(z) = m_0(m_1(z), m_2(z))$$



- Identity for even p :

$$=$$

MAP VECTOR BUNDLE

Def

$\langle M \rangle$ -Bundle:

Let $A \subseteq E = \bigcup_p E_p$.

$\langle A \rangle$ is the union of vector spaces spanned

$\hookrightarrow m(x), m \in \bigcup_{q \neq 0} M_q, x_v \in A \cup 1_{2p}$

For matrices, we recover the algebra generated by S_0 .

NON-CROSSING POSET OF MAPS

\mathcal{P}_π : The set of maps $m \in \mathcal{M}_0$ with n vertices and given degree sequence:
 $\pi = (\pi_2, \dots, \pi_n)$

NC switch:



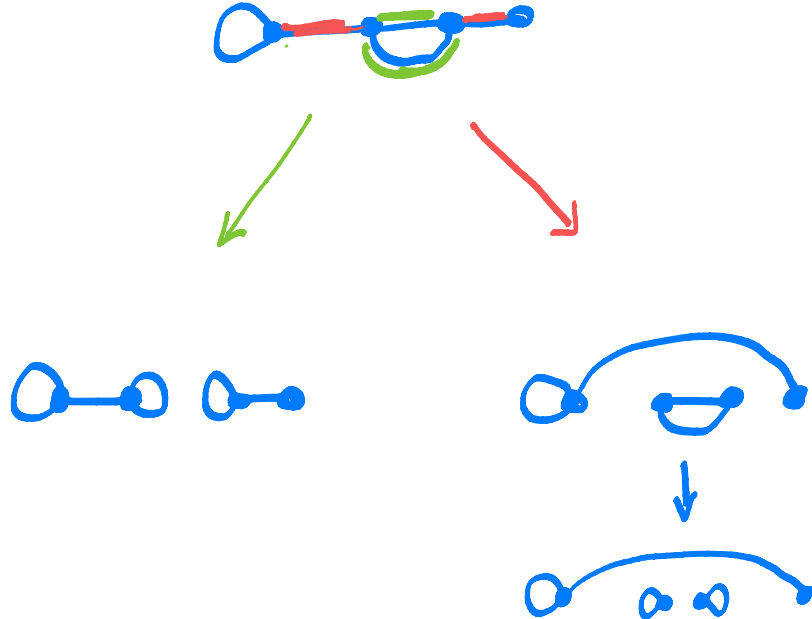
nb of c.c. of $m =$ nb of c.c. of $m' - 1$

This defines a poset on \mathcal{P}_π



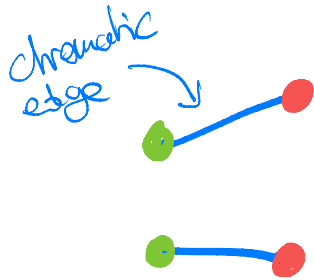
NON-CROSSING POSET OF MAPS

⚠ For odd degrees, there could be multiple minimal efls

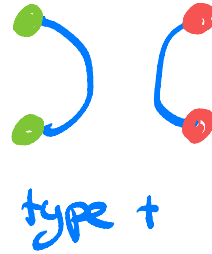


DEFINITION OF FREENESS

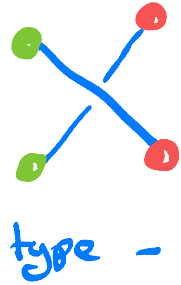
let A, B be two M -bundles.



chromatic
NC switch



or



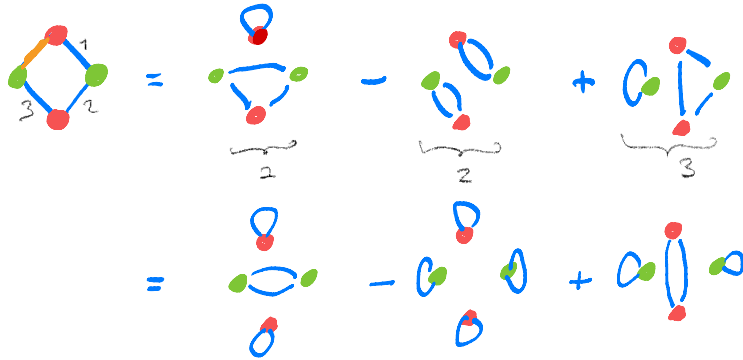
Def A on B are free if for any (m, x) and chromatic edge e

$$z_v \in A \cup B \quad m(z) = \sum_f m_{ef}^+(z) - \sum_f m_{ef}^-(z)$$

sums over chromatic edges t_{+e} s.t. $m_{ef}^{+/-} < m$

DEFINITION OF FREENESS

For ex.



* Freeness characterizes the distribution of $A \cup B$

* If $m(x)$ is minimal and non-monochromatic then $m(x) = 0$

FREE CUMULANTS

There is an analogy of Speicher's cumulant theorem in free probability.

By Moebius inversion, we can define $K_n(x)$ by the formula:

$$m(x) = \sum_{n \leq m} K_n(x)$$

Thm

Let A, B be even (= only even order cumulants). A and B are free

iif $\forall m, K_m(x) = 0$ if there exist $u \neq v$ s.t.
 $z_u \in A, z_v \in B$.

HIGH ORDER SEMI-CIRCULAR

Thm
(Gurta, Borotin)

$$W^N = \frac{(X_i)_{i \in [N]}^P}{N^{\frac{p-1}{2}}}$$

converges
in distribution
(in probability)

$$\forall m \in \mathcal{M}_0, m(W^N) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow +\infty} p(m)$$

* We have $p(m) = m(s, \dots, s) = m(s)$

and $K_m(s) = 0$ unless $m = \text{melon}$

$$K_{\emptyset}(s) = 1$$

* $m(s) = \mathbb{1}_{\{m \text{ is melonic}\}}$

$\#\{\text{melonic with } 2k \text{ vertices}\} = \text{Fusi-Catalan}(k, p) = \frac{1}{p k \binom{p k}{k}}$



ASYMPTOTIC FREQUENCY



ASYMPTOTIC FREEDOM FOR WIGNER TENSORS

$$W_N = \frac{(X_i)_{i \in [N]^p}}{N^{\frac{p-1}{2}}}$$

$A_2^N = \{a_i, i \in I\}$ a finite collection in $E^N = \bigcup_P \mathbb{C}^{n \otimes p}$

such that $\text{order}(a_i) = p_i$

and $|m(x)| \leq C(m) \quad \forall N$
or $x_v \in A_2^N \quad \forall m$

Thm

W_N and A_2^N are asymptotically free.
in probability

ASYMPTOTIC FREEDNESS FOR HAAR UNITARIES

$M_N(\mathbb{C}) \ni U_N$: Haar distributed
on O_N or U_N

$A_2^N = \{a_i^N, i \in I\}$ a finite
collection in $E^N = \bigcup_P \mathbb{C}^{n \otimes P}$

such that $\text{order}(a_i^N) = P_i$

and $|m(x)| \leq C(m) \quad \forall N$
 $x_v \in A_2^N \quad \forall m$

[Thm] $\{U_N, U_N^*\}$ and A_2^N are asymptotically free.
in probability

ASYMPTOTIC FREEDOM FOR UNITARILY INV. FAMILIES

$\varepsilon \in \{1, 2\}$ $A_\varepsilon^N = \{a_{i,\varepsilon}^N : i \in I_\varepsilon\}$ a finite

collection in $E^N = \bigcup_P E^{N \otimes P}$

such that $\text{order}(a_{i,\varepsilon}^N) = P_{i,\varepsilon}$

and $|m(x)| \leq C(m) \quad \forall N$
 $x \in A_\varepsilon^N \quad \forall m$

$A_2 \cdot U_N^\# = \{a_{i,2}^N \cdot U_N^{P_{i,2}}, i \in I_2\}$

U_N : Haar distributed on O_N
or U_N

Thm

A_1^N and $A_2 \cdot U_N^\#$ are asymptotically free in probability

SCHWINGER - PYSON LOOP EQUATIONS

The proofs are based on recursion equations satisfied at fixed dimension N for Gaussian or other unitary invariant models.

For Example:

If $W^N = \frac{(X_i)_{i \in \mathbb{C}W}^p}{N^{p/2}}$ is Gaussian

$\forall m, u, T = (T_r)_{r \in V(m)}$

$u \in V(m)$

$$\mathbb{E}[m(T)] = \frac{1}{(p-1)!} \sum_{\sigma, \sigma'} \mathbb{E} \left[(m \cdot \sigma)^{u, \sigma'}(T) \right] \times \frac{N}{N^{c.c. m+p-1}} \times \frac{c.c. (m \cdot \sigma)^{u, \sigma'}}$$

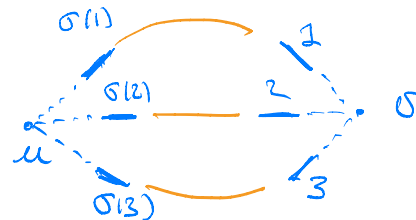
$T_r \in \{W^N\} \cup A_{b_0}^N$

$T_u = W^N$

$\sigma \in V(m)$

$\sigma \in S_p$

$T_r = W^N$

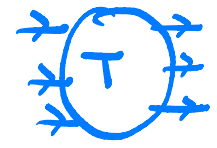


CONCLUDING WORDS

VARIANTS

* We may consider extra symmetries, for exles

tensors have even order



with input/output legs

Collins-Gurau-Vonni (2024), Nechita-Park (2024), Kunisky-More-Vein (2024)

* To consider tensors with legs of various dimensions, we may decorate the edges of maps



PERSPECTIVES

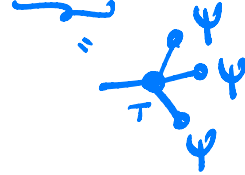
* Examples of computations of m ? such as random hypergraphs

* Concentration inequalities for $m(T)$?

* Resolvent for tensors?

* Connections to \mathbb{Z} -eigenvalues / eigenvectors?

$$\psi \in \mathbb{R}^N, \|\psi\|_2 = 1, \quad \underbrace{T \cdot \psi^{\otimes 3}} = \lambda \psi$$



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!