

Bipartite spherical spin glass at critical temperature

(with a random matrix detour)

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The Journey of this project

Question: What happens to the free energy of spherical spin glasses near the critical temperature threshold?

- **Recent breakthroughs** for Spherical Sherrington-Kirkpatrick model
 - Baik, Lee (2016)
 - Landon (2022)
 - Johnstone, Klochkov, Onatski, Pavlyshyn (2022)
- **Our goal:** Obtain similar results to bipartite spherical spin glasses
- **Missing ingredient:** CLT for a certain statistic of random matrix eigenvalues

Today's talk:

- Spin glass background
- Our result for bipartite spin glasses
- Random matrix project we did along the way

Background on Spin Glass models

The **Sherrington-Kirkpatrick model** has the following set-up:

- Particles are labeled $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, N\}$.
- Each particle is assigned a **spin**, either $+1$ or -1 .
- A **spin configuration** σ is the vector of spins:

$$\sigma = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_N) \in \{\pm 1\}^N$$

- The **Hamiltonian** is

$$\mathcal{H}(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i,j=1}^N J_{ij} \sigma_i \sigma_j$$

where the “interaction coefficients” J_{ij} are Gaussian and independent up to symmetry ($J_{ij} = J_{ji}$).

- **Notice:** \mathcal{H} is maximized when the signs of σ_i, σ_j agree for $J_{ij} > 0$ but disagree for $J_{ij} < 0$.

Background on Spin Glass models

- For ease of notation, we rewrite the Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i,j=1}^N J_{ij} \sigma_i \sigma_j = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\sigma}^T M \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \quad \text{where } M_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} J_{ij}$$

- M is a **GOE matrix** (Gaussian Orthogonal Ensemble).
 - It is symmetric.
 - Its entries are Gaussian and independent up to symmetry.
- In the **Spherical Sherrington Kirkpatrick (SSK)** model, $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ no longer takes discrete values but rather

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} \in S_{N-1}, \text{ the sphere of radius } \sqrt{N} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^N.$$

- SSK is similar to the SK model but some analyses are easier due to its continuous nature.
 - Example: $\mathcal{H}(\boldsymbol{\sigma})$ is maximized when $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ aligns with the leading eigenvector of M . This vector is almost surely not in $\{\pm 1\}^N$.

Free Energy

- The **free energy** of the model is

$$\mathcal{F}_N(\beta) := \frac{1}{N} \log \mathcal{Z}_N, \quad \mathcal{Z}_N = \int_{S_{N-1}} e^{\frac{\beta}{2} \sigma^T M \sigma} d\omega_N(\sigma)$$

- $\beta > 0$ is the inverse temperature parameter

Note: Integrand in \mathcal{Z}_N is maximized when σ aligns with \mathbf{u}_1 , the eigenvector of λ_1 (largest eigenvalue of M).

- The effect of temperature (heuristic observations):
 - At **high temperature**, β gets closer to 0, the integrand approaches a constant function.
 - At **low temperature**, β becomes large, the integrand has spikes at $\sigma = \pm \mathbf{u}_1$, with height depending on λ_1 .
- We might guess that
 - At very high temperatures, \mathcal{F}_N depends on all eigenvalues
 - At very low temperatures, \mathcal{F}_N depends mostly on λ_1

Background on free energy

The **limiting free energy** of SSK as $N \rightarrow \infty$ is

$$\mathcal{F}_N(\beta) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(\beta) := \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}\beta^2 & \beta \leq 1 \text{ (high temp)} \\ \beta - \frac{1}{2} \log \beta - \frac{3}{4} & \beta \geq 1 \text{ (low temp)} \end{cases}$$

- Kosterlitz, Thouless, Jones (1976) proposed the SSK model and computed $\mathcal{F}(\beta)$.
- Parisi (1980) and Crisanti, Sommers (1992) computed $\mathcal{F}(\beta)$ in more generalized settings.
- Talagrand (2006) rigorously proved the formulas of Parisi and Crisanti, Sommers.

What can be said about the **fluctuations** of $\mathcal{F}_N(\beta)$?

Free energy fluctuations

Baik and Lee (2016) obtained the fluctuations of $\mathcal{F}(\beta)$

$$N\left(\mathcal{F}_N(\beta) - \mathcal{F}(\beta)\right) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(\mu_\beta, \sigma_\beta^2) \quad \beta < 1 \text{ (high temp)}$$

$$N^{2/3}\left(\mathcal{F}_N(\beta) - \mathcal{F}(\beta)\right) \rightarrow \frac{\beta-1}{2} TW_1 \quad \beta > 1 \text{ (low temp)}$$

- **Fluctuations have different magnitudes**
(N^{-1} at high temp vs. $N^{-2/3}$ at low temp)
- **High temp: Gaussian**, depending on all eigenvalues
- **Low temp: Tracy-Widom**, depending on largest eigenvalue

Conjecture of Baik and Lee (critical temp window):

When $|\beta - 1| = O(N^{-1/3}\sqrt{\log N})$, fluctuations have order $N^{-1}\sqrt{\log N}$.

¹ TW_1 denotes the GOE Tracy-Widom distribution (i.e. the rescaled fluctuations of the largest eigenvalue of GOE).

Free Energy - Temperature transition

The transitional regime conjectured by Baik and Lee was analyzed in two recent papers (independently)

- Landon (2022)
- Johnstone, Klochkov, Onatski, Pavlyshyn (2022)

Theorem (Johnstone, Klochkov, Onatski, Pavlyshyn (2022))

Given an SSK model with inverse temperature $\beta = 1 + bN^{-1/3}\sqrt{\log N}$ for constant $b \in \mathbb{R}$, the free energy has the following convergence:

$$\frac{N}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{6} \log N}} \left(\mathcal{F}_N(\beta) - \mathcal{F}(\beta) + \frac{\log N}{12N} \right) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1) + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} b_+ TW_1$$

where TW_1 is a GOE Tracy-Widom distribution, independent from $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, and $b_+ = \max\{0, b\}$.

- **Fluctuations have order $N^{-1}\sqrt{\log N}$ throughout critical window**
- High temp side: Gaussian
- Low temp side: **Gaussian + Tracy-Widom (independent)**

Extending the result to bipartite spin glasses (C-W, Le)

- **SSK is a mean field model** (N particles, all pairs interact)

$$\mathcal{H}(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i,j=1}^N J_{ij} \sigma_i \sigma_j, \quad \sigma \in S_{N-1}$$

- **Bipartite SSK has two “species”** of sizes n, m and particles only interact with those from the other species

$$\mathcal{H}(\sigma, \tau) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+m}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m A_{ij} \sigma_i \tau_j, \quad \sigma \in S_{n-1}, \tau \in S_{m-1}$$

Matrix A is $n \times m$ with i.i.d. Gaussian entries.

- **Why study this model?**
 - It is a step away from the mean field model
 - Has some applications (e.g. in biology and neural networks)
- **Free energy fluctuations of bipartite model** - Baik, Lee (2018)
 - Gaussian at high temp, Tracy-Widom at low temp
 - Critical inverse temp is not $\beta = 1$ but $\beta = \beta_c := \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^{1/4} \sqrt{1 + \frac{n}{m}}$

Temperature transition in bipartite model

Theorem (C-W, Le (2023))

Let $\mathcal{F}_{n,m}(\beta)$ denote the free energy of a **bipartite spherical model** with species sizes n, m and let $\beta = \beta_c + bn^{-1/3}\sqrt{\log n}$. Then, as $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ **with fixed ratio** $n/m = r + O(n^{-1})$ for $0 < r \leq 1$, the free energy has the convergence:

$$\frac{n+m}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{6} \log n}} \left(\mathcal{F}_{n,m}(\beta) - \mathcal{F}_r(\beta) + \frac{\log n}{12n} \right) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1) + C_r b_+ TW_1$$

where $\mathcal{F}_r(\beta)$ denotes the limiting free energy, $b_+ = \max\{0, b\}$, and $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, TW_1 denote independent Gaussian and Tracy-Widom terms.

Theorem (Johnstone, Klochkov, Onatski, Pavlyshyn (2022))

Given an **SSK model** with $\beta = 1 + bN^{-1/3}\sqrt{\log N}$ for constant $b \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\frac{N}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{6} \log N}} \left(\mathcal{F}_N(\beta) - \mathcal{F}(\beta) + \frac{\log N}{12N} \right) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1) + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} b_+ TW_1$$

Key ingredients in proof

Contour integral representation of \mathcal{Z}_N

Due to specific properties of these models, one can simplify their partition functions

SSK spherical form: $\mathcal{Z}_N = \int_{S_{N-1}} e^{\beta \mathcal{H}(\sigma)} d\omega_N(\sigma)$

contour form: $\mathcal{Z}_N = C_N \int_{\gamma-i\infty}^{\gamma+i\infty} e^{NG_\beta(z)} dz$

Bipartite spherical form: $\mathcal{Z}_{n,m} = \int_{S_{m-1}} \int_{S_{n-1}} e^{\beta \mathcal{H}(\sigma, \tau)} d\omega_n(\sigma) d\omega_m(\tau)$

contour form: $\mathcal{Z}_{n,m} = C_{n,m} \int_{\gamma_1-i\infty}^{\gamma_1+i\infty} \int_{\gamma_2-i\infty}^{\gamma_2+i\infty} e^{nG_\beta(z_1, z_2)} dz_2 dz_1$

$C_N, C_{n,m}$ are constants, $G_\beta(z), G_\beta(z_1, z_2)$ depend on eigenvalues of M :

- M is GOE (rescaled interaction matrix) for SSK
- M is Wishart ($M := \frac{1}{m} AA^T$ where A is interaction) for bipartite

Steepest descent analysis

- Note: G is a random function so its saddle point is also random.
- Properties of random matrices (eigenvalue rigidity) enable analysis.

Key ingredients in proof

Asymptotic expression for free energy (obtained using contour integral and steepest descent analysis)

$$\mathcal{F}_{n,m}(\beta) = c_{\beta,n,m} - \frac{1}{n+m} \sum_{j=1}^n \log |d_+ - \lambda_j| + (\beta - \beta_c)_+(\lambda_1 - d_+)$$

where d_+ is upper edge of limiting spectral measure.

- $\frac{1}{n+m} \sum_{j=1}^n \log |d_+ - \lambda_j|$ has **Gaussian** fluctuations, order $n^{-1}\sqrt{\log n}$.
- $(\beta - \beta_c)_+(\lambda_1 - d_+)$ has **Tracy-Widom** fluctuations, order $n^{-1}\sqrt{\log n}$

CLT for the sum of logs term:

- This is delicate because d_+ is right at the spectral edge.
- SSK requires this CLT for GOE matrix
(Lambert, Paquette 2020 and Johnstone et al 2020)
- Bipartite requires this CLT for Wishart matrix
(C-W, Le 2022 - **second part of this talk**)

Key ingredients in proof

$$\mathcal{F}_{n,m}(\beta) = c_{\beta,n,m} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{n+m} \sum_{j=1}^n \log |d_+ - \lambda_j|}_{\text{asymptotically Gaussian}} + \underbrace{(\beta - \beta_c)_+(\lambda_1 - d_+)}_{\text{asymptotically Tracy-Widom}}$$

Asymptotic independence of sum and λ_1

- It has been demonstrated numerically (eg Edelman, Wang 2013) that λ_1 depends (asymptotically) only on a matrix minor of size $O(n^{1/3})$ in the tridiagonal form of the matrix.
- Johnstone et al and C-W, Le verify this (for GOE and Wishart matrices respectively) using recursive formulas on matrix minors.
- Asymptotically, λ_1 depends on a minor of size $n^{1/3}(\log \log n)^3$, while $\sum_{i=1}^n \log |d_+ - \lambda_i|$ is determined by the rest of the matrix.

SECTION 2: Edge CLT result for Wishart random matrices

GOAL: Given eigenvalues $\{\lambda_i\}$ of a Wishart matrix, derive a CLT for

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \log |d_+ - \lambda_i|$$

RESULT: We prove this CLT with the following generalizations:

- Wishart matrices \rightarrow Laguerre beta ensembles ($L\beta E$)
- $\sum \log |d_+ - \lambda_i| \rightarrow \sum \log |\gamma_n - \lambda_i|$
where $\gamma_n = d_+$ or $\gamma_n \rightarrow d_+$ sufficiently fast

NOTE: This is not the same β from the spin glass theorems.

Laguerre random matrices

- **Laguerre Orthogonal Ensemble (LOE)** aka real Wishart matrix is an $n \times n$ random matrix $M_{n,m}$ constructed as

$$M_{n,m} := \frac{1}{m} AA^T$$

where A is an $n \times m$ matrix (for $n \leq m$) with i.i.d $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ entries.

- **Laguerre Beta Ensembles ($L^\beta E$)** are matrices with joint eigenvalue distribution given by

$$p(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n) = C_{n,m,\beta} \prod_{i < j} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j|^\beta \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\lambda_i^{\frac{\beta}{2}(m-n+1)-1} e^{-\lambda_i/2} \right)$$

- Remarks:
 - LOE is a special case of $L^\beta E$ with $\beta = 1$.
 - We focus on the case where $\frac{n}{m} \rightarrow r$ as $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ for $0 < r \leq 1$.
 - Eigenvalues converge to the Marcenko-Pastur distribution which is supported on the interval $[d_-, d_+]$ where $d_\pm = (1 \pm \sqrt{r})^2$.

Log determinants

- We consider the quantity

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \log |\lambda_i - \gamma_n| = \log |\det(M_{n,m} - \gamma_n I_n)|$$

where γ_n approaches the upper edge of the spectrum of $M_{n,m}$.

- **CLT for linear eigenvalue statistics:** In the case of fixed $\gamma_n = \gamma$ outside the spectral support (see Bai, Silverstein 2004):

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \log |\lambda_i - \gamma| - n \int \log |x - \gamma| d\rho_{MP}(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

for μ, σ^2 not n -dependent and ρ_{MP} the Marchenko-Pastur measure.

**When γ_n approaches the spectral edge, this theorem does not apply.*

- **Edge CLTs for the log determinant**

- Johnstone, Klochkov, Onatski, Pavlyshyn (2020) - Obtain such a CLT for $G\beta E$ and then extend to Wigner matrices.
- Lambert, Paquette (2020) - Obtain such a CLT for $G\beta E$ as a corollary of a more detailed result on the characteristic polynomial.
- Collins-Woodfin, Le (2022) - Obtain such a CLT for $L\beta E$.

Theorem (C-W, Le 2022)

Let $M_{n,m}$ be $L\beta E$ with $\frac{n}{m} = r + O(n^{-1})$ for $0 < r \leq 1$. Let $\gamma_n = d_+ + \sigma_n n^{-2/3}$ where d_+ is upper edge of Marchenko-Pastur measure. We take $(\log \log n)^2 \ll \sigma_n \ll (\log n)^2$. For $\beta = 1, 2$, allow $-C < \sigma_n \ll (\log n)^2$. Then,

$$\frac{\log |\det(M_{n,m} - \gamma_n)| - \mu_{n,m}}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{3\beta} \log n}} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{n,m} = & \left((1 - r^{-1}) \log(1 + r^{\frac{1}{2}}) + \log(r^{\frac{1}{2}}) + r^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) n \\ & + \frac{1}{r^{1/2}(1+r^{1/2})} \sigma_n n^{1/3} - \frac{2}{3r^{3/4}(1+r^{1/2})^2} \sigma_n^{3/2} - \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{2}{\beta} - \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3r^{1/2}}{2(r^{1/2}+1)^2} \right) \right) \log n \end{aligned}$$

Key take-away: This log determinant (which is order n) has Gaussian fluctuations of order $\sqrt{\log n}$

Note comparison to:

- Sum of i.i.d variables – order \sqrt{n} fluctuations
- Log-determinant with γ_n away from spectrum – order 1 fluctuations

This result is very similar to the one for $G\beta E$ and our proof methods are inspired by those of Johnstone et al.

Proof Sketch (and cool RMT results we used en route)

- ① **Tridiagonal representation of $L\beta E$** (Dumitriu, Edelman 2002) An $L\beta E$ matrix $M_{n,m}$ has the same joint eigenvalue distribution as $\frac{1}{m}BB^T$ for a bidiagonal matrix B satisfying

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & & & & & \\ b_1 & a_2 & & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & & & \\ & & & b_{n-1} & a_n & \\ & & & & & \end{bmatrix}, \quad BB^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^2 & a_1 b_1 & & & & \\ a_1 b_1 & a_2^2 + b_1^2 & & & & \\ & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & a_{n-1} b_{n-1} & \\ & & & & a_{n-1} b_{n-1} & a_n^2 + b_{n-1}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\{a_i\}$, $\{b_i\}$ are independent, χ -distributed, with

$$a_i^2 \sim \frac{1}{\beta} \chi_{\beta(m-n+i)}^2, \quad b_i^2 \sim \frac{1}{\beta} \chi_{\beta i}^2.$$

- ② **Recurrence on determinants of matrix minors:**

- We want to study $\det(BB^T - \gamma_n m I_n)$.
- Definition: $D_i = \det(i \times i \text{ principal minor of } (BB^T - \gamma_n m I_n))$
- Recurrence: $D_i = (a_i^2 + b_{i-1}^2 - \gamma_n m) D_{i-1} - a_{i-1}^2 b_{i-1}^2 D_{i-2}$

Proof Sketch

- 1 Tridiagonal representation of $L\beta E$ (Dumitriu, Edelman 2002)
- 2 Recurrence on determinants of matrix minors:

$$D_i = (a_i^2 + b_{i-1}^2 - \gamma_n m) D_{i-1} - a_{i-1}^2 b_{i-1}^2 D_{i-2}$$

- 3 **Transform to an approximately linear recurrence**

For R_i , a suitable rescaled and shifted version of the ratio D_i/D_{i-1} ,

$$R_i = \xi_i + \omega_i R_{i-1} + \varepsilon_i, \text{ where}$$

- ξ_i depends on a_i, b_i
 - ω_i is deterministic with $0 < \omega_i < 1$,
 - ε_i is small.
- 4 **Analyze the recurrence** on R_i , obtain CLT for $\log D_n$ in the case where $(\log \log n)^2 \ll \sigma_n \ll \log^2 n$.
 - Involves concentration bounds on sub-gamma random variables, Hanson-Wright tail bounds on quadratic forms, etc.

Proof Sketch

- 1 Tridiagonal representation of $L\beta E$
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- 3 Transform to an approximately linear recurrence
- 4 Analyze recurrence, obtain CLT for $(\log \log n)^2 \ll \sigma_n \ll \log^2 n$.
- 5 **Extend result to $-C < \sigma_n \ll \log^2 n$ in the case of $\beta = 2$**
 - Relies on result specific to $\beta = 2$ (Götze, Tikhomorov 2005).
- 6 **Obtain extension for $\beta = 1$ by relating LUE, LOE eigenvalues**
 - **Theorem (Forrester, Rains 2001):** Let $LOE_{n,m}$, $LOE_{n+1,m+1}$, $LUE_{n,m}$ denote the eigenvalue sets of independent matrices with the given parameters. Then

$$\text{even}(LOE_{n,m} \cup LOE_{n+1,m+1}) = LUE_{n,m}$$

where the equality is in distribution.

How does this compare to the proof of Johnstone et al for $G\beta E$?

- General approach is similar
- $L\beta E$ analysis is more complicated due to the more intricate tridiagonal structure (dependence between adjacent entries, non-identical distributions on the diagonal)

Statistical application - critically spiked matrix models

Spiked matrix models

$$M = H + c\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T$$

- H is a Gaussian or Wishart random matrix (“noise”).
- \mathbf{x} is a deterministic vector ($\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T$ is “spike” or “signal”).
- c is the spike magnitude.

BBP transition (Baik, Ben Arous, P  ch  )

- For fixed $c > d_+$, largest eigenvalue of M separates from the bulk.
- For fixed $c \leq d_+$, largest eigenvalue does not separate (spectrum resembles that of H)
- In the case $c \downarrow d_+$, other methods are needed.

Role of edge CLTs

- These results (Johnstone et al for GOE; C-W and Le for LOE) are relevant to analyzing log-likelihood ratios for critically spiked models (Gaussian, Wishart respectively).
- The result for LOE is particularly of interest due to connection with sample covariance matrices.

Thank you for listening!