

On Fredholm Pfaffians and Riemann-Hilbert Problems

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Scalar-Valued Kernels

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Fredholm determinants
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Scalar-valued kernels’

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Hankel Composition

For an integral operator acting on $L^2(\Delta)$

$$(Kf)(x) = \int_{\Delta} K(x, y)f(y)dy,$$

we consider kernels of the form:

- Additive; $\Delta = \mathbb{R}_+$:

$$K(x, y) = \int_0^{\infty} \phi(x + t)\psi(t + y)dt$$

- Multiplicative; $\Delta = [0, 1]$:

$$K(x, y) = t \int_0^1 \phi(xt)\psi(ty)dt$$

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2. We want to identify what further assumptions are needed about these kernels such that their associated determinants admit a Riemann-Hilbert characterisation, such that we can obtain asymptotic results.

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Fredholm Determinants

Consider an integral operator M acting on $L^2(\Delta) \oplus L^2(\Delta)$,
 $\Delta := \bigcup_{j=1}^m (a_{2j-1}, a_{2j}) \subset \mathbb{R}, m \in \mathbb{N}, -\infty < a_1 < \dots < a_{2m} < \infty,$

defined by the 2×2 matrix-valued kernel

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$$\begin{aligned} D_M(\Delta) &:= \det(I - M) \\ &= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \sum_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n=1}^2 \int_{\Delta^n} \det(M_{\alpha_i, \alpha_j}(x_i, x_j))_{i,j=1}^n dx_1 \cdots dx_n. \end{aligned}$$

Fredholm Pfaffian

Consider a 2×2 matrix-valued skew-symmetric kernel

$$K(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} K_{11}(x, y) & K_{12}(x, y) \\ K_{21}(x, y) & K_{22}(x, y) \end{bmatrix},$$

that induces an integral operator K on $L^2(\Delta) \oplus L^2(\Delta)$ and where skew-symmetry of $K(x, y)$ means

$$K_{11}(x, y) = -K_{11}(y, x), \quad K_{22}(x, y) = -K_{22}(y, x),$$

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$$J(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \delta_y(x) \\ -\delta_y(x) & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \int_{\Delta} f(x)\delta_y(x)dx = f(y), \quad y \in \Delta \cup \partial\Delta,$$

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Extensions

If $M_{ij} \in$ trace class on $L^2(\Delta)$, then

$$D_{M,2}(\Delta) = \det(I - M) =: D_M(\Delta),$$

Furthermore, if $K_{ij} \in$ trace class on $L^2(\Delta)$,

$$P_{K,2}(\Delta) = \text{pf}(J + JKJ) = \text{pf}(J - K).$$

So $D_{M,2}$ and $P_{K,2}$ are legitimate extensions of D_M and P_K , respectively.

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This is a generalisation of Cayley's theorem: 'Pfaffians are square roots of determinants'. Specifically, that this is also true for their regularised counterparts.

The Symplectic Derived Class

We say K is of *symplectic derived type* if the elements K_{ij} are of the form

$$K_{21}(x, y) = -S(x, y), \quad K_{22}(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} S(x, y),$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} K_{11}(x, y) = S(x, y) \quad \text{on } \Delta \times \Delta,$$

in terms of a function $S : \Delta \times \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, the *main kernel*, that is continuously differentiable on $\Delta \times \Delta$, and that obeys the dominance assumptions

$$|S(x, y)| \leq g_1(y), \quad \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x} S(y, x) \right| \leq g_2(y) \quad \forall (x, y) \in \Delta \times \Delta,$$

with $g_k \in L^2(\Delta)$.

The Symplectic Derived Class

In turn, this leads to the operator M in (1) being of the form

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} S & G \\ H & S^* \end{bmatrix} : L^2(\Delta) \oplus L^2(\Delta) \rightarrow L^2(\Delta) \oplus L^2(\Delta),$$

where $G, H : L^2(\Delta) \rightarrow L^2(\Delta)$ have skew-symmetric, trace class kernels

$$G(x, y) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} S(x, y), \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} H(x, y) = S(x, y) \quad \text{on } \Delta \times \Delta,$$

and S^* is the real adjoint of S .

The Orthogonal Derived Class

We say K is of *orthogonal derived type* if it is of the same form as the symplectic derived type, with a slight modification to K_{11} :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} K_{11}(x, y) = S(x, y) \longrightarrow K_{11}(x, y) = H(x, y) - \epsilon(x - y),$$

where

$$\epsilon(x) := \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{sgn}(x) = \begin{cases} +\frac{1}{2}, & x > 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}, & x < 0 \end{cases}, \quad \epsilon(0) := 0.$$

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$$DS^* = G, \quad SD = DS^* + \sum_{k=1}^{2m} (-1)^k DH(\delta_{a_k} \otimes \delta_{a_k}),$$

$$HD = S^* + \sum_{k=1}^{2m} (-1)^k H(\delta_{a_k} \otimes \delta_{a_k}).$$

For the Symplectic Case

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Proof Sketch.

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$$\begin{aligned} & \text{algebraic multiplicity of } \lambda \text{ for } M = \text{rank}(P_{\lambda, M}) \\ &= \text{rank}(P_{\lambda, N}) = \text{algebraic multiplicity of } \lambda \text{ for } N \\ & \quad \forall \lambda \in \sigma(M) \setminus \{0\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $P_{\lambda, T}$ is the spectral projection of a bounded operator T on a Banach space at λ .

Determinantal Manipulations

It remains to perform some determinantal operations,

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_M(\Delta) &= \det \begin{bmatrix} I - S^* & S^* + \sum_{k=1}^{2m} (-1)^k H(\delta_{a_k} \otimes \delta_{a_k}) \\ S^* & I - S^* - \sum_{k=1}^{2m} (-1)^k H(\delta_{a_k} \otimes \delta_{a_k}) \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \det \begin{bmatrix} I - S^* & S^* + \sum_{k=1}^{2m} (-1)^k H(\delta_{a_k} \otimes \delta_{a_k}) \\ I & I \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \det \left(I - 2S^* - \sum_{k=1}^{2m} (-1)^k H(\delta_{a_k} \otimes \delta_{a_k}) \right) \\
 &= D_{2S}(\Delta) \det \left(I - \sum_{k=1}^{2m} (-1)^k (I - 2S^*)^{-1} H(\delta_{a_k} \otimes \delta_{a_k}) \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

where ‘det’ here is an ordinary $2m \times 2m$ matrix determinant.

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One then simply needs to establish that the norm on $L^2(\Delta)$ of $(\eta_n - \epsilon)Df \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and then perform similar determinantal manipulations as for the symplectic case.

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Symplectic Main Kernel

Set $\Delta = (t, \infty) \subset \mathbb{R}$ and

$$S(x, y) := \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_0^\infty \phi(x+u)\phi(u+y)du - \frac{1}{2}\phi(x) \int_y^\infty \phi(z)dz \right),$$

with $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuously differentiable, both ϕ and its derivative $D\phi$ decaying exponentially fast at $+\infty$ and $D\phi$ obeying the dominance assumption

$$|D\phi(x+y)| \leq g_3(x) \quad \forall (x, y) \in (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R} \quad \text{with} \quad g_3 \in L^2(0, \infty).$$

Further Algebraic Manipulations

Let $D_M(t) = \lim_{a_2 \rightarrow \infty} D_M((t, a_2))$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$ denote the Fredholm determinant of M , with the aforementioned assumptions placed on ϕ . Then (matching Krajenbrink)

$$D_M(t) = D_Q(t) \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \int_t^\infty ((I - Q)^{-1} \phi)(x) \Phi(x) dx \right],$$

with $\Phi(x) := \int_x^\infty \phi(z) dz$ and provided $I - 2S$ and $I - Q$ are invertible on $L^2(t, \infty)$. Here $Q : L^2(t, \infty) \rightarrow L^2(t, \infty)$ is the integral operator with trace class kernel

$$Q(x, y) := \int_0^\infty \phi(x + u) \phi(u + y) du, \quad x, y \in (t, \infty),$$

and $D_Q(t)$ is the Fredholm determinant of Q acting on $L^2(t, \infty)$.

Proof Sketch.

$$D_M(\Delta) = D_{2S}(\Delta) \det (\delta_{jk} - F_{jk}(\Delta))_{j,k=1}^{2m}$$

$$\downarrow m = 1 ; a_1 = t, a_2 = \infty$$

$$D_M((t, \infty)) = D_{2S}((t, \infty))(1 + \tau(t)),$$

where $\tau(t) := ((I - 2S^*)^{-1}H)(t, t)$, and using that $((I - 2S^*)^{-1}H)(x, a_2) \rightarrow 0$ pointwise in $x \in (t, \infty)$ as $a_2 \rightarrow \infty$, due to the decay properties of ϕ at $+\infty$.

Infinite-Dimensional Sherman-Morrison Identity

Proof Sketch.

If $I - K + \alpha \otimes \beta$ is invertible, then

$$(I - K + \alpha \otimes \beta)^{-1} = (I - K)^{-1} - \frac{(I - K)^{-1}(\alpha \otimes \beta)(I - K)^{-1}}{1 + \langle \beta, (I - K)^{-1}\alpha \rangle}.$$

So we can show that $\tau := \tau(t)$ satisfies

$$\tau = -\tau + \frac{2\tau^2}{1 + 2\tau},$$

and we chose the solution which satisfies the boundary condition $\tau(+\infty) = 0$, and then factor out $(I - Q)$ of D_{2S} . □

Orthogonal Main Kernel

$$S(x, y) := \int_0^\infty \phi(x+u)\phi(u+y)du + \frac{1}{2}\phi(x)\left(1 - \int_y^\infty \phi(z)dz\right)$$



$$D_{M,2}(t) = D_Q(t) \left[1 - \int_t^\infty ((I-Q)^{-1}\phi)(x)(1-\Phi(x))dx \right]$$

where $\Phi(x) = \int_x^\infty \phi(z)dz$.

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Riemann-Hilbert Problem

Let $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\phi \in W^{1,1}(\mathbb{R}) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$. Find $X(z) = X(z; t, \phi) \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}$ so that

- (1) $z \mapsto X(z)$ is analytic for $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$.
- (2) $z \mapsto X(z)$ admits continuous pointwise limits $X_\pm(z) := \lim_{\epsilon \downarrow 0} X(z \pm i\epsilon)$, $z \in \mathbb{R}$ that satisfy

$$X_+(z) = X_-(z) \begin{bmatrix} 1 - |r(z)|^2 & -\bar{r}(z)e^{-itz} \\ r(z)e^{itz} & 1 \end{bmatrix};$$

$$r(z) := -i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(y) e^{-izy} dy,$$

- (3) As $z \rightarrow \infty$ in $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$, $X(z) = \mathbb{I} + \frac{1}{z}X_1 + o(z^{-1})$

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$$((I - Q)^{-1}\phi)(t) = X_1^{12}(t, \phi) = X_1^{21}(t, \phi).$$

$t \rightarrow -\infty$ Result

Suppose $\phi \in W^{1,1}(\mathbb{R}) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ satisfies

$$|\phi(x)| \leq e^{-a|x|}, \quad |D\phi(x)| \leq e^{-a|x|} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R},$$

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with $a \geq 2 + \epsilon$ for some $\epsilon > 0$. If $\|Q\| < 1$ in operator norm on $L^2(t, \infty)$, then $D_M(t)$ is given asymptotically as $t \rightarrow -\infty$ by

$$\begin{aligned} \ln D_M(t) &= ts(0) + \int_0^\infty xs(x)s(-x)dx \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \Im \left\{ \frac{r'(\lambda)}{r(\lambda)} \right\} \ln(1 - |r(\lambda)|^2) d\lambda \\ &\quad + 2 \ln \left(\frac{1}{2} \sqrt[4]{\frac{1 + ir(0)}{1 - ir(0)}} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt[4]{\frac{1 - ir(0)}{1 + ir(0)}} \right) + \mathcal{O}(t^{-\infty}), \end{aligned}$$

where $s(x) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \ln(1 - |r(\lambda)|^2) e^{ix\lambda} d\lambda$.

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From our assumptions about the growth of ϕ , we can show that for $z \in \Omega$

$$|r(z)| \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\phi(y)| e^{(\Im z)y} dy \leq \frac{2a}{a^2 - \epsilon^2} < 1.$$

Doing similarly with the bound on $D\phi$, we have that for $z \in \Omega$, both $|r(z)|$ and $|zr(z)|$ are less than one.

As such, we can move our RHP off \mathbb{R} , so long as we remain in Ω .

Deift-Zhou Non-linear Steepest Descent

Setting $r(z) = r_1$ and $\bar{r}(z) = r_2$, we recognise

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - r_1 r_2 & -r_2 e^{-itz} \\ r_1 e^{itz} & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{r_1 e^{itz}}{1 - r_1 r_2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - r_1 r_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{1 - r_1 r_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{r_2 e^{-itz}}{1 - r_1 r_2} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Define

$$Y(z) := X(z) \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{r_2 e^{-itz}}{1 - r_1 r_2} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \Im z \in (0, \epsilon) \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{r_1 e^{itz}}{1 - r_1 r_2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \Im z \in (-\epsilon, 0) \\ \mathbb{I} & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

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Plemelj formula \implies

$$\ln f(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\ln a(\lambda)}{\lambda - z} \frac{d\lambda}{2\pi i},$$

$$\implies P(z) = \exp \left[\frac{\sigma_3}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(1 - r_1(\lambda)r_2(\lambda))}{\lambda - z} d\lambda \right].$$

Jumps for R

Define a new function $R(z) := Y(z)P^{-1}(z)$ When $z \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\begin{aligned} R_+(z) &= Y_+ P_+^{-1} = Y_- \begin{bmatrix} 1 - r_1 r_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{1 - r_1 r_2} \end{bmatrix} \left(P_- \begin{bmatrix} 1 - r_1 r_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{1 - r_1 r_2} \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \\ &= Y_- P_-^{-1} = R_-(z). \end{aligned}$$

For the jump at $\Im z = \epsilon$ (can also choose to use the jump at $\Im z = -\epsilon$)

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Small Norm Problem

If $G(z; t) :=$ ‘Jump Matrix of R ’, one can show

$$\|G(\circ; t) - \mathbb{I}\|_{L^2(\Im z = \pm\epsilon) \cap L^\infty(\Im z = \pm\epsilon)} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow -\infty} 0,$$

exponentially fast.

$$\implies R(z) = \mathbb{I} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Im \lambda = \pm\epsilon} R_-(\lambda) (G(\lambda) - \mathbb{I}) \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda - z},$$

and

$$\|R_- - \mathbb{I}\|_{L^2} \leq C e^{t\epsilon},$$

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The RHP is then solved again for $t \rightarrow -\infty$, this time to find $\partial_\gamma \ln \det(I - \gamma Q)$, which can be definitely γ -integrated over $[0, 1]$ to find terms constant in t .

The Orthogonal Case

The orthogonal derived class gives an almost identical asymptotic result for $t \rightarrow -\infty$, with some variation in the constant term which comes from the matrix determinant.

One finds this from the same Riemann-Hilbert problem as the symplectic asymptotic result.

$$\begin{aligned} \ln D_{M,2}(t) &= ts(0) + \int_0^\infty xs(x)s(-x)dx \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \Im \left\{ \frac{r'(\lambda)}{r(\lambda)} \right\} \ln(1 - |r(\lambda)|^2) d\lambda \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1 - ir(0)}{1 + ir(0)} \right) + \mathcal{O}(t^{-\infty}) \end{aligned}$$

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provided $I - 2S$ is invertible on $L^2(-t, t)$.

Here, Q is the integral operator with kernel $Q(x, y) := 2S(x, y)$.

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