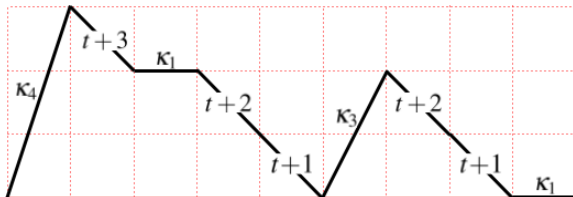


Rectangular cumulants in finite free probability and high temp. singular values

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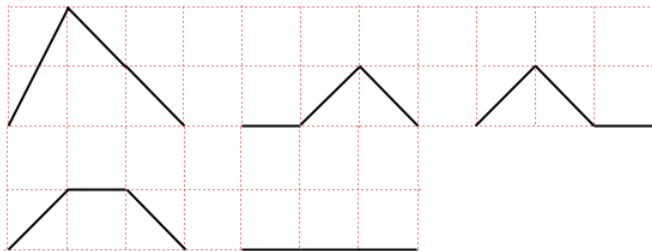
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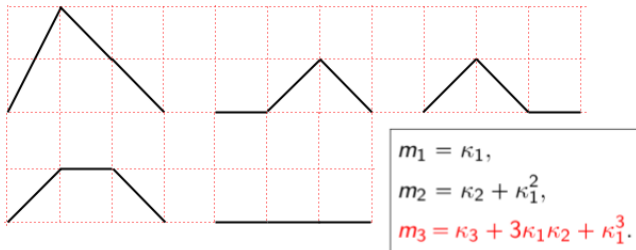
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[Marcus–Spielman–Srivastava '22] studied $p_d \boxplus_d q_d$ arising from their studies on the Kadison–Singer problem (existence of Ramanujan graphs of every degree).

They found an explicit formula that showed the polynomial convolution \boxplus_d had been studied by [Walsh 1922], who proved that if $p_d(x), q_d(x)$ are real-rooted polys, then so is $(p_d \boxplus_d q_d)(x)$.

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So, the operation \boxplus_d and further developments on FFP can be regarded as **1-parameter deformations** of FP, with deformation parameter $d \in \mathbb{N}$.

Mantra: $\text{FFP}(d) \xrightarrow{d \rightarrow \infty} \text{FP}.$

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The combinatorial approach to FFP (akin to [Speicher '94] for FP) began with:

Definition (Arizmendi–Perales '18)

For the monic polynomial $p_d(x) = x^d + \sum_{j=1}^d a_j x^{d-j}$, define the **finite free cumulants** $K_1^d[p_d], K_2^d[p_d], \dots, K_d^d[p_d]$ as the first d numbers in the unique sequence that satisfies*

$$\exp\left(\sum_{\ell \geq 1} \frac{K_\ell^d[p_d]}{\ell} z^\ell\right) = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{a_j}{(-d)_j} z^j,$$

where $(u)_j := (u)(u+1)\cdots(u+j-1)$.

Theorem (Arizmendi–Perales '18)

$$K_\ell^d[p_d \boxplus_d q_d] = K_\ell^d[p_d] + K_\ell^d[q_d], \quad \text{for all } 1 \leq \ell \leq d.$$

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[AP '18] found **moment/finite-free-cumulant formulas** involving sums over pairs of set partitions $\pi, \sigma \in \mathcal{P}(n)$, and used them to prove that finite free cumulants tend to free cumulants:

$$\mu[p_d] \rightarrow \mu \implies K_\ell^d[p_d] \rightarrow \kappa_\ell[\mu], \quad \text{for all } \ell = 1, \dots, d.$$

This gives an alternative proof that finite free convolution converges to free convolution [MSS '22].

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This involves the matrix Fourier transform (spherical integral)

$$\mathbb{E}_{U \in U(N)} \left[e^{\text{Tr}(AUXU^*)} \right] =: B_N(\text{Spec } A, \text{Spec } X)$$

that satisfies

$$\mathbb{E}_{\vec{c}} [B_N(\vec{c}, \vec{x})] = B_N(\vec{a}, \vec{x}) \cdot B_N(\vec{b}, \vec{x}), \quad \text{for all } \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N,$$

where $\vec{a}, \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ are the spectra of A, B ; and \vec{c} is the random spectra of $C = A + UBU^*$, for $U \in U(N)$ Haar-distributed.

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The amazing fact is that (*) exactly define the finite free cumulants upon the formal parameter identification $\gamma \leftrightarrow -d$.

So not only are FFP(d) and HTBE(γ) deformations of FP, but under $\boxed{\gamma \leftrightarrow -d}$, they are the same convolution/cumulants!

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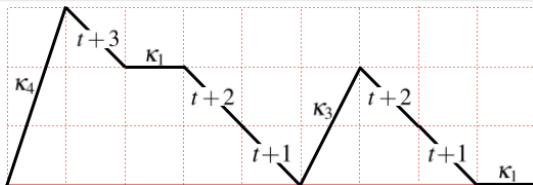
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This formula (for $t = -d$) gives a direct proof to the result of [AP '18] that $\text{FFC} \rightarrow \text{FC}$, as both are sums over Lukasiewicz paths.

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$$g(z)e^{G(z)} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{na_n}{(t)_n} z^{n-1} \implies a_n = \frac{t}{n} \cdot [z^0] \partial_t^{n-1} (g(z)e^{G(z)})$$

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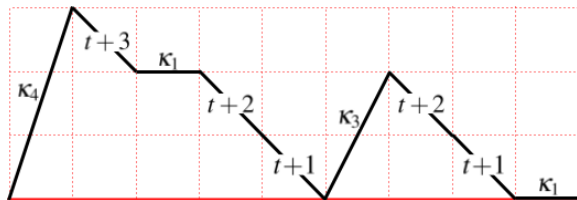
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$$C_{M,N} := A_{M,N} + UB_{M,N}V,$$

with Haar-distributed $U \in U(M)$, $V \in U(N)$, converge weakly a.s:

$$\frac{1}{2M} \sum_{i=1}^M (\delta_{c_i^{(M)}} + \delta_{-c_i^{(M)}}) \rightarrow \kappa, \quad \text{as } N, M \rightarrow \infty, \quad \frac{N}{M} \rightarrow q,$$

for some $\kappa \in \mathcal{M}_1^{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{R})$, the rectangular q -convolution $\mu \boxplus_q \nu := \kappa$

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where the sum is over all **odd Lukasiewicz paths of length $2n$** [any step $i \rightarrow j$ has $j - i \cong 1 \pmod{2}$], and $\text{even}(\Gamma)$ is the number of up-steps of Γ among the steps at positions $2, 4, \dots, 2n - 2$.

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For the point of view of HTBE, we need new *multivariate special functions*: for $M \leq N$, let

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Definition (Jiaming Xu 2023)

The random M -tuple $\vec{\mathbf{c}}_M := \vec{\mathbf{a}}_M +_{\beta,N} \vec{\mathbf{b}}_M$ is defined by

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Again, the existence of $\vec{\mathbf{c}}_M$ as a probability measure is a conjecture, but it can be made sense as a distribution.

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Further, [Xu '23] defined (q, γ) -cumulants and showed that (q, γ) -cumulants $\xrightarrow{\gamma \rightarrow \infty}$ rectangular q -cumulants of [BG '09].

Finite free rectangular convolution

On the side of FFP: given $d \times (n + d)$ matrices A_d, B_d , let

$p(x), q(x) :=$ characteristic polynomials of $A_d A_d^*, B_d B_d^*$,

the **rectangular FF (n, d) -convolution** [Gribinski–Marcus '22] is

$$(p \boxplus_d^n q)(x) := \mathbb{E}_{U, V} \left[\text{char. poly. of } (A_d + UB_d V)(A_d + UB_d V)^* \right]$$

where $U \in U(n), V \in U(n + d)$ are Haar-distributed.

Theorem (GM '22)

If $p(x), q(x)$ are degree d polynomials with all real nonnegative roots, then all roots of $(p \boxplus_d^n q)(x)$ are also real and nonnegative. Moreover, the rectangular FF (n, d) -convolution converges to rectangular q -convolution in the regime

$$n, d \rightarrow \infty, \quad 1 + \frac{n}{d} \rightarrow q.$$

Finite free rectangular cumulants

Motivated by [Xu '23] ((q, γ) -cumulants), [Gribinski '24] (rectangular finite R -transform) and [AP '18]:

Definition (C. '24)

Given $p(x) = x^d + \sum_{j=1}^d a_{2j}x^{d-j}$, the **rectangular (finite free) cumulants** $K_2^{n,d}[p], K_4^{n,d}[p], \dots, K_{2d}^{n,d}[p]$ are defined by:

$$\exp\left(\sum_{\ell \geq 1} \frac{K_{2\ell}^{n,d}[p]}{\ell} z^{2\ell}\right) = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{a_{2j}}{(-d)_j(-d-n)_j} z^{2j}.$$

Theorem (C. '24)

For any degree d polynomials $p(x)$, $q(x)$, and $n \geq 0$,

$$K_{2\ell}^{n,d}\left[p \boxplus_d^n q\right] = K_{2\ell}^{n,d}[p] + K_{2\ell}^{n,d}[q], \text{ for all } \ell = 1, 2, \dots, d.$$

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[C. '24] also gives as a corollary that FF (n, d) -convolution converges to rectangular q -convolution.

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If $q_d(x) := \exp\left(-\frac{1}{n}x^{-n}Dx^{n+1}D\right)p_d(x)$, then

$$\mu[q_d(x^2)] \rightarrow \mu \boxplus_q \lambda_q, \quad \text{as } n, d \rightarrow \infty, \quad 1 + \frac{n}{d} \rightarrow q,$$

in the sense of moments, where λ_q is the q -rectangular analogue of the centered Gaussian distribution (its density is known).

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Schur polynomials

Koornwinder polys $(\mathbf{q}, t, t_0, t_1, t_2, t_3)$

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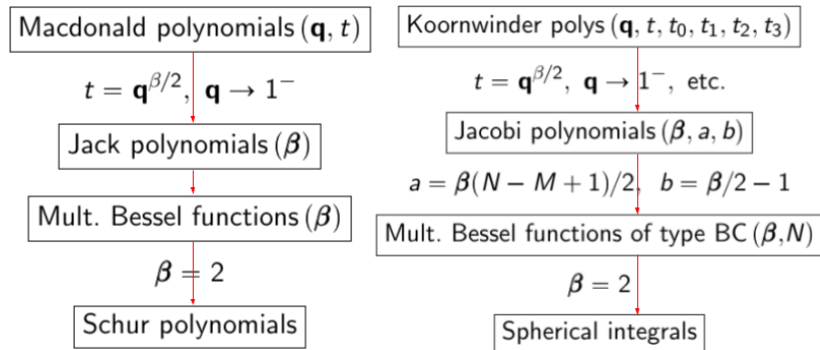
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Q: Are there *high temp. β -ensembles* at higher hierarchy levels?

A1: \mathbf{q} -analogue of formulas with Lukasiewicz paths in [C. '24].

A2: In recent/ongoing works [C.–Dolega–Moll '25], [C.–Dolega '25+], we treat **discrete particle ensembles** with the parameter $\beta > 0$, at the level of Jack polynomials.

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As a consequence, we discovered two new conjectural 1-parameter γ -convolutions of prob. measures and cumulants, e.g. if $m_1 = \frac{\gamma}{2}$:

$$m_n = \sum_{\Gamma \in \text{Luk}(n)} \frac{\prod_{\text{horizontal steps in } \Gamma \text{ at height } s} (s + \gamma)}{1 + \# \text{ horizontal steps at height } 0 \text{ in } \Gamma} \\ \times \prod_{\substack{\text{down-steps in } \Gamma \\ \text{from height } s \rightarrow s-1}} (s + \gamma) \prod_{\text{up-steps } (1, \ell) \text{ in } \Gamma} (\kappa_\ell + \kappa_{\ell+1}).$$

Open Q: Are there connections to polynomial convolutions?

Finite Free Probability \Rightarrow High temperature β -world?

Recall:

Theorem (Walsh 1922; Marcus–Spielman–Srivastava '22)

If $p(x), q(x)$ are degree d real-rooted polynomials, then so is $p(x) \boxplus_d q(x)$. Similar result holds for \boxplus_d^n .

Q: Can similar ideas be used to prove:

Conj: If $\kappa_n^\gamma[\mu], \kappa_n^\gamma[\nu]$ are γ -cumulants of $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{M}_1^c(\mathbb{R})$, then there exists $\tau \in \mathcal{M}_1^c(\mathbb{R})$ with γ -cumulants $\kappa_n^\gamma[\tau] = \kappa_n^\gamma[\mu] + \kappa_n^\gamma[\nu]$.

- Finite free probability:
 additive convolution/cumulants (parameter $d \in \mathbb{N}$)
 rect. convolution/cumulants (parameters $d \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$)
- High temp. β -sums of eigenvalues/singular values:
 Eigenvalues $\Rightarrow \gamma$ -convolution ($\gamma > 0$)
 Sing. values $\Rightarrow (q, \gamma)$ -convolution ($\gamma > 0$, $q \in [1, \infty)$)
- In terms of formulas, there is a mysterious match between formulas, upon identification:

$$\begin{array}{l} \gamma \leftrightarrow -d \\ q \leftrightarrow 1 + \frac{n}{d} \end{array}$$

Thank you for your attention!