# James' Five Fold Way and spiked models in multivariate analysis 

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## Basic equation of classical multivariate statistics

$$
\operatorname{det}(H-x E)=0
$$

with $p \times p$ matrices

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
n_{1} H=\sum_{\nu=1}^{n_{1}} \mathbf{x}_{\nu} \mathbf{x}_{\nu}^{\prime} & \text { 'hypothesis' SS } \\
n_{2} E=\sum_{\nu=1}^{n_{2}} \mathbf{z}_{\nu} \mathbf{z}_{\nu}^{\prime} & \text { 'error' SS }
\end{array}
$$

(Invariant) methods use (generalized) eigenvalues $\left\{x_{i}\right\}_{i=1}^{p}$

$$
\Leftrightarrow \text { eigenvalues of "F-ratio" } E^{-1} H \text {. }
$$

## Textbook topics using $E^{-1} H$

- Canonical correlation analysis
- Discriminant analysis
- Factor analysis*
- Multidimensional scaling*
- Multivariate Analysis of Variance - MANOVA
- Multivarate regression analysis
- Principal Component analysis*
- Signal detection (equality of covariance matrices)
* use limiting form $\operatorname{det}(H-x I)=0$ with $E=I_{p},\left(n_{2} \rightarrow \infty\right)$


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Hamlet: "The time is out of joint ..."
A.T. James (1924-2013)


## Ann. Math. Stat. (1964)

## DISTRIBUTIONS OF MATRIX VARIATES AND LATENT ROOTS DERIVED FROM NORMAL SAMPLES ${ }^{1}$

By Alan T. James

## Yale University

1. Summary. The paper is largely expository, but some new results are included to round out the paper and bring it up to date.

The following distributions are quoted in Section 7.

1. Type ${ }_{0} F_{0}$, exponential: (i) $\chi^{2}$, (ii) Wishart, (iii) latent roots of the covariance matrix.
2. Type ${ }_{1} F_{0}$, binomial series: (i) variance ratio, $F$, (ii) latent roots with unequal population covariance matrices.
3. Type ${ }_{0} F_{1}$, Bessel: (i) noncentral $\chi^{2}$, (ii) noncentral Wishart, (iii) noncentral means with known covariance.
4. Type ${ }_{1} F_{1}$, confluent hypergeometric: (i) noncentral $F$, (ii) noncentral multivariate $F$, (iii) noncentral latent roots.
5. Type ${ }_{2} F_{1}$, Gaussian hypergeometric: (i) multiple correlation coefficient, (ii) canonical correlation coefficients.

## Some questions suggested by James (1964)

- remarkable systematization of distributions
- focus on zonal polynomials - hard to compute
- what about approximations, guided by James' framework?
- current interest: p large
- consider approximations with $p \propto n$
- connections to random matrix theory
- focus on low rank alternatives, a.k.a. "spiked models"


## Our talks:

- explore likelihood ratios, phase transitions in James' setting
- behavior above transition:
- Gaussian limits,
- Limiting experiments for likelihood ratios,
- Confidence intervals
- behavior below transition:
- Limiting experiments for likelihood ratios,


## Aside: why not just resample??

$X, n \times p$ with independent rows $N_{p}(0, I) . \quad H=n^{-1} X^{\prime} X$.
Largest eigenvalue $\lambda_{1}(H) \approx$ (scaled) Tracy-Widom.
Resample rows of $X \rightarrow$ histogram for $\lambda_{1}^{*} \quad[n=p=100]$


## Outline

James' Five Fold Way: review classical examples, (plus a limiting case), focus on

- eigenvalue equations
- low rank alternatives

Common structure in joint density of eigenvalues

- null case: random matrix connection
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## Principal Components Analysis (PCA)

Data

$$
X=\left[\mathbf{x}_{1} \cdots \mathbf{x}_{n}\right] \quad p \times n
$$

Covariance structure:

$$
\Sigma=\operatorname{Cov}\left(\mathbf{x}_{\nu}\right)=\Sigma_{0}+\Phi
$$

Low rank:

$$
\Phi=\sum_{k=1}^{r} \theta_{k} \gamma_{k} \gamma_{k}^{\prime}
$$

Sample covariance matrix:

$$
S=n^{-1} H, \quad H=X X^{\prime}
$$

Eigenvalues:

$$
\operatorname{det}\left(n^{-1} H-\lambda_{i} I\right)=0
$$

## Regression - Known Covariance (REG $) \quad\left[{ }_{0} F_{1}\right]$

$p$-variate response:

$$
\begin{array}{rlrl}
\mathbf{y}_{\nu}=B^{\prime} \mathbf{x}_{\nu}+\mathbf{z}_{\nu}, & \Sigma_{0} & =\operatorname{Cov}\left(\mathbf{z}_{\nu}\right) \\
H_{0} & : C B=0 & C & =\text { contrast matrix }
\end{array}
$$

$\Sigma_{0}$ known:

$$
H=Y P_{H} Y^{\prime} \quad n \text { hypothesis d.f. }
$$

Eigenvalues:

$$
\operatorname{det}\left(n^{-1} H-\lambda_{i} l\right)=0
$$

Low rank: noncentrality (e.g. some MANOVA)

$$
\Phi=\Sigma_{0}^{-1} M M^{\prime} / n_{1}=\Sigma_{0}^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{r} \theta_{k} \gamma_{k} \gamma_{k}^{\prime}
$$

## Signal Detection (SigDet) $\quad\left[{ }_{1} F_{0}\right]$

Data:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{x}_{\nu}=\sum_{1}^{r} \sqrt{\theta}_{k} u_{\nu, k} \gamma_{k}+\mathbf{z}_{\nu} \\
& u_{\nu k} \\
& \stackrel{\text { ind }}{\sim}(0,1), \operatorname{Cov}\left(\mathbf{z}_{\nu}\right)=\Sigma
\end{aligned}
$$

Low rank structure: test $H_{0}: \theta=0$

$$
\operatorname{Cov}\left(\mathbf{x}_{\nu}\right)=\Phi+\Sigma \quad \Phi=\sum_{1}^{r} \theta_{k} \gamma_{k} \gamma_{k}^{\prime}
$$

Eigenvalues:

$$
\begin{gathered}
H=\sum_{1}^{n_{1}} \mathbf{x}_{\nu} \mathbf{x}_{\nu}^{\prime} \quad E=\sum_{n_{1}}^{n_{1}+n_{2}} \mathbf{z}_{\nu} \mathbf{z}_{\nu}^{\prime} \\
\operatorname{det}\left(n_{1}^{-1} H-\tilde{\lambda}_{i} n_{2}^{-1} E\right)=0 \\
\Leftrightarrow \operatorname{det}\left(H-\lambda_{i}(E+H)\right)=0
\end{gathered}
$$

## Regression - Multiple Response (REG) [ $\left.{ }_{1} F_{1}\right]$

$$
\mathbf{y}_{\nu}=B^{\prime} \mathbf{x}_{\nu}+\mathbf{z}_{\nu}, \quad \Sigma=\operatorname{Cov}\left(\mathbf{z}_{\nu}\right)
$$

Sums of squares matrices:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
H=Y P_{H} Y^{\prime} & \\
n_{1} \text { hypothesis d.f. } \\
E=Y P_{E} Y^{\prime} & \\
n_{2} \text { error d.f. }
\end{array}
$$

Eigenvalues:

$$
\begin{array}{rll}
\operatorname{det}\left(n_{1}^{-1} H-\tilde{\lambda}_{i} n_{2}^{-1} E\right) & =0 & \text { multivariate } F \\
\Leftrightarrow \operatorname{det}\left(H-\lambda_{i}(E+H)\right) & =0 & \text { multivariate Beta }
\end{array}
$$

Low rank: noncentrality

$$
\Phi=\Sigma^{-1} M M^{\prime} / n_{1}=\Sigma^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{r} \theta_{k} \gamma_{k} \gamma_{k}^{\prime}
$$

## Canonical Correlation Analysis (CCA) $\quad\left[{ }_{2} F_{1}\right]$

$$
\mathbf{x}_{\nu} \in \mathbb{R}^{p} \quad \mathbf{y}_{\nu} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{1}} \quad \nu=1, \ldots, n_{1}+n_{2}+1
$$

Look for maximally correlated $a^{\prime} \mathbf{x}_{\nu}, b^{\prime} \mathbf{y}_{\nu}$

$$
\operatorname{Cov}\binom{\mathbf{x}_{\nu}}{\mathbf{y}_{\nu}}=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
\Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\
\Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22}
\end{array}\right) \quad \text { sample }\left(\begin{array}{ll}
S_{11} & S_{12} \\
S_{21} & S_{22}
\end{array}\right)
$$

Eigenvalues:

$$
\operatorname{det}\left(S_{11}^{-1} S_{12} S_{22}^{-1} S_{21}-\lambda_{i} I_{p}\right)=0
$$

Low rank:

$$
\Sigma_{11}^{-1 / 2} \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1 / 2}=\Phi^{1 / 2}=\sum_{1}^{r} \sqrt{\theta}_{k} \gamma_{k} \eta_{k}^{\prime} \stackrel{\text { e.g. }}{=}\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\operatorname{diag}\left(\sqrt{\theta}_{1}, \ldots, \sqrt{\theta}_{r}\right) & 0 \\
0 & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Hyperspectral image example: Cuprite, Nevada

(224 AVIRIS images, [370, 2507] nm, ~ 9.6 nm apart, $614 \times 512(=314,368)$ pixels, atmospherically corrected)


Most mineral diagnostic information for minerals in [2000, 2500]

## Gaussian assumptions

Assume $\mathbf{x}_{\nu}$, resp $\mathbf{z}_{\nu}$ are (zero-mean) Gaussian $\quad(\Rightarrow$ formulas)
Why eigenvalues?
Group structure $\Longrightarrow\left(\lambda_{i}\right)$ are maximal invariants.
O.K. for low rank alternatives if subspaces are unknown.
[Wishart definition: If $\underset{n \times p}{Z} \sim N(M, I \otimes \Sigma)$ is a normal data matrix, then

$$
A=Z^{\prime} Z=\sum_{1}^{n} \mathbf{z}_{\nu} \mathbf{z}_{\nu}^{\prime} \sim W_{p}(n, \Sigma, \Omega)
$$

with degrees of freedom $n$, and non-centrality $\Omega=\Sigma^{-1 / 2} M^{\prime} M \Sigma^{-1 / 2}$ ]

## Five Fold Way - Gaussian assumptions

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { PCA }\left[0 F_{0}\right] \\
H \sim W_{p}\left(n, \Sigma_{0}+\Phi\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

$\mathrm{REG}_{0}{ }_{[0} F_{1}$ ]

$$
H \sim W_{p}\left(n, \Sigma_{0}, n \Phi\right)
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { REG }\left[{ }_{1} F_{1}\right] \\
H \sim W_{p}\left(n_{1}, \Sigma, n_{1} \phi\right) \\
E \sim W_{p}\left(n_{2}, \Sigma\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { CCA }\left[{ }_{2} F_{1}\right] \\
H \sim W_{p}\left(n_{1}, I-\Phi, \Omega(\Phi)\right) \\
E \sim W_{p}\left(n_{2}, I-\Phi\right) \\
\Omega(\Phi) \text { random }
\end{gathered}
$$

## Symmetric Matrix Denoising (SMD)

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
G=\Phi+Z & Z \text { sym } \\
Z_{i j} \stackrel{\text { ind }}{\sim} N\left(0,1+\delta_{i j}\right) & \mathrm{GOE}_{p}
\end{array}
$$

Low rank:

$$
\Phi=\sum_{1}^{r} \theta_{k} \gamma_{k} \gamma_{k}^{\prime}
$$

Eigenvalues:

$$
\operatorname{det}\left(G-\lambda_{i} I_{p}\right)=0
$$

Limiting Case: $\quad H_{n} \sim W_{p}\left(n, \Sigma_{n}\right) \quad \Sigma_{n}=I_{p}+\Phi / \sqrt{n}$.
For $p$ fixed, as $n \rightarrow \infty \quad$ PCA $\rightarrow$ SMD:

$$
\sqrt{n}\left(n^{-1} H_{n}-I_{p}\right) \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{\Rightarrow} \Phi+Z, \quad Z \sim \mathrm{GOE}_{p}
$$

SMD as the limiting "simple" case


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## Links to RMT: Null Hypothesis

$\left.\begin{array}{ccccc} & \text { SMD } & & & \text { Gaussian } \\ \text { PCA } & & \text { REG }_{0} & \xrightarrow{\Phi=0} & \text { Laguerre }\end{array}\right] \lambda(H / n)$
$H_{0}: \theta=0 \rightarrow$ classical matrix ensembles. Joint eigenvalue density

$$
\begin{aligned}
p_{0}(\lambda) & =\pi(\lambda) \Delta(\lambda) \\
\pi(\lambda) & =\prod_{i=1}^{p} \pi\left(\lambda_{i}\right), \quad \Delta(\lambda)=\prod_{i>j}\left(\lambda_{i}-\lambda_{j}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Empirical spectral distributions converge:

$$
F_{n}(\lambda)=p^{-1} \#\left\{i: \lambda_{i} \leq \lambda\right\} \quad \xrightarrow{\text { a.s. }} \quad F(\lambda)
$$

## Links to RMT - Three Fold Way

| weight | $\pi(\lambda)$ | Spectral Law | $F(\lambda)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Gaussian | $e^{-\lambda^{2} / 2}$ | Semi-circle | $\propto \sqrt{4-\lambda^{2}}$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| Laguerre | $\lambda^{\alpha} e^{-\lambda / 2}$ | Marcenko-Pastur | $\propto \frac{\sqrt{\left(b_{+}-\lambda\right)\left(\lambda-b_{-}\right)}}{\lambda}$ |
|  | $\alpha=\frac{1}{2}(n-p-1)$ |  | $b_{ \pm}=(1 \pm \sqrt{c})^{2}$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| Jacobi | $\lambda^{a}(1-\lambda)^{b}$ | Wachter | $\propto \frac{\sqrt{\left(b_{+}-\lambda\right)\left(\lambda-b_{-}\right)}}{\lambda(1-\lambda)}$ |
|  | $a=\left(n_{1}-p-1\right) / 2$ |  | $b_{ \pm}=c_{2}(1 \pm r)^{2} /\left(r \pm c_{2}\right)^{2}$ |
| $b=\left(n_{2}-p-1\right) / 2$ |  | $r=\sqrt{c_{1}+c_{2}-c_{1} c_{2}}$ |  |

## Warmup: Bulk Distribution (Wachter)

Spectral density of limit $F(d \lambda)=\lim p^{-1} \sum_{i} \delta_{\left(n_{2} / n_{1}\right) \lambda_{i}\left(E^{-1} H\right)}$ :

$$
f(\lambda)=\frac{1-c_{2}}{2 \pi} \frac{\sqrt{\left(b_{+}-\lambda\right)\left(\lambda-b_{-}\right)}}{\lambda\left(c_{1}+c_{2} \lambda\right)}
$$

Let $r=\sqrt{c_{1}+c_{2}-c_{1} c_{2}}$.
Support limits:

$$
\begin{aligned}
b_{ \pm} & =\left(\frac{1 \pm r}{1-c_{2}}\right)^{2} \\
& \rightarrow\left(1 \pm \sqrt{c_{1}}\right)^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

as $c_{2} \rightarrow 0$. [Marčenko-Pastur]


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## Hypergeometric functions

Scalar:

$$
{ }_{\mathrm{p}} F_{\mathrm{q}}(a, b ; x)=\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(a_{1}\right)_{k} \cdots\left(a_{\mathrm{p}}\right)_{k}}{\left(b_{1}\right)_{k} \cdots\left(a_{\mathrm{q}}\right)_{k}} \frac{x^{k}}{k!}
$$

Single matrix argument: $S$ symmetric, usually diagonal

$$
\begin{aligned}
{ }_{\mathrm{p}} F_{\mathrm{q}}(a, b ; S) & =\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\kappa} \frac{\left(a_{1}\right)_{\kappa} \cdots\left(a_{\mathrm{p}}\right)_{\kappa}}{\left(b_{1}\right)_{\kappa} \cdots\left(a_{\mathrm{q}}\right)_{\kappa}} \frac{C_{\kappa}(S)}{k!} \\
{ }_{0} F_{0}(S) & =e^{\operatorname{tr} S}, \quad{ }_{1} F_{0}(a, S)=|I-S|^{-a}
\end{aligned}
$$

Two matrix arguments: $S, T$ symmetric

$$
{ }_{\mathrm{p}} F_{\mathrm{q}}(a, b ; S, T)=\int_{O(p)}{ }_{\mathrm{p}} F_{\mathrm{q}}\left(a, b ; S U T U^{\prime}\right)(d U)
$$

## Joint density: rewriting James

$\Lambda=\operatorname{diag}\left(\lambda_{i}\right) \quad$ eigenvalues of $p^{-1 / 2} G, n^{-1} H$ or $(E+H)^{-1} H$.
$\Phi=\Gamma \Theta \Gamma^{\prime} \quad$ low rank alternative, $\Theta=\operatorname{diag}\left(\theta_{1}, \ldots, \theta_{r}\right)$.

General structure for joint density of eigenvalues:

$$
\begin{aligned}
p(\lambda ; \Theta) & =\rho(\alpha ; \Psi) \cdot{ }_{\mathrm{p}} F_{\mathrm{q}}(a, b ; c \Psi, \Lambda) \pi(\lambda) \Delta(\lambda) \\
\Psi(\Theta) & = \begin{cases}\Theta(I+\Theta)^{-1} & q=0 \\
\Theta & q=1, \mathrm{SMD}\end{cases}
\end{aligned}
$$

Under $H_{0}: \Theta=0$, have $\Psi=0$ and $\rho \cdot{ }_{\mathrm{p}} F_{\mathrm{q}}=1$.
$\rho(\alpha, \Psi)=\exp \left\{-\alpha \sum_{1}^{r} \beta_{\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{q}}\left(\theta_{i}\right)\right\}$ has product structure.

## Joint Density - parameter table

$$
p(\lambda ; \Theta)=\rho(\alpha ; \Psi)_{\mathrm{p}} F_{\mathrm{q}}(a, b ; c \Psi, \Lambda) \pi(\lambda) \Delta(\lambda)
$$

|  |  | $2 a$ | $2 b$ | $2 c$ | $2 \alpha$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| SMD | ${ }_{0} F_{0}$ | $\cdot$ | $\cdot$ | $p$ | $p / 4$ |
| PCA | ${ }^{2} F_{0}$ | $\cdot$ | $\cdot$ | $n$ | $n$ |
| REG | ${ }_{0} F_{1}$ | $\cdot$ | $n$ | $n^{2} / 2$ | $n$ |
| SigDet | ${ }_{1} F_{0}$ | $n_{1}+n_{2}$ | $\cdot$ | 2 | $n_{1}$ |
| REG | ${ }_{1} F_{1}$ | $n_{1}+n_{2}$ | $p \vee n_{1}$ | $n_{1}$ | $n_{1}$ |
| CCA | ${ }_{2} F_{1}$ | $n_{1}+n_{2}, n_{1}+n_{2}$ | $n_{1}$ | 2 | $n_{1}+n_{2}$ |
|  |  | p |  |  |  |

$$
\rho(\alpha, \Psi)= \begin{cases}|I-\Psi|^{\alpha} & \mathrm{p}>\mathrm{q} \text { or } \mathrm{p}=\mathrm{q}=0 \\ e^{-\alpha \operatorname{tr} \Psi^{2}} & \text { SMD } \\ e^{-\alpha \operatorname{tr} \psi} & \mathrm{o} / \mathrm{w}\end{cases}
$$

## Contour Integral Representation - Rank 1

Suppose $\Lambda=\operatorname{diag}\left(\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{r}\right)$, and let $m=\frac{r}{2}-1$.
Assume $\psi=\operatorname{diag}(\psi, 0, \ldots, 0)$ has rank one. Then DJ (14)
${ }_{\mathrm{p}} F_{\mathrm{q}}(a, b ; \Psi, \Lambda)=\frac{c_{m}}{\psi^{m}} \frac{1}{2 \pi i} \int_{K}{ }_{\mathrm{p}} F_{\mathrm{q}}(a-m, b-m ; \psi s) \prod_{i=1}^{r}\left(s-\lambda_{i}\right)^{-1 / 2} d s$
Univariate integral and ${ }_{\mathrm{p}} F_{\mathrm{q}}$ !

$$
\begin{aligned}
c_{m} & =\frac{\Gamma(m+1)}{\rho_{m}(a-m, b-m)} \\
\rho_{k}(a, b) & =\frac{\left.\left(a_{1}\right)_{k} \cdots\left(a_{p}\right)\right)_{k}}{\left(b_{1}\right)_{k} \cdots\left(a_{q}\right)_{k}}
\end{aligned}
$$


$\operatorname{rank}(\Psi)=r: r$-fold contour integral Passemier-McKay-Chen (14).

## Double Scaling

$$
p / n_{1} \rightarrow c_{1}>0, \quad p / n_{2} \rightarrow c_{2} \in[0,1)
$$

- today: $c_{1}, c_{2}<1, \quad$ [but $c_{1} \geq 1$ is relevant]
- $c_{2}=0 \leftrightarrow \quad$ single Wishart $H$
- $c_{2} \geq 1$ is a singular case $-E$ not invertible

Remarks for statisticians:

- high dimensional statistics ...
- new perspectives on 'small $p$ '
- role of $c_{2}$ : even small $c_{2}>0$ can have quite large effect:
- $c_{2}=.03 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \kappa(E)=\lambda_{1}(E) / \lambda_{p}(E) \doteq 2.0$
- $c_{2}=.10 \Rightarrow \kappa(E) \doteq 3.7$


## Double Scaling and small $p$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \log \operatorname{det} H \approx \begin{cases}N(0,2 p / n) & p \text { fixed } \\
N\left(p d_{c}, \ell_{c}\right) & p / n \rightarrow c \quad \text { (Bai-Silverstein) }\end{cases} \\
& {\left[\quad \ell_{c}=2 \log (1-c)^{-1} \quad d_{c}=\frac{1-c}{2 c} \ell_{c}-1 \quad\right]}
\end{aligned}
$$

Double scaling ( pBai ) gives better approximation for $p=2$ :

| $n$ | $p$ | qtile | pBaiS | pFix |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 100 | 2 | 0.90 | 0.899 | 0.923 |
| 100 | 2 | 0.95 | 0.951 | 0.965 |

[10000 reps, 2SE $\leq 0.006$ ]

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Some consequences: [Alexei]

- phase transition for largest eigenvalue
- likelihood ratios below \& above the transition


## Conclusion

James' (1964) representations $\Rightarrow$

$$
p(\lambda ; \Theta)=\rho(\alpha ; \Psi)_{\mathrm{p}} F_{\mathrm{q}}(a, b ; c \Psi, \Lambda) \pi(\lambda) \Delta(\lambda)
$$

- powerful systematization for multivariate distributions
- leads to simple approximations in low rank cases via double scaling limit


## THANK YOU!

## Same year as James(1964)

# Higher Order Spacing Distributions for a Class of Unitary Ensembles* 

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#### Abstract

We consider the $n$ th-order spacing distribution, $P^{n}(s)$, in the statistical theory of energy levels of complex systems. Each $P^{n}$ is written as a sum of multiple integrals over correlation functions. This procedure is used to establish the identity of the spacing distributions for all members of a class of Hamiltonian unitary ensembles. A power-series expansion of $P^{n}(s)$, valid for all $n$, is developed.


## I. INTRODUCTION

ASTATISTICAL theory has been developed ${ }^{1-6}$ which has been applied to the problem of level spacing in heavy nuclei in a region of the excitation spectrum where the level density is approximately constant over, say, a hundred levels. A suitably chosen ensemble of $N$-dimensional Hamiltonian matrices is introduced, and one studies the distribution of the eigenvalues of ensemble members.

We are interested in developing approximation procedures for the calculation of energy level spacing distributions for a class of Hamiltonian matrix ensembles. To date, nearest-neighbor spacing distributions, $P^{0}(s)$
determine the distribution of elements in the Hamiltonian matrix ensembles.

Members of the class of Hamiltonian ensembles in which $f\left(x_{1}, \cdots, x_{n}\right)$ is a product, $\Pi_{i}\left[g\left(x_{i}\right)\right]^{2}$, have been extensively studied. ${ }^{1-3,5,6,8}$ For example, the choices

$$
\begin{aligned}
{[g(x)]^{2} } & =\exp \left(-x^{2}\right) & & -\infty<x<\infty, \\
& =(1-x)^{\mu}(1+x)^{\nu} & & \mu, \nu>-1 ; \quad \\
& =x^{\alpha} e^{-x} & & \alpha>-1 ;
\end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{ll}
0 \leq x<\infty \\
& =1
\end{array}
$$

lead to the so-called Gaussian, Jacobi, Laguerre, and circular ensembles, respectively. ${ }^{9}$ The circular ${ }^{5}$ and Gaussian ${ }^{4-6}$ ensembles have been shown to have identiral nearest-neiohhor snarino distributions for $\beta=1.2 .4$.

