

Historically, Jack polynomials first appeared and were studied because of them being useful in random matrix theory and computations of matrix integrals.

Notation 1: When we discuss matrices with real/complex/quaternion matrix elements we use $\theta = \frac{1}{2}/1/2$, respectively, in Jack polynomials.

Notation 2: If A is $N \times N$ matrix with eigenvalues $a_1, \dots, a_N$, then

$$J_\lambda(A) := J_\lambda(a_1, \dots, a_N; \theta)$$

Theorem: Let A and B be positive-definite $N \times N$ Hermitian real/complex/quaternion matrices and let U be uniformly random (= distributed by the Haar measure) element of orthogonal/unitary/symplectic group at $\Theta = \frac{1}{2}/1/2$, respectively. Then for each λ :

$$\mathbb{E}_U \frac{J_\lambda(AUBU^*)}{J_\lambda(1^N)} = \frac{J_\lambda(A)}{J_\lambda(1^N)} \cdot \frac{J_\lambda(B)}{J_\lambda(1^N)} \quad (*)$$

means integral over U

Remark 1: $AUBU^*$ has the same distribution of eigenvalues as $VAV^* \cdot UBU^*$ with independent U and V .

Indeed, eigenvalues are preserved under conjugations, while $AV^*UBU^*V = AWB W^*$, where $W = V^*U$ is again uniformly distributed

Interpretation: Description of **product** of two random matrices.
[very useful in multivariate statistics]

Remark 2: Eigenvalues of $AUBU^*$ are real
 because they coincide with those of a Hermitian matrix
 $A^{\frac{1}{2}}UBU^*A^{\frac{1}{2}}$

We will not prove the theorem (see Macdonald, Chapter VII)

Some keywords: This is a computation of (zonal) spherical functions for Gelfand pairs
 $(GL(N; \mathbb{C}), U(N))$, $(GL(N; \mathbb{R}), O(N))$, $(GL(N; \mathbb{H}), Sp(2N))$ ← quaternions

(*) is a functional relation, which is always satisfied by such spherical functions. If $\Theta = 1$ and A, B are unitary,

$$\int_{U(N)} \frac{S_\lambda(AUBU^*)}{S_\lambda(1^N)} = \frac{S_\lambda(A)}{S_\lambda(1^N)} \cdot \frac{S_\lambda(B)}{S_\lambda(1^N)} - \text{functional relation, which holds for characters of irreducible representations of any finite/compact group.}$$

Expectations of Jack polynomials also appear in an extension of Selberg integral



But received in 1987

Theorem 1: For each λ , $r \geq 0$, $s \geq 0$

$$\frac{1}{N!} \int_0^1 \dots \int_0^1 J_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N; \theta) \prod_{i < j} |x_i - x_j|^{2\theta} \prod_{i=1}^N x_i^{r-1} (1-x_i)^{s-1} dx_i$$

$$= \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} \frac{\Gamma(\lambda_i - \lambda_j + \theta(j-i+1))}{\Gamma(\lambda_i - \lambda_j + \theta(j-i))} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{\Gamma(\lambda_i + r + \theta(N-i)) \Gamma(s + \theta(N-i))}{\Gamma(\lambda_i + r + s + \theta(2N-i-1))}$$

Meaning: This gives an explicit computation of $E J_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N)$ for $(x_1, \dots, x_N)$ distributed as $\frac{1}{Z_N} \prod_{i < j} |x_i - x_j|^{2\theta} \prod_{i=1}^N x_i^{r-1} (1-x_i)^{s-1} dx_i$

$\beta = 2\theta$ Jacobi ensemble of random matrix theory

Expanding other functions in basis of Jack polynomials one can compute expectations of arbitrary symmetric observables

Proof of Theorem: We know that Selberg integral is $q \rightarrow 1$, $t = q^\theta$ limit of (see Lecture 19)

$$\sum_{\mu} P_{\mu}(x_1, \dots, x_N) Q_{\mu}(y_1, \dots, y_M) = \prod_{i=1}^N \prod_{j=1}^M \frac{(tx_i y_j; q)_{\infty}}{(x_i y_j; q)_{\infty}} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} x_i = t^{i-1} \\ y_j = t^{\theta+j-1} \end{array} \right.$$

We can write using label-variable duality [Lec. 18 slide 6]

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\mu} P_{\lambda}(q^{\lambda_i} t^{N-i}, 1 \leq i \leq N) P_{\mu}(1, t, \dots, t^{N-1}) Q_{\mu}(t^{\theta}, \dots, t^{\theta+M-1}) = \\ &= P_{\lambda}(1, t, \dots, t^{N-1}) \cdot \sum_{\mu} \frac{P_{\lambda}(q^{\lambda_i} t^{N-i})}{P_{\lambda}(1, t, \dots, t^{N-1})} \cdot P_{\mu}(1, \dots, t^{N-1}) Q_{\mu}(t^{\theta}, \dots, t^{\theta+M-1}) = \\ &= P_{\lambda}(1, \dots, t^{N-1}) \sum_{\mu} \frac{P_{\mu}(q^{\lambda_i} t^{N-i})}{P_{\mu}(1, t, \dots, t^{N-1})} P_{\mu}(1, \dots, t^{N-1}) Q_{\mu}(t^{\theta}, \dots, t^{\theta+M-1}) = \\ &= P_{\lambda}(1, \dots, t^{N-1}) \sum_{\mu} P_{\mu}(q^{\lambda_i} t^{N-i}) Q_{\mu}(t^{\theta}, \dots, t^{\theta+M-1}) = \\ &= P_{\lambda}(1, \dots, t^{N-1}) \prod_{i=1}^N \prod_{j=1}^M \frac{(t q^{\lambda_i} t^{N-i + \theta + M - j}; q)_{\infty}}{(q^{\lambda_i} t^{N-i + \theta + M - j}; q)_{\infty}} \end{aligned}$$

Now we set $q = \exp(-\varepsilon)$, $t = q^\theta$, $r_i = \exp(-\varepsilon y_i) = q^{y_i}$ as in Lecture 19, slide 3 and send $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.

$$P_\lambda(q^{m_1} t^{N-1}, \dots, q^{m_N}; q, t) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} J_\lambda(r_1, \dots, r_N; \theta)$$

As in Lecture 19, left-hand side of the identity becomes $\sim \int \dots \int J_\lambda(r_1, \dots, r_N; \theta) \prod_{i < j} |r_i - r_j|^{2\theta} \prod_{i=1}^N r_i^{2\theta-1} (1-r_i)^{\theta(N-N+1)-1} dr_i$

and it remains to compute the $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ limit of the explicit right-hand side 

Exercise: Fill in the remaining details.

Question: Why should we care about such weird integrals of weird distributions?

Setup: Take two rectangular matrices with i.i.d. standard Gaussian entries: X of size $N \times T$ and Y of size $K \times T$. Let $S(X)$ be a subspace of T -dimensional space spanned by N rows of X . Let $S(Y)$ be a subspace spanned by K rows of Y . Let P_X, P_Y be orthogonal projectors on $S(X), S(Y)$, respectively.

$P_X P_Y P_X$ is a Hermitian matrix of rank $\min(N, K)$

Its eigenvalues are (squared) sample canonical correlations between X and Y

Remark: $\dim S(X) = N$, $\dim S(Y) = K$. These are two uniformly random subspaces of such dimensions.

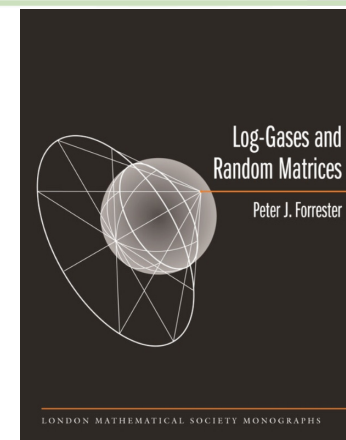
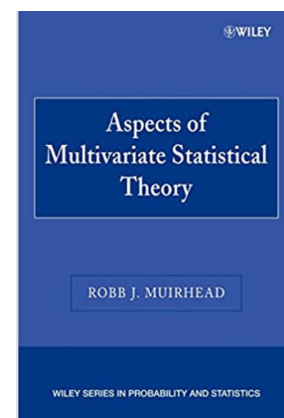
Theorem 2: Assume $N \leq K$, $N+K \leq T$. Then the law of N positive eigenvalues $r_1 < r_2 < \dots < r_N$ of $P_X P_Y P_X$ has density

$$\frac{1}{Z} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} (r_j - r_i)^{2\theta} \prod_{i=1}^N r_i^{\theta(K-N+1)-1} (1-r_i)^{\theta(T-N-K+1)-1} \quad (*)$$

$\theta = \frac{1}{2} / 1/2$ corresponds to real/complex/quaternion matrix elements.
 "Jacobi ensemble"
 normalization constant

We will not give a proof, see:

[One needs to compute the Jacobian of transition to eigenvalues]



Example: Take $N=K=1$. Then (check this!) r_1 is the squared sample correlation coefficient

$$r_1 = \frac{(\sum x_i y_i)^2}{(\sum x_i^2)(\sum y_i^2)}$$

Exercise: Check that r_1 is Beta-distributed ($N=K=1$ in $(*)$)

Conclusion: We can explicitly compute expectations of any symmetric polynomial in (squared) sample canonical correlations of two independent sets of data by expanding in Jack polynomials and using Kadell integrals.

Remark: (For those who know random matrices). Taking limits from Jacobi to Laguerre (=Wishart = sample covariance matrices) or Hermite (=Wigner = GOE/GUE/GSE) the same conclusion remains true for them.

Example Characteristic polynomial of the matrix

$$\mathcal{K}(z) = \prod_{i=1}^N (z - r_i) = \sum_{m=0}^N e_m(r_1, \dots, r_N) \cdot z^{N-m}$$

Note that $e_m = J_{(1^m)}$ for each θ .

$$\mathbb{E}_{(\theta, \nu, s)\text{-Jacobi}} e_m(r_1, \dots, r_N) = \frac{\text{Theorem 1 for } \lambda = (1^m)}{\text{Theorem 1 for } \lambda = (0)}$$

Substituting, we get:

$$\prod_{1 \leq i \leq m < j \leq N} \frac{\Gamma(1 + \theta(j-i+1))}{\Gamma(\theta(j-i+1))} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\theta(i-i))}{\Gamma(1 + \theta(i-i))} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{\Gamma(1 + v + \theta(N-i))}{\Gamma(v + \theta(N-i))} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(v + s + \theta(2N-i-1))}{\Gamma(1 + v + s + \theta(2N-i-1))}$$

We can simplify using $\Gamma(x+1) = x \Gamma(x)$

Unexpected outcome: Expected characteristic polynomial

$$E_{(\theta, v, s)\text{-Jacobi}} \prod_{i=1}^N (z - r_i) = F_{v, s}(z)$$

does not depend on θ !

Same remains true for matrices from Slide 10 and Slide 2

Identification of these polynomials with known objects goes beyond this class. For Jacobi example one gets Jacobi orthogonal polynomials (parameters are not v, s). For Slide 2 one gets finite free (multiplicative) convolution of characteristic polynomials of A and B .