SDE limits for transfer matrices with hyperbolic channels and limiting eigenvalue processes

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#### Theorem (Valko, Virag; Bachmann, de Roeck)

Let A and E be such that there are only elliptic channels (i.e.  $\mathcal{T}_0^E$  is conjugated to a unitary matrix), and consider the process  $X_{\lambda,n} = (\mathcal{T}_0^E)^{-n} \mathcal{T}_{\lambda,[1,n]}^E$ . Then, in distribution for  $n \to \infty$ 

$$X_{rac{1}{\sqrt{n}},\lfloor tn
floor} \Longrightarrow X_t$$

where  $X_t$  satisfies a SDE (stochastic differential equation) of the form

$$dX_t = d\mathcal{B}_t X_t$$

where  $d\mathcal{B}_t$  is a matrix-Brownian motion with certain variances and covariances of its entries.

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#### Theorem (Virag, S.)

In distribution, for  $n \to \infty$  and any t > 0,

$$B_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}},\lfloor tn \rfloor} D_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}},\lfloor tn \rfloor}^{-1} \Longrightarrow \mathbf{0} , \quad X_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}},\lfloor tn \rfloor} \Longrightarrow X_{t} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \Lambda_{t} X_{21} & \Lambda_{t} X_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\Lambda_t$  is a  $2d_e \times 2d_e$  matrix process satisfying a SDE

$$d\Lambda_t = V \Lambda_t \, dt + d\mathcal{B}_t \Lambda_t \, , \quad \Lambda_0 = \mathbf{1}$$

Doing the same procedure for the transfer matrices  $\mathcal{T}_{\lambda,n}^{E+\lambda^2\varepsilon}$  we obtain the following:

#### Theorem (Virag, S.)

Let  $H_{\lambda,n}$  be the restriction of  $H_{\lambda}$  to  $\ell^2(\{1, \ldots, n\}) \otimes \mathbb{C}^d$  with Dirichlet boundary conditions, let  $\mathcal{E}_{\lambda,n}$  be the eigenvalue process of  $H_{\lambda,n} - E$ , then for subsequences  $n_k \to \infty$ 

$$n_k \mathcal{E}_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n_k}}, n_k} \implies \operatorname{zeros}_{\varepsilon} \det(M_0^* \Lambda_1^{\varepsilon} M_1)$$

where  $M_0, M_1 \in \mathbb{C}^{2d_e \times d_e}$ ,  $\Lambda_t^{\varepsilon}$  is a  $2d_e \times 2d_e$  matrix process that for fixed  $\varepsilon$  satisfies a SDE of the form

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