# Accurate Eigenvalues of Random Matrices 

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Motivating Example (Cavalli-Sforza '00)


## Spread of Agriculture in Europe



## Transfer of Technology or Spread of Farmers?



Years before present


## Methodology = PCA (read: SVD)

- Data: DNA sequences: 95 genes at 400 locations in Europe:

$$
\boldsymbol{X}=\left[\begin{array}{llll}
x_{1,1} & x_{1,2} & \ldots & x_{1,400} \\
x_{2,1} & x_{2,2} & \ldots & x_{2,400} \\
& \vdots & & \\
x_{95,1} & x_{95,2} & \ldots & x_{95,400}
\end{array}\right]
$$



- Principal Components $=$ singular vectors $=$ directions of maximal variance (usually first 3 PC explain $>50 \%$ of total variance)
- Reveals structure, if it exists, but does not detect it or explain what it is
- Next: Contour plot of first principal component (singular vector)


## Data Supports Thesis that Farmers Spread



## Why Eigenvalues of Random Matrices

- Conventional model:

$$
X \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}, \quad X \sim \mathcal{N}_{m}(0, \Sigma), \quad n \text {-variate Gaussian }
$$

i.e., $x_{i j}$-normal random variables and $E\left(X^{*} X\right)=\Sigma$.

- Key question: existence and nature of interdependence between $X(:, i)$ 's i.e., $\Sigma=$ ? $\Sigma=I ? \Sigma=\Sigma_{0}$ ? ...
- $A \equiv X^{*} X$ is called $n \times n$ Wishart with $m$ DOF and covariance $\Sigma$
- Cast as tests on $\lambda_{\max }(A)$, a "test statistic"
- 5\%, 1\% benchmarks
- Thus (distributions of) eigenvalues of Wishart critical

Computational Aspects of Eigenvalues of Random Matrices

- Theory: 1960s: easy
- Surprise: Explicit formulas, but ...
- Algorithms: hard; only very recent
- Matrix size relatively small $=$ population size
- Example: $\lambda_{\text {max }}$ of $4 \times 4$ Wishart with 7 DOF, $\Sigma=I$


Exact vs Empirical with 20,000 replications

- Formulas intrinsically accurate (sums of positives)


## Computing Eigenvalues of Wisharts is Really Hard!

## - Sample complaints:

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quadratic forms can be reduced to complex noncentral Wishart matrices. In general, results for noncentral Wishart matrices contain hypergeometric functions of a matrix argument which are typically expressed in terms of zonal polynomials, and are therefore difficult to evaluate. In this paper, we derive an alternate scalar representation for a particular hypergeometric

Unfortunately (10) is extremely difficult to evaluate numerically due to the hypergeometric function of a matrix argument. However, in this paper we are interested in the case when $M$ ic rank 1 nad pap. .r.

## Hypergeometric Fn of Matrix Argument, Previous Best Algorithm

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- New result (2.33 GHz Pentium):

```
>> tic; mhg(20,2,[],[],[1:20]/210), toc
ans =
    2.71828182845905
elapsed_time =
    0.03100000000000
```


## Deriving the Distribution of $\lambda_{\max }\left(X^{T} X\right)$

- Distribution of $\lambda_{\max }$ (complex case):

| Variable | Density |
| :---: | :---: |
| $x \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma)$ | $f(x)=C e^{-\frac{\|x\|^{2}}{\sigma}}$ |
| $X=\left(X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right) \sim \mathcal{N}_{m}(0, \Sigma)$ | $f(X)=C\|\Sigma\|^{-1} e^{-X^{*} \Sigma^{-1} X}$ |
| $A=X^{*} X \sim \mathcal{W}_{m}(n, \Sigma)$ | $f(A)=C\|\Sigma\|^{-m}\|A\|^{m-n} e^{-\operatorname{tr}\left(\Sigma^{-1} A\right)}$ |
| $P\left(\lambda_{\max }<x\right)=P(A<x I)=\int_{0<A<x I} f(A) d A$ |  |

## Distribution of $\lambda_{\text {max }}$ of Wishart

$$
\begin{aligned}
P\left(\lambda_{\max }<x\right) & =\boldsymbol{P}(A<\boldsymbol{A} I) \\
& =\int_{0<A<x I} C|\Sigma|^{-m}|A|^{m-n} e^{-\operatorname{tr}\left(\Sigma^{-1} A\right)} d A \\
\left(A \rightarrow Q^{*} \Lambda Q\right) & =\int_{\Lambda \in[0, x]^{n}} C \prod_{i<j}\left|\lambda_{i}-\lambda_{j}\right|^{2} \prod_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i}^{m-n} e^{-\lambda_{i}} d \Lambda
\end{aligned}
$$

Selberg Integral, 1940s

$$
=\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\kappa \vdash k} \boldsymbol{c}_{\kappa} \cdot s_{\kappa}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)
$$

- $s_{\kappa}=$ Schur functions, orthogonal basis of $\Pi\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)$
- Indexed by partitions $\kappa$ :

Leading terms: $x_{1}, x_{1}^{2}, x_{1} x_{2}, x_{1}^{3}, x_{1}^{2} x_{2}, x_{1} x_{2} x_{3}, \ldots$

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\end{aligned}
$$

Selberg Integral, 1940s

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\kappa \vdash k} c_{\kappa} \cdot s_{\kappa}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right) \\
& \sim{ }_{1} F_{1}\left(m ; n+m ; x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Hypergeometric Function of Matrix Argument

- Need to truncate for $k \leq M$ for some $M$
- Even a single $s_{\kappa}$ is exponential if computed naively


## Cost of Computing Schur Polynomials Naively

## Degree Partition $\kappa \quad s_{\kappa} \quad$ Number of terms

| 1 | $(1)$ | $x_{1}+\cdots+x_{n}$ | $\mathcal{O}(n)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | $(2)$ | $\sum_{i \leq j} x_{i} x_{j}$ | $\mathcal{O}\left(n^{2}\right)$ |
| 2 | $(1,1)$ | $\sum_{i<j} x_{i} x_{j}$ | $\mathcal{O}\left(n^{2}\right)$ |
| 3 | $(1,1,1)$ | $\sum_{i<j<k} x_{i} x_{j} x_{k}$ | $\mathcal{O}\left(n^{3}\right)$ |
| $\|\kappa\|$ | $\kappa$ | $\sum x_{1}^{\kappa_{1}} \cdots x_{n}^{\kappa_{n}}$ | $\mathcal{O}\left(n^{\|\kappa\|}\right)$ |

- New result: $\mathcal{O}(n)$ each, as long as one wants them all (and we do!)


## Computing the Schur Polynomial "Cleverly"

- $s_{\kappa}$ of higher degree "contain" $s_{\lambda}$ of lower degree. Redundancy.
- E.g.:

$$
\begin{aligned}
s_{(1,1)}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right) & =\sum_{i<j} x_{i} x_{j} \\
& =x_{1} x_{2}+\left(x_{1}+x_{2}\right) x_{3}+\cdots+\left(x_{1}+\cdots+x_{n-1}\right) x_{n}
\end{aligned}
$$

- In general:

$$
s_{\kappa}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)=\sum_{\lambda<\kappa} s_{\lambda}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n-1}\right) \cdot x_{n}^{|\kappa|-|\lambda|}
$$

- Connection with representation theory:
$-s_{\kappa}$ are the irreducible characters of $\mathrm{GL}_{n}(\mathbb{C})$
- the characters of $\mathrm{GL}_{n-1}(\mathbb{C})$ induce those of $G L_{n}(\mathbb{C})$
- Result long known (Macdonald), but missed for 40 years


## Computing the Schur Polynomial "Cleverly"

- Example: $s_{(1,1)}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\sum_{i<j} x_{i} x_{j} \quad\left(\sim n^{2} \text { operations }\right) \\
& =\underbrace{\boldsymbol{x}_{1}}_{s_{1}} x_{2}+(\underbrace{\boldsymbol{x}_{1}+\boldsymbol{x}_{2}}_{s_{2}}) \boldsymbol{x}_{3}+(\underbrace{\boldsymbol{x}_{1}+\boldsymbol{x}_{2}+\boldsymbol{x}_{3}}_{s_{3}}) x_{4}+\cdots+(\underbrace{\boldsymbol{x}_{1}+\cdots+x_{n-1}}_{s_{n-1}}) \boldsymbol{x}_{n}
\end{aligned}
$$

- New cost: $3 n-2$ instead of $n^{2}$
- Generalizes to all $\kappa$ :

Cost of $s_{\kappa}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)$ goes down from $\mathcal{O}\left(n^{|\kappa|}\right)$ to $\mathcal{O}\left(N_{\kappa} n\right)$

- It gets better: We can get rid of $N_{\kappa} \equiv\{\# \lambda \mid \lambda<\kappa\}$


## Analogy with the FFT

- Idea: $(\mathrm{DFT})_{i j}$ —characters of $\mathbb{Z} / n \mathbb{Z} \longleftrightarrow s_{\lambda}$ —characters of $\mathrm{GL}_{n}(\mathbb{C})$
- Write our main identity

$$
s_{\kappa}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)=\sum_{\lambda<\kappa} s_{\lambda}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n-1}\right) \cdot x_{n}^{|\kappa|-|\lambda|}
$$

in matrix form: $\mathcal{C}_{n}=\mathcal{C}_{n-1} \cdot Y_{n}\left(x_{n}\right)$, where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& {\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & x & x^{2} & x^{3} \\
& 1 & x & x^{2} \\
& & 1 & x \\
& & & 1
\end{array}\right]^{-1}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & -x & & \\
& 1 & -x & \\
& & 1 & -x \\
& & & 1
\end{array}\right]}
\end{aligned}
$$

- Matrix-vector multiplication by $Y_{n} \operatorname{costs} \mathcal{O}(n)$ per $s_{\lambda}$ instead of $\mathcal{O}\left(n N_{\kappa}\right)$


## Our New Fast Algorithm

- Let $A$ be the lower shift matrix $a_{i+1, i}=1 ; B=A^{T}$
- Structure of $Y_{n}$ :

$$
\left.\begin{array}{rl}
U_{n}\left(x_{n}\right) & =I_{(N+1)^{n-1}}+x_{n}\left(A \otimes B_{n-1}\right)+\cdots+x_{n}^{N}\left(A^{N} \otimes B_{n-1}^{N}\right) \\
& =\left(I_{(N+1)^{n-1}}-x_{n}\left(A \otimes B_{n-1}\right)\right)^{-1}, \\
C_{n}\left(x_{n}\right) & =U_{n}\left(x_{n}\right) K_{n-1}\left(x_{n}\right), \\
K_{n}\left(x_{n}\right) & =I_{N+1} \otimes C_{n}\left(x_{n}\right), \\
B_{n} & =B_{n-1} \otimes I_{N+1}=B \otimes I_{(N+1)^{n-2}}, \\
Q_{n}\left(x_{n}\right) & =\left(I_{\left.(N+1)^{n-1}\left|x_{n} B_{n}\right| \cdots \mid x_{n}^{N} B_{n}^{N}\right)}^{Y_{n}}\right.
\end{array}\right)=Q_{n}\left(x_{n}\right) K_{n}\left(x_{n}\right), ~ l
$$

- New algorithm:
for $i=n:-1: 1$
for all $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ such that $|\boldsymbol{\lambda}| \leq M$ in reverse lexicographic order

$$
s_{\lambda}=s_{\lambda}+s_{\lambda^{(i)}} x_{n}
$$

$\left(\right.$ where $\left.\lambda^{(i)} \equiv\left(\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{i}-1, \ldots, \lambda_{n}\right)\right)$

- Final cost: $\mathcal{O}(n)$ per each $s_{\lambda}$, optimal


## Open Problems: Many; Here are Two

- Generalize the FFT idea to real, $\alpha=2$ case
- How does one multiply quickly by the matrix:

$$
\begin{aligned}
A & =\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 1 & \frac{\alpha+1}{2} & \frac{(\alpha+1)(2 \alpha+1)}{6} \\
& 1 & 1 & \frac{\alpha+1}{2} \\
& & 1 & 1 \\
& & & \\
1
\end{array}\right] \\
& =\left[\begin{array}{llll}
1 & -2 & & \\
& 1 & -2 & \\
& & 1 & -2 \\
& & & 1
\end{array}\right]^{-1 / 2}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Open problem 2: Are the decimal digits of $\pi$ random?

- Test 1: Histogram: Passed
- Test 2: Longest increasing subsequence $\leq s$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \qquad \int_{L} e^{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}^{2}} \prod_{i<j}\left(x_{i}-x_{j}\right)^{2} d x_{1} \cdots d x_{n-1} \\
& -L=\left\{\max _{1 \leq i \leq n} x_{i} \leq s, x_{1}+\cdots+x_{n}=0\right\} \\
& - \text { same as } \lambda_{\text {max }} \text { of Gaussian matrix with trace } 0
\end{aligned}
$$

## Conclusions

- Eigenvalues of random matrices matter, even for small matrices
- Papers and software at: http://www4.ncsu.edu/~pskoev
- Impact on important applications:
- 3D target classification
- Genomics
- Wireless communications

Future work

- New algorithms based on saddle point approximations
- Automatic convergence detection
- FFT generalization to zonal polynomials
- Tracy-Widom finite inference


## Example: Genomics

- Population Classification with Nick Patterson, Broad Institute



## Example: Genomics

- Given: DNA of $m$ people
- Question: Is there structure in the observed population?
- Equivalently: DNA independent samples from same distribution?

$$
X=\left(X_{1}, X_{2}, \ldots, X_{n}\right)=\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
0 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 1 \\
0 & 3 & 2 & \ldots & 0 \\
\vdots & \vdots & & & \\
1 & 0 & 3 & \ldots & 2
\end{array}\right]
$$

- Recenter to make the mean in each column 0
- If no population structure
- all columns of $A$ have same multivariate distribution
$-\lambda_{\max }\left(X X^{T}\right)$ has same distribution as $\lambda_{\max }$ (Wishart)
- Critical: We need the distribution of $\lambda_{\max }$ (Wishart)!


## Population Classification



## 3D Target Recognition (with Mike Jeffris, MITRE Corp.)



## Old: 2D Target Recognition



Inefficient

## Enter 3D



- Works in fog, smoke, cloud cover; returns 3D images
- Tank $=n \times 3$ matrix


## 3D Target Recognition: The Math Problem

- Database: $X_{1}, X_{2}, \ldots, X_{m}(n \times 3)$
- Observe: Tank $i\left(X_{i}\right)+\operatorname{errors}\left(E \sim N\left(0, \sigma^{2} I_{3} \otimes I_{n}\right)\right)$, rotated

$$
\boldsymbol{X}=\boldsymbol{Q} \cdot\left(\boldsymbol{X}_{i}+\boldsymbol{E}\right)
$$

- The covariance matrix $S \equiv X^{T} X$ becomes the tank's signature
- $S$ is a non-central $3 \times 3$ Wishart
- Inverse problem: $i=$ ?
- Hypothesis testing-based joint eigenvalue density of $S$ :

$$
\log L(i \mid X)=\operatorname{tr}\left(-\frac{1}{2} \Sigma^{-1} S-\frac{1}{2} \Omega\right)+\log \left({ }_{0} F_{1}\left(\frac{1}{2} m ; \frac{1}{4} \Omega \Sigma^{-1} S\right)\right)
$$

- Requires the computation of ${ }_{0} F_{1}$ !

