

# Free compression and Standard Young Tableau

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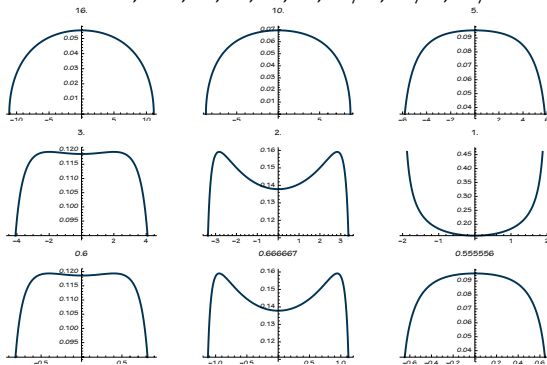


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# Origins

- ▶  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}_n)$  is the von Neumann algebra on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{F}_n)$  of the free group on  $n$  generators:  $u_1, \dots, u_n$ ,  $\varphi = \text{trace on } \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}_n)$
- ▶  $x = u_1 + u_1^{-1} + \dots + u_n + u_n^{-1}$

The spectral measure of  $x$  with respect to  $\varphi$  for  
 $n = 16, 10, 5, 3, 2, 1, 3/5, 2/3, 5/9$



the bottom three measures are only sub-probability measures:  
 "dark matter" =  $4/5, 2/3, 8/9$

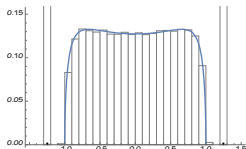
# Free Compression (*Nica-Speicher*)

- ▶  $x$  is a operator and  $p$  is a projection;  $pxp$  is the *compression* of  $x$  by  $p$ .
- ▶ if  $M$  is a finite von Neumann algebra and  $\varphi$  is a faithful normal trace then we can define *free independence* for elements of  $M$ :
  - ▶ unital subalgebras  $\mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_s$  are freely independent if whenever  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in M$ ;  $\varphi(a_i) = 0$ ;  $a_i \in \mathcal{A}_{j_i}$  with  $j_1 \neq j_2 \neq \dots \neq j_n$  we have  $\varphi(a_1 \cdots a_n) = 0$ .
- ▶ if  $x$  and  $p$  are freely independent then we call  $pxp$  the free compression as the distribution of  $pxp$  only depends on the  $*$ -moments of  $x$  and  $\varphi(p)$ .

EX:  $x = x^*$ ,  $x^2 = 1$ ,  $\varphi\left(\frac{1+x}{2}\right) = \varphi\left(\frac{1-x}{2}\right)$ ;  $x$  is a *symmetric Bernoulli random variable*,  $p$ ,  $\varphi(p)^{-1}pxp \stackrel{D}{\sim} \left(\frac{\delta_{-1} + \delta_1}{2}\right) \boxplus \varphi(p)^{-1}$ , if  $p$  &  $x$  free

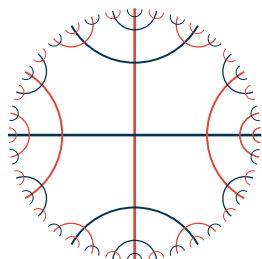
R.M. SIMULATION:  $n = 3/5$

$X, P \in M_{1000}(\mathbf{C})$ ,  $X = \text{diag}(1, \dots, 1, -1, \dots, -1)$ ,  $\text{Tr}(P) = 800$ ,  $P$  is randomly rotated, eigenvalue distribution of  $5/4 PXP$  is plotted,  $\text{tr}(P) = 4/5$



# Closed walks on $d$ -regular trees (Kesten, 1959)

Let  $m_n$  be the number of closed walks on a  $d$ -regular tree

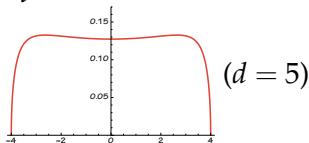


$d = 4$

$n$	$m_n$
2	$d$
4	$2d^2 - d$
6	$5d^3 - 6d^2 + 2d$
8	$14d^4 - 28d^3 + 20d^2 - 5d$
10	$42d^5 - 120d^4 + 135d^3 - 70d^2 + 14d$
12	$132d^6 - 495d^5 + 770d^4 - 616d^3$ $+ 252d^2 - 42d$

THM (Kesten 1959): Let  $\rho(t) = \frac{d}{2\pi} \frac{\sqrt{4d - t^2 - 4}}{d^2 - t^2}$  for  $|t| \leq 2\sqrt{d-1}$

$$\text{then } m_{2n} = \int_{-2\sqrt{d-1}}^{2\sqrt{d-1}} t^{2n} \rho(t) dt$$

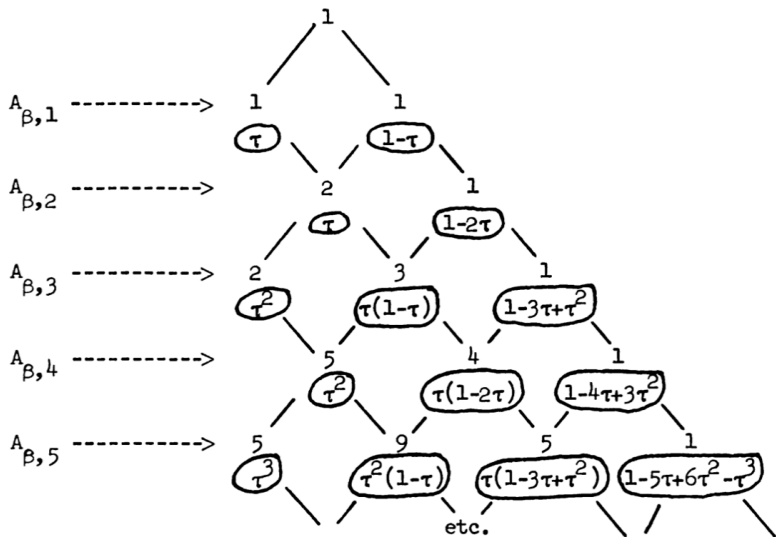


if  $d\mu_d(t) = \rho(t) dt$  then  $\mu_d = \left(\frac{\delta_{-1} + \delta_1}{2}\right)^{\boxplus d}$  for any real  $d \geq 1$

Problem: find a simple rule to generate the moments combinatorially. Write  $m_n$  as function of  $c = d - 1$  and interpolate with odd rows using a Pascal like rule

$n$	$m_n$	
0	1	
1	1	
2	$1 + c$	
3	$1 + 2c$	
4	$1 + 3c + 2c^2$	
5	$1 + 4c + 5c^2$	
6	$1 + 5c + 9c^2 + 5c^3$	
7	$1 + 6c + 14c^2 + 14c^3 + 5c^4$	
8	$1 + 7c + 20c^2 + 28c^3 + 14c^4$	
9	$1 + 8c + 27c^2 + 48c^3 + 42c^4$	
10	$1 + 9c + 35c^2 + 75c^3 + 90c^4 + 42c^5$	
11	$1 + 10c + 44c^2 + 110c^3 + 165c^4 + 132c^5$	
12	$1 + 11c + 54c^2 + 154c^3 + 275c^4 + 297c^5 + 132c^6$	

look familiar?



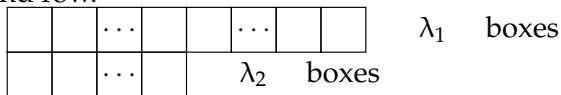
# Chebyshev Polynomials of Second Kind

- ▶  $U_n(\cos \theta) = \frac{\sin((n+1)\theta)}{\sin \theta}$ , Chebyshev polynomials of the second kind,  $S_n(x) = U_n(x/2)$ , rescaled
- ▶  $d\nu(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{4-t^2} dt$  on  $[-2, 2]$ , the semi-circle law
- ▶  $\int S_m(x)S_n(x) d\nu(x) = \delta_{m,n}$ , orthogonality relations
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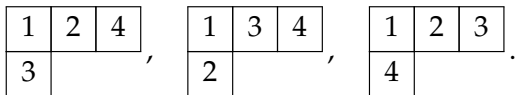
$n$	$S_n$	$n$	$x^n$
0	1	0	$S_0$
1	$x$	1	$S_1$
2	$x^2 - 1$	2	$S_2 + S_0$
3	$x^3 - 2x$	3	$S_3 + 2S_1$
4	$x^4 - 3x^2 + 1$	4	$S_4 + 3S_2 + 2S_0$
5	$x^5 - 4x^3 + 3x$	5	$S_5 + 4S_3 + 5S_1$
6	$x^6 - 5x^4 + 6x^2 - 1$	6	$S_6 + 5S_4 + 9S_2 + 5S_0$

## Standard Young tableaux with two rows

- ▶ Let  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq 1$  be integers. The Young diagram with shape  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  has  $\lambda_1$  boxes in the first row and  $\lambda_2$  boxes in the second row.



- ▶ put the numbers  $1, 2, 3, \dots, \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$  into the boxes so that they increase along rows and down columns, this produces a *standard Young tableau*. When  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = (3, 1)$  there are 3 ways of doing this:



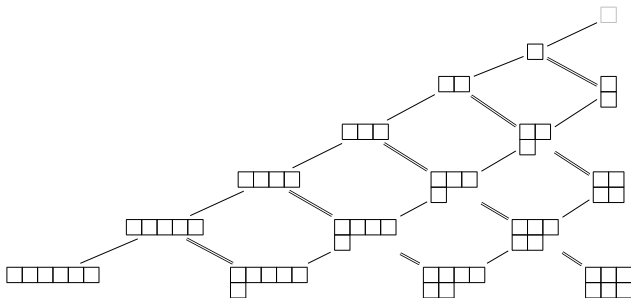
- ▶ let  $f^{(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)}$  be the number of standard Young tableaux with shape  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ ,  $f^{(3,1)} = 3$
- ▶  $f^{(\lambda)} = f^{(\lambda, 0)} = 1$  because there is only 1 standard Young tableau with a row of length  $\lambda$ : 

1	2	...	$\lambda$
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# Stacking the diagrams

$\diagup$  = add a box to the first row  
 $\diagdown$  = add a box to the second row



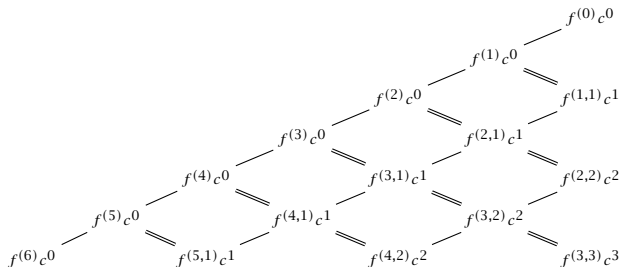
replace



$\lambda_1$  boxes

with  $f^{(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} c^{\lambda_2}$

# Solving the Recurrence



$$f^{(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} = f^{(\lambda_1 - 1, \lambda_2)} + f^{(\lambda_1, \lambda_2 - 1)}$$

$$f^{(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} = \binom{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}{\lambda_1} - \binom{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + 1}$$

# Main Theorem

The  $2n^{\text{th}}$  moment of the Kesten-McKay law with parameter  $d = c + 1$  is

$$m_{2n} = \sum_{k=0}^n f^{(2n-k,k)} c^k$$

where

$$f^{(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} = f^{(\lambda-1, \lambda_2)} + f^{(\lambda_1, \lambda_2-1)} \quad \text{and} \quad f^{(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} = \binom{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}{\lambda_1} - \binom{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + 1}$$

Let  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  be two vertices one edge apart on a  $d = c + 1$  regular tree. Let  $m_{2n-1}$  be the the number of walks starting at  $v_0$  and ending at  $v_1$ . Then

$$m_{2n-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f^{(2n-1-k,k)} c^k.$$