

# Characteristic Polynomials of Unitary Matrices

We survey repr'n theoretic ideas underlying work of:

- Diaconis and Shahshahani
- Keating and Snaith (following Gamburd)
- Conrey, Farmer, Zirnbauer (Bump-Gamburd)
- Szegö LT: Bump-Diaconis, Tracy-Widom, Dehayé
- Derivatives: Dehayé

The last two topics are not covered but would fit in. Also omitted are symplectic and orthogonal groups (see Bump-Gamburd for example).

## In A Nutshell

- Basic idea is using a **correspondence** to move computation from one group to another.

## These slides

<http://sporadic.stanford.edu/bump/zurich.pdf>

# Motivation: From CUE to $\zeta$

## GUE (Random Hermitian Matrices)

- Physicists (Wigner, Gaudin, Dyson, Mehta) investigated random Hermitian matrices (GUE).
- Interest is in local statistics: eigenvalue correlations. (Eigenvalues repel).
- From Montgomery and Dyson GUE also models zeros of  $\zeta$ .

## CUE (Random Unitary Matrices)

Dyson: the exponential map

$$X \longmapsto e^{iX}: \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Hermitian} \\ \text{matrices (GUE)} \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Haar Unitary} \\ \text{matrices (CUE)} \end{array} \right\}$$

- Maps eigenvalues from  $\mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \{|z| = 1\}$ .
- Preserves **local statistics** (eigenval correlations)
- CUE (Circular Unitary Ens.) is  $(U(n), d\mu_{\text{Haar}})$ .
- CUE is easier to work with since compact.

# The Idea of a Correspondence

Howe (commenting on Weyl, Weil) observed naturally occurring representations of groups  $G \times H$  are multiplicity free in a strong sense.

- $(\omega, V_\omega)$  a unitary rep'n of  $G \times H$
- **For simplicity**  $G, H$  compact
- $\omega = \bigoplus \pi_i^G \otimes \pi_i^H$  with  $\pi_i^G$  and  $\pi_i^H$  irreducible
- **Peter-Weyl:**  $\pi_i^G$  and  $\pi_i^H$  are finite-dim'l
- **Assume no repetitions in  $\pi_i^G$  or  $\pi_i^H$ .**

Then call  $\omega$  a **correspondence**.

- $\pi_i^G \Leftrightarrow \pi_i^H$  is a **bijection**  $\{\pi_i^G\} \cong \{\pi_i^H\}$ .

## Examples:

- $G \times G$  acting on  $L^2(G)$
- $S_k \times U(n)$  acting on  $\otimes^k V$  ( $V = \mathbb{C}^n$ )
- Dual reductive pairs in  $\mathrm{Sp}(2n)$  – Weil rep'n

# Frobenius-Schur Correspondence

Let  $G = S_k$ ,  $H = U(n)$ .  $H$  acts on  $V = \mathbb{C}^n$  and both act on  $V_\omega = \otimes^k V$ .

- $\omega(\sigma) \in S_k: v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k \longrightarrow v_{\sigma^{-1}1} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{\sigma^{-1}k}$
- $\omega(g) \in U(n): v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k \longrightarrow gv_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes gv_k$
- Actions commute so  $\omega$  is a rep'n of  $S_k \times U(n)$

**Theorem.** *This is a correspondence.*

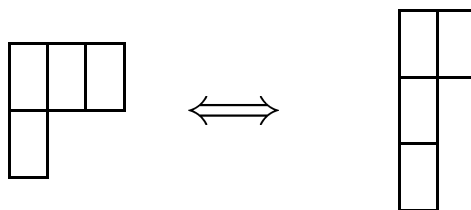
- So there is a bijection between certain rep's of  $S_k$  and certain rep's of  $U(n)$ .
- Explains Frobenius' use of symmetric functions (related to  $U(n)$ ) to compute characters of  $S_k$ .
- It is useful to study  $S_k$  and  $U(n)$  together.

## Reps of $S_k$

- Let  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m)$  be a partition of  $k$ .
- $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_m$  and  $\sum \lambda_i = k$ .
- $S_\lambda = S_{\lambda_1} \times \dots \times S_{\lambda_m} \subset S_k$ .

Let  $\mu = \lambda'$  be conjugate partition.

$$\lambda = (3, 1) \iff \mu = (2, 1, 1)$$



**Theorem.**  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}[S_k]}(\text{Ind}_{S_\lambda}^{S_k}(1), \text{Ind}_{S_\mu}^{S_k}(\text{sgn}))$  is one-dimensional.

**Proof.** Mackey Theory. □

- Mackey Theory computes intertwinings of induced rep's by double coset computations.
- More on Mackey Theory for  $S_k$  later.

Let  $\pi_\lambda^{S_k}$  be the unique irreducible constituent of  $\text{Ind}_{S_\lambda}^{S_k}$  that can be mapped into  $\text{Ind}_{S_\mu}^{S_k}(\text{sgn})$ .

## Reps of $U(n)$

- If  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  associate the character  $\text{diag}(t_1, \dots, t_n) \mapsto \prod t_i^{\lambda_i}$ , called a **weight**.
- Call  $\lambda$  a **dominant weight** if  $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$ .
- Call  $\lambda$  **effective** if  $\lambda_n \geq 0$ .
- An effective dominant weight is a partition.

Let  $\lambda$  be dominant. Define **Schur polynomial**

$$s_\lambda(t_1, \dots, t_n) = \frac{\det(t_i^{\lambda_j + n - j})}{\det(t_i^{n - j})}.$$

- It is a symmetric polynomial of degree  $\sum \lambda_j$ .

**Theorem. (Schur, Weyl)** *Given a dominant weight  $\lambda$  there is a rep'n  $\pi_\lambda^{U(n)}$  with character*

$$\chi_\lambda^{U(n)}(g) = s_\lambda(t_1, \dots, t_n), \quad t_i = \text{eigenval's of } g.$$

## Frobenius-Schur duality

In the Frobenius-Schur correspondence partitions  $\lambda$  of  $k$  of length  $\leq n$  are effective dominant weights.

$$\pi_\lambda^{S_k} \iff \pi_\lambda^{U(n)}.$$

# Diaconis-Shahshahani

As a first application, the distribution of traces  $\text{tr}(g)$  for  $g \in U(n)$  is approximately Gaussian. More precisely, let  $\phi$  be any smooth test function on  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{U(n)} \phi(\text{tr}(g)) dg = \int_{\mathbb{C}} \phi(z) \left[ \frac{e^{-\pi(x^2+y^2)}}{\pi} \right] dx dy,$$

$z = x + iy$ . This is surprising since the right-hand side is independent of  $n$ . We might expect the traces to spread out as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  since they are sums of many eigenvalues.

- If  $\phi(x) = |x|^k$  and  $k < n$  then **exactly**

$$\int_{U(n)} \phi(\text{tr}(g)) dg = \int_{\mathbb{C}} \phi(x + iy) \left[ \frac{e^{-\pi(x^2+y^2)}}{\pi} \right] dx dy.$$

- **Method of moments:** This is sufficient.
- Assume  $\phi$  homogeneous of degree  $k$  and **transfer the computation to  $S_k$** .
- If  $\phi(x) = |x|^k$  then  $\text{RHS} = k!$

## Transferring The Computation

- Let  $\omega: G \times H \longrightarrow \text{End}(V_\omega)$  be correspondence.
- Remember  $\omega = \bigoplus \pi_i^G \otimes \pi_i^H$ .
- Let  $f$  be a class function on  $G$ . We construct a class function  $f'$  on  $H$ .
- If  $f = \chi_i^G$  is a character of a  $\pi_i^G$  let  $f' = \chi_i^H$ .
- If  $f$  is orthogonal to the  $\chi_i^G$  let  $f' = 0$ .
- $f \longmapsto f'$  is an isometry on the span of the  $\chi_i^G$  by Schur orthogonality.

So if  $f$  is in the span of the  $\chi_i^G$  and we can compute  $\|f'\|_{L_2}$  we can compute  $\|f\|_{L_2}$ .



## Transferring Diaconis-Shahshani

For example, let  $G = S_k$  and  $H = U(n)$ . Let

$$f(\sigma) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|C|} & \text{if } \sigma \in C \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $C$  is the conjugacy class of  $k$ -cycles. Then  $f'$  is the function  $\text{tr}(g)^k$  on  $U(n)$ , and if  $n \geq k$

$$\|f'\|^2 = \|f\|^2 = k!$$

or

$$\int_{U(n)} |\text{tr}(g)|^{2k} dg = k!$$

which is the Diaconis-Shahshani result. Indeed

$$\int_{\mathbb{C}} |x + iy|^{2k} \left[ \frac{e^{-\pi(x^2 + y^2)}}{\pi} \right] dx dy = k!$$

- This is their method.
- They proved more: the distributions on  $U(n)$  of  $\text{tr}(g), \text{tr}(g^2), \dots, \text{tr}(g^m)$  converge in measure to independent Gaussians as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- Same trick, other conjugacy classes of  $S_k$ .

## $G \times G$ Correspondences

- $\mathrm{GL}_n \times \mathrm{GL}_m$  is a dual reductive pair and so there is a Howe correspondence.
- We do not need the Weil representation to discuss it but it is in the background.

**1. Very general.** Let  $G = H$  be any compact group. Then  $G \times H$  acts on  $L^2(G)$  by

$$\omega(g, h) f(x) = f(g^{-1} x h).$$

This is a correspondence. All irreducible reps appear:

$$\{\pi_i^G\} = \{\pi_i^H\} = \text{all irreducibles}$$

and  $\pi_i^H = \hat{\pi}_i^G$  is the **contragredient representation**.

**2.  $G = U(n)$ .** If  $G = H = U(n)$  we can modify this construction as follows.

- $G$  has an involution  $g \mapsto {}^t g^{-1}$  that interchanges  $\pi$  and  $\hat{\pi}$ .
- So let  $G \times H$  act on  $L^2(G)$  by

$$\omega(g, h) f(x) = f({}^t g x h).$$

Then  $\pi_i^G = \pi_i^H$ .

### 3. $G = \mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{C})$ .

- $K = U(n)$  is maximal compact in  $G = \mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{C})$ .
- From last example  $K \times K$  acts on  $L^2(K)$  by

$$\omega(g, h)f(x) = f({}^t g x h).$$

- Polynomial functions are dense in  $L^2(K)$  and closed under this action (finite functions).
- Action on on polynomials extends to  $\mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{C})$  by same formula.
- Polynomials =  $\mathbb{C}[g_{ij}, \det^{-1}]$  ( $g_{ij}$  = coordinates).
- Every irreducible rep'n  $\pi_\lambda^{U(n)}$  of  $U(n)$  extends uniquely to an analytic rep'n  $\pi_\lambda^{\mathrm{GL}(n)}$  of  $\mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{C})$ .

Conclusion:

$$\mathbb{C}[g_{ij}, \det^{-1}] \cong \bigoplus_{\text{dominant weight } \lambda} \pi_\lambda^{\mathrm{GL}(n)} \otimes \pi_\lambda^{\mathrm{GL}(n)}$$

as  $\mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{C})$ -modules. Sum is over dominant weights  $\lambda$ .

## 4. $G = \mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{C})$ : regular on $\det = 0$

**Question:** Which elements of  $\mathbb{C}[g_{ij}, \det^{-1}]$  are regular on the determinant locus in  $\mathbb{C}^{n^2} = \mathrm{Mat}_n(\mathbb{C})$ ?

**Answer:**  $\lambda$  must be effective ( $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n \geq 0$ ).

$$\mathbb{C}[g_{ij}] \cong \bigoplus_{\substack{\text{effective} \\ \text{dominant weight } \lambda}} \pi_{\lambda}^{\mathrm{GL}(n)} \otimes \pi_{\lambda}^{\mathrm{GL}(n)}$$

as  $\mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{C})$ -modules.

- Restrict to  $T \times T$  ( $T =$  diagonal subgroup)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \beta_n \end{pmatrix} \in T \times T$$

- Assume  $|\alpha_i|, |\beta_j| \leq 1$
- Take traces to obtain **Cauchy identity**

$$\prod_{i,j} (1 - \alpha_i \beta_j)^{-1} = \sum_{\text{effective dominant } \lambda} s_{\lambda}(\alpha) s_{\lambda}(\beta).$$

# The Ring $\Lambda$

- We return to Frobenius-Schur duality.
- **Recall:**  $S_k \times U(n)$  acts on  $\otimes^k V$  ( $V = \mathbb{C}^n$ ) and so there is a Frobenius-Schur correspondence

$$\pi_\lambda^{S_k} \iff \pi_\lambda^{U(n)} \quad \lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n),$$

$$\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n \geq 0, \quad \sum_i \lambda_i = k.$$

- Let  $\Lambda^{(n)}$  = ring of symmetric poly in  $n$  variables
- **Recall:** The character  $\chi_\lambda^{U(n)}$  of  $\pi_\lambda^{U(n)}$  is

$$\chi_\lambda^{U(n)}(g) = s_\lambda(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n), \quad \alpha_i = \text{eigenvalues of } g$$

where  $s_\lambda = s_\lambda^{(n)}$  = Schur polynomial in  $\Lambda^{(n)}$ .

- We have homomorphisms  $\Lambda^{(n+1)} \longrightarrow \Lambda^{(n)}$  setting the last variable to zero.
- Let  $\Lambda = \lim_{\longleftarrow} \Lambda^{(n)}$ .
- $\Lambda$  is the ring of symmetric poly's in  $\infty$  variables.
- We have  $s_\lambda^{(n)}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = s_\lambda^{(n+1)}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, 0)$ .
- So  $s_\lambda \in \Lambda$ .
- The  $s_\lambda$  are a VS basis of the  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra  $\Lambda$ .

# The Involution

We have an involution  $\iota: \Lambda \longrightarrow \Lambda$  such that  $s_\lambda \longrightarrow s_{\lambda'}$  where  $\lambda'$  is the conjugate partition.

- In terms  $S_k$ , the involution tensors a representation of  $S_k$  with the sign character.
- In terms of  $U(n)$  it turns symmetric tensors (bosons) into skew-symmetric ones (fermions).

Let  $e_k = s_{(1^k)}$  the  $k$ -th elementary symmetric poly.

Let  $h_k = s_{(k)}$  the  $k$ -th complete symmetric poly.

$$\iota: e_k \longleftrightarrow h_k$$

# The Dual Cauchy Identity

In  $\Lambda^{(n)}$

$$\sum e_k x^k = \prod_{i=1}^n (1 + \alpha_i x), \quad \sum h_k x^k = \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \alpha_i x)^{-1}$$

so (roughly)  $\iota$  interchanges these two expressions.

- $\iota$  acts on  $\Lambda$  not  $\Lambda^{(n)}$  so this needs interpretation.

Applying  $\iota$  to one set of variables it transforms the Cauchy identity

$$\prod_{i,j} (1 - \alpha_i \beta_j)^{-1} = \sum_{\lambda} s_{\lambda}(\alpha) s_{\lambda}(\beta)$$

into the **dual Cauchy identity**:

$$\prod_{i,j} (1 + \alpha_i \beta_j) = \sum_{\lambda} s_{\lambda}(\alpha) s_{\lambda'}(\beta).$$

# The $\mathrm{GL}_n \times \mathrm{GL}_m$ Correspondences

We proved the Cauchy identity

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^m (1 - \alpha_i \beta_j)^{-1} = \sum_{\lambda} s_{\lambda}^{(n)}(\alpha) s_{\lambda}^{(m)}(\beta)$$

when  $n = m$  but we can specialize some parameters to zero and hence obtain the same formula for  $n \neq m$ . Similarly in the dual Cauchy identity we do not need  $n = m$ .

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^m (1 + \alpha_i \beta_j) = \sum_{\lambda} s_{\lambda}^{(n)}(\alpha) s_{\lambda'}^{(m)}(\beta)$$

- The Cauchy identity describes the decomposition of the symmetric algebra over  $\mathrm{Mat}_{n \times m}(\mathbb{C})$  under the natural action of  $\mathrm{GL}_n \times \mathrm{GL}_m$  by left and right multiplication.
- Dual Cauchy identity describes the decomposition of the exterior algebra on  $\mathrm{Mat}_{n \times m}(\mathbb{C})$ .
- In Cauchy identity we need  $|\alpha_i|, |\beta_j| < 1$  for convergence.
- In dual identity we do not. The sum is essentially finite since only finitely many  $\lambda$  have length  $\leq n$  (so  $s_{\lambda}^{(n)} \neq 0$ ) with  $\lambda'$  of length  $\leq m$ .



# Keating and Snaith

**Theorem. (Keating and Snaith)** *We have*

$$\int_{U(n)} |\det(I - g)|^{2k} dg = \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{j!(j+2k)!}{((j+k)!)^2}$$

- This was proved by K&S using Selberg integral.
- Gamburd found another proof that we describe.
- This is in the CMP paper of Bump-Gamburd.
- The proofs give different information, viz:
- In KS the argument  $k$  could be real.
- In BG  $dg$  could be replaced by  $\overline{\chi_\nu(g)} dg$ .

Idea is to use  $U(n)$ - $U(2k)$  correspondence to transfer the calculation to  $U(2k)$ .

# Proof (Gamburd)

Suppose  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  are the eigenvalues of  $g \in U(n)$  so  $|\alpha_i| = 1$ . Let  $m = 2k$  and take  $\beta_1 = \dots = \beta_{2k} = 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |\det(I + g)|^{2k} &= \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^k (1 + \alpha_i)(1 + \alpha_i^{-1}) \\ &= \det(g)^{-k} \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^k (1 + \alpha_i)(\alpha_i + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Apply dual Cauchy with  $\beta_1 = \dots = \beta_{2k} = 1$ . Then

$$|\det(I + g)|^{2k} = \det(g)^{-k} \sum_{\lambda} s_{\lambda}^{(n)}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) s_{\lambda'}^{(2k)}(1, \dots, 1).$$

Now  $(k^n)$  being the partition  $(k, \dots, k)$ :

$$\det(g)^k = \chi_{(k^n)}^{U(n)}(g) = s_{(k^n)}^n(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$$

$$|\det(I + g)|^{2k} = \chi_{(k^n)}^{U(n)}(g)^{-1} \sum_{\lambda} \chi_{\lambda}^{U(n)}(g)^{-1} s_{\lambda'}^{(2k)}(1, \dots, 1).$$

Integrating picks off a single term  $\lambda = (k^n)$ ,  $\lambda' = (n^k)$ .

$$\int_{U(n)} |\det(I + g)|^{2k} dg = s_{(n^k)}^{(2k)}(1, \dots, 1) = \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{j!(j+2k)!}{((j+k)!)^2}$$

by the Weyl dimension (=hook length) formula.

# What Happened?

Just as in the proof of the Diaconis-Shahshahani result, the computation was moved to another group. It was moved from  $U(n)$  to  $U(2k)$ , where it is easier to do.

## Ratios

$\Xi_{L,K}$  consist of all permutations  $\sigma \in S_{K+L}$  such that

$$\sigma(1) < \dots < \sigma(L), \quad \sigma(L+1) < \dots < \sigma(L+K).$$

**Theorem. (Conrey, Farmer and Zirnbauer)**

Assume  $n \geq Q, R$  and that  $|\gamma_q|, |\delta_r| < 1$ .

$$\int_{U(n)} \frac{\prod_{l=1}^L \det(I + \alpha_l^{-1} \cdot g^{-1}) \cdot \prod_{k=1}^K \det(I + \alpha_{L+k} \cdot g)}{\prod_{q=1}^Q \det(I - \gamma_q \cdot g) \prod_{r=1}^R \det(I - \delta_r \cdot g^{-1})} dg =$$
$$\sum_{\sigma \in \Xi_{L,K}} \prod_{k=1}^K (\alpha_{\sigma(L+k)}^{-1} \alpha_{L+k})^n \times$$
$$\frac{\prod_{q=1}^Q \prod_{l=1}^L (1 + \gamma_q \alpha_{\sigma(l)}^{-1}) \prod_{r=1}^R \prod_{k=1}^K (1 + \delta_r \alpha_{\sigma(L+k)})}{\prod_{k=1}^K \prod_{l=1}^L (1 - \alpha_{\sigma(l)}^{-1} \alpha_{\sigma(L+k)}) \prod_{r=1}^R \prod_{q=1}^Q (1 - \gamma_q \delta_r)}.$$

After the initial proof by CFZ other proofs were given by Conrey, Forrester, Snaith and by Bump Gamburd.

We will not discuss the proof in detail but we isolate a couple of important ingredients.

## Laplace-Levi expansions

- Let  $G =$  complex reductive group,  $\Phi =$  roots
- $P = MU$  parabolic with Levi  $M$  and radical  $U$ .
- $W$  and  $W_M$  the Weyl groups of  $G$  and  $M$ .
- $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_M =$  positive Weyl chambers.
- $\Xi =$  coset reps for  $W_M \backslash W$  such that  $w\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{C}_M$ .
- $\rho_U = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} \alpha$ .

Then

$$\chi_\lambda^G = \frac{1}{e^{-\rho_U} \prod_{\alpha \in \Phi^+ - \Phi_U^+} (1 - e^\alpha)} \sum_{w \in \Xi} (-1)^{l(w)} \chi_{\lambda_w}^M.$$

This follows from the Weyl character formula.

- With  $G = \mathrm{GL}_{L+K}$  and  $M = \mathrm{GL}_L \times \mathrm{GL}_K$ ,
- $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{L+K})$ ,
- $\tau = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_L), \quad \rho = (\lambda_{L+1}, \dots, \lambda_{L+K})$ .

$$s_\lambda(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{L+K}) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Xi_{L,K}} \prod_{\substack{1 \leq l \leq L \\ 1 \leq k \leq K}} (\alpha_{\sigma(l)} - \alpha_{\sigma(L+k)})^{-1} s_{\tau + \langle KL \rangle}(\alpha_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, \alpha_{\sigma(L)}) s_\rho(\alpha_{\sigma(L+1)}, \dots, \alpha_{\sigma(L+K)}) .$$

This accounts for sum over  $\Xi_{L,K}$  in the ratios formula.

# Littlewood-Schur sym polynomials

Due to Littlewood, rediscovered by Berele and Regev.

Let  $c_{\mu\nu}^\lambda$  be Littlewood-Richardson coefficients:

$$s_\mu s_\nu = \sum_\lambda c_{\mu\nu}^\lambda s_\lambda.$$

Define (for two sets of variables)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LS}_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_k; y_1, \dots, y_l) = \\ \sum_{\mu, \nu} c_{\mu\nu}^\lambda s_\mu(x_1, \dots, x_k) s_{\nu'}(y_1, \dots, y_l). \end{aligned}$$

The **generalized Cauchy identity** (Berele, Remmel)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \text{LS}_\lambda(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) \text{LS}_\lambda(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_s; \delta_1, \dots, \delta_t) = \\ \prod_{i,k} (1 - \alpha_i \gamma_k)^{-1} \prod_{i,l} (1 + \alpha_i \delta_l) \prod_{j,k} (1 + \beta_j \gamma_k) \prod_{j,l} (1 - \beta_j \delta_l)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

We will discuss the significance of this momentarily. First we outline the proof of the ratios theorem.

- Cauchy and dual Cauchy identities are applied to LHS producing a sum of Schur functions.
- Some of these are multiplied producing Littlewood-Richardson coefficients
- Regrouped into Littlewood-Schur polynomials.
- Generalized Cauchy identity is applied.
- Laplace-Levi expansion is applied.
- It all works out.

# Sketch

Left-Hand-Side:

$$\int_{U(n)} \frac{\prod_{l=1}^L \det(I + \alpha_l^{-1} \cdot g^{-1}) \cdot \prod_{k=1}^K \det(I + \alpha_{L+k} \cdot g)}{\prod_{q=1}^Q \det(I - \gamma_q \cdot g) \prod_{r=1}^R \det(I - \delta_r \cdot g^{-1})} dg$$

Expand  $\Pi$  with dual Cauchy (up), Cauchy (down)

$$\sum_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} \langle \chi_{\lambda'} \chi_{\mu}, \det^L \otimes \chi_{\nu} \rangle$$

$$\prod_{l=1}^L \alpha_l^{-N} s_{\lambda}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{L+K}) s_{\mu}(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_Q) s_{\nu}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_R).$$

inner product is  $c_{\lambda', \mu}^{\tilde{\nu}}$  with  $\tilde{\nu} = \nu + (L^n)$ ,  $\tilde{\nu}' = N^L \cup \nu'$

$$\prod_{l=1}^L \alpha_l^{-N} \sum_{\nu} \text{LS}_{N^L \cup \nu'}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{L+K}; \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_Q) s_{\nu}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_R)$$

Use Laplace-Levi:  $\text{LS}_{\tau \cup \rho}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{L+K}; \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_Q) =$

$$\sum_{\sigma \in \Xi_{L, K}} \prod_{\substack{1 \leq l \leq L \\ 1 \leq k \leq K}} (\alpha_{\sigma(l)} - \alpha_{\sigma(L+k)})^{-1}$$

$$\text{LS}_{\tau + \langle K^L \rangle}(\alpha_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, \alpha_{\sigma(L)}; \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_Q)$$

$$\text{LS}_{\rho}(\alpha_{\sigma(L+1)}, \dots, \alpha_{\sigma(L+K)}; \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_Q)$$

# Sketch (continued)

Generalized Cauchy:

$$\sum \text{LS}_\lambda(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) \text{LS}_\lambda(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_s; \delta_1, \dots, \delta_t) = \prod_{i,k} (1 - \alpha_i \gamma_k)^{-1} \prod_{i,l} (1 + \alpha_i \delta_l) \prod_{j,k} (1 + \beta_j \gamma_k) \prod_{j,l} (1 - \beta_j \delta_l)^{-1}.$$

Right-Hand Side:

$$\sum_{\sigma \in \Xi_{L,K}} \prod_{k=1}^K (\alpha_{\sigma(L+k)}^{-1} \alpha_{L+k})^n \times \frac{\prod_{q=1}^Q \prod_{l=1}^L (1 + \gamma_q \alpha_{\sigma(l)}^{-1}) \prod_{r=1}^R \prod_{k=1}^K (1 + \delta_r \alpha_{\sigma(L+k)})}{\prod_{k=1}^K \prod_{l=1}^L (1 - \alpha_{\sigma(l)}^{-1} \alpha_{\sigma(K+k)}) \prod_{r=1}^R \prod_{q=1}^Q (1 - \gamma_q \delta_r)}.$$

## Hopf Algebra (Geissinger)

The multiplication in  $\Lambda$  induces a map  $m: \Lambda \otimes \Lambda \longrightarrow \Lambda$ , whose adjoint with respect to the basis for which the  $s_\lambda$  are orthonormal is a map  $m^*: \Lambda \longrightarrow \Lambda \otimes \Lambda$ . Thus

$$m(s_\mu \otimes s_\nu) = \sum_{\lambda} c_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} s_{\lambda}, \quad m^*(s_{\lambda}) = \sum_{\mu, \nu} c_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} s_{\mu} \otimes s_{\nu}.$$

The map  $m^*$  is a comultiplication making  $\Lambda$  a coalgebra. The **Hopf axiom** is the commutativity of:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda \otimes \Lambda & \xrightarrow{m^* \otimes m^*} & \Lambda \otimes \Lambda \otimes \Lambda \otimes \Lambda & \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \tau \otimes 1} & \Lambda \otimes \Lambda \otimes \Lambda \otimes \Lambda \\ \downarrow m & & & & \downarrow m \otimes m \\ \Lambda & & \xrightarrow{m^*} & & \Lambda \otimes \Lambda \end{array},$$

where  $\tau: R \otimes R \longrightarrow R \otimes R$  is the map  $\tau(u \otimes v) = v \otimes u$ .

- Interpreting the multiplication in  $\Lambda$  as induction (from  $S_k \times S_l$  to  $S_{k+l}$ ) and the comultiplication as restriction (from  $S_{k+l}$  to  $S_k \times S_l$ ), the Hopf property boils down to Mackey theory.



# Mackey Theory

If  $G$  is a finite group and  $H, K$  are subgroups, Mackey theory is schematically a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Reps of } H & \xrightarrow{\text{induce}} & \text{Reps of } G \\
 \downarrow \text{restrict} & & \downarrow \text{restrict} \\
 \text{Reps of } & \xrightarrow{\text{induce}} & \text{Reps of } K \\
 \text{.....} & & 
 \end{array}$$

Here ..... means that we intersect  $H$  with  $K$  in all possible ways. That is, let  $\gamma$  run through a set of coset reps of  $H \backslash G / K$  and let  $H \cap_{\gamma} K$  mean  $H \cap \gamma K \gamma^{-1}$ . If  $\pi$  is a repn' of  $H$  then as  $K$ -modules

$$\text{Res}_{G \rightarrow K} \circ \text{Ind}_{H \rightarrow G} (\pi) \cong \bigoplus_{\Gamma} \text{Ind}_{H \cap_{\gamma} K \rightarrow K} \circ \text{Res}_{G \rightarrow H \cap_{\gamma} K} (\pi).$$

Here  $H \cap_{\gamma} K$  is not a subgroup of  $K$  but is conjugate to one which is enough.

- Nutshell: “induction and restriction commute”

# Hopf = Mackey

- $\Lambda$  is a graded ring. In symmetric group optic  $\Lambda_k =$  (virtual) representations of  $S_k$ .
- $(\Lambda \otimes \Lambda)_k =$  Reprs of  $S_m \times S_n$  ( $m + n = k$ ).
- Multiplication  $\Lambda_k \otimes \Lambda_l \longrightarrow \Lambda_{k+l}$  is induction from  $S_k \times S_l$  to  $S_{k+l}$ .
- Comultiplication  $\Lambda_{k+l} \longrightarrow \Lambda_k \otimes \Lambda_l$  is restriction from  $S_{k+l}$  to  $S_k \times S_l$ .
- $\Lambda \otimes \Lambda \xrightarrow{m} \Lambda \xrightarrow{m^*} \Lambda \otimes \Lambda$  is  $\text{Ind} \circ \text{Res}$
- $\Lambda \otimes \Lambda \xrightarrow{m^*} \Lambda \otimes \Lambda \otimes \Lambda \otimes \Lambda \xrightarrow{m \circ 1 \otimes t \otimes 1} \Lambda \otimes \Lambda$ :  $\text{Res} \circ \text{Ind}$
- To verify equivalence consider one component

$$\Lambda_m \otimes \Lambda_n \longrightarrow \Lambda_p \otimes \Lambda_q \quad (m + n = p + q)$$

- $H = S_m \times S_n, K = S_p \times S_q$
- $H \cap_\gamma K = S_x \times S_y \times S_z \times S_w$
- $x + y = m, z + w = n, x + z = p, y + w = q$
- Grading is a bookkeeping device.
- **Hopf = Mackey.**

# Generalized Schur identity

**Theorem.** *The Generalized Cauchy formula is equivalent to the Hopf property of  $\Lambda$ .*

**Proof.** The Hopf axiom reduces to the formula

$$\sum_{\lambda} c_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} c_{\sigma\tau}^{\lambda} = \sum_{\varphi, \eta} c_{\varphi\eta}^{\sigma} c_{\psi\xi}^{\tau} c_{\varphi\xi}^{\mu} c_{\psi\eta}^{\nu}. \quad (1)$$

- Apply  $m^* \circ m$  to  $s_{\mu} \otimes s_{\nu}$ , then extract the coefficient of  $s_{\sigma} \otimes s_{\tau}$  the left-hand side in (1).
- Same with  $(m \otimes m) \circ (1 \otimes \tau \otimes 1) \circ (m^* \otimes m^*)$  gives the right-hand side.

$$\sum \text{LS}_{\lambda}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) \text{LS}_{\lambda}(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_s; \delta_1, \dots, \delta_t) = \prod_{i,k} (1 - \alpha_i \gamma_k)^{-1} \prod_{i,l} (1 + \alpha_i \delta_l) \prod_{j,k} (1 + \beta_j \gamma_k) \prod_{j,l} (1 - \beta_j \delta_l)^{-1}.$$

The LHS is

$$\sum c_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} s_{\mu}(\alpha) s_{\nu'}(\beta) c_{\sigma\tau}^{\lambda} s_{\sigma}(\gamma) s_{\tau'}(\delta)$$

while the right-hand side is (using Cauchy & dual)

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum s_{\varphi}(\alpha) s_{\varphi}(\gamma) s_{\psi'}(\beta) s_{\psi'}(\delta) s_{\xi}(\alpha) s_{\xi'}(\delta) s_{\eta'}(b) s_{\eta}(\gamma) \\ &= \sum c_{\varphi\eta}^{\sigma} c_{\psi\xi}^{\tau} s_{\varphi}(\alpha) s_{\xi}(\alpha) s_{\psi'}(\beta) s_{\eta'}(\beta) s_{\sigma}(\gamma) s_{\tau'}(\delta) \\ &= \sum c_{\varphi\eta}^{\sigma} c_{\psi\xi}^{\tau} c_{\varphi\xi}^{\mu} c_{\psi\eta}^{\nu} s_{\mu}(\alpha) s_{\nu'}(\beta) c_{\sigma\tau}^{\lambda} s_{\sigma}(\gamma) s_{\tau'}(\delta). \end{aligned}$$

Comparing, the equivalence amounts to (1). □