

Matrix Valued and Trimmed Anderson Models

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Let A be an $N \times N$ positive definite matrix, and suppose that $\mathcal{B}_\kappa(A) = k$ for some $\kappa > 0$. Then there exists an index subset $\alpha_k = \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k\}$ of $\{1, \dots, N\}$ such that $A[\alpha_k] \geq \frac{\kappa}{k! 2^{kN}}$.

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Remark: $(\mathbf{H}^{-1}[\beta])^{-1} = \mathbf{H}/\mathbf{H}[\beta^c]$.

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Let \mathbf{H} be the Hermitian $N \times N$ matrix. Consider the following two assertions:

(I) $\mathcal{C}_\epsilon(\mathbf{H}) \geq m$;

(II) There exists an index subset α_{2m} such that

$$\mathcal{C}_{K\epsilon}(\mathbf{H}/\mathbf{H}[\alpha_{2m}^c]) \geq m.$$

Then (I) implies (II) with $K = C_m N$, $C_m = 2^{2m} m!$.

Conversely, (II) with $K = 1$ implies (I).

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Examples:

Anderson tight-binding model: H_A acts on $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}^d)$ by

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Wegner k-orbital model: H_W acts on $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}^d \otimes \mathbb{C}^k)$ (the space of square-summable functions $\psi: \mathbb{Z}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^k$) by

$$(H_W\psi)(n) = \sum_{m \sim n} \psi(m) + g V(n)\psi(n).$$

$\{V(n)\}$ are $k \times k$ i.i.d. Wigner matrices with

$$\langle V(n) \rangle = 0, \quad \langle (V^2(n))_{ij} \rangle = 1/k.$$

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Random block operators: Bogoliubov-de Gennes Eq.

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The disordered **s**-wave superconductors are often described by an effective random multiplication operator **B**, while H_A is one possible effective description for **H**. After a suitable change of the coordinate basis, the BdG. model can be described as above with $A_i = \sigma_i$, where

$$\sigma_i = \begin{bmatrix} u_i & v_i \\ v_i & -u_i \end{bmatrix},$$

and u_i, v_i variables are i.i.d. random variables (in **i** index).

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(B) For an integer n , let S be a given set of $2nk$ distinct integers. There exists an $\alpha > 0$ such that, for any integer $a \in S$, any $\epsilon \in [0, 1]$ and arbitrary Hermitian $k \times k$ matrix J the bound

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Lemma

Let A, J be Hermitian $n \times n$ matrices that satisfy $\|A\| \leq 1$. Then assuming $\epsilon < \epsilon_0$ for some ϵ_0 which only depends on n , there exists an integer $a \in [-n - 2, -2] \cup [2, n + 2]$ (which depends on J but not on A) so that

$$\max \left(\left\| (A - a)^{-1} \right\|, \left\| (J + a)^{-1} \right\| \right) \leq 1;$$

$$\mathcal{C}_{\epsilon/9n^2}(\hat{D}) \leq \mathcal{C}_\epsilon(D) \leq \mathcal{C}_{9n^2\epsilon}(\hat{D}),$$

where $D = A + J$ and $\hat{D} = (A - a)^{-1} + (J + a)^{-1}$.

Theorem

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- Corollary for the homogeneous setting: assume that $\mathcal{G} = \mathbb{Z}^d$ and that
C $A(m) \equiv A$, $B(m) \equiv B$, $K(m, n) \equiv K(m - n)$.

Localization

Theorem (Localization)

Assume **C**. Let **I** be a finite interval of energies, and let

$$g \geq \frac{Cd^{1/s}}{1 + \min_{z \in I} |z|} .$$

Then, for any $m \neq n \in \mathbb{Z}^d$,

$$\langle \sup_{t \geq 0} |e^{itH_I}(m, n)| \rangle \leq C \text{dist}(m, n)^{2d} \left(\frac{Cd}{g^s(1 + |z|)^s} \right)^{\frac{s \text{dist}(m, n)}{8}} ,$$

where $H_I = P_I H P_I$, P_I is the spectral projector corresponding to **I**. Therefore the spectrum of **H** in **I** is almost surely pure point.

Trimmed Anderson models (with Abel Klein)

A Γ -trimmed Anderson model is a discrete random Schrödinger operator on $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}^d)$ of the form

$$H_T := H_0 + gV_\omega.$$

Here $H_0 = -\Delta + V^{(0)}$, with $V^{(0)}$ a bounded (background) potential, and V_ω is the random potential given by

$$V_\omega = \sum_{\zeta \in \Gamma} \omega_\zeta \chi_\zeta,$$

where Γ is a subset of \mathbb{Z}^d and $\{\omega_\zeta\}_{\zeta \in \Gamma}$ is a family of independent random variables.

We will consider relatively dense subsets Γ of \mathbb{Z}^d . Namely, let $\Lambda_L(x) = \{y \in \mathbb{Z}^d : |y - x|_\infty < L/2\}$.

Trimmed Anderson models

A set $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$ is (K, Q) -relatively dense, where $K, Q \in \mathbb{N}$, if

$$|\Gamma \cap \Lambda_K(\zeta)| \geq Q \text{ for all } \zeta \in K\mathbb{Z}^d.$$

The Γ -trimming of H is the restriction H_Γ of $\chi_{\Gamma^c} H \chi_{\Gamma^c}$ to $\ell^2(\Gamma^c)$.

We consider $E_\Gamma(H) = \inf \sigma(H_\Gamma)$, the ground state energy of the trimmed operator H_Γ . (Note that $H = H_\emptyset$ and $E_\emptyset(H) = \inf \sigma(H)$.) Trimming lifts the bottom of the spectrum: $E_\Gamma(H) \geq E_\emptyset(H)$. Let $\delta_\Gamma(H) = E_\Gamma(H) - E_\emptyset(H)$.

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Theorem

Let $\Gamma \subsetneq \mathbb{Z}^d$ be (K, Q) -relatively dense, and let $H = -\Delta + V$ on $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}^d)$, where V is a bounded potential. Then

$$\delta_\Gamma(H) \geq \frac{Q}{(2dK - 1)Y_{d,V}^{2dK-1}} > 0,$$

where $Y_{d,V} = 2d + 1 + \sup_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^d} V(x) - \inf_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^d} V(x)$.

In the special case $H = -\Delta$ we can improve the previous bound to

$$\delta_\Gamma(-\Delta) = E_\Gamma(-\Delta) \geq \frac{1}{4d(K+1)^{2d}}.$$

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The outline of the proof

Key proposition

For any $s \leq \frac{\alpha q}{2k\alpha + kq}$ there exists $C > 0$ (depending on s and the constants in the assumptions) such that for any $z \notin \mathbb{R}$

$$\langle \|G_z(x, y)\|^s \rangle \leq \frac{C}{2(1 + |z|)^s} \left\{ g^{-s} \sum_{z \sim y} \langle \|G_z(x, z)\|^s \rangle + \delta_{xy} \right\},$$

where

$$\delta_{xy} = \begin{cases} 1, & x = y \\ 0, & x \neq y \end{cases}$$

is the Kronecker δ .

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Proof.

Suppose the maximum M is attained at $y \neq x$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \langle \|G_z(x, y)\|^s \rangle \leq \frac{C}{2g^s(1 + |z|)^s} \sum_{z \sim y} \langle \|G_z(x, z)\|^s \rangle \\ &\leq \frac{C\kappa M}{2g^s(1 + |z|)^s} \leq \frac{CM}{2C} = \frac{M}{2} , \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction. □

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By the proposition above with $y = x$ and the previous corollary,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \|G_z(x, x)\|^s \rangle &\leq \frac{C}{2(1 + |z|)^s} \{g^{-s}\kappa \langle \|G_z(x, x)\|^s \rangle + 1\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \langle \|G_z(x, x)\|^s \rangle + \frac{C}{2(1 + |z|)^s} , \end{aligned}$$

therefore $\langle \|G_z(x, x)\|^s \rangle \leq \frac{C}{(1+|z|)^s}$.



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- Assumptions:
 - ① the set \mathcal{B}_n is non empty for all \mathbf{n} ;
 - ② the cardinality $k = \#\{\mathbf{m} \mid a_{\mathbf{m}} \neq 0\} < \infty$;
 - ③ the distribution of $v(\mathbf{m})$ satisfies A1 and A2.

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- Strong disorder regime result. Outside $\sigma(\Delta)$ one can use Klopp's trick to reduce problem to the monotone one.
- For $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}^d$ the dynamical localization was established by Krüger.