The $k$–Point Random Matrix Kernels Obtained from One–Point Supermatrix Models

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The $k$–point correlation functions of the Gaussian Random Matrix Ensembles are certain determinants of functions which depend on only two arguments. They are referred to as kernels, since they are the building blocks of all correlations. We show that the kernels are obtained, for arbitrary level number, directly from supermatrix models for one–point functions. More precisely, the generating functions of the one–point functions are equivalent to the kernels. This is surprising, because it implies that already the one–point generating function holds essential information about the $k$–point correlations. This also establishes a link to the averaged ratios of spectral determinants, i.e. of characteristic polynomials.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Random Matrix Theory (RMT) allows one to model a rich variety of complex systems. The Gaussian Unitary Ensemble (GUE) of random matrices is used in the absence of time reversal invariance. The Gaussian Orthogonal Ensemble (GOE) and the Gaussian Symplectic Ensemble (GSE) apply if time reversal invariance holds and if the levels are not or are Kramers degenerate, respectively. These three cases GOE, GUE and GSE are labeled by the Dyson index $\beta = 1, 2, 4$. Supersymmetry often yields a considerably clearer insight into the structure of random matrix models. This is so, because supersymmetry drastically reduces the number of degrees of freedom without giving away any information contained in the model. Thus, supersymmetry removes a certain kind of redundancy. Loosely speaking, the supersymmetric formulation plays for the random matrix model the role of an “irreducible representation”.

In this contribution, we present an unexpected direct connection between the $k$–point correlation functions of the three Gaussian Ensembles and the generating functions of the one–point functions. The $k$–point correlation functions are determinants (GUE) or quaternion determinants (GOE,GSE). All entries of these determinants are fully specified by one function of two energy arguments. Because of their fundamental importance, these functions are referred to as kernels. In the supersymmetric formulation, generating functions are used which, upon derivative with respect to source variables, yield the $k$–point correlation functions. Especially the generating function of the one–point correlation function, or rather one–point function, depends on an energy and on a somewhat unphysical source variable. The source variable is needed to break a symmetry in the supersymmetric matrix model. Hence, the number of dependend variables is the same for the generating function of the one–point function and for the kernels. We show in the sequel that, surprisingly, the generating function of the one–point function is fully equivalent to the kernels. This is true for all three Gaussian Ensembles and for arbitrary level numbers. Thus, a fundamental link is established between the one–point functions and the $k$–point correlation functions.

The article is organized as follows. For the convenience of the reader, we briefly compile the relevant formulae for the random matrix correlation functions and kernels in Section II. We follow closely Mehta’s book. In Section III, we present our main results and discuss implications. The derivations are performed in Section IV. Summary and conclusion are given in Section V.

II. RANDOM MATRIX CORRELATION FUNCTIONS AND KERNELS

The $k$–point correlation functions $R_k(x_1,\ldots,x_k)$ are the probability densities to find $k$ energies at positions $x_1,\ldots,x_k$, regardless of labeling. They can be written as averages over a probability density $P_N(H)$ of a $N \times N$ Hamilton matrix $H$,

$$R_k(x_1,\ldots,x_k) = \int P_N(H) \prod_{p=1}^k \text{tr} \delta(x_p - H) d[H] ,$$

(2.1)

where $d[H]$ is the volume element, that is, the product of the differentials of all independent variables in $H$. We mention in passing that this definition contains contributions proportional to $\delta(x_p - x_q)$. However, as this issue is not important here, we ignore it and refer the reader to the discussion of those details in Ref.2.
For the Gaussian Ensembles, the correlation functions have a remarkable determinant structure. All knowledge needed to construct the full function $R^{(β)}_k(x_1, \ldots, x_k)$ is contained in one single function, the kernel, which depends on two energy arguments. In the case of the GUE ($β = 2$) for $N$ levels one has
\[
R^{(2)}_k(x_1, \ldots, x_k) = \det \left[ K^{(2)}_N(x_p, x_q) \right]_{p,q=1,\ldots,k},
\]
where the kernel is given by
\[
K^{(2)}_N(x_p, x_q) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \varphi_n(x_p) \varphi_n(x_q).
\]
Here, $\varphi_n(z)$ denotes the oscillator wave function
\[
\varphi_n(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^nn!\sqrt{\pi}}} \exp \left( -\frac{z^2}{2} \right) H_n(z)
\]
and $H_n(z)$ is the Hermite polynomial of order $n\bar{6}$.

Due to the additional symmetries, the corresponding expressions for the GOE ($β = 1$) and the GSE ($β = 4$) are more involved. For the GOE, the kernel is given by
\[
K^{(1)}_N(x_p, x_q) = K^{(2)}_N(x_p, x_q) + \sqrt{\frac{N}{2}} \varphi_{N-1}(x_p) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \varepsilon(x_q - z) \varphi_N(z) dz + \alpha_N(x_p),
\]
where $K^{(2)}_N(x_p, x_q)$ is the GUE kernel and the function
\[
\alpha_N(x) = \begin{cases} \varphi_{N-1}(x) / \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \varphi_{N-1}(t) dt & N \text{ odd} \\ 0 & N \text{ even} \end{cases}
\]
enters. We also use the notation
\[
\varepsilon(z) = \frac{1}{2} \text{sign} (z).
\]

In the case of the GSE, the kernel reads
\[
K^{(4)}_N(x_p, x_q) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} K^{(2)}_{2N+1}(\sqrt{2}x_p, \sqrt{2}x_q) + \sqrt{\frac{2N+1}{2}} \varphi_{2N}(\sqrt{2}x_p) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \varepsilon(x_q - z) \varphi_{2N+1}(\sqrt{2}z) dz,
\]
the first two terms are the same as in the GOE kernel, but for $2N + 1$ levels. However, the function $\alpha_N(x)$ does not appear. It is convenient to scale the energy arguments with $\sqrt{2}$.

The ordinary determinant for the GUE correlation functions is replaced by quaternion determinants. One has for the GOE
\[
R^{(1)}_k(x_1, \ldots, x_k) = q\text{det} \left[ \begin{array}{cc} K^{(1)}_N(x_p, x_q) & DK^{(1)}_N(x_p, x_q) \\ JK^{(1)}_N(x_p, x_q) & K^{(1)}_N(x_q, x_p) \end{array} \right]_{p,q=1,\ldots,k}
\]
and, similarly, for the GSE
\[
R^{(4)}_k(x_1, \ldots, x_k) = q\text{det} \left[ \begin{array}{cc} K^{(4)}_N(x_p, x_q) & DK^{(4)}_N(x_p, x_q) \\ IK^{(4)}_N(x_p, x_q) & K^{(4)}_N(x_q, x_p) \end{array} \right]_{p,q=1,\ldots,k}.
\]
Here, $D, I$ and $J$ are certain derivative and integral operators, respectively. We write $K^{(2)}_N(x_p, x_q)$ for the GUE kernel which Mehta denotes by $K_N(x_p, x_q)$. Mehta works with the kernel $S_N(x_p, x_q)$ for the GOE and the GSE. This function $S_N(x_p, x_q)$ is our $K^{(1)}_N(x_p, x_q)$ without the function $\alpha_N(x_p)$. We decided to introduce the kernels $K^{(1)}_N(x_p, x_q)$ and $K^{(4)}_N(x_p, x_q)$, because the function $\alpha_N(x_p)$ is only present in the GOE, but not in the GSE case. As we will show, the kernels $K^{(β)}_N(x_p, x_q)$ are the ones that appear naturally in the supersymmetry context. More information on the relation between Mehta’s kernels and the kernels $K^{(β)}_N(x_p, x_q)$ and on how they enter the expressions and for the correlation functions can be found in \textit{A}.

In concluding this compilation, we underline once more that the knowledge of the three kernels suffices to build up all $k$-point correlation functions for the three ensembles GOE, GUE and GSE.
III. KERNELES, MATRIX INTEGRALS, GENERATING FUNCTIONS AND RANDOM MATRIX AVERAGES

Surprisingly, one can obtain the kernels from the lowest dimensional one–point supermatrix models which reflect the appropriate symmetries. This and its implications state the main result of the present contribution. For the GUE, i.e. for $\beta = 2$, we have

$$K^{(2)}_N(x_q, x_p) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\exp \left(\frac{x_q^2 - x_p^2}{2} \right)}{x_p - x_q} \Im \left( \frac{1}{2} \int \exp \left( -\text{tr} \sigma^2 \right) \detg^{-N} (\sigma - x) d|\sigma| - 1 \right),$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.1)

where

$$\sigma = \begin{bmatrix} a & \lambda^* \\ \lambda & ib \end{bmatrix}$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.2)

is a $2 \times 2$ Hermitian supermatrix. The entries $a, b$ are real commuting and $\lambda$ is complex anticommuting. The energies are ordered in the diagonal matrix $x = \text{diag} \left( x_p, x_q \right)$. The variable $x_p$ is supplemented with a small imaginary increment $i\eta$ such that $x_p^+ = x_p - i\eta$ and $x^- = \text{diag} \left( x_p^+, x_q \right)$. The corresponding result in the case of the GOE, i.e. for $\beta = 1$, reads, for even and odd level number $N$,

$$K^{(1)}_N(x_q, x_p) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\exp \left( \frac{x_q^2 - x_p^2}{2} \right)}{x_p - x_q} \Im \left( \frac{1}{8} \int \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \sigma^2 \right) \detg^{-N/2} (\sigma - x^-) d|\sigma| - 1 \right).$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.3)

Finally, for the GSE, i.e. for $\beta = 4$, we have

$$K^{(4)}_N(x_q, x_p) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\exp \left( \frac{x_q^2 - x_p^2}{2} \right)}{x_p - x_q} \Im \left( \frac{1}{8} \int \exp \left( -\text{tr} \sigma^2 \right) \detg^{-N} (\sigma - x^-) d|\sigma| - 1 \right).$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.4)

In the cases of the GOE and the GSE, $\sigma$ is a $4 \times 4$ Hermitian supermatrix with an additional symmetry, often referred to as orthosymplectic. Explicitly, $\sigma$ reads

$$\sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{cd} & \lambda^* & -\lambda & \mu^* \\ \sqrt{cd} & \sqrt{\lambda^2 - cw} & -\mu & \sqrt{\mu^2 - cw} \\ \lambda & \mu & 0 & \sqrt{-cw} \\ \lambda^* & \mu^* & 0 & \sqrt{-cw} \end{bmatrix},$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.5)

where $c = 1$ or $c = -1$ for GOE and GSE, respectively. Here the variables $a, b, d$ and $w$ are real commuting, while $\lambda, \lambda^*$ and $\mu, \mu^*$ are complex anticommuting. The diagonal matrix of the energy arguments now also has dimension $4 \times 4$ and reads $x = \text{diag} \left( x_p, x_p, x_q, x_q \right)$. However, for brevity we always write $x = \text{diag} \left( x_p, x_q \right)$. The corresponding result in the case of the GOE, i.e. for $\beta = 1$, reads, for even and odd level number $N$.

$$K^{(3)}_N(x_q, x_p) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\exp \left( \frac{\gamma (x_q^2 - x_p^2)}{2} \right)}{x_p - x_q} \Im \left( \frac{\beta^2}{8\gamma^2} \int \exp \left( -\frac{\beta}{2\gamma} \text{tr} \sigma^2 \right) \detg^{-N/2\gamma} (\sigma - x^-) d|\sigma| - 1 \right),$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.6)

where we introduced $\gamma = 1$ for $\beta = 1, 2$ and $\gamma = -2$ for $\beta = 4$.

In spite of its non–trivial character, the result (3.6) is easily proven because it is an immediate consequence of an integral representation of the kernel $K^{(2)}_N(x_p, x_q)$ which was found in Ref.\textsuperscript{26}. We briefly sketch the derivation in Section IV. In fact, expressions similar to Eq. (3.1) have already been used for a study involving the chiral GUE\textsuperscript{30} and for a certain generalization of the GUE\textsuperscript{31}. On the other hand, the proofs of the results (3.3) and (3.4) are more involved. They will also be given in Section IV.

Formulas (3.1) to (3.4) are remarkable, because they establish a direct and previously unknown connection between the kernels and the generating functions $Z_1^{(\beta)}(\bar{x})$ of the one–point functions,

$$\hat{R}_1^{(\beta)}(x_1) = \left. \frac{1}{2\gamma} \frac{\partial}{\partial J_1} Z_1^{(\beta)}(\bar{x}) \right|_{J_1 = 0}.$$ \hspace{1cm} (3.7)
We introduced the diagonal matrix \( \bar{x} = \text{diag} (x_1 - J_1, x_1 + J_1) \) which contains the energy argument \( x_1 \) and the source variable \( J_1 \). To be consistent with the previous notation, we use \( x_1 \) to denote the argument of the one–point functions. The one–point function is written as \( \tilde{R}_1^{(\beta)}(x_1) = \tilde{R}_1^{(\beta)}(x_1) + iR_1^{(\beta)}(x_1) \) such that the level density is the imaginary part, \( \text{Im} \tilde{R}_1^{(\beta)}(x_1) = R_1^{(\beta)}(x_1) \). As is well known, the matrix integrals in the expressions \((3.11)-(3.14)\) are precisely the generating functions,

\[
Z_1^{(\beta)}(x) = \frac{\beta^2}{8\gamma} \int \exp \left(-\frac{\beta}{2|\gamma|} \text{tr} \sigma^2 \right) \det g^{-\beta N/2|\gamma|} (\sigma - x) d[\sigma] \tag{3.8}
\]

with the appropriate supermatrices \( \sigma \). Thus, we arrive at

\[
K_N^{(2)}(x_q, x_p) = \frac{1}{\pi} \exp \left( x_p^2/2 - x_q^2/2 \right) \text{Im} \left[ \frac{Z_N^{(2)}(x) - Z_N^{(2)}(0)}{x_p - x_q} \right],
\]

\[
K_N^{(1)}(x_q, x_p) = \frac{1}{\pi} \exp \left( x_p^2/2 - x_q^2/2 \right) \text{Im} \left[ \frac{Z_N^{(1)}(x) - Z_N^{(1)}(0)}{x_p - x_q} \right],
\]

\[
K_N^{(4)}(x_q, x_p) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \exp \left( x_p^2 - x_q^2 \right) \text{Im} \left[ \frac{Z_N^{(4)}(x) - Z_N^{(4)}(0)}{x_q - x_p} \right]. \tag{3.9}
\]

For the GSE kernel \( K_N^{(4)}(x_q, x_p) \) the arguments of the exponential are interchanged with respect to the GUE kernel \( K_N^{(2)}(x_q, x_p) \) and the GOE kernel \( K_N^{(1)}(x_q, x_p) \). We notice that \( Z_1^{(\beta)}(x) \) depends on the two energies \( x_p \) and \( x_q \). There is no source variable here. Moreover, we have \( Z_1^{(\beta)}(0) = 1 \) due to the definition of the generating function. Again, we can write

\[
K_N^{(3)}(x_q, x_p) = \frac{1}{\gamma} \exp \left( \frac{\gamma}{2} (x_p^2 - x_q^2) \right) \text{Im} \left[ \frac{Z_1^{(\beta)}(x) - Z_1^{(\beta)}(0)}{x_q - x_p} \right] \tag{3.10}
\]

which combines the three results \((3.9)-(3.11)\) in a compact form.

Formulae \((3.9)-(3.11)\) state a close connection between the kernels and the generating functions. The kernels can be viewed as difference quotients of the generating functions at the two points \( x \) and 0. The crucial quantity is the difference \( x_p - x_q \). By construction, the generating functions are unity whenever the two arguments degenerate. Thus, \( Z_1^{(\beta)}(x) \) moves away from unity as function of \( x_p - x_q \). If one takes the limit \( x_q \to x_p \), the difference quotient becomes the differential quotient \((3.7)\). This yields the kernels at \( x_p = x_q \), that is, the level densities as function of the single remaining variable. In \[13\] we discuss extensions of the previous results if real parts contribute to the correlation functions.

To further clarify the meaning of these findings, we rewrite the generating functions as averages over the original random matrices in ordinary space,

\[
Z_1^{(\beta)}(x) = C_{N\beta} \int \exp \left(-\frac{\beta}{2} \text{tr} H^2 \right) \left( \frac{\det(H - x_q)}{\det(H - x_p)} \right)^{|\gamma|} d[H], \tag{3.11}
\]

with normalization constants \( C_{N\beta} \). Here, the matrices \( H \) parameterize the GOE, GUE and GSE for \( \beta = 1, 2, 4 \), respectively, as defined in Mehta’s book. Combining Eqs. \((3.9)-(3.11)\), we see that the kernels themselves are, apart from factors, averages over the Gaussian ensembles. This is a surprising insight. According to the definition \((2.1)\), the \( k \)-point correlation function of a Gaussian ensemble is one single matrix integral for a fixed value of \( k \). The results presented here imply that this single average breaks up into products of averages. This is intimately related to the determinant structure, but it is a stronger statement because it identifies the determinant structure as stemming from the break up of the random matrix average.

Furthermore, it follows from Eqs. \((3.9)-(3.11)\) that the random matrix kernels are essentially an average over a ratio of spectral determinants, taken at the two different energies. This relates our findings to the presently much discussed issue of characteristic polynomials, spectral determinants and their moments, see Refs. \[21,22\] and references therein. For matrix dimension \( N = 2 \), the connection between averages over the ratio of two characteristic polynomials and the kernel was recently observed in Ref. \[13\] in the GOE case (\( \beta = 1 \)).

**IV. KERNELS EXPRESSED AS EIGENVALUE INTEGRALS IN SUPERSPACES**

We prove the results in the previous Section by explicit calculation. Alternatively, one could try to employ Dyson’s Brownian motion and its supersymmetric extension for the stationary case, i.e. for the pure ensembles. However,
this would still leave one with the problem of fixing the boundary conditions in an unambiguous way. Another strategy could consist in showing that the supermatrix models satisfy the same equations that the kernels obey, such as the convolution condition. Once more, one is confronted with some ambiguity. Thus, we believe that the most direct proof is probably an explicit calculation, but we certainly do not exclude that other direct proofs also exist.

There are two possibilities to proceed with an explicit calculation. First, due to the small dimensions of the supermatrices in Eq. (4.1), one can expand the superdeterminants in the supermatrix models and integrate out the Grassmann variables by “brute force”. The resulting expressions are rather complicated and calculations to follow are quite cumbersome. Second, one can introduce eigenvalue–angle coordinates and integrate in a first step over the supergroups and in a second one over the eigenvalues. We present this approach in the sequel because the eigenvalue integrals to be solved here are of a general type which will always appear in exact calculations involving supersymmetry. In particular, they will show up in generalizations of the present supermatrix models. Thus, we want to develop techniques for how to handle them.

We denote the right hand sides of the formulae (3.1) to (3.4) by

\[ L_N^{(β)}(x_p, x_q) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|γ|}} \frac{1}{8|γ|^4} \int_{-∞}^{∞} ds_1 ds_2 \exp\left( -\frac{β}{2|γ|} \text{tr}g(σ - x^\dagger) \text{det}g(σ - x)\right) \left( s_1 + x_p \right)^2 \left( s_2 + x_q \right)^2 \right) \left( s_1 - i s_2 \right)^N \text{Im} \frac{1}{(s_1)^N}, \]  

(4.2)

This coincides with the double integral found in Ref. 7a. In this reference, it was denoted by \( C_N(x_p, x_q) \). However, it is important to notice that the double integral resulted in Ref. 7b from calculating the \( k \)-point correlation function for arbitrary \( k \), that is, from a group integral over a \( 2k \times 2k \) unitary supermatrix. In Ref. 7b, the double integral was already evaluated and it was shown that

\[ K_N^{(2)}(x_p, x_q) = \exp\left( x_p^2/2 - x_q^2/2 \right) L_N^{(2)}(x_p, x_q). \]  

(4.3)

This proves formula (3.1).

### A. Gaussian Unitary Ensemble

The energy difference \( x_p - x_q \) drops out and the matrix integral reduces to the double integral

\[ L_N^{(2)}(x_p, x_q) = \frac{1}{π^2} \int_{-∞}^{∞} ds_1 ds_2 \exp\left( -\left( s_1 + x_p \right)^2 + \left( s_2 + x_q \right)^2 \right) \left( s_1 - i s_2 \right)^N \text{Im} \frac{1}{(s_1)^N}. \]  

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(4.3)

This proves formula (3.1).

### B. Gaussian Orthogonal Ensemble

The orthogonal case has a much more complicated structure. From Refs. 7a, a triple integral results,

\[ L_N^{(1)}(x_p, x_q) = \frac{1}{8π^2} \int_{-∞}^{∞} \int_{-∞}^{∞} \int_{-∞}^{∞} \frac{|s_{11} - s_{21}| ds_{11} ds_{21} ds_2}{(s_{11} - i s_2)^2 (s_{21} - i s_2)^2}. \]
\[ L_N^{(2)}(x_p, x_q) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\delta(s_{11} - s_{21}) ds_{11} ds_{21} ds_2}{(s_{11} - is_2)(s_{21} - is_2)} \]

\[ \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (s_{11} + x_p)^2 - \frac{1}{2} (s_{21} + x_p)^2 + (is_2 + x_q)^2 \right) \]

\[ (s_{11} + s_{21} - 2is_2)(is_2)^N \text{Im} \frac{1}{(s_{11})^{N/2}(s_{21})^{N/2}} \]  

(4.4)

In order to subtract this formula from Eq. (4.4), we have to do some integrations by parts in both expressions. More precisely, we use

\[ \delta(s_{11} - s_{21}) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s_{11}} - \frac{\partial}{\partial s_{21}} \right) \varepsilon(s_{11} - s_{21}) \]  

(4.6)

in Eq. (4.5). This procedure casts the integrand in Eq. (4.5) into the adequate form to be subtracted from the left hand side of Eq. (4.4). It is also convenient to do an integration by parts in Eq. (4.4) using

\[ \left( 2(x_q - x_p) - \frac{\partial}{\partial is_2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial s_{11}} - \frac{\partial}{\partial s_{21}} + 2is_2 - s_{11} - s_{21} \right) \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (s_{11} + x_p)^2 - \frac{1}{2} (s_{21} + x_p)^2 + (is_2 + x_q)^2 \right) = 0. \]  

(4.7)

With these adjustments we can subtract \( L_N^{(2)}(x_p, x_q) \) from \( L_N^{(1)}(x_p, x_q) \) and obtain

\[ M_N^{(1)}(x_p, x_q) = L_N^{(1)}(x_p, x_q) - L_N^{(2)}(x_p, x_q) \]

\[ = \frac{N}{8\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |s_{11} - s_{21}| ds_{11} ds_{21} \]

\[ \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (s_{11} + x_p)^2 - \frac{1}{2} (s_{21} + x_p)^2 \right) \text{Im} \frac{1}{(s_{11})^{N/2+1}(s_{21})^{N/2+1}} \]

\[ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} ds_2 \exp \left( is_2 + x_q \right)^2 (is_2)^{N-1} \]  

(4.8)

This expression decouples the three–dimensional integral into a product of a two–dimensional integral and a one–dimensional integral. Furthermore, the left hand side of Eq. (4.8) factorizes into a product of functions each depending only on one energy argument. Therefore, we can write

\[ M_N^{(1)}(x_p, x_q) = \frac{N}{8\pi^2} \omega_N^{(1)}(x_p) \psi_N^{(1)}(x_q) \]  

(4.9)

The function \( \psi_N^{(1)} \) is simply an integral representation for the Hermite polynomial. The integration of \( \omega_N^{(1)} \) requires more effort. The relations

\[ -\left( \frac{N}{2} + 1 \right) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_p} + 2x_p \right) \omega_N^{(1)}(x_p) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_p} \omega_N^{(1)}(x_p) \]

\[ \omega_N^{(1)}(x_p) - \left( \frac{N}{2} + 1 \right) \omega_N^{(1)}(x_p) = 4\pi \frac{(-1)^{N+1}}{(N + 1)!} H_{N+1}(x_p) \exp(-x_p^2) \]  

(4.10)
are used. The second formula above was derived by using

\[ H_N(x_p) = \frac{(-1)^N N!}{\pi} \exp \left( x_p^2 \right) \Im \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\exp(-\xi x^2)}{(\xi)^{N+1}} d\xi \]  

(4.11)

and by the introduction of a dummy variable similar to Eq. (4.15). By combining these relations, we obtain

\[ \omega_N^{(1)}(x_p) = -\exp \left( -\frac{x_p^2}{2} \right) \frac{4\pi(-1)^N}{N!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \epsilon(x_p - t)H_N(t) \exp \left( -\frac{t^2}{2} \right) dt + c_N^{(1)} \]

\[ \psi_N^{(1)}(x_q) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi(-1)^{N-1}}{2^{N-1}}} H_{N-1}(x_q). \]  

(4.12)

The form of the above equations are the expected ones, and the remaining problem is to calculate the integration constant \( c_N^{(1)} \). This tedious calculation is performed in \[ \Box \] We find

\[ c_N^{(1)} = \begin{cases} 
0 & \text{if } N \text{ even} \\
-4\pi 2^{N/2}/N!! & \text{if } N \text{ odd} 
\end{cases} \]  

(4.13)

This non-vanishing constant gives rise to a contribution which is identified with the function \( a_N \) defined in Eq. (2.6).

Now, Eq. (4.12) is rewritten in terms of the oscillator wave functions \( \varphi_n \) defined in (2.4) and compared to (2.3) and (2.5). We then have

\[ M_N^{(1)}(x_p, x_q) = \exp \left( \frac{x_q^2}{2} - \frac{x_p^2}{2} \right) \left( K_N^{(1)}(x_q, x_p) - K_N^{(2)}(x_q, x_p) \right) \]  

(4.14)

for all values of \( N \). This proves Eq. (4.3).

C. Gaussian Symplectic Ensemble

For the GSE the structure of the supermatrix \( \sigma \) is almost the same as for the GOE. The group integral found in Refs. [2,8] can be applied again. However, boson-boson block and fermion-fermion block are interchanged with respect to the GOE. As a consequence the imaginary unit now comes in front of the integration variables \( s_{11}, s_{21} \) and the contribution of the superdeterminant in Eq. (4.3) is inverted. With an additional rescaling \( \sigma \rightarrow \sigma/\sqrt{2} \) we obtain

\[ L_N^{(4)}(x_p, x_q) = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left| s_{11} - s_{21} \right| ds_{11} ds_{21} ds_{21} ds_2 \exp \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( is_{11} + \sqrt{2}x_p \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left( is_{21} + \sqrt{2}x_p \right)^2 - \left( s_2 + \sqrt{2}x_q \right)^2 \right) \left( 2 \left( \sqrt{2}x_q - \sqrt{2}x_p \right) (is_{11} - s_2)(is_{21} - s_2) + (is_{11} + is_{21} - 2s_2) \right) (is_{11}is_{21})^N \Im \frac{1}{(s_2)^{2N+1}}. \]  

(4.15)

Now we can apply the same method as in the case of the GOE. We arrive at the decomposition

\[ L_N^{(4)}(x_p, x_q) = L_{2N}^{(2)}(\sqrt{2}x_q, \sqrt{2}x_p) + M_N^{(4)}(x_p, x_q) \]  

(4.16)

\[ M_N^{(4)}(x_p, x_q) = \frac{2N}{8\pi^2} \omega_N^{(4)}(x_p) \psi_N^{(4)}(x_q). \]  

(4.17)

The functions \( \omega_N^{(4)} \) and \( \psi_N^{(4)} \) are now given by

\[ \psi_N^{(4)}(x_q) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} ds_2 \exp \left( -\left( s_2 + \sqrt{2}x_q \right)^2 \right) \Im \frac{1}{(s_2)^{2N+1}} \]  

(4.18)

The function \( \psi_N^{(4)}(x_q) \) is easily evaluated by making use of the identity Eq. (4.11) for Hermite polynomials

\[ \psi_N^{(4)}(x_q) = \frac{\pi}{(2N)!} \exp \left( -2x_q^2 \right) H_{2N} \left( \sqrt{2}x_q \right). \]  

(4.19)
The integration of $\omega^{(1)}_N(x_p)$ is a little more tricky. The procedure follows ideas analogous to those used for the calculation of $\omega^{(1)}_N(x_p)$ for the GOE in Sec. (VIB) and (C). An integration constant occurs in this case as well. It can be fixed in the same manner as for the GOE. Here, however, it vanishes for all values of $N$. One finds

$$\omega^{(1)}_N(x_p) = -\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2N-3}} \exp \left( x_p^2 \right) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \varepsilon \left( \sqrt{2}x_p - t \right) \exp \left( -t^2/2 \right) H_{2N-1}(t) dt . \quad (4.20)$$

Inserting these results into Eq. (4.10) and expressing everything in terms of oscillator wave functions one arrives at

$$L^{(4)}_N(x_p, x_q) = \exp \left( x_p^2 - x_q^2 \right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{2N-1} \varphi_n \left( \sqrt{2}x_p \right) \varphi_n \left( \sqrt{2}x_q \right) + \sqrt{\frac{2N}{2}} \varphi_{2N} \left( \sqrt{2}x_q \right) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \varepsilon \left( \sqrt{2}x_p - t \right) \varphi_{2N-1}(t) dt \right) . \quad (4.21)$$

This is almost the final result. We use the integration formula

$$\sqrt{\frac{2N}{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \varepsilon(x-t)\varphi_{2N-1}(t)dt = \varphi_{2N}(x) + \sqrt{\frac{2N+1}{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \varepsilon(x-t)\varphi_{2N+1}(t)dt \quad (4.22)$$

to obtain

$$L^{(4)}_N(x_p, x_q) = \exp \left( x_p^2 - x_q^2 \right) \left( K^{(2)}_{2N+1} \left( \sqrt{2}x_p, \sqrt{2}x_q \right) + \sqrt{\frac{2N+1}{2}} \varphi_{2N} \left( \sqrt{2}x_q \right) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \varepsilon \left( \sqrt{2}x_p - t \right) \varphi_{2N+1}(t) dt \right) . \quad (4.23)$$

This is exactly our assertion (3.3).

V. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

We showed that the generating functions for the one–point functions yield directly the kernels of the correlation functions in RMT. This is tantamount to saying that the kernels are given by the lowest dimensional supermatrix models. We proved this by explicit calculations for the Gaussian Ensembles GOE, GUE and GSE. Recent results for supergroup integrals enter our derivation. We develop new techniques for integrals over eigenvalues of supermatrices. This was another reason for us to prove our results by explicit calculation.

The equivalence between kernels and the generating functions for the one–point functions is an unexpected, surprising insight. The generating functions contain a symmetry breaking, the source term. Our results demonstrate that this symmetry breaking is intimately related to the correlations themselves. Hence, the generating functions comprise much more information than just the one–point functions. Technically, this becomes apparent in the fact that the source variable adds, with different signs, to the energy variable. There are effectively two energy arguments which are then identified with those of the kernels. The kernels are obtained as the difference quotient of the generating functions. In the limit of the differential quotient, one finds the well known relation between one–point functions and their generating functions.

All our results hold for arbitrary level number. Among other things, this opens yet another possibility to calculate the kernels in the limit of large level number on the local scale. Here, one can do that by a saddlepoint approximation of the one–point supermatrix models. No Goldstone modes are present and one finds the kernels for all correlations from the saddlepoints. As this is a straightforward exercise, we have not presented it in this contribution.

Our findings are likely to have further extensions. From Ref. (2), one easily concludes that the structural relation we observed carries over, for $\beta = 2$, to models in which a fixed matrix is added to the random matrices. Further investigations are in progress for the cases $\beta = 1$ and $\beta = 4$. Our results could have relevance for field theory as well.

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APPENDIX A: MEHTA’S KERNELS AND THE KERNELS $K^{(β)}_N(x_p,x_q)$

The fundamental piece in Mehta’s notation is the function

$$S_N(x_p,x_q) = K^{(2)}_N(x_p,x_q) + \sqrt{\frac{N}{2}} \varphi_{N-1}(x_p) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \varepsilon(x_q - z) \varphi_N(z) dz .$$

(A1)

Therefore in his expressions for the GOE correlation functions $α_N(z)$ appears as an independent quantity

$$R^{(1)}_k(x_1, \ldots, x_k) = \text{qdet} \left[ \begin{array}{c} S_N(x_p,x_q) + α(x_p) \\ JS_N(x_p,x_q) \\ DS_N(x_p,x_q) \end{array} \right]_{p,q=1,\ldots,k} .$$

(A2)

In the GSE result, the function $α(z)$ does not appear,

$$R^{(4)}_k(x_1, \ldots, x_k) = \text{qdet} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ S_{2N+1}(\sqrt{2}x_p,\sqrt{2}x_q) \\ IS_N(x_p,x_q) \\ DS_{N+1}(\sqrt{2}x_p,\sqrt{2}x_q) \right] \end{array} \right]_{p,q=1,\ldots,k} .$$

(A3)

The operators $D, I$ and $J$ are defined as acting on the function $S(x_p,x_q)$ only,

$$DS_N(x_p,x_q) = -\frac{d}{dx_q}S_N(x_p,x_q)$$

$$JS_N(x_p,x_q) = \int dt \varepsilon(x_p - t)S_N(t,x_q)$$

$$JS_N(x_p,x_q) = IS_N(x_p,x_q) + \int_0^{x_p} \alpha(t)dt - \int_0^{x_q} \alpha(t)dt + \varepsilon(x_p - x_q) .$$

(A4)

In our approach, the kernels $K^{(β)}_N$, i.e. the complete upper left entries of the $2 \times 2$ matrices in Eqs. (A2) and (A3), are the fundamental quantities, rather than Mehta’s kernels. Therefore the operators in the off diagonal elements should also be defined as acting on $K^{(β)}_N$. This is accomplished by the following definitions

$$DK^{(β)}_N(x_p,x_q) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{d}{dx_p}K_N(x_q,x_p) \right)$$

$$IK^{(β)}_N(x_p,x_q) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \int dt \varepsilon(x_p - t)K^{(β)}_N(t,x_q) \right)$$

$$JK^{(β)}_N(x_p,x_q) = IK_N(x_p,x_q) + \varepsilon(x_p - x_q) .$$

(A5)

With these definitions our expressions for the correlation functions, Eqs. (2.10) and (2.11), are identical with Eqs. (A2) and (A3). This is easily verified by using that $DS_N(x_p,x_q)$ and $JS_N(x_p,x_q)$ are antisymmetric in their arguments.

We just remark that the simplicity of the definitions (A5) is another strong hint that the functions $K^{(β)}_N(x_p,x_q)$ rather than $S(x_p,x_q)$ are the fundamental quantities.

APPENDIX B: REAL PART CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CORRELATION FUNCTIONS

The correlation functions $R_k(x_1, \ldots, x_k)$ in classical RMT are, according to Eq. (2.1), averages involving only the imaginary parts of the Green functions. Including the real parts, one has the more general correlation functions

$$\hat{R}_k(x_1, \ldots, x_k) = \frac{1}{\pi^k} \int P_N(H) \prod_{p=1}^k \text{tr} \frac{1}{H - x_p} d[H] .$$

(B1)

We use the notation of Ref, cf. Eq. (3.17). As for the definition (2.1), we ignore contributions proportional to $δ(x_p - x_q)$. In the case of the GUE, it has been shown in Ref that the functions (B1) also have a determinant structure. We conjecture that the quaternion determinant structure carries over to the GOE and the GSE cases, too. The corresponding kernels $\hat{K}^{(β)}_N(x_q,x_p)$ are generalizations of the kernels $K^{(β)}_N(x_q,x_p)$. We expect that they are given by

$$\hat{K}^{(β)}_N(x_q,x_p) = \frac{1}{\gamma \pi} \exp \left( \frac{\gamma (x_p^2 - x_q^2)}{2} \right) \left( \frac{β^2}{2\gamma^2} \int \exp \left( -\frac{β}{2|γ|} \text{trg} σ^2 \right) \text{det} -βN/2|γ|(σ - x^- d[σ] - 1 \right) ,$$

(B2)
such that Eq. (3.6) results when taking the imaginary part. In the GUE case $\beta = 2$, formulae (B2) is a immediate consequence of Ref. [42]. For the GOE and GSE cases $\beta = 1$ and $\beta = 4$, formulae (B2) states a conjecture. The kernel $\hat{K}_N^{(2)}(x_q, x_p)$ follows from $K_N^{(2)}(x_q, x_p)$ by simply replacing one of the oscillator wave functions $\varphi_n(z)$ with $\tilde{\varphi}_n(z)$. The latter function combines the two independent solutions of the oscillator wave equation, i.e. the function $\varphi_n(z)$ and its Cauchy or Stieltjes transform. To the best of our knowledge, the relevance of those second solutions in an RMT context was first observed in Ref. [17]. Again, we conjecture that these features also carry over to the kernels $\hat{K}_N^{(2)}(x_q, x_p)$ and $K_N^{(2)}(x_q, x_p)$ for $\beta = 1$ and $\beta = 4$.

**APPENDIX C: CALCULATION OF SOME INTEGRATION CONSTANTS**

Considering Eq. (4.10) at $x_p = 0$, we obtain the recursion formula

$$c_N^{(1)} - \left(\frac{N}{2} + 1\right) c_{N+2}^{(1)} = \frac{4\pi(-1)^{N+1}}{(N+1)!} \left(H_{N+1}(0) + N b_N - \frac{1}{2} b_{N+2}\right),$$

(C1)

where

$$b_N = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varepsilon(t) \exp(-i\tau/2) H_N(t) dt.$$  

(C2)

The right hand side of Eq. (C1) turns out to be zero for all $N$. This is easily seen for even $N$. For odd $N$, one has to employ Eq. (4.6) and to integrate by parts. The recursion formula obtained in this way is equivalent to a result given by Mehta. The remaining task is to find $c_0^{(1)}$ and $c_1^{(1)}$ as starting values for an induction.

We employ the implicit definition of $\omega_1^{(1)}(x_p)$ according to Eqs. (13) and (19). The difficulty is due to the singularities. For $N = 0$, it suffices to use

$$\frac{1}{s_{11}s_{21}} = \frac{1}{s_{11} - s_{21}} \left(\frac{1}{s_{21}} - \frac{1}{s_{11}}\right).$$

(C3)

A straightforward calculation and comparison with Eq. (4.12) gives

$$c_0^{(1)} = 0.$$  

(C4)

For $N = 1$, the singular terms involve fractional exponents and the steps needed are more complicated. One can employ an integral representation of the $\Gamma$ function, valid for arbitrary $k$. It yields

$$\frac{1}{(s_{p1})^k} = \frac{i^k}{\Gamma(k)} \int_0^\infty dt t^{k-1} \exp(-its_{p1}) ,$$

(C5)

which moves the singularities into the exponent and decouples them from the power $k$. Moreover, we introduce new integration variables

$$t_1 = \frac{T + \tau}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad t_2 = \frac{T - \tau}{2} \quad \text{with} \quad \tau = T \cos \vartheta .$$

(C6)

All this leads to

$$\frac{1}{(s_{11}s_{21})^k} = \left(\frac{i^k}{\Gamma(k)}\right)^2 \int_0^\infty dt_1 t_1^{k-1} \exp(-it_1s_{11}) \int_0^\infty dt_2 t_2^{k-1} \exp(-it_2s_{21})$$

$$= \left(\frac{i^k}{\Gamma(k)}\right)^2 \frac{1}{2^{2k-1}} \int_0^\infty dTT^{2k-1} \exp \left(-\frac{iT}{2}(s_{11} + s_{21})\right)$$

$$\times \int_0^{\pi} d\vartheta \sin^{2k-1} \vartheta \exp \left(-\frac{iT}{2}(s_{11} - s_{21})\right) \cos \vartheta$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^k\sqrt{\pi}}{2^{2(k-1)}\Gamma(k)} \int_0^\infty dTT^{2k-1} \exp \left(\frac{iT}{2}(s_{11} + s_{21})\right)$$

$$\times \frac{J_{(2k-1)/2}(T(s_{11} - s_{21})/2)}{(T(s_{11} - s_{21})/2)^{(2k-1)/2}}.$$  

(C7)
Here, we did the angular integral using the representation
$$\int_0^\pi \exp(iz \cos \vartheta) \sin^{d-2} \vartheta d\vartheta = 2^{(d-2)/2} \sqrt{\pi} \Gamma \left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right) \frac{J_{(d-2)/2}(z)}{z^{(d-2)/2}}, \quad (C8)$$
for the Bessel function in $d$ dimensions. We now insert Eq. (C7) into the implicit definition of $\omega_1^{(1)}(x_p)$ according to Eqs. (4.8) and (4.9). We also rotate the eigenvalues
$$u = \frac{s_{11} + s_{21}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad v = \frac{s_{11} - s_{21}}{2} \quad (C9)$$
and find, at $x_p = 0$,
$$\omega_1^{(1)}(0) = \Im \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} ds_{11} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} ds_{21} \frac{|s_{11} - s_{21}|}{(s_{11}s_{21})^{3/2}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(s_{11}^2 + s_{21}^2\right)\right)$$

$$= \Im \frac{i^{3/2}\sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma(3/2)} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} du \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dv \int_0^\infty dT \varepsilon(v) \exp(-u^2 - v^2) \exp(-iT\varepsilon(v)) J_1(Tv)$$

$$= -8\pi + 4\sqrt{2}\pi \quad (C10)$$
with the step function $\varepsilon(v)$ defined in Eq. (2.7). From Eq. (1.12), we also have
$$\omega_1^{(1)}(0) = -8\pi \int_0^\infty \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} t^2\right) t dt - c_1^{(1)} = -8\pi - c_1^{(1)}. \quad \text{(C11)}$$
Hence, combining the last two formulae, we obtain
$$c_1^{(1)} = -4\sqrt{2}\pi \quad \text{(C12)}$$
for the case $N = 1$.

Thus, we can now use the recursion (C1) and finally arrive at the result (4.13).