On cubic Hodge integrals and random matrices

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Abstract
A conjectural relationship between the GUE partition function with even couplings and certain special cubic Hodge integrals over the moduli spaces of stable algebraic curves is under consideration.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Cubic Hodge partition function

Let $\overline{M}_{g,k}$ denote the Deligne–Mumford moduli space of stable curves of genus $g$ with $k$ distinct marked points. Denote by $\mathcal{L}_i$ the $i^{th}$ tautological line bundle over $\overline{M}_{g,k}$, and $E_{g,k}$ the rank $g$ Hodge bundle.
Let $\psi := c_1(\mathcal{L}_{i})$, $i = 1, \ldots, k$, and let $\lambda_{i} := c_i(\mathbb{E}_{g,k})$, $i = 0, \ldots, g$. Recall that the Hodge integrals over $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,k}$, aka the intersection numbers of $\psi$- and $\lambda$-classes, are integrals of the form
\[
\int_{\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,k}} \psi_{1}^{i_{1}} \cdots \psi_{k}^{i_{k}} \cdot \lambda_{1}^{j_{1}} \cdots \lambda_{g}^{j_{g}}, \quad i_{1}, \ldots, i_{k}, j_{1}, \ldots, j_{g} \geq 0.
\]
Note that the dimension-degree matching implies that the above integrals vanish unless
\[
3g - 3 + k = (i_{1} + i_{2} + \cdots + i_{k}) + (j_{1} + 2j_{2} + 3j_{3} + \cdots + gj_{g}).
\]

The particular case of cubic Hodge integrals of the form
\[
\int_{\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,k}} \Lambda_{g}(p) \Lambda_{g}(q) \Lambda_{g}(r) \psi_{1}^{i_{1}} \cdots \psi_{k}^{i_{k}}, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{r} = 0
\] (1.1.1)
was intensively studied after the formulation of the celebrated R. Gopakumar–M. Mariño–C. Vafa conjecture [17, 24] regarding the Chern–Simons/string duality. Here we denote
\[
\Lambda_{g}(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{g} \lambda_{i} z^{i}
\]
the Chern polynomial of $\mathbb{E}_{g,k}$. A remarkable expression for the cubic Hodge integrals of the form
\[
\int_{\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,k}} \frac{\Lambda_{g}(p) \Lambda_{g}(q) \Lambda_{g}(r)}{(1 - x_{1} \psi_{1}) \cdots (1 - x_{k} \psi_{k})}, \quad k \geq 0
\]
conjectured in [24] was proven in [18, 25]; for more about cubic Hodge integrals see in the subsequent papers [19, 20, 28, 12].

In the present paper we will deal with the specific case of Hodge integrals (1.1.1) with a pair of equal parameters among $p$, $q$, $r$; without loss of generality one can assume that $p = q = -1$, $r = 1/2$. So, the special cubic Hodge integrals of the form
\[
\int_{\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,k}} \Lambda_{g}(-1) \Lambda_{g}(-1) \Lambda_{g} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \psi_{1}^{i_{1}} \cdots \psi_{k}^{i_{k}}
\] (1.1.2)
will be considered. Denote
\[
\mathcal{H}(t; \epsilon) = \sum_{g \geq 0} \epsilon^{2g-2} \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i_{1}, \ldots, i_{k} \geq 0} t_{i_{1}} \cdots t_{i_{k}} \int_{\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,k}} \Lambda_{g}(-1) \Lambda_{g}(-1) \Lambda_{g} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \psi_{1}^{i_{1}} \cdots \psi_{k}^{i_{k}}
\] (1.1.3)
the generating function of these integrals. Here and below $t = (t_{0}, t_{1}, \ldots)$ are independent variables, $\epsilon$ is a parameter. The exponential $e^{\mathcal{H}} = : Z_{\mathbb{E}}$ is called the cubic Hodge partition function while $\mathcal{H}(t; \epsilon)$ is the cubic Hodge free energy. It can be written in the form of genus expansion
\[
\mathcal{H}(t; \epsilon) = \sum_{g \geq 0} \epsilon^{2g-2} \mathcal{H}_{g}(t)
\] (1.1.4)
where $\mathcal{H}_{g}(t)$ is called the genus $g$ part of the cubic Hodge free energy, $g \geq 0$. Clearly $\mathcal{H}_{0}(t)$ coincides with the Witten–Kontsevich generating function of genus zero intersection numbers of $\psi$-classes
\[
\mathcal{H}_{0}(t) = \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i_{1}, \ldots, i_{k} \geq 0} t_{i_{1}} \cdots t_{i_{k}} \int_{\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,k}} \psi_{1}^{i_{1}} \cdots \psi_{k}^{i_{k}} = \sum_{k \geq 3} \frac{1}{k(k-1)(k-2)} \sum_{i_{1} + \cdots + i_{k} = k-3} t_{i_{1}} \cdots t_{i_{k}}.
\] (1.1.5)
We note that an efficient algorithm for computing $\mathcal{H}_{g}(t)$, $g \geq 1$ was recently proposed in [12].
1.2 GUE partition function with even couplings

Let $\mathcal{H}(N)$ denote the space of $N \times N$ Hermitean matrices. Denote

$$dM = \prod_{i=1}^{N} dM_{ii} \prod_{i<j} d\text{Re}M_{ij} d\text{Im}M_{ij}$$

the standard unitary invariant volume element on $\mathcal{H}(N)$. The most studied Hermitean random matrix model is governed by the following GUE partition function with even couplings

$$Z_N(s) = \frac{(2\pi)^{-N}}{\text{Vol}(N)} \int_{\mathcal{H}(N)} e^{-N \text{tr} V(M; s)} dM.$$ \hspace{1cm} (1.2.1)

Here, $V(M; s)$ is an even polynomial of $M$

$$V(M; s) = \frac{1}{2} M^2 - \sum_{j \geq 1} s_j M^{2j},$$ \hspace{1cm} (1.2.2)

or, more generally, a power series, by $s = (s_1, s_2, s_3, \ldots)$ we denote the collection of coefficients\(^1\) of $V(M)$, and by $\text{Vol}(N)$ the volume of the quotient of the unitary group over the maximal torus $[U(1)]^N$

$$\text{Vol}(N) = \text{Vol}\left(\frac{U(N)}{[U(1)]^N}\right) = \frac{\pi^{N(N-1)/2}}{G(N+1)}, \quad G(N+1) = \prod_{n=1}^{N-1} n!.$$ \hspace{1cm} (1.2.3)

The integral will be considered as a formal saddle point expansion with respect to the small parameter $\epsilon$. Introduce the ’t Hooft coupling parameter $x$ by

$$x := N \epsilon.$$ \hspace{1cm}

Reexpanding the free energy $F_N(s) := \log Z_N(s)$ in powers of $\epsilon$ and replacing the Barnes $G$-function by its asymptotic expansion yields\(^2\)

$$F(x, s; \epsilon) := F_N(s)|_{N=x/\epsilon} - \frac{1}{12} \log \epsilon = \sum_{g \geq 0} \epsilon^{2g-2} F_g(x, s).$$ \hspace{1cm} (1.2.4)

The GUE free energy $F(x, s; \epsilon)$ can be represented [21, 22, 1, 23] in the form

$$F(x, s; \epsilon) = \frac{x^2}{2\epsilon^2} \left( \log x - \frac{3}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{12} \log x + \zeta'(-1) + \sum_{g \geq 2} \epsilon^{2g-2} \frac{B_{2g}}{4g(g-1)x^{2g-2}}$$

$$+ \sum_{g \geq 0} \sum_{k \geq 0} \ldots \sum_{|i| \geq 1} a_g(i_1, \ldots, i_k) s_{i_1} \ldots s_{i_k} x^{2-2g-(k-|i|)},$$ \hspace{1cm} (1.2.5)

$$a_g(i_1, \ldots, i_k) = \frac{1}{\# \text{Sym} \Gamma}$$ \hspace{1cm} (1.2.6)

where the last summation is taken over all connected oriented ribbon graphs $\Gamma$ of genus $g$ with $k$ vertices of valencies $2i_1, \ldots, 2i_k$, $\# \text{Sym} \Gamma$ is the order of the symmetry group of $\Gamma$, and $|i| := i_1 + \cdots + i_k$.

Our goal is to compare the expansions (1.1.3) and (1.2.5).

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\(^1\)The notation here is slightly different from that of [7, 8] where the coefficient of $M^{2j}$ was denoted by $s_{2j}$.

\(^2\)It is often called $1/N$-expansion as $\epsilon \sim 1/N$. 

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1.3 From cubic Hodge integrals to random matrices. Main Conjecture.

It was already observed by E. Witten [27] that the GUE partition function with an even polynomial \( V(M) \) is tau-function of a particular solution to the Volterra (also called the discrete KdV) hierarchy. Recall that the first equation of the hierarchy (the Volterra lattice equation) reads

\[
\dot{w}_n = w_n (w_{n+1} - w_{n-1})
\]

where

\[
w_n = \frac{Z_{n+1} Z_{n-1}}{Z_n^2},
\]

the time derivative is with respect to the variable \( t = N s_1 \). Other couplings \( s_k \) are identified with the time variables of higher flows of the hierarchy. On another side, the study [12] of integrable systems associated with the Hodge integrals suggested the following conjectural statement: the Hodge partition function \( Z_E \) of the form (1.1.3) as function of independent parameters \( t_i \) is also a tau-function of the Volterra hierarchy. This observation provides a motivation for the main conjecture of the present paper.

It will be convenient to change normalisation of the GUE couplings. Put

\[
\bar{s}_k := \left( \frac{2k}{k} \right) s_k.
\]

**Conjecture 1.3.1 (Main Conjecture)** *The following formula holds true*

\[
\sum_{g=0}^{\infty} \epsilon^{2g-2} g_g(x,s) + \epsilon^{-2} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_1,k_2 \geq 1} \frac{k_1 k_2}{k_1 + k_2} \bar{s}_{k_1} \bar{s}_{k_2} + \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{k}{1 + k} \bar{s}_k - x \sum_{k \geq 1} \bar{s}_k - \frac{1}{4} + x \right)
\]

\[
= \cosh \left( \frac{\epsilon \partial_x}{2} \right) \left[ \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} \epsilon^{2g-2} 2^g \mathcal{H}_g (t(x,s)) \right].
\]

*where*

\[
t_i(x,s) := \sum_{k \geq 1} k^{i+1} \bar{s}_k - 1 + \delta_{i,1} + x \cdot \delta_{i,0}, \quad i \geq 0.
\]

1.4 Computational aspects of the Main Conjecture: how do we verify it?

We will check validity of the Main Conjecture for small genera. Begin with \( g = 0 \). Let us start with \( \mathcal{H}_0(t) \). Instead of the explicit expansion (1.1.5) we use the following well known representation

\[
\mathcal{H}_0 = \frac{v^3}{6} - \sum_{i \geq 0} t_i \frac{v^{i+2}}{i!(i+2)} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j \geq 0} t_i t_j \frac{v^{i+j+1}}{(i + j + 1) i! j!}
\]

where \( v = v(t) = t_0 + \ldots \) is the unique series solution to the equation

\[
v = \sum_{i \geq 0} t_i \frac{v^i}{i!}.
\]

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3The first example of an integrable system associated with *linear* Hodge integrals was investigated by A. Buryak. In this case the integrable system was proved to be Miura equivalent to the Intermediate Long Wave equation [3].
Here we recall that
\[ v = \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{H}_0(t)}{\partial t_k^2} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i_1 + \ldots + i_k = k-1} \frac{t_{i_1} \ldots t_{i_k}}{i_1! \ldots i_k!} \]
(1.4.3)
is a particular solution to the Riemann–Hopf hierarchy
\[ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t_k} = \frac{v^k}{k!} \frac{\partial v}{\partial t_0}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots. \]

For the genus zero GUE free energy \( F_0 = F_0(x,s) \) one has a similar representation. Like above, introduce
\[ u(x,s) = \frac{\partial^2 F_0(x,s)}{\partial x^2} \]
and put
\[ w(x,s) = e^{u(x,s)}. \]

**Proposition 1.4.1** The function \( w = w(x,s) \) is the unique series solution to the equation
\[ w = x + \sum_{k \geq 1} k \bar{s}_k w^k, \quad \bar{s}_k := \binom{2k}{k} s_k, \quad w(x,s) = x + \ldots. \]
(1.4.6)
The genus zero GUE free energy \( F_0 \) with even couplings has the following expression
\[ F_0 = \frac{w^2}{4} - x w + \sum_{k \geq 1} \bar{s}_k \left( x w^k \left( 1 + \frac{k}{k+1} w^{k+1} \right) \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_1,k_2 \geq 1} k_1 k_2 \bar{s}_{k_1} \bar{s}_{k_2} w^{k_1+k_2} + \frac{x^2}{2} \log w. \]
(1.4.7)
Clearly \( w \) also satisfies the Riemann–Hopf hierarchy in a different normalization
\[ \frac{\partial w}{\partial \bar{s}_k} = k w^k \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}, \quad k \geq 1. \]
The solution can be written explicitly in the form essentially equivalent to (1.4.3)
\[ w = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i_1 + \ldots + i_n = n-1} \text{wt}(i_1) \ldots \text{wt}(i_n) \bar{s}_{i_1} \ldots \bar{s}_{i_n} \]
where we put \( \bar{s}_0 = x \) and denote
\[ \text{wt}(i) = \begin{cases} 1, & i = 0 \\ i, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \]

It is now straightforward to verify that the substitution (1.3.2) yields
\[ e^{v(t(x,s))} = w(x,s), \quad \text{i.e.} \quad v(t(x,s)) = u(x,s) \]
(1.4.8)
and
\[ \mathcal{H}_0(t(x,s)) = F_0(x,s) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_1,k_2 \geq 1} k_1 k_2 \bar{s}_{k_1} \bar{s}_{k_2} + \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{k}{1+k} \bar{s}_k - x \sum_{k \geq 1} \bar{s}_k - \frac{1}{4} + x. \]
(1.4.9)
See in Sect. 2 for the details of this computation.

In order to proceed to higher genera we will use the method that goes back to the paper [5] by R. Dijkgraaf and E. Witten. The idea of this method is to express the positive genus free energy terms via the genus zero. Let us first explain this method for the Hodge free energy.

**Theorem 1.4.2 ([12])** There exist functions \( H_g(v, v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_{3g-2}) \), \( g \geq 1 \) of independent variables \( v, v_1, v_2, \ldots \) such that

\[
H_g(t) = H_g \left( v(t), \frac{\partial v(t)}{\partial t_0}, \ldots, \frac{\partial^{3g-2} v(t)}{\partial t_0^{3g-2}} \right), \quad g \geq 1.
\]  

(1.4.10)

Here \( v(t) \) is given by eq. (1.4.3). Moreover, for any \( g \geq 2 \) the function \( H_g \) is a polynomial in the variables \( v_2, \ldots, v_{3g-2} \) with coefficients in \( \mathbb{Q}[v_1, v_1^{-1}] \) (independent of \( v \)).

Explicitly,

\[
H_1(v, v_1) = -\frac{1}{16} v + \frac{1}{24} \log v_1
\]

(1.4.11)

\[
H_2(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4) = \frac{7v_2}{2560} - \frac{v_1^2}{11520} + \frac{v_4}{1152v_1^4} - \frac{v_3}{320v_1} + \frac{v_3^3}{360v_1^3} + \frac{11v_2^2}{3840v_1^2} - \frac{7v_2v_3}{1920v_1},
\]

(1.4.12)

etc. The algorithm for computing the functions \( H_g \) can be found in [12]. They were used in the construction of the associated integrable hierarchy via the quasi-triviality transformation approach [10].

Let us now proceed to the higher genus terms for the random matrix free energy (recall that only even couplings are allowed).

**Theorem 1.4.3** There exist functions \( F_g(v, v_1, \ldots, v_{3g-2}) \), \( g \geq 1 \) of independent variables \( v, v_1, v_2, \ldots \) such that

\[
F_g(x, s) = F_g \left( u(x, s), \frac{\partial u(x, s)}{\partial x}, \ldots, \frac{\partial^{3g-2} u(x, s)}{\partial x^{3g-2}} \right), \quad g \geq 1.
\]  

(1.4.13)

Here

\[
u(x, s) = \frac{\partial^2 F_0(x, s)}{\partial x^2} = \log w(x, s).
\]

Recall that the function \( w(x, s) \) is determined from eq. (1.4.6).

Explicitly

\[
F_1(v, v_1) = \frac{1}{12} \log v_1 + \text{const}
\]

(1.4.14)

with \( \text{const} = \frac{i\pi}{24} + \zeta'(-1) \),

\[
F_2(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4) = -\frac{v_2}{480} - \frac{v_1^2}{2880} + \frac{v_4}{288v_1^2} - \frac{v_3}{480v_1} + \frac{v_3^3}{90v_1^3} + \frac{v_2^2}{960v_1^2} - \frac{7v_2v_3}{480v_1},
\]

(1.4.15)

etc. For any \( g \geq 2 \) the function \( F_g \) is a polynomial in the variables \( v_2, \ldots, v_{3g-2} \) with coefficients in \( \mathbb{Q}[v_1, v_1^{-1}] \).
Using the fact that $\partial_{t_0} = \partial_x$ (see Section 3.2 below) along with the standard expansion

$$\cosh\left(\frac{\epsilon \partial_x}{2}\right) = 1 + \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{(2n)!} \left(\frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)^{2n} \partial_x^{2n}$$

we recast the Main Conjecture for $g \geq 1$ into a sequence of the following relationships between the functions $F_g$ and $H_g$

$$F_1 = 2H_1 + \frac{v}{8} + \text{const} \quad (1.4.16)$$

and, for $g \geq 2$

$$F_g(v_1, \ldots, v_{3g-2}) = \frac{v_{2g-2}}{2^{2g}(2g)!} + \frac{D_0^{2g-2}H_1(v; v_1)}{2^{2g-3}(2g-2)!} + \sum_{m=2}^{g} \frac{2^{3m-2g}}{(2g-2m)!} D_0^{2g-m}H_m(v_1, \ldots, v_{3m-2}) \quad (1.4.17)$$

where the operator $D_0$ is defined by

$$D_0 = v_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial v} + \sum_{k \geq 1} v_{k+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial v_k}$$

For example,

$$F_2(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4) = 4H_2(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4) + \frac{1}{4} D_0^2H_1 + \frac{1}{384} v_2. \quad (1.4.18)$$

Eqs. (1.4.16), (1.4.18) can be easily verified (see below). In order to verify validity of eqs. (1.4.17) for any $g \geq 2$ we write a conjectural explicit expression for the functions $F_g(v_1, \ldots, v_{3g-2})$ responsible for the genus $g$ random matrix free energies. This will be done in the next subsection.

### 1.5 An explicit expression for $F_g$

We first recall some notations. $\mathbb{Y}$ will denote the set of all partitions. For any partition $\lambda \in \mathbb{Y}$ denote by $\ell(\lambda)$ the length of $\lambda$, by $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots, \lambda_{\ell(\lambda)}$ the non-zero components, $|\lambda| = \lambda_1 + \cdots + \lambda_{\ell(\lambda)}$ the weight, and by $m_i(\lambda)$ the multiplicity of $i$ in $\lambda$. Put $m(\lambda)! := \prod_{i \geq 1} m_i(\lambda)!$. The set of all partitions of weight $k$ will be denoted by $\mathbb{Y}_k$. For an arbitrary sequence of variables $v_1, v_2, \ldots$, denote $v_\lambda = v_{\lambda_1} \cdots v_{\lambda_{\ell(\lambda)}}$.

**Conjecture 1.5.1** For any $g \geq 2$, the genus $g$ GUE free energy $F_g$ has the following expression

$$F_g(v_1, \ldots, v_{3g-2}) = \frac{v_{2g-2}}{2^{2g}(2g)!} + \frac{1}{2^{2g-3}(2g-2)!} D_0^{2g-2} \left( -\frac{1}{16} v + \frac{1}{24} \log v_1 \right) + \sum_{m=2}^{g} \frac{2^{3m-2g}}{(2g-2m)!} \sum_{\rho, \mu \in \mathbb{Y}_{3m-2}} \frac{\langle \lambda_{k_1} \lambda_{k_2} \lambda_{k_3} \tau_{\rho+1} \rangle}{m(\rho)!} Q^{\rho \mu} D_0^{2g-2m} \left( \frac{v_{\mu+1}}{v_1} \right) \quad (1.5.1)$$

where for a partition $\mu = (\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_\ell)$, $\mu + 1$ denotes the partition $(\mu_1 + 1, \ldots, \mu_\ell + 1)$, $Q^{\rho \mu}$ is the so-called Q-matrix defined by

$$Q^{\rho \mu} = (-1)^{\ell(\rho)} \sum_{\mu^1 \in \mathbb{Y}_{\lambda_1}, \ldots, \mu^{\ell(\rho)} \in \mathbb{Y}_{\lambda_{\ell(\rho)}}} \prod_{q=1}^{\ell(\rho)} \frac{(\rho_q + \ell(\mu_q))!}{m(\mu_q)!} \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (j + 1)^{m_j(\rho_q)}. $$

$$\cup q^{\ell(\rho)} q^{\ell(\rho)} = \mu$$
In this formula we have used the notation
\[
\langle \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \tau \nu \rangle_g := \int_{M_{g,\ell}} \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \psi_1^{\nu_1} \cdots \psi_\ell^{\nu_\ell}, \quad \forall \nu = (\nu_1, \ldots, \nu_\ell) \in \mathcal{Y}.
\]
Details about $Q$-matrix can be found in [9]. Conj. 1.5.1 indicates that the special cubic Hodge integrals (1.1.2) naturally appear in the expressions for the higher genus terms of GUE free energy.

Organization of the paper In Sect. 2 we review the approach of [10, 7] to the GUE free energy, and prove Prop. 1.4.1 and Thm. 1.4.3. In Sect. 3 we verify Conj. 1.3.1 and Conj. 1.5.1 up to the genus 2 approximation, and give explicit formulae of $F_g$ for $g = 3, 4, 5$.

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2 GUE free energy with even valencies

2.1 Calculating the GUE free energy from Frobenius manifold of $\mathbb{P}^1$ topological $\sigma$-model

It is known that the GUE partition function $Z_N$ (with even and odd couplings) is the tau-function of a particular solution to the Toda lattice hierarchy. Using this fact, one of the authors in [7] developed an efficient algorithm of calculating of GUE free energy, which is an application of the general approach of [10, 6] for the particular example of the two-dimensional Frobenius manifold with potential
\[
F = \frac{1}{2} u^2 + e^u.
\]
(Warning: only in this section, the notation $v$ is different from that of the Introduction.) In this section, we give a brief reminder of this approach referring the readers to [10, 11, 7] for details.

Introduce two analytic functions $\theta_1(u, v; z), \theta_2(u, v; z)$ as follows
\[
\theta_1(u, v; z) = -2 e^{zv} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{1}{2} u + c_m \right) e^{mu} \frac{z^{2m}}{m!} =: \sum_{p \geq 0} \theta_{1,p}(u, v) z^p
\]
\[
\theta_2(u, v; z) = z^{-1} \left( \sum_{m \geq 0} e^{mu+zu} \frac{z^{2m}}{(m!)^2} - 1 \right) =: \sum_{p \geq 0} \theta_{2,p}(u, v) z^p.
\]
Here $c_m = \sum_{k=1}^{m} \frac{1}{k}$ denotes the $m$-th harmonic number.

Note that, as in the Introduction, we will only consider the GUE partition function with even couplings. The corresponding Euler–Lagrange equation [7, 6, 10] reads
\[
x - w + \sum_{k \geq 1} (2k)! s_k \sum_{m=1}^{k} m w^m \frac{v^{2k-2m}}{(2k-2m)! m!^2} = 0
\]
\[
-v + \sum_{k \geq 1} (2k)! s_k \sum_{m=0}^{k-1} w^m \frac{v^{2k-1-2m}}{(2k-1-2m)! m!^2} = 0
\]
where \( w = e^u \) (as in the Introduction). Note that we are only interested in the unique series solution \((v(x,s),w(x,s))\) of (2.1.3), (2.1.4) such that \(v(x,0) = 0, w(x,0) = x\). It is then easy to see from eq. (2.1.4) that

\[
v = v(x,s) = 0.
\]

And eq. (2.1.3) becomes

\[
x - w + \sum_{m \geq 1} s_{2m} m w^m \frac{(2m)!}{m!^2} = 0. \tag{2.1.5}
\]

Define a family of analytic functions \( \Omega_{\alpha,p;\beta,q}(u,v) \) by the following generating formula

\[
\sum_{p,q \geq 0} \Omega_{\alpha,p;\beta,q} z^p y^q = \frac{1}{z+y} \left[ \frac{\partial\theta_\alpha(z)}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial\theta_\beta(y)}{\partial u} - \delta_{\alpha+\beta,3} \right], \quad \alpha, \beta = 1, 2. \tag{2.1.6}
\]

The genus zero GUE free energy \( F_0(x,s) \) then has the following expression

\[
F_0 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p,q \geq 2} (2p)! (2q)! s_p s_q \Omega_{2,2p-1;2,2q-1} + x \sum_{q \geq 1} (2q)! s_q \Omega_{1,0;2,2q-1} - x \Omega_{1,0;2,1} + \frac{1}{2} (1 - 2s_1)^2 \Omega_{2,1;2,1} + \sum_{q \geq 2} (2s_1 - 1) (2q)! s_q \Omega_{2,1;2,2q-1} + \frac{1}{2} x^2 \Omega_{1,0;1,0}. \tag{2.1.7}
\]

The higher genus terms in the \( 1/N \) expansion of the GUE free energy can be determined recursively from the **loop equation** [10, 7] for a sequence of functions

\[
F_g = F_g(u,v,v_1,\ldots,v_{3g-2},u_{3g-2}), \quad g \geq 1.
\]

This equation has the following form

\[
\sum_{r \geq 0} \left[ \frac{\partial\Delta F}{\partial u_r} \left( \frac{v - \lambda}{D} \right)_r - 2 \frac{\partial\Delta F}{\partial u_r} \left( \frac{1}{D} \right)_r \right]
\]

\[
+ \sum_{r \geq 1} \sum_{k=1}^r \left( \frac{1}{r-k+1} \right) \left[ \frac{\partial\Delta F}{\partial v_r} \left( \frac{v - \lambda}{\sqrt{D}} \right)_{r-k} - 2 \frac{\partial\Delta F}{\partial v_r} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}} \right)_{r-k+1} \right]
\]

\[
= D^{-3} e^u \left( 4 e^u + (v - \lambda)^2 - 2 \sum_{k,l} \left( \frac{1}{4} S(DF, v, v_1) \left( \frac{v - \lambda}{\sqrt{D}} \right)_{k+1} \left( \frac{v - \lambda}{\sqrt{D}} \right)_{l+1} - S(DF, u, u_1) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}} \right)_{k+1} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}} \right)_{l+1} \right) \right)
\]

\[
- \frac{e^2}{2} \sum_k \frac{\partial\Delta F e^u (v - \lambda) u_1 - T v_1}{D^3} + \frac{\partial\Delta F (v - \lambda) v_1 - T u_1}{D^3} \right](e^u)^{k+1}. \tag{2.1.8}
\]

where \( \Delta F = \sum_{g \geq 1} c_g F_g, D = (v - \lambda)^2 - 4 e^u, T = (v - \lambda)^2 + 4 e^u, S(f,a,b) := \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial a \partial b} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial a} \frac{\partial f}{\partial b}, \) and \( f_r \) stands for \( \partial_r^2(f) \). Solution \( \Delta F \) of (2.1.8) exists and is unique up to an additive constant. \( F_g \) is a polynomial in \( u_2, v_2, \ldots, u_{3g-2}, v_{3g-2} \). For \( g \geq 2 \), \( F_g \) is a rational function of \( u_1, v_1 \). Then [10] the genus \( g \) term in the expansion (1.2.4), in the particular case of even couplings only, reads

\[
F_g(x,s) = F_g \left( u(x,s), v = 0, \frac{\partial u(x,s)}{\partial x}, v_x = 0, \ldots, \frac{\partial^{3g-2} u(x,s)}{\partial x^{3g-2}}, v_{3g-2} = 0 \right), \quad g \geq 1
\]

This procedure will be used in the next subsection.
2.2 Proof of Prop. 1.4.1, Thm. 1.4.3

Proof of Prop. 1.4.1. Noting that
\[ \theta_2(u,0,z) = z^{-1} \left( \sum_{m \geq 0} w^m \frac{z^{2m}}{(m!)^2} - 1 \right), \]
\[ \partial_\theta \theta_2(u,0,z) = \sum_{m \geq 0} w^m \frac{z^{2m}}{(m!)^2}, \quad \partial_\theta \theta_2(u,0,z) = \sum_{m \geq 0} mw^m \frac{z^{2m-1}}{(m!)^2} \]
and using (2.1.6) we have
\[ \sum_{p,q \geq 0} \Omega_{2,p,q} z^p y^q = \sum_{m \geq 0} w^m \frac{z^{2m}}{(m!)^2} \sum_{m \geq 0} mw^m \frac{z^{2m-1}}{(m!)^2} + \sum_{m \geq 0} mw^m \frac{z^{2m-1}}{(m!)^2} \sum_{m \geq 0} w^m \frac{z^{2m}}{(m!)^2}. \]
It follows that if \( p + q \) is odd then \( \Omega_{2,p,q} \) vanishes; otherwise, we have
\[ \Omega_{2,p,q} = \frac{w^p+q}{(1 + \frac{p+q}{2})} \left( \frac{(\frac{1}{2})!}{(\frac{p}{2})!} \right) \left( \frac{(\frac{1}{2})!}{(\frac{q}{2})!} \right)^2, \quad p, q \text{ are both even}; \tag{2.2.1} \]
\[ \Omega_{2,p,q} = \frac{w^{p+q}}{(1 + \frac{p+q}{2})} \left( \frac{(\frac{p+1}{2})!}{(\frac{q+1}{2})!} \right)^2, \quad p, q \text{ are both odd}. \tag{2.2.2} \]
Substituting these expressions in (2.1.7) we obtain
\[ \mathcal{F}_0 = \frac{1}{2} x^2 u + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_1,k_2 \geq 0} (2k_1 + 2)! (2k_2 + 2)! s_{k_1+1} s_{k_2+1} \frac{(k_1 + 1)(k_2 + 1) w^{k_1+k_2+2}}{(k_1 + k_2 + 2) [(k_1 + 1)!]^2 [(k_2 + 1)!]^2} \]
\[ + x \sum_{k \geq 0} (2k + 2)! s_{k+1} \frac{w^{k+1}}{(k+1)!^2} - x w + (1 - 4s_1) \frac{w^2}{4} - \sum_{k \geq 1} (2k + 2)! s_{k+1} \frac{(k + 1) w^{k+2}}{(k + 2) [(k + 1)!]^2}. \]
Equation (1.4.6) is already proved in (2.1.5). The proposition is proved. \( \square \)

Proof of Theorem 1.4.3. For \( g = 1, 2 \), taking \( v = v_1 = v_2 = \cdots = 0 \) in the general expressions of \( F_g(u,v,u_1,v_1,\ldots,u_{3g-2},v_{3g-2}) \) [10, 11] one obtains (1.4.14) and (1.4.15). For any \( g \geq 1 \), the existence of \( F_g(u,u_1,\ldots,u_{3g-2}) \) such that
\[ \mathcal{F}_g(x,s) = F_g \left( u(x,s), \frac{\partial u(x,s)}{\partial x}, \ldots, \frac{\partial^{3g-2} u(x,s)}{\partial x^{3g-2}} \right) \]
is a direct result of [10, 11] when taking \( v = v_1 = v_2 = \cdots = 0 \) in \( F_g(u,v,u_1,\ldots,u_{3g-2},v_{3g-2}) \). \( \square \)

3 Verification of the Main Conjecture for low genera

3.1 Genus 0

Recall that the genus zero cubic Hodge free energy can be expressed as
\[ \mathcal{H}_0(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j \geq 0} t_i t_j \Omega_{ij}(v(t)). \]
where \( \tilde{t}_i = t_i - \delta_{i,1}, \ t = (t_0, t_1, t_2, \ldots), \ \Omega_{i,j} \) are polynomials in \( v \) given by

\[
\Omega_{i,j}(v) = \frac{v^{i+j+1}}{(i+j+1)! j!},
\]

and \( v(t) \) is the unique series solution to the following Euler–Lagrange equation of the one-dimensional Frobenius manifold

\[
v = \sum_{i \geq 0} t_i \frac{v^i}{i!}.
\]

(Warning: the above \( v \) is the flat coordinate of the one-dimensional Frobenius manifold; avoid confusing with \( v \) in Section 2 where \( (u, v) \) are flat coordinates of the two-dimensional Frobenius manifold of \( \mathbb{P}^1 \) topological \( s \)-model.)

Let us consider the following substitution of time variables

\[
t_i = \sum_{k \geq 1} k^{i+1} \bar{s}_k - 1 + \delta_{i,1} + x \cdot \delta_{i,0}, \quad i \geq 0.
\]

Note that with this substitution the cubic Hodge free energies will be considered to be expanded at \( x = 1 \). We have \( t_i = \sum_{k \geq 1} k^{i+1} \bar{s}_k - 1 + x \cdot \delta_{i,0} \), and so

\[
\mathcal{H}_0 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j \geq 0} \tilde{t}_i \tilde{t}_j \Omega_{i,j}(v(t))
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j \geq 0} \left( \sum_{k_1 \geq 1} k_1^{i+1} \bar{s}_{k_1} - 1 + x \cdot \delta_{i,0} \right) \left( \sum_{k_2 \geq 1} k_2^{j+1} \bar{s}_{k_2} - 1 + x \cdot \delta_{j,0} \right) \frac{v^{i+j+1}}{(i+j+1)! j!} - \sum_{i,j \geq 0} \sum_{k \geq 1} k^{i+j+1} \bar{s}_k \frac{v^{i+j+1}}{(i+j+1)! j!}
\]

\[
+ x \sum_{i,j \geq 0} \sum_{k \geq 1} k^{i+1} \bar{s}_k \delta_{j,0} \frac{v^{i+j+1}}{(i+j+1)! j!} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j \geq 0} \frac{v^{i+j+1}}{(i+j+1)! j!}
\]

\[ - x \sum_{i,j \geq 0} \delta_{i,0} \frac{v^{i+j+1}}{(i+j+1)! j!} + \frac{x^2}{2} \sum_{i,j \geq 0} \delta_{i,0} \delta_{j,0} \frac{v^{i+j+1}}{(i+j+1)! j!}.
\] (3.1.1)

We simplify it term by term:

\[
\frac{x^2}{2} \sum_{i,j \geq 0} \delta_{i,0} \delta_{j,0} \frac{v^{i+j+1}}{(i+j+1)! j!} = \frac{x^2}{2} v,
\]

\[
x \sum_{i,j \geq 0} \delta_{j,0} \frac{v^{i+j+1}}{(i+j+1)! j!} = x (e^v - 1),
\]

\[
\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j \geq 0} \frac{v^{i+j+1}}{(i+j+1)! j!} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \geq 0} \sum_{j=0}^{i} \frac{v^{i+j+1} j!}{(i+j+1)! j!} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \geq 0} \frac{v^{i+1} 2^i}{(i+1)!} = \frac{1}{4} (e^{2v} - 1),
\]

\[
x \sum_{i,j \geq 0} \sum_{k_1 \geq 1} k_1^{i+1} \bar{s}_{k_1} \delta_{j,0} \frac{v^{i+j+1}}{(i+j+1)! j!} = x \sum_{i \geq 0} \sum_{k_1 \geq 1} k_1^{i+1} \bar{s}_{k_1} \frac{v^{i+1}}{(i+1)!} = x \sum_{k \geq 1} \tilde{s}_k (e^{kv} - 1),
\]
\[
\sum_{i,j \geq 0} k_1^{i+1} s_{k_1} \frac{v^i j+1}{(i+j+1) i! j!} = \sum_{k \geq 1} k s_k \sum_{\ell \geq 0} (1+k)^\ell \frac{v^{\ell+1}}{(\ell+1)!} = \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{k}{1+k} s_k \left( e^{(1+k)v} - 1 \right),
\]
\[
\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j \geq 0} k_1^{i+1} k_2^{j+1} s_{k_1} s_{k_2} \frac{v^i j+1}{(i+j+1) i! j!} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_1, k_2 \geq 1} k_1 k_2 s_{k_1} s_{k_2} \sum_{\ell \geq 0} \frac{v^{\ell+1}}{(\ell+1)!} (k_1 + k_2)^\ell = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_1, k_2 \geq 1} \frac{k_1 k_2}{k_1 + k_2} s_{k_1} s_{k_2} \left( e^{(k_1+k_2)v} - 1 \right).
\]

Let \( w = e^v \). We have
\[
H_0 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_1, k_2 \geq 1} \frac{k_1 k_2}{k_1 + k_2} s_{k_1} s_{k_2} \left( w^{k_1+k_2} - 1 \right) - \sum_{k \geq 1} k s_k \left( w^{1+k} - 1 \right) + x \sum_{k \geq 1} s_k \left( w^k - 1 \right) + \frac{1}{4} (w^2 - 1) - x (w - 1) + \frac{x^2}{2} \log w.
\]

On the other hand, recall from Prop. 1.4.1 that the genus zero GUE free energy with even couplings has the form
\[
F_0 = \frac{w^2}{4} - x w + \sum_{k \geq 1} s_k \left( x w^k - \frac{k}{k+1} w^{k+1} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_1, k_2 \geq 1} \frac{k_1 k_2}{k_1 + k_2} s_{k_1} s_{k_2} w^{k_1+k_2} + \frac{x^2}{2} \log w.
\]

Here \( w \) is the power series solution to
\[
w = x + \sum_{k \geq 1} k s_k w^k.
\]

Recall that \( w = e^u \); so
\[
e^u = x + \sum_{k \geq 1} k s_k e^{ku}.
\]

Namely,
\[
1 + \sum_{j \geq 1} \frac{u^j}{j!} = x + \sum_{k \geq 1} k s_k \left( 1 + \sum_{j \geq 1} \frac{k^j u^j}{j!} \right).
\]

It follows that
\[
u(x,s) = v(t(x,s)). \tag{3.1.2}
\]

We conclude that
\[
H_0(t(x,s)) - F_0(x,s) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_1, k_2 \geq 1} \frac{k_1 k_2}{k_1 + k_2} s_{k_1} s_{k_2} + \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{k}{1+k} s_k - x \sum_{k \geq 1} s_k - \frac{1}{4} + x. \tag{3.1.3}
\]

This finishes the proof of the genus zero part of the Main Conjecture.
3.2 Genus 1, 2

Note that the substitution (1.3.2)

$$(t_0, t_1, t_2, \ldots) \mapsto (x, \bar{s}_1, \bar{s}_2, \ldots)$$

satisfies that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t_0}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{s}_k} = \sum_{i \geq 0} k^{i+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_i}, \quad k \geq 1. \quad (3.2.1)$$

In particular, we have

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t_0}(t(x, s)) = \frac{\partial v(t(x, s))}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u(x, s)}{\partial x}. \quad (3.2.2)$$

The last equality is due to (3.1.2).

Recall, from the algorithm of [12], that the genus 1 special cubic Hodge free energy is given by

$$H_1(v; v_1) = \frac{1}{24} \log v_1 - \frac{v}{16},$$

So

$$2H_1(v; v_1) + \frac{v}{8} + \frac{i\pi}{24} + \zeta'(-1) = \frac{1}{12} \log v_1 + \frac{i\pi}{24} + \zeta'(-1).$$

This proves the genus 1 part of the Main Conjecture.

The genus 2 term of the special cubic Hodge free energy is given by

$$H_2(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4) = \frac{7v_2}{2560} - \frac{v_3}{11520} + \frac{v_4}{11520} v_1^2 - \frac{v_3}{320 v_1} + \frac{v_2^3}{360 v_1^4} + \frac{11 v_2^2}{3840 v_1^4} - \frac{7 v_2 v_3}{1920 v_1^4}.$$

So

$$4H_2 + \frac{1}{4} D_0^2 H_1 + \frac{1}{384} v_2^2 = 4H_2(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4) - \frac{5}{384} v_2^2 + \frac{1}{96} \left[ \frac{v_3}{v_1} - \left( \frac{v_2}{v_1} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$= -\frac{v_2}{480} - \frac{v_2^2}{2880} + \frac{v_4}{288 v_1^2} - \frac{v_3}{480 v_1} + \frac{v_2^3}{90 v_1^4} + \frac{v_3 v_2}{960 v_1^4} - \frac{7 v_3 v_2}{480 v_1^4} = F_2(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4).$$

This proves the genus 2 part of the Main Conjecture.

3.3 Genus 3, 4

Using the Main Conjecture along with the algorithm of [12], we obtain the following two statements.
Conjecture 3.3.1 The genus 3 GUE free energy is given by

\[ F_3(u_1, \ldots, u_7) = \frac{13u_4}{120960} + \frac{21912}{725760} + \frac{u_7}{10368u_1^3} - \frac{u_6}{5760u_1^2} - \frac{u_5}{13440u_1} \]

\[ \quad - \frac{103u_3^2}{60480u_1^4} + \frac{59u_3^3}{8064u_1^2} + \frac{u_3^2}{2688u_1^2} + \frac{u_3u_1^2}{12096} + \frac{5u_6}{81u_1^3} - \frac{13u_2^5}{1890u_1^6} \]

\[ \quad + \frac{5u_2^4}{5376u_1^7} - \frac{5u_2}{9072u_1^7} - \frac{7u_6u_2}{5760u_1^7} + \frac{53u_3u_5}{20160u_1^7} + \frac{353u_5u_2^2}{40320u_1^9} + \frac{u_5u_2}{840u_1^7} \]

\[ \quad + \frac{89u_3u_4}{83u_4u_3^2} - \frac{83u_4u_3^2}{2116u_4u_1^2} + \frac{u_4u_2}{u_1} - \frac{59u_3^4}{378u_1^7} \]

\[ \quad + \frac{40320u_1^3}{1993u_3u_4^2} - \frac{u_3^2}{u_1} - \frac{83u_3^2u_2^2}{u_1} - \frac{19u_3u_2}{u_1} - \frac{17u_3^2u_2}{u_1} + \frac{1273u_3u_4u_2}{40320u_1^7}. \]

(3.3.1)

Conjecture 3.3.2 The genus 4 GUE free energy is given by

\[ F_4(u_1, \ldots, u_{10}) = \frac{1852u_3^9}{1215u_1^{14}} + \frac{151u_8^8}{675u_1^{10}} - \frac{101u_5^7}{12600u_1^4} - \frac{772u_3u_5^7}{135u_1^4} \]

\[ \quad + \frac{9904u_4u_6^6}{6075u_1^9} - \frac{1165u_6^9}{1161216u_1^9} - \frac{2851u_3u_5^9}{3600u_1^9} + \frac{14903u_3u_5^9}{2160u_1^9} + \frac{70261u_3u_5^9}{3225600u_1^9} \]

\[ \quad + \frac{2573u_4u_6^5}{10800u_1^8} + \frac{u_5^3}{7200u_1^8} - \frac{2243u_5u_7}{6480u_1^8} + \frac{195677u_5u_7}{230400u_1^8} + \frac{3197u_3u_5^4}{967680u_1^8} \]

\[ \quad + \frac{12907u_6u_4^4}{226800u_1^8} + \frac{10259u_4u_5^4}{1935360u_1^8} - \frac{22153u_5u_4^4}{414720u_1^8} - \frac{101503u_3u_4u_5u_6^4}{32400u_1^8} + \frac{1823u_4^2u_6^3}{5670u_1^8} \]

\[ \quad + \frac{415273u_3u_5u_6u_3^3}{829440u_1^8} + \frac{97u_5u_7}{2903040u_1^8} + \frac{26879u_6u_3u_5^3}{725760} - \frac{u_7^3}{138240u_1^8} \]

\[ \quad + \frac{513u_4u_6^2}{4354560u_1^9} + \frac{877u_6u_3^2}{812729u_1^9} - \frac{3251u_3u_4u_6^2}{2903040u_1^9} + \frac{212267u_7u_3^2}{103680u_1^9} + \frac{305129u_3u_5^2u_6^2}{3024u_1^9} \]

\[ \quad + \frac{4354560u_1^9}{u_1^9} + \frac{5760u_4^9}{2073600u_1^7} + \frac{2903040u_1^9}{103680u_1^9} + \frac{138240u_1^2}{u_1^2} \]

\[ \quad + \frac{138240u_1^2}{u_1^2} + \frac{449u_5u_2^3}{1379u_4u_3u_5^2u_2^2} + \frac{2323u_5u_2^3}{13138507u_3u_5u_2^2} + \frac{2417u_3u_4u_5u_2}{17u_4u_5^2} \]

\[ \quad + \frac{460800}{u_1^8} + \frac{34560u_1^6}{967680u_1^8} - \frac{537600u_1^8}{967680u_1^8} + \frac{138240u_1^2}{u_1^2} \]

\[ \quad + \frac{2143u_5u_2^5}{34560u_1^6} + \frac{449u_5u_2^3}{1451520u_1^3} + \frac{2323u_5u_2^3}{3225600u_1^6} - \frac{2623u_5u_2^3}{967680u_1^7} - \frac{2903040u_1^9}{967680u_1^7} \]

\[ \quad + \frac{667u_7u_2^3}{537600u_1^8} + \frac{192983u_3u_5u_2^2}{60941u_3u_6u_3^2} + \frac{171343u_4u_5u_2^2}{1935360u_1^4} + \frac{22809u_5u_2^2}{71680u_1^8} \]

\[ \quad + \frac{1747u_4u_5u_2^2}{80640u_1^8} + \frac{7u_5u_2^2}{38400u_1^8} + \frac{9221u_5u_2^2}{1935360u_1^8} + \frac{17u_1u_3u_2}{3225600u_1^8} + \frac{735u_5u_2^2}{691200u_1^8} \]

\[ \quad + \frac{18713u_3u_4u_5u_2}{14515200u_1^4} + \frac{15179u_4u_5u_2}{4838400u_1^8} + \frac{8064000u_1^9}{302400u_1^8} + \frac{37u_8u_2}{86400u_1^8} + \frac{u_4u_2}{u_1} \]

\[ \quad + \frac{11u_5u_2}{362880u_1} - \frac{923u_6u_2}{14515200u_1^7} - \frac{113u_7u_2}{967680u_1^7} - \frac{55u_5^2u_2}{387072u_1^7} - \frac{419u_3u_5u_2}{1935360u_1^7} \]
We also computed the genus 5 free energy; see in Appendix A.

For the particular examples of enumerating squares, hexagons, octagons on a genus \( g \) surface, one can use (3.3.1), (3.3.2), (A.0.3) to obtain the combinatorial numbers. We checked that these numbers agree with those in [8]. This gives some evidences of validity of the Main Conjecture for \( g = 3, 4, 5 \).

**Remark 3.3.3** The genus 1, 2, 3 terms of the GUE free energy with even couplings were also derived in [13, 14, 26] for the particular case of only one nonzero coupling (i.e., in the framework of enumeration of \( 2m \)-gons). To the best of our knowledge, explicit formulae for higher genus (\( g \geq 4 \)) terms, even in the case of the particular examples, were not available in the literature.

### A Explicit formula for \( F_5 \)

\[
F_5(u_1, \ldots, u_{13}) = \frac{-1411u_4u_5u_2}{138240u_1^{12}} - \frac{7u_9u_2}{138240u_1^{11}} - \frac{1751u_3u_6u_2}{268800u_1^{10}} - \frac{12035u_5^2u_5u_2}{96768u_1^9} - \frac{44201u_3u_5^2u_2}{276480u_1^8} \\
+ \frac{1549u_4^2}{115200u_1^8} + \frac{937u_4^2}{2903040u_1^{10}} + \frac{229u_4^2}{62208u_1^8} + \frac{19u_3^2}{6080u_1^7} + \frac{u_5^2u_3}{691200} + \frac{59u_3u_4u_5}{55296u_1^6} \\
+ \frac{5u_3u_4}{10752u_1^7} + \frac{7u_9u_2}{107520u_1^7} + \frac{17u_7u_7}{483840u_1^8} + \frac{143u_7}{145152u_1^7} + \frac{31u_8}{9676800u_1^7} + \frac{u_10}{497664u_1^6} \\
- \frac{u_2^2}{115200} - \frac{u_1u_5}{115200} - \frac{73u_6}{2903040} - \frac{u_9}{43545600} - \frac{17u_4u_5}{87091200} - \frac{89u_3u_6}{2073600u_1} \\
- \frac{1451520u_1^7}{2393u_3u_5} - \frac{661u_2^2}{138240u_1^8} - \frac{u_3}{138240u_1^8} - \frac{38707uw_1}{138240u_1^8} - \frac{u_5^2u_1}{138240u_1^8} - \frac{5u_3u_4}{138240u_1^8} \\
+ \frac{1291u_3u_5^2}{138240u_1^7} + \frac{1001u_3u_5^2}{138240u_1^7} + \frac{197u_5u_6}{387072u_1^6} - \frac{163u_3u_8}{967680u_1^5} + \frac{2069u_4u_7}{580608u_1^6} - \frac{2153u_3u_4^2}{28800u_1^5} \\
\text{(3.3.2)}
\]

Terms, even in terms of the GUE free energy with even couplings were also derived in [13, 14, 26] for the particular case of only one nonzero coupling (i.e., in the framework of enumeration of \( 2m \)-gons). To the best of our knowledge, explicit formulae for higher genus (\( g \geq 4 \)) terms, even in the case of the particular examples, were not available in the literature.
\[
\begin{align*}
&+ 28957u_3u_5^5 + 276125491u_3u_4u_5^2 + 10243u_4u_5^3 + 53761259u_4u_5u_2^2 + 2128896u_4u_5u_1 + \\
&+ 102855067u_3u_4u_5^5 + 84091529u_7u_5^3 + u_5^5 + 11532541u_5u_2^2 + 5117003u_6u_5^5 + 3326400u_1 + \\
&+ 9979200u_1^{10} + 63866880u_1^9 + 633600u_1^3 - 479001600u_1 + 182476800u_1 + \\
&- 1984731u_4u_5^5 + 2268769u_8u_5^5 + 112572871u_3u_5u_2^3 + 14531719u_2u_4u_5^5 + 2494000u_1^{10} - 91238400u_1^{10} + 36288u_1^{12} + \\
&+ 2322129119u_3^3u_2^3 + 1211u_2u_1^2 + 87822499u_3u_2^3u_1^2 + 72867181u_2u_3u_5u_2^4 + 127733760u_1^9 + \\
&+ 1046529431u_4u_5u_2^2 + 110853611u_3u_6u_2^4 + 231617u_6u_2^4 + 1215667u_7u_2^4 + 1096859u_9u_2^4 + 383201280u_1^9 + \\
&+ 383201280u_1^9 + 63866880u_1^3 - 127733760u_1^5 - 1916006400u_1 + 29u_2^4 + \\
&- 127733760 - 1596672u_2^4 + 29783u_4u_2^4 + 24971u_5u_2^4 + 443511251u_3u_4u_2^4 + 19353600u_1^{10} + \\
&+ 68301953u_3u_5u_2^4 - 5935327u_7u_2^4 + 133150489u_1^4u_2^4 - 5682077u_4u_6u_2^4 + 21288960u_1^9 + 383201280u_1^9 - 63866880u_1^3 + \\
&- 2721600u_1^{10} - 1095679399u_2^3u_4u_2^4 + 15499105u_3u_7u_2^4 - 4872743377u_2^4u_1^4 - 547560589u_3u_4u_2^4 + \\
&+ 19353600u_1^{10} + 13685760u_1^{10} - 2322432u_1^{12} + u_2^3u_3^2 + 69761129u_3u_4u_2^4 + 75292039u_2u_4u_2^3 + 881799616u_3u_4u_2^3 + \\
&+ 3991680 + 409u_4u_2^3 + 2479931059u_2u_5u_3u_5u_2^3 + 38370113u_3u_5u_2^3 + 51887531u_4u_5u_2^3 + \\
&+ 119750400u_1^7 + 319334400u_1^3 + 958003200u_1 + 63866880u_1^3 + 2279u_5u_2^3 + 16316161u_3u_6u_2^3 + 25527371u_5u_6u_2^3 + 6169u_6u_2^3 + 791123u_4u_7u_2^3 + \\
&+ 19160064u_1^7 + 391394400u_1^3 + 87091200u_1 + 76645256u_1 + 3870720u_1^3 + \\
&+ 639691943u_3u_4u_2^3 + 284539u_9u_2^3 + 767u_3u_2^3 + 2141u_3u_2^3 + 42149u_7u_2^3 + \\
&+ 383201280u_1^9 + 191600640u_1^9 - 21288960u_1 + 1520640u_1 - 71850240u_1 + 1229917u_3u_4u_2^3 + 52781u_8u_2^3 + 10864759u_1^3u_2^3 + 2883761u_4u_6u_2^3 + \\
&+ 6386680u_1^{10} + 7983360u_1^6 + 47900160u_1^6 + 8294400u_1^6 + 76493639u_4u_3u_2^3 + 179669509u_3u_7u_2^3 + 573019u_9u_2^3 + 406451147u_2u_3^3 + \\
&+ 6386680u_1^3 + 958003200u_1 + 1045094400u_1^8 + 1916006400u_1 + 14848263u_3u_2^3 + 626921467u_2u_3u_2^3 + 3430962461u_1^3u_2^3 + 35338084651u_3u_4u_5u_2^3 + \\
&+ 467773u_1^{10} + 10644800u_1^{10} + 127733760u_1^{10} + 1916006400u_1^{10} + 419193u_3u_2^3 + u_4^3u_2^3 + 23669u_2u_2^3 + 1783923u_3u_2^3u_2^3 + 50407u_2^3u_2^3 + \\
&+ 14336u_1^{11} + 6386688 + 127733760u_1^9 + 7884800u_1^9 + 10644800u_1^9 + 1238492531u_3u_5u_2^3 + 181880015u_3u_4u_2^3 + 73978651u_1^2u_4u_2^3 + 33373u_3u_4u_2^3 + \\
&+ 127733760u_1^9 + 127733760u_1^9 + 63866880u_1^9 + 4561920u_1^9 + 5302619u_2^5u_2^3 + 1591687897u_4u_5u_2^3 + 30953u_3u_5u_2^3 + 203383903u_3u_4u_6u_2^2 + \\
&+ 30412800u_1^7 + 127733760u_1^9 + 63866880u_1^9 + 63866880u_1^9 + 19008u_4u_1^9 + 958003200u_1^4 + \\
&+ 29758507u_5u_6u_2^3 + 275874283u_7u_2^3 + 2069131u_4u_7u_2^3 + 289u_3u_8u_2^3 + 60127u_8u_2^2 + 63866800u_1^9 + 3373u_2u_2^3 + 11437u_1u_2^2 - 5u_1u_3u_2^2 + 19u_4u_2^2 + 7753u_2u_2^2 + 223u_2u_2^2 + \\
&+ 45619200u_1^9 + 34836480u_1^9 - 2128896 - 54743040 - 3832012800u_1 - 9123840u_1^2
\end{align*}
\]

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\[
\begin{align*}
-247v_7^2u_2^2 &= 317077u_3u_6u_2^2 - 998201u_3^2u_2^2 - 5091301u_4u_5u_2^2 - 742733u_5^2u_2^2 \\
116121600u_3^0 &= 63866880u_1^0 + 36868800u_1^0 - 63868800u_1^0 + 106444800u_1^0 \\
19631u_{10}u_2^2 &= 1295627u_3u_7u_2^2 - 7727719u_4u_6u_2^2 + 20664649u_3u_4u_5u_2^2 + 9854357u_6u_2^2 \\
174182400u_1^0 &= 212889600u_1^0 + 63868800u_1^0 + 63868800u_1^0 - 8870400u_1^8 + 13305600u_1^8 \\
1331641u_1u_2^3 &= 1293697u_5u_7u_2^3 - 328171u_3u_9u_2^3 + 4578769u_1u_3u_2^3 + 6093371u_4u_2^3 \\
26611200u_1^1 &= 53224200u_1^1 + 53224200u_1^1 + 106444800u_1^1 + 425779200u_1^1 \\
18837199u_4u_8u_2^2 &= 2912894597u_2^2u_3^2u_2^2 + 1661611993u_3^2u_5u_2^2 \\
&+ 127733760u_1^0 - 116121600u_1^{10} - 127733760u_1^{10} + 7096320u_1^0 \\
+ 14367947u_3u_2^2u_2^2 &= 3625841u_3^3u_2^2u_2^2 + 4721u_3^2u_2^2u_2^2 + 274614007u_3u_3u_2^2u_2^2 + 7368997u_3u_2^3u_2^2 \\
&+ 7096320u_1^0 \\
927517u_5u_2^2u_2 &= 17u_5u_2^2u_2 + 2872733u_3u_4u_2^2u_2^2 + 20572u_3u_4u_2^3u_2^2 + 85455011u_2^2u_5u_2^2 \\
&+ 14192640u_1^1 + 63868800u_1^1 + 112150861u_3^2u_4u_5u_2^2 + 159183659u_3^2u_6u_2^2 + 15535133u_3u_4u_6u_2^2 + 1516703u_4u_5u_2^2 \\
&+ 319334400u_1^0 + 212896900u_1^0 + 91238400u_1^0 + 191600640u_1^0 + 76640256u_1^1 \\
&+ 63866880u_1^1 \\
727u_1u_2^1 &= 1883363u_3u_5u_2^2 + 3686680u_1^1 - 7u_1u_2^2 + 14227u_2^2u_2^2 + 1916006u_1^1 \\
&+ 116121600u_1^1 \\
13001u_4u_2^3u_2 &= 864373u_5u_6u_2^2 + 1184501u_5u_6u_2^2 + 542981u_5u_7u_2^2 + 39213731u_3u_4u_5u_2^2 \\
&= 15206400u_1^0 + 38377u_3u_9u_2^3 + 323u_9u_2^3 + 10961u_3u_6u_2^2 + 64907u_4u_5u_2^2 \\
&+ 484u_3u_4u_2^2 + 4801u_3u_4u_2^2 + 76640256u_1^1 - 63866880u_1^1 \\
&+ 68428800u_1^1 + 79833600u_1^1 - 27371500u_1^1 + 112161200u_1^1 \\
&- 456319200u_1^1 - 159667200u_1^1 - 391434400u_1^1 + 212896900u_1^1 - 7096320u_1^0 \\
&+ 8114400u_1^0 - 383201280u_1^0 + 63866800u_1^0 \\
&- 7884800u_1^0 \\
80480347u_3u_5u_6u_2^2 &= 103432013u_4^2u_6u_2^2 + 18599541u_4^2u_4u_2^2 + 10673u_5^2 \\
&+ 66491u_4^2 \\
&+ 63866880u_1^0 + 127733760u_1^0 - 1576960u_1^{10} + 691238400u_1^1 + 91238400u_1^1 \\
&+ 275599u_3u_2^3u_2^2 + 800453u_3^2u_3u_2^2 + 571213u_3^2u_3u_2^2 + 64482661u_3^2u_3u_2^2 + 1217u_2^3 \\
&+ 2264879u_3u_2^3u_2^2 \\
&+ 337920u_1^0 + 191600640u_1^0 + 383201280u_1^0 + 6082560u_1^0 + 1149603840 \\
&+ 127733760u_1^0 \\
&+ 7003u_4^3 + 66653u_6u_2^6 + 5u_1^5u_3 + 35113699u_1^4u_5 + 2932793u_4^2u_5 \\
&= 4643u_3u_5 \\
&+ 34836480u_1^0 + 24285820u_1^0 + 15966720u_1^0 + 8515584u_1^0 + 127733760u_1^0 + 191600640u_1^0 \\
&+ 30303149u_3u_4u_5u_2^2 + 18211u_3u_4u_5u_2^2 + 1867u_4u_5 \\
&+ 570989u_3u_6u_2^2 + 13u_2u_6 + 6270u_2u_6 \\
&+ 8669u_3u_6 + 10291u_3u_4u_5u_2^2 + 20521u_4u_4u_5u_6 + 4717u_2^4u_7 \\
&+ 63866880u_1^0 + 35481600u_1^0 + 63866880u_1^0 + 14192640u_1^0 + 6082560u_1^0 \\
&+ 155959u_3^2u_7 + 691u_1u_7 + 29611u_3u_7 + 318517u_3u_5u_7 + 299u_6u_7 \\
&= 1030877u_3u_4u_8 \\
&+ 6082560u_1^0 + 1149603840 + 191600640u_1^0 + 79833600u_1^0 + 168960u_1^3 + 425779200u_1^1 \\
&+ 17 
\end{align*}
\]
\[ + \frac{31u_5u_8}{237600u_1^4} + \frac{7697u_5^2u_9}{15206400u_1^4} + \frac{44647u_4u_9}{46366800u_1^4} + \frac{71u_3u_{10}}{2721600u_1^4} + \frac{13u_{10}}{74649600u_1^4} + \frac{113u_{11}}{348364800u_1^4} \]
\[ + \frac{u_{13}}{29595840u_1^4} - \frac{23u_5^2u_3}{21288960} - \frac{u_1^4u_4}{130636800} - \frac{2011u_3u_{14}}{63866800} - \frac{79u_8}{63866880} - \frac{241u_1^3u_5}{958003200} - \frac{u_1^6}{1277337600} \]
\[ - \frac{361u_9}{5707u_3^2} - \frac{547430400u_1}{3832012800u_1} - \frac{2099u_3^2u_4}{15966720u_1^2} - \frac{931u_4u_7}{22809600u_1^2} + \frac{547430400u_1}{28060800u_1^2} - \frac{10277u_3^2u_5}{58060800u_1^2} \]
\[ - \frac{17527u_3u_8}{113089u_5u_6} - \frac{u_{12}}{2533u_3u_9} - \frac{8017u_2^6}{8189u_4u_8} \]
\[ - \frac{958003200u_1}{1916006400u_1^3} - \frac{4976640u_4^4}{106444800u_1^4} - \frac{141926400u_1}{41926400u_1^4} - \frac{141926400u_1}{141926400u_1^4} \]
\[ - \frac{30553u_5u_7}{809239u_3u_4} - \frac{11u_3u_{11}}{22349u_4u_5^2} - \frac{701u_5u_9}{701u_5u_9} - \frac{2143u_6u_8}{2143u_6u_8} \]
\[ - \frac{319334400u_1^3}{106444800u_1^6} - \frac{1741824u_4^6}{319334400u_1^6} - \frac{1824768u_6^2}{36495360u_1^6} \]
\[ - \frac{775u_4u_{10}}{520931u_3u_5} - \frac{244457u_4u_6^2}{244457u_4u_6^2} - \frac{659977u_3u_4u_7^2}{659977u_3u_4u_7^2} - \frac{3697u_2^2}{3697u_2^2} - \frac{1138241u_3u_5^2u_6}{1138241u_3u_5^2u_6} \]
\[ - \frac{41803776u_1^6}{42577920u_1^6} - \frac{224457u_4u_6^2}{24577920u_1^6} - \frac{106444800u_1^6}{106444800u_1^6} - \frac{109486080u_1^6}{109486080u_1^6} - \frac{127733760u_1^6}{127733760u_1^6} \]
\[ - \frac{185851u_3^2u_5}{10135361u_3^2u_5^2} - \frac{336827u_2^2u_4u_6}{336827u_2^2u_4u_6} - \frac{3980637u_3u_4u_7^2}{3980637u_3u_4u_7^2} - \frac{653701u_4^4}{653701u_4^4} \]
\[ - \frac{127733760u_1^6}{42577920u_1^6} - \frac{2956800u_1^6}{2956800u_1^6} - \frac{7884800u_1^6}{7884800u_1^6} - \frac{34214400u_1^6}{34214400u_1^6} \]
\[ - \frac{877403u_3^3u_7}{8134913u_3^3u_5^2u_5} - \frac{22151509u_2^2u_5^2}{22151509u_2^2u_5^2} - \frac{4543u_3^6}{4543u_3^6} - \frac{8192u_1^{10}}{8192u_1^{10}}. \]  (A.0.3)

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