

# When J. Ginibre met E. Schrödinger

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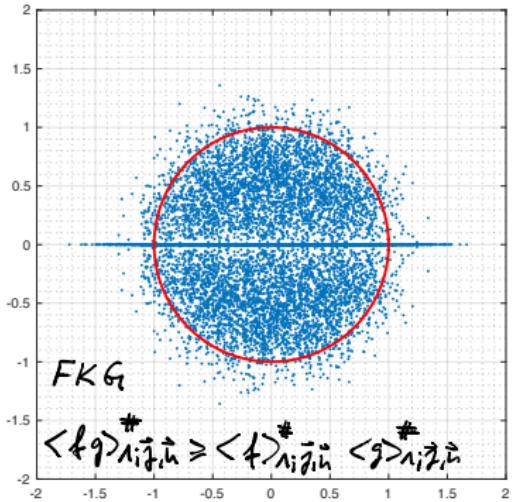


Figure 1: E.S.: 1887 - 1961 and J.G.: 1938 - ???

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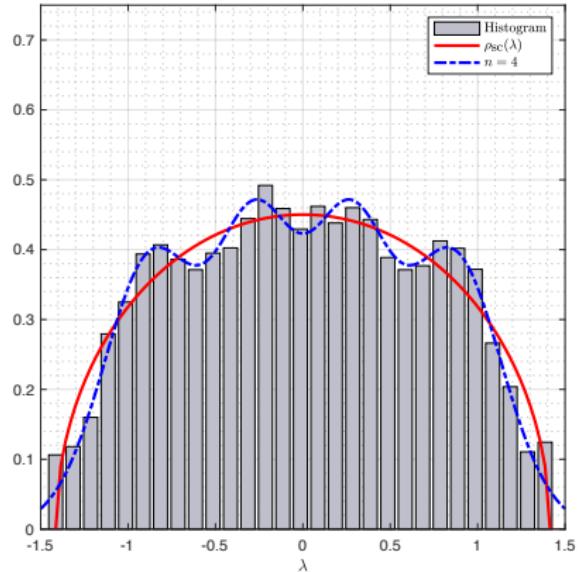
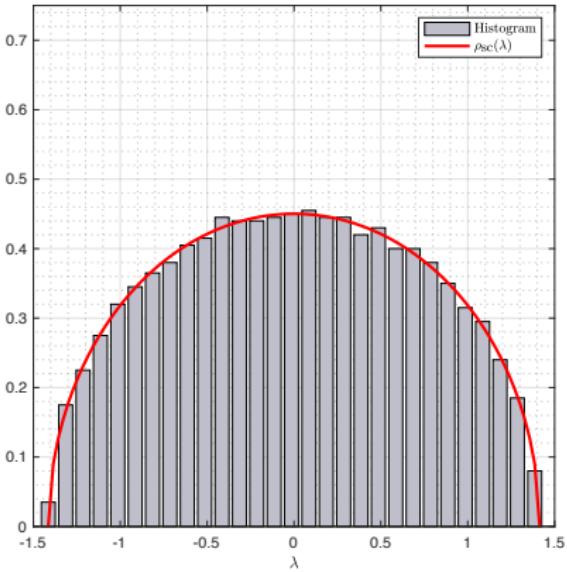
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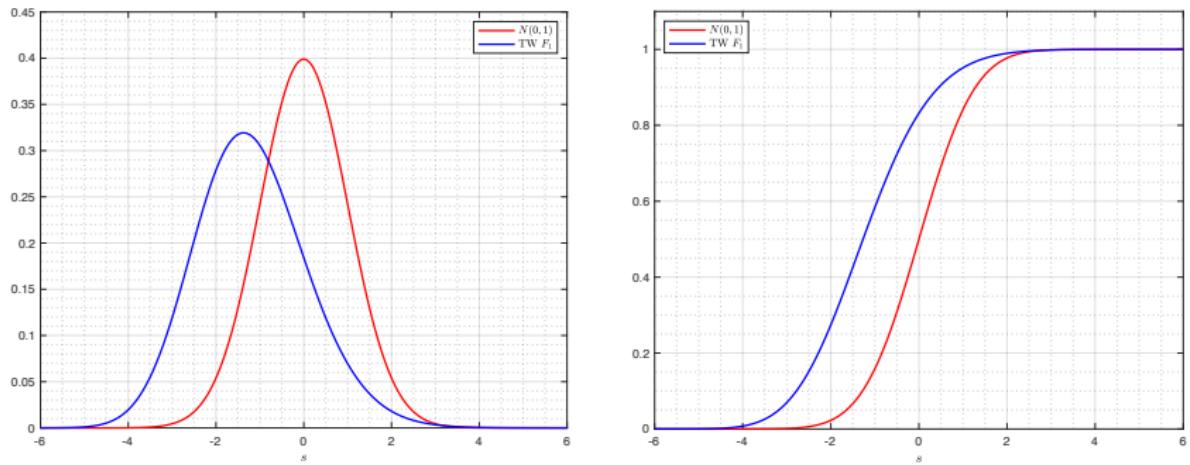


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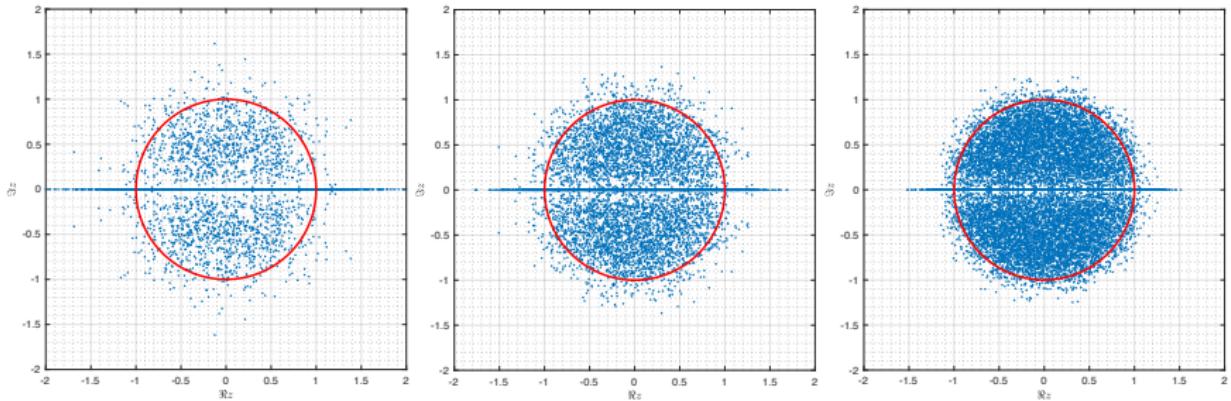
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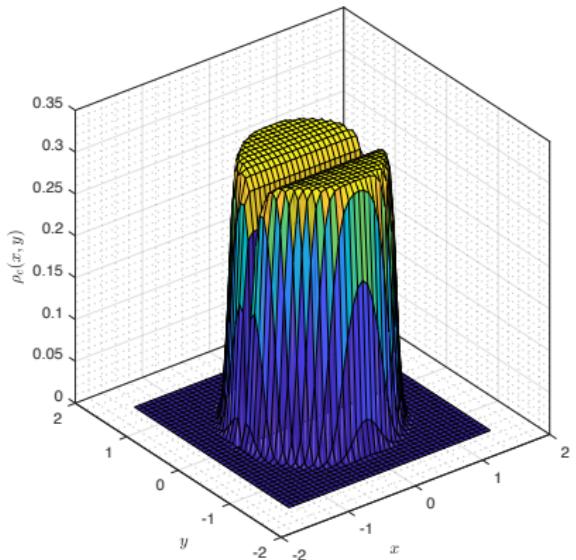
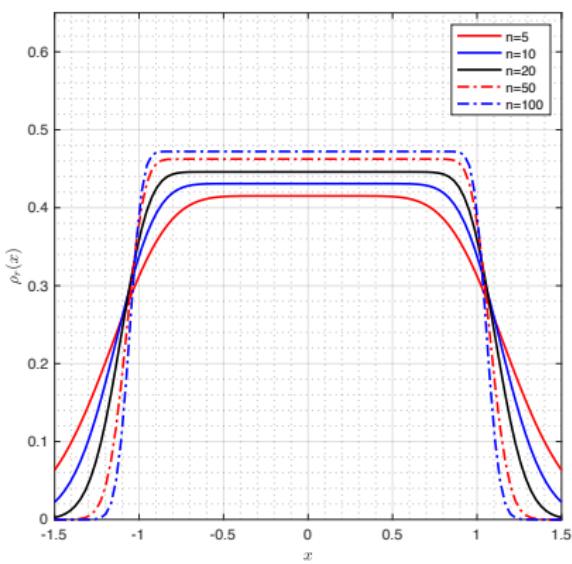
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**Figure 4:** The circular law for 1000 real (rescaled) Ginibre matrices of varying dimensions  $n \times n$  in comparison with the unit circle boundary. We plot  $n = 4, 8, 16$  from left to right. A saturn effect is clearly visible on the real line.



**Figure 5:** Densities of normalized real (left) and complex (right) eigenvalues for  $n = 5, 10, 20, 50, 100$  (left) and  $n = 100$  (right). The larger  $n$ , the better their approach to the uniform density on  $[-1, 1]$  (left) and  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$  (right).

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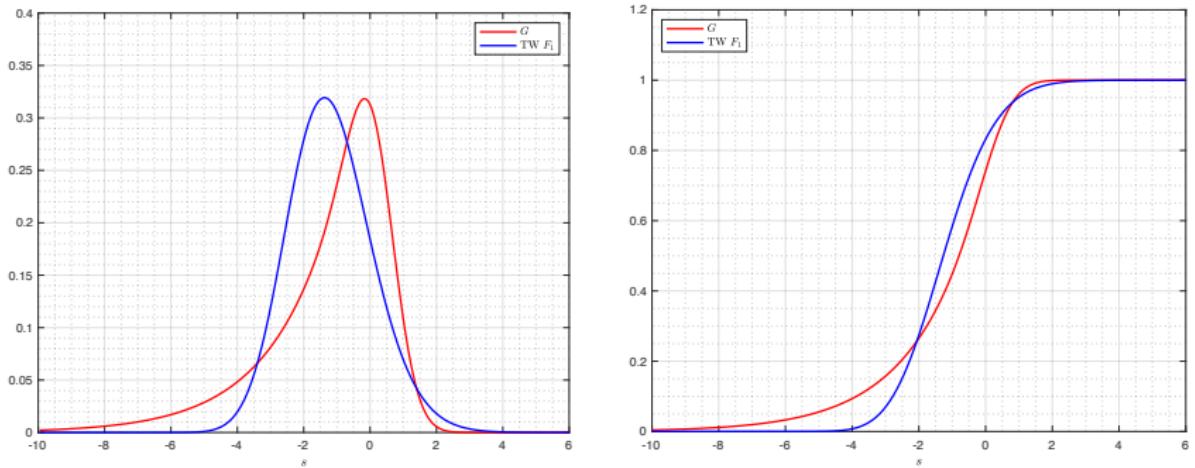


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using the abbreviations

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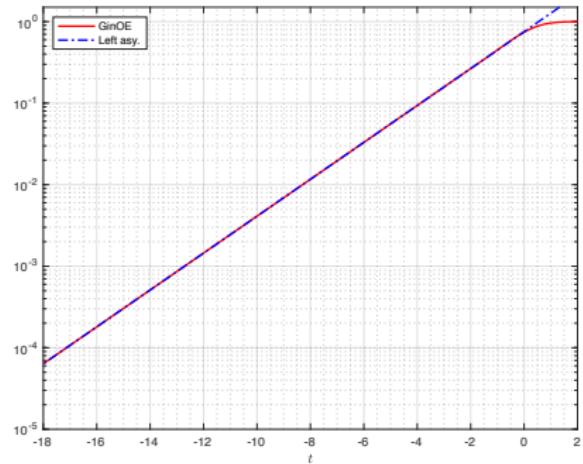
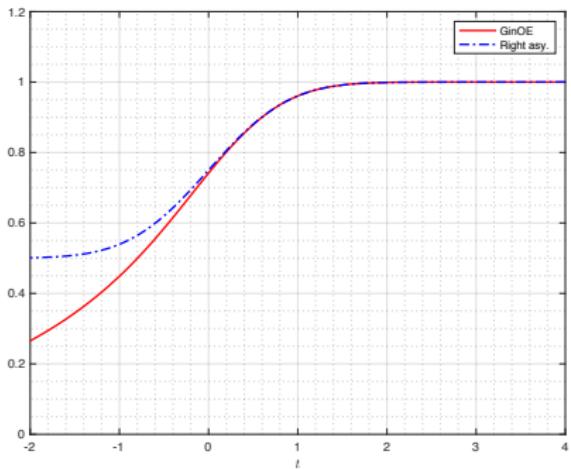
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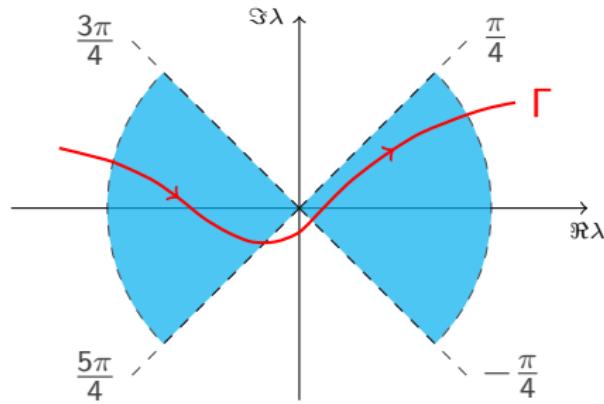
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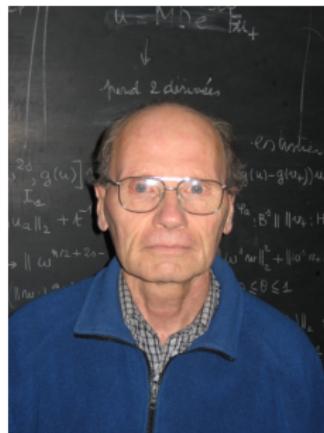
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Now combine ( $\Gamma_\lambda = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\Gamma_w \equiv \Gamma$ ),

$$K_e(x, y)\chi_{(t, \infty)}(y) = \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{e^{-ix\lambda}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \underbrace{\left[ \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{4}(\lambda^2 + w^2) - it(\mu - w)}}{(\lambda - w)(w - \mu)} dw \right]}_{=: E(\lambda, \mu)} \frac{e^{iy\mu}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} d\mu d\lambda$$

Thus,  $K_e\chi_{(t, \infty)}$  on  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  is simply the operator composition  $\mathcal{F}E\mathcal{F}^{-1}$ . After properly modifying the function spaces,  $E$  is trace-class and can be massaged into the aforementioned Christoffel-Darboux structure.

# Thank you very much for your attention!!!



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