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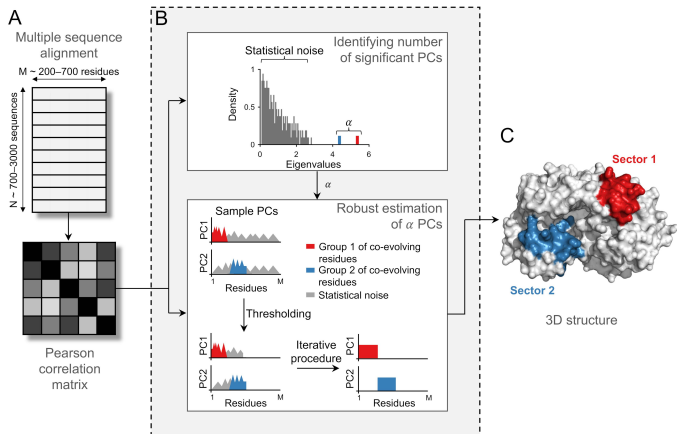
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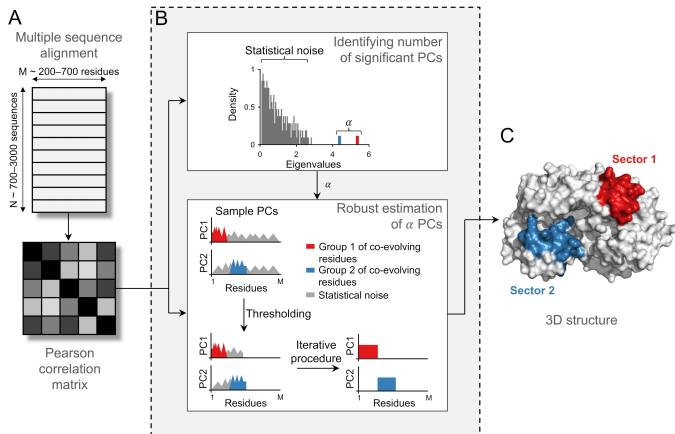


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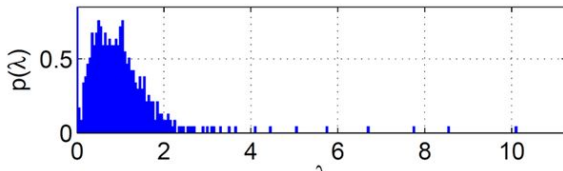


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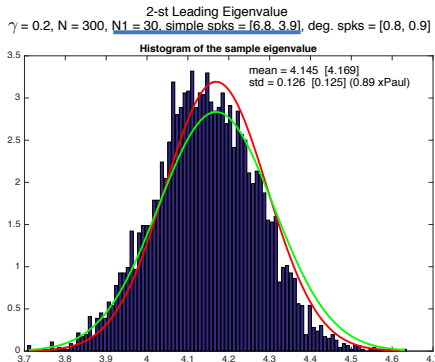
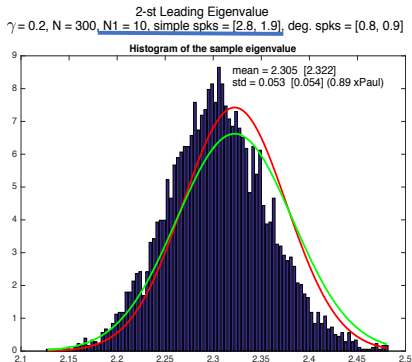


# A suggestive simulation on correlation matrices

[David Morales, Matt McKay]

$$\rho_1 = 0.2 ; \rho_2 = 0.1$$

2<sup>nd</sup> eigenvalue



Theoretical variance is pretty accurate, but there seems to be a shift in the mean (similar to what we've seen before in the eigenvector projections of sample covariance when spikes were close to each other)

# Outline

Background on spiked covariance model

Edgeworth correction - single spike

Edgeworth for multiple spikes

Explaining the repulsion correction

Confidence intervals after selection

# High dimensional spiked PCA model

- ▶ Data :  $X = [x_1 \cdots x_n]'$  with

$$x_1, \dots, x_n \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} N_{p+1}(0, \Sigma)$$

- ▶ Large dimensional asymptotic regime : as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\gamma_n := p/n \rightarrow \gamma \in (0, \infty)$$

- ▶ Spiked eigenstructure of  $\Sigma$  : for a fixed  $r$ ,

$$\underbrace{\ell_1 > \cdots > \ell_r}_{\text{Spikes}} > 1 = \ell_{r+1} = \cdots = \ell_{p+1}$$

- ▶ Statistics : eigenvalues of sample covariance matrix  $X'X/n$

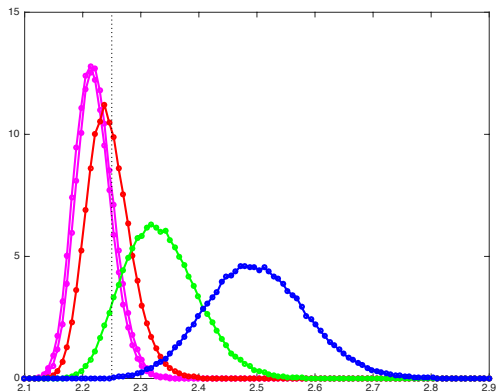
$$\hat{\rho}_1 \geq \cdots \geq \hat{\rho}_{p+1}$$

→ w.l.o.g.  $\Sigma$  is diagonal

# Largest Eigenvalue $\hat{\rho}_1$ : Numerical illustration

$$p = 200, n = 800 \quad [\text{i.e. } \gamma_n = p/n = 0.25]$$

Spike  $h = \ell - 1$ :      subcritical      critical      supercritical  
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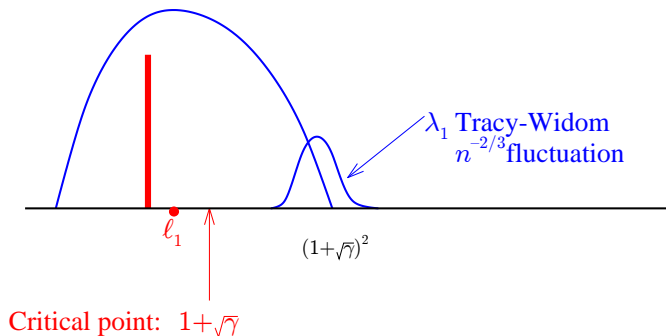


# Finite rank model, $K = 1$ : phase transition

$$\Sigma = \text{diag}(\ell_1, 1, \dots, 1) \quad \boxed{p/n \rightarrow \gamma}.$$

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[Baik–Ben Arous–Peché,05]

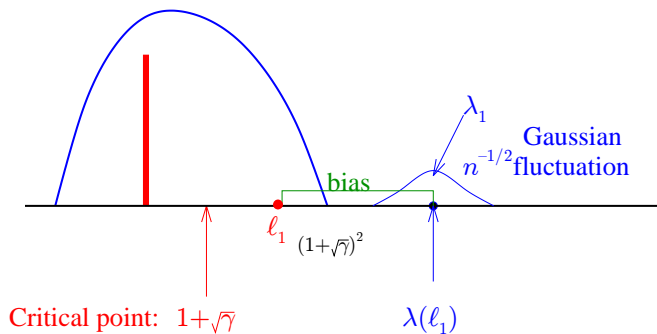


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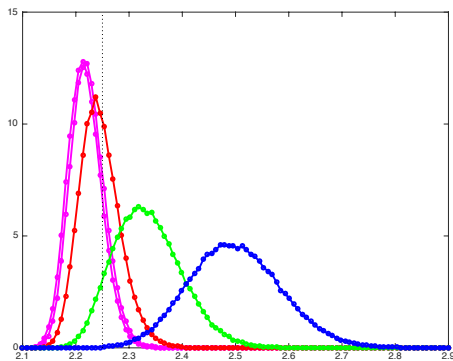
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Edge:  $(1 + \sqrt{\gamma_n})^2 = 2.25$

# Largest eigenvalue: Phase transition

Different rates, limit distributions:

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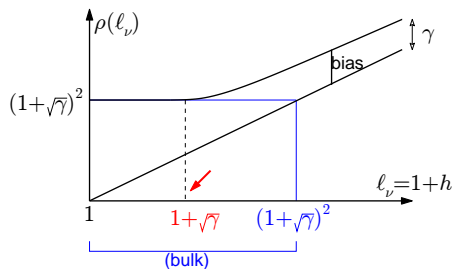
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with

$$\rho(h, \gamma) = (1+h) \left(1 + \frac{\gamma}{h}\right) \quad \sigma^2(h, \gamma) = 2(1+h)^2 \left(1 - \frac{\gamma}{h^2}\right)$$



Statistical physics lit, 94-  
Baik-Ben Arous-Peche(05)  
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(11) Mo (11) , Wang (12)  
Benaych-Georges-Guionnet-  
Maida (11)

## Normal approximation – multiple spikes

- ▶ Assume that all spikes are simple, supercritical :

$$\ell_1 > \dots > \ell_r > 1 + \sqrt{\gamma}$$

- ▶ Asymptotic **mutual independence**:

with  $\rho_{kn} := \rho(\ell_k, \gamma_n)$ ,  $\sigma_{kn} := \sigma(\ell_k, \gamma_n)$ ,

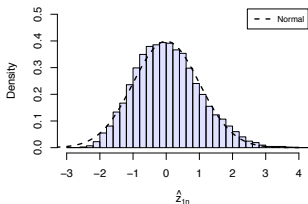
$$(\hat{Z}_{kn})_{k=1, \dots, r} := \left( n^{1/2} \frac{(\hat{\rho}_k - \rho_{kn})}{\sigma_{kn}} \right)_{k=1, \dots, r} \Rightarrow N(0, I_r)$$

Shi (2013)

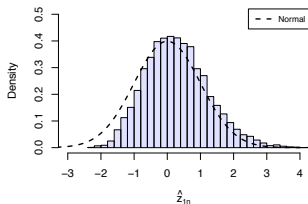
# Edgeworth approximations

# Inaccuracy of approximations : $\hat{z}_{kn}$ associated with $\ell_k = 2.7$

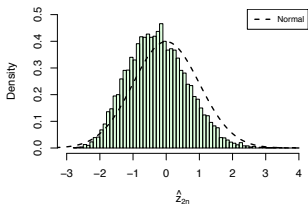
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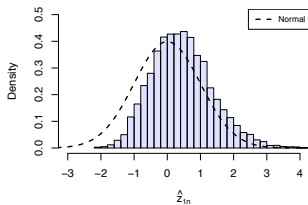
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$(n, \gamma_{n,l}) = (400, 1, (2.7, 2.4))$





# Traditional Edgeworth

(Smooth function of) means model: Petrov, 1975, Hall, 1992

$$S_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n\kappa_{2n}}} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{ni} \quad \text{indep, mean 0, } \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad d \text{ fixed}$$

$$\kappa_{jn} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} X_{ni}^j \quad \text{moments}$$

First order expansion:

$$\mathbb{P}(S_n \leq x) = \Phi(x) + n^{-1/2} p(x) \phi(x) + o(n^{-1/2})$$

$$p(x) = \frac{-\kappa_{3n}}{\kappa_{2n}^{3/2}} \frac{H_2(x)}{6}, \quad H_2(x) = x^2 - 1.$$

skewness correction

## Single spike, first order expansion for $\hat{\rho}_1$

$$\hat{z}_{1n} = n^{1/2}(\hat{\rho}_1 - \rho_{1n})/\sigma_{1n}$$

**Theorem** In spiked model,  $h_1 = \ell_1 - 1 > \sqrt{\gamma}$ ,  $\gamma_n = p/n$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}(\hat{z}_{1n} \leq x) = \Phi(x) + n^{-1/2}p_{1n}(x)\phi(x) + o(n^{-1/2}),$$

uniformly in  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , with

$$p_{1n}(x) = -\alpha_{2n}H_2(x) - \alpha_{0n}$$

$$\alpha_{2n} = \alpha_2(h_1, \gamma_n) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \frac{h_1^3 + \gamma_n}{(h_1^2 - \gamma_n)^{3/2}},$$

$$\alpha_{0n} = \alpha_0(h_1, \gamma_n) = \frac{\gamma_n}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{h_1 + 1}{(h_1^2 - \gamma_n)^{3/2}}$$

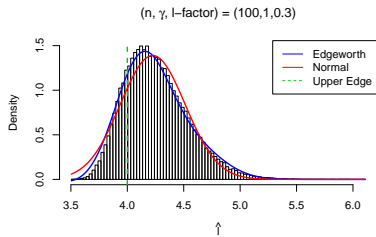
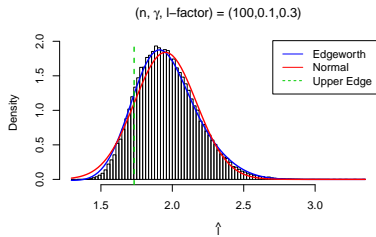
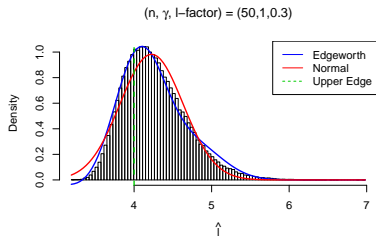
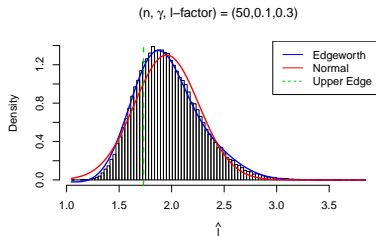
## Coefficients of Edgeworth expansion for single-spike

$$\alpha_2(h_1, \gamma_n) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \frac{h_1^3 + \gamma_n}{(h_1^2 - \gamma_n)^{3/2}}, \quad \alpha_0(h_1, \gamma_n) = \frac{\gamma_n}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{h_1 + 1}{(h_1^2 - \gamma_n)^{3/2}}$$

- ▶ Larger for “harder” cases i.e. larger  $\gamma$  and smaller  $h$  ( $> \sqrt{\gamma}$ )
- ▶ Larger than the fixed  $p$  case i.e.  $\gamma = 0$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \sqrt{2}/3$ ,  $\alpha_0 = 0$   
Muirhead-Chikuse (1975)
- ▶ Empirically reasonable if

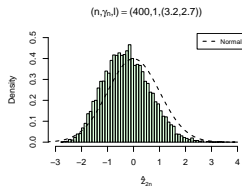
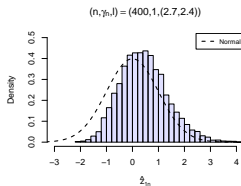
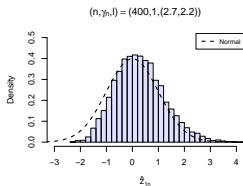
$$\frac{9}{2} \frac{\alpha_2^2}{n} = \frac{(h_1^3 + \gamma)^2}{n(h_1^2 - \gamma)^3} \leq 0.2$$

# Single Spike Simulation



## Edgeworth for multiple spikes

# Eigenvalues are repulsive!



- ▶ joint density of  $(\hat{\rho}_1, \dots, \hat{\rho}_{n \wedge (p+1)})$  has a Jacobian factor

$$\prod_{i < j} |\hat{\rho}_i - \hat{\rho}_j|$$

→ pushes eigenvalues apart

- ▶ **But**, not visible at **leading order** (for supercritical spikes:)

$$(\hat{Z}_{kn})_{k=1, \dots, r} \Rightarrow N(0, I_r)$$

## Multi spike, first order expansion for $\hat{\rho}_k$

$$\hat{z}_{kn} = n^{1/2}(\hat{\rho}_k - \rho_{kn})/\sigma_{kn}$$

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$$\alpha_{0,k}(\mathbf{h}, \gamma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{h_k + 1}{(h_k^2 - \gamma)^{1/2}} \left[ \frac{\gamma}{h_k^2 - \gamma} + \sum_{j \neq k} \frac{h_j}{h_k - h_j} \right]$$

# Interpretation

Edgeworth corrected density

$$\phi + n^{-1/2}(\alpha_2 H_3 + \alpha_0 H_1)\phi$$

Relative to single spike case:  $\alpha_2$  unchanged, but

$$\Delta\alpha_0 = \alpha_{0,k}(\mathbf{h}, \gamma_n) - \alpha_0(h_k, \gamma_n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{h_k + 1}{(h_k^2 - \gamma_n)^{1/2}} \sum_{j \neq k} \frac{h_j}{h_k - h_j}$$

- ▶  $\Delta\alpha_0 > 0$ , e.g. smaller spikes  $h_j < h_k$ , push density to right, conversely for  $\Delta\alpha_0 < 0$
- ▶ closer spikes  $\Rightarrow$  larger effect
- ▶ additive in  $h_j$ ,  $j \neq k$



# Repulsion example 1 : $\hat{z}_{kn}$ associated with $\ell_k = 2.7$

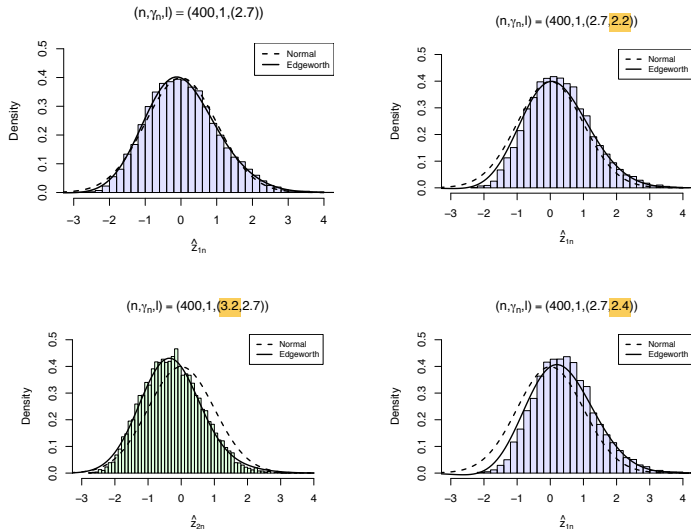
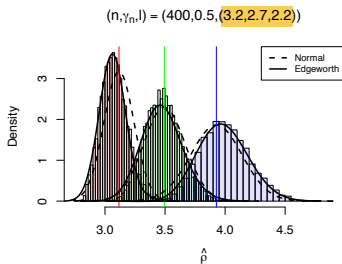
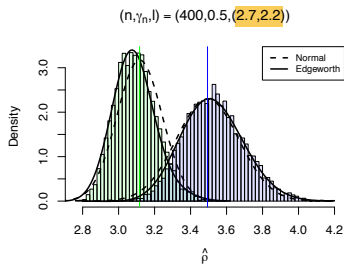


Figure: Density of  $\hat{z}_{kn}$  associated with  $\ell_k = 2.7$

## Repulsion example 2 : histograms of $(\hat{\rho}_k)_{k=1,\dots,r}$ together



Blue, red, green vertical lines correspond to  $\rho_{1n}, \rho_{2n}, \rho_{3n}$ , respectively.

## Explaining the Repulsion Correction

## Perturbation setup

Recall  $\ell_1 > \dots > \ell_r > 1 + \sqrt{\gamma} > 1 = \ell_{r+1} = \dots = \ell_{p+1}$

Focus on  $\ell_k$ :  $n^{-1}X'Xv_k = \hat{\rho}_k v_k$ ,

$$\hat{\rho}_k \rightarrow \rho_{kn} = \rho(\ell_k, \gamma_n) = \ell_k + \gamma \frac{\ell_k}{\ell_k - 1}$$

Permute columns:

$$X = [\sqrt{\ell_k} Z_1, Z_2 \Sigma_2^{1/2}] \quad \Sigma_2 = \text{diag}(\ell_{(k)}, 1, \dots, 1)$$

Population eigenvalues of  $\Sigma_2$ :

$$H_{(k)} = \left(1 - \frac{r-1}{p}\right) \delta_1 + \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j \neq k} \delta_{\ell_j} = \delta_1 + p^{-1} H^\Delta$$

## Standard first steps

$$n^{-1}X'Xv_k = \hat{\rho}_k v_k$$

$$X = [\sqrt{\ell_k}Z_1, Z_2\Sigma_2^{1/2}]$$

$$n^{-1}Z_2\Sigma_2\Sigma_2' = U\Lambda U'$$

$$U \in O(n), \Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1 \geq \dots \lambda_n)$$

$$z = U'Z_1 \sim N(0, I_n) \quad z \perp \Lambda \quad (\text{Gaussian assumptions!})$$

Schur complement, Woodbury formula, resolvent,...

$$R(x) = (\Lambda - xI_n)^{-1}$$

⇒ Key equation:

$$(\hat{\rho}_k - \rho_{kn})[1 + \ell_k n^{-1} z' \tilde{R}_{kn} z] = -\ell_k \rho_{kn} [n^{-1} z' R(\rho_{kn}) z + \ell_k^{-1}]$$

# The Forward Map $H \rightarrow F_{\gamma,H}$

Silverstein equation:  $H$  probability measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\gamma > 0$ ,

$$z(m) = -\frac{1}{m} + \gamma \int \frac{t}{1+tm} dH(t), \quad m \in \mathbb{C}^+$$

$z(m) = z$  has unique solution  $m(z)$  for  $z \in \mathbb{C}^+$ , and

$$m(z) = \int \frac{1}{\lambda - z} dF(\lambda) = m_F(z)$$

defines (Stieltjes transform of) a probability distribution  $F = F_{\gamma,H}$ .

Population:  $\Sigma_p$   $H_p = F^{\Sigma_p} = \frac{1}{p} \sum \delta_{\sigma_i}$

Sample:  $B_n = n^{-1} Z_p \Sigma_p Z_p'$   $F^{B_n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum \delta_{\lambda_i}$

If  $H_p \Rightarrow H$ ,  $p/n \rightarrow \gamma$   $F^{B_n} \Rightarrow F_{\gamma,H}$

(Marcenko-Pastur-Bai-Silverstein)

# Stochastic Decomposition

$$n^{-1}z'f(\Lambda)z = n^{-1}\sum f(\lambda_i)z_i^2 = n^{-1}\sum f(\lambda_i) + n^{-1/2}S_n(f)$$

$$S_n(f) = n^{-1/2}\sum f(\lambda_i)(z_i^2 - 1) \quad (\Lambda \perp\!\!\!\perp z)$$

$$\begin{aligned}n^{-1}\sum f(\lambda_i) &= \int f(\lambda_i) dF_{\gamma_n, H_n}(\lambda) + n^{-1}\left[\sum f(\lambda_i) - n \int f dF_{\gamma_n, H_n}\right] \\ &= F_{\gamma_n, H_n}(f) + n^{-1}G_n(f)\end{aligned}$$

deterministic equiv.

Bai-Silverstein CLT

$\Rightarrow$

$$n^{-1}z'f(\Lambda)z = F_{\gamma_n, H_n}(f) + n^{-1/2}S_n(f) + n^{-1}G_n(f)$$

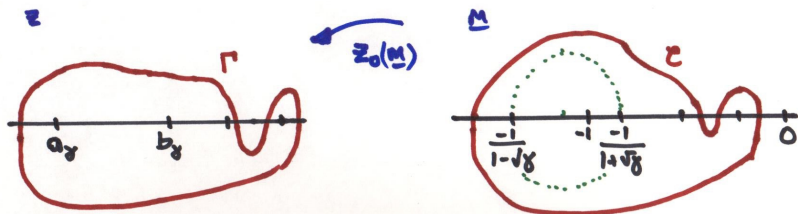
## Perturbing the centering

$$H = \delta_1 + p^{-1}H^\Delta \quad \text{From Wang-Silverstein-Yao, 2014}$$

$$F_{\gamma,H}(f) = F_\gamma(f) + n^{-1}A(f) + O(n^{-2})$$

$$A(f) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C f(z_0(m))w(m)dm$$

$$z_0(m) = -\frac{1}{m} + \frac{\gamma}{1+m} \quad w(m) = \int \frac{t}{1+tm} dH^\Delta(t)$$





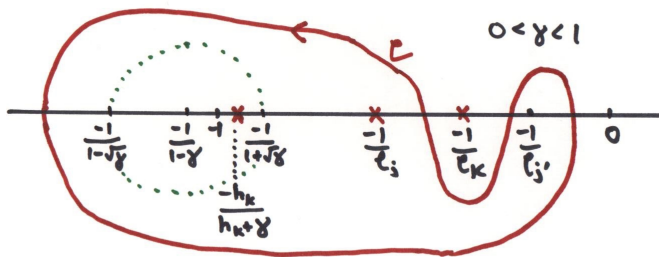
## Evaluating $A_n(g_{kn})$

In WSY 14, set  $H \leftarrow H_{(k)n} = \delta_1 + \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j \neq k} (\delta_{\ell_j} - \delta_1)$

$f(z) \leftarrow g_{kn}(z) = (\rho_{kn} - z)^{-1}$ ,  $w(m) = \sum_{j \neq k} \left( \frac{\ell_j}{1 + \ell_j m} - \frac{1}{1 + m} \right)$

$$A_n(g_{kn}) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \sum_{j \neq k} t_j(m) dm = \frac{h_k}{(h_k^2 - \gamma)} \sum_{j \neq k} \frac{h_j}{h_k - h_j}$$

repulsion term



Back to  $n^{-1}z'R(\rho_{kn})z$

$$-R(\rho_{kn}) = -(\Lambda - \rho_{kn}I_n)^{-1} = g_{kn}(\Lambda)$$

**Decomposition:**

$$-n^{-1}z'R(\rho_{kn})z \approx F_{\gamma_n}(g_{kn}) + n^{-1/2}S_n(g_{kn}) + n^{-1}D_n(g_{kn})$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_n(g_{kn}) &= G_n(g_{kn}) + A_n(g_{kn}) + O(n^{-1}) \\ &= \tilde{\alpha}_{0,k}(\mathbf{h}, \gamma_n) + Z_{kn}, \end{aligned}$$

since, from Bai-Silverstein CLT

$$G_n(g_{kn}) = \mu_{\gamma_n}(g_{kn}) + Z_{kn}, \quad \mu_{\gamma_n}(g_{kn}) = \frac{\gamma_n h_k}{(h_k^2 - \gamma_n)^2}$$

bulk term

## Key linearization

$$\hat{z}_{kn} = \frac{n^{1/2}(\hat{\rho}_k - \rho_{kn})}{\sigma_{kn}} \approx \frac{S_n(\mathbf{g}_{kn}) + n^{-1/2}D_n(\mathbf{g}_{kn})}{\sigma_{kn}F_{\gamma_n}(\mathbf{g}_{kn}^2) + h.o.t.}$$

Delta method for Edgeworth expansion, + conditioning

$$\mathbb{P}\{\hat{z}_{kn} \leq x\} = \mathbb{E}\left\{\mathbb{P}\{S_n(\mathbf{g}_{kn}) \leq y_n(x) | \Lambda\}\right\} + o(n^{-1/2})$$

Final steps:

- ▶ Edgeworth expansion (conditional on  $\Lambda$ )
- ▶ uncondition; identify terms

## Edgeworth (conditional on $\Lambda$ )

$$S_n(g_{kn}) = n^{-1} \sum X_{ni} \quad X_{ni} = c_{ni}(z_i^2 - 1) \quad c_{ni} = g_{kn}(\lambda_i)$$

From e.g. [Petrov 1975](#), n.i.d. case:

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{\frac{1}{\bar{\kappa}_{2n}\sqrt{n}} \sum X_{ni} \leq y \mid \Lambda\right\} = \Phi(y) - \frac{\bar{\kappa}_{jn}}{\bar{\kappa}_{2n}^{3/2} \sqrt{n}} \frac{H_2(y)}{6} \phi(y) + o(n^{-1/2})$$

Cumulants:  $\bar{\kappa}_{jn} = \kappa_j n^{-1} \sum_1^n c_{ni}^j = \kappa_j F_{\gamma_n}(g_{kn}^j) + O(n^{-1/2})$

quadratic term:

$$\frac{\bar{\kappa}_{jn}}{\bar{\kappa}_{2n}^{3/2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \frac{h_k^3 + \gamma_n}{(h_k^2 - \gamma_n)^{3/2}} + O(n^{-1/2}) = \alpha_2(h_k, \gamma_n) + O(n^{-1/2})$$

## Assembling pieces

$$\mathbb{P}\{\hat{Z}_{kn} \leq x\} = \mathbb{E} \left[ \Phi(y_n) - \frac{\alpha_2(h_k, \gamma_n)}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{H_2(y_n)}{6} \phi(y_n) + o(n^{-1/2}) \right]$$

$$y_n = y_n(x) = x - \frac{1}{\bar{\kappa}_{2n}\sqrt{n}} D_n(g_{kn}) \quad \text{repulsive shift}$$

$$= x - \frac{1}{\bar{\kappa}_{2n}\sqrt{n}} [\tilde{\alpha}_{0,k}(\mathbf{h}, \gamma_n) + Z_{kn}]$$

$$\mathbb{E}\Phi(y_n) \approx \Phi(x) - \frac{\alpha_{0k}(\mathbf{h}, \gamma_n)}{\sqrt{n}} \phi(x)$$

Final result:

$$\mathbb{P}\{\hat{Z}_{kn} \leq x\} = \Phi(x) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left[ \alpha_2(h_k, \gamma_n) \frac{H_2(y)}{6} + \alpha_{0k}(\mathbf{h}, \gamma_n) \right] \phi(x) + o(n^{-1/2})$$

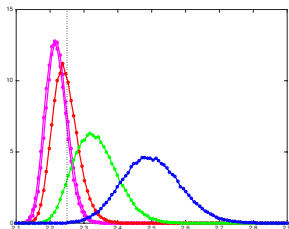
## Confidence intervals after selection

# Inference for supercritical spikes

Below bulk edge:

Even for supercritical  $\ell_k$ ,

$\mathbb{P}\{\hat{\rho}_k < b(\gamma)\}$  can be significant!



→ **inference after selection of supercritical spikes**

**Selection rule:** select all  $\hat{\rho}_k, k = 1, \dots, \hat{r}$  such that

$$\hat{\rho}_k > \theta_n := b(\gamma_n) + n^{-1/3} \sqrt{\gamma_n}$$

**Consistent:**  $\mathbb{P}(\hat{r} = r) = 1 - o(n^{-m}), m \in \mathbb{N}$

**Minimal conditioning:** Liu-Markovic-Tibshirani (2018)

$$\hat{\rho}_k \mid \hat{\rho}_k > \theta_n$$

# Pivots

Exact distribution of  $\hat{\rho}_k$ :

$$\bar{F}_{kn}(x, \ell) = \mathbb{P}_\ell(\hat{\rho}_k > x)$$

Exact pivot given  $\hat{\rho}_k > \theta_n$ :

$$u_{kn}(\hat{\rho}_k, \ell) := \frac{\bar{F}_{kn}(\hat{\rho}_k, \ell)}{\bar{F}_{kn}(\theta_n, \ell)} \sim U(0, 1) \quad \text{for all } \ell$$

Approach:

1. Approximate  $\bar{F}_{kn}$  by Gaussian, Edgeworth, ...
2. Form approximate pivots  $u_{kn}^A(\hat{\rho}_k, \ell) \approx U(0, 1)$
3. Confidence intervals:  $\{\ell_k > 1 + \sqrt{\gamma} : u_{kn}^A(\hat{\rho}_k, \ell) \in I\}$

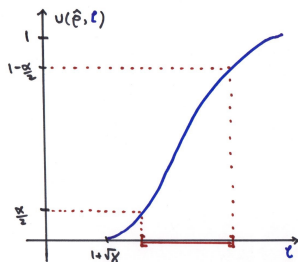


## Pivots ctd.

$$\{l_k > 1 + \sqrt{\gamma} : u_{kn}^A(\hat{\rho}_k, \ell) \in I\}$$

$$I = \begin{cases} [0, 1 - \alpha] & \text{upper} \\ [\alpha/2, 1 - \alpha/2] & \text{two-sided...} \end{cases}$$

Usually  $l_k \rightarrow u_{kn}^A(\hat{\rho}_k, \ell)$  is monotone  $\nearrow$

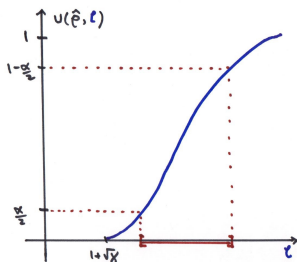


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Gaussian example:

$$\bar{F}_{kn}(x, \ell) \approx \bar{\Phi}(z_n(x, \ell_k)), \quad z_n(x, \ell) = n^{1/2} \frac{x - \rho(\ell, \gamma_n)}{\sigma(\ell, \gamma_n)}$$

→ Selective Z pivot:

$$u_n^z(\hat{\rho}_k, \ell_k) := \frac{\bar{\Phi}(z_n(\hat{\rho}_k, \ell_k))}{\bar{\Phi}(z_n(\theta_n, \ell_k))}$$

# Edgeworth pivots

Edgeworth approximation

$$\Phi_{kn}^E(x, \ell) = \Phi(x) + n^{-1/2} p_k(x; \ell, \gamma_n) \phi(x)$$

→ Selective  $E$  pivot: [estimated  $\hat{\ell}$ :  $\hat{\ell}_j = \rho_n^{-1}(\hat{\rho}_j)$ ]

$$u_{kn}^E(\hat{\rho}, \ell_k) := \frac{\overline{\Phi}_{kn}^E(z_n(\hat{\rho}_k, \ell_k), \hat{\ell})}{\overline{\Phi}_{kn}^E(z_n(\theta_n, \ell_k), \hat{\ell})}$$

Positive (E) pivot:

$$u_{kn}^P(\hat{\rho}, \ell_k) := \begin{cases} u_{kn}^E(\hat{\rho}, \ell_k) & \text{if } \overline{\Phi}_{kn}^E(z_n(\hat{\rho}_k, \ell_k), \hat{\ell}) > 0 \\ u_n^Z(\hat{\rho}, \ell_k) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Coverage accuracy

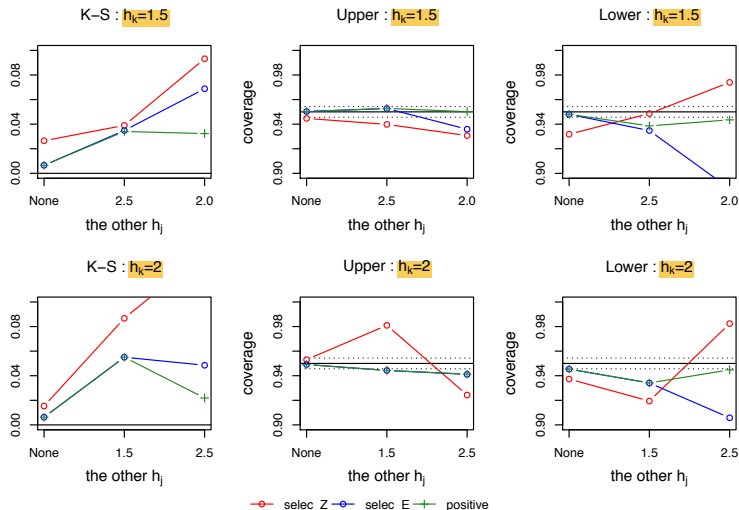
**Theorem:** Uniformly in  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ , for any  $1 \leq k \leq r$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P}\{u(\hat{\rho}) \leq \alpha \mid \hat{\rho}_k > \theta_n\} - \alpha \\ &= \begin{cases} O(n^{-1/2}) & \text{for } u(\hat{\rho}) = u_n^Z(\hat{\rho}_k, \ell_k), \\ o(n^{-1/2}) & \text{for } u(\hat{\rho}) = u_{kn}^E(\hat{\rho}, \ell_k), u_{kn}^P(\hat{\rho}, \ell_k) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

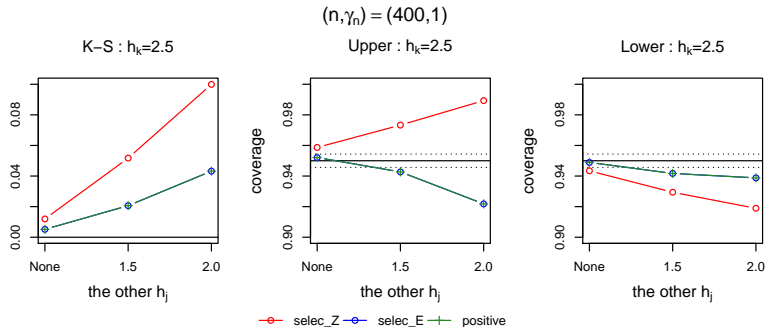
- ▶ Consequence of the Edgeworth expansion
- ▶ also holds for clipped pivots  $((u(\hat{\rho}) \vee 0) \wedge 1)$

# Numerical coverage – 2 spikes

$(n, \gamma_n) = (400, 1)$



# Numerical coverage – 2 spikes



- ▶ Repulsion stronger for closer spikes  $\rightarrow$  worse approximations
- ▶ selective E(○) has  $\bar{\Phi}^E < 0$  with prob  $> 5\%$  in tough cases:  
 $\mathbf{h} = (2.0, 1.5), (2.5, 2.0)$
- ▶ Positive pivot(+) usually fixes this!

## Future work

- ▶ Other models, e.g. low rank denoising

$$X = \sum_{k=1}^r \ell_k \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{u}'_k + Z$$

- ▶ corrections for **joint** distributions
- ▶ non-Gaussian data
- ▶ second order expansions: LSS obstacle

Reference: (single spike) Yang & J., *Statistica Sinica* 2018.  
(multispike) in preparation.

# THANK YOU!