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ABSTRACT: In the past we have considered Gaussian random matrix ensembles in the presence of an external matrix source. The reason was that it allowed, through an appropriate tuning of the eigenvalues of the source, to obtain results on non-trivial dual models, such as Kontsevich's Airy matrix models and generalizations. The techniques relied on explicit computations of the k -point functions for arbitrary N (the size of the matrices) and on an N - k duality. Numerous results on the intersection numbers of the moduli space of curves were obtained by this technique. In order to generalize these results to include surfaces with boundaries, we have extended these techniques to supermatrices. Again we have obtained quite remarkable explicit expressions for the k -point functions, as well as a duality. Although supermatrix models a priori lead to the same matrix models of 2d-gravity, the external source extensions considered in this article lead to new geometric results.

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1 Introduction

We have considered at length in the past Hermitian random matrices in the presence of an external matrix source [1, 2]. In fact we have limited ourselves to Gaussian models because a specific duality of these models, to be recalled below, made it possible to use the matrix source in order to tune non-trivial models such as Kontsevich’s Airy matrix model [3] and generalizations [4]. Such models have led to easy calculations of intersection numbers for the moduli space of curves with marked points and boundaries [1, 2, 5].

The triangulation of surfaces through supermatrices should be useful to characterize super-Riemann surfaces (SRS) or super-Teichmuller space [7, 8]. As a first step to investigate the moduli space for SRS through supermatrices with an external source, we compute explicitly the expectation values of the supervertices.

We consider here a Gaussian ensemble of supermatrices, a generalized GUE, in the presence of an external matrix source. It presents a number of similarities with the usual case: (1) the k -point function $\langle \text{stre}^{t_1 M} \dots \text{stre}^{t_k M} \rangle$ are explicitly calculable for random matrices M invariant under the super-unitary group $U(n|m)$ or $UOSp(n|m)$, (2) there is again a dual representation of $\langle \prod_1^k \text{sdet}^{-1}(x_i - M) \rangle$ valid for arbitrary (n, m) in terms of integrals over matrices of size $k \times k$.

2 One point function

The “probability” distribution for super-Hermitian matrices is

$$P_A(M) = \frac{1}{Z_A} e^{\frac{i}{2} \text{str} M^2 + i \text{str} M A} \tag{2.1}$$

in which the matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a & \alpha \\ \bar{\alpha} & b \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.2}$$

We have to deal with a complex weight to make meaning of the integrals since

$$\text{str}M^2 = \text{tr}(a^2) - \text{tr}(b^2) + 2\text{tr}(\alpha\bar{\alpha}) \tag{2.3}$$

The $n \times n$ matrix a is Hermitian, and the $m \times m$ matrix b is also Hermitian; the matrices α and $\bar{\alpha}$ are rectangular, respectively $n \times m$ and $m \times n$ and consist of Grassmanian (i.e. anticommuting) variables. We use the convention $\overline{\alpha\beta} = \bar{\beta}\bar{\alpha}$. We denote the eigenvalues of the source super-matrix A by (r_i, ρ_j) which we can take as a diagonal matrix.

We would like to compute the one-point function $\langle \text{str} e^{itM} \rangle$, expectation value with respect to the weight (2.1). If we assume that M may be diagonalized through a super-unitary transformation $U(n|m)$, i.e. $M = U^\dagger D U$ with

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} l & 0 \\ 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.4}$$

we can replace the integral over M by an integral over its eigenvalues l 's and μ 's plus an integral over the super-unitary group. (For instance if the matrix M is just two by two, $l = a + \frac{\alpha\bar{\alpha}}{a-b}$ and $\mu = b + \frac{\alpha\bar{\alpha}}{a-b}$).

The usual Vandermonde Jacobian associated with this diagonalization is replaced by the Berezinian [6]

$$J(l, \mu) = \left(\frac{\Delta(l)\Delta(\mu)}{\Delta(l|\mu)} \right)^2 \tag{2.5}$$

with

$$\Delta(l|\mu) = \prod_{a=1}^n \prod_{b=1}^m (l_a - \mu_b) \tag{2.6}$$

Since the observable $\text{str}e^{itM}$ is unitary invariant, the integral over the unitary group involves only the Itzykson-Zuber like integral

$$I = \int dU e^{i\text{str}U^\dagger D U A} \tag{2.7}$$

This integral has been computed by Alfaro and co-workers [9] who found

$$I = \frac{\det e^{il_i r_j} \det e^{-i\mu_i \rho_j} \Delta(l|\mu) \Delta(r|\rho)}{\Delta(l)\Delta(\mu)\Delta(r)\Delta(\rho)} \tag{2.8}$$

up to a normalization which will be fixed later; the Δ 's are Vandermonde factors as usual.

Inserted into the expression for $U(t)$ the $n!$ terms of the expansion of $\det e^{il_i r_j}$ and the $m!$ terms of $\det e^{-i\mu_i \rho_j}$ are all equal thanks of the antisymmetry of $\Delta(l)$ and $\Delta(\mu)$. Therefore combining the Berezinian and the IZ integral we obtain

$$U(t) = \frac{\Delta(r|\rho)}{Z_A \Delta(r)\Delta(\rho)} \int dl_i d\mu_j \frac{\Delta(l)\Delta(\mu)}{\Delta(l|\mu)} e^{\frac{i}{2}(\sum l_i^2 - \sum \mu_j^2) + i \sum l_i r_i - i \sum \mu_j \rho_j} \left(\sum_a e^{itl_a} - \sum_j e^{it\mu_j} \right) \tag{2.9}$$

We now use an identity, similar to the one which we have used in the past for the usual GUE, namely

$$\begin{aligned} & \int dl_i d\mu_j \frac{\Delta(l)\Delta(\mu)}{\Delta(l|\mu)} e^{\frac{i}{2}(\sum l_i^2 - \sum \mu_j^2) + i \sum l_a r_a - i \sum \mu_j \rho_j} \\ &= e^{-\frac{i}{2}(\sum r_i^2 - \sum \rho_j^2)} \frac{\Delta(r)\Delta(\rho)}{\Delta(r|\rho)} \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

which follows trivially from the fact that the partition function Z_A in (2.1) is simply equal to $e^{-\frac{i}{2}\text{str}A^2}$. The identity (2.10) follows from a calculation of Z_A based on the diagonalization of M and of the susy IZ formula (2.8).

In order to complete the calculation we note that each of the $(n+m)$ terms generated from the second line of (2.9) involves a simple modification of the source matrix A . For instance the first one involves the replacement $r_i \rightarrow r_i + t\delta_{i1}$ and since we know the integral for arbitrary r_i 's from (2.10) we can perform all the integrals over the eigenvalues and end up with a sum of $(n+m)$ terms. It turns out that, as in the simple GUE case, the sum of the n terms as well as the sum over the m terms may be replaced by one single contour integral encircling respectively the poles at $z = r_i$'s and at $z = \rho_j$'s. We end up with

$$U(t) = U^I(t) + U^{II}(t) \quad (2.11)$$

$$U^I(t) = \frac{e^{-it^2/2}}{t} \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} e^{-itz} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{t}{z-r_i}\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^m \left(1 + \frac{t}{z-\rho_j}\right)} \quad (2.12)$$

$$U^{II}(t) = \frac{e^{it^2/2}}{t} \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} e^{-itz} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^m \left(1 - \frac{t}{z-\rho_j}\right)}{\prod_{i=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{t}{z-r_i}\right)} \quad (2.13)$$

In the first integral the contour encircles the poles $z = r_i$'s and not $z = \rho_j$. Each pole provides one of the first n terms of (2.9). Similarly the second contour encircles the poles at $z = \rho_j$ and provides the remaining m terms. In the course of the calculation we have dropped a number of constants since they cancelled with the normalization Z_A . One can check that the final normalization is right since it verifies

$$U(0) = \langle \text{str}1 \rangle = n - m \quad (2.14)$$

Remarkably enough if we shift z to $z - t/2$ in the first integral and z to $z + t/2$ in the second, one finds that $U^I(t)$ and $U^{II}(t)$ recombine into the single integral

$$U(t) = \frac{1}{t} \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} e^{-itz} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{z - r_i + t/2}{z - r_i - t/2} \prod_{j=1}^m \frac{z - \rho_j - t/2}{z - \rho_j + t/2} \quad (2.15)$$

in which the contour circle over all the poles at $z = r_i + t/2$ and $z = \rho_j - t/2$.

In the absence of any source, i.e. if all the r 's and ρ 's vanish, the result is

$$U(t) = \frac{1}{t} \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} e^{-itz} \left(\frac{z + t/2}{z - t/2} \right)^{n-m} \quad (2.16)$$

i.e., a simple dimensional reduction $n \rightarrow n - m$ of the GUE result [1], but in general it is indeed genuinely different.

3 Two point correlation function

The same technique allows one to compute correlation functions such

$$U(t_1, t_2) = \langle \text{stre}^{it_1 M} \text{stre}^{it_2 M} \rangle \quad (3.1)$$

After integration over the unitary degrees of freedom one is left with

$$U(t_1, t_2) = \frac{\Delta(r|\rho)}{\Delta(r)\Delta(\rho)} \int dl_i d\mu_j \frac{\Delta(l)\Delta(\mu)}{\Delta(l|\mu)} e^{\frac{i}{2}(\sum l_i^2 - \sum \mu_j^2) + i \sum l_i r_i - i \sum \mu_j \rho_j} \left(\sum_a e^{it_1 l_a} - \sum_j e^{it_1 \mu_j} \right) \left(\sum_a e^{it_2 l_a} - \sum_j e^{it_2 \mu_j} \right) \quad (3.2)$$

i.e. $(n+m)^2$ terms which can all be computed with the help of the identity (2.10) through an appropriate shift of the eigenvalues of the source matrix such as

$$r_a \rightarrow r_a + t_1 \delta_{ai} + t_2 \delta_{aj} \quad (3.3)$$

and similarly for the (r, ρ) and (ρ, ρ) terms. This leads to a sum of four terms

$$U^I(t_1, t_2) = \frac{e^{-it_1^2/2 - it_2^2/2}}{t_1 t_2} \oint \frac{dz_1}{2i\pi} \oint \frac{dz_2}{2i\pi} e^{-it_1 z_1 - it_2 z_2} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{t_1}{z_1 - r_i}\right) \left(1 + \frac{t_2}{z_2 - r_i}\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^m \left(1 + \frac{t_1}{z_1 - \rho_j}\right) \left(1 + \frac{t_2}{z_2 - \rho_j}\right)} \left[1 + \frac{t_1 t_2}{(z_1 - z_2 + t_1)(z_1 - z_2 - t_2)}\right] \quad (3.4)$$

in which both contours encircle the poles r_i . Similarly there are three more terms; the plus-minus combination gives

$$U^{II}(t_1, t_2) = \frac{e^{-it_1^2/2 + it_2^2/2}}{t_1 t_2} \oint \frac{dz_1}{2i\pi} \oint \frac{dz_2}{2i\pi} e^{-it_1 z_1 - it_2 z_2} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{t_1}{z_1 - r_i}\right) \prod_{j=1}^m \left(1 - \frac{t_2}{z_2 - \rho_j}\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^m \left(1 + \frac{t_1}{z_1 - \rho_j}\right) \prod_{i=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{t_2}{z_2 - r_i}\right)} \left[1 + \frac{t_1 t_2}{(z_1 - z_2)(z_1 - z_2 + t_1 + t_2)}\right] \quad (3.5)$$

in which the contour for z_1 encircles the r -poles and z_2 the ρ -poles;

$$U^{III}(t_1, t_2) = \frac{e^{it_1^2/2 - it_2^2/2}}{t_1 t_2} \oint \frac{dz_1}{2i\pi} \oint \frac{dz_2}{2i\pi} e^{-it_1 z_1 - it_2 z_2} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{t_2}{z_2 - r_i}\right) \prod_{j=1}^m \left(1 - \frac{t_1}{z_1 - \rho_j}\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^m \left(1 + \frac{t_2}{z_2 - \rho_j}\right) \prod_{i=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{t_1}{z_1 - r_i}\right)} \left[1 + \frac{t_1 t_2}{(z_1 - z_2)(z_1 - z_2 - t_1 - t_2)}\right] \quad (3.6)$$

z_1 encircles the ρ -poles and z_2 the r -poles,

$$U^{IV}(t_1, t_2) = \frac{e^{it_1^2/2 + it_2^2/2}}{t_1 t_2} \oint \frac{dz_1}{2i\pi} e^{-it_1 z_1} \oint \frac{dz_2}{2i\pi} e^{-it_2 z_2} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^m \left(1 - \frac{t_1}{z_1 - \rho_j}\right) \left(1 - \frac{t_2}{z_2 - \rho_j}\right)}{\prod_{i=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{t_1}{z_1 - r_i}\right) \left(1 - \frac{t_2}{z_2 - r_i}\right)} \left[1 + \frac{t_1 t_2}{(z_1 - z_2 - t_1)(z_1 - z_2 - t_2)}\right] \quad (3.7)$$

z_1 and z_2 encircle the ρ -poles. Remarkably enough these four terms recombine nicely into one single compact expression. First the ones which appear as first terms in the brackets reconstruct simply the disconnected part $U(t_1)U(t_2)$. Then after appropriate shifts $z_i \rightarrow z_i \pm t_i/2$ the four integrands become identical and their sum is simply obtained by taking the residues at all the poles in the z_1, z_2 plane. The final expression for the connected correlation function is then

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_c(t_1, t_2) &= \oint \frac{dz_1}{2i\pi} \frac{dz_2}{2i\pi} e^{-it_1 z_1 - it_2 z_2} \prod_1^n \frac{(z_1 - r_i + t_1/2)(z_2 - r_i + t_2/2)}{(z_1 - r_i - t_1/2)(z_2 - r_i - t_2/2)} \\
 &\times \prod_1^m \frac{(z_1 - \rho_j - t_1/2)(z_2 - \rho_j - t_2/2)}{(z_1 - \rho_j + t_1/2)(z_2 - \rho_j + t_2/2)} \\
 &\times \frac{1}{(z_1 - z_2 - t_1/2 - t_2/2)(z_1 - z_2 + t_1/2 + t_2/2)} \tag{3.8}
 \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that this may be generalized to a k -point function as in the usual GUE case [1].

4 Duality

In the GUE case we have used at length a duality between the expectation value of a product of k -characteristic polynomials with $N \times N$ random matrices in a source, which is equal to the expectation values of the product of N characteristic polynomials averaged with $k \times k$ random matrices [1, 2]. We now derive a similar duality for supermatrices.

Consider first the one point expectation value

$$F_1(x) = \langle \frac{1}{\text{sdet}(x - M)} \rangle = \langle \int d\Phi e^{i\bar{\Phi}(x-M)\Phi} \rangle \tag{4.1}$$

with the weight (2.1); the $(n+m)$ -components vector Φ consists of $(u_1, \dots, u_n; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_m)$ with anticommuting θ 's: $d\Phi$ stands for $\prod_i du_i^* du_i \prod_j d\bar{\theta}_j d\theta_j$. The integral over the matrix M with source A is replaced by an integral with source

$$\tilde{A} = A + \begin{pmatrix} u_i u_j^* & u_i \bar{\theta}_j \\ u_j^* \theta_i & \theta_i \bar{\theta}_j \end{pmatrix} \tag{4.2}$$

Then

$$F_1(x) = \int d\Phi e^{ix\bar{\Phi}\cdot\Phi} \frac{Z_{\tilde{A}}}{Z_A} = \int d\Phi e^{ix\bar{\Phi}\cdot\Phi} e^{-i/2 \text{str}(\tilde{A}^2 - A^2)} \tag{4.3}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{str}(\tilde{A}^2 - A^2) = \sum_1^n r_i u_i u_i^* + \sum_1^m \rho_j \bar{\theta}_j \theta_j + \frac{1}{2} (u^* \cdot u)^2 + (u^* \cdot u) (\bar{\theta} \cdot \theta) + \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\theta} \cdot \theta)^2 \tag{4.4}$$

Using the representation

$$e^{-i/2 (u^* \cdot u + \bar{\theta} \cdot \theta)^2} = \int dy e^{iy^2/2 + iy(u^* \cdot u + \bar{\theta} \cdot \theta)} \tag{4.5}$$

(up to normalizations), we can now integrate out the u 's and θ 's and end up with a single integral

$$F_1(x) = \left\langle \frac{1}{\text{sdet}(x - M)} \right\rangle = \int dy e^{-iy^2/2} \prod_1^n \frac{1}{x + y - r_i} \prod_1^m (x + y - \rho_j) \quad (4.6)$$

over the variable y ; shifting $y \rightarrow y - x$ we end up with

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{\text{sdet}(x - M)} \right\rangle = e^{ix^2/2} \int dy e^{iy^2/2 + ixy} \frac{\prod_1^m (y - \rho_j)}{\prod_1^n (y - r_i)} \quad (4.7)$$

In this dual representation we could introduce a 2×2 diagonal supermatrix with non-zero elements $\prod_1^n (y - r_i)$ and $\prod_1^m (y - \rho_j)$ on the diagonal and the fraction in (4.7) replaced by $1/\text{sdet}$ to make the duality more explicit.

The same technique may be applied to

$$F_k(x_1 \cdots x_k) = \left\langle \prod_{a=1}^k \text{sdet}(x_a - M)^{-1} \right\rangle \quad (4.8)$$

i.e.

$$F_k(x_1 \cdots x_k) = \left\langle \prod_{a=1}^k \int d\Phi_a e^{i\bar{\Phi}_a(x_a - M)\Phi_a} \right\rangle \quad (4.9)$$

We are now dealing with a modified matrix source

$$\tilde{A} = A + \sum_{a=1}^k \begin{pmatrix} u_i^a u^{a*}_j & u_i^a \bar{\theta}_j^a \\ u_j^{a*} \theta_i^a & \theta_i^a \bar{\theta}_j^a \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.10)$$

The result of the integration over the matrix M produces again $e^{-i/2 \text{str}(\tilde{A}^2 - A^2)}$ which involve quartic terms in u 's and θ 's. The Gaussian disentanglement of those fourth order terms involves now a $k \times k$ matrix y_{ab} and we end up with

$$F_k(x_1 \cdots x_k) = e^{i \sum_1^k x_a^2/2} \int dy_{ab} e^{i/2 \text{tr} y^2 - i \sum_a x_a y_{aa}} \frac{\prod_1^m \det(y - \rho_j)}{\prod_1^n \det(x - r_i)} \quad (4.11)$$

which we could again express as the superdeterminant of a $2k \times 2k$ supermatrix.

5 What can we learn from supermatrices?

At this stage it is natural to ask whether the whole machinery which has been developed over the years with usual matrix models, such as triangulations of random surfaces, planar limit, multicritical points, double scaling limit, intersection numbers of curves on Riemann surface, etc, lead to something new with supermatrices. For instance consider a matrix model with a weight

$$P(M) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{\text{str} V(M)} \quad (5.1)$$

in which V is a polynomial with complex coefficients. Integrating out the $U(n|m)$ degrees of freedom one has

$$Z = \int \prod_1^n dl_i \prod_1^m d\mu_j \left(\frac{\Delta(l)\Delta(\mu)}{\Delta(l|\mu)} \right)^2 e^{\sum_i V(l_i) - \sum_j V(\mu_j)} \quad (5.2)$$

Introducing the densities

$$\rho_1(\lambda) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_1^n \delta(\lambda - l_i) \quad \rho_2(\mu) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_1^m \delta(\mu - \mu_j) \quad (5.3)$$

we obtain

$$Z = \int \prod_1^n dl_i \prod_1^m d\mu_j e^{n \int d\lambda \rho_1(\lambda) V(\lambda) - m \int d\mu \rho_2(\mu) V(\mu)} e^{n^2 \int d\lambda d\lambda' \rho_1(\lambda) \rho_1(\lambda') \log |\lambda - \lambda'| + m^2 \int d\mu d\mu' \rho_2(\mu) \rho_2(\mu') \log |\mu - \mu'| - 2nm \int d\lambda d\mu \rho_1(\lambda) \rho_2(\mu) \log |\lambda - \mu|} \quad (5.4)$$

So if we define

$$\tilde{\rho}(\lambda) = n\rho_1(\lambda) - m\rho_2(\lambda) \quad (5.5)$$

the integral for the partition function takes the same form as the usual matrix model with

$$\int D\tilde{\rho}(\lambda) e^{\int d\lambda V(\lambda) \tilde{\rho}(\lambda) + \int d\lambda d\lambda' \tilde{\rho}(\lambda) \tilde{\rho}(\lambda') \log |\lambda - \lambda'|} \quad (5.6)$$

Therefore it seems that there are no modifications with respect to the usual matrix model, at least in the planar limit: the m Grassmanian dimensions have simply reduced the number of commuting dimensions to $(n - m)$.

However the situation for the model with external source, which in the usual case was useful for computing intersection numbers, is slightly different.

6 Intersection numbers for p -spin curves

The ordinary intersection numbers of the moduli space of curves may be derived from a generalization of Kontsevich' Airy matrix model [3]. The intersection numbers for one marked point for p -spin curves are computed from $U(t)$ by an appropriate tuning of the external source [1]. When $p = 2$, we obtain simply the Kontsevich' Airy model.

For supermatrices the one-point function $U(t)$ is given by (2.15). We shall now tune the external parameters r_i and ρ_j ($i=1, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, m$). Define the sum

$$c_k = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{r_i^k} - \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{1}{\rho_j^k} \quad (6.1)$$

k is an integer and expand $U(t)$ of (2.15) as,

$$U(t) = \frac{1}{z} \int \frac{dz}{2i\pi} \left[e^{-\frac{c_{p+1}}{p+1} \left(\left(z + \frac{t}{2} \right)^{p+1} - \left(z - \frac{t}{2} \right)^{p+1} \right)} \right] \quad (6.2)$$

where we have chosen the r 's and ρ 's satisfying the conditions

$$c_1 = 0, \quad c_2 = -i \tag{6.3}$$

$$c_j = 0, \quad (j = 3, \dots, p) \tag{6.4}$$

The higher terms proportional to c_k ($k > p + 1$) can be dropped in an appropriate scaling region with n and m large. We assume $c_{p+1} \sim (n - m)$, which is large. In the case $n = m$, it reduces to $p = -1$, which is expicited below. The new term is the second term in (2.15) compared with the ordinary p -spin intersection numbers [1].

For $p = -1$, we find like in ([1]) the Euler characteristics $\chi(M_{g,n})$. From (6.2),

$$U(t) = \frac{1}{t} \int \frac{dz}{2i\pi} \left(\frac{z-1}{z+1} \right)^N \tag{6.5}$$

where $N = c_{p+1}$. By the change of variable, $(z - 1)/(z + 1) = e^{-y}$, we compute

$$U(t) = \sum \frac{\tilde{B}_n}{n} \left(\frac{1}{N} \right)^n (-1)^n \tag{6.6}$$

Denoting $\tilde{B}_1 = \frac{1}{2}$, and $\tilde{B}_j = 0$ for j odd, ($j > 1$), we obtain the same intersection numbers as for the ordinary case with an overall factor 2. ($\tilde{B}_{2n} = B_n(-1)^{n+1}$, and Bernoulli number $B_n = 2n\zeta(1 - 2n)(-1)^n$). Thus we have obtained the Euler characteristics for the one puncture cas, equal to what was derived from the GUE matrix model with source [1],

$$\chi(M_{g,1}) = \zeta(1 - 2g) \tag{6.7}$$

For $p = 2$ and $q = -1$ case, we obtain a natural extension of the Kontsevich-Penner model, related now to open intersection numbers. It is not necessary to deal with quantum mechanical matrix models, or two matrix models, as was done in [1]. This is an advantage of the supermatrices formulation.

7 Supermatrices UOSP(n|m) and open boundaries

In [1, 12] we had considered the non-orientable triangulated surfaces generated by matrix models with matrices drawn from the Lie algebras of $O(N)$ and $Sp(N)$. For such algebras the HarishChandra formula [10] allowed us to repeat all the steps followed for the unitary model. We had obtained explicitly the n -point function $U(t_1, \dots, t_n)$. Thereby, after tuning of the external source, this yields generating functions for topological invariants such as the virtual Euler characteristics and the intersection numbers. For non-orientable surfaces, one cannot introduce the first Chern class since the direction of the spin can not be defined. However, in our previous study [2, 12] based on these Lie algebras, we have found, in analogy with the unitary model, generalizations of the topological invariants. It is thus natural to conjecture that they correspond to intersection numbers for non-orientable Riemann surfaces.

It is interesting to generalize these non-orientable surfaces to super-surfaces generated by a matrix model based on the super-unitary orthosymplectic Lie algebra UOSP($n|m$).

The extension can be easily done with the modification of the HarishChandra (Itzykson-Zuber) formula for unitary supermatrices that we used in the above section 2.

The random matrix M belonging to $UOSp(n|m)$ and the external source A are diagonalized by unitary orthosymplectic matrices $U, V \in UOSp(n|m)$

$$U^\dagger M U = \begin{pmatrix} l & 0 \\ 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix}, \quad V^\dagger A V = \begin{pmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & \rho \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.1)$$

The extension of the HarishChandra formula to superLie algebras has been derived by Guhr [11],

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{U \in UOSp(2n|m)} dU e^{i \text{str} U^\dagger D U A} \\ &= \frac{(\det[\cos(2l_i r_j)] + \det[i \sin(2l_i r_j)]) \det[-2i \sin(2\mu_i \rho_j)] \Delta(l^2|\mu^2) \Delta(r^2|\rho^2)}{\Delta(l^2) \Delta(\mu^2) \Delta(r^2) \Delta(\rho^2) \prod \mu_j \prod \rho_j} \end{aligned} \quad (7.2)$$

up to a normalization. After integrating out these “angular” degrees of freedom one obtain an integral over the eigenvalues l 's and μ 's of the random matrices with the new “Berezinian”

$$J(l, \mu) = \left[\frac{\Delta(l^2) \Delta(\mu^2) \prod \mu_j}{\Delta(l^2|\mu^2)} \right]^2 \quad (7.3)$$

with

$$\Delta(l^2|\mu^2) = \prod_1^n \prod_1^m (l_a^2 - \mu_b^2) \quad (7.4)$$

Using the above formulae, one obtains the one point function $U(t) = \langle \text{stre}^{itM} \rangle$,

$$\begin{aligned} U(t) &= \frac{\Delta(r^2|\rho^2)}{Z_A \Delta(r^2) \Delta(\rho^2) \prod \rho_j} \int \prod dl_i d\mu_j \left(\sum_a \cos(tl_a) - \sum_b \cos(t\mu_b) \right) \\ &\quad \frac{\Delta(l^2) \Delta(\mu^2) \prod \mu_j}{\Delta(l^2|\mu^2)} e^{i(\sum l_i^2 - \sum \mu_j^2) + 2i \sum l_i r_i - 2i \sum \mu_j \rho_j} \end{aligned} \quad (7.5)$$

The $\cos tl$ and $\cos t\mu$ lead to a split

$$U(t) = U^I(t) + U^{II}(t) \quad (7.6)$$

$$U^I(t) = \frac{e^{-it^2/4}}{t} \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} e^{-itz} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(z + \frac{t}{2})^2 - r_i^2}{z^2 - r_i^2} \prod_{j=1}^m \frac{z^2 - \rho_j^2}{(z + \frac{t}{2})^2 - \rho_j^2} \left(\frac{z}{z + \frac{t}{4}} \right) \quad (7.7)$$

where the contour encircles all the poles at $z = \pm r_i$. This expression is similar to the one that was derived with the $O(N)$ antisymmetric real matrices [1]. The second term gives

$$U^{II}(t) = \frac{e^{it^2/4}}{t} \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} e^{-itz} \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{(z - \frac{t}{2})^2 - \rho_i^2}{z^2 - \rho_i^2} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{r_j^2 - z^2}{r_j^2 - (z - \frac{t}{2})^2} \left(\frac{z - \frac{t}{2}}{z - \frac{t}{4}} \right) \quad (7.8)$$

where the contour is taken around all the poles at $z = \pm \rho_j$.

This second term may in fact be obtained from the first one for $U^I(t)$ in (7.7), if the contour in the z -plane is extended to encompass also the poles at $z = -\frac{t}{2} \pm \rho_j$. Therefore, we obtain the sum of the two terms $U(t) = U^I(t) + U^{II}(t)$ as a single contour integral. After the shift $z \rightarrow z - \frac{t}{4}$ in (7.7), the contour encircles now all the poles at $z = -\frac{t}{4} \pm r_i, \frac{t}{4} \pm \rho_j$, and

$$U(t) = \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} e^{-itz} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{(z + \frac{t}{4})^2 - r_i^2}{(z - \frac{t}{4})^2 - r_i^2} \right) \prod_{j=1}^m \frac{(z - \frac{t}{4})^2 - \rho_j^2}{(z + \frac{t}{4})^2 - \rho_j^2} \left(1 - \frac{t}{4z} \right) \quad (7.9)$$

One verifies that in the case $m=0$, this coincides with the one point function of $O(N)$ case, and for $n=0$, we obtain the $Sp(N)$ result [1]. The generalization to the k -point functions may easily follow as was done hereabove in the unitary supersymmetric case.

A number of studies may be performed on the basis of these general formulae. We intend to consider the interesting case of the $UOSp$ generalized Kontsevich model with a logarithmic term (open-boundary). This might be related to the geometry of super Riemann surfaces with open boundaries, but we leave the question to a subsequent work.

8 Summary

We have investigated the k -point correlation functions for the vertices $stre^{itM}$, in a Gaussian ensemble invariant under $U(n|m)$. The formulae that we have derived extend the usual Hermitian matrices results, with the freedom of two kind of external sources r_i and ρ_j , bosonic and fermionic. This freedom allows one to compute various topological invariants of surfaces, for example, the intersection numbers with boundaries, through an extension of the Kontsevich-Penner model. The extension to supermatrices $UOSp(n|m)$ is a generalization to non-orientable surfaces generated by matrix models based on the $O(N)$ or $Sp(N)$ Lie algebras. The Kontsevich-Penner model obtained from supermatrices in the Lie algebra of $UOSp(n|m)$ may give more informations on manifolds with open boundaries, but this remains to be investigated in a future work.

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