Gaussian Analytic Functions

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- ► GAFs appear in the study of spectrogram of signals.

Zeros of GAF



Figure: Planar GAF zeros



Figure: Spherical GAF zeros

Lemma 1 Let $p(z) = \prod_{k=1}^{n} (z - z_k)$ be a polynomial with coefficients of z^k as $a_k, 0 \le k \le n-1$, then the transformation $T : \mathbb{C}^n \to \mathbb{C}^n$ defined by

$$T(z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_n) = (a_{n-1}, \ldots, a_0) \tag{1}$$

has Jacobian determinant $\prod_{i < j} |z_i - z_j|^2$.

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Lemma 2

Let ψ_n be holomorphic functions on Λ . Assume that $\sum_n |\psi_n(z)|^2$ converges uniformly on compact sets in Λ . Let a_n be i.i.d random variables with zero mean and unit variance. Then, almost surely, $f(z) = \sum_n a_n \psi_n(z)$ converges uniformly on compact sets of Λ and hence defines a random analytic function. If a_n are standard complex Gaussians, then f(z) is a GAF with covariance kernel $K(z, w) = \sum_n \psi_n(z)\overline{\psi_n}(w)$.

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We have proved the Edelman-Kostlan formula.

Theorem 4

Let f be a GAF on a domain $\Lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. Let n_f denote the counting measure of zero set of f, μ be the expectation of n_f , i.e, $\mu(A) = \mathbb{E}[n_f(A)]$. Let $\phi \in C_c^2(\Lambda)$ be a test function with compact support in Λ . Then for every $\Lambda > 0$,

$$\mathbb{P}\left[\left|\int_{\Lambda} \phi(dn_f - d\mu)\right| \geq \lambda\right] \leq 3 \exp\left(\frac{-\pi\lambda}{\|\Delta\phi\|_{L^1}}\right)$$

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Use (9) to get

$$\int_{\Lambda} \phi(dn_f - d\mu) = \int_{\Lambda} \Delta \phi(z) \frac{1}{2\pi} \{ \log |f(z)| - \log \sqrt{K(z,z)} \} dm(z)$$

Using the above equality, Markov's inequality and applying Lemma 5 makes the proof of Theorem 4 immediate.

Theorem 6 (Wick / Feynman diagram formula) Let $(a, b) = (a_1, ..., a_n, b_1, ..., b_n)^t$ have $N_{\mathbb{C}}(0, \Sigma)$ distribution, where

$$\Sigma = \left[egin{array}{ccc} \Sigma_{1,1} & \Sigma_{1,2} \ \Sigma_{2,1} & \Sigma_{2,2} \end{array}
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Lemma 7 (Co-Area formula)

Let $F : \mathbb{C}^k \mapsto \mathbb{C}^k$ be a function with continuous derivative. For any continuous function φ with compact support and any bounded $B \subset \mathbb{C}^k$ we have

$$\int_B \left(\sum_{x \in F^{-1}(y)} \varphi(x) \right) \mathrm{d} y = \int_{\mathbb{C}^k} \varphi(x) |F'(x)|^2 \mathbf{1}_B(F(x)) \mathrm{d} x.$$

Proof.

Heuristically : Since $x \in F^{-1}(y)$, we "put y = F(x)" on the left hand side !

Theorem 8

Let f be a Gaussian analytic function on Λ with covariance kernel K. If det $K(z_i, z_j)_{i,j \le k}$ does not vanish anywhere on Λ , then the k-point intensity function ρ_k exists and is given by

$$\rho_{k}(z_{1},\ldots,z_{k}) = \frac{\mathsf{E}\left[\left|\mathsf{f}'(z_{1})\cdots\mathsf{f}'(z_{k})\right|^{2} \mid \mathsf{f}(z_{1}) = \ldots = \mathsf{f}(z_{k}) = 0\right]}{\pi^{k}\det K(z_{i},z_{j})_{i,j\leq k}}$$
$$= \frac{\mathsf{per}\left(\mathsf{C}-\mathsf{BA}^{-1}\mathsf{B}^{*}\right)}{\mathsf{det}(\pi A)}.$$

where A, B, C are $k \times k$ matrices defined by

$$A(i,j) = \mathsf{E}\left[\mathsf{f}(z_i)\,\overline{\mathsf{f}}(z_j)\right]$$
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Based on the above formula and Lemma 11, we can see that the STFT of an Hermite function h_k with respect to the Gaussian window g could be computed via the following proposition.

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