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Let $A(x)$ be the following $n \times n$ real matrix

$$A(x) = \begin{pmatrix} x^2 & 1 & x^2 & 1 & \dots & x^2 & 1 \\ 1 & x^{-2} & 1 & x^{-2} & \dots & 1 & x^{-2} \\ x^2 & 1 & x^2 & 1 & \dots & x^2 & 1 \\ 1 & x^{-2} & 1 & x^{-2} & \dots & 1 & x^{-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x^2 & 1 & x^2 & 1 & \dots & x^2 & 1 \\ 1 & x^{-2} & 1 & x^{-2} & \dots & 1 & x^{-2} \end{pmatrix}; n - \text{even and } F(x) = \det(I_n + A(x))$$

Prove that:

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1 - F(x)) \left(1 - F\left(e^{\frac{\pi x^2}{8}}\right)\right)} \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{\pi - 2 \log(1 + \sqrt{2})}{n^2 \sqrt{2}}$$

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Solution by proposer

Let $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\|X\|^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k x_k$. If regard X as an element of $Mat(n \times n, \mathbb{R})$, then $X^T \in Mat(1 \times n, \mathbb{R})$ and $XX^T = (x_j x_k)_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} \in Mat(n, \mathbb{R})$. Let

$$J_n = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1 - F(x)) \left(1 - F\left(e^{\frac{\pi x^2}{8}}\right)\right)} \frac{dx}{x}$$

We claim that:

A. $\det(I_n + XX^T) = 1 + \|X\|^2; \forall X \in \mathbb{R}^n$

B. $\det(I_n + A(x)) = 1 + \frac{n}{2} \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right); \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^*$

C. $J_n = \frac{1}{n^2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(1 + x^2) \cosh\left(\frac{\pi x}{4}\right)} = \frac{4}{n^2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{4m + 3}$

Proof of claim A: Let $E = (1, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $\|X\| \neq 0$, if we regard X and E as elements of $Mat(n \times 1, \mathbb{R})$, then there exists an

orthogonal matrix $R \in O(n, \mathbb{R})$, $R^t R = I_n$, such that $RX = \|X\|E$.

Since $\det(RMR^T) = \det(MR^T R) = \det(M)$, for any $M \in Mat(n, \mathbb{R})$, then

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$$\det(I_n + XX^T) = \det[R(I_n + XX^T)R^T] = \det(I_n + (RX)(RX)^T) = \det(I_n + \|X\|^2 EE^T)$$

Since EE^T is the diagonal matrix $\text{diag}(1, 0, \dots, 0)$, then

$$I_n + \|X\|^2 EE^T = \text{diag}(1 + \|X\|^2, 1, \dots, 1) \text{ and}$$

$$\det(I_n + XX^T) = \det(I_n + \|X\|^2 EE^T) = 1 + \|X\|^2$$

The claim \mathbb{A} is demonstrated.

Proof of claim \mathbb{B} : Let $X = \left(x, \frac{1}{x}, x, \frac{1}{x}, \dots, x, \frac{1}{x}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and n is even, then

$$\|X\|^2 = \frac{n}{2} \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) \text{ and } XX^T = A(x). \text{ It follows from claim } \mathbb{A} \text{ that}$$

$$\det(I_n + A(x)) = \det(I_n + XX^T) = 1 + \|X\|^2 = 1 + \frac{n}{2} \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)$$

The claim \mathbb{B} is demonstrated.

Proof of claim \mathbb{C} : Let $F(x) = \det(I_n + A(x))$, it follows from claim \mathbb{B} that

$$1 - F(x) = 1 - \det(I_n + A(x)) = -\frac{n}{2} \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) \text{ and}$$

$$1 - F\left(e^{\frac{\pi x^2}{8}}\right) = -\frac{n}{2} \left(e^{\frac{\pi x^2}{4}} + e^{-\frac{\pi x^2}{4}}\right) = -n \cosh\left(\frac{\pi x^2}{4}\right)$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} J_n &= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(1 - F(x)) \left(1 - F\left(e^{\frac{\pi x^2}{8}}\right)\right)} \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{2}{n^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{x dx}{(1 + x^4) \cosh\left(\frac{\pi x^2}{4}\right)} \stackrel{x^2 \rightarrow x}{=} \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{(1 + x^2) \cosh\left(\frac{\pi x}{4}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

Now, use the partial fraction expansion of $\cosh\left(\frac{\pi x}{4}\right)$

$$\frac{1}{\cosh\left(\frac{\pi x}{4}\right)} = \frac{16}{\pi} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \frac{2m + 1}{x^2 + 4(2m + 1)}$$

To rewrite J_n as

$$J_n = \frac{16}{\pi n^2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m (2m + 1) \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{1 + x^2} \frac{dx}{x^2 + 4(2m + 1)^2} dx$$

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The integral on the right is equal to

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} \frac{dx}{x^2+4(2m+1)^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{4} \frac{1}{(4m+3)(2m+1)}$$

So,

$$J_n = \frac{1}{n^2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(1+x^2) \cosh\left(\frac{\pi x}{n}\right)} = \frac{4}{n^2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{4m+3}; (1)$$

The claim C is then demonstrated.

The summation on the right of Eq. (1) is equal to

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{4m+3} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \int_0^1 x^{4m+2} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{x^2}{1+x^4} dx$$

$$J_n = \frac{4}{n^2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{4m+3} = \frac{4}{n^2} \int_0^1 \frac{x^2}{1+x^4} dx$$

Which can be rewritten as

$$J_n = \frac{2}{n^2} \int_0^1 \frac{x^2-1}{1+x^4} dx + \frac{2}{n^2} \int_0^1 \frac{x^2+1}{1+x^4} dx$$

$$J_n = \frac{2}{n^2} \int_0^1 \frac{1+x^{-2}}{(x+x^{-1})^2+2} dx + \frac{2}{n^2} \int_0^1 \frac{1-x^{-2}}{(x+x^{-1})^2-2} dx$$

Making the change of variable $u = -(x - x^{-1})$ in the first integral and $u = x + x^{-1}$ in the second integral, one has

$$J_n = \frac{2}{n^2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{du}{u^2+2} - \frac{2}{n^2} \int_2^{\infty} \frac{du}{u^2-2} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}n^2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}n^2} \log\left(\frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{2-\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

Therefore,

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1-F(x)) \left(1 - F\left(e^{\frac{\pi x^2}{8}}\right)\right)} \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{\pi - 2 \log(1 + \sqrt{2})}{n^2 \sqrt{2}}$$