

# Universality results for the Cauchy-Laguerre chain matrix model

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This four step program has been successfully completed for the Hermitian one-matrix model, i.e.  $p = 1$ :

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$$\iint_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} \psi_n(x) \phi_m(y) \eta_p(x, y) dx dy = h_n \delta_{nm}$$

with weight function on  $\mathbb{R}_+^2$ , (case  $p = 2$  as “limit”)

$$\eta_p(x, y) = \int_0^\infty \cdots \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-U_1(x)}}{x + \xi_1} \left( \frac{e^{-\sum_{j=2}^{p-1} U_j(\xi_{j-1})}}{\prod_{j=1}^{p-3} (\xi_j + \xi_{j+1})} \right) \frac{e^{-U_p(y)}}{\xi_{p-2} + y} \prod_{j=1}^{p-2} d\xi_j.$$

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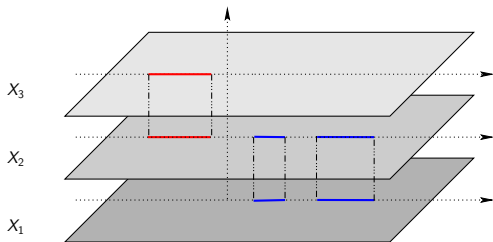


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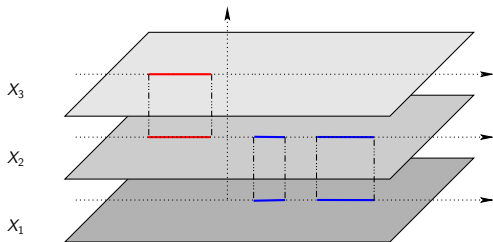


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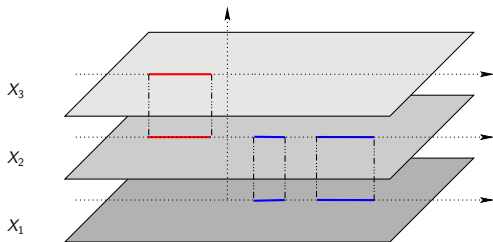


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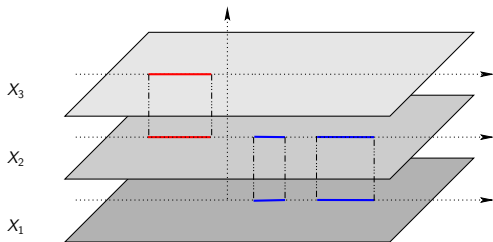


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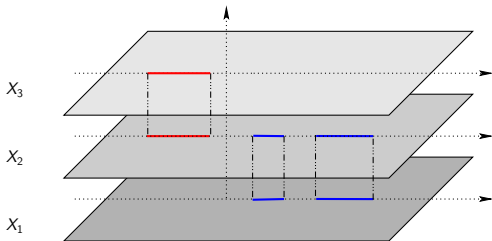


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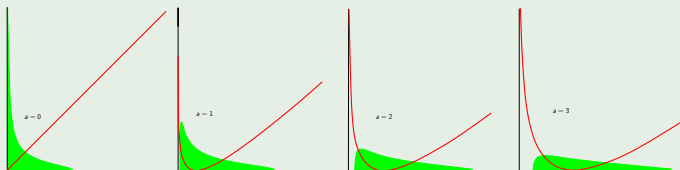
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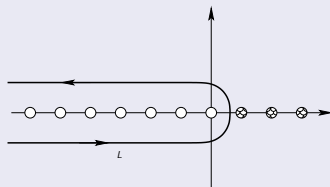


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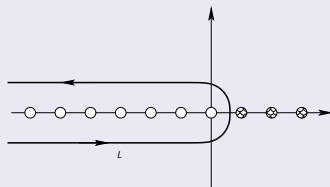


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The conjecture holds for  $p = 2, 3$  and potentials  $U_j(x) = Nx - a_j \ln x$ .



- ④ No rigorous potential theoretic foundation for non-screening situation! We work with **explicit spectral curves**, i.e. start from Hurwitz diagram and verify a posteriori that the “guess” was correct. For  $p = 3$ :

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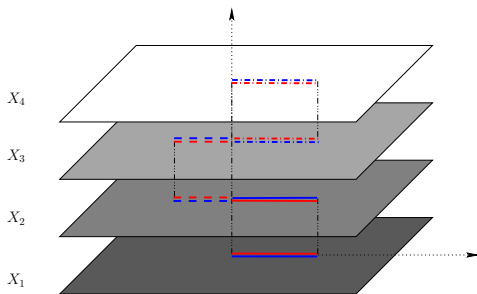









Figure 4 : The four sheeted Riemann surface corresponding to (3).








- ② We construct the relevant parametrices explicitly for arbitrary  $p \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 2}$ , i.e. in particular the model problem at the origin is solved with the help of Meijer-G functions





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