Outliers in the spectrum for products of independent random matrices

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No outliers: If $\mathbb{E}(|x|^4) < \infty$ for each entry x, then spectral radius converges to 1 a.s. as $n \to \infty$. (By truncation and moment method)



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Sample Cov., O'Rourke-W. 2016 $\frac{1}{n}M^{T}M(I+P)$ $\lambda_{j} \mapsto \lambda_{j} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\lambda_{j}}\right)^{2}$











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Sketch proof of outliers result: Any $z \notin$ unit disk is eval for $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\mathcal{Y}_n + \mathcal{A}_n$ iff det $(I + \mathcal{G}_n(z)\mathcal{A}_n) = 0$. Let $\mathcal{A}_n = \mathcal{B}_{mn \times k}\mathcal{C}_{k \times mn}$, where \mathcal{B} is $mn \times k$, etc. Then, det $(I + \mathcal{G}_n(z)\mathcal{A}_n) = det(I + \mathcal{C}_{k \times mn}\mathcal{G}_n(z)\mathcal{B}_{mn \times k})$ $\stackrel{\text{ILL}}{=} det(I - \frac{1}{z}\mathcal{C}_{k \times mn}\mathcal{B}_{mn \times k}) + o(1)$ $= det(I - \frac{1}{z}\mathcal{A}_n) + o(1)$ $= \prod_{i=1}^k (1 - \frac{1}{z}\lambda_i(\mathcal{A}_n)) + o(1)$. Now use Rouche's Theorem.



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Further questions: Outliers result for products of elliptical matrices? Products of Hermitian matrices? (bulk dist still open)