



Averages of Products and Ratios of Characteristic Polynomials in Polynomial Ensembles

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Abstract. Polynomial ensembles are a sub-class of probability measures within determinantal point processes. Examples include products of independent random matrices, with applications to Lyapunov exponents, and random matrices with an external field, that may serve as schematic models of quantum field theories with temperature. We first analyse expectation values of ratios of an equal number of characteristic polynomials in general polynomial ensembles. Using Schur polynomials, we show that polynomial ensembles constitute Giambelli compatible point processes, leading to a determinant formula for such ratios as in classical ensembles of random matrices. In the second part, we introduce invertible polynomial ensembles given, e.g. by random matrices with an external field. Expectation values of arbitrary ratios of characteristic polynomials are expressed in terms of multiple contour integrals. This generalises previous findings by Fyodorov, Grela, and Strahov. for a single ratio in the context of eigenvector statistics in the complex Ginibre ensemble.

1. Introduction

In this paper, we study correlation functions of characteristic polynomials in a sub-class of determinantal random point processes. They are called polynomial ensembles [39] and belong to biorthogonal ensembles in the sense of Borodin [10]. Polynomial ensembles are characterised by the fact that one of the two determinants in the joint density of points is given by a Vandermonde determinant, while the other one is kept general. Thus they are generalising the classical ensembles of Gaussian random matrices [41]. Polynomial ensembles appear in various contexts as the joint distribution of eigenvalues (or singular values) of random matrices, see [3, 14, 19, 20, 27]. They enjoy many

invariance properties on the level of joint density, kernel and bi-orthogonal functions [35, 38] and provide examples for realisations of multiple orthogonal polynomials, see e.g. [8, 20, 39] and Muttalib–Borodin ensembles [10, 42].

Random matrices enjoy many different applications in physics and beyond, see [2] and references therein. Polynomial ensembles in particular are relevant in the following contexts: Ensembles with an external field have been introduced as a tool to count intersection numbers of moduli spaces on Riemann surfaces [16]. In the application to the quantum field theory of the strong interactions, quantum chromodynamics (QCD), they have been used as a schematic model to study the influence of temperature in the chiral phase transition [29]. Detailed computations of Dirac operator eigenvalues [28, 45] within this class of models have been restricted to supersymmetric techniques so far, that can now be addressed in the framework of biorthogonal ensembles.

Recently, sums and products of random matrices have been shown to lead to polynomial ensembles [3, 18, 36]—see [4] for a review. This has important consequences for the spectrum of Lyapunov exponents, relating this multiplicative process to the additive process of Dyson’s Brownian motion [6]. Last but not least polynomial ensembles of Pólya type have led to a deeper understanding of the relation between singular values and complex eigenvalues [34, 35], where a bijection between the respective point processes was constructed.

In this paper, we consider expectation values of products and ratios of characteristic polynomials within the class of polynomial ensembles. While these can be used to generate multi-point resolvents and thus arbitrary k -point density correlation functions, as well as the kernel of bi-orthogonal polynomials, they are of interest in their own right as well. Examples for applications are the partition function of QCD with an arbitrary number of fermionic flavours [46]. In mathematics, the Montgomery conjecture in conjunction with moments of the Riemann zeta-functions has led to important insights [32], where moments and correlations of characteristic polynomials relevant for more general L -functions were computed.

Mathematical properties of ratios of characteristic polynomials have equally received attention, and we will not be able to give full justice to the existing literature. Based on earlier works such as [7, 22], the determinantal structure of the expectation value of ratios of characteristic polynomials in orthogonal polynomial ensembles was expressed in several equivalent forms, given in terms of orthogonal polynomials, their Cauchy transform or their respective kernels. This structure was generalised for products of characteristic polynomials in [1], as well as to all symmetry classes [33]. The universality of such ratios has been studied in several works [13, 47] and in particular its relation to the sine- and Airy-kernel [11]. New critical behaviours have been found from such ensembles as well [15] and their universality was discussed in [9].

Moving to polynomial ensembles, expectation values of products are easy to evaluate by including them into the Vandermonde determinant, just as for orthogonal polynomial ensembles. Determinantal formulas for expectation values of characteristic polynomials and their inverse have been derived, see e.g. [8, 19, 21]. A duality in the number of products and matrix dimension,

which is well known for the classical ensembles, holds also in this external field model [17]. The kernel for general polynomial ensembles has been expressed in terms of the residue of a single ratio of characteristic polynomials in [19], see also [11, 26]. Most recently the study of eigenvector statistics of random matrices has seen a revival, and also in this context expectation values of ratios of characteristic polynomials in polynomial ensembles arise [23, 24]. This has been one of the starting points of the present work.

The outline of the paper is as follows. In Sect. 2, we introduce polynomial ensembles, provide several examples, and state the main results of the present paper. In particular, Theorem 2.2 says that *any polynomial ensemble is a Giambelli compatible point process* in the sense of Borodin, Olshanski, and Strahov [12]. This leads to Theorem 2.3, expressing the expectation value of the ratio of an equal number of characteristic polynomials as a determinant of a single ratio, generalising [7, Theorem 3.3] to polynomial ensembles. In Sect. 2.3, we introduce a more restricted class of polynomial ensembles which we call *invertible*. Here, we give a nested multiple complex contour integral representation for general ratios of characteristic polynomials in Theorem 2.9. The number of integrals only depends on the number of characteristic polynomials, but not on the number of points N of the point process. This generalises the results of [24, Theorem 5.1] to rectangular random matrices, in the presence of an arbitrary number of characteristic polynomials. Several examples are given that belong to the class of invertible polynomial ensembles, including the external field models. Sections 3 and 4 are devoted to the proofs of the results stated in Sect. 2. Section 5 contains some special cases and comparison with the work by Fyodorov, Grella, and Strahov [24]. Finally, Appendix A collects properties of the Vandermonde determinant, when adding or removing factors.

2. Definitions and Statement of Results

2.1. Polynomial Ensembles

We introduce polynomial ensembles following [39]. They are defined by the probability density function on I^n , where $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is an interval. The probability density function is given by

$$\mathcal{P}(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_N} \Delta_N(x_1, \dots, x_N) \det[\varphi_l(x_k)]_{k,l=1}^N, \tag{2.1}$$

where $\Delta_N(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} (x_i - x_j) = \det \left[x_i^{N-j} \right]_{i,j=1}^N$ is the Vandermonde determinant of N variables. The $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_N$ are certain integrable real-valued functions on I , such that the normalisation constant \mathcal{Z}_N

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}_N &= \left(\prod_{n=1}^N \int_I dx_n \right) \Delta_N(x_1, \dots, x_N) \det[\varphi_l(x_k)]_{k,l=1}^N \\ &= N!(-1)^{N(N-1)/2} \det[G], \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

exists and is nonzero. The constant \mathcal{Z}_N is also called partition function in the physics literature. Polynomial ensembles are formed by eigenvalues (or singular values) of certain $N \times N$ random matrices H , see examples below. Here, the matrix $G = (g_{k,l})_{k,l=1}^N$ is the invertible generalised moment matrix with entries

$$g_{k,l} = \int_I dx x^{k-1} \varphi_l(x) . \tag{2.3}$$

The second equality in (2.2) follows using (A.1) and the Andréief integral formula,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\prod_{n=1}^N \int_I dx_n \right) \det[\psi_l(x_k)]_{k,l=1}^N \det[\phi_l(x_k)]_{k,l=1}^N \\ &= N! \det \left[\int_I dx \psi_k(x) \phi_l(x) \right]_{k,l=1}^N , \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

valid for any two sets of integrable functions ψ_k and ϕ_l . We will now give some explicit realisations of polynomial ensembles in terms of random matrices. The simplest example for a polynomial ensembles is given by the eigenvalues of $N \times N$ complex Hermitian random matrices H from the Gaussian Unitary Ensembles (GUE), defined by the probability measure

$$P_{\text{GUE}}(H)dH = c_N \exp[-\text{Tr}[H^2]]dH , \quad c_N = 2^{\frac{N(N-1)}{2}} \pi^{-\frac{N^2}{2}} . \tag{2.5}$$

The probability density function of the real eigenvalues x_1, \dots, x_N of H reads [41]

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{GUE}}(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_N^{\text{GUE}}} \Delta_N(x_1, \dots, x_N)^2 \exp \left[- \sum_{j=1}^N x_j^2 \right] . \tag{2.6}$$

This is a polynomial ensemble where the resulting φ -functions, $\varphi_k(x) = x^{N-k} e^{-x^2}$, are obtained after multiplying the exponential factors into one of the Vandermonde determinants. Note that the GUE is an *orthogonal* polynomial ensemble.

The GUE with an external source or field [14, 27] contains an additional constant, deterministic Hermitian matrix A of size $N \times N$ that we choose to be diagonal here, $A = \text{diag}(a_1, \dots, a_N)$ with $a_j \in \mathbb{R}$ for $j = 1, \dots, N$, without loss of generality. It will constitute our first main example and is defined by the probability measure

$$P_{\text{ext1}}(H)dH = c_N \exp[-\text{Tr}[(H - A)^2]]dH , \tag{2.7}$$

with the probability density function

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{ext1}}(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_N^{\text{ext1}}} \Delta_N(x_1, \dots, x_N) \det \left[\exp[-(x_j - a_k)^2] \right]_{j,k=1}^N . \tag{2.8}$$

The resulting $\varphi_k(x) = e^{-(x-a_k)^2}$ follows from the Harish-Chandra–Itzykson–Zuber integral [30, 31] and from multiplying the Gaussian term inside the determinant. We refer to [14] for the derivation. Notice that the second determinant in (2.8) cannot be reduced to a Vandermonde determinant in general.

Our second main example is the chiral GUE with an external source, cf. [19]. It is defined in terms of a complex non-Hermitian $N \times (N + \nu)$ -dimensional random matrix X and a deterministic matrix A of equal size, with $\nu \geq 0$. Again without loss of generality, we can choose $AA^\dagger = \text{diag}(a_1, \dots, a_N)$, with elements $a_j \in \mathbb{R}_+$ for $j = 1, \dots, N$. The ensemble is defined by

$$P_{\text{ext2}}(X)dx = \hat{c}_N \exp[-\text{Tr}[(X - A)(X^\dagger - A^\dagger)]] dx, \quad \hat{c}_N = c_N \pi^{-N(N+\nu)}. \tag{2.9}$$

At vanishing A , it reduces to the chiral GUE also called complex Wishart or Laguerre unitary ensemble. The probability density function of the real positive eigenvalues x_1, \dots, x_N of XX^\dagger reads,

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathcal{P}_{\text{ext2}}(x_1, \dots, x_N) \\ &= \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_N^{\text{ext2}}} \Delta_N(x_1, \dots, x_N) \det \left[x_j^{\nu/2} e^{-(x_j+a_k)} I_\nu(2\sqrt{a_k x_j}) \right]_{j,k=1}^N. \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

The modified Bessel function of second kind $\varphi_k(x) = x^{\nu/2} e^{-(x+a_k)} I_\nu(2\sqrt{a_k x})$, follows from the Berezin–Karpelevich integral formula, cf. [44]. In principle, we may also allow the parameter $\nu > -1$ to take real values.

In the application to QCD at finite temperature, typically the density (2.9) is endowed with N_f extra terms, $P(X) \rightarrow P(X) \prod_{f=1}^{N_f} \det[XX^\dagger + m_f^2 \mathbf{1}_N]$, with $m_{f=1, \dots, N_f} \in \mathbb{R}$, that correspond to N_f Fermion flavours with masses m_f , see e.g. [45] which also motivates the present study. We would like to mention that the expectation value of the ratio of two characteristic polynomials studied in [24] follows from the above ensemble, when setting $\nu = 0$ and letting $m_f \rightarrow 0$ for all $f = 1, \dots, N_f$. This leads to a polynomial ensemble with $\varphi_k(x) = x^{\mathcal{L}} e^{-(x+a_k)} I_0(2\sqrt{a_k x})$ of [24], with $\mathcal{L} = N_f$.

Further examples have been given already in the introduction, including the singular values of products of independent random matrices, see [4] for a review, where $\varphi_k(x)$ is given by a special function, the Meijer G-function, and more generally Polyá ensembles [34, 35]. Notice that when also the Vandermonde determinant in (2.1) is replaced by a general determinant, as in the Andréief integration formula (2.4), we are back to biorthogonal ensembles [10]—an explicit example can be found in [5]. For this class, our methods below will not apply in general.

2.2. Polynomials Ensembles as Giambelli Compatible Point Processes

In this section, we adopt notation and definitions from Macdonald [40]. Let Λ be the algebra of symmetric functions. The Schur functions s_λ indexed by Young diagrams λ form an orthonormal basis in Λ . Recall that Young diagrams can be written in the Frobenius notation, namely

$$\lambda = (p_1, \dots, p_d | q_1, \dots, q_d),$$

where d equals the number of boxes on the diagonal of λ , p_j with $j = 1, \dots, d$ denotes the number of boxes in the j th row of λ to the right of the diagonal, and q_l with $l = 1, \dots, d$ denotes the number of boxes in the l th column of λ below the diagonal. The Schur functions satisfy the *Giambelli formula*:

$$s_{(p_1, \dots, p_d | q_1, \dots, q_d)} = \det [s_{(p_i | q_j)}]_{i,j=1}^d. \tag{2.11}$$

The Schur polynomial $s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N)$ is the specialisation of s_λ to the variables x_1, \dots, x_N . The Schur polynomial $s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N)$ corresponding to the Young diagram λ with $l(\lambda) \leq N$ rows of lengths $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_{l(\lambda)} > 0$ can be defined by

$$s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \frac{1}{\Delta_N(x_1, \dots, x_N)} \det [x_i^{\lambda_j + N - j}]_{i,j=1}^N. \tag{2.12}$$

If $l(\lambda) > N$, then $s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N) \equiv 0$ (by definition).

The *Giambelli compatible* point processes form a class of point processes whose different probabilistic quantities of interest can be studied using the Schur symmetric functions. This class of point processes was introduced in Borodin, Olshanski, and Strahov [12] to prove determinantal identities for averages of analogs of characteristic polynomials for ensembles originating from Random Matrix Theory, the theory of random partitions, and from representation theory of the infinite symmetric group. In the context of random point processes formed by N -point random configurations on a subset of \mathbb{R} , the Giambelli compatible point processes can be defined as follows.

Definition 2.1. Assume that a point process is formed by an N -point configuration (x_1, \dots, x_N) on $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. If the Giambelli formula

$$s_{(p_1, \dots, p_d | q_1, \dots, q_d)}(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \det [s_{(p_i | q_j)}(x_1, \dots, x_N)]_{i,j=1}^d \tag{2.13}$$

(valid for the Schur polynomial $s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N)$ parameterised by an arbitrary Young diagram $\lambda(p_1, \dots, p_d | q_1, \dots, q_d)$) can be extended to averages, i.e.

$$\mathbb{E} [s_{(p_1, \dots, p_d | q_1, \dots, q_d)}(x_1, \dots, x_N)] = \det [\mathbb{E} [s_{(p_i | q_j)}(x_1, \dots, x_N)]]_{i,j=1}^d, \tag{2.14}$$

then the random point process is called Giambelli compatible point process.

In the present paper, we show that the polynomial ensembles introduced in Sect. 2.1 can be understood as Giambelli compatible point processes. Namely, the following Theorem holds true.

Theorem 2.2. Any polynomial ensemble in the sense of Sect. 2.1 is a Giambelli compatible point process.

As it is explained in Borodin, Olshanski, and Strahov [12], the Giambelli compatibility of point processes implies determinantal formulas for averages of ratios of characteristic polynomials. Namely, we obtain

Theorem 2.3. Assume that x_1, \dots, x_N form a polynomial ensemble. Let $u_1, \dots, u_M \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ and $z_1, \dots, z_M \in \mathbb{C}$ for any $M \in \mathbb{N}$ be pairwise distinct variables.

Then

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\prod_{m=1}^M \frac{D_N(z_m)}{D_N(u_m)} \right] = \left[\det \left(\frac{1}{u_i - z_j} \right)_{i,j=1}^M \right]^{-1} \det \left[\frac{1}{u_i - z_j} \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{D_N(z_j)}{D_N(u_i)} \right) \right]_{i,j=1}^M, \tag{2.15}$$

where $D_N(z) = \prod_{n=1}^N (z - x_n)$ denotes the characteristic polynomial associated with the random variables x_1, \dots, x_N .

2.3. Averages of Arbitrary Ratios of Characteristic Polynomials in Invertible Ensembles

In this section, we present our results for arbitrary ratios of characteristic polynomials,

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\prod_{m=1}^M D_N(z_m)}{\prod_{l=1}^L D_N(y_l)} \right], \tag{2.16}$$

allowing the number of characteristic polynomials in the numerator M and denominator, $L \leq N$, to differ. As before we will assume the parameters $y_1, \dots, y_L \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ and $z_1, \dots, z_M \in \mathbb{C}$ to be pairwise distinct. We will not consider the most general polynomial ensembles (2.1) here, but consider functions $\varphi_j(x)$ that satisfy certain conditions to be specified below.

Definition 2.4. Consider a polynomial ensemble defined by the probability density function (2.1). Assume that $\varphi_l(x) = \varphi(a_l, x)$ for $l = 1, \dots, N$, (where a_1, \dots, a_N are real parameters) is analytic in both arguments and that there exists a family $\{\pi_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$ of monic polynomials such that each polynomial π_k of degree k can be represented as

$$\pi_k(a) = \int_I dx x^k \varphi(a, x), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots \tag{2.17}$$

In addition, assume that Eq. (2.17) is invertible, i.e. there exists a function $F : I' \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$z^k = \int_{I'} ds F(s, z) \pi_k(s), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, \tag{2.18}$$

where I' is a certain contour in the complex plane. Then, we will refer to such a polynomial ensemble as an *invertible* ensemble.

Remark 2.5. Condition (2.17) together with (2.2) immediately implies that for invertible polynomial ensembles the normalising partition function simplifies as follows:

$$\mathcal{Z}_N = N! \Delta_N(a_1, \dots, a_N). \tag{2.19}$$

Here, we use that in (A.1) the determinant of monomials equals that of arbitrary monic polynomials.

We will now present two examples for polynomial ensembles of invertible type according to Definition 2.4 and comment on the general class of such ensembles.

Example 2.6. Our first example is given by the GUE with external field (2.8). Here, the eigenvalues take real values, $I = \mathbb{R}$, and the functions $\varphi_l(x)$ can be chosen as

$$\varphi_l(x) = \varphi(a_l, x) = \frac{e^{-(x-a_l)^2}}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \tag{2.20}$$

which are analytic. From [25, 8.951], we know the following representation of the standard Hermite polynomials $H_n(t)$ of degree n ,

$$H_n(t) = \frac{(2i)^n}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-(x+it)^2} x^n, \tag{2.21}$$

that can be made monic as follows, $2^{-n}H_n(x) = x^n + O(x^{n-2})$. This leads to the integral

$$(2i)^{-n}H_n(ia) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ds s^n e^{-(s-a)^2}, \tag{2.22}$$

from which we can read off

$$\pi_k(a) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^k \frac{e^{-(x-a)^2}}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \tag{2.23}$$

with $\pi_k(a) = (2i)^{-k}H_k(ia)$, for $k = 0, 1, \dots$, which is again monic. Thus condition (2.17) is satisfied.

For the second condition (2.18), we use the integral [25, 7.374.6]

$$y^n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx 2^{-n}H_n(x)e^{-(x-y)^2}. \tag{2.24}$$

Renaming $y = iz$ and $x = is$ we obtain

$$z^k = \int_{I'} ds F(s, z)\pi_k(s), \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, \dots \tag{2.25}$$

with $I' = i\mathbb{R}$ and $F(s, z) = \frac{i}{\sqrt{\pi}}e^{(s-z)^2}$.

Remark 2.7. Example 2.6 is the simplest case of a much wider class of polynomial ensembles of Pólya type convolved with fixed matrices, as introduced in [37, Theorem II.3]. Such polynomial ensembles are generalising the form (2.20) to

$$\varphi(a_l, x) = f(x - a_l), \tag{2.26}$$

such that f is $(N - 1)$ -times differentiable on \mathbb{R} ,

analytic on \mathbb{C} , and the moments of its derivatives exist,¹

$$\left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^k \frac{\partial^j f(x)}{\partial x^j} \right| < \infty, \quad \forall k, j = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1. \tag{2.27}$$

It immediately follows that its generalised moment matrix leads to polynomials, upon shifting the integration variable, and thus (2.17) is satisfied. It is not too difficult to show using Fourier transformation of f that also condition (2.18) of Definition 2.4 is satisfied and thus these ensembles are invertible.

¹The unconvoluted polynomial ensemble has $\varphi_j(x) = \partial^j f(x)/\partial x^j$.

Example 2.8. Our second example is the chiral GUE with external field (2.10) having $I = \mathbb{R}_+$ and functions $\varphi_l(x)$ can be chosen as

$$\varphi_l(x) = \varphi(a_l, x) = \left(\frac{x}{a_l}\right)^{\nu/2} e^{-(x+a_l)} I_\nu(2\sqrt{a_l x}), \tag{2.28}$$

which is analytic, with the a_l positive real numbers. The following integral is known, see e.g. [25, 6.631.10] after analytic continuation,

$$\int_0^\infty x^{n+\frac{\nu}{2}} e^{-x} I_\nu(2\sqrt{ax}) dx = n! a^{\nu/2} e^a L_n^\nu(-a). \tag{2.29}$$

Here, $L_n^\nu(y)$ is the standard generalised Laguerre polynomial of degree n , which is made monic as follows, $n!L_n^\nu(-x) = x^n + O(x^{n-1})$. Then, the first condition (2.17) is satisfied,

$$\pi_k(a) = \int_0^\infty dx x^k \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^{\frac{\nu}{2}} e^{-(x+a)} I_\nu(2\sqrt{ax}), \tag{2.30}$$

with $\pi_k(a) = k!L_k^\nu(-a)$ for $k = 0, 1, \dots$

For the second condition (2.18), we consider the following integral, see [25, 7.421.6], which is also called Hankel transform,

$$\int_0^\infty dt t^{\nu/2} e^{-t} n!L_n^\nu(t) J_\nu(2\sqrt{zt}) = z^n z^{\nu/2} e^{-z}. \tag{2.31}$$

Bringing factors on the other side and making the substitution $t = -s$ to make the same monic polynomials $n!L_n^\nu(-s)$ as above appear in the integrand, we obtain after using $I_\nu(x) = i^{-\nu} J_\nu(ix)$

$$z^k = \int_{I'} ds F(s, z) \pi_k(s), \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, \dots \tag{2.32}$$

with $F(s, z) = (-1)^\nu \left(\frac{s}{z}\right)^{\nu/2} e^{s+z} I_\nu(2\sqrt{zs})$ and $I' = \mathbb{R}_-$.

Now we state the second main result of the present paper which gives a formula for averages of products and ratios of characteristic polynomials in the case of invertible ensembles.

Theorem 2.9. *Consider a polynomial ensemble (2.1) formed by x_1, \dots, x_N , and assume that this ensemble is invertible in the sense of Definition 2.4.*

Then we have for $L \leq N$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\prod_{m=1}^M D_N(z_m)}{\prod_{l=1}^L D_N(y_l)} \right] \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{\frac{L(L-1)}{2}}}{L! \Delta_M(z_1, \dots, z_M)} \left[\prod_{j=1}^M \int_{I'} ds_j F(s_j, z_j) \prod_{n=1}^N (s_j - a_n) \right] \Delta_M(s_1, \dots, s_M) \\
 & \times \left[\prod_{l=1}^L \int_I dv_l \left(\frac{v_l}{y_l} \right)^{N-L} \frac{\prod_{m=1}^M (z_m - v_l)}{\prod_{j=1}^L (y_j - v_l)} \right] \Delta_L(v_1, \dots, v_L) \\
 & \times \left[\prod_{l=1}^L \oint_{C_l} \frac{du_l}{2\pi i} \frac{1}{\prod_{n=1}^N (u_l - a_n)} \frac{\varphi(u_l, v_l)}{\prod_{j=1}^M (s_j - u_l)} \right] \Delta_L(u_1, \dots, u_L), \tag{2.33}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $D_N(z) = \prod_{n=1}^N (z - x_n)$ denotes the characteristic polynomial associated with the random variables x_1, \dots, x_N , the parameters $y_1, \dots, y_L \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ and $z_1, \dots, z_M \in \mathbb{C}$ are pairwise distinct, and all contours C_l with $l = 1, \dots, N$ encircle the points a_1, \dots, a_N counter-clockwise.

We note that Theorem 2.9 generalises Theorem 5.1 in [24] for the ratio of two characteristic polynomials, derived for the polynomial ensemble with $\varphi(a, x) = x^L e^{-x} I_0(2\sqrt{ax})$, to general ratios in invertible polynomial ensembles. Clearly, it is well suited for the asymptotic analysis when $N \rightarrow \infty$ as the number of integrations does not depend on N .

2.4. A Formula for the Correlation Kernel for Invertible Ensembles

It is well known that each polynomial ensemble is a determinantal process. For invertible polynomial ensembles (see Definition 2.4), Theorem 2.9 enables us to deduce a double contour integration formula for the correlation kernel.

Proposition 2.10. *Consider an invertible polynomial ensemble, i.e. a polynomial ensemble defined by (2.1), where the functions $\varphi_l(x) = \varphi(a_l, x)$ satisfy the conditions specified in Definition 2.4. The correlation kernel $K_N(x, y)$ of this ensemble can be written as*

$$K_N(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{I'} ds F(s, x) \prod_{n=1}^N (s - a_n) \oint_C du \frac{\varphi(u, y)}{(s - u) \prod_{n=1}^N (u - a_n)}, \tag{2.34}$$

where C encircles the points a_1, \dots, a_N counter-clockwise, and where $\varphi(u, y)$ and $F(s, x)$ are defined by Eqs. (2.17) and (2.18) correspondingly.

Proof. We use the following fact valid for any polynomial ensemble formed by x_1, \dots, x_N on $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, see Ref. [19].² Assume that

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\prod_{k=1}^N \frac{x - x_k}{z - x_k} \right) = \int_I dv \frac{x - v}{z - v} \Phi_N(x, v), \tag{2.35}$$

where the function $v \rightarrow \Phi_N(x, v)$ is analytic for all $v \in I$. Then the correlation kernel of the determinantal process formed by x_1, \dots, x_N is given by

$$K_N(x, y) = \Phi_N(x, y).$$

In our case, Theorem 2.9 gives

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left(\prod_{k=1}^N \frac{x - x_k}{z - x_k} \right) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_I dv \left(\frac{v}{z} \right)^{N-1} \frac{x - v}{z - v} \\ &\times \left[\int_{I'} ds F(s, x) \prod_{n=1}^N (s - a_n) \oint_C du \frac{\varphi(u, v)}{(s - u) \prod_{n=1}^N (u - a_n)} \right], \end{aligned} \tag{2.36}$$

which leads to the formula for the correlation kernel in the statement of the Proposition. □

3. Proof of Theorem 2.2

Let x_1, \dots, x_N form a polynomial ensemble on I^N , where $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. The probability density function of this ensemble is defined by Eq. (2.1). Denote by \tilde{s}_λ the expectation of the Schur polynomial $s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N)$ with respect to this ensemble,

$$\tilde{s}_\lambda = \mathbb{E}(s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N)). \tag{3.1}$$

Our aim is to show that \tilde{s}_λ satisfies the Giambelli formula, i.e.

$$\tilde{s}_\lambda = \det [\tilde{s}_{(p_i|q_j)}]_{i,j=1}^d, \tag{3.2}$$

where λ is an arbitrary Young diagram, $\lambda = (p_1, \dots, p_d|q_1, \dots, q_d)$ in the Frobenius coordinates. According to Definition 2.1, this will mean that the polynomial ensemble under considerations is a Giambelli compatible point process.

The proof of Eq. (3.2) below is based on the following general fact due to Macdonald, see Macdonald [40], Example I.3.21.

Proposition 3.1. *Let $\{h_{r,s}\}$ with integer $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ and non-negative integer $s \in \mathbb{N}$ be a collection of commuting indeterminates such that we have*

$$\forall s \in \mathbb{N} : h_{0,s} = 1 \text{ and } \forall r < 0 \ h_{r,s} = 0, \tag{3.3}$$

and set

$$\tilde{s}_\lambda = \det [h_{\lambda_i - i + j, j - 1}]_{i,j=1}^k, \tag{3.4}$$

²Because we take the residue of the right hand side at $z = y$, any ratio $f(v)/f(z)$ can be multiplied under the integral for regular functions f , without changing the value of the kernel.

where k is any number such that $k \geq l(\lambda)$. Then we have

$$\tilde{s}_\lambda = \det [\tilde{s}_{(p_i|q_j)}]_{i,j=1}^d, \tag{3.5}$$

where λ is an arbitrary Young diagram, $\lambda = (p_1, \dots, p_d|q_1, \dots, q_d)$ in the Frobenius coordinates.

Clearly, in order to apply Proposition 3.1 to \tilde{s}_λ defined by Eq. (3.1) we need to construct a collection of indeterminates $\{h_{r,s}\}$ such that

$$\mathbb{E}(s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N)) = \det [h_{\lambda_{i-i+j,j-1}}]_{i,j=1}^k \tag{3.6}$$

will hold true for an arbitrary Young diagram λ , for an arbitrary $k \geq l(\lambda)$ and such that condition (3.3) will be satisfied.

By Andréief’s integration formula (2.4) and the expression for the normalisation constant \mathcal{Z}_N (2.2), we can write

$$\mathbb{E}[s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N)] = \frac{\det [\int_I dx x^{\lambda_i+N-i} \varphi_j(x)]_{i,j=1}^N}{\det [\int_I dx x^{N-i} \varphi_j(x)]_{i,j=1}^N}, \tag{3.7}$$

where we used (A.1) and Eq. (2.12). Notice that at this point it matters that we consider polynomial ensembles and not more general bi-orthogonal ensembles. In the latter case, the Vandermonde determinant in the denominator of the Schur function (2.12) would not cancel, the Andréief formula would not apply, and we would not know how to compute such expectation values. Set

$$A_{n,m} = \int_I dx x^n \varphi_m(x); \quad n = 0, 1, \dots; \quad m = 1, \dots, N, \tag{3.8}$$

and denote by $Q = (Q_{i,j})_{i,j=1}^N$ the inverse³ of $\tilde{G} = (\tilde{g}_{i,j})_{i,j=1}^N$, where $\tilde{g}_{i,j} = \int_I dx x^{N-i} \varphi_j(x)$. With this notation we can rewrite Eq. (3.7) as

$$\mathbb{E}(s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N)) = \det \left[\sum_{\nu=1}^N A_{\lambda_i+N-i,\nu} Q_{\nu,j} \right]_{i,j=1}^N. \tag{3.9}$$

Since Q is the inverse of \tilde{G} , we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^N \tilde{g}_{i,j} Q_{j,k} = \delta_{i,k}, \quad 1 \leq i, k \leq N, \tag{3.10}$$

or

$$\sum_{j=1}^N A_{N-i,j} Q_{j,k} = \delta_{i,k}, \quad 1 \leq i, k \leq N. \tag{3.11}$$

The following Proposition will imply Theorem 2.2.

³Notice that due to (2.3) we have $\det[G] = (-1)^{N(N-1)/2} \det[\tilde{G}]$.

Proposition 3.2. *Let $\{h_{r,s}\}$, with integer $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ and non-negative integer $s \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, be a collection of indeterminates defined by*

$$h_{r,s} \equiv \begin{cases} \sum_{\nu=1}^N A_{N+r-s-1,\nu} Q_{\nu,s+1}, & s \in \{0, 1, \dots, N-1\}, \quad r \geq 0, \\ \delta_{r,0}, & s \geq N, \quad r \geq 0, \\ 0, & s \geq 0, \quad r < 0. \end{cases} \tag{3.12}$$

The collection of indeterminates $\{h_{r,s}\}$ satisfies condition (3.3). Moreover, with this collection of indeterminates, $\{h_{r,s}\}$ formula (3.6) holds true for an arbitrary Young diagram λ , and for an arbitrary $k \geq l(\lambda)$.

Proof. We divide the proof of into several steps. First, the collection of indeterminates $\{h_{r,s}\}$ defined by (3.12) is shown to satisfy condition (3.3). Next, we prove that Eq. (3.6) holds true for an arbitrary Young diagram λ , and for an arbitrary $k \geq l(\lambda)$.

Step 1. First, we want to show that

$$\det [h_{\lambda_i - i + j, j - 1}]_{i,j=1}^k = \det [h_{\lambda_i - i + j, j - 1}]_{i,j=1}^{l(\lambda)}, \tag{3.13}$$

for any $k \geq l(\lambda)$.

Let λ be an arbitrary Young diagram and assume that $k > l(\lambda)$. Consider the diagonal entries of the $k \times k$ matrix

$$(h_{\lambda_i - i + j, j - 1})_{i,j=1}^k$$

for $i = j \in \{l(\lambda) + 1, \dots, k\}$. By definition of the $h_{r,s}$ these entries are all equal to 1, since $\lambda_i = 0$ for $i \in \{l(\lambda) + 1, \dots, k\}$ implying $h_{0,s} = 1$ by condition (3.3). For $r < 0$, we have $h_{r,s} = 0$ (see Eq. (3.12)) and the matrix $(h_{\lambda_i - i + j, j - 1})_{i,j=1}^k$ has the form

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|cccc} \star & \dots & \star & | & \star & \dots & \dots & \dots & \star \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & | & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \star & \dots & \star & | & \star & \dots & \dots & \dots & \star \\ \hline 0 & \dots & 0 & | & 1 & \star & \dots & \dots & \star \\ \vdots & & \vdots & | & 0 & 1 & \star & \dots & \star \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & | & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \vdots & | & \vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & \star \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & | & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right),$$

where the first row from the top with zeros has the label $l(\lambda) + 1$, and the first column from the left with ones has the label $l(\lambda) + 1$. The determinant of such a block matrix reduces to the product of the determinants of the blocks, which gives relation (3.13).

Step 2. Assume now that $l(\lambda) > N$. Then it trivially holds that

$$\mathbb{E}(s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N)) = 0,$$

by the very definition of the Schur polynomials. Here, we would like to show that it equally holds that

$$\det [h_{\lambda_i-i+j,j-1}]_{i,j=1}^{l(\lambda)} = 0,$$

if $l(\lambda) > N$.

We have $h_{r,s} = \delta_{r,0}$ for $s \geq N$ and $r \geq 0$. This implies that the matrix $(h_{\lambda_i-i+j,j-1})_{i,j=1}^{l(\lambda)}$, which we can write out as

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} h_{\lambda_1,0} & \star & \dots & \star & h_{\lambda_1+N,N} & \dots & \dots & h_{\lambda_1-1+l(\lambda),l(\lambda)-1} \\ \star & h_{\lambda_2,1} & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \star & \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \star & \dots & \star & h_{\lambda_N,N-1} & h_{\lambda_{N+1},N} & \dots & \dots & h_{\lambda_N-N+l(\lambda),l(\lambda)-1} \\ \hline \star & \dots & \dots & \star & h_{\lambda_{N+1},N} & \dots & \dots & h_{\lambda_{N+1}-N-1+l(\lambda),l(\lambda)-1} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots & \star & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \star & \dots & \dots & \star & \star & \dots & \star & h_{\lambda_{l(\lambda)},l(\lambda)-1} \end{array} \right)$$

has the form

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} h_{\lambda_1,0} & \star & \dots & \star & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \star & h_{\lambda_2,1} & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \star & \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \star & \dots & \star & h_{\lambda_N,N-1} & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \hline \star & \dots & \dots & \star & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \vdots & \star & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \star & \dots & \dots & \star & \star & \dots & \star & 0 \end{array} \right).$$

Thus, we can again apply the formula for determinants of block matrices to obtain

$$\det [h_{\lambda_i-i+j,j-1}]_{i,j=1}^{l(\lambda)} = \det [h_{\lambda_i-i+j,j-1}]_{i,j=1}^N \cdot 0 = 0,$$

which is true for any $l(\lambda) > N$ and therefore condition (3.6) is satisfied in this case.

Step 3. Now we wish to prove that

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^N A_{N-i+\lambda_i,\nu} Q_{\nu,j} = h_{\lambda_i-i+j,j-1} \tag{3.14}$$

is valid for any Young diagram with $l(\lambda) \leq N$, and for $1 \leq i, j \leq N$. Assume that $\lambda_i - i + j \geq 0$. Then (3.14) turns into the first equation in (3.12) with

$r = \lambda_i - i + j$, $s = j - 1$. Assume that $\lambda_i - i + j < 0$, then $i - \lambda_i > j$. Clearly, $i - \lambda_i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ in this case, and we have

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^N A_{N-i+\lambda_i,\nu} Q_{\nu,j} = \delta_{i-\lambda_i,j} = 0,$$

where we have used Eq. (3.11). Also, if $\lambda_i - i + j < 0$, and $1 \leq i, j \leq N$, then $h_{\lambda_i-i+j,j-1} = 0$ as it follows from Eq. (3.12). We conclude that (3.14) holds true for $\lambda_i - i + j < 0$ as well.

Finally, the results obtained in Step 1-Step 3 together with formula (3.9) give the desired formula (3.6). \square

4. Proof of Theorem 2.9

Denoting by S_K the symmetric group of a set of K variables with its elements being the permutations of these, we will utilise the following Lemma that was proven in [22].

Lemma 4.1. *Let L be an integer with $1 \leq L \leq N$, and let x_1, \dots, x_N and y_1, \dots, y_L denote two sets of parameters that are pairwise distinct. Then the following identity holds*

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{l=1}^L \frac{y_l^{N-L}}{\prod_{n=1}^N (y_l - x_n)} &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_N / (S_{N-L} \times S_L)} \Delta_L(x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(L)}) \\ &\times \frac{\Delta_{N-L}(x_{\sigma(L+1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(N)}) \prod_{n=1}^L x_{\sigma(n)}^{N-L}}{\Delta_N(x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(N)}) \prod_{n,l=1}^L (y_l - x_{\sigma(n)})} \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

on the coset of the permutation group.

As shown in [22], this follows from the Cauchy–Littlewood formula and the determinantal formula for the Schur polynomials (2.12). We can use this identity to reduce the number of variables in the inverse characteristic polynomials from N to L . Applied to the averages of products and ratios of characteristic polynomials, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\prod_{m=1}^M D_N(z_m)}{\prod_{l=1}^L D_N(y_l)} \right] \\ &= \frac{N!}{(N-L)!L!Z_N} \left[\prod_{n=1}^N \int_I dx_n \prod_{m=1}^M (z_m - x_n) \right] \det[\varphi_l(x_k)]_{k,l=1}^N \\ &\times \frac{\prod_{k=1}^L \left(\frac{x_k}{y_k}\right)^{N-L}}{\prod_{n,l=1}^L (y_l - x_n)} \Delta_L(x_1, \dots, x_L) \Delta_{N-L}(x_{L+1}, \dots, x_N), \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

where we used the fact that each term in the sum over permutations gives the same contribution to the expectation. Hence, we can undo the permutations under the sum by a change of variables and replace the sum over $S_N / (S_{N-L} \times$

S_L) by the cardinality of the coset space $N!/(N - L)!L!$. Next, we expand the determinant over the $\det [\varphi_l(x_k)]_{k,l=1}^N$ and then separate the integration over the first L variables $x_{l=1,\dots,L}$ and the following $N - L$ variables $x_{n=L+1,\dots,N}$, by also splitting the characteristic polynomials accordingly. This gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\prod_{m=1}^M D_N(z_m)}{\prod_{l=1}^L D_N(y_l)} \right] \\ &= \frac{N!}{(N - L)!L!Z_N} \sum_{\sigma \in S_N} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \\ & \quad \times \left[\prod_{l=1}^L \int_I dx_l \varphi_{\sigma(l)}(x_l) \frac{x_l^{N-L}}{y_l^{N-L}} \frac{\prod_{m=1}^M (z_m - x_l)}{\prod_{j=1}^L (y_j - x_l)} \right] \Delta_L(x_1, \dots, x_L) \\ & \quad \times \left[\prod_{k=L+1}^N \int_I dx_k \varphi_{\sigma(k)}(x_k) \prod_{m=1}^M (z_m - x_k) \right] \Delta_{N-L}(x_{L+1}, \dots, x_N). \end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

Because we are aiming at an expression that will be amenable to taking the large- N limit, we now focus on the integrals over $N - L$ variables in the second line, which we denote by J . Here, we make use of one of the properties of the Vandermonde determinant, namely the absorption of the M characteristic polynomials in J into a larger Vandermonde determinant, see (A.2), to write

$$J = \left[\prod_{k=L+1}^N \int_I dx_k \varphi_{\sigma(k)}(x_k) \right] \frac{\Delta_{N-L+M}(z_1, \dots, z_M, x_{L+1}, \dots, x_N)}{\Delta_M(z_1, \dots, z_M)}.$$

We use the representation (A.1), pull the integrations $\int_I dx_k \varphi_{\sigma(k)}(x_k)$ into the corresponding columns, and use definition (2.3) of the generalised moment matrix to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \frac{1}{\Delta_M(z_1, \dots, z_M)} \\ & \times \begin{vmatrix} z_1^{N+M-L-1} & \dots & z_M^{N+M-L-1} & g_{N+M-L, \sigma(L+1)} & \dots & g_{N+M-L, \sigma(N)} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ z_1 & \dots & z_M & g_{2, \sigma(L+1)} & \dots & g_{2, \sigma(N)} \\ 1 & \dots & 1 & g_{1, \sigma(L+1)} & \dots & g_{1, \sigma(N)} \end{vmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Property (2.17) of invertible polynomial ensembles enables us to rewrite J as

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \frac{1}{\Delta_M(z_1, \dots, z_M)} \\ & \times \begin{vmatrix} z_1^{N+M-L-1} & \dots & z_M^{N+M-L-1} & \pi_{N+M-L-1}(a_{\sigma(L+1)}) & \dots & \pi_{N+M-L-1}(a_{\sigma(N)}) \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ z_1 & \dots & z_M & \pi_1(a_{\sigma(L+1)}) & \dots & \pi_1(a_{\sigma(N)}) \\ 1 & \dots & 1 & \pi_0(a_{\sigma(L+1)}) & \dots & \pi_0(a_{\sigma(N)}) \end{vmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Property (2.18) allows us to replace again the determinant of monic polynomials by a Vandermonde determinant of size $N - L + M$ to obtain

$$J = \frac{\Delta_{N-L}(a_{\sigma(L+1)}, \dots, a_{\sigma(N)})}{\Delta_M(z_1, \dots, z_M)} \times \left[\prod_{j=1}^M \int_{I'} dt_j F(t_j, z_j) \prod_{n=L+1}^N (t_j - a_{\sigma(n)}) \right] \Delta_M(t_1, \dots, t_M).$$

Let us come back to the expectation value of characteristic polynomials in the form (4.3) and insert what we have derived for J above. This gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\prod_{m=1}^M D_N(z_m)}{\prod_{l=1}^L D_N(y_l)} \right] \\ &= \frac{N!}{(N - L)!L!Z_N \Delta_M(z_1, \dots, z_M)} \\ & \times \left[\prod_{j=1}^M \int_{I'} dt_j F(t_j, z_j) \prod_{n=1}^N (t_j - a_n) \right] \Delta_M(t_1, \dots, t_M) \\ & \times \left[\prod_{l=1}^L \int_I dx_l \left(\frac{x_l}{y_l} \right)^{N-L} \frac{\prod_{m=1}^M (z_m - x_l)}{\prod_{j=1}^L (y_j - x_l)} \right] \Delta_L(x_1, \dots, x_L) \\ & \times \sum_{\sigma \in S_N} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \Delta_{N-L}(a_{\sigma(L+1)}, \dots, a_{\sigma(N)}) \prod_{l=1}^L \frac{\varphi(a_{\sigma(l)}, x_l)}{\prod_{j=1}^M (t_j - a_{\sigma(l)})}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

The integrals are now put into a form to apply the following Lemma that will allow us to simplify (and eventually get rid of) the sum over permutations.

Lemma 4.2. *Let S_N denote the permutation group of $\{1, \dots, N\}$, and let S_L be the subgroup of S_N realised as the permutation group of the first L elements $\{1, \dots, L\}$. Also, let S_{N-L} be the subgroup of S_N realised as the permutation group of the remaining $N - L$ elements $\{L + 1, \dots, N\}$. Assume that F is a complex valued function on S_N which satisfies the condition $F(\sigma h) = F(\sigma)$ for each $\sigma \in S_N$, and each $h \in S_L \times S_{N-L}$. Then we have*

$$\sum_{\sigma \in S_N} F(\sigma) = (N - L)!L! \sum_{1 \leq l_1 < \dots < l_L \leq N} F((l_1, \dots, l_L, 1, \dots, \check{l}_1, \dots, \check{l}_L, \dots, N)), \tag{4.5}$$

where (i_1, \dots, i_N) is a one-line notation for the permutation $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & N \\ i_1 & i_2 & \dots & i_N \end{pmatrix}$, and notation \check{l}_p means that l_p is removed from the list.

Proof. Recall that if G is a finite group, and H is its subgroup, then there are transversal elements $t_1, \dots, t_k \in G$ for the left cosets of H such that $G = t_1 H \uplus \dots \uplus t_k H$, where \uplus denotes disjoint union. It follows that if F is a function

on G with the property $F(gh) = F(g)$ for any $g \in G$, and any $h \in H$, then

$$\sum_{g \in G} F(g) = |H| \sum_{i=1}^k F(t_i), \tag{4.6}$$

where $|H|$ denotes the number of elements in H . In our situation $G = S_N$, $H = S_L \times S_{N-L}$, and each transversal element can be represented as a permutation

$$(l_1, \dots, l_L, 1, \dots, \check{l}_1, \dots, \check{l}_L, \dots, N),$$

written in one-line notation, where $1 \leq l_1 < \dots < l_L \leq N$. Moreover, each collection of numbers l_1, \dots, l_L satisfying the condition $1 \leq l_1 < \dots < l_L \leq N$ gives a transversal element for the left cosets of $H = S_L \times S_{N-L}$ in $G = S_N$. We conclude that Eq. (4.6) is reduced to Eq. (4.5). \square

Assume that $\Phi(x_1, \dots, x_L)$ is antisymmetric under permutations σ of its L variable, i.e.

$$\Phi(x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(L)}) = \text{sgn}(\sigma) \Phi(x_1, \dots, x_L),$$

and that $L \leq N$. Let F be the function on S_N defined by

$$F(\sigma) = \text{sgn}(\sigma) \Delta_{N-L}(a_{\sigma(L+1)}, \dots, a_{\sigma(N)}) \times \left[\prod_{k=1}^L \int_I dx_k f(a_{\sigma(k)}, x_k) \right] \Phi(x_1, \dots, x_L),$$

where f is a function of two variables. Clearly, F satisfies the condition $F(\sigma h) = F(\sigma)$ for each $\sigma \in S_N$, and each $h \in S_L \times S_{N-L}$. Application of Lemma 4.2 to this function gives

$$\sum_{\sigma \in S_N} F(\sigma) = (N-L)!L! \sum_{1 \leq l_1 < \dots < l_L \leq N} \text{sgn}((l_1, \dots, l_L, 1, \dots, \check{l}_1, \dots, \check{l}_L, \dots, N)) \times \Delta_{N-L}^{(l_1, \dots, l_L)}(a_1, \dots, a_N) \left[\prod_{k=1}^L \int_I dx_k f(a_{l_k}, x_k) \right] \Phi(x_1, \dots, x_L),$$

where the reduced Vandermonde determinant is defined in (A.6). Taking into account that

$$\text{sgn}((l_1, \dots, l_L, 1, \dots, \check{l}_1, \dots, \check{l}_L, \dots, N)) = (-1)^{l_1 + \dots + l_L - \frac{L(L+1)}{2}}, \tag{4.7}$$

we obtain the formula

$$\sum_{\sigma \in S_N} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \Delta_{N-L}(a_{\sigma(L+1)}, \dots, a_{\sigma(N)}) \left[\prod_{k=1}^L \int_I dx_k f(a_{\sigma(k)}, x_k) \right] \Phi(x_1, \dots, x_L) = (N-L)!L! \sum_{1 \leq l_1 < \dots < l_L \leq N} (-1)^{l_1 + \dots + l_L - \frac{L(L+1)}{2}} \Delta_{N-L}^{(l_1, \dots, l_L)}(a_1, \dots, a_N) \times \left[\prod_{k=1}^L \int_I dx_k f(a_{l_k}, x_k) \right] \Phi(x_1, \dots, x_L), \tag{4.8}$$

valid for any antisymmetric function $\Phi(x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(L)})$, and for any function $f(x, y)$ such that the integrals in the equation above exist.

Formula (4.8) enables us to rewrite Eq. (4.4) as

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\prod_{m=1}^M D_N(z_m)}{\prod_{l=1}^L D_N(y_l)} \right] \\ &= \frac{N!}{\mathcal{Z}_N \Delta_M(z_1, \dots, z_M)} \left[\prod_{j=1}^M \int_{I'} dt_j F(t_j, z_j) \prod_{n=1}^N (t_j - a_n) \right] \Delta_M(t_1, \dots, t_M) \\ & \times \left[\prod_{l=1}^L \int_I dx_l \left(\frac{x_l}{y_l} \right)^{N-L} \frac{\prod_{m=1}^M (z_m - x_l)}{\prod_{j=1}^L (y_j - x_l)} \right] \Delta_L(x_1, \dots, x_L) \\ & \times \sum_{1 \leq l_1 < \dots < l_L \leq N} (-1)^{l_1 + \dots + l_L - \frac{L(L+1)}{2}} \Delta_{N-L}^{(l_1, \dots, l_L)}(a_1, \dots, a_N) \\ & \times \prod_{i=1}^L \frac{\varphi(a_{l_i}, x_i)}{\prod_{j=1}^M (t_j - a_{l_j})}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.9}$$

We note that due to (A.7) it holds

$$\frac{\Delta_{N-L}^{(l_1, \dots, l_L)}(a_1, \dots, a_N)}{\Delta_N(a_1, \dots, a_N)} = \frac{(-1)^{l_1 + \dots + l_L - L} \Delta_L(a_{l_1}, \dots, a_{l_L})}{\prod_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \neq l_1}}^N (a_{l_1} - a_n) \dots \prod_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \neq l_L}}^N (a_{l_L} - a_n)}. \tag{4.10}$$

In addition, we apply (2.19) to eliminate \mathcal{Z}_N , cancel signs, and see that the strict ordering of the indices $l_1 < l_2 < \dots < l_L$ can be relaxed,

$$L! \sum_{1 \leq l_1 < \dots < l_L \leq N} \rightarrow \sum_{l_1=1}^N \dots \sum_{l_L=1}^N .$$

Finally, we see that the sum in formula (4.9) can be written as contour integrals, because of the formula

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C du \frac{f(u)}{\prod_{n=1}^N (u - a_n)} = \sum_{\substack{l=1 \\ n \neq l}}^N \frac{f(a_l)}{\prod_{n=1}^N (a_l - a_n)}, \tag{4.11}$$

where the contour C encircles the points a_1, \dots, a_N counter-clockwise. The leads to the formula in the statement of Theorem 2.9. \square

5. Special Cases

In Proposition 2.10, we have used Eq. (2.33) in the case $M = L = 1$. Another case of interest is that corresponding to products of characteristic polynomials. In this case $L = 0$, and we obtain that only the first set of integrals remains in (2.33), i.e.

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\prod_{m=1}^M D_N(z_m) \right] = \frac{\det[\mathcal{B}_i(z_j)]_{i,j=1}^M}{\Delta_M(z_1, \dots, z_M)}, \tag{5.1}$$

where

$$\mathcal{B}_i(z) = \int_{I'} ds F(s, z) s^{M-i} \prod_{n=1}^N (s - a_n), \tag{5.2}$$

after pulling the M integrations over the s_j 's into the Vandermonde determinant of size M . This result also could have been directly computed using Lemma A.2.

As a final special case of interest, we look at the ratio of $M + 1$ characteristic polynomials over a single one at $L = 1$. This object is needed in the application to finite temperature QCD, cf. [45]. Theorem 2.9 gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\prod_{m=1}^{M+1} D_N(z_m)}{D_N(y)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\Delta_{M+1}(z_1, \dots, z_{M+1})} \\ & \times \left(\prod_{j=1}^{M+1} \int_{I'} ds_j F(s_j, z_j) \prod_{n=1}^N (s_j - a_n) \right) \Delta_{M+1}(s_1, \dots, s_{M+1}) \\ & \times \int_I dv \left(\frac{v}{y} \right)^{N-1} \frac{\prod_{m=1}^{M+1} (z_m - v)}{(y - v)} \\ & \times \oint_C \frac{du}{2\pi i} \frac{1}{\prod_{n=1}^N (u - a_n)} \frac{\varphi(u, v)}{\prod_{j=1}^{M+1} (s_j - u)}. \end{aligned} \tag{5.3}$$

Following [19], we may use the Lagrange extrapolation formula

$$\frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^{M+1} (u - s_j)} = \sum_{m=1}^{M+1} \frac{1}{u - s_m} \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq m}}^{M+1} \frac{1}{s_m - s_j}, \tag{5.4}$$

to rewrite

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^{M+1} (s_j - u)} \Delta_{M+1}(s_1, \dots, s_{M+1}) = \\ & (-1)^{M+1} \sum_{m=1}^{M+1} \frac{(-1)^{m-1}}{u - s_m} \Delta_M^{(m)}(s_1, \dots, s_{M+1}). \end{aligned} \tag{5.5}$$

This leads to the following rewriting of (5.3)

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\prod_{m=1}^{M+1} D_N(z_m)}{D_N(y)} \right] \\ &= \frac{(-1)^M}{\Delta_{M+1}(z_1, \dots, z_{M+1})} \int_I dv \left(\frac{v}{y} \right)^{N-1} \\ & \times \frac{\prod_{m=1}^{M+1} (z_m - v)}{(y - v)} \oint_C \frac{du}{2\pi i} \frac{\varphi(u, v)}{\prod_{n=1}^N (u - a_n)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \times \sum_{m=1}^{M+1} (-1)^m \left(\prod_{j=1}^{M+1} \int_{I'} ds_j F(s_j, z_j) \prod_{n=1}^N (s_j - a_n) \right) \\
 & \times \frac{1}{u - s_m} \Delta_M^{(m)}(s_1, \dots, s_{M+1}) \\
 = & \frac{(-1)^M}{\Delta_{M+1}(z_1, \dots, z_{M+1})} \int_I dv \left(\frac{v}{y} \right)^{N-1} \\
 & \times \frac{\prod_{m=1}^{M+1} (z_m - v)}{(y - v)} \oint_C \frac{du}{2\pi i} \frac{\varphi(u, v)}{\prod_{n=1}^N (u - a_n)} \\
 & \times \det \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{A}(z_1, u) & \dots & \mathcal{A}(z_{M+1}, u) \\ \mathcal{B}_1(z_1) & \dots & \mathcal{B}_1(z_{M+1}) \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \mathcal{B}_M(z_1) & \dots & \mathcal{B}_M(z_{M+1}) \end{bmatrix}, \tag{5.6}
 \end{aligned}$$

where we have defined

$$\mathcal{A}(z, u) = \int_{I'} ds F(s, z) \frac{-1}{u - s} \prod_{n=1}^N (s - a_n). \tag{5.7}$$

In the second step in (5.6), we have first pulled all the s -integrals except the one over s_m into the Vandermonde determinant $\Delta_M^{(m)}(s_1, \dots, s_{M+1})$, leading to a determinant of size M with matrix elements $\mathcal{B}_i(z_j)$ (5.2). We then recognise that the sum is a Laplace expansion of a determinant of size $M + 1$ with respect to the first row, containing the matrix elements $\mathcal{A}(z_j, u)$ (5.7). This reveals the determinantal form of the corresponding kernel.

Fyodorov, Grela, and Strahov [24] considered the probability density defined by⁴

$$P_N^{\mathcal{L}}(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \frac{1}{Z_N^{\mathcal{L}}} \Delta_N(x_1, \dots, x_N) \det \left[x_k^{\mathcal{L}} e^{-(x_k + a_l)} I_0(2\sqrt{a_l x_k}) \right]_{k,l=1}^N \tag{5.8}$$

on \mathbb{R}_+^N . Note that this polynomial ensemble is invertible only for $\mathcal{L} = 0$ as it follows from Eqs. (2.30) and (2.32). However, computations of different averages with respect to $P_N^{\mathcal{L}}$ can be reduced to those with respect to $P_N^{\mathcal{L}=0}$, i.e. with respect to an invertible ensemble. Indeed, we have

$$\mathbb{E}_{P_N^{\mathcal{L}}} (f(x_1, \dots, x_N)) = \frac{\mathbb{E}_{P_N^{\mathcal{L}=0}} \left(f(x_1, \dots, x_N) \prod_{l=1}^{\mathcal{L}} D_N(z_l) \right)}{\mathbb{E}_{P_N^{\mathcal{L}=0}} \left(\prod_{l=1}^{\mathcal{L}} D_N(z_l) \right)} \Big|_{z_1, \dots, z_{\mathcal{L}}=0} \tag{5.9}$$

for any function $f(x_1, \dots, x_N)$ such that the expectations in the formula above exist. In particular, we can reproduce the results of [24] for the expectation value of a single characteristic polynomial, its inverse or a single ratio. Without going much into detail, we need two ingredients for this check. First, in order to

⁴We use a different convention than [24] where the factor e^{-a_l} is part of the normalisation, cf. (2.10).

perform the limit of vanishing arguments in Eq. (5.9), it is useful to antisymmetrise the product of the first \mathcal{L} functions $F(t_j, z_j)$ using the Vandermonde determinant $\Delta_{\mathcal{L}+1}(t_1, \dots, t_{\mathcal{L}+1})$ in (2.33). We are then led to consider

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{z_1, \dots, z_{\mathcal{L}} \rightarrow 0} \frac{\det [I_0(2\sqrt{z_i t_j})]_{i,j=1}^{\mathcal{L}}}{\Delta_{\mathcal{L}}(z_1, \dots, z_{\mathcal{L}})} &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \det \left[\frac{t_i^{j-1}}{(j-1)!} \frac{I_{j-1}(2\sqrt{z t_i})}{\sqrt{z t_i}^{j-1}} \right]_{i,j=1}^{\mathcal{L}} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{L}-1)/2}}{\prod_{j=1}^{\mathcal{L}} (j-1)!^2} \Delta_{\mathcal{L}}(t_1, \dots, t_{\mathcal{L}}), \end{aligned} \tag{5.10}$$

after first taking the limit of degenerate arguments, which is then sent to zero. Obviously, we first separate the remaining non-vanishing argument $z_{\mathcal{L}+1}$ from the Vandermonde determinant by $\Delta_{\mathcal{L}}(z_1, \dots, z_{\mathcal{L}}) \prod_{l=1}^{\mathcal{L}} (z_l - z_{\mathcal{L}+1}) = \Delta_{\mathcal{L}+1}(z_1, \dots, z_{\mathcal{L}+1})$.

Second, we need an equivalent formulation of Propositions 3.1 and 3.5 employed in [24], which are due to [19,21], respectively.⁵

Proposition 5.1.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{P}} \left[\frac{1}{D_N(y)} \right] &= \frac{1}{\det G} \left| \begin{array}{ccc} g_{1,1} & \dots & g_{1,N} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \dots \\ g_{N-1,1} & \dots & g_{N-1,N} \\ \int_0^\infty \frac{du \varphi_1(u)}{y-u} \left(\frac{u}{y}\right)^{N-1} & \dots & \int_0^\infty \frac{du \varphi_N(u)}{y-u} \left(\frac{u}{y}\right)^{N-1} \end{array} \right| \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{du}{y-u} \left(\frac{u}{y}\right)^{N-1} \sum_{j=1}^N c_{N,j} \varphi_j(u), \end{aligned} \tag{5.11}$$

where C is the inverse of the $N \times N$ moment matrix G , and $c_{i,j}$ are the matrix elements of C^T .

Proof. Eqs. (5.11) were stated in [24] following [19,21], without the factors of $(u/y)^{N-1}$. The equivalence of the two statements can be seen as follows. Expanding the geometric series inside the determinant without these factors, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\det G} &\left| \begin{array}{ccc} g_{1,1} & \dots & g_{1,N} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ g_{N-1,1} & \dots & g_{N-1,N} \\ \int_0^\infty du \varphi_1(u) \sum_{j=0}^\infty \frac{u^j}{y^{j+1}} & \dots & \int_0^\infty du \varphi_N(u) \sum_{j=0}^\infty \frac{u^j}{y^{j+1}} \end{array} \right| \\ &= \left| \begin{array}{ccc} g_{1,1} & \dots & g_{1,N} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ g_{N-1,1} & \dots & g_{N-1,N} \\ \sum_{j=N}^\infty \frac{g_{j,1}}{y^{j+1}} & \dots & \sum_{j=N}^\infty \frac{g_{j,N}}{y^{j+1}} \end{array} \right| \det [c_{i,j}]_{i,j=1}^N. \end{aligned}$$

If we perform the integrals in the last row, we obtain infinite series over generalised moment matrices $g_{k,l}$, the first $N - 1$ of which can be removed by

⁵Notice the different convention for Δ_N used in [19,21,24].

subtraction of the upper $N - 1$ rows. Rewriting the last row as integrals and resumming the series, we arrive at the first line of (5.11).

The second line in (5.11) is obtained as follows. Using that $\det[c_{i,j}]_{i,j=1}^N = 1/\mathcal{Z}_N$ and then multiplying the matrix C with the matrix inside the determinant from the right, this leads to an identity matrix, except for the last row, as C is the inverse of the finite, $N \times N$ dimensional matrix. Laplace expanding with respect to the last column leads to the desired result. \square

Employing Proposition 5.1 in [24], it is not difficult to see that from our Theorem 2.9 together with (5.10) we obtain an equivalent form of [24, Theorem 4.1] for a single characteristic polynomial, [24, Theorem 3.4] for its inverse and [24, Theorem 5.1] for a single ratio.

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Appendix A. Properties of Vandermonde Determinants

In this appendix, we first define the Vandermonde determinant in various equivalent ways. We then collect several of its properties when extending the number of variables by multiplication, and when reducing it by division through the corresponding factors.

Definition A.1. The Vandermonde determinant of N pairwise distinct variables x_1, \dots, x_N is denoted by $\Delta_N(x_1, \dots, x_N)$ and can be represented in the following equivalent ways:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_N(x_1, \dots, x_N) &= \det [x_j^{N-i}]_{i,j=1}^N = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} (x_i - x_j) = \begin{vmatrix} x_1^{N-1} & \dots & x_N^{N-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_1 & \dots & x_N \\ 1 & \dots & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (-1)^{N(N-1)/2} \det [x_j^{i-1}]_{i,j=1}^N . \end{aligned} \tag{A.1}$$

For $N = 1$ it follows that $\Delta_1(x_1) = 1$, and we also formally define $\Delta_0 = 1$ in the absence of parameters.

The Vandermonde determinant can be extended from N to $N + M$ variables in the following way, when multiplied by M characteristic polynomials.

Lemma A.2. *The following extension formula holds for a Vandermonde determinant of size N . Let the M parameters $\{z_1, \dots, z_M\}$ be pairwise distinct. Then it holds that*

$$\prod_{m=1}^M \prod_{n=1}^N (x_n - z_m) \Delta_N(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \frac{\Delta_{N+M}(x_1, \dots, x_N, z_1, \dots, z_M)}{\Delta_M(z_1, \dots, z_M)} . \tag{A.2}$$

Proof. We proceed by induction over M . Defining $z_1 \equiv x_{N+1}$, the $M = 1$ case can be seen from inserting the definition (A.1) in product form

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{n=1}^N (x_n - z_1) \Delta(x_1, \dots, x_N) &= \prod_{n=1}^N (x_n - x_{N+1}) \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} (x_i - x_j) \\ &= \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N+1} (x_i - x_j) \\ &= \Delta_{N+1}(x_1, \dots, x_N, z_1) . \end{aligned} \tag{A.3}$$

We now assume that Eq. (A.2) is valid for any M . The induction step $M \rightarrow M + 1$ is straightforward:

$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{m=1}^{M+1} \prod_{n=1}^N (x_n - z_m) \Delta_N(x_1, \dots, x_N) \\ &= \prod_{n=1}^N (x_n - z_{M+1}) \frac{\Delta_{N+M}(x_1, \dots, x_N, z_1, \dots, z_M)}{\Delta_M(z_1, \dots, z_M)} \tag{A.4} \\ &= \frac{\Delta_{N+M+1}(x_1, \dots, x_N, z_1, \dots, z_{M+1})}{\Delta_{M+1}(z_1, \dots, z_{M+1})} . \end{aligned}$$

Using the induction assumption, multiplying by a factor of unity $\frac{\prod_{l=1}^M (z_l - z_{M+1})}{\prod_{l=1}^M (z_l - z_{M+1})}$ and using the definition (A.1) in product form, the formula (A.2) for $M + 1$ follows. □

For extended Vandermonde determinants, it holds that

$$\Delta_{N+M}(x_1, \dots, x_N, z_1, \dots, z_M) = (-1)^{NM} \Delta_{N+M}(z_1, \dots, z_M, x_1, \dots, x_N) , \tag{A.5}$$

by permuting rows in the determinant form in (A.1).

Let us introduce a notation for the Vandermonde determinant with a reduced number of indices. For $L \leq N$ ordered indices l_1, \dots, l_L , we define the reduced Vandermonde determinant of size $N - L$ by

$$\Delta_{N-L}^{(l_1, \dots, l_L)}(x_1, \dots, x_N) \equiv \Delta_{N-L}(x_1, \dots, x_{l_1-1}, x_{l_1+1}, \dots, x_{l_L-1}, x_{l_L+1}, \dots, x_N) , \tag{A.6}$$

where the parameters x_j with $j = l_1, \dots, l_L$ are absent. From Definition A.1, we obtain that for $L = N$ both sides are equal to unity. We obtain the reduced Vandermonde by the following formula.

Lemma A.3. *For $N \geq L$, the Vandermonde determinant of size $N - L$ obtained by removing the variables x_{l_j} , with $1 \leq l_1 < \dots < l_L \leq N$, from the variables x_1, \dots, x_N can be obtained via*

$$\Delta_{N-L}^{(l_1, \dots, l_L)}(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \prod_{j=1}^L (-1)^{N-l_j} \frac{\Delta_N(x_1, \dots, x_N) \Delta_L(x_{l_1}, \dots, x_{l_L})}{\prod_{j=1}^L \prod_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \neq l_j}}^N (x_n - x_{l_j})} . \tag{A.7}$$

Proof. The proof is again done by induction. For $L = 1$, we have for the right-hand side of (A.7)⁶

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (-1)^{N-l_1} \frac{\Delta_N(x_1, \dots, x_N)}{\prod_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \neq l_1}}^N (x_n - x_{l_1})} \\
 &= \prod_{n=1}^{l_1-1} \frac{1}{(x_n - x_{l_1})} \prod_{n=l_1+1}^N \frac{-1}{(x_n - x_{l_1})} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} (x_i - x_j) \quad (\text{A.8}) \\
 &= \prod_{\substack{1 \leq i < j \leq N \\ i, j \neq l_1}} (x_i - x_j) = \Delta_{N-1}^{(l_1)}(x_1, \dots, x_N) .
 \end{aligned}$$

For the induction step, we assume that (A.7) holds for any $N > L \geq 1$. From the definition of the reduced Vandermonde (A.6) as a product, it is not difficult to see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Delta_{N-L}^{(l_1, \dots, l_L)}(x_1, \dots, x_N) \\
 &= (-1)^{N-l_{L+1}} \prod_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \neq l_1, \dots, l_{L+1}}}^N (x_n - x_{l_{L+1}}) \Delta_{N-L-1}^{(l_1, \dots, l_{L+1})}(x_1, \dots, x_N) \quad (\text{A.9}) \\
 &= \prod_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \neq l_{L+1}}}^N (x_n - x_{l_{L+1}}) \frac{(-1)^{N-l_{L+1}}}{\prod_{j=1}^L (x_{l_j} - x_{l_{L+1}})} \Delta_{N-L-1}^{(l_1, \dots, l_{L+1})}(x_1, \dots, x_N) .
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the induction assumption for the left-hand side and solving this equation for the reduced Vandermonde determinant of size $N - L - 1$ on the right hand side, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Delta_{N-(L+1)}^{(l_1, \dots, l_{L+1})}(x_1, \dots, x_N) \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{N-l_{L+1}} \prod_{j=1}^L (x_{l_j} - x_{l_{L+1}})}{\prod_{1=n \neq l_{L+1}}^N (x_n - x_{l_{L+1}})} \frac{\Delta_N(x_1, \dots, x_N) \Delta_L(x_{l_1}, \dots, x_{l_L})}{\prod_{j=1}^L (-1)^{N-l_j} \prod_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \neq l_j}}^N (x_n - x_{l_j})} \quad (\text{A.10}) \\
 &= \prod_{j=1}^{L+1} (-1)^{N-l_j} \frac{\Delta_N(x_1, \dots, x_N) \Delta_{L+1}(x_{l_1}, \dots, x_{l_{L+1}})}{\prod_{j=1}^{L+1} \prod_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \neq l_j}}^N (x_n - x_{l_j})} ,
 \end{aligned}$$

which finishes the proof. □

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